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Statewide DWI blitz begins today

March in New Mexico brings warmer temperatures, brisk winds, high pollen counts and other harbingers of spring. This year, March also signals the onset of monthly Operation DWI Blitzes.

Ruidoso police, Ruidoso Downs police and the New Mexico State Police will hold a number of sobriety checkpoints and/or extra saturation patrols during the month of March throughout Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and the Lincoln County area.

The statewide focus of this blitz is stepped-up enforcement of the New Mexico's open Container Law.

"In addition to intoxicated drivers, officers also will be looking for open containers," said Ruidoso Police Traffic Enforcement Officer Dewayne Goar. "The law states that no open containers of alcoholic beverages may be placed within reach of the driver or passengers while the vehicle is in motion. So, we urge motorists to carry such bottles or cans in the car trunk or pickup bed or other storage area outside the passengers' compartment."

Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs police are two of more than 50 municipal, tribal, county and state law enforcement agencies taking part of Operation DWI.

Downs mayor says Wal-Mart will move in January

Plans to build a new Wal-Mart store in Ruidoso Downs still have a green light, Downs Mayor Joe Hayhurst said during a candidate forum yesterday.

Wal-Mart will break ground on the new store next January, Hayhurst said.

"We talked to the architect a couple of weeks ago and he said that the plan is to break ground in January of next year," he said.

Wal-Mart has purchased the property currently occupied by Cowboy's Riding Stables.

Every candidate running in the election attended the forum except mayoral candidate Charlotte Craig, who was ill.

Full interviews with the candidates are in today's edition of *The Ruidoso News*.

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Step back in time

Carrizozo history students recently took a trip to the historic community of Lincoln to learn about the Old West. Dressed in early-day attire are (left to right) Adam Means, Crystal Adler and Tabitha Crisp.

Trail explorers praise local emergency team for night-time rescue

U.S. Forest Service volunteer John Stockert and his wife, Joanne, are singing the praises of the local emergency rescue teams who joined in a night-time rescue Saturday.

The Stockerts' unforeseen adventure began when Joanne agreed to accompany John while exploring and mapping the Goat Springs Trail on the Lincoln National Forest. Hiking in the Sacramento Mountains above Alamogordo on this rugged, steep trail with its challenging downward grade took an unexpected toll on Joanne.

"As we descended, Joanne's knees became progressively painful," John explained. "She had to descend this treacherous area by sliding down on her bottom and walking backward. It became apparent that we could not make it back to the car before dark, and we had no flashlight with us."

Because of the impending darkness and the rugged terrain to the lower trailhead, John left Joanne on the trail. After hiking down, he went directly to the Alamogordo Department of Public Safety to ask for help to get her off the mountain.

"At the Alamogordo Police Station they (the police) contacted the Otero County Sheriff, who got an emergency effort going immediately," John said.

John met the team at the base of the mountain and showed them the general direction to Goat Springs. The hiked cross-country and soon

picked up the trail, while John and other rescuers followed. Joanne said she had some food, water, layered clothing and a rain parka and was prepared to stay on the mountain and hike out Sunday morning. She was resting on a fairly level area of the trail when she heard rescuers shouting her name.

John estimated it was less than two hours from the time he left Joanne until the first party of ground rescuers reached her. Soon a military helicopter from El Paso ordered by the Alamo West Fire/Rescue Department of Otero County landed on the mountain near the trail. The helicopter transported Joanne and John to the Alamogordo White Sands Regional Airport, where an ambulance was waiting.

"Without exception, it was obvious these volunteers and emergency employees are dedicated to their job. Despite the 'Trail from Hell,' as they named their brisk ascent in the dark, their concern was for the safety and well-being of their patient," John said.

How is the patient? "Except for her knees, she was feeling better than the breathless rescuers after getting off the mountain," John said.

The Stockerts said the cooperative county/city team that also included military support did an excellent job mobilizing their resources.

Ruidoso race features three incumbents, one challenger

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Three incumbents and one challenger are competing for three seats on the Ruidoso Village Council. The non-partisan municipal election will be held Tuesday, March 5 at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The three top votegetters will be paid \$500 a month for their four-year terms and will preside over the village with three other councilors and the mayor. They meet at village hall the second and last Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.



Frank Cummins

Frank Cummins first-term experience as a councilor has given him insight on how a village ticks.

"It's made me more keenly aware of how a village can best provide services now and in the future," the retired school administrator says.

His strength on the council is in "considering everything before making a decision and trying to understand how it affects the majority of people," he says.

And it's this conscientious insight — seeing the other side of the equation — that prompts Cummins' second run for a council seat.

"I understand how it operates and I want to give back something for what I've gotten living in this village," he says.

Cummins, who serves as chairman of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, sees the primary concerns of Ruidoso as: water supplies, the wastewater infiltration problem and the fluctuating gross receipts tax that the village budget is fueled by.

Water is the dominant issue now and in the future, he says.

"So many people carry the misconceptions that because we live in the mountains and it snows, there's a lot of water," he says. "Well, we don't have a lot of water."

Cummins, 63, says he's quite proud of the council for finally getting the Grindstone Treatment Plant on line, and for approving a bond issue to double the capacity of the plant. Another bond issue will help pay for the replacement of about 25 miles of outdated water lines — lines that feed his house, he says.

"We must continue to look at different ways we can enhance our

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water supply if Mother Nature won't cooperate," Cummins says.

The village is always in the process of looking at ways to acquire more water rights, and it annually budgets a certain amount of money to acquire more of these rights.

"There's some discussion about Bonito Lake, and there may be some possibility there," Cummins says.

Ruidoso also retains a water attorney to keep village staff and councilors apprised of developing water issues, he says.

The wastewater infiltration problem is a close second to Cummins' first concern.

"We are taking steps to replace those lines and to upgrade the plant," he says. "We're under a five-year EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) citation for previous offenses, and we're taking steps to correct that."

Cummins says he's perturbed by the state Legislature's dismissal of the council's capital outlay priority list which was headed by funding requests for water and wastewater improvements. Instead, the Legislature promised money for the last item on the list, a sports complex.

"I don't know what the Legislature was thinking — I wish they'd give us a little more credit that we understand what our needs are, especially when sending them a priority list."

Fluctuating gross receipts tax revenues is a top concern because much of the village budget is fueled by these revenues, Cummins says.

"It hasn't been as consistent as in past years, and I fear we'll lose a big chunk if Wal-Mart moves," to Ruidoso Downs, he says.

Cummins says he believes in the village's efforts to annex pockets of county land that receive Ruidoso services.

"They're obligated as well as all of us to pay their share of costs," Cummins says.

Apart from one major disagreement — the nuclear waste storage project — Cummins sees relations with Ruidoso's neighboring Mescalero Apache Tribe as good.

Other than that stance, "which reflects the feeling of the community because it is not a good thing," Cummins says he doesn't understand where a perceived need for better communications comes from.

"I'm sure there are some disagreements, but those are just different philosophies on how to get things done," Cummins observes.



Robert Donaldson

Robert Donaldson is a lover of models, and looks to these planning designs as one way of managing future concerns.

The 42-year-old incumbent candidate has created a model for the actual population of Ruidoso (he strongly disagrees with the 4,500 population figure the 1990 census reported, and says it has cost Ruidoso in terms of grants). He suggests a model for traffic patterns may also help prepare for the expected growth in Ruidoso and traffic headaches.

Donaldson previously served six years as chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

"As our area grows, we must look at ways that we can expand, so we can provide quality of services and provide the quality of life we've come to expect here," Donaldson says.

It is the quality of life in Ruidoso, the community's growth and the "lifeblood" issue of water that Donaldson sees as the council's most vital concerns presently and in the near future.

"These top three problems are all interrelated," he says.

Ruidoso is reaching the point of being economically self-sustaining, especially through the development of businesses that serve locals.

However, the community may be in an "in-between" stage of growth, the Pro Ski Sports shop owner and independent mortgage contractor says. "There may be too many of us for what we have, and not enough for what we need," he elaborates.

While trying to maintain the quality of services and life in the area, the community must be cautious about the backlash "control growth" tendency of growing towns. "I don't know of any place that tried to control growth without horrendous consequences," he says.

Those consequences include es-

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calculating property values and taxes, and the disruption of the local economy through a lack of development of essential services.

It's inevitable that the area will grow, because land is abundant in and around the village, Donaldson says. Pocket areas are also being looked at for annexation, but will only be considered if the cost of serving them doesn't "far outweigh" the benefit to the community.

"Our priority has to be in serving the current citizens of Ruidoso," says Donaldson, the chairman of the annexation committee.

His primary concern for the community is water, he says.

The expansion of the Grindstone Water Treatment Plant will help supply conditions, he says. The one million gallon-per-day treatment plant is being doubled via taxpayer-approved bond issues, and should be expanded by summer.

Donaldson, who is well versed with the complexities of New Mexico water rights, says the village has made four applications to the state engineer for water right changes along Eagle Creek, he says. If approved, the additional wellfield will substantially add to the village's water supply, he says.

"And we need to look further — explore all alternatives so that we can find some viable solutions," he says.

Among those alternatives, "it's incumbent upon us" to discuss the leasing or purchase of Bonito Lake from the city of Alamogordo, Donaldson says.

More water is lost through leaks when pumped down to that city than what is delivered, he says.

How Ruidoso would fund that purchase is a moot point right now, he says. "We just have to find out if it's even an option," he says.

Donaldson sees his strongest contribution to the council as being a promoter of dialogue.

"I bring a lot of ideas to the council; bring a lot of discussion," Donaldson says. "Without discussion, you can't flesh out everyone's personal philosophies and concepts."

"We elect six to the council, so we have the advantage of multiple

experience," Donaldson says, adding he would like to see more input from everybody.

He'd also like to see communication between the village and the Mescalero Apache Tribe improve.

"We have so many mutual interests," he says. "We're both heavily into tourism and their enterprises feed our economy, but without Ruidoso being a service community, less people would visit their enterprises."

Although, as a representative of the community he opposes the tribe's nuclear waste storage project, Donaldson believes this disagreement can be put aside and the two communities can still work closer together.

"In a mature friendship, mature relationships, you work on your mutual interests and set aside the things that you disagree on," he says.

To improve communications, Donaldson says the council will continue to invite the tribal council to participate in discussions on issues the two entities share — just as it did when luring a commercial airline into the area.



J.D. James

J.D. James, who is completing his second term as a councilor, has seen very low morale in Ruidoso, so he says he knows it's quite high now.

"I think I've been a contributing factor of that by treating all people with respect and by listening to

what they have to say to me," he says.

"I have experience, worlds of experience in municipal administration and government," the 75-year-old World War II veteran says. "I have a lot of fun, but when I sit down there in that chair, it's strictly business."

James, a retired oil company administrator, says it takes about two terms to really learn the inside functions of municipal government, and he wants more on-the-job training.

His primary concerns as a councilor involve water supplies, the formation of teenage gangs and juvenile crime, and the village's need to fiscally "belt tighten," because of decreasing gross receipt tax returns, he says.

In reference to the latter, James says, "Knowing (village manager) Mr. Jackson like I do, I have all the faith that he'll pass a budget onto us that's just for the basic necessities."

"As everyone knows, we now have a water shortage and are in phase three of the water contingency plan," he says. "All of us, both tourists and residents, are going to have to start conserving more water."

Ruidoso is growing and bound to grow more, he says, "but our water supply will be a gauge as to how we manage our growth."

The primary way the council can address this concern is by educating people, James says.

"A lot of people come from different areas where there was plenty of water. When they come in for a license or utilities, we can give them a reminder on conserving water," he says.

The village is always looking to increase its water rights, he says, but these efforts are worthless if there's no water.

"Money — getting the rights, that is going to be a problem," he says. "Since our gross receipt tax is down, we're going to have to do some belt tightening on our general fund."

James says the increase in "vandalism activities" by juveniles is a great concern of his.

"I'm thinking this is the birth of gangs," he says, "and now is the time for the council, the police department and schools to mainly set policies and guidelines to handle it."

The three entities could "form a team and see that rules, regulations and edicts are followed," James says.

James stresses, however, "this is in no way intended to be a criticism. It's just something that's been concerning me and now is the time to look into it in a serious way before it snowballs and becomes a serious problem."

Another concern of James' is getting a hotel built next to the village convention center.

"In order for it to be successful as we envisioned when it was constructed, we need a hotel," he says.

If one isn't built by the time the lease on the village-owned land expires this fall, "I propose to approach Mr. Hubbard and see if he intends to renew the lease," James says.

James strongly believes in annexing land pockets receiving village services, but says "each case has to be weighed on its own merits."

As an individual, James says he's had very good relations with Mescalero Apache Tribal President Wendell Chino, as well as many other tribal members. However, as with anyone, "communications can always be improved."

As both an individual and a councilor, James says he is against the tribe's nuclear waste storage project.

"I've said I'm against it at open meetings, but I'm not going to carry a placard and walk in a picket line," he says. "I don't do that."

"I felt like, when we were elected to the council, that we were elected to protect the health, safety and welfare of Ruidoso," he says. "If and should the MRS be constructed, you can throw all three of those out the window, in my opinion."

Bob Sterchi

Bob Sterchi wants a seat on the village council so he can "bring fresh ideas to the council and it can move forward, and continue to



Bob Sterchi

make this a great place to live," the challenger says.

Sterchi, a retired banker and first term member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, says his personal strength is in organization.

Sterchi says he also offers strong organizational skills, common sense and a sense of humor.

Although he feels the current council has run quite smoothly, and he commends the leadership of Mayor Jerry Shaw, it's time to let someone else join the council, he says.

"Really, after two terms, a person can't offer anything new. If they want to run for another office, fine," he says. "But move over and let someone else take your position or seat and offer a fresh outlook."

The principal issues facing Ruidoso are water supplies, the community's growth, and improving communications with the Mescalero, Sterchi says.

Water supplies may possibly be increased (moisture permitting) by developing another water treatment plant, he says.

"Hopefully, as we continue to grow, we can create another bond issue" that would pay for another plant, he says.

The village must also acquire more water rights, "but it doesn't really matter how much water rights you have if you don't have water," Sterchi observes.

Sterchi notes that a fluctuating gross receipts tax may inhibit that type of funding, but with more people moving here more taxes may be collected.

And if Wal-Mart does move to Ruidoso, "We'll hopefully find another store to fill its place," he says.

As far as growth is concerned, Sterchi says Ruidoso must be careful not to get stuck with overpriced economies like Vail, Aspen or Telluride.

"We wouldn't want to become a community where only the well to do can live here," he says.

Sterchi adds that he doesn't see this as a problem today. "We just want to make sure we don't have that problem," he explains.

The village is doing right thing by annexing isolated pockets of land within the community that are already being served by Ruidoso's infrastructure, he says.

Growth can be contained by "not just approving any development — not letting people build everywhere, and by making sure it's done in an organized, logical manner," he says.

Sterchi stresses that communications with the Mescalero Apache Tribe can be improved.

"I don't think either side talks to each other at the present time," he says.

He wants village and tribal councilors to set up a joint board that would communicate concerns and interests to both entities on a quarterly basis.

"We have to try to figure out in some way how to accept President Chino's offer — the extension of the olive branch," that Chino offered during his recent inauguration.

Sterchi says that, without question, he is against the tribe's nuclear waste storage plan, "but I wouldn't make a big deal about it at this point in time," he says.

"No one wants it, but I don't think it's the end of the world, either," he says.

And he doesn't see the point in "holding rallies or the point of the village uniting against this type of facility when it's something we have no control over; again, it's on sovereign land. It's more of a state and federal matter than local."

Sterchi thinks "it will be 10 years before the material (comes) and for all practical purposes, it will be 40 miles away on the other side of the mountain."

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Familiar faces on ballots for Ruidoso Downs positions

One incumbent and one former trustee are running for two seats on the Ruidoso Downs Village Council. Another incumbent is vacating her seat to compete for the mayor's office.

People can vote early (and avoid any potential lines) through Thursday, Feb. 29 at the county courthouse in Carrizozo. All municipalities in Lincoln County have the same schedules.

Ruidoso Downs trustees are paid \$100 per meeting and will preside over the village of 1,300 residents with two other trustees and a mayor. Terms last four years and the board meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day, Tuesday, March 5 at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center at All-American Park.

Those running for the office of trustee are:



Jacquelyn M. Branum

Jacquelyn M. Branum, candidate for the office of trustee in Ruidoso Downs, is no stranger to politics.

Branum served on the Ruidoso Downs Village Council for 12 years ending in 1992. For two of those

years, she was mayor pro-tem. She served on the planning and zoning commission for two years and was the chairperson of the Regional Wastewater Board. Branum was also a member of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority Recycling Committee.

"I helped start the recycling program in Ruidoso Downs," she said. "One of the first things that I got done was to get individual poly-carts (for trash) for Ruidoso Downs residents."

Branum has lived in Ruidoso Downs for more than 35 years. She taught eighth grade science in the Ruidoso Municipal School District for 12 years.

"Improvements to the sewer and street system are things that I helped start when I was on council."

JACQUELYN M. BRANUM
TRUSTEE CANDIDATE

Now retired from teaching, Branum can still be found lending a hand at the Ruidoso Middle School.

Branum received her bachelor of science degree from the University of Texas at El Paso and her master of arts from the University of New Mexico.

"A number of people have contacted me wanting to know if I would run again because they felt that I had done a good job for them," she said.

Some of the projects that she worked on during her previous years as a trustee are still in various stages of development, Branum said.

"Improvements to the sewer and street system are things that I helped start when I was on council," she said. "I want to follow along and make sure we get everything going."

Branum is also pushing for additional recreational facilities, including improvements to the All-American Park.

"I'm really interested in getting baseball fields for the kiddos," she said. "Just a lot of things that aren't quite finished that I want to get in there and help finish."

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Judy Miller

Village of Ruidoso Downs trustee Judy Miller has held her office for the past four years and is running for re-election.

Miller has lived in Ruidoso Downs for 25 years. She worked as a nurses aid at Fort Stanton prior to its recent closure and now works at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center in the pre-school Developmentally Disabled program as an instructional assistant.

"I've enjoyed my last four years as a trustee," Miller said. "I feel that I've been a part of the many positive things that have happened in the fastest-growing village in New Mexico."

Improvements to the village are a continuing process and she wants to continue to be involved, Miller said.

"We have improved and are continuing to improve our water system," she said. "What I want to concentrate on are improvements in

the area of parks and recreation." Giving children more things to do is important, she said.

"For me, improvements in the parks and recreation will be a big focus because I really enjoy doing things with kids and hope to eventually get things going for kids in the Downs," Miller said. "We need to spend more money on kids and recreation."

"For me, improvements in the parks and recreation will be a big focus."

JUDY MILLER
RUIDOSO DOWNS TRUSTEE

"I've enjoyed working with the mayor and the council for the past four years," she said. "But I can work with anyone and I enjoy being a part of whatever is going on here."

Because of a recent survey showing that the Village of Ruidoso Downs is the fastest-growing city in New Mexico, the council has a clear-cut duty to citizens, she said.

"Now that we are experiencing a lot of growth and have been called the fastest-growing municipality in the state, we owe it to the residents to keep up and have all the things that a growing community needs," Miller said. "I think that we're doing it because I've seen more progress here in the last four years than I have in a long, long time."

One incumbent and one challenger are facing off in the Village of Ruidoso Downs mayoral race on Tuesday, March 5.

People can vote early through Thursday, Feb. 29 at the county courthouse in Carrizozo. All municipalities in Lincoln County follow the same schedule.

The mayor is elected for a four-year term and receives a salary of \$550 per month.

The polls will be open on election day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center at All-American Park.



Joe Hayhurst

Village of Ruidoso Downs Mayor Joe Hayhurst is proud of the accomplishments that have been made since he has been in office.

"I've worked for unity and civic pride and I think we have it," he said.

Hayhurst is running for re-election for mayor of Ruidoso Downs. He was elected to the office for the first time in 1992 when he successfully defeated J.L. Wilson and Jacquelyn Branum.

This year, Hayhurst will be defending his position against chal-

lenger Charlotte Craig, currently a trustee on the Ruidoso Downs council.

Hayhurst was raised and received his education in Roosevelt County, where he met and married his wife Nelda in 1961.

He owned and operated a retail flower shop in Portales for 29 years and after moving to Ruidoso Downs worked with Cortez Gas Company. Hayhurst retired from that job in 1992.

The campaign promises that he made when in 1992 have been accomplished Hayhurst said.

"I said when I ran before that we would try to get a new city hall," he said. "And now we have a beautiful new facility in a central location."

Improvements to the fire and police departments have been implemented since his inauguration, Hayhurst said.

"I said that we would try to improve our police and fire departments, which we have," he said. "We have more equipment for firefighters and police, a new full-time fire chief and good personnel in both departments."

Water and sewer system improvements were also part of Hayhurst's agenda during his term.

"I promised to work on improvements to our water and sewer systems and last year we were awarded \$180,000 for those improvements," he said. "We are in contract to buy the other half of the spring (at Agua Fria) to ensure water for the area for the years to come and this year we are working on a sewer project even though we didn't get much help from the legislature."

Other accomplishments during his time in office include the resurfacing of school bus routes and working with the county to implement a senior citizen's meal program.

"The senior meal program is for the entire area," he said. "They are installing the equipment now at the Senior Citizen's Center and that

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Lincoln's many villages seek their residents' instructions on Tuesday

Residents of the multiple villages of Lincoln County (well...those who haven't already voted by mail as absenteees) will go the polls Tuesday to choose their policy-makers and generally steer a direction for their own communities in the years to come.

The challenges are as varied as the villages themselves: A perennial need for jobs in Carrizozo and Capitan, both hit by the closing of Fort Stanton and Camp Sierra Blanca; rapid growth and the economic uncertainty of horse racing at Ruidoso Downs; an aging infrastructure and continuing water problems compounded by a desire for continued growth in Ruidoso itself.

It's worth noting that Presidential-election year gridlock in Washington and an indescribable legislative stalemate in Santa Fe has done little but compound local anxieties. (The Johnson administration can't even find some money the legislature presumably made available to revive Camp Sierra Blanca as a work center for juvenile offenders.)

We admire every citizen who steps forward to offer time and energy on behalf of fellow residents in these uncertain times. It takes a special kind of person to accept the challenge of public service, knowing full well that whatever they do they will not be universally appreciated; indeed, that they will receive far more boos than cheers before their terms are ended.

Participation in self-government begins with a single act: expressing personal choice at the ballot box. That's the first, best thing all of us can do to support our communities.

It's human nature, of course, to use phrases like "why don't they do something" or "they really messed that up" when something municipal affects our daily life. But in reality it's "us," not "they."

We can make a good case for "that government is best which governs least." But not when there's no water in our faucet, or our house is burgled, or potholes go unfilled. That's municipal service.

And those services all of us use and need.

What better reason to go to the polls on Tuesday?

It's been said frequently, but it's worth repeating: The right to complain begins at the ballot box.

POLICY

The Ruidoso News encourages letters to the editor, especially about local topics and issues.

Each letter must be signed and must include the writer's telephone number and address. The phone number and street or mailing address will not be printed, however the author's hometown will be included. The telephone number will be used to verify authorship. No letter will be printed without the writer's name.

Letters should be 500 words or less, be of public interest and devoid of name calling and libelous language. *The Ruidoso News* reserves the right to edit letters, as long as viewpoints are not altered. Shorter letters are preferred and generally receive greater readership.

Letters may be hand delivered to *The News* office at 104 Park Avenue or mailed to P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

The News has the right to reject any letter.



GUEST COMMENTARY

Session had share of successes, failures

by STATE REP. DUB WILLIAMS
R-Glencoe

Here's my 1996 Legislative Session Report. It was another session (30 days) of debate, decisions, indecisions, exhilaration, frustration, successes, and failures.

1. The Juvenile Justice Code saw some movement in the direction of responsibility for behavior on the part of juveniles. There will be a lower age for young delinquents to be tried as adults when they commit certain felony crimes. Children, Youth & Families, under Secretary Heather Wilson, will create many intervention and corrective programs in the lives of juveniles.

2. Attempts to cut funding for tourism and economic development were not completely successful. The governor was involved in the debate and the cuts in the departments were not entirely as large as they might have been.

3. Education will receive about a 2.5% increase over last year's budget. There has been a decrease in the past 10 years in education, from 50% of the budget to 46.7% of the budget in 1996. There has been a 3.3% decrease in education funding and a 7.8% increase in funding for health and welfare programs. How to fund technology for schools will be a task for legislation in

the next session.

4. For New Mexico to continue to grow, our state will have to identify how much water is available, where it is located, and its quality. This will cost our state millions of dollars, but will be absolutely necessary for our survival. There were many bills introduced to reach that goal, with much more work to be done.

5. Funding bills for upgrading, improving, and building new highways, if our state is to continue its economic development and tourism industry, were passed this session.

6. The gaming issue failed in the 1996 session without legislative input. The compacts between Native Americans and the state cannot be ratified. At this point, the only resolution will be through the courts.

7. Again, the demands for projects in local districts far exceeded the state's ability to provide funding - about \$1 billion in requests for only \$67 million in funding.

8. Through transfer of certain fund reserves, the state was able to meet a shortfall of about \$35 million. If the governor had not vetoed about \$35 million in funding in 1995, our shortfall would have been \$70 million in 1996.

9. Let us hope that through sound fiscal

policy our state can provide better services with less money. Through tourism and economic development, we can have economic growth without additional taxes.

10. As a member of the House Education Committee, we are committed to funding for the best educational opportunities possible for our students and a safe, disciplined classroom environment for our teachers. As a member of the Funding Formula Task Force, we are working to find equity in funding for all the students and teachers in our state. As a member of the House Water and Natural Resources Committee, we are committed to a better Natural Resources Committee, and we are committed to a better understanding and utilization of our state's water resources for now and future generations. Agriculture (farming and ranching) is an extremely important part of our economic well-being and quality of life in New Mexico.

It has been my pleasure to be your state representative over these past two years. Thank you for the opportunity, and I look forward to serving you in the future.

Should you have any questions or comments, call (505) 378-4181 or write HC66, Box 10, Glencoe, NM 88324.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Art, theater and music a critical part of education

TO THE EDITOR:

Not only is "Mr. Holland's Opus" one of the best motion pictures to come along in years, it carries a specific message for the Ruidoso/Lincoln County community: the importance of giving students full opportunities for education in the arts.

The movie depicts a common situation in which the first cuts made in a school's budget are in the arts. The arguments made before the school board by the star of the film, Richard Dreyfus, should be required viewing by all taxpayers, elected officials and school administrators. The point is that education in the arts enhances the quality of life, both for the students and for the community. In the case of the Ruidoso area, the arts also have the potential of providing a major economic resource. One need only consider the worldwide reputation of Santa Fe for verification of that important fact.

However, if area students are deprived of the chance to receive top quality instruction during their developmental stages, our schools will not cultivate the potential of the actors, painters, writers, musicians and sculptors who could grow into maturity here in the future.

While "Mr. Holland's Opus" ends on a seeming high note, the lurking reality is that the music and theater departments of the school are still eliminated. Let's not let that tragic pattern take place in

our own schools! The arts are important to all of us as individuals and as a community. I don't even have children, but I'd much rather pay a few pennies a day more in taxes than I would see the potential of one student wasted.

Scott Wells
Ruidoso

Business owners' generosity floors family in need

TO THE EDITOR:

I hope you'll print this letter in that I am so honored, pleased and proud to be a part of this community. We love it here!

Recently, we were hit with a bad check in a rather large amount. Of course, this made the checks we had written bounce to various businesses in Ruidoso. I called them all and was floored at the courtesy and kindness we received. In fact, I was in tears by the time I hung up from the third call. My husband also was dumbfounded. The big city we came from would have ripped our heads off and demanded immediate payment and so forth. This community showed us understanding and kindness to no bounds and I cannot thank them and Ruidoso enough.

Believe it or not, a restaurant manager told me that if we were in a bind and needed anything, to come on down and have dinner and sign the ticket. I cannot think of anyplace in this country that I know of that would say that, much less do it.

The second call was a retail store assistant manager and again, he was kind, understanding and most courteous, and told us to cover it as soon as we could.

The third call was to the assistant manager of a grocery store, who told us if we were in a bind, come on down and get the groceries needed and sign another check.

The fourth call was to another grocery manager, and he said the same thing, and we did.

In my entire adult experience, I have never, ever encountered this kind of understanding and courtesy, anywhere...and I have been all over the world.

Ruidoso is a jewel. I hope it never changes. And I hope the people here who have shown such wonderful caring for their fellows never change, either. We are still rather dumbfounded at this and I had to write to tell them all thank you, publicly. This sort of thing is what I think God wanted for the world to be and isn't it wonderful to find a place like this still around. We'll never, ever leave and I hope one day that we can pass along the same to someone else in trouble.

Thank you all from our hearts... Ruidoso is lucky to have you and I am lucky to be living here!

Jorgene Terry and family
Ruidoso Downs

People with N.C. roots sought

TO THE EDITOR:

Will you please print this letter in your newspaper for the interest of any of your readers who may

have ancestral roots in Anson County, N.C.

The Anson County Book Committee is in the process of gathering material for a family history book. This book will contain histories of past and present day families along with other interesting articles about Anson County.

To receive a free brochure please send a 4 1/8" x 9 1/2" self addressed stamped envelope to Anson Book Committee, P.O. Box 2194, Rockingham, N.C. 28380-2194.

Steven Bailey
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RUIDOSO'S FOUR-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY High...53
Low...19


Partly cloudy

SUNDAY High...56
Low...24


Partly cloudy

MONDAY High...58
Low...29


Partly cloudy

TUESDAY High...61
Low...32


Partly cloudy

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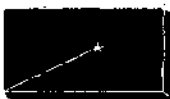
Ruidoso readings	High	Low	Precipitation
Tuesday	46	28	.00"
Wednesday	37	16	.00"
Thursday	44	15	.00"

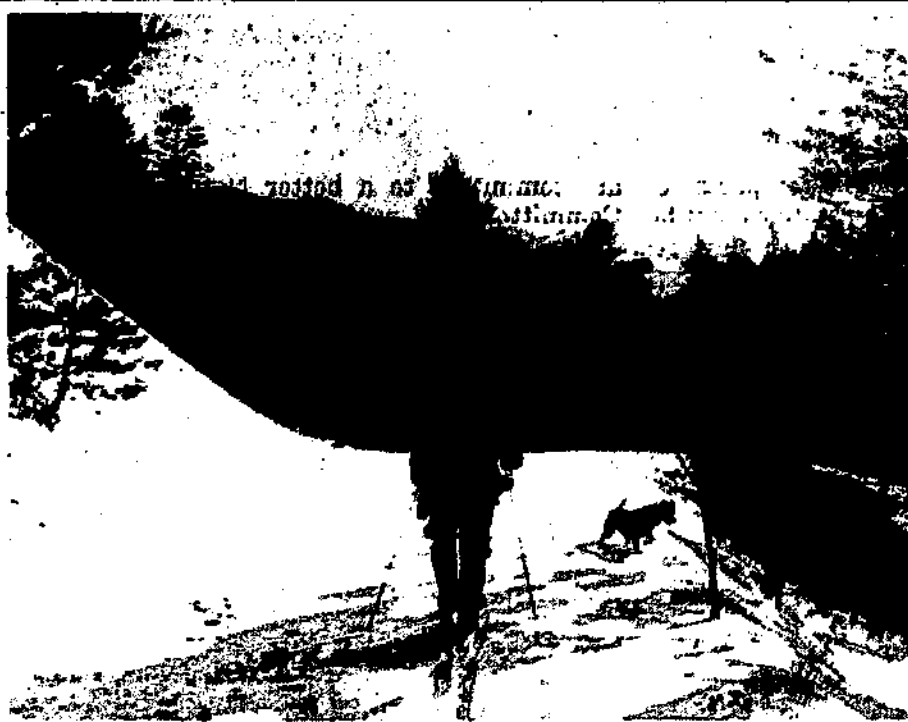
Regional-Friday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	52	16	Partly cloudy
El Paso, TX	62	26	Mostly sunny
Lubbock, TX	57	21	Partly cloudy
Midland, TX	60	23	Mostly sunny


 Weather data courtesy
of Meteorologist Cam Moore,
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 Phases
of the
moon


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 Mars is in conjunction with the Sun,
passing from evening sky to morning
sky. It will remain lost in the Sun's
glare until mid-May. To the right of
Regulus and a little below is the
slightly fainter orange star Alhaid,
the heart of another bit springtime
carnivore on the rise: Hydra the Sea
Serpent.


Slip slidin' away

 A lone cross country skier, framed by trees as he schusses into
the sunlight, heads up Bear Canyon west of Bonito Lake.

Joanna Dodder/Ruidoso News

Ground hog was right about late spring

The Birthday Month Welcomes the Month of Spring

 The temperature was 65 on Feb. 27, in spite
of a western gale singing down the vale.

 The small apricot tree was out in crimson
fruit buds in all stages of blossoming, with the
branches swaying, waving and whipping in
the wind. The snow birds flew up from the
feed along the pathway and perched on the
branches among the crystal white blossoms
with golden centers, as if these little birds of
winter were welcoming the first flowers of the
year.

 The birds and the blossoms were reached in
this cradle of the wind on this sunny spring-
in-winter day under a sky of purple-blue.

The North Wind Will Blow

 And here we are in mid-morning of Feb. 28,
and I am reminded of a childhood rhyme.

 "The north wind will blow,
and we shall have snow
And what will poor robin do then?"


The Silver Lining

 DANIEL AGNEW
STORM
COLUMNIST

 He will hide in the barn
to keep himself warm
and hide his head
under his wing.

 At sundown, the western wind came to a
sudden halt as if it ran into a brick wall. And
during the night, a cold wave of air from the
below-zero weather up Colorado way drifted
into the mountain land, bringing the tempera-
ture in the early morning hours down to 14.

 About nine o'clock, light clouds moved in
over the hill to the south, hiding the sun, and
the wind came in carrying very small snow-
flakes.

It seemed the north wind blew colder and

 colder as it picked up speed, making you feel
this must be the coldest day of the year, right
when we are on the very threshold of spring.
At 10 till 11 o'clock the temperature was 28
degrees with the sun shining down from a
clear sky.

 The Ground Hog was right after all; we are
having a late spring.

 By the time this message reaches you —
March 1 — we will be over into the Month of
Spring.

 This cold wave will help keep the cherry,
peach, pear and apple fruit blossoms from
coming out too early, thereby giving us a
chance to have an area-wide fruit crop.

 After all, we are still in the season of winter
and we can expect cold weather and hope for
snow.

 We are now in the season of the year when
the world is awakening from winter dreaming,
and our hearts are filled with joyful hope as
we look forward to brighter and brighter days
ahead.

 Let us be ever more thankful for our bless-
ings day by day.

OBITUARIES

Merle Scott

 Prayer service for Merle Scott,
79, of Mescalero will be at 6 p.m.
Friday, March 1, at Mescalero
Reformed Church, where the funeral
will be at 10 a.m. Saturday,
March 2. Officiating will be the
Rev. Bob Schut. Burial will follow
at Mescalero Cemetery.

 Mr. Scott passed away Wednes-
day, Feb. 28, at Mescalero Hospital.
He was born Jan. 16, 1917 to Helen
and Penn Scott. He had lived at
Mescalero all of his life. He was a
member of the Reformed Church
and was very active and involved
with all of the churches at Mesca-
lero. He was a member of the
Mescalero Cattle Growers and was
recognized as a Loyal Ruidoso War-
rior Fan in 1987. He began working
at Ski Apache in 1964 and retired
from there in 1986.

 He married Myrtle Botella in
1940 and she preceded him in
death in 1963.

Survivors include three sons,

 Vernon Scott and his wife
Bernadine, Ross Scott and his wife
Renalda, and Charles Scott and his
wife Esther, all of Mescalero; six
daughters, Veda Chea, Lyann
Blake and her husband Francis
Blake Sr., Laura Scott, Ellen Sago
and her husband Clarence Sago Sr.,
Vernetta Platero and Patsy Barcus,
all of Mescalero; a brother, Walter
Scott of Mescalero; two nieces,
Bernice Scott and Muriel Cojo; 33
grandchildren and 30 great-
grandchildren. There are also many
friends and relatives in Mescalero
and many close friends in Ruidoso
that survive him.

Kenneth McNeil

 Visitation for Kenneth D. "Jack"
McNeil, 76, of Ruidoso was Thurs-
day Feb. 29 at LaGrone Funeral
Chapel. Funeral services will be
Friday, March 1, at Community
United Methodist Church in
Ruidoso. Officiating will be the Rev.
Craig Cockrell. Burial will follow at

Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso.

 Mr. McNeil died Tuesday, Feb.
27 at Lincoln County Medical Cen-
ter in Ruidoso. He was born Dec.
13, 1919 in Philadelphia, Miss. He
moved to Ruidoso in 1983 from Chi-
cago when he retired from the
Corning Glass Works. He began as
salesman and sale manager upon
his graduation from Mississippi
State with a degree in Chemical
Engineering. He attained outstand-
ing achievements and recognition
with Corning as a member of the
"President's Circle."

 The prized "McNeil Award" was
given for five years for the most im-
proved new sales representative by
Corning, for the admiration and
respect Corning had for Jack
McNeil. He enjoyed his horses and
retirement very much.

 He was a member of the Phi Eta
Sigma Fraternity and a member of
the Fifty Year Club of the Kappa
Sigma Fraternity. He was a mem-
ber of the Ruidoso Valley Noon
Lions Club, serving as secretary

 and president. He was given the
"Lion of the Year Award" in 1986-
1987 for outstanding service,
loyalty and devotion to Lionism. He
was a member of the Community
Methodist Church of Ruidoso.

 He married Naomi McGuire on
July 4, 1950, in Osborn County,
Kans.

 He was the beloved husband of
Naomi and loving father of Myrna
Joy Haynie and Marvin McNeil.
Other survivors are grand-
daughters Genelle Lutsch and
Rochelle Revel and her husband
Steve Revel; and great-
grandchildren Stephen Adam and
Alisha Revel. Sisters are Nell
Werkheiser and husband Edward
Werkheiser, and Marvina Brand.
He also leaves a host of friends and
other relatives.

 He was preceded in death by a
sister, Elizabeth Tullos, and a
grandson, Howard Kennedy.

 The family wishes memorial con-
tributions to be made to the Lions
Club Eye Bank Trust Fund.

RUIDOSO POLICE DEPARTMENT

 The following information was taken from
reports made by citizens to the Ruidoso Police
Department.

MONDAY, FEB. 26

Total calls by type:

- 2 Accidents
- 2 Alarms
- 3 Ambulances
- 2 Assist other agencies
- 1 Domestic
- 4 Fire calls
- 1 Missing person
- 2 Motorist assists
- 5 Non-criminal activities
- 2 Suspicious activities
- 3 Traffic
- 1 Traffic

 — 12:01 a.m. Ski Apache caller reports
possible fire near ski area. Sees golden glow.
All clear. Lights.

 — 12:03 a.m. 725 Sudderth Drive caller
reports he was called out and now they all
refuse to pay. All clear.

 — 3:36 a.m. 657 Sudderth Drive caller
reports fire alarm at Cattle Baron. All clear,
alarm malfunctioned.

 — 7:55 a.m. 401 Sudderth Drive caller
reports alarm at bank. Officers enroute.

 — 8:08 a.m. 301 U.S. 70 caller needs of-
ficer to pick up prisoner.

 — 8:30 a.m. Tribal bar requests am-
bulance for man having seizures.

 — 8:55 a.m. Chavez Drive caller reports
his wife has not returned from El Paso. She
went for some dental work.

 — 10:26 a.m. Scenic Drive caller reports
an abandoned vehicle off the roadway. Con-
tacted owner. It's broken down.

 — 10:47 a.m. Fern Trail caller reports tree
fell on power line. Power company notified.

— 11:26 a.m. Dispatch reports 911 hang

 up call from Mustang Drive. Called back and
got answering machine. Report on domestic.

 — 12:21 p.m. Robin Road caller reports
she hasn't heard from her daughter in several
days. All clear. Will call daughter.

 — 12:40 p.m. 2550 Sudderth Drive caller
requests to speak to an officer referring a bill.

 — 1:36 p.m. Butler Drive caller reports
accident at his residence. Report taken.

 — 2:35 p.m. 2117 Sudderth Drive caller
reports accident in front of gazebo. Vehicles
in roadway. Report taken.

 — 3:12 p.m. Ambulance enroute to Indian
Health Services to transfer patient.

 — 3:43 p.m. 2200 Sudderth Drive caller
reports her Mercedes was stolen. Report taken
and entered in national crime computer.

 — 4:45 p.m. Singing Pines Drive caller
reports fire alarm going off. Operator error.

 — 5:34 p.m. Hickory Road caller needs
officer for peacekeeping to retrieve property.

 — 5:39 p.m. 1901 Sudderth Drive caller
reports a \$5 gas skip. Champagne colored
pickup. Unable to locate.

 — 6:44 p.m. Hickory Road caller asks of-
ficer check with female referring vehicle
being sold. All clear.

 — 8:38 p.m. 311 Sudderth Drive caller
reports panic alarm. All clear. Operator error.

 — 8:41 p.m. 1103 Sudderth Drive caller
reports man is writing checks off a closed ac-
count. Negative report at this time.

 — 8:55 p.m. 415 Sudderth Drive caller
reports broken down Chevy pickup. Assisted.

 — 9:50 p.m. Granite Drive caller requests
officer for peacekeeping. Referring wife with
restraining order.

 — 10:37 p.m. 2820 Sudderth Drive caller
needs officer to pick up wallet she found. In-
ventory taken.

Please see Police, page 12A

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Kimble Kearns

Kearns joins Century 21

Kimble Kearns has joined Century 21 Aspen Real Estate as a real estate agent.

Kearns first discovered Ruidoso in 1978 on a skiing vacation.

"I fell in love with the beauty, mountain air and friendly people," he said. "I'm not sure what it is about the mountains that makes a person feel more positive but after living here for two decades, the magic continues."

Kearns may be contacted by calling Century 21 Aspen Real Estate at 257-9057.

Low-interest home loans available

The New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA) has approved release of \$25 million for home mortgage financing to first-time homebuyers with an interest rate of 6.35%, the lowest rate in the authority's history.

The current market rate for a 30-year fixed rate mortgage is approximately 7%.

"This incredibly low rate has opened the door for even more families to purchase homes," MFA board chairman Jon Word said. "The MortgageSaver program offers New Mexicans who are either first-time buyers or have not owned a home in the past three years the chance to finance their homes below the current market rate."

MFA is the state's legislatively-created and largest housing finance provider for low and moderate income New Mexicans. MFA does not use tax dollars.

For more information call the MFA at 1-800-444-6880.

Stress management classes offered

Misti Rel, caseworker at The Counseling Center in Ruidoso, has taken on a new function as Lincoln County's Adult Substance Abuse

Prevention Program Specialist. Rel is a graduate of Texas Tech in Lubbock with a bachelor's in psychology and a minor in substance abuse studies.

The Adult Substance Abuse Prevention Program offers free Stress Management Skill training at 4 p.m. each Monday at 1707 Sud-dorth Drive, Ruidoso.

For more information contact The Counseling Center at 257-5038.

Australia and New Zealand catalog show

The Economic Development Department Trade Division is recruiting for a catalog show on the environmental industry and computer peripherals and software. The show is scheduled for April of 1996.

Catalogs for companies in the environmental and computer industries will be profiled to buyers, agents, distributors or resellers in Australia and New Zealand.

There is no charge to participate in the catalog show, and leads that are gathered are passed on directly to companies for follow up.

For more information call (505) 827-0315.

Sierra Bank celebrates grand opening in Ruidoso today

Sierra Bank is giving away a \$1000 Certificate of Deposit to help celebrate the grand opening of its new Ruidoso office in Lincoln Tower today.

Residents may register to win the CD at the ribbon cutting ceremony that begins at 10 a.m. March 1 at 1096 Mechem.

Mayor Pro-Tem J.D. James, Lincoln County's State Representative, Dub Williams, and Lincoln County Commissioner Wilton Howell will be among the village and business leaders participating in the festivities. The Ruidoso Valley Greeters will also help welcome Sierra Bank to the community and conduct the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Sierra Bank officially opened its doors on Feb. 20 in Ruidoso, the

fifth New Mexico community in which it has established offices. Others are located in Las Cruces, Truth or Consequences, Socorro and Elephant Butte.

"We're excited about serving our Ruidoso clients, many of whom I've been working with for years," said veteran banker Carl Bartley, president and managing officer of the Ruidoso office. "Sierra is a locally-managed bank with strong ties to the community, enabling us to offer fast, efficient financial decisions that will benefit the individual and the village as a whole."

Bartley heads a staff of local professionals who provide full services at extended hours, six days a week. Lobby hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

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CARL BARTLEY
SIERRA BANK PRESIDENT

Sierra Bank was established more than 20 years ago in Truth or Consequences to provide localized, commercial and retail banking services to central and Southern New Mexico. The bank has doubled in size in the past eight years and recently opened offices in Socorro and Las Cruces. A Belen office will open later this year.



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- 18 year resident and business owner in Ruidoso.
- Graduate of UTEP with BBA in Finance and MBA with minor in Economics.
- Served on Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission for 7 years.
- Served as Chairman of Ruidoso and Zoning Commission for 8 years.
- Member of Ruidoso-Lincoln County Extraterritorial Planning and Zoning Authority.
- President-Elect and long term member of Ruidoso Rotary Club.

- EMPHASIS ON LONGER CAPITAL BUDGETING
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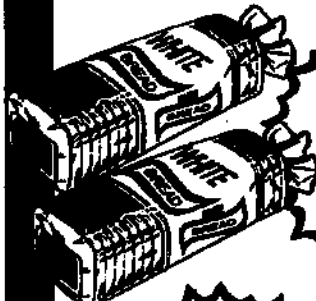
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Real estate industry honors top producers at gala event



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Million Dollar Producers were honored at the MLS Awards Dinner. Pictured are those who attended the ceremony. The Million Dollar Producers for 1995 are Jace Ensor, Gary Caughron, Linda Long, Laverne Brewer, Sally Burkstaller, Glen Crane, Carolyn Henson, Patricia Paulger, Martin Rose, Maxine Watt, Larry Tillman, Joyce Vanlandingham, Scott Roser, Stormy Edwards, Bill Rickard, Bill Newman, Van Patton, Mike Rice, Kathy Craig, Robert Turner, Cindy Lynch, Bill Hirschfeld, Carrie Saegart, Karon Petty, Warren Rouse and Wayland Burk.



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Multi-Million Producers were also recognized during the gala event. Pictured are those who were in attendance. The Multi-Million Producers for 1995 are Don Lincoln, Phyllis Lutrick, Ovella Estes, Mary Austin, Ed LeBlanc, Scott Miller, James Paxton, Peggy Jordan, Nancy Lore, Susan Miller, Harvey Foster, Lisa Smith, Mark Mobley, Jennie Dorgan, Bill Pippin, Marcia Guynes, Doug Siddens, Joe Zagone, Johnny Mobley, Gary Lynch and Richard Loverin.

Richard Loverin took the cake with three of the top five awards at the 1995 Ruidoso Board of Realtors Multiple Listing Service Awards Dinner Wednesday.

Despite a severe 19% drop in real estate sales in 1995 versus 1994, spirits seemed high and Realtors assured themselves of overall growth in future second-home sales.

The final statistics for 1995 were announced at the meeting. Compiled by the Ruidoso Multiple Listing Service (MLS), the stats show 1,043 sales, 2,104 listings and a total dollar volume of \$75,171,223.



Richard Loverin



Susan Miller



Jorise Henry

should encourage all of us to start thinking about how to get our share."

Jorise Henry of Century 21 Aspen Real Estate was named Rookie of the Year for 1995.

Rookie of the Year is given to someone in his/her first year as a Realtor. The award is based on total dollar production, MLS participation and professional attitude.

Other winners were: Lister of the Year with 61 real estate listings was Susan Miller of Century 21 Aspen Real Estate; Hustler of the Year, based on the most sales transactions by one person, went to Richard Loverin of SDC-Coldwell Banker;

Salesperson of the Year, based on MLS listed sales and MLS and community activity, also went to Richard Loverin;

and Top Producer of the Year based on all sales and listings sold by one agent was awarded to Richard Loverin as well.

"People are going to be out there en masse buying vacation homes in places like Ruidoso."

GLEN CRANE
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The top five real estate producers were inducted into the new President's Club category this year. Pictured are (left to right) Richard Loverin, Gary Lynch, Susan Miller, Nancy Lore and Johnny Mobley.

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CAPITAN

Seven after two Capitan positions

Three seats are up for grabs on the Capitan Board of Trustees in the non-partisan, municipal election March 5 for the village of 900.

Two posts are for four years and will go to the highest vote-getters out of a field of one incumbent and six challengers.

Two candidates are running for the third seat on the board. The winner will finish the remaining two years in the term of Byron Carpenter, who resigned from office.

The four trustees and mayor meet at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month, plus special meetings. They're paid \$25 per session.

Running for the two, four-year seats are:



Bernhard Reimann

Odds are no one in Capitan could match the volunteer hours Dr. Bernhard Reimann has donated to the village.

The biologist designed and supervised the construction of the village's innovative manmade wetlands that naturally handle sewage effluent using plant filtration.

He saved the village and the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority thousands of dollars by drawing up a plan to cover the closing of a landfill near the village.

But Reimann doesn't like listing his accomplishments and efforts for the village. When asked, he says simply that he has attended more than 100 village council meetings and submitted many written recommendations.

Seven candidates are running for two, four-year terms on the board of trustees.

Reimann is running for one of the two, four-year terms on the village board of trustees.

"I am of the strong conviction that one can only grow roots, be at home in a community, if one contributes something to it," Reimann said. "I was fortunate to earn a high level of education with a broad base in biology and geology as fields of expertise."

That expertise brought him to the United States to work with the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in California, the largest such institute in the world.

After that, he was employed in an administrative capacity with the William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso, Texas under the Department of Army.

He bought property in Capitan in 1972. It became his permanent home in 1988.

In 1982, he received the civil servant of the year award from the Federal Business Association, a competition that covers all civil servants in El Paso.

"The combination of knowledge in both the sciences and in administration was ideal to help the village of Capitan with a few things, such as waste disposal and other problems," he said. "I believe that those sitting on the village council should have the knowledge to make educated decisions for the benefit of the people of Capitan."



Gordon Ross

Gordon Ross, 72, says he's spent the past four years giving his time and experience to improve the future of the village of Capitan.

The incumbent Capitan trustee hopes to win a second term in the March 5 election.

Ross and wife, Nina, have owned property in the area since 1981 and frequently spent summers in Capitan, then moved there permanently until September 1989.

Ross' opinion about what the village needs hasn't changed much since he first sought public office: growth must be controlled based on what the community can support in terms of water. With other trustees, he has pushed the acquisition of more water rights and has sought sources of revenue for improvements to the water system, including storage.

Before running for office, Ross was active in the community on other levels. He served on the village planning and zoning board for two years and has been active in Friends of Smokey.

Ross' post as trustee is the second public office he has filled. He was appointed to the Bernalillo School Board in 1967.

He worked in administration for Sandia Laboratories for 13 years and lived in California for 12 years.

Born in Auburn, Mich., he participated in the cadet program and won his wings as a B24 pilot in World War II. He graduated from New Mexico State University with a bachelor's in economics.



John Whitaker

During his 26-year career in the Air Force, John Whitaker traveled extensively. When the time came to retire in 1987, he and his family were sure Capitan is where they wanted to stay.

"This is the best weather in the world," Whitaker said. "And we've been most places to compare."

His father-in-law, Jack Mayfield, used to be high school principal at Capitan, and his wife Myrum now teaches there. The couple has two grown children.

Two years ago, Whitaker ran unsuccessfully against Jack Johnson for the position of municipal judge, losing by a slim 12-vote margin.

He decided to take a shot at the board of trustees this year, "because I think we need new blood on the council."

"I have no axes to grind. I'm not mad at anybody, but I think my positive attitude will be an asset," he said.

The growth predicted for the village in the next decade needs to be managed, but in an equitable manner, Whitaker said. If the village uses the laws already in existence, it should fare well, he said. Past attempts to enact zoning laws were too restrictive and unappealing to

most village residents who treasure their individual property rights, he said.

Water is the other key. More is needed and the trustees must continue to seek alternatives, including the completion of the Eagle Creek water line, he said.

Whitaker was born 56 years ago in Youngstown, Ohio. He completed two years of college, studying communications, which also was his specialty in the Air Force. He retired as a first sergeant.

Whitaker works as a clerk for Brewer Oil at the Capital Shell convenience store. He has been active with the Friends of Smokey group.



Debra L. Ingle

Although Debra Ingle was out of town and unavailable for an election interview, she issued the following statement:

"At this time, I am in Texas representing and publicizing the village and Smokey Bear in the culmination of two years of planning by The Friends of Smokey, a national organization of which I am president.

My life centers on the village, as yours does. My three children are in the Capitan schools and I operate three Capitan businesses from my home in the village. In addition to serving on the Friends of Smokey board, I am vice president and secretary of the Capitan Chamber of Commerce and I serve on both the Eagle Creek Water Users Association and the Capitan water advisory board."

She said she encourages residents to speak to her about their problems and goals for the village and its future.



Alex D. Trujillo

At 35, Alex Trujillo would be the youngest Capitan trustee if he's elected March 5. A younger perspective would broaden the board's representation, he said.

"I figure I was born and raised here and it's time to get involved, because I'll probably die here too," Trujillo said. "It's time to help the community the best I can if they want me to be there on the board."

Water is the key to the village's future, he said.

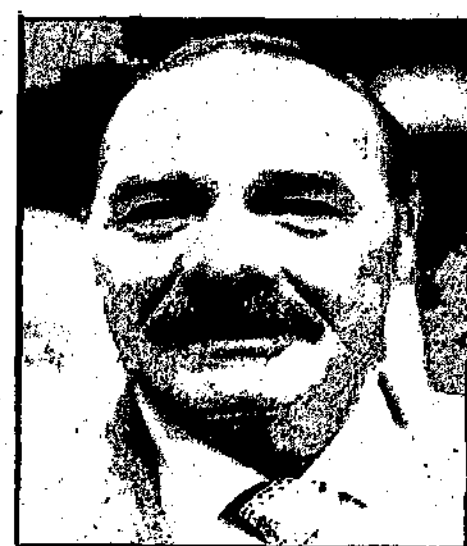
"We've got a big problem," he said. "I've been reviewing the five-year water needs study just completed, but I don't know what kind of money the village has. Either way it goes, it's going to cost money and the trustees say they don't have it."

His wife, Elizabeth and two daughters support his first run for public office, Trujillo said.

He attended one year of college after high school and works in construction where he sees the growth as it's happening. The timing isn't right to try to enact zoning laws, he said.

"The ones they (planning and zoning board members) came up with before (and were rejected by the trustees) contained a lot of things the people of Capitan don't need or want," Trujillo said. "This is a poor community. I'm not against zoning per se if it's good for

the village, but nothing so far-fetched."



Alfred Leroy Montes

After three terms on the board of trustees and service in other public capacities, Alfred Leroy Montes thought in 1994 he had retired from politics and public life.

But some residents of the village had other ideas.

"I have been encouraged to run again (for trustee) by people in the community," said the 60-year-old Montes.

During his time off the board of trustees, he's still kept his hand in the mix by serving as president of the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Association. The gas company was created by the two villages it serves.

And he's kept his eye on the water supply problems that continue to plague the village, he said.

Born in Hondo, Montes moved to Capitan 37 years ago when he married his wife, Rose. The couple's three grown children all live in Capitan and Montes said he knows just about everybody in town.

Montes works for the Alto Village Water Department, but he has chalked up a long string of public offices.

Before winning his first two-year term as a trustee in 1990, he spent four years as Capitan chief of police, four years as municipal judge and eight years as magistrate judge.

He enjoys serving the public, Montes said.

"During my term on the board, I helped keep water rates and taxes down," he said. "I think the village needs a trustee who takes into consideration that it is a village of average working people."

Montes earned an associate's in business administration.



Michael A. Romero

His background in firefighting and water management should be an asset, if he's elected to the Capitan Board of Trustees, said Michael A. Romero.

Besides studying water technology in college, he worked 15 seasons as a firefighter and later a foreman for the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service.

"When I worked for the government, I had to manage and understand water," Romero said. "With the danger of fire so high much of the time, if we don't watch out, we'll have a real problem."

But the major impetus for his first run for public office was his disappointment in the way residents were treated by council members during a hearing on a proposed zoning ordinance last year, Romero said.

"They would make us feel like we were hostile and that they had to have police there," he said. "You don't treat people like that. You show them more respect. We used

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to all get along.

"I suppose I feel threatened when people put too much government down our throats or say, 'This is the way it's going to be done.' That's not how it should be for the people of Capitan. Instead of government being of the people, for the people and by the people, it is in spite of the people. I believe in treating people...with honesty and fairness."

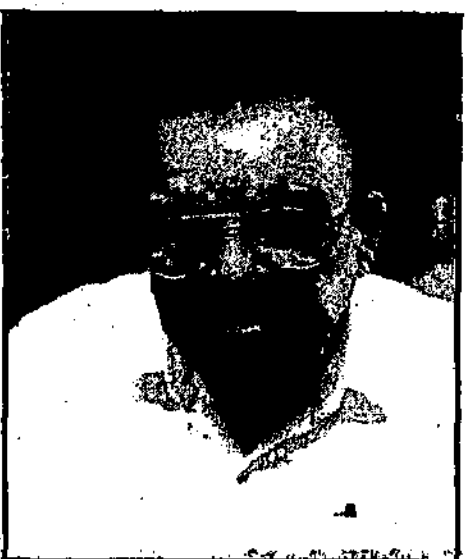
He also entered the race because

he thinks too many issues in city government are unresolved.

Besides the water situation and the council's handling of residents during hearings on controversial subjects, he cited job prospects for children growing up in Capitan.

Romero, 40, was born in the settlement of Lincoln and moved to Capitan 25 years ago. He and his wife, Cathleen, have two daughters. He currently is studying for a real estate license.

Cozzens, Carpenter vie for two-year seat



Lamoyne Carpenter

Completing his 30th year in the real estate business in Capitan, Lamoyne Carpenter says he wants to give something back to the village that has been so good to him.

He's running to finish the two years left on a four-year seat previously occupied by his son, who resigned.

"Water is my number one concern," Carpenter said. "We should protect the water we now have and should make every effort to obtain additional water rights. I also would like to see the Eagle Creek water line completed."

"Knowing subdivisions as I do, I can be of service on future road planning. I also would like to see more communication with the school and the Lincoln County Fair Board concerning the youth of this community."

Although he recognizes that planning and zoning will be enacted in the village someday, the time has not come, Carpenter said. Past efforts have been too ambitious and not tailored to the village's needs, he said. More citizen input is needed in the future, he said.

Although this is his first run for public office, Carpenter was instrumental in organizing the first Lincoln County Junior Livestock Sale and served two terms as chairman of that committee.

Born in Clovis in 1933, he took over management of the family farm when he was 17 and stayed for six years, ending in 1956. He was active in custom farming and construction until he left Clovis in 1964 and moved to Ruidoso, then Capitan.

In Lincoln County, he was hired as superintendent for Western Constructors for concrete, paving and building construction. In April 1965, he worked on the Mescalero Apache Reservation as a building inspector. The next year, he went into the real estate business in Capitan.

In addition to graduating from high school, Carpenter has completed more than 400 hours of accredited real estate courses, including appraisal, ethics, trust funds, business law, principles and practices, and real estate law. He is a member of the New Mex-

ico Horse Breeders Association and the state Horseman's Association.



L.C. Cozzens

L.C. Cozzens, 74, is winding up a four-year term on the board and is seeking re-election this time to finish the remaining two years on a vacated trustee seat.

He wants to continue on the board to see a few major projects to completion, he said.

"We're in the process of working on a program for water now, and that's real important for the future," he said. The village hired a firm to put together a study of the five-year water needs of the village and recently extended that contract to a 40-year need. Without proof that water is needed, the State Engineer will not approve the purchase of more water rights, he said.

"I am not for zoning," Cozzens said. "I only voted to study it. It's a dead issue as far as I'm concerned unless a more moderate plan is proposed and I can see support out in the community."

He also would like to see a street paving grant project completed, and stick around long enough to ensure the continued existence of a gas company owned by the villages of Capitan and Carrizozo and operated by a joint association.

The association's territory is under pressure from a larger competitor. The association already has taken steps to dissolve and return the gas company to the hands of the villages.

"By dissolving, it becomes municipally owned and operated," offering more territorial protection, he said.

Cozzens comes to the job with a background in handling personnel, budgets and federal programs. He spent 36 years as a teacher, coach and later a superintendent of schools. Seventeen of those years were spent at the helm of the Portales school system.

Cozzens graduated from Capitan High School. Between stints in the service, he earned a bachelor's and then a master's from the University of New Mexico.

He and wife, Mary Lou, decided to come back to Capitan for their retirement. For the first few years in town, he advised the Capitan School Board on financial matters.

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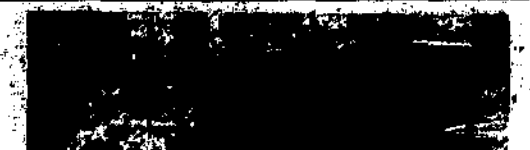


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program should start in the first of April."

Looking toward the future, Hayhurst said that if re-elected he will continue efforts to upgrade the village sewer system, resurface all streets and improve the facilities at the All-American Park.

"Those are the three main things right now," he said. "With all of the growth in the village we must be prepared."

Hayhurst's opponent in the election, Charlotte Craig has accused Hayhurst of being too strict in his chain-of-command policy and has said that when people did break the chain-of-command, they were chastised. Craig has also said she would like to see improvements in communication between the mayor's office, police and fire departments and citizens.

"I don't know why she would say that because I've been in office for four years and she's never one time been in my office to ask for anything for the village," Hayhurst said. "I've had an open door policy for the last four years and why Craig is saying that, I don't know."

The chain-of-command is something that all employees need to follow so that chaos doesn't take over village hall, Hayhurst said.

"There may be a couple of people in the police department who are unsatisfied because of the fact that they can't run the department," he said. "The way they try to run the department is to run to the village council and that's not the chain-of-command."

"They need to go through their sergeant, their chief, and then right up to the mayor and then the council and this is the problem if there is one."

The chain-of-command is in place for a reason, he said.

"I've preached following the chain-of-command for four years and that keeps things running smoothly."



Charlotte Craig

Trustee Charlotte Craig has decided to challenge incumbent Joe Hayhurst for the job of mayor of the village, instead of trying to keep her trustee seat.

Craig said she can do a better job as mayor than Hayhurst, and that is why she is running.

"I have done my best at my position of trustee and even though I've made a few mistakes, I did what I thought was right and I've seen things that I would like to change and can't do it from this position," Craig said.

As a life-time Ruidoso Downs resident and a trustee for six years, Craig has been involved in many government decisions.

Craig first became involved on the board of trustees when she was appointed by former Mayor Bonnie Addy to replace Ben Jeffries, who resigned. Voters re-elected Craig at the end of that term in 1992.

She has been a trustee for the last six years and mayor pro-tem for the last three years.

"I feel like we have done a lot of good for the village in the last four years," Craig said.

The job of trustee has prepared Craig for the mayor's job, she said.

Craig elaborated on what changes she would like to implement as mayor.

"I would like a better rapport be-

tween the mayor, trustees, employees and the citizens of Ruidoso Downs," she said. "I would also like to see the police department be run more by the police staff and less by the mayor, and would like for any and all employees to feel free to talk to any officer, supervisor, mayor or trustee about any concern or problem that they may have without feeling that they may have repercussions from anyone."

For example, Craig said Hayhurst has final approval on scheduling work hours for village employees, including the police department.

"It should be the chief's job to set up that schedule," she said. "There's just little things like that."

The candidate also has a problem with the chain-of-command procedure currently in place at village hall. For example, employees should be able to talk with trustees before talking with their immediate superiors.

"The way it's set up now, it discourages employees from talking to the trustees when they have a question about something," she said. "I feel like if they feel more comfortable talking to one of the trustees and not the mayor, that would be the best thing, but that's just my opinion."

If elected, the written policy would be changed, she said.

"I would change the chain-of-command to the point that if they someone didn't feel comfortable talking to me as the mayor, they could go to a trustee," Craig said.

Much of the reason she is running for the office has to do with communication, she said.

"I would like for the trustees to know what's going on in the village without having to hear about it from someone on the street," she said. "If someone says to me that something happened and I don't know about it, I feel that I should know."

Craig said that she makes it a point to stop by village hall almost every day so she can keep current on what's happening, but even then

she sometimes has to probe to get answers.

"If it is important enough for the mayor to know, I feel it is also important for the trustees to know so they can do the job right," she said.

Mayor Hayhurst has done a good job with police and other village employees, she said.

"I believe that Joe has done a good job and if I wasn't running against him I'd vote for him," she added.

One candidate, the incumbent, is running for the position of municipal judge in the Village of Ruidoso Downs elections Tuesday, March 5.

The municipal judge is paid \$550 per month and is elected to a four-year term.

Harold Mansell

Harold R. Mansell is the incumbent Ruidoso Downs municipal judge who will be running unopposed on the Ruidoso Downs election ballot in March.

Mansell and his wife, Camille,



Harold Mansell

have lived in Ruidoso Downs for 21 years. He earned a business administration degree from the Oklahoma State University in 1960. He also has more than 100 hours of judicial college training. Municipal judges in New Mexico are not required to have a law degree.

Mansell has been a judge in Ruidoso Downs for nine years. He

also works at Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber and operates an accounting business with his wife.

Judge Mansell began his career in law enforcement as a policeman in Duncan, Okla., and also served as a court clerk. He served on the Ruidoso Village Council for eight years, and was appointed municipal judge in 1987 by then-mayor Jake Harris. Mansell won both the 1988 and 1992 elections and is seeking another term.

Offenders of the driving while intoxicating law who find themselves in front of Mansell should be forewarned.

"I'm not too lenient on DWIs," he said. "In fact in nine years, I've only had two DWI cases that I've found not guilty."

Mansell is also tough on shoplifters, bad check writers and domestic violence cases, he said.

The judge still studies law about two hours per day to keep abreast of the latest changes, he said.

"I've tried to do a good job as judge for Ruidoso Downs," Mansell said.

RUIDOSO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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— 11:25 p.m. Crown Drive caller reports vehicle followed him home.

TUESDAY, FEB. 27

Total calls by type:
2 Accidents
5 Ambulances
1 Assist other agency
2 Disturbances
1 Domestic
1 Fire call
3 Non-criminal activities
1 Personal violence
2 Theft
— 3:38 a.m. Wales Court caller reports male subject has trespassed. Subject had illegal drugs on him.
— 8:33 a.m. Officer at RPD taking report on aggravated assault.
— 9:16 a.m. Metz Drive caller requests ambulance for male. Unknown subject.
— 10:39 a.m. Brady Canyon caller requests officer for possible B&E. Negative report.
— 11:36 a.m. Probation officer has one arrest. Booked at RPD.
— 11:47 a.m. McBride Drive caller needs message delivered to someone in town. Message delivered.

— 1:39 p.m. U.S. 70 caller reports threat. Report taken on assault.
— 1:45 p.m. Coyote Drive caller requests code enforcement to check out people possibly burning pine needles. All clear.
— 2:46 p.m. Four Seasons Mall caller requests officer about a stolen item. It's a civil matter.
— 3:53 p.m. Officer has one juvenile. Fingerprint and photo taken.
— 3:30 p.m. Parr Drive caller reports some kids are trying to break in a car. All clear. Keys are locked in the vehicle.
— 3:55 p.m. White Mountain Drive caller reports school vehicle hit her car. Report will be taken tomorrow.

— 4:13 p.m. 616 Mechem Drive caller reports accident, unknown injuries. Two vehicles. Report taken.
— 5:03 p.m. Meander Road caller reports female next door needs to talk to an officer. Domestic. Report taken.
— 5:14 p.m. IHS requests ambulance to transfer patient.
— 5:32 p.m. Coyote Lake caller reports dumpster is smoking. Fire extinguished.
— 6:34 p.m. 641 Suddarth Drive caller reports loud music across the street. Unable to locate.
— 10:35 p.m. Eagle Drive caller reports man yelling at top of his voice. Negative report.

RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following information was taken from reports made by citizens to the Ruidoso Downs Police Department.
SATURDAY, FEB. 24
8:10 a.m. Neighbor dispute.
2:30 a.m. Report of theft on Wright Drive.
6:45 p.m. Report of a stolen motorcycle.
SUNDAY, FEB. 25
2:07 a.m. DWI arrest.
5:46 p.m. Loose horses near the Sports Theater.
MONDAY, FEB. 26

5:12 a.m. Man requesting to see officer at Pappy's Cafe.
2:10 p.m. One warrant arrest.
TUESDAY, FEB. 27
12:42 a.m. Report of vehicles broken into at Ruidoso Ford.
8:09 a.m. One arrest for shoplifting.
9:14 a.m. Brush fire.
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28
6:54 a.m. Officer took report on damaged property.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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Pursuant to Section 7-8-18 NMSA 1978, notice is hereby given that the persons listed below appear to be owners of unclaimed money or other personal property. To obtain information concerning this property, address and inquiry to the company whose name and address appear at the beginning of each group of names. The inquiry must include the item and address of the owner, the identifying check, policy, or other number as shown in this notice. Proof of claim must be presented to the holder's satisfaction within 65 days from the date of the second publication of this notice. If the abandoned property is not claimed within 65 days from the second publication date, the property will be placed in the custody of the New Mexico Taxation & Revenue Department. After 65 days, all claims must be directed to the Taxation & Revenue Department.

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DERTH DR., RUIDOSO, NM 88345.

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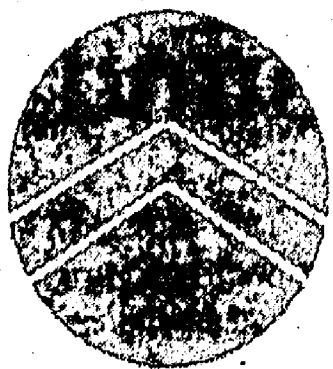
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The cast of "Cheating Cheaters" counts its loot in a scene from the RLT play.

Entertainment: Ruidoso Little Theater produces a comedy for all

Roswell arts and crafts expo Saturday and Sunday

The fifth annual Eastern New Mexico Arts and Crafts Expo will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 2 and 3 in the commercial building at the Eastern New Mexico State Fairgrounds in Roswell.

More than 100 exhibitors from throughout the southwest will fill the building with original art and handcrafted items.

Hours for the show are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m.

Mel Prather, organizer for the show, said he was pleased with the quality of items to be displayed this weekend.

"We've had a number of suggestions from previous customers asking that we expand a number of categories, and we've been able to do so this year," Prather said. "We've also attracted a growing

number of unusual and first-time exhibits."

Also on hand for the first time will be those with ceramics, wind chimes, terra cotta pottery, fishing rod holders, etched metal, painted wood and floral arrangements. Rounding out the list of newcomers will be exhibitors with hair accessories, painted gourds, painted glass, soft sculpture, wood dolls,

tole painting, homemade jams and jellies, handmade soap, bird feeders, dried flowers, metal art, and framed prints.

Returning exhibitors will have unfinished wood items, bathroom accessories, kitchen items, wreaths and swags, ladies clothing, finished shadow boxes and cabinets, toys and games, Southwest jewelry, window treatments, candy, nail art and original jewelry. Also back are

those with loop earrings, quilts, baby quilts, wall hangings, miniatures, floor lamps and trash bins, painted glass, crystal jewelry, calligraphy, Victorian crafts, tee shirts, dining room furniture and hutches, floral art, plastic canvas clocks, functional stoneware, animal pottery, room dividers and fireplace screens, neck coolers, mouse dolls, handbags, and silver jewelry.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Live Music

TNT CONCERT/DANCE SERIES

— 8 p.m.-midnight Saturday, March 2 at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center with the rhythm and blues from Doug Roysden Band from Abilene, Texas. Tickets for each concert are \$5 per person in advance and \$7 at the door. Tickets are available at the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce, Farley's Food, Fun and Pub and the main Showtime Video. For more information call the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce at 257-7395.

LOCAL MUSICIANS SHOWCASE

— 9 p.m. every Thursday night on KBUY radio. Turner and Silverman will interview a different local musician or group each week. For eight weeks culminating with a free concert at Marie LaVeaux's in Ruidoso on March 17.

CREE MEADOWS COUNTRY CLUB

301 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso 257-2733 — 6 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and 7 p.m. Saturdays. "Keri" will be playing.

ENCHANTMENT INN -

SCREAMING EAGLE LOUNGE, Hwy. 70 West, Ruidoso Downs 378-4051 — James Boren Band Wednesday through Saturday. Rock & roll, blues, R&B and country. Wednesday night jam sessions.

MARIE LA VEAUX, 1214 Mechem Drive 258-3784 — 9 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Friday & Saturday, March 1 & 2, Def Tones will perform. 9 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Friday & Saturday, March 8 & 9, Sunkings will perform.

THE WINNER'S CIRCLE, 2535 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso 257-9535 — 8 p.m. to close every Thursday through Sunday - JJR Band (local band performs country western and rock 'n roll), no cover.

WIN, PLACE AND SHOW, 2516 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso 257-9982 — 8 p.m. to close Mondays through Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sundays, country music.

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LINCOLN COUNTY HEAD START

REGISTRATION — 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friday, March 1 at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center, Ruidoso. Please bring proof of income (12 months prior to registration date), birth certificate, social security card, current immunization, medicaid or health insurance. For more information call Sylvia Wilson at 257-5025 or 257-5787.

SIERRA BANK GRAND OPENING — 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Friday, March 1, at 1096 Mechem in the Lincoln Tower. Refreshments will be served.

POWER OF THOUGHT WORKSHOP — 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, March 2 at Good Samaritan Village, Creative Arts Room, 3025 Terrace Dr., Las Cruces. Registration is \$85. For more information call Sharon at (505) 382-8595 or Pam at 526-8907.

EASTERN NEW MEXICO ARTS & CRAFTS EXPO — Saturday & Sunday, March 2 & 3 in the commercial building at the Eastern New Mexico State Fairgrounds in Roswell. Admission is free.

FLICKINGER CENTER'S ARTIST OF THE MONTH — is photographer Gerald D. Moore. A reception will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 4 in the Flickinger Center lobby, Alamogordo. For more information call (505) 437-2202.

SAFE AND HEALTHY FAMILIES IN TODAY'S CHALLENGING WORLD — 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Monday, March 4 at Ruidoso High School. Topics will include New Mexico laws on child sexual abuse, how to talk to your older children about personal body safety and how to help your children if they tell you they have been abused. The workshop is free, but call Katherine Howard Cooper by March 4 for planning purposes. Free childcare provided.

ENTREPRENEUR'S WORKSHOP — 6:30 - 9 p.m. Monday, March 4, March 11, March 25 and April 1 at ENMU-Ruidoso located at Sierra Mall. Snacks will be provided. The cost for all four sessions is \$20 with advance registration and \$25 at the door. Interested parties may preregister by calling the WESSTcorp office at (505) 624-9850. Registration forms may also be picked up at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, Pioneer Savings Bank and the ENMU-Ruidoso office. Space is limited and preregistration is encouraged.

OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM — will train new volunteer advocates for three days beginning Monday, March 4. The training session will help you to protect the rights of residents living in nursing and residential care homes in your community. For more information call (505) 246-2617 or 1-800-432-2080.

FREE PARENTING COURSE — 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 5 at the Ruidoso Middle School. Bill Davis will present "Prevention of Family Violence."

BLOOD DRIVE — 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., Friday, March 8, at the Church of Christ, 415 Sudderth, Ruidoso. The blood drive is sponsored by Lincoln County Medical Center.

CASINO APACHE, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mesalero Apache Reservation 257-5141 — Open 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday, 24 hours a day Thursday through Saturday.

D LAZY 2 CHUCKWAGON CAMP — Seven days a week year round. Reservations only. Authentic chuckwagon supper and chuckwagon entertainment (cowboy poetry, guitar music, etc.). Reservations must be made by 3 p.m. Call 257-7836 for information.

RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK — Simulcast racing. Call 378-4431 for times.

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM — Sponsored by the Community Action Program. The program is for the 1995 tax season Jan. 30 through April 15. The assistance is for income-eligible people who need help with State and Federal Income Tax short forms. They will see clients by appointment only at 615 Sudderth, Suite 1 #10, Ruidoso. Call 257-6843 for further information.

AARP TAX AIDE VOLUNTEERS — 2-4 p.m. every Wednesday and Friday through April 12 at the Ruidoso Senior Center. The volunteers will help elderly low income taxpayers with both federal and state income taxes. A person does not have to be a member of American Association of Retired Persons to receive this help.



Clubs & Meetings

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY — 7 p.m. Monday, March 4 at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount in Ruidoso. Jean Kuykendall will bring her interpretation of Tules, the madam from Ruth Laughlin's Book, *The Wind Leaves No Shadow*. Everyone is invited. Refreshments will be served.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION — 2 p.m. Monday, March 4 at Ruidoso Village Hall.

LINCOLN COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY — 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:15 p.m. Monday, March 4 at Marie La Veaux Restaurant, 1214 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso. John J. Dendahl, chairman of the Republican Party of New Mexico, will speak. For reservations call Genevieve Sewell at 258-5784, or Jimmy Luna at 648-2732 by noon Saturday, March 2.

LINCOLN COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY — 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 5 at LCMC, 211 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP — 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 6 at the Ruidoso Care Center. For more information call 257-9071.

YOUTH EMPOWERED FOR SUCCESS — 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 7 at Ruidoso Schools Administration Building, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso.



Library

RUIDOSO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 501 Junction Rd. 257-4335.



Movies

AT SIERRA CINEMA, 257-9444: "Black Sheep," "Sense & Sensibility." Call theater for show times and ratings.



Museums

MUSEUM OF THE HORSE — Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-

4809. Open daily Tuesday - Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Now showing: Anne's Attic - Selections from the permanent collection.

LINCOLN COUNTY HERITAGE TRUST HISTORICAL CENTER/COURTHOUSE MUSEUM AND LINCOLN STATE MONUMENT — Highway 380, Lincoln, 653-4025. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

APACHE CULTURAL CENTER, Saint Joseph Mission, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Mesalero National Fish Hatchery, all in Mesalero.



Theater

"CHEATING CHEATERS" — 8 p.m. Saturday, March 2 and March 8, 9, 15 and 16 at The Ruidoso Little Theater. The play is directed by Steve Smith. It is the first show of the year. The cost is \$7 for adults & \$5 for senior citizens and students up to 12th grade. For more information and reservations call the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce at 257-7395.



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SPORTS



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Ruidoso area softball director Debbie Jo Almager (left) has dramatically improved the impact of the recreational sport on the

community, but not without the help of her sister and assistant area director, Palsy Page, who helps with the youth programs.

Parks and rec director aims for the fence

by LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

In softball jargon, the diminutive Debbie Jo Almager packs a punch at the plate. She's one of the main reasons why Ruidoso is one of the fastest growing softball areas in the state.

Almager, who is the Village of Ruidoso director of parks and recreation, has taken softball to another level in the 2.5 years she's been with the community.

"She changed the mind set. She wanted to compete for the softball dollar," said Kevin Naegele, New Mexico state director of the United States Slo-Pitch Association, the organization which sanctions Ruidoso's tournaments.

"She wanted teams to come to play, not just to recreate. She wanted to make it (Ruidoso) a softball attraction," Naegele said.

It has become just that.

Last summer, the Village of

Ruidoso's adult and youth softball programs made more than \$2,400 where from \$700,000 to \$980,000 for Ruidoso merchants.

— the only program to operate in the black. Adult softball tournaments (four in all) generated any-

This year, Almager expects two of her four tournaments to reach the capacity of 60 teams. With only

three fields, Almager must limit her tournaments to 60 teams. Prior to her arrival, Ruidoso's tourneys

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It's no bull (Durham) —

Build it and they will come

by LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

How do you pay for a \$40,000 investment into just one weekend? Just build another softball field in Ruidoso.

Using figures provided by the Ruidoso Convention and Visitors Bureau, Debbie Jo Almager estimates that four softball tournaments generated an economic impact of \$980,000 for Ruidoso in the summer of 1995.

One more softball field (cost: \$40,000) would bring in another 20 teams. Another 20 teams per tournament could easily push that economic impact figure up by about \$116,000, well past the million dollar mark.

Kevin Naegele, who has been New Mexico's state director since 1989, understands what kind of money softball has brought to his community of Hobbs.

Before Hobbs built its Zia Sport-

splex softball fields, softball leagues and tournaments were played on two fields. Now, with four fields at its disposal, Hobbs' Zia Sportsplex produced more than \$1.25 million for the area.

Even using the more conservative numbers of the National Parks and Recreation Association, which figures an average daily cost per person of \$75 a day, Ruidoso's four softball tournaments generated

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SKI REPORT



Ski Apache is open with all lifts (except chair 6) and the gondola operating. The lower mountain and upper mountain trails are open, except The Trench and Ringtail.

The area received one inch of new snow Sunday and a trace of snow Monday.

Ski officials are reporting a snow depth of 38 inches midway on the mountain. Surface conditions are packed and groomed.

To hear the ski report, call 257-9001.

REPLAY



This week in Lincoln County sports history, compiled from *The Ruidoso News*.

10 years ago — A scorekeeping error strips Ruidoso of its District 3AAA wrestling title. Cobre wins the crown.

20 years ago — The Ruidoso boys basketball team closes out the regular season with a 89-79 win over Lordsburg. Kirk Eubank leads the Warriors with 27 points.

30 years ago — More than 150 young skiers are due at Sierra Blanca ski area to participate in a junior race at the resort.

40 years ago — The Mescalero Terrapins sixth grade and under basketball team defeats High Rolls, 23-5, for the junior title. Clyde Davis leads the Mescalero team with 10 points. Bill Cleghorn coaches the team.

Ames resigns position as RHS wrestling coach

Just days after his team competed in the Class A-AAA state wrestling championships, longtime Ruidoso wrestling coach Gerald Ames stepped down from his coaching job. Ames will stay on at Ruidoso as a teacher in the social studies department.

Ames has coached the Warriors for the past 19 years.

Gymnastics Association needs office equipment

Ruidoso Gymnastics Association is in need of a good copy machine and a paper cutter. RGA is a non-profit organization with a federal 501(c) exemption. All donations are tax deductible and used to benefit the children enrolled in the program.

For information on how to donate equipment to the club, call Bonnie Richardson at 378-4661.

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SPORTS

Cold-shooting Warriors frozen out in Socorro

by LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

It's hard to make heads or tails of the District 3AAA boys basketball tiebreaker, but that's what determined the district seedings for the playoffs.

Unfortunately, the Warriors were the odd men out when a coin toss sent the Ruidoso team on the road Monday in the first round of the 3AAA post season. They trekked to Socorro to face the district's No. 3 seed team. That game ended their season.

Ruidoso's fate came down to a coin toss just as Warrior coach Ben Sanchez feared it would. His Warriors, Cobre and Santa Teresa all

finished with 3-7 district records and tied for fourth place. All three teams split during the regular season, which meant the tie was broken by flipping some silver.

While the Warriors lost out on the coin toss, Santa Teresa emerged the big winner with the fourth seed. Cobre played at STHS Monday in a matchup of No. 4 and No. 5 seeds.

Ruidoso fell behind early in Socorro, but rallied in the second quarter. The Warriors trailed by only six points, 33-27, going into the lockerroom.

But then a cold front blew in. "We just go absolutely stone cold in the third quarter," Sanchez said.

The Warriors couldn't buy a bucket to save their souls, scoring only five points in the third period to Socorro's 20 points. Of Ruidoso's five points, three came from the foul line.

Socorro's Warriors, meanwhile, caught ablaze in the third period. "We were at two opposite ends of the spectrum. They were hot and we just had a real bad third quarter," Sanchez said.

Ruidoso ended up shooting just 36% from the field for the game, and Socorro cruised to a 67-44 victory.

Senior Joshua Hodges was the only Warrior in double figures, with 13 points. Freshman Cory Saenz

added nine in the losing cause.

There's little doubt the road trip to the western part of the state affected the Warriors. Ruidoso left early Friday morning for Cobre and came back late Saturday night from Silver. The Warriors had a workout Sunday and then played Socorro Monday.

In Cobre, the Warriors faced a fired-up Indian squad. With its coach suspended indefinitely for an incident last week, the Indians weren't to be denied. Cobre rolled to an 82-64 win.

"It was like walking into a buzz saw. They were playing with a tremendous amount of emotion.

They showed a lot of maturity, taking something like that and turning it into a positive," Sanchez said.

The next night was more of the same when Ruidoso played the state's No. 3-ranked Silver Colts. Silver, with a sterling 20-3 mark, is on a roll. The Colts are playing some of the best basketball in the state, Sanchez said.

Leading the Warriors were Saenz with 24 points and Hodges with 14.

"They can make quite a challenge for the state championship. They are a well-rounded team," Sanchez said of Silver.

Ruidoso ends the season with a 10-14 overall mark.

Other areas threatened by Ruidoso's popularity

by LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

The thought of Ruidoso adding another softball field strikes fear in softball directors across the state.

At least that's what Kevin Naegele says. Naegele should know. He's the New Mexico state director for the United States Slo-

Pitch Association — the largest state-wide softball association.

An additional field would allow Ruidoso softball area director Debbie Jo Almager the space for another 20 teams in her 48-hour tournaments.

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more programs for the youth," she averaged half the number of teams said with a sense of urgency in her they draw now.

For her efforts, Almager was named 1995 Co-Area Director of the Year by the New Mexico USSSA at its annual state meeting Feb. 17 hosted by Ruidoso. In 1994, Almager was named "Newcomer of the Year." That same year, her sister, Patsy Page, took honors for "Youth Program of the Year." Page is Almager's assistant area director.

It used to be that other towns didn't fear scheduling a tournament the same weekend as Ruidoso. Not the case anymore.

"She really did take that (area) and turn it 180 degrees," Naegele said.

Now that Almager has the adult softball program running strong, she has set sites on improving the village's three fields and expanding programs for the area's youths.

"At this point right now, we have to improve the parks we do have. Let's improve what we do have, and work toward our long-term goal of the recreation center," Almager said.

"And, let's try to start offering

more programs for the youth," she said with a sense of urgency in her voice.

Almager never forgets the area's children. She hopes someday that Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and Lincoln County governments can coordinate efforts and money to provide programs for the area's youth.

The village's parks and recreation department could become the clearinghouse for the little leagues and youth programs, Almager said. It wouldn't compete with the programs all ready in place, just fill in where gaps exist.

Completion of eight soccer fields and a baseball diamond behind White Mountain Schools will go a long way toward that goal. Ruidosans approved a \$1 million bond issue to build those fields behind White Mountain Schools. The fields should be completed by next spring.

"If we are going to be recreational, let's really be recreational," Almager said.

In softball jargon that means the next time she steps to the plate, Almager wants her parks and recreational programs to hit a grand slam.

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more than \$700,000 for the area.

That amount doesn't rank as high as some other Ruidoso events, like the Golden Aspen motorcycle rally. The popular five-day Aspenfest draws nearly 10,000 people and generates an economic impact of \$6.3 million.

Still, village and visitors bureau officials wouldn't mind seeing the softball industry grow in Ruidoso.

"Would that be wonderful?" says Faren Merritt Selman about the idea of adding another field. Selman works in sales and marketing for the convention and visitors bureau.

She calculates economic impact of events based on the International Association of Convention and Visitors Bureau's established figure for this geographic area. That figure is \$126 per day per person. It's a little more than other areas be-

cause Ruidoso is a resort community. She figures, on the average, it costs each person \$75 for a hotel room, \$35 for meals and about \$15 for souvenirs.

Admittedly, those dollar figures are debatable, Selman says. Some people spend more on staying at a full-service hotel; others choose to sleep cheap but pay for a higher-priced meals. Regardless, the average visitor spends \$126 a day when in Ruidoso.

"What has been done to date is significant in impact," village manager Gary Jackson said. "We have a lot of potential there and we're probably shortsighted if we don't look to those things (recreational activities and tournaments) and promote them more and more."

For a cost of about \$33,600 in 1995, the Village of Ruidoso offered a softball program for adults and

youth, and hosted four open tournaments. Almager brought in just over \$36,100 in league fees, tourney fees, T-shirt and softball sales. The village's softball program finished in the black by \$2,468.

With the tournaments alone generating at least \$700,000 to \$980,000 for Ruidoso innkeepers, restaurateurs and merchants, it's no wonder that some can envision softball becoming Ruidoso's newest recreation industry.

"With the growth of softball that we've seen, that could easily happen in other sports as well, like soccer. Softball is just one avenue of recreation that we've tapped into," Almager says.

Outsider Naegele already has an idea what the village should do if it invests in another softball field: "In the (village) logo with the horses and skis, you'd have to put a softball in there, too."

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS IN RUIDOSO

TOURNAMENT NAME	# OF TEAMS	# OF PERSONS 15 players + 8 fans (avg)	DAYS	ECONOMIC IMPACT \$126 Per Day
SUMMER 93				
Cool Pines Classic	30	690	1.5	\$130,410.00
Coca Cola Classic	37	851	1.5	\$160,839.00
Women's Open	11	253	1	\$31,878.00
Last Chance Qualifier	20	460	1.5	\$86,940.00
Total	98	2,254		\$410,078.00
SUMMER 94				
Sierra Blanca Opener	35	805	1.5	\$152,145.00
Cool Pines Classic	48	1104	2	\$278,208.00
Last Chance Qualifier	63	1449	2	\$365,148.00
Mountain Double Up	16	368	1.5	\$89,552.00
Total	162	3726		\$885,053.00
SUMMER 95				
Sierra Blanca Opener	45	1035	1.5	\$195,615.00
Cool Pines Classic	67	1541	2	\$388,332.00
Last Chance Qualifier	61	1403	2	\$353,558.00
Mountain Double Up	15	345	1	\$43,470.00
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Carpenter is in the process of upgrading the 16-entree menu with even more unique varieties. Included in the new listing will be vegetarian entrees — something Carpenter already has been offering to customers through his daily specials.

"I'm kind of health conscious," Carpenter concedes. "I use no lard,

watch the fats, oils, butter and keep the dishes low in cholesterol."

Thus far, the most popular dish at the three-month-old restaurant seems to be bisteces encebollados con chiles de queso (New York steak strips with onion, garlic, white cheese and green chili), Carpenter says. But seafood dishes like bolsa del pobre (coastal seafood and vegetables steamed in parchment paper) or camarones ala talla (grilled shrimp with chipotle garlic cream) strongly beckon to be tried.

Closely matching the peerless gastronomy is the rustic southwestern ambiance of the lodge the cafe occupies. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Mescalero Inn owners cosmetically enhanced the building, Smith says, filling the interior with southwestern art and colonial Spanish furniture.

And with this romantic atmosphere comes one ancient spirit few on the cafe staff can deny: a ghost.

The "ghostly phenomenon" has

been dubbed "The Colonel." He turns down loud music or closes windows, and appears quite friendly, Smith says.

"So far, he's been good," Smith says playfully. "I think he likes the changes we've made, especially the new atmosphere!"

And like the colonel, Smith declares Cafe Mescalero is "Here to stay!"

This summer, Smith says the cafe will entreat customers with outdoor dining and entertainment. Mariachi bands will play into the night, and headliners like Paula Poundstone will perform.

The bottom floor of the cafe, which holds the sports bar, will continue to offer sports fans a place to relax 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays. The sports bar's weekend hours match the 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. hours of the restaurant, in effect all week. Across the parking lot is The Mescalero Inn Nightclub, with a DJ and dance floor. It's open 9 p.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday.



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ENTERTAINMENT

Roydsen's roots reach deep

□ Concert benefits Handicapped Skiers Association

by DON HIXON

Ruidoso News Staff Writer

The lead guitar player for the Doug Roydsen Band, performing at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center Saturday, was raised with rhythm in his bones.

"I guess I was born with music," Doug Roydsen said in a telephone interview Wednesday. "I lived with my grandparents in Knoxville, Tenn., and my grandfather was a big Grand Ole Opry fan."

Roydsen's grandfather would come home and watch the Opry broadcast, and the infant Roydsen would watch it by his side.

"When I was six months old, I crawled over and picked up the little fireplace broom and started imitating the guitar player on the television screen," he said. "My granddad put his boots on and went out and came back with a guitar."

"I've had one ever since and now I own 15 guitars."

The Doug Roydsen Band, from Abilene, Texas, is the second band to perform in the TNT/Concert Dance Series. Proceeds from the series benefit the Ski Apache Handicapped Skiers program.

Roydsen and keyboard player Steve Couch played in a heavy metal band for about 10 years, Roydsen

said.

"Steve played bass in a heavy metal band with me throughout the 80s," he said. "We kinda grew out of that and started to pick up on roots rock stuff like early Elvis."

Expanding their horizons musically enabled the band to change directions and do different things.

"When we were playing heavy metal we were restricted to one audience only," Roydsen explained. "So we broadened our music and picked up a wider audience."

Roydsen's particular style of playing has been influenced by some of the giants in the world of guitar.

"I've been called a cross between Eddie Van Halen and Stevie Ray Vaughn," he said. "I do a lot of

Most people are now calling the band's style 'Texas rockin' blues,' he related.

The Doug Roydsen Band has one compact disc, "Don't Push Me," already available, and the band has been laying down tracks for its second recording.

"We were even playing country shows just to pay for the recording sessions to make the c.d.," Roydsen laughed. "Fortunately, we are a real diverse band and can play just about anything from country to blues to rock."

Another band that has had an influence on Roydsen's band is Emilio, who played at the civic center last Saturday.

"Some of the music on the new disc was influenced by my good

"We'll play two or three sets and maybe start with an hour set of blues just to warm up the audience."

DOUG ROYSDEN

LEAD GUITAR PLAYER OF THE DOUG ROYSDEN BAND

Stevie Ray Vaughn and even friend Emilio," Roydsen said. "We though we don't do any Van Halen, I'm a pretty fast player."

Jimi Hendrix also influenced Roydsen's style, and concertgoers will hear some the band's interpretations of classic Hendrix songs.

"We do a lot of Jimi Hendrix because like most guitar players, I love Hendrix," he said. "Our style of music has been labeled electric blues and roots rock, but I think we've probably grown beyond that."

People who attend Saturday's concert will get a preview of much of the music on the band's new album.

"We're featuring this new album with every show we do, and we're getting enormous public response



The Doug Roydsen Band will perform its special brand of Texas rockin' blues at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center Saturday.

to it," Roydsen said. "We'll play two or three sets and maybe start with an hour set of blues just to warm up the audience."

After a short break, the band usually plays a two-hour second set featuring original material, followed by a third set with material from bands like Pink Floyd.

"We do quite a bit of Floyd," he said. "Watch out 'cause you never know when we might rip off into a Pink Floyd song and play it for 30 or 40 minutes."

Roydsen will be signing autographs and previewing the con-

cert with an appearance at 1 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart and 4 p.m. at Ski Apache.

The Doug Roydsen Band will perform from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center.

Tickets for the concert are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Food, beer and wine will be available. Advance tickets are available at the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce, 720 Sudderth Drive, Farley's Food, Fun and Pub at 1200 Mechem Drive and at the main Showtime Video at 1715 Sudderth Drive.

RLT's newest play is a comedy for all

The Ruidoso Little Theater production of "Cheating Cheaters" opened last night and continues through March 16.

"Cheating Cheaters," by John Patrick, is a three-act modern-day comedy revolving around two middle-aged Midwest sisters, Theresa (played by Heather Davison) and Angelica (Shannon Grey). They impersonate begging nuns to put their niece Tania (Stephani Naron) through art school.

The hilarious misadventures of the sisters escalate when they

join forces with a young cat burglar (Joe Dennis Grimes) and a crooked cop (Kiko Lopez) for some inspired larceny.

"Cheating Cheaters" is directed by the Betty Award winning team of Steve Smith and Margaret Norbury.

The play runs at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday through March 16.

Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students.

For more information or reservations call 257-7395 or 257-5190.

Lincoln author to sign copies of latest mystery at book store

Steven Havill's fourth novel, *Before She Dies*, published by St. Martin's Press, New York, brings back the likable detective, 62-year-old Bill Gastner, the plain-speaking and oversized undersheriff of Posadas County, N.M.

Havill will be signing copies of *Before She Dies* from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at The Aspen Tree Book Store in Ruidoso.

Along with the Bill Gastner series, Havill has also written several western novels. He lives with his wife in Lincoln and teaches at Ruidoso Middle School.

Havill created the gruff, yet com-

passionate, veteran cop because he has "long been annoyed at the common portrayal of rural law enforcement as rednecks." The stamina and vitality of astute-minded chief of detectives Estelle Reyes-Guzman is refreshing, and teamed with Gastner, they're unstoppable.

In Posadas County, there isn't much criminal activity. One would think that it'd be a pretty good place to work as a cop.

But something goes terribly wrong with deputy Paul Encinos and Linda Real, the young newspaper reporter who had been riding with him on his rounds. They are

killed at point-blank range with a sawed-off shotgun on a deserted highway, late at night.

At first, it appears that the killer was infallible, but slowly and methodically, Gastner pieces clues together, while Reyes relies on her gut instincts to form a theory. When the next shocking death happens to be Gastner and Reyes' leading witness, who do they turn to next?

Mystery Scene says of Havill's writing style, "The authentic flavor of the New Mexico locale is so real you'll be tempted to check your shoes for fine red dust."

PERSONALITIES

Artist Bill Rakocy — an American original

by DON HIXON

Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Artist, writer, and teacher Bill Rakocy owes a debt of gratitude to his first grade teacher.

She pinned a note to his shirt telling his mother that he had artistic talent.

"The note recommended that I be sent to special art classes," Rakocy related in an interview from his combination gallery/studio at 2808 Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso.

Bill's mother, Anna Mae, also noticed something special about her son. Acting on the advice of the teacher, she sent him to Saturday drawing classes at the local Butler Art Institute in Youngstown, Ohio, the town where Bill was born in 1924.

"That teacher saw something in my work at age seven," he said. "So my mother sent me to the art classes every Saturday and we worked with charcoal, watercolors, sketching and the whole magilla."

Students of all ages were together at the Butler Institute, Rakocy said.

"In some ways, that was a stimulating thing for the kids because we got to see what the big folks were doing," he said. "I studied at Butler all through my teen years."

Rakocy's first award was the National Key Scholarship Award for a cartoon he drew for his high school newspaper in 1941.

"It was a satire about the war which they thought was quite

good," he said. "It surprised the heck out of me."

Inducted into the U.S. Navy in 1943 to help with the World War II effort, Rakocy continued to demonstrate his artistic abilities and began painting recruit training murals for the Great Lake Naval Training Station at Great Lake, Ill.

"I started digging into naval history and researching some of the great naval heroes," he said. "I remember doing one mural about Commodore Perry, and the officers were thrilled because I was doing murals about naval history."

Eventually, Rakocy was shipped overseas, where he worked as a specialist map maker and graphics designer in the Philippines.

"I ran what was known as a palm tree tent and sign service for the Seabees, and did hundreds of portraits of G.I.s on the side," he said. "I sent artwork to dozens of states."

When he was transferred to Marcus Island, Rakocy operated the graphic arts shop and did watercolors of the island scenery in his spare time.

After the war and three years in the Navy, Rakocy enrolled as a full-time art student at the Kansas City Art Institute and School of Design. While studying at the institute he worked part-time as an illustrator for an oilfield supply magazine and did auto repair (which he learned from his father, who owned a garage in Youngstown).



Bill Rakocy spins the tale of his many adventures while sitting in his Sudderth Drive studio/gallery. Rakocy has another studio in El Paso, Texas.

"At one point I even interviewed Salvador Dali for the local newspaper," he said.

Rakocy's love of the southwest began when he and long-time friend and fellow artist Chet Kwiecinski took a trip to Taos in 1949.

"We ran out of money and returned to art school in Kansas City," Rakocy said. "But I fell in

love with the clarity of the southwest."

After returning to Kansas, Rakocy continued to pursue his art career and began teaching night classes at the Jewish Community Center. He married artist Gloria Canterbury in 1950, received his bachelor's in fine arts in 1951, and three years later completed his master's in fine arts with a minor

in history.

Rakocy worked with English moviemaker Henry End as set designer and for Calvin Films as art director in 1953, the same year he won the Felecia Art Study Scholarship.

"A group of Italian businessmen in Kansas City gave the scholarship of \$500 to study in Italy," he said.

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Young Bill Rakocy poses for a picture with his brothers and sisters. Clockwise (left to right) are Bill, Violet, Joe and Robert Rakocy.



The Rakocy Art History Museum on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso opened in 1991. In this picture, Bill Rakocy stands outside the building on opening day.

PERSONALITIES

Rakocy

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"So Gloria and I and my first child Wendy headed to Italy."

After returning from Italy in 1953, Rakocy opened a one-man show at the Kansas City Art Institute of more than 80 watercolors that he had produced while on the trip.

"It was my first really big exhibit and did fairly well," he said.

"Then I returned to Youngstown and ran a freelance studio and taught art classes."

From 1955 to 1966, Rakocy continued to teach art and held jobs as the art director for an advertising agency and advertising manager for a dairy and restaurant chain. During that period he published an art newspaper, traveled back to New Mexico with Kwiecinski where he became friends with artists Peter Hurd and John Meigs, and worked as advertising manager for National Tea Company. In 1967 Rakocy accepted a job as fine arts chairman with the College of Artesia.

"It was a very esoteric little school," he said. "But it only lasted about eight years because of the lack of funding."

In 1969, Rakocy built the Peter Hurd Adobe Studio and conducted the Peter Hurd workshop in Mogollon.

When the college closed in 1971, Rakocy was offered and accepted the job of curator of education at the El Paso Museum, where he built a fine arts program and began the Rio Bravo Watercolor Club.

"I'd always wanted to work for a museum," he said. "It's kind of like the ultimate thing because you're on the inside."

While working in El Paso, Rakocy helped start two other museums, the Wilderness Park Museum in Northeast El Paso and the El Paso Museum of History.

"My theory is that Ruidoso is missing a bet by not having a museum," he said. "You could put a fabulous, nice museum here that would be a real draw because of all the history in this area."

Along with his friend Kwiecinski, Rakocy constructed a studio and darkroom and wrote the first of many books, "Mogollon Book No. 1, a New Mexico Ghost Town Documentary."

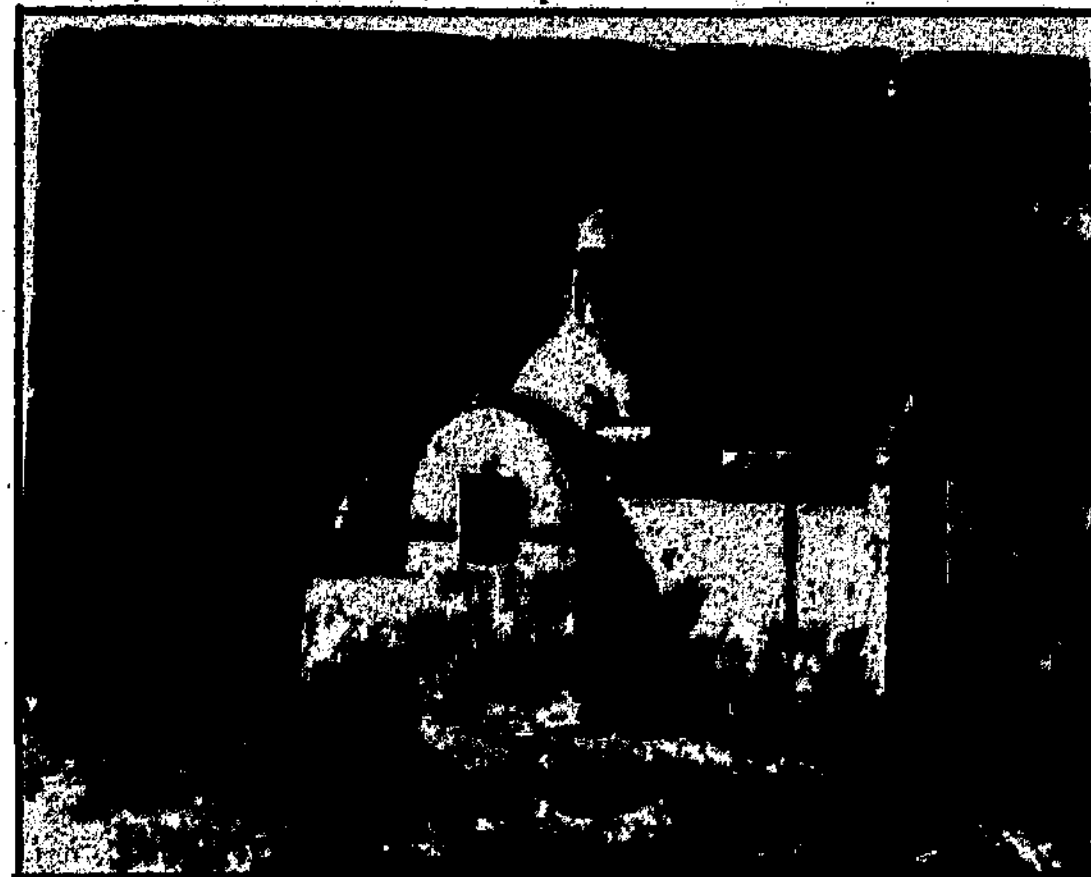
Rakocy was curator at the El Paso Museum until 1986, when he retired to write and paint full-time.

"I'm continuing to paint and I have another studio in El Paso and this place in Ruidoso," he said. "I love to write also and I've always said that I'm no great writer and I've got seven books to prove it."

Perhaps Christopher Forbes,



Rakocy painted this picture of the Hollywood Cafe on Old El Paso Street in El Paso, Texas in 1989. The building was slated for demolition several times, but historic preservation groups have saved it.



Rakocy often travels to Mexico for inspiration for his paintings. He painted this watercolor of the Church of St. Anne in the mid-80s.



Musicians resting at the Mission Plaza in Juarez, Mexico became the subject of this Bill Rakocy watercolor painted around 1986.

younger brother of presidential candidate Steve Forbes and Rakocy's friend said it best when he wrote, "Rakocy's work, like the man himself, is completely original. There are hints of masters like El Greco and Van Gogh. The bravura brushwork, muted yet vibrant palette, and subject matter are Rakocy's own."

Rakocy has just completed another book, "Trails to Ruidoso."

"This is kind of a history of the region surrounding Ruidoso," he said. "It's kind of a book about the interchange of the Indians and the archaeology, Three Rivers and the pictographs and the early settlers."

The new book should be available around the first of May, he said.

"This book will be unusual because every other page will have an illustration," Rakocy said. "Because I'm an artist, graphics to me are very important."

For an interesting conversation with a man who has led a very interesting life, take a journey to the Rakocy Art and History Museum at 2808 Sudderth Drive and say hello to Bill Rakocy.



Palettes filled with paint are always within Rakocy's reach. Here he demonstrates some of his painting techniques at the Rakocy Art History Museum.

A glimpse into Lincoln County's past, compiled from local newspapers by Polly E. Chavez.

The Corona Maverick March 2, 1923

A big Hudson touring car, emitting an odor closely akin to the kind that hover over the renowned Kentucky moonshine stills, drove up to the curb in front of Dad's Jollys restaurant about six o'clock Sunday evening. (The driver went inside to eat.)

In the meantime, the fumes from his leaky cargo outside had attracted a crowd of our "native sons" who milled around the car inhaling joyously. Deputy sheriff

Roland Sloan arrived on the scene, sniffed the atmosphere a time or two then ran to a phone and tried to communicate with Sheriff Harris at Carrizozo. He failed.

Meanwhile the man in the restaurant finished his meal, came out and was driving away when Sloan started across the street. Sloan went to the depot and boarded Passenger No. 4 which was just pulling into the station. Arriving at Duran, 20 miles north of Corona, Sloan intercepted the booze car as it drove into town. (The driver escaped.)

Deputy Sloan and Chancey drove the car of booze to Carrizozo that night and turned it in to the county sheriff.



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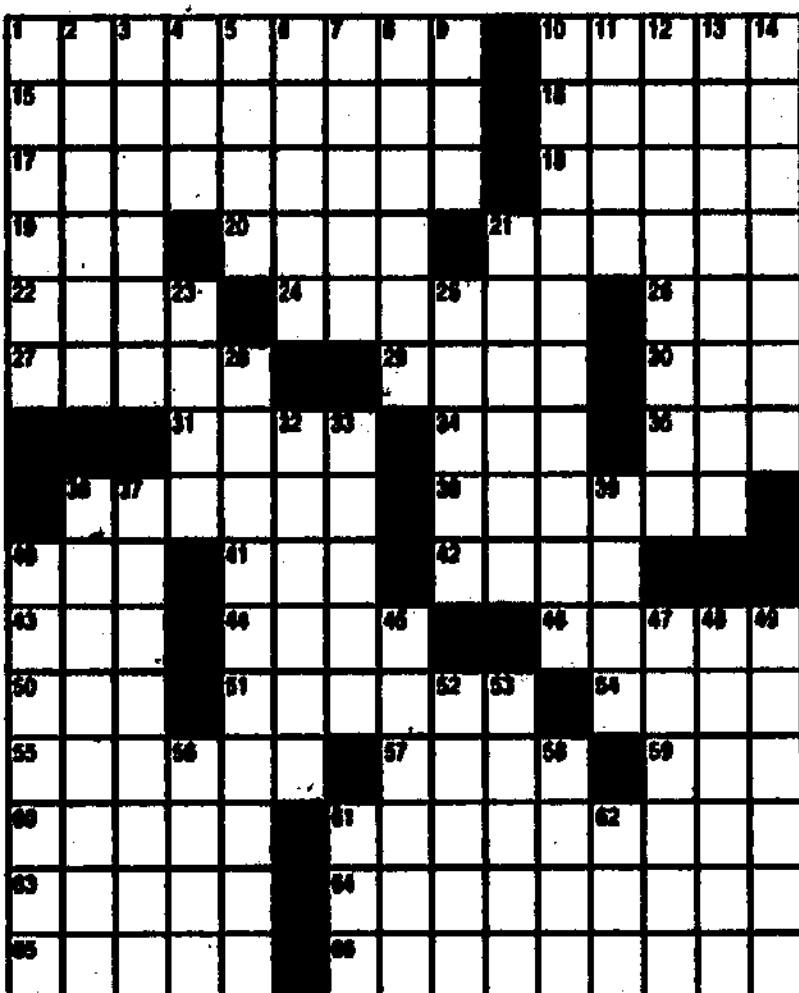
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ACROSS

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- 10 Kind of stew
- 15 Political surprise
- 16 Time being
- 17 Bent backward
- 18 Spud
- 19 Spleen
- 20 Guns
- 21 Most high, in titles
- 22 They're dubbed
- 24 "Couplehood" author
- 26 Come by
- 27 Diary protectors
- 28 Ersatz
- 30 Louis Philippe, e.g.
- 31 60's Presidential in-law
- 34 Auden's "The — of Anxiety"
- 35 Black rights org. since 1912
- 36 Mourn
- 38 Spout
- 40 Two-piece piece
- 41 Pod starter
- 42 Shaping tool
- 43 Attention
- 44 Close
- 46 Shoot-'em-up
- 48 Naphthol, e.g.
- 51 Flaunt
- 54 Clean
- 55 Pencil name
- 57 Sweet-talk
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- 62 Dripping
- 63 Late-summer concern
- 65 Discrimination
- 66 Approved
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- 69 Apparatus

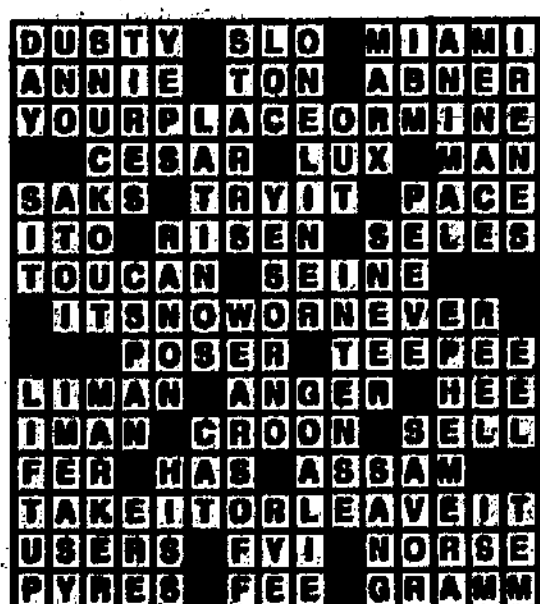


Puzzle by Rich Morris

- 3 The electorate
- 4 Asian lead-in
- 5 Warehouse abbr.
- 6 Tender
- 7 Escape facilitator
- 8 Establishment in a new habitat
- 9 Mardi Gras V.I.P.

- 48 Gap
- 49 Hot —
- 50 Regulating device
- 51 Solution
- 52 Kind of column
- 53 Geocentric center
- 54 Garden access
- 55 Missing floor in Caesar's palace?
- 56 "Tell —" (1963 hit)
- 57 Recycled item

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- 10 Short musical work
- 11 More than laugh
- 12 Basic
- 13 Dramatic opening
- 14 Dissenter
- 15 Neptune, e.g.
- 16 Active
- 18 Journalist Alexander

- 20 Quiet
- 22 Of the north
- 23 Tobacco pipe
- 24 Grade school supplies
- 27 Infrequency
- 28 Fire
- 29 Intimate

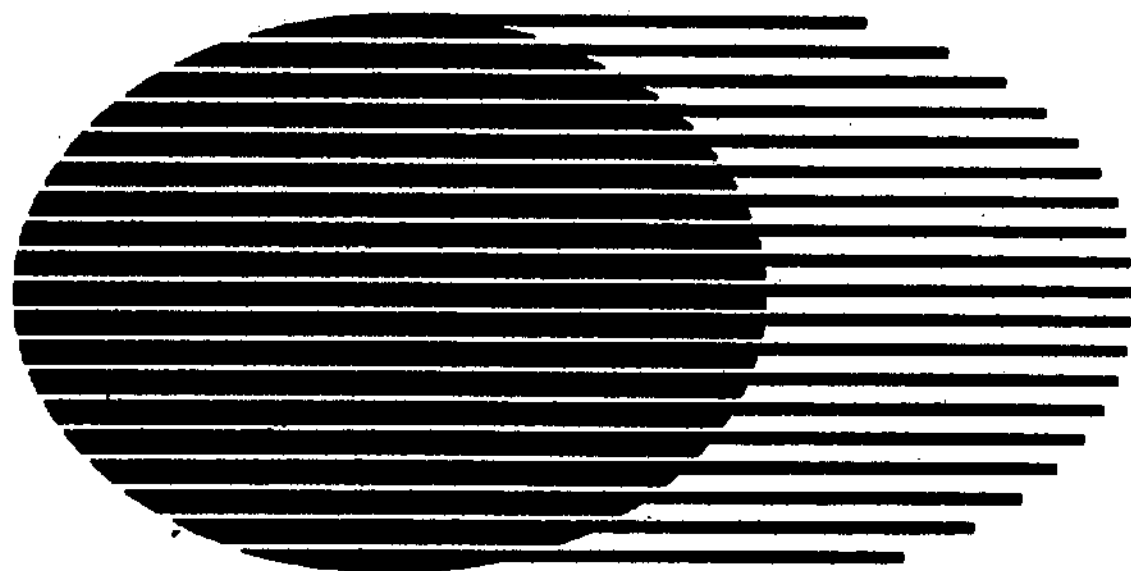
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PAST TENSE

Charlie Bowdre had a fatal case of indecision

Charlie Bowdre rode with Billy the Kid before, during, and after the Lincoln County War. While he was never a model citizen, he seems to have had a certain yearning for respectability. In fact, he spent the last several years of his life waffling back and forth between being an outlaw and the decency of being a law-abiding citizen. In the end, it was a fatal case of indecision.

Charles Bowdre was born in Mississippi around 1848. He appears to have arrived in Lincoln County in 1875 in the company of Doc Scurlock, with whom he was an on-again, off-again partner.

According to Jimmy Dolan, whose word should *always* be taken with a grain of salt, Bowdre and Scurlock arrived in Lincoln County completely broke. The "House" (James Dolan's company in Lincoln), in an astounding display of generosity, sold them a ranch on the Ruidoso for \$1,500, and then allowed them \$3,000 worth of credit.

On the 5th of August, 1877, Charlie and a pal, Frank Freeman, were a tad naughty. Stopping at Lincoln already somewhat under the influence, they forced Jose Montano to open his store and provide them with still more tonsil paint. Whether or not they paid for it is anyone's guess.

Freeman, originally from Alabama, had left Lincoln the previous December one jump ahead of the law in the form of the U.S. Army.

It seems that while Freeman was dining in the Wortley Hotel that December, a black soldier had the temerity to sit at Freeman's table! Unable to bear such a bridge of etiquette between blacks and whites, Freeman shot the fellow on the spot, and then escaped the vengeance of the man's friends by the skin of his teeth.

Apparently, Freeman had decided that eight months away from Lincoln area was enough time to allow people to forget his indiscretions, and he returned ready to raise some more hell.

After imbibing in copious amounts of the Montano Store's stock of liquor that August of 1877, Bowdre and Freeman decided that things were too quiet in Lincoln, a situation they proceeded to rectify with a vengeance.

First, they commenced smashing things in general around the Montano Store — glasses, lamps, bottles — anything that would break *loudly*.

About this time, a sergeant from the fort (in all probability a black man) blundered innocently onto the scene. Freeman took the man's hand in a false show of friendship, and placed his pistol at the back of the sergeant's head with his other hand.

Fortunately, the sergeant was aware of the drunken insincerity of Freeman's gesture and jerked his head away just as Freeman pulled the trigger. The bullet wounded, but did not kill him.

The Drunken Duo, however, did not realize that the bullet had not been fatal, and feeling they had nothing to lose, began to run amok through Lincoln, firing their pistols at "every object that met their view" with Freeman loudly declaring that he intended to "kill every man in town that he did not like".

When the twosome reached the McSween house, they realized that John Chisum, never popular with the smaller ranchers, was a dinner guest inside. Cooly reloading their weapons, they fired indiscriminately into the house despite the fact that there were two women and five children within its walls. Perhaps they did not realize this, perhaps they did not care as long they were able to get a shot at their intended target: Chisum.

When they began to force their way in, the inhabitants fled, leaving the two miscreants to vent their frustration by riddling a sewing machine with bullets.



Past tense

DREW GOMBER
THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Finally, a Hispanic employee of McSween's got fed up with all the hubbub and returned their fire. He fired one shot which grazed Freeman's arm, and the two would-be killers "fled ingloriously" down the street.

After a scuffle, these two drunken fools were arrested by Sheriff Brady. They would have been lynched if Brady had not had them incarcerated at Ft. Stanton.

Marriage seemed to have calmed Charlie's boisterous nature somewhat. His wife, Manuela Herrera, apparently had a soothing effect on him. However, she did not prevent him from becoming a Regulator for the Tunstall/McSween faction during the Lincoln County War.

After the war, most of the Regulators headed for greener pastures, but not Charlie. He elected to stay with Billy the Kid, who intended to make his living as a rustler.

Charlie moved his wife to Ft. Sumner where she set up housekeeping in one of the many buildings that Army had abandoned. He then continued with his outlaw career in the company of the Kid, Tom O'Folliard, Dave Rudabaugh, Billy Wilson and Tom Pickett.

While the movements of the Kid's "gang" were decidedly erratic, Charlie always tried to stay near Ft.



Charlie and Manuela Bowdre. This photo was taken off Bowdre's body. Note bloodstains on left side of picture.

Sumner and Manuela. At the same time, he was corresponding with a man named J.C. Lea in an attempt to clear his name and make use of the amnesty that Governor Lew Wallace had declared.

These negotiations undoubtedly would have been easier if Charlie had stopped riding with the Kid, but for whatever reason, he seemed unable or unwilling to do this.

On the night of Dec. 19, 1880, during a blinding snowstorm, the gang elected to ride into Ft. Sumner. They didn't know they were riding into a trap.

Garrett and his posse had received a tip, and were waiting for the gang.

Certain that no one but the men they were searching for would be abroad that night, Garrett's posse watched them approach, and cocked their weapons.

When the riders were just a few feet from the posse's place of concealment in the old hospital, Garrett and his men opened fire.

All of the riders galloped back into the night but one: Tom O'Folliard had been hit in the chest and, no longer able to control his horse, sat helplessly in the saddle while the horse walked in circles and Garrett's men advanced to take him into custody.

Laying him on a blanket, they played cards while O'Folliard died.

The next morning, the posse left in pursuit of the remainder of the gang.

By that night, Garrett and his men found their quarry holed up in an abandoned rock house at a place called Stinking Springs near modern-day Taiban. They decided to wait until first light, surrounded the place and settled in for the night.

Garrett had briefed his men thoroughly. Most of them had never seen the Kid and Garrett described him to them, adding that the Kid habitually wore a sombrero.

When dawn broke after a bitterly cold night, the posse could hear stirring inside the house. A few minutes later a man stepped outside. He was about the same general build as the Kid and was wearing a sombrero. He was carrying oats for the horses.

Thinking it was the Kid, Garrett immediately rose and fired, with his deputies following his example. Obviously hit, the man staggered back inside the house.

A few moments later the wounded man re-appeared. Garrett bade his posse hold their fire as the man staggered toward them.

It was Charlie Bowdre.

"I wish, I wish" was all he said as he collapsed at their feet, dead.

Garrett's men rolled him over and "there he froze in a short time, and lay there all day."

Later, after the rest of the gang had surrendered, they loaded Charlie's body onto a wagon and went back to Ft. Sumner. When they carried the body into the home of Charlie's wife, Manuela, she became a trifle more upset than they had anticipated.

She attacked them with a skillet, braining one of the deputies, causing the man to lose his grip and drop his end of Charlie on her front steps.

Pat Garrett paid the cost of Charlie's funeral out of his own pocket, and Charlie was laid to rest next to Tom O'Folliard in Ft. Sumner's cemetery.

Less than a year later, the Kid would join them under a common stone marked "Pale."

Charlie had spent the last few months of his life trying to sever relations with his outlaw cronies. The inscription on his tombstone is an irony that he may or may not have appreciated.

LINCOLN TRAILS

WIND! WIND! WIND! A lot of the oldtimers cannot remember the wind being so strong. Hopefully it will quit soon — it certainly has made it hard on the firefighters trying to get their fires under control.

The Lincoln Monument has a new employee. Benny Lassiter of Ruidoso is the new ranger. I will try to have the particulars next week.

We also have some new neighbors, Herman and Shirley Steeler. Shirley will help run the

Lincoln Trails

By

ROSALIE DUNLAP

THE RUIDOSO NEWS

shop for Horace Cordova.

I am enjoying the articles on the women of Ruidoso in *The Ruidoso News*. When Jerry and Dick Shaw had the Best Bet

they printed several of my articles and had several of my photos on the covers.

Several Lincolmites are on the get-well list. They include Glenn Dennis, who had shoulder surgery, Ralph Dunlap after hand surgery, and Walter Henn who is ill. A quick recovery to all of you.

Now that my house remodeling is finished and all my company has come and gone, I can get back on schedule again.

Photographer's work exhibited

The Flickinger Center's artist of the month for March is photographer Gerald D. Moore.

A reception for Moore will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, March 4 in the Flickinger Center lobby in Alamogordo.

This exhibit is a portion of the chromogenic prints from Moore's master's thesis, 'Meant to be Seen.' In this body of work viewers are asked to look at and become more aware of the people who occupy the space inside a mall, and question our perception of reality.

Some have put forth the hypothesis that our only experience of reality is through the pictures we make of it, and next to these pic-

tures, direct experience becomes insignificant. If we accept this theory as truth, then our perceived reality of the people and activities which take place in a mall is portrayed in these images.

Originally from the rural northern California community of Salyer, Gerald Moore has completed studies for a Master's of Fine Art in Photography at the Savannah College of Art and Design, and earned a Bachelor's of Fine Art in Studio Art with an emphasis in photography at New Mexico State University.

Except for two years spent in Savannah, Ga., Gerald has been

residing in the Tularosa Basin since being brought here by the Air Force in 1984. He is a photographer for the Alamogordo Daily News, and teaches art and photography classes at New Mexico State University — Alamogordo.

At the university, Gerald provides instruction in beginning photography, introduction to photojournalism, color photography, digital imaging, experimental photography, and photo presentation and display. His photographs have appeared in various publications, including college and photography magazines.

For more information, call 437-

Ruidoso

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Another 20 teams in a Ruidoso tournament is enough to sap teams from a tournament scheduled elsewhere during the same weekend.

"It would be scary (if Ruidoso had another field). Nobody else wants you all to have any more," Naegele admits.

Other area directors want to know when Almager has scheduled a tourney so they know when not to have one, Naegele adds.

Why is Ruidoso such a popular draw?

Almager calls it "Softball — Ruidoso-style." Beautiful scenery. Cooler temperatures. And the opportunity to recreate in other ways if your team loses out.

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"They (teams) are there to compete, but it's not like they're heartbroken if they lose — they're high-fiven' each other and going to the track" at Ruidoso Downs, Naegele explains.

Or, they're going to Casino Apache, to one of the musical entertainment shows, or to any number of summer attractions slated for that particular weekend.

Naegele claims he isn't exaggerating when he says teams will

"Nobody else wants you all to have any more."

KEVIN NAEGELE
NM STATE DIRECTOR

opt for a Ruidoso tournament even when one is offered in their hometown. He knows of one Ruidoso tournament that attracted seven teams from an area that was hosting its own tournament at the same time last summer.

Almager has received calls about this summer's tournaments already. Last summer she had teams on waiting lists for the Cool Pines Classic and the Last Chance Qualifier tournaments.

Need further evidence of Ruidoso's popularity as a softball attraction?

Clovis has moved its Custom Classic tournament, a traditionally strong draw, to the weekend after the Cool Pines Classic this summer. That way it won't have to compete with Ruidoso for teams that same weekend.

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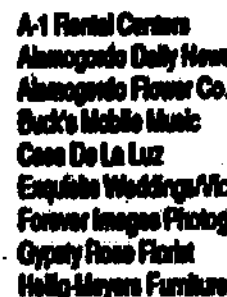
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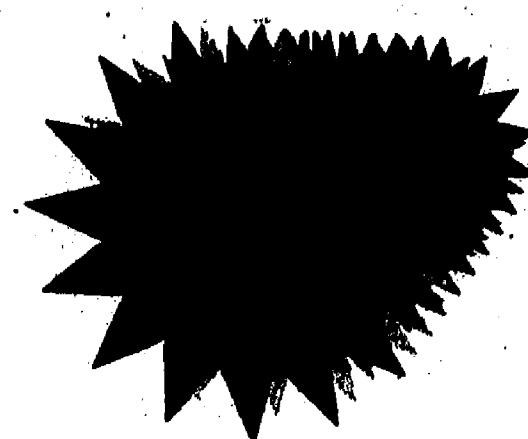
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