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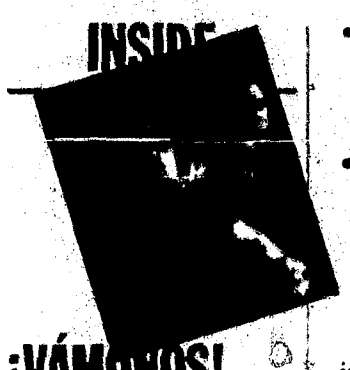

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New plan sets goals

Task force updates Ruidoso's Comprehensive Master Plan to include deadlines

Workshop scheduled for July 21

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A task force charged with helping the village update a 2006 Comprehensive Plan turned in a 23-page document Tuesday setting goals, action steps and deadlines.

The introduction established that the basis of the plan acknowledges the village's reliance on seasonal tourists for much of the municipal revenue. Goals must be linked to documents such as village code, capital improvement programs and the annual budget, which are the vehicles for implementing the objectives, they stated.

Composed of Councilors Ron Hardeman and Greg Cory, Planning and Zoning Commissioners Don Dutton and Bill Hirschfeld, and local business people Dan Power, Jamie Estes, Mark Beatty and Rick Albers, the task force worked for the past six months putting together a draft for councilors.

On a motion by Councilor Michele Rebstock, a workshop on the CP with planning commissioners and village councilors was set tentatively for 2 p.m., July 21, at Village Hall. The workshop would be open to the public, but input would not be allowed. That would come later during a public hearing.

Hardeman said one of the things he liked about the revision draft is that it sets up goals and dates to accomplish steps.

"A whole lot of things should have happened after the first comprehensive plan was adopted and they didn't," he said. "This puts us on notice."

Dutton said the resulting revision came from a joint effort that, "everyone put their thoughts and hearts into." The plan should change as the vision for the village changes, he said.

The goals listed include:

• Ensuring rules and criteria related to land use contained in village code are consistent with the CP by linking land use planning and zoning commission decisions to the plan, as well as day-to-day decisions of the council and the capital improvement project list.

Specific deadlines set included revising the zoning map that documents all zoning changes approved to date by September. The task

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Taxed and licensed: Itinerants say they pay fair share

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Julie and Terry Delzer, from Las Cruces, shop at one of the booths at the River Rendezvous Street Fair July 4. They had been in Ruidoso for two days and were going home that afternoon because Julie is a nurse and had to work that evening.

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The business of business: a continuing series

On holiday weekends they set up in River Rendezvous, the convention center or along the road to sell to the visitors who have flocked to the area. Some have a business license, some don't. Most say they are paying gross receipts tax to Ruidoso.

"I have a lady who does my taxes," Maria Plum from Chapparal, N.M., said. Plum was one of the merchants selling hats and jewelry at River Rendezvous' Street Fair July 4. "I log everything that I sell during the show and she uses a backup formula to figure what tax I have to pay. "I pay my taxes every six months."

Plum said the form she uses to figure her taxes requires her to list the city where she made the sales and includes a chart for the taxes for each city.

"If I am in Roswell, I use the figures for Roswell," she said. "If I am here or doing the Home and Garden Show at the Convention Center, I pay at the Ruidoso rate."

"I am collecting gross receipts for Ruidoso right now," Michele Romero of Double RR Bar Studio said. Romero is a Lincoln County resident who was selling art and jewelry at the street fair.

"It's more convenient than owning a shop," Romero said of selling at the street fair. "We have lots of people come in here on weekends when we have these shows."

"We wouldn't have come out today if it hadn't been for this event," Carol Siddall from Odessa, Texas, said at the street fair July 4. "We love it. We're artsy-craftsy people and think good of the community for having events like this."

The street fairs are like a combination of events that occur at the convention center and a flea market.

"I have a business in the Ruidoso Emporium," Jamie Parado said. Parado is from El Paso, Texas, and was selling wallets, hats, ponchos, etc. at the street fair July 4. "I have a New Mexico Business license and pay New Mexico taxes."

Jose Chavrilla also has a regular space in an indoor flea market, Big Daddy's in Las Cruces, and was at the street fair selling rugs, blankets, art and jewelry.

"To be a vendor in the flea market you have to have a license and everything," Chavrilla said. "I will be paying Ruidoso gross receipts tax on what I sell here."

"If I come into the city to make money, I don't think it is unreasonable to require me to get a business

See TAXED, page 9A

River trail receives fiscal boost

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The long-awaited Ruidoso Riverwalk Trail advanced another step Tuesday in an effort that took on steam two years ago to bring the concept to reality.

Village councilors approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Billy the Kid Scenic Byways to act as fiscal agent for the Riverwalk Trail project and to administer a $202,100 grant for the initial planning, design and Phase 1 construction of a pedestrian/bicycle path.

The Byways is matching 20 percent, or $50,525, and the total cost is estimated at $252,625. State and local government services may not be used as third party in donations and the Byway will pay all project costs that exceed the grant amount.

Potential contractors were interviewed last week and dirt work could begin next year.

The concept includes creating a trail that varies with the terrain, provides numerous access points, seating, lighting, interpretive signage, public art and other appropriate activities.

Most of the initial trail will fall within existing public right of way. The project qualified for a Byways grant because it parallels New Mexico Highway 48, Sudderth Drive, which is part of the Byways.

Councilor James Stoddard and Laura Doth of Grindstone Graphics and Marketing were members of a task force assigned by Mayor L. Ray Nunley to try to make headway on the project mentioned in the village's Comprehensive Plan, but never developed.

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Special meeting

A special meeting of the Ruidoso Village Council was called for 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, for a public hearing on an ordinance to authorize a loan for fire fighting equipment.

The $1,015,000 loan and intercept agreement with the New Mexico Finance Authority requires money from the state Fire Protection Fund to be set aside each month for repayment. The loan will buy two fire pumpers and an aerial truck. The newer equipment should improve fire fighting efficiency rating of the village, which impacts fire insurance premiums.

The meeting will be at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Dr.

Alto Lakes

The Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District Board will meet at 9 a.m., July 23, in the Conference Room of the ALW&SD Office at 214 Lake Shore Drive, Alto.

Sewage problem

A serious sewage problem led Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart to close the county courthouse in Carrizozo Tuesday.

"I have made the decision to close the county courthouse for the afternoon," he said. "We have a serious sewer problem that has permeated the building."

Employees in affected offices were placed on administrative leave with pay.

Outdoors Bonanza

The Annual Outdoors and Wildlife Bonanza, a chance for adults and children to learn about area wildlife and how to safely interact, is set for noon to 5 p.m., Saturday, at Cedar Creek Campground #1.

The public is invited to meet Smokey Bear, enjoy some food and partjcipate in games, even climb a rock wall from Vertical Ventures.

Activities for all ages include creating and searching for animal tracks, learning to tie flies for fly fishing, an archery shoot for children, learning the "leave no trace" way of camping, how to act when approached by wildlife, about the life zones in the area, about proper campfire etiquette and to meet local Wildlife chapters representatives.

Some of the sponsors and main participants in the event are the U.S. Forest Service, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, New Mexico Game and Fish, the National Wild Turkey Foundation, White Mountain Outdoor Store and Vertical Ventures.

Water rights forum

A public forum on the water rights adjudication process and possible reforms will be conducted by the University of New Mexico Institute of Public Law.

Comments and concerns from the forums will be reported to legislative committees as well as the office of the state engineer as stated in Senate Joint Memorial 3.

The closest session to Ruidoso is 11 a.m., Saturday, at Eastern New Mexico University Campus Union Building, Multi-Purpose Room 110, 48 University Blvd., Roswell.

For more information or to confirm seating, contact Carolyn Byers, Institute of Public Law, UNM at 505-277-5089 or cbyers@unm.edu.

Museum closes

The Hubbard Museum of the American West will be closed for a fundraising event on Saturday for one day only, and will re-open for regular hours on Sunday.

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

Going to the dogs

The week of July 21-25, the dogs take over the Library. Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary brings Ambassador Wolf on July 24 to meet the public. And the much-anticipated 2nd annual Doggie Fashion Show is on July 25. Dog movies are showing once a day all week.

Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary is one of the most experienced sanctuaries for wolves and wolf-dogs. Located in the high-desert country of Candy Kitchen, New Mexico, Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary provides a permanent home to more than 50 wolves and wolf-dogs. Their mission is three-fold: to educate the public; to rescue abused and abandoned captive-bred wolves and wolf-dogs; and to provide the wolves with permanent, safe sanctuary.

Wolf Ambassadors travels around the state to meet people at events and in classrooms. This allows the public to see that wolves are not the "big bad wolf" of fairy tales such as *Little Red Riding Hood*.

On Friday, July 24 in the Family Library, the public can meet Ambassador Wolf and learn more about the Sanctuary, at 11 a.m. for younger patrons and at 1 p.m. for teens and adults. To learn more visit www.wildspiritwolfsanctuary.org/.

The Ruidoso Public Library's 2nd annual Doggie Fashion Show on Saturday, July 25, is the event of the summer with dogs competing for awards and prizes for "best dressed" dog or "swimsuit" dog. A Mr. or Ms. Congeniality dog will also be selected by judges from the Humane Society.

The show begins at 10:30 a.m., behind the Library at the Backstage Theater. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Door prizes will be given away.

Dog movies in the Family Library are: *101 Dalmatians*, 10:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, July 21, for 6-9 year olds; *Beverly Hills Chihuahua*, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, for 10-12 year olds; *Oliver & Co.*, 10:30 a.m., Thursday, July 23, for 2-5 year olds. Free popcorn and sodas will be served.

For more information on Dog Day Afternoon programs, call the library at 258-3704. Or visit the library, 107 Kansas City Rd.

DOT meeting

Representatives of the New Mexico Department of Transportation will conduct a public meeting for the Ruidoso/Lincoln County Area Transportation Study, July 30.

The session is set for 5 to 7 p.m., at the Ruidoso Convention center, 111 Sierra Blanca Dr.

Top: Wild Spirit wolves; **above,** Roman, the 2008 Swimsuit winner

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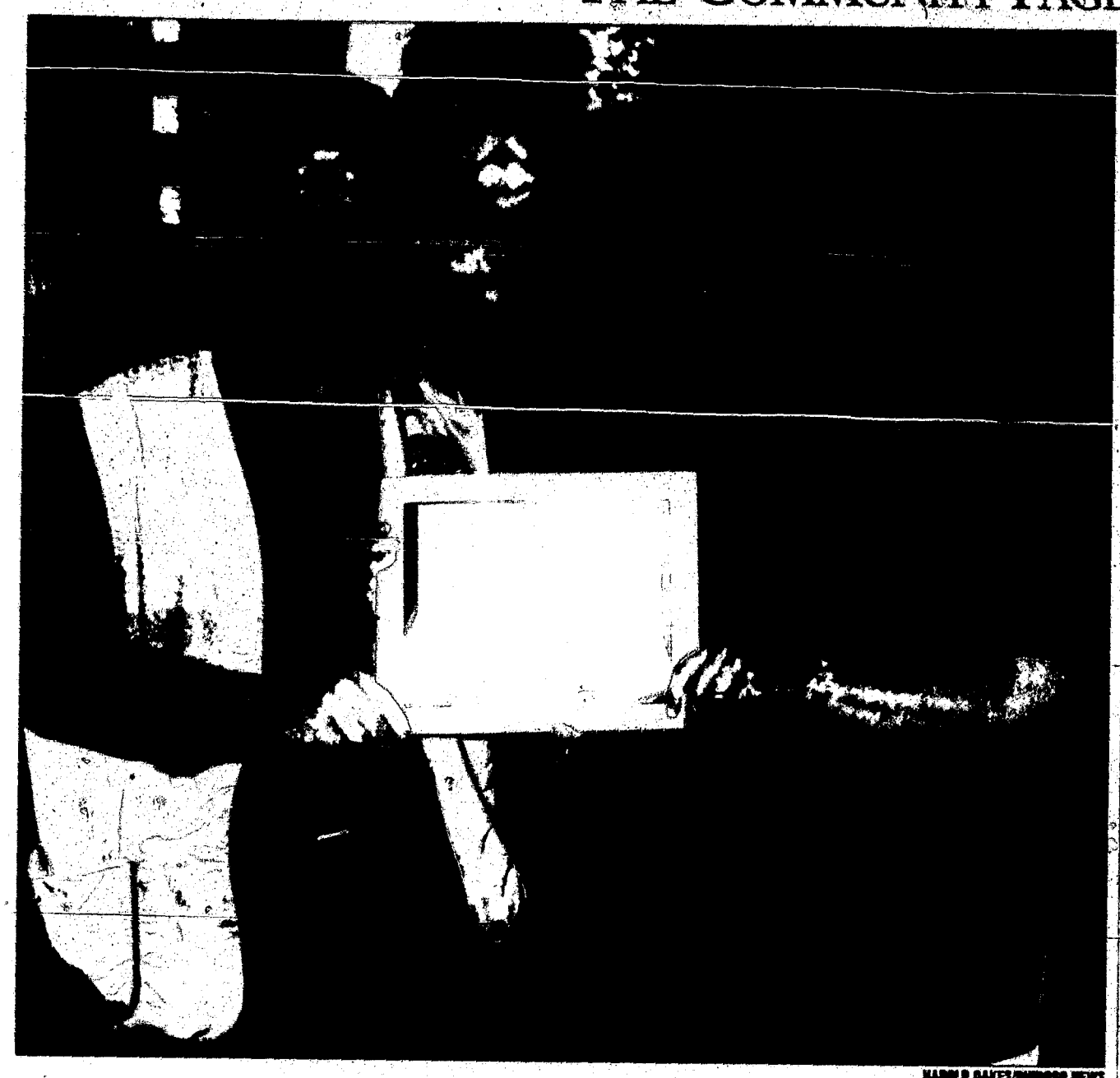

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Lions Clubs District Governor Kitty Calendar, right, presents Sam Pirelli his Lifetime Membership plaque at the Ruidoso Evening Lions Club June 30. Pirelli and Greg Stewart achieved lifetime membership status for over 25 years of membership in the Lions Club. Stewart was unable to attend the ceremony because he is undergoing treatment for cancer. His son, Evening Lions Club past president Brad Stewart, received his certificate. Sam Pirelli's father, also named Sam, was a charter member of the Ruidoso Evening Lions, which was chartered Feb. 2, 1940.

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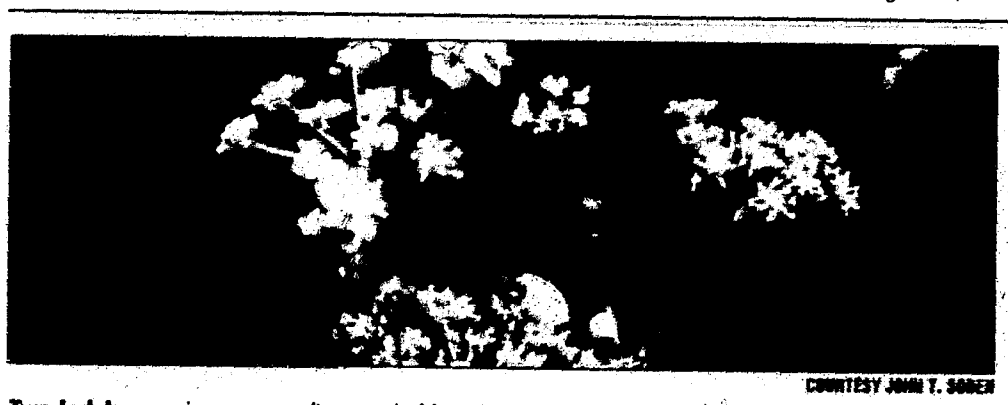

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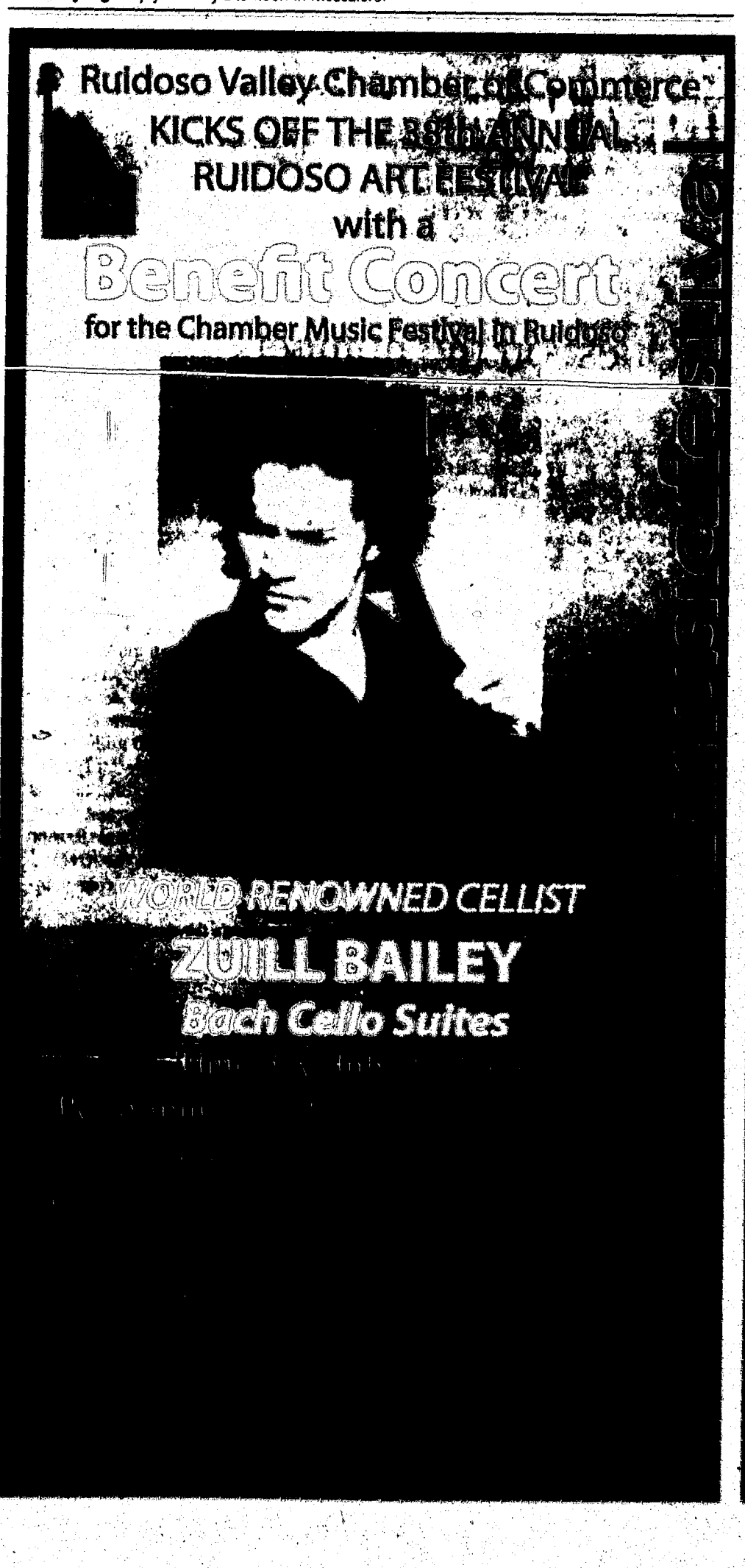

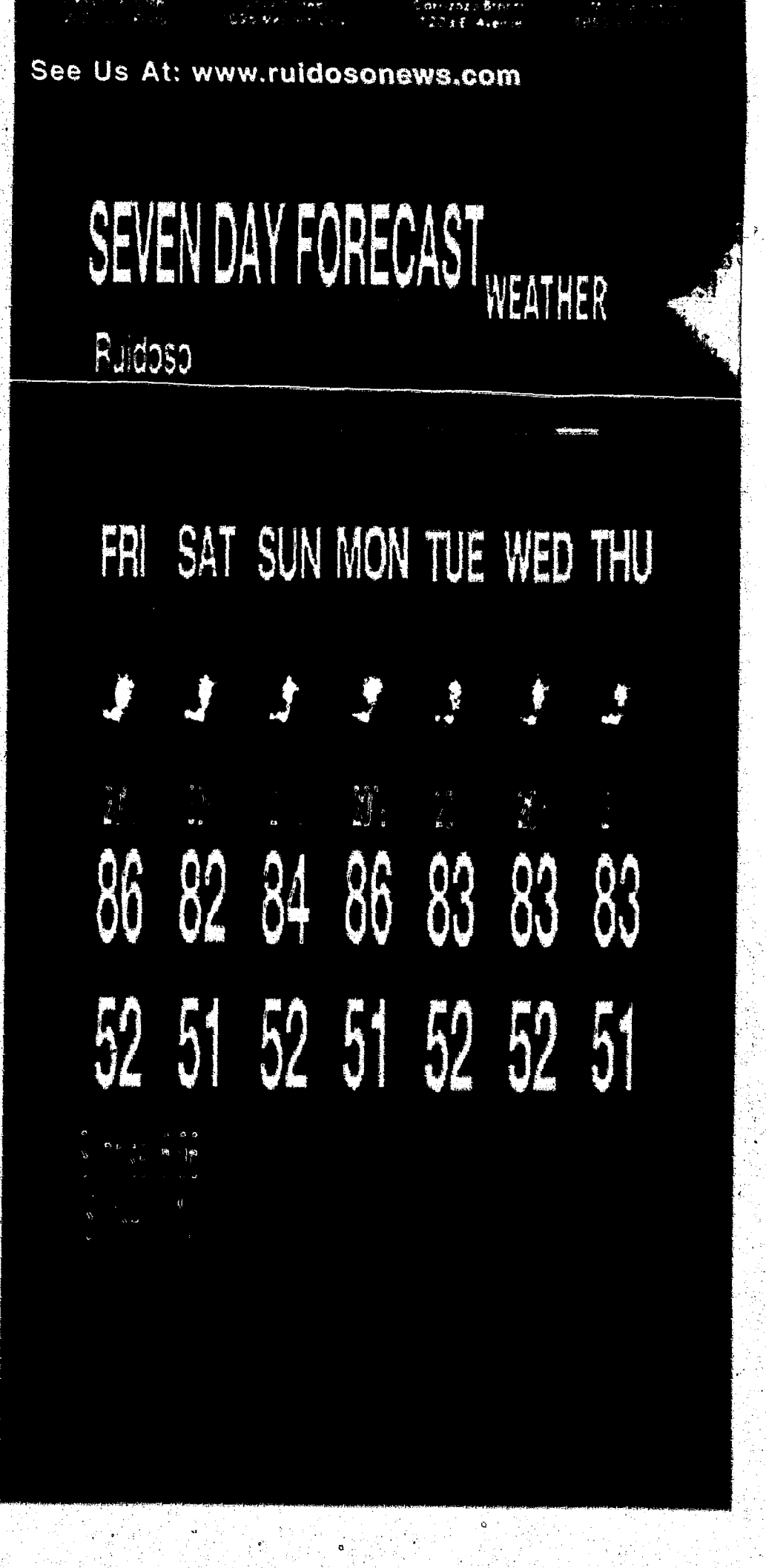

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OPINION

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Mayor's announcement cleans the slate

L. Ray Nunley put his stamp on the village

Ruidoso Mayor L. Ray Nunley told the *Ruidoso News* he will not seek a second term in office in the 2010 municipal election.

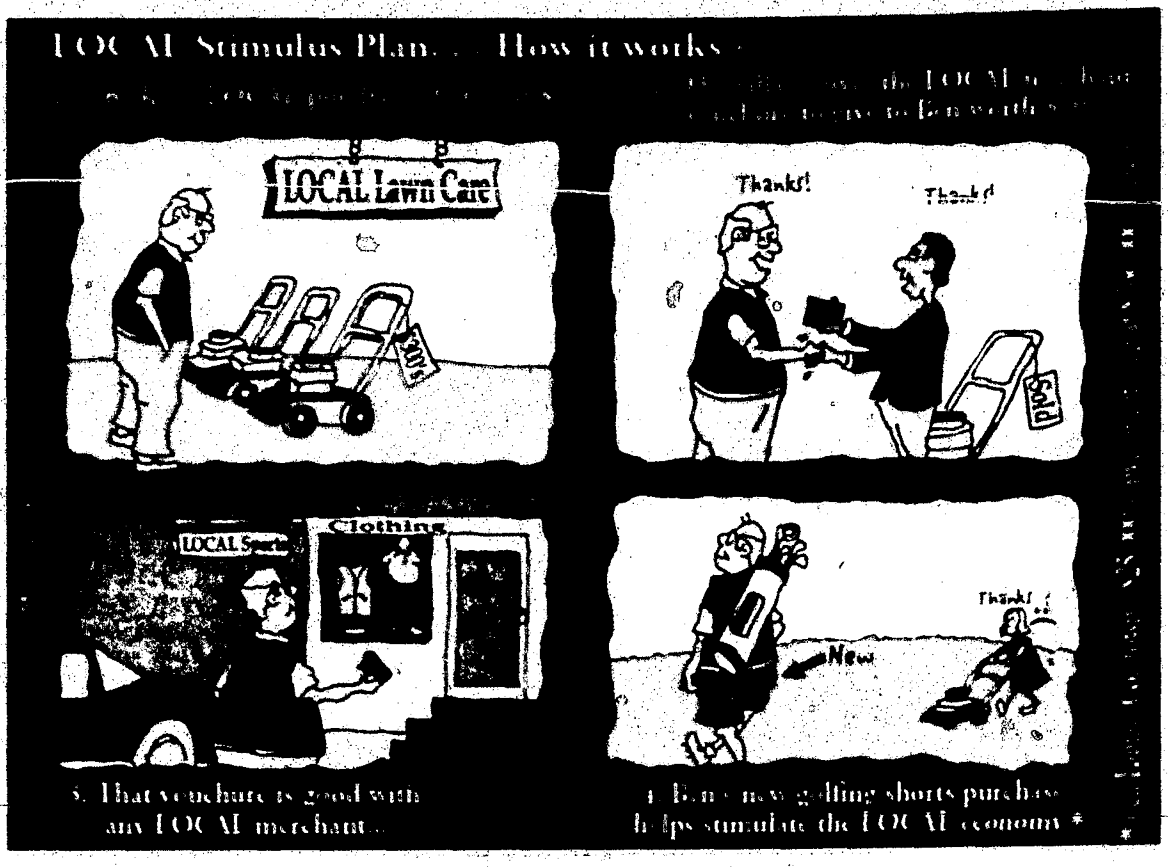
To those who follow the action, it's no secret that tensions have recently escalated between the mayor and some council members. That development, combined with family health concerns, might have tipped the decision, which was announced this week.

We salute the mayor for his early, decisive announcement, which will allow time for mayoral candidates to get in line. That, in turn will shed light on the council situation, in which three seats will be contested next March. This will create a fresh political start for many.

During his term, Nunley oversaw the long-awaited expansion of the regional wastewater treatment plant, cleaned up the remnants of a special state audit, advocated wastewater recycling for golf course irrigation and turned to ordinary citizens for input on task forces.

As mayor, councilor and county commissioner, Nunley has answered a high, and sometimes thankless, calling.

Thanks for serving, Mayor.



YOUR OPINION

Downs efficient on sewer lines

To the editor

IN RESPONSE to Sharon Paul's letter (*Ruidoso News*, July 10).

Her diatribe was about 2 percent fact and 98 percent conjecture. The fact is that Mark Lewis, Cleatus Richards and Steve Dunnigan have gone to great lengths to protect the City of Ruidoso Downs.

They have gone out of their way to diligently pursue all of the statutes and requirements of the State of New Mexico and the Village of Ruidoso Downs. They have double-checked every aspect of the sewer line running through the Escondido property. They have been helpful and efficient.

Mrs. Paul's finger-pointing has been absolutely unfounded and not based on fact. It is very easy to be a Monday morning quarterback and criticize the people who are doing their very best during stressful economic times.

Mark Hughes
Nogal

Bring on sewer

To the editor

SEPTIC SYSTEM, aerobic system or city sewer – which is better, which is preferred and which is permanent?

Septic tanks should be (and almost never are) checked for sludge levels every spring and pumped when 1/3 of the liquid level is sludge or scum. Aerobic systems must be checked by trained personnel semi-annually.

With a municipal connection, the sewer plant has the benefit of volume and the system is checked daily and sludge removal is continuous.

To make the answer really simple, septic system permits and aerobic system permits are null and void when public sewer becomes available. Cesspools are never allowed.

Ruidoso Downs has done an excellent job at extending sewer lines. The future of line extensions within the village of Ruidoso looks brighter once the sewer plant is completed.

Jace Ensor
President
Mountain Top Inc

Be very aware

To the editor:

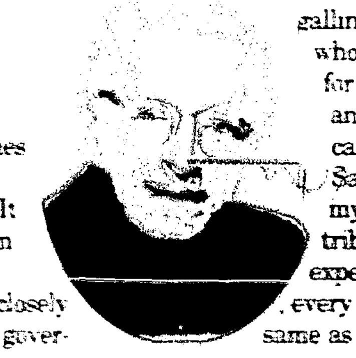
SINCE I DON'T have a TV, it is only recently that I have seen (online) some of the "Be Very Afraid" ads that the for-profit health industry have been running.

Folks, be very aware that they are against a public insurance option because it would provide competition for their big fat monopoly. Also, be aware that the combined health industry is spending $1.4 million dollars a day on those TV ads and a reported 350 lobbyists in Washington, D.C., all trying to kill the public option.

And it is your monthly health insurance premiums that are paying for the ads and lobbyists.

Ellen Wedum
Cloudcroft

Denish appears strong, in spite of Richardson tie



HAL RHODES

Last week a top New Mexico Republican took a stab at framing the debate as he would like to see it evolve during next year's gubernatorial election.

At least that's the import of an op-ed piece by state GOP Chairman Harvey Yates Jr. making it clear that if he gets his druthers, the 2010 governor's race will be a referendum on Democratic Gov. Bill Richardson.

Yates' piece is what used to be called a partisan screed, a sometimes shrill attempt to rouse the rabble. It is also hell bent on linking Lt. Gov. Diane Denish as closely as possible to the governor.

Denish is the frontrunner for the Democrats' gubernatorial nomination next year and most polls suggest folks think well of her.

But Yates predicts that the headlines chronicling Bill Richardson's sundry woes – real and/or alleged – will "cause his departure" before his term is over, thereby making Denish "the incumbent governor against whom a Republican runs in 2010."

Thereby does the state GOP chief transform the Richardson administration into the "Richardson-Denish administration," which he thinks will "go down in New Mexico history as the most corrupt administration since World War II, if not since statehood."

Yates bundles together a lot of conjectural sleights of hand to arrive at the equation he is peddling, namely that Denish is but another word for Richardson and, he adds, "she has lacked the courage to speak vigorously against corruption."

Ironically, last week also found the lieutenant governor at a press conference unveiling her own package of comprehensive government ethics reforms including a proposal for a nonpartisan ethics commission to monitor and enforce the conduct of elected officials.

One of the reasons Denish polls so well with likely New Mexico voters is that she is widely perceived as a fighter for tougher ethics laws in New Mexico, so much so that some Roundhouse old timers consider her a pain in the butt on the subject.

In a conversation with a reporter last week, Denish chuckled when asked about Yates' attack. "This (sort of thing) will be a Republican theme" in the coming campaign, she remarked.

Still it has to be a bit galling for someone who has gone to bat for open government and more frequent campaign reporting. Said Denish, "I file my (campaign contributions and expenditures) report every three months, the same as the federal requirements, which a stricter requirement than we have in New Mexico. And I do so because I want people to have access to that information, so everything is transparent."

Yates' broadside also prompted Ted F. Martinez, who chairs Denish's campaign committee, to fire back with his own op-ed piece blasting the Republican chairman for "false attacks against the lieutenant governor" and noting that it was Denish who pushed legislation requiring that state contracts be posted on the Internet so the public can know how their tax dollars are being spent."

Now that the tit for tat has begun it can only escalate in the months ahead. But at this point, Denish looks to be a strong candidate for the Democrats.

All sorts of things can happen in the meantime, of course. However, it may say something about the thinking of prospective Republican candidates in next year's elections that after weighing the pros and cons of running for governor or running for Congress, former U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce opted to run for his old 2nd District congressional seat rather than against Denish.

Pearce, along with another ex-congressperson, Heather Wilson, was widely regarded as one of the GOP's stronger [illegible] hopefuls.

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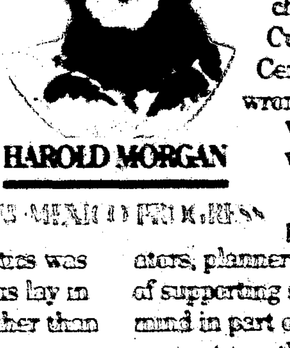
Question the numbers



HAROLD MORGAN

NEW MEXICO PROGRESS

Numbers aren't everything. You may think that a startling assertion from a guy who writes so often about numbers. The reminder comes from reflections in the wake of the death of Robert McNamara, defense secretary in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, as well as the claimed population of Cuba, N.M., and the condition of public tennis courts in Albuquerque.

McNamara approached "problems with technocratic zeal," wrote Stephen Miller in the Wall Street Journal, and "his recall of facts and statistics was legendary. But his genius lay in pursuing efficiencies rather than pursuing policy goals."

David Halberstam once described the Kennedy administration approach, to "manage and control events, in an intelligent, rational way," according to columnist Bret Stephens, also in the Wall Street Journal.

"Rationalism isn't a synonym for reason, much less common sense," and a planned solution isn't necessarily a workable or desirable solution.

Earlier this month, the print and electronic media reports I saw swallowed whole a curious statistic about the population growth rate for Cuba, a rural hamlet 65 miles from Bernalillo in Sandoval County. The Census Bureau claimed Cuba has grown 17 percent between 2007 and 2008 and more than doubled since 2000.

By chance I had renewed my usual relationship with Cuba a few weeks earlier. The relationship is: Drive through, buy gas, leave. As usual, nothing much was happening. There was no apparent doubling of population.

In reaction, I dropped into journalist mode and checked the "fact" of Cuba's growth. The Census report is wrong, says Cuba Village Clerk Vandora Casados.

The thing about plans, their creators, planners, and the reams of supporting statistics comes to mind in part of a recent close encounter with a flying bicyclist on a sidewalk on Albuquerque's Central Avenue between two planner nirvanas, Nob Hill and East Downtown.

Cities – larger ones, anyway, such as Albuquerque, Farmington, Las Cruces and Santa Fe – are all about land use, which means they are all about plans and planners. The results can be unreal. Santa Fe's rebuilding of Cerrillos Road added block-long turn lanes carved into the middle of the road. The turn lanes are separate little streets.

In Albuquerque, a stealth redesign of the city is underway. Islands – concrete barriers for cars to hit – are appearing in the middle of two-lane arterials. The normal-width lanes shrink to allow room for the barrier. Cars hit these barriers; I have pictures. A police officer told me he had no idea why the barriers were appearing, but he thought blocking streets and making lanes narrower was a terrible idea.

This stuff can't be random. There has to be a plan.

Meanwhile, Albuquerque's public tennis courts are falling apart, flaking and breaking, as the city faces a $20 million shortfall for the new budget year. At the same time, there is the newest city program: "free" reusable shopping bags. Except nothing is free. Maybe street barrier money will become bag money.

Here's the essence: Planners drive land-use plans. Planners control because they write the first draft of the plan and maybe the second and third drafts. Everyone else reacts. Planners and their plans are technocratic and rational, just like Robert McNamara.

Over the plans and planners, we need a few folks with thoughtful souls, people with knowledge, goodwill and frankness who can say, "What's really happening with this plan?" Or, has the population really doubled? Or, what was Ted Martinez, campaign chair for Diane Denish, smoking when he claimed in a recent op-ed, "After the last six years, New Mexico is a stronger, more economically dynamic state than ever."

Not exactly, Ted.

New director hopes to guide LCMC through challenges

■ Alfred G. Santos, who replaced Jim Gibson three weeks ago, says local hospital structure could be model for nation

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Alfred Santos, the new administrator at the Lincoln County Medical Center, has been around the world, coming to Ruidoso most recently from Jacksonville, Fla. "Retirement is not in my vocabulary," he says

No one in his family was involved in the medical field, but Alfred G. Santos' entire career centered around management of hospitals, clinics and health insurance plans.

On the job three weeks, his latest challenge is guiding the Lincoln County Medical Center through a medical climate already changing, then intensified by the pledge of the President to transform the landscape of health care.

Born in Oakland, Calf., Santos was raised an only child. His late father was a flooring contractor and his mother, who died recently, a legal secretary.

"Nobody was in the military or health care in the family," he said. "I was not a spoiled only child as my own children will attest. I'm fiscally responsible." He cited the example of when a favorite local restaurant in Virginia began to charge an extra 50 cents for cheese on a hamburger. Santos' wife, Marti, brought slices from home.

After high school, Santos attended the University of California at Berkeley and briefly enrolled in the ROTC. After earning a bachelor's degree in finance, he joined the Army. Only one Medical Service Corps position was available and Santos grabbed it, believing it was more translatable to future jobs and less hazardous.

After six months in the service, he married Marti, who he met at Berkeley. He spent the next 22 years with the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps before retiring. Most of his stations were in the United States or its territories, including four years in Hawaii and three in South Korea. He also lived in Washington D.C., Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Arizona and Texas. Along the way, he earned a master's degree in healthcare administration from Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

"There were lots of moves," he said. "We never stayed anywhere more than four years. That was one of the things (LCMC Board Chairman Gary Mitchell) asked me, because he wanted 10 years."

After retiring from the military in 2002, Santos moved to Jacksonville, Fla., where he was senior director of integrated health services for a private company and was a human resources payroll and benefits outsourcer. In that position, he was asked to find health care solutions for clients, including Dupont. He visited government and health care operations in 22 countries.

"The experience has proven invaluable as we see all the criticism of health care in this country," he said. "But compared to others with better statistics, it absolutely is not true (that they have better care than the United States). Statistics can be skewed. They all told me the United States was the best and they aspired to get there. Even with our shortcomings, we are recognized as the best in the world."

Before being hired in Lincoln County, he was in China and Bangkok, Thailand, where he found their health care systems are being modeled after the United States, Santos said. "They wanted U.S. health companies to come in there," he said. To wake up people at home about the high quality of care, "We have to inform people what they don't know about health care and how to access it," he said.

Santos said in his opinion, universal health care or single-payer insurance would bankrupt the country. He also contended that the statistics on the number of uninsured in the country are "grossly exaggerated."

"Don't get distracted by the verbal spin," Santos said. "Failure to educate is the biggest problem in accessing health care. You can legislate, mandate or tax it, but without education," people still will not be able to take full advantage of what's available.

Brought up in the military where networking is a way of life and people constantly are moving, Santos said he maintains a large circle of contacts.

"(Former LCMC administrator) Jim Gibson and I served at Fort Sill during Desert Storm," he said, as did another former LCMC official. They all stayed in touch. When Gibson set a departure date, he sent the word out to past associates and the mutual friend contacted Santos, asking if he was interested.

Santos said he liked the idea of a community hospital.

"Health care is a local phenomenon where you can influence things," and see exactly the quality of care being delivered, he said. "The structure here is very unique. I think it could become a model for the nation, an efficient partnership of government and a private nonprofit entity to deliver health care with the commitment of the community."

Government unchecked and in charge tends to be driven by bureaucracy and for-profit entities can become blinded by profit, he said. Voters here approved a special property tax to support the hospital, ambulance service and rural health care clinics, he noted.

"That requires we live within our means and shows what they are willing to support," he said. "The county owns the hospital and has a stake in the game. They lease it to a private entity, Presbyterian Healthcare Services, with the responsibility to manage the hospital and to provide support services."

Physician recruitment continues to be a problem in rural areas, although being able to employ doctors through Presbyterian helps mitigate the situation, Santos said. Still, he needs to determine what patient load number would be sufficient for a private practice. Talks are underway with several candidates currently, including an intern, two private physicians and an emergency medicine doctor, he said.

To better recruit, modernization of hospital facilities is essential, he said. Prospective hires, some of whom may be older and looking for a slower pace, are focused on quality of life. They want to know what the county has to offer, the quality of schools, amenities and activities. He tries to bring them to the county to see the natural, historic and artistic attractions, such as the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, and to meet the staff.

"The staff really is quality and that coupled with the commitment of the community wins the day," Santos said. The county emergency medical services (ambulances) is considered tops in the state.

The same things that turn off a physician candidate also may turn away other business owners looking for a location, he said. "People don't want to have to drive 50 plus miles to a hospital," he said. "They don't want to be taxed to death, but they don't want to be sick and have no care. The county realizes investing in health care is important for a growing community and they seem committed to that."

As for the future of LCMC, a strategic plan is being developed. A draft was submitted to the Lincoln County Commission last week. The plan covers how to handle modernization of facilities and expansion, and the resources available. It's a good start, he said.

"Over the course of the next year, we need as a board to finalize the plan and put actions into play to realize the objectives," Santos said. "How do we get where we want to go. We need to begin to execute the plan."

He wants objectives and a five year plan to which he can be held accountable. "My goal will be to get there one way or the other," Santos said.

Fortunately, he said, Gibson, Presbyterian and county officials recognized that things were changing in late 2007, saw patient volume begin to fall and felt the financial mess coming nationally. Even though the figures were good the first six months of the year, they exercised fiscal restraint.

"Jim and I are not different," Santos said. We hold the directors of departments accountable. I have a controller, chief nurse and medical director to keep me straight and watch the numbers."

Layoffs haven't been necessary, but fortunately the staff is used to seasonal fluctuations and are adaptable in using flexible schedules and are efficient at managing supplies, he said.

"We will continue providing quality care at an affordable price with minimum disruption," he said. "Everyone may not always be happy, but it's a balancing act. I'm going to be proactive and let the people in the community see what we're doing as opposed to being a victim of it."

Santos and his wife have three grown children. The sons are Jared, an Air Force pilot in Alaska, about to have a baby girl after eight years of marriage; and Jeremy, another AF pilot and a flight instructor in Columbus, Miss. Both attended the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs and were Eagle Scouts. Daughter Jessica, a pharmacy technician in Omaha, Neb., is married to another military man, who works on aircraft, including Air Force One. They're moving to Shreveport, La.

At home, Santos owns a 5 pound Yorkie, "who thinks he's a 100-pound pit bull. He loves other animals, but can't understand why deer won't stand still."

A skier and jogger, Santos ran the 10K in Capitan on July 4th. "I thought I was going to die. I'm not used to the altitude coming from Jacksonville. Two weeks is not enough to acclimate. If it wasn't embarrassing, I would have turned around halfway."

He emphasized that he took the job at LCMC out of choice.

"I'm at stage of life that I do what I want to do," Santos said. "I do not have to be here, so I'm here because that's what I want. I've been with two organizations that were downsizing. I closed the door on one and I know what's involved and what it feels like."

He's not here to repeat that experience.

"Retirement is not in my vocabulary."

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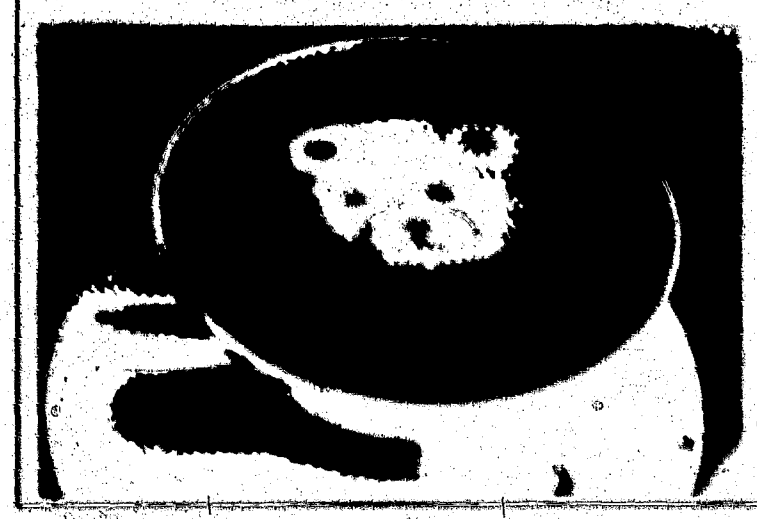

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Crown Point team on top in service

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This month's Champion of Service Award from the Ruidoso Valley Greeters went to a team. The Front Desk Team at Crown Point Condominiums received the traveling award Thursday, July 16.

"I've been in this business for a long time and this is the best crew I have ever had," Crown Point general manager Bruce Timson said.

Timson nominated Candi Henderdson, Carla Holmes, Tracy Jackson and Connie Gutierrez for the award because of the comments received from Crown Point customers.

"Carla was friendly, helpful with directions and suggestions on things to do, where to eat, etc." said one visitor from Denver, Colo.

"Tracy was very nice in setting up reservations and giving directions," a visitor from San Diego, Calif. said.

"What a tremendous asset you have in Candi, who did a great job when there was a mix-up," a visitor from Auburn, Calif. said. "She is a great employee."

Guests fill out comment cards as they check out of Crown Point Condo-miniums. To date this month, 252 cards were turned in from check outs. With 5 being the best score possible, the front desk team rated 4.8 for check in and out, 4.9 for hospitality.

A survey of exchange guests, with 367 comment cards turned in, rated the front desk team at 4.7 out of a possible 5.

It was unusual for the Champion of Service Award to go to more than one person.

"This is the first time any of us can remember giving the award to a group," Ruidoso Valley Greeter Beverly Reynolds said.

"Congratulations, Candi, Carla, Tracy and Connie," Reynolds said in her presentation Thursday, at Crown Point Condominiums. "It is people like you that make Ruidoso very proud."

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Tracy Jackson, left, Carla Holmes, Candi Henderson and Connie Guiterrez received the Ruidoso Valley Greeters Champion of Service Award. The traveling trophy will stay at the front desk of Crown Point Condominiums for a month. This is the first time any of the Ruidoso Valley Greeters can remember presenting the award to more than one person.

Bacon, eggs and smiles

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Katie Murphy serves breakfast at Cree Meadows Golf & Country Club. Cree Meadows serves breakfast seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. lunch seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and a Friday all-you-can-eat catfish buffett. Thursdays there is a fried chicken buffett for lunch and the catfish buffett is available Friday evenings from 5 to 8. There's also live entertainment in the lounge every Thursday and Friday evening.

DISH Network to pay $4.9 million settlement

ALBUQUERQUE — New Mexico Attorney General Gary King today says DISH Network, L.L.C. will pay New Mexico and 45 states five-point-nine-million-dollars, settling consumer protection allegations of deceptive and unfair sales practices.

The States collectively allege the satellite TV provider and its third-party retailers:

- Refused to accept responsibility for the misconduct of its third-party retailers and installers;
- Made telemarketing calls to consumers in violation of do-not-call rules;
- Failed to disclose all terms and conditions of their customer agreements, including the availability of rebates, credits and free offers;
- Did not disclose that purchased or leased equipment was previously used and/or refurbished;
- Made reference to competitors' price offers when the goods or services being compared were materially different; and,
- Charged customer credit cards and debited bank accounts without providing adequate notice and obtaining appropriate authorization.

Restitution will be offered to eligible consumers who filed complaints with the 38 Attorneys General offices or DISH Network between Jan. 1, 2004, and July 9, 2009.

Consumers who file complaints within the next 150 days may also be eligible for restitution under the settlement. Complaints regarding misconduct by DISH within the last two years will be taken by Attorney's General offices, DISH Network and the Better Business Bureau. Any consumers who are not satisfied with the company's offer of restitution may file a claim to be decided by a third-party claims administrator.

States involved in the settlement also include: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas.

Ribbon cut on Humane Society Resale Shop

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K'Aun Kingsley presents a Ruidoso Valley Greeters Ribbon Cutting plaque to Margaret Lahey while Resale Shop employees Ralph Smith, left, and Robert Harris watch. The Resale Shop takes donated construction material, appliances, bathroom and kitchen fixtures, and other construction and home repair related material and sells it to raise money for the Humane Society of Lincoln County. The shop is located in the old C&L Lumber building on Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs. Hours of operation are Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lopez & Sons clean up

Bobby Lopez, of Lopez & Sons Tree Service, sweeps pine needles from the roof of a house on Hideaway Lane in Ruidoso, July 9. Lopez was called to complete the cleanup after homeowner Anita Berry, who lives in Nevada, received a letter from Ruidoso Village Forestry Department telling her the property needed to be cleaned up. Lopez removed the pine needles from the roof and removed a leaning tree from the yard.

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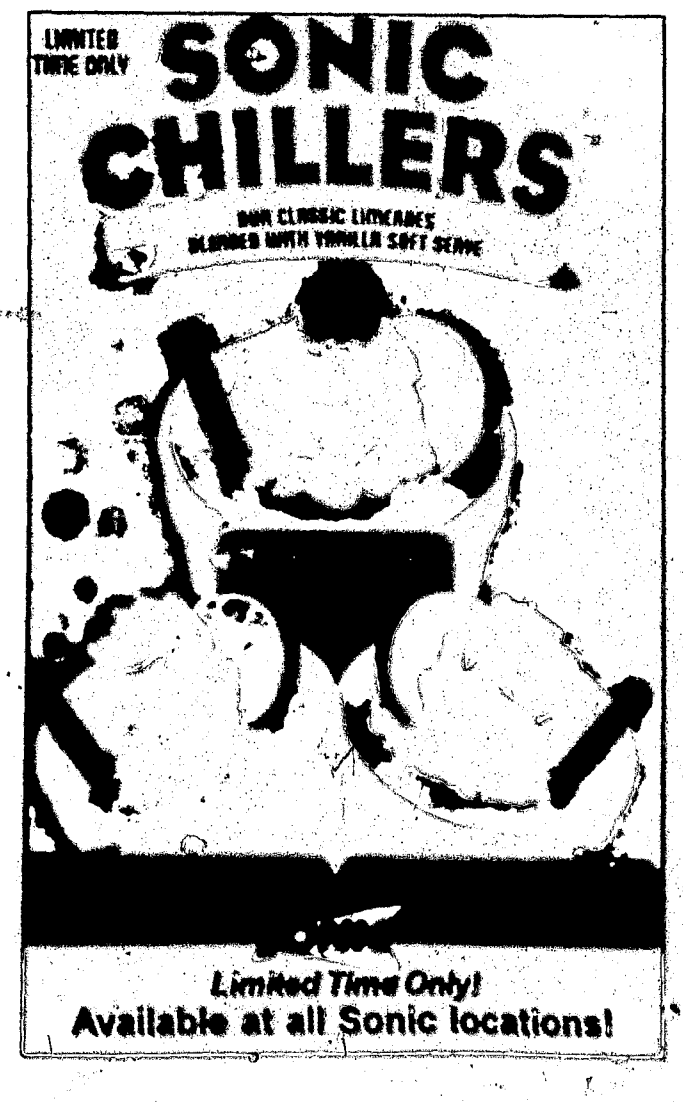

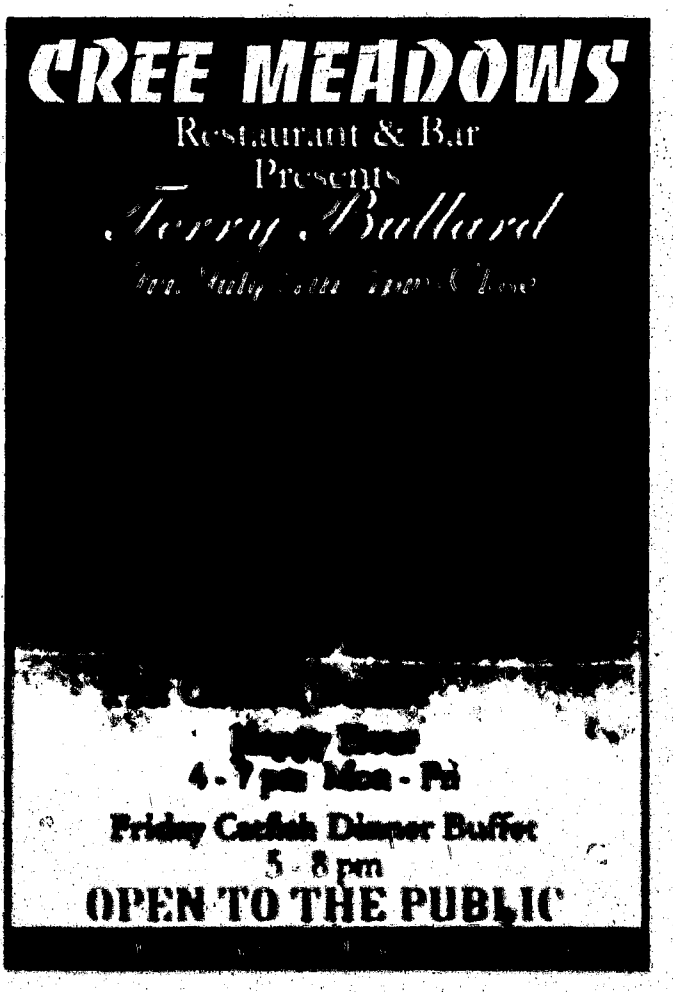

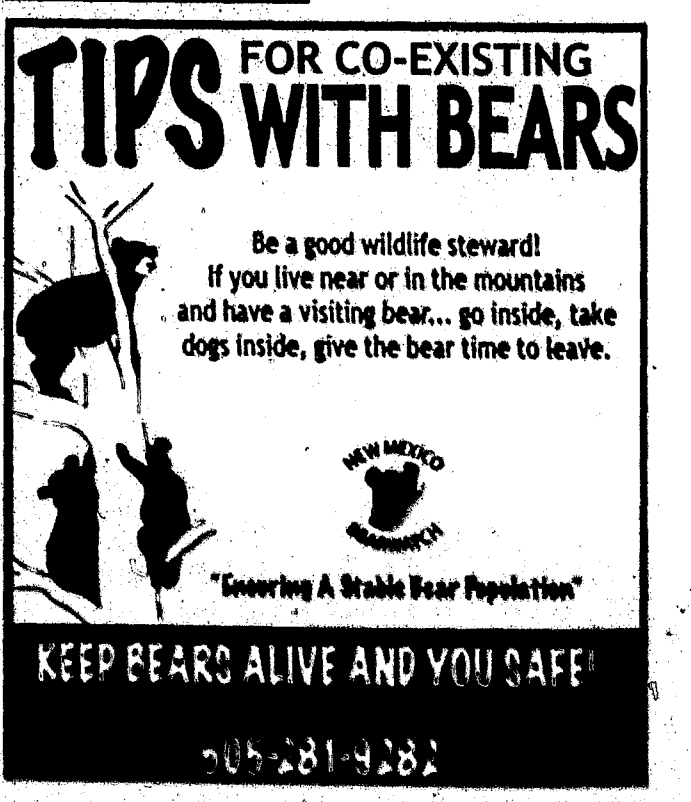

NMDOT: Ski Run Road reconstruction too expensive

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A large crowd turned out for Thursday's meeting at Village Hall with NMDOT officials.

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Ruidoso Village Hall was packed Thursday as members of the New Mexico State Transportation Commission settled in to review a project list for roads in District 2, which includes Lincoln County.

Gary Shubert, engineer for the district that also covers the communities of Roswell, Carlsbad, Clovis, Hobbs, Portales and Alamogordo, went over projects underway and planned. But under project needs in Lincoln County, he noted that the reconstruction of Ski Run Road to Ski Apache or development of an alternate route was determined as too expensive to pursue at this time.

In Mescalero, the Mescalero Apache Tribe and the Tularosa Maintenance Patrol teamed up to deter graffiti by painting wall barriers and two pedestrian overpass bridges on U.S. 70. The savings from not having to repaint graffiti in the future was estimated at $15,000 annually and the work begun in May and scheduled to be finished by the end of the month, improves aesthetics, Shubert said.

Future projects in Lincoln County include replacement of the U.S. 380 Priest Gulch bridge near the historic settlement of Lincoln at Mile Post 97 for an estimated $2.3 million, to be bid in the fall. The village of Ruidoso will be handling the overlay of Paradise Canyon with federal stimulus money, he said.

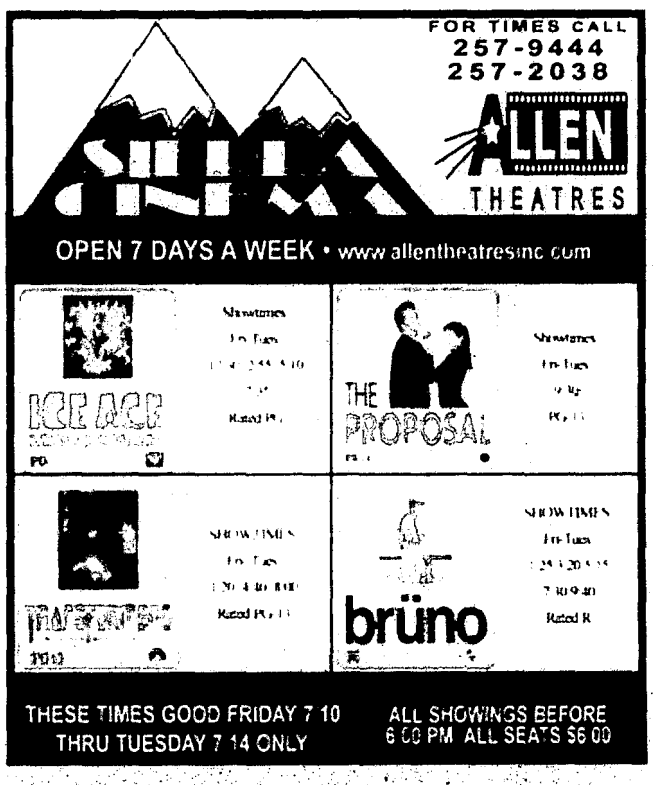
Besides Ski Run Road, project needs for Lincoln County include work on the intersection of Lower Carrizo Canyon Road and U.S. 70 southwest of Ruidoso, work on Airport Road from Fort Stanton to Alto and continued reconstruction of U.S. 54 in Lincoln and Otero County.

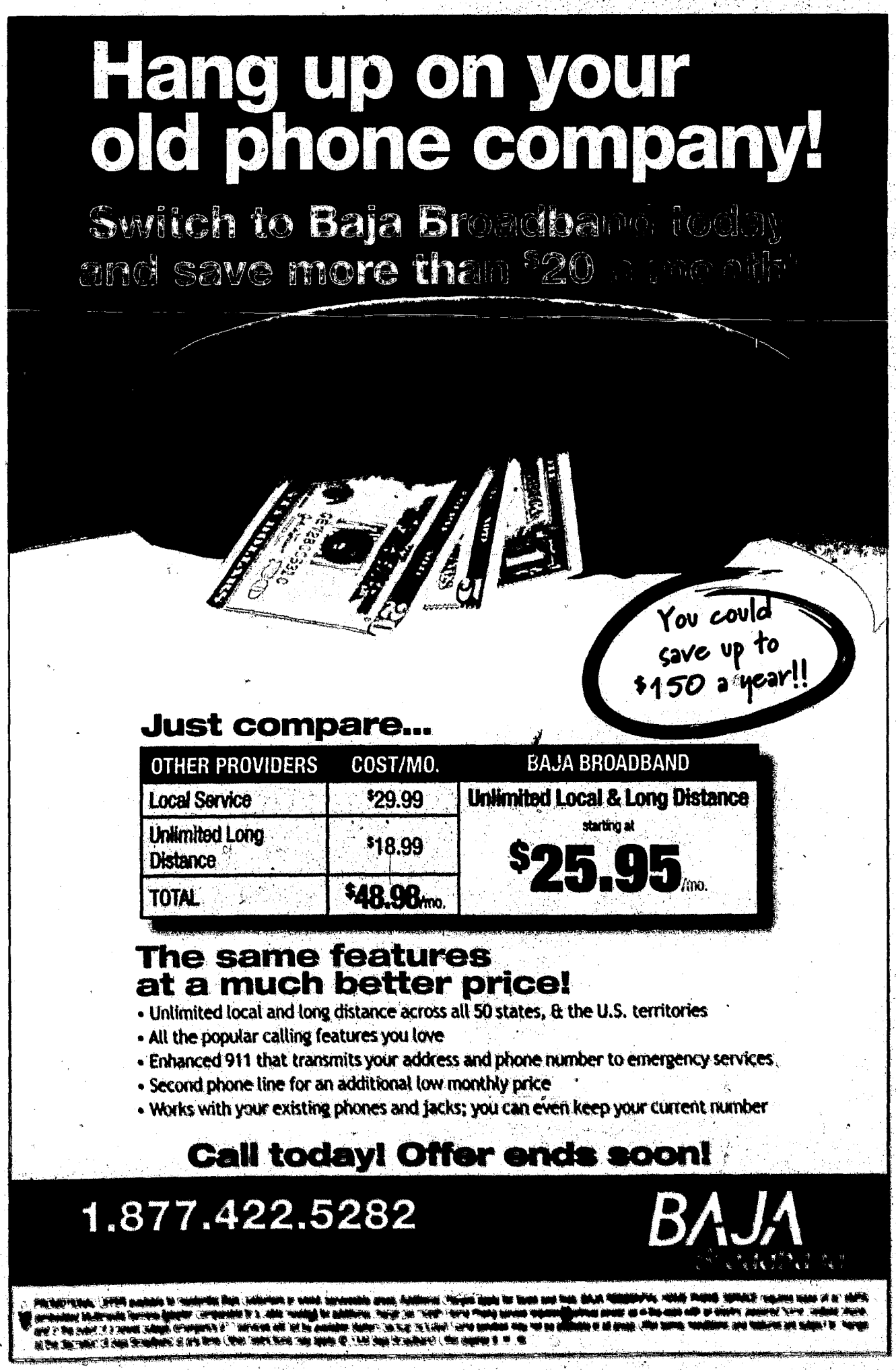
Shubert noted recently completed projects in the area as:

- U.S. 70 roadway rehabilitation and intersection improvements at Mile Post 255 to MP 261 at the turnoff for the Inn of the Mountain Gods for $2.1 million
- guardrail installation for $200,000 on U.S. 70 in Hondo Valley
- rehabilitation on New Mexico Highway 220, also called Airport Road
- traffic signal repairs on Sudderth Drive (NM 48) and U.S. 70, crack sealing on U.S. 70 in Ruidoso Downs for four miles, restriping Sudderth in front of River Crossing
- The Capitan patrol finished in June installing rumble strips on NM 37 approaching the junction of NM 48 to slow drivers
- and $1.6 million for guardrail installation and slope stabilization in various locations from MP zero to MP 11.8 on Ski Run Road, (NM 532).

After the first report of the day by Shubert, the agenda for transportation commissioners included issues dealing with the Railrunner, the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2008 through 2011, and for FY 2010-2013, as well as Governor Richardson's Investment Partnership road program and money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

When commissioners arrived in town Wednesday, they were welcomed with a reception at The Lodge at Sierra Blanca and enjoyed a continental breakfast with the public Thursday at village hall. Village Councilor Jim Stoddard planned and handled the arrangements.





Village considers cemetery service alternatives

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'I don't think we could afford to buy land. We're strapped,' said Jim Stoddard in reference to the benefits of using land near T.R.'s market, which the village owns.

Instead of developing a new village cemetery, some councilors think the best course may be to get out of providing the service to families altogether.

Councilors on Tuesday directed Parks and Recreation Director Debbie Jo Almager and members of the village Cemetery Board to analyze more in-depth two possible sites and the alternative of not operating a cemetery. A workshop will be scheduled to discuss their conclusions and information.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Greg Cory and councilors selected 4.9 acres on U.S. 70, currently a salvage yard at the entrance to the village from Mescalero, and 9 acres behind TR's Market off New Mexico Highway 48 to be examined by the cemetery board for advantages and disadvantages. Board members also should look at the profitability of operating a cemetery.

Almager recalled that in 2005, councilors approved a development plan to create a cemetery on village property off Ski Run Road. The staff cleared the area, developed a preliminary site plan and written rules to apply to plots sold.

In 2007, informal discussions occurred about the sale of the entire 140 acres that included the cemetery site. In 2008, village staff and cemetery board members reviewed several sites and studied rules and prices at cemeteries managed by other municipalities.

Potential names for the Menjeau site off Ski Run Road were discussed in February, but by April, board members recommended against the site because of "a solid rock ledge underlying much of the property, making it unsuitable for burials.

In May, the cemetery board began looking at other possible sites and in June, narrowed the list to six, listing pros and cons, Almager said. Members now recommend the 4.9 acres on U.S. 70 as having the most potential as a cemetery.

"The biggest hurdle is the cost of purchasing," Almager said.

When she said the price might be in the $1 million range, councilors quickly emphasized the village isn't in a financial position for any large purchases while trying to build a $35 million wastewater treatment plant in the middle of a slowing economy and a drop in gross receipts and lodging taxes.

Reviewing the six sites, Almager said the first possibility, expanding at the Forest Lawn Municipal Cemetery on Mechem Drive doesn't hold much promise, because test holes indicated the remaining land in the area is too rocky.

"There are no lots to purchase," she said. "Some are vacant that were purchased years ago."

The 4.9 acres on U.S. 70 is private property between Pine Cliff and Cherokee Village. It has not been appraised and the owner approached the cemetery board. Water rights come with the land and the owner may be interested in a trade for other village property, she said.

Other positives include proximity to churches and the funeral home, that the land mostly was level and has mature trees. It would be easy to plot and has an existing structure.

"Would they pay for any ground water clean-up?" that may be necessary after being used as a salvage yard, Councilor Jim Stoddard asked.

Next on the list was 9.18 acres behind T.R.'s Market owned by the village. The advantages would be the size, the beauty of the site, good soils and level ground, as well as being owned by the village already, she said.

The negatives would be lack of parking, a dirt access road, being closer to Alto than Ruidoso and dealing with a gas line utility easement.

The line would cut about 30 feet from the front of the property, Almager said. Stoddard noted that still would leave six to seven acres of usable land in the back.

Cory said that, as owner, the village could request that the utility stake the position of the gas line.

The fourth site was Biscuit Hill, where a cemetery already is designed and active. The property is for sale for $250,000. Plots are being sold there for from $850 to $1,000, so income potential exists.

"We shied away from this site, because past councils didn't like the purchase," she said.

Councilor Ron Hardeman clarified that many residents showed up to tell councilors they wanted a cemetery with a mountain atmosphere and trees. The proximity to the Rio Ruidoso of Biscuit Hill also was a concern because of frequent flooding issues that would require vaults to be used, which is much more expensive for families, he said.

On the positive side, ingress and egress is easy and safe, the surrounding countryside is attractive with horses, the river and mountain views. A joint venture with the city of Ruidoso Downs may be possible, Almager said.

Another option examined was a privately-owned 196 acre tract behind Ruidoso High School. Advantages would include being in the village, a land-trade possibility, plenty of space and the potential for multiple uses.

Disadvantages include safety issues with access off Gavilan Canyon Road, being too close to the high school and the potential for vandalism and truancy, because the site is hidden. Drainage and topography issues also exist.

The last site consists of 20 acres of private property off Barney Luck Trail, Almager said. The owner would consider a land trade. A cemetery would beautify that section of Gavilan Canyon and the soil is well-suited.

Disadvantages would be that not all of the acreage could be used for a cemetery because a portion is too steep and would present erosion problems; access is poor, no parking area, an exit bridge would be needed and more clearing required.

Almager said 5 acres could be used in front, but the rest is steep. Access in and out would be difficult with a large funeral, she said.

"I don't think we're ready to decide," Cory said. "Let's narrow consideration to two or three and look more deeply."

As for a question about traffic control for funerals on the site behind TR's Market, Ruidoso Police Chief Wolfgang Born said his agency and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department cross jurisdiction in providing funeral escorts and it would be no problem.

Hardeman favored the 9-acre site.

Stoddard asked if village officials had considered getting out of the cemetery business and allowing someone else to handle it.

"I've voted against it for the same reason," Councilor Michele Rebstock added.

Councilor Don Williams asked Almager to determine if operating a cemetery is profitable for Ruidoso. He said the village entrance would improve if a wrecking yard was replaced with a landscaped cemetery, and the village would have more control over what it looked like in the future along that major entry.

"We own the TR's acreage," Stoddard said. "I don't think we could afford (to buy land). We're strapped."

Almager said an appraisal might change the purchase price and a cemetery on U.S. 70 would beautify the area.

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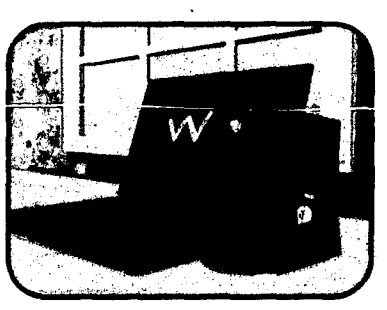

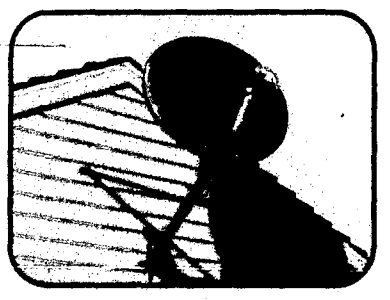

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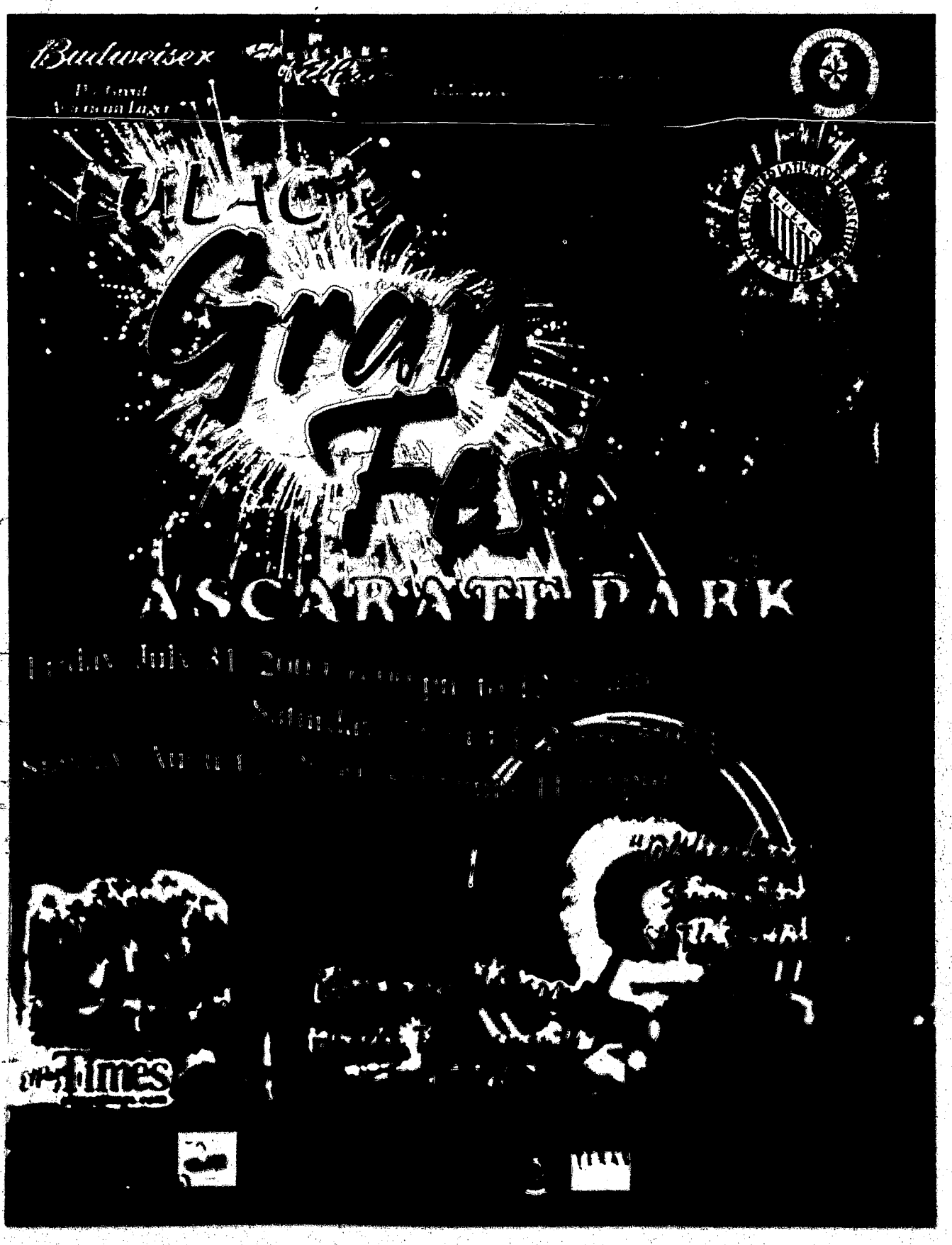

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force also sought revision of land use code related to parking requirements, outdoor sales in all districts, minimum lot size in new and re-divided developments, removal of cascading use allowances in C2 and C3, neighborhood commercial and midtown, respectively, and clarification of design criteria.

• Adopt a future land use map by March 2010, rewrite the land use chapter, prepare a zoning district map separating R1, single-family residential, and C2, neighborhood commercial, into subzones that better reflect conditions in various areas of the village; set up a C4 district for industrial use and revise the C3 boundary of Midtown.

• Expand the use of the Planned Unit Development overlay zone to encourage innovative land use changes in existing developed areas.

• All staff reports to the planning commission and council should identify how a proposed project is consistent with the CP.

Under a section dealing with the economy, the task force stated a coordinated effort is needed to enhance the economic viability of midtown, the historic shopping core of the village on Sudderth Drive. Members recommended partnering with economic development entities, improving services and facilities, rejoining the MainStreet program for revitalization, to recruit and retain desirable businesses in partnership with groups such as the Ruidoso Valley Economic Development Corporation, and by March 2010, come up with a plan for removing impediments in the village code to economic activity.

They want a business plan for the convention center by October, identifying needed improvements, urging that outside funding be obtained.

Continuing the focus on Midtown, they listed steps for a more pedestrian-friendly core, the use of building with commercial on the ground level and residential on upper floors, revising the noise ordinance to encourage outdoor entertainment, improving conditions for pedestrians along certain streets and, by September, identifying public works improvements that would encourage economic reinvestment in Midtown.

Formation of a parking authority or other funding mechanisms was proposed to access existing parking and construct new facilities.

Continued improvement of Wingfield Park was encouraged, along with the development of a plaza for smaller events in Midtown.

The review touched on water needs to sustain the community, including a reclaimed water system for turf irrigation, implementation of volume-based water pricing to encourage conservation and adding more water tanks.

Under changes in land use policies, they suggested creating new zoning districts tailored to characteristics of individual neighborhoods, to support in-fill, mixed uses and densification in selected areas.

They want to see a parks and recreation facilities master plan and recreation facilities map developed, as well as construction of a community recreation center. They outlined the need for seasonal transit for tourists into midtown and working with the U.S. Forest Service to create a multi-use use trail system connecting Midtown with existing park and recreation facilities, including Ruidoso Riverwalk Trail.

They acknowledged that the scenic nature of the area is a main draw for tourists and seasonal residents and should be preserved and protected, that dark night skies be maintained and that hillside cuts be reduced to prevent scarring of the landscape. They recommended development of Moon Mountain, state trust land, as an open space resource for the region and suggested working with the state and Eastern New Mexico University to establish an outdoor environmental laboratory there.

Creation of historic districts was mentioned, along with encouraging green technologies in construction. Arts and culture were to be promoted, as well as assisted living for seniors.

The last item on the plan was to create "level of service" standards for all village services and infrastructure and, by March 2010, adopt a capital improvement program setting timelines for accomplishing those minimum standards.

They wrote that the planning director should give quarterly reports on progress toward goals and the CP should be reviewed every two years.

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license," Pam Lewis, owner of White Oaks Medicine Beads, said. "I do have a license from the state, but not one from the city. If they tell me I need to get one, I will do that."

"I don't know how I would get a business license," Gloria Graham said. Graham and Ruth Ewen are Ruidoso residents who operate out of their homes making jewelry to sell at events like the street fair. "It was my understanding that to get a business license, I would have to have someplace they could inspect," Graham said. "I would be glad to get one, but there is nothing for them to inspect.

"This is only the second time we have done this."

One itinerant business operating on the side of the road, July 4, used to be a Midtown business.

"This is Larry Baron's collection," said Maggie Lambeth, who was selling baskets, pots and blankets near McMillan Furniture on Highway 48. "He doesn't have a shop anymore; we just sell alongside the highway. We were in Santa Fe last weekend but decided that it would be better to be in Ruidoso this weekend."

Baron used to operate Lebaron's Primitives Etc. at 2314 Sudderth Dr.

Next to River Rendezvous, John Olson, owner of The Woodman in Ruidoso, was selling door stops.

"My daughter makes these," he said. "John and Judy Shaw allowed me to use their property because I couldn't get a space in the street fair. Yes, I pay taxes on this."

On Highway 70, an itinerant who set up on Thursday was gone on Friday.

"He said he had permission from the owners of the Conoco station," Ruidoso Code Enforcement Officer Kalama Davis said. "I told him that wasn't enough. He had to have a business license."

Davis said this was the third itinerant merchant he had closed down since Memorial Day.

Down Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs, what appears to be an itinerant merchant isn't.

"I have a business license and all that," Antonio Trujillo said. Trujillo owns Tony's Produce under a pop-up shelter in front of the old C&L Lumber building. "In fact, I am getting tired of being asked that question. I have had two code enforcement officers, two police officers and even Mr. (Steve) Dunigan himself come by here and check to make sure I am legal."

Dunigan is the Ruidoso Downs director of planning & zoning.

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Health department prepares for mass flu vaccination clinics

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Department of Health is planning for influenza mass vaccination clinics that will take place this fall to protect people against the novel H1N1 strain of influenza (earlier referred to as swine flu) and against seasonal influenza.

The Department of Health is also ensuring that the State and its local partners are prepared to deal with the possibility of an increase in severity of H1N1 influenza cases, including a potential pandemic in New Mexico.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is advising states that vaccine companies are working on producing an H1N1 vaccination that may require people get two shots in addition to the seasonal influenza vaccination.

The agency has not told states when to expect vaccines yet. CDC plans to cover the cost of the H1N1 vaccine for all states.

"We are reaching out to our healthcare and education partners throughout the state to make sure we can immunize New Mexicans from H1N1 and seasonal flu," said Health Secretary Alfredo Vigil, MD. "We recognize that we're asking the public to take the time to protect themselves from both a seasonal and a new strain of influenza this year. We are trying to plan clinics statewide that are convenient for people."

Due to the increase in the number of vaccinations, the Department will recruit additional people into the NM serves database, a statewide registry of pre-credentialed, volunteer healthcare professionals available to potentially respond to an emergency. To volunteer, look up www.nm serves.org or call Bobbie MacKenzie at 505-476-8302.

"We appreciate the dedication of our healthcare professionals who are willing to step up during a time of need and help us protect New Mexicans," Dr. Vigil said.

The Department is updating its response plans if flu severity increases this year. This includes planning for storage and distribution of antivirals, establishing an inventory of personal protective equipment, training hospitals on medical evacuation and medical surge, and developing educational materials to explain what specialized populations can do to prevent and respond to flu cases. The Department will distribute the information to child-care centers, schools, long-term care facilities, prisons, families and the elderly.

The Department of Health participates in weekly conference calls with the CDC to have the latest information about vaccine development and current tracking of the H1N1 disease.

H1N1 illness has been mild so far in New Mexico. Twenty-two clinics across New Mexico are reporting weekly on the percent of patient visits with influenza-like illness.

So far, there have been no deaths and no clusters of H1N1 cases in institutional settings, such as long-term care centers, in New Mexico.

Thirteen people have been hospitalized, and everyone has recovered

NM delegation announces nearly $2 million in energy efficiency rebates

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The New Mexico Congressional delegation announced that the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has made $1,903,927.00 available for energy efficiency rebates for purchases of new ENERGY STAR qualified home appliances.

The funding was made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

"This appliance rebate initiative was written into law in 2005, but the Recovery Act is the first opportunity we've had to fund it.

By helping New Mexicans purchase energy-saving appliances, we will be stimulating the economy while reducing our nation's energy consumption," Senator Jeff Bingaman said.

Bingaman, who chairs the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, worked hard to incorporate the appliance rebate into the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and helped ensure it was funded through the Recovery Act."

"This $1.9 million in Recovery funding will help New Mexican families save money on their monthly electric bill and give them a rebate incentive to purchase energy efficient appliances that are good for our environment," said Senator Tom Udall.

"These rebates will provide double savings to New Mexicans, both on the cost of the appliance and on their energy bills for the life of the appliance," Congressman Harry Teague said.

"Heating and cooling our homes can account for as much as 46 percent of utility bills so savings on the purchase of energy efficient appliances continues beyond checkout."

"Efficient home appliances save energy and money," said Congressman Martin Heinrich.

"This program encourages smart home improvement by offsetting the cost of replacing old appliances with more efficient models. New Mexicans will save energy, lower utility bills, and stimulate the economy."

"This program through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will make it easier for families to get energy saving appliances in their homes," said Congressman Ben Ray Luján.

"The program and these appliances will help save families money during these difficult economic times, while saving electricity."

The new funding will be awarded to the state using a formula set forth in the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Ten percent of the funds will be awarded after submitting an initial application.

The balance will be awarded after their program plans are approved. DOE anticipates that substantially all funding will be awarded by November 30, 2009.

Types of appliances that can qualify for rebates are boilers, central air conditioners, clothes washers, dishwashers, freezers, furnaces (oil and gas), heat pumps (air source and geothermal), refrigerators, room air conditions and waterheaters.

Visit the Energy Star Web site at www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=home.index for more information about the program.

Summer sun safety critical for infants, babies and toddlers

NEW YORK, N.Y. – Just one blistering sunburn in childhood more than doubles a person's chances of developing melanoma later in life. According to one U.S. study, 54 percent of children become sunburned or tanned in their second summer, versus 22 percent in their first.

"Children should not be getting sunburned at any age, especially since there are a range of very effective sun protection methods that can used," said Perry Robins, MD, President, The Skin Cancer Foundation.

Many parents don't know the best ways to protect their young children. Below are The Skin Cancer Foundation's recommendations.

Infants

0-6 months: Infants under 6 months of age should be kept out of the sun. Their skin is too sensitive for sunscreen.

An infant's skin possesses little melanin, the pigment that gives color to skin, hair and eyes and provides some sun protection. Therefore, babies are especially susceptible to the sun's damaging effects.

• Use removable mesh window shields to keep direct sunlight from coming in through the windows of your car or invest in UV window film, which can screen almost 100 percent of ultraviolet radiation without reducing visibility.

• Take walks early in the morning before 10 AM or late afternoon after 4 PM and use a stroller with a sun-protective cover.

• Dress baby in lightweight clothing that covers the arms and legs.

• Choose a wide-brimmed hat or bonnet that protects the baby's face, neck, and ears. A baby who wears a hat during the first few months will get used to having it on.

Babies

6-12 months: It's now safe to use sunscreen on babies.

• All the protection methods explained above still apply, however now sunscreen use should be incorporated.

• Apply a broad-spectrum, SPF 15+ sunscreen to areas left uncovered such as baby's hands. Many companies have tear free formulas that won't sting baby's eyes.

• Most importantly, sunscreen must be applied 30 minutes before going outside and reapplied every two hours or after swimming.

Toddlers/pre-school

Protecting toddlers from the sun requires a little more thought and effort. It is important to educate your child and caregivers.

• Make sure your child seeks the shade between 10 AM and 4 PM. Check the outdoor area where your child plays to make sure there is adequate shade.

• Make sure toddlers are covered. Long-sleeved, unbleached cotton clothing is cool and comfortable, while also highly protective. Clothing with an Ultraviolet Protection Factor (UPF) listing on the label offers extra security. The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends clothing with a UPF of 30 or higher.

• Don't forget hats and sunglasses. Choose a wide-brimmed hat that protects face, neck, and ears.

• Water-resistant sunscreens are a good choice for toddlers who won't sit still.

Look for sunscreens with an SPF 15 or higher with some combination of the following UVA ingredients: avobenzone, ecamsule (a.k.a. Mexoryl), oxybenzone, titanium dioxide and zinc oxide.

"With a little effort and planning, it's easy for young children to enjoy the outdoors safely," said Dr. Robins. "Parents need to make it a priority and to also lead by example."

Now celebrating its 30th year, The Skin Cancer Foundation is committed to educating the public and medical professionals about sun safety.

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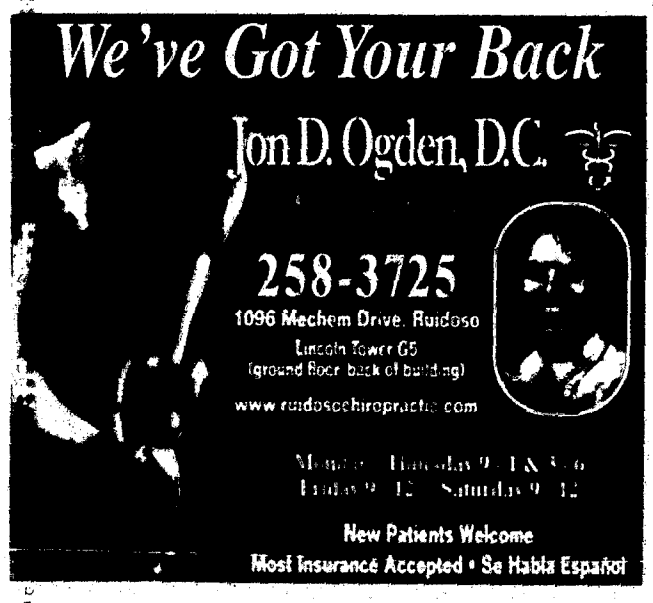

Food bags for kids offered every Friday this summer

Do you know any children possibly going hungry this summer?

The Lincoln County Community Health Council is partnering with the New Mexico Collaborative to End Hunger, providing free nutritious food bags for kids every Friday throughout the summer.

All the children need to do is come to the White Mountain Intermediate School on Fridays, from 11 a.m. until noon, and pick up a bag.

There are no income requirements at this time. The food is for those ages 18 and under.

If transportation is a problem for youth, volunteers are taking food bags to All American Park in Ruidoso Downs from 11 a.m. to noon, on Fridays, as well.

For any further information, call Aimee Bennett at 258-3252, ext. 6720 or Nancy LaPointe at 973-1829.

The Health Council continues to host the mobile food pantry on the first Thursday of each month at 3 p.m., at the Methodist Church parking lot behind Wells Fargo on Sudderth.

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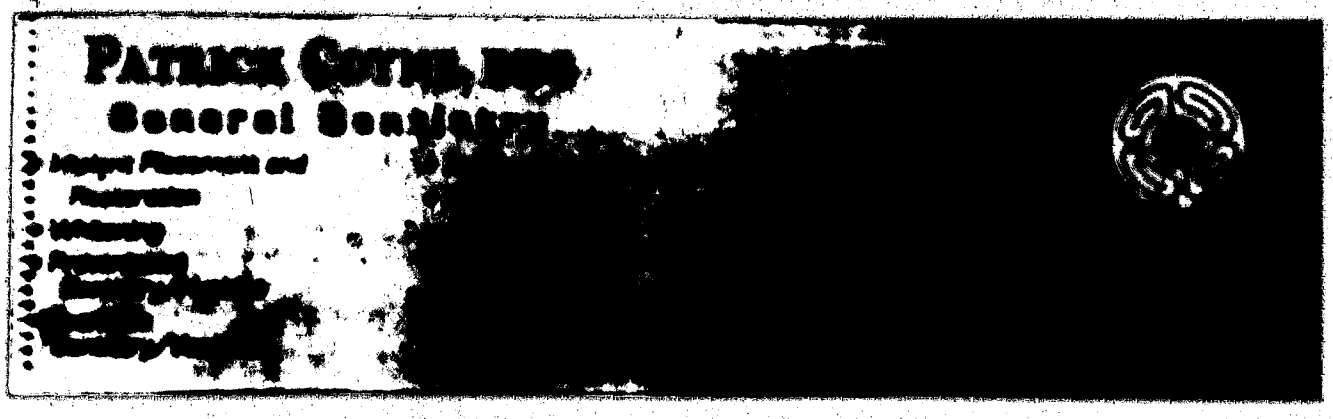

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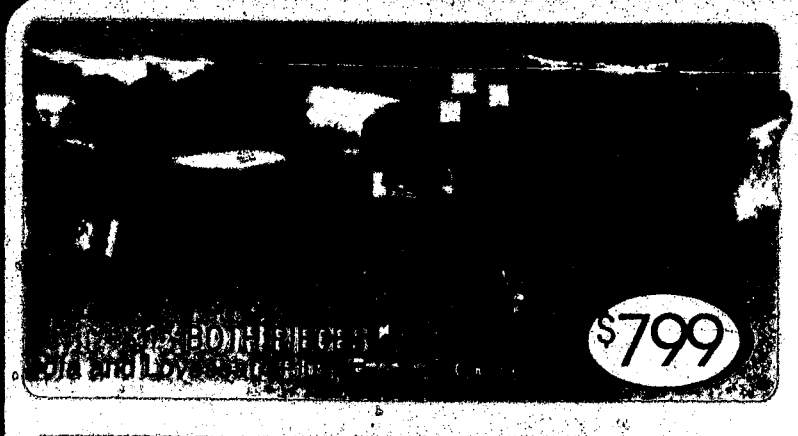

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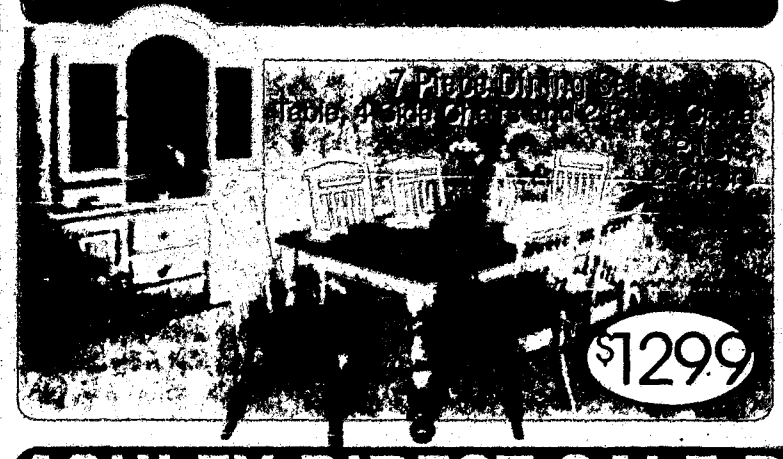

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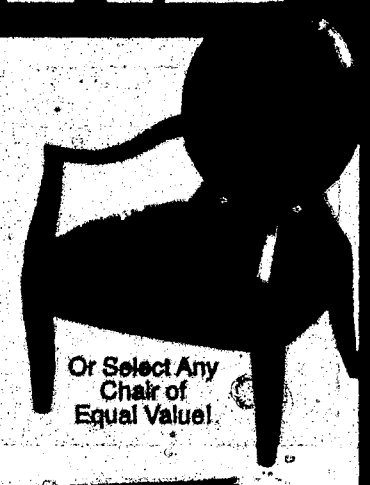

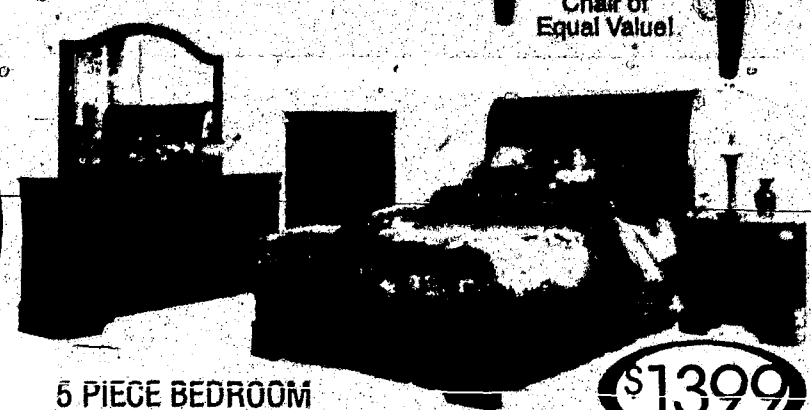

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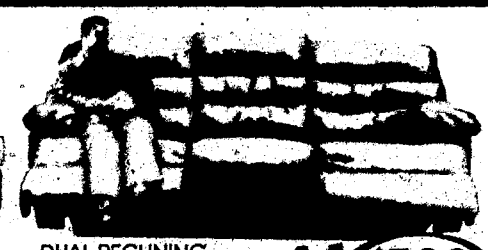

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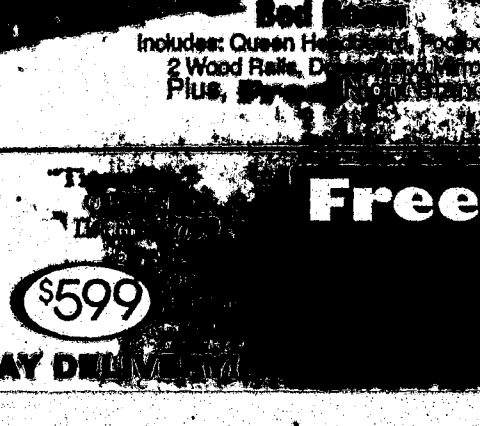

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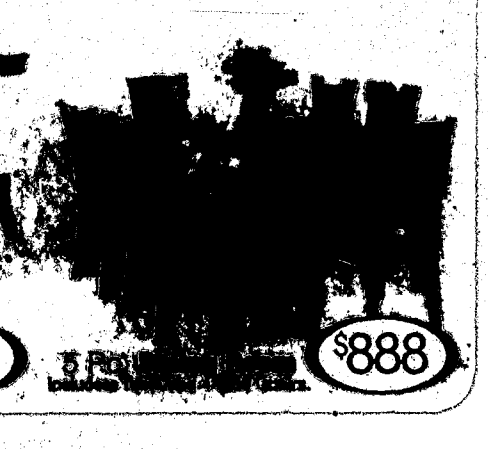

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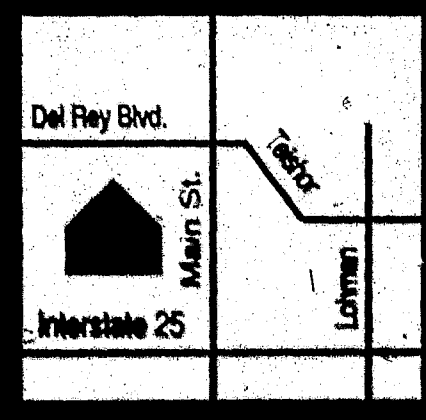

DENISH VISITS

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New Mexico Lt. Gov. Diane Denish stopped at the Cornerstone Bakery in Ruidoso Thursday to visit with the Democratic Women of the Sacramento Mountains. Denish says she intends to run for governor in 2010

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Council approves contract for 2008-09 audit

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The price tag was a bit hefty, but Ruidoso village councilors said they can't afford any delay in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 audit.

Councilors Tuesday approved a $54,175.63 contract, including gross receipts taxes, with Accounting & Consulting Group LLP of Albuquerque for the annual period ending June 30, 2009.

Village Finance Director Mike Steininger said $80,000 was budgeted for audits. The village still owes a portion of the cost of audits for FY 2006-2007 and FY 2007-2008, but the total will cover those obligations and the new audit. The 2006-2007 audit price was $23,859 and the 2007-2008 was $36,295. The combined amount left to pay is about $23,000.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Greg Cory pointed out only one firm responded to the request for professional services.

Staff assured him the amount is reasonable.

"I agree this is a substantial increase," he said. "But the reality is the firm we used for the last two years didn't even want to bid on it. There is a finite number of auditing firms that even want to fool with a village this size."

"Is rebidding feasible?" Councilor James Stoddard asked.

"We have a timeline," Cory replied. "We've been historically tardy on audits. I fear if we rebid, not even one firm will respond.

"They may have second thoughts."

Councilor Ron Hardeman reminded the board that village audits are complicated, because prior audits were late and some financial data lagged behind.

In other business, councilors:

• approved a new restaurant beer and wine license for TMAC LLC. to be used at K-Bob's in Ruidoso at 157 U.S. 70 West.

• approved a new wine growers license for Noisy Water Artwear Inc. to be used at the store at 2342 Sudderth Dr. Owner Rick Riddle said a "wine growers" license is required for wine tasting by the glass or by the bottle to go.

His shop now features wine, specially-made cheeses and other New Mexico products in a separate section of the store.

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Village Council OKs wastewater construction contract

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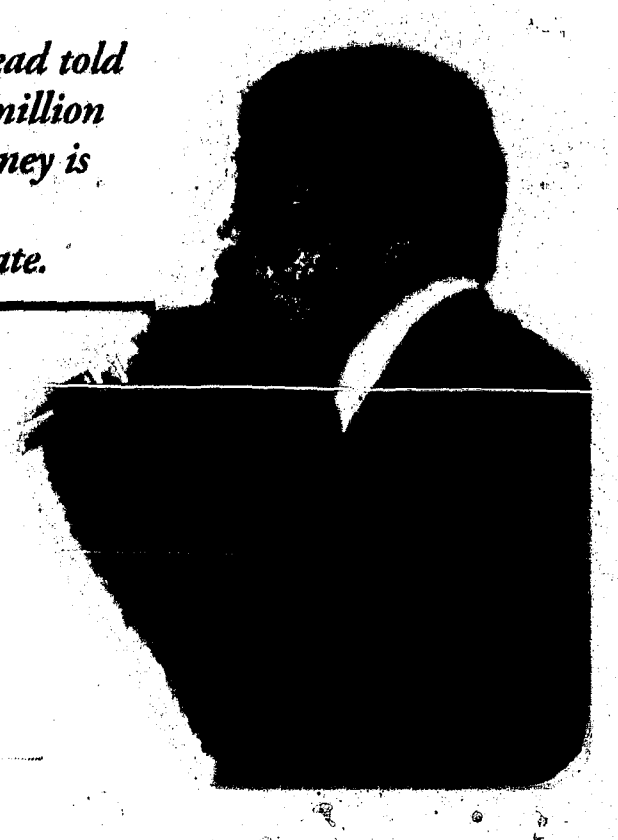
Attorney Chris Muirhead told the council that $3.3 million in federal stimulus money is on the way, as well as $1 million from the state.



After a closed session Tuesday, Ruidoso village councilors approved a motion to enter into a $20.2 million construction contract with RMCI Inc. for the next stage of construction of the state and federally-mandated regional wastewater treatment plant.

The motion by Councilor James Stoddard, seconded by Councilor Michele Rebstock, also included authorization to issue a Notice to Proceed with phased construction identifying "components and elements," not to exceed the $9 million currently available.

The limited motion, which passed unanimously, reflected the council's determination to comply with The Bateman Act that prohibits entering into contracts for projects that cost more than committed sources of money.

Although they have received assurance of more money in the form of loans and grants, they only approved work up to the amount in the bank.

Earlier in the meeting, councilors approved a resolution that authorized entering into a loan for $8.755 million with the U.S. Department of Agriculture under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act.

Chris Muirhead, an attorney with the law firm of Modrall Sperling, explained that that loan toward the wastewater treatment plant is for 20 years at 4.62 percent interest.

"This is just a loan; however $3.3 million in stimulus money is coming through the state Environment Department and the state appropriated $1 million," he said.

"This is one of the many steps we must go through before the money is released. We will come back with a bonding ordinance identifying principal amounts and terms."

Revenues from the wastewater system are pledged to the repayment of the loan bonds.

Village Attorney Dan Bryant said adoption of a bonding ordinance is the major step to complete the process.

"Is this the amount we need to finish the project," Stoddard asked.

Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris said to finish this $22.8 million segment of the project, but not all of the $36 million wastewater plant project.

"Well, we have no choice," the councilor replied. "We must move on."

The village is under a court order in settlement of a lawsuit brought by WildEarth Guardians tied to the plant's discharge into the Ruidoso River, to finish this phase of the plant by Dec. 31, 2010, and to demonstrate improved river health.

Compliance with new limits on the total amount of contaminants in the discharge also is necessary to maintain the plant's operating permit.

Stimulus money for plant verified

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They've been counting on the money and reflected it in revenue calculations for new sewer and wastewater treatment rates, but Ruidoso councilors must feel better after receiving verification of a $6.17 million grant.

U.S. Senators Jeff Bingaman and Tom Udall, Democrats from New Mexico, Tuesday announced the state will receive $27.6 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding to help cover the costs of water and wastewater upgrades in communities across the state.

The funding will come through the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

The New Mexico Finance Authority will distribute $12.7 million in the form of grants and loans for drinking water projects and the New Mexico Environment Department will distribute $14.9 million throughout the state in grant funding for wastewater projects.

Some of the projects also may be funded through other federal sources, including regular EPA loans and U.S. Department of Agriculture grants or loans.

"New Mexico communities will share nearly $28 million to fund significant water and wastewater projects that would otherwise likely have to be postponed because of the difficult economic climate," Bingaman said. "This necessary work will have the added benefit of providing work to New Mexicans."

Ruidoso and the City of Ruidoso Downs will share the grant for the revamped regional treatment plant mandated by state and federal environmental agencies.

Ruidoso's portion is about $3.3 million and the city's is about $2.9 million. The two municipalities are partners in the plant that is owned and operated by the village.

The city is responsible for 15 percent of the new plant's cost and Ruidoso for 85 percent, based on the amount of sewage flow produced by each community and their customers.

The wastewater treatment plant is scheduled to be completed by the end of December 2010, under a court settlement to a lawsuit brought against the two municipalities by WildEarth Guardians and some Hondo Valley residents over the plant's discharge of contaminant into the Rio Ruidoso.

Proof requirements

The settlement also carries requirements to illustrate the improved health of the river.

This current Phase 1B of construction will run more than $20.2 million. A previous construction phase is winding up within the next few weeks and by the time the entire project is finished, the price tag will be about $36 million. That figure is down $4 million from the highest estimation, because of lower bids received.

To meet some of the debt obligation, voters in Ruidoso opted to issue bonds, which resulted in a $32 a month surcharge for village residential utility customers. The council also is expected to enact a 0.50 percent special gross receipts tax to cover repayment of other loans necessary for the initial construction phases of $22.8 million.

Ruidoso Downs residents chose to raise property taxes to cover the city's bond repayment obligation.

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'Something special' taking place

Relationships formed among children from Mescalero and an Iowa church will endure forever

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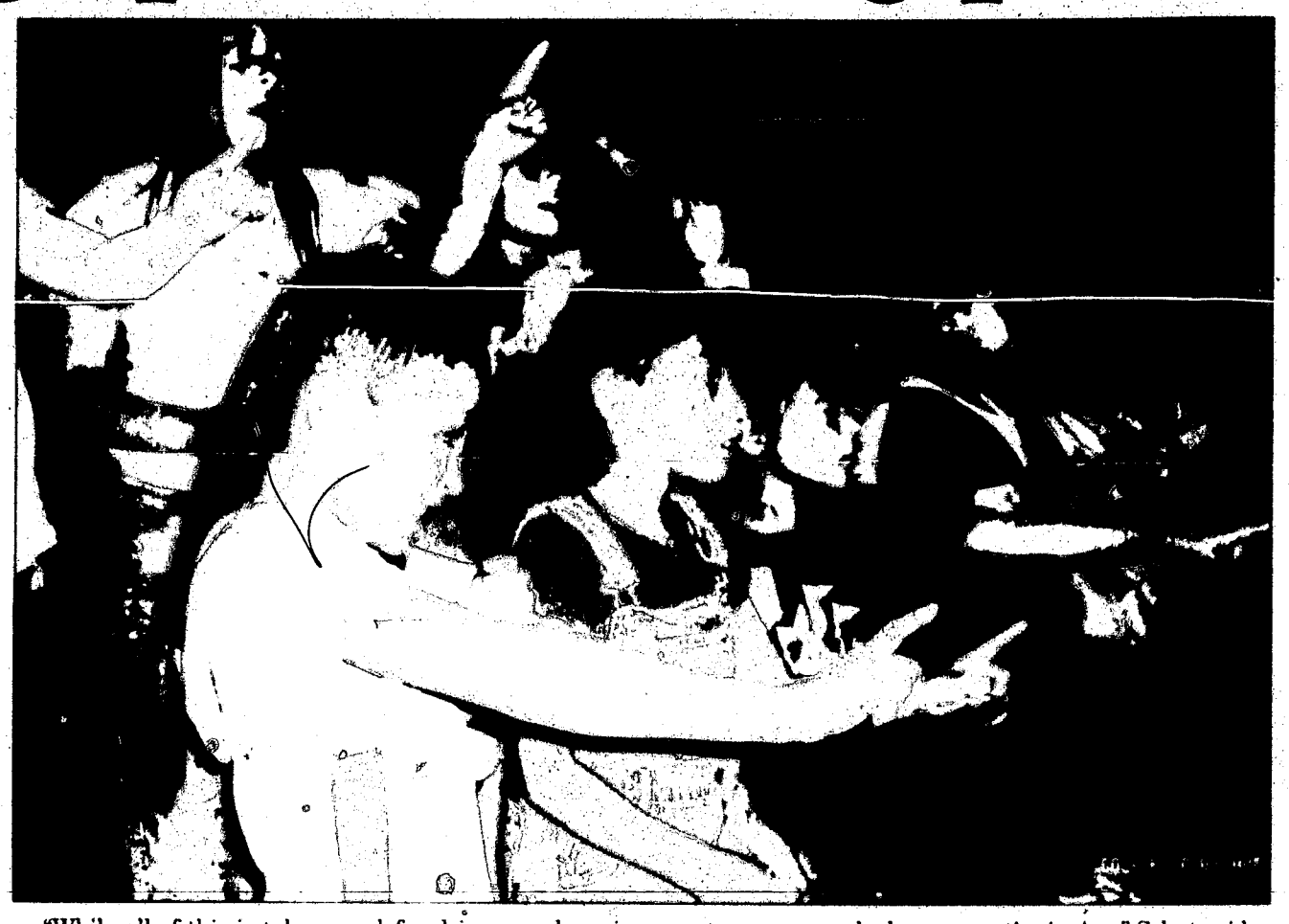

Pastor Bob Schut of the Mescalero Reformed Church said it was easy to see something different was going on at the church one Sunday morning last month. The sanctuary was packed with people, but the blend looked different.

On a normal Sunday, the sanctuary is filled primarily with people of Mescalero heritage, but on that particular Sunday, the mix was varied, as some children and families traveled from Sioux City, Iowa, to help conduct the annual Bible School.

"Something special was taking place as people from different states, different racial backgrounds and different cultures came and shared a oneness of faith," he said.

By Sunday afternoon, Schut said the choice was simple – either enter the commotion of transforming the sanctuary into the Bible school or be run over. Hymn books were removed and altar furniture disappeared. In their place, a "locomotive" to transport people across Australia materialized along with a "ship" to bring children to various mission fields across the world.

Tables were set up for crafts. Ice cream buckets of cookies were lines up and coolers were arranged for the gallons of juice to be served, he said.

"While all of this is taking place, vans are out in the community," Schut said. "Children who have come in past years were being reminded of when the vans will be picking them up on Monday morning, and new children are invited to attend."

Four 15-passenger vans and a mini van were on the road for drivers and navigators to learn the routes and ensure no child would be left behind, he said.

At 7:40 a.m., Monday, the first van pulled out to begin its route, and by 9 a.m., all vans were back with their live cargo. The parking lot was filled with more than 170 people as Bible School began. The sanctuary was packed.

Even on the first day with no practice, the singing was impressive, but didn't compare to the end of the week after the children learned the songs, he said.

"There's probably nowhere in Lincoln or Otero County where you will heard this kind of enthusiastic singing," Schut said.

Children divided into different activities, some recreational, others to the Arbor, where crafts were set up. Still others boarded the "ship" to visit mission sites and another group heard Bible stories related in unique ways they will remember for a long time, he said.

"This year, one lesson took place in the actual Old Jail used in the 1930s, telling the story of how Peter was imprisoned for sharing his faith," he said. "One day, in an act of service, all 141 Bible school children went to the Care Center and shared some songs and cookies with our senior residents."

As the first morning ended, the children gathered for closing songs and Schut said, "It is an experience, and experiences cannot be described, but only lived."

Very quickly, the week was over and planning for Bible School that began at the First Reformed Church in Sioux City, Iowa, in March came to a close.

"Yet, it would not end on Friday at noon," Schut said. "Tears from children and from adults are a common sight. Hugs that could go on forever would be released. Yet, the memory of the week will not be lost. Children were touched by the loving care of the Bible School leaders and the lives of the leaders would not be the same. They have been changed by the children and the community of Mescalero.

"Next March, the church in Iowa will again begin to prepare for another Bible School for next summer. That will be their 16th year of coming. Next April, the children of Mescalero will start asking, 'Is Allisgn coming?' 'Is Micah coming back?' 'Is Maggie going to come?' Relationships have been built."

Schut said the Bible School at the Mescalero Reformed Church is believed to be one of the biggest conducted by one church in this area. The average attendance for children 5 years through 8th grade was 135. He estimated 20 percent are connected to the Reformed Church and possibly 40 percent are from other community churches. The rest did not have a church they attend.

He cited Mark 10:14, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

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CLEMMER

Susan J. Clemmer, resident of Valencia, California passed away July 6, 2009.

Susan was born August 25, 1967 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and was a former resident of El Paso, Texas before moving to Valencia with her family in 1984. She was a Detective in the Undercover Narcotics Department for the Los Angeles Police Department and had been a member of the department since 1990. Susan was also a Criminal Justice Instructor at the University of Phoenix and had her Bachelors Degree in Sociology from California State University, Northridge and her Masters Degree in Public Administration from California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks. She was an All American Swimmer at California State University, Northridge where the women's team won the National Titles in Division II in 1988 and 1989. She is survived by her loving family, parents Duane and Carolyn Clemmer and brother James Clemmer. A memorial service will take place Thursday, July 16, 2009 - 10:00 A.M. at the Eternal Valley Memorial Park Mortuary, Chapel of the Hills, 23287 North Sierra Highway, Newhall, California. Arrangements are under the direction of the Eternal Valley Memorial Park Mortuary, Newhall. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation, 1880 N. Academy Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

DOWNING

Frances Downing, 79, of Memphis passed away at Highlands of Memphis, on Saturday, July 11, 2009. She was born on a farm in Sabinal, TX and lived in El Paso before moving to Memphis in 1979. Mrs. Downing earned her masters degree in 1952 from Texas College of Mines. She was an Advertising Manager for the Bulletin of the American Contract Bridge League. Mrs. Downing is survived by her son; David Arthur Downing and his wife DJ, and their children Jean Marie Downing and James Francis Downing. A daughter; Amy Downing and her husband Michael Schreiber of Memphis, a sister; Barbara Johnson of Dallas, TX and a brother James Braden, of Sabinal, TX. The visitation will be held 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 14 at Memorial Park Funeral Home. The funeral mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 15 at St. Anne Catholic Church, located at 706 S. Highland, Memphis TN. Memorials may be made to St. Anne Catholic Church Organ Fund.

HERNANDEZ

Rosario "Chayo" Hernandez, 88, passed on to be with our Lord, Sunday, July 12, 2009 in the comfort of her home, surrounded by her family. Chayo was our beloved mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great grandmother, aunt and friend. More than anything Grama was our matriach the glue that held our family together and she will be sorely missed. Each of the 127 family members has a special memory of her that will forever be embedded in our hearts, She is preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Jesus, infant son, Ramonsito, daughter, Martha, grandson, Louie, and great-granddaughter, Alexxa. She is survived by her children, Ernestina (Joe), Thomas (Maria Elena), Yolanda (Hector), Velia, Dolores, and Sylvia, also survived by 22 grandchildren, 60 great-grandchildren and 38 great-great grandchildren. The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to Hospice of El Paso especially Maria Rodriguez. Visitation will be from 5-9 pm Wednesday, July 15, 2009, with a Vigil at 7 pm at Sunset Funeral Home-East located at 750 N. Carolina Dr. A Funeral Mass will be at 9:30 am Thursday at San Antonio de Padua Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Fort Bliss National Cemetery. Services entrusted to Sunset Funeral Home-East. Please visit our online register book at www.sunsetfuneralhomes.net.

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HERNANDEZ, ANALIA ALU, Infant, Visitation: 9a.m.-12 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at Martin Funeral Home East, with Funeral Services at 12:00 p.m.. Interment: Memorial Pines Cemetery. Survived byparents Jose Hernandez & Maria Mata; brother, Jose Hernandez, Jr.; sisters, Ashely Celeste & Amber Nicole Hernandez.

HERRERA, ESTHER, 83, Visitation: 10-12 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at San Jose Funeral Home-Central, with Rosary at 11:00 a.m.. Funeral Mass: 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, at Our Lady of the Light Catholic Church. Interment: Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Survived by Socorro A. Ontiveros & Francisca Andrade.

HIDALGO, ROSALBA, 40, Visitation: 5-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at Mt. Carmel Funeral Home, with Rosary at 7:00 p.m.. Funeral Mass: 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 16, at San Felipe De Jesus Catholic Church. Interment: Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Survived by husband, Manuel Hidalgo; daughter, Cynthia Ivonne Hidalgo & Sandra Ivette Hidalgo; brother, Aurelio Maturino; sister, Ramona Maturino.

LOYA, PETRA "PAT", 92, Visitation: 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at Sunset Funeral Home-West. Memorial Service: 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, at same funeral home. Burial: San Jose Cemetery in La Mesa, NM. Survived by son, Michael R. Loya; daughters, Olga G. MacDonald & Juliette A. Pitt; sisters, Maxine Rei, Nel Delfin & Tillie Chavez.

MENDIOLA, ERNESTINA, 53, Visitation: 5-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at El Paso Mission Funeral Home, with Vigil at 6:00 p.m.. Funeral Mass: 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 16, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Interment: Thursday, July 16, at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Survived by sons, Ismael, Omar, Adrian, Edwin, & Christopher Mendiola; daughters, Rosa Linda Mendiola & Antonia Perez; sisters, Yolanda Solano & Blanca Rosa Rodriguez.

MORALES, RICARDO, 56, Visitation: 4-9 p.m. Rosary: 7 p.m. July 15, 2009 at San Jose Funeral Home East. Funeral Mass: 10 a.m. July 16, 2009 at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church. Interment will be private. Survived by wife Hortencia Morales, son Charles O. Morales, brother Jose Antonio Morales, sister Maria Morales.

MUNOZ, JOSE M., 83, Funeral Mass: 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at San Martin de Porres Catholic Church. Interment: Memory Gardens. Survived by wife, Apolonia V. Munoz; sons, Guillermo, Francisco, Jose M. Munoz Jr.; daughters, Maria de los Angeles Saldana, Rosa Emma Loera, Ramona Quinones, Manuela Munoz, Aurora Ramos.

ORTIZ, CELIA, 72, Visitation: 2-9 p.m. Wednesday at Crestview Funeral Home with Vigil at 7:00 p.m. at chapel. Funeral Mass: 10:00 a.m. Thursday, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment: Restlawn Memorial Park. Survived by sons, Enrique Ortez Jr. & Alfredo Ortiz; brothers, Jose & Rafael Sida.

PRIEGO SR., RAMON, Visitation: 5-9 p.m. Thursday, July 16, 2009 with Vigil at 7:00 p.m. at Sunset Funeral Home-East. Funeral Mass: 11:30 a.m. Friday, July 17, at San Antonio Catholic Church. Interment: Ft. Bliss National Cemetery. Survived by wife, Isela Priego; sons, Ramon Jr., Jose, & Rogelio Priego; daughters, Margarita Gurrola, Maria de la Luz Atilano; Guadalupe Herrera, Isabel Marshall & Julieta Rodriguez; brother, Luis Priego; sisters, Carmen Silva, Yolanda Maldonado & Maria Elena Balderrama.

TERRAZAS, CHRISTINE MARIE, 75, Visitation: 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, at Crestview Funeral Home. Funeral Services: 9:00 a.m. Wednesday at Crestview Chapel. Interment: Ft. Bliss National Cemetery. Survived by sons, Hans Campos & Rene Campos; daughters, Lupe Aguirre, Susan Stanfield, Yolanda Rojas, Ericka Campos-Gonzales.

VIDALEZ JR., HECTOR FERNANDO, 34, Visitation: 4-9 p.m. Tuesday at Hillcrest Funeral Home-Carolina, with Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m.. Funerpl Service: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Hillcrest Chapel. Interment: Evergreen East Cemetery. Survived by wife, Cynthia Vidalez; parents, Hector & Laura Vidalez; daughter, Samantha Vidalez; brother, Patrick Vidalez; sister, Vanessa Nicole Vidalez.

VILLA, CARMEN G., 63, Visitation: 2-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at Mt. Carmel Funeral Home Chapel, with Rosary at 7:00 p.m.. Funeral Mass: 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 15, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church. Interment: Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Survived by parent, Manuela G. Gutierrez; daughters, Nelva Yvette Vonkolb, Cynthia Madrid, Ivonne Medina & Alicia Vandenburg; son, Sergio Estrada; sisters, Nena Hernandez, Patricia Garcia & Concepcion Gutierrez.

LEWIS

Harry Virgil Lewis passed away peacefully at 6:00 a.m., July 8, 2009 at the MonteVista at Coronado. An only child, Harry was predeceased by his parents, Arthur O. Lewis and Estelle Crouchet. He was born June 16, 1914 in El Paso and celebrated his 95th birthday this year with friends at the MonteVista. Harry was a member of the first graduating class of Austin High School. He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a B.A. degree in 1935, then he earned a Masters degree from Northwestern University in 1938. He served as a lieutenant in the Naval Reserve until 1946. Harry lived in Venezuela as an Exxon employee until he retired in his mid-50's. In retirement, he traveled incessantly, sharing his European and other travels with his mother. He was a devoted son and cared for his mother until her death. Thereafter he traveled extensively across the United States with a group of adults in a caravan of motor homes, arranging in advance attendance of symphony and opera performances, musicals and Big Band concerts to enjoy together. Harry was a gourmet cook and hosted his friends often. He was exceedingly generous and kind and he made friends easily. Harry's friends recall his impeccable appearance, his beautiful singing voice, his passion for music and his quick wit. He was a truly dapper, gentle person. Harry is survived by close family friends Patty and Walt Schwartz of Crestline, California, lifetime El Paso friend Margaret Winter, and loyal friend and advocate Murdell Holbert. Special thanks go to MonteVista nurses Mareb and Terry, as well as to Hospice of El Paso, who made his last weeks the best possible. Private burial arrangements are directed by Martin Funeral Home. A celebration of Harry's life will be held at the Montevista on July 24. Services entrusted to Martin Funeral Home West, 128 N. Resler Dr., El Paso, TX 79912.

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NEVAREZ

Lilia Rojas Nevarez's life journey on this earth ended on Saturday, July 11, 2009, at the age of 73, while surrounded by a loving family and friends. She was born on December 14, 1935 and was a lifelong resident of El Paso. She was a member of the Bowie High School class of 1955 and retired from the El Paso Electric Company. She is survived by her beloved husband of fifty-three years, Melchor Nevarez; her children, Sylvia Uribe and her husband, Jerry, Melissa Macias and her husband, Harry, and Mel Nevarez, Jr. and his wife, Elizabeth, her grandchildren, Nicolas and Amanda Uribe, Thomas, Kevin, Paul Aaron, and Lily Macias, and Ally, Eric, and Christopher Nevarez. We would like to thank Dr. Inez Sanchez for her compassion, the staff at Sierra Medical Hospital, and Dr. Homsi and his staff at M.D. Anderson, for their care of our beloved wife and mother. Lily leaves her family and friends with a lifetime of memories filled with music, dance, and laughter. A Memorial Mass for Mrs. Nevarez will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society located at 909 E. San Antonio Ave., El Paso, TX 79901 (915) 544-4425. Funeral services directed by San Jose Funeral Home-Central, 601 S. Virginia, El Paso, TX 79901 (915) 532-1856.

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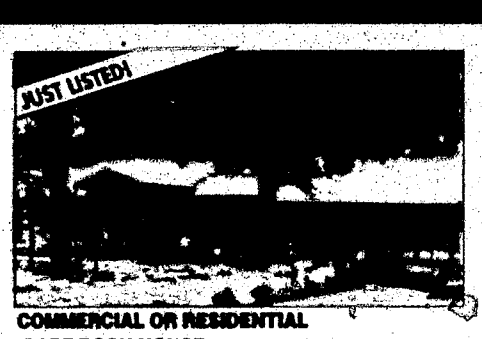

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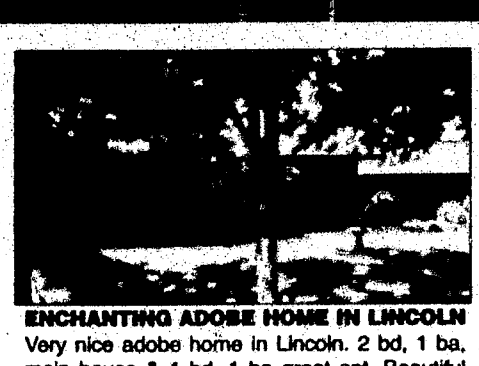

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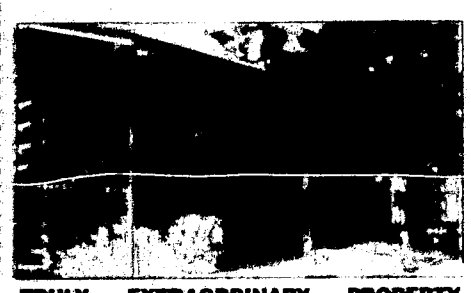

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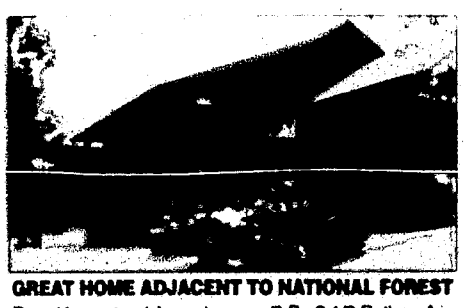

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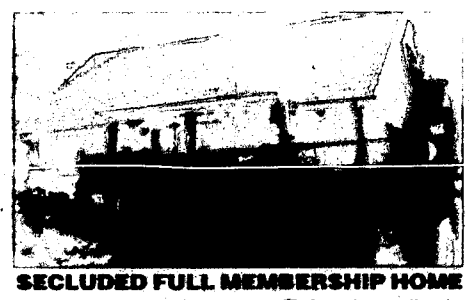

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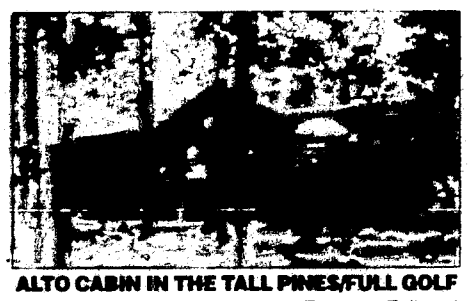

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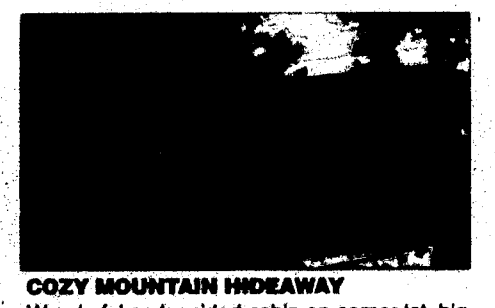

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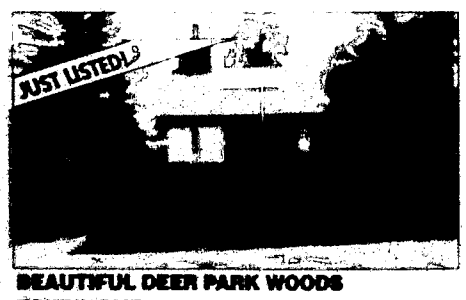

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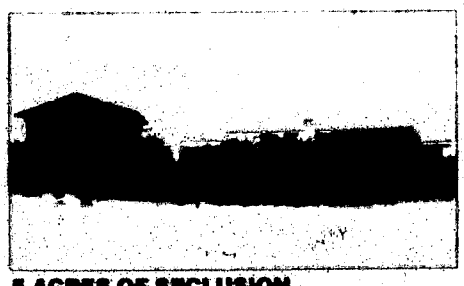

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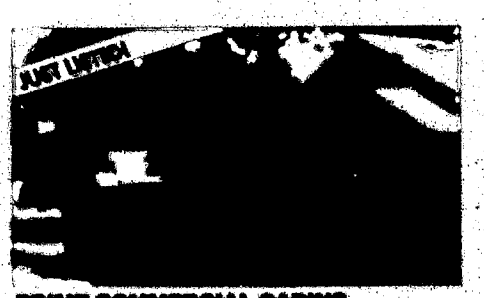
is the back drop to this cozy 3 bed/2 bath 1 level home. Big 2 car garage, decks front and back and 3 total lots - almost 1/2 an acre! $152,000. #104828



PRIME COMMERCIAL CABINS
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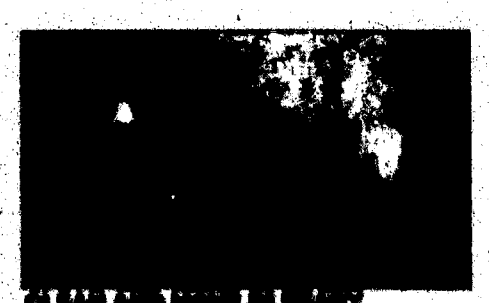
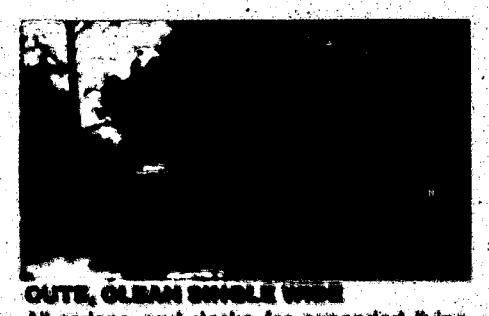


CLEAN AND MOVE IN READY
Roof recently sealed, nice furnishings, painted baths and decorative mirrors, kitchen is stocked and location is convenient. Great for full timers and vacationers. $72,500. #105835



CUTE, CLEAN SINGLE WIDE
All redone and decks for expanded living outside. Simple, but nice. New furnishings and all included. $55,000. #106311

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On Deck

Junior Cheerleading Camp

The Ruidoso High School cheerleaders will present their junior cheerleading camp, July 28-30, at the RHS gym, 8 a.m until 12 p.m. It will be for ages 4-years-old through 12th grade. The cost is $25 per child if registered by July 24. A late $35 fee will apply after that date. A Ruidoso Warrior cheerleading T-shirt and daily snacks will be included. You may pre-register by calling Coach Debbie Jo Almager at 505-660-6652 or 937-2092 or you may register at the door, July 28 from 8-9 a.m. There will be a pep rally for parents Thursday, July 30.

Lincoln County Youth Soccer

Lincoln County Youth Soccer League is proud to announce that they are again bringing the nation's No. 1 soccer camp company, **Challenger British Soccer**, to Ruidoso this summer. Challenger will conduct a camp at the White Mountain Recreational Complex during the week of 7/20 (Monday thru Friday). Online registration through Challenger Sports is available now by visiting www.challengersports.com. Also, you can register all the way up to the first day of camp. Every camper receives a free ball, T-shirt, poster and evaluation. For more info, call Jennifer at 937- 0203 or email ruidososoccer@gmail.com. **Hurry, there are only five days left to camp.**

RHS Boy's Soccer

Ruidoso High School Boy's Soccer is running summer scrimmages every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at White Mountain Recreatioal Complex this Summer. The scrimmages are open to any Ruidoso student that will be in grades 7-12. Please bring water and shin guards. All participants must have a current physical. for more info, call Coach Craig Washnok at 808-2934.

Youth Football Camp

A youth football camp will be held July 21-23 at Ruidoso High School from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. for ages 9-15. For more info, call Coach Johnson at 808-3076.

Pedaling to a healthy economy

Cycling improves people physically and enhances a community's productivity

MIKE CURRAN
mcurran@ruidosonews.com

The "Wild and Wonderful" state of West Virginia found itself in dire financial straits due to the rapidly declining coal industry and a lack of economic diversity.

State planners turned to the one resource they had – a beautiful environment – and implemented a plan for 2,000 miles of shared-use trails (biking, hiking, etc.).

A portion of the system opened in 2000, and has added $51 million to the economy, created 1,572 new jobs and generated 303,000 visitors.

What does that have to do with New Mexico, and more specifically, Lincoln County?

Well, for one, the population of the two states are similar (1.9 million for New Mexico, 1.8 million for West Virginia).

And the panoramic vistas of Lincoln County, although dissimilar to West Virginia's, is inviting and every bit its equal in grandeur.

Two Ruidoso businessmen – Gerardo Garcia and Cody Thurston, co-owners of the White Mountain Outdoor Store, have decided to take West Virginia's lead and apply it to this area.

The two have started the White Mountain Outdoor Club, a non-profit (501-c7) enterprise, which in turn, is sponsoring the Ruidoso Trail Fund.

The Fund hopes to generate enough money to upgrade the 17 miles of existing trails and to create 15-20 additional miles of new track in the Cedar Creek area.

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Co-owners Cody Thurston, left, and Gerardo Garcia stand with some of their cycling equipment.

Ruidoso Derby's top two finishers meet

TY WYANT
For the Ruidoso News

The Double Eagle Ranch's Time For A Cigar and Shaboomator – the top-two finishers in the Grade 1, $308,000 Ruidoso Derby – are challenged by four Carl Draper-trained horses in the Grade 1, $480,000 Rainbow Derby on Saturday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

First post time is 1 p.m., with the 440-yard Rainbow Derby running as the ninth race on the 10-race program.

There is always free parking and free general admission at Ruidoso Downs.

Mark Allen's Double Eagle Ranch is enjoying a breakout year with Mine That Bird, co-owned by Allen (with Dr. Leonard Blach), winning the Kentucky Derby and finishing a close second in the Preakness Stakes.

On the same afternoon that Mine That Bird finished third as the 6-5 favorite in the Belmont Stakes, the Double Eagle-owned pair of Time For A Cigar and Shaboomator finished one-two in the Ruidoso Derby.

In the Ruidoso Derby on June 6, Time For A Cigar pulled away from Shaboomator to win by one-and-a-half lengths for trainer Tony Sedillo.

It was the first stakes appearance for each horse.

Time For A Cigar then returned to win his 440-yard Rainbow Derby trial by one-and-a-half lengths in :21.138, narrowly missing Calif Fugitive's fastest-qualifying time of :21.134.

Shaboomator won his Rainbow Derby trial by a game head over Rainbow Futurity third-place finisher Inseperable with the fourth-fast time of :21.258.

Calif Fugitive leads the Draper foursome after racing to the fastest-qualifying time of :21.134, a scant .004 quicker than Time For A Cigar.

That was a big step forward in his second 2009

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Mark Allen, left, and Dr. Leonard Blach, co-owners of Kentucky Derby winner, Mine That Bird, stand in the winner's circle at Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

Love Samba versus Jones' Juveniles in Sunday's Futurity

TY WYANT
For the Ruidoso News

Jim Pitts' fastest-qualifier Love Samba faces the toughest test of her young career when she meets four talented prospects from the Paul Jones barn among her nine rivals in the Grade 1, $625,000 Rainbow Futurity on Sunday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

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

The 400-yard Rainbow Futurity is the second test in the All American Triple Crown series at Ruidoso Downs.

The first race, the Ruidoso Futurity, was won by First Klas Fred, who won his Rainbow Futurity trial but did not qualify for the Rainbow Futurity.

The Grade 1, $2 million All American Futurity on Labor Day wraps up the three-futurity series.

If any horse wins the three races then the horse's connections receive a $4 million bonus.

Love Samba's trainer Blane Wood sent out the Pitts-owned Shake Em Money Pop to finish second in the Ruidoso Futurity.

While that prospect passed the Rainbow Futurity, Wood saddled Pitts' Love Samba to pick up the slack and the $160,000 Ruidoso Select Yearling Sale purchase responded in stunning fashion.

The Corona Cartel daughter drew out to an overwhelming three-length win and her time of :19.542 was the fastest-qualifying mark from the 20 trials.

In her only other start, Love Samba was second in a Ruidoso Downs maiden race.

The Jones foursome is an important part of a wide-open Rainbow Futurity lineup.

The seven-time defending national champion trainer has Stepenos, Runnning Brook Gal, Brooks Midnight and Favorite Cartel in the futurity lineup.

The Jim Markum, P.K. Thomas and Jones-owned Stepenos has made his $7,000 purchase price look like a bargain with his second-fastest qualifying mark to the Rainbow Futurity, which pays a $312,500 first-place check.

He won his maiden in his second career start when he captured his trial by a neck over fourth-fastest qualifier Zoomin With Ease in :19.632.

Albert and Chad Richard's Runnning Brook Gal is the only Rainbow Futurity competitor with Grade 1

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FILE PHOTO

Love Samba had the top time in the Rainbow Futurity trials.

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~ Joseph (Joe) Zagone

Lincoln County Regulators

JACK SHUSTER
For the Ruidoso News

It was burgers, hot dogs; ribs and more for more than 30 cowboys, cowgirls and buckaroos from as far as Arlington, Texas on Saturday evening, July 11, when the Lincoln County Regulators held their Annual Family Cookout and Shootout at their Cowboy Action Shooting Range and Western Town at the Ruidoso Gun Club range in Ruidoso Downs.

After dinner and fellowship, the cowpokes, armed with six guns, lever guns and scatter guns, explored the history of Billy the Kid in two Cowboy Action Shooting stages based on "Billy's Exploits" in Lincoln County. Stages were designed by John Steele, who also served as Match Director.

Two stages were shot, based on Billy the Kid, in preparation for next month's Billy the Kid's Breakout Cowboy Action Shooting extravaganza. This event being a family affair, shooters ranged in age from 10 to, well, much older.

Rusty Fillins, the town dentist, competed with his two daughters, Mustang, age 10, and Ricochet, age 13. Mustang and Ricochet were first-time Cowboy Action Shooters, as were Buckskin Blue and One Eyed Jack.

Scarlett Lane supervised the grills, Light Fingered Linnie coordinated scoring on the range and Sgt. Shuster took care of registration and scoring. Jim Hutchins and his son Duncan retrieved brass for the shooters. Kody and Jake Rowe, sons of John Steele and Ginger Malloy acted as runners and Barbara Deck was on hand to shoot pictures.

The First Stage, "Stolen Laundry," had 14-year-old Henry Antrim, soon to be known as the Kid, holding the bag. John Steele took first place followed by Rowdy Lane in second place and Rusty Fillins in a close third.

"Buckshot Roberts" was the Second Stage with shooters emulating Roberts as he shot at the Regulators from the outhouse at Blazers Mill. First place was John Steele, followed by Rowdy Lane and Rusty Fillins.

Top Gun for the Lincoln County Regulators Annual Family Cookout and Shootout was John Steele followed by Rowdy Lane and Rusty Fillins.

Frank Coe scored number one in the 49er category. Mustang scored first among the Buckaroo Gals. Sanford Elliott led the Elder Statesman category. Rowdy Lane was top Silver Senior. John Steele took first place in the Wrangler category with his spouse, Ginger Malloy taking the same spot in the Lady Wrangler category.

Mescalero Apache Clean Match Arrows went to John Steel and Ginger Malloy for shooting a clean match with no misses.

The truly unique aspect of Cowboy Action Shooting is the requirement placed on authentic period or Western screen dress. Each participant is required to adopt a shooting alias appropriate to a character or profession of the late 19th century, or a Hollywood western star, and develop a costume accordingly.

It's the closest you can get to the Old West short of a time machine.

The Lincoln County Regulators shoot on the second Saturday of each month and will hold their next competition, City Bank New Mexico's Billy the Kid's Breakout, on the weekend of Aug. 7-9.

Thursday's trials

TY WYANT
For the Ruidoso News

Ernie and Brenda Woods' homebred EBW Obsession showed she is ready to rise to the stakes ranks after a most impressive fastest-qualifying victory in the fourth of five trials to the John Deere New Mexico Juvenile Challenge at Ruidoso Downs on Thursday afternoon.

Jockey Chris Zamora returned after a spill in the first trial to pilot EBW Obsession to a widening five-length win in :17.494 for the 350 yards. It was the largest margin for a race at 440 yards or shorter at Ruidoso Downs this summer.

It was the second win from as many starts for the Jamie Zamora-trained EBW Obsession.

The Brimmerton daughter showed she could have a fruitful future when she won her career debut by two lengths over 300 yards on June 26 at Ruidoso Downs.

Second-fastest qualifier Bring The Bling is compiling a race record that could match his breeding. The brother to champions Wave Carver and Ocean Runaway rallied to win the first trial by a head over Ms Dashair. He was timed in 17.630. Ms Dashair was also making her Ruidoso Downs debut for trainer John Bassett. She came to the mountain track after winning the Four Corners Futurity at SunRay Park.

The horses with the 10-fastest times from the trials qualify to race in the Grade 3 finals on August 3. They are EBW Obsession (:17.494), Bring The Bling (:17.630), Ms Dashair (:17.636), American Ironhorse (:17.783), Living Wild (:17.789), De Elegant Dream (:17.801), Feature Th Goodtimes (:17.801), Threetimesthecorona (:17.807), Brightntuff (:17.931) and Heza Miracle Dip (:17.959).

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start after he was a well-beaten fourth as the 13-10 favorite in his Ruidoso Derby trial.

The gelding concluded his 2008 campaign showing promise at 440 yards when he crossed the finish line in fourth place in the $2 million All American Futurity.

Also representing Draper are 2008 Ruidoso Futurity winner Jess Significant, ninth-fastest qualifier Misty Blue Mercedes and 10th-fastest qualifier Misty Blue Mercedes.

The field for the Rainbow Derby, in post position order with the jockey, is Time For A Cigar (Mark Anthony Villa), Kool Cade (Oscar Rincon), Shaboomator (Chris Zamora), Winners Version (Freddie Martinez), Calif Fugitive (Oscar Hernandez), Inseperable (Cody Jensen), Misty Blue Mercedes (Larry Payne), Jess Significant (G.R. Carter Jr.), Pepper Perry (Esgar Ramirez) and Royal Proclamation (Ramon Sanchez).

SUNDAY

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experience.

The homebred daughter of Brookstone Bay was the fastest qualifier to the Ruidoso Futurity and then ran a troubled sixth in that 350-yard dash after hopping at the race's start.

Runnning Brook Gal rebounded in her Rainbow Futurity trial with a one-length win in 19.659, the third-fastest qualifying mark.

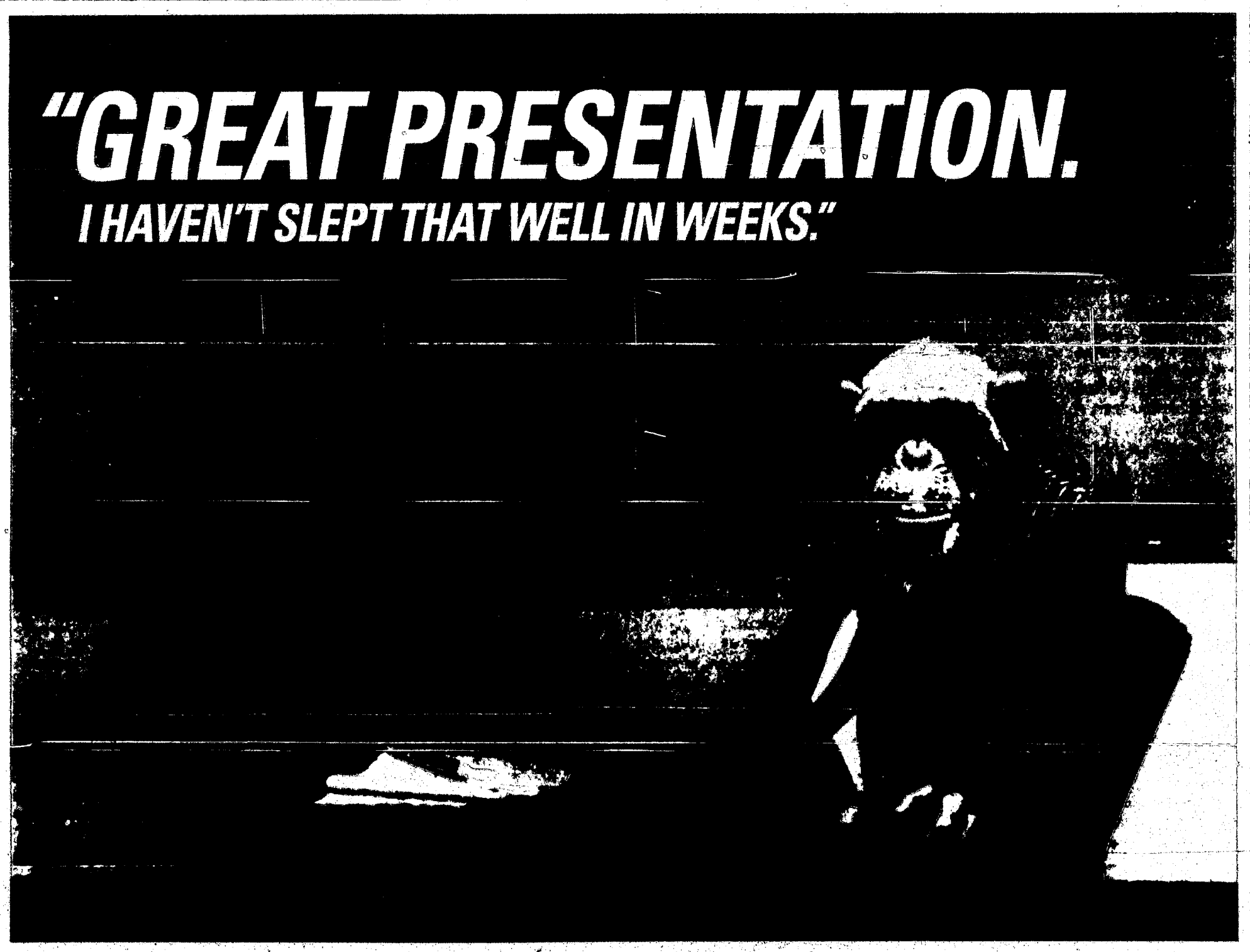
Brooks Midnight, another Brookstone Bay offspring, made the futurity field with the fifth-fastest time when she won her trial by three quarters of a length in 19.709.

That came after her third-place finish in her Ruidoso Futurity trial.

Favorite Cartel, co-owned by Jones and Thompson Racing, has always shown promise and has two daylight wins in his latest two starts.

The Favorite Trick son won his maiden at 300 yards and then showed he should excel at longer distances when he rolled to a one-and-a-quarter length victory in his Rainbow Futurity trial.

The Rainbow Futurity field, in post position order with the jockey, is Conspicuous Corona (Bonifacio Perez), Brooks Midnight (G.R. Carter Jr.), Stepenos (Larry Payne), Runnning Brook Gal (Ramon Sanchez), Jess Good (Freddie Martinez), Love Samba (Ricky Ramirez), Delightfully Tres (J.R. Ramirez), Winners Cartel (Mark Anthony Villa), Favorite Cartel (Cody Jensen) and Zoomin With Ease (B. Russel Hadley).



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Ruidoso All-Stars

The Ruidoso Major All-Stars went 2-2 in their District Tournament in Roswell, last weekend. The All-Stars got off to a slow start Friday night and lost 14-1 to Roswell's Noon Optimist team. Saturday, the Ruidoso group played Valley (Dexter/Hagerman) and won, 9-8, in the bottom of the 6th inning by stealing home.

Sunday they played Roswell's East Side All star team (host of the tournament) and won 9-8. Midway through the second inning of that game the Ruidoso crew were losing 8 - 0. In the bottom of the second Ruidoso scored their first run. After a very intense few innings of chipping away at East Side's lead, Ruidoso tied the game 8-8 in the sixth to send the game into extra innings.

The game stayed tied until the bottom of the eighth when Ruidoso drove in a run and won 9-8. Monday Ruidoso played the Alamo-gordo All-Stars and lost, 10-0, to put them out of the tournament.

"I appreciated the help of my coaches – Robert Lopez, Jerold Tercero, Gary Baker, Kief Johnson, and Ridge Bowden," head coach Cody Patterson said. "I am very proud of how our kids played and worked over the last few weeks. It was an honor to get to coach them."

COURTESY

The Ruidoso All-Stars are, bottom row, l-r, Mikey Hamm, Jesse Tercero, O J Herrera, Robert Miller, Damian Quinones, Trevor Weidner and Gavin Eidson. Middle row, Cade Patterson, Lane Otosco, Parker Johnson, Bryce Thompson, Tristan Bowden and Robert Lopez, III. Back row, Robert Lopez, Jr., Kief Johnson, Cody Patterson and Ridge Bowden. Not pictured, Gerold Tercero and Gary Baker.

TRAIL

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The project is initially possible due to the generosity of the Smokey Bear Ranger District who has made available 20,000 acres in Lincoln County – Cedar Creek (16,000 acres), Grindstone and Bonita Lakes (2,000 acres each) – to create the "Epic Mountain Bike Trail" system.

The undertaking will be completed in three phases with Cedar Creek to be the first stage, Grindstone second and Bonita Lake third.

The International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) and Smokey Bear Ranger District will help coordinate the project.

The outdoor recreational economy is a $730 billion a year business of which the eight mountain states take in $61 billion.

What's not stated in those total figures is the breakdown and/or ripple effect it has on hotels, restaurants and local businesses.

Of the total participants in the outdoor recreational market, bicycling accounts for 60 million (16 million are involved in snow sports).

That sport also contributes $17.7 billion to Federal and state taxes (more than four times that of fishing).

Within cycling are 10 million mountain bikers who earn $75,000 and spend more than $3,000 on bikes.

At least 60 percent are considered active mountain bikers who have reported biking 40-plus times a year (according to a 2002 survey). And they travel. They spend money, too. According to a recent Moab, Utah, analysis, the average mountain biker spent four days in Moab and disbursed about $200.

"Moab was a mining town in economic trouble," Thurston said. "It is experiencing an upturn due in large part to its mountain bike trails."

Fruita, Colo., is another prime example of what this outdoor recreational sport can do for a community.

This town once prospered due to agriculture and a local refinery.

The refinery closed down and many of the farms were subdivided into housing developments.

Although the community did not suffer deep economic problems the community leaders have eagerly welcomed a huge growth in tourism spurred by two mountain bike trail systems.

Now, Fruita, is one of the top mountain bicycling areas in the world.

A good portion of Ruidoso's existing 17 miles of trail would have to be brought up to mountain bike standards to attract and entice bikers to return.

The altitude (for training) and challenging topography is already here.

"A good mountain biker can ride our existing trails in a couple of hours," Thurston said.

"We need to create the Epic Trail to entice visitors to ride and stay overnight – to eat, buy groceries and pay for lodging and camping.

"People should want to come back and stay two or three days. The trickle-down, ripple effect will help area businesses in a positive way.

"And this is not necessarily a seasonal sport. Once the trails are built, it's done. It's an enterprise that will keep on giving."

Garcia is on record as stating more than a year ago that he was here to do good and promote the area. He continues to make good on that statement.

"We would like others to embrace this lifestyle," he said.

"And we want visitors to be a frequent part of this town. We therefore have to set a good example and present an outstanding image – such as a bike trail system.

"The U.S. Forest Service was generous in allowing us to develop the 20,000 acres and we have to capitalize on this great opportunity in a responsible way. We have to make this right."

To aid in this endeavor, the two owners have created a Trail Fund raffle. The tickets are $5 and will be drawn on Sept. 5.

A Giant mountain bike will be given away as well as a Pendleton blanket (from Brunell's), a dinner for two (at Landlocked), a $100 gift certificate (Can't Stop Smokin Bar-B-Q), a four-person wilderness horseback ride (Elite Outfitters) and a one month free membership to the Ruidoso Athletic Club (the RAC).

Donations to the Epic Mountain Trail system may be made to the White Mountain Outdoor Club at the White Mountain Outdoor Store or by calling 257-0184.

The store is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

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Co-owners of the White Mountain Outdoor Store, Cody Thurston, left, and Gerardo Garcia have created a Trail Fund raffle.

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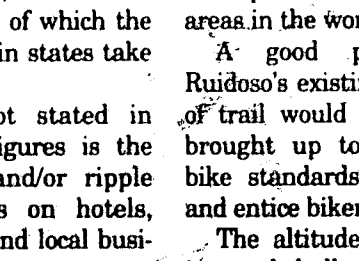

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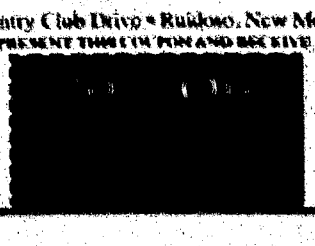

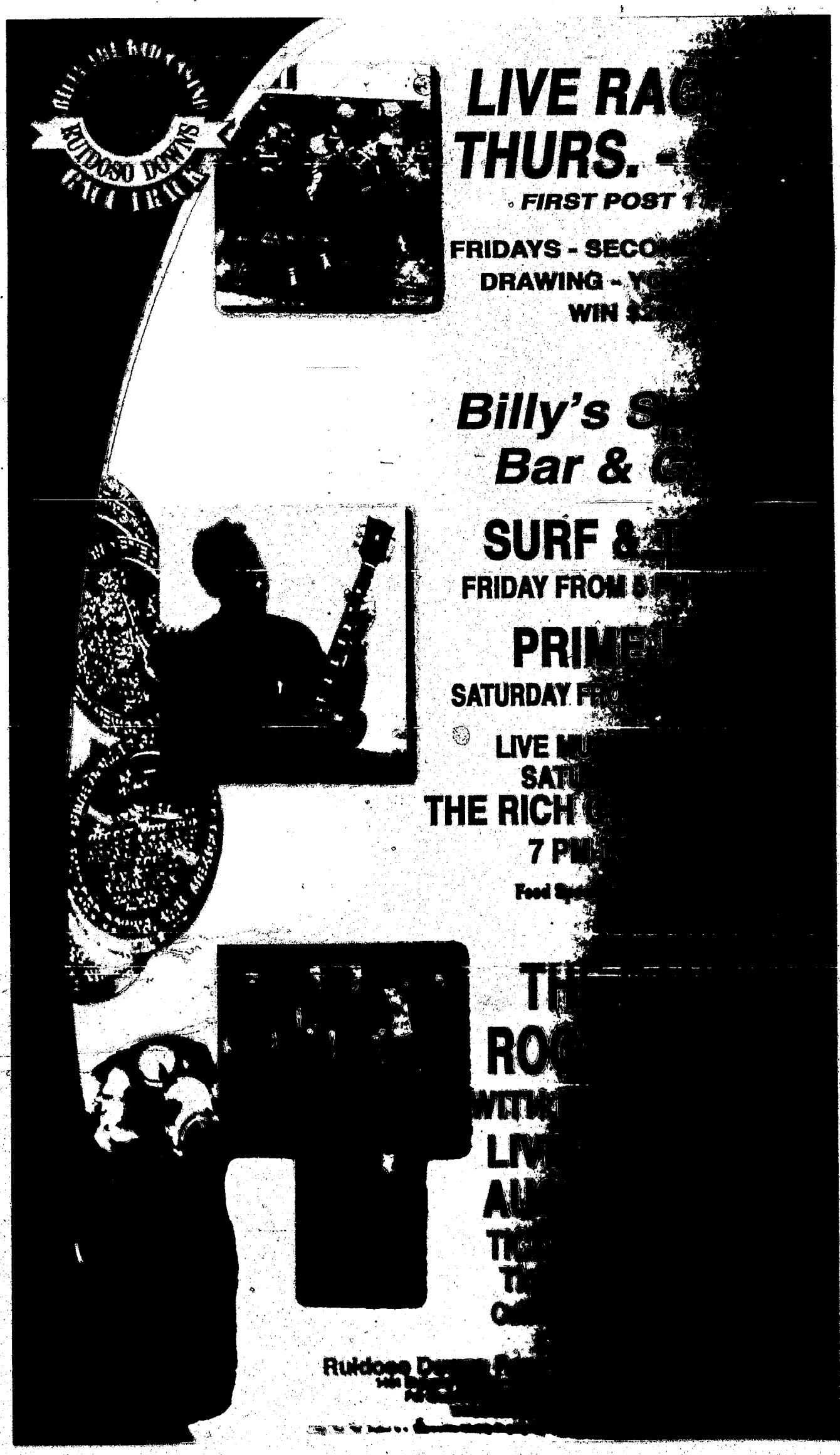

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Give and Take

In Psalm 55:22 we read ..."cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you." We are assured that we can give our problems to God, but do we really let them go completely? Or do we just "lend" Him our problems and take them back if we don't like how He deals with them?

The Bible also tells us... "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer" (Matthew 21:22). It's so hard to have faith, but what if we believe God's answer is the right one, even if we aren't sure it is? In some situations, things aren't always clear until long after the fact ... "hindsight is 20-20" or so the saying goes.

When we spend time with God, we become more aware of His spirit at work within us. We can trust Him with every care and know peace in our lives. What a relief!

Visit God's House this week. Give Him your problems and take Him at His Word!

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BAPTIST
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CHURCH OF CHRIST
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EPISCOPAL
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United Methodist Church Parish Trinity 1000 D Ave. 648-2893/2846. [illegible] pastor. Sunday school 9:30 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 648-2339, 711 E Ave. Carrizozo, NM. Affiliated with the Evangelistic Assembly Church. Sunday 7:00 pm

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Unforgivable sins: A primer

Q. What is the unforgivable sin?
— B., via email

A. There are many sins recounted in the Hebrew Bible but none are ever called unforgivable sins. Sometimes the punishment for sinning is death, but repentance is always possible before punishment.

In the Christian Scriptures, there are three verses that take up the subject of unforgivable sin. In the Book of Matthew (12: 31-32), we read, "Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven men, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven. And whoever shall speak a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever shall speak against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age, or in the age to come."

The same idea that blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is unforgivable is found in Luke 12:10 and Mark 3:29.

What constitutes such blasphemy is not so clear, but generally the idea is that rejecting God and God's good news for salvation is the most radical and thorough rejection a person can make, and thus it separates the blasphemer most profoundly from the community of faith. If I were to translate this sentiment about unforgivable sin into my own life list, I'd probably include the following sins as fundamental, although the concept of unforgivability from a forgiving God is not sensible to me. I believe that God can forgive all sins provided the sinner is truly contrite and has repented for his or her offenses. Here's my list of unforgivable sins:

• Murder, torture and abuse of any human being, but particularly the murder, torture and abuse of children and animals.

These are more than unforgivable to me; they are incomprehensible.

They violate the most basic dignity of the human person and, as such, deny God in our broken world.

As for lower level unforgivable sins, I would include:

• Losing hope. Tomorrow may not be better than today, but when you stop hoping that tomorrow will be better than today, you're lost.

• Believing that you deserve everything you have. The beginning of a prayer life is understanding that we've been given more than we deserve and that we really need to thank God for the extra blessings.

• Believing that your burdens exceed your blessings. Spending all your time thinking about what God has taken from you blinds you to the overwhelming abundance of what God has given to you.

• Believing you're worthless. Being made in the image of God is actually two blessings. The first blessing is being made in God's image. The second blessing is knowing that you're made in God's image.

• Never understanding the difference between wisdom and intelligence. Being smart is knowing what is. Smart can happen to young people. Wisdom takes years of living.

• Admiring famous people, not good people. Nothing gums up our souls more than caring about people who are just celebrities because they're pretty or outrageous or rich or on television. The world is filled with amazing good people who are making the world better, or at least helping to keep it from getting worse.

• Thinking that children are a nuisance. Children can be noisy or smelly but they're never a nuisance. Robert Frost said that a baby is God's opinion that life should go on. We should have the same opinion as God.

A Buddhist legend tells of two monks on a journey. One monk wrote in the sand an insult he received from his friend.

Later in the journey, he wrote on a rock some act of kindness done to him by a friend.

The other monk asked about this strange habit and his partner said, "Always write your wounds in the sand so they can wash away from your memory, but write your blessings on stone so you will never forget the goodness shown to you by others."

There are other unforgivable sins, but these will do for now lest I commit another unforgivable sin: Never make your column so long that nobody will read it.

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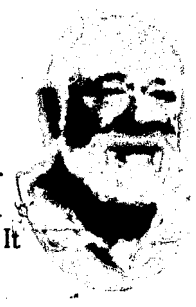
With technology comes responsibility



God has granted us the knowledge and use of many technical marvels: computers, cell phones, the Internet, etc. In and of themselves, the hitech things are neutral, but they can be used by mankind for good or for evil.

I purchased my first computer from Radio Shack in the early '80s. It had a small fraction of the memory of my current cell phone.

The church needed a computer for membership and giving records, but the finance committee chairman, a good businessman, didn't have one for his business and didn't think the church needed one.

Well, I entered the names of families, individuals and their info into my computer, a TI Professional Portable. About that time, the church was doing a pictorial directory and the committee of ladies found out the directory company needed a printout of member information.

Voila! I hit the print button and the spreadsheet with all the necessary info came out on my tractor printer. It just so happened that the wife of the finance committee chairman was in that group of ladies. All of a sudden, the church had a computer and so did the man's business. Info and its management can be a good thing.

But what about Facebook, blogs, etc? It is not bad to let family and friends know what is going on in your life, but some folks who are not family or friends can get your info and use it against you. You reveal that you are going on vacation and your home is robbed while you are gone.

Then cell phones! I fought getting one. My first son-in-law bought a new pick-up and an Oki bag phone came with it. Big honker.

Now I can't seem to get along without one. Communication, Internet access, cameras (still and motion), texting ... what hath man wrought? Your office is wherever you are. It is amazing. Your computer/cell phone combination reveals who you are, where you are, when you are, how you are, why you are and what you are about.

Who said Big Brother and 1984 would never come? One other thing about cell phones ... they are helpful unless you use them while driving. Then they are dangerous.

In this past week, I have seen near wrecks and fender benders by people talking on cell phones. I have seen pedestrians nearly run over. I am sure that somewhere they have been hit. Responsibilities come with every privilege. I am guilty, too. Let's demonstrate courtesy and respect for others in our cell phone use. We will then give others help for today and hope for tomorrow.

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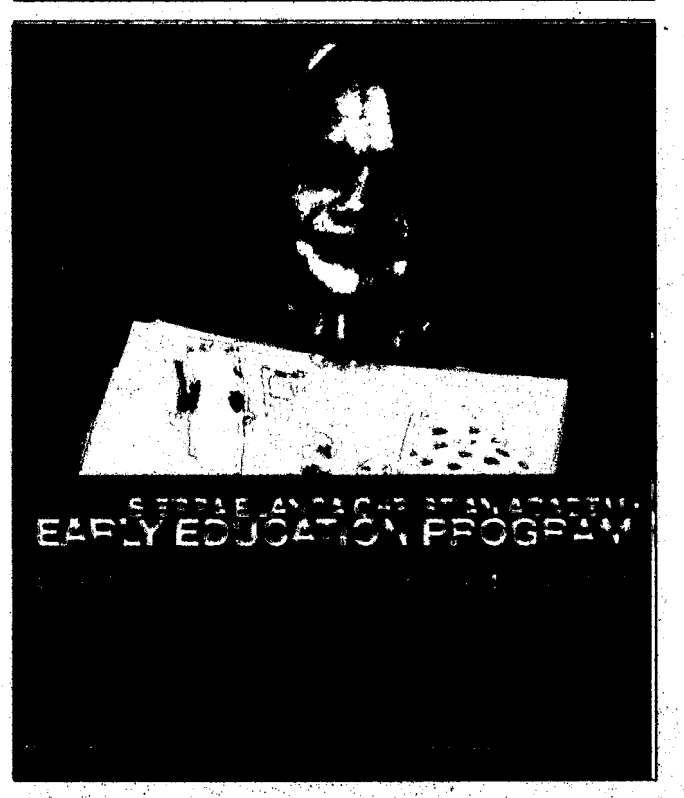

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Carl "Wayne" Estes

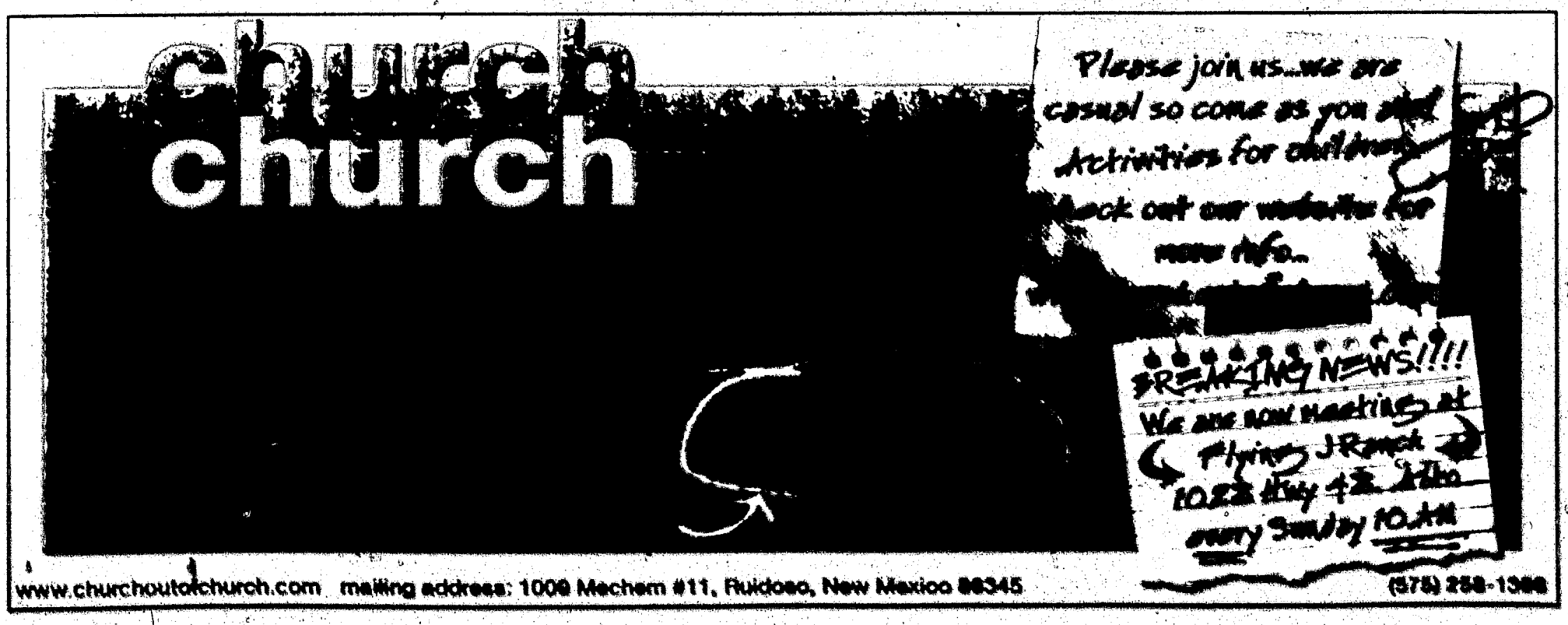
Carl "Wayne" Estes, 77, passed away April 5, 2009 in Denver Colorado. He was born July 28, 1931 in Bartlesville Oklahoma. His family moved to Ruidoso in 1947. It was there that he met his wife Evelyn Anna Morrison, the daughter of Della Wingfield Hale and Walter Morrison. They married on August 9, 1949. Wayne and Evelyn had three children; oldest daughter Mary Evelyn, sons Carl David and Danny Neill.

Wayne held many positions and community roles while living in Ruidoso. He started as a volunteer fireman with his father and helped to fight the blaze that the actual "Smokey Bear" was found. He later became the Volunteer Fire Chief. Wayne also was a school bus driver, County Probation Officer and a City Councilman for Ruidoso. He and Evelyn also ran the local dry cleaning shop. Wayne and Evelyn moved to Denver, Co. In 1973. It was there that he became a Wholesale Tire salesman for Simms and later Tonyo Tires.

He was active in his church and many organizations. While Ruidoso, he was an officer for Community United Methodist Church. In Denver he was a volunteer and officer for Grace United methodist Church. He was actively involved with "Historic Denver", the "Wingfield Family Society: and many other causes and organizations.

He is preceded in death by his parents Elmerand G[illegible] Estes. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Ev[illegible], daughter Mary (Richard), sons David (Patti) and Danny N[illegible], grandchildren Jeff (Kim), Jeremy, Ryan, Brittany and Bryce, great-grandchildren Kailee and Emma; and sister Marilyn (Charles).

"A Celebration of Life" ceremony will take place at the United Methodist Church in Ruidoso at 220 Junction Road on Sunday, August 9, 2009 at 2pm. The most important element in Wayne's life was his family and friends. The family invites you to come and celebrate Wayne's life with them, as memorable stories are told with family pictures shared.



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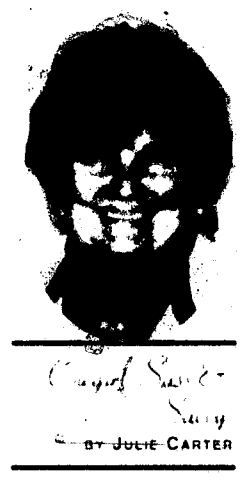

BY JULIE CARTER

There is absolutely not anything funny about a grass or forest fire but often in the midst of the fire-fight, humor arrives.

One night on the remote plains of the far side of the county, a lightning-strike started a fire in a ranch pasture.

Not anything much out there except miles of ranchland and what remained of a teensy town that had retained only a few deserted buildings and a name.

It was also at least two hours by highway from any real fire fighting agency.

The nearest rancher to this ghost-stop on the highway served as mayor and fire chief by title and reputation. High desert ranching requires a great sense of humor and the occasional ego boost that an elevated title can sometimes provide.

One of the items remaining in the long-deserted town of Ramon was an ancient fire truck. The battery required constant charging, which didn't happen, and the water tank leaked so it was never full. Other than that, it was in fine shape.

The night of this specific grass fire, the phone calls went out to a few ranchers. Waking up the chief of the Ramon Fire Department took some doing, but he finally answered the phone.

Pulling on his britches and his hat, the usual rancher's lid that needed an oil change months ago, he hollered at his nearly adult son and out the door they went.

The process of charging the battery and finding a hose to fill the water truck began.

Meanwhile, over the hill back to the west, another cowboy who had always been a addicted to farm sales, knew he had a cattle sprayer parked somewhere "over yonder on the hill."

The most recent endorsement of this piece of equipment had been at a cattle-spraying event.

A cowboy commented that he could pee further than the sprayer could spray, leaving its validity as fire fighting equipment certainly at least questionable.

However, it did hold water, so after the tires were aired up, the cowboy hooked onto it with the pickup and off he went over the hill to fight the fire.

By this time, the fire had gotten so big, that in the dark, it alone summoned folks from near and far.

Back at the Ramon Fire Department, aka the chief's house, the fire truck was revved up and headed out to the fire. It was very dark and hard to see where exactly to drive as the truck made its way through the pasture toward the flames.

The chief was at the wheel of the truck, barreling through the night to the rescue like a caped crusader, while his eldest son was riding fireman-style on the truck fender hollering "EEEE, HAAWWW," at the top of his lungs.

About that time, the chief drove the truck off in a wash and it came to a sudden, solid halt, nose down. The son on the fender was tossed through the air, landing somewhere in the near vicinity. But he came up dusting himself off. No harm done. Nothing broke, except the fire truck.

Nearly everyone in close proximity of the fire left what they were doing to go check out the fire truck wreck.

Meanwhile the cowboy with the sprayer, coming to save the day, blew out a tire. So when the chore of dragging the chief and his fire truck out of the wash was finished, the crew all went to see what the problem was with the cowboy.

In the meantime, the rancher with the fire on his property had put his road grader into operation and made a fire-line circle around the fire. The flames eventually died out on their own.

It was still the wee hours of the morning, everyone was wide-awake and nobody wanted to go back home. So they circled their rigs, drug out the food they'd brought (another standard thing for country folk) and had a version of a block party.

The rancher thanked everyone for their help, and exhausted, headed off to tend to his livestock and ranch chores.

All this while you slept.

Julie can be reached for comment at jcarter@ruidosonews.com.

COURTESY

The Capitan Village Garden next to Village Hall is becoming a reality. Through the funding of two grants and the generous donations of people and businesses, the garden will be completed this weekend. With trees, shrubbery, a table and benches, the once-barren area will be a place of pride for the community. Last Saturday, 11 adults and two children volunteered to start the process for the garden.

Aspen Drive gets its name back

JULIE CARTER
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At the suggestion of the County 911 Addressing office, the Village of Capitan trustees voted in a resolution that will change of name of Cedar Drive back to it's original name, Aspen Drive.

The confusion of having both East and West Cedar and the geographical layout of the road led to both the 911 Addressing and the village agreeing to simplify the situation.

Capitan residents Joe and Glenneth Shafer were encouraged after Tuesday's Village Coun-cil meeting where the council, minus the absent Mayor Sam Hammons, voted to grant a variance to the couple so they could place a new home on their property.

The property was annexed into the village not long ago, but the Shafers have owned and lived on the property since 1978.

In seeking an ap-praisal and financing for the home they hoped to put on the property, they found that because of the two residences already on the property, they would be unable to buy another unless the property could be replatted.

With explanations from the surveyor, Eric Collins, the appraiser, Carl Reynolds and the village attorney, Zack Cook, the trustees agreed that the Shafers qualified for a variance to the subdividing ordinance and were granted such.

The property will be split into two parcels of .75 acre and 3.3 acres.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Ruidoso and Village of Capitan was approved recognizing Ruidoso as the administrative authority for DWI enforcement activities and reimbursement of costs.

Chief Randy Spear said the year-long grant is for all law enforcement agencies in the county and is targeted at curbing underage drinking and driving under the influence.

The council appointed Sam Hammons as the voting delegate to elect officers of the New Mexico Municipal League and attend the annual conference.

Trustee Dianne Riska was named the alternate.

A special meeting was scheduled for 4 p.m., July 27, to approve the 2009-10 final budget.

The agenda item regarding the sale of water to the county road department was tabled.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Angel Food Ministries comes 'Zozo

Angel Food Ministries has come to Carrizozo as the First Baptist Church is now a host site.

This non-profit, non-denominational organization provides grocery relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States.

Orders for boxes of food are collected by the host site during the first part of each month. Then they are turned in to the Angel Food main office in Monroe, Ga.

Several days later the host site picks up the food from a distribution site and brings it back to its community. The first distribution day for July orders is Saturday, July 25, at 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Come by and see what kinds of meat, fruit and vegetables are included in the Angel Food Ministries food boxes. Boxes range in size and cost from $20-$40.

Everyone is encouraged to participate. There are no qualifications, income restrictions or applications. Carrizozo First Baptist Church will accept cash, checks, money orders, and/or food stamps when the person orders in person.

Online orders made through www.angelfoodministries.com will accept credit or debit card payments. On their home page click on "Find Host Site" and enter the zip-code 88301.

August orders can be made at the Baptist Fellowship Hall, 902 Court Avenue near the Carrizozo Town Hall.

The times are Saturday, July 25, 12-2 p.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 5, 4-7 p.m.; Tuesday, Aug. 11, 3-6 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 16, 2-5 p.m.

Online orders must be made by Aug. 16, 10 p.m. (MDT). Call Marcia Mixon at 575-491-4393 or 648-5612 for details or questions.

Cowboy Crisis Fund Benefit Ranch Rodeo

The second annual Lincoln County Fair Board and Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Benefit Ranch Rodeo will be held at 6 p.m., July 18, at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds.

All proceeds will go to the Cowboy Crisis Fund that will pass the money to three children facing medical crisis.

The rodeo will be followed by a barn dance and Pie & Prize Auction.

To donate a pie or a cake to the auction, contact Kelly Lovelace at 937-0869 or call the Sheriff's Office at 648-2341 and leave a message.

The event will host the usual events of team penning, tying, branding, trailer loading and wild cow milking.

Concessions are available on the grounds. Admission is $5 for the rodeo and $5 for the dance.

WEEDS OF THE WEEK

African Rue

African Rue is one of the noxious/ invasive plants here in Lincoln County, especially in Oscura.

This weed is perennial, meaning it lives all year long, and can spread not only from its seeds but also through its roots, which reach as far as 20 feet into the ground.

Mature African Rue weeds are usually 1.5 feet tall and 3-4 feet wide. Five-pedaled white flowers grow between the leaves and stems of the African Rue.

This pesky weed, like many of the others exposed each week, is poisonous to animals as well as to people.

When the plant is crushed it gives off a disagreeable smell. African Rue is one of those selfish weeds that when given any opportunity will overtake its environment and create a monoculture that reduces plant and animal life.

Though this weed is a Native of Northern Africa, it was first discovered in Deming, in 1928, where it was being used to dye wool a red color.

Another interesting tidbit on the African Rue is that in parts of the Middle East, including Turkey, it is hung in homes and vehicles to protect against the "evil eye."

Because re-growth will happen through the root-stock it is very important to remove the entire root system from the ground.

Since removing the entire root system is difficult; and because the seeds stay viable in the ground for years, herbicide is recommended.

Cheatgrass

Cheatgrass, otherwise known as down bromey or drooping brome, is our second weed on the menu this week.

Cheatgrass is a winter annual weed that grows fine hairy, dropping, yellowish-green bristly spikes in loose clusters which will attach to any passing piece of clothing or fur.

It's hundreds of tiny purplish seeds are spread by the wind which can result in more than 10,000 plants per square yard and is highly flammable.

Rangelands, pastures, prairies, fields, waste areas, eroded sites, and road sides are the most common places this weed will pop up in and thrive.

Because this plant is so invasive, wherever it invades will be seriously altered. In 1898, cheatgrass seed was brought into the U.S. from Eurasia by researchers looking for new hay making grasses. It has been especially invasive in Areas following fires. Be on the look out in burned areas for this culprit.

Cheatgrass can be controlled mechanically, biologically, chemically or by applying fire under controlled conditions.

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COUNTY BRIEFS

LC Garden Club

The regular monthly meeting of the Lincoln County Garden Club will be Tuesday, July 21, at the Otero County Electric Co-operative in Alto.

The program will be on Xeriscaping with Native Plants by Horticulture Specialist Dr. Curtis Smith, who is the Extension Horticulture Specialist at the NMSU Ag Science Center in Los Lunas.

He holds a Bachelor degree in Botany, Masters in plant Physiology and a Ph.d in Horticulture. He works with county agents throughout New Mexico in developing, co-ordinating and teaching Master Gardener programs.

In addition, he has responsibility in ornamental horticulture and landscape water conservation.

Dr. Smith writes a weekly yard and garden newspaper/Web page column and conducts monthly call-in gardening programs on two radio stations. If you wish to contact Dr. Smith, he can be reached by telephone at 505-865-7340 or by email at cwsmith@nmsu.edu.

Corona Days Fiesta

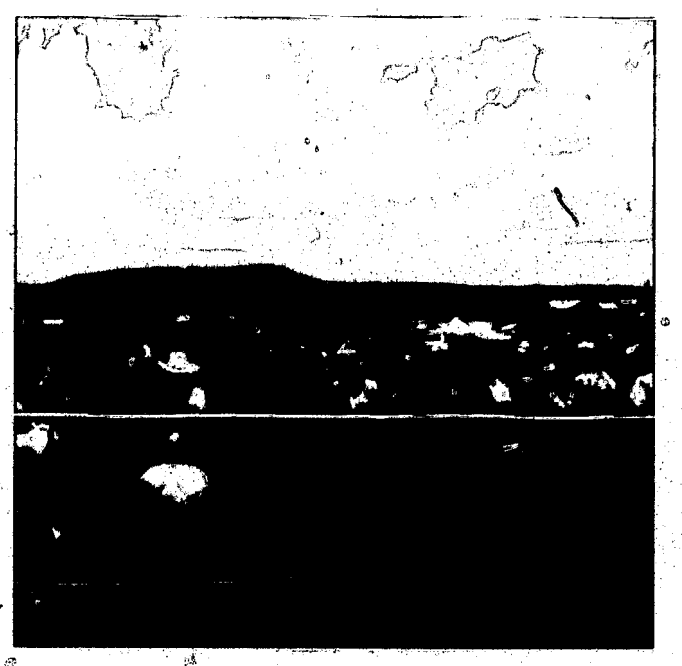
The 2009 Corona Days Festival, July 24-25, promises to be better than ever this year.

The festivities commence at 5 p.m., Friday, with the Corona Senior Center's annual hamburger dinner. This ever-popular meal is a major fundraising event for the Senior Center.

The Friends of the Corona Library will also announce the winners of this year's photo contest at 5 p.m. Winning photos will be featured in the 2010 Corona Community events calendar. Entries of Corona area photos are encouraged, and much appreciated.

At 7 p.m., in the Corona Schools auditorium, the Friends of the Library will sponsor two speakers.

Saturday, July 25, starts with a parade at 10 a.m.



followed by the FFA Ranch Rodeo at noon, with the captains' meeting at 11:30 a.m. Cost is $5/person at the gate or $20 a car-load.

Concessions on the rodeo grounds will offer brisket sandwiches and burritos.

There will be a boot scramble for the kids with prizes (sack race maybe, if weather and time permits) and there will be many other concessionaires on the grounds. A Brisket Dinner will be held at the cafeteria, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Full meal is $8/adults, $5/kids 6-12, under 5 are free.

School Board seat

The Capitan Municipal Schools Board of Education is taking applications for a Position #4. This position became vacant by the resignation of board member Mitchell Young.

Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest addressed to: Board President Ed Vinson, Capitan Municipal Schools, P.O. Box 278, Capitan NM 88316.

Letters of application must by delivered in person or by mail to the Administrative Office of the District by 4 p.m., Monday, July 20. Include your current home address, home phone number, resume, reason(s) for applying and what you believe are the responsibilities of a school board member. You must be a registered voter and reside in the geographical boundaries of the Capitan Municipal School District.

This position is up for election in February 2011.

Poker Run

A motorcycle Poker Run to benefit the Carrizozo Street Fair scholarships will be held on Saturday, Aug. 8. Registration is at 10 a.m., at McDonald Park on the 12th Street side, followed by a raffle/rally at The Outpost after the five-stop ride. Entry fee is $20 per person. Call J'Lane Zamora at 575-648-2802.

Fair books

The 2009 Lincoln Fair Books are available at the Lincoln County Extension Office in the county courthouse, at Print Write Now and Josie's Framery in Ruidoso and the Lincoln County Mercantile in Capitan. It can also be accessed on line at http://lincolnextension.nmsu.edu/2009-county-fair.html. For more information, call 648-2311.

Street Fair parade

Entries for the 16th Annual Labor Day Street Fair parade are now being accepted. There is no entrance fee.

The parade starts at 10 a.m., Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7, with line-up starting at 8:30 a.m.

For more information or a registration form, call Laura Rose at 648-2855. Deadline for entry is Aug. 15.

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RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Landscape the inside

An employee working late at a bank on Mechem Drive on July 13, called police after someone threw two landscape rocks through the conference room window of the bank. The employee told officers she heard a loud crash at about 7:15 p.m., and found the window broken and the rocks in the conference room.

That wasn't there

There was a report on July 13, from the 100 block of Nob Hill, that someone had reportedly been entering a residence, moving stuff around and taking medicine.

Two hundred dollars was reported missing. So was the spare key. Allegedly this had been happening since April. The locks were reportedly changed.

They're back

Officer Aaron Frost took a report of a burglary in the 1000 block of Mechem Drive, July 13. A guitar amp, tool box and a boom box were reportedly stolen. Total value, $350. This was the second burglary at this residence in three months.

In your eye

Constance Archuleta, 22, of the 6000 block of Harper, Albuquerque, was charged with two counts of felony battery on a health care worker, July 12. Archuleta allegedly ran from a Ruidoso Hotel and hid under a car. When Officers Matt Christian and Tyler Tyson got her from under the car, she allegedly attempted to kick Christian. Emergency Medical Service took Archuleta to Lincoln County Medical Center. In the Emergency Room, she allegedly cursed a nurse, then kicked her in the face and spit in the eye of the Emergency Room doctor.

Big bash

On July 12, Officer Joe Magill took a report of the rear window broken on a 2007 Blazer. A blunt object was used to break the window, damage the window frame and taillight, etc.

Just say no

Officer Mike Weaver reported responding to a call about loud music in the 200 block of Upper Terrace, July 12, at about 11:15 p.m.

The caller allegedly said the music had wakened their children twice.

Weaver reportedly attempted to get Ricky Stevenson, 40, of the residence, to come to the sidewalk to talk to him about the loud music. Stevenson allegedly refused to even look at Weaver and simply said, "No." When Weaver took Stevenson's wrist to encourage him to comply with the request, Stevenson allegedly pulled away. Weaver reports that he then detained him and handcuffed him. Stevenson then agreed to keep the noise down and Weaver issued him a non-traffic citation for resisting, evading or obstructing an officer and unreasonable noise.

Okay, go!

Officers Lance Ledford and Josh Snodgrass reported responding to a call about a violent domestic dispute on July 11. Sean McLaughlin was arrested on a charge of battery against a household member. McLaughlin allegedly slapped his girlfriend because she hid his keys to keep her from leaving.

Stop here

On July 9, Officer Tyler Tyson reports observing a grey Pontiac eastbound on Country Club Drive at about 11 p.m., at a high rate of speed, with no headlights. Tyson reported that the vehicle turned on High Street at a high rate of speed and then accelerated.

The vehicles high speed run ended when it ran off High Street into the Diamond Shamrock parking lot in the 1900 block of Sudderth Drive, by going over the embankment.

Tyson reported that the driver tried to get out of the car. Emergency Medical Services were called. The driver, Tim Rowlett, 19, of the 200 block of Gavilan Canyon, was charged with resisting, evading or obstructing and officer. He claimed he didn't see the emergency lights. A passenger in the car was uninjured. She reportedly told Tyson she saw the emergency lights. Tyson later learned that Rowlett didn't have a driver's license.

It happened when?

A burglary of $1,370 worth of items was reported in the 100 block of Upper Terrace, July 4. The burglary reportedly happened between June 22 and June 24. It was being reported because the landlord wanted a copy of the report.

Got any change?

Officer Chris Bryant took a report of a burglary and larceny in the 100 block of Lower Terrace, July 3. There was no sign of breaking and entering. Thieves reportedly took $1,000 in change, $600 in two-dollar bills, $13,000 in jewelry and a camera. A window was reportedly left open.

Reports compiled by Harold Oakes/Ruidoso News

RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE BRIEFS

Writing on the wall

Graffiti on the side of an RV on Park Lane was reported to police on July 9.

Check, please

Police responded to a business on Highway 70 in reference to a fight on July 7.

The parties involved were only arguing but a check showed a warrant for Michael Lucvano, 37, from Tularosa Municipal Court. He was taken into custody.

It was right here

A Ford Ranger was reported stolen from the barn area at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack, July 3.

The victim told police he left the keys in the truck while he went to water his horses and it was gone when he returned. It was entered in NCIC.

Here's your sign

Police responded to the 300 block of Spring Road July 3 in reference to graffiti. The victim thought it was a gang sign.

Wanted

Adriana Tinoco, 23, was taken into custody July 2 on a warrant issued by Ruidoso Downs Municipal Court.

Stop yelling

Police were called to Ladera Apartments by multiple calls about a woman yelling in the parking lot, July 2.

Officers arrested Dallie Wilson, 32, on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Oh, deer

Police took a report of a vehicle versus deer accident on Highway 70, June 30.

The driver was taken to Lincoln County Medical Center for treatment of what were described as minor injuries.

Good shot, genius

Police were called to a business on Highway 70 June 30 for a report of a window having been shot out with a BB Gun.

A criminal damage to property report was written.

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MAGISTRATE COURT BRIEFS

Ruidoso

July 7

Thomas Sanchez, 47, pleaded no contest and waived his right to have an attorney on a charge of driving while license revoked.

Judge William Butts gave Sanchez credit for 12 days served in the Lincoln County Detention Center at $52.40 per day towards a $300 fine and $75 court costs.

Butts cancelled a $100 bench warrant fee on Sanchez.

July 8

Marie Gardea, 31, pleaded no contest under a plea a disposition agreement made by defense attorney Mandy Denson and Assistant District Attorney James Cowan on a count of violation of probation on a driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, first offense.

Under the plea and disposition agreement, Butts gave Gardea credit for 49 days served in Lincoln County Detention Center at $52.40 per day for fines and costs and declared the case closed based on the time served.

July 8

William Schillings, 57, pleaded no contest to possession of drug paraphernalia and no insurance, and waived his right to have an attorney.

Butts sentenced Schillings to 364 days in jail, suspended, with 364 days of unsupervised probation.

He also gave him $142 in court costs and a $50 fine on the possession of drug paraphernalia. He charged him a $50 fine and $55 in court costs on the no-insurance charge.

In addition, Butts prohibited Schilling from entering bars or casino or consuming or possessing alcohol or drugs.

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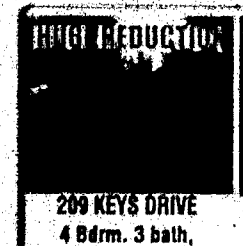

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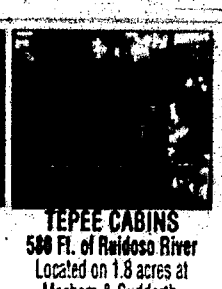

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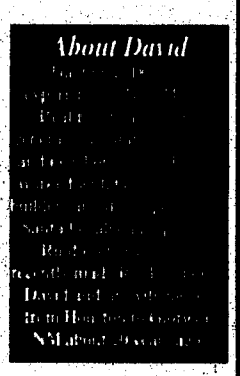

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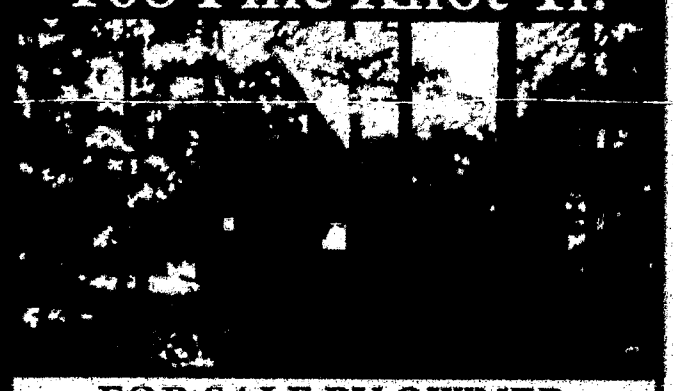

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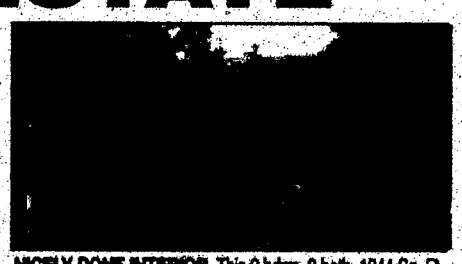
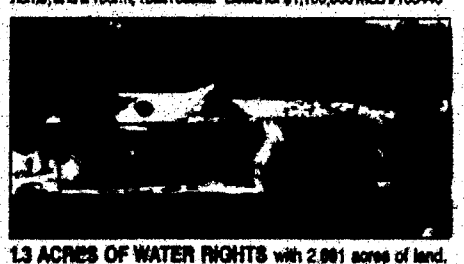
CHECK THIS OUT! 2 bedroom 2 bath, older manufactured home with large covered deck, completely furnished, sitting on .25 acres. Includes a storage shed and fenced yard on three sides. A perfect get-away and close to Ruidoso Downs Race Track. **OWNER ANXIOUS** and will consider all offers. $35,000 #104060



NICELY DONE INTERIOR. This 2 bdrm, 2 bath, 1344 Sq. Ft. home has been Remodeled! All new kitchen and bathrooms, new water lines, new wood floors in living room, dining room and hall way. Huge wrap around deck with mountain views. Large under house storage area. $169,900 #103735

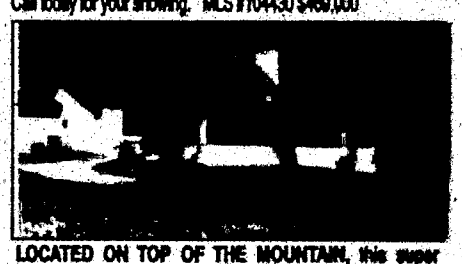
CHECK THIS OUT! 118 GLADE DRIVE, RUIDOSO. This 4 bedroom, 3 bath home is brand new and never been lived in. Lots of space with open living and dining area. Built in rock fireplace, covered deck for entertaining, this is a very well built home by Johnny Jarratt. Call today for your showing. MLS #104430 $469,000



1.3 ACRES OF WATER RIGHTS with 2.861 acres of land. Located in Glenco, this 4 bdrm, 2 bath home is charming with hardwood floors, a fireplace, an updated kitchen, covered deck, carport, even a new hot tub. For the animals in your life the barn comes with a slab floor. Easy access for your RV, come by today for a showing. Priced reduced to $275,500. #103831

FEATURE OF THE WEEK: PRICED REDUCED

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 $165,000 #104612



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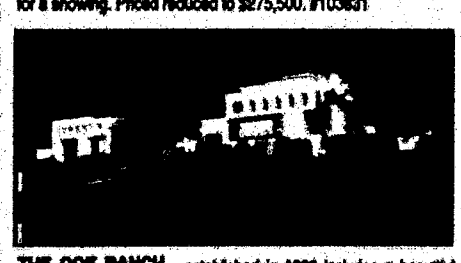
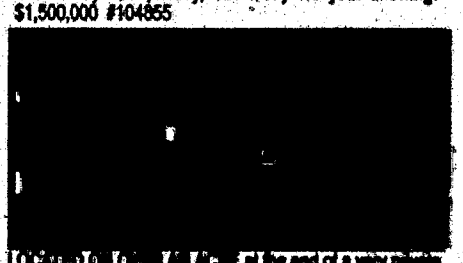
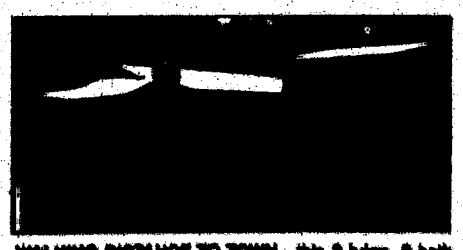


THE COE RANCH - established in 1885. Includes a beautiful hacienda with 3600+/- sq ft of living space, 5 bdrms, 4 1/2 baths and is surrounded by beautiful gardens. The ranch consists of 288 acres including 88 acres of water rights. The Rio Ruidoso River runs through the ranch and the ranch adjoins the Lincoln National Forest. Many outbuildings, a double-wide home, and farming equipment are included in the price. Offered at $6,396,000. #106127 & #104616

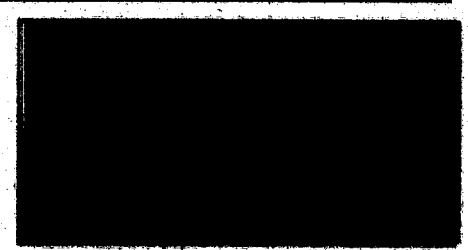


LOCATED ON TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN at the end of a very private cul-de-sac, in the middle of town with an awesome-unobstructed most spectacular view of Sierra Blanca. This is a very well built home and has great year-round access. This home offers 3 bdrms, a Jacuzzi tub and an extended deck for enjoying the view. Owner/Agent has lowered price to $450,000 #104855



WALKING DISTANCE TO TOWN - this 2 bdrm, 2 bath featuring wood floors, a wood burning fireplace, a wonderful yard, and easy access. A storage shed and a garage with extra storage room. This cabin comes partially furnished at a great price. $130,000 #104674

WONDERFUL WOODED LOT with lots of wildlife. Large trees that can be used for great landscaping. We look and picture your perfect home on this 2.5 acre lot. This acreage is located in Alto, is mostly level, and all utilities are available. $118,000 #104727



HOME, CHURCH, LOT, HOME. All these acres in this [illegible] building lots. This [illegible] zoning has many possibilities. Home great for entertaining. This [illegible] home has [illegible] bdrms, 3 baths, large living room with [illegible] fireplace, [illegible] kitchen with [illegible] cabinets, [illegible] laundry room, [illegible] garage. Lots of room for [illegible] parking. Priced at [illegible] with room to expand. [illegible] Call today for your showing. [illegible]

MAKE AN OFFER TODAY on this very charming 6 bdrm, 2 bath home, paved drive, 2 car garage, covered deck on corner lot in Ruidoso Hubbard Valley Estates. Fenced back yard, [illegible] landscaping, permanent foundation. Owner [illegible] MOTIVATED. $185,000 #104855

SIDE MOUNTAIN VIEWS - This one half acre is located in Country with city utilities available. Modulars or doublewides are allowed. Steep upslope from road, but fairly level on top. $9,000 #105045

VALLE DEL SOL. Three acres parcel of land with view mountain views in the up and coming area district of Dunkerson. Acreage is mostly level with a wonderful view. [illegible] Build of your choice is available. [illegible]

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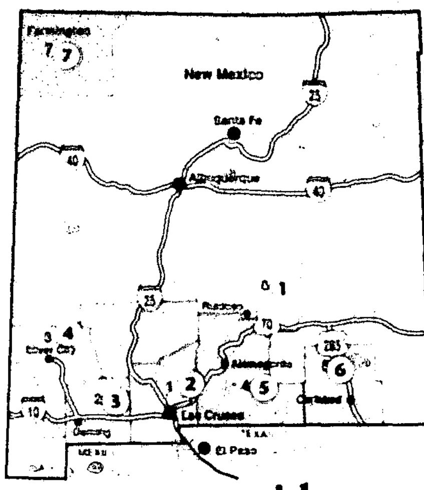

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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No. 2334

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH THOMAS MARTIN Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed personal representatives of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned personal representatives at the address listed below, or filed with the Lincoln County Probate Court, P.O. Box 333, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301

Dated: July 10 & 17 2009

[illegible] Martin

[illegible] Kristine Powell

[illegible] Yi Martin and Krystine Powell
Personal Representatives
[illegible]32 Azalea Dr
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NOTICE FOR REQUEST FOR BIDS
Bid File #1 09-10 SY

The Mescalero Apache School wishes to receive bids for Janitorial Supplies. Copies of the specifications can be obtained at the office of the Superintendent at 249 White Mountain Drive, Mescalero, [illegible] or by phone 575-464-4431. Ask for Angel Saenz.

In order to be considered all bids must be received at the office of the Superintendent no later than 9:00 a.m. on July 22, 2009. FACSIMILE TRANSMISSIONS OF A BID SHALL BE ACCEPTED. All bids must be addressed as follows:

Dr. J. Charles Harrison, Superintendent
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Mescalero, NM 88340

Bids will be opened and received publicly by MAS Business Officials and the lowest bidder announced at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting. Results will be determined pending Board approval.

This bid may be canceled and any and all bids may be rejected in whole or in part when the School District determines that it is in the best interest of the School District.

Dr. J. Charles Harrison
Superintendent
Mescalero Apache School

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CHARLES E. MEEKS; KAREN MEEKS; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenant

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 12, 2009 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. the undersigned Special Master will, at the north east entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 402 College, Ruidoso and is situate in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 2, Block 4 of NORTH HEIGHTS PARK, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, July 30, 1968 in Tube No. 318.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on July 1, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $199,325.76 and the same bears interest at 6.625% per annum from May 20, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $3,075.21. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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Nick Vega
Special Master
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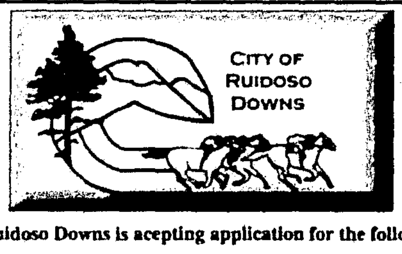

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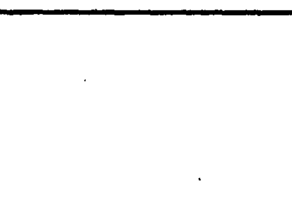

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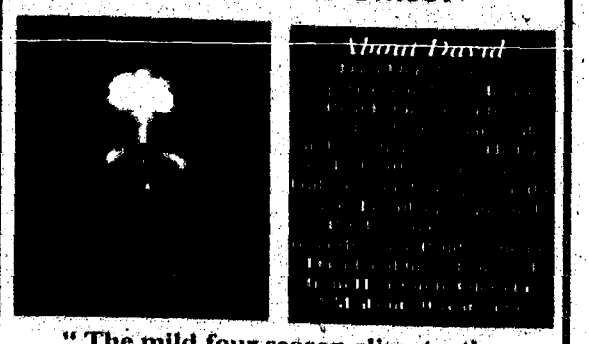

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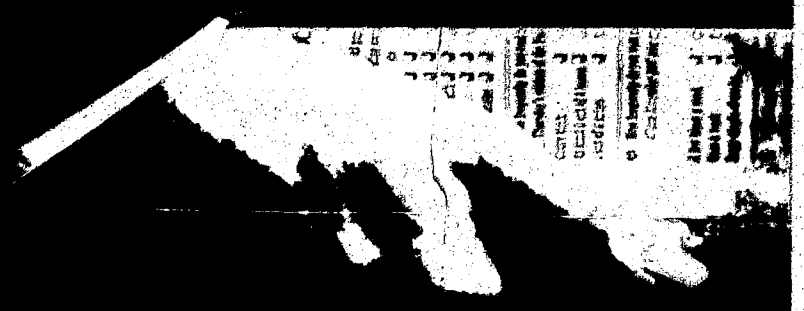

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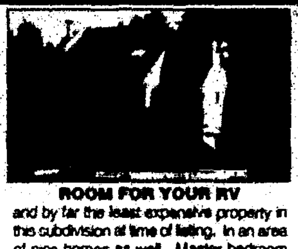

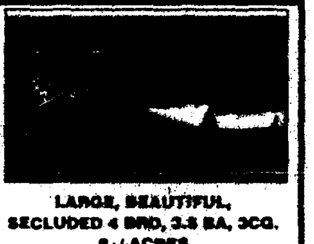

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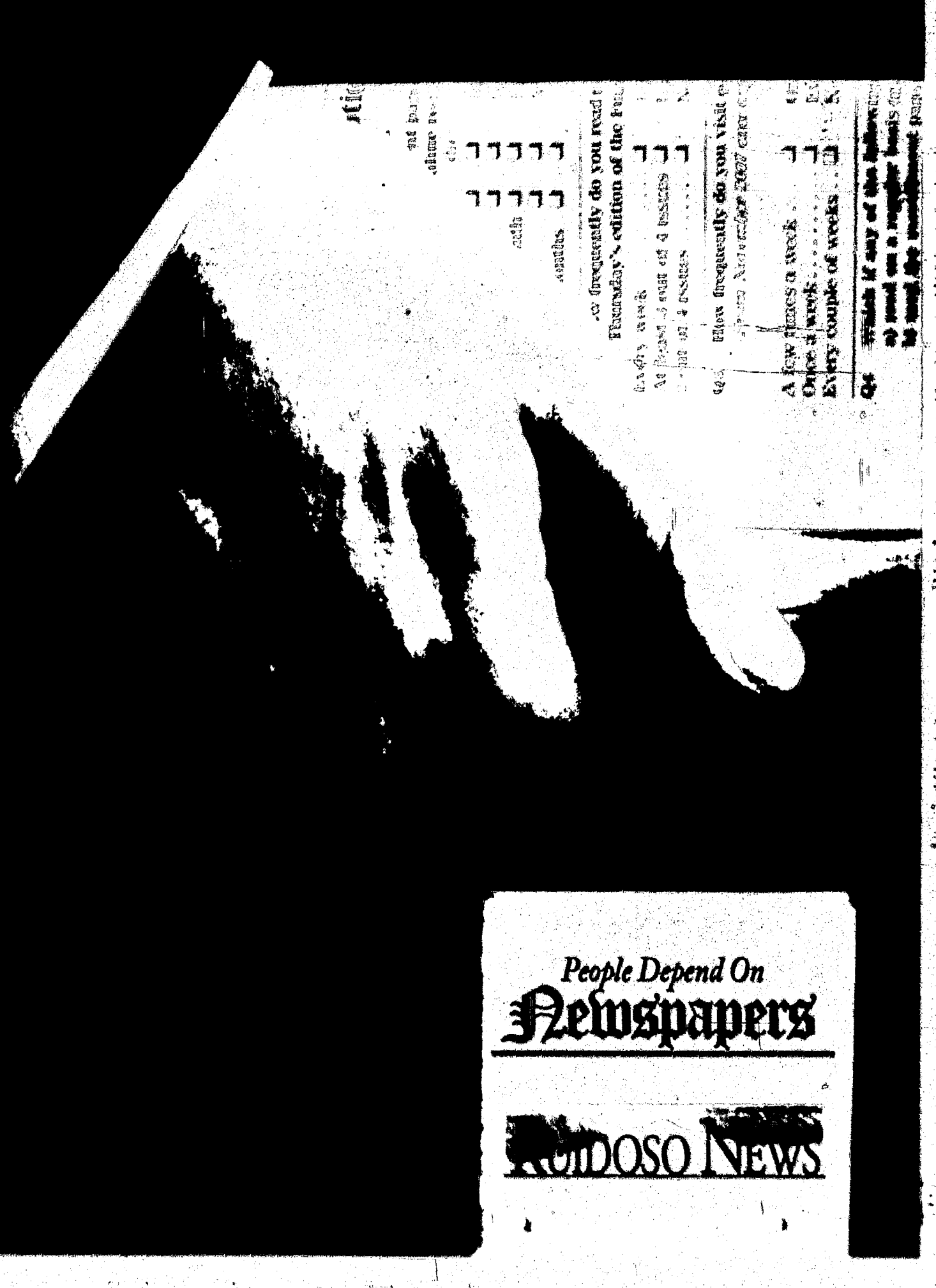

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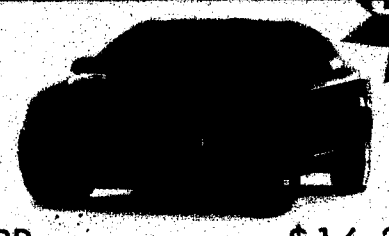

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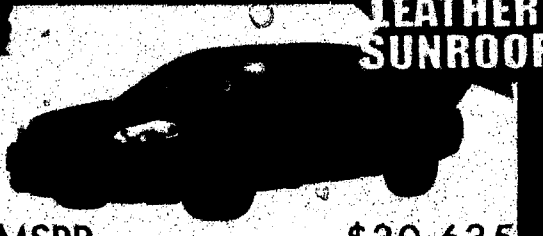

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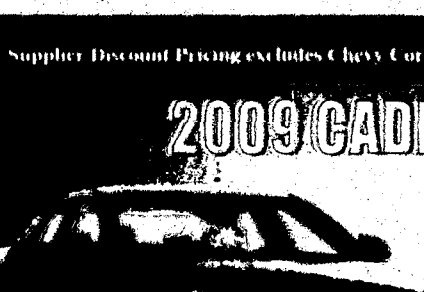

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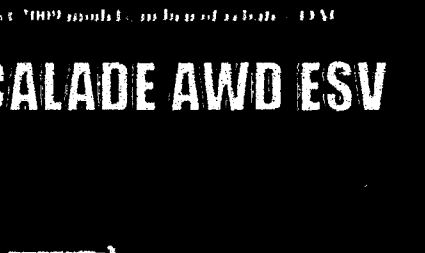

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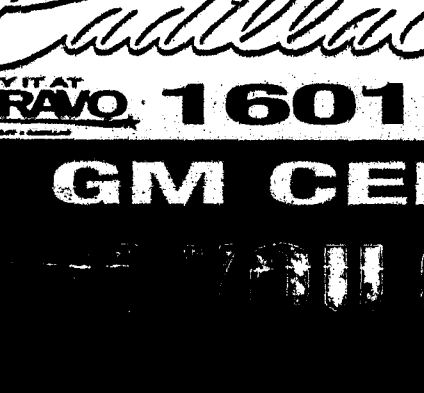

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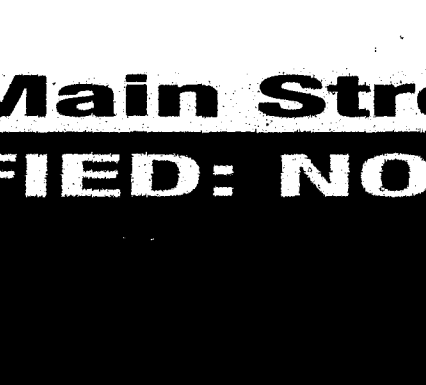

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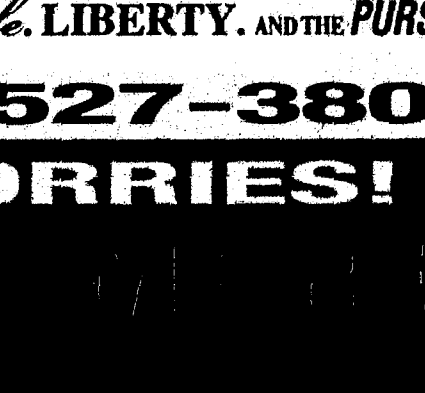

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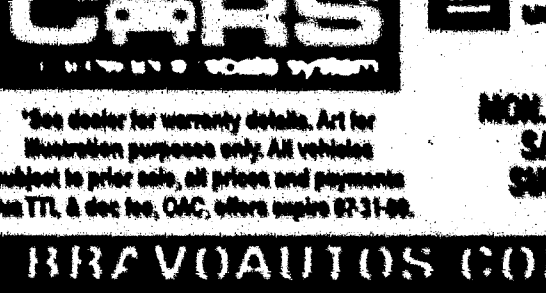

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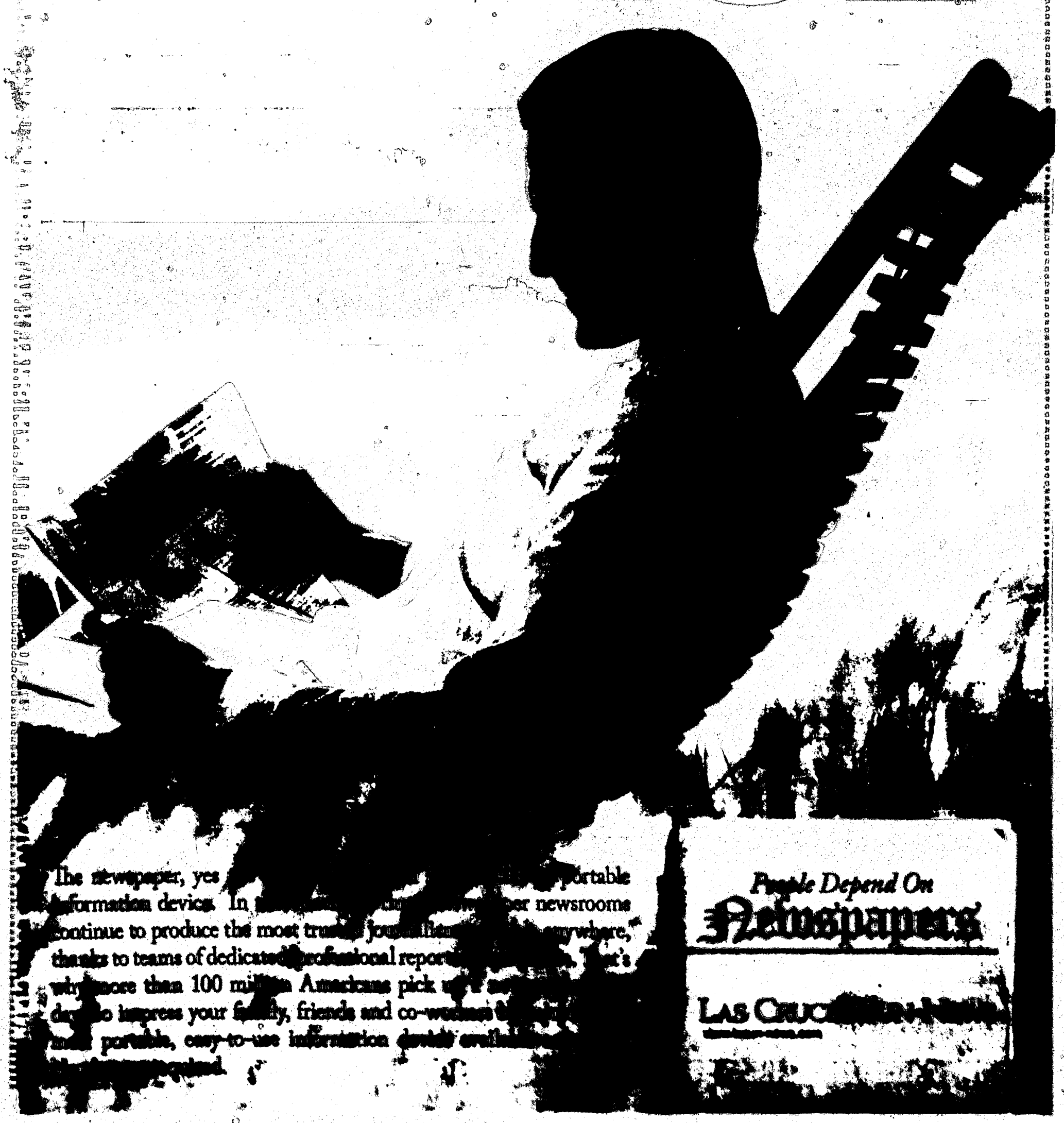

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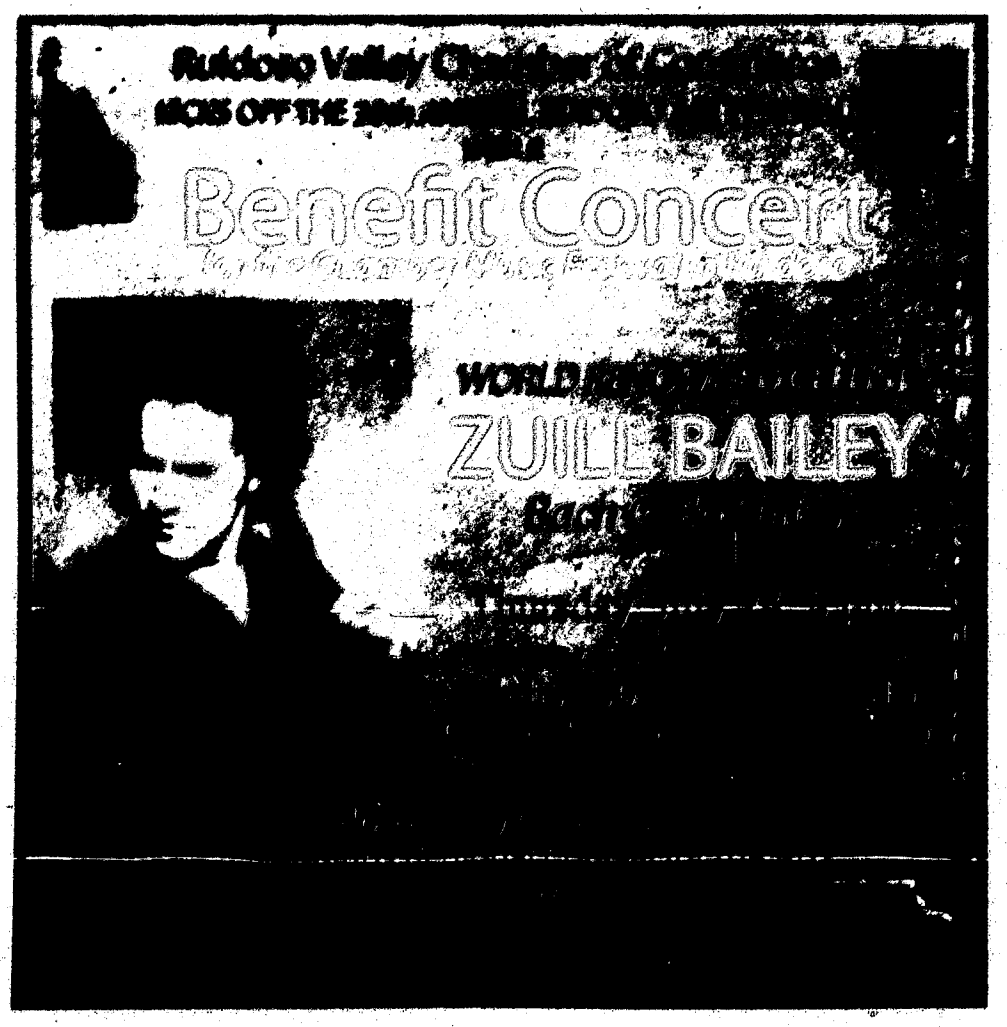

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Art reception

July 17: (Ruidoso) Judy Pekelsma is now displaying her art at the Ruidoso Village Hall. There will be a special reception on Friday, July 17, from 5 - 7 p.m. , 313 Cree Meadows Dr.

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 258-3842.

Bluegrass festival

July 18, 19: (Weed) 14th annual at the Weed Community Center. Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. – closing. Performers: Blue Sky Country, Vintage, Mercedes Bluegrass, Simple Gifts, Texas Country, odyssey Bluegrass, Coyote Crossing Bluegrass Band. $12 adults, children under 12 free.

Fort Volunteers

July 22: (Fort Stanton) For those interested in volunteering for Fort Stanton Live!, please attend a pot luck at 6 p.m. at the Innsbrook Clubhouse in Ruidoso. Food provided. Info: Susie Berend, 937-9380.

Zuill Bailey

July 23: (Ruidoso) Cellist performs Bach Suites for Solo Cello--#1, #3, #5, as the opening event of the Ruidoso Art Festival, 8 p.m. at the Ruidoso High School Performing Arts Hall, 125 Warrior Dr. $30 adults; $15 through age 18. Tickets available at Chamber of Commerce, Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts, or call 973-0880. This is a benefit concert for the Chamber Music Festival.

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.

Mountain Music Fundraiser

July 25: (Cloudcroft) The Sacramento Mountains Historical Society's annual Mountain Music fundraiser to benefit the SMHS Museum in at the Zenith Park Pavilion in Cloudcroft. Talented musicians to perform, including Simple Gifts, Classy Fiddlers and Mark Cadwallader! Also performing his very entertaining Cowboy Poetry will be Dr. Bill Boverie! Show begins at 5PM. BBQ on sale at 4:30PM. Adults $10, Children $5. Tickets available in advance. Please call the museum for more information, 575-682-2932.

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.

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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.

Jason Wilber

July 25: (Tularosa) Singer/songwriter plays a "house concert" at Coffee & More, Tularosa. Dinner at 6, show at 7. Call 585-4575 to reserve your seat.

Trail Ride

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

Frankie Avalon

August 1: (Alto) Frankie Avalon at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 2 p.m. (tickets are $69 and $66)

ON STAGE

Live music in the clubs this weekend

FRIDAY

Billy's Sports Bar (1461 Highway 70 West, Ruidoso Downs; 378-4431): The Usual Suspects (with Rich Chorne and Lou Ann Ellison)/blues and rock

Dreamcatcher Cafe (2629 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 802-2222): Live music in the patio until 9 p.m.

Landlocked Grill (441 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso; 257-9559): Tomás Vigil/Flamenco and beyond

Win, Place & Show (2516 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-9982): The Mixx/country

SATURDAY

Billy's Sports Bar: The Usual Suspects

Clubhouse Lounge (1137 Mechem Dr.; 258-3912): Sailor Steve/rock classics

Dreamcatcher Cafe: Live music in the patio until 9 p.m.

Landlocked Grill: The Harmless Bunnies/rock and folk

Win, Place & Show: The Mixx/country

SUNDAY

Win, Place & Show: The Mixx/country

White Sands for free

White Sands National Monument joins 390 other national parks across American and offer three fee-free weekends during this summer.

"We want to encourage everyone to visit White Sands National Monument this summer," said Superintendent Kevin Schneider. "During these tough economic times, this is a great opportunity for families to explore the spectacular geology, plants and animals, and the incredible night sky of the White Sands for free."

The entrance fees will be waived on the following weekends: July 18-19 and Aug. 15-16.

During these weekends, White Sands National Monument will waive the $3 entrance fee per adult (anyone age 16 or older). The entrance stations will be open and staff will be available to provide maps, answer questions and sell annual passes. The fee waiver does not include other fees such as for camping or special use permits.

White Sands National Monument hosts a free ranger-guided nature walk called the Sunset Stroll every evening at 7. Visitors meet the ranger at the Sunset Stroll Trailhead located 5 miles from the Entrance Station on the Dunes Drive. On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings at 8:30 there is also a free evening program at the amphitheater in the Heart of the Dunes. A variety of topics are offered, including Plant Adaptations; Geology of the White Sands; Ranching, Railroads, Mining, Monument, and Murder: the Tularosa Basin at the Turn of the 20th Century; White Sands WILD Wildlife. Both the Sunset Stroll and the evening program are free.

The bookstore at White Sands National Monument will also offer 20 percent off all merchandise during these three weekends. The Western National Parks Association (managers of the bookstore) is pleased to offer the discount in support of the National Park Service and this unique opportunity for the public.

More information on the fee waivers and concession discounts can be found at: http://nps.gov/findapark/feefreeparks.htm.

and at 8 p.m. (tickets at $79 and $76).

Lincoln County Fair

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 at 8 p.m. When the Randy Rogers Band's last project debuted as the most-downloaded country album on iTunes, plenty of the industry "insiders" on Music Row were left scratching their heads: Who are these guys?

Rolling Stone magazine ranked them in its list of Top 10 must-see artists in the summer of 2007. Willie Nelson, the Eagles, Gary Allan and Dierks Bentley all picked them as opening acts for their concerts. And more than 2,200 people showed up and bought the band's album at an appearance at Warehouse Music.

Spencer Lobster Fest Fundraiser

August 22: (Alto) At the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 6 p.m. Tickets are $100. All-you-can eat lobsters fresh from the frigid Atlantic. Snazzy jazz bands perform at this scrumptious affair.

The Limeliters & Highwaymen

August 25: (Alto) At the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 8 p.m.

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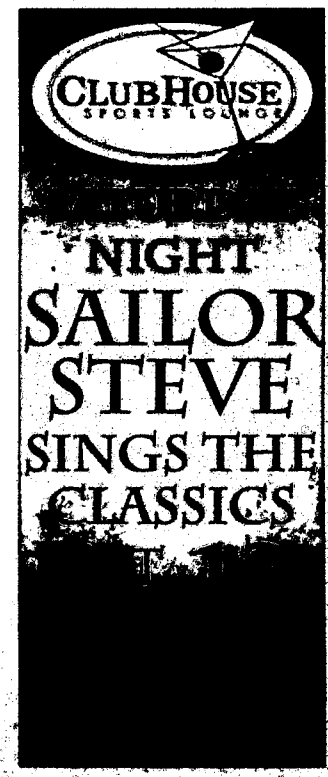

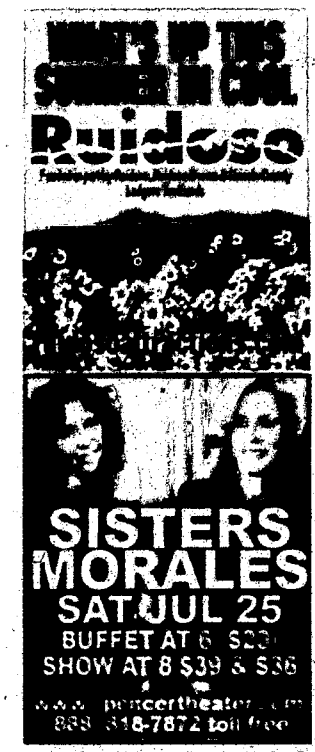

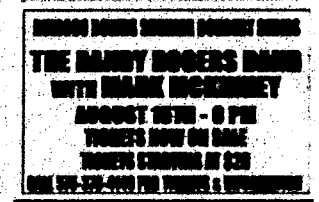

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High Mountain Bake-off

August 28: (Mescalero) At the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino, Put your baking skills to the test and compete at Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino's first-ever bake-off. The competition will include three categories, cakes, pies and casseroles, and dishes will be judged on taste, originality and overall appearance. Each contestant may bring two original dishes, one for public viewing and one for the judges to taste, and the winner of each category will receive a check for $1,000. The contest begins at 2 p.m. and is open to all.

Elvis Presley Story with Ronnie McDowell

August 29: (Alto) At the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 8 p.m. Tickets are $79 and $76. Spirited Elvis revival with a multi-instrumental band and Presley's former backup gospel singers, The Stamps Quartet.

Biking in Carrizozo

As a new event for Labor Day Street Fair fundraising, the now annual motorcycle rally will be a Poker's Hand event starting at 10 a.m. (registration) on Saturday, Aug. 6.

The event will start at McDonald Park (12th Street side) as bikers register and will end at the same location at 1:30.

The entrance fee is $20, and participants will be given a card at each stop on the trail. As they see what cards they are drawing, they will have the option to draw an additional card for $5 to better their hand. A maximum of five additional cards may be purchased. When the ride is over and bikers check in, they can choose to keep their best five cards.

While the Street Fair Team goes through the score sheets to determine who won, bikers and their guests are invited to go to The Outpost for lunch and a raffle/rally. Several prize items will be available as well as prizes for the top hands.

Come join the fun! The trail promises to be interesting and a little challenging, and all proceeds will go to providing more scholarships this coming year. This past year, four scholarships were awarded for a total of $2,500 to Carrizozo residents Danielle Cartier, Alyshia Culley, Brandon Morales and Judy Nash.

For more information about this event being sponsored by the 16th Annual Labor Day Street Fair, call J'Lane Zamora at 575-648-2802.

51st All American Futurity

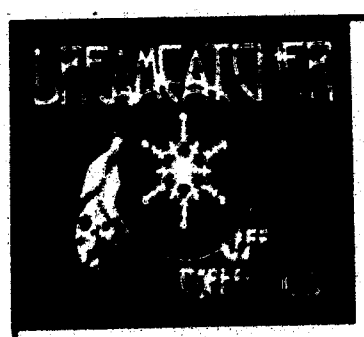
September 7: (Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino): Each year, the racing season comes to an end with the running of the World's Richest Quarter Horse race, the Grade I All American Futurity. Information: 575-378-4431.

Carrizozo Labor Day Street Fair

September 7: With food, vendors, parade, games and music.

Run for the Beach September 12:

(Ruidoso) 12th annual, for Lincoln County mammograms; 5K run/walk; $20 donation. Call 257-9251 or 258-4250.



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Cowboy up, extreme style

Hang on to your hats everybody! The original Extreme Cowboy, Craig Cameron, is bringing Extreme Cowboy Racing to Ruidoso on Oct. 9 - 11.

This is the real deal; the best cowboys and cowgirls in the Southwest will be competing in the Extreme Cowboy Association Southwestern Regional Championship. If you want to compete and have never been in an Extreme Cowboy Racing event, this is your chance. Cowboy up and come on out.

Entry forms are available at www.craigcameron.com. The contestants will compete in up to six different Divisions; Young Guns, ages 7-11; Youth, ages 12-17; Novice; Non-Pro; Pro; and Ride Smart, ages 55 and over.

The contestants will take on the challenging Extreme Cowboy course consisting of obstacles that will challenge their riding skills and test the partnership with their horses. The top finishers will be invited to the 2009 Extreme Cowboy Association World Championship that will be held at the Kansas Expocentre in Topeka, Kan., Nov. 13-15.

In addition to the excitement of the Extreme Cowboy Championship, Craig will be educating and entertaining the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium crowd as he demonstrates "Gentle Horse Breaking." These sessions will be taking place each day during the Symposium.

Arts in the Orchard

September 12, 13: (Lincoln) Arts, crafts, music, pie-baking contests and more. 1-800-653-6460.

Golden Aspen Motorcycle Association Rally 2009

September 16-20: (Ruidoso and throughout Lincoln County) One of the largest rallies in the nation. Parade, poker runs, contests and more.

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September 18: (Mescalero) Veteran Southern Rock band at Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino, 8 p.m.

The Guess Who

September 19: (Ruidoso Downs) Classic rock band in concert at Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino at 8 p.m.

Foreigner

September 20: (Mescalero) Foreigner's high-energy tour comes to the Inn of the Mountain Gods, 8 p.m. Doors open one hour prior to show.

Class reunion

September 25, 26: (Alamogordo) The Alamogordo High School Class of 1999 is currently selling tickets for the 10-year reunion to be held on Sept. 25 -26, 2009 in Alamogordo.

If you are interested in attending, visit the class Web site, www.alamo99.com. The site has all of the information regarding the event, as well as an option to purchase tickets online.

The planning committee is also asking that all Class of 1999 members help spread the word and let others know this information as well.

For questions or more information, please contact the planning committee at alamo_tigers99@live.com.

If you do not have access to the internet and would like to purchase tickets by mail, please call Sheree at 575-439-7777.

Tour de Ruidoso 2009

September 26: (Ruidoso) Held at the White Mountain Sports Complex. $40 registration for any of the three events: Century Ride; 100K; Flat 20-Miler (new this year.) Century ride and 100 K start at 8:10 a.m., Flat 20-Miler starts at 9 a.m. Register online at active.com or by mail. Call 575-258-0028 for more info or registration form. This is a Hospice Fundraiser to benefit Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation.

28th Annual New Mexico State Open Chili Cook Off

October 3: (Ruidoso) Presented by the Ruidoso Chili Society.

Aspen Fest Weekend

October 3, 4: (Ruidoso)

Aspengold Bridge Tournament

October 5-11: (Ruidoso) Held at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Game times 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. each day. This is a regional tournament. Contact Kaye Kernodle at 575-257-1898 or e-mail kaye@zianet.com.

Mel Tillis

October 8: (Ruidoso Downs) Legendary country singer headlines the kickoff Cowboy Symposium Concert at Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino. Additional details to be announced.

19th Annual Lincoln

Billy's breakout

"Billy the Kid's Breakout," sponsored by City Bank New Mexico, will be the first-ever major annual Cowboy Action Shooting match of the Lincoln County Regulators. Held on the weekend of Aug. 7-8-9. "Billy the Kid's Breakout" will attract Cowboy Action Shooters from all over the West and beyond. Lots of spectators, too.

The original Lincoln County Regulators was a legally constituted posse, with affidavits and warrants issued by Justice of the Peace John Wilson, led by Special Constable Dick Brewer, John Tunstall's Ranch Foreman. They had warrants for all 40 men in the posse that murdered John Tunstall. The group's primary aim was to hunt for Tunstall's killers, William Morton, Jesse Evans, Tom Hill and Frank Baker. These were the four they knew to have been there but nobody but one of the four knew for certain who fired what shots. This was in 1878. Over 130 years later, today's Lincoln County Regulators is the Cowboy Action Shooting™ arm of the Ruidoso Gun Club and an affiliate of the Single Action Shooting Society.

FRIDAY, August 7

Check-In and registration on Friday will begin at noon at the Ruidoso Gun Club range in Ruidoso Downs and at 5:00 PM at The Lodge at Sierra Blanca in Ruidoso.

The Friday afternoon side matches begin at 1:00 PM and will include Long Range Pistol Caliber Rifle (ten rounds), Speed Pistol (ten rounds), Speed Rifle (ten rounds) and the always fun Fastest Regulator match (ten pistol, ten rifle, four shotgun rounds). Prizes, including powder, will go to the winners of each event.

SATURDAY, August 8

Saturday Check-in and Registration will be at the Lincoln County Regulators Cowboy Action Shooting Range and Western Town at the Ruidoso Gun Club Range on Hale Lake Road in Ruidoso Downs. Reserved parking for persons with disabilities will be provided with easy entrance for everything from scooters to golf carts. A valet service will be available to transport gun carts to the range for anyone needing assistance.

The Billy the Kid's Breakout main match will feature six stages based on the exploits of Lincoln County's own Billy the Kid. SASS rules will apply. The First Stage, "Stolen Laundry" takes place at a Chinese Laundry in Silver City where Billy is left holding the bag. Shooters will need ten pistol, ten rifle and four shotgun rounds.

Stage Two, "The Ambush of Sheriff Brady," will require ten pistol, ten rifle and four shotgun rounds. "Buckshot Roberts" is Stage Three and competitors will shoot ten pistol, eight rifle and four shotgun rounds from the outhouse!

Stage Four, "Trapped," takes place at Stinking Springs and shooters will join Pat Garrett and the Kid with 10 pistol, eight rifle and four shotgun rounds. There's a horse involved, too. Stage Five recreates "The Breakout" at the Lincoln County Courthouse. Once competitors drop the handcuffs they'll need ten pistol, ten rifle and two shotgun rounds.

The final stage, Stage Six, is in a Fort Sumner saloon. "Empty Chamber" requires ten pistol, ten rifle and four shotgun rounds. That's right, Billy's demise at the hand of Pat Garrett comes next year!

The Saturday evening Old West banquet will be at Cree Meadows Country Club, featuring carved-to-order Chateaubriand. We'll gather for no-host cocktails at 5 p.m. and have dinner at 6 p.m. Historian and author Drew Gomber will be the major keynote speaker at the banquet.

SUNDAY, August 9

On Sunday, competitors and guests, in their Old West costumes, will have the opportunity to attend Cowboy Church at 9:00 AM at the Pageant Grounds in the historic town of Lincoln. Tickets to the Lincoln State Monument buildings, including the old Lincoln County Courthouse and the Tunstall Store will be available at 10:00 AM at the Anderson-Freeman Museum. Everyone is invited to participate in the 10:30 a.m. Old Lincoln Days Grand Parade to promote the Lincoln County Regulators and SASS! And if a cowboy or cowgirl can't walk in the parade, Lincoln County Sheriff Rick Virden has offered to give participants a ride in his two-mule team wagon. Enjoy an informal visit to all the historical sites of the old town of Lincoln or we can assist in arranging for a guided tour. Included in the "Billy the Kid's Breakout" package will be tickets to the 3 p.m. showing of the annual pageant, "The Last Escape of Billy the Kid."

This major Cowboy Action Shooting event will be a great opportunity for visitors to get a real taste of Ruidoso and the history of Lincoln County. The Regulators are hoping to make this a major annual visitors' event.

For more information, contact Sgt. Shuster, SASS #60835 at ShootingAction-@aol.com, 575-257-0871 or write to Lincoln County Regulators at 2814 Sudderth Dr., Suite 515, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

County Cowboy Symposium

October 9-11: (Ruidoso Downs) This annual celebration is held at Ruidoso Downs Race Track, and features demonstrations, cowboy poets, musicians, chuckwagon cooks and craftsmen plus a concert and dance Saturday night with Larry Gatlin in the big tent. Additional performers include Billy Mata, Tommy Allsup and the Texas Playboys, Floyd Domino, Ginny Mac and many, many more.

Oktoberfest

October 16, 17: (Ruidoso) Presented by Special Events Resource Group at the Ruidoso Convention Center. This is a great community party and features dancers and musicians and, of course, wonderful German food.

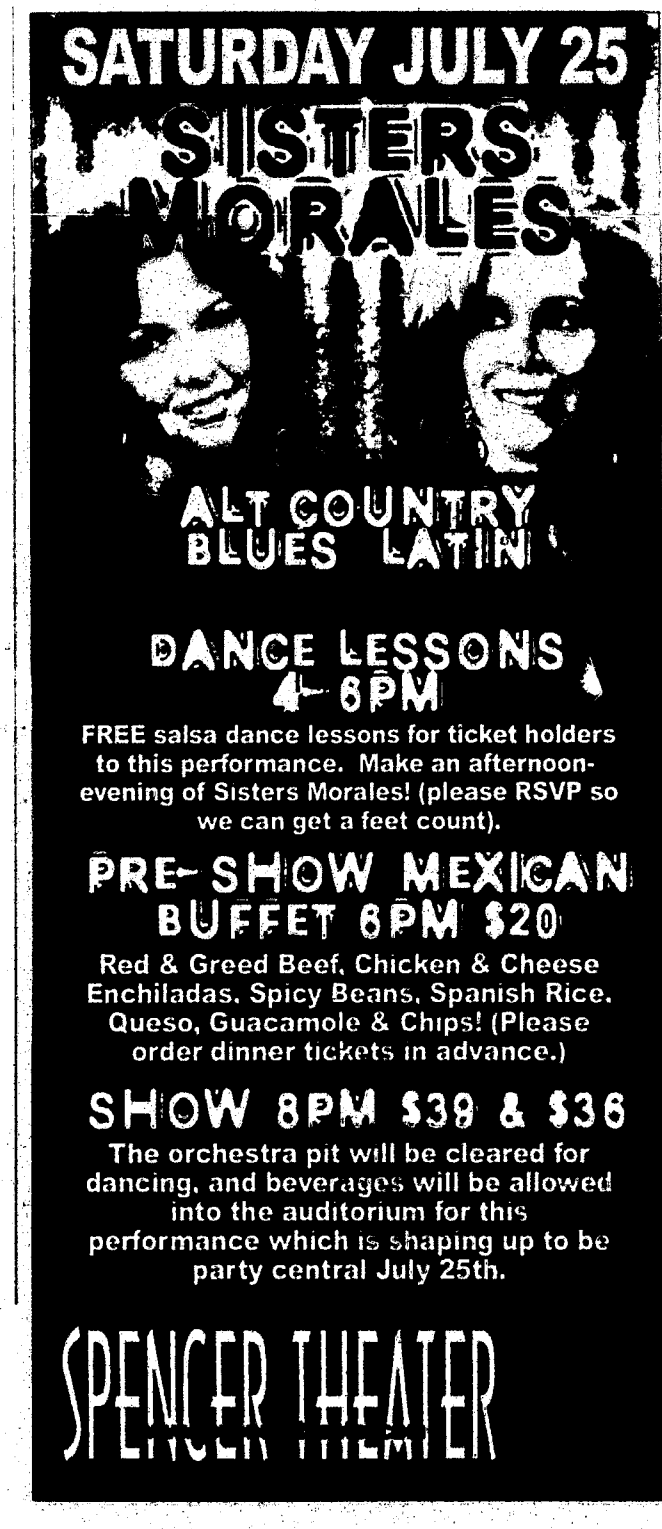
Lincoln State Monument

October 17: (Lincoln) Presenting Chautauquas and Buffalo Soldiers from the New Mexico Council for the Humanities. 575-653-4372.

Ski Run Road Challenge

October 17: (Ski Run Road/Ski Apache) Run to the highest finish in New Mexico. A 12-mile foot race, on Highway 532 starting at Eagle Creek Sports Complex (7,296 feet) and finishing at Ski Apache (9,770 feet).

Register at www.active.-com. More info: 257-9507 or 575-937-7106.



2010 White Sands International Film Festival

LAS CRUCES – The White Sands International Film Festival has announced a call for entries for its 2010 program.

The 6th Annual White Sands International Film Festival will take place April 15-18, 2010, in Las Cruces. The submission period begins today and the Early Bird deadline ends Oct. 15, 2009.

NARRATIVE & DOCUMENTARY

The White Sands International Film Festival 2010 is accepting feature length and short narrative films in the documentary and narrative category with particular focus on multicultural themes and background. Any films from any genres accepted from around the world. Please note that foreign language films should have subtitles.

LATINO

WSIFF seeks to recognize and celebrate Latino achievements in film and is accepting Narrative, Documentary features and shorts for it's Latino Showcase.

NEW MEXICO

WSIFF will be showcasing films that have been made in New Mexico, the Land of Enchantment. The WSIFF is accepting Narrative, Documentary features and shorts for its New Mexico Showcase. A special Jury Award will be awarded to the best work in this category.

Filmmakers submitting in this category will be waived entry fee. Proof that at least parts of the film were shot in New Mexico *must* be included with the submission. Otherwise, the submission will be moved to another (correct) category.

MISSION

The WSIFF is dedicated to the creation of opportunities for artistic interaction and exchange among independent filmmakers (directors), producers, distributors, backers, and the film-going community.

It is our mission to not only exhibit the best films available, but also to serve as a medium for new projects to get launched financed and distributed. Networking opportunities at the WSIFF builds lasting connections in the unique backdrop of New Mexico . . . and to screen films that:

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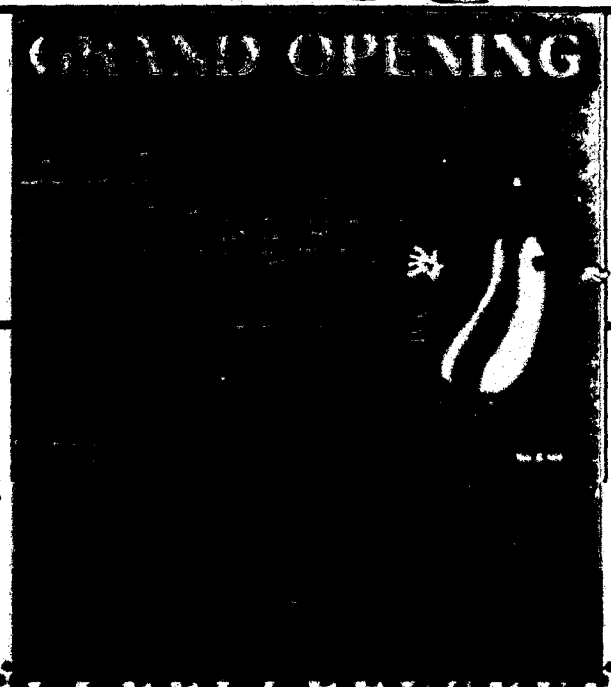

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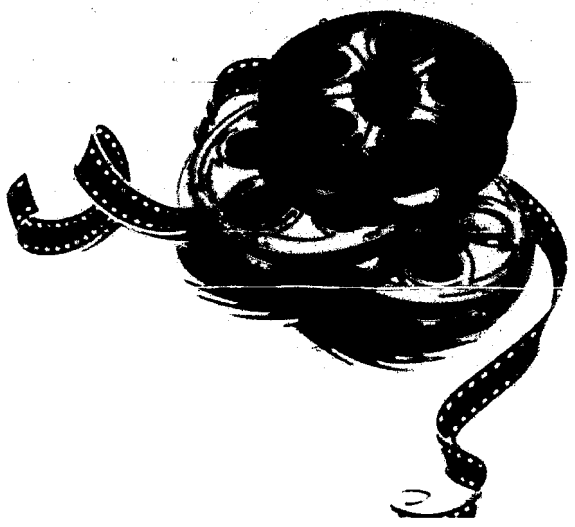
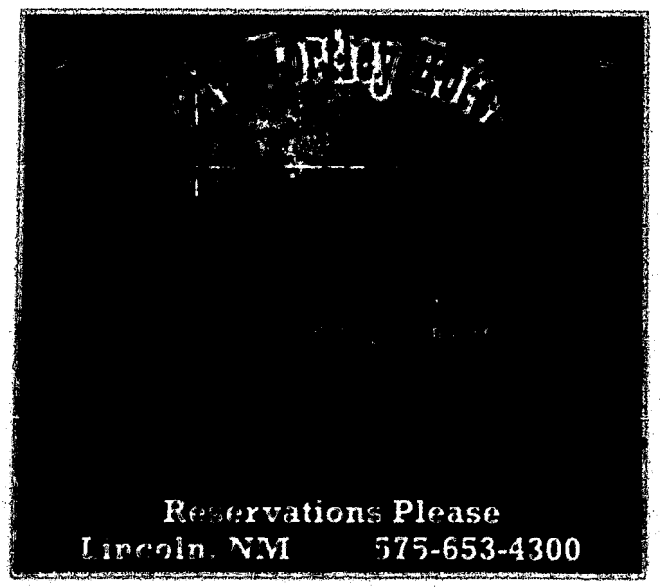


THE CRITICS REVIEW

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

Consensus: Dark, thrilling, and occasionally quite funny, Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince is also visually stunning and emotionally satisfying.

For full movie information and reviews, visit www RottenTomatoes.com



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Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince
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Ice Age Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D
Adventure PG
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Public Enemies
Drama R
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Bruno
Comedy R
8:30 PM

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Aviator 10
3651 Mesa Village Dr
Showtimes for Fri. July 17 -Tue. July 21

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Ice Age Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D
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Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen
Science Fiction
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2:40 PM
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Ice Age Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D
Adventure PG
11:50 AM
2:25 PM
4:50 PM
7:25 PM
9:40 PM

I Love You, Beth Cooper
Comedy NR
11:35 AM
2:10 PM
4:45 PM
7:15 PM
9:45 PM

No Public Enemies Here

In acclaimed director Michael Mann's recent effort "Public Enemies", Johnny Depp stars as the legendary gangster John Dillinger with Christian Bale portraying the FBI's top agent, Melvin Purvis. Rounding out this celebrated cast is Academy Award winner Marion Cotillard as Dillinger's girlfriend, Billie Frechette.

This historical story offers viewers insight on the origins of the FBI and its struggling efforts during the Depession years of 1933-34 to stop this country's greatest crime wave. Depicting the lives of well-known criminals John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson and Pretty Boy Floyd this film relates historical fact characterized by today's most prominent actors.

The Proposal
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Public Enemies
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The Hangover
Comedy R
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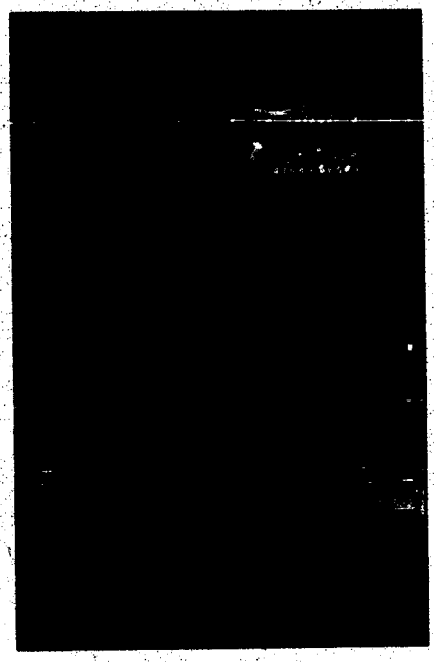
Film alternatives at the Fountain

A complimentary screening of the one hour documentary, "The Temple Builder", will be held on Saturday, July 18 at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla. Doors open at 9:30 pm with a 10 p.m. showing.

The film tells the story of David Best, one of the most celebrated artists of one of the more unusual festivals in the country, Burning Man. Burning Man is a celebration of art, life, and the unique, which takes place once a year in the Black Rock Desert of northern Nevada. There is no charge for admission.



Cine Matinee

A unique blend of movies, past and present, often with an emphasis on life in the west - which could mean the new west, the old west, or anything in between- and 'movies that missed us'- films that are notable but never had a lot of publicity- the Cine-Matinee series is designed to show area residents that film is a form of art as well as entertainment. At least one film a month for this series has a 'New Mexico Connection', drawing from the vast pool of movies made in the state or perhaps featuring a star/story from New Mexico talent.Screening time is 1:30 PM, and admission is $4 for everyone except film society members who are admitted for $1.

July 18- "The Village Barbershop" (2008, 99 minutes, rated R)

"The Village Barbershop" is the debut feature from the mind of a man who owns up to owning 67 pairs of sneakers and is, otherwise, an advertising creative-type San Francisco. Deftly transitioning to long-form storytelling, writer/director Chris Ford's decade-long gestation on a script set in Reno has paid dividends, birthing a character-driven comedy with a solid sensitivity appropriate for a film whose main character is an old-school barber with an old-school name (Art).

Art's creator is the gifted and underrated John Ratzenberger, known to many as Cliff Clavin from Cheers. Ratzenberger's Art is a no-frills barber who still charges eight bucks for a cut, and who, since the passing of his one true love, spends his routine lunch hours throwing the business' money away on beer and bad betting tips.

The film begins when Art's barber-shop partner, Enzo, dies at a Chinese-restaurant-aka-brothel. Simultaneously, any control that Art had over his business affairs hits the skids. With this challenge to Art's livelihood and identity, he's forced to look outside his world to save himself, and finds an unlikely heroine in a pregnant, trailer-park-dwelling, unapologetic go-getter named Gloria. Shelly Cole's character whips both the shop and its owner into shape with a charm and confidence that, to say the least, had been missing from both their personal lives.

Cindy Pickett, as Art's topless cocktail waitress love-interest, and Laurellee Westaway, as the hilarious, still-smoking, septuagenarian neighbor with an oxygen tank, provide perfect support to their leads, and Westaway's audience appeal is through the roof.

With realistic and outstanding outings from Ratzenberger and Cole, The Village Barbershop lathers up a poignant piece of first-time filmmaking that focuses firmly on the integrity in people, providing proof that no matter how alone someone might seem to be, companionship, camaraderie (and comedy) might just be a short clip away.

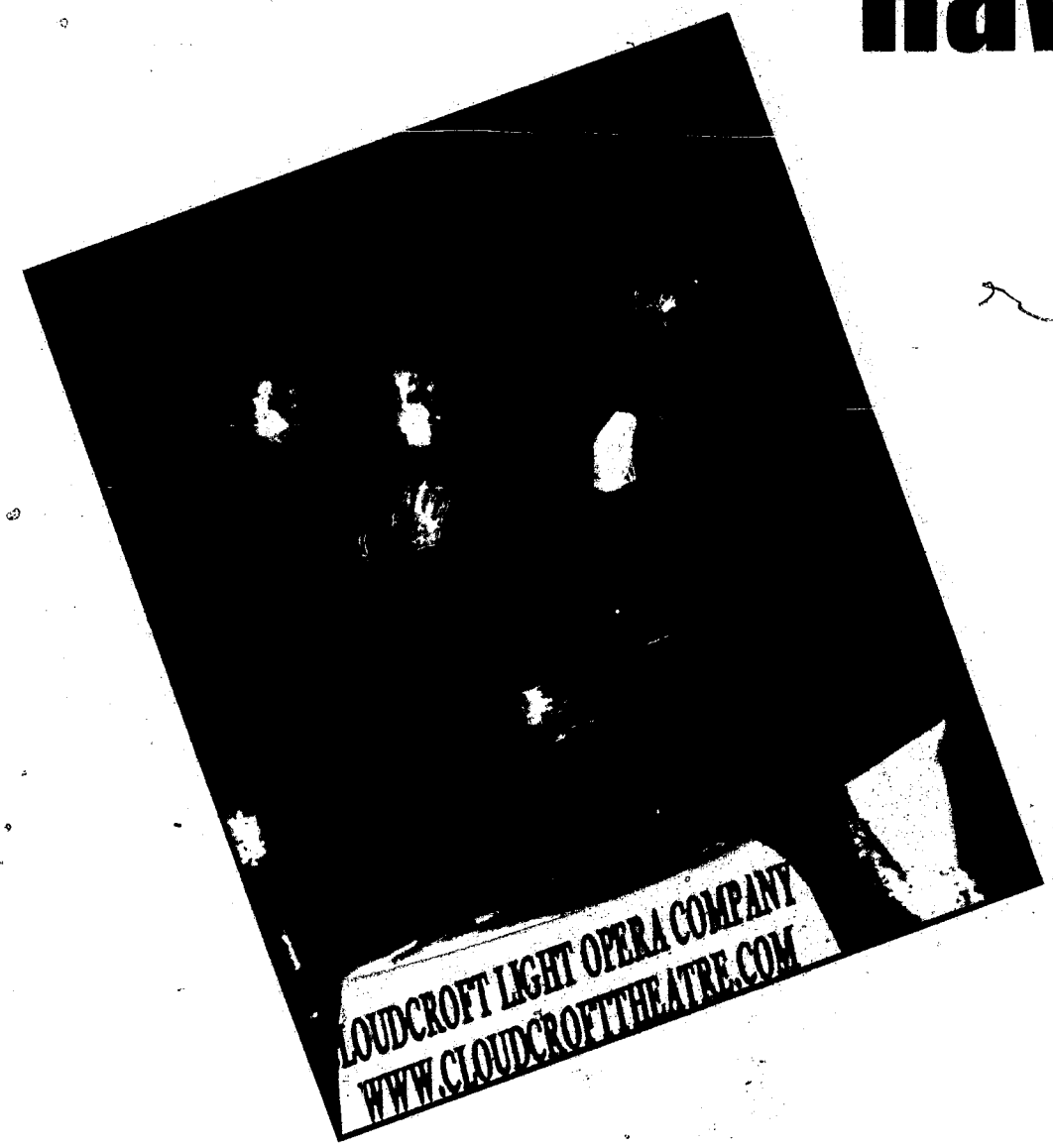
In conjunction with the New Mexico premiere of this fun comedy/drama, at 1:30 p.m. on July 18th, drawings will be held for Salon Allure gift certificates, compliments of co-owner Maribel Salinas.

Mesilla Valley Film Society is a non-profit organization with a working board of directors and a volunteer staff, which presents alternative, foreign and independent film and video to the southern New Mexico and El Paso/Juarez areas.

The Fountain Theatre is located at 2469 Calle de Guadalupe, one block south of Mesilla Plaza. For more information, call (575) 524-8287, or visit online at www.fountain-theatre.org

THEATRE

Having a hot time in Cloudcroft



Boo the villain and cheer the hero as the

Cloudcroft Light Opera Company

presents a melodrama performance of

"The Fiendish Firebug Strikes Again!"

or

"There Will Be A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight"

by

Billy St. John

Performances are free of charge

Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18

7:30 pm

Zenith Park Pavilion

A bit of history....

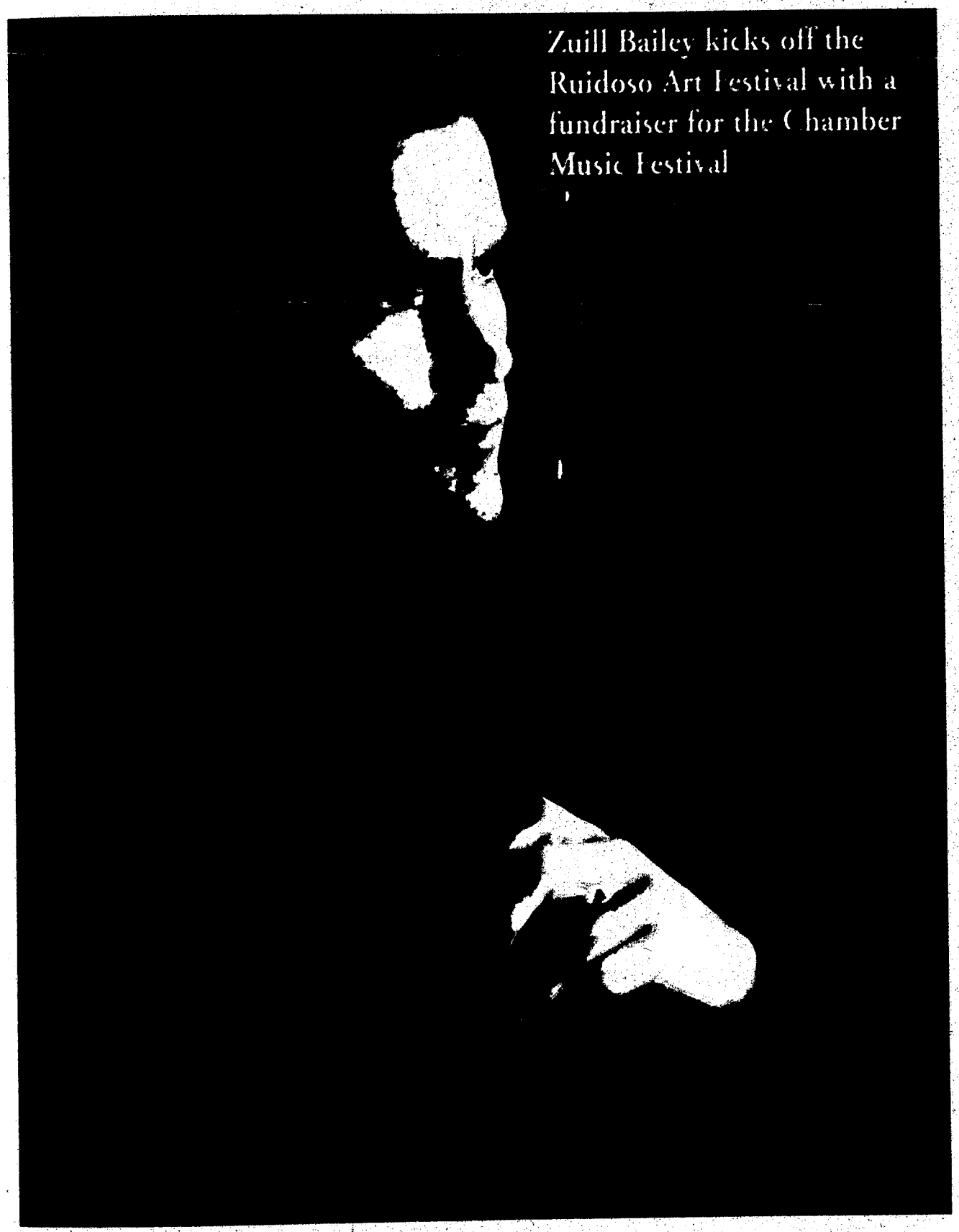
Cloudcroft Light Opera Company was originally organized to provide entertainment for local visitors to Cloudcroft. Founded in 1991 by Jim Cadwallader and Andy Hospodar, the group is comprised of local residents and boasts numerous performances to date.

Since its inception, the organization has become quite successful. This success has enabled them to be able to provide scholarships for local high school graduates. It also offers monetary support for young adults to attend select educational events.

CLOC operates wholly as a non-profit organization and disburses all funds locally. For more information, visit www.cloudcrofttheatre.com, or contact the Otero County Film Office, 1201 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo, NM 88310. 575-434-5882.

MUSIC » COVER STORY

A run-in with the cello



Zuill Bailey kicks off the Ruidoso Art Festival with a fundraiser for the Chamber Music Festival

Cellist Zuill Bailey returns to Ruidoso for a concert July 23 at 8 p.m. in the Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center, 125 Warrior Dr.

The concert is a benefit for Chamber Music Festival, Inc., the non-profit organization that puts on the annual festival, and is the opening event for the Ruidoso Art Festival.

Two of Bailey's frequently asked questions are: "What kind of name is Zuill?" and "Why the cello?"

The first one is easy.

"The name 'Zuill' is Scots-Irish and was actually our family's surname a few hundred years ago," Bailey said. "One generation must have had only girls, so to keep the name in the family they started using it as a middle name. Over the years, the male family members began using it as a first name. It's been passed to my grandfather, my father and now down to me."

But what about the cello?

"Both my parents are musicians, and my older sister is a violinist. There was no question about whether I would learn a musical instrument, the only question was which one could a 4-year-old begin with."

One day at a local symphony concert, the energetic young Zuill was running up and down a back hallway after the concert.

"This is where I literally had my first 'run-in' with a cello," Bailey said. "Needless to say, it wasn't a very expensive one, or we would still be paying for it. After the collision, I pointed to the broken instrument and proclaimed that this was what I wanted to play. The rest is history..."

The cello Bailey performs on was made in Venice in 1693 by Matteo Goffriller. "This instrument was used for 30 years by Mischa Schneider of the Budapest String Quartet," Bailey said. "It's a very interesting example of Goffriller because it has a carved rosette on the top, under the fingerboard--one of only two cellos by this maker with this feature."

Bailey will perform three of the Six Suites for Unaccompanied Cellist by Johann Sebastian Bach: Suite No. 1 in G Major, Suite No. 3 in C Major and Suite No. 5 in C minor. The suites were written between 1717 ans 1723, and were first recorded by cellist Pablo Casals.

Tickets are $30, and $15 for students ages eight to 18. They are available a the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Ruidoso Arts Council or by calling 575-973-0880. Concertgoers are invited to meet the artist after the concert at a reception donated by the Cornerstone Bakery, Village Buttery and Schlotzsky's.

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The Usual Suspects, seen here playing on the patio of the Dreamcatcher Cafe, are a local supergroup, of sorts, with guitarist Rich Chorné, keyboardist LouAnn Ellison, bassist Pete Davis and drummer Sam Shackleford. The band plays this weekend at Billy's Sports Bar & Grill. **See Events Calendar, page 4.**

They go by the name, Geezers with Guitars: Ruidoso and Fort Worth residents David Elsey and Larry Williams, top, entertaining a reception Saturday at Gallery 408, above right, in Carrizozo.

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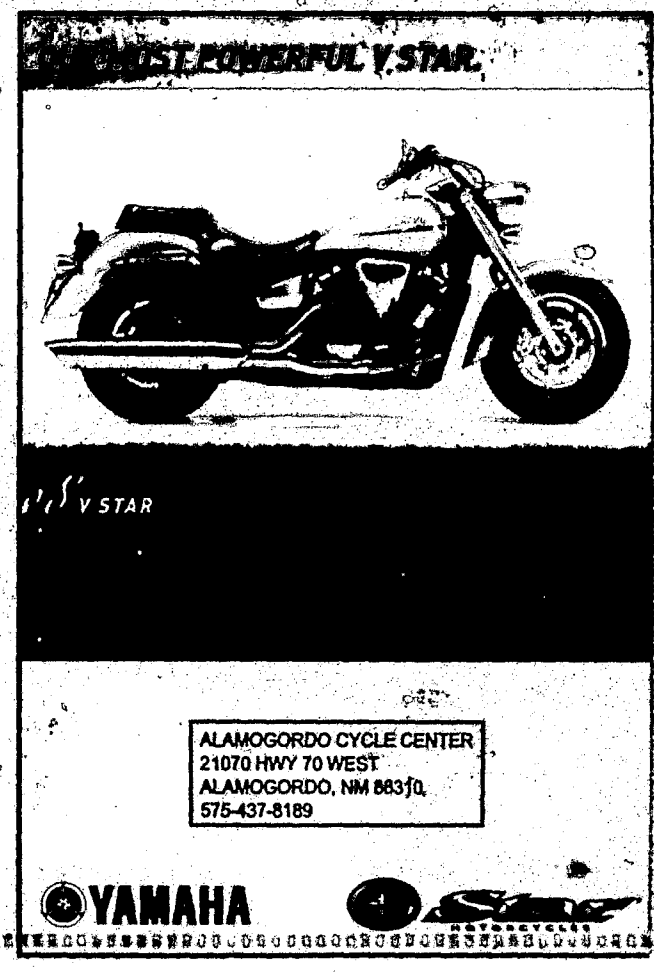
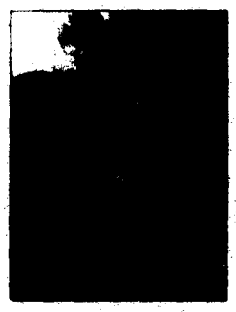


Killing Curly Bill, part 4

Past Tense

by Drew Gomber
Historian



The famed "Gun-fight at the OK Corral" was over, with the McLaury brothers and Billy Clanton left very dead, but where were the Cowboys' "big guns" that day? Namely, Johnny Ringo and Curly Bill Brocius...

It seemed highly improbable that these two would stay at home for such an event. Of course, the possibility exists that they were not in the area and were not present at the shoot-out for that simple reason. There is also a possibility however, that they deliberately stayed away. Not because they were particularly afraid of the Earps or Holliday, but perhaps they felt that Wyatt, Doc and the others would be taking care of a situation for them. And that situation was Ike Clanton.

Ike, along with Frank McLaury and Joe Hill, had betrayed some of his fellow Cowboys, ratting them out to Wyatt for stage robbery so that Wyatt could catch them, get the glory, and Ike and his pals, in turn, would receive the reward. (Wyatt aspired to political office and catching two desperate stage robbers would have been a coup for him). If Ringo and Brocius had discovered this treachery, they may have simply decided to let the Earps take care of it for them. Billy Clanton and Tom McLaury would have just been unlucky enough to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. Of course, should Ike and the McLaurys, by some miracle, come out the victors, so much the better. If this "let them shoot it out and no matter who comes out the winner, it is good for us" was in fact, the plan the outlaw chieftains were formulating, it was a win-win situation for them. If the Earps died, so much the better, and if it was Ike who bought it, well, darn

In any case, if Ike being gunned down by the Earps and Holliday was their intent, Brocius and Ringo missed their mark by a mile, because as soon as the shooting started, Ike had taken off like a jackrabbit, running through Fly's Rooming House, down the alley and out onto Allen Street, across Allen and through the Grand Hotel, down another alley, across Toughnut and into a cantina, where he secured himself behind a barrel of mescal (most appropriate, considering his behavior for the past several days).

Aftermath

After the gunfight, there was a hearing. The town's newspapers, the "Tombstone Epitaph" (pro-Earp), and the "Tombstone Nugget," (pro-Cowboy), went at it tooth and nail. In the end, Judge Spicer made the obvious ruling that despite the personal animosities on both sides, the Earps and Holliday were duly appointed lawmen and the Clantons and McLaurys, in packing weapons, were breaking the law. End of story - at least legally speaking.

A couple of months later, Virgil was ambushed between the Oriental and Crystal Palace Saloons as he crossed Fifth Street between those establishments on Wednesday night, December 28, 1881. Five shotgun blasts rent the air from the building under construction across the street (now the Longhorn Restaurant), coming from the upper floor. What saved Virgil was the distance involved and the pattern of the shot spread so far that only one blast really caught him - and catch him it did. His left arm hung in shreds from his shoulder as he staggered back into the Oriental, which he had left mere moments before.

The assassination attempt was a failure, but it effectively put Virgil out of any future fighting. So much bone was removed from his arm that it hung useless at his side from that day forward. When his wife Allie had become nearly hysterical at the sight of it, he had comforted her, saying, "Never mind. I've still got one arm left to hug you with." Unfortunately, that was about all he could do. His law-enforcement days were all but over. Prior to his death in Goldfield, Nevada, in the early 20th century, Virgil's work as a lawman diminished, to say the least. He held a few positions here and there, but his days as the top lawman in rough-and-tumble Western towns were decidedly over.

But it was another shooting, on March 18, 1882, that seems to have unhinged Wyatt. That night, he and his brother Morgan - the one intimates said was Wyatt's favorite - had repaired to Campbell and Hatch's Billiard Parlor after taking in a show at Scheifflen Hall. Morgan and Bob Hatch, the owner, were shooting a game as Wyatt, seated in a raised "kibitzer's" chair against the wall, observed.

Suddenly, shots reverberated from the alley out back. One splintered the wood above Wyatt's head, and another slammed into Morgan's back, shattering his spine. The Earp family was sent for - even including Morgan's little dog - and Morgan, the youngest of the "Fighting Earps" died about a half hour later. From that night forward Wyatt was consumed with the desire for revenge. And he was to get it, too - in spades.

Vendetta

It began only two nights later. Today, it is called the Earp Vendetta, but at the time, it had no name. Wyatt and a guard that included youngest brother Warren (19), Doc, Sherman McMasters, Texas Jack Vermillion, Turkey Creek Jack Johnson and others, escorted Virgil, the women, and Morgan's body to Tucson where they were to board a train. They were taking Morgan to the family home at California to be buried.

Wyatt had things other than the burial of his brother on his mind. One of the men who had been "fingered" in the killing of Morgan, Frank Stilwell, in the company of none other than Ike Clanton, had been spotted in the railroad yard. As the train began gearing up to leave, Wyatt and the others chased Stilwell into the shadows further down the yard. First, "ear-witnesses" heard a lot of shooting and then cheering. Then, a few moments later, Wyatt came racing back to the railroad car and gesticulated toward his brother Virgil, inside. "One for Morg!" he called out. Virgil didn't have to be told what that meant.

The next morning, Frank Stilwell's body, stiff and cold, was found in the yard. He had been shot so many times that there was a running joke about it in Tucson for the next several weeks. They said they weren't sure if they should bury Stilwell, or sell his body for scrap metal, there was so much lead in it. It appears that Wyatt and his men became a tad overzealous in bringing Stilwell down, but as Tombstone diarist George Parsons put it, "tonight came news of Frank Stilwell's body being found riddled with bullets and buckshot. A quick vengeance, and a bad character sent to Hell, where he will be the chief attraction until a few more accompany him."

As far as the part about "a few more" to keep Stilwell company, Parsons was more right than he knew. Wyatt and his posse were just getting started.

Next: The Vendetta continues

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ASTRONOMY

The once and future moon

In Our Skies

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Astronomer

This upcoming week marks the anniversary of one of the most remarkable achievements in human history. Forty years ago this past Thursday (July 16, 1969), a large Saturn V rocket lifted off from Cape Kennedy, Florida, carrying the spacecraft of the Apollo 11 mission and astronauts Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, and Michael Collins. Four days later, on July 20, the Lunar Module Eagle carrying Armstrong and Aldrin (with Collins remaining aboard the Command Module Columbia) touched down upon a smooth section of the lunar surface in the Sea of Tranquility. A few hours after that, as the entire world watched via television, Armstrong descended the steps of the Lunar Module, taking "one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind" as he set foot upon the lunar soil. Aldrin joined him a few minutes later, and for the next two hours the two men collected soil and rock samples and deployed several experiments before returning to the Lunar Module. The following day the upper stage of the Lunar Module lifted off from the moon's surface, and the two men inside later rendezvoused with Collins in Columbia, and shortly thereafter the three men returned safely to Earth and entered the history books.

While humankind has looked at the moon ever since the dawn of human history and wondered what might be there, the Apollo 11 mission had its origins almost a decade before it actually flew, during a burgeoning "space race" between the United States and the then-Soviet Union (with the Soviet Union winning most of the early contests). On May 25, 1961, less than three weeks after the first successful American manned spaceflight (a 15-minute suborbital flight by astronaut Alan Shepard aboard the Mercury Freedom 7 capsule), then-U.S. President John F. Kennedy challenged his nation to "commit itself . . . before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon, and returning him safely to the Earth."

Thereafter followed a series of manned missions (in the Mercury, Gemini, and finally Apollo series) testing ever-increasing capabilities, along with development of the enormous Saturn V rocket that would do the heavy lifting, and a series of unmanned missions in the Ranger (crash-landing on the moon), Surveyor (soft-landing), and Lunar Orbiter (mapping) series. (The Soviet Union was engaged in a parallel effort as well, as part of the overall "space race.") The first two manned lunar missions were Apollo 8, which completed ten orbits around the moon in Dec. 1968, and Apollo 10, which tested the Lunar Module in lunar orbit in May 1969. After the successful completion of this latter mission the stage was set for Apollo 11 two months later.

During the 3 1/2 years after Apollo 11 six additional missions went to the moon, with five involving successful lunar landings (The sixth was the ill-fated Apollo 13 mission in April 1970 which suffered a disastrous explosion of its Service Module while en route to the moon but which nevertheless successfully made it back to Earth.) The final mission was Apollo 17 in Dec. 1972, wherein astronauts Eugene Cernan and Harrison "Jack" Schmitt (a geologist who was the only professional scientist to visit the moon) spent three days examining lunar highlands in the Taurus-Littrow region.

Exploration of the moon, even that involving unmanned spacecraft, has been at an almost standstill since then. The reasons for this are many and complex, and have been discussed and dissected in numerous forums, but in a nutshell it should be remembered that Apollo was a response to political challenges and had little to do with exploration or science (despite the enormous amount of scientific data returned via the Apollo missions). Once the political objective was achieved the motivation to continue the effort expired, and by the time of the final Apollo mission much public interest had waned significantly. (Three Apollo missions were cancelled due to lack of funding and, ultimately, interest.)

So, the moon has stayed silent for most of the past 3 1/2 decades, with only a handful of unmanned spacecraft visiting it during the interim. Just within the past few years, there has been a resurgence of interest in visiting our nearest celestial neighbor, and unmanned spacecraft have been sent to the moon by the European Space Agency, by Japan, by China, and by India. Just last month NASA launched the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter that will be orbiting and mapping the moon in earnest for at least the next year.

The American effort is being driven by an overall space exploration vision that is encapsulated the program Constellation. As currently envisioned, Constellation involves a Command Module spacecraft dubbed Orion and a Lunar Module dubbed Altair (which is significantly larger than the Apollo-era lunar module, being capable of carrying four astronauts to the moon and remaining there for a week), together with rockets christened Ares I (for launching Orion) and Ares V (a heavy-lift vehicle akin to the Saturn V and designed to launch Altair). A variety of mission scenarios are being developed, beginning with early "sortie" missions and eventually expanding to creation of permanently-manned lunar outposts (utilizing, among other things, empty Altair fuel tanks). Current plans call for initial flight tests of the Ares I rocket this year and the first manned mission taking place in 2020.

That is a long time from now, and many Earthly issues (funding priorities, for example) could affect this timeline significantly. But if we, as a species, are ever to leave this planet and go elsewhere, the moon is a logical first step, and after being silent for all these years after Apollo, perhaps it may one day soon once again feel human footprints upon it. This, perhaps, should be the real focus of the anniversary celebrations this next week.

Alan Hale is a professional astronomer who resides in Cloudcroft. He is presently raising funds for the Earthrise Project, an educational and humanitarian program described at http://www.earthriseinstitute.org

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Statehood---January 6, 1912, the 47th state
State motto---Crescit Eundo (It Grows as It Goes)
State song---O, Fair New Mexico, words and music by Elizabeth Garrett
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
Nicknames---Land of Enchantment; Sunshine State
Largest cities---Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Las Cruces, Roswell, South Valley, Farmington.
Celebrations---Albuquerque hosts the largest hot-air balloon event in the world the first weekend in October.

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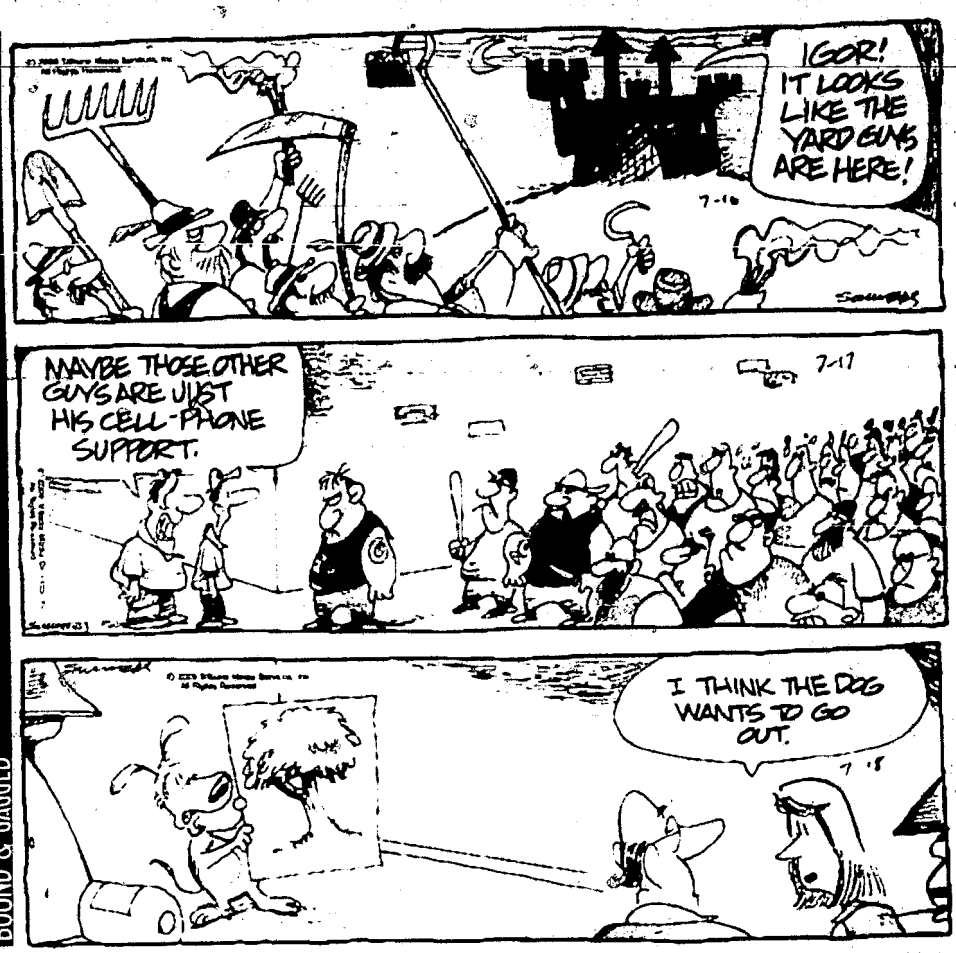

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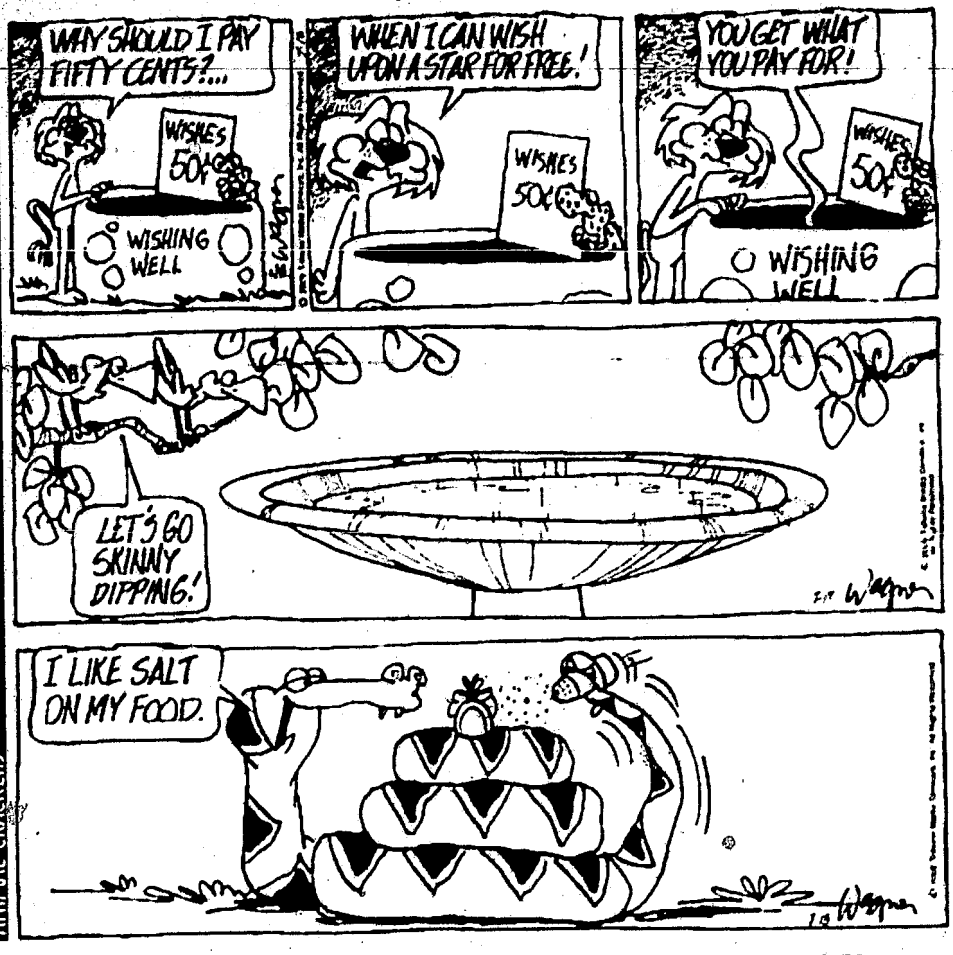

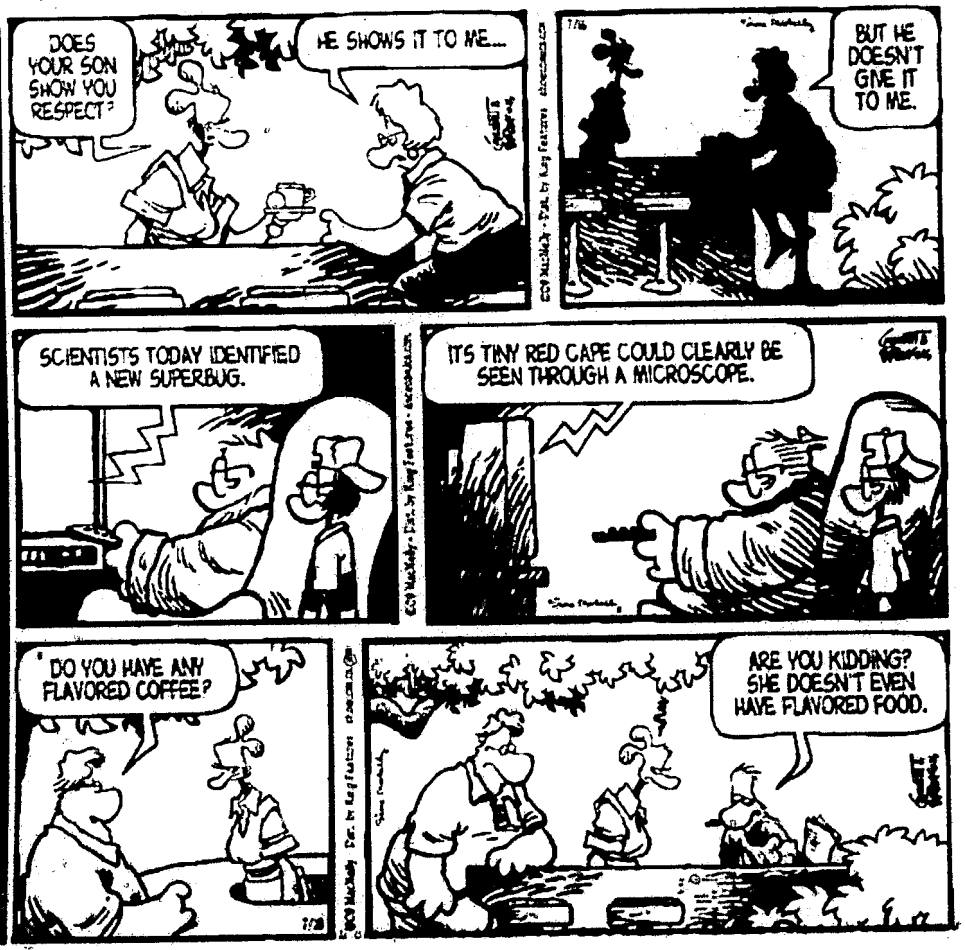

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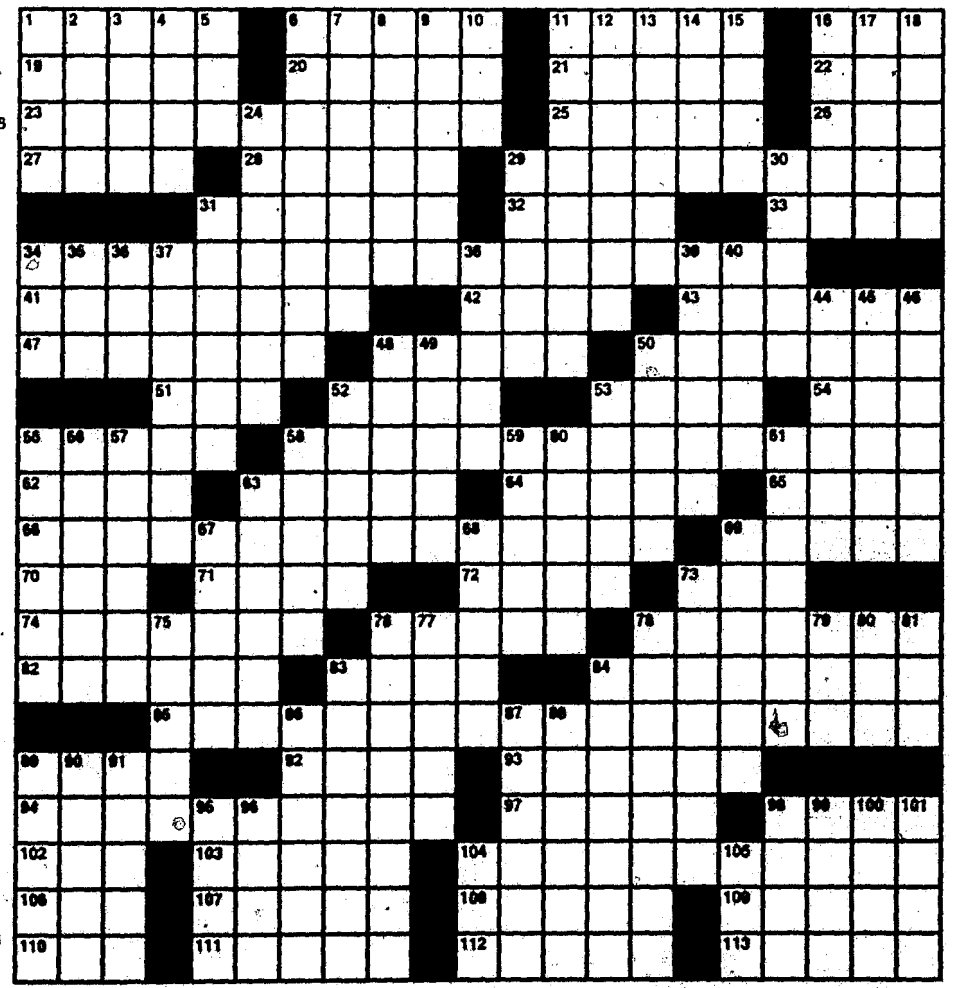
6 Helps (out)
11 Immunity agent
16 Use a wet napkin on, perhaps
19 Part of A/V
20 "Aunt __ Cope Book"
21 Braga of "Moon Over Parador"
22 Have a balance
23 S
25 Opposite of full
26 Turn abruptly
27 Mass
28 "I'll do whatever you need"
29 A
31 Eponymous 1902 physics Nobelist Pieter
32 Heavy hammer
33 Third-day creation
34 C
41 Lures, Pied Piper style
42 Not out of the running
43 Large sea ducks
47 More farinaceous
48 Time, metaphorically
50 Delta follower
51 Boy
52 Empire State, e.g. Abbr.
53 Like LAX
54 "Characters welcome" network
55 Crazed
58 P
62 "The Information" author Martin
63 New Hampshire Pumpkin Festival city
64 Dubai dignitaries
65 Nebraska City's county
66 V
69 Belief system
70 Terrific service
71 Also-__: losers
72 Permits
73 Work on an antimacassar, perhaps
74 Last line of some riddles
76 Senses
78 Organ parts with cones
82 Israeli, e.g.
83 Gross income source?
84 Dash indicator
85 E
89 Three-time Daytona 500 champ Gordon
92 They may be graphic
93 Orioles' gp.
94 F
97 Golden, in Guanajuato
98 Turkey toucher
102 The Wildcats of the Big 12 Conf.
103 Try
104 D
106 Uncle to Jenna and Barbara
107 Energetic risk-taking type, so it's said
108 Altercation
109 Conductor whose name is spelled with two musical syllables
110 Ave. relatives
111 Godiva rival
112 "__ directed"
113 Zhou __

DOWN

1 __ Men "Who Let the Dogs Out" band
2 Sorry type
3 Economist Smith
4 Spruce (up)
5 Madhouse
6 Man of steel?
7 Apollo's sister
8 "Today __" bar mitzvah boy's announcement
9 Hidden
10 Milwaukee-to-Gary dir.
11 Scary waves
12 Passage
13 Hug
14 Willingly
15 Russian auto
16 Dropped off
17 Hip
18 Got the ball rolling
24 Gassed up the Jaguar, say
29 Make changes to, as copy
30 "__ go on?"
31 Collection of signs
34 "Lou Grant" production co.
35 Amazement
36 Broadway actress Salonga
37 Orchestra member whose instrument rests on the floor
38 Depend (on)
39 Low points
40 Hosiery thread
44 Solution created by dissolving
45 "Black Like Me" actor __ Lee Browne
46 Twisted and turned
48 Bonk or conk, e.g.
49 Dangerous snake
50 Diary bit
52 Gripes
53 "__ all right with you ..."
55 Showy parrots
56 Don of "Cocoon"
57 When many a "Closed" sign is flipped
58 Actress Téa
59 Cut loose
60 Fails to mention
61 "The quality of mercy is not strain'd" speaker and others
63 "Seinfeld" klutz
67 Versifier's Muse
68 Coeur d'__
69 It can make a racket
73 Describes
75 Spats
76 Where sleeping dogs lie?
77 Young's accounting partner
78 Mertz neighbors of '50s TV
79 Rapa __
80 Word after long
81 Boxer, e.g.: Abbr.
83 Like many family films
84 SUNY college town
86 Has leftovers, say
87 Military training groups
88 Soap ester
89 '60s White House resident
90 Lessened
91 Errors
95 "Too many to list" abbr.
96 It's a wrap
98 A party to
99 Political cartoonist Ted
100 Utah ski resort
101 Cunard flagship for 35 yrs.
104 Atlanta sch.
105 British verb ending



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

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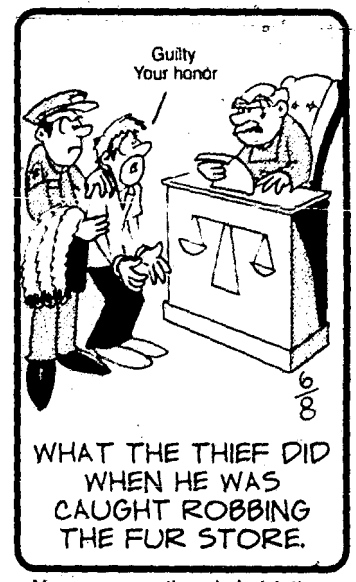

WHAT THE THIEF DID WHEN HE WAS CAUGHT ROBBING THE FUR STORE.

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

Answer: ____ THE "____"

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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PAR SCORE 140-150 TOTAL **233**

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RACK 3 =	59	R, E, T, R, A, C, T
RACK 4 =	104	P, A, N, I, C, K, Y

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PARADE BRAND GRAINS SOLUTION

Jumbles: GAWKY BORAX POORLY HEALTH
Answer: What the thief did when he was caught robbing the fur store — TOOK THE "WRAP"

CUISINE

Alamogordo Otero County

Bar-B-Que

Phat Phil's • 213 12th St., Alamogordo • 430-8090

Spring Mountain ChuckWagon BBQ • 1187 Hwy. 82, High Rolls • 682-4550 • Open Fri-Sun. Lunch and dinner

Sunset Run Restaurant • 54 McDonald Rd. (west end of 10th St.) Alamogordo • Ribs, brisket, pork sausage, smoked chicken and fish • Tue-Sat, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sun 11 a.m.-6 p.m. • sunsetrunrestaurant.com or 434-9000

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

Cafés

Airport Grille • 3500 Airport Rd., Alamogordo • 439-1093 • Open Mon-Fri, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. • Specialty sandwiches, and daily specials.

Amigos Bakery • 1107 10th St., Alamogordo • 437-0592 • 9 a.m.-9 p.m; Sun, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Deli, daily special.

Brown Bag Deli • 900 Washington, Alamogordo • 437-9751 • Open Mon-Sat, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Deli, daily special.

Café 675 • 675 Tenth St. at Lowes, Alamogordo • 437-5150.

Cloudcroft Deli • 505 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-5588 • Open 7 days, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • Soups, sandwiches, pastries. • Carry-out only.

Coffee & More • 308 Granado • Deli • Tularosa • 585-4575

Dave's Café • 300 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thu, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. • Hamburgers/Coney Islands.

Front Porch Eatery Café • 94 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-7492 • Open Mon-Thu, 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Fri-Sun, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

High Country Lounge & Grill • 90 Pleasant Valley Dr., Timberon • 987-2580.

High Rolls General Store Deli • 845 Hwy. 82 • 682-2855.

Jamocha Bean Coffee House Café • 505 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2332 • Open Mon-Fri, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun 8 a.m.-5 p.m. • Coffees, salads & sandwiches.

Java The Hut • 506 St. Francis • Tularosa • 585-2003.

Josey's Sweets • 603 St. Francis Dr. • Tularosa • 585-3120 • Open Mon-Sat, 12:30-9 p.m.; Sun, 2-8 p.m.

Mayhill Café • Mayhill • 687-3066

Mayhill Mercantile • Mayhill • 687-3425.

Mountain Top Mercantile Deli • 105 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-2777 Open 7 days, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. • Soups, deli, BBQ, pasta & pies. Carry-out only.

Mountain View Café & The Bistro (GCRMC), 2669 Scenic Dr., Alamogordo • 443-7456 (Mountainview) / 443-7457 (Bistro).

Nature's Pantry • 2909 White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-3037 • Deli/bar open Mon-Fri, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Store hours Mon-Tue and Thu-Sat 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Wed 8-6 • Organic foods.

Nut House • 32 Ivy Ln • La Luz • 437-6889.

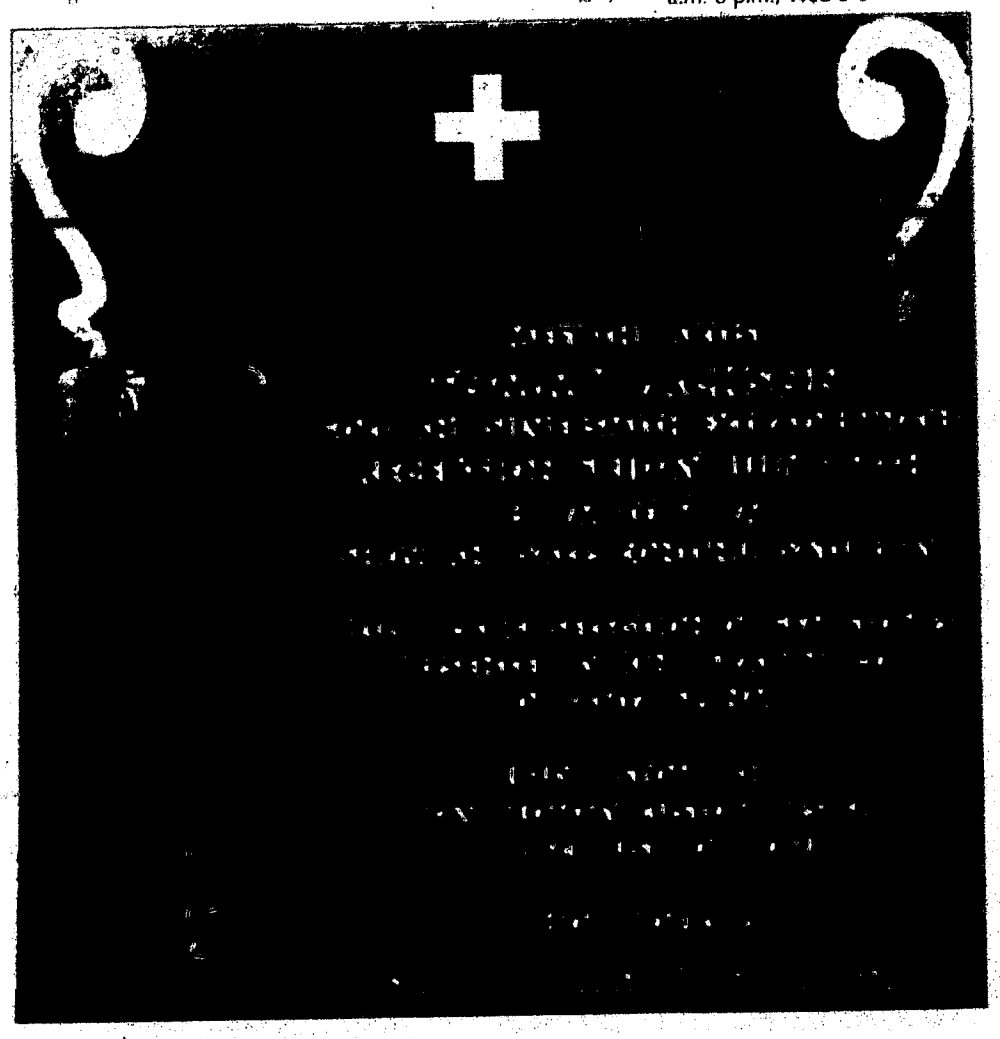
Olive Branch Coffee & Deli • 123 N. White Sands • Alamogordo • 443-8151 • Open Mon-Sat, 6 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. • Specialty coffees & teas, breakfast fare, sandwiches.

Plateau Espresso • 2724 N. Scenic, Alamogordo • 434-4466 • Open Sun-Thu, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-11 p.m. • Specialty coffees, sandwiches/soups. Wireless Internet.

Sweet Shop • 300 Burro Street • Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thu,10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-8 a.m. • Smoothies, ice cream, fudge & truffles.

Weed Café • Weed • 687-3611.

Western Bar & Café • 304 Burro Street • 682-2445 • Cloudcroft • Open 7 days 6 a.m.-9 p.m. (café), 7 days 9 a.m.-12 a.m.



Casual Dining

Al-O-Mar • 7400 U.S. 54/70, Tularosa • 585-2129.

Applebee's Bar & Grill • 1355 White Sands Blvd. • casual dining, friendly staff, full bar, carside to go • Open Sun-Thu 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fri-Sat until midnight. • 434-2616.

Aspen Restaurant • 1315 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1031 • Open Mon-Sat, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Big Daddy's Diner • 1705 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1224 • Open Tue-Thu, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Chili's Grill & Bar • 202 Panorama, Alamogordo • 437-5903.

Denny's • 930 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-6106.

Gallo's Red Rooster Café • 306 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2448 • Open Sun-Thu, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat-Sun, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

La Rosa Steakhouse • 21 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa (inside the Tularosa Travel Center) • 585-3339 • Open 7 days a week, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. • Steaks, seafood, pasta, burgers, sandwiches and soups.

Lazy D Restaurant • 1202 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 585-2532.

Mom's Home Cooking • 604 First St., Alamo-gordo • 439-0288.

Mustard's Last Stand • 1920 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-2333 • Open Fri.-Sat, 5 p.m.-9 p.m. • Dining and dancing.

Palm Side • 905 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamo-gordo • 437-8644.

Chinese / Asian

Bamboo Garden Restaurant • 2617F N. White Sands, Alamogordo • 437-5552 • Korean and Chinese.

Chinese Express • 3199 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-8880

Golden Palace • 700 E. 1st St., Alamogordo • 434-2136

Jimmy's Quality Food • 1115 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-7423

Rocket National Buffet • 607 White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • Authentic styles of Chinese and American cuisine. • 437-5905.

Taiwan Kitchen • 110 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-4337

The Spicy Thai • 915 Texas, Alamogordo • 434-0650

The Wok Inn • 1010 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-4388 • Buffet, carry-out or dine in • 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.

Fast Food

Arby's Restaurant • 421 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-3534

Blake's Lota Burger • 1320 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-0466

Burger King • 117 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-9297.

Hi-D-Ho Drive In • 414 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-6400

Long John Silver's • 19 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-0330

McDonald's • 222 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo, 437-2414 • Wal-Mart, 437-4339.

Sonic Drive In • 504 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-6505 • 101 Glacier Dr., 434-5263.

Subway Sandwiches & Salads • 100 Central, Tularosa • 585-8410.

Subway Sandwiches & Salads • 630 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-7461 • 1101 E. Tenth St., 437-0200.

Taco Bell • 201 Panorama, Alamogordo • 437-3873.

Tulie Freez • 419 St. Francis, Tularosa • 585-4409.

Waffle & Pancake Shoppe • 950 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-0433.

Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers • 301 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-0865

Fine Dining

Memories Restaurant • 1223 N. New York Ave., Alamogordo • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • 437-0077.

Pepper's Grill • 3200 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-9717.

Rebecca's at The Lodge • 1 Corona Place, Cloudcroft • Breakfast, 7-10:30 a.m., lunch 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., with soups, salads, sandwiches, pasta; dinner, 5:30-10 p.m., with appetizers, steak, seafood, lamb, chicken, duck and pasta dishes • Dressy casual • Full bar • 800-395-6343 or 575-682-2566

Stella Vita Restaurant • 902 New york Ave., Alamogordo • Mon-Fri, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Fri-Sat, 5 p.m.-8 p.m. • 575-434-4444

Mexican

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

Casa de Sueños New Mexican Restaurant • 35 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 585-3494 • Fax 585-3496.

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

El Camino Restaurant • 1022 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-8809.

Juan's Cactus Café • 3199 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-2368.

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

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

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

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

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

Tia Lupe's Authentic Mexican Restaurant • 1200 N. White

Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-0820 • Open 7 days, 10 am-8 pm

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

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

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

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

Ruidoso

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Apache Summit • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at Inn of the Mountain Gods next to pro shop • 464-7695

Can't Stop Smokin' • 418 Mechem • Bar-B-Que to go. Beef, poultry & pork. • Sun, Mon, Wed, Thu, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Fri & Sat 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • 630-0000

Circle J Barbecue • 1825 Sudderth • Sun-Thu, 11 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; Fri-Sat 11 a.m.-9:00 p.m.• 257-4105

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Cafés

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Atticus Books & Teahouse • 413 Mechem • 32 varieties of tea, coffees, homemade scones, fresh lemon curd and clotted cream • Mon - Sat,10:30 - 6 p.m., Sun 1-5 p.m., closed Tue • Entertainment on Saturdays. Open stage third Thu 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.• 257-2665

Cafe Z • 103 S. Lincoln,Capitan • New Southwestern • Thu - Sat 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. • 354-0977

Calamity Jane's • 500 W Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Mon - Thu 7 a.m. - 3 p.m., Fri 7 a.m.- p.m., Sat 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.• 354-8309

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

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

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Cattle Baron • 657 Sudderth •Steak, seafood, salad bar, lounge •Mon-Thu, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. • 257-9355

Cree Meadows Restaurant & Bar 301 Country Club • Breakfast all day. Friday night catfish buffet • Daily; 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 257-2733

Denny's • 2219 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • Open 24/7 •378-1389

Elsie's Charbroiled Burgers • Hwy. 54 at Hwy. 380 • Carrizozo •Burgers, enchiladas, salads, soft serve ice cream.•Tue-Sat 11a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun. 11a.m.- 3 p.m. •Patio seating. • 648-4200

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

Farley's Food Fun & Pub • 1200 Mechem • Burgers, pizza, pub fare, lounge, pool tables, patio. • 7 days, 11a.m.-11p.m. • 258-5676

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

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

Global Grill• 2919 Sudderth Dr. • entreés under $10 • "Taste the world without leaving Ruidoso" • Open Mon-Sat, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. • 630-1037.

Horsemen's Grill • 321 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Tues - Sat 5 p.m. - 9 pm; Sun.brunch 10 am - 3 p.m. • 354-1447

K-BOB's• 157 W. Hwy. 70 • Mon-Thu 11a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sat 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.• 378-0025.

Landlocked • 441 Mechem • 257-9559 • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Lincoln County Grill • 2717 Sudderth • Daily; 7 a.m.-9 p.m. •257-7669

Log Cabin • 1074 Mechem • Wed-Mon; 7 a.m.-1:45 p.m. • 258-5029.

Lucy & Ethel's • 1009 Mechem • Gourmet deli & daily soup • 8 a.m.-5 p.m. • 630-1221

Outpost Bar & Grill • 415 Central, Carrizozo .• Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Sun 12n - 8 p.m. • 648-9994.

Picnics Deli • 127 Rio Street •Deli, dine-in, take-out, in-town delivery. • Mon - Sat, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.• 257-2200

Schlotzsky's Deli • 2812 Sudderth • Sun - Thu 10:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Fri, Sat 10:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. • 257-7811

Shrimpy's Shrimp & Wing Shack• 2501 Sudderth • Shrimp, English-style fish & chips, hot wings • Thu-Sat, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sun & Mon, 11 a.m.- 6 p.m. • Dine in or carry out • 257-8881.

Smokey B's Grill • 2584 Hwy. 70 inside the Casino Apache Travel Center, Mescalero • Sun-Thu, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m., Fri-Sat, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. • 464-7928.

Smokey Bear Restaurant • 310 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Daily; 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. • 354-2557

The Quarters • 2535 Sudderth •Steaks, burgers, barbecue. •Mon - Sat 11 a.m. - 2 a.m.; Sun noon - midnight with live music from 3 - 7 p.m. "Blues & BBQ"• 257-9535.

Fast Food

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

Hall of Flame Burgers • 2500 Sudderth, in Four Seasons Mall • 257-9987 • Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat-Sun, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. • Burgers, steak tacos, salads.

KFC of Ruidoso • 331 Sudderth • 257-2119 • Open 7 Days • Dining room & drive-thru Sun-Thu, 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sat, drive-thru 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

McDonald's • 144 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso • 257-7547.

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

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

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

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"What to eat...what to eat?"

That is what I repeated as I contemplated (eyeballed) the leftovers in the icebox. 'Icebox' is used by people over 60 years because we grew up watching our grandparents put a chunk of ice in the place where food items were stored. My kids and their cousins call the electrical appliance the "refrigerator" or simply "fridge."

Back to my electrical icebox...and contents.

I wanted a Frito Pie. The scarce items in the icebox and pantry meant we would need to make a food run to Capitan or Alamogordo. (No grocery store in Carrizozo.)

BIZZARE Barbie BOUTIQUE

Polly's Potpourri

by Polly E. Chavez

Some of you know a Frito Pie is that food you could find at a football game. A pair of scissors removed the top of a small bag of corn chips.

A spoonful of canned red chili and beans is spooned over the chips. (Yes, chili is spelled correct here.) Then all is topped with grated cheese and chopped onions.

Finding enough base stuff to make me a something to eat that could resemble a Frito Pie: left-over homemade frijoles and red chile (here it ends with 'e').

The red chile was meat-flavored as all the pork meat I had originally made with it had been eaten. I combined the beans and chile and heated them.

A bag had a small amount of tortilla chips, Calidad brand. On the bag is written "Tortilla Chips – Totopos de Maiz."

Today I learned that the Spanish word "totopos" means "chips." Over a bowl of totopos I spooned my beans/red chile mixture. Next, I added grated cheese and chopped onions.

My dish is a cross between a Frito Pie and a serving of nachos...but sloppier, because you can add as much bean juice a you want. I will research why a Frito Pie is called 'pie' and why tortilla chip covered with melted cheese are called 'nachos

The moral of my impromptu Hispanic snack, "Totopos a la Pronto," is: Where there chile ... there is a way!"

The Wortley: Nothing to bug you

Dining out

with Ivana B. Diningwell

Over the past decade, the Wortley Hotel has been a sort of culinary Brigadoon, appearing unannounced from time to time and vanishing just as mysteriously.

But no more, gentle readers. Cathy and Victor Garrison are in their third season running the hotel as a restaurant and B&B, and the results are lovely.

For starters, you can't beat the atmosphere – wooden floors, lace curtains, old-fashioned wooden tables and chairs and a grandfather clock in the corner. It would hardly be a surprise if the Kid himself ambled in for a little refreshment.

He would undoubtedly find the food tastier than his 19th century fare. Ivana's favorites, in no particular order, were the red chile beef and green chile chicken enchiladas, which in addition to being delicious held together nicely instead of fusing into a molten mass.

The house salad is an excellent summer choice, featuring strips of Southwest grilled chicken, French goat cheese, roasted pecans and a choice of homemade vinaigrette or a lovely creamy lime and cilantro dressing. (All the sauces, dressings and salsas are made in-house, and Ivana wants to tell you, it does make a difference.)

The burgers are substantial and made with black Angus beef. The barbecued pork sandwich has slow-roasted pork in a chipotle sauce; the grilled chicken sandwich is topped with smoked Gouda and bacon.

Desserts are a mixed berry cobbler (served warm with ice cream, if you like, and why wouldn't you?) and Key lime pie.

Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. and all day Sunday. Saturday dinners feature ribeye steaks and filet mignon as well as a sort of New Mexican take on chicken cordon bleu, a chicken breast stuffed with ham, smoked Gouda and green chiles, topped with green sauce.

Don't miss the shrimp salad appetizer–shrimp, goat cheese, black beans and pico de gallo served on a tostado. They serve a nice selection of beer and wine.

Being pretty much the only place in downtown Lincoln to eat, you might be forced to sit in an old wooden rocking chair on the shady veranda, petting the resident dog, Rascal, while you wait for an empty table. Ivana is sure you will survive this ordeal.

Chef Victor has cooked in restaurants from Maine to Florida, and this is the couple's third venture in the lodging business. The B&B has five rooms (in case you're thinking to farm out some of your summer company), and a double is $95, which includes breakfast.

You might want to reserve a room for yourself, to be close to the action during the Last Escape of Billy the Kid, an annual pageant coming up Aug. 7 - 9.

"It's so quiet here," a guest marveled. "No phones, no computers – nothing to bug you."

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House salad, above; patrons in the front Dining Room, top left (Frederic Moras).

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All the way to the top

Follow Me!

by Yvonne Lanelli

Adventure Writer & Photographer

"Why didn't we bring a flag to wave? This is perfect!"

Hikers stood atop a mountain nearly 12,000 feet high. Below them spread two countries- the US and Mexico, and three states- New Mexico, Texas and Chihuahua.

The Capitan Mountains lay to the east. Malpais lava beds spread to the north. West, the Three Rivers oasis punctuated the tan desert with dark green.

This land is a beautiful and. What a perfect way to celebrate our nation's ndependence.

FOLLOW ME TO LOOKOUT PEAK!

Even if there's no snow on my ski mountain, I'm drawn to it. For the last 37 years, I've skied and hiked Ski Apache just north of Ruidoso. So when my favorite hiking buddy George suggested a Fourth of July hike to Lookout Peak, the tip-top point just above the Apache Bowl lift house, of course I said, yes.

As in previous hikes (and Follow Me! columns), his little dogs Mickey and Puddles hike with us. His wife Barbara stays in Ruidoso to prepare our cookout, but friends Bill and Nancy from Las Cruces join us. "We hike around Ruidoso frequently, but it's been a while since we've hiked Ski Apache."

Leaving the cars at the ski area gate, we choose the shortest route to the top, Easy Street to Deep Freeze which opens into Apache Bowl.

It's a perfect hiking morning. Wisps of clouds thread through intense blue sky. Warm sun and cool shade alternate in the little canyon of Lower Deep Freeze, a popular novice trail in the winter. Our lug-soled hiking boots crunch gray granite rubble.

When the canyon narrows into Upper Deep Freeze, its stream runs faster, disappearing into the ground and reappearing again. A robin perches on a tree stump. A flicker, its orange wings flashing, flies into an Engelmann spruce.

Orange Western wallflowers, deep purple penstemons and reddish-orange Indian paintbrush poke through rock outcroppings, evidence of abundant summer rains.

CLASHING CYMBALS AND BLOOMING WILDFLOWERS

When Upper Deep Freeze opens into the Bowl, we turn slightly left and continue up, through stands of Rocky Mountain iris and lupine, called bluebonnets by my Texan cousins.

"Oh, my." Nancy catches sight of Sierra Blanca Peak, just over 12,000 feet. "I've never seen it so green – or from this angle."

I look up. Imaginary cymbals clash in my head. Sierra Blanca's majesty does that every time.

LUNCH AT THE LIFT HOUSE

By 10:06 AM we attain the Chair 8 upper lift house. While George waters Mickey and Puddles, we munch on trail mix, fruit and other crunchy, energy-filled snacks. Why does peanut butter on a whole wheat bagel taste better on a hike than at home?

"Do we go down the same way?" Bill asks.

"No, we'll either go down Elk Ridge," George answers, pointing southwest, "Or Crest Trail," and points east.

At the same time, Nancy and I chorus, "We want to do the Peak first!"

"Then let's get going," said George. "We don't want to get caught up here if it rains."

Six minutes later, we stand atop Lookout Peak, holding our hats against the chilly, stiff breeze. "The wind always blows up here," mutters George, tucking the hood of his red windbreaker.

Nancy and Bill snap pictures of White Sands, the Peak, lava flows and each other. "Magnificent scenery in all directions. What a country. What a way to celebrate the Fourth," we exult. "Wish we could wave a flag!"

At 10:30 we head down toward the Gazebo, the upper terminal of the Gondola, which in the winter accesses the entire mountain for skiers and snowboarders. We continue east across ski trails Chino and Ambush, crossing the ski area boundary into the Wilderness Area of the Lincoln National Forest to pick up Crest Trail.

At Ice Spring, we stop for another break. Here in the canyon, no wind ruffles the yellow geums, pink wild geraniums or blue chiming bells. "Those are edible," I point out, recalling an earlier wildflower lesson in Alaska. "They taste like green beans."

A meadowlark, or maybe a mockingbird, sounding like a meadowlark, sings unseen above us as we trek toward the cars.

"Look for violets," I suggest to Bill and Nancy. Sure enough, in shady corners, little white blossoms peek above heart-shaped leaves.

"What's this flower?" asks Bill, pointing his camera on a blue bell-shaped blossom nodding on an impossibly thin stem.

"A true bluebell, just like the bluebells of Scotland," I reply.

As we descend Crest Trail #25, ascending hikers pass us.

"We're going all the way to the top," says one young man.

His buddy chimes in. "We thought it would be the perfect way to celebrate the Fourth."

"Sure is!" we chorus. "Happy Fourth of July!"

Next time: More hiking adventures in the most enchanting mountains in the Land of Enchantment!

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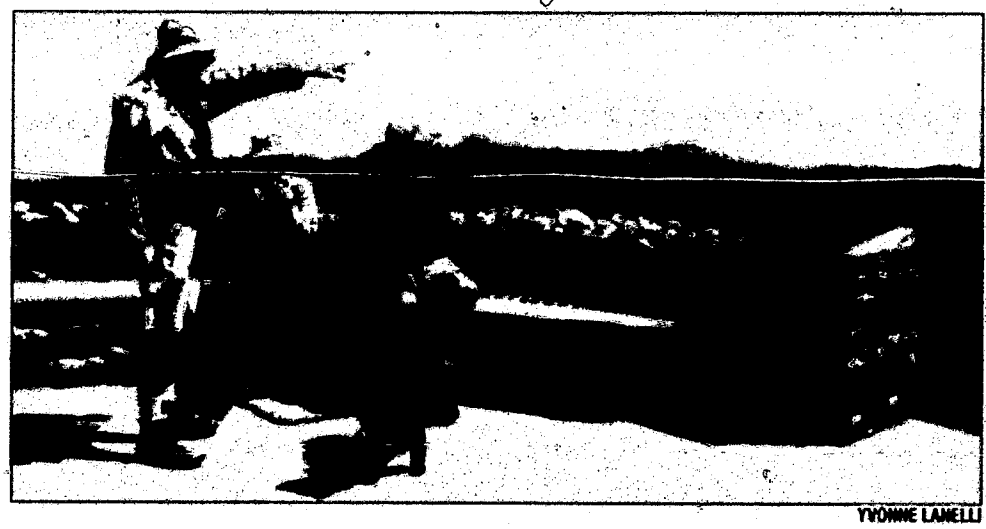

YVONNE LANELLI

"What's over there?" Bill points from the top of Lookout Peak, the topmost point of Ski Apache. Nancy, center, George and dogs Puddles and Mickey button up against a chilly breeze.

Ski Apache is located at the end of NM 532 north of Ruidoso. Bring a jacket and long pants even if the sun is shining, because at that altitude, clouds build quickly and drop the temperature 10-20 degrees, especially if it rains. Wear sturdy hiking boots, not flip-flops.

Remember sunscreen, a hat, cell phone, plenty of snacks, three times as much water as you think you'll need- and your camera! Tell someone who's not hiking when you expect to return. Happy hiking!