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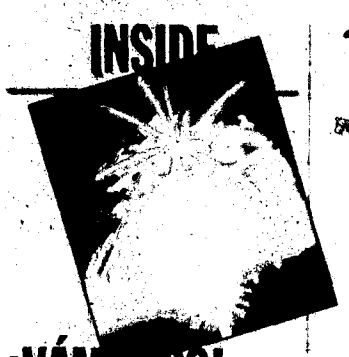

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Dutton resigns from board

Ruidoso attorney says leaving his gaming control post unrelated to critical TV report

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After serving six years on the New Mexico Gaming Control Board, Ruidoso resident Don Dutton resigned last month.

The letter was received by the Governor's office June 22. Dutton recently was criticized on a television news report for maintaining an office in Ruidoso instead of using a vacant office at the board headquarters in Santa Fe.

But Dutton has denied that his resignation is connected to the report on traveling expenses he turned in for reimbursement and the cost of maintaining the Ruidoso office.

In his letter, Dutton wrote Gov. Bill Richardson that, "It has been a long road" they traveled since he first was appointed in January 2003, and then reappointed in December 2006.

Both times the governor, "asked that I serve with distinction and integrity. I believe that I have done so and that the board, the state and gaming in New Mexico is better as a result of my service."

He referenced a conversation with Richardson and said that in line with the discussion in the governor's office, he submitted his resignation effective June 30.

DUTTON

Dutton, who has been active in the Lincoln County Democratic Party and who serves on the Village of Ruidoso Planning & Zoning Commission, was out of town Thursday. But, contacted on the road, he said he is anxious to do an interview about the accomplishments of his service and that of the board as a whole.

He noted that the *Ruidoso News* covered the opening of his office in Ruidoso in August 2003.

In that article, Dutton was quoted as saying he was uncomfortable with a quorum of board members in one office in Santa Fe and that his office in Ruidoso would be a one-man operation.

A spokesman for the gaming control board said members would like to see the vacancy filled by the governor within 30 days. Dutton filled a position designated for an attorney, a prerequisite that will be continued, but the new appointee does not have to be chosen from a specific geographical area.

SURE TO BRING RAIN

HAROLD OAKES/RUIDOSO NEWS

With rain clouds gathering behind him, Brendon O'Connor, 13, dries the top of a pickup during the Little League All-Stars car wash at the Gateway Church of Christ on Sudderth Drive Saturday morning. The kids are raising money to fund their trips to represent the area in Little League baseball competition.

Jury pool surprisingly shallow

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The letter arrives innocuously enough, but the return address listing the 12th Judicial District Court is a warning.

Sure enough, a summons to a jury orientation is contained inside the envelope that outlines when to report. The letter was preceded a few weeks earlier by a potential juror questionnaire and a form to request being excused for valid reasons, such as illness or care-giving demands. An employer cannot prevent a person from serving as a juror and can be charged with a petty misdemeanor, subject to a $500 fine and six months in jail, if they try and are convicted.

While District Judge Karen Parsons and her court staff sympathize about the potential inconvenience to those called to jury duty, the judge emphasized during the orientation last month at the Ruidoso Convention Center that the 270 people there constitute the relatively few available from 2,400 names pulled out of the records of the New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division.

Every excusal shrinks the jury pool for the months of July through December even further, Parsons said. That doesn't mean she won't work with potential jurors to accommodate doctor appointments or family vacations, but she asked those sitting in front of her to exercise restraint is requesting to be excused during the assigned months of service.

The judge was an ordinal member and continues on a committee formed years ago to come up with ways of removing as much pain as possible from jury service.

One of the measures enacted was to alternate months on-call. The groups of potential jurors are responsible for referring to a provided calendar listing the court schedule. They should check to see if their panel is

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Strings attached to plant funding

■ Stimulus money to be used for expanded wastewater facility has new requirements

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A year ago when a price was locked in on specialized membranes for the new regional wastewater treatment plant, officials from Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs celebrated.

The news improved as the Consumer Price Index went down, which translated under the agreement to no price increase during the interim period before construction, explained Dell Archuleta of Molzen-Corbin Consulting, the engineering company handling the plant's design and supervising construction.

But then the village received $6.2 million in federal stimulus money as one of the most "shovel-ready" projects in the country, he said Wednesday, during a meeting of the Joint Use Board that oversees the plant.

With those dollars came multiple strings attached, including a requirement that project components all be "American made."

Initially, because no one was quite sure what that meant, the interpretation among advisors to the JUB, including state and federal environment officials, was that parts manufactured out of the country but assembled here would qualify, he explained.

But as the section was read and re-read, the interpretation metamorphosed to mean the parts must be

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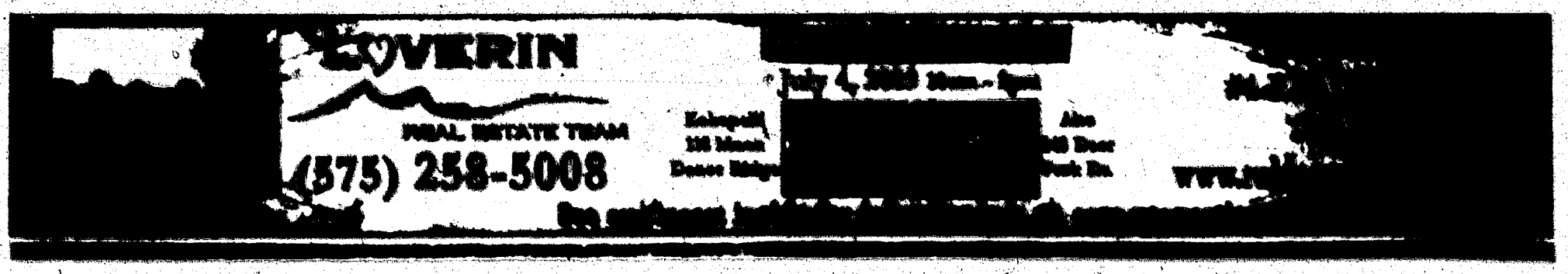

Special session

Lincoln County commissioners will conduct a special meeting at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, in the Commission Chambers of the County Courthouse in Carrizozo to consider lifting fire restrictions.

Commissioners also will receive an update from the Mountainair District Ranger staff of the Cibola National Forest on Travel Management efforts, and Bill Newman of First Southwest Securities will discuss a potential financial advisor on wind farm development.

A final agenda will be available 24 hours before the meeting. No meeting of the county Land Use and Natural Resources Advisory Committee was set for that day.

Summer reading

This summer's reading program for teens at the Ruidoso Public Library is Express Yourself @ the Library. What better way to express yourself than in song? Bring your creativity and write some songs with Andy Mason on July 10 2:30 to 3:30.

Mason is a songwriter and guitar-playing singer. Music was not really emphasized in his family growing up, but he has been singing as long as he can remember. At the age of 20, Mason picked up a guitar and decided to become a wandering minstrel.

His travels have taken him to England, China, South America, Europe, Mexico, Canada and all over the United States. Mason loves to perform for kids and has visited hundreds of libraries and schools over the last few years.

He came to the Ruidoso Public Library in 2008 to perform children's songs. As a former teacher, Mason understands the importance of music in education. He currently lives in Portales.

The Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Rd.

Museum closure

The Hubbard Museum of the American West will be closed on Saturday, July 18, for one day only, and will reopen for regular hours on Sunday, July 19.

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Walmart Supercenter manager Raymond Simpson presents a $1,000 check to The Ultimate Gift Foundation president Kelly Lynn. Also present were Boyd Sibley, center, Ultimate Gift secretary, Walmart employees Janett Herrera and co-manager Jesse Allen. The Ultimate Gift Foundation is raising money to build a ranch for children with special needs and rescued horses.

"We apologize for the inconvenience to our patrons," said Jay Smith, Director of the Museum. "We have scheduled our annual fundraising event that day, and the staff, volunteers, and city councilors will be busily preparing the museum for the annual event and making sure we are ready for business the next day.

Generating funds for future exhibits, programs, and other public outreach activities is extraordinarily important, so we hope that the public understands our need to have the Museum ready for an event that can generate as much as 10 percent to 15 percent of our annual budget."

Call the museum at 575-378-4142, or visit our web site at www.hubbardmuseum.org for more information about the facility, or about other events taking place at the Museum.

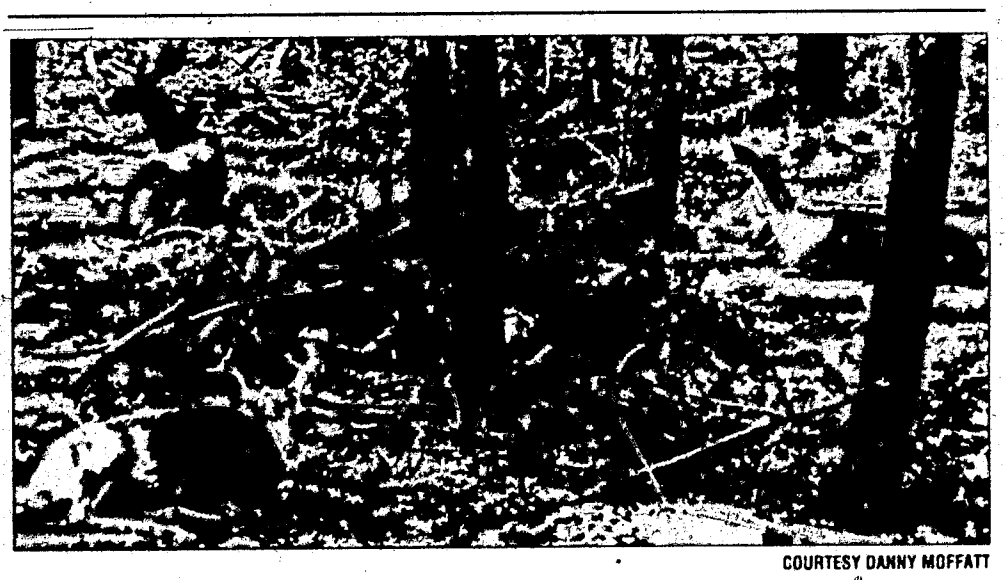
If you would like to purchase tickets to the Annual Fundraiser, please contact Jim Kofakis at 575-378-4142.

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. excluding Thanksgiving and Christmas Days. It is owned and operated by the City of Ruidoso Downs.

Correction

In a story about a Lincoln County Medical Center scholarship awarded to Brittney Marshall, the *Ruidoso News* received erroneous information.

Marshall will attend Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, and she graduated sixth in her class.



COURTESY DANNY MOFFATT

Ruidoso resident Danny Moffatt took this photo several weeks ago in an area between his back yard and the Rio Ruidoso. The fact that deer can easily be camouflaged is another reminder for motorists to be cautious when driving at dusk or night.

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OUR OPINION

Beyond the parades and picnics

Patriotism requires effort

Happy 4th of July to you and yours. As we celebrate Independence Day, we might, in addition to the parades and picnics, ponder what it means to be an American, to be a patriot.

It is more than waving a flag, or "buying American." Being a patriot is, quite fundamentally, taking a keen interest in your government, from the local to the national level.

Being a patriot means removing your gaze from "American Idol" occasionally and watching the news for what politicians are doing in your name, with your freedoms and with your money.

Being a patriot means holding those politicians accountable, or at least making your voice heard. It is accepting a duty to keep this "participatory democracy" alive.

It is attending council meetings, writing your representative and calling your senator. It is speaking out, individually or in groups, without fear or shame.

Democracy. Liberty. Use them or lose them.

Native Americans deserve apology

The U.S. Senate joined the House recently and issued an apology to African Americans for slavery.

I've always had mixed feelings about the formal apology or at least how it would be construed. On one hand, it should make black Americans feel better or at least bring some sense of closure to a sad chapter of our national saga.

On the other hand, it may discount efforts made by many people over the years who've worked hard to make amends. From William Wilberforce in England, who fought power and money in the British Parliament to win passage of the Slavery Abolition Act of 1833, effectively ending slave-trading in across the British Empire, to the 360,000 Union troops, including some 36,000 African-Americans, who died during the Civil War to our continuing attempts to "level the field" through Affirmative Action and other measures created in the spirit of reconciliation, these were not small measures.

JEFFRY GARDNER

Whether this apology is accepted, there remains another apology hanging in the wind. That's the apology owed Native Americans.

A few years ago, Sen. Sam Brownback of Kansas attempted to gain for American Indians an apology of the sort just offered to African-Americans. Brownback, to his credit, was a major proponent of the African-American apology, as well.

But for reasons unknown, his efforts to win a Senate resolution telling tribes "We're sorry we tried to eliminate you from the face of the Earth" never grabbed the headlines. The effort faded in 2008, but he recently reintroduced his measure.

If trading humans like oxen was, as Wilberforce called slavery, a "disgrace to Christians," what would we call policies that created genocide with a wink and a nod? An abomination before God, perhaps? Yet for a period of time our policies along our Western frontier were dedicated to the extermination of the Native Americans.

There are stark differences between slavery and our migration west and the resulting bloodshed. As a historian friend says, with slavery "everyone's hands were dirty. From the Africans who traded their relations to the Dutch to the buyers and users of humans as slaves. Plenty of blame to go around."

There is merit, as well, in examining the period in our history when we approached settling the West with something of a scorched-earth policy.

And while the instances of death marches, starvation, and cavalry charges into peaceful Indians camps contain the lurid details that make for good headlines and academic papers, it is the economic inequality that haunts us still.

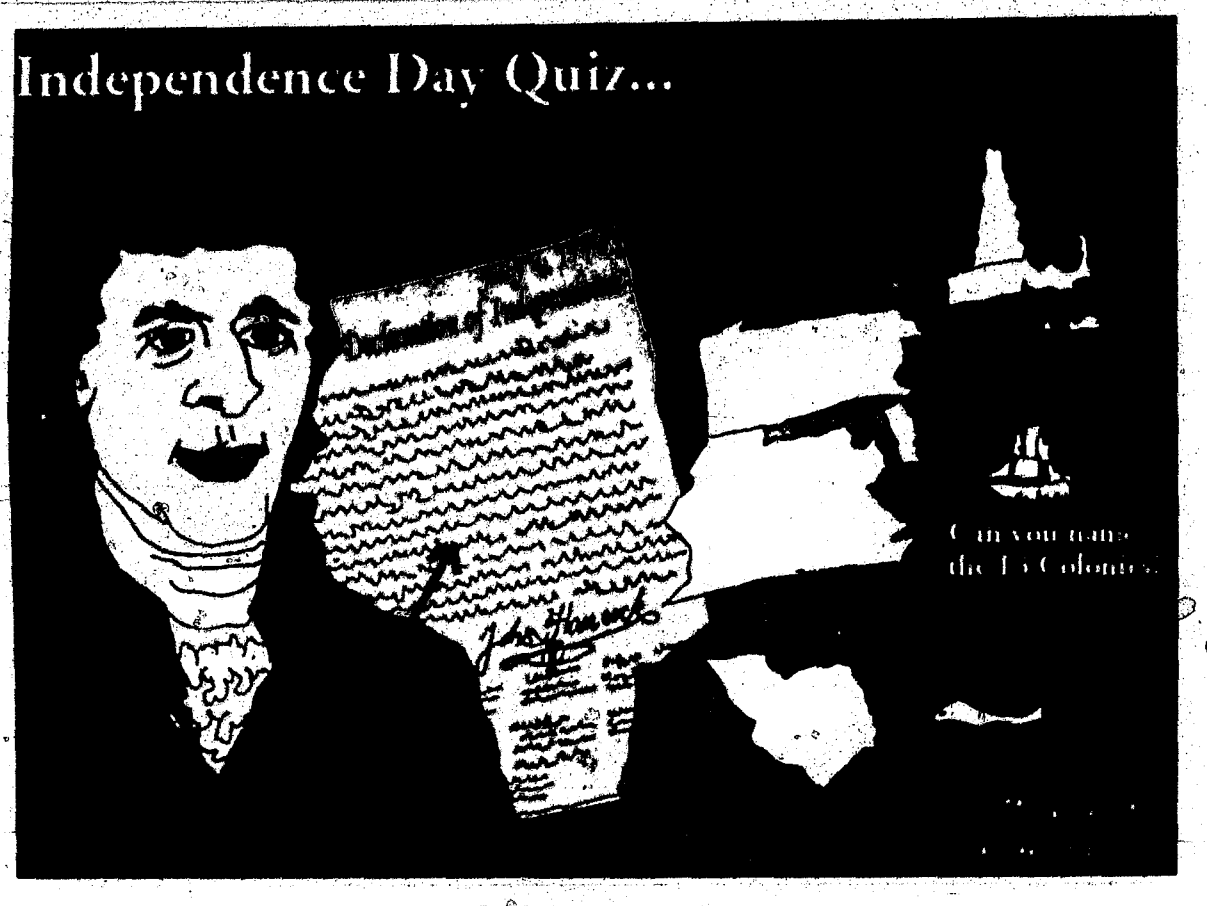
New Mexico treasures its multicultural history. Yet when it comes to our economic story, we've long been bi-cultural – Anglo and Hispanic. There are few legends, if any, about Native Americans establishing businesses up and down the Rio Grande that became the foundations of powerful political families. Few stories, if any, about great Indian cattle barons.

That's one reason I've supported casinos on tribal lands. I'm not a gambler, and I can well understand the arguments against gambling in general and Indian casinos specifically. Some tribes haven't managed their assets well and, in fact, seem to be hurting their own people. There are examples of success, however.

But the economic successes we've seen with African Americans simply haven't been mirrored by Native Americans. While casinos may not be the best route to economic success, they are one way, and nothing levels the playing field like capital.

We need to seriously revisit the tools we've created to "help" Native Americans. The Bureau of Indian Affairs hasn't been the answer. The concept of Sovereign Nation hasn't helped much, either.

But I believe an answer can be found and apology to Native Americans – emphasis on Americans – is a good place to start.



YOUR OPINION

Rep. Teague receives an earful

To the editor:

A CROWD OF 40-50 angry conservatives assembled in a makeshift meeting room of Pepper's restaurant in Roswell to meet with newly elected Congressman Harry Teague Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Teague's arrival was preceded by that of three members of his staff, two young men and a young lady. They announced an arrangement of one-on-one, private meetings between the congressman and each attendant outside the meeting room.

This scheme met with vociferous disagreement from the crowd, which had expected to have Mr. Teague simply address the group.

And, of course, with a mere hour allotted for the meeting, the one-on-one idea would have allowed only a fraction of the attendants a chance to vent their concerns. They weren't going to stand for it and made clear their unhappiness with the arrangement.

The staffers did their best to defend it, but with no success. Some folks started to crowd around the booth outside the meeting room where Mr. Teague had seated himself to receive the constituents one at a time, to convince him to simply address the group. Meanwhile, the people remaining in the meeting room started to chant, "Harry, Harry...." After talking to a few folks one-on-one, bowing to the increasingly vocal demand, the congressman finally got up and faced the growing crowd around his booth.

Of course, the main subject was Harry Teague's pro-vote on the very controversial Cap-and-Trade bill that passed the House of Representatives in Washington last Friday. People decried the incredible cost of the legislation, the reckless haste with which it was pushed through, its basis on the unproven theory of man-made global warming and the fact that no single individual could have possibly read the entire 1,300-somewhat pages of its text.

To his credit, Mr. Teague tried his best to keep his composure and to explain his vote by pointing to the amendments in the bill that he had helped sponsor and that were of benefit to the citizens of New Mexico – in particular those connected to the oil industry, the congressman's bailiwick.

The crowd didn't buy it and for the remainder of the hour, he faced angry questions and comments, while the staffers tried to keep order by holding the speakers down to one at a time.

It certainly wasn't the most pleasant meeting Congressman Teague has held in his short career in Washington. But it was an exercise in democracy and, at the very least, a chance to get to know the attitude of his constituents with regards to what is going on in Washington.

Eric Ehrich
Nogal

Too much dictation

To the editor:

IF THE [Cap-and-Trade] energy bill passes the U.S. Senate, the American people are going to feel the crunch. The government is in the automotive industry. Now they want to be in the construction business.

If the federal government gets authority to dictate how contractors build new homes, the cost will rise at least 20 percent. The government will tell individual homeowners what improvements they are required to make before they can sell their own home.

Our new president is in fast mode to become dictator of this country. When the American people rooted for change, I don't think they voted for the kind of change we are receiving.

Our elected politicians are sleeping with Wall Street, big business, unions and lobbyists. President Obama's words still ring in my ears: "There won't be lobbyists in my White House."

The American people deserve a better government, but how do we get there from here?

Jack Hemby
Ruidoso Downs

Guidelines help domestic abuse victims

To the editor:

AS A CHARTER board member of Help End Abuse for Life (HEAL), I recently served on a panel at a Judicial Training Seminar at the New Mexico State Bar Association in Albuquerque that was designed to enlighten judges across the state about the reality of domestic violence and the challenges a victim faces when trying to leave a violent relationship.

I want to share some of that information with the readers of the *Ruidoso News*.

Leaving, or even preparing to leave, an abusive relationship is the most dangerous time for a victim. Domestic violence is deeply rooted in power and control; therefore, once the abuser is aware of the victim's intent to leave, the chances of separation violence become astronomical.

It is important for victim survivors to prepare to safely leave this relationship.

There are many documents the survivor will need once she has safely gotten away from the abuser. Things such as a Social Security card, driver's license, children's education or immunization records, bank statements or credit card numbers will expedite the process of accessing services to secure a new, safe life.

Other things a survivor may consider is to rent a safety deposit box if no banking correspondence will be sent to the abuser's home. The bank may allow prepayment to avoid a bill being mailed to the house. A survivor can store important documents as well as a copy of keys for cars, home or mailbox, as well as documentation of the abuse (photographs).

Unfortunately, items of sentimental value are often sabotaged by abusers as a control mechanism, but these items can be given to a trusted friend or coworker if they don't fit into a safety box.

A survivor's tenacity in surviving a domestic violence relationship is a tribute to her amazing strength, courage and perseverance. Given adequate support, opportunity and resources, a victim will become a survivor.

As a side note to relatives or friends of victims – please be supportive. When someone leaves a domestic violence relationship the first time, think of it as leaving with an empty tool box. The likelihood of returning is probable, but remember each time they leave to a secure environment, they are adding another tool to their toolbox. Ultimately, the toolbox will be full of resources, positive thinking and self-esteem. Then, they will build a life free of violence, a place of safety for themselves and their children.

Fortunately, Lincoln County has the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter to assist in this process. The professionally-trained staff offers free and confidential services. The Nest is a secure facility, with more than 30 surveillance cameras to ensure resident safety.

If someone is afraid to stay in our community, our staff can facilitate a move to another county or state.

The Nest Domestic Violence Shelter is located at 512 East Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs. Please call 575-378-8378 for further information.

Waynette Walker Stewart
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Council funds village share of transit obligation

Councilors note that Ruidoso Downs has reduced its support for system

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Despite their reluctance to pledge more dollars toward a county transit system at the same time the sponsoring municipality reduced its support, Ruidoso village councilors agreed to kick in the $28,308 needed for their part.

That was the amount Lincoln County Transit Director Mickie Compton said Tuesday was required as one-third of the local match for the grant to operate the service. The other two thirds were to come in equal amounts from the county commission and from the City of Ruidoso Downs, which is the fiscal agent for the transit.

But Councilor Don Williams pointed out that the Ruidoso Downs Council refused to pledge more than $25,000, the same amount as last year. Williams, who also serves on the county commission, said the county's support hinged on all three participating entities pledging the same amount. The county even budgeted $44,000 to cover some additional capital expenditures, but that also was nixed with Ruidoso Down's refusal.

Williams voted against the motion by Councilor Greg Cory to approve the $28,308, but it passed 4-1 with Councilor Angel Shaw absent.

Compton explained that the service operates under a public transportation grant and rides are provided to anybody and any destination within the service area. But another grant became available under a "New Freedom," program that could have complemented the existing service and was aimed at people with disabilities.

"The county originally approved both programs, but only with the consensus of all three bodies," she said. "Ruidoso Downs didn't have the money and they felt $25,000 was sufficient."

The $28,302.92 she requested from each of the three entities would provide the $84,923.75 match required for $228,517.22 of federal money.

"So who is making up the difference?" Cory asked about the deficit created by Ruidoso Downs shortage. Compton said she will have to shave off some of the service to reduce the grant amount in line with the lower match.

"I woke up this morning feeling one way," Cory said. "Then a heard a presentation from the Sacramento Mountain Village group about how essential the transit was. I don't want to be squabbling over $3,000."

The mountain village group is a loosely knit community of people who joined together in a nonprofit effort to allow the elderly to stay in their homes and live independently, while providing activities, educational opportunities, transportation access and other services.

But Williams pointed out that Ruidoso Downs officials originated the transit idea and insisted on being fiscal agent.

Cory countered that Compton and the former city manager were on the same page for the project, but a new administration is in control. The village at the time wasn't interested in acting as fiscal agent, he said.

Williams said he wasn't sure if Ruidoso Downs' position might jeopardize the county's match, because the three contributions are to be equal.

Compton said Ruidoso Downs City Clerk Carol Virden said if the village or the county wanted to make up the difference, "that would be fine."

Councilor Michele Rebstock suggested Councilor Ron Hardeman talk to city officials about the additional $3,000.

Mayor L. Ray Nunley pointed out that the city also didn't fund a driver for the Zia Senior Center operation there and some services had to be cut, because the county couldn't cover the full cost alone.

Hardeman said, "I wouldn't want to hurt riders because of Ruidoso Downs."

• Compton offered some statistics on ridership, putting the number of people using the transit at about 750 a month, although they generated about twice the number of trips.

"We're at capacity and have to deny rides at this point, because of staff and equipment," she said. "I haven't marketed because we're slammed now. I would just end up denying more."

Lincoln County Transit Director Mickie Compton (above) has an excellent track record, says new Village Manager Debi Lee.

She recently acquire a 15-passenger van and is slated to be allocated three more with stimulus dollars, one with four-wheel drive, all at 100 percent funding. That will allow her to increase ridership and staffing before the end of summer. The pay isn't great, she said. But she is hiring several retirees as drivers.

"Any time the village wants to do a match for capital purchases, let me know and the vans (purchased) will belong to the village," she said.

Ruidoso Downs agreed to continue as the fiscal agent for 2010, she said.

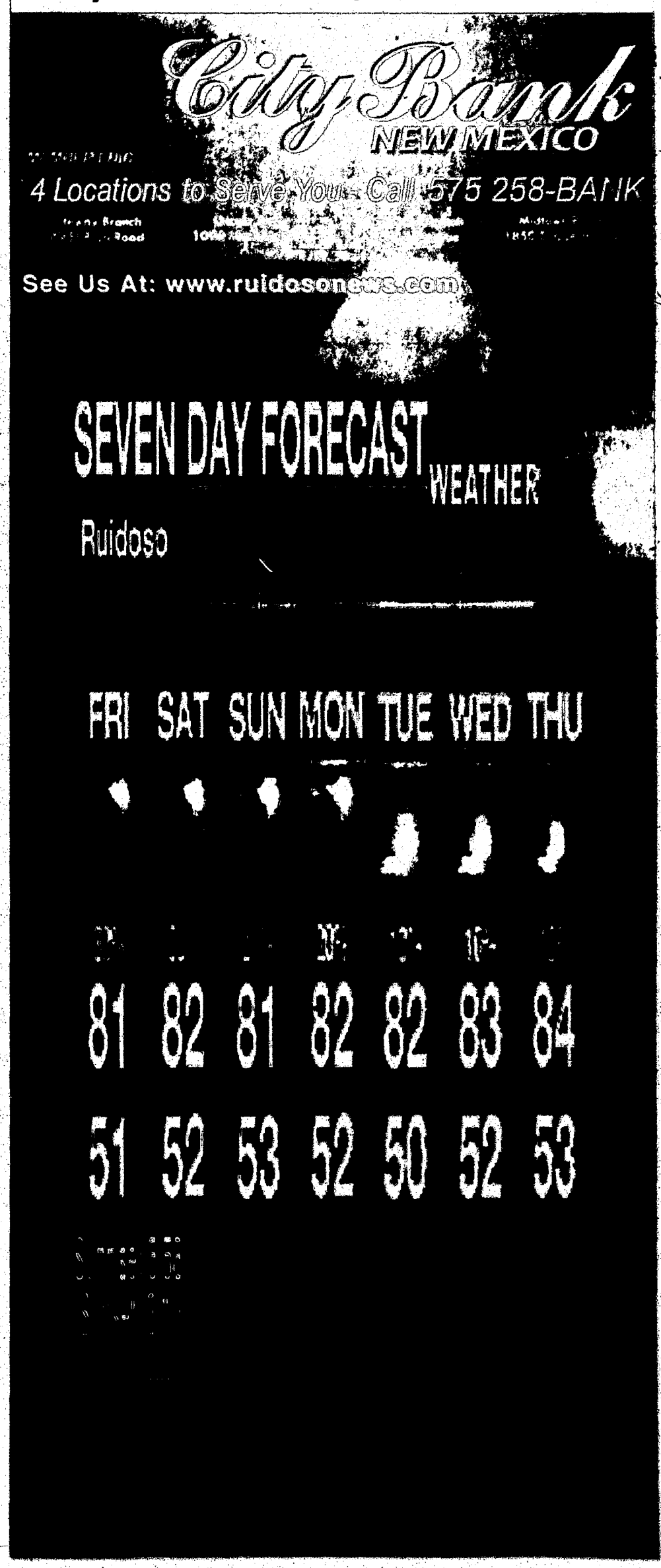
Cory asked if the matches required could be in-kind, through labor, equipment or materials. Compton said they could, but her plan to use a Ruidoso Downs office and utilities didn't work out and she ended up having to rent her own space and pay the utilities.

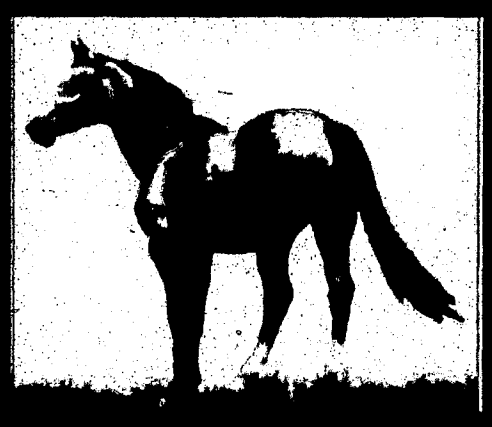
She also is trying to partner with private entities such as Eastern New Mexico University, which could provide some additional money.

New Village Manager Debi Lee said she's watched Compton manage transit systems before and she does an excellent job.

"She finds outside money," Lee said. "She's at capacity always and needs more staff and vans. It's a statewide situation and we need the state to join. Now it's all federal money and the state just manages it."

Compton said New Mexico is one of eight states that do not contribute toward local transit.

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Old Furniture moves to new location

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It used to be called the Plaza Shopping Center. Now it could have a new name.

When Corral West Ranch Wear went out of business in April, Jim Bauer took advantage of the situation and moved his Mountain Home Furnishing store three doors west into the much larger space.

What Mountain Home Furnishing sells could be called antiques, furniture, used furniture or imports.

"My last shipment was English, Irish and Welch," Bauer said. "The manifest said the furniture was from 1700 to 1900."

The furniture in the store appears to be very old, but Bauer doesn't sell it as being antique unless it meets specific criteria.

"Unless it has a date on it or some other provenance that clearly demonstrates that it is an antique from a specific date, it is just old, used furniture," Bauer said. "There are several pieces here that are very likely from the early 1700s. They are hand carved, with hand made tongue-in-groove joints and other features that they only did in a certain period. But without a date or provenance I just sell them as old furniture."

"This is new, so I had to come in and check it out," Linda Jenson from San Diego, Calif., said. She is in town visiting family. "I always shop for antiques every time I come here."

Bauer gets new old furniture regularly.

"I get a new container about once a month," he said. "The next shipment will be French, Belgian and some English.

"The biggest problem in this business is the freight," Bauer said. "You have to arrange for the wrapping and packing of the furniture, loading it in the container in England, getting that container through customs there and on to a ship. Once it gets to Houston, you have to get it unloaded from the ship, loaded on a truck and hauled to Ruidoso."

Once the container arrives, you have two hours to unload it before they start charging you $500 an hour," he said. "Actually one hour and 59 minutes."

Bauer said he works with several European dealers to acquire and ship the furniture to him. He also has some newer merchandise in the store.

"The wrought iron merchandise is all made by the Mennonites in the interior of Mexico," he said. "I have also recently found a supplier of wrought iron headboards and day beds. They are perfect because they go with any furniture."

Bauer also has mattresses and foundations for the beds.

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Mountain Home Furnishings owner Jim Bauer shows Linda Jenson around the 6,000-square-foot showroom in the Plaza Shopping Center Bauer moved from a 1,500-square-foot store into the new location in late April 2009

"I have been selling Sleeptronics mattresses and foundations since 1993," he said. "They are made in Dallas in the same factory as the other brands of mattresses you buy."

He will take your old mattress and dispose of it or donate it to a good cause. Bauer donated an almost new mattress and platform to flood victims after the July 2008 Ruidoso flood.

"I am in the customer service business," Bauer said. "I sell furniture, mattresses, things like that but it is about the customers."

He has been in the furniture business since 1973 and opened Mountain Home Furnishings in 2007.

"We are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday," Bauer said. "I usually get here at 8:30 and stay until 6, and I'm open noon to 4 p.m., on Sundays. I will also come in early or stay late if a customer needs me to."

"It is the kiss of death in business to not open when you say you are going to, or to close before you say you are going to close," he said. "Many of the locals don't even get off work until five, so I want to be open later, so they can shop."

There is no sign on the shopping center.

"This used to be called the Plaza Shopping Center, now I am calling it the Mountain Home Plaza," Bauer said.

Bank to reward non-profits

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Compass Bank has introduced a new program designed to reward non-profits for using their banking services.

"Compass for you Cause gives non-profits money for opening an account with us and for the members of the organization banking with Compass Bank," Ruidoso Compass Bank manager D'Ann Dunnigan said. Compass Bank promises to deposits $20 into the non-profit's account every time one of the members of an organization opens a new account at Compass Bank.

"If you have an organization with 100 members, and each one opens a new account, your organization will get $2,000," Dunnigan said. "If a member of the non-profit organization gets a BBVA Compass Visa Check Card the non-profit get a .25 percent on all their signature-based transactions."

Compass Bank also offers Merchant Services, allowing non-profits to take donations on-line or take donations with credit cards, even if they are fundraising at an outdoor event or festival in another town.

"We even make a 10 percent donation back to the non-profit organization the following month on any transactions made on their Merchant Services Account," Dunnigan said. "If you have a Web site you can use the Merchant Services Account to take donations through your Web site.

"The Merchant Services Account is also great for churches," Dunnigan said. "People may want to donate to the church that don't attend the church. They can make a donation with a credit card through the Web site."

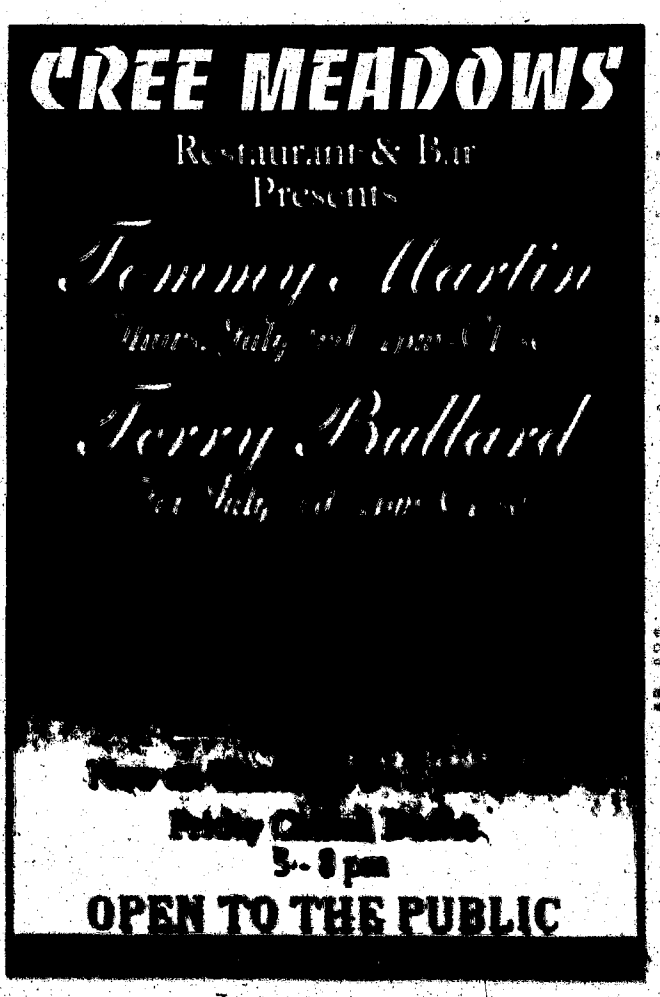
Compass Bank has location in Ruidoso at 1710 Sudderth Dr., at 707 Mechem Dr. and at 2151 Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs.

Unemployment services to close during holiday

ALBUQUERQUE - On Friday, July 3, 2009, the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions (NMDWS) Unemployment Insurance Call Center will be closed in accordance with the state and federal Fourth of July holiday. Customer Service Representatives will not be available. The Unemployment Insurance website, www.uiclaims.state.nm.us will be operational.

On Saturday, July 4, 2009, NMDWS will be performing the quarterly employer tax process. Both the Unemployment Call Center phone lines and www.uiclaims.state.nm.us website will be affected and inoperable.

The Unemployment Insurance Call Center and website will resume operation at 3 a.m., on Sunday, July 5, 2009. Claimants will be able to perform their weekly certification at 505-841-2000 or online at www.uiclaims.state.nm.us. Customer Service Representatives will not be available. Unemployment Insurance Customer Service Representatives will return Monday, at 7 a.m., for regular operating hours.



Judge Karen Parsons of the 12th Judicial District of New Mexico, sits with her Lincoln County-based court staff, in left photo, after a jury orientation in Ruidoso. Standing are Court Bailiff Chris Barela and Judicial Supervisor Clerk Jolene Biggs. Seated are Trial Court Administrative Assistant Mickie Vega, Parsons and Judicial Specialist Gloria LaMay. Below, left, Parsons helps a prospective juror.

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JURY

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needed by calling after 5 p.m. the day before a potential trial the toll-free number 1-877-640-2432 or (575) 648-2432, Ext. 7, to hear a recorded message. One group, broken up into three panel designations, is on-call in July, September and November, and the other group, also divided into three numerical panels, in August, October and December.

Only rarely, in the event of a long trial and subject matter of extreme sensitivity, would she be forced to call in more than one jury panel from which attorneys select, Parsons said.

Attorneys have the right to question jurors during a process called "voir dire," meaning "to see them say," and can dismiss some potential jurors without reason, others with reason, usually because of some knowledge of a case, personal association or past experience that might color objectivity, Parsons explained.

Most often, civil cases will be settled before trial and frequently, those charged with criminal offenses will agree to a plea bargain, Parsons said. In other situations, a trial may be delayed because witnesses could not arrive on time.

She emphasized those in the jury pool should listen to the end of the message to ensure they receive the latest instructions.

Parsons cautioned those in the audience that, "We record what you say at the end when you call in. We hear a lot of 'Oh, dog gone it,' but not quite in that language."

As Parsons went over the basics before playing a new digital presentation reviewing the history of the jury system and its present-day application, the people who asked questions primarily wanted to serve, but were a bit distressed from previous jury calls when they waited and then were not selected, or were picked and then experienced extended delays. Parsons said she attempts to keep delays to a minimum.

"I know how valuable your time is, and I push attorneys to get their work done," she said. "On your breaks, we're working."

In the digital presentation, news anchor Tom Joles with KOB-TV Albuquerque said New Mexico is the first state in the Union that accepts non-English speaking jurors. He explained that district court requires 12-person juries with two alternates. He emphasized the different standard for verdicts in civil and criminal cases, the first only requiring a preponderance of evidence, but criminal requiring clear and convincing evidence beyond a reasonable doubt, not beyond all doubt.

He walked the audience through the court process of direct examination, cross examination and redirect examination, opening and closing arguments by attorneys, which cannot be considered as evidence, jury instructions from the judge, deliberation by jurors and delivering the verdict.

He reviewed the history of the jury system that evolved from a "trial by ordeal," approach to determining innocence. Even after the jury system was created in the Magna Carta, the English legal charter signed in 1215, jurors often were imprisoned and starved until they bent to the will of the judge.

Today, conditions are much better, although if someone fails to appear when called for jury duty, they can be fined up to $500 and sent to jail for up to six months. In New Mexico, jurors are paid more than any other state at minimum wage for their time hearing a case, and are reimbursed for their mileage to the district court in Carrizozo, even if they ultimately are not chosen to sit on a jury for a trial.

Under court rules, jurors can take notes, but they are cautioned not to let that interfere with listening to testimony. The notes are confiscated and destroyed after a trial.

Most days when they are scheduled, jurors must report by 8:30 a.m. and trials begin at 9 a.m.. Parsons said she tries to cut the day off at 5 p.m., but sometimes jurors prefer to continue to wrap up a case. Dangerous weather conditions can prompt her to end early and send jurors home.

"Generally speaking, when snow is expected, I take the jury list home and will call you," she said. "We're very mindful of your safety."

As for juror attire, the judge advised keeping it casual, but respectful – no tank tops or shorts. She suggested showing up in a T-shirt "with a big marijuana plant on it" might not be appropriate.

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Task force will study itinerant vendor issue

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A staff task force was assigned the job of reviewing the itinerant vendor issue in Ruidoso and will report back in 45 days.

Serving on the task force will be new Village Manager Debi Lee, Deputy Manager Bill Morris and Village Attorney Dan Bryant.

Morris told village councilors Tuesday that village code needs to be reviewed and amendments developed to better regulate itinerant vendors, who show up during special events and holiday weekends.

"It recently became clear the issue needed to be looked at more in depth," Morris said. "The mobile or limited time frame kinds of commercial activities are located in the midtown, Wingfield Park, the White Mountain Sports Area, the Ruidoso Convention Center and other sites around the village. The current code appears to have vague standards and confusing definitions that don't address a number of possible scenarios."

He pointed out that village code says all entities must have a license or permit, if they are doing business in Ruidoso.

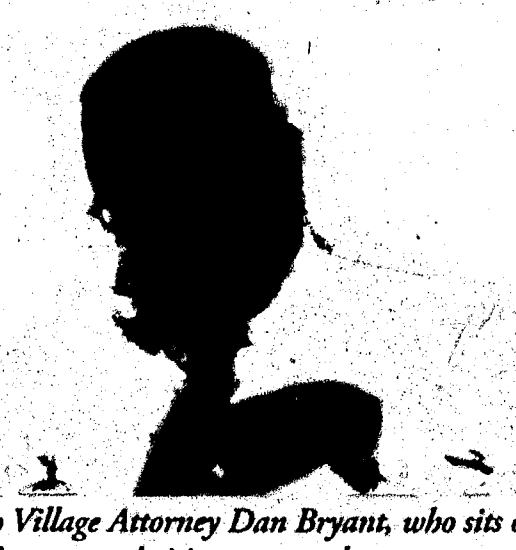
"They must have a license," Councilor Ron Hardeman said. "That doesn't mean it is enforced or where they pay their gross receipts tax. They could be based in Albuquerque and pay it there. I see a lot of this as an enforcement, not a code issue."

Morris said the staff sees three points in reference to midtown vendors:

• Enforcement. Vendors are doing things contrary to their approved licenses and others don't have licenses. The village code enforcement officer is being scheduled to work on weekends during the high tourist season and special events.

• Insufficient information. The village clerk doesn't have all of the information needed. The application process was changed to put that responsibility on the applicant and to ensure the village has a better handle on what's occurring.

• Confusion. People still are confused about the type of vendors allowed and various scenarios under which they can operate.



Ruidoso Village Attorney Dan Bryant, who sits on a task force to study itinerant vendors, suggests checking how other cities handle the issue

Bryant said staff first should call other similar communities and see how they approach the problem of itinerant vendors and come back with some recommendations, both for midtown and for the convention center.

Morris said how to handle vendors at the convention center might be better as a separate consideration as part of an overall review and development of a business operating plan by a task force.

Councilor James Stoddard said he disagreed that they should be looked at separately. But Morris asked the council to designate a task force to create a business plan for the convention center in order "to make it a lot less of a burden on the general fund than it is right now."

Renovations to improve the entrance to the center and exterior are underway. A second phase was talked about, "but the question is what we are expanding to," Morris said.

"We need a business plan to help guide how to operate and expend this thing."

STRINGS

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manufactured in America.

The membrane bioreactors around which the entire plant was designed a year ago suddenly didn't qualify. Although they were $1 million less than a Canadian version, they are manufactured in Japan.

The topper was that the requirement came out 10 days after the construction job was bid with the MBRs as part of the design, Archuleta said.

State environment officials were solidly behind the regional wastewater treatment plant as a top priority for the $19.5 million received in New Mexico for that type of project, Archuleta said.

"Now the project doesn't fit, but we can't change it or the project dies," he said. "We thought we had it covered until a month ago and they said no and we got gravely concerned (the membranes) may not meet requirements. Now it is a gray area. We've been completely transparent and went for the best value for the taxpayers of the county. We did this a year ago, and the project will create jobs."

The new interpretation is that a "substantial transformation" must occur, meaning manufactured by American labor on American soil with American raw materials, said Sandy Edens of the construction programs division of the New Mexico Environment Department.

But he was optimistic the stricter interpretation means the plant is a better candidate for a waiver from the requirement. Based on a recommendation by Richard Rose of the NMED, a letter requesting a waiver was drafted to submit to the Dallas Region 6 office of the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

The letter, under review by the NMED, must come from the village and should be sent before the end of the week, Edens advised.

When the American-made provision first was drafted, it was to pertain only to steel, but someone later inserted manufactured goods, he said. Whoever inserted that provision was not familiar with the water-wastewater industry, which depends on international production, he said.

He and the plant project supervisor, Michelle Salas, talked to the person supervising waivers in the EPA region and were told the plant seemed a likely candidate, especially because Rose applied for a Green Project designation based on the innovative technology involved. The estimated $40 million project aims to reduce the amount of contaminants discharged into the Ruidoso River from the plant under a court ruling and settlement, as well as state and federal mandate in connection with the plant's operating permit.

"The MBRs are required for this project and therefore, the EPA says we recognize the significance of the MBRs and that they are not manufactured in the U.S.," Edens said.

To date, the first waiver is being granted in EPA Region 2 and the Regional WWTP would be the first waiver in Region 6, he said. If several more are requested, a national waiver for specific technology would follow.

He said the EPA is trying to process waiver reviews through the system in two weeks. He suggested not moving ahead with requests to the county's congressional delegates until the EPA rules on the waiver. If the review drags on for three weeks, then JUB officials from Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and Lincoln County can contact U.S. Rep. Harry Teague (D-NM) and U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) for the help previously offered.

Edens emphasized that on the rest of the project, the burden of ensuring that only American made parts are used will fall to the village, which will be audited for compliance, not Molzen Corbin.

H. John Underwood, attorney for the City of Ruidoso Downs and former attorney on JUB issues for Ruidoso, said he spoke with Teague, who was confident the filters would be granted an exception.

Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong said everyone will feel more comfortable with something in writing confirming the waiver.

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Councilors, EcoServants celebrate mutual relationship

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Members of EcoServants take a photo-op with Ruidoso Village Councilors

They can be seen in vacant lots and along roadways spraying and digging up the invasive musk thistle plant.

On other days out of sight of major roads, members of EcoServants Inc. may be building a hiking or walking trail in the forest.

Tuesday, they cleaned up and donned their organization T-shirts to attend the Ruidoso Village Council meeting and pose for photographs with councilors and the mayor.

EcoServants Director Stephen Carter also managed to wrangle an extra $1,000 out of the budget-conscious council, bringing to $4,000 approved for the youth group's work with the village Parks and Recreation Department.

Parks and Recreation Director Debbie Jo Almager told councilors that the department requires assistance on many small maintenance projects in the village's parks.

"Contracting some of these projects with EcoServants would benefit the village by freeing up parks and recreation staff for other projects," she said. The $3,000 request for the group was to cover about 24 young workers for 40 hours a week

"In Fiscal Year 2008-09, EcoServants' main area of work was at Grindstone Lake, developing the trail around the lake, and at Two Rivers Park and thistle removal throughout the village," Almager said.

Carter said while $3,000 is great, tough economic times hit the non-profit groups also. He could use a bit heftier payment. He noted that the organization brings a $300,000 payroll into the area. Lincoln County kicks in $20,000 and program grants generate $110,000 and $196,000.

Councilor Ron Hardeman said he'd offer a motion for whatever amount the council would approve, but Councilor Greg Cory, a banker and the council-acknowledged budget tightwad, jumped in with a motion to increase the amount to $4,000.

Earlier in the meeting, Mayor L. Ray Nunley praised the group for its benefits to young workers, to the village and to the environment.

Carter said EcoServants is using about 40 young workers this year for mechanical removal of thistle. They already covered portion of land around Alto Lake, Grindstone Lake and the disc golf course, Gavilan Canyon from the ball park almost to Hull Road, Warrior Drive and the new Middle School property. They also hit some spots along Mechem Drive and the former Behr Barn on U.S 70. A full crew will work through Aug. 8, and then a smaller group until October.

To arrange a project, Carter can be contacted at 575-808-1204 or scarter@ecoservants.org.

In other business, councilors:

• approved memorandums of understanding for DWI Enforcement Activities and Reimbursements of Costs between the village as fiscal agent and administrative authority and the Ruidoso Police Department, not to exceed $5,000; with the village of Capitan, not to exceed $2,500; with the city of Ruidoso Downs, not to exceed $4,000; with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, not to exceed $4,000; with the Carrizozo Police Department, not to exceed $1,500; with the Ruidoso Police Department School Resource Officer, not to exceed $2,000; with the Office of the Courts for a part-time court clerk at the Ruidoso Magistrate Court to process and track DWI cases, not to exceed $20,000; and with the Ruidoso Police Department for rental of space at a cost of $500 a month.

• approved the first extension of the collection agreement between the village and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Teams Enterprise for professional services to secure a special use permit for the North Fork Wells. The action extends the time frame of the study through Dec. 31, 2011 and no additional cost is involved outside of the original $391,700 price. The wells sit on national forest land and a special permit is required to use them.

• approved a contract with the county to pay $25,000 for use of the Ruidoso Public Library by residents from outside the municipality.

• approved a 6-day extension on an agreement with the Humane Society f Lincoln County to provide kennel facilities and humane care for animals to Aug. 31; approved a lease with the society for a site at the White Mountain Recreation Complex for a dog park.

• approved an agreement with the *Ruidoso News* for classified advertisements for vacant job positions at a rate of $4.50 per column inch for a minimum of 26 times a year. The current price of classified adverting is $6.80 per column inch.

Gibson retires from hospital; leaves legacy of stewardship

LCMC PUBLIC RELATIONS

Jim Gibson retired, July 1, after more than 10 years as administrator of the Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC), in Ruidoso.

Gibson has spent more than 36 years in the healthcare industry and is just the fourth administrator for LCMC since Presbyterian Healthcare Services began managing the hospital in 1972.

Gibson is a humble individual; one who respects and understands the relationships of working with a board of volunteers.

He prefers to stay in the background and let those who give their time and energy step to the foreground.

He squirmed in his office chair when interviewed and openly ac-knowledged that he's not as comfortable in this type of environment.

Gibson first heard of Ruidoso years before moving here full time. He was stationed at Sandia Base, now a part of Kirkland Air Force Base, in Albuquerque in 1966, and enjoyed the state and its culture, although at that time, there weren't a lot of job opportunities.

Gibson said that Presbyterian had a great reputation and felt it was a good opportunity to return to New Mexico as the LCMC Administrator on March 1, 1999.

Accomplishments

Gibson was able to achieve a number of things and has expanded a number of services during his tenure.

He's overseen three construction projects at LCMC and advised with the construction at the Corona Clinic. LCMC absorbed the Rose Clinic's operation in Capitan, helped consolidate Ruidoso and Lincoln County EMS services into one, award-winning service and participated in contract renegotiations for the hospital and clinics where Lincoln County receives annual lease payments.

But that's not all. Gibson managed the transition from Physician Assistants to board certified doctors in the Emergency Room, hired a medical director and reorganized the hospital into interrelated teams focused on patient care and satisfaction as well as purchasing several million dollars of capital equipment.

COURTESY

LCMC Administrator Jim Gibson, above in blue shirt, was honored during a hospital system cookout on Monday, June 29. Presbyterian Healthcare Services CEO Jim Hinton, right, came down to recognize Gibson for his commitment and dedication during the past decade. At right, Gibson addresses the hospital board of trustees and special guests after being presented a framed collection of hospital related photos Gibson dedicated more than 10 years to LCMC of his 36-year career in the healthcare industry He retired July 1

"I've observed the hospital for almost 30 years. For Jim to leave the hospital in the excellent condition it's in, for a rural critical access hospital, he had to perform at his very best and he did," said Gary Mitchell, chairman of the LCMC Board of Trustees.

"I'm confident the new administrator is just as good and will continue to provide the best healthcare possible."

Gibson's successor is Al Santos. He began transitioning into the administrator's position on June 22.

Mitchell said Gibson was fairly progressive with some initiatives such as providing an outpatient behavioral psychiatry program and expanding ambulance and clinic services.

"Jim and the board were warned not to do these things because they can be too expensive to operate, but Jim found a way to make them work for our system," said Mitchell.

Even with these and other accomplishments, Gibson said he'd like to be a part of healthcare reform.

"I regret that the healthcare challenge of our lives is coming and I won't be a part of that battle. It's like being a general in the Army and retiring before World War II," said Gibson.

Mitchell used a war metaphor as well.

"Jim is to the hospital in the way General Omar Bradley was to the Army," said Mitchell. "He got the job done without a lot of fanfare; he looked out for his people."

Gibson said one of the biggest achievements is the model of organization and efficiency between the LCMC Board of Trustees, Lincoln County and Presbyterian.

"While it may be a complicated model, it works and it works well. Everybody has an interest in the hospital and that results in a strong contractual relationship where everyone benefits," said Gibson.

Gibson acknowledged that healthcare has gotten too expensive but some of the proposed solutions are not going to fix them.

"Our contractual relationship made the board more responsible and effective in keeping healthcare costs down, relatively speaking," said Gibson.

Gibson said he's not just going to remember the achievements but the people who made them possible.

"The board is the strongest, most committed group of volunteers I've ever worked with. I'm going to remember the Auxiliary and everything they do. That is an extraordinary organization. I'm also going to remember both the medical staff as well as the entire staff itself throughout the hospital, clinics and EMS. I don't think you could find a better team anywhere," said Gibson.

Financial stability

A major achievement that most residents may not be aware of is the improvement in the hospital's financial stability during Gibson's tenure. Both cash reserves and net worth increased significantly during the past decade.

What that means is the hospital is financially stable. Lincoln County owns the hospital and Presbyterian Healthcare Services lease and manage it for the benefit of Lincoln County and the residents. Given the economic challenges all areas have experienced, the hospital is on solid financial footing to weather this recession until more prosperous times return in the future.

"Through hard times, Jim didn't just kept the hospital going, he improved it," said Mitchell. "Jim improved the medical care and facilities. He fostered better relationships with Lincoln County and kept residents better informed. LCMC operated in the black which is amazing for a rural hospital."

Mitchell said that rural hospitals are expensive to run and with today's economic challenges, some are closing in the United States.

"The magnitude of what Jim did during his tenure at this hospital is immeasurable," Mitchell said.

"He succeeded where most have failed. He's very astute at managing hospital finances. LCMC didn't survive but expanded the physical plant, clinics and ambulance service. Jim has helped make it an excellent critical care hospital."

Leadership

Mitchell said that Gibson could have easily managed any of the largest hospitals in the nation.

"Lincoln County got extremely lucky that he chose this area as the hospital is better off today because he did."

Debbie Perkins, Gibson's administrative assistant for nine years, described two main attributes of his.

"Jim always made sure employees put their families before work and I think that's really important. Jim always listened to other ideas and suggestions regardless of what position they held," said Perkins.

Perkins added that Gibson always achieved the best result no matter the project and what path was used to achieve the desired result.

Those people Gibson worked with on a regular basis, such as Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart, recognized his leadership abilities.

"Jim and I came on board about the same time, and since then, I have found him to be an individual who exemplifies the highest standards of dedication and determination.

Over the years, Jim and I have worked many a problem, and I have to say that there is a shared bond between professional military men ... our word is as good as a contract.

"Because of that bond, I knew that I could always trust Jim and that he was always in pursuit of what was best for LCMC, its employees, and the citizens of the county.

"Accordingly, from my perspective, Jim always had and continues to enjoy a reputation for meeting challenges with determined excellence and a winning spirit. I look forward to working with him again in whatever he decides to pursue in our community."

"Jim really cares about healthcare. He took the 2007 mill levy election very personally because he knew that Lincoln County's access to care was at stake. He didn't want the residents to burdened by driving great distances for primary care," said Perkins.

Mitchell added that Gibson always took care of everything that required attention. "I never lost sleep with Jim as administrator. When we encountered problems, he told us about them and always offered a solution.

"Even after the November Mill Levy election defeat, Jim had a solution the next day," said Mitchell.

Mitchell said that LCMC is ahead of other rural hospitals especially as major changes are ahead in the healthcare industry.

"I hope Congress can use LCMC as a model for what county officials and not-for-profit systems like Presbyterian can do. Jim realized that and I feel Al knows that too," said Mitchell.

Mitchell said that Santos has so much knowledge nationally and within the industry that LCMC should become even more innovative in the future.

Mitchell described his and Gibson's relationship as an odd couple.

Both occupy opposite ends of the spectrum. Gibson is conservative and Mitchell is liberal. But Mitchell said both of them are problem solvers.

"Jim never panicked over anything. He has an inner calmness to him which is great for what he does," said Mitchell.

Retirement plans

Gibson's retirement plans are completely set in stone yet. He will provide some consulting to Presbyterian, as needed, pri-

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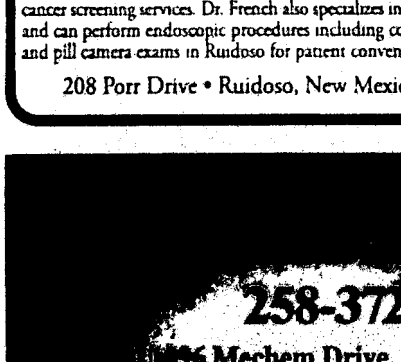
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marily for regional hospitals. He does plan to volunteer with the Auxiliary and was recently awarded a lifetime member at their annual awards luncheon.

Gibson said he may travel some and as well as volunteer with the Ruidoso High School golf team. Gibson has an 8 handicap.

"I would hope that my legacy will be good stewardship of the county's assets that resulted in a more effective healthcare delivery system with high quality, low cost and satisfied patients.

"I hope the board thinks I've been a good leader, accomplished our mission and I am capable of doing the hard, but necessary, things in order to succeed," said Gibson

Gibson said his father defined success that by the time a person is ready to die, they have made a difference and the world is a little better off because of it.

"I like to think I made a difference here. I feel that I fulfilled our mission of providing better healthcare today than we did 10 years ago," said Gibson.

Coping with miscarriage

GERALD F. JOSEPH, JR. M.D.
For the Ruidoso News

Early pregnancy loss – or miscarriage – is the loss of a pregnancy before 20 weeks.

Estimates suggest that up to 50 percent to 75 percent of fertilized eggs are lost, many before a woman even misses her menstrual period.

Among confirmed pregnancies in the U.S., between 15 percent and 20 percent are miscarried.

Most miscarriages occur between seven and 12 weeks of pregnancy, and the cause can be hard to pinpoint.

A large number of fetal deaths are due to genetic problems that would have made it impossible for the fetus to survive outside the womb.

On rare occasions, infection, hormonal factors, immune re-sponses, and serious health issues of the woman can also cause early pregnancy loss.

The risk of miscarriage is higher in women with a chronic disease such as uncontrolled diabetes and in those with a history of repeated pregnancy loss.

It is more likely in women older than 35. It is estimated that more than one-third of pregnancies among women over age 40 are miscarried.

Some women worry that daily tasks, such as going to work, exercising, or having sex, will increase the risk of or cause a miscarriage.

But these safe activities will not harm healthy pregnancies. Signs of a miscarriage may include vaginal bleeding, lower back or abdominal pain, cramps or tissue that passes from the vagina.

Contact your doctor if you are or think you might be pregnant and notice any of these symptoms.

When a doctor suspects that a woman has miscarried, he or she will examine the cervix to see whether it has dilated (opened).

If the pregnancy has been lost, the doctor will perform a procedure called a dilation and curettage or will provide medication to remove any remaining tissue (from the fetus or the placenta) from the woman's uterus to help avoid heavy bleeding and infection.

Miscarriage can be devastating for women, and families and often involves more than the physical loss of a fetus.

Fortunately, previous miscarriage does not usually have long-term effects on a woman's fertility, and the majority of women who have had them go on to successfully carry a pregnancy to full term.

Making healthy lifestyle changes such as maintaining weight, staying active, quitting smoking and stopping the use of alcohol and illegal drugs may improve the odds of a healthy next pregnancy.

Counseling may help women and their partners cope with the grief, anger, isolation, fear and helplessness that some individuals experience after pregnancy loss.

For more information, the ACOG Patient Education Pamphlet "Early Pregnancy Loss" is available in English and Spanish at www.acog.org/-publications/patient_education.

GERALD F. JOSEPH Jr, MD, is president of The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

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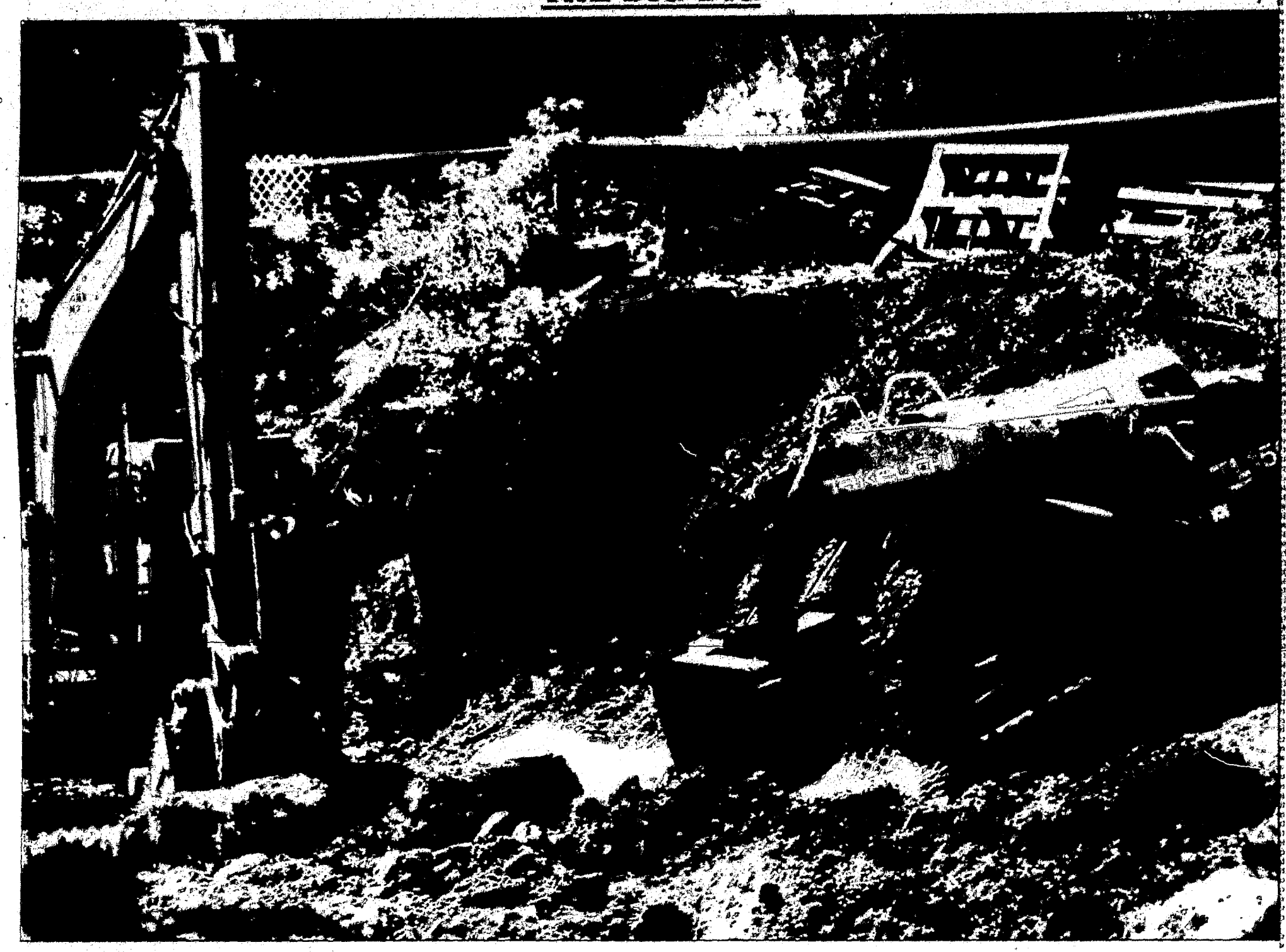

DIANNE STALLINGS/RUIDOSO NEWS

Guided by workers on the ground, operators of heavy equipment haul and stack boulders along the banks of Cedar Creek, a tributary to the Rio Ruidoso. During a massive flood July 27, 2008, water rush down the creek, tore out several culverts and ate away much of the land along the curve of the creek on Paradise Canyon and the Violet Avenue area. Officials with the Natural Resource Conservation Service designed a bank stabilization project using riprap, a series of boulders secured with wire netting, said village Special Project Manager Justin King. Riprap works by absorbing and deflecting the impact of a wave of water and preventing erosion. The work began about one week ago and King anticipates two more weeks to finish the job. The contractor is Big River Construction of Rio Rancho, with a price tag of $77,721.95

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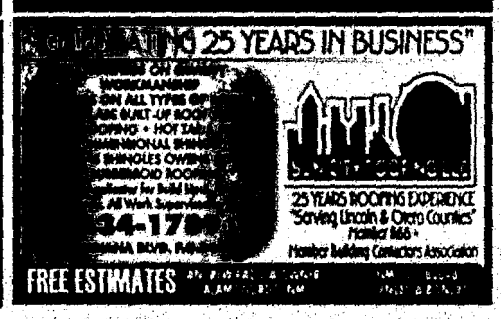

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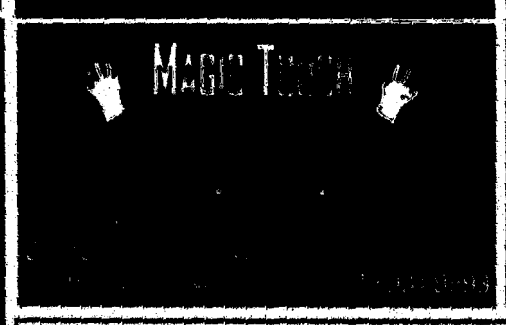

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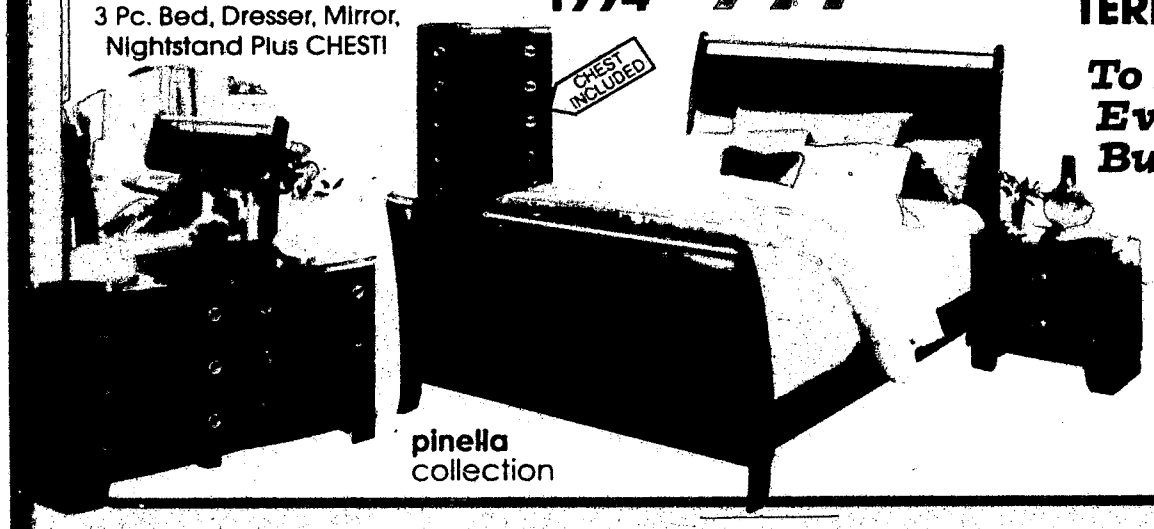

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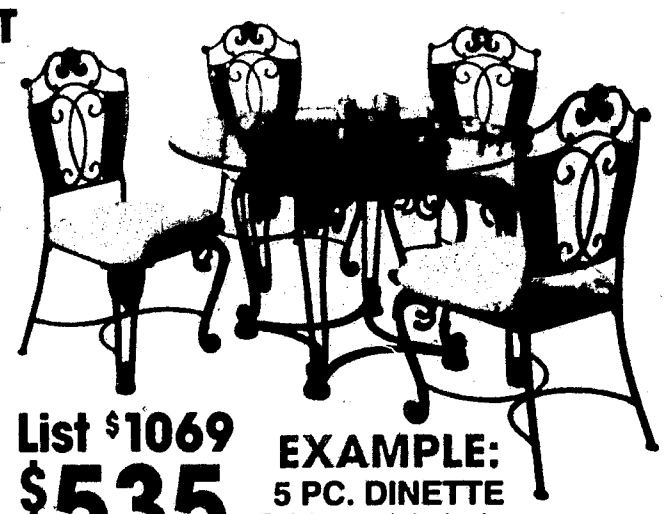

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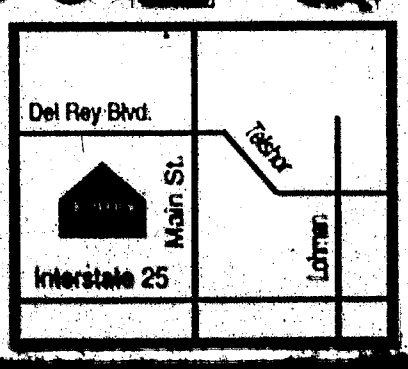

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MAGISTRATE COURT BRIEFS

Ruidoso

Delores J. Dickerson, 68, pleaded no contest to an amended charge of driving while intoxicated first offense. Under a plea and disposition agreement a charge of aggravated DWI, second offense, was dismissed and Judge William Butts sentenced Dickerson to a 90-day suspended jail sentence, 364 days on supervised probation, a $200 fine and $215 in costs.

Butts also ordered Dickerson to undergo random urine analysis, blood tests or breath tests, pay for these tests, and submit to warrantless searches of her person and property while on probation.

She also has to install an ignition interlock device for one year and complete 24 hours of community service.

George Goodall, 28, pleaded no contest to a charge of aggravated driving while intoxicated, first offense and a lane violation.

Under a plea and disposition agreement the original count of DWI second offense was amended to first offense.

Judge Butts sentenced Goodall to 90 days in jail with 88 days suspended, gave him credit for five hours served, ordered him to serve 362 days on supervised probation, pay $300 in fines and pay $215 in court costs on the DWI.

Butts fined Goodall $55 for the lane violation. He also ordered him to undergo random urine analysis, blood tests or breath tests and pay for these tests, and to submit to warrantless searches of his person and property while on probation.

Goodall will have to install an ignition interlock device for one year and complete 24 hours of community service within the next 60 days.

Carrizozo

Shay Sims, 39, of Alto, was charged with two counts of dogs running at large on June 27. Pit bulls running loose were observed by Lincoln County Deputy Pat Montes, who also noted there had been 13 calls to the Sheriff's Office reporting the dogs since 2006.

Sims pleaded no contest to both counts. On June 29, Magistrate Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Sims to 90 days on each count, suspending 90 days on each count.

He was fined $300 fine for each count and $150 on each was suspended. He was also sentenced to 180 days of unsupervised probation with all the usual conditions of probation and ordered to pay $414 in assorted court costs and fees.

Adrian Gonzalez, 24, of Fairacres, was cited into court by New Mexico Game and Fish officer Jason Kline on charges of exceeding the bag limit on trout at Grindstone Lake.

On June 13, Gonzales caught and kept seven rainbow trout with the bag limit set at five. Gonzalez entered a plea of "guilty" and was arraigned in Carrizozo Magistrate Court on June 30. Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Gonzalez with a fine of $500 with $400 of it susended. Gonzales paid $167 in court fees and was placed on 90 days unsupervised probation requiring no more fishing violations.

Court reports were collected by Harold Oakes (Ruidoso) and Julie Carter (Carrizozo) / Ruidoso News.

RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE BRIEFS

Auto burglar nabbed

Ruidoso Downs police officer April Dominguez and Ruidoso police officer Matt Christian responded to the Days Inn on Highway 70, June 26, in response to a call that someone was breaking into a vehicle in the parking lot.

The officers located the vehicle and took Randy Fietek, 21, of the 300 block of Dipalo Drive, into custody on a charge of auto burglary.

Fietek has been charged with three counts of auto burglary.

He was also wanted on a warrant for larceny from Spokane, Wash.

Ruidoso Police are investigating numerous auto burglaries that occurred June 25 and 26.

Ruidoso Downs police continue their investigation of Fietek.

Runaway

A mother reported her juvenile daughter as a runaway June 25. The woman said she suspected the girl was at her boyfriend's house in Tularosa, but checks there had come up empty. The child was entered in NCIC as a runaway.

And you are?

Police initiated a traffic stop on Highway 70, June 17 that resulted in Cassandra Hosetdavit, 26, being taken into custody for driving while intoxicated.

The passenger in the vehicle was later identified as Myra Hosetosavit, 30, and taken into custody for concealing identity and having four warrants for her arrest from Ruidoso and Alamogordo.

Dog nabbed

Police and Animal Control responded to the 200 block of North Central in response to a call about a vicious animal June 24.

A loose dog had reportedly attempted to attack the victim. The dog was contained.

Wanted

Officers took Victor Hernandez, 49, into custody June 23, on a warrant from Doña Ana County.

Feel wanted?

Officers took Henry Bently, 50, into custody on a warrant from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department June 23.

No answer means no

Police responded to Inspiration Heights in reference to a request for a welfare check on June 21.

Officers made contact with a female who advised her ex-boyfriend initiated the welfare check because she would not answer his calls anymore.

After listening to messages from the ex-boyfriend on the woman's phone, the police initiated a charge of phone harassment against him.

Was Wanted

Officers took Joseph Garcia, 52, into custody June 20 on a warrant from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department.

Wanted & wanted

Officers took Christopher Rodriguez, 41, into custody June 19, on warrants from the New Mexico State Police in Alamogordo and an Adult Probation warrant.

Spank him, please

On June 15, Ruidoso Downs Police responded to a 911 call from Walmart about a battery.

Officers met with the victim, who advised that her 9-year old son was beating on her and on his sibling. Officers transported the family to the police department and called Children, Youth and Families Division. The investigation continues.

Female wanted

Police took Brittney Vaccaro, 23, into custody June 14, on warrants from Ruidoso Municipal Court.

I know!

Ruidoso Downs Police responded to a 911 call from a residence on South Parnell on June 14, reporting a break in.

The victim told officers that a woman he knew broke into the house and destroyed several items. An arrest warrant was issued.

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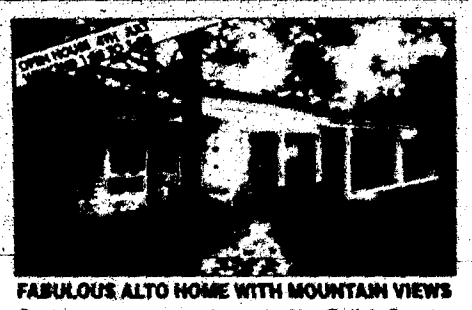

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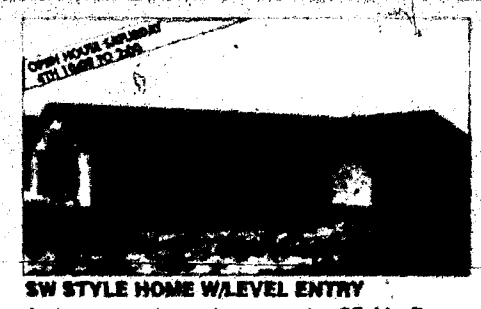

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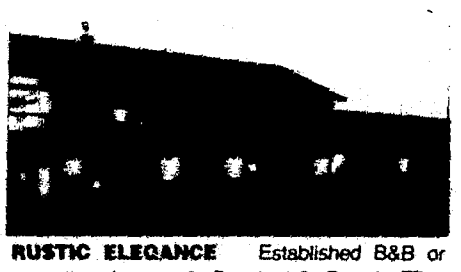

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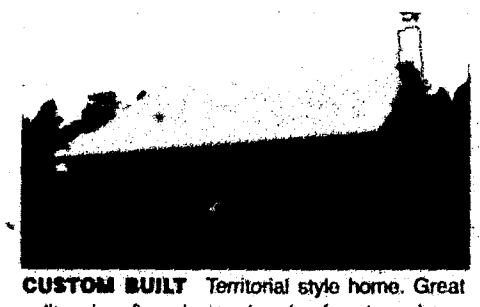

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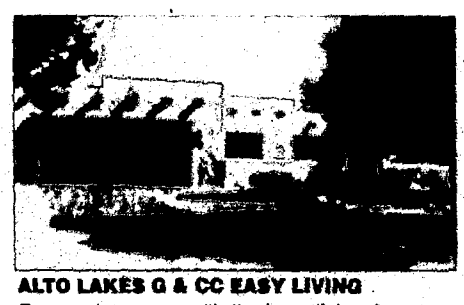

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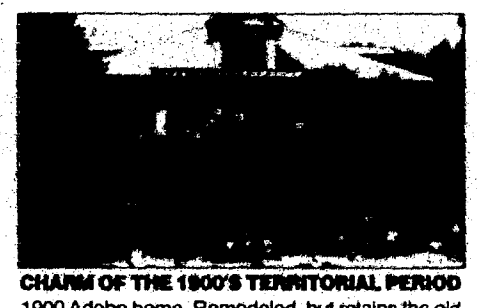

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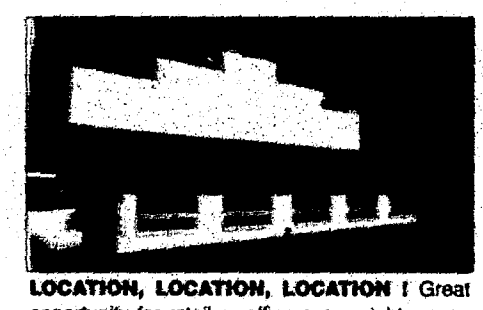

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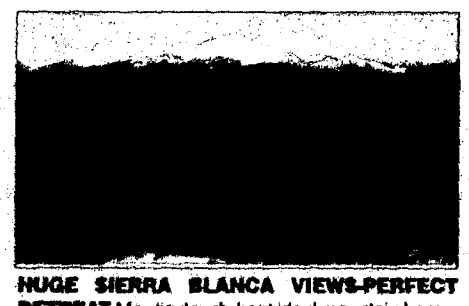

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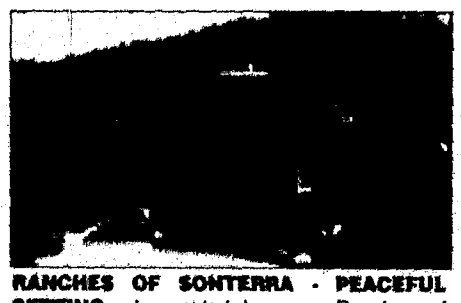

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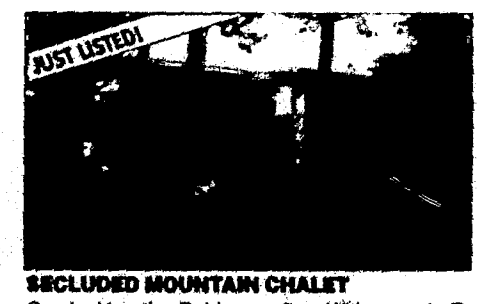

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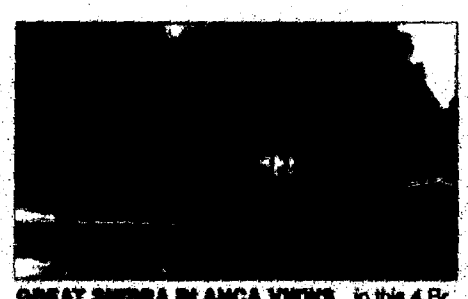
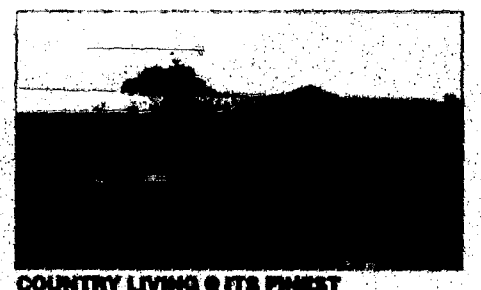


GREAT SIERRA BLANCA VIEWS in this 4 Br, 3 Bath home in Country Club Estates. Tastefully refurbished (with the exception of the master) with brick floors in LR, DR & hall, wonderful millwork, designer colors, small office w/view. $269,000. #104733 Call Sandra Scarborough



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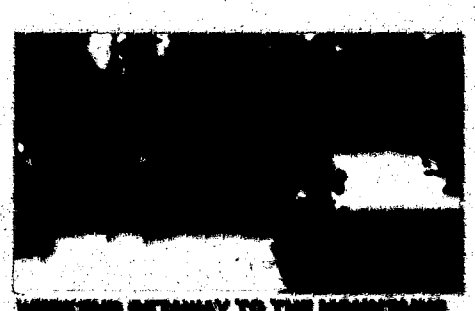

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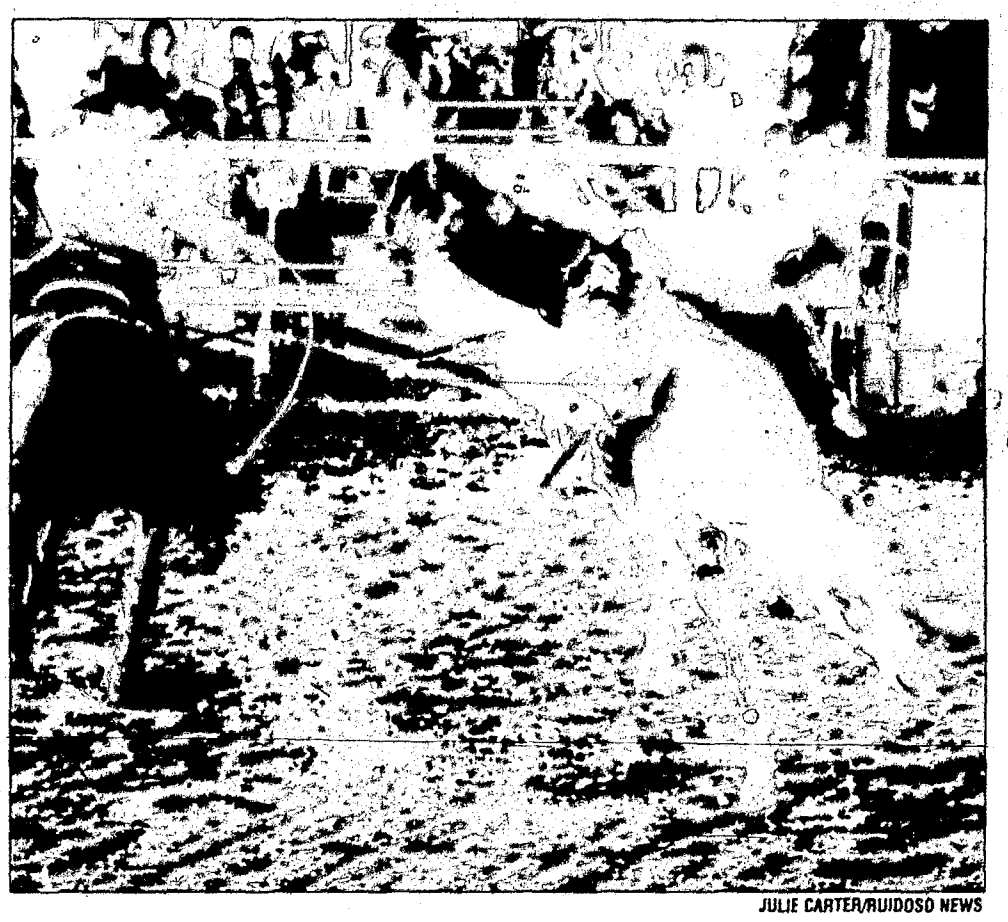

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A bareback rider at the 2008 Capitan rodeo looks to have a short ride

FILE PHOTO

A rider displays the flag for all to see at last year's Mescalero rodeo

Weekend sports are front and center

Two rodeos, horseracing, parades and footraces highlight the July 4 holiday

MIKE CURRAN
mcurran@ruidosonews.com

The Mescalero Apache Rodeo and Capitan's Smokey Bear Stampede Rodeo will once again give residents and visitors alike an eyeful of color, entertainment and action July 2-5.

If horseracing is your choice of amusement, then Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino will fill the bill with some important races taking place over the holiday weekend.

If that's not enough, there's are footraces in Mescalero and Capitan.

Mescalero rodeo

This year will mark the 30th Annual Mescalero Apache Ceremonial and Rodeo.

And the word ceremonial means just that. Events include a traditional Pow Wow, Dance of the Maidens, daily rodeo and a parade, July 4, starting at 10 a.m.

The parade is a festive cavalcade of tribes from the region, replete with Native American dress, dancers, floats, American flags and tribal music.

Varied U.S. license plates will be seen at this occurrence. If you've never visited this memorable celebration, by all means do so.

You will not be dissatisfied. The rodeo will be at the Samson Miller Memorial Rodeo Arena during daylight, July 2-5.

If you would like to start July 4 early, plan on attending the Mescalero Apache Wellness Challenge run at the Mescalero Wellness Center. Registration is at 6 a.m. There's a 7 a.m. start time for the competitive 5 and 10K runs. At 7:15 a.m. there will be a non-competitive 3K walk.

Capitan rodeo

If an evening rodeo suits your pleasure then the

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FILE PHOTO

The ceremonial parade is a big hit every July 4, in Mescalero.

Love Samba fastest in Thursday's Rainbow Futurity trials

TY WYANT
For the Ruidoso News

Jim Pitts' Love Samba kept her trainer's hot streak going in the Grade 1 stakes at Ruidoso Downs by racing to the fastest qualifying time from the 192 entrants in the 20 trials to the Grade 1, $625,000 Rainbow Futurity on Thursday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

The horses with the 10-fastest times qualify for the Rainbow Futurity on July 19.

Love Samba raced the 400 yards in :19.542 for the quickest time from 192 two-year-olds entered in the trials.

The Corona Cartel-sired filly won the sixth trial by three lengths under Ricky Ramirez.

In the Grade 1, $500,000 Ruidoso Futurity on June 7, Wood sent out runner-up Shake Em Money Pop and third-place finisher Sir Seth.

Shake Em Money Pop is also owned by Pitts.

Wood qualified three horses to the Grade 1, $308,000 Ruidoso Derby on June 6.

Love Samba was the 7-2 second choice in the wagering after finishing second in her Ruidoso Futurity trial, her only other career start.

"We've been taking our time with her because we've been pointing to the All American (Futurity) all along with her.

"She's a really nice filly," said Wood, winner of the 2005 Rainbow Futurity with champion Leading Spirit.

Love Samba was purchased for $160,000 at last year's Ruidoso Select Yearling Sale.

Ruidoso Downs' leading quarter horse trainer Paul Jones won six trials and had four qualifiers – Stepenos, Runnning Brook Gal, Brooks Midnight and Favorite Cartel.

Stepanos hopped at the start, but quickly found his stride to win the 11th trial by a neck with the second-fastest time of :19.632.

He showed marked improvement after a troubled eighth-place finish in his only other career start.

Fourth-fastest qualifier Zoomin With Ease finished second.

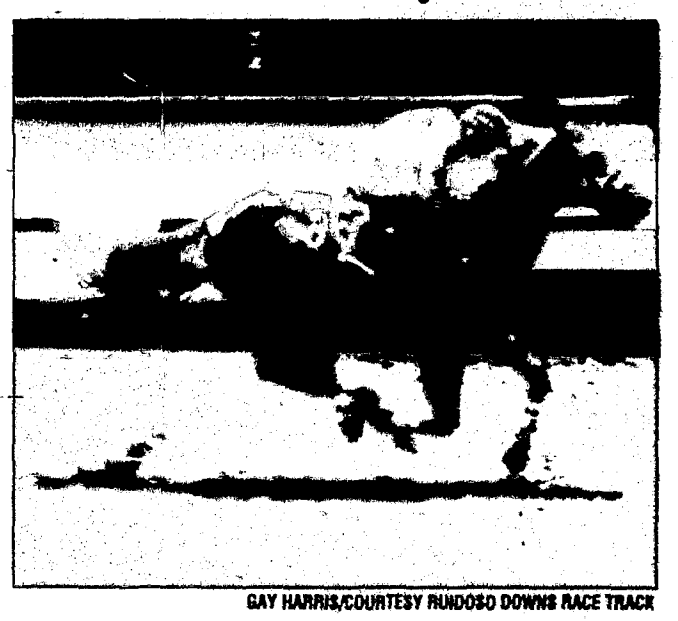
Runnning Brook Gal won the ninth trial by one length in :19.659, the third-fastest qualifying mark.

She set the fastest-qualifying time to the Ruidoso Futurity in her career debut before finishing sixth in the finals after a troubled start.

Brooks Midnight stepped forward after a third-place finish in her Ruidoso Futurity trial to win the fifth trial by three quarters of a length in :19.709, the fifth-fastest time.

Favorite Cartel, co-owned by Jones, powered away in the final trial to win by one-and-a-quarter lengths with the ninth-fastest time of :19.752.

He won a maiden race at Ruidoso Downs in his previous start, his second career start.



GAY HARRIS/COURTESY RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK

Blane Wood's-trained Love Samba had the top time of the day with a :19.542 over 400 yards in race 6 with Ricky Ramirez aboard.

Lincoln County Regulators gathering

JACK SHUSTER
For the Ruidoso News

The Lincoln County Regulators will enjoy burgers, hot dogs, ribs and more in the light of the setting sun at their Cowboy Action Shooting Range and Western Town at the Ruidoso Gun Club range in Ruidoso Downs on Saturday evening, July 11.

The evening will start with a cookout at 5 p.m. A big grill will be set up for participants to cook whatever they bring.

Cowboys and cowgirls can bring vittles to share, too. Presentation of the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance will begin the cookout at 5 p.m.

After dinner and fellowship, the cowpokes, armed with six guns, lever guns and scatter guns, will explore the history of Billy the Kid in four Cowboy Action Shooting stages based on "Billy's Exploits" in Lincoln County. Stages have been designed by John Steele.

The public is invited to

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COURTESY

Shooting over the old adobe wall at the Lincoln County Regulators Cowboy Action Shooting Range and Western Town

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~ Joseph (Joe) Zagone

Noconi makes 2009 debut in Higheasterjet Handicap

TY WYANT
For the Ruidoso News

Champion Noconi is expected to supply the fireworks on the Fourth of July at Ruidoso Downs when he makes his 2009 debut in the $40,000 Higheasterjet Han-dicap (G3).

There is a special 11-race program on Saturday at Ruidoso Downs with a 1 p.m., first post time.

The 350-yard Higheasterjet Handicap runs as the 10th race.

R.D. Hubbard and Johnny T.L. Jones, Jr.'s, Noconi earned the 2008 champion three-year-old gelding title primarily of his conquest of two-time champion and All American Futurity winner Heartswideopen in last summer's Grade 1, $1 million All American Derby, the richest quarter horse derby in 2008.

He came into the All American Derby as the fastest qualifier and backed up that important win with an easy victory in the $155,000 Hobbs America Derby at Zia Park.

Those two stakes wins came after creditable third-place runs in the Grade 1, $461,000 Rainbow Derby and the Grade 1, $389,000 Ruidoso Derby behind 1-2 finishers Heartswideopen and Strong Hope.

A four-year-old gelding by Mr Jess Perry and out of 2008 broodmare of the year My Dashing Lady, Noconi wrapped up his 2008 season in Southern California with a fifth-place finish in the Grade 1, $750,000 Champion of Champions, his only career start at Los Alamitos Race Course.

Trained by seven-time defending national champion trainer Paul Jones, Noconi showed his fitness for his return in the Higheasterjet Handicap with two best-of-the-day works at Ruidoso Downs.

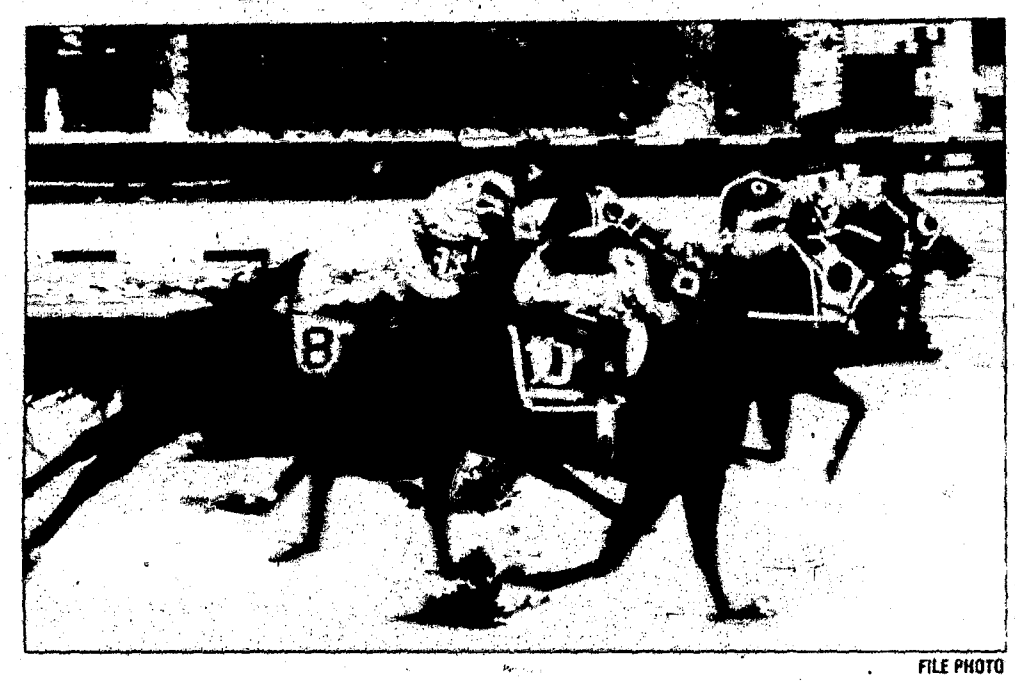
Noconi carries high-weight of 126 pounds and has the services of Los Alamitos-based jockey Ramon Sanchez. They have the inside post position in the 10-horse field.

Jose Angel Esparza's Here To Entertain is an interesting challenger to Noconi. The four-year-old gelding makes his first start at Ruidoso Downs and comes off his career-best performance.

In his latest start he lost a very close decision to Remington Park horse of the meet Separate Bet Remington Park Invitational Championship. Separate Bet holds the Ruidoso Downs' 400-yard track record and won the 2007 Rainbow Derby.

Here To Entertain earned his spot in the Remington Park Championship with a win in the Grade 1 Sooner State Stakes for Oklahoma-breds.

Here To Entertain drew the fourth post position and Kenny Muntz rides.



FILE PHOTO

Noconi, on the inside, beats Heartswideopen (NO. 10) in last year's All American Derby.

Adan Reyes' Little Bit Of Ah Ha has been on the board in each of his latest five starts with a win in a $34,000 allowance race at Sunland Park. He also has a second in the West Texas Maturity and a third in the La Plata Stakes during that span of races.

Aggie swimmers compete nationally

SUN-NEWS REPORT
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES – This summer, the New Mexico State swimming and diving team has three swimmers trying to qualify for a prestigious spot on a national team.

Maria Spies recently concluded the German World Championship Trials in Berlin.

Spies finished fifth in the 200 breaststroke with a personal-best time of 2:34.13.

In the 50 breaststroke, she collected eighth place following a 32.36 performance, which is also a personal best.

Spies posted an 11th-place finish in the 100 breaststroke after a 1:11.68 showing.

"I think Maria had a pretty good meet considering it was still early in the summer season," head coach Rick Pratt said.

"To return to Germany and swim and place better than ever is the goal, and Maria did a good job training hard in the spring in our long course facility."

Alannah Lawrence travels to Indianapolis for the U.S. World Championship Trials, while Tessa Bain heads north to Montreal to compete in the Canadian World Champ-ionship Trials, which begins July 8.

"They have been working hard and are looking forward to racing fast at this point of the summer," Pratt said.

"In swimming, there is not much time to take a break, and luckily for our group they are enjoying the process and they are experiencing much success for their hard work."

Each country has different requirements in qualifying for their respective national teams.

Wilderness camp

The second week of Wilderness Camp is set as follows.

Drop offs are welcome.

Monday, July 6: Games & Crafts and Caving and Picnic at Fort Stanton Cave, and Ft. Stanton Tour, Billy the Kid Tour in Lincoln.

Tuesday, July 7: Rock Climbing at Nazarene and Gym Activities, Picnic at Bonito River and visit Turkey Can Mines.

Wednesday, July 8: Meet at The Warehouse, walk to School House Park for Tennis and swimming and then go to a Movie at Sierra Cinema.

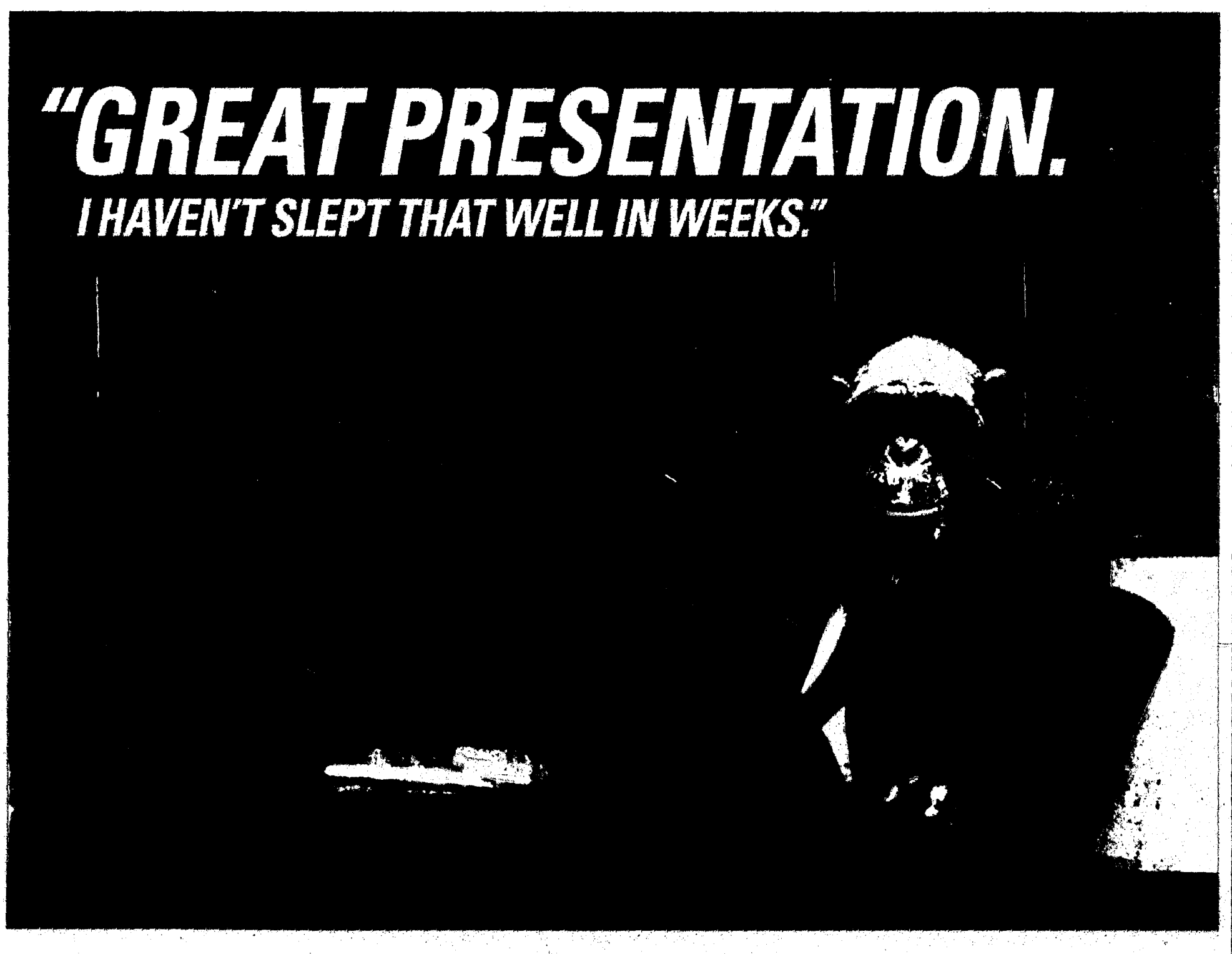
Thursday, July 9: Forest Service Class, Tour Hubbard Horses, Picnic at Steven Chavez Memorial Pond in Hondo and Lavender Ranch, build Wilderness Camp Garden.

Friday, July 10: Nogal Nature Hike, Disc Golf at Grindstone.

Available to kindergarten to sixth grade youth Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm until Aug. 14.

Weekly rate is $85 per week or $22 a day for the first child and $75 per week or $20 per day for second child in the same family.

For more information, call Parks & Recreation at 257-5030 or download a registration form from the Village's Website www.voruidoso.com and drop off at 801 Resort Drive with payment.



HOLIDAY

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54th Annual Smokey Bear Stampede Rodeo has what you want.

Many of the same participants who appear in the Mescalero rodeo will be on hand here.

Rodeos will be at 7 p.m., July 2-5, at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds and will include bareback riding, bull riding, saddle bronc, ranch broncs, ladies barrel racing and breakaway roping, tie down and team roping.

Besides fireworks, July 4 will also include Smokey's Fun Run, a male and female 10K and 2 mile run on.

There will be a Youth Ranch Rodeo at 1 p.m., July 3, and Adult Ranch Rodeos, July 4-5, at 12:30 p.m.

For more information, call 354-2202.

FILE PHOTO

Cutter Whipple makes a catch in calf roping at the 2008 Mescalero rodeo.

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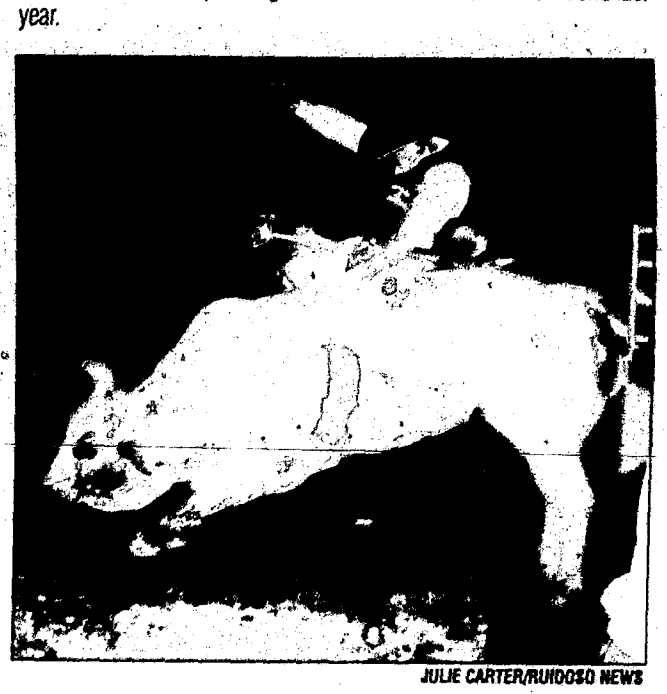
Quirt McDaniel spurs a good one at the Samson Miller Arena last year.



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A bullrider leaves the gate in good form at last year's Smokey Bear Stampede Rodeo in Capitan.

Ruidoso Downs

A 10-race card leaves the gate at 1 p.m., Friday, and serves as a backdrop for the Rainbow Derby trials which lead to the notable, Grade 1, $480,000 (est.) Rainbow Derby on July 18.

The 440-yard trials run as the fourth through the seventh races on the card.

Mark Allen's Double Eagle Ranch, who also owns Kentucky Derby winner Mine That Bird, took first and second in the June 6, Ruidoso Derby with Time For A Cigar and Shaboomator, respectively.

With three straight wins, Time For A Cigar will run in the second Rainbow Derby trial from the 7-hole with Mark Villa aboard and Chris Zamora will pilot Shaboomator in the fourth trial from the outside position.

Seven-time defending national training champion Paul Jones looks strong to qualify multiple horses to the Rainbow Derby with nine entrants in the Derby trials.

Champion Naconi will make his 2009 debut, July 4, in the $40,000 Higheasterjet Handicap (G3) in the 10th race in Saturday's 11-card race schedule which starts at 1 p.m.

SHOOT

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participate and the Regulators ask everyone to dress "cowboy."

In the First Stage, "I'm not hidin'," shooters will emulate Buckshot Roberts at Blazer's Mill and do all their shooting from the outhouse.

Billy and the gang are surrounded by Pat Garrett's posse in "Go to Hell," the Second Stage.

Billy breaks out of the Lincoln County Courthouse much to Bob Ollinger's chagrin in Stage Three, "Hello, Bob."

In the Fourth and final stage, "I'm Billy the Kid," Billy plays a trick and gets the advantage on Joe Grant in a Fort Sumner saloon when Grant brags that he'd kill Billy when he met him.

"Billy's Exploits" will be shot at 6:30 p.m. following the 5 p.m. cookout on Saturday evening, July 11. John Steele will be Match Director.

Participants and spectators are urged to bring dinner to grill, non-alcoholic beverages and lawn chairs.

Anyone up to helping set up targets and getting the range ready for the match, is invited to arrive at noon.

Either way, for the sake of their fellow cowboys, participants are asked to please have their gear in order and ready to shoot by 6 p.m.

Registration will begin at 5 p.m. and shooters are asked to pick a shooting category when they register.

The range will be cleared at 6 p.m. and the Safety Briefing will start at that time.

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.

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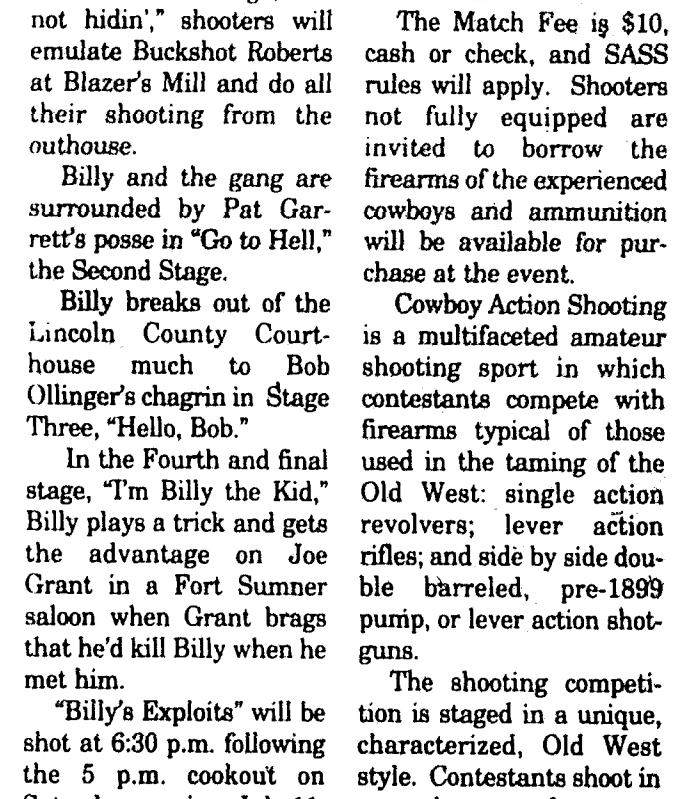

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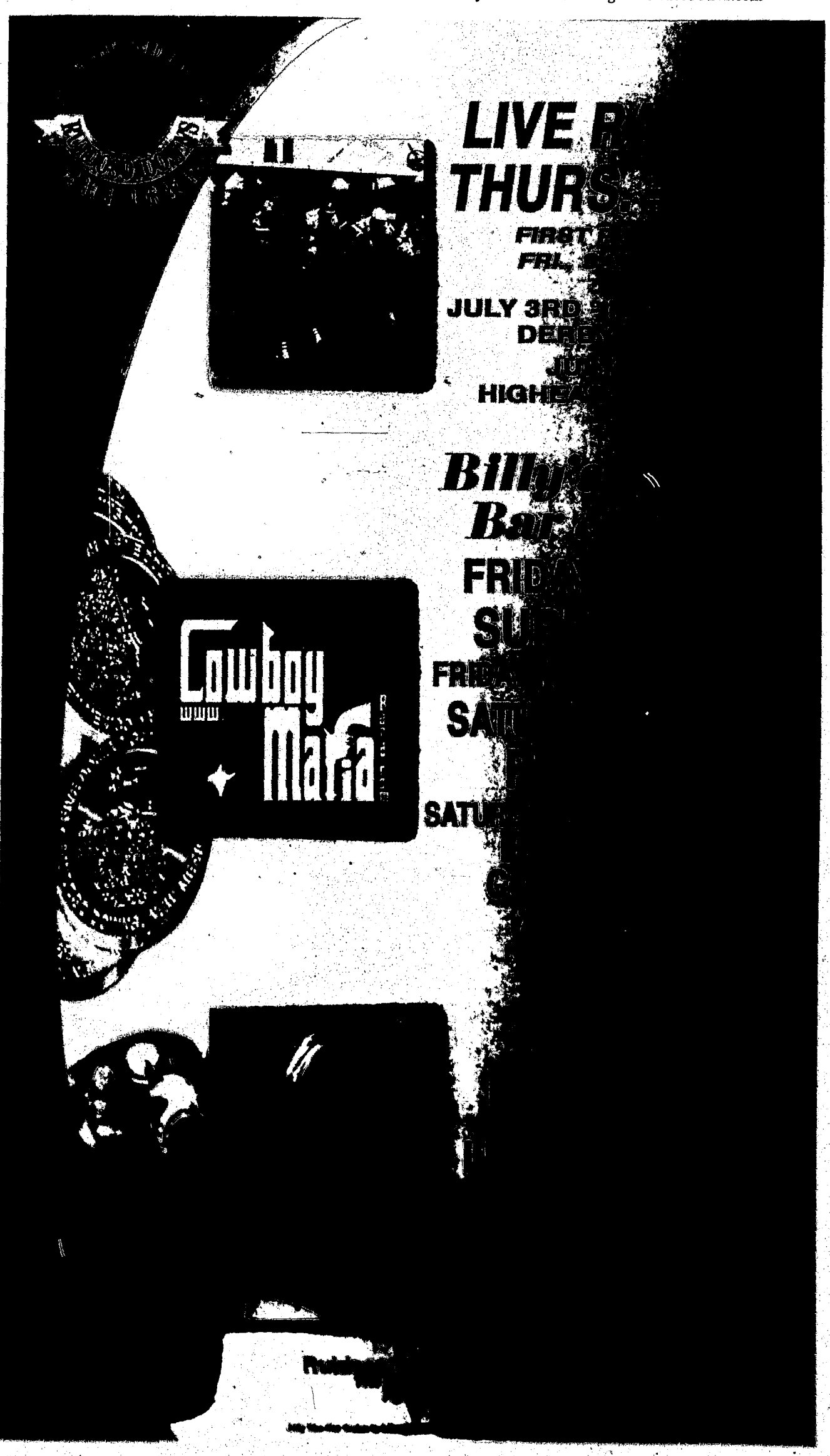

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As you worship God this week, do so with the faith of a newborn, perfect and pure. "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! ...From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise" (Psalm 8:1-2). You can trust that your father in Heaven will love and care for you!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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This minister of Christ is not a novice for he has held various Church Offices: Pastor, Assistant Pastor, and Evangelist. He has a BA in Theology and has written 26 books on the Doctrines of the Bible, which he gives away on his website, for he believes God's truths are not for sale (doctrinesofchrist.com).

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First Assembly of God El Paso Road, Ruidoso 257-2324. Rev. E. Thomas Kearns Pastor. Sunday morning worship [illegible] a.m. Children's Church during a.m. service. [illegible] day evening worship 6 p.m. [illegible] Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. [illegible]

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First Baptist Church 270 Country Club Drive, Ruidoso, NM [illegible] 257-2081. Sunday Services [illegible] a.m. Wednesday Meal 5:30 p.m. [illegible] p.m.

First Baptist Church Ruidoso Downs [illegible], Pastor. Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Worship [illegible] a.m. [illegible] worship 6:30 p.m. Wed. [illegible] 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church [illegible] Pastor. Sunday school [illegible] a.m. Sunday worship [illegible] a.m.

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Ruidoso Baptist Church 126 Church Drive [illegible] Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday worship [illegible] 45 a.m. [illegible]

BAHA'I FAITH

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CHRISTIAN

Christian Community Church [illegible]

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

Gateway Church of Christ 415 Sudderth, Ruidoso 257-4381. Jimmy Sportsman, Minister. Sunday Morning worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Class 11:00 a.m. Mid-Week Service Wed 6:30 p.m.

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Church of Jesus Christ LDS Ruidoso Branch, 1091 Mechem Dr. President W. Leslie Nielsen, 505-258-1253 or 505-258-1254. Sunday schedule: Sacrament starts at 10 a.m. Sunday School, Priesthood and Relief Society

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EPISCOPAL

Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso. Rev. Canon Peter Sanderson, Team Leader. Sunday Eucharist Rite I, 8:00 a.m., Rite II 11:00 a.m., nursery available for the 11:00 service, Sunday School & Godly Play 9:45-10:45. Wednesday Eucharist 5:30 p.m. Phone 257-2356. Spanish Service Saturday 6:00 p.m.

St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel in Glencoe. Sunday Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

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Community United Methodist Church Junction Road, behind Wells Fargo Bank. Todd Salzwedel, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday worship 8:30 a.m., 10:55 a.m. 257-4170

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Corona United Presbyterian Church, Pastor Terry Aiello, CLP. Sunday worship. Church School, 10 a.m., Worship, 11 a.m.

Nogal Presbyterian Church Reverend Bill Sebring. Adult Sunday School 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m.

REFORMED CHURCH

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NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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Calvary Chapel 127 Vision, next to Cable Co., 257-5915. Pastor John Marshall. Sunday worship 9:30 a.m., Wednesday: Mid-week bible study 7:00 p.m.

Casa de Oracion Comunidad Cristiana, Ruidoso. 304 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345 (505) 257-6075. Pastor Carlos & Gabby Carreon. Martes - Oracion 6:00 pm; Jueves - Servicio General 6:00 pm; Sabado - Kid-to-Revival 11:00 am; Domingo Servicio General 11:00 am. *All Services are Bilingual* ~ Translators Available ~

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a.m., 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m.

METHODIST

Capitan United Methodist Church [illegible] Anderson and the congregation of Capitan United Methodist Church welcome Lincoln County residents and visitors alike to attend Bible study [illegible]

NAZARENE

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NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Christ Community Fellowship Capitan, 1[illegible] West, 354-2458 [illegible] Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.

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CARRIZOZO CHURCHES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G) Barbara Bradley, pastor. Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth. Children's Church 10:30 am, Worship Service 10:30 am, Wednesday Night Kids Club 5:30-7:00 pm, Thursday Bible Study 6:30 pm

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church [illegible] Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday worship 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m. Church training 6:30 p.m. Sunday

CATHOLIC

Santa Rita Catholic Church [illegible] Father [illegible] Pastor. Saturday Mass 6:30 p.m. Sunday Mass 10:30 am. Tuesday Adult Bible Study 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Perry Zumwalt, minister. Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM. Sunday School 10:00 am. Worship Service 11:00 am, Evening Worship 1:15 pm, Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

EPISCOPAL

St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel Carrizozo, 6th & E Street. Sunday Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m.

METHODIST

Trinity United Methodist Church Parish Trinity, 1000 D Ave. [illegible] Carrizozo [illegible] Pastor. Sunday school 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship 11:00 a.m. [illegible]

(Tues.) 6:30 pm. United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wed. 1:00 pm. Fellowship Dinner 4th Sun. of month 12:30 pm

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

The Word of Life Church Rev. Chuck Fulton, pastor. [illegible] E Ave., Carrizozo, NM. Affiliated with the Evangelistic Assembly Church. Sunday 7:00 pm

[illegible]

Carrizozo Christian Fellowship [illegible] Pastor [illegible] White Mt. [illegible] Sunday [illegible]

Grave issues are at stake here

Q. While I was married, over 30 years ago, I had an affair with a man and we had a child. The father is Catholic and I am Jewish. He agreed that our daughter should be raised Jewish, since I never divorced my husband.

When my husband passed away, I told my daughter about her biological father and she expressed interest in meeting him, which she did. A few years ago, she passed away and was cremated, according to her wishes.

Her biological father recently contacted me and requested permission to bury some of her ashes in his grave when he dies. I'd already sent him some of her ashes, along with a lock of her hair. I had also made plans for my daughter's ashes to be buried with me when I pass away. Are there any religious restrictions in either faith that would prevent us from fulfilling these wishes?

– C., West Palm Beach, Fla.

The God Squad
MARC GELLMAN

A. I get this question all the time. Just kidding. What we have here is a combination of several desires and several violations of deeply held religious convictions. From what I understand, these are the facts:

Your deceased husband is buried. You did not identify his religion, so I'll presume he was Jewish and is buried in a Jewish cemetery. Your daughter from your affair was not only raised Jewish, but she was Jewish because you are Jewish.

According to Jewish law, cremation is prohibited. It's not prohibited under Catholic law but is discouraged. Jewish law requires that a Jewish person be buried in a Jewish cemetery in a grave that only contains one person. Therefore, the request to have your daughter's ashes and hair buried in the grave of her biological father, or for that matter, in any other person's grave, including your own, is forbidden.

I personally have made an exception to the cremation rule when the deceased person has already been cremated. In such cases, I've authorized burial of the urn in a grave. That is what I suggest to you.

Have your daughter's cremated remains buried in one grave in a Jewish cemetery – next to the grave of your deceased husband.

When you pass away, you should also be buried next to your husband and daughter. What you might do, however, to accommodate both your wishes in some modest way, would be to split the lock of your daughter's hair– not her ashes. You could be buried with some of that hair in your pocket, and her biological father could be buried with some of the hair in his pocket.

I don't know if King Solomon would approve of my compromise to divide the hair in half, but it seems to me, if not Solomonic, then at least Solomonish.

Note: The following is a response to my recent column on "Cafeteria Christians."

Q. Your discussion on "Cafeteria Christians" sounded familiar. Teaching science in the Bible Belt puts me in contact with many Creationists. As my students do a good deal of blogging for my class, I created a separate space for a voluntary discussion of creation and evolution.

Students with the scientific viewpoint that Creationism had nothing to do with science chose not to post entries in this blog. Instead, students posted their personal meals from the cafeteria of truth; they believed 'this' aspect of the Bible and 'that' aspect of science.

I then created a new blog space for students to discuss the nature of truth: Is it revealed, found through science, or found in the heart? Almost unanimously, students said truth was found in their own hearts, chosen from among the options offered in the cafeteria of truth.

You may not want to mention my opinion that Creationism is a cancer of the intellect, but it's worth noting that this pick-and-choose approach to truth is as dangerous in science as it is in religion. Americans' approach to truth also has a significant effect on commerce and politics. Any thoughts?

– C., via Web site

A. When I hear arguments from only one side of the religious/secular debate, my instinct is to try to help readers see the good points on the other side. Creationism, at least in its version as Intelligent Design, may be right or wrong (I think it's right). It's not a "cancer of the intellect" but rather a coherent, rational dissent from a completely materialistic view of humanity and the cosmos.

It offers up the appealing alternative that our unique spiritual capacities and moral virtue are not merely evolutionary advantages but gifts from an intelligent designer of the universe.

There's much to say on both sides of this debate, but it's distinctly unhelpful to rational, respectful dialogue to cast opponents as illiterate morons. Einstein reputedly said that all he did as a scientist was "trace the lines that flow from God." If it's good enough for Einstein, it ought to be at least good enough to introduce to your biology students.

The idea that "truth is found in the heart" is utterly false and philosophically untenable. If you mean "by the heart" referring to subjective desires and inclinations, it's obvious that the heart is no reliable guide to truth. The heart of the slaveholder, the murderer and the Nazi all lead them to moral evil. Truth must be objectively verified.

The idea that we live in an ordered universe is not just a religious truth but actual truth. The cartoonish fight between religion and science must end.

We must talk to each other respectfully and learn from each other that the beliefs we hold must be open to critique and to growth into the light of actual truth. In this, the mind and the virtue of humility and respect are the best tools for both teacher and student.

Praying for His will to be done

Alice and I have been blessed in our lives with good health. We have had our share of surgeries – gall bladder, back, hernias, and cancers (skin and colon), but we have had good health over all.

We are blessed. Our children and grandchildren have experienced good health ... childhood illnesses, broken bones, and minor surgeries, but, basically, good health. Until now.

Clary fications
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

Three months ago, our pregnant granddaughter, Dominee, found out that the baby she is carrying, Little Gus, has the Tetrology of Follett. That is the genetic thing that causes the "blue baby syndrome."

In 1954, a pediatric heart specialist and a technician developed a complicated surgery to correct the malformation. Between birth and six months, Little Gus will need that surgery.

Then, last week, our third adopted daughter, Jane Ellen, went in for an annual physical and, immediately, her personal physician sent her to a blood cancer specialist.

She has multiple myeloma according to the preliminary diagnosis. Confirming tests are being done this week.

My emotions cry out. "Why little Gus? Why Jane Ellen?"

My spirit says, "Why not?" Job 14:1 says, "Man born of woman is of few days and full of trouble."

Jesus says in John 16:33, "In this world, you will have trouble."

God did not promise us a life without problems and troubles ... no "rose garden" existence. Adam and Eve blew that.

But, He did promise to be with us in life's difficult circumstances.

So, over these next few months, Gus will be delivered by C-section and Jane Ellen will start chemo.

Alice and I and our family will cry out to God for mercy and grace. Our many Christian friends will be praying for God's healing.

In my experience as a Christian and pastor, I have found that God heals three ways ... miraculously, medically and mortally ... and how He heals is His call.

He can heal with a word, a touch. He can heal with mud and medicines. He can heal through physical death. There is no sickness in Heaven.

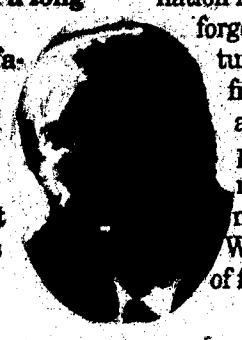
I do not know what is God's will in either of these situations, but I pray for His will to be done.

If that is what Jesus prayed for in the Garden of Gethsemane, I can pray no better prayer. And because of that, I have help for today and hope for tomorrow.

Pray for our nation this July 4th

Q. I get very concerned over the direction our country is going. We seem to have wandered a long way from the vision our forefathers had for our nation, and their strong belief in God. How can we get this back? Or is it too late?

– Mrs. N.G.



Billy Graham
MY ANSWER
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A. Once again this July 4th, our nation celebrates its birthday, and I hope each one of us will pause and thank God for the ways He has blessed us over these past 233 years. Moses' words to the ancient Israelites could almost be applied to us: "The Lord your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands. He has watched over your journey" (Deuteronomy 2:7).

At the same time, our nation is in danger of forgetting God, and turning away from the moral and spiritual principles that made our nation great. We're in danger of forgetting that freedom doesn't mean we can do anything we want to. It must be linked to a sense of right and wrong, and a concern for justice and the needs of others. If we lose sight of these, we will end up in moral and spiritual chaos.

What is our greatest need? Our greatest need as a nation is to turn to God in repentance and faith, and put Him and His will at the center of our lives. Is it too late to do that? No, of course not, because God always is ready to forgive us and give us new life. It has happened before - and it can happen again.

But no matter what others do, make sure of your own commitment to Christ and His will for your life. Then pray for our nation and its leaders, that Jesus' prayer may be fulfilled in our nation's life: "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10).

Send your queries to "My Answer," c/o Billy Graham, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, N.C., 28201; all 1-(877) 2-GRAHAM, or visit the Web site for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association: www.billygraham.org.

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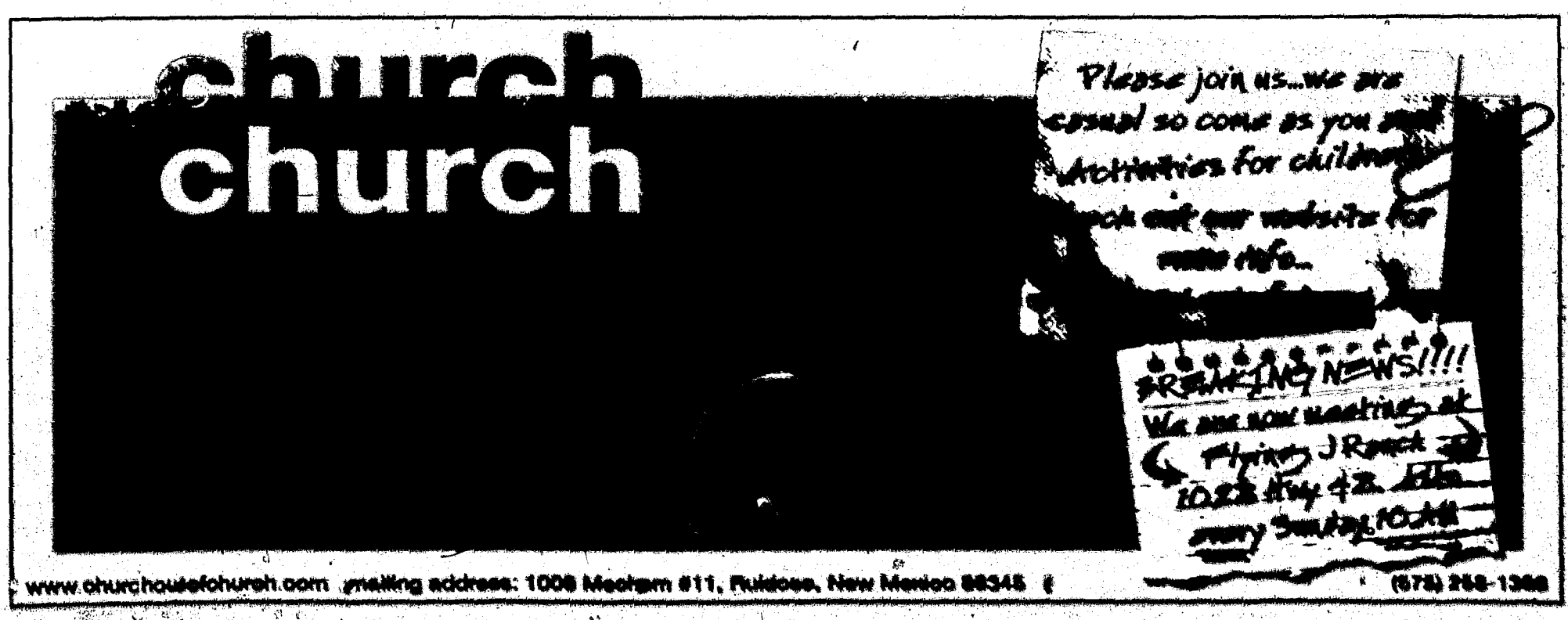
Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above ...

James 1:17



Red, white and cowboy

Cowgirl Sass & Savvy

BY JULIE CARTER

Old Glory will wave majestically in rodeo arenas across America this holiday. It's the Fourth of July and cowboys, if they are anything, are patriotic and optimistically greedy.

This particular holiday is his "Cowboy Christmas," the most lucrative run of rodeos of the year.

Don't misunderstand. It doesn't take a holiday for the cowboy to bring out the flag. It's there at every rodeo. Honor to the stars and stripes happens first, before anything else.

Even the rodeo livestock seems to know the routine. Watch as the cowboys stand at the chutes, hats held over their hearts while colors are posted and the national anthem is played.

The bucking horses in the chute will snort and kick the gate behind them adding to the music's percussion.

For the rodeo contestants, it's a sound that echoes in the recesses of their rodeo memories long after they no longer compete. Like the ringing of Pavlov's bell, it invokes a hunger for the competition about to begin.

Add that to the smell of the fresh-worked arena dirt, the banging of the gates as bucking horses and bulls are moved around, the rattle of arriving trailers as they ease across the parking lot and the sound of hoof beats as a horse lopes across the hard surface to the arena.

I want to believe that almost all of us honor America, our freedoms and the price paid for both. This weekend, I also honor the cowboy for keeping tradition year after year and in economic times that boggle the mind.

Rodeo rigs are progressively bigger, fancier, and technology has kicked rodeoing up a notch from the days of standing at a pay phone along the highway to enter a rodeo or find out when you drew up.

As much as there is that is different, there is still so much the same.

It still requires the basics. First, the cowboy has to get there, and second, he has to have brought his cowboy skills with him.

Fourth of July rodeoing is defined by road-weary cowboys, tired horses, pickups filled with dirty clothes, fast-food wrappers and muddy boots.

The pickup dashboard is full of rumpled programs, Copenhagen cans, empty coffee cups, dust-covered sunglasses, gas receipts, a ball cap or two and a road map. But in every rig, there rides great hope, unlimited optimism and a belief that this time, this rodeo, things will get better.

For me, it wouldn't be the Fourth of July if I wasn't standing in the hot sun, beating rain or dusty wind waiting for the next event to move the entertainment along.

Years past paying entry fees and waiting for them to call my name, now I carry a camera and put what I know of rodeo into print.

I don't suppose I'll ever be anywhere else but at a rodeo grounds somewhere on the Fourth of July. In a mental check of the past 40 years, there have been no more times than I can count on one hand that I haven't been at a rodeo somewhere, in some capacity. Not likely it'll change anytime soon.

Join me at a rodeo for a look into the heart of the rodeo cowboy at his best. Today would be a good day to start.

Julie can be reached for comment at jcarter@ruidosonews.com, or wandering with a camera at the rodeo grounds all weekend.

Weeds of the Week

New to Lincoln County is the Canada Thistle. This thistle was brought in by the flood, and has begun to thrive in disturbed areas with fluctuating water levels.

It is incredibly invasive and can quickly crowd out and replace native plants creating a monoculture, and reducing plant and animal diversity.

It is spread and regenerated by seed and root fragments. The Canada thistle seeds remain viable in the soil up to 20 years. This weed is perennial, meaning it lives all year long, though it generally blooms from June to October.

The Canada Thistle, though similar in appearance to the Musk Thistle, is not the same. The Canada Thistle has smaller flower heads that are light lavender, as opposed to the musk thistle's purple color.

Because it lives all through the year the entire plant has to be killed in order to prevent regrowth from the rootstock, this can be done by hand-cutting (needs to take place before seed set), controlled burning (best done late in the season), as well as by chemical means.

Another weed the county is having a problem with this summer, in open disturbed areas, is the Malta Starthistle. This weed replaces native vegetation very quickly creating monocultures that take a toll on the diversity and abundance of plants and animals.

The Malta Starthistle has very spiny flower heads which will detour nature hikes and recreationalists. It is a toxic weed that over time causes "chewing disease" in horses.

The plants grow stiff stems 1-2 feet tall that branch from just above the base, its flowers heads are small and yellow.

Each plant may have 100 or more flower heads which can produce 60 or more seeds each.

Young Malta Starthistle plants are very resistant to fall drought. The Malta Starthistle is a little easier to control

CANADA THISTLE

than the Canada thistle because is it annual, meaning it dies at the end of the season, then comes back the next year.

In order to successfully control any annual weed, it is essential to prevent seed production. Chemicals are always an efficient method of controlling both species; we offer all Lincoln County citizens chemicals at cost plus 10 percent.

See online story for color photos at www.ruidosonews.com.

COUNTY BRIEFS

Farmers Market

The Capitan Farmers Market will open for the season on July 11, 9-11 a.m., with seasonal fruits, vegetables and other homemade, home-grown offerings.

The market is located next to the Capitan Country Emporium, 115 Smokey Bear Blvd., across from the Smokey Bear Historical Park.

The market will be open every Saturday until first frost and the end of the growing season.

Push America

Push America bicyclists are coming to New Horizons Development Center in Carrizozo, Friday, July 10.

The Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department will be leading them into town from Valley of Fires on Highway 380 to Central Avenue, then down Central to the intersection of Highway 54 and E Avenue, down E Avenue to 8th Street, arriving at the north side of New Horizons.

They will have lunch with the residents and staff of New Horizons.

The community is invited to come cheer them on as they ride into town and greet them with Carrizozo hospitality.

Half day of college

The Corona Range and Livestock Research Center will host their 2009 Half Day of College event on Friday, July 17.

Following NMSU's Year of Sustainability, they will have three classes centered around "Rangeland Sustainability." Registration will start at 8:30 a.m., with introductions at 9 a.m., and a short update on the new Southwest Center for Rangeland Sustainability.

Fifty-minute classes will be held concurrently at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m.

Classes are:

- Rangeland Carbon Sequestration – Carbon Credits;
- Hydrology of Piñon – Juniper Rangelands – Facts vs. Fiction;
- Ranch Scale Alternative Energy – Wind and Solar.

Lunch will be provided at noon. Join the the college for a fact-filled day and visiting with neighbors, researchers and specialists.

For more information, visit the Web site at http://corona.nmsu.edu.

Golf scramble

"In celebration of our country's birthday," Valle del Sol Municipal Golf Course is hosting a scramble, Sunday, July 5. Shotgun start at 8 a.m., four man scramble for $35 person/ $140 a team, lunch included. The scramble is limited to nine teams. For more information, call Valle del Sol Pro Shop at 648-2770.

First Friday at CPL

A book reading by Judy Lockhart DiGregorio will be held at the Capitan Public Library, Friday, July 3, at 7 p.m.

DiGregorio, a former student at Capitan High School, will share from her most recent book, *Life Among the Lilliputians*, a collection of humorous essays.

DiGregorio is a popular workshop leader and speaker and was named an outstanding Southern artist by the Tennessee Arts Commission in 2006.

She graduated from New Mexico Highlands University and attended Capitan High School 1957-59.

The public is invited.

'Zozo July 4th

The Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the annual Food, Fun and Fireworks for July 4.

Food vendors, arts and crafts booths, live music with the "Home Grown Boys" and a free fireworks show at dusk is on the schedule.

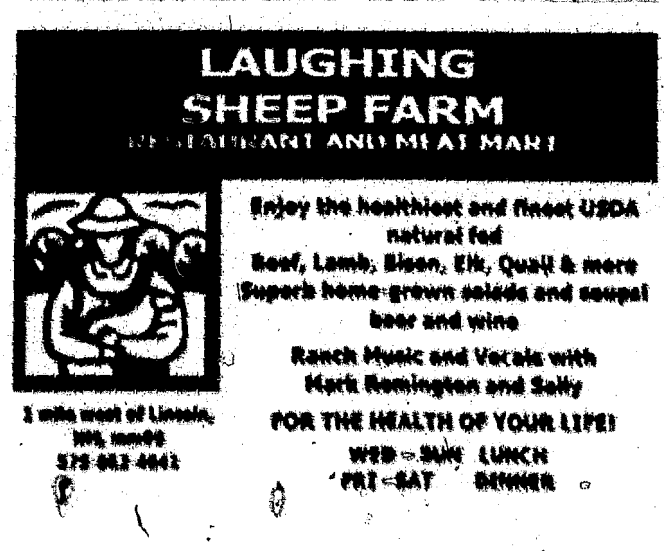
There will also be an area marked for personal fireworks.

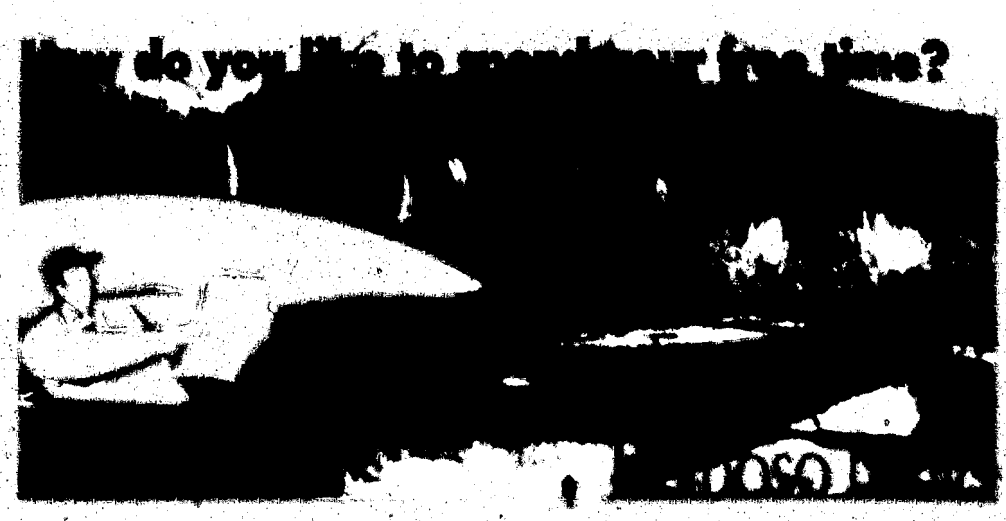
Parking is free, bring a blanket and/or a lawn chair.

The activities begin at noon at the Valle Del Sol main entrance, one mile east of the four-way stop on Highway 380 and just 40 minutes from Ruidoso.

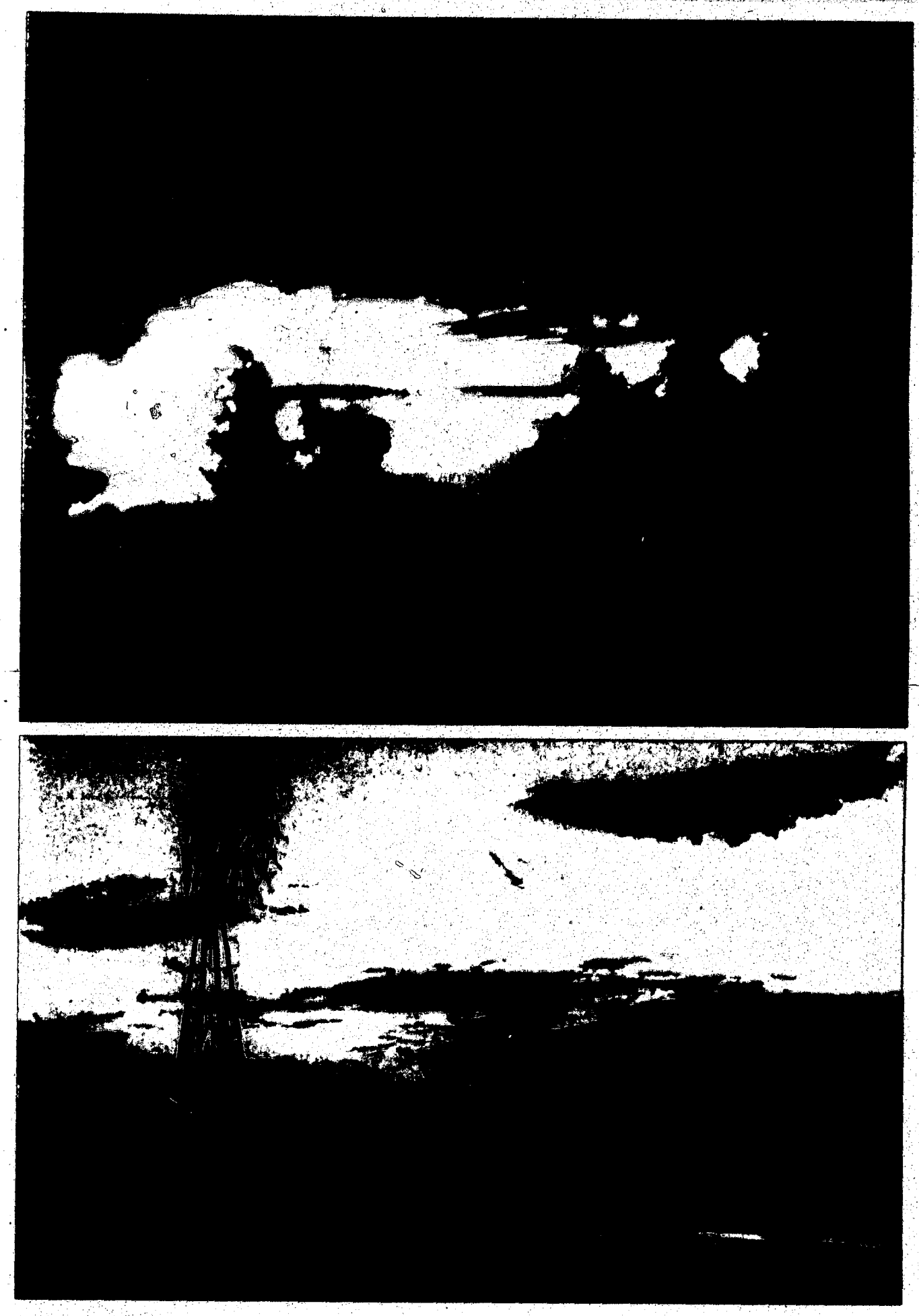
For more information, contact Fran Altieri via email at events@carrizozochamber.org or call the Chamber at 648-2732.

The event is free and open to the public.





THUNDER CLOUDS AND SUNSETS



Summer In Lincoln County guarantees towering thunderheads and other awe-inspiring cloud formations as well as fire-red sunsets that are a signature of the Southwest. Both of these could be seen this week as monsoon storms moved into the area prefacing what hopes to be a rainy July. The thunderhead at left was seen mushrooming to the heavens northwest of the Capitans Tuesday evening. The same weather patterns that night allowed for the fiery sunset behind the Oscuros west of Carrizozo.

JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!
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Eliseo "Alex" B. Sanchez

Visitation for Eliseo "Alex" B. Sanchez was from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Thursday July 2, 2009 at LaGrone Funeral Chapel and a Vigil service was at 6:00 PM at St. Joseph's Apache Mission Catholic Church in Mescalero. Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday July 3, 2009 at St. Joseph's. Fr. Paul Botenhagen will officiate. Burial will follow Mass at Mescalero Cemetery. Pallbearers for Alex will be, Julio Baca, Victor Jaramillo II, Anthony Mendez, Toby Rue Jr., Ed DeConcini and Fernon Chino. Honorary Pallbearers for Alex will be Manard Mendez, George Saenz, Robert Legan, Warren Sago, Anthony A. Mendez, Jordon Torres II, Chris Lapaz III, Fred Blaylock, Melvin Rice Jr., Jimmy Bridge and Joe Zamora.

Alex was born on July 10, 1933 in what then was known as Hollywood, New Mexico to Jose Sanchez and Estephanita "Stephanie" Benavidez Sanchez. He was a Laborer at Holloman Air Force Base for 15 years and where he met his wife Verma in Alamogordo and married on November 19, 1978. They then moved to Mescalero where Alex went to work at the Mescalero Saw Mill. Alex loved to fish and ride horses, but most of all loved to be with his family especially his grand children.

Alex was preceded in death by his wife Verma in 2006, a son, Oscar Jolsanny in 1991, both his parents Jose and Stephanie Sanchez and his brothers, Alfred and Willie Sanchez.

Alex is survived by his daughters, Dora Bourma, Mildra Saenz, and Minnie Mendez and husband Cruz. He is also survived by his sons, Glendon Sanchez and wife Tarragon and Maylon Sanchez and wife Melinda. Also surviving Alex are his sisters, Nell Jaramillo, Viola Rue, Lydia Legan, Fiona Benut and Liz Benson. He is also survived by his brother Sele Sanchez. Also surviving Alex are his grandchildren, Austin Bourma, Quinn Saenz, Jessica Bourma, Dakota Bourma, Anthony Mendez, Lucianna Shanda Sanchez, Gigunith Shanda Sanchez, Cruz Shanda Sanchez, and Paige Rhoan. Numerous Nieces, Nephews and a host of friends also survive Alex.

Condolences to the family can be expressed at www.lagronefuneral.com.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Ronald V. Ludwick

Ronald V. Ludwick, son of Ron and stepmother Nora Ludwick, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point on May 23. Lud-wick grew up in Ruidoso.

He attended school at Ruidoso Independent School District through his freshman year. He was accepted to attend the New Mexico Military Institute in 2002, and graduated with honors in 2005. He also was a member of Boy Scout Troop 59 and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 2005. Ludwick served as an acolyte in the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount.

Ludwick graduated from USMA with a Bachelors in Science, majoring in Economics with a minor in Civil Engineering. Upon graduation, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieu-tenant and will serve as an engineer officer in the U.S. Army. He will be stationed at Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas, following additional officer training at Fort Sill, Okla., and Fort Leonardwood, Mo.

Ludwick calls Meridian, Texas, home and is spending some much deserved leave with his family on their Texas ranch.

Pfc. Alexander Nocella

Army National Guard Pfc. Alexander Nocella has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values and physical fitness.

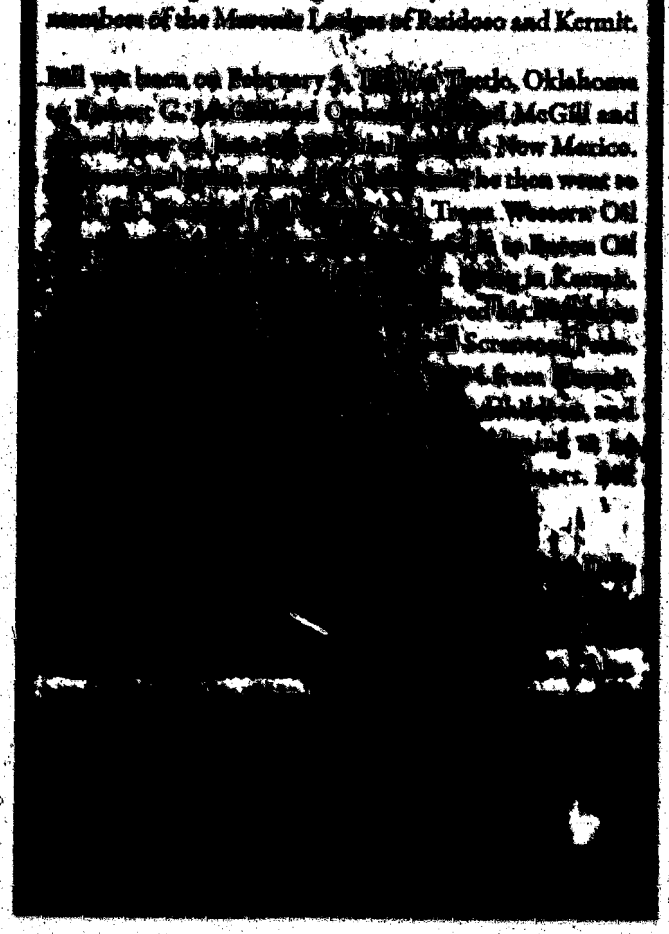
He also received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanshipand armed and unarmed combat.

Other tactical training included map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches and field training exercises.

He is the son of Sonia Nocella of Ruidoso, and Robert Nocella of Albuquerque. Nocella is a 2005 graduate of Ruidoso High School.

Bill Martin McGill

Visitation for Bill Martin McGill will be from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Saturday July 4, 2009 at LaGrone Funeral Chapel. A Masonic Service will be at 2:00 PM on Sunday July 5, 2009 at LaGrone Funeral Chapel with members of the local Masonic Lodge officiating. Burial will be at 1:00 PM on Monday July 6, 2009 at Kermit Cemetery in Kermit, Texas with the members of the Kermit Masonic Lodge officiating. Honorary Pallbearers will be members of the Masonic Lodges of Ruidoso and Kermit.



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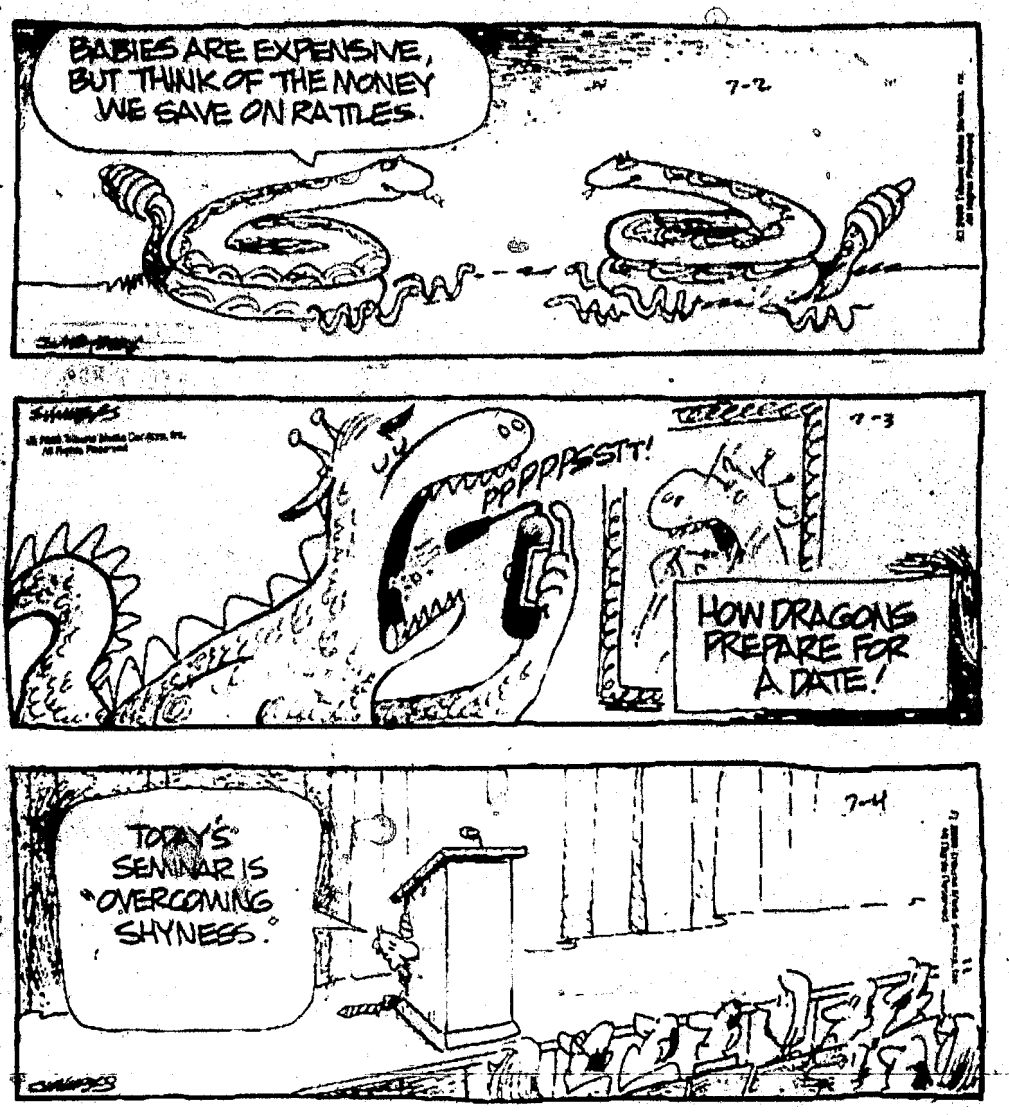

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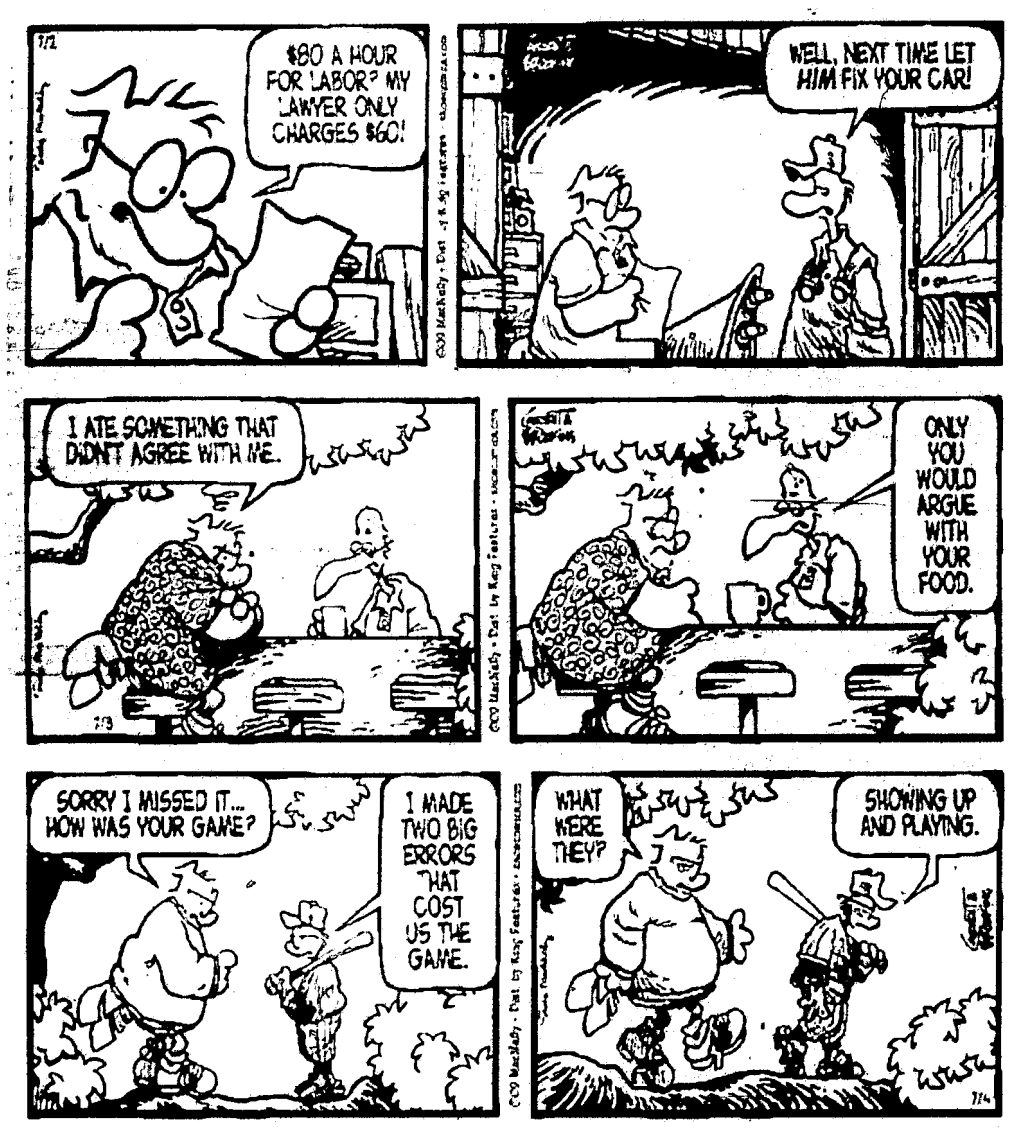

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Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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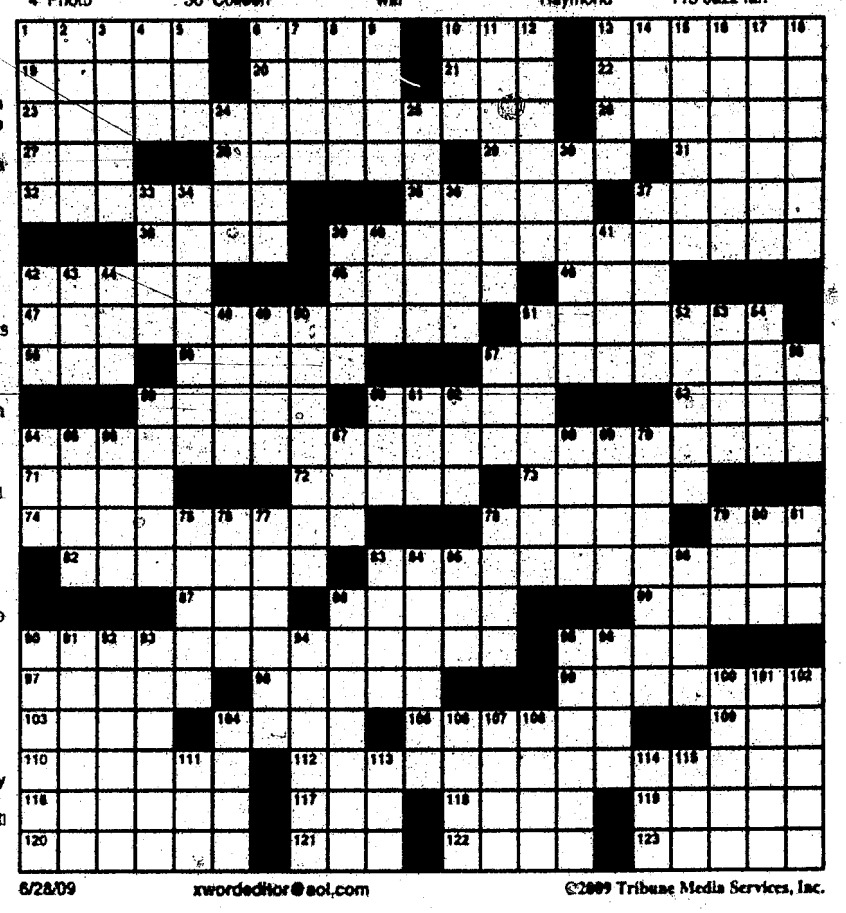
"END OF THE ROAD" By DAVID W. CROMER

ACROSS

1 Window treatment
6 Beat walkers
10 Pen pal?
13 Accelerated
19 Causing goose bumps
20 Came down
21 Tide alternative
22 1959 Steiger title role
23 Device using pulleys
26 Self-conscious question
27 Carrere of "Wayne's World"
28 Cuarenta winks?
29 Buds
31 Tale spinner
32 Like most light bulbs
35 Peruvian pack animal
37 Publisher __ Nast
38 Ming 2-Down
39 1957 novel with the working title "The Strike"
42 Arid Israeli area
45 Windblown soil
46 Crew tool
47 Plan likely to fail
51 Takes in
55 Net grazer
56 __ Lama
57 Like some boots
59 Film involving stage scenes
60 Extent
63 Comic Johnson
64 Dance, facetiously
71 Log variety
72 Preminger et al.
73 Averse
74 Puts dividends to work
78 Bluster
79 Previously
82 Takes umbrage at
83 Break in
87 Deli bread
88 Actress Davis
89 Lies next to
90 Though not yet in force, one was adopted by the UN in 1996
95 Snack in a shell
97 They're not behind you
98 Pie __
99 Pushes back, as a deadline
103 Hair line
104 Like a good loser?
105 Fuel rating
109 Yves's yes
110 Actor Estevez
112 One who's halfway home?
116 Evangelist's admonition
117 Wily
118 '70s pinup name
119 Jousting pole
120 Two-handed hammer
121 Driver's gadget
122 Soapmaking compounds
123 Jouster's ride

DOWN

1 Possible result of big losses
2 Artifact
3 Like heavy surf
4 Photo
5 "A mouse!"
6 Mutt, e.g.
7 __ English Bulldogge
8 Refueling places
9 ASAP relative
10 Ind. neighbor
11 "No thanks"
12 Outer signs of planning?
13 Biol. and astr.
14 Faux __
15 Final words
16 Overly attentive
17 Like a teen's bed, probably
18 Looked carefully
24 Tag sale caveat
25 Sent (for)
30 City SSE of Islamabad
33 Holiday precursors
34 Signaled from across the room, say
36 Colleen
37 Big name in skin care products
39 Jai __
40 Rocky peak
41 Hardly well done
42 Red Wings' org.
43 Want ad letters
44 Kind of feeling
48 Inaugural event
49 Head for the hills
50 Tire-kicking areas
51 Took advantage of the buffet
52 Secret supply
53 Suit basis
54 Org. probing for outer-space life
57 Copperhone abbr.
58 71-Across mo.
59 Starts the bidding
60 U.S. Army E-5
61 Funny Margaret
62 NBA tiebreakers
64 Norse god of war
65 Regretful type
66 First name among '70s netmen
67 "__ only a game"
68 Role in the musical "Two By Two"
69 Stun, as a perp
70 Draw
75 Words of action
76 Grammy-winning New Ager
77 Big stink
78 Musical place, briefly
79 "The Simpsons" Kwik-E-Mart operator
80 Understand
81 CIA forerunner
83 Ball user, maybe
84 Patricia of "Everybody Loves Raymond"
85 Hudson Bay prov.
86 An orchestra tunes to one
88 Fine particle
90 Gets to the point?
91 Painter's choice
92 Indication of rank
93 Having status, in a way
94 Desire
95 Court sport
96 Lets go
100 Dismal turnout?
101 Blockhead
102 Threw in (with)
104 Shopper's convenience
106 Texting device
107 Where Helen was taken
108 Top-shelf
111 __ Direct: online bank
113 Science guy Bill
114 High trains
115 Jazz fan



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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: ____ THE ____

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THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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SOLUTION TO TODAY'S PUZZLE 7/3/09

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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JUMBLE answer: SHAKE BRAKE SOLUTION

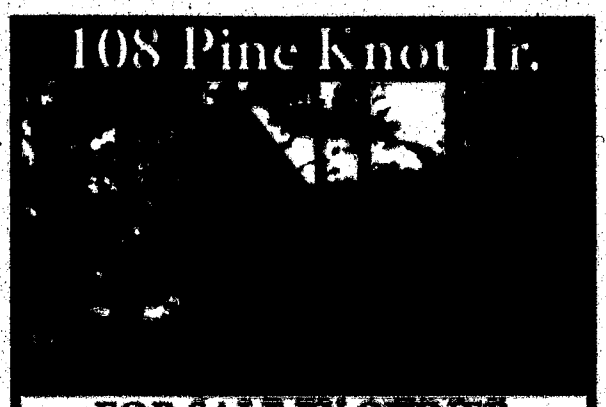
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

PAR SCORE 150-160

RACK 4 = 12
RACK 3 = 74
RACK 2 = 62
RACK 1 = 65
TOTAL 213

Answer: A patient foots the bill when a podiatrist does this — BILLS THE FOOT

Jumbles: NOISY VITAL MUFFLE BOTTLE



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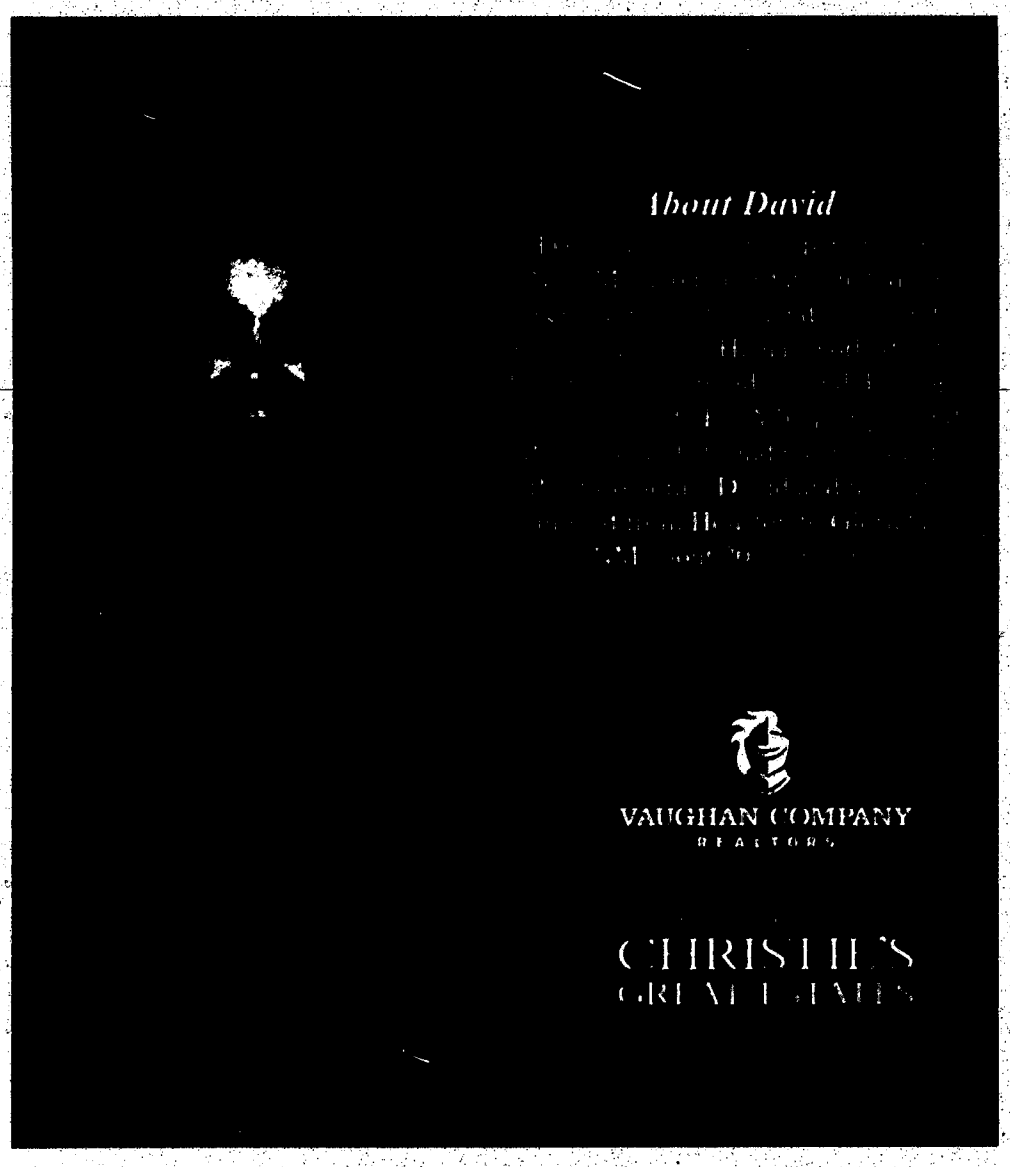
Beautiful custom built stucco home. 2 master suites, guest room & office plus 3 baths allow for back of room for all. Open concept kitchen, dining & living. Hickory cabinets, granite countertops, hand troweled walls, yellow pine ceiling in LR. Decks both front & back to fill & enjoy the wooded privacy. Many more custom features as well! (Seller - owner/agent)

$439,000 MLS# 103407



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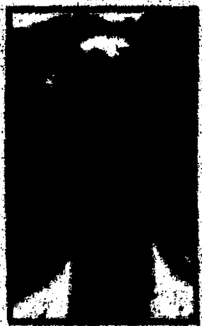

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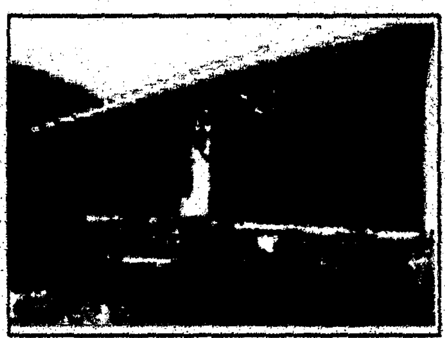
THE BEST CABIN OPERATION IN RUIDOSO! Perfectly located in downtown Ruidoso. This established business has excellent financial history. One 3 bedroom 2 bath cottage, 5 cabins, all updated and lavishly furnished, private water well, signage on Sudderth & Fifth St. Almost 3/4 acres of commercial land with room for at least three more cabins #102833

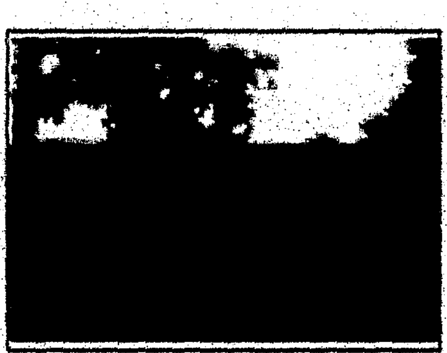
RUSTIC RUIDOSO CABIN Operation on the Ruidoso River at the entrance to Upper Canyon! 1.8 acres, 6 cabins, 2 mobiles and 18 mobile spaces with 580 ft. of river along the edge of the property. $790,000 MLS#101918/102026

GREAT OPPORTUNITY 22 space rv park with one free standing cabin, one bedroom unit with bath, living area avobe two car garage and office with two bedrooms, one bath, living room, dining room, kitchen and living quarters and one bedroom, 1 bath nightly rental. MLS#104174 $735,000

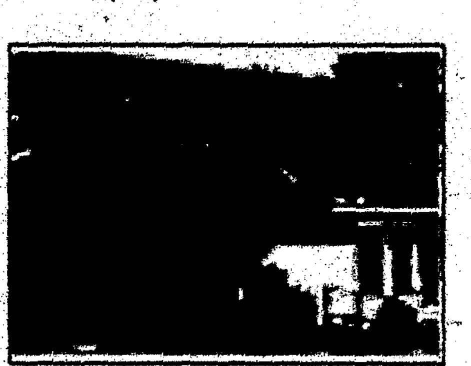
A VERY NICE DOUBLE WIDE IN GOOD LOCATION. Furnished includes all accessories. $149,900 in lovely fawn ridge. open house 10 to 2 on the 4th of July.



BEAUTIFUL RUIDOSO VALLEY SETTING ON 16.63. ACRES WITH WATER RIGHTS And extensive river frontage. Historic Adobe, green house and two nice manufactured homes. Great location for garden, horse, or RV Business. MLS # 15801 $475,000



ALTO COUNTRY CLUB This gorgeous home has fabulous Sierra Blanca views from three rooms and the lovely deck. Wonderful cooks kitchen, with tile touches through out. Built with fine craftmanship, and careful creative design. Metal roof, MLS# 104336



WONDERFUL ALTO COUNTRY CLUB Very nice home in immaculate condition! Fully furnished with the Master bedroom, entry and parking on the ground level. Alto full golf membership! $329,900 MLS#101979

ALTO COUNTRY CLUB. Charming, three bedroom three bath, in Secluded decks fireplace and fabulous views. Large eating area in kitchen. Home recently updated with Hardy plank ext siding. Furnished. #105363 $289,000

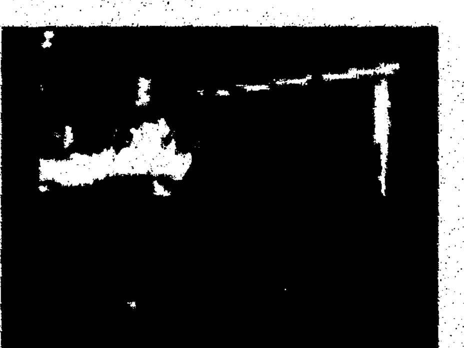
CREE MEADOWS HOME LOCATED ON #9 TEEBOX and overlooks #6 and #8 green. Stunning view of the valley below. Just a short walk to midtown shopping and dining district. Large deck overlooking the golf course. New Exterior Paint and deck has been water sealed. #105193 $289,000

LOCATED LESS THAN A BLOCK FROM MIDTOWN 3 bedroom, 2 bath, kiva fireplace, metal roof, water well Plus many more extras! Zoned Commercial, could be used as a home business. MLS # 103908 $275,000

DARLING THREE BEDROOM, PRICED TO SELL. Cree Country Club. Great Rental history. Lovely neighborhood, and fabulous views of the golf course and Sierra Blanca # 103338 $249,000

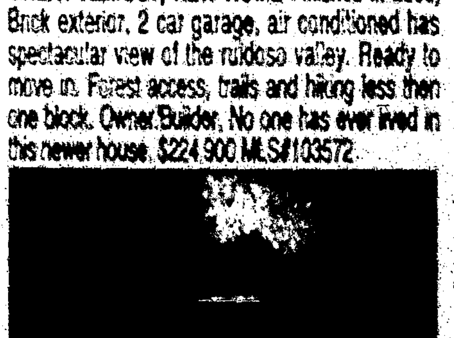
GREAT ALMOST, NEW HOME Finished in 2005, Brick exterior, 2 car garage, air conditioned has spectacular view of the ruidoso valley. Ready to move in. Forest access, trails and hiking less then one block. Owner/Builder, No one has ever lived in this newer house. $224,900 MLS#103572

LINCOLN HISTORICAL DISTRICT Just next to Bill The kid Pageant grounds. This property is in a great Lincoln location. Older home on 4.1 acres. North of Highway 380. Lovely fence yard, single car garage. Beautiful View o Capitan Mountains. Lincoln Historical District. $200,000 MLS#103787

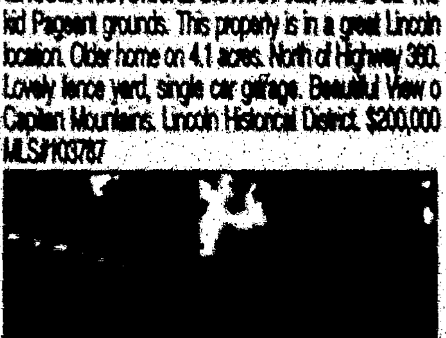


FIVE DECKS SURROUND THIS HOME Enjoy nature with your morning coffee or afternoon cool drink. Very nice fireplace and metal roof. Unique Dining area wall unit and bathroom cabinets decorated by artist/owner. Bottom level could be bedroom or gameroom with with wet bar. MLS#104696

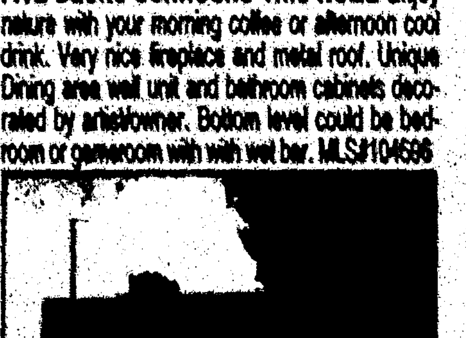
UPPER CANYON CABIN Knotty pine cabin with log siding. Fully furnished in terrific condition. The perfect location only 1 block from the Ruidoso River. This cabin is surrounded by tall pines on a level lot with room to expand. Established rental history. $150,500 MLS #102993



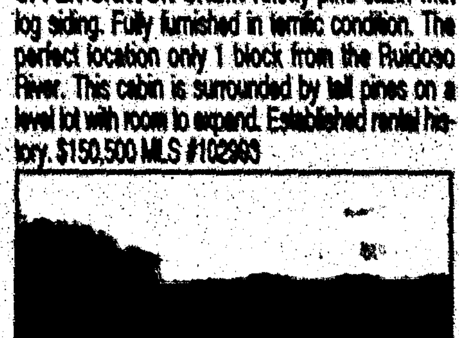
VERY WELL KEPT Home on a lovely lot in The Downs! Easy year round access and pleasant valley views from the front. Could be a great starter home or rental property. $107,000 MLS#100810



SOMETHING CUTE FOR UNDER [illegible] Hurry This is a cute home in the woods of Fawn Ridge. Totally redone kitchen. Owner will consider owner financing. Wonderful deck to enjoy the deer and lots of singing birds.



THIS SOUTHWESTERN HOME IS LOCATED BETWEEN TULAROSA & CARRIZOZO ON HIGHWAY 54. Perfect for a small [illegible] business. Along with the 1140 sq. ft 3 Bedroom, two bath home there is also a 700 sq. ft 3 car garage, a 300 sq ft barn plus a [illegible]



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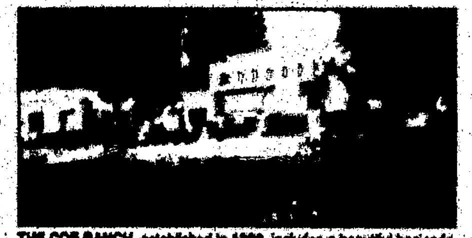
NICE MOUNTAIN VIEWS This one half acre is located in Camelot with all city utilities available. Modulars or doublewides are allowed. Steep upslope from road, but fairly level on top. $9,800 #105418

VALLE DEL SOL. Three acre parcel of land with nice mountain views in the up and coming artist district of Carrizozo. Acreage is mostly level with spectacular views just waiting for you to build your dream home. Electric and water is available $33,500 #105378

LOCATED ON TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN this super constructed home sits on 16+ acres with knock-out-views. Paved drive and amenities galore. A guest house and a covered parking for your RV. A one-of-a-kind home. If you like beauty and privacy, call today for your showing. $1,500,000 #104855



THE COE RANCH established in 1882 includes a beautiful hacienda with 8000+/- sq ft of living space, 5 bdrms, 4 1/2 baths and is surrounded by beautiful gardens. The ranch consists of 288 acres including 86 acres of water rights. The Rio Ruidoso River runs through the ranch and the ranch adjoins the Lincoln National Forest. Many outbuildings, a double-wide home, and farming equipment are included in the price. Offered at $6,395,000. #102137 & #104615

WIDE OPEN VIEWS! 30 acre tract of land on Hwy 380 just east of Carrizozo. House is roomy 3 bedroom 1 bath with hardwood floors. Will have new metal roof and exterior paint soon. Large barn and several out buildings. Lots of pens for animals, garden areas and beautiful wide open views. Several wells on property and comes with 1 water right, more negotiable. New water heater. $299,000 #103632

FEATURE OF THE WEEK/OPEN HOUSE

GLADE DRIVE, RUIDOSO. This 4 bedroom, 3 bath home is brand new and never been lived in. Lots of space with open living and dining area. Home located across and uphill from Sierra Blanca Motors. Win lunch for 2 at the Buttery. MLS #104430 $469,000

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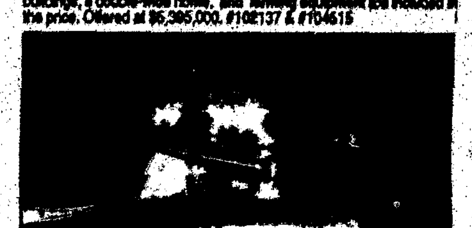
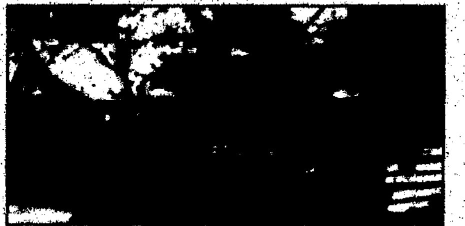


LOCATED ON OVER AN ACRE at the end of a very private cul-de-sac, in the middle of town with an awesome-unobstructed with the most spectacular view of Sierra Blanca. This is a very well built home and has great year-round access. This home offers 3 bdrms, a Jacuzzi tub and an extended deck for enjoying the view. Owner/Agent has lowered price to $455,000 #104293

RUIDOSO DOWNS across from Hubbard Museum, this 6+ acres has lots of privacy with trees and numerous building spots. Electric, cable, water, natural gas, sewer, and phone is available. Easy access for RV's with private road. $185,000 #104011

HISTORIC LINCOLN, NM 4.3 acres downtown across from Ellis Store. All fenced with livestock pen. Some water rights from Lincoln acequia share with other users. Gorgeous views of surrounding mountains. Commercial or residential use – must conform with historical district guidelines. $150,000 #105396

REMODELED AND BEAUTIFUL! This is a colorful home w/ fenced back yard, storage building, garage and all the extras inside. Very relaxing interior and IS A MUST to see. Walk to town or walk the new path at Wingfield Park. Enjoy the fireplace with the open floor plan. $210,000 #105327



LOTS OF POTENTIAL HERE! Midtown commercial property with unlimited possibilities. Will sell As is! This little cabin has 2 bedrooms and 1 bath. Located on Rio Street. $170,000 #101777

RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL!! One of the higher points on Main Road in Upper Canyon. This Unique piece of Ruidoso has great potential for rental or just use as a home with guest quarters. 6 bedrooms, 1 full and two ½ baths with almost unlimited possibilities. Easy access and up-to-code electrical. You can relax on the covered back porch and hear the river run and enjoy the wildlife. $284,000 #101121 or #101132

MAKE AN OFFER TODAY on this very charming 3 bdrm, 2 bath home. Paved drive, 2 car garage, covered deck on corner lot in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates. Fenced back yard, nice landscaping, permanent foundation. OWNER VERY MOTIVATED. $159,999 #104966

CONTRACT PENDING – UPPER CANYON LOG HOME. So many extras in this beautiful 4 bdrm, 4 bath log home. Main living area has open kitchen/living room great for entertaining. The fine quality furnishings throughout this home were selected exclusively to enhance the log home charm. Magnificent floor to ceiling stone fireplace. Owner is very motivated and is considering all offers! $895,000 #102020

GOTTA SEE THIS FOR YOURSELF. This is an older home with "GREAT" character. Two living areas make this a great place for having family get-togethers. Lot goes street to street. This home is wonderfully located with very easy access. Call today for your showing. Reduced to $175,000 #104612

THIS IS A MUST SEE!! Comfortable 1 level home. Large living room with beautiful corner fireplace. Master bedroom opens to large rock patio with hot tub & very nice landscaped yard. Great neighborhood and close to everything. Paved drive with 2 car carport. New roof and natural gas furnace in 2006. Even has a tankless water heater. Not many like this, check it out. Reduced to $239,900 #104856

Priced Reduced – WATER RIGHTS COME WITH THIS top of the line MH. 3bdrms, 2 baths, and 1960 sq. ft. This 5+ acres is well groomed w/fruit trees, an irrigated pasture, shop building, tractor and equipment, and a picnic area. Property is fenced, comfortable views and triple car port, river frontage and horses are allowed Owner will look at trades or will consider all offers. REDUCED to $284,500 #104005

THIS IS A WELL MAINTAINED HOME with upgraded kitchen and appliances. Beautiful landscaping and the location is accessible all year around. Also a 10x24 heated workshop and a heated single car garage. Priced per Rod Adamson appraisal. $119,500 #103761

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Contents of Navarette Unit & Unit #24 will be sold to satisfy debts. Saturday, July 11, 2009. 9 am at Wild West Storage.

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Region IX Education Cooperative is seeking proposals for daily to- and from-school transportation services for 2009-2010 school year for 1 vehicle for Head Start students in the Ruidoso School District, and 1 vehicle in the Hondo Valley School District and 1 vehicle in the Capitan School District; vehicles used in transportation of students are owned by Lincoln County Head Start. School bus contractors must submit proof of the following with proposals:

1. Ability to provide CDL Examiner Certification to drivers

2. Ability to provide National Safety Council Defensive Driving and First Aid Instruction

3. Ability to provide all vehicle maintenance and storage

4. Ability to provide appropriately licensed and trained drivers and substitutes when necessary

5. Ability to provide substitute vehicle use when necessary

6. Ability to comply with Head Start Transportation Regulation 1310

CONTRACT LENGTH: School days from September 2, 2009 through May 14, 2010, and in accordance with the Head Start calendar.

ROUTE SPECIFICATIONS: Current round-trip route specifications are as follows:

Undetermined - Provide bid information on School Bus

Transportation Vehicle Production Worksheet - per mile bid. (3 yes)

CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES: Provide appropriately licensed and trained drivers for school buses, provide compensation and benefits associated with drivers, provide on-going training for drivers; [illegible]

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provide children's names and addresses to contractor; assist with Head Start appropriate training; and submit requests to contractor in advance for unscheduled field trips (compensation for such field trips is not included within this proposal.)

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION: All sealed and complete proposals must be received at the REC IX office by Friday, July 9, 2009 - 4:00 pm. Proposals will be opened at 4:00 pm., Monday, July 13, 2009 -Region IX office. For additional information, contact Fred Romero or Teresa Barnett, REC IX - 575-257-2368 1400 Sudderth, Ruidoso, NM 88345

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 to be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse (Commission Chambers) in Carrizozo, New Mexico. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider the following item:

Final Budget Hearing; Fiscal Year 2009-2010

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the proposed Budget may be obtained from the County Manager's office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service, please contact 575-648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Billie-Jo Guevara
Administration Assistant/Human Resources

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INVITATION TO BID

Hondo Valley Public Schools is receiving bids for the landscaping of football field with riprap to include drainage for overflow.

1. Rock wall would be approximately 450 ft. to 500 ft. in length and 20 ft. in height.

Sealed bids will be received until 2:00pm, July 17, 2009 in the office of the Superintendent where they will be opened and publicly recorded. The successful bid will be awarded at the regular scheduled board meeting of the Hondo Valley Public Schools [illegible]

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Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico Notice of Meeting, Public Hearing and Intent to Adopt Ordinance

The Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico, hereby gives notice of the Village Council meeting for Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 4:30 p.m., at the Ruidoso Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, in Ruidoso, New Mexico. At such meeting the Village Council will hold a public hearing concerning and will consider for adoption the Ordinance described below. Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for public inspection during the normal and regular business hours of the Village Clerk, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

The title of the proposed Ordinance is:

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO ORDINANCE NO. 2009-12

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND INTERCEPT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO (THE "GOVERNMENTAL UNIT") AND THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY, EVIDENCING A SPECIAL, LIMITED OBLIGATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT TO PAY A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF $1,615,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING TWO FIRE PUMPERS AND AN AERIAL TRUCK FOR USE BY THE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT; PAYING A LOAN PROCESSING FEE; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST DUE UNDER THE LOAN AGREEMENT SOLELY FROM THE DISTRIBUTION OF FIRE PROTECTION FUND REVENUES DISTRIBUTED BY THE STATE TREASURER TO THE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT PURSUANT TO SECTION 59A-53-7, NMSA 1978; PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF FIRE PROTECTION FUND REVENUES TO BE

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REDIRECTED BY THE STATE TREASURER TO THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY OR ITS ASSIGNS FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST DUE ON THE LOAN AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO AN INTERCEPT AGREEMENT; APPROVING THE FORM AND TERMS OF, AND OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND INTERCEPT AGREEMENT; SETTING THE MAXIMUM INTEREST RATE OF THE LOAN; RATIFYING ACTIONS HERETOFORE TAKEN; REPEALING ALL ACTION INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND INTERCEPT AGREEMENT.

A general summary of the subject matter of the Ordinance is contained in its title.

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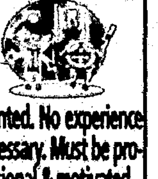

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BID NOTICE PROPANE

Hondo Valley Public Schools is receiving bids to provide propane for the 2009-2010 school year. The sealed bid must be received by 2:00 p.m. on July 9, 2009, to be opened at the Superintendent's office at that time.

The successful bidder must be willing to accept prepayment for a stipulated amount of propane at a guaranteed price, to be delivered as needed during the school year.

Specifications are available in the office of the Superintendent, P.O. Box 55, Hondo, New Mexico 88336 or telephone 505.653.4411. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted, waiving minor technicalities. Bid will be awarded at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on July 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the Hondo Vally Public Schools.

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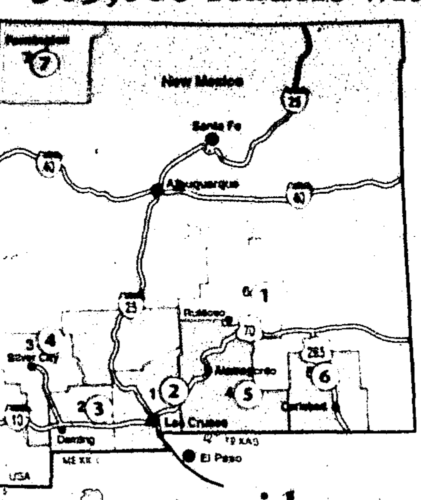

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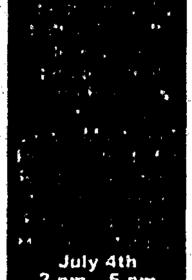

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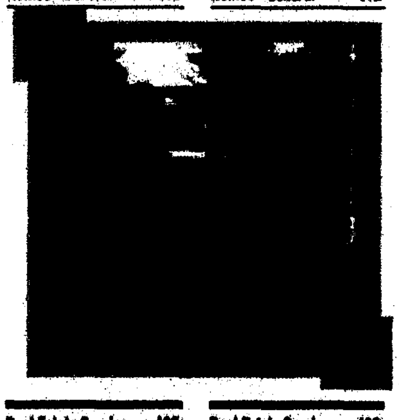

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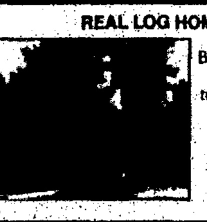

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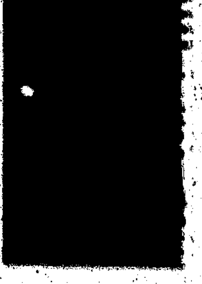

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Upper Canyon

Residential Lots 436

169 & 171 Meader. 2 lots @ 70x100 ea. Util. 32K ea. lot or 60k for both. Modular okay. 0% down & low interest land/ house pkg loan available. to qualify buyers. 937-0889 or 257-0888

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Jungle Gym, 2 swings, slide, rings, platform, ladder $75. Golf Balls, Prev1-$18/doz, all others $4/doz., 3 for $10. 649-9261

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Garage/Yard/Estate Sales 628

113 Torreon Loop, Ruidoso. Take Hull Rd. to High Loop to Nogal Place to Torreon. Sat. & Sun. 7 am - Noon.

BIG YARD SALE! July 3rd, 4th & 5th 112 Mt. View Rd. Capitan, NM. Follow signs from Hwy 48 Boots, fabric, plants. Just about everything

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Yard Sale. July 3rd & 4th, 429 W 2nd, Capitan. X-box, N64 Game Cube, computer, Ipod dressers & more.

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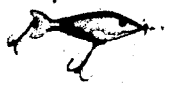

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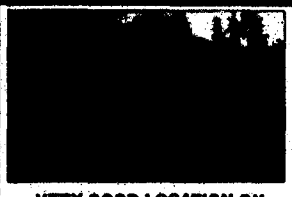

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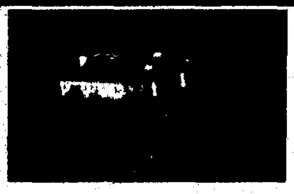

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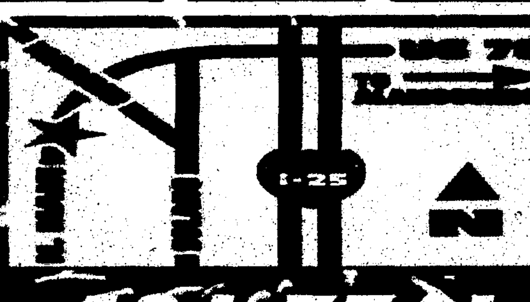

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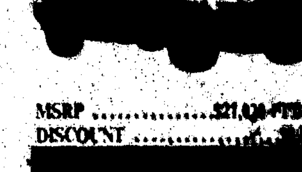

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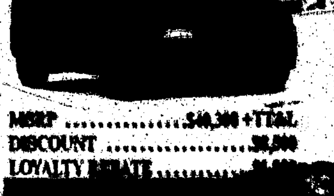

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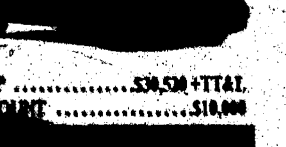

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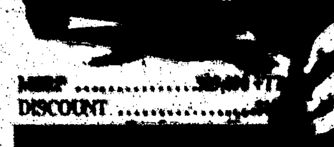

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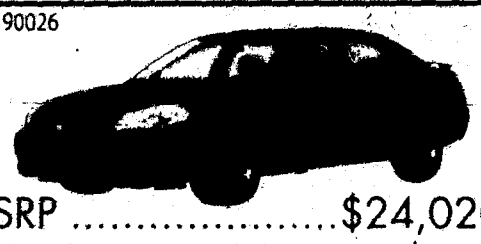

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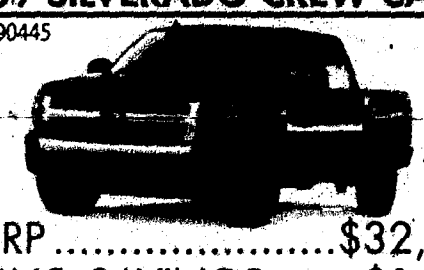

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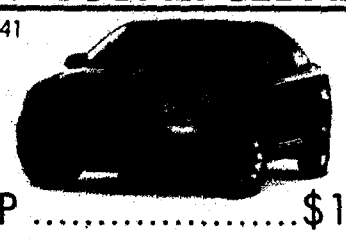

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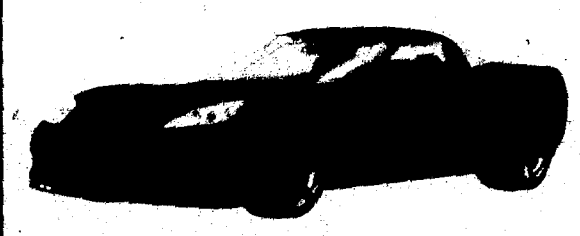

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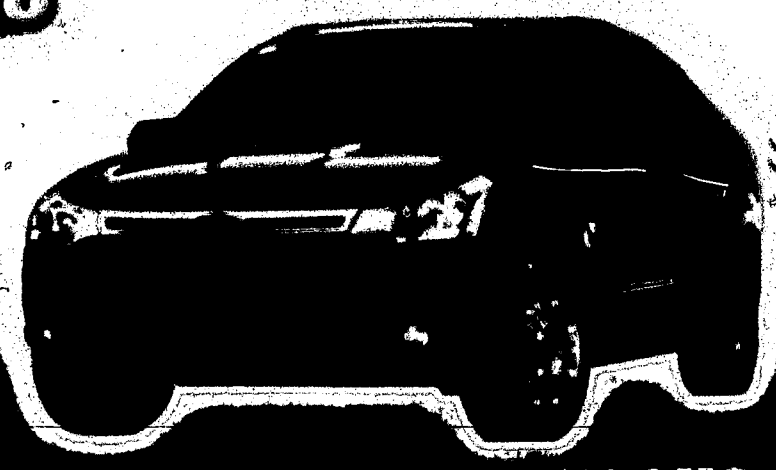

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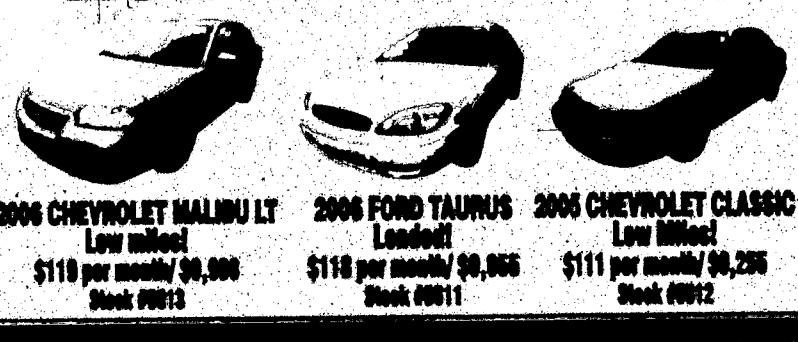

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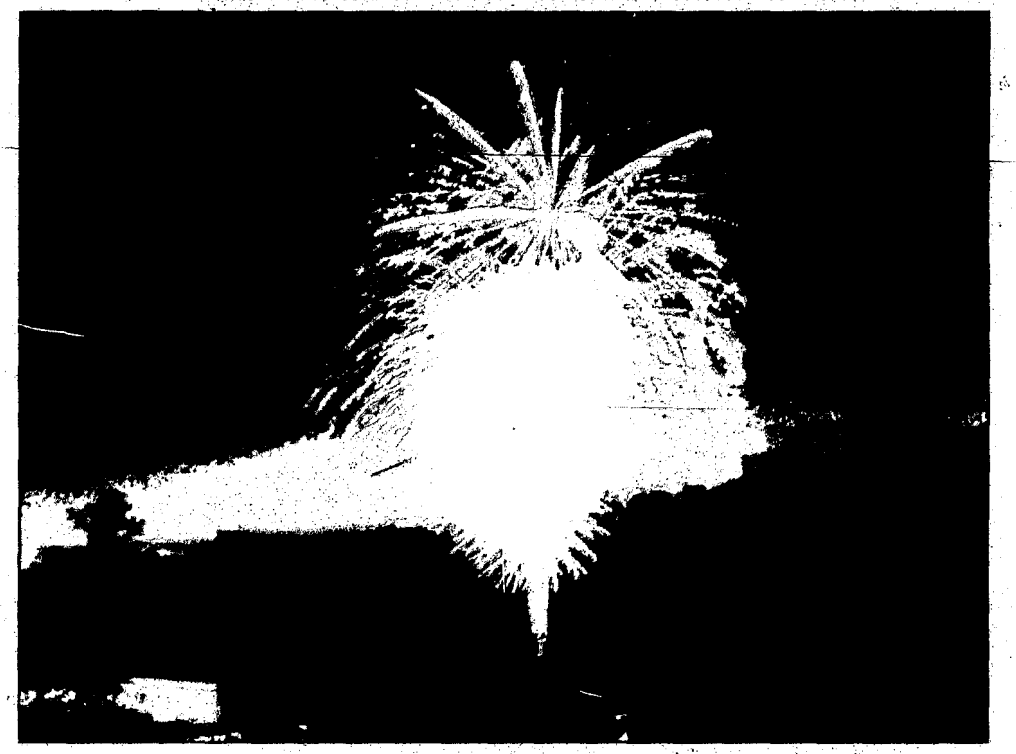

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Alamogordo 4th of July Parade

The City of Alamogordo will be hosting Independence Day celebrations Saturday, July 4th. Community Services will kick off a day of patriotic events for the public with the annual 4th of July Parade.

Mayor Steve Brockett is pleased to announce that this year the parade will host honored and special guests. Grand Marshal will be US Representative from the 2nd Congressional District of New Mexico, Harry Teague. Special honored guests representing our military will be Holloman Air Force Base and 49th Fighter Wing Commander, Colonel Jeff Harrigian and Mrs. Harrigian.

Mayor Brockett will be accompanied by another special guest, Otero County Commission Chairman, Ronny Rardin. The parade will feature business and community floats, with Fire Services, DPS, and the prestigious color-guard from Holloman Air Force Base. Weather-permitting, there may even be a special guest appearance of the F-22 Raptor from Holloman.

Entry-call right now for the parade stands at 35 and more entries are encouraged and invited. Please contact the Alamogordo Family Recreation Center at 439-4142 to enter your float, and last minute entries are accepted with registration. July 2008 festivities finalized with over 44 entries.

The parade will start promptly at 10 a.m. departing from the Family Recreation Center on 10th and Oregon. It will then proceed down 10th street west to the Downtown Merchants, turning left to end on historic Old New York Avenue.

Smokey Bear Stampede

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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.

River Rendezvous Outdoor Fair

July 3-5: (Ruidoso) Annual arts and crafts show. 524 Sudderth Dr.; 630-1096.

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.

Stephen Ashbrook

July 4: (Ruidoso) Singer/songwriter from Portland, 7:30 p.m. at Landlocked.

Hispanic Fiestas of Yesteryear

July 4: (Ruidoso Downs) 2 p.m., with Nasario Garcia.

Life in rural New Mexico for the farmer/rancher during the first decades of the 20th century was difficult, but for him and his family it wasn't "all work and no play." Throughout the year daily chores were put aside and fiestas reigned supreme. From the elderly to the very young, a joyous mood prevailed among villagers. Eating, playing practical jokes and games, dancing, drinking, and even fighting were standard during the day and night of the fiesta. This lecture based on personal experiences, old-timers' own words, and tape-recorded music of years gone by, will take you back in time and space. Funded by New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities.

Full Moon Night at White Sands National Monument

White Sands National Monument will continue its summer Full Moon Program series on Tuesday, July 7. Visitors may enter the Dunes Drive until 10:00 p.m. on this night and must exit the park by 11:p.m.

The evening's activities begin with a ranger-guided Sunset Stroll Nature Walk at 7 p.m. The Sunset Stroll will focus on the geology, plants, and animals of the dune field and will provide an opportunity for photographing the dunes at sunset.

An evening program will begin at 8:30 p.m. at the amphitheater in the heart of the dunes. The July 7 Full Moon Program will feature acclaimed western and Celtic singer and writer Connie Dover. Celtic and Western singer/poet Connie Dover and cowboy singer/musician Skip Gorman bring together their deep-down, heartfelt interpretations of the traditional music of the American West, Ireland, and Scotland.

Dover, described by the Boston Globe as the "finest ballad singer America has produced since Joan Baez," and Gorman, who *Bluegrass Unlimited* magazine calls "a masterful interpreter of cowboy ballads," blend their music in a concert of the "sweet old songs" of the Western trail, the cow camps, and the Old-World ballads that were their predecessors.

There is no seating at the amphitheater. Visitors who do not wish to sit on the sand should bring blankets or folding chairs. The park entrance fee is $3 per person (16 and over). Children and holders of America the Beautiful Annual Pass, Senior Pass, Access Pass, or the White Sands Annual Pass are admitted free. For more information, call 479-6125 or 679-2599 extension 231 or 236.

Write songs at the library

July 10: (Ruidoso) This summer's reading program for teens at the Ruidoso Public Library is Express Yourself @ the Library. What better way to express yourself than in song? Bring your creativity and write some songs with Andy Mason on July 10 2:30 to 3:30.

Mason is a songwriter and guitar playing singer. Music was not really emphasized in his family growing up, but he has been singing as long as he can remember. At the age of 20, Mason picked up a guitar and decided to become a wandering minstrel. His travels have taken him to England, China, South America, Europe, Mexico, Canada and all over the United States. Mason loves to perform for kids and has visited hundreds of libraries and schools over the last few years. He came to the Ruidoso Public Library in 2008 to perform children's songs. As a former teacher, Mason understands the importance of music in education. He currently lives in Portales.

The Little Mermaid

July 10: (Alto) Fire-10 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 larryruby2@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. Info: 575-648-2598

EVENTS CALENDAR

Photo Club

July 11: (Ruidoso) The photo club will hold it's annual picnic on July 11 at the Pavilion at the entrance to White Mountain Meadows. Gathering time 5 p.m. and eating time at 6 p.m. PSLC will supply the meat. Bring a drink of your choice, a pot-luck and a guest and/or significant other.

To get to the Pavilion go north on Hull Rd. to the first left after the Gavalan Canyon intersection. It is right in front of you.

Loverboy

July 16: (Mescalero) Loverboy performs at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino. Formed in Calgary, Alberta, in 1980, Loverboy has 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 begins at 7 p.m., tickets are $25. A part of the 2009 Summer Concert Series.

Hal Holbrook

July 17: (Alto) 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 irreverence.

Federated Woman's Club Arts & Crafts

July 18: (Ruidoso) Fourth Arts & Crafts Fair from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 116 South Evergreen. More info, 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) Parade, vendors, music, Ranch Rodeo, brisket dinner and dance.

Saturn and the Moon

July 25: (Alamogordo) Month: July Date(s): 8 to 9:30 p.m. The Amateur Astronomers Group of the New Mexico Museum of Space History will be sponsoring tour of the summer sky as the Saturn and the Moon approach conjunction. Major constellations like Ursa Major, Bootes and Virgo will also be viewed. For information call: 575-437-8284.

Oliver Lee Memorial State Park is located 8 miles South of Alamogordo on Hwy 54 and 4 miles East on Dog Canyon Rd.

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.

Old Lincoln Days

August 7-9: (Lincoln) Street vendors, food, mountain man camp, entertainment up and down the street all weekend and a parade through Historic Lincoln at 11 a.m. on Sunday. 575-653-4025.

Book sale

August 7-9: (Ruidoso) Paperbacks, hardbacks, childrens books, videos, DVDs, CDs. All proceeds go to local charities. Fri. 2-5,Sat.9-5,Sun.12-3 at the Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club, 116 S. Evergreen.

Last Escape of Billy the Kid Pageant

August 7-9: (Lincoln) Friday and Saturday night performances at 8:30 p.m. Sunday performance at 3 p.m. "The Last Escape of Billy The Kid" is a folk pageant centering around the life of the legendary outlaw, Billy the Kid. This pageant was first presented in 1940.

This is unique and living folk art. The episodes of the pageant are based on historical facts of the notorious Lincoln County War, and in particular its focus is centered upon the best remembered of its fighters, Billy the Kid.

The pageant portrays many scenes to include the killing of John Tunstall, which precipitated Billy's wrathful vengeance; the Battle of Blazer's Mill, in which the courageous "Buckshot Roberts" stood off Billy and his 12 cohorts; and the siege of the McSween House, up to Billy's incarceration in the Lincoln County Courthouse and his remarkable escape.

Many of the players are descendants of the original pageant participants. The players still live the Western life they portray in the pageant. These people have gladly donated their time, energy and possessions. They are the real heroes of this folk play – one of the very few remaining in the United States made up entirely of local players without any professional help. Admission is $6 for adults and $2 for children.

Fort Stanton Live

August 8: Buffalo Soldiers, re-enactors, food vendors, kids activities, tours. 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission free, suggested donation, $5.

Chamber Music for Children

August 8: (Alto) At the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 11 a.m. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children. The Chamber Music Festival presents Willy Sucre & Friends in a fun program of classical music.

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 Competition 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.

Alto Artists Studio Tour

August 8-9: (Alto) Join us in celebrating the enchanting beauty of Southern New Mexico in a self-guided art tour through the scenic countryside of Alto. Some of the most beautiful homes in the region will be hosting award-winning artists and the artistic creations that have been inspired by the natural beauty and unique culture of the area.

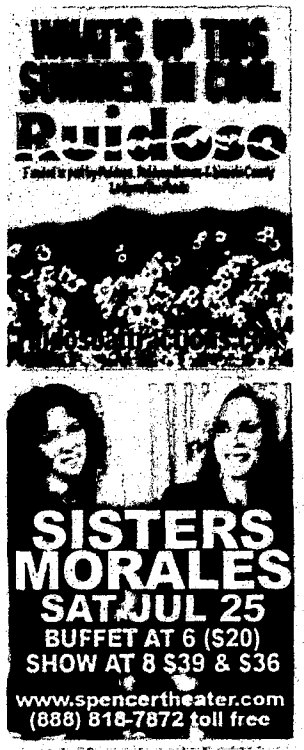
This tour will kick off with a preview party at the Spencer Theater, home to some of the premier cultural events of the Southwest.

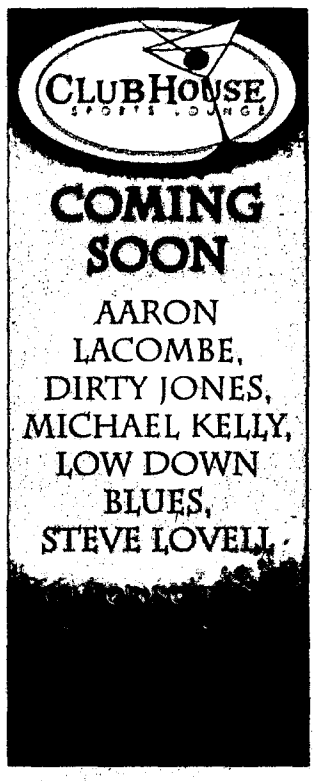
A Ride with Bob

August 13-15: (Alto) Starring Asleep at the Wheel, at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 8 p.m. each night (tickets at $59 and $56). Songs like "Faded Love," "Roly Poly" and "San Antonio Rose." Rollicking tribute-tale with Ray Benson's band of 25 celebrating the late, great Bob Wills, the King of Western Swing.

Randy Rogers Band & Mark McKinney

August 15: (Ruidoso Downs) In concert at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack & Casino.





LITERA

Call of the wolf

A cautionary tale from Lincoln County's best-known historian

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
FOR VAMANOS

As I finished the last page and closed the book cover of *Wolf Story*, my cheeks were wet with streaming tears, my eyes cloudy and my lips trembling.

I was as torn up inside as the day in 2004, when Drew Gomber called to tell me that Lazarus, the wolf we shared in life and mourned in death, was gone.

Finding him abandoned and ill, I nursed Laz as a pup through Parvo with Dr. Warren Franklin, helping the Glencoe veterinarian at midnight insert an IV into his neck. After he recovered, I brought him into my home and tried to instill basic good manners and respect for the pack pecking order over the first six months of his life.

By then, I knew Laz needed something more than I could provide living in a house in Ruidoso with three dogs, several cats and no fenced yard. When Drew, an animal lover supreme and dedicated historian, said he was interested in adopting Laz and was moving to a ranch in Bent, I brought Laz to work. The two guys spent many hours together for a few days to begin the bonding.

After his introduction to Drew's home, I stayed away for the first 30 days, but then returned to visit never less than once a month to ensure Laz didn't feel abandoned, only that he moved onto a new pack. His love and respect for Drew was apparent quickly and I never regretted my decision.

In writing a tribute to his lupus brother published by Write Designs LTD, Drew tells readers about the rest of the nine years of his life with Laz with his signature humor, obvious love and great insight. His style has amassed a substantial following for his "Past Tense" history column that runs weekly in the ¡Vamonos! section of the *Ruidoso News*.

Readers will appreciate the book's chapter on Lazarus' dispatch of two coyotes menacing Drew's small dog named Blanche even if they don't like seeing any animal hurt or killed, because Laz was doing his job as a friend protecting another friend.

In describing the weight of the chain and stake he used to try to secure Laz, some may think Drew exaggerated. But I can attest he did not. One time when Laz spent the weekend at my house early in his days with Drew, I couldn't lift the apparatus, but Laz didn't seem to even notice it. His strength was astonishing.

The book details Drew's other creatures, from cats to horses and goats, and how they touched his life and interacted with Lazarus. A few ill-advised exchanges with visiting friends also are recalled.

As much as Drew adored Laz and conveyed that admiration to the reader, the book is not an advocacy for wolf "pets," it is a cautionary tale. Scattered throughout the stories of Lazarus, Drew delivered the message that wolves cannot be "owned" and do not belong in homes. They are wild animals with predator instincts. Lazarus came to Drew in an unusual circumstance and was a hybrid, but not by much. He was more wolf and illustrated to Drew the differences from his canine domesticated cousins.

I found myself laughing and crying, touched by the respect and affection the two exhibited for each other. Readers don't have to know Lazarus to appreciate the experiences related by the author in this book that is a guaranteed enjoyable day's read for anyone who has shivered at the howl of a wolf or thrilled to its predator chase on screen or been captivated by those stone-cold eyes.

Wolf Story sells for $16 and can be purchased at The River Museum, Mechem Drive in Ruidoso, or may be ordered by calling 575-653-4056.

The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Tuesday and Wednesday. Gomber writes the "Past Tense" history column for the *Ruidoso News*, and is the author of *Lincoln County War: Heroes and Villains*, *Past Tense: American Souls, Vol. I* and *Lincoln County War: A Primer*. He also has worked as an advisor and appeared in several television productions on the Discovery Channel and History Channel.

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LITERA

You can go home again

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR VAMANOS

Judy Lockhart DiGregorio is coming "home" today and with her, she is bringing her new book, *Life Among the Lilliputians*.

Digregorio is a Capitan High School graduate and lifelong friend of many still in the Lincoln County area. She is scheduled to do a reading at the Capitan Public Library at 7 p.m. today as the feature speaker for CPL's First Friday event.

Life Among the Lilliputians is a comical commentary and inspirational insight into the foibles and follies of life. The easy-to-read print carries the eye easily through the short vignettes on 123 pages.

DiGregorio writes with a wit and an acceptance of life that paints her to be a loving, generous and upbeat personality. Her skill lies in her ability to take even the simplest of moments in her day and present it with humor and acceptance.

"It could happen to anybody," she says as the bottom line to the telling of several hapless events in a chapter titled the same.

Silas House, *The New York Times'* best-selling author of *Clay's Quilt*, has praised the book as "hilarious, touching and often profound." Carolyn Jourdan, author of Heart in the Right Place, says, "Erma Bombeck has a worthy successor in Judy DiGregorio."

The essays are touching, profound in their simplicity and the humor delightful because of DiGregorio's ability to first laugh at herself. Sharing many moments of private embarrassment that would, for most people, remain lost in time, the author lays open her humanness and gives the reader permission to recognize themselves in her dilemmas.

After 45 years of marriage to her husband Dan, they introduce each other as "This is my first wife," to which she replies, "and you're my last husband." Her stories weave their married life throughout the pages in humorous, recognizable and identifiable ways.

DiGregorio is a freelance writer and humor columnist for *Anderson County Visions Magazine*. She is a popular workshop leader and speaker, and in 2006 was named an outstanding Southern artist by the Tennessee Arts Commission.

Her literary work has been featured both locally to her home in Tennessee and nationally in numerous magazines and newspapers including *Birmingham Arts Journal, The Tennessee Writer, the Army-Navy Times, The Writer, ByLine Magazine, Church Musician Today,* and *CC Motorcycle News Magazine*. Her writings are included in numerous anthologies and three of her stories appear in Chicken Soup books.

Life Among the Lilliputians, a collection of humorous essays, was published by Celtic Cat Publishing, Knoxville, Tenn., in October 2008.

For more information, visit DiGregorio's Web site at www.judyjabber.com.

A sense of place

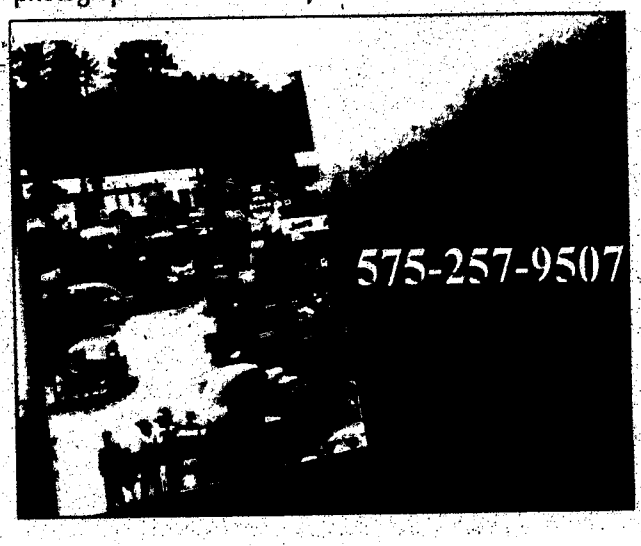
Lyn Kidder and Herb Brunell will sign copies of their new book, *Ruidoso & Ruidoso Downs*, at Books, Etc, 2340 Sudderth, on July 4 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The book, published by Arcadia Publishing in May 2009, is a collection of vintage photographs, many of which have never been published, and stories from many long-time Ruidoso residents.

"Ruidoso is different from most tourist towns because the majority of our visitors have spent so much time here, they're practically residents," Kidder said. "It's not unusual to meet visitors whose grandparents or great-grandparents came here for the summer."

Kidder is a freelance writer who has written for *New Mexico Magazine, New Mexico Journey*, the *Ruidoso News* and *Oh, So Ruidoso*. Brunell is a photographer who has chronicled life in Ruidoso for almost 50 years.

"We've found that people are very interested in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs' history," Brunell said. "We've been surprised how popular the book has been."



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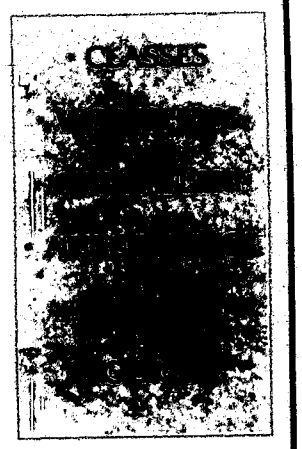

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ART LOOP 2009/ARTIST PROFILES (LAST IN A SERIES)

Jody King, Ancient Wing Artworks. All works are hand painted on tin. They are embellished with 14K gold, sterling silver, glass, mirror, ivory beads and bone. The pieces are created from objects (rings, bracelets) found in pawn and junk shops in Texas and New Mexico. The tin comes from ceilings or old signs. Ancient Wings logo was created to represent the fact that I use ancient symbolism in my pieces. All works are original and cannot be repeated.

Lyn La Porte, La Porte Studio. Lyn is from Stepney, East London. As an artist, she has experimented with multiple mediums. Nothing has captured her heart like knitting. Recognizing her superb technique and creative flair, film director Steven Spielberg was the first person to commission Lyn for a sweater. All of her designs are original, seamless pieces. Her fertile imagination is her muse, constantly pushing Lyn through creative boundaries.

Lou Maestas. Lou uses a revered art form called the "Oil rub-out technique" which Michelangelo employed in the 16th century. The whole process is subtractive, and teaches light and dark values by placing the dark first, rubbing out, then working towards the light. There is virtually no brush work; the piece is accomplished solely with the use of the fingers and a simple rag. Use of the technique allows the artist to maintain a fluid approach to the work.

Joan Malkerson, Gallery 408. "I am working on my Spine Series. It is based on the bones and vertebrae collected around my home in New Mexico and brought into the studio. The symbol of the spine denotes strength, support and communication. I like thinking about how we are all connected in some way. We all were young once. We all grow old together. The body seems to be the locus of the connection."

Victoria Mauldin, Victoria Mauldin Studio. Victoria paints wildlife, figurative subjects and landscapes. Working primarily in oils and acrylics, she enjoys using a variety of styles as she captures the intrigue and beauty of New Mexico, the Southwest and Mexico.

Rosemary Maupin. New Mexico has many fine jewelry designers. Rosemary Maupin's big, bold, beautiful and bodacious jewelry creations, created from beads, metals, gems and natural stone, seem to speak for themselves and say, "We're Different!" They are large, colorful and lovely, and allow any woman who wears them to feel special and unique.

Judy Pekelsma, Pek 'n Paw Studio. "I paint in the open air as much as possible. To paint nature one must be close to it. New Mexico light is clear and the views are inspirational. Recent travels to Ireland and Italy have entered my repertoire. Larger works are sketched and rendered onto canvas in my studio. Abstraction, which instills spirit, is my studio work."

Patty Robinson. "I'm having great fun painting scenes of Venice and Florence using glorious colors. There are new retablos in antique frames from San Miguel de Allende. Also, hula dancers! Nothing sad or drab this year. Come and forget the economy. My work will make you smile."

Steve and Madeleine Sabo, Artistic Art from Wood. This talented couple hand turn exquisite and unique wooden bowls, vases and vessels on the lathe in their studio located in the beautiful mountains of Nogal. They both enjoy explaining the turning process when folks come to visit.

Jamie Slack, Jamie Ink. Jamie's playfulness and enthusiasm for life are reflected in her whimsical gourd sculptures, ink drawings and watercolor illustrations. By often incorporating found objects, her work becomes a real treasure. She hopes that her work will speak to you in its own way.

Karen Smith, Karen Smith Contemporary Quilts. "The primary inspiration for my art is the experience of the divine in my life as it comes to me in words, in the views of my sacred land, and the relationships of family and friends. My voice is in the fabric, given to me by my grandmother whose love and devotion is with me every day." Kindred Spirits Sanctuary, a peaceful retreat complete with 11 circuit Chartres-style labyrinth, is located at her home.

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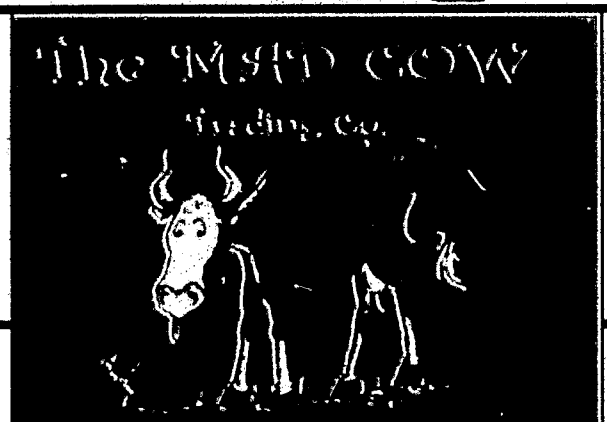

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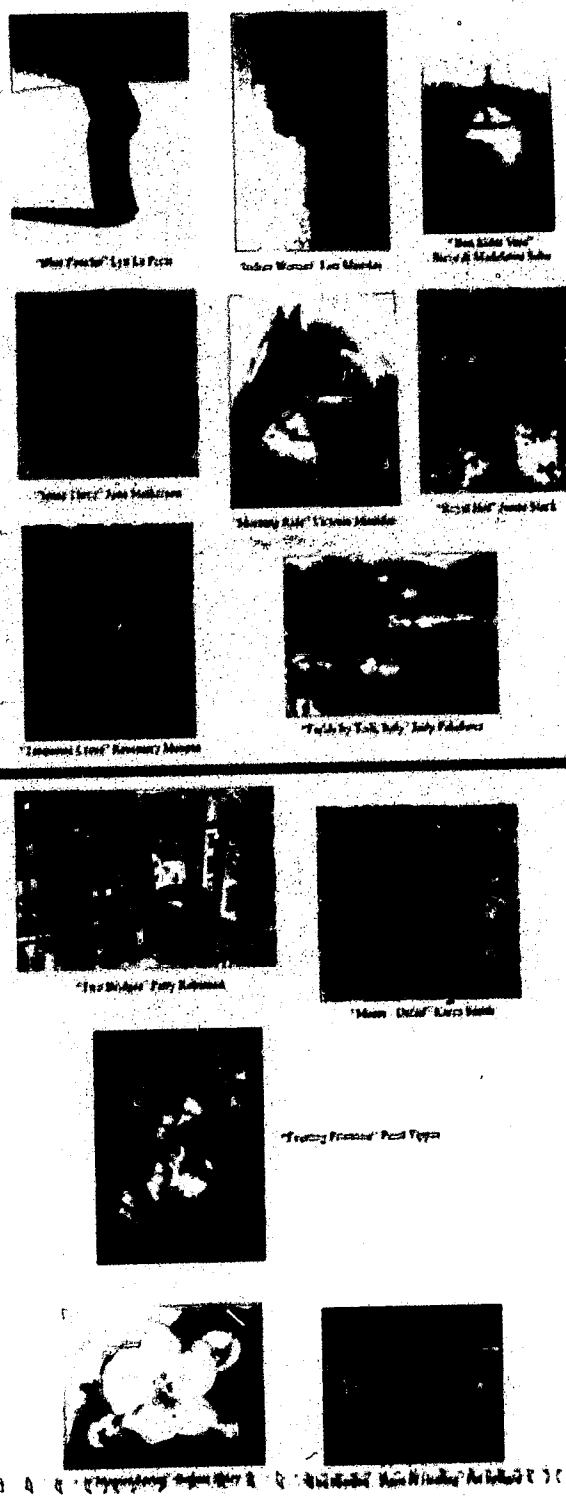
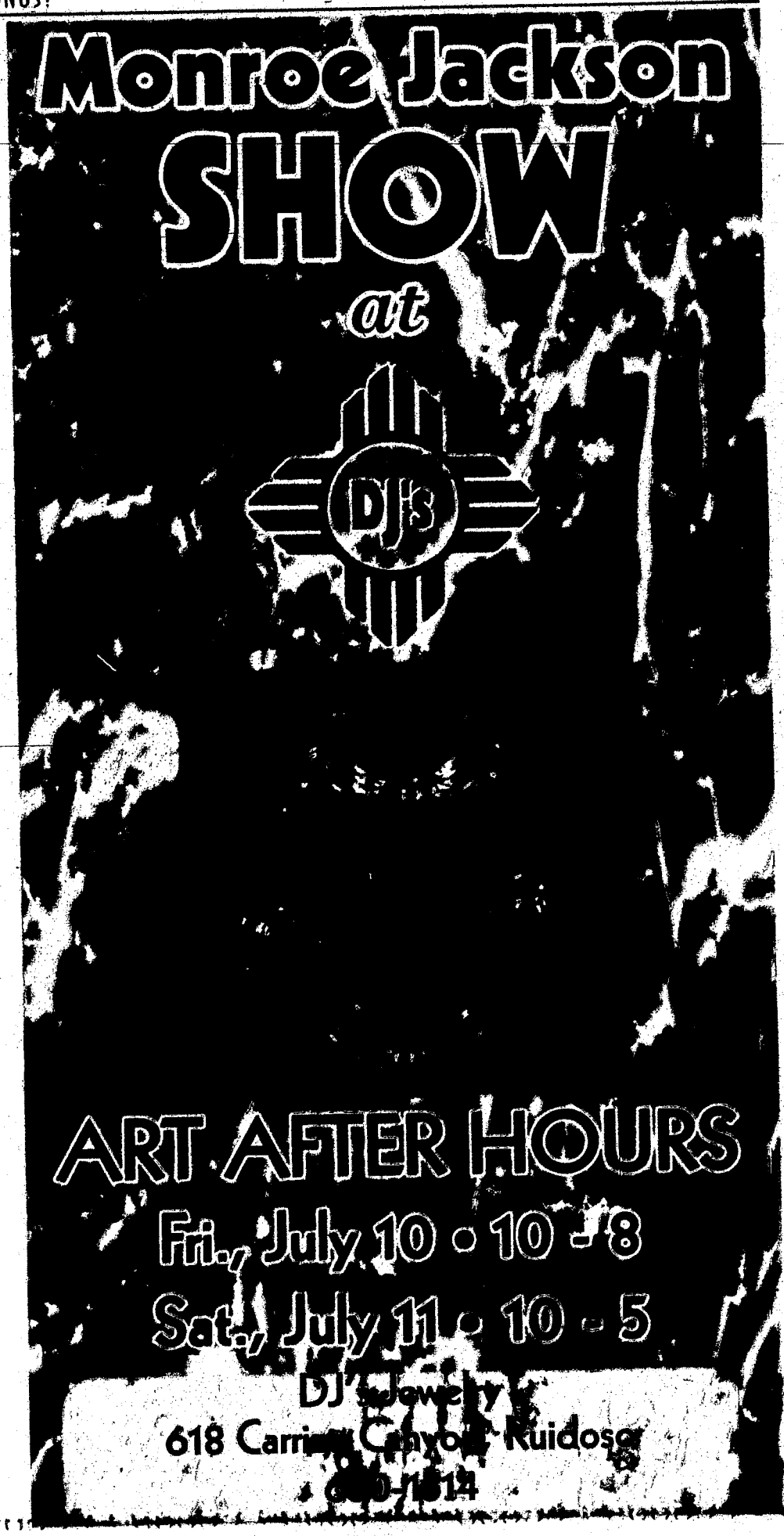
Kaleidoscope Designs. Bonnie began oil painting a few years ago after a long hiatus to raise three daughters and pursue a career in engineering. Always fascinated with stained glass, she took lessons in 1990 and soon was creating unique pieces in stained and fused glass. For several years she taught stained glass and did consignment work in Niagara Falls, NY, before moving to Carrizozo in 2007.

Pat Speight, Pat's Kitchen. "Art is my passion. I have been creating, drawing and painting for over 30 years. I begin with a concept, and work from the inside out. I use symbolic language, geometric shapes, straight lines, strong design principles and collage. These techniques express my feelings and observations of the Southwest. I have learned to enjoy and trust the creative process."

Pearl Tippin, Silk 'N Pearls. "Accomplishing a dream, or even aspiring to do so, is no small thing. I am now doing what I wanted to do since childhood and it feels very good, finally, to think of myself as an artist."





Music

Dreamers on Mill Avenue

Stephen Ashbrook, who plays Ruidoso Saturday, came out of the fertile Tempe, Ariz., music scene

BY MARTY RACINE
FOR VAMANOS

Stephen Ashbrook went from the desert to the rainy Northwest. This weekend he returns to his old stomping grounds.

Ashbrook plays Landlocked in Ruidoso Saturday in what is being billed as an all-ages solo acoustic show that begins at 7:30 p.m. The night before, he plays a gig in Santa Fe (Santa Fe Brewing Company).

Ashbrook, who made his mark in the Tempe, Ariz., music scene before moving to Portland, Ore., recalls a show he did at Landlocked just a couple of years ago.

"It was great," he said on the phone from Portland. "I'd never even been in the area before. Flew into El Paso, drove up. It was gorgeous. I think ski season was just over. It was really pretty."

Touring on his latest album, *White Balloons*, Ashbrook has come to appreciate smaller markets for his music, which he also, depending on the venue, performs with an electric rock 'n' roll band.

"A lot of the places I tend to return to are smaller towns a couple of hours outside of a major city that's a cool destination spot that brings through great bands," he said.

"A lot of times the smaller towns seem to appreciate the music and the art that comes through than some of the bigger towns that are overloaded with things to do. L.A. is one of the hardest places for me to play. I've got a show coming up there at the Mint in July. It never fails. Two doors down, Wilco is playing for five bucks. There's always some great show that, quite frankly, if I wasn't playing, I'd be at that show, too. The competition is so stiff in some of these cities. And not only that, any night of the week people can go out and see high-caliber art. In smaller towns where it's not an every-night occurrence, they seem to appreciate it more."

If things work out, Ruidoso could become a regular stop on the itinerary.

"It's awesome that Aaron (LaCombe, Landlock's manager) is bringing in music and letting the community know about it," Ashbrook said.

"It's weird. You go to some spots, and with just a little bit of promotion, getting the word out, you can really see the town come out. One of my standing shows, when I go to Arizona, I'll play at the Spirit Room in Jerome. It's just become one of these great shows of mine where the whole town sells out of hotel rooms and people come from Phoenix and Northern Arizona. The club will sell out and we'll have a great time and get up in the morning, dust ourselves off and head back to wherever we came from."

Ashbrook first took a fancy to guitar while growing up in Utah.

"Back in summer camps, just banging on acoustic guitars around campfires – I thought that was kind of cool. I had some councilors show me some chords.

"For my 13th birthday my parents gave me a choice whether I wanted a guitar or a pair of skis. We were living in Salt Lake City, so I was really into skiing, as well. But I really wanted to play guitar. I thought, hey, chicks dig guitar. As a 13-year-old boy that sounded like a good idea."

He never took formal lessons.

"I had a guy show me some chords. Then I picked up a Beatles songbook, so I knew kind of how the songs were supposed to go and learned to play along. Then I learned from other players."

No doubt, like a lot of young guitarists, Ashbrook saw himself in his imagination, and probably in the mirror, as a budding hotshot lead player.

"When I first started learning guitar, I wanted to be like Eddie Van Halen."

he said, referring to one of the most highly regarded and flashy players in the business.

"I realized really quickly I was no lead guitar player. I just wasn't that good. So that's when I thought I'd kick it back to writing songs and singing."

Ashbrook played in a high school band and eventually wound up as the lead singer.

"We played high school dances and stuff. We had a singer, but I wrote a lot of the songs. But I was too shy to sing. Finally, I realized it's just easier to sing the songs myself, if I could, than trying to explain to the singer how it was supposed to go.

"He was a couple of years older than I was and he went to college, so I just started singing."

Ashbrook's family moved to Arizona before his senior year. While attending Coronado High School on the Tempe-Scottsdale border (in the greater Phoenix area), Ashbrook continued to write and sing.

"I started singing in my first band there and realized, 'Hey, I can sing. It doesn't sound too terrible.' I kept going with that.

"I'm still a closet lead guitar player, but I've definitely learned my limitations. I hire guys who are much better than I am and can make it sound better. I stick to what I do best."

Ashbrook attended nearby Arizona State University in Tempe, graduating in 1994 in Photography.

But his career turned to music.

"Tempe is where I cut my musical teeth," he said, "every Thursday, at a [illegible] standing show at a bar called Long Wong's that used to be a blues bar and then the Gin Blossoms came in and turned it around more to a rock club. It was the staple dive in Tempe that everybody went to."

In 2003, Ashbrook recorded a double live album from Long Wong's. The CD's inside photo is of Long Wong's exterior: "Hot Wings/Cold Beer/Live Music," is the sign in the window.

Playing with his band, Satellite, Ashbrook found a receptive culture for his music.

"You used to be able to park on (main drag) Mill Avenue and bar-hop any night of the week, go hit four or five bars all in walking distance of your car and see great bands.

"We used to play five nights a week, literally within a three-mile radius around campus. All our shows would be full, and we were all making a living doing it. To play that often in one town, we just had a great scene. We were getting noticed, and *Rolling Stone* had written up Long Wong's and it was getting national attention."

Life was good, and they hardly knew it.

"We really didn't know what we had until we started touring outside of Arizona and meeting other bands. And these bands were floored that we could make a living playing five nights a week in one little town.

"It just wasn't heard of anywhere else. There are really great scenes in Austin and Minneapolis, but when it was cooking down in Tempe, it was hard to rival it anywhere."

A big record seemed just around the corner.

"Back then our mentality was, you play the bars, slug it out on the bar scene until you get so many fans and get so popular that the record labels will come beating down your door and take you off to stardom.

"At the time we just wanted to write good songs, play and drink beer. It never even crossed our minds, 'Hey, maybe we ought to scrape up some money, hire a great producer and make a record and actually shop it.' That came later."

Enter Brad Singer, who owned the Zia Record chains and Epiphany Records, Tempe's only record label. Ashbrook cut an album, *Navigator*, in Nashville that was issued on the Epiphany label.

"Brad Singer was an instrument of reason, he showed us how to do it," Ashbrook said. "He helped us focus on the big picture.

"But then he died, and a whole chunk of the Tempe music scene went with him."

By the late 1990s, the Tempe scene was beginning to dissolve.

"Slowly and surely, the venues on Mill Avenue and in Tempe started closing one by one," Ashbrook recalls. "A lot of real estate became really prime, and the landlords would increase the rent. The Balboa Cafe had a really great music scene, and the owner – the rent had literally doubled on him when his lease was up. He said, 'I can't do it. The numbers just don't add up.'

"All the bars closed up. The scene started to move off Mill Avenue.I saw the writing on the wall. I felt like the Spotted Owl, where our habitat was being crushed upon.

"It's just that we just had this magical time for a little while. And it was really fruitful."

In 2001, Ashbrook and his wife, Kristi, an Oregon native, moved to Portland to be closer to family.

There, he found an interesting if quite different musical environment.

"The thing about Portland is there are all these little micro-scenes. There's a great blues scene, a really good jazz scene. The indie-rock scene is centered out here. There's a great roots-rock scene out here.

"The strange thing about up here, though, is all the little micro-scenes, they don't communicate with each other. There are certain neighborhoods where they do roots-rock, downtown is more indie-rock and punk-rock.

"Certain neighborhoods are singer-songwriter, kind of folkie. It's kind of weird and takes a little bit getting used to, because in Tempe, no matter what kind of band you were in, we'd meet at the afterhours party when the bars were closed and have beers together. Everyone was kind of rubbing elbows, whether you were a rock band, a folk band or a jazz singer. We all hung out and had beers together. I don't see that much up here."

The move has helped him focus on touring, both solo and with his band.

"For the first time in my career, I actually had to tour to make a living," Ashbrook said. "Whereas, in Tempe I could easily make a living staying in town."

Perhaps it's even made him more "professional" towards an artform that once seemed like little more than a good night's set in a college bar.

"To be a professional musician in this day and age, you have to strike a balance between the money gigs and the cool gigs," he said.

"Sometimes the two will meet and sometimes they don't. Every musician has a different tolerance fc that. I'm a pretty patient person, with a pretty even keel, and not every gig is going to be a knock-out show. That's totally OK.

"I had a song called *rock-n-roll* that got into regular rotation in Santa Barbara (radio) and Ventura County. I'd come down the coast, play decent shows in San Francisco, then really sma shows in Santa Cruz or Sa Luis Obispo, come in and headline a huge festival in Santa Barbara and then play hardly to nobody in L.A. and San Diego. It's extreme, but it keeps you humble. You play a great show, you go to the next town and no one knows you. That's part of touring.

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Dining out

with Ivana B. Diningwell

Affordable fine dining

Do you remember, dear readers, the days when Ruidoso residents would get up an expedition north to Capitan, to wait for hours at Spanky's for pizza or a plate of pasta? Then it was Hotel Chango, and then the Greenhouse Café, all for sake of a good meal without the hurly-burly of Ruidoso. (We are an easily amused lot, are we not?)

Well, get those dogsleds ready, there's a new dining destination in Capitan. Café Z opened a few weeks ago in the old Hotel Chango/Greenhouse Café location, and chef/manager Brett Wheeless is serving up what he calls "affordable fine dining."

Like its culinary cousin, Café Rio, Café Z has a menu that is small but full of variety. Appetizers include shrimp with a creamy avocado lime sauce, quesadillas made with chopped tomato, red onions and feta and served with a freshly-made pico de gallo, and hummus blended with red or green chile.

Salads range from a small dinner salad to the invite-the-neighbors-over Café Z Big Salad, with avocado, tomato, fresh fruit, pine nuts, mushrooms and cheese. The truly masochistic can add chicken, shrimp or brisket.

The sandwich portion of the menu offers a very nice brisket, dressed up with green chile, cheese and avocado mayonnaise. The chicken salad sandwich, with cilantro and a bit of coconut milk, is their most popular menu item, according to Wheeless.

Tacos are served on large flour tortillas – brisket with mint and cilantro, or black bean and avocado.

All the sections of the menu offer choices for vegetarians, like the spinach and mushroom enchiladas, topped with feta and chopped green chiles, or the grilled vegetable sandwich with squash, mushrooms, spinach and avocado mayonnaise.

The Sunday brunch menu is a frittata extravaganza, with Greek, Southwestern, veggie, brisket and bacon/spinach/tomato varieties. Or you can build your own from a long list of ingredients.

And Ivana does not want to hear one word about your supposed diet – you simply must have the bread pudding, a warm delight with bits of chocolate, slivered almonds and a sweet cream sauce.

The 1880s building makes for some odd little spaces, but the fanciful interior is decorated with large ceramic sculptures by Susan Weir-Ancker, Joyce Hastings and Jerrold Flores. (Ivana ate her dinner with a large chicken and donkey looking over her shoulder.) Café Z is named for Zoey, Brett's two-year-old daughter, an adorable blond tot whom you might spot in the garden rearranging the rocks.

If you want to make an evening of it, plan to stop in at Oso Art Gallery, directly across the street. Admire the truly impressive collection of everything artistic.

Play petanque, a game popular with old men in the south of France, in the court behind the gallery. Friday nights are movie nights under the stars; bring your own chair and popcorn. Call the gallery for the schedule (354-2327).

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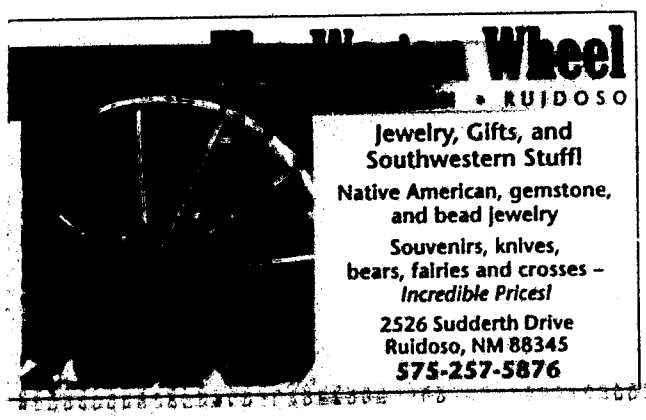

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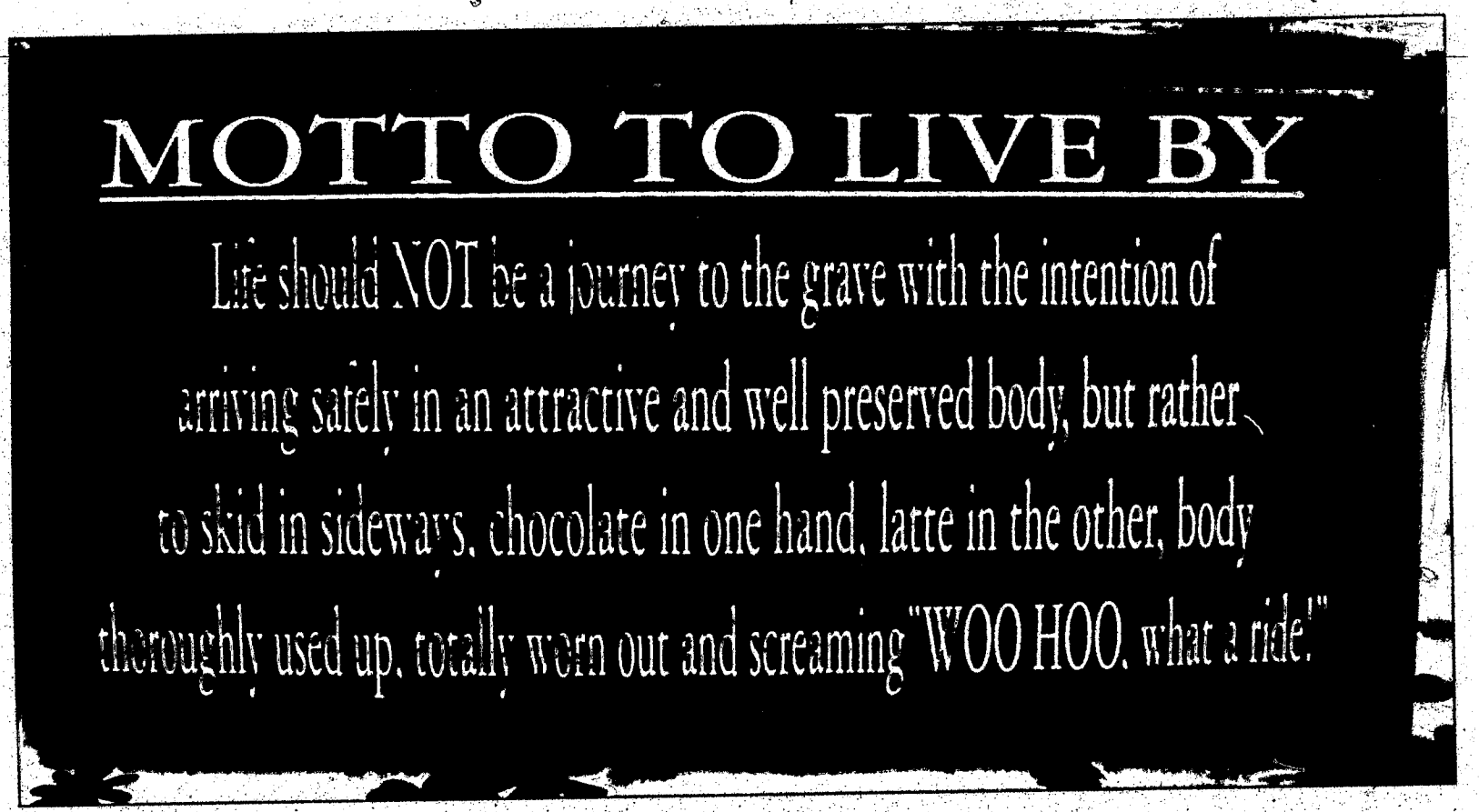


Polly's Potpourri

The tip of the potato

by Polly E. Chavez

When a woman acquaintance told me about the "potato tip" I was all ears. She said that a potato is a handy thing to keep in a vehicle. If you are traveling in a rainstorm, a potato helps the windshield wipers do their job more efficiently.

A potato is cut in half. Half of the potato is rubbed on the outside of the windshield leaving a film. Apparently this helps the wipers do a better job and the driver can see much more clearly during a rainstorm. If the spud tip sounds like a spoof, the following food/kitchen related tips may come in handy:

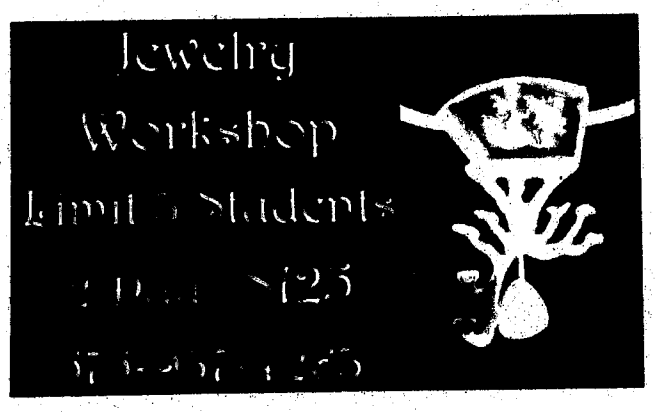
• Light the end of a piece of uncooked spaghetti, and then use it to light candles on a birthday cake. You won't burn your fingers like you might with short matchsticks.

• Candles burn more slowly and evenly with minimal dripping if you place them in the refrigerator for several hours before using.

• After grilling trout, a teaspoon of vinegar in the sink dishwater will help rid dishes of the fishy smell.

• For stubborn refrigerator odors, place a can filled with regular charcoal on a refrigerator shelf for several days. Repeat with fresh charcoal until odor is gone.

The photo accompanying this column shows a food tip I saw on a plaque at Mannie's Café in Carrizozo.



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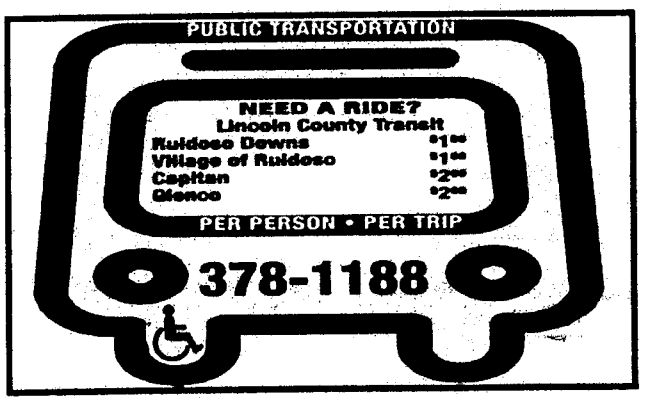

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State animal---Black Bear
State bird---Chaparral Bird, commonly called Roadrunner
State cookie--Bizcochito
State fish---Cutthroat Trout
State flag---A field of yellow containing the ancient Pueblo of Zia sun symbol of red in the center
State flower---Yucca flower
State fossil---Coelophysis
State gem---Turquoise
State grass---Blue Grama Grass (bouteloua gracillis)
State insect---Tarantula Hawk Wasp (pepsis formosa)
State question---"Red or green?"
State tree---Pinon, or nut pine (pinus edulis)
State vegetables---Chile (the Spanish adaptation of the chilli) and the pinto bean, or frijol
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Celebrations---Albuquerque hosts the largest hot-air balloon event in the world the first weekend in October.

HISTORY

The killing of Curly Bill, part 2

Past Tense

by Drew Gomber
Historian

Last week, after endlessly trying to explain why there is so little information extant concerning Curly Bill Brocius, we picked up his story in Tombstone, AZ, on the night of Oct. 28, 1880.

That night, Brocius was one of a group of "Cowboys" - the euphemism for outlaws in Tombstone at the time - who had emerged from one of Tombstone's innumerable watering holes and began wandering down Sixth Street between Allen and Toughnut. At some point on their way to the next saloon, it seems that Brocius was so overcome with mirth that he felt compelled to pull his pistol and fire at the heavens.

The two lawmen nearest the scene were Town Marshal Fred White, 31, and Deputy Sheriff Wyatt Earp, who was about a block further away than White. Both men rushed to the sound of the gunfire.

The first there was White and he saw a man - the other merry-makers had wisely dissipated into the crowds who had rushed from the saloons to see what all the fun was about - standing in the shadows of an alley.

As White approached, he announced that he was an officer of the law and that the man surrender his weapon. The fellow - it was, of course, Curly Bill - reached behind him and withdrew his pistol from it's holster. As soon as the weapon cleared leather, White lunged and grabbed it by the barrel. A moment before, Wyatt Earp had rushed up behind Brocius and thrown his arms around the desperado.

White gave the weapon a tug and it discharged, hitting him in the lower abdomen. With the weapon completely in his hands, White staggered back saying, "I am shot," and collapsed, gutshot.

Earp "knocked the assailant down," probably by braining him with a gun, stepped over him and picked up the murder weapon.

He then turned and yanked Brocius to his feet. Despite the obvious circumstances and the fact that he was dazed, Brocius still protested. "What have I done? I have not done anything to be arrested for!" Which was a pretty amazing statement, when you think about it.

Aftermath

Two days later, and in great pain, Fred White died. Wyatt Earp had successfully dispersed the lynch mob that had gathered the night of the shooting and Curly Bill stood trial. Amazingly, it seems to have been Wyatt Earp himself who helped get Brocius off.

He demonstrated for the jury that Curly Bill's gun was defective and could discharge at half-cock. (With an old-fashioned single-action revolver, half-cock enables the cylinder to spin and the gun to be safely loaded and unloaded. Even if one pulls the trigger, it is frozen - although apparently not in this case - and cannot discharge. When it is pulled all the way back to full-cock, the gun is ready to rock and roll.)

Consequently, it was "proved" that the killing was an accident. When White jerked on the pistol's barrel, it caused Curly Bill's trigger finger to exert pressure on the trigger and be-cause the gun was defective, it discharged. No one seems to have been curious as to just what the gun was doing at half-cock in the first place, and Curly Bill was released.

And, while Wyatt had been instrumental in that release, there may have been more to it - politics, specifically, which is a morass of confusion that we will not get into. In any case, Curly Bill seems to have retained some hostility toward Earp for his treatment at the time of the arrest.

Ultimately it made no difference. The Earps and their die-hard confederate, Doc Holliday, became embroiled in a feud that involved Wyatt's romance with Josephine Marcus, formerly the mistress of County Sheriff and Cowboy friend John Behan.

Among other things, Wyatt had made a deal with Ike Clanton wherein Ike was to "drop dime" on a few of his pals who had robbed a stagecoach. Wyatt would get the glory for making the arrests and Ike would clandestinely receive the reward. Ike was acutely aware that, should his Cowboy pals find out about his treachery, he was a walking corpse.

Dumb and dumber

Ike Clanton is remarkable primarily because he seems to have truly been God's Own Idiot. First, he makes a deal with a man who is supposedly his enemy, than betrays his own friends and finally drinks so much that his powers of reason are negligible at best.

Clanton had made his deal with Earp in June and brought Frank McLaury and Joe Hill in on it shortly thereafter. It seems there wasn't much honor among thieves in Tombstone... the first thing the two new partners wanted to know was whether or not it was "dead or alive."

When Wells Fargo's Marsh Williams tipsily hinted to Clanton that he was aware of the deal (he was guessing and having fun at Ike's expense), Ike slipped his moorings.

Panicking, he began running all over Tombstone, telling everyone who would listen about what a treacherous sort Wyatt Earp was and how he should not be trusted. Even after Wyatt assured him that their arrangement was still secret, Ike was convinced that he had been betrayed and continued his tirade, ultimately including all of the Earps in his vindictive remarks.

All of this and more would lead to the West's most famous gunfight. After several encounters between Ike and the Earps on October 25 and 26, 1881 and several more between the Cowboy McLaury brothers, Tom and Frank, and the Earps, the situation came to flashpoint at about 2:30 in the afternoon on October 26, 1881.

March to glory

The Earps were gathered at a corner on Allen Street, discussing the mounting tensions and the fact that a group of Cowboys - number unknown - were reportedly hanging around in an empty lot off of Fremont Street, about 90 feet behind the Ok Corral over on Allen.

It was there that they were joined by Doc Holliday. The three Earps - Wyatt, Virgil and Morgan, along with Holliday, finally decided to go down to the vacant lot and disarm the Cowboys, something they knew to be a possibly dangerous endeavor.

At the time, Wyatt was not employed, so he was made a "Special Deputy," as was Holliday, and after Doc exchanged his cane for the shotgun Virgil was holding so that he could conceal it beneath his long, gray coat, they began their famous walk.

Despite the movies, it seems that Virgil, and probably Wyatt, were *not* interested in forcing gunplay. Doc and the hot-headed Morgan however, were another story.

Virgil and Wyatt had numerous business investments in Tombstone and had a lot to lose. Not so Morgan and Doc. It would come up at the hearing that as they walked down the street, Morgan said to Doc, "Let them have it" to which Holliday replied, "All right."

Next: The gunfight and beyond

SOURCES: *Curly Bill* by Steve Gatto; *Wyatt Earp The Life Behind The Legend* by Casey Tefertiller and *And Die In The West* by Paula Mitchell Marks.

ASTRONOMY

Worlds of water

Images taken earlier this decade suggest that there could be running water on the surface of Mars

In Our Skies

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Up here in the southern New Mexico mountains the summer monsoon appears to be in full swing, with rain showers being an almost daily occurrence. The current conditions have produced little in the way of any productive astronomical activity in the past couple of weeks, although with fire concerns being what they are there are few if any complaints from the mountain residents.

There is a broad scientific consensus that water – especially in its liquid state – is essential for the development and survival of life (at least, life as we know it here on Earth). When speculation turns to the possibility of life beyond Earth, it almost always centers on those places where water can exist as a liquid; the entire concept of "circumstellar habitable zones," i.e., the region around a star where the temperatures are such that liquid water would be expected, derives from this discussion.

Water, which of course is made up of atoms of hydrogen and oxygen (two very common elements), is in turn a common substance in the universe, and has been detected in interstellar gas clouds. Here in the solar system, comets, many of the moons of the outer planets, and objects like Pluto and other residents of the solar system's outer Kuiper Belt, all appear to contain fairly large amounts of water; however, this water is almost all in the form of ice. "Ice life" could, in theory, exist, but if we want to find liquid water environments that might be conducive to life as we know it we need to seek some warmer climates.

Mars is one place that conceivably might contain liquid water. We know from spacecraft studies over the past many years that there are large amounts of subsurface water ice on Mars (especially in the polar regions and higher latitudes), and images obtained by the various orbiting spacecraft as well as data gathered by the Spirit and Opportunity rovers all indicate that large amounts of surface water existed on Mars in the past.

Images taken earlier this decade by the Mars Global Surveyor suggest that there could be some episodes of running water on the Martian surface even now, perhaps caused by "bursts" from subsurface aquifers.

Meanwhile, images taken by the Phoenix Mars Lander which spent five months operating in Mars' north polar region last year seem to show the existence of possible water droplets on its landing struts; perhaps caused by melting of the subsurface ice as the spacecraft touched down.

As intriguing as all these recent findings are, additional results from Phoenix may put a damper on the discussion of Martian life. Phoenix's analysis of the subsurface polar ice indicates that large amounts of perchlorate salts are dissolved in the water, and – under the assumption that the features seen on the landing struts are indeed water droplets – for water to survive in a liquid form at the temperatures there would indicate a saltiness significantly greater than the saltiest environments in which Earthly life survives. Whether or not Martian water elsewhere around the planet would be this salty, and whether or not any Martian life could have evolved to adapt to this salty an environment, is something we can't know at this time.

Europa

Jupiter's moon Europa is another world that's often mentioned as a place for liquid water and potential life. Calculations indicate that tidal stresses from Jupiter should create a warm enough environment within Europa's interior for water to exist as a liquid, and images from the Voyager spacecraft flybys in the late 1970s and from the Galileo probe that made several close passages by Europa in the late 1990s and early 2000s all suggest the existence of a worldwide ocean of liquid water surrounded by an icy crust several tens of miles thick. (Some of the Galileo images, in fact, suggest that some of the surface features could almost be considered as "icebergs.")

Although the evidence thus far is extremely intriguing, the existence of a subsurface liquid water ocean – and the detection of any life forms that might reside within it – will probably have to wait until some future mission that could land on Europa's surface and drill through the ice; some missions of this nature are currently on the planning boards.

Within the fairly recent past, another potential "water world" in our solar system has emerged. In 2005 images of Saturn's 300-mile-across moon Enceladus taken by the Cassini spacecraft showed large, hundred-mile-long "plumes" erupting off the moon's south polar regions.

More recent observations indicate that these plumes are coming from a series of 80-mile-long rifts (nicknamed "tiger stripes") that are much warmer than the surrounding regions, and meanwhile theoretical studies have indicated that, just like with Europa, tidal forces from Saturn should create an environment within Enceladus' interior warm enough for liquid water. .

Cassini has recently flown through these plumes, and verified that they are indeed composed of water droplets. Some of the Cassini results also suggest that these water droplets may contain significant amounts of sodium chloride – ordinary table salt – and that Enceladus' water could be as salty as Earth seawater, although studies with Earth-based telescopes have so far failed to confirm this. Further observations from Cassini should hopefully clear this up, and also help to determine whether the water plumes are coming from a subsurface ocean or from deep underground caverns.

Four more close flybys of Enceladus by Cassini are planned over the course of the next year, and if a seven-year mission extension for Cassini is approved there should be even more encounters coming up in the future.

In the meantime, if the Earthly atmospheric water will ever clear out of the way, all three of the above "water worlds" are visible in our nighttime sky: Enceladus (with Saturn) in the west after dusk, Europa (with Jupiter) rising in our southeast during the late evening, and Mars in our eastern sky during the morning hours.

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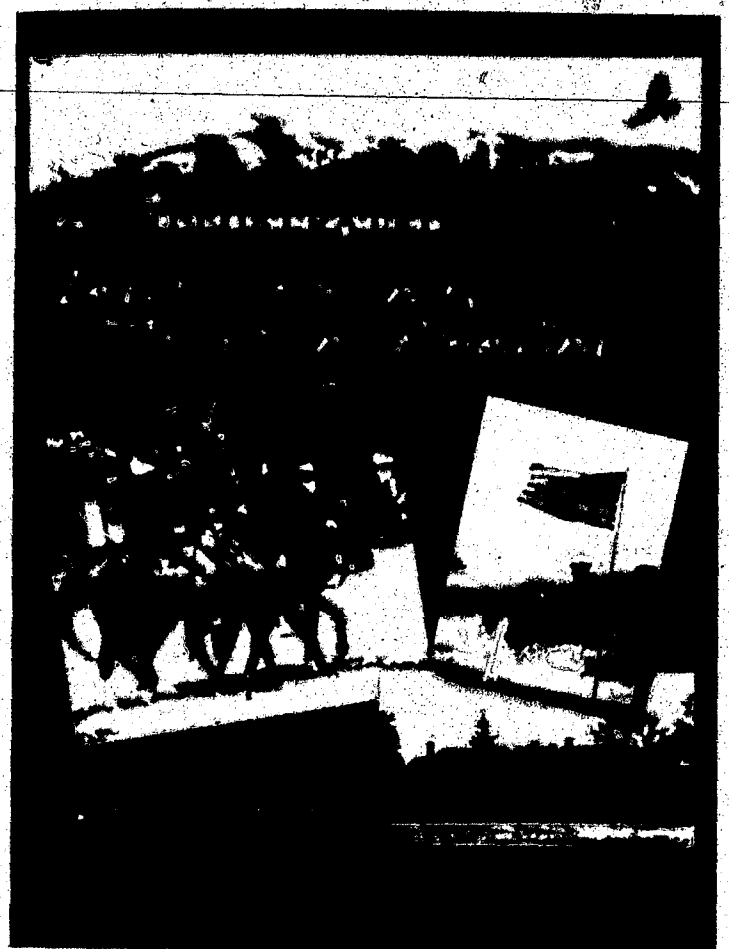
David Tremblays's "Silos and Stables – Fort Stanton"

This priceless land

- Oso Art's big event beginning in July is a show of the photographs of David Tremblay of Alto.
- Most Lincoln County residents are familiar with Tremblay's work; he



has had many photos published in this newspaper, and has shown his work at the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

• His amazing closeups of hummingbirds, his remarkable shots of elk browsing on sunflowers in verdant meadows have amazed all who see them.

• This show is a combination of Lincoln County wildlife photos and a special presentation of his photos of Fort Stanton. He has created posters of his Fort Stanton work which will be on sale at the gallery, with proceeds to go to the restoration fund for Fort Stanton.

• Tremblay believes, along with Oso Gallery, that the maintenance of this important part of New Mexico history is of primary importance. "The community must do all it can to preserve this priceless and stunningly beautiful location for New Mexico and the nation," says Greg Russell of Oso Gallery.

• Tremblay, a retired engineer, is a self-taught photographer, and has lived in Lincoln County for 19 years. He describes his work as ". . .a study of the smallest of details and the expanses of the grandest landscapes within Southern New Mexico."

• In conjunction with the photo show will be a presentation by Lynda Sanchez of Lincoln of her new book, *Fort Stanton - An Illustrated History - Legacy of Honor, Tradition of Healing,* which features the photos of the Fort taken by Tremblay.

• A reception is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, July 11, at Oso Art Gallery, 100 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, with refreshments and music. Call 354-2327 for further information.

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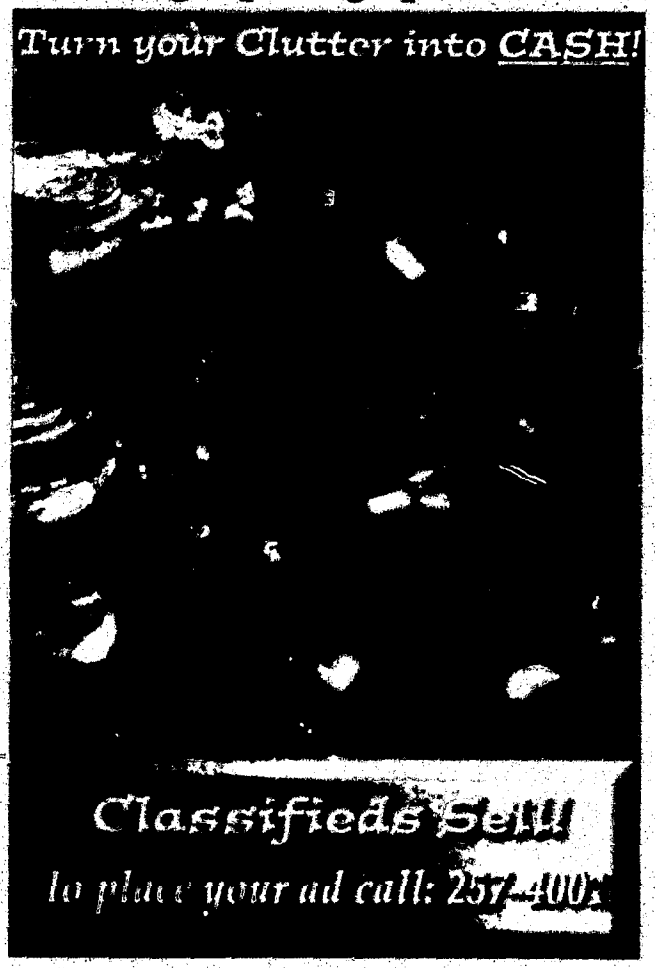

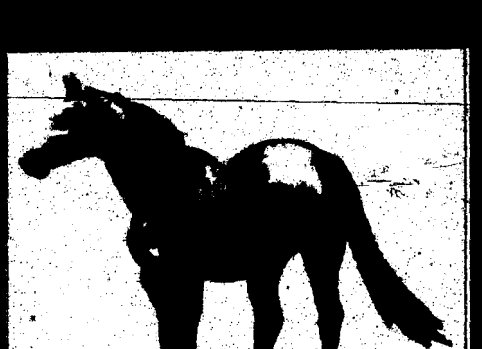

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Auditions will start at 9 a.m. Monday, July 6, at the Ruidoso Middle School gymnasium at 134 Reese Dr. (Parents or guardians are asked to arrive at the audition shortly before the start time so that they may fill out a basic permission slip with contact information).

Children are asked to wear comfortable clothing and sneakers, to wear their best smiles and to speak out loud. They also have to be willing to commit to the daily rehearsals held at the Spencer immediately following the auditions. (The show's directors will issue rehearsal schedules to the children at the close of the audition).

Packed with whimsical songs and dances, the performance of "The Little Mermaid" takes the spotlights at the Spencer at 7 p.m. Friday, July 10. Show tickets are $15 for adults and $7 for children 12 years or younger. Call the Spencer Box Office at 575-336-4800 or go online to www.spencertheater.com.

The New Mexico State Fair Arts Department today announced a call for entries in several categories. Local artists are encouraged to enter their works in what is expected to be a banner year for arts at the Fair.

"We have worked very hard to streamline the entry process to provide more opportunities for local artists to show and sell their work," said New Mexico State Fair Commissioner Ruth Bitsui, who chairs the State Fair Arts subcommittee.

"Through extensive surveys, direct contact and discussion with the arts community and much internal conferencing, 2009 we've refocused and directed our efforts toward tailoring the presentation of artworks to the needs of both the individual artist and the discerning patron and buyer," said Sundi Tyler, New Mexico State Fair Arts Director. "Artists and fairgoers alike will notice some major upgrades in our exhibitions this year, but we need entries!"

Online and walk-in entries are being accepted in the following divisions according to the schedule below:

- Fine Arts - online July 29; walk-ins July 30-August 1
- Plein Air Painting Competition - online August 31; walk-ins September 13 at 11a.m.
- Hispanic Arts - online deadline is August 5; walk-ins August 6-8
- Photography - online August 12; walk-ins August 13-15
- Native American - online August 23; walk-ins August 24, 27, 28, and 29.

Please note: Dealers in Native American Art must pre-register by phone between August 10-12 at 505-222-9712. Artwork is to be delivered in person on Tuesday, August 18.

- African-American - online August 12; walk-ins August 13- 15
- Youth - online August 19; walk-ins August 20-22
- Non-Professional - online August 19; walk-ins August 20-22
- China Painting (Amateur) - online August 19, walk-ins August 20-22
- Aerosol Art - online August.19; walk-ins August 20-22
- Film Workshops (ages 10-16) - online August 31

The 2009 New Mexico State Fair runs September 11 through 27.

For more information visit www.exponm.com or call the Arts Department office at 505-222-9738.