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Audits dog village

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Ruidoso still playing catch-up in wake of critical 2005 special audit

A Fiscal Year 2006-2007 village audit recently released by the Office of the State Auditor found major discrepancies in jet fuel sales versus money collected at Ruidoso's municipal airport.

Auditors criticized a lack of internal controls at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport as a cause in several of the 12 findings that spread across the village's general operation, the regional wastewater treatment plant and the airport.

Still feeling lingering effects from a critical special audit completed in August 2005, Ruidoso village officials are playing catch-up with their annual audits. But new Village Manager Debi Lee said despite the 12 findings in the FY 2006-2007 audit, things are looking up. The FY2007-2008 audit, although not ready for public release, was submitted to the state and the results look much better, she said.

The village also hired an auditor to handle the FY2008-2009 audit, which won't be submitted by the December deadline, but should be ready within a reasonable time period, she said.

Officials with the OSA said the village briefly appeared on its "at risk" list, but was removed after the submission of the FY2007-2008 audit and after receiving a letter from Lee updating them on the FY2008-2009 work.

The auditing firm of Pattillo, Brown & Hill gave an unqualified opinion, which is good, on the village's compliance with federal awards programs and on all financial statements for the audit, except the Airport Fund. No instances of noncompliance material to financial statements were found.

Three of the 12 deficiencies were reported by the auditor as a material weakness, which is defined as "a significant deficiency or combination of deficiencies that results in more than a remote likelihood

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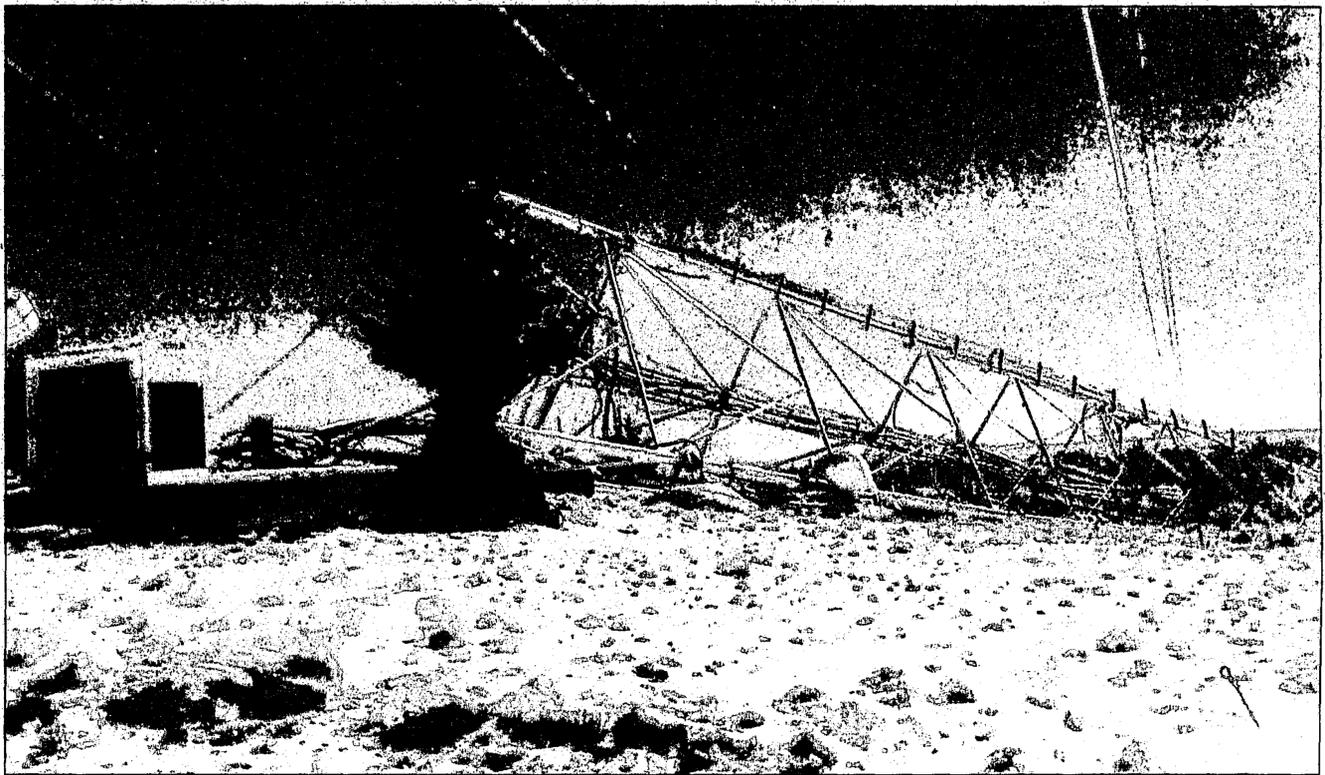
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Towering task



TRAVIS ATWELL/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

A 125-foot commercial tower on Buck Mountain was toppled by high winds during this week's storm.

Storm clean-up continues

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Electric utility PNM, which provides power to much of the Ruidoso area, is restoring service following this week's fierce windstorm.

PNM spokesperson Cathy Garber said Thursday that crews hoped to have power to Ski Apache and Buck Mountain fully restored that afternoon.

"But realistically it will probably be Friday morning," she said. "The problem is not only the snow but also so many trees down. We had to get a Snowcat in and chain-

saws." The power lines that climb the mountain to the top are also in some difficult terrain. The lack of electricity also shut off most television viewing for those who get their signals over-the-air from nearby Buck Mountain.

Lincoln County Emergency Services Director Travis Atwell was atop Buck Mountain Thursday, where a generator was recharging batteries for police, fire and ambulance communications equipment. A repair to a part of an antenna for the equipment was being repaired.

"Ours sheared from the winds

on Tuesday," said Atwell. "Another tower collapsed."

Atwell said the downed tower was for commercial use.

Tim Keithley of radio station KIDX-FM said they hoped to get back on the air on a temporary basis as quickly as possible.

Lincoln County Undersheriff Robert Shepperd said the battery backup and another communications repeater on the Capitan Mountains, which is solar charged, helped keep emergency radio transmissions going the past several days.

In Ruidoso, about 75 homes were without power into Tuesday

night, the day the windstorm hit. The Swiss Chalet opened rooms to those needing a place to stay. Ruidoso Fire Chief Tom Gavin said the department transported an elderly woman to the hotel.

"I do not know how many people actually spent the night at the hotel but even if it was just one, the hotel needs recognition," Gavin said.

A peak wind gust of 77 miles per hour - hurricane force - was recorded at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport Tuesday morning, the National Weather Service said. Higher winds were estimated at Ski Apache.

Workshop scheduled for Ruidoso's itinerant vendor issue

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A workshop will be scheduled by Ruidoso village councilors with staff to take another look at how to handle itinerant vendors, who Midtown shop owners complain bleed off their sales and degrade the appeal of the town.

But councilors agreed Tuesday that special events involving booths and vendors will be viewed separately. After a lengthy public hearing with input from business owners and councilors, they decided more discussion and options are needed, and disagreed on whether to charge a fee. Until the ordi-

nance is changed, the existing terms prevail and all vendors must purchase a business license for \$35, whether they operate one day or for a year, Village Manager Debi Lee pointed out.

Lee and staff met several times on a revision for the ordinance with a primary goal of the council in

mind to ensure that gross receipts taxes are collected from the vendors to benefit the village. State law requires that GRT be collected and attributed to the place where goods or services are sold, not the home base of the business.

"If GRT is our goal, we need to work with the event host and ensure each ven-

dor has a business tax number, and educate them on requirements," she said. The state Taxation and Revenue Department also can be requested to follow up and check.

Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris began the discussion by listing the three

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Sonic booms

Officials with the 49th Fighter Wing announce that sonic booms could occur today, Dec. 11, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

At this time no flights are scheduled for Dec. 12 and 13.

Schedules can change based on a variety of reasons and scheduled times do not always mean sonic booms will occur.

For additional information, visit the Holloman web site at www.holloman.af.mil.

Prescribed burns

Staff with the Bureau of Land Management plan to begin prescribed burning in the Fort Stanton area of Lincoln County and northeast of Roswell in Chaves County along the Pecos River this month.

Smoke from both sites will be visible at times from surrounding communities. Signs will be posted along roadways potentially affected by the smoke. Motorists are urged to use caution.

The burning is expected to continue until projects are completed, but the schedule will depend on weather conditions.

The prescribed burn projects consist of slash piles that were created from tree thinning projects in the Fort Stanton area and the extraction of salt cedar

along the Pecos River. The aim is to improve the health of native woodlands and riparian habitat, with the additional benefit of decreasing wildfire potential.

Prescribed fire requirements include appropriate weather, the necessary personnel and equipment, according to information from the BLM. Measures will be initiated to reduce the amount of smoke created. Operations will be suspended early enough in the day to allow smoke to dissipate before nightfall.

Staff encourages public land users to continue to be careful with fire. To report a wildfire on public land, call the Alamogordo Interagency Dispatch at 1-877-695-1663.

RMS Choir

The Ruidoso Middle School Choir will perform Christmas carols at the Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club meeting 11 a.m., Monday, under the direction of Danny Flores and Waynta Wirth.

Visitors always are welcome to attend. If schools are closed because of bad weather, the meeting will be canceled. The clubhouse is at 116 S. Evergreen Street, off Sudderth Drive.

Alto Lakes meets

The Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District Board

will meet at 9 a.m., Dec. 17, in the Conference Room of the ALW&SD Office at 214 Lake Shore Drive, Alto.

Center closed

The Alto Lakes Water and Sanitation District Waste Convenience Center will be closed on Friday, Dec. 25, in observance of the Christmas holiday to enable Greentree employees to spend Christmas with their families.

The Convenience Center will be open on a special occasion basis on Thursday, Dec. 24, for normal operating hours to serve Alto customers.

Following closure on the 25th, the Collection Center will reopen on Saturday, Dec. 26, for regular operating hours.

The Greentree Solid Waste Authority wishes all Alto resident customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year!

For more information on the Alto collection site operation, contact the Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697, or via email at icswa@valornet.com.

Christmas trees

Keep Ruidoso Beautiful, the Village of Ruidoso Parks and Recreation and Solid Waste Departments, and Sierra Contracting will host the annual Christmas tree recycling program at Schoolhouse Park in Ruidoso between Dec. 26 and Jan. 16.

The Schoolhouse Park drop-off location is in the temporary orange fenced area between the swimming pool and the recycling dumpsters. Both green and flocked trees (fake snow) are accepted.

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Crystal Enriquez, top photo, was one of several staff at City Bank New Mexico in Ruidoso who pitched in to pack about 63 boxes to be shipped (middle photo) overseas to military troops. Twenty-one large envelopes were mailed to soldiers stationed stateside. The project was launched three years ago by firefighter Lisa Bartley and her husband Carl, chief executive officer of the bank (staff in bottom photo). Donated items go to soldiers whose information was sent in from City Banks across New Mexico and Texas. They are shipped not just on Christmas, but other holidays and for special personal occasions.

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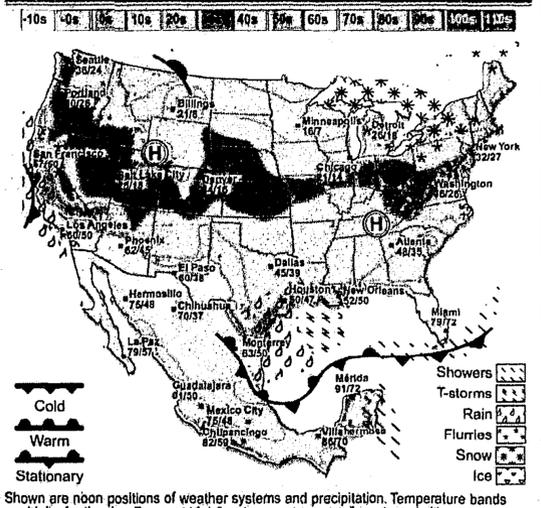
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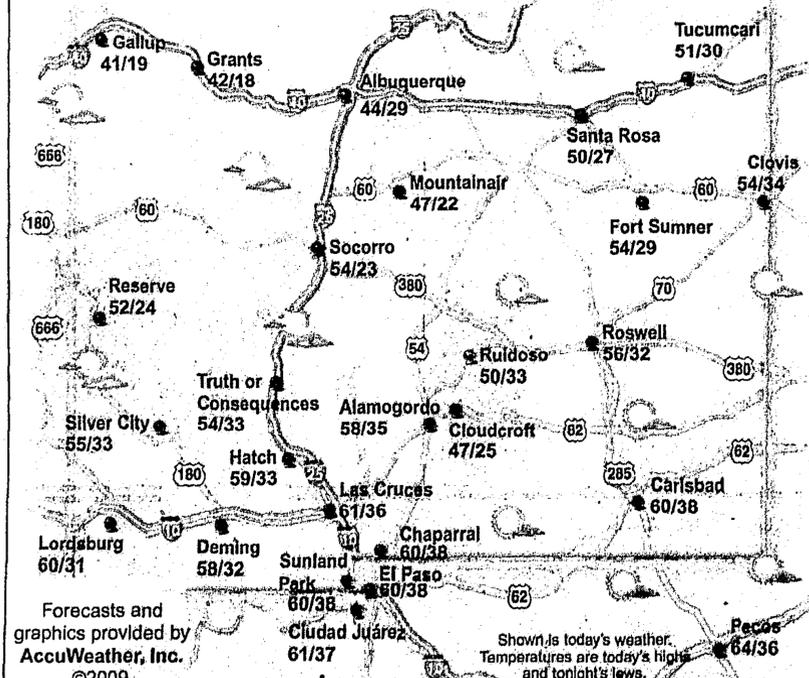
AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso

| TODAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY |
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| RealFeel: 51° Humidity: 44% Mostly sunny Wind: WNW 6-12 mph | RealFeel: 49° Humidity: 42% Mostly sunny Wind: WNW 8-16 mph | RealFeel: 48° Humidity: 38% Periods of clouds and sunshine Wind: SW 10-20 mph | RealFeel: 42° Humidity: 47% Breezy in the morning; otherwise, sunshine Wind: WNW 10-20 mph | RealFeel: 50° Humidity: 40% Sunshine and patchy clouds Wind: NE 6-12 mph | RealFeel: 51° Humidity: 38% Mostly sunny Wind: SSW 6-12 mph | RealFeel: 58° Humidity: 43% Times of clouds and sun Wind: E 3-6 mph |

National Forecast for Dec. 11, 2009



Regional Cities



Almanac

Ruidoso
 Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:
 High/low: 41°/27°
 Normal high: 51°
 Normal low: 20°
 Record high: 69° (1970)
 Record low: -3° (1974)

Precipitation:
 Wednesday: 0.00"
 Month to date: 0.38"
 Normal month to date: 0.43"
 Year to date: 16.60"
 Normal year to date: 21.46"

Pollen:
 Grass: Absent
 Trees: Low
 Weeds: Low
 Mold: Low
 Predominant: Juniper

Alamogordo
 Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:
 High/low yesterday: 55°/32°
 Normal high: 57°
 Normal low: 29°
 Record high: 73° (1996)
 Record low: 10° (1953)

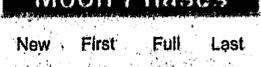
Precipitation:
 Wednesday: 0.00"
 Month to date: 0.27"
 Normal month to date: 0.83"
 Year to date: 11.15"
 Normal year to date: 12.48"

Weather Trivia:
 Q: What was the worst avalanche disaster?
 A: Avalanches in the Alps on Dec. 13, 1918, killed 10,000 soldiers.

Sun and Moon

Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:58 a.m./4:57 p.m.
 Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 2:19 a.m./1:27 p.m.

Moon Phases



Extremes

Wednesday's National High/Low: High: 90° in West Palm Beach, FL; Low: -35° in Dunkirk, MT
 Wednesday's World High/Low: High: 114° in Rabbit Flat, Australia; Low: -56° in Shologonsky, Russia

Dec 16 Dec 24 Dec 31 Jan 7

RARE BIRD



COURTESY DAVID TREMBLAY

A Bendire's Thrasher, with its distinctive curved bill and orange eyes, was spotted in the Rancho Ruidoso area over the Thanksgiving weekend by photographer David Tremblay. Its usual territory is the deserts of southwestern United States and northwestern Mexico. But unlike other southwestern thrashers, it leaves the northern portion of its breeding range in winter and wanderers sometimes appear at unexpected locations.

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All tree stands, lights, ornaments and other tree decorations must be removed for the safety of the crews and machinery. Do not illegally dump Christmas trees at other trash disposal dumpsters or compactors locations.

County residents with trees cut into pieces four feet or less may also place

in their normal yard waste location. Carrizozo residents can drop discarded trees by Town Hall for proper disposal. Capitan residents should drop discarded trees off at the equipment yard.

Any county resident can also take trees to the Schoolhouse Park recycling area in Ruidoso.

There are many uses for discarded Christmas trees

instead of burying them in the landfill. Other uses for Christmas trees discarded on private property include

- Erosion control and soil stabilization in ravines and arroyos
- Compost and mulch
- Habitat for birds and other small animals
- Firewood

Trees discarded at the Schoolhouse Park will be converted into mulch and

made available to county residents at White Mountain School and Schoolhouse Park.

Nationally, 93 percent of real Christmas trees are recycled through community programs. A good rule of thumb is to take your tree to the drop-off location in the same condition as you

would find it naturally in the forest.

Christmas tree permits are available from the Smokey Bear Ranger District office and other locations in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs through Dec. 24. The fee is \$5 per permit.

For more information on Christmas tree recycling,

contact Ruidoso Parks and Recreation at 257-5030 or the Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697 or toll-free at 1-877-548-8772, or via email at lcswa@val-ornet.com.

Christmas tree recycling information is available on the Authority Web site at www.lcswa.org.

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Mayor's race has unofficial start

Big names announced this week

Former Lincoln County Medical Center Director Jim Gibson and former Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Joan Zagone have announced their candidacies for the Ruidoso mayor's race.

Others have privately indicated an interest in running for the office, which will be vacated by current mayor L. Ray Nunley, who has announced his intention not to seek re-election.

The election is in March. However many candidates emerge for the mayoral post, the two who announced this

week sport fairly strong name recognition. That fact alone could make either a formidable challenger.

It's too early to consider the relative merits of either candidate - all hopefuls will officially file in January - but we are encouraged by the early stirrings. Gibson and Zagone hail from vastly different backgrounds and bring their own set of qualifications to bear on the office. Regardless of how many do, in fact, run for mayor, voters already have an intriguing choice.

Let the campaign season begin.

It's not pretty, but it could be worse

As we approach the season of good cheer, humbug, humbug, count me among those who wish members of New Mexico's Legislature the happiest of holidays. If they're smart they'll sock a little of that happiness away so as to have something to draw on in the weeks ahead.

They'll need it. Only 18 days after the New Year dawns, state lawmakers convene at the Roundhouse for their 2010 legislative session.

It will be a so-called short session, 30 days, but it looms as a grueling and contentious 30 days where tempers flare and camaraderie dissolves into fixed bayonets.

We had an early look at what's to come last week when key legislators publicly came unglued over Gov. Bill Richardson's veto of certain spending cuts they made at their special legislative session in October.

Facing the governor and lawmakers at the upcoming regular session is a budget shortfall some estimate to run as high as \$1 billion over a two-year period when anticipated expenditures and projected revenues meet face-to-face.

It isn't pretty. Either substantial new revenue must be generated (think taxes) or drastic cuts in state programs (think education, health, social services, included) must be made, or some combination thereof.

Such are the wages of the Great Recession that settled upon us a year and a half ago.

As a Center for Budget and Policy Priorities report put it last week, "The worst recession since the 1930s has caused the steepest decline in state tax receipts on record." Thus, at least 35 states, New Mexico among them, "struggle to find the revenue needed to support critical public services."

It is doubtless small comfort to New Mexico legislators, but the situation in Arizona is so grim that lawmakers have actually considered mortgaging state buildings, even as they cut school and health care budgets.

The Associated Press reports that despite a shrinking tax base, Florida's whopping \$6 billion budget shortfall has compelled that state's Republican Legislature and governor to hike taxes (including another \$1-per-pack increase on cigarettes) while, simultaneously, cutting spending in all the usual critical areas.

Meanwhile, California's budget nightmares have been front page news throughout the country.

Californians, with their ballot initiatives, have imposed a veritable straight jacket on their lawmakers and governor through an initiative-passed law requiring super-majorities in

the Legislature before any tax hikes are enacted.

It's patently undemocratic, since it permits a relatively small minority to rule, not the majority. But there you have it.

The upshot for California has been budget cuts so severe that the University of California Board of Regents was forced to approve an unprecedented 32 percent tuition hike.

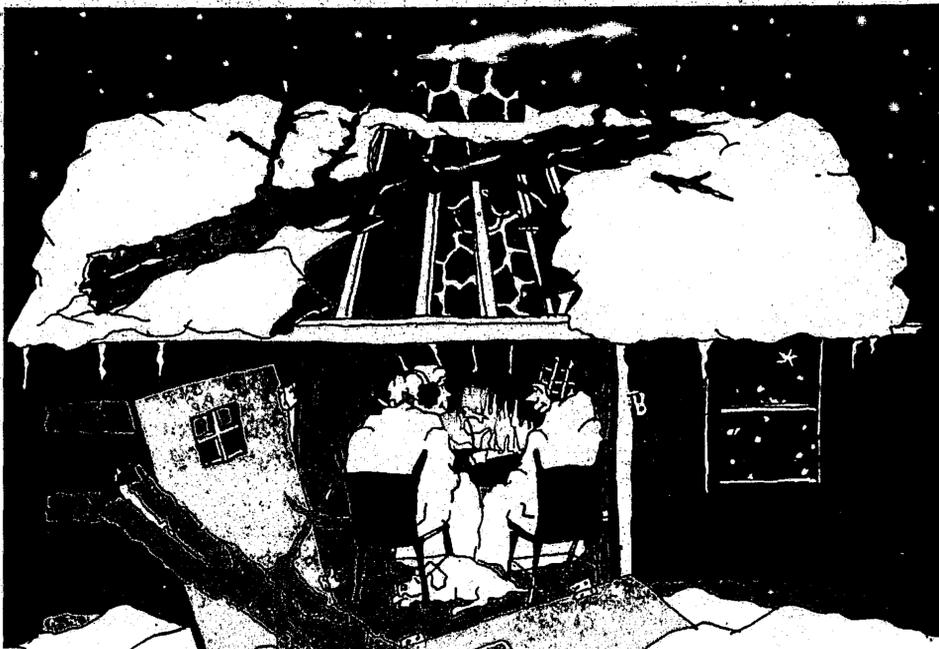
The ensuing protests by thousand of students, faculty and others in California who were outraged by such crushing tuition increases have also been front page news nationwide.

And small wonder. For middle- and lower-income parents a 32 percent jump in tuition is a tax by another name. It wasn't passed by their Legislature, but it will hurt no less than if it had been, since many of those parents will no longer be able to afford a college education for their kids.

Measured against the lunacy in California, New Mexicans can feel relief that their lawmakers and governor will approach budget shortfalls with the full arsenal of tools they need--the power to cut where cuts can safely be made, and the ability to raise additional revenues, if need be, without a relatively small minority in the Legislature standing in the way.

It isn't pretty but it could be worse.

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The spirit of Christmas prevails...

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YOUR OPINION

Come through the front door

To the editor:

DURING THE run for president in this country, both parties avoided talking about illegal immigration and protecting our borders.

Our lawmakers have done a lot of flip-flopping on border issues, afraid of losing the Hispanic vote.

President Obama needs to stop dancing around the tulips and tell the American people his plan to stop illegal immigration, if he plans on stopping it at all.

For years both the Bush and

Obama administrations have given the American people the run-around about our borders. If we don't start protecting our borders, we may someday have a tragedy bigger than 9/11. If coyotes can smuggle illegals and drugs across our borders, they can smuggle terrorists and chemical weapons, also.

Our borders are not the same as we had 40 or 50 years ago. Our borders are no longer about hard-working Mexicans coming across to pick cotton, tomatoes and chile peppers. Our borders are a dan-

gerous situation and our lawmakers need to treat it as one.

A lot of people in this country do not want to talk about illegal immigration from fear of being called racists. Don't let the advocates for illegal immigration use the tactic as a weapon to fulfill their agenda to overrun this country.

If you want to own a piece of this country, come through the front door like others have for years.

Jack Hemby
Ruidoso Downs

A voluntary option for abortion funding

To the editor:

MR. HARALSON was present at the "Harry in Your Hometown" meeting in Ruidoso on Nov. 22, but his understanding of the proposal made by me is incorrect.

I proposed a counter, or amendment, to the Stupak amendment, which would create a line in the Federal IRS tax form that a taxpayer could check if he/she *does* wish to donate *added* tax dollars to be used to fund abortions for poor women.

The accompanying box would allow the taxpayer to specify how much in added tax he/she was willing to pay. Only the *voluntarily added* federal tax dollars would be distributed to help fund abortions for poor women.

About a half-dozen of the people in the audience of perhaps 40-50 people, or roughly 10 percent, raised their hands to indicate that they would use a voluntary option to pay an added tax if it was earmarked to provide funding for abortions for poor women. And this is a conservative county.

Using the two polls that are listed in the online comments in response to Haralson's letter, the percentage of Americans who identify themselves as pro-choice is approximately 50 percent. (A May 15, 2009, Gallup poll claims that 42 percent identify themselves as "pro-choice," but polls explicitly asking if abortion should be legal in all or most cases gives a total of 55 percent

in favor).

Extrapolating from only our conservative local straw poll, out of approximately 130 million Americans who fill out a tax form every year, I believe that at least 13 million U.S. taxpayers (10 percent) would choose this option if it were available.

This would respect the wishes of those who do not want *their* tax dollars to be used to provide abortion funding, but also would, for the first time since 1977, also respect the wishes of those who *do* wish their federal tax dollars to be put to this use.

Ellen Wedum
Cloudcroft

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GUEST COMMENTARY

But we've already paid for Medicare ...

GENE SCALF
Colorado

Today I am 77 years old. When I was 16, I started working for the railroad in Cincinnati. From that time on, every paycheck I ever got had money taken out of it for Social Security, an "old age benefit plan" mandated by the government.

For the next 49 years, I contributed to this retirement plan every time I got paid. In 1997, at the age of 65, I received my first Social Security benefit check (a little over \$400 if memory serves me right). It wasn't enough to live on but it sure did come in handy.

I've always looked at these checks as a return on what I've put into the retirement system for nearly five decades. I do not look at them as "handouts" from the government because they aren't. My monthly check is an R.O.I. (return on investment) from the Social Security Old Age Benefit Plans that I've been

investing in for years.

In 1954 the Medicare Health Insurance (different from Social Security) was created by President Johnson. This was not a freebie, either. Just like Social Security, Medicare is financed by payroll deductions imposed by the government. Beginning in 1954, I contributed up to 6 percent of every paycheck into this fund, with my employer matching my contribution toward this health insurance.

All those years of paying 2 to 6 percent of my earnings made Medicare available to me today. (Unfortunately, Medicare did not keep up with inflation and before long the medical field would not accept Medicare as full payment for most treatments.

Currently I am paying \$275 per month to Blue Cross Insurance to pay what Medicare cannot cover.) But my point is that Medicare is not provided as a free gift from the government. In fact, it's not provided by our government at all. Medicare is pro-

vided by people like me who have been paying premiums into the system since 1954. Look at your pay-stub. You've been paying into same systems.

I have poured my life into working-and making payments into federally mandated retirement and health care plans in order to enjoy our retirement years.

And now President Obama wants to funnel millions of people who are citizens of other countries into the medical support systems of the United States.

He claims this is not his intention, but the truth is that there are currently no provisions in his "Obamacare" to prevent illegals from flooding the system (even now, illegals flood our emergency rooms, causing other patients to pay higher fees in order to cover the added expenses).

If you do the math, you know this cannot work. Illegals have

OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARIES

Just one thing about new ski resorts: They make no sense

WILL MELTON
Writers on the Range

Snow and terrain not always considered in new developments

This winter, Missoula, Mont., was on its way to boasting a brand-new ski area besides Snowbowl. The new resort, carved out of the Bitterroot Mountains, would have been closer to town, but creditors began closing in and the word "foreclosure" hit the papers. Even though I'm a rabid skier, I wasn't sorry to see the Bitterroot Resort fail. Though developer Tom Maclay spent over a decade and millions of dollars planning the resort, it suffered from a fatal flaw: It made no sense, at least for skiers.

The layout for the ski slopes, on what was touted as the tallest ski area in North America, showed how little thought had been given to the actual skiing itself. For example: After a short section of drops coming directly off the summit, a skier would be forced to traverse nearly four miles to get to any other expert runs.

And although it promised to approach Colorado's Vail in pro-

viding skiable acreage, Bitterroot Resort was designed mostly for beginner and intermediate skiing. This would surely prove boring to families with multiple ski levels and turn off expert skiers. Bitterroot Resort's grand plan lacked another essential element: snow. Nearby Lolo Peak rarely lacks snow, but the ski runs that developers had already cut through foothills remained bare and brown most of last winter.

Some resorts prove that great snow can make up for mediocre terrain — think Steamboat Springs in Colorado. And great terrain can make up for mediocre snow — look at Crested Butte in western Colorado. But a resort lacking both terrain and great snow is going to fail pretty much anywhere.

Of course, Bitterroot Resort is only the most recent of high profile, ski-area collapses. Only four new ski areas have opened in the United States in the past 20 years: The Yellowstone Club and Moonlight Basin in Big Sky, Mont.; Tamarack Resort in cen-

tral Idaho; and Silverton Mountain in southwestern Colorado.

Only Silverton was designed primarily for skiers, and only Silverton has avoided bankruptcy. Until the mid-1990s, ski resorts were almost always created for skiers. Real estate was still big business, but developers built ski areas only where they made sense in terms of quality skiing. Then developers got greedy and saw the avalanche of money that could be made from selling second homes. Four-season resorts, where homeowners could ski in winter and golf, hike and bike in summer, became the way to cash in.

Developers bet heavily on rising real estate prices, and the gamble worked for about five years. In that time, developers' dreams grew even more grandiose as they borrowed more and more money to build master-planned communities around the bases of new ski resorts.

Last year, the bubble burst. Developers who'd been riding high months earlier face-planted

and found themselves with a mountain of half-built houses. The developers' business model depended on rich people buying million-dollar mini-mansions they might use for, maybe, two months a year.

Without a constant influx of capital from the sale of homes, resort developers defaulted on their loans. Creditors, realizing they wouldn't get paid back, started foreclosing. Ultimately, the Big Three toppled.

The Yellowstone Club resort is now owned by a new investor, who bought it for dimes on the dollar. Tamarack Resort is owned by creditors and may not open for skiing this year. Moonlight Basin declared bankruptcy in mid-November to avoid a takeover by Lehman Bros. The Yellowstone Club won't close anytime soon, however: The gated resort for the mega-rich will continue to operate as long as its homes are owned by the likes of Bill Gates, Dan Quayle and Warren Miller.

Likewise, Moonlight will probably survive in some form, sim-

ply because the resort, in addition to building real estate, has built one heck of a ski area. Its proximity to Big Sky Resort doesn't hurt either, drawing skiers to what's marketed as "The Biggest Skiing in America."

Tamarack is skating on thin ice, however, as it never really had the support of the locals. It's too far from Boise, the nearest mid-sized city, to draw many day skiers, and it lacks particularly good skiing. Tamarack may be doomed.

Meanwhile, the remote town of Silverton, with its one lift, keeps plugging away, buoyed by a legion of devoted extreme skiers, minimal operating expenses and little borrowed capital.

Silverton even added infrastructure this year — a 50-foot bus. It replaces the old UPS truck that used to shuttle skiers. Might there be a lesson here?

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Give states flexibility in healthcare reform

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New Mexico Editorial Forum

One issue has generated little discussion during the heated health care reform debate: whether states should have the right to develop their own approaches to universal coverage.

The Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign wants to see language included in the national proposal that gives states flexibility to develop their own approaches to solving rising health care costs and growing numbers of uninsured.

The focus of current health care reform proposals is to create "insurance market exchanges." These one-stop-shopping insurance exchanges must offer consumers — primarily the uninsured — choices of different insurance products, including some type of public option. A less than robust public option is in the proposal passed by the House of Representatives. The Senate is in the process of negotiating an alternative to the House version.

Unfortunately, the health care reform debate has skirted the issue of whether states can

take a different path that reaches the same goals. States always have been laboratories for innovation. Women's suffrage, civil rights, child labor and minimum-wage laws were developed in the states first and then became federal law. Why shouldn't states be allowed to continue that role in healthcare reform?

If a state can develop an approach that is not based on the insurance market exchange model, an approach that still provides comprehensive health coverage for its residents and contains rising health care costs, why shouldn't it be encouraged to do so?

The recently passed House bill contains no language enabling states to develop anything other than an insurance market exchange.

The merged Senate bill now under consideration mandates that by 2014, states must set up an insurance market exchange and experiment with it for three years before requesting any waivers.

Why should states be forced to go through a long, expensive, complex and time-consuming process when they already may be working on approaches more

appropriate to their circumstances?

In New Mexico, the Health Security Act offers a different solution from that based on an insurance market exchange. It is a "home-grown" solution that has earned enormous public support — 146 diverse organizations are part of our coalition, and 32 New Mexico counties and municipalities have passed resolutions endorsing it.

The Health Security Act would enable New Mexico to set up its own health care plan that automatically covers most New Mexicans, provides comprehensive benefits and guarantees freedom of choice of doctor even across state lines.

Instead of creating a system of competing insurance plans, each with different provider networks, this proposal would shift the role of private insurance companies to provide supplementary coverage — as they do with the original Medicare program.

Any individual, employer or group wishing to purchase additional coverage could do so.

A non-governmental, geographically representative citizens' board would be in charge of

the plan.

Two separate studies have concluded that if such a health plan were established in New Mexico, health care costs would be reduced by hundreds of millions, if not billions, of dollars within five years.

Why is this so? Because this approach simplifies a very complex private insurance system with its hundreds of policies, different benefits, co-pays and deductibles, all of which affect administrative overhead of doctors, hospitals and clinics — and which, in turn, negatively affect health care costs.

In a state such as ours, with a small population, it makes economic sense for most residents to be covered under one health risk pool.

Coalitions in other states — California, Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania, Washington and Oregon, to name a few — have been working on proposals that are not based on an insurance market exchange and are adapted to the particular needs of those states.

Acknowledging these developments, the National Conference of State Legislators recently passed a resolution containing a

provision asking that states be allowed to create solutions that go beyond any federal requirements. New Mexico was counted as one of the resolution's supporters.

In addition, New Mexico State Sen. Dede Feldman and others from the House and Senate sent a letter to our five-member congressional delegation, which included a request that states be given flexibility to develop their own comprehensive plans.

Healthcare reform should clearly encourage state experimentation. Aside from the need for state flexibility language in the national legislation, the Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign believes states deciding to develop their own health plans also should have the right to access the same federal dollars as those states choosing to set up their own insurance market exchanges.

At this critical juncture, Congress needs to tackle this issue.

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contributed virtually nothing into the healthcare system, so whose money will be used to pay for their benefits? Yours and mine.

Indeed, the only way to add non-contributing beneficiaries into the program is to collect even more money from legally

employed taxpayers like you and me. Regardless of what Obama claims, his plan is a disaster. You don't walk into an ongoing poker game where players have already put their money into the pot and expect to play in the game.

It is downright cruel for Obama to come in like a destructive tornado and disrupt so many American citizens' lives.

This is not just an "old age" problem; if young people do not step up to the plate and begin shouldering the responsibility of keeping our country intact, they will be in worse shape than we are when they get older.

The average American is already paying better than 70 percent of their income to some form of imposed taxes: federal;

state, county, city, sales tax plus the many double taxations that are hidden inside our utility bills, gasoline prices, phone bills and more.

Everything you and I earn, buy or sell has some form of hidden taxes or government fees. We are already being taxed to death, and Obama's "generous" healthcare agenda will add even

more tax burden to us all.

There is an old country riddle: "If you had all the feathers you could carry, could you carry just one more?"

The answer, of course, is no.

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Possible LC track numbers 'impressive'

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The Las Cruces area could be a viable venue to relocate the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino.

Track officials last month filed a petition with the New Mexico Racing Commission to move from Ruidoso Downs to Las Cruces.

"We have brought economic numbers to show us what the potential is in Las Cruces," said Ann McGovern, the track's president and general manager. "The numbers are pretty impressive."

For several years track officials have said they've lost money because of competition from tribal casinos and a state gaming tax

structure that is more beneficial to Native American casinos. The Ruidoso Downs track is asking the state Legislature and governor for "tax parity" with the tribes.

"The tax parity bill that's been presented before only gets us to a break-even point," said McGovern. "Our ownership is willing to get to a break-even point and stay in the community they love. It (a reduced gaming tax) would have to happen during the legislative session. If something doesn't happen, whether it's the tax parity or an alternative bill, our plan is to move."

The state legislature begins a 30-day session on Jan. 18, 2010.

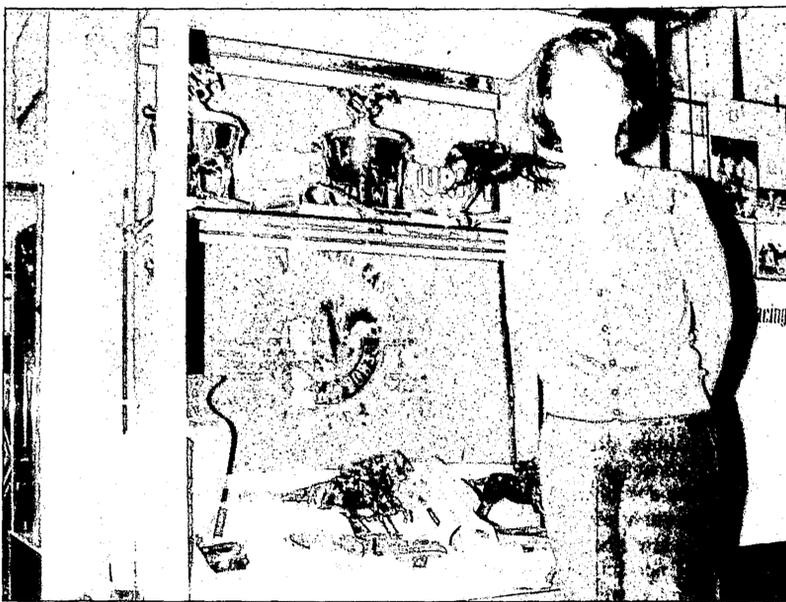
"The governor favors

keeping the track in Ruidoso Downs," said Ruidoso Downs city attorney and lobbyist H. John Underwood. He will be in Santa Fe to bend the ears of lawmakers.

The Ruidoso Downs track races horses from Memorial Day to Labor Day and Las Cruces has hot summers.

McGovern said if the track relocated it would still run a summer season. She noted a Las Cruces track could race at night when it is cooler.

A number of local governments and other groups, including the Mescalero Apache Tribal Council, have adopted resolutions urging the state to keep the track in Ruidoso Downs.



Ann McGovern

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Otero County Electric Cooperative wants rate increase

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An area electric utility that serves nearly 17,000 customers in parts of Lincoln, Chaves, Otero and Socorro counties is asking for a rate increase.

Otero County Electric Cooperative filed a proposed rate adjustment for review by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission on Dec. 7.

A proposed rate schedule

is expected to be filed with the PRC on Jan. 4, 2010, according to the notice.

The filing would result in an approximate revenue increase of \$1,622,300, or 6.64 percent of revenues for the year that ended Sept. 30, 2009. The increase may vary between residential, general service, large power and lighting service customers, and between some individual consumers within a customer category.

The only change on bills

would be an increase in the energy charge to all consumers, according to the notice.

Proposed will be a residential energy charge of 10.428 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh). The current charge is 9.603 cents. Otero County Electric stated that a residential customer who used 750 kWh would see a 5.71 percent increase in their monthly bill. A current \$108.32 bill would increase to \$114.51.

The federal Energy Information Administration said the average U.S. residence used 936 kWh a month in 2007.

Residential rates for members with time-of-use service would also rise.

General service customers would see their regular energy charge go from 8.98 cents per kWh to 9.805 cents. The regular energy charge for large power users would adjust from 6.363 cents per kWh to

7.188 cents. Time-of-use customers in those two groups would also increase.

The utility's fixed customer charges would be unchanged.

Information about the rate change request will go to Otero County Electric Coop members in the January edition of the utility's *Enchantment* magazine.

The notice to the PRC stated the proposed new rates would go into effect

automatically and without a hearing before the commission unless the lesser of one percent or 25 members of any customer class file a signed protest with the PRC.

The coop asked that any member objecting to the new rates should attempt to resolve the grievance by contacting Otero County Electric. Information about the protest procedures can be obtained by contacting the utility of the PRC.

Lincoln County poverty rate improves

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Despite the ailing economy in 2008, the poverty rate in New Mexico improved last year.

Year 2008 income and poverty estimates released by the U.S. Census Bureau put the state's total poverty level for last year at 17 percent, or just better than one

in six New Mexicans. The year before it had been 17.9 percent.

Otero County realized a larger improvement, with an 18 percent poverty estimate, compared with 20.4 percent in 2007.

But Lincoln County went the other way. Last year's 15.4 percent poverty level for all ages was an

increase from 14 percent the year before.

Looking at just children, the Lincoln County poverty rate for those under the age of 18 was estimated at 28.5 percent last year. In 2007 the level was 26.6 percent.

Otero County had 27.4 percent of minors living in a home below the poverty level in 2008. It had been

31.2 the previous year.

Statewide, 24.1 percent of those under the age of 18 were living in poverty, versus 25.2 percent in 2007.

By school district, 472 students in the Ruidoso Municipal School District were in poverty, about the same level as the year before. And the numbers at schools in Capitan, Car-

rizzo, Cloudcroft and Hondo were also unchanged. The data used public school students who were from five to 17 years old.

The Mescalero Apache School is not included in the data.

The Census Bureau's Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates program

is the only source of income and poverty data for each of the country's 3,142 counties and almost 14,000 public school districts.

The school district estimates, produced for the U.S. Department of Education, are used as a part of the criteria for allocating federal funds to local schools.

Statewide gasoline prices stay in the \$2.60 range

The average cost of gasoline has been relatively stable during the past several weeks with the statewide average price staying within the \$2.60 to \$2.66 per gallon

range, according to AAA New Mexico Weekend Gas Watch.

Las Cruces motorists are paying the least for gas in New Mexico at an average of \$2.58, a

decrease of four cents since last week. The major metropolitan area with the state's highest price is Santa Fe at \$2.64 - an increase of one cent since last week. The aver-

age price for gas in Albuquerque has dropped one cent since last week and is at \$2.60.

Experts say gasoline prices have been stable since the end of October

and the average price has actually fallen a few cents since the start of November.

"Market analysts have found that an adequate supply of gasoline coupled

with slight improvements in demand have helped keep average retail prices

balanced since the start of November," said AAA New Mexico Spokesperson Sarah Schimmer.

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St. Joseph's Apache Mission progress 'astonishing'

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Despite economically challenging times for a project like the restoration of St. Joseph's Apache Mission and for the foundations and individuals who support the work, November was a month to give thanks.

Mary M. Serna, restoration administrator, and Tommy E. Spottedbird, restoration foreman, said Thanksgiving and Veterans Day presented an opportunity for members of the restoration committee to reflect on past and current support over a decade.

"Our progress has been astonishing and what has been accomplished in the past 10 years is nothing short of a miracle," Serna said. The effort was dubbed "Restoring the Building and Rebuilding Lives." Besides the benefits to the historic and unique mission structure on the Mescalero Apache Reservation, the repointing, repairing and restoring project also has trained and provided careers for many tribal members.

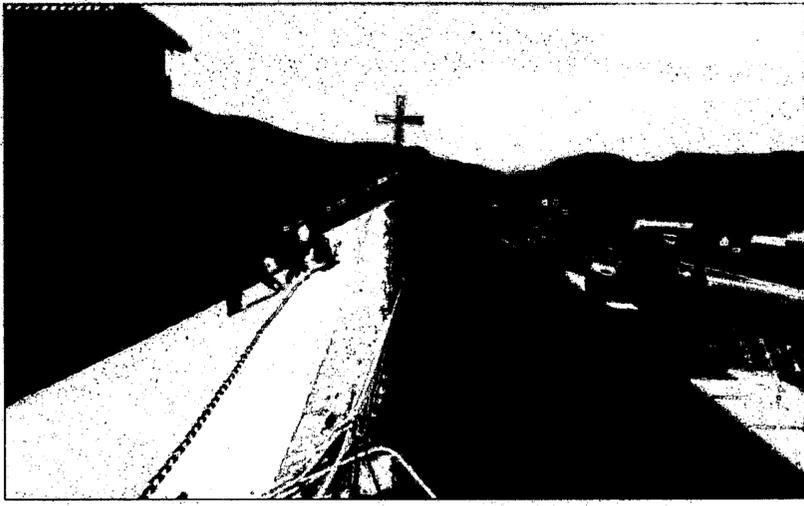
From its perch on a mountainside, the 72-year-old building creates an imposing and memorable sight for people driving through Mescalero on U.S. 70.

"Since our last report in May, our main focus has been on the roof project," the largest and most complex part to date, Serna said. "The logistics alone were an unbelievable challenge."

Material and supplies were ordered to arrive on time, but had to be reordered when the wrong items were delivered, she said. Rooms were arranged for a Brian McParton Roofing crew that drove down from Santa Fe, blueprints were reconfigured and decisions made on what would work with a copper fabrication.

"All of this necessitated the need for many hours of template making, because as we soon discovered, nothing is square or level and there are no 90-degree angles on the roof. But in the end, we were triumphant," Serna said.

Along the way, Arylis



Above, the south side of the roof is almost finished. Robert Morgan aligns tile while Andres Ramirez screws them down.

At left, the north side work is underway with Tommy Spottedbird lining up tiles and Sam Sosa and Andres Ramirez keeping them straight.

Chee used a power washer to clean the old tar paper, Martin Pizarro and trainees patched the holes and replaced water-damaged boards, sealed and painted them to blend in with the old. Joe Padillo, a retired foreman and electrician, volunteered his time to wire new drivers for the bell tower speakers. The system was donated by Richard and Sue Mackey in memory of his mother, Katherine Mackey, who played organ for Masses with Father Albert Braun in the back of a buckboard as they traveled across the reservation.

The mission building with its 50-foot high quarried stone walls, was a project begun in 1916 by Braun as a young friar and continued for 21 years, again under his lead when he returned from war, which led to its dedication as a memorial to veterans.

Chee and Nikona Hosesavit worked with trainees Robert Morgan and David Walters, repointing the south exterior wall. Dale Zinn came down for another meeting, because some of the architectural elements did not work on the roof. Tobias Montoya, Andrew Ramirez and Sam Sosa were hired because of their tiling experience to

help speed up the roof work that slowed with myriad problems and delays. By early October, they hit a rhythm and the progress was exciting to see, Serna said.

The roof project went over estimated budget by about \$27,000 to \$214,00 so far, she said.

"We are grateful to everyone who helped us make this happen, especially Katherine D. Ortega, who has been one of our super heroes and contributing a large portion of the money for us to meet our

goal of completing the roof in 2009," Serna said. Other grants came from the Franciscan Ministries Union, Washington management Corp. and the William R and Virginia Hayden Foundation.

Since 1998, advocates have raised \$1,650,216 for the restoration of the mission church and veteran's memorial. Of that amount, 50 percent came from private foundation grants, 6 percent from non-profit group grants, 22 percent from individuals, 9 percent through the stewardship program and the remaining 13 percent from

fundraising activities and interest earned, according to Serna.

Of the money spent, 68 percent went to labor and training expenses.

While the 9th Annual Restoration Raffle was a success, raising \$20,373, including \$7,889 in extra donations, the project is feeling the effects of poor economic times, she said.

Two foundations that contributed significant amounts in the past notified the mission restoration committee no more grants will be allocated until 2012, and then only if they become stable. Another is changing the focus of its funding.

"Our staff and committee members have worked too hard to keep this project going for the past 10 years to give up now," Serna said. "So we will persevere. We have to remind ourselves of Father Albert's great answer when he came up against hardships. 'Insignificant,' he would say."

"We have confidence that this worthwhile project will continue and we look forward to ending it with a big celebration. Please be assured that our investment in this project continues to be used prudently."

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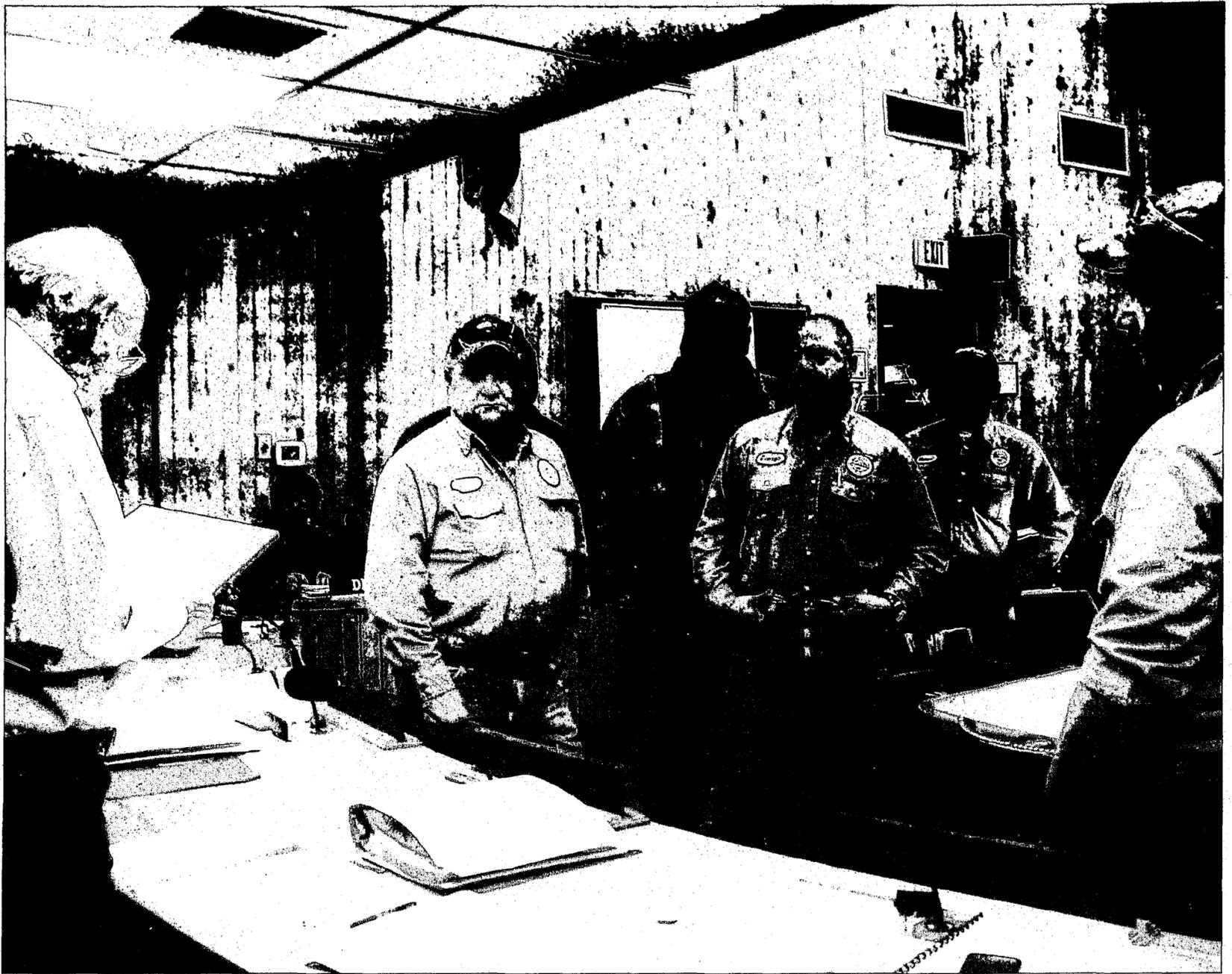
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There are many reasons to make Holiday gifts of food. The gift is much more personal, you can save money and control nutrition for those on specialized diets, and you really do give a bit of your heart.

These recipes for gifts can be given individually, or develop a theme and group a number of them in a large basket wrapped with cellophane paper and ribbons. If you're giving cookies, for instance, tie a big bow on a beautiful basket and include several kinds of cookies along with some cookie cutters, a few

recipes, and a cookie mix in a jar. Wrap up a few quick breads along with some beverage mixes, a few mugs, and a cutting board for a gift of breakfast in bed.

How about a crock-pot, filled with soup mixes and lots of different recipes.

Find decorative jars online and in specialty shops (make sure they are food safe) and antique stores. Purchase some

holiday recipe cards for the recipes. And be sure to think about the recipient when making your gifts: do they enjoy baking or would they prefer a food

gift that's ready to eat?

Are they on a special diet or do they have food allergies? This kind of thoughtful touch is what makes these gifts so special.

A food safety note: do not make flavored oils. The oxygen-free environment that exists around herbs, spices, and other ingredients placed into oils is the ideal place for botulism to grow. If you want to include a flavored oil in a gift basket, purchase commercially made flavored oils and do not transfer them to another bottle.

With everyone watching their budgets this year, save some money, unleash your creativity, and give a few gifts from your kitchen and your heart.

Enjoy.



MARSHA PALMER

Mulling Mix

Add this wonderful mix of sugar and spices to apple cider for a delicious hot winter beverage recipe.

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Ingredients:

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp. ground cloves
- 1 tsp. dried ground orange peel
- 1 tsp. ground allspice
- 1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg

Preparation:

Combine all ingredients in a medium bowl and stir with wire whisk until well blended. Store mulling mix in airtight containers and store in a cool place.

To make 1 serving of mulled cider, place 1/4 cup mulling mix, 1 cup apple juice, and 1/4 cup water in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil and simmer gently for 5 minutes.

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1-1/4 teaspoons seasoned salt
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
- 3 cups Wheat Chex square cereal
- 2 cups Rice Chex square cereal
- 1-1/2 cups peanuts
- 1-1/2 cups small pretzel rods

Preparation:

Preheat oven to 275 degrees F. Melt butter in a shallow pan. Stir in Worcestershire sauce, seasoned salt, and garlic salt (not garlic powder).

Add Wheat Chex, Rice Chex, nuts (peanuts, pecans or cashews), and pretzel rods. Mix until all pieces are coated with the butter mixture.

Place on a shallow baking pan with sides. Bake for 40 minutes, stirring every 10 minutes. Cool...enjoy!

- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)

One 6-ounce package dried cranberries (about 1 1/3 cups)

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Combine all ingredients except cranberries in large bowl; mix well. Spread evenly in 15 x 10-inch jellyroll pan.

2. Bake 40 minutes or until golden brown, stirring every 10 minutes.

3. Remove granola from oven; stir in cranberries. Cool completely in pan.

Store tightly covered for up to 2 weeks.

Servings: 6 1/2 cups

For Gift Giving: Spoon granola into airtight glass or plastic jars, canisters, cellophane gift bags (tie closed with ribbon) or empty oatmeal containers ahead of time, paint designs on jars with paint markers or sponges and paint, cover oatmeal containers with gift wrap, or decorate gift bags with holiday stickers. Happy Holiday's

Real Original Chex Party Mix

This is called 'Real Original' because it is based on the recipe taken directly off the back of a 1950s Chex cereal box. For the more complicated updated recipe, go to Chex Party Mix, which contains pretzels and bagel chips.

Prep Time: 5 minutes
Cook Time: 40 minutes

Christmas Granola

- 4 cups Oats (Quick or Old Fashioned, uncooked)
- 1/2 cup shredded coconut
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/4 cup raw, unsalted sunflower seeds (optional)
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, melted
- 2 teaspoons grated orange peel

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Handling holiday stress

SANDI BROWNE
For the Ruidoso News

It's that time of year again. The turkey is barely eaten before the Christmas, excuse me, holiday season begins. Expectations of family, friends, work, and church explode around us, lighting up the sky like the star of Bethlehem.

Somehow, our inner wisdom tells us that our loved ones will care even if they don't have that special diamond, IPOD, fishing rod, or other similar play thing. The media may want us to believe that loving families must have perfectly trimmed trees and houses, but we know different.

I've noticed that kids and grandkids, even when dressed in fineries of the season, react to sugar highs and lack of sleep. They aren't always sweet angels at holiday plays, choruses, or parties, and neither am I.

Whatever one's beliefs, December celebrations center on spiritual connections, light and loving family, and friends. We may cook special food, send greeting cards as a way of touching to those

for whom we care, and gather to celebrate at parties, but those are only outer rituals meant to draw us closer. Each activity is usually nice, but the combination of them all is way too much. No wonder, most people feel stressed out.

If you long for a simpler holiday season, it is important to remember your priorities. Do you seek a closer spiritual connection? A feeling of love and caring with family and friends? Good cheer? The joy of helping others? The childhood you always wanted, but never had?

Recognize that money or plastic will not buy those things. It's nice to give gifts that thrill, but the gift of your loving concern and attention is what lasts and fills the heart. How many of us remember what gift we received in the third grade? How about last year?

Our hearts cry out for loving connection to others. Do you take time to listen to a family member, really listen? Perhaps you have a friend that needs to share their sadness over a loss that haunts them this time of year.

The most effective stress reliever is to allow the Spirit of the Season to flow through you and your life. Give the gift of your love to friends and family by really being with them as you allow time to share their joys and pain.

Excessive spending, drinking, and eating increase stress. Use your common sense to focus on the experiences that fill your heart and life with love. Enjoy free offerings of our community: lighting of Christmas trees at Schoolhouse Park, the parade and various events of the Festival of Lights, or a beautiful Christmas service at one of our churches. Even taking a child to buy a present for a loved one can bring the joy of the season present.

Whatever activities you choose, whatever gifts you give, remember to slow down, allowing the grace of the season to expand in you. This is a season of loving and renewal for you and your world.

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VENDOR

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goals at which the revision was aimed, better GRT collection, a fairer playing field for local merchants and better regulation of special events with an improve system of monitoring and keeping code enforcement involved.

Some of the changes proposed were establishing an itinerant vendor license fee, locations requirements, a new definition for flea markets, identifying a special events coordinator to process applications instead of the village clerk, requiring a special event applicant to submit information on the vendors who will participate, limiting a special event to twice a year and setting up separate business license fees for consignment or multiple vendor businesses, convention center vendors, exhibition vendors, itinerant vendors and special event vendors.

The first section would require much more information than was available previously to village officials, Morris said.

By setting a \$100 fee for itinerant vendors and only \$10 for a vendor at the convention center, planners should be encouraged to use the center or another village property, he said.

Councilor Greg Cory questioned how one code enforcement officer could handle the job and Councilor Ron Hardeman said the village has fewer code enforcement hours available now than eight years ago.

Code enforcement

Cory asked who collects the GRT at the convention center and Lee said the host entity for an event generally manages all of the vendors.

"They can collect payment at the end of the night and enforcement would come through special event rules and Debbie Jo (Almager, Parks and Recreation director)," Lee said. She later explained that each vendor could be handed the code location number for the village and told to use that in reporting their GRT.

Cory said with the village's GRT down 14 percent and the convention center operating in deficit, "To me this is the time to embrace people coming into the community."

At the recent Parade of Lights, booths were operating all over Midtown and vendors added to the festivities, he said. "I'm hard-pressed to think of code enforcement trying to shut down (an illegal vendor). We seem to forget we're a tourist town."

But Hardeman said councilors also can't forget the year-round merchants who must support payrolls, pay GRT and pay property taxes or rent.

"It's a balancing act," he said.

Morris said Code Enforcement Official Kalama



Above: Jennie Dorgan, right, talks to Carolyn Wallace, owner of Bizarre Barbie Boutique.

Right: Becki Knight, owner of Galleria West.

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Davis staggers his hours to be able to work special events in Midtown. Councilor Michele Rebstock said she heard he shut down an illegal vendor selling National Football League accessories last weekend.

Cory said he was chairman of the Ruidoso Art Fest years ago and, "The last thing I'd do is collect GRT. (If that was assigned to the event sponsor) would that create a liability? I can understand your concern, but I am unequivocally opposed to a (vendor) charge at the convention center. It's the last message we want to send."

Lee said some communities set high fees to set up for a weekend.

License fees

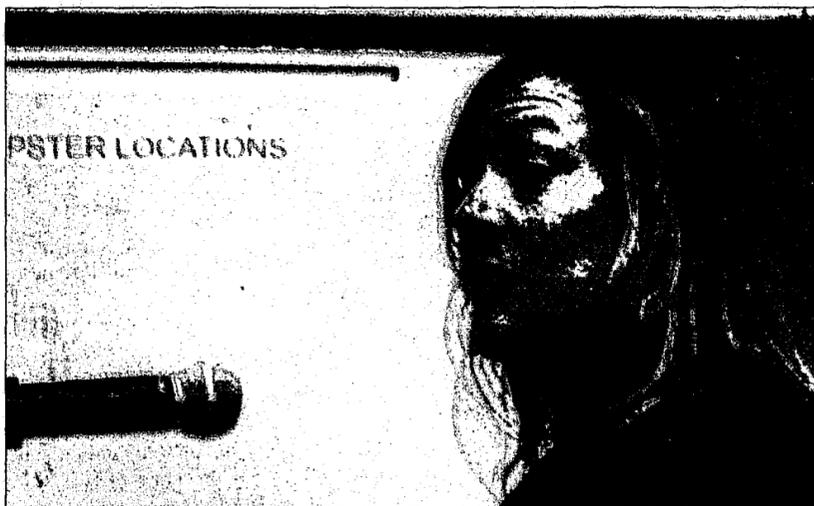
Councilor Jim Stoddard said he'd like to hear from the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Executive Director Sandi Aguilar told him the board of directors "find a business licensee fee at the convention center not conducive to bringing in more conventioners and visitors."

During the recent art festival, she sampled vendors to see if they had state tax numbers. She also had packets from the state with the village GRT code number. They were paying the GRT to Ruidoso, she said.

Business owner Jennie Dorgan proposed separating itinerant vendors and special events into two ordinance, because the issues are complex.

"We never had an itinerant vendor ordinance because we don't want or need them," she said. "We have a mobile vending ordinance and anything temporary is covered. They have to meet standards in each (zoning) district."

Dorgan set the example



for the village. When she wanted approval to set up a hot dog stand outside her Midtown business, she went to the Planning and Zoning Commission and followed the rules, including providing access to a designated restrooms for the vendor or customers.

She referred to the proposed ordinance as a "slap

in the face to store owners." If full-time merchants are driven out of business by competition from junk jewelry and other vendors, the GRT will plummet, storefronts will be empty and jobs will be lost, she warned.

Appearance a key

Becki Knight, owner of

Galleria West, said her prices have to cover her overhead, but an itinerant vendor doesn't carry those expenses. The town also wants to preserve an attractive appeal for visitors.

Teri Sodd from Mountain Arts Gallery said she's operated her business for 30 years and worked hard to achieve a desired appearance attractive to visitors.

"It's great we have Wingfield Park and the convention center," she said. "I would like all the special events held there and totally prohibit others in the village altogether. It doesn't matter what you charge, merchants will be hurt by what they are selling and how they look."

Village Attorney Dan Bryant said the ordinance already allows itinerant vendors and sets up regulations, but the staff was trying to "tune it up."

"You can't say no to non-profits soliciting money, but you can regulate the time, place and manner of solicitation, and it is the same with itinerant vendors."

"We have the ability to limit or regulate them. The business ordinance does that, but the amendments were meant to give staff a better handle," Bryant said.

He agreed the issues may be clearer with separate ordinance for itinerant vendors and special events.

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Corporal 'Corky' Condon resigns Snow helps cops thwart burglars

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An almost 10-year member of the Ruidoso Police Department delivered his resignation on Tuesday.

Corporal Christopher "Corky" Condon had been on paid administrative leave for about a week-and-a-half, said Chief Wolfgang Born. He said Condon was under investigation, but Born declined to reveal who was investigating and for what.

Twelfth Judicial District Attorney Diana Martwick refused to speak about the matter, stating several times "I have no comment."

Village Mayor L. Ray

Nunley also said he had nothing to say and had "no reaction" to the resignation.

Condon was hired by the Ruidoso Police Department in May 2000. In April 2005 he was assigned to the Ruidoso Municipal Schools as the school resource officer.

Two years ago a second resource officer was hired, and Condon's main focus became Ruidoso High School full-time.

The district and the village share the cost of the law enforcement presence for patrolling school grounds, helping in the education of students, investigating crimes at the schools, and ensuring the safety of those

on the campuses.

In a 2005 interview, the military veteran said he had served active duty in the Army Reserves from 1985 to 1992, was an officer in the Ruidoso Downs Police Department from 1992 until he joined the Ruidoso department in 2000. He stated in 2005 that he was an intelligence officer in the Army Reserves and his assignments with the Ruidoso police had included serving on the FBI-New Mexico Joint Terrorist Task Force.

Calls made to Condon were unreturned.

Diane Stallings contributed to this story.

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Ruidoso Police arrested a couple early Monday morning at separate locations, involving a home being burglarized. Recent snow helped to solve the crime in progress.

A patrol officer stopped to check on a van found partially parked on the pavement on Hull Road. The only occupant, a woman in the back seat, told the officer that her husband was visiting someone in a nearby home. She was unable to point out which house. A police scanner was also seen in the

vehicle.

Another officer who also stopped noticed there were two fresh sets of footprints in the snow leading to a home at 404 Hull Rd. But there were no tire tracks in the driveway of the residence. Checking the entrance, an officer found the front door had been kicked in.

Another officer went to the back entrance and discovered the door was open, with fresh shoeprints leading up a hillside. Efforts to track the prints ended when a cleared road was encountered.

Inside the home police found a large screen televi-

sion on a couch, disconnected from other electronic devices. Other electronic equipment was packaged up in a vinyl bag. All the rooms of the home had been gone through.

After running the van's license plate, police began looking for Robert Sleeper, 24, of Roswell. His wife Melissa Sleeper, 25, was the woman in the vehicle. Robert Sleeper was found to have checked in at the Lodge at Sierra Blanca. He was arrested along with his wife.

Robert Sleeper was charged with home burglary, conspiracy to commit burglary, criminal damage to property, possession of burglary tools, and illegally parking on a roadway. The burglary charges are third and fourth degree felonies.

Melissa Sleeper was charged with third degree felony conspiracy to commit burglary.

In an interview the couple reportedly told police they had driven around Ruidoso for about 30 minutes before choosing the Hull Road home. They also supplied investigators with the name of another man who allegedly went into the residence with Robert Sleeper.

16 year old charged

A Ruidoso teen has been charged with battering his caregivers.

Justin Spargo, 16, was arrested Dec. 4 after a warrant for his arrest had been issued the day before by the District Court.

A Ruidoso police report said Spargo lived with his legal guardians, a couple in their 70s. Police were called to a Granite Drive residence on Dec. 3, where the couple told an officer that the teen continued to swear at them after being told to get out of bed. The woman said as the cussing continued she went to slap the boy. She said Spargo put her in a head-lock and said he wanted to kill her. The woman's husband said he tried to pull the boy away from his wife and was punched twice and pushed into a glass door. The woman attempted to call 9-1-1, but said Spargo took the phone and threw it down. He then left the residence.

A warrant for Spargo's arrest charged him with battery against a household member, assault on a household member, and interfering with communications for the telephone incident.

When found the next day getting into a vehicle near Mescalero Trail and Nob Hill Drive, Spargo was taken into custody by police.

An officer found marijuana and seven different prescription drugs on Spargo's possession, according to the report. One of the drugs was valium, so the teen had additional charges of possession of less than one ounce of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance filed.

The guardians had told police they locked up their prescription drugs and doors in the residence over behavioral issues with the boy. They said they felt Spargo could kill them in their sleep.

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Ruidoso Police Department 'closer than ever' to accreditation

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The quest for accreditation by the Ruidoso Police Department was initiated under a former chief and the final stage probably will occur after the current chief retires at the end of the year.

Sgt. Ray Merritt of the Criminal Investigation Division of the department was assigned the job of bringing home the certificate. He was about three-quarters of the way finished when he was assigned to another special duty on the street. But he is back at the helm again. Usually three to five people handle the job, he said.

The accreditation team was in Ruidoso two weeks ago pouring over the books to look for areas that needed bolstering. The team, represented on that visit by two former Portales law enforcement officials, comes from the New Mexico Law Enforcement Accreditation Program under the combined arm of the New Mexico Municipal League and the New Mexico Association of Counties.

Scot Chambers, the state-wide program administrator, said the standards were set by the police chiefs



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Accreditation members pour over books with Scot Chambers, retired from the Portales Police Department and accreditation manager for the state, seated in the middle, and Dave Gallegos (standing), the Ruidoso Police Department's training and accreditation officer.

of New Mexico. The aim of the program is to provide professional law enforcement services to communities in the state.

"I have an assessment team that goes around when a department is ready to be sure they meet or perform above what the standards require," Chambers said. "We cover everything from basic law enforcement services to evidence to communications. We're looking at what happened when equipment

malfunctions. What kind of backup they have. They have to test themselves through the process. It's the same with spare patrol cars used for backup. It's their manner of being prepared for the unexpected."

The state accreditation program began in 2002, Chambers said.

"We have nine departments accredited and one with reaccreditation, and a total of 22 departments in the program at some point or fashion. Some are just

starting, some are ready for accreditation and some reaccreditation."

"When the former chief (Lanny Maddox) assigned me, I told him I would get it done," Merritt said. "The first thing completed was a policy and procedure review. We set up procedure standards that complied with state accreditation requirements and went over them with all employees. That's been done."

"The next phase is to create a file, for each stan-

dard and maintain them. The state of New Mexico requires 217 minimum standards that we have to abide by and each must have its own file. Some have multiple bullets within one standard. It's pretty time intensive."

One of the reasons accreditation is worth pursuing beyond the pride of the officers knowing the department is recognized by the state is that during trials, officers can prove their compliance with poli-

cies and procedures approved by the state, said Chief Wolfgang Born. The department will be less vulnerable to challenges from defense attorneys.

Without accreditation and the necessary record-maintenance, Merritt said any department can say officers have 24-hour access to warrant files, but how can that be proved, if challenged. Once accredited, the proof exists on paper.

"You must recertify every two years and have to maintain those files and proof that officers are abiding by the standards," Merritt said. "Officer Dave Gallegos (who also handles training) was assigned to do that."

"For instance, when an officer is out, they are to wear the protective vests and they put a proof in the file with the time and date."

The four major thrusts of accreditation are administration, operation, training and personnel, Merritt said.

"We're getting closer than ever," he said. "Right now we are going through an assessment. Part of the accreditation team was here to point out areas that need to be fixed before the final inspection."

POLICE BRIEFS

Dec. 2

11:47 a.m. - A woman went to police claiming she was being harassed by a former employer's derogatory remarks. An officer took a report after the woman said her coworkers were told that she was dishonest.

2 p.m. - A mother and daughter went to the police department headquarters to report the ninth grade girl had been punched by a harassing girl at Ruidoso High School. Police discovered another student had recorded the incident on a cell phone. Police sent a copy of the report to juvenile probation authorities. The high school's vice-principal suspended the offender, according to the police report.

9:29 p.m. - A Ruidoso man was arrested following a domestic incident at a home in the 100 block of Monica's Court. Arnold Apachito, 38, was charged with battery to a household member and interference with communications. A woman said she was punched in the face and her cell phone broken in two by Apachito. He admitted he had been drinking but denied hitting the woman. The charges are both misdemeanors.

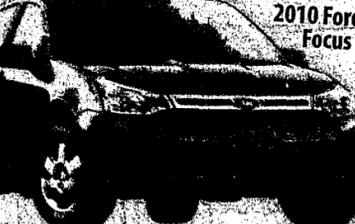
Dec. 3

8:24 a.m. - Officers were sent to a Walnut Drive residence after a call of an argument and a man breaking things. The 24-year old man at the residence admitted the incident and told police he felt his actions were uncalled for. He left to "let things cool down." He was warned by an officer of New Mexico's domestic violence law about breaking household items.

Dec. 5

6:42 p.m. - An officer was sent to Yee's Restaurant, 633 Sudderth Dr., after three men were said to have left without paying their tabs. The price of the meals was \$34.60. The only description of the three was that they were about 16 to 18 years old.

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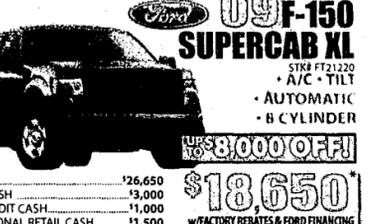
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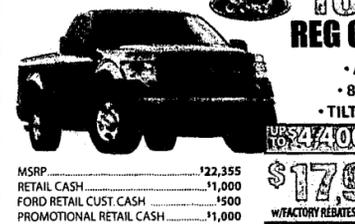
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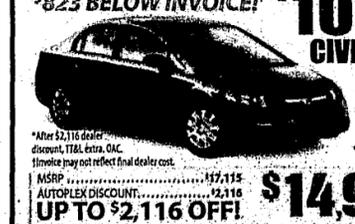
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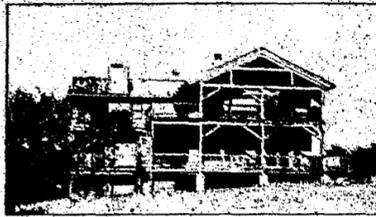
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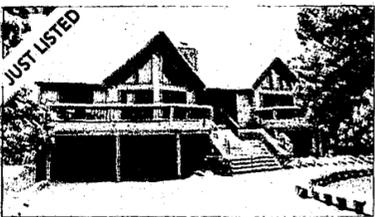
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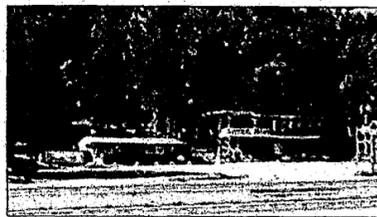
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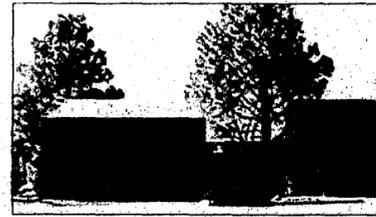
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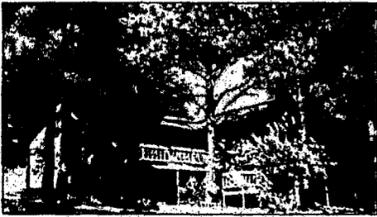
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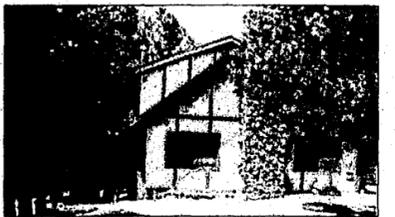
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Ski Report

Ski Apache

The snow resort reopened Thursday after the effects of the recent blizzard-like storm. You may call 464-1234 for the latest ski report and information.

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

New snow past 48 hrs.: 3 inches
Season total: 40 inches

Sports On Tap

Boys Basketball

Friday, Dec. 11

Ruidoso at Sundevil tournament, Thursday-Saturday.

Capitan at Mountaintop Tournament in Cloudcroft.

Corona at Panther Invitational tournament in Lake Arthur.

Hondo at Panther Invitational tournament in Lake Arthur.

Magdalena at Carrizozo, 4 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Friday, Dec. 11

Ruidoso at City of Champions tournament

Capitan at Mountaintop Tournament in Cloudcroft.

Corona at Panther Invitational tournament in Lake Arthur.

Hondo at Panther Invitational tournament in Lake Arthur.

On Deck

Little League Elections

Ruidoso Little League will be having its Annual Board Election on, Thursday, Dec. 17 from 6-8 p.m. at the Ruidoso Little League Baseball Field. If interested in being a part of this year's board you will need to place your name on the sign up sheet which will be taped to the Ruidoso Little League concession stand window from now until December 16, or you can email or call Chris or Micah Woodul at cwoodul@windstream.net or mwoodul@windstream.net. Phone numbers are 575-937-0662 or 575-937-0663.

Parks & Recreation Dept.

The Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Dept. will continue its open gym for co-ed volleyball at the old Middle School upper gym on Wednesdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. through January. Come by and learn or teach what you know. Eely, Rodney and Chris are expert at the game and patient instructors for all levels of play. You are invited to come burn those holiday calories away and keep fit.

In the matter of Stolis Winner

Case again delayed for the 2008 All American Futurity winner

MIKE CURRAN
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On Labor day, Sept. 1, 2008, Stolis Winner raced into the record books when the 2-year-old gelding crossed the line first, a half-length ahead of the Louisiana stallion Jet Black Patriot in the 50th running of the \$1.9 million All American Futurity at Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

The race was over and all that remained were the victory celebrations and pleasant memories to reflect on for owner Jerry Windham and trainer Heath Taylor.

And then a dark cloud of uncertainty fell upon the Futurity conclusion when it was confirmed to the *Ruidoso News* on Nov. 5, the following month, by the New Mexico Racing Commission (NMRC), that Stolis Winner had tested positive for caffeine. The NMRC has a zero tolerance level for the stimulating

"My attorney, myself, the Racing Commission and the state's attorney general were set to go forward Dec. 1."

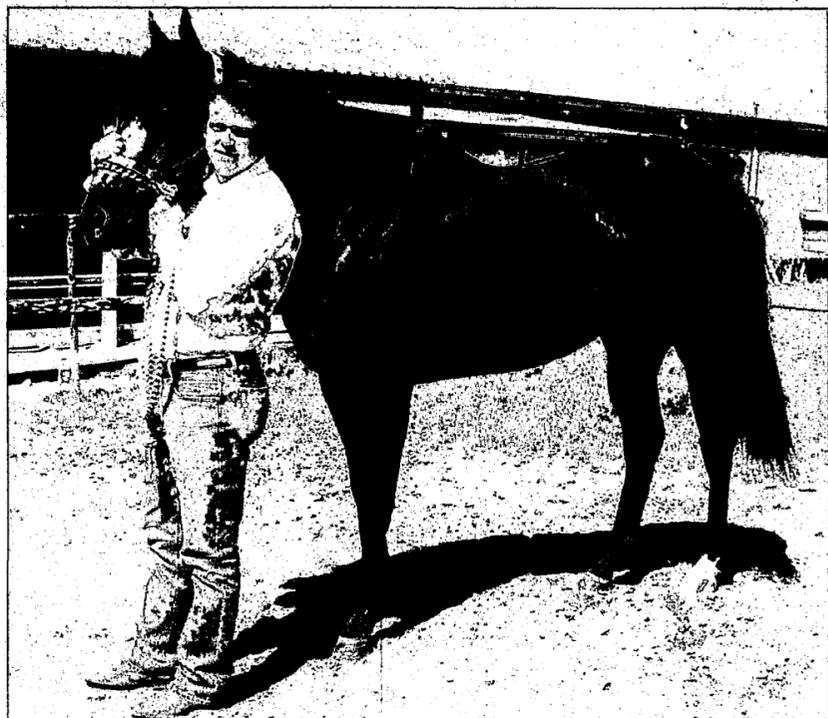
Heath Taylor
Trainer of Stolis Winner

alkaloid substance and as such, carries a Class 2 penalty of six months to a year trainer suspension, a fine of \$1,500 to \$2,500 and loss of purse.

A hearing was set for Nov. 15, 2008, but was subsequently continued until Dec. 5 the following month.

The December hearing was then postponed until Jan. 8, 2009, and it was at that hearing a panel of stewards declared Jet Black Patriot to be the winner of the 2008 All American Futurity.

The Jan. 8 verdict was appealed by Taylor's attorney, Billy Blackburn of Ruidoso and a panel of the



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Heath Taylor and Stolis Winner wait for the decision of the New Mexico Racing Commission.

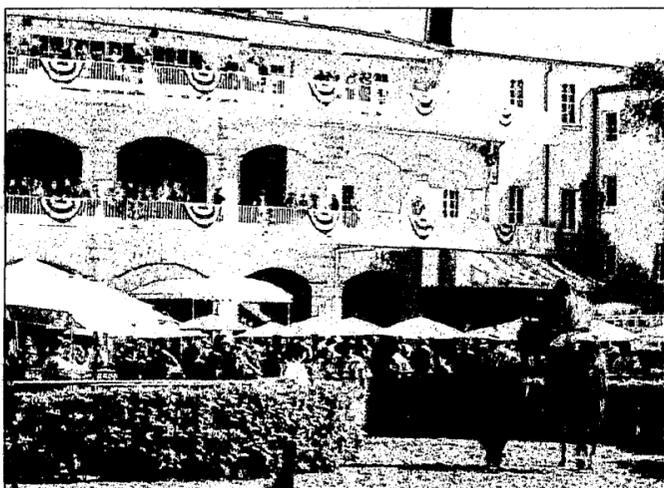
NMRC was then set to adjudicate the matter on Dec. 1 of this month in Albuquerque.

Before the planned appeal could be resolved before the Racing Commission, however, Houston-based attorney, Rob Fritz, who represents Jet Black

Patriot owners, Richard and Janelle Simon of Louisiana, filed an appeal in Albuquerque district court to be a part of the hearing scheduled before the NMRC. As a result, the Racing Commission was forced to continue the matter once again until the dis-

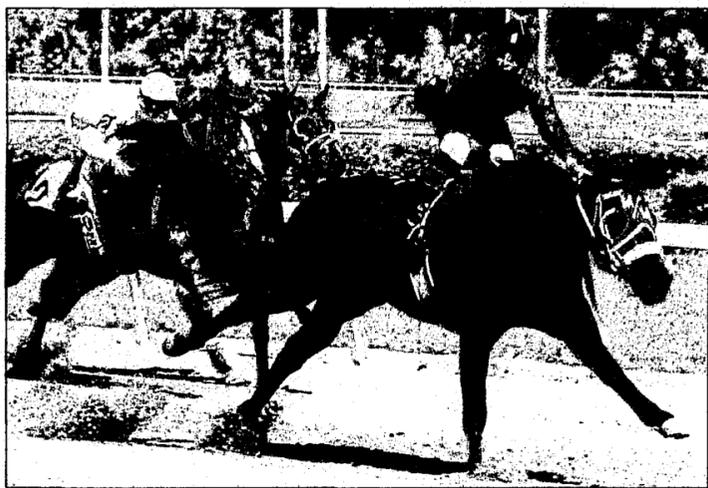
trict court ruled. The district court did rule that the NMRC should continue to handle the matter pursuant to their standards, which in this case means, Taylor's appeal should be heard before the NMRC

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COURTESY THE AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE RACING JOURNAL/ANDREA CAUDILL

The paddock area shows the history of Hialeah Park which was built in 1925.



COURTESY THE AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE RACING JOURNAL/ANDREA CAUDILL

Definitely Maybe, winner of the very first Quarter Horse race at Hialeah on Nov 28.

Area trainer Paul Jones races at new Hialeah Park

AQHA RACING JOURNAL
For the Ruidoso News

The officials at the legendary Hialeah Park Race Track once again opened the doors to welcome horsemen and patrons for the first time in eight years. The inaugural American Quarter Horse meet at the track near Miami, Florida, began Nov. 28.

Hialeah Park, hailed as

one of the most beautiful racetracks in the world and home to a legendary flock of flamingos, opened in 1925 and hosted some of the greatest horses in Thoroughbred racing history, such as Seabiscuit, Citation, Seattle Slew and Spectacular Bid.

It was also the backdrop for a number of movies, such as the 1989 Richard Dreyfuss comedy "Let it

Ride," and had a cameo in the opening credits of the 1980s television series "Miami Vice."

The track, owned by John Brunetti, was shuttered in 2001.

Since the meet was approved, workers pulled double shifts to get the track ready for the opening.

The 40-day meet, which runs through Feb. 2, will feature eight American

Quarter Horse races a day, with average purses of \$100,000 per day.

Not only is it a boon to the sport of racing America's fastest horse, but the return of racing to Hialeah will also boost the area's economy.

According to a city of Hialeah study, the track will directly and indirectly create 11,000 jobs.

"I asked an extended-

stay hotel owner in Hialeah what Quarter Horse racing meant to her," said Florida Quarter Horse Racing Association President Dr. Stephen Fisch. "She said it means the difference in breaking even over the 13 weeks we will race and \$39,000 added to the bottom line."

Dwayne Didericksen is

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Hall, Jr., wins Aggies' scout team Player of the Year

TEDDY FEINBERG
For the Ruidoso News

LAS CRUCES - New Mexico State Aggie running back James Hall, Jr., didn't see the field this year in an actual college football game.

No, the former Las Cruces Bulldawg made his impact in other ways as a redshirt freshman in 2009. He came to practice every day, worked hard and took every play as if it were his last.

As a result, Hall was named Aggies' scout team

Player of the Year earlier this week.

"I knew what my role was on the team this year," Hall said. "Take the practice field and go hard. Every time out, I tried to give the defense a good look."

The scout team offense typically practices as a mock version of the opposition's playbook to run plays and prepare the Aggies for what they will see on game-day.

"It was a great time, it really was," Hall said. "A

lot of people take their red-shirt year the wrong way, but not me. Those Tuesday and Wednesday practices in full pads, I took it like a game."

Hall said that he currently weighs between 175-180 pounds, up from the 157 he weighed prior to the season.

Hall said he is hoping to put on roughly 10 more pounds before this spring, where he could challenge for playing time in 2010.

The Aggies will bring 1,000-yard rusher Seth Smith back into the fold

next season as well as grey shirt Marquese Dunn.

Hall could provide a change of pace from the two - a small, fast runner who can get loose in the open field.

"Definitely," Hall said. "Talking to coach, he was impressed by what I brought to the team. Being a smaller back with speed, I can break away from tacklers and can give the defense a different look."

Hall said the year on scout team allowed him to bulk up as well as adapt to college competition.

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Local gymnastics team hosts meet

The 2009 NAWGI meet was hosted by the Ruidoso Mountain Top Gymnastics team at their facilities in Ruidoso Downs on Dec. 5-6.

Attending, were 16 teams from New Mexico with about 300 gymnasts participating in the event.

The competitions included Levels 3 through 7 including a Level 3 state meet and a Level 7 national qualifier meet. Teams from as far away as Clovis, Gallup, Taos and Albuquerque took part in the meet.

The results for the Ruidoso Gymnastics competitors are herein included.

Level 4

Younger 7-year-olds - Hope Misquez, 3rd all around, Kalya Saiz-Thetford, 2nd all around

Younger 9-year-olds - Carson Vasile, 1st place beam 9.05, 1st place floor 9.2, 2nd all around, 3rd place in vault 9.0

Older 9-year-olds - Nina Herrera, 2nd place vault 9.0, 2nd place bars 9.05, 3rd all around

Younger 10-year-olds - Dana Atchley, 1st place bars 8.8, 1st place beam 8.8, 1st place floor 8.9, 1st all around, Kate Ward, 1st place vault 8.5, 2nd all around

Older 10-year-olds - Elizabeth Autrey, 1st place beam 9.05, 3rd all around, Angel Sanchez, 5th all

around

11-year-olds - Gabby Lathan, 1st place bars 9.15, 2nd place floor 9.0, 1st all around, Leah Flores, 1st place vault 9.2, 2nd place bars 9.05, 1st place beam 9.4, 2nd all around, Lexi Lucero, 3rd place bars 9.0, 3rd place beam 9.1, 4th all around, Natalia Espinoza, 2nd place beam 9.15, 1st place floor 9.15, 5th all around

Level 5

Younger 10-year-olds - Karina Martinez, 1st place bars 9.55, 1st place floor 9.3, 2nd all around, Kylee Harvey, 2nd place floor 9.15, 3rd all around

Level 6

9 to 10-year-olds - Bailey Jones, 1st place bars 8.65, 2nd place floor 9.1, 2nd all around

12-year-olds - Kate Barleen, 1st place vault 9.2, 1st place floor 9.5, 1st all around, Ryann Flack, 1st place bars 8.75, 2nd place floor 9.0, 2nd all around

13 and up - Macey Walker, 3rd place floor 9.05

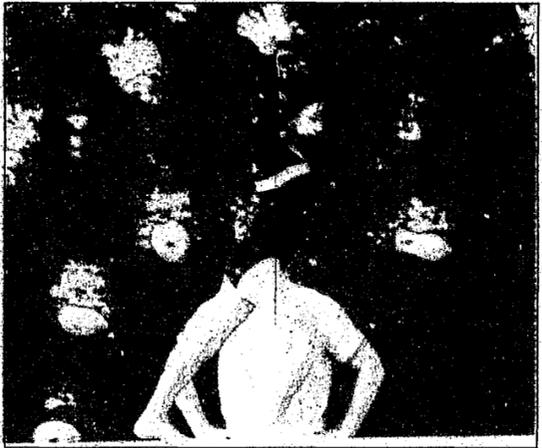
Level 7

Kayleen Schenk, bars 9.175, floor 9.0, Alana Willingham, floor 9.15



COURTESY

Hope Misquez performs on the bars in the 7-year-old division.



COURTESY

Kalya Saiz-Thetford shows her talent on the beam.

STOLIS

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with the trainer and Blackburn. As of now, no new date has been set for the delayed hearing.

"My attorney, myself, the Racing Commission and the state's Attorney General were set to go forward Dec. 1," Taylor told the Ruidoso News. "I have nothing but good things to say about the Racing Commission. We want to get this matter over with and behind us. We're trying, but delays from outside forces are preventing that. This was supposed to be between me and the

NMRC."

In 2009 Stolis Winner has won three out of six races, including a trial heat for the Dash For Cash Derby, a trial in Texas Classic Derby and the Nov. 28, Grade 1 Texas Classic Derby itself at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, Texas. By winning \$152,383 of a total purse of \$342,431 the gelding went over the \$2 million mark in earnings which places him third overall behind the bay gelding Refrigerator and Blues Girl Too.

Shortly after the 2008 All American Futurity, Jet Black Patriot went to stud at the Robicheaux Ranch in Breaux Bridge, La.



FILE PHOTO

Stolis Winner crosses the line ahead of Jet Black Patriot in the 2008 All American Futurity.

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serving as the horsemen's representative.

Didericksen has served at other tracks as an owner, trainer, steward, racing secretary and general manager, and currently serves as a member and chair of the AQHA Racing Committee and Racing Council.

"The racetrack surface itself is in excellent, excellent condition," said Didericksen. "They tell me that in the Thoroughbred world, this is the most kind racetrack (to the horses' legs) not only in Florida, but any place they go."

The horses will live in portable stalls under tents with good air flow.

"It's a huge property, with beautiful trees everywhere," he said. "They've worked like heck on the grandstand. The paddock looks nice."

"I think the facility itself is going to be an excellent showcase," Didericksen said. "If all the horses show up that applied, the race meet should be fine."

Racing secretary Sam Abbey reported that of the 864 stalls they have, 820 have been allocated.

"I was the racing secretary here from 1991 to 2001 with the Thoroughbreds," said Abbey.

"This is my favorite place on earth. The Brunettis have put a lot of money into this deal, and Hialeah looks like the old Hialeah. It's gorgeous. Just absolutely gorgeous."

Quarter Horsemen from around the country headed to southern Florida for the meet from states as far flung as New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Georgia, North Carolina and Michigan.

Hialeah Park officials originally estimated an expected crowd of 10,000-12,000 people.

Reportedly, nearly 27,000 people attended the opening day.

At 1:07 p.m., the gates flew open for the opening race, and Jose C. Angel's Definatly Maybe shook loose of the field halfway through the 300-yard event, winning by three-quarters of a length.

The black gelding was trained by Manuel Mata and ridden by Jose Ranilla.

It was one of the largest opening days in American Quarter Horse racing history.

Paul Jones

Seven-consecutive-time champion trainer Paul Jones, who owns and operates a large horse training facility in Tularosa, brought a string of horses to the Sunshine State.

The leading trainer has conditioned the earners of more than \$53 million, including world champions Whosleavingwho and Wave Carver.

"We have about 20 horses here at Hialeah," Jones said. "This is a beautiful track with a lot of history and good facilities."

"It is wonderful to see Quarter Horse racing have opportunities in other states. I see a good future for Quarter Horse racing here in Florida."

The seven-time champion trainer is a neighbor of R.D. Hubbard's Crystal Springs Farm in Tularosa, is associated with, and trains horses for Hubbard.

When asked if he had brought any of Hubbard's horses to Florida Jones replied, "No."

Jones has already had three winners at the famous track and qualified three of his horses for the Dec. 19 running of the Hialeah Derby for 3-year-olds, one filly for the \$100,000-added Hialeah Lassie Futurity and two more for the \$100,000-added Hialeah Laddie Futurity, both of which will be run on Dec. 27.

Jones had an exceptional meet at Ruidoso Downs Race Track this year which culminated in winning the \$625,130 36th All American Derby on Sept. 6 with Inseperable and the 51st running of the prestigious \$1.9 million All American Futurity on Labor Day with Running Brook Gal.

He became the first trainer to double down on the Derby and Futurity since Jack Brooks swept both races in 1985.

Inseperable also won the July 18, Grade 1 \$480,857 Rainbow Derby at Ruidoso Downs.

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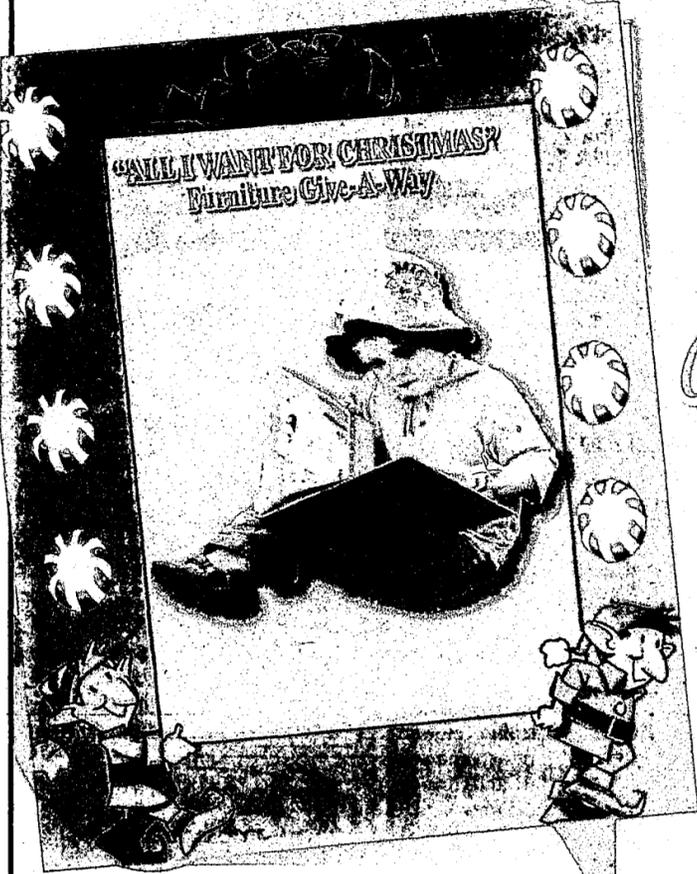
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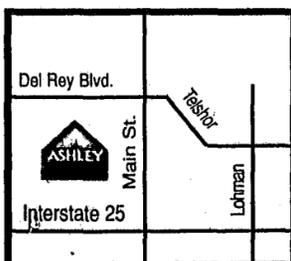
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RELIGION

Minister returns home

JIM KALVELAGE
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Answering the call to serve the First Christian Church in Ruidoso is like coming home for the Rev. Max Jones. He agreed to come out of retirement and become the congregation's interim senior minister.

Jones and his parents were founding members of the Ruidoso First Christian Church in 1955 and he preached his first sermon at the old church during Christmas of that year.

"Ruidoso and this county have been one of my 'heart homes' since I was four-years old," Jones said. "I truly love these mountains, this community and this congregation."

Jones and his parents moved to a ranch near Capitan in 1942, and several years later to Ruidoso, where they opened the community's first "washateria" where people could clean clothing and take them home to dry on the line. The cinder block building still stands on Carrizo Canyon Road just off Sudderth Drive. His parents also had owned the Nob Hill Restaurant

for many years. Jones attended Ruidoso High School, played football as a back-up quarterback, back-up running back, and first team linebacker, and graduated in 1956.

"In my junior year our little football team lost the 1954 state championship. But we won the championship in 1955," said Jones. "Cy Leland was the head coach. Ralph McQuire and Kenneth Newton were the assistant coaches."

It was about that time Jones decided he wanted to go full-time into church service. In 1955 First Christian Church was established in Ruidoso, with Jones delivering his first sermon in the church at the age of 17.

"I had a desire to serve and I had some leadership skill," Jones said. "I loved church and had a hunger for theology, spirituality and ethics. Spiritually I've been hounded in my life, all my life. Some churches call it a 'calling.'"

Jones earned a bachelor's degree from Texas Christian University and a Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity School. He married Suzanne

Smith in 1962 and they moved to Roswell in 1964 where he established a Spanish mission for the First Christian Church. He was also involved in the Civil Rights Movement during the 1960s. After moving to Texas in 1969, Jones' ministry included serving as a higher education administrator, a professional in substance abuse and addictive ministries, non-profit organization consulting, and others. He also had served on the staff of TCU and is now on the TCU alumni board of directors.

"But I evolved out of the ministry, it wasn't being fulfilled, so I returned to the pastorate."

Jones served the First Christian Church in Granbury, Texas for 10 years, before retiring. His expected one to two years at the First Christian Church in Ruidoso is his third interim ministry since retiring.

"I was here this summer," Jones said. "The First Christian Church minister left. They asked me if I wanted to be their interim or transitional minister. My wife and I decided 'yes.' I am so pleased to have this opportunity to come back and be in my childhood hometown."



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Rev. Max Jones returned to his childhood home last month, as the Senior Interim Minister at Ruidoso's First Christian Church.

People of God always under attack

Pearl Harbor Day came and went on December 7, with very little recognition from the general public and the media. I suppose with the recollection of September 11, other attacks on the United States pale in the media coverage.

I was five-and-a-half years old when the news broke that Pearl Harbor had been attacked by the Japanese. My father did the best he could to keep me from being frightened that war might come to the USA. He put a world map up on the wall and marked the front lines in the European and Pacific sectors. He did this all through the war.

I remember the celebrations when VE Day and VJ Day came. The movie newsreels were all we had to see the surrender signings. For those younger, we did not have TV yet, just RKO newsreels and newspaper reports.

I don't remember what I was doing when Pearl Harbor was bombed. But I remember standing on the memorial above the sunken battleship Missouri in June of 1981, with tears streaming down my cheeks. And in June of 2008, I stood there again and had to ask men to remove their hats and remember the sacrifices made for them.

I remember what I was doing when President Kennedy was killed, Friday, November 22nd, 1963. I was a math teacher and coach at Lanier High School in

Austin, Texas. I was on lunchroom duty when our principal announced that the president was shot. And then, the report came that he was dead.

We had a football game scheduled that night against our Austin rivals, the Johnston High School Rams. The athletic director, the principals, and the head coaches discussed canceling the game. They came to the conclusion that the president would want the game to go on. It was played, but there was no spirit or enthusiasm.

On September 11, 2001, I was preaching a revival at the FBC of Alvord, Texas. We were staying with Worth and Gay Clark, friends and former church members at Tate Springs BC in Arlington, Texas. I was having my prayer time when Worth knocked on the door to our bedroom. He told me something strange was going on, and that I needed to come in and watch the TV. I did and saw reruns of the first plane hitting the first tower and then, I watched in horror as the second plane flew into the second tower.

Whether these three attacks came out of dreams of world conquest, demented jealousy, or religious fervor, they were all devilishly demonic. We must understand that the people of God will always be under attack.

We must be willing to stand against the enemies of God, right, and freedom. If we don't, we will not have help for today and hope for tomorrow.



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He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Wanda Carroll; his four half sisters, Bonnie Leonard and Susan Herbelin of Waco, Texas, Pat Rogers of Inola, Oklahoma, and Linda Elgin of Wautaga, Texas; two half brothers, Richard Birnbaun of Quilan, Texas, Ralph Birnbaun of Waco, Texas; his uncle, James Skiles of Pinson, Alabama; and his aunt, Fay Wilson of Rockwall, Texas.

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LINCOLN COUNTY

Capitan audit passes with high marks

JULIE CARTER
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The Village of Capitan's accounting and management staff were given thumbs-up kudos for the 2008-09 audit that was marked with an "unqualified best" by auditors of Thad Porch and Associates.

Due to health issues of the auditor Thad Porch that kept him from traveling, the exit conference was held telephonically during Tuesday's council meeting.

"We performed the audit on time and it's been accepted by the state auditor," Porch said. "We had no troubles whatsoever performing the audit this year."

Porch said that of three types of opinions you can get, an unqualified opinion is best.

"This is another year where the village has received an unqualified opinion," Porch said. "I have to say that the quality of the work down there is very good. The detail that is kept is very good and the people are very dedicated. We had no qualms at all with the quality of the accounting."

Porch pointed to the statement of financial assets. "I wanted to point out that the Village of Capitan that at the close of 2009 had almost \$2 million in cash," Porch said. "And its entire liabilities were

only \$900,000. That means you could pay off all your liabilities including all of your bonds with cash. That is a very, very healthy position to be in."

Porch said the three findings that were found in the previous year's audit had been cleared and they did not reoccur. "That speaks to the quality of the people in your accounting department and your management," he said. "What we don't like to see is repeat findings and there were none. So that is very good."

The audit had only one finding and again Porch praised the village for that, saying it is rare that a municipality has less than



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Kay Stickland, Shirley Pavlovic and Dana Johnson

a couple of findings.

"This finding (in the utility billing department) doesn't have to do with the internal control and the accounting treatment. Those were fine," he said. "The problem was at year end, the year-end report wasn't printed out so it came to balancing the system, we had nothing to look at. We had to recreate some data. So our recommendation is that year end, or monthly, the report be printed out."

"Kudos to Kay, Shirley and Dana," Porch said. "My presentations is very short this year because there no problems."



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Jerrett Perry



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What's so special about home?

All of us are from somewhere; that place that we claim to be the origin of our roots, no matter how far back it goes.

When the word "home" is spoken, it conjures up a medley of memories. I realize now how, in my youth, I so nonchalantly took for granted the splendor of my home in Southern Colorado.

The Wet Mountain Valley and its outer regions offer breathtaking views of a range of 14,000-plus mountain peaks in the Sangre de Cristo that rise sharply from a picturesque valley floor.

It is the same valley that Zebulon Pike came through in 1806, followed by farming and ranching settlers in the 1860s.

With the Sangre de Cristo towering on the west and the Wet Mountains enclosing it on the east, the rich, fertile valley remains a bastion for historic ranches and miles of meadows growing reputation prime hay.

The majesty of those mountains and the peace-

fulness of the valley create a surreal sense of belonging to anyone that spends any time there.

When I daydream of my youth in that yesterday, there is always something magical about those years of running free in the mountains like a wild child of the hills.

Home had it all.

We, my three brothers and I, rode horses for work and for play. We played hide and seek in the chest-high grass of the hay meadows followed by endless hours of play on the long haystacks in the hay lot.

We fished, hunted, camped, swam, waded, explored and were completely oblivious to any hustle and bustle of an outside world. Summer ran on endlessly and adventures were only an adventure away.

Our lives were simple, uncomplicated and revolved around daily chores and the routines of school or work on the ranch.

My dad was the centerpiece hero in our lives and mostly, he just



worked. He was a real cowboy with a heavy load of responsibility at a very young age. He smiled the most when he was fine tuning on a young horse and those evenings when he'd play the guitar and sing a little "T for Texas."

My mother cooked, canned, churned, sewed, gardened, laundered and kept track of her four young outlaws, myself included. She pretended

she wasn't worried when we all left the house horseback, headed for the pine-covered hills to play cowboys and Indians.

She was both concerned and amused when we older two tried to lose the younger two.

Maybe she never knew how close she came to having only two children left in her brood. Tough little buggers, those little boys were.

Of course, home does-

n't look quite the same today as it did then. Civilization has been drawn to the valley for all the same reasons it was a high mountain heaven for my generation and those before me.

There is just something about it. Valley natives feel it. Newcomers feel it. I'm not sure anyone can name it.

Some days it calls to me with a powerful woo-

ing in my soul. It is then that I find those sharp, visual memories. I pull them to the forefront of my mind and savor them like a child with a long lost favorite toy.

In those moments, home is still exactly the way it was, and so am I.

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY OF NEW MEXICO
 ALTO LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, INC., a New Mexico corporation,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ANTONIO CATALDI and NORMA CATALDI,
 Defendant,
 CV 2009-00255 Div. 003
NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER FORECLOSURE JUDGMENT
 NOTICE is hereby given that under and by virtue of Judgment described on property entered by the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on September 21, 2009 in civil case number CV-2009-00255, the undersigned will offer for public sale to the highest bidder, for cash at the front entrance of the Ruidoso Municipal Building at 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico on the 18th day of December, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., all rights of the defendants to the following described property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico:
 Lots 51 and 52, ALTO LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB SUBDIVISION, Unit 1, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, No. 928 (hereinafter referred to as "the Property").
 Notice is further given that the court directed foreclosure of the mortgage and security agreements, and the amounts to be realized of said sale from the Property, with interest calculated to date of sale, are as follows:
 Amount of Plaintiff's Judgment...\$4,018.16
 Interest to date of Sale...\$75.56
 Costs...\$435.75
 Attorney's Fees...\$1,500
 In addition thereto there will be accrued interest on the amount of this Notice, and the Special Master's

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 are hereby notified that they have until thirty (30) days from date of completion of this Notice in which to file an answer or other pleading in response to the Complaint and should said Defendants choose not to file an answer or other responsive pleading to the Complaint on or before thirty (30) days from date of completion of this Notice, judgment or other appropriate relief may be rendered against the above-named Defendants.
 Richard A. Leverick of the law firm of Leverick and Musseman, L.L.C., whose address and phone number is 5120 San Francisco Rd. NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109, (505) 858-3303 is the attorney for the Plaintiff.
 #8877 3T (11)27 (12)4,11
STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
 WASHINGTON FEDERAL SAVINGS, Plaintiff,
 vs. CV 09-311
 DEAN KAHNICH and LINDA KAHNICH, Husband and Wife, and WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Defendant,
NOTICE OF PENDING OF SUIT
 TO: Defendants Dean Kahlich and Linda Kahlich;
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Foreclosure in the above Court on August 17, 2009 against the above-named Defendants. The general object of the Complaint is to foreclose a lien of the Plaintiff against certain real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:
 LOT 23A, OF TRACTS R, S, PALMER GATEWAY SUBDIVISION, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE REPLAT OF LOTS 22, 23 AND 24, WEST 35 FEET OF LOT 24, OF TRACTS R AND S, PALMER GATEWAY SUBDIVISION, THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, JUNE 5, 1994, IN CASE NO. 928.
 and to foreclose the interests of the above named Defendants and any other parties, and to satisfy the interests of the Plaintiff, all as more particularly described in the Complaint filed in this Court of action.
FURTHER, the above-named Defendants and Linda Kahlich

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 follows:
 Amount of Plaintiff's Judgment...\$4,239.69
 Interest to date of Sale...\$325.11
 Costs...\$435.75
 Attorney Fees...\$1,500
 In addition thereto there will be accrued interest on the amount of this Notice and the Special Master's Fee fixed by the Court in the amount of \$250.00.
 The terms of this sale are that the purchaser must pay cash at the time the Property is struck off to him, except that the Plaintiff may bid all or any part of its judgment, plus interest without paying cash.
 Witness my hand this 20th day of November, 2009.
 #8884 4T (12)4,11,18 (12)25
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY OF NEW MEXICO
 ALTO LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, INC., a New Mexico corporation,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 BRIAN ORTIZ, a single man,
 Defendant,
 CV 2009-256 Div. III
NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER FORECLOSURE JUDGMENT
 NOTICE is hereby given that under and by virtue of Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on November 18, 2009 in civil case number CV-2009-00256, the undersigned will offer for public sale to the highest bidder for cash at the front entrance of the Ruidoso Municipal Building, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, on January 20, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. all rights of the defendant to the above described real and personal property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico:
 Lot T22, DEER PARK WOODS SUBDIVISION, Unit 4 Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on October 19, 1977 (hereinafter referred to as "the Property").
 Notice is further given that the court directed foreclosure of the mortgage and security agreements, and the amounts to be realized of said sale from the Property, with interest calculated to date of sale, are as follows:
 A tract of land situate in the SW/4 of Section 19, Township 36 North, Range 18 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:
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 which lay North a distance of 1450 feet and East a distance of 1011.34 feet from the Section corner common to Section 24 and 25, T10S, R13E, N.M.P.M. and Section 19 and 20, T14E, N.M.P.M., thence N 00° 02' 18" E a distance of 60.00 feet to the southeast, then R.O.W. line of Fort Stanton Road, then in a northeasterly direction 212.56 feet along the arc of a curve to the left whose radius is 449.63 feet; thence 161.04 feet along the arc of a curve to the right whose radius is 624.32 feet; thence 32.07 feet to the west of 772.16 feet; thence West a distance of 330 feet to the point of beginning.
THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to the purchaser of the above entitled and numbered property, which includes interest and costs, is \$1,585.76 and the undersigned has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff will apply all or any part of its judgment, plus interest 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 pending reservations, easements, oil 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 the property subject to the sale takes the property subject to the real and personal property of the Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$483,098.90 and the same bears interest at 8.25% per annum from November 24, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$26,587.87. The Plaintiff and its assigns has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. Plaintiff will apply all or any part of its judgment, plus interest in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special

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 #8887 4T (12)11,18,25 (11)11
STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of September 1, 2005, GSAMP Trust 2005-WMCI,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 R. MARIE ESSER and JOHN DOE A. TRUST (Name Unknown), her spouse; STATE NATIONAL MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. as nominee; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown),
 Defendants.
 No. CV-09-113
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 13, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the north-east entrance of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, sell all of the right, title and interest of the above-named Plaintiff in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 405 Scenic Drive, Ruidoso, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
 Lot 85, Block 2, of NORTH HEIGHTS PARK, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on 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. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$483,098.90 and the same bears interest at 8.25% per annum from November 24, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$26,587.87. The Plaintiff and its assigns has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. Plaintiff will apply all or any part of its judgment, plus interest in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special

Legal Notices 152
 #8888 2T (12)11,18
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY OF NEW MEXICO
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF L. HENDELL, JR., Deceased.
 Cause No. PB-2009-32 Division III
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims with the date of the first publication of this notice. Claims must be presented to the undersigned personal representative at Shirley Halladay Hotl, P.O. Box 7874, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88355, or the CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT, Twelfth Judicial District, P.O. Box 725, Carrizozo, New Mexico, 88301.
 DATED: December 4, 2009
 Shirley Halladay Hotl, P.O. Box 7874, Ruidoso, NM 88355
 Petitioner Respectfully Submitted:
 Adam D. Rafkin, Esq.

Legal Notices 152
 #8889 4T (12)11,18,25 (11)11
STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
 FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN RUIDOSO, a National Banking Corporation,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 PATRICIA I. RUIZ, a married woman dealing with her sale & separate property.
 Defendant.
 CV-2009-190 Division: III
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under and by virtue of the order of the Court of Foreclosure, and appointment of special master entered by the Twelfth Judicial District Court, Lincoln County, New Mexico, the undersigned will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 a.m., on February 1, 2010, the property located on the East Entrance of First National Bank in Ruidoso, 451 Suddarth Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, the following described real property: Block nine (9), Alpine Village Subdivision, P.O. Box 2132, Los Cruces, NM 88904-2132, or filed with the Lincoln County Probate Court, Post Office Box 338, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.
 Dated this 4th day of December, 2009.
 Susan Kay Bailor, Personal Representative

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 #8890 2T (12)11,18
STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
 BETTY LOU HUSEMOLLER, Deceased.
 No. 2388 Judge Carrie Spencer
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Susan Kay Bailor was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Betty Lou Husemoller, deceased, without bond in and to the probate of the Estate of Betty Lou Husemoller, deceased. All persons having claims against this estate must present their claims within two months after the date of first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative of the Estate of Betty Lou Husemoller, deceased, at the following address: P.O. Box 2132, Los Cruces, New Mexico 88904-2132, or filed with the Lincoln County Probate Court, Post Office Box 338, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.
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CALL FOR BIDS
 Greentree Solid Waste Authority will open Sealed Bids at 2:00 p.m. on December 28, 2009 at the Authority's Office, 222 2nd Street, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346 on the following:
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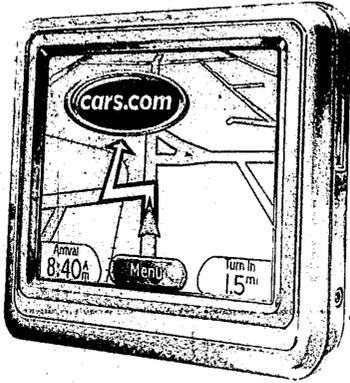
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THIS WEEKEND

Cowboy Christmas Parade



Images of past Capitan Cowboy Christmas parades. Photos courtesy Julie Carter.

The Capitan Public Library's annual Cowboy Christmas Parade takes place this Saturday, Dec. 12, at noon. This parade is non-motorized and consists mostly of wagons, horses, foot-walkers, animals and bicycles.

The parade will organize on Forest Street by the Capitan schools and travel through town on Smokey Bear Boulevard ending at the Capitan Public Library.

Santa will be riding in the parade and then handing out gift bags to the younger children upon reaching the library. Cider and cookies will be served to all.

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On the cover



Country music superstar Willie Nelson performs at Inn of the Mountain Gods this Sunday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.

Carrizozo Artists' Show

Galley 408 on Historic Twelfth Street

Carrizozo, New Mexico



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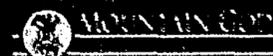
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EVENTS CALENDAR

**Chamber Music Festival
Call for Artists**

December 4 - 31:
(Ruidoso) All Lincoln County artists are invited to submit up to three works of art in a visual arts competition, the purpose of which is to obtain an image that will be used by the 2010 Chamber Music Festival (CMF). For more information, contact Dan Hood at (575-257-8864).

**White Sands National
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December 4 - 31:
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5th Annual Cowboy Ball

December 12: (Ruidoso) Lincoln Cty. Sheriff's Posse fundraiser with Jody Nix & Texas Cowboys. Mountain Annie's Dinner Theatre, 7 - 11 p.m. \$55. Tickets available at RVCC, Wagon Wheel Gifts, Mountain Annie's (247-7982) or call 354-0115. A Backforty Bunkhouse Production.

Carrizozo Artists' Show

December 12:
(Carrizozo) Opening reception 5 - 7 p.m. at Gallery 408. Show runs through Jan. 31. 648-2598.

Willie Nelson Concert

December 13:
(Mescalero) IMG. 7 p.m. Tickets 1-888-324-0348.

Book Signing

December 15: (Ruidoso) The authors of *Sharing Moments Over Tea: The Journeys of Four Women* will be signing their new book at Josie's Framery, 4 - 7 p.m., refreshments. For info, call 575-257-4156.

New Mexico Film Series

December 16: (Ruidoso) "When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder?" Free admission. 8 p.m. RRCA, 1712 Sudderth. Call 257-3012.

Fireside Celebration

December 17: (Ruidoso) Catered cocktail party to honor community members who support Festival of Lights. 6 - 9 p.m. Cover charge. 1-888-71-LIGHTS.

Book Signing

December 17: (Ruidoso) The authors of *Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs* will be signing their new book at Josie's Framery, 5 - 7 p.m., refreshments. For info, call 575-257-4156.

The Nutcracker

December 19: (Alto) 2 p.m., 7 p.m. at Spencer Theater. Ruidoso Dance Ensemble's adaptation of Tchaikovsky's Christmas classic with more than 50 dancers ages 4 and up. \$28. 575-336-4800.

**Ski Apache Torch Light
Parade**

December 19: (Alto) Drum plays at 5 p.m. At 6 p.m. parade begins when skiers with lighted torches ski down the Ski Apache mountainside. Free admission. 1-888-71-LIGHTS.

**Flying J Wranglers
Christmas Special**

December 22: (Alto) Holiday show featuring western yodeling, vocals, fiddle and guitars. 8 p.m. at Spencer Theatre for the Performing Arts. \$29 and \$26. 1-888-818-7872.

**New Year's Eve
Celebration**

December 31:
(Mescalero) IMG. 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. Dinner, dance, midnight toast. 1-877-277-4577.

**Auditions for musical
January 12 & 14:**

(Alamogordo) AMT auditions for spring 2010 musical *Smokey Joe's Café: The Songs Of Leiber and Stoller*. For information, contact director Randall Cutts, 575-442-8661 or email thunderb9@yahoo.com.

**Virgil Stephens
Drawing Workshop**

January 15 - 17:
(Ruidoso) "Painting in Charcoal". Cree Meadows Country Club. 12 students max.; \$375 pp, includes lunch and supplies. Call 575-354-3352.

"Science With Santa"

The scientific side of Santa made quite a hit with kids at "Science With Santa", held Saturday, Nov. 28, at the New Mexico Museum of Space History in Alamogordo.

"The class was so popular that we've decided to expand to three more days in December," said Museum Education director Gabriel Vetch. It will be offered again on Dec. 21, 22 and 23.

Santa will be guiding children through crafts and projects demonstrating scientific principles. The all-day class begins at 9 a.m. with Santa's lead elf building up to the holidays with experiments and projects designed to teach about the seasonal changes. A pizza lunch is provided at noon, then Santa arrives and class continues until 4 p.m. Saturday Science Class students who register for four classes in December or January can attend one Santa Session free; non-registered students will be charged a \$20 fee which includes the lunch.

Open to students in first through sixth grade, Saturday Science Class will feature "Dinosaurs" during December - guaranteed to be a roaring success for all dino-loving children. The theme of Saturday Science Class in January is "The Magician's Apprentice." In this class students will learn the principles of magic and easy tricks to mystify their friends and families with.

Classes for first through third graders are from 9 a.m. to noon, and fourth



through sixth graders have class from 1 - 4 p.m. The registration fee is \$18 per session (\$15 for museum members), or \$60 per month (\$50 for museum members).

"Before the Dinosaurs" is the theme for Saturday, Dec. 5. Students will learn about prehistoric creatures and monsters that paved the way for dinos. On Saturday, Dec. 12, it's "Dawn of the Dinosaurs" with a journey across the Triassic and Jurassic ages learning about the first dinosaurs. "Twilight of the Dinosaurs" is slated for Saturday, Dec. 19, where students will find that the Cretaceous period would prove to be the last for giant dinos. On Dec. 26, "Licking Rocks: Fossils" helps students discover the ways scientists learn about the past through fossils.

Experiments and projects will be age-group spe-

cific so that students will get the most out of each class. Every three-hour class includes more than a dozen science demonstrations and projects.

Register your child for four Saturday Space Science Classes today and get one Science With Santa class free. Download a registration form from the museum's Web site at www.nmspacemuseum.org (click on Programs and Education at the top of the home page), or visit the Museum Education Office inside the IMAX theater.

For more information, call 575-437-2840, extension 41132 or toll free at 1-877-333-6589. All classes are held in the Tombaugh IMAX building on the grounds of the museum.

The New Mexico Museum of Space History is a division of the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs.

ON STAGE

Live music in the clubs this weekend

FRIDAY

Cree Meadows Country Club (301 Country Club Dr.; 257-CREE): Terry Bullard/country; 7 p.m. to close.

Landlocked Grill (441 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso; 257-9559): Tomas Vigil; 6:30 p.m.

Mountain Annie's (2710 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-7982): The RiverSong Ramblers with guest star Barbara Westbrook; 7 p.m.

Texas Club (212 Metz Dr., Ruidoso; 258-3325): Skooter Jones

Wendell's Lounge (Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino): Doug Fuqua; 5-11 p.m./**Wendell's Restarant** (IMG) Mike Sunjka; 5-10 p.m.

Win, Place & Show (2516 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-9982): Steve Anderson and the Stray Bullet Band; 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Atticus Books and Tea House (413 Mechem Dr.: 257-2665): Brady McKenna; 2 - 5 p.m.

Casa Blanca (501 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso; 257-2495): Blake Martin and Rich Chorne; 7 p.m.

Landlocked Grill: (441 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso; 257-9559): Hillbilly Potentates; 6:30 p.m.

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SUNDAY

Laughing Sheep Farm: (Hwy. 380, Lincoln; 653-04041) Mark Remington and Sally Canning; 12 - 3:30 p.m.

The Quarters (2535 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-9535) Blues and Barbecue Cowboy Mafia - 3 to 7 pm

Win Place & Show (2516 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-9982): Steve Anderson and the Stray Bullet Band; 7:30 p.m.

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If you would like to have your event listed or featured in an upcoming issue of ¡Vamonos! please submit a press release along with four or more high-resolution photographs via email to jhanson@ruidosonews.com.

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SPECIAL EVENT

Artists of Carrizozo

What is the magical quality that has drawn so many talented artists to the small town of Carrizozo?

Painters, weavers, sculptors, metal artists, ceramicists and photographers all have artworks on exhibit in Gallery 408 during the "Artists of Carrizozo Show" open now for the holidays.

These Carrizozo artists are an eclectic group of young and old who live and work in the area. What makes this show so interesting is the variety of the artists' mediums and materials. Individually, they have shown coast-to-coast and all over the world - Milan, New York City, Mexico, Minneapolis

and Poland, to mention a few locations.

Some artists have studios in their homes, while others enjoy a private studio located in Upstairs Studios on Twelfth Street.

At the show's opening night Saturday, Dec. 12, 5 - 7 p.m., visitors will see posters, benches, china, pottery, paintings and delightful surprises. One artist combines her verbal wit with her visual cues. An Alfred Institute graduate potter collects his clay locally by hiking around the arroyos in the surrounding area. Known for her showing in New York City, another artist has completed work just for this show depicting specific images of Carrizozo.

Gallery 408 has gathered all of this wonderful local talent under its old two-story adobe roof to present "The Artists of Carrizozo."

For information, call 575-648-2598, or go on-line www.gallery408.com.



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Every One Welcome!!!

"Glass Still Life" by artist Pat Payne (far left) is a stained glass piece;
 "Man's Best Friend" by Doug Rassier (top, this page) is oil on canvas;
 "Flagstone Lite" is also oil on canvas by Doug Rassier (above).

SPECIAL EVENT



"Daffodils" (left) is one painting of the triptych "Early Spring on the Island" by artist Joan Malkerson and is rendered in oil on linen.

"The Great Facade" (right) by Gallery 408's Artist in Residence Doug Rassier is oil on canvas.

"Carrizozo Rock Dove" (below left) is a wood print on paper by artist Paula Wilson.

"Yes, we're open" by artist Sherry Witt is oil on canvas.



ART

Virgil Stephens workshop

Virgil C. Stephens is one of this region's foremost artists. As a young child, Stephens would find himself always drawing, or "doodling" as he sometimes refers to it. Later, he moved into oils and watercolors. Being self-taught, he learned his

craft over the years by studying works of famous artists and reading books from well-known teachers.

For 20 years, Stephens specialized in black-and-white pencil and charcoal drawings, until January 2004 when his work expanded into other mediums, including oils and

bronze sculpture. His subject matter ranges from Western, Americana and Figurative, to whimsical blues and jazz paintings.

An award-winning artist, Stephens has been selling to collectors worldwide for the past 30 years and his art is found in galleries throughout the

United States and Canada.

For the first time in his career, Stephens will hold a drawing workshop titled "Painting in Charcoal" on Jan. 15 - 17 at Cree Meadows Country Club, 301 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso.

This three-day workshop is intended to increase an artist's ability to take their work to a higher level of realism, regardless of their current level of art education. Stephens believes that learning to draw is all about learning to "see" deeply and profoundly, gaining confidence in creative abilities and then applying what you've learned. This process will be established by using the time-honored "grid" system, eliminating confusion and learning to draw proportionally.

Stephens will demonstrate these techniques and work individually with each student. Students will learn how to capture the personality with reflective light, skin tones and techniques with paint brushes and other tools. Attendees are encouraged to bring their works for critiquing.

The cost is \$375 per person. All art supplies and daily lunches are included. Enrollment is limited to 12 students and reservations are required.

For more information, contact Virgil C. Stephens at HC 67, Box 55; Nogal, NM 8834; call 575-354-3352.; email virgil@notevena.com.; or go online to www.notevena.com.



"Mother's Little Helper" (above) and "Child of the Earth" (below) are examples of Stephens' fine work.





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ART MATTERS

Dorothy Duff

Dorothy's art education started many years ago with classes at Washington State College. After raising a family and then retiring, she moved to Arizona. There, she attended Mohave Community College where she took basic art classes over again, and it led to a second career in art. Dorothy has continued her education by attending workshops with Robert Wood, Maggie Price, Betsy Dillard Stroud, Robert Jennings Bryan and others. Her art has been exhibited at various shows, and hangs in galleries throughout Arizona, Nevada and California.

Since moving to Ruidoso in 2005, Dorothy has shown her art in Treasures of Sierra Blanca, the Christmas Jubilee, the Ruidoso Regional Art Gallery, Art in

the Pines Studio Tours, The Old Mill, Art in Public Places, mARTi Gras, Oso Gallery in Capitan, The Gallery in Roswell and the Roswell Art League Fall Show.

In working her trade, Dorothy tried various media, ultimately deciding to specialize in watercolor, pastel and ink. For animals she usually uses pastel or pen-and-ink with a watercolor wash. She feels her landscapes work best in watercolor. When inspired by a certain object, animal or scene, Dorothy will snap a multitude of photos. It stays in her thoughts like a dormant seed until, one day, she tries to bring it to life. Sometimes the seeds turn out to be pretty flowers, and other times as scrubby weeds. She realizes that not every inspiration becomes a winner.



Dorothy spends time at her easel defining images she "discovers" from the initial sun process.

"Sun paintings" are one of Dorothy's specialties. Using a large flat pan with a half inch of water in the bottom, she places 140-pound watercolor paper inside to fit the pan, and selects paint colors to fit the mood of the day. Her unique process is to toss the colors in randomly, adding pieces of shrink wrap and/or aluminum foil on top. Some weights are added to hold them down until the water evaporates. In the summer sun, this doesn't take long. It's a great surprise to dismantle the creation and discover what the sun and evaporation have done. She then looks for shapes or symbols, which she works up in more detail. An example is "Red Bird" (lower right) which started as a sun painting. Dorothy then enhanced lines to define the legs, beak and eye.

Dorothy's studio is located beside her home at 205 Whitney Dr., Ruidoso, and is open to visitors on request. For more information or to set an appointment, contact Dorothy by calling 575-258-2310.

Art Matters

"Art Matters" is submitted by the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts or their members.

This weekly series showcases RRCA member artists and their work in a variety of mediums.

For information on the RRCA visit their gallery at 1712 Sudderth Drive or call 575-257-7272.



Dorothy Duff's "sun painting" technique begins with a unique creation process. Discovering the possibilities, and then detailing them, result in the finished piece.



THEATRE

A Christmas Story

There are many favorite Christmas stories — the one from the Bible, the one about Scrooge, the one about the little fir tree, and the one

about the nutcracker who comes to life. But the one that has been turned into the comedy which Lincoln County Community Theater will present is the one

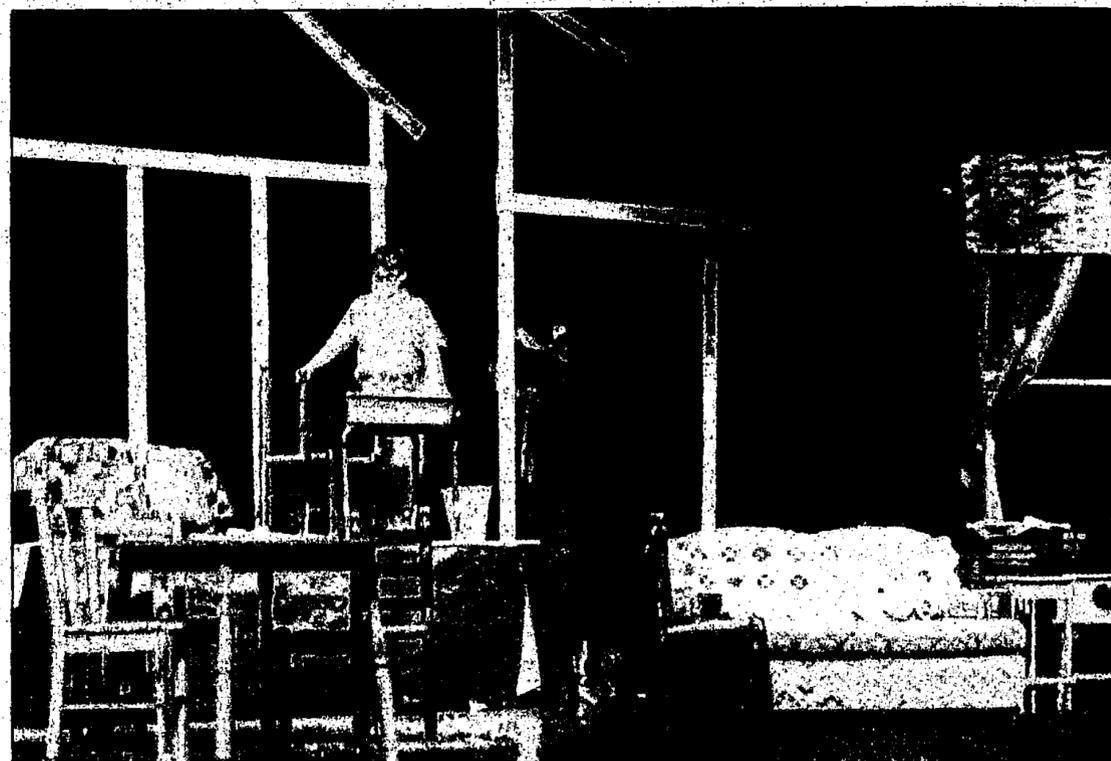
about the boy who wants a special Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas.

Everyone is sure “you’ll shoot your eye out,” but he doesn’t give up; even when the focus shifts to the special leg-lamp his father wins in a contest; even when one of his friends gets his tongue frozen to the flagpole on the schoolyard; even when his little brother has an accident on Santa’s lap. Ralphie finds he needs that BB gun even more when Black Bart and his Desperados attack his family in their breakfast room. He also needs it when he and his friends get lost in the middle of the jungle in their living room.

The show will run its second weekend at the Ruidoso High School Performing Arts Center on Friday night, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday afternoons, Dec. 12 and 13 at 2 p.m. Tickets available at the door.

Director Don Madaris has assembled a 13-member cast of talented, creative people to bring this Christmas classic to the stage. Some of the children have never been on-stage before, while others have performed in plays and movies. Adults in the cast also bring a wide range of acting abilities and experience to their roles.

Tickets are \$8, or \$6 for students and seniors. For more information, contact Don L. Madaris at madaris@windstream.net, or call 575-258-3133.



Actor Justin Hall (above) in the role of Ralphie never gives up on getting a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas.



LCCT members (left-to-right) Judy Leatherwood, president; Leo Mitchell, board member and treasurer; K'Alin Kingsley, wife of cast member, Larry Kingsley.

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The Ruidoso Dance Ensemble's original adaptation of Tchaikovsky's Christmas classic "The Nutcracker" will be presented on Saturday, Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. and at 7 p.m. Ticket prices are \$28 for either performance.

The production features gorgeous sets and costumes, and outstanding student and professional dancers. It promises to be a delightful evening spent in a magical world of dancing nutcrackers, soldiers, sugar plum fairies, candy canes, mice, and little girls and boys. Marvel as the sets come to life, like the 40-foot tall Christmas tree, smoke-ring firing cannon and swirling grandfather clock. Choreographed to precision, RDE's Nutcracker is a beloved, timeless Christmas tale for the entire family to enjoy.



The Ruidoso Dance Ensemble presents its original holiday performance of "The Nutcracker."

The Spencer Theatre of the Performing Arts continues its holiday season entertainment with the ever-popular Flying J Wranglers' Christmas Special to be

held on Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 8 p.m. Ticket prices are \$29 and \$26.

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Flying J Wranglers of Alto. These longtime Lincoln County entertainers celebrate the heritage of the West and the beauty of the holiday season with melodious Western yodeling vocals, fiddle and guitars in soaring renditions of spirituals like "Go Tell It On The Mountain,"

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Christmas" and "Riding to Ruidoso." Rounding off the night's repertoire will be sizzling hot Western instrumentals and the homespun Flying J Wrangler hilarity for which they are known.

For information or for tickets, contact the Spencer Theatre at 575-336-4800, 888-818-7872.

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COVER STORY



BY MARTY RACINE
FOR VAMANOS

Willie Nelson, an American icon, returns to the Ruidoso area Sunday for a gig at the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

It has been a non-stop tour for decades for Nelson and his longtime band, which includes harmonica player Mickey Raphael.

"We're doing 136 cities this year, I think," Raphael said by phone from Galveston, Texas, where the band was performing in late November.

Touring, Raphael says, "is what Willie does, when he's not making records. Somebody once asked him when he was going to retire. He said, 'All I do is make music and play golf. Which one am I supposed to quit?'"

"It's not for everybody. It's not for sissies. It's tough, it's tough traveling as much as we do, but it's the only thing — I've been with him since I was 20, and I'm 58 right now, so it's the only thing I know."

And Raphael isn't the veteran of Willie's road band. Drummer Paul English has been with him since the mid '60s, and sister Bobbie, it seems, has been playing piano with him forever.

Touring is, indeed, a way of life for this crew.

"We never stop touring," Raphael says. "We don't slow down enough for Willie to ever say, 'Let's fire this guy.' It's perpetual. There have been a few who have quit over the years, and Grady Martin, the great guitar player, passed away, but this is all

COVER STORY

On the road – still

Willie Nelson plays the Inn of the Mountain Gods Sunday

we've done."

Of course, the road regimen has changed as the fellas have aged.

"You've really got to watch it," Raphael says. "You need your sleep, your rest. You've got to carry a lot of water, get your exercise. I bike. I carry a cycle on the road, try to ride."

In the early days, the party never ended.

"You do have to clean up your act, or you won't last this long," Raphael says.

Raphael began playing harmonica in high school in the mid '60s, but it wasn't country music, he says.

"I was inspired by the blues, Paul Butterfield and Charlie Musselwhite, but it was really the folkie guys, like John Sebastian. Then I heard some of the country players: Charlie McCoy was a great harmonica player. That got me interested in country music, but I really didn't get into it until I got with Willie."

Raphael met Nelson around 1970 through legendary University of Texas football coach Darrell Royal.

"He was a friend of Willie's and was a real music fan," Raphael says of Royal. "The coach loved music; I think [Kris] Kristofferson wrote 'Why Me, Lord?' in his driveway.

"Anyway, we were in a hotelroom in Dallas after

one of the games, and [Royal] got word to me to come on over, bring my harmonica, he was having a bunch of his friends over. I guess he'd seen me in Austin playing with a bunch of different people.

"I brought my harmonica over and just sat on the floor with everybody else. Willie was there, and they were passing the guitar around. I just played along with them, and Willie said, 'Well, if you see us playing anywhere, just come sit in.'"

Raphael soon became a member of Willie & Friends, and it was somewhat of a cultural shock.

"I had little knowledge of country music. I leaned more to the hippie side – a long-haired kid who grew up in Dallas. I was into the Stones and The Band.

"I was not into country music at all, and when I got with Willie, it was a crash course. It was weird, a lot of these places we played, I couldn't walk into them by myself – a kid 19 years old with a big ball of curly hair, an Afro, walking into some of these joints with a bunch of drunk cowboys."

Willie-Hugh Nelson was born on April 30, 1933, in Depression-era Abbot, Texas.

After his mother abandoned the family and his

father died, he and sister Bobbie Lee were raised by gospel-singing grandparents. Working in the cotton fields, Willie was handed his first guitar at age 6 and within a short time was writing woeful country songs and playing in polka bands.

During his teenage years he played at high school dances and honky-tonks. He also worked for a local radio station and by graduation he had become a DJ with his own radio show.

After graduating high school in 1950, Nelson went into the U.S. Air Force. He did not last long, however. Stationed in Lackland in San Antonio, Texas, Nelson left the service because of back problems, an affliction that has plagued him to this day.

He attended Baylor University for a time. To make ends meet, he took on odd jobs, including janitor and door-to-door Bible salesman.

At about this time, Nelson sold his first song called "No Place For Me." He worked as a radio disc jockey for several years and played gigs in his spare time. He continued writing songs, producing what would become some of his most famous works.

Married in 1952 to a full-blooded Cherokee, Nelson and first wife

Martha had two children. He initially came to be known in Nashville in the early '60s for selling his songs to well-established country artists such as Patsy Cline ("Crazy"), Faron Young ("Hello Walls") and Ray Price ("Night Life").

While in Nashville, Nelson became one of the so-called Country Outlaws, along with Kris Kristofferson and Waylon Jennings. It was a movement that would change the culture of country music and provide a link back to its Texas roots.

In the early 1970s, after extensive touring with his band and experiencing a number of career downswings, Nelson began performing and recording his own songs instead of selling them to others. Two of his albums, *Shotgun Willie* and *Phases and Stages*, helped him gain some stature.

In 1975 it all came together with the album *Red-Headed Stranger*, which would become the top-selling country music album in history. His off-beat phrasing, distinctive nasal tones and leathery, bewhiskered hippie-styled looks set a new standard for country music.

In the process, he recorded some classics: Ballads such as "Always On My Mind," autobiog-

raphical road songs ("On the Road Again") and catchy rhythms ("Mammas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys.")

"Willie never recorded an album to get airplay," Raphael says of Nelson's eclectic discography. "He's doing it for the music. Some of his songs might make airplay, some may not, but that's not what drives him."

As a unique song stylist, the bearded, braided-haired, bandanna-wearing non-conformist also took a number of non-country standards and made them his own, including Elvis Presley's "You Were Always on My Mind" and Ray Charles' "Georgia on My Mind."

In the process, Nelson bridged the gap between hippies and rednecks, through his annual Willie Nelson 4th of July Picnics.

Only in Texas, it seems, could that be accomplished.

"You had Leon Russell, who was a big fan of country music, but he was one of the biggest rock stars in the world," Raphael says. "He was from Oklahoma and was a long-haired country boy."

In 1985, Nelson crossed over further. With Kristofferson and John Cougar Mellencamp, he helped found Farm Aid, an

annual festival benefiting the nation's family farmers.

Nelson married fourth wife Ann-Marie in 1991 and has survived some hard times in recent years, including a \$16.7 million debt to the IRS and the suicide of one of his sons, Billy.

But the music world embraced him. Nelson was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1993.

Nelson's most recent recording efforts have *Willie & The Wheel*, a project with long-time friends Asleep at the Wheel, and *American Classic*, a classic American songbook that's sort of a sequel to *Stardust*.

"And we just did a really cool record with T-Bone Burnett producing that's bluegrass and classic country," Raphael says. "That will be out in March. I just heard it yesterday, and it's a great record."

Raphael still finds the spark in such musical adventures.

"The interpretations of the songs are different every night," he says of the shows. "And Willie is such a great player, it's great just to listen to him play.

"Plus, I get to do a lot of different stuff. Willie and I just did something with Wynton Marsalis. So I get exposure to different types of music."

LITERA

A bit of local history

Local author and photographer to hold area book signings

Author Lyn Kidder and photographer Herb Brunell will be signing copies of their book, *Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs* at a number of locations around town this month. The book, a photographic history of the area, was published in May 2009 by Arcadia Publishing.

"We had a great time working on the book, and we've gotten a lot of nice compliments from people who have really enjoyed reading it," Kidder said.

The pair conducted dozens of interviews and collected many previously

unpublished photographs.

Herb Brunell, a native of nearby Alamogordo, spent childhood vacations in Ruidoso. His grandparents and parents had businesses in the mountain community and Herb moved there in the 1960s to manage a family-owned clothing store that is still in operation.

"I've always enjoyed photography," he said. "I operated a studio in Ruidoso for many years. People often came to the studio with old photographs that they'd found in the attic. They'd either give them to me or let me make

copies, so over the years I found myself with quite a collection."

Brunell acted as photo editor for the book and also as community liaison, according to Kidder. "Since Herb knows just about everyone, it was easy to get people to agree to be interviewed and share their photos," she said.

They enjoy meeting people at the book signings and often hear new stories and interesting information. "I tell people that we're still busy writing this book," Kidder said. "I'm only partly joking, because we want to continue to collect information and images from as many people as we can."

The book retails for \$21.99 and makes a good present for the hard-to-

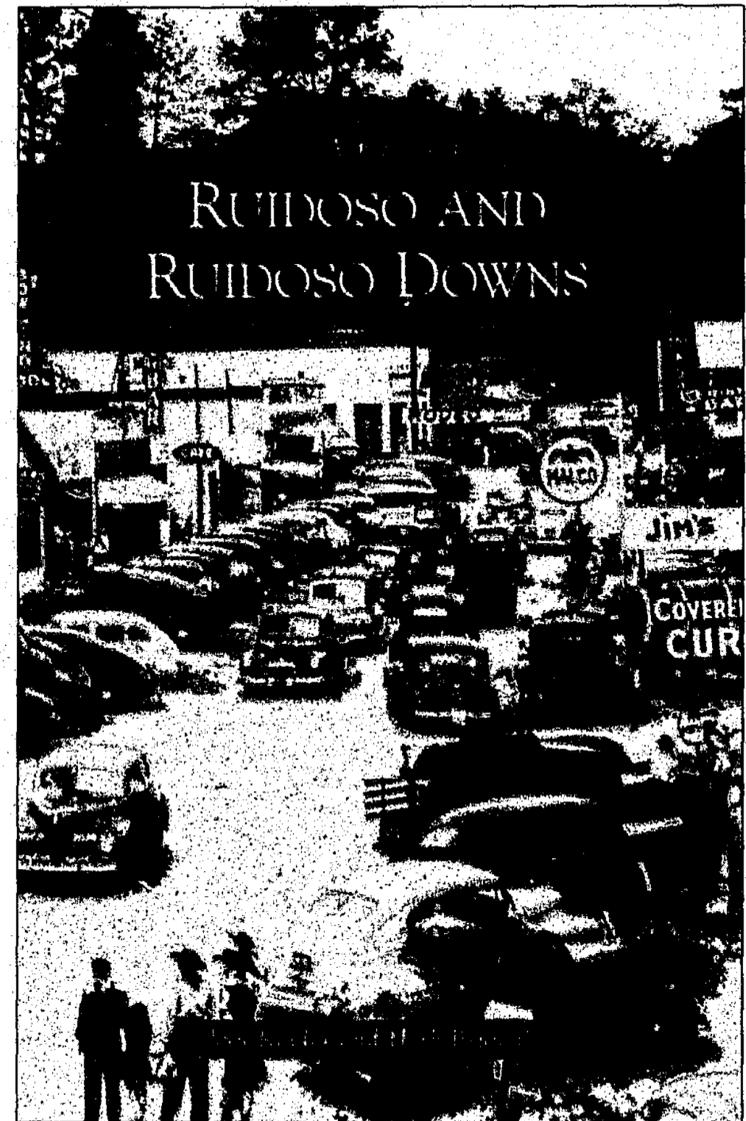
buy-for set, according to Kidder. "We all have those friends and relatives who don't need any more talcum powder or ties. If they have any connection at all with Ruidoso, they're bound to see some familiar places and faces in the book."

Book signings are scheduled in the Ruidoso area throughout the month of December –

- Dec. 12 - Atticus Books and Tea Shop, 413 Mechem Dr., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.;
- Dec. 17 - Josie's Framery, 2917 Sudderth Dr., 5 - 7 p.m.
- Dec. 19 - Books Etcetera, 2340 Sudderth Dr., 12 - 2 p.m.;
- Dec. 30 - Brunell's, 2316 Sudderth Dr., 1 - 3 p.m.

"A Christmas Memory"

This short story by Truman Capote was originally published in December 1956. The largely autobiographical story, which takes place in the 1930s, describes the lives of 7-year-old Buddy and his elderly cousin Sook, who is Buddy's best friend.



Author Lyn Kidder and photo editor Herb Brunell will be signing copies of their book during December.

This heart-warming story focuses on country life, friendship, and the joy of giving during the Christmas season, while touching on loneliness and loss.

"A Christmas Memory" will be presented as a two-person play on Dec. 19, 25, 26, Jan. 1, 2 at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 27, 1 p.m. Atticus Books & Tea House.

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Powdered Red Chile



Polly's Potpourri

by
Polly E. Chavez



In Lincoln and Otero Counties, many Hispanics still prepare food like the foods served by their parents and grandparents. Much food diversity is based on ancestral roots in southern or northern New Mexico. I have both. My siblings and I spent summers in Trujillo where our maternal grandparents farmed. Microwave ovens, food processors or blenders were not a part of their kitchen aids. They did not have a refrigerator. A wood stove was used to cook and bake foods grown in home gardens. Chicken was our meat, sometimes.

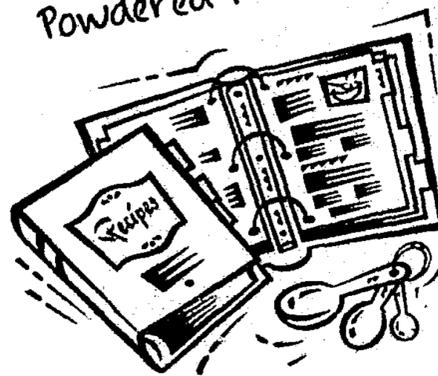
Although my mother Ramoncita Gurule Sanchez prepared most meals, it was my father Abe who was the gastronomy enthusiast. He helped mom prepare authentic dishes that he learned from his parents from Lincoln and Otero Counties. My parents, now deceased, prepared these foods from unwritten family recipes using the "poco of this and poco of that" – a pinch of this and a pinch of that – method of cooking. In Trujillo, my grandparents made red chile from red chile powder.

Because of those memories I bought a bag of powdered red chile at Sichler Farms Produce in San Antonio, N.M. This is not to be confused with the powdered "chili" (notice the ending in "i") of Texan cooking. I also bought some green chile that had turned red. Instead of preparing it for a ristra for drying, Sichler Farms roasted the chile for customers. A chile vendor who came to Carrizozo from Truth or Consequences calls it "wet green."

I peeled my roasted "red" chile and removed the stem, placing it in an electric chopper. Then, I set aside the cup of chopped chile. To a pound of fried and browned ground chuck, I stirred in three tablespoons of flour, cooking it a bit. Then, I added the cup of chopped chile plus two and three-quarter cups of water. All was cooked until it thickened into a stew-like reddish mixture. I recently used the powdered red chile to make enchiladas. It was a breeze to make the sauce and not have to remove seeds, soften and blend chile pods.



Powdered Red Chile



3 tablespoons oil
2 tablespoons flour
4 tablespoons powdered red chile
2 cups warm water
Garlic and salt to suit your taste

Heat the oil in a medium size sauce pan on medium heat. Stir in flour and cook, but do not brown.

Add chile powder and gradually pour in the warm water. Stir with a wire whisk, making

sure that no lumps form. Add seasonings to chile and simmer at low heat for 10-15 minutes. Use this chile for preparing enchiladas.

This amount is enough for two enchiladas with two corn tortillas each. Each tortilla is deep fried, placed in the chile and removed plate. Each chile soaked tortilla is sprinkled with grated cheese and chopped onion. Top each enchilada with an over easy egg. Garnish with shredded lettuce and chopped tomato.

I did not even miss the beans and rice.

CUISINE • DINING GUIDE

Alamogordo / Otero County

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Spring Mountain Chuck Wagon BBQ • 1187 Hwy. 82, High Rolls • Open Fri-Sun; Lunch and dinner • 682-4550

Sunset Run Restaurant • 54 McDonald Rd. • Ribs, brisket, pork, sausage, smoked chicken and fish • Tue-Sat, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. • 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.

Amigos Bakery • 1107 10th St., Alamogordo • 437-0592 • 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Deli, daily special.

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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. • Carry-out only.

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Dave's Café • 300 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thu, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri-Sat; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. • Hamburgers

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 • 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 Francis St • Tularosa • 585-2003.

Josey's Sweets • 603 St. Francis Dr • Tularosa • 585-3120 • Mon-Sat, 12:30-9 p.m.; Sun, 2-8p.m.

Mayhill Café • Mayhill • 687-3066

Mayhill Mercantile • Mayhill • 687-3425.

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Nature's Pantry • 2909 White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-3037 • Deli/bar open Mon-Fri, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. • Organic.

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. •

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. •

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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.

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Gallo's Red Rooster Café • 306 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2448 • 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 Travel Center) • 585-3339 • Open daily: 7 a.m.-9 p.m. •

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The Spicy Thai • 915 Texas, Alamogordo • 434-0650.

The Wok Inn • 1010 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-4388 • Buffet, carry-out/ dine in • 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.

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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.

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

Casa de Sueños New Mexican Restaurant • 35 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 585-3494 • Fax 585-3496.

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

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

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

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

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a.m.-5 p.m. • 258-1294

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Tues-Thu 11am-8pm; Fri &
Sat 11am-3pm • 257-9987

Horsemen's Grill • 321
Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan
• Tues - Sat 5 p.m. - 9 pm;
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354-1447.

K-BOB's • 157 W. Hwy. 70
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& daily soup • 8 a.m.-5
p.m. • 630-1221.

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Thu, Fri, Sat 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.;
Sun 12n - 8 p.m. • 648-9994.

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Deli, dine-in, take-out, in-
town delivery. • Mon - Sat,
10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. • 257-
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a.m. - 9 p.m.; Fri, Sat 10:30
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Sat, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sun &
Mon, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. • Dine
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Smokey B's Grill • 2584
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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; 6a.m.-8p.m. • 354-2557

The Dolan House • 826 Calle
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The Quarters • 2535
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east of Ruidoso on Hwy. 70
in Tinnie • Steakhouse and
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Daily dinner 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.;
Sun champagne brunch 10
a.m.-3 p.m. • 653-4425.

Wendell's • 287 Carrizo
Canyon Rd. at IMG • Steaks,
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p.m. - 11 p.m. • 464-7842

Willmon's Prime Grille • 2523
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10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-12
a.m. • 257-4687

Comal • 2117 Sudderth •
Daily, 11a - 8 p • 258-1397

Chileo's • 135 W. Hwy. 70
• Sun-Thu, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri
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Disco Taco • 141 W. Hwy.
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Mexican food. • Daily, 8
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Mechem • 258-4312

Elena's Place • 2800 Sudderth
Dr. • Tues-Sat 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
& 5 - 9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m. -
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El Paisano • 442 Smokey
Bear Blvd., Capitan • Tue - Sat,
11 a.m.- 9 p.m. • 354-2206

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Restaurant** • 721 Mechem
• Mon-Sat, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. •
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Jorge's Café • 2064 W. Hwy.
70, Ruidoso Downs • Daily,
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• 257-4135

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Sun, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. • 464-
4674

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Fri & Sat 11 a.m.-1:30 a.m.
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Dr. • Mon - Sat, 11:20 a.m.
- 7:50 p.m.; Sun 12n - 7:50
p.m. • 257-7746

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a.m. - 11 p.m.; Fri & Sat 11
- 12 midnight • 257-8888

Michelena's • 2703
Sudderth • Tue-Sun 11 a.m.-
9 p.m. • 257-5753

Pizza Hut • 725 Sudderth Dr.
• 1201 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso
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p.m. • 257-7540.

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Chivalry in the Old West, part 1

As a child, like many of my generation, I grew up on television Westerns. In fact, it was from watching the show "Gunsmoke" that I first became aware of the crime of rape. Which is actually weird, when you think about it, because rape was a crime in the Old West that was almost unknown.

In many cases, even the baddest of the bad guys prided themselves on being "protectors" to women and children. Nevertheless, it seemed that every time some skeezy buffalo hunter showed up on "Gunsmoke" – which was called for many years an "adult Western" – I was certain that some woman would be attacked. Of course, like many Westerns over the years, "Gunsmoke" more accurately portrayed its own time than it did the American frontier in the latter half of the 19th century.

If anyone doubts this, check out the many movies made about Billy the Kid. It was probably not until "Young Guns" was released that Billy movies actually portrayed what really happened here in Lincoln County in the 1870s and 1880s with at least a small degree of accuracy. For example, in the 1950s, a major concern in the United States

Past Tense

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was what was then termed "juvenile delinquency." The 1957 film, "The Left Handed Gun" starring Paul Newman as Billy, portrayed him as a – you guessed it – juvenile delinquent.

About 1970, the nation was busy debunking its own past, basically claiming that "everything you know is wrong." This was a truly ridiculous period in which Hollywood actually portrayed everything more or less the opposite of the way it really happened. Check out "Dirty Little Billy" which starred Michael J. Pollard as a goofy, moronic, Billy the Kid. The Kid was many things in real life, but none of them could be called "moronic." The list goes on and on. But was there really anything resembling chivalry that existed in the Old West? The answer is not just "yes," but "hell, yes!"

Lincoln County

For example, the Lincoln County War, as nasty a confrontation as ever happened in the West, raged through this area in 1878. Of course, bad feelings lingered for years, perhaps decades, but in all the annals of the war, there is no example of a woman or child being injured in any way. This cannot be said for the following year,

1879, when a group of human vermin calling themselves "Selman's Scouts" swept like a plague of lethal locusts through the Hondo Valley.

This scummy group, led by John Selman, later to be known as the courageous individual who shot John Wesley Hardin from behind, raped at least two women and at one ranch house, they came across a 14-year-old retarded boy. The Scouts told him to get them some watermelon and when he did, they shot him. People were outraged. And when you consider the fact that the previous year there were countless murders here, although no women or children were harmed, it is an interesting statement.

Cole Younger

Cole Younger had ridden with the dreaded William Clarke Quantrill during the Civil War, and to the day he died was immensely proud of the fact that when Quantrill's Raiders hit Lawrence, Kan. in 1863, not one woman or child was injured. The fact that some 150 mostly unarmed and civilian men were murdered didn't bother him a bit.

Actually, one must read in-depth details about the incident to truly understand why the Missourians felt so justified. To Cole (and anyone else who fought in the horrific "Border Wars" around Missouri and Kansas), virtually anything was OK, as long as you did not injure

women or children. And it was a rare occasion indeed when such atrocities took place.

Younger, Jesse James, Wild Bill Hickok and others were the first gunfighters. It was they who refined the art of the pistol duel to the point where something resembling what they did is considered to be a sport today. Single Action Shooting Societies across the country have become very popular. Of course, testing your marksmanship from the back of a horse against balloons is not quite the same as when the balloon shoots back.

The James/Younger Gang in particular were noted for the cavalier, even gallant behavior they displayed toward women when robbing stages, banks and trains. They never molested any women and rarely in fact even robbed the ladies.

When the gang hit Northfield, Minn. in 1876 and were shot to pieces by farmers and shopkeepers, it is a matter of historical record that, at the outset of the battle, outlaws were shooting over the heads of the locals. Sadly, the odds of something like that happening today, as we all know, are astronomical.

The widow Benton

For years we thought it was a folk tale, but a few years ago, some evidence surfaced that indicated that it had actually happened. It is the story of the widow Benton. The James/Younger Gang stopped one night at

a farmhouse and when the lone woman who lived there served them dinner, she informed them that her house was to be repossessed by the bank the next day and that she was to be evicted. The outlaws looked at each other and one of them (probably either Cole or Jesse James), carefully counted out the \$500 she needed for the banker and simply gave it to her. Now, it could be argued that this was a bank's money that they had recently stolen and that was true, but they still saved the old lady's home.

And it's not like they had no sense of humor. The next day, the banker came to exact his pound of flesh, and was surprised and pleased to find that the widow actually had come up with the money. He was about a mile away when the James/Younger Gang materialized out of the brush and robbed him.

John Wesley Hardin, as a resident of Rusk Penitentiary in Texas, spent the first few years of his stay there attempting to escape, but would not make any such attempt in the company of a man who was accused of rape. Many historians claim that Hardin dropped his 40th victim on his 21st birthday, although I myself am more inclined to go with Hardin's own count, which was 27. Either way, he killed many men, but never a woman or a child. In fact, in his autobiography, he enjoyed telling stories of how he had backed down, and in

some cases, killed men who were rude to the fairer sex. There were some things that men did not do in the Old West, and harming the defenseless was one of them.

Next: More anecdotes

SOURCES: *The Life of John Wesley Hardin As Written by Himself*, *The Story of Cole Younger*, by Cole Younger; *Bloody Dawn* by Thomas Goodrich and *A Documentary History of the Lincoln County War* by Frederick Nolan.

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Drew has recently completed "Wolf Story" the incredible tale of his 10-year adventure with a 160-lb., 33-inches-at-the-shoulder gray wolf.

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A good year for the Geminids

It has been a rather "interesting" winter so far here in the southern New Mexico mountains (notwithstanding the fact that the "official" start of winter is still a week and a half away). Already there have been several significant snowstorms, very chilly temperatures, and the various other phenomena that are normally associated with the winter season.

In addition to the rain and snow showers that we experience here on Earth, the heavens can also produce showers from time to time. These are usually what we call "meteor showers," and are produced when the Earth passes through (or at least close to) streams of dust that have been ejected from passing comets.

If the comet is a regular visitor to the inner solar system, eventually the dust streams will spread out throughout the comet's entire orbit, and we on Earth will encounter them, and witness the associated meteor shower, every year at about the same time.

There are in fact many meteor showers that take place over the course of an entire year, although most of these are very weak affairs with at most a handful of meteors per hour. (Several of these very weak

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showers have only been recognized as such within the past few years.) A few of the stronger showers may have rates of 20 to 30 meteors per hour, and there are three that can be considered "major" showers that routinely produce as many as 60 to a 100 mete-

ors per hour at their peak. Two of these are the Perseids that peak in mid-August and the Quadrantids that peak in early January.

The third strong shower is the Geminids which, as their name implies, appear to radiate from the constellation Gemini, the twins, that currently rises in our eastern sky during the early evening. Unlike most of the other average to large meteor showers, the Geminids are well visible during the evening as well as during the morning hours.

This year the expected peak of the Geminids is around 10 p.m. MST on this coming Sunday evening, Dec. 13, although there should still be relatively decent displays for a night or two on either side of that date. Since the moon is very close to its new phase at that time the skies should be quite dark (albeit probably a bit cold).

For many of the known

meteor showers, and especially the stronger ones, the parent comets have been identified.

For many years, the Geminids were an unusual shower in that regard, as there appeared to be no known parent comet; however, in 1983 the InfraRed Astronomical Satellite (IRAS) spacecraft discovered a near-Earth asteroid that the eminent American astronomer Fred Whipple soon pointed out was traveling in an orbit identical to that of the Geminid meteors.

This asteroid, since named Phaethon (after the son of the Greek god Helios), travels around the sun every 1.4 years and passes just 13 million miles away from our parent star (at that time, the closest of any known asteroid, although a few closer approaching ones have been discovered in the years since then).

Astronomers have suspected for some time that some comets that "run out of gas" will shut down and become inert objects all but indistinguishable from asteroids. After Whipple's announcement, the conventional wisdom was that Phaethon was in fact such an "extinct" comet, since it is difficult to think of any other way that an especially strong meteor shower like the Geminids could be produced.

Phaethon has, not surprisingly, been studied quite thoroughly during the years since its discovery, including during occasion-

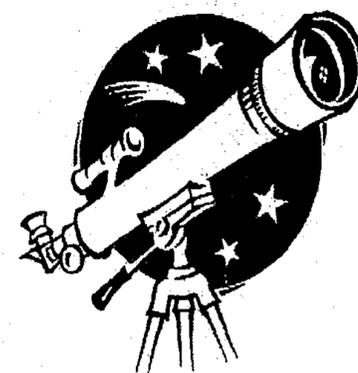
al close approaches to Earth (such as one of 11 million miles two years ago). Despite all this scrutiny, up until recently there had been no signs of any kind that there is or has been any type of cometary activity on Phaethon, and in fact all the evidence seemed to indicate that it is nothing more unusual than a regular rocky-type asteroid.

This past June, however, as Phaethon was making its swing by the sun, it was detected by instruments aboard the twin *Stereo* spacecraft that are studying our star. The images in the *Stereo* cameras seemed to indicate that Phaethon was accompanied by a short "radial elongation" (i.e., a possible short tail), and also seemed to show that, for a brief period of time, Phaethon was quite a bit brighter than expected.

Since Phaethon was traveling through a pretty dense part of the sun's corona at that time it is distinctly possible that, instead of a tail, we were seeing some kind of "wake" from the corona material, or perhaps just an artifact in the processing of the image.

While this evidence is certainly tantalizing, it is still very inconclusive, although it has certainly reopened the debate as to Phaethon's true physical nature. It makes its next swing by the sun about a year from now, and passes very close to Earth (6.4 million miles) in December

2017, so there should hopefully be some opportunities to study it in detail and try to determine just what it really is. In the meantime, if the weather cooperates on Sunday evening we should be able to get a decent view of its associated meteor shower, so bundle up.



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Angus Wood Carvers: 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Camp, junction Hwys. 48 and 37; 336-9161.

Art Connection: Last Wednesday of each month. Innsbruck Club House. Info: Pat, 258-3602.

Carrizozo Women's Club: Second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse at 11th and D Avenue; Info: Tona Macken, 354-0769.

Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, plus a 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays; Ruidoso Senior Center; Info: 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Insighters Book Club: 6:30 p.m. first Wednesday of each month at Insight Books, 1860 Sudderth; No charge and all are welcome; Info: 257-4625.

Lincoln County Bird Club: Monthly field trips are scheduled at various times. Info: 257-5352 or 258-3862.

Lincoln County Garden Club: Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 9:45 a.m.; New members and visitors welcome; Info: Joyce, 258-4663, or Elena, 258-3724.

Lincoln County Right to Life Chapter: 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday at 309 L.L. Davis Dr. All are welcome; Info: 258-5108.

Mountaintop Turners: Woodturning club, 10 a.m. every third Saturday at the woodshop of Steve and Madeleine Sabo. Info: 354-0201.

Party Bridge Group: 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Center; 336-4808.

Photographic Society of Lincoln County: 7 p.m. every second Thursday in the conference room at the Region IX office at 1400 Sudderth Dr.; 258-4003.

Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at various locations; Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

Ruidoso Area Singles: Want to meet new friends for social activities - dining out, parties, potlucks, outings, etc.? New group is forming. Info: Judy, 430-7870, or Martha, 430-9808.

Ruidoso Book Review/Discussion Group: Meets first Wednesday each month at 10 a.m.; Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. Public is welcome.

Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club: Meets every Monday; program varies. Potluck and bridge/card games. Second Monday (Sept.-May) includes program, business meeting, potluck, bridge/card games at 116 S. Evergreen.

Ruidoso Masonic Lodge No. 73: Meets first Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., except national holidays, then moves to second Monday. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Info: 258-3598.

Ruidoso Mommies Group: Want to meet other moms? Come join the Ruidoso Mommies group at 5:45 p.m., Tuesdays, at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. (no religious affiliation); Come alone or bring the kiddos. Info: Natasha at 640-7076, or Alice at 258-3331.

Ruidoso Ridge Runners 4-Wheel Drive Club: Meets first Wed of each month at K-BOB's. Dinner at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7. Info: 336-2714 or 378-4853.

Education

ESL classes: English as a Second Language classes sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Thu, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.; Mon, Tue, Thu, 6-8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church; Spanish language GED Mon, 6-8 p.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.

First Friday Adult Lecture Series: Monthly, Capitan Public Library, free. Info: 354-3035.

GED classes: Sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Fri, 9-11 and Mon-Tues, 5:30-7:30, at NM Workforce Connection in Compass Bank Bldg., 707 Mechem.

La Junta F.C.E.: 10:45 a.m. every third Wednesday at San. Patricio Senior Citizens building. Info: 653-4718.

Help & Healing

A Course in Miracles Study Group: Each Tuesday; 5:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Al-Anon: Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, second floor, Ruidoso; Info: 258-8885.

Al-Anon: Meets at noon every Friday at the Methodist Church in Carrizozo. Come to the back door and bring your own lunch.

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m. daily; 8 p.m. Fri, Sat, Sun, at 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, second floor, Ruidoso; Info: 258-8885.

Alcoholics Anonymous Women's

open meeting: 6:30 p.m. every Monday at 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, second-floor.

Bereavement or Grief Support: For the community. Call Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation. Info: 258-0028. **Sex Addicts Anonymous:** 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall meeting room; 121 Mescalero Trail. Info: 653-4937.

Co-Dependents Anonymous: 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Holy Mount Episcopal Church, Ruidoso. Info: 808-2959.

Gamblers Anonymous: Meets at 7:15 p.m., Thursdays at the Mescalero Reformed Church, 336 Wardlaw Dr. For more information, contact Mike at 575-682-6200.

H.E.A.L. (Help End Abuse for Life): Domestic violence shelter and hotline: 1-866-378-6378.

Meditation Practice: First Wednesday of each month; 6:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Mountain High Recovery Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 7 p.m. at Ruidoso Downs First Baptist Church, 361 Highway 70 East.

Open Circle: Each Sunday; 9:30 a.m. at High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Parenting Classes: Counseling Center Prevention Program facilitates all parents seeking to enhance parenting skills, resolve issues and prevent substance use. Families with children ages 5-17 years of age that complete all requirements of the class qualify for a \$150 stipend. Qualifications and info: Brenda Motley-Lopez or Salli Mason at 257-0520.

Parents of Addicted Children: New Name Ministry offers help for parents of addicted children. For appointment, phone 802-0263 in Ruidoso and leave a message. Payment of free-will offering appreciated.

Prepared Childbirth Classes: Meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Lincoln County Medical Center's conference room. Six classes per session with qualified, certified instructors; Info: 257-7381 (ask for OB dept.).

Science of Mind Study Group: Each second and fourth Saturday; 10:30 a.m.-noon; High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Shamanic Journeys: Third Wednesday of each month; 7 p.m. at high Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Stretch & Tone Class: For men and women of all ages, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Senior Center, 501 Sudderth; Emese, 258-0003, or Terry Franklin, 257-4565.

Temple Builders Weight Loss Support Group: Thursdays at 6-6:30 p.m. at Angus Church; no dues or food purchase, just friendly support and accountability; weigh-in followed

by short devotional. Info: 336-8032.

Wisdom Circle: Each second and fourth Wednesday; 6:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Political

Democratic Party of Lincoln County: Monthly meetings 6 p.m. first Thursday of each month except Jan., July and Sept. Info: 973-7505, or Maria, 937-8394.

Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County: Regular meetings. For information, call 653-4379.

Republican Party of Lincoln County: Meetings at Cree Meadows Country Club; info, 336-7038.

Service Organizations

Altrusa Club: 5:30 p.m. every first Tuesday for program; noon every third Tuesday for lunch. Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail; Info: Jill, 336-1339.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 52: 6:20 p.m. every other Wednesday; Angus Church of the Nazarene. Info: 808-1172.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59: 6 p.m. every Monday, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Info: Mark, 378-5623.

B.P.O. Elks No. 2086: 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70; Info: 257-2607.

B.P.O. Does: Noon, second and fourth Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70.

Capitan Smokey Bear Lions Club: 5:30 p.m. every Thursday at Smokey Bear Restaurant. Info: Bob Callender, 575-258-1345 or 575-937-7911.

Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program: 6-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept.-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso. For children age 4 to 6th grade; Info: 257-2081, www.fbcruaidoso.com.

Friends of Capitan Library: Call for volunteers for Not 2 Shabby Thrift Shop. Info: Raynene, 354-3046 or library, 354-3035.

Humane Society of Lincoln County: Shelter on Gavilan Canyon Road open Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat 11-2; ReSale Shop at the 'Y' open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon-Sat; Info: 378-1040.

Kiwanis: Tuesdays at noon at K-BOB's; Rutalee, 258-1431.

Laughing Eyes Kennels: 501(c)(3) nonprofit breeder and trainer of Service Dogs in Nogal seeks volunteers to assist with dog handling & puppy socialization, bookkeeping, fundraising and kennel upkeep/man-

agement. Info: www.lekennels.org or 575-354-4342.

Lincoln County Community Health Council: 8 a.m. first Tuesday of each month at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. New members welcome. Info: 973-1829.

Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary: 9:30 a.m. second Tuesday of each month in the hospital conference room. New volunteers welcome. Info: 630-4250.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse: Meets first Sunday each month at 2 p.m. at the Posse building, Hwy. 54, in Carrizozo. Groups needing their volunteer security services, notify by mail one month (but not less than two weeks) prior to the monthly meeting. Send to P.O. Box 1784, Capitan, NM 88316. Info: 888-663-7029.

OES Ruidoso Chapter 65: Meeting every second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 144 Nob Hill Dr. Info: 257-5313.

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth): Noon every Wednesday at K-BOB's. Info: 257-5938 or 258-9218.

PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Chapter AR: Meeting every second and fourth Tuesdays. Info: Jennie Powell, 258-3896.

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club: 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: Barbara, 258-5445, Phillis, 257-5555, or Greg, 257-1255.

Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary: 7 p.m. every first Monday at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center off East Highway 70; Info: 378-8099 or 378-8316.

Ruidoso Evening Lions: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Evening Lions Club House, 106 S. Overlook (behind Chef Lupe's). New members always welcome. Info: Mike Zaragosa, 937-0768 or Harold Oakes, 937-7618.

Ruidoso Shrine Club: 6:30 p.m. every fourth Wednesday at Cree Meadows Restaurant; Info: 258-5860.

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club: Meets at 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: 257-0363.

Sierra Blanca Daughters of the American Revolution: Third Thursday of each month. Info: 258-3045.

Zia Girl Scout Council: 6 p.m. every third Thursday at the Cherokee Mobile Village Clubhouse on U.S. 70. Info: 437-2921.

White Mountain Search & Rescue: 7 p.m. every third Monday at First Christian Church near the intersection of Hull and Gavilan Canyon Roads. Info: email whitemountainsar@gmail.com, visit www.whitemountainsar.org or phone 866-596-8382.

Veterans

American Legion Jerome D. Klein Post 79: 11 a.m. every third Saturday, 101 Spring St. at Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs; Info: 257-6757.

American Legion James A Hipp, Post 57: First Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. Sr. Citizens Center, Capitan. 575-336-2194

VFW Post 1207: Meets at the Ruidoso Evening Lions Club, behind Chef Lupe's Restaurant on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. Info: email theboss@RuidosoToday.com.

VFW Post 12071: Ladies Auxiliary meets at Ruidoso Evening Lions Club, behind Chef Lupe's Restaurant on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. Info: Kelly Fouse at 575-430-8531.

Otero County

Clubs & Associations

Alamo Squares: Square dancing on 2nd and 4th Saturdays. 8 p.m. Info: 437-3043, 434-2618 or 437-5474.

Alamogordo Astronomy Club: Meets every third Friday. Mike Mosier, 437-8260.

Alamogordo Genealogical Society: 2 p.m. every third Saturday in the Sacramento Room, Alamogordo Public Library. Betty Bass, Bruce and Jinnie Matson will discuss publishing family histories. Chewy, 439-1205.

Alamogordo Mustang Club: Meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at Vision Ford. Daurian Orchard, 491-7952.

Barbershop Harmony Society: The "Sounds of Enchantment" barber-shop chorus meets at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo, every Tue., 7-9 p.m. Gentlemen of all ages welcome. Info: 437-8832.

Boy Scouts: Programs open to boys first grade-age 20, girls tenth grade-age 20. Info: Suzy, 437-7640.

Chaparral Kennel Club: 6:30 p.m. every first Wednesday at various locations. Promotes purebred dogs and sponsors therapy visits, dog shows, matches and the rescue of purebred dogs. Michele, 434-5220.

The Christian Self-Employed Business Club: Breakfast meetings at 8 a.m. on Fridays. Any self-employed person and a guest are welcome to attend. Paul Collins, 437-8257.

Crochet Guild of America: The Alamogordo Touch of Class Chapter welcomes all levels. 437-3832.

Desert Basin Toastmasters: Meets 6-

COMMUNITY LISTINGS

7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Alamogordo Physical Therapy Center, 10th and Washington; and every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Comm. Center at Holloman AFB. Guests welcome. Visit desertbasin.freetoasthost.com or phone 921-4767.

Desert Castaways Duplicate Bridge Club: Meets 12:30 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday & Friday at the Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico. 437-2822.

Desert Mountain 4-Wheel Drive Club: Meets third Tue. of each month at Wok Inn. Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7. Info: 491-4257 or 430-3608.

Enchanted Quilters Guild: Meets 7 - 9 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 1300 Hawaii Ave. All are welcome. Info: 434-5162 after 4 p.m..

Experimental Aircraft Association: Meets at 7 p.m. every second Tuesday in the pilots lounge at Alamogordo-White Sands Regional Airport. Open to all, including non-pilots.

Girl Scouts: Open to girls ages 5-17. Nancy. 437-2921.

Golden Gears Car Club: Meets at 7 p.m. every first Thursday at the VFW annex building. Cruise-ins are on the last Saturday of each month at Sonic on the north end of town on White Sands Blvd. 434-0200.

Historic Vehicle Association of Alamogordo: Anyone with an interest in old cars is welcome to join. John Douglas, 437-5318 or Gale Ortiz, 434-5242.

The New Horizon Band: Rehearsals 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Alamogordo Senior Center. 434-4281.

Noel Southard Chapter of the National Wildlife Turkey Federation: Meets at 7 p.m. first Monday at the Aristocrat Assisted Living Center on Robert Bailey Drive. 434-8356 or 434-1467.

Otero County Association of Educational Retirees: Meets 11:30 a.m. every third Tuesday at Margo's Restaurant, Alamogordo. Lincoln and Otero County educational retirees welcome. For info: Barbara, 585-5564 or Dave, 437-6948.

Singles of Otero County: Weekly activities to provide a social network for singles in the area. 18 & over welcome. 437-4035.

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

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

Education

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

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

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

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

Help & Healing

Al-Anon: New Day Al-Anon group meets noon Thursdays at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo.

Alamogordo City Disability Council: Meets at 2 p.m. every third Wednesday at the Sgt. Willie Estrada Memorial Civic Center. Disability Resource Center, 439-1112, or Ann French at 439-4227 or 439-4889.

American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Center: 2 - 5 p.m. every Mon-Tue at 2689 N. Scenic, north of hospital; hats, wigs, scarves, bras and prostheses available; free "Look Good - Feel Better" make-up sessions available with reservations; Vivian Smith, 434-5874 or 439-7681, or Lillie Lewis, 439-8409.

Blood Pressure Screening: 9 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Red Cross office. Free; 700 E. First St., No. 765. 437-4421.

Calvary Baptist Clothes Closet: Open 2 - 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 1200 Indian Wells Rd.; Clothing is free; Donations accepted. 437-0110.

Celiac Disease/Gluten Intolerance Support Group: Meets second and fourth Sundays, 2-3:30 p.m., in the conference room of ERA-Simmons Real Estate, 918 10th St., Alamogordo. Info: Kathie at 437-0603, Robin at 442-9419, or email painted-ladies64@yahoo.com.

Child Health Care: No or low cost for children under 19. Apply at the Otero County Public Health Office. 437-9340, 437-9899, or 437-9093.

Divorced & Widowed Adjustment Group: Meets at 6:30 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Alamogordo Church, 2826 Indian Wells Rd. Non-sectarian self-help group dedicated to

assisting men and women of all ages through the loss of a partner through divorce, separation or death. Info: Ben, 682-3621.

HIBAC: Counselors are available in the Nutrition Office at the Alamogordo Senior Center, 9 a.m.-noon, Monday & Wednesday to assist with supplemental insurance for Medicare.

Humane Society of Otero County: Meets 6:30 p.m. every first Thursday at Margo's Mexican Restaurant. 437-0157.

Low Income Housing: Applications are accepted 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Alamogordo Housing Authority, located at 104 Amigo Ave. Laura, 437-5621 ext. 11.

New Life Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Sun. 6 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 8 p.m. First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St.

Salvation Army Social Services: Open 10 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 10 a.m.-noon Friday; 443-0845.

Salvation Army Thrift Store: Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. 443-0845.

Search and Rescue: Meets every second and fourth Thursday at the National Guard Armory, 1600 S. Florida Ave. Leroy Lewis, 430-2987 or Dan Josetosky, 437-4813.

St. John's Community Kitchen: Free meals 5-6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 437-3891.

ZTrans: Public transportation for \$1. Serves Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, La Luz, Alamogordo, Tularosa and Mesalero. 439-4971.

Zia Thrift Store: Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 816 E. Ninth St., Monday - Saturday; Proceeds support the programs at Zia Therapy Center for children and adults with developmental disabilities; Donations appreciated; Fridays are Military Discount Day; 437-0144.

Zia Transportation Services: Offered for work, work-related activities, education, training and child-care. Contact an Income Support Division caseworker, New Mexico Works caseworker or Zia Therapy Center at 437-4222.

Ongoing Activities

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

Bingo: 7 p.m. Wed.-Fri. and Sun., 2 p.m. Sat. at the VFW, 700 U.S. 70 West. Ages 16 and over welcome with an adult. 437-0770.

Coffee Club: 7:30 - 9 a.m. third Wednesday at Edward Jones Investments, 1106 E. 10th St. Topics include current events, identity theft and Social Security. Breakfast

provided. 443-1900.

Joyful Noyse Recorder Consort: Every other Sunday at various locations. Seeking soprano, alto, tenor & bass recorder players. 937-2006.

Meditation Group: Every Saturday, 10 a.m. - noon at 1010 16th St., Alamogordo. Music-guided meditation. 443-1075.

Seniors Ping Pong: 8 - 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico Ave. Monty, 437-1601.

Yoga for Seniors: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday at First Presbyterian Church, 14th Street and Oregon Avenue. 437-0559

Political

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

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

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

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

Service Organizations

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

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

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

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

Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority: Focusing on cultural, social and service activities. Lynn 585-5516.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Veterans / Military

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1257: Open meeting/luncheon at 11:30 a.m. second Friday at Base Enlisted Club. Visits to area veterans in local care centers every third Saturday, starting at the Betty Dare Center on North Florida Ave. promptly at 10 a.m. Gil Isley, 434-5552.

American Legion Post 108: Meets second Tuesday at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, Ed_wishbone@hotmail.com.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 108: Meets second Tuesday of month at 6:15 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All spouses, daughters, sisters, mothers or granddaughters of active and former military personnel are encouraged to attend. Info: Elaine Chestnut, 446-8331, mechestnut@msn.com, or Ed Summerall, 430-4322.

Disabled American Veterans, Chap. 14: Meet first Monday of month at 821 Alaska, 6 p.m. Info: 434-8976.

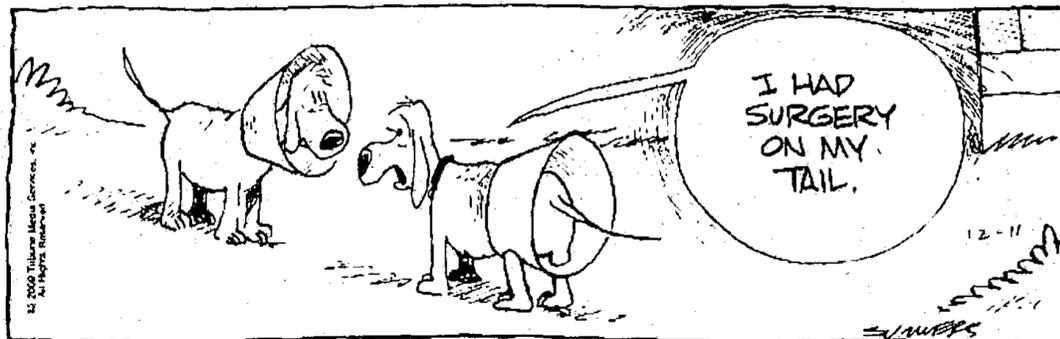
New Mexico American Legion Riders Association, Chap 8: Meets second Tuesday at 8 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, or Darrell Winfree, 430-7735.

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 108: Meets third Monday of month at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All sons, grandsons of active and former military personnel are encouraged to attend. Information: Brian Koutrous, 717-202-9810 or Milton Chestnut, 446-9045.

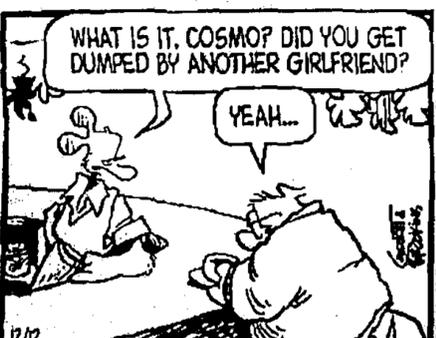
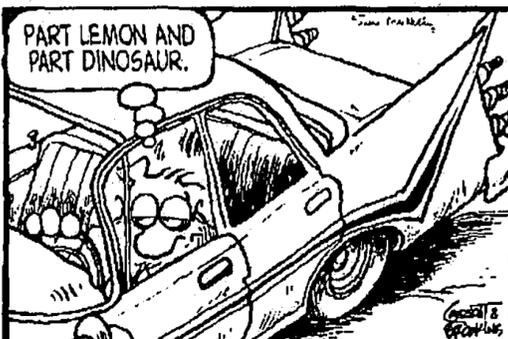
VFW Post 7686 and Ladies Auxiliary: Meetings are at 7 p.m. every third Tuesday at 700 U.S. 70 West in Bingo Hall; 437-0770.

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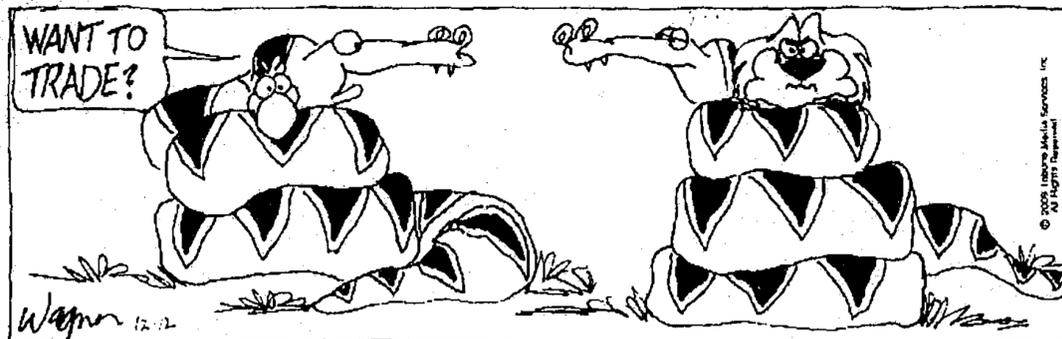
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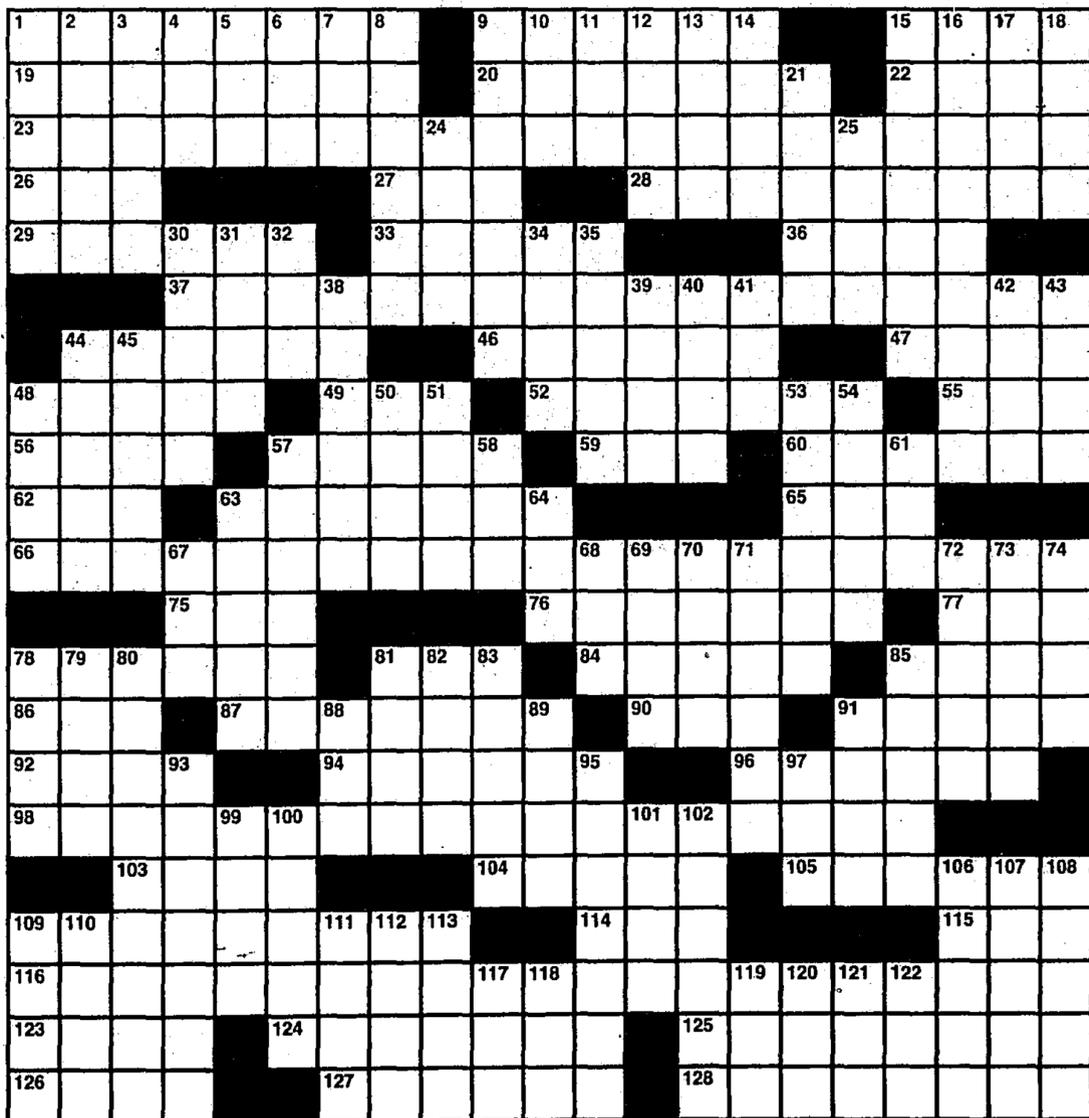
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Works out
 - 9 Like the shore, often
 - 15 Chapters in history
 - 19 Bridge opening
 - 20 School for Torah study
 - 22 Court plea, for short
 - 23 Airline message
 - 26 Go for the bronze?
 - 27 Food container
 - 28 What "I believe in," in a Beatles title
 - 29 Cunning sort
 - 33 Perot of politics
 - 36 Latin 101 word
 - 37 Electronics message
 - 44 Bag
 - 46 Kindle downloads
 - 47 Toledo-to-Valencia dirección
 - 48 "Rebel Without a Cause" actor
 - 49 Intimidate
 - 52 Ear projection
 - 55 Peek-a-boo player
 - 56 Feminine ending
 - 57 Plot inventors
 - 59 It gets the ball off the ground
 - 60 San Luis ___
 - 62 It may be pediatric: Abbr.
 - 63 Dieter's unit
 - 65 Hyper toon pooch
 - 66 Shipping message
 - 75 Razz
 - 76 House-warming presence?
 - 77 Cambodia's Lon ___
 - 78 Bush tour
 - 81 Mischief-maker
 - 84 Perfect
 - 85 Casa chamber
 - 86 Env. enclosure
 - 87 Something to turn over
 - 90 "Brokeback Mountain" director Lee
 - 91 Last
 - 92 "Right back ___!"
 - 94 Kept going
 - 96 Building blocks
 - 98 Automotive message
 - 103 Phil or Card
 - 104 Brains behind this puzzle's theme
 - 105 California prison city
 - 109 "My Point...and I Do Have One" author
- DOWN**
- 1 Goes for
 - 2 "Paper Moon" Oscar winner
 - 3 Kid's picking word
 - 4 Chi follower
 - 5 Apt company found in 66-Across
 - 6 It paves the way
 - 7 Child expert
 - 8 Stew
 - 9 Close way to win
 - 10 Sushi choice
 - 11 Visual communication?: Abbr.
 - 12 Bok ___
 - 13 Queen's home
 - 14 Saint Laurent of fashion
 - 15 Personalize, at the jeweler's
 - 16 Car salesmen's offers
 - 17 Inter ___
 - 18 Apt company found in 37-Across
 - 21 Soviet cooperative
 - 24 Old Banca d'Italia unit
 - 25 Prefix with -nautics
 - 30 Town on the N.J. side of the George Washington Bridge
 - 31 Louisville's river
 - 32 Crosses (out)
 - 34 Thin Japanese noodle
 - 35 Muzzle
 - 38 Bring to mind
 - 39 Old times
 - 40 Arkie's neighbor
 - 41 Pac-10 powerhouse, for short
 - 42 Sporty car roof
 - 43 Reject
 - 44 Super Bowl's ___ Lombardi Trophy
 - 45 Void
 - 48 Rabin's predecessor
 - 50 English horn relative
 - 51 Timber defect
 - 53 Apt company found in 116-Across
 - 54 Film critic Roger
 - 57 One in line at an airport
 - 58 DXX ÷ X
 - 61 Bill: Abbr.
 - 63 Stone monument
 - 64 ER test
 - 67 Apt name for a financial planner?
 - 68 Chiang ___-shek
 - 69 Prime letters?
 - 70 Fen-___: banned diet aid
 - 71 "Under Siege" star
 - 72 Cockamamie
 - 73 Fast food drinks
 - 74 Apt company found in 23-Across
 - 78 Concrete section
 - 79 Westernmost Aleutian island
 - 80 Lesser of two evils, metaphorically
 - 81 "Tadpole" actor Robert
 - 82 Pinochle combination
 - 83 "The Taming of the Shrew" setting
 - 85 Female oracle
 - 88 Comedy first baseman
 - 89 Apt company found in 98-Across
 - 91 Pic, commercially
 - 93 Everything before the last resort
 - 95 It's read often at conventions
 - 97 "What's the ___?"
 - 99 ___'clock scholar
 - 100 Bordeaux brother
 - 101 Island south of Borneo
 - 102 Part of the conspiracy
 - 106 ___ Valley: 1960 Winter Olympics site
 - 107 "I'm ___ here!"
 - 108 Oscar ___: deli brand
 - 109 Fam. tree member
 - 110 Really big show
 - 111 Sign on for another tour
 - 112 1950s-'60s Chief Justice Warren
 - 113 Make laugh in a big way
 - 117 "___ was saying ___"
 - 118 Fall from grace
 - 119 Serengeti grazer
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 - 122 Justice Dept. raiders



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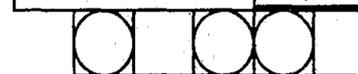
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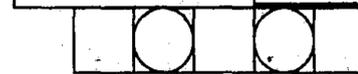
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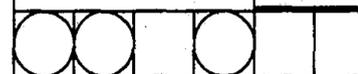


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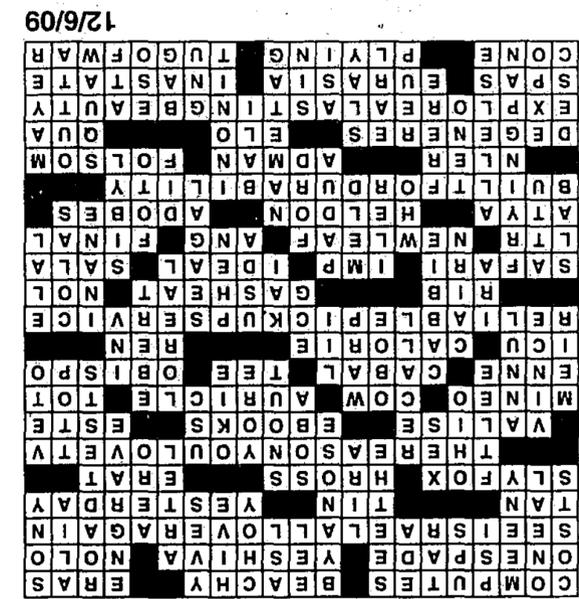
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ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

Jumbles: TARRY PEACE TANDEM PREFIX
Answer: What the film student received when he appeared in the movie — "EXTRA" CREDIT

**For any general merchandise item
in any given week, the market of
shoppers is very small (thin).**



**4.9% shopped
for women's shoes**

Technological innovation and the economic downturn has changed the way U.S. consumers shop. Consumers have become more destination shoppers, making more considered purchases and doing homework before heading to the store. Three-quarters of all U.S. adults read a newspaper in print or online in the past week; over 170 million adults. For shoppers, newspaper advertising is an opt-in medium in an opt-out world.

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CHARMING 3 BR., 2 BA. ALTO STUCCO!

This one level beauty has a super open concept plan with vaulted ceilings. Easy access and paved drive are features you'll appreciate. Great covered deck for entertaining or just "kicking back." Double garage, 2 fireplaces and a metal roof make this Alto home very desirable. Beautiful wooded view! \$279,500. #106192



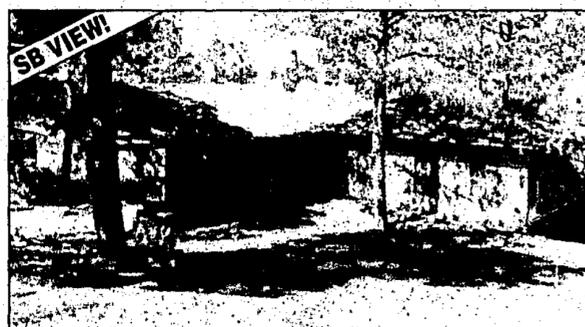
WONDERFUL SANTA FE STYLE 3 BR. HOME IN WHITE MTN. MDWS.

The enchanting exterior hints of a tasteful interior with lofty wood ceilings and vegas. A fabulous river stone fireplace is the perfect accent for the cozy living area. Wood shutters, central vac, refrigerated air, and covered patios complete this charming and stylish home that is professionally landscaped. You'll love this home...we do! \$399,900. #105636



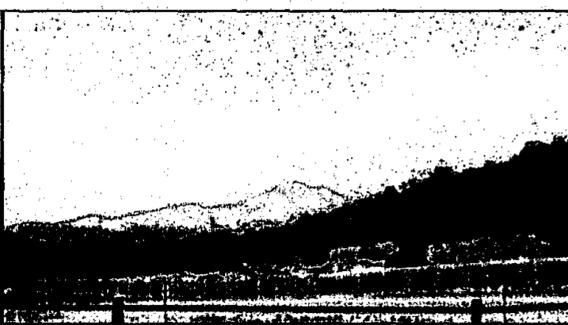
CLASSY ONE-LEVEL STUCCO WITH BIG SB VIEW!

This 4 br., 3 ba. mountain top home is perfectly placed and beautifully designed. An elegant interior, expansive open-concept living area, and large master suite will win your heart! Two fireplaces, large garage, and great storage are real pluses. Paved drive and landscaping too. Wonderful kitchen! Amazing deck w/ panoramic SB View! Wow!!! \$469,500. #104679.



SPACIOUS VIEW HOME ON MCBRIDE!

This wonderful 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home has a living room and a family room/den. Did we mention the view?... Breathtaking Sierra Blanca View!!! Nice wood accents and built-ins throughout. You'll love the hot tub area. Level access and storage too! Beautiful area. Don't miss this one! \$419,500. #105529



LIVE LARGE IN THIS CLASSY RANCH STYLE HOME ON 1.436 ACRES!

This thoughtfully planned stucco home is tastefully appointed with prestige cabinets, granite countertops, and teak wood flooring. Enjoy this amazing mountain location from the courtyard w/waterfall or fabulous back deck. Two fire pits to warm you. Horses allowed! Wonderful studio apartment and 30'x40' insulated workshop. 2 car heated garage, 2 carports, and fenced yard. Additional acreage available. \$489,500. #105660



AMAZING CONTEMPORARY MOUNTAIN HOME WITH GREAT SIERRA BLANCA & VALLEY VIEWS!

What a setting for this fabulous home with upgrades throughout...wood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, and lofty vaulted ceilings. Custom doors and wonderfully artistic railings too. Large deck for dining or just enjoying this perfect setting in our amazing Ruidoso Mountains. A very special home. \$599,500. #105570

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PRESTIGIOUS DEER PARK WOODS HOME ON CORNER LOT.

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



BRIGHT & CHEERFUL HOME W/ AMAZING CAPITAN VIEWS!

You'll love the open and airy feel of this 3 br., 2 ba. Alto beauty and the fact that it sits on 2 lots (replatted into one!) Approx. .882 acres. This highly desirable extra green space, great dog run, trex decking, and wonderful water baseboard heat will capture your heart. Beautiful tile floors too! And to insure fun-filled Alto living... a full golf membership. \$298,700. #105526



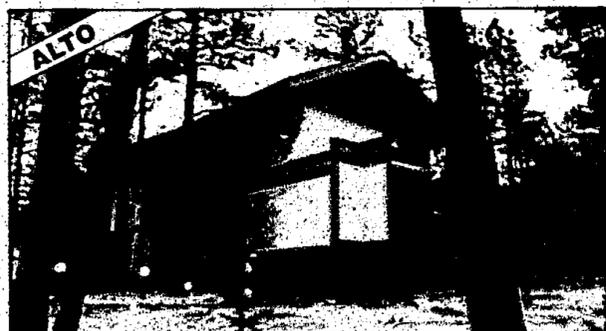
FULL GOLF, ONE-LEVEL ALTO STUCCO!

This nicely appointed 3 br., 2 ba. home is conveniently located within walking distance of the clubhouse. Desirable interior features include solid surface countertops, wet bar w/ refrigerator, and enclosed porch. You'll love the double garage w/ additional golf cart garage. Nicely arranged kitchen... a great home! \$339,500. #104341



CLASSY ALTO HOME NES- TLED IN THE TALL PINES ON A WONDERFUL CUL-DE-SAC!

This beautiful home overlooks #6 fairway at Alto but it is surrounded by tall pines on 3 sides... what a location! Great open concept 3 br. plan with marvelous wood floors & ceilings. Oversized garage & golf cart garage too. Full golf membership. Alto living at its best! \$465,000 #105455



GREAT MOUNTAIN CHALET WITH NICEST VIEWS LOCATED IN ALTO.

This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has easy access and a one car garage. High vaulted ceiling, air conditioning and a security system are just a few of this homes many features. Enjoy the fabulous club, its dining, and tennis with a social membership at ALGCC. \$279,500. #106070



FULL GOLF, 4 BR. ALTO TOWN HOME!

A spacious town home with lots of room for family and friends! This wonderful location affords the owner marvelous views of the Capitan Mts. and is very close to the clubhouse. A full golf membership will ensure you of spending many beautiful days on the ALGCC golf course. Enjoy the fabulous club, its dining, and tennis also... ALGCC, a great place to be. \$359,500. #105718.



PRESTIGIOUS SANTE FE STYLE HOME ON AMAZ- ING PINEHURST LOT!

This spacious 5 br., 5 ba. home has luxuriously large rooms and appealing open-concept living and dining area. Wonderful kitchen w/ additional dining area. Luxurious master suite on main level. Views from back deck will take your breath away... golf course views & Sierra Blanca views... but still very private feel. 2 new stone/ masonry fireplaces... gorgeous! Full golf membership. A truly exceptional home! \$995,000 #105278



LUXURIOUSLY, LIVABLE STUCCO ON FAWN COURT

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

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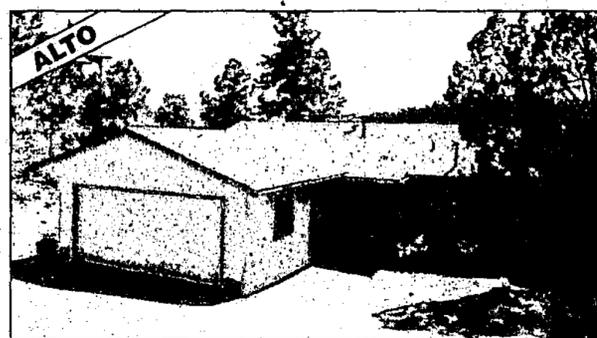
As long-time members of Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club we can certainly attest to the many enjoyable times that our family has enjoyed at this fine facility. Richard has served on the numerous Alto committees for many years, and we have enjoyed watching the club grow. It's reasonable dues structure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

— Richard and Janis



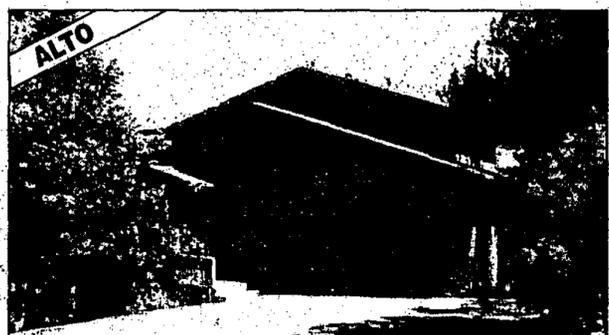
CLASSY ALTO HOME IN A GREAT LOCATION!

This impressive 3 br., 3 1/2 ba. home is close to the ALGCC & has convenient, level access. An impressively, large living area is accented by vaulted ceilings & a beautiful moss rock fireplace. This prestigious home is very spacious & has a wonderful back deck w/ amazing valley views. Split bedroom plan is ideal for peace & privacy. \$389,500. #105824



GREAT ALTO FULL GOLF HOME FOR UNDER \$230K!

Situated on beautiful Lakeshore Dr. in Alto is this 3 br., 3 ba. home with lovely views. You'll find this home has been recently renovated... plank exterior siding, and new enclosed garage. Lower 3rd bedroom can be used as family/game room. Enjoy fabulous Alto living at a very reasonable price. Priced to sell!!! \$229,500. #105739



TUCKED AWAY IN A WONDERFULLY PRIVATE CUL-DE-SAC ON DEER PARK!

This spacious 4 br. home takes perfect advantage of a highly desirable view lot with its expansive windows and multiple decks. Master on main level. TV room on every level and large dorm/bedroom on bottom level. Perfect set up for owners and guests! Exceptional! \$564,500. #105603



SUPER ALTO HOME ON LEVEL LOT W/ VIEW!

You'll enjoy a fabulous Sierra Blanca view from this special home w/ great room floor plan. Master bedroom has access to deck and a really nice master bath with double vanities. Great room has vaulted ceilings. Wonderful kitchen accents this bright, cheery, open-concept plan. Very nice home w/ great cabinetry. \$318,000. #102323



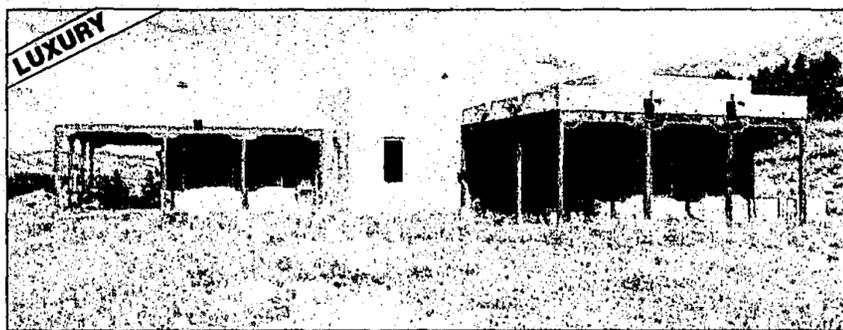
GREAT LOCATION ON ALTO'S #9 FAIRWAY!

The perfect getaway or permanent residence... keep it simple, sleek, and ultimately convenient with this 2 br., 2 ba. town home close to the club. Beautiful open-concept w/ vaulted ceilings. Full golf membership and did we say furnished too! Just bring your suitcase & toothbrush and welcome to paradise! \$219,500. #105709



CLASSY ALTO HOME LOCATED ON THE 11TH FAIRWAY!

This one owner 3 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath home has over 3000 sq. ft., a 2 car garage, vaulted ceilings and the master bedroom is on the main level. Entertain or relax in the large living room and game room area. Located on Pinehurst. This home includes a full golf membership. There is a studio/family room over the garage that is a real bonus. Don't miss this one! \$345,000. #103984



PRESTIGIOUS SANTA FE STYLE HOME ON APPROX. 1 ACRE!

This spacious home located in Alto has 4 bedrooms, 3 baths and 2 half baths! Amazing panoramic views of Sierra Blanca, Spencer Theater, and Capitan Mountains are absolutely breathtaking. This home offers 14" Perform Wall ICF construction, custom doors, windows and cabinets. Granite and marble countertops, oak plank flooring, and a Rumford masonry fireplace are just a few more. Full golf membership included. A class act! \$925,000. #105879

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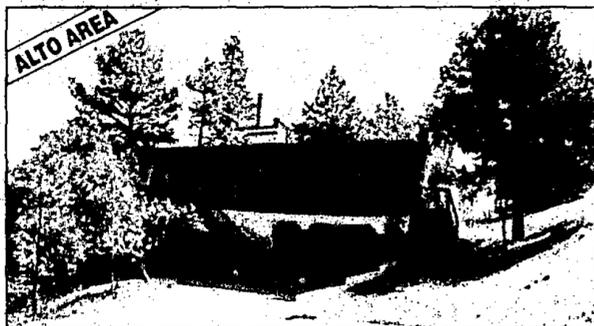


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LOTS OF ROOM FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS!

Six bedrooms and six and 1/2 baths amidst the tall pines of Alto Mountain Village is the perfect vacation getaway or home. Lots of room to spread out here! Spacious game room downstairs. Large covered & uncovered decks. 2 car carport & outside elevator for wood or groceries. \$295,000. #103603



4 BEDROOM CAPITAN HOME ON FLAT LOT!

What a great place to have horses & a little elbow room! This lot is approximately 4.983 acres, rural zoning and partially fenced. The Sierra Blanca view from this great home is wonderful and so is the privacy! Horse stalls with tack room complete this package for the horse enthusiast. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy New Mexico's blue skies and open spaces. \$165,000. #104788



FABULOUS ONE-LEVEL WHITE MTN. MEADOWS HOME!

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



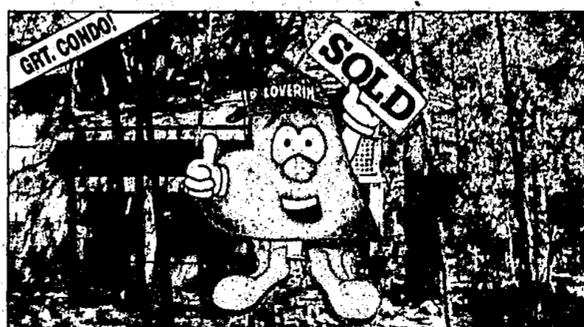
GREAT 3 BEDROOM CREE MEADOWS TOWNHOME!

This end unit has level access, a one car garage and 2 1/2 baths. You will enjoy the great room floor plan and fireplace. Relax in the hot tub on the back patio. This unit is also nicely furnished. Great location...walking distance to Cree Meadows Country Club, downtown and the river. All of this under 200K! \$199,500. #105939



CAREFREE BRICK HOME IN THE HEART OF RUIDOSO!

This attractive low maintenance 3 br. home is beautifully situated on cree meadows golf course... a lovely setting. The main level is a comfortable 1771 sq. ft. (approx.). In addition you have a highly desirable basement (Approx. 700 sq. ft.) Nice floor plan and a great back patio that over looks the golf course. The 2 car plus golf cart garage will keep you golfing in style or just provide valuable extra storage. Cree Meadows membership. \$269,500. #105551.



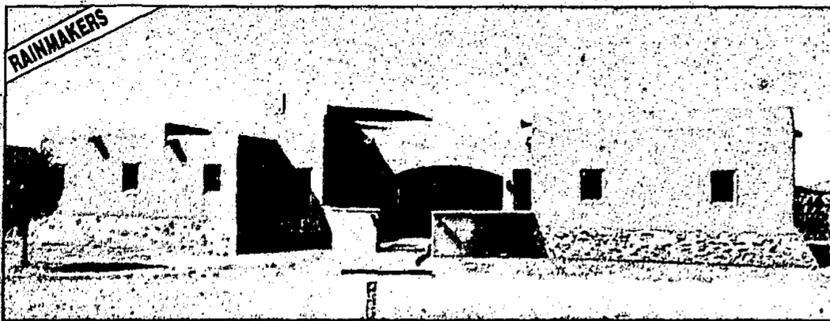
FULLY REMODELED 3 BR. SPRINGS CONDO!

You'll find beautiful tile floors, sun-splashed interiors, and a wonderful park-like setting right here at The Springs! This end unit has a fabulous open concept living, dining, & kitchen area. The back patio is serene & perfect for your morning coffee amidst the tall pines. A must see. \$175,000. #103606



SECLUDED MOUNTAIN ESTATE ON 5.3 ACRES!

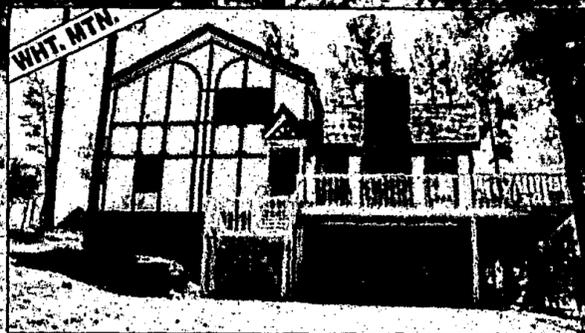
This impressive, 4 br., 3 1/2 ba., one owner home will wow you! Breathtaking Sierra Blanca and valley views, and adjacent to National Forest! Cozy 2 br. guest house with wonderful porch. Barn w/ 2 stalls & corral. Everything your heart desires is right here...surrounded by the pristine mountain wilderness! Saddle up and experience your dream come true! \$1,195,000. #106053



NEW CONSTRUCTION AT RAINMAKERS WITH KNOCK OUT SIERRA BLANCA VIEWS!

This elegant new stucco has highly desirable custom features throughout. Live luxuriously here and play Ruidoso's premier golf course; membership included. Spacious gourmet kitchen with granite and stainless package. Elegant wall finish. Lofty ceilings and amazing window package bring incredible mountain views indoors. Also enjoy the huge Sierra Blanca views from the 1000 sq. ft. stained concrete deck. Your mountain dream come true! \$789,500. #105984.

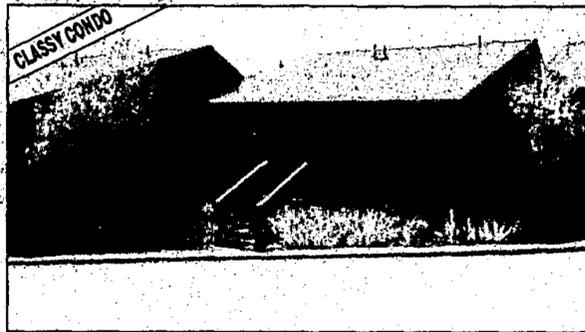
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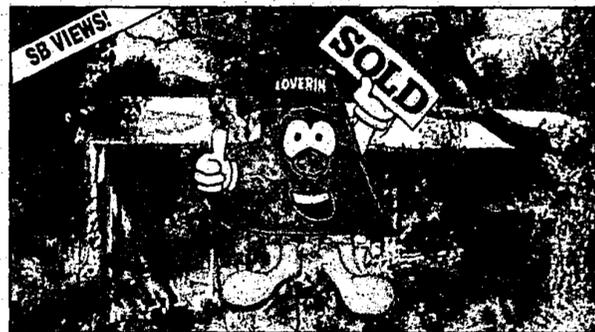
3 BR., 2 BA. MOUNTAIN CHALET IN WHITE MTN. ESTATES. Wonderful hilltop home with vaulted ceilings, open concept, and expansive windows. View of Sierra Blanca! Living area and master bath have great fireplaces. Large decks for great outdoor living, and furnished too! Just bring your suitcase and you're at home in the mountains! Adjacent lot is also available. \$279,500. #105258



CONVENIENCE AND BEAUTY PLUS 4 BRS. This lovely 4 br., 3 ba. stucco home is on a corner lot in the heart of town. Wonderful wood floors and stainless kitchen appliances are only a part of the charming interior which has both a dining area & convenient breakfast nook. Great backyard and entertainment area. Soothing water features front & back. Refrigerated air. Nice Sierra Blanca views too! \$495,000. #105799



AMAZING ONE-LEVEL CONDO LOCATED IN THE HEART OF RUIDOSO! This 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath condo offers many upgrades throughout. Solid surfaces countertops, aspen ceiling, stainless steel appliances, plantation shutters, pella windows & doors, and upgraded cabinets are just a few. Enjoy the cool mountain evenings on the large covered deck. Refrigerated air too! Close to the Links Golf Course and walking trails. \$218,500. #105897



GREAT PRICE FOR A 3 BEDROOM IN THE MOUNTAINS! Enjoy marvelous views of Sierra Blanca and the surrounding area from this nice 3 br., 2 ba. home. Cheerfully, bright kitchen, and vaulted ceilings in the living area. Great utility room, and exterior lift for groceries, etc. All this for under \$140K! What are you waiting for?...call today...won't last long! \$138,000. #105786.



GREAT ONE-LEVEL HOME IN WHITE MOUNTAIN MEADOWS! This 2 bedroom, 2 bath home offers many upgrades throughout. Granite countertops, stainless steel appliances and textured walls are just a few. There is also a 2 car garage and refrigerated air. Enjoy the beautiful meadow from the back patio or the mountain air from the front patio. Great home at a great price! \$269,500. #105865



ENJOY SPECTACULAR VIEWS FROM THIS MASTERFULLY DESIGNED 3 BR. HOME! Vaulted ceilings and custom decorator touches enhance this light/open interior. Spacious and conveniently designed kitchen is appealing and bright. Recently expanded deck and extensive storage are just what you are looking for. Perfectly placed adj. to national forest. Furniture pkg. available. Also inquire 2 adj. lots. \$289,900. #105308



LOOKING FOR LUXURY IN THE COUNTRY?

Here it is!! The "Enchantment Ranch" is approximately 5 scenic acres w/ recently remodeled main house that is truly a dream come true. This amazing custom home has 3 fireplaces, unique antique accents throughout, hot tub room, & a wine cellar. Fabulous courtyard is beautifully designed w/ series of pools, waterfalls, & flagstone walk ways. \$739,500. #104505. Also available w/ additional 12 acres, 2 br. guest house, & caretakers house. \$998,500. #104501



A STUNNING MOUNTAIN HOME THAT EXUDES LUXURY & STYLE!

Fabulous custom features throughout successfully create a posh and peaceful home that is perfectly placed on 1.686 acs. in a secluded, gated community. An expansive window package takes advantage of astonishing mountain vistas, and this home is near National Forest. Gourmet kitchen, 3 car garage, and 3 living/ game areas assure a life of beauty and convenience. Stunning! \$629,500. #105199



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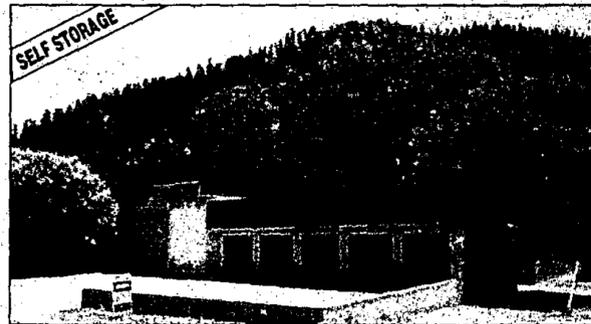


The beauty and seclusion of the Ruidoso area enhance the fun of hiking, fishing, camping, horseback riding and the ever popular golfing! You can also enjoy the excitement of Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred Racing at Ruidoso Downs Race Track or a quiet evening of fabulous entertainment at The Spencer Theater. Ruidoso's array of art galleries, boutiques and fine restaurants also enhance Alto Village's appeal... making it one of the most enchanting parts of the Land of Enchantment.



GREAT VIEWS AND CENTRALLY LOCATED!

Perfectly placed on the 9th fairway at Cree Meadows. This 3 br., 2 ba. home has great views and nice landscaping. You'll really appreciate the oversized double garage plus golf cart storage. The large covered deck in back is a wonderful place to take in the lovely views and fresh mountain air. Cree Meadows Membership available. \$249,500. #104837



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

What an appealing set up! An approx. 1055 sq. ft. heated shop/warehouse with 14' ceilings, a 12 x 12 overhead door, & a 7 x 7 overhead door at the loading dock. Highly desirable 450 sq. ft., 2 story heated office, and 25 storage units complete this well designed and executed multi-use property. \$275,000. #106148



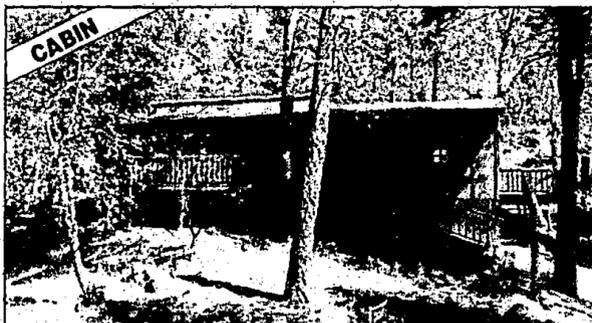
THIS SPACIOUS 4 BR., ONE-LEVEL HOME IN WHITE MTN. IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE!

You'll love this large home with lots of elbow room on a .57 ac. lot. This wonderful home is definitely priced to sell... and the interior features will amaze you. Updated kitchen w/ large center island will make cooking productive and enjoyable. Large, fenced backyard has sprinkler system. Hurry!... wont last long! \$299,500. #105419



THIS ONE-LEVEL HOME HAS 4 BR. AND 4 BA!

You'll love the level access, the large lot, double garage, and an additional 1 car detached garage. This extra garage could be a perfect shop or studio! Nice open floor plan. Wonderful setting in the tall pines! \$259,500. #18269



BEAUTIFULLY SECLUDED CABIN IN THE WOODS!

This 3 br. rustic cabin is perfectly placed close to hiking trails and the national forest. Situated on 2 lots! Storage building and domestic well. Get close to nature in this secluded cabin with great potential! Retreat to a slower pace and enjoy the mountains. \$145,000. #102767



FULLY REMODELED, MULTI-USE COMMERCIAL BUILDING ON MECHEM DR.!

This super commercial bldg. has 8 offices, 3 1/2 baths, and a great kitchen area! The large conference area and covered patio provide open areas to meet or just relax. Air conditioning, security system, and large storage/file room are real bonuses! Beautiful bldg. in a great location! Furniture pkg. available. \$489,500. #105421



CUTE ONE-LEVEL 2 BR., 2 BA. IN SECLUDED AREA!

This charming home is situated on a .76 acre lot and nestled in the tall pines. Free standing gas log fireplace adds warmth to this darling home w/ highly desirable green space. New wood floors too! Get away from it all in style for a great price! \$118,500. #105315



THIS 2 BR., 2 BA. CENTRALLY LOCATED CONDO IS ONE-LEVEL!

Just bring a toothbrush and your suitcase and move in... it's furnished! Great location close to Farley's, Club gas and Pizza Hut. Also these units have access to a community club area in the complex. Close to the Links golf course and the walking path. Super location at a super price! \$125,000. #105669



CLOSE TO SHOPPING AND THE RIO RUIDOSO RIVER!

This clean and cute 2 bedroom 14 x 56 mobile home is perfect for a mountain getaway or a permanent residence. You'll enjoy Ruidoso's many charms while relaxing on the timber-tech like deck. This home is a real opportunity at a great price. Don't miss this one. It won't last long. \$69,800. #104572



LOTS OF POTENTIAL AND UNDER 140K!

This Capitan property is on 3 lots and has a great location across the street from Smokey Bear Museum. Downstairs has a front room, kitchen area, bathroom, and a large room that could be used as a den and has a place for a wood stove. The upstairs also has 2 bedrooms. Great parking and level access. Residential or commercial... your choice!!! \$139,000. #104317

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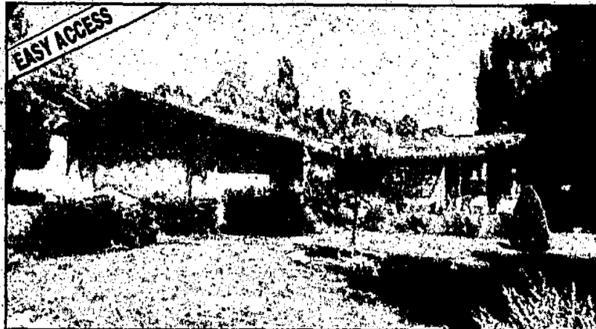


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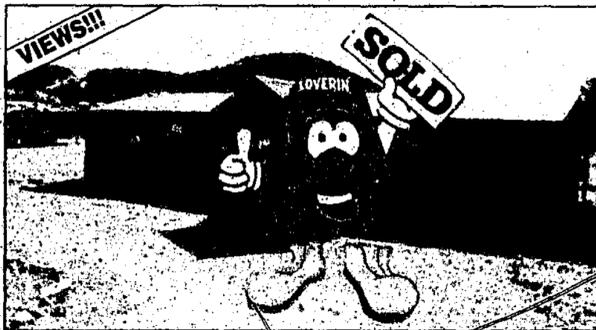
CLASSY ONE-LEVEL HOME IN THE HEART OF TOWN!

This beautiful 3 br., 2 ba. home has a lovely interior and great outdoor living spaces in the front and backyard as well. A large vaulted ceiling in the living area created an open & bright feeling. Nice fenced yard for pets is a real bonus. A very appealing home with easy access. \$219,900. #105788



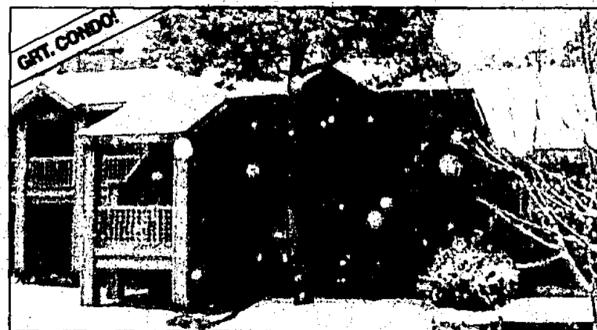
GREAT 3 BR., 2 BA. HOME WITH AN AMAZING SIERRA BLANCA VIEW!

This home has a nice open concept floor plan with vaulted ceilings and a fabulous rock fireplace. Enjoy the DYNAMIC view of Sierra Blanca from the back deck. Great location! Close to town and backs up to green space which is beautifully treed. Everything you could want. All of this under 250K! \$249,000. #104608



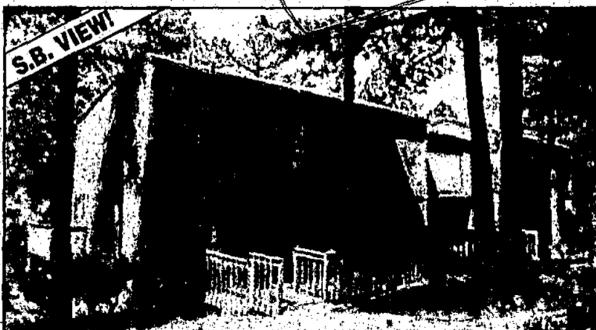
THIS ONE-LEVEL HOME HAS 5 BEDROOMS AND 3 BATHS!

It sits on approximately .40 of an acre and offers amazing mountain and valley views. This home has been remodeled and the exterior is stucco. Enjoy the cool mountain evenings on the large covered deck. This home also has up scaled fencing too! A must see and priced to sell! \$165,000. #105909



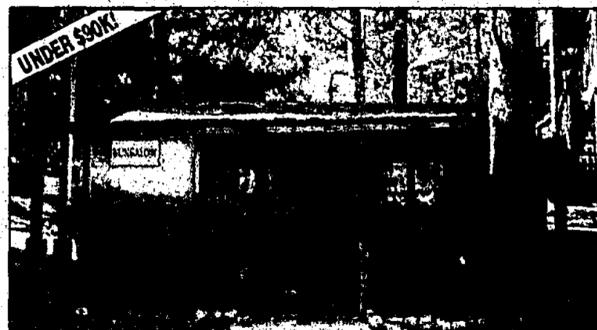
FULLY REMODELED 2 BR., 2 BA. SPRINGS CONDO!

This great condo features new countertops, updated cabinets, beautiful tile floors, and a sun splashed interior. This unit has a fabulous open concept living, dining, & kitchen area. The living room has nice vaulted ceilings. The back deck is serene & perfect for your morning coffee amidst the tall pines. A must see, at a great price. \$118,500 #106216



GREAT WHISPERING BLUFF CONDO UNDER 135,000K!

Here's the perfect opportunity to enjoy the mountains of Ruidoso at a great price! This 2 br., 2 1/2 ba. condo is close to the Links golf course and walking trails. Beautiful view of Sierra Blanca peak and nice deck for enjoying a good book or outdoor dining. New neutral colored flooring throughout. Hurry!...this won't last long! \$134,000. #105606



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VALLEY HOME ON .0708 ACRES!

This Hondo Valley home has 3 br. & 2 1/2 ba. and is located on the north side of Hwy 70 at mile marker 277.31. The property has approximately 324 ft. of highway frontage and includes a shop building and a shed that was formally a fruit stand. Lots of ways to utilize this property in the beautiful Hondo Valley. \$125,000. #105510



AFFORDABLE 2 BR., 2 BA. 1977 TOWN AND COUNTRY!

This nicely updated home has level access and is located on .478 acres in Palo Verde Slopes in Ruidoso Downs. A domestic well and evaporative cooling are real pluses. Seller financing is available... a real advantage for buyers! All this under \$70,000! \$69,900. #105401.



COZY CABIN LOCATED IN THE HEART OF RUIDOSO!

This cute 2 bedroom cabin is on 2 lots. Conveniently located. Close to downtown shopping and dining area or just a short drive to the ski resort. This home has a nice sunroom to enjoy Ruidoso's beautiful scenery and a spacious living area too. Snuggle up to the wood burning fireplace and enjoy a good book. Great place to relax and enjoy the view. \$119,000. #105401

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STUCCO ON 1.91 ACRE LOT!**

This prestigious home on Mink Lane has that open-concept, one-level, 3 br., plan you love! Large master suite is enhanced by adjacent study. Expansive window package brings fabulous views inside to enhance a luxurious living environment. Wonderful kitchen, large living area w/vaulted ceiling, and fabulous deck with impressive view. Beautifully landscaped. Full golf and partially furnished! \$569,500. #104754



**CHARMING ONE-LEVEL
HOME IN BEAUTIFUL
DEER PARK WOODS!**

This great 3 br. home has a wonderful contemporary exterior and is situated on a flat 1/2 acre lot. The lofty ceilings and sun-splashed interior are highlighted by a beautiful river rock fireplace in the living room. Wood accents throughout & flagstone entry. This super full golf membership home is ideally nestled in the tall pines of Deer Park Woods. \$319,500. #105654



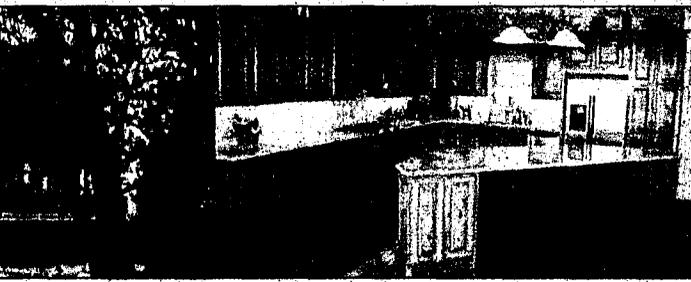
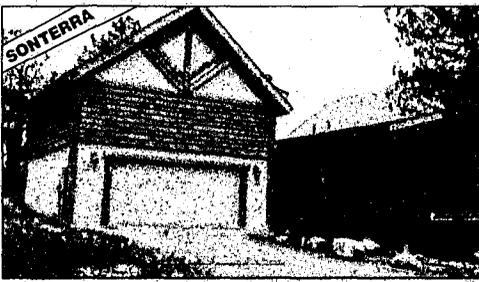
**A GREAT 3 BEDROOM
SPRINGS UNIT UNDER
\$170K!**

Jackpot!... you've found a condo in a super project with 2 living areas and one of a very few to have a garage! This 3 bedroom beauty is centrally located... close to town and not far from the ski area. Lovely garden views off the back. A real opportunity for the price! \$169,500. #105115



**PERFECTLY PLACED
IN BEAUTIFUL WHITE
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Amidst the tall pines you'll find your 3 br., 2 1/2 ba. dream home. The kitchen and breakfast nook are bright and open with lots of windows for enjoying the mountain environment. Dining area, and sunroom too... Highly desirable low maintenance exterior and a double garage. Great home at a great price. \$248,500. #104985



**LUXURIOUS COUNTRY
LIVING ON 19+ ACRES!**

This classy 4 br. log home has studio guest quarters w/ kitchen above the garage. This wonderful custom home is very spacious with a beautifully appointed interior. Panoramic views of Sierra Blanca & the Capitans will amaze you. Upscaled kitchen & baths wrap around & covered deck. A secluded location you'll love! It's country living at its finest! \$979,000 #105458



**FABULOUS CONTEMPORARY
STUCCO W/ MULTIPLE VIEWS!**

Enjoy mountain luxury in this 4 br., 3 1/2 ba. beauty with wonderful covered decks front & back... hot tub too! Impressive entry hints at a beautiful and charming interior which is spacious & well planned. This prestigious home is perfectly placed in White Mt. Estates on a lot that has panoramic views. So much to love here... great courtyard, radiant heat, and large rec/family/media area downstairs. Workshop - storage area too! \$837,000. #105832.

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