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Two groups offer land for byway interpretive center

Two potential land donors for a Billy the Kid Scenic Byway interpretive center submitted proposals at Ruidoso Village Hall by last Thursday's deadline, but the sealed offers have yet to be opened.

The two land offerings come from the Hubbard Foundation and the Lincoln County government, village purchasing agent Terri Waterfield said.

Bids will be opened after a standing Scenic Byways Committee is established by village councilors Tuesday.

Confirmation of a \$528,000 U.S. Department of Transportation grant for the interpretive center and corridor management plan was received by Ruidoso officials Wednesday. News of the grant award was first received late last year.

The scenic loop will pass through Ruidoso, Capitan and the Hondo Valley, all areas where Billy the Kid traveled. The route was named an official state scenic byway last summer.

Armed Ruidosoan being evaluated at mental hospital

A Ruidoso man who entered the police department heavily armed three weeks ago is still having his mental competency reviewed at the Las Vegas Medical Center.

If doctors conclude Julian Morales is not competent to stand trial, he will be kept and treated until found competent, assistant District Attorney Viola Rhodes said.

"The goal is to treat him so that at some point in the future he'll be competent to stand trial and be an assistance to his attorney," Rhodes explained.

Dressed in a bullet-proof vest, the Spanish-speaking Morales entered the Ruidoso Police Department Feb. 13 armed with a semi-automatic assault rifle and two handguns, all loaded with bullets.

After being arrested for aggravated assault, Morales told police and councilors he feared someone was trying to kill him after finding blood from packaged meat on his countertop. The father of two also said police had harassed his family and he held homicidal thoughts against "all the men who had abused his wife and family," police said.

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Economic indicators show slower, but steady, increase

by DON HIXON

Ruidoso News Staff Writer

More people are building houses in the Ruidoso area. Ruidoso stores are selling more goods, and more businesses are springing up along major thoroughfares. More people are staying in Ruidoso's hotels, and more people are calling the Chamber to hear more about us.

Judging by 1995 statistics, Ruidoso's economic future looks bright.

The only negative statistics come from the real estate sales and unemployment figures — but those numbers aren't necessarily bad news.

Total real estate sales by local agents dropped dramatically in 1995, after a record high in 1994. But experts say the Ruidoso area is simply running out of houses to sell.

New home construction figures back up that theory.

Most of the economic growth numbers are single-digit, not double-digit. Despite worries about the future of the oldest tourist attraction in the region, the Ruidoso Downs Race Track, growth continues, albeit at a slower pace.

Construction

Ruidoso's new home and commercial construction in 1994 is close to 1984's peak of more than \$31 million.

The industry has clawed its way back from 1986, when the bottom fell out. By 1988's low, Ruidoso construction values dropped to \$4 million, but the numbers have been climbing annually ever since.

New home and commercial construction rose to \$26.5 million in 1995. The village issued 140 single-family home permits in 1995, up a whopping 52% from 1994.

"When the Texas oil crash occurred around '85, it really hurt," Lincoln County Home Builder's Association board member and former

"Last year was one of the best years in dollar volume that our company has ever had. We're still building vacation homes, but we're also building homes for retirees and new people"

JOHN CORNELIUS
ASPEN DEVELOPMENT CONTRACTOR

president Tim Hoyt said. "We used to depend almost exclusively on the Texas market."

Now, people from throughout the U.S. come to Ruidoso to build vacation and retirement homes in Ruidoso, he said.

"We get people from all over," he said. "People come from California, Florida, the Midwest and the Northeast."

The village issued 13 permits for new commercial construction projects in 1995, up from 9 permits issued the previous year.

"Last year was one of the best years in dollar volume that our company has ever had," Aspen Development contractor John Cornelius said. "We're still building vacation homes, but we're also building homes for retirees and new people moving into the region."

Gross receipts

Ruidoso's gross receipts tax revenues have shown annual increases for seven consecutive years. But the 1995 growth of 4% was the lowest in seven years, down from 10% growth in 1994. Gross receipts tax revenues are received by the village from retail sales.

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1995 Ruidoso economic statistics

Ruidoso Gross receipts tax revenue — increased from \$5,698,532 in 1994 to \$5,924,581 in 1995, up 4%; in 1989, revenues were at \$3,857,672, and revenues have gone up annually since then (Source — Village of Ruidoso)

New Ruidoso businesses — 126 new businesses opened shop in Ruidoso during 1995, 15% more than in 1994 (Source — Village of Ruidoso)

Ruidoso lodgers tax revenues — increased from \$357,205 in 1994 to \$379,054 in 1995, up 6% (Source — Village of Ruidoso)

Ruidoso area Chamber inquiries — increased from 92,457 in 1994 to 99,576 in 1995, up 8% (Source — Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce)

Real estate sales by local agents — decreased from \$92,963,935 in 1994 to \$75,171,223 in 1995, down 19% (Source — Ruidoso Board of Realtors)

Ruidoso new home construction — total construction value increased from \$13 million in 1994 to \$17.6 million in 1995, up 35%; total permits increased from 73 in 1994 to 140 in 1995, up 52% (Source — Village of Ruidoso)

Ruidoso new commercial construction — total construction value increased from \$2.8 million in 1994 to \$8.9 million in 1995, up 214%; total permits increased from 9 in 1994 to 13 in 1995, up 69%

County unemployment — increased from 381 residents in 1994 to 506 in 1995, up 32%. Those working in the county totaled 6,213 in 1994 versus 6,213 in 1995.



Kathleen McDonald/The Ruidoso News

Trail trotters

Exploring the White Mountain Wilderness near Bonito Lake, wintertime riders take an easy trot down Argentina Trail. The popular trail is moderately difficult for hikers, and a relatively smooth jaunt by horse.

County candidates sign up on March 19

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Winners in Tuesday's municipal elections will barely be settled into their new seats when candidates begin lining up to run for county and state offices.

Tuesday, March 19 is the only day to file declarations of candidacy and nominating petitions for the state Legislature, judicial districts, state board of education and all county offices.

Lincoln County voters this year will cast their ballots for a president, U.S. senator and representative, a corporation commissioner, a board of education representative, a state senator and representative, a district judge, a district attorney, a county assessor, county sheriff, probate judge and county commissioners from districts 1 and 3.

Those two commission seats currently are occupied by Republicans Stirling Spencer and Wilton Howell. Spencer already has announced he will not seek re-election to his District 1 position.

Candidates running for state positions will file with the Secretary of State's office in Santa Fe and pay \$50. Some may also be re-

quired to submit a nominating petition signed by a percentage of voters in the area they will represent.

Candidates for county offices will file their qualification papers with Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 19 at the county courthouse in Carrizozo.

The filing fee for county offices is \$50.

Other important dates to remember are:

— Tuesday, May 7, voter registration closes for the primaries;

— Tuesday, June 4, party primaries;

— Monday, June 10, voter registration reopens for the general election;

— Tuesday, July 9, independent candidates file;

— Tuesday, Sept. 3, write-in candidates file;

— Tuesday, Oct. 8, voter registration for the general election closes at 5 p.m.;

— and Tuesday, Nov. 5, the general election.

McSwane won't run again for sheriff job

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

After eight years in office, Lincoln County Sheriff James "Jay" McSwane says he's tired.

He has decided not to seek re-election. The time has come for a change in his life and in county government, he said.

The past two years have been politically rough for the 43-year-old sheriff, culminating in the recent grand jury indictment of one of his deputies for extortion and intimidating a witness. His rela-

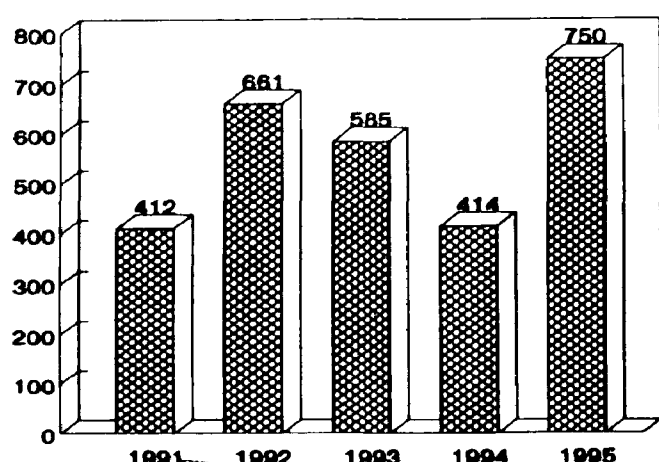
tionship with the county commission, especially tied to budget issues, also has deteriorated.

"I think eight years as sheriff is too long after having experienced it," McSwane said. "I'm tired."

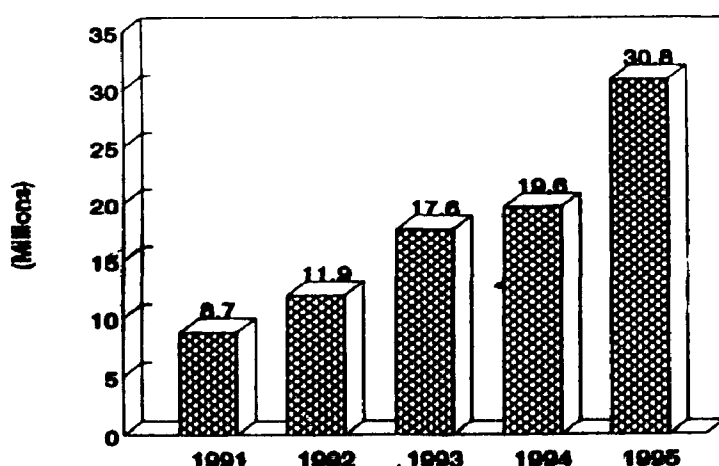
The list of candidates lining up to vie for his \$31,510-a-year position grows each week. Head sheriff's dispatcher Johnny Johnson and military retiree Ray Merritt have announced their intentions to run. Undersheriff Bob

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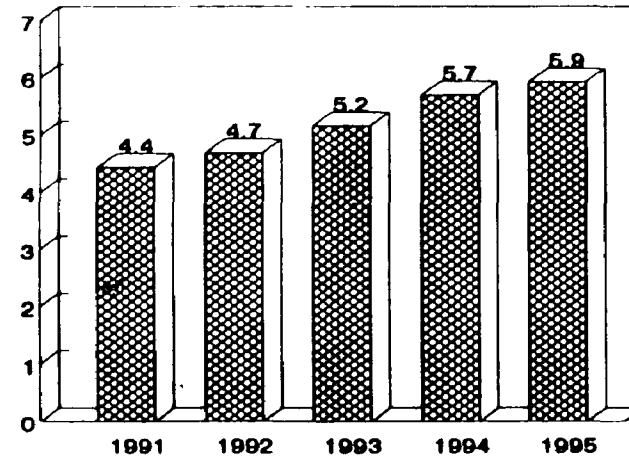
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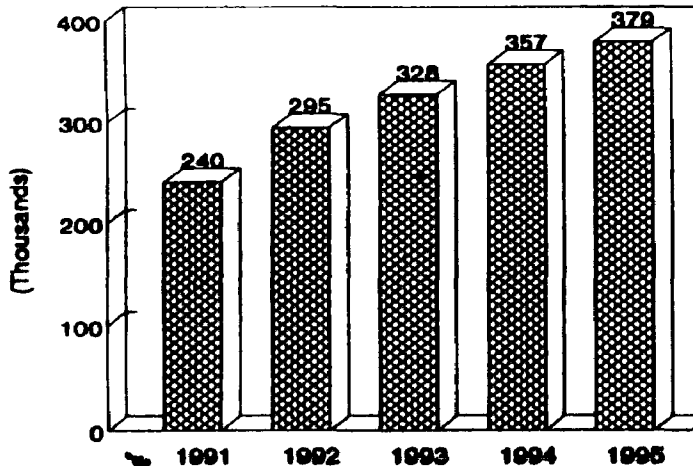
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(Millions of Dollars)



Gross Receipts Tax Revenue
(Millions of Dollars)



Lodgers Tax Revenue
(Thousands of Dollars)



Economy

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Village manager Gary Jackson looks at a variety of issues when he analyzes the numbers.

"There are things like the weather, the peso, court decisions on gambling and the future of horse racing that are simply beyond our control," Jackson said. "These things put us into a reactive mode and throw up red flags."

Tourism always has been, and probably will always be, Ruidoso's greatest asset and industry, he said.

The smaller increase in the 1995 gross receipts may be one of those red flags, Jackson warns.

"It shows us that we ought to look at other ways of bolstering tourism," he said. "We need to promote additional recreational aspects like softball and maybe circuit bicycle racing that we may be missing out on."

Some steps have already been taken to expand tourism, like the new Billy the Kid Loop scenic byway designation and the creation of a Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

"A broader base in the types of attractions and activities through things like the TNT concert series are what will make a difference," Jackson added. "I think we have some very creative minds in the community, and I think they are taking us in the direction we need to be going."

New Businesses

Ruidoso has more stores than ever before. A total of 864 businesses were registered with the village at the end of 1995.

"We are at an all-time high with businesses operating in the village," Jackson said. "And that atmosphere conveys a feeling of confidence."

The village does not keep records of businesses that shut their doors, but Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce records show that 10 businesses that were members of that organization closed in 1995. The chamber currently has 510 members.

Chamber inquiries

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of

Commerce had plenty of calls from potential visitors last year.

Total inquiries, including phone calls, walk-ins and mailing requests, increased 7% in 1995 and 47% since 1990.

Lodging

Ruidoso lodging establishments experienced an increase in profits, but at a slower pace than in previous years. Lodgers tax revenues rose 6% in 1995, but it was the slowest increase in five years.

"You have to bear in mind that any growth, even if it's not in the double digits, is positive and not negative. Any positive growth has a positive effect on the community."

BILL CHANCE
FORMER LODGERS TAX
COMMITTEE CHAIR

"You have to bear in mind that any growth, even if it's not in the double digits, is positive and not negative," former Lodgers Tax Committee Chairman Bill Chance said. "Any positive growth has a positive effect on the community."

People are aggressively trying to promote business and tourism rather than retreating into a shell, he said.

"We have a lot of complex issues right now like the racetrack and gaming, so I think everybody is being real aggressive in trying to draw the tourist dollar," Chance said.

Chance applauded the continuing efforts of the chamber and the Convention and Visitors Bureau to bring additional people and tourism to the region.

"I know that the chamber and the CVB is aggressively pursuing just about any avenue that makes sense," he said.

Real estate

Local real estate sales were down 19% in 1995 versus 1994, but so was the availability of property,

said Realtor Joe Zagone, who has been selling real estate in Ruidoso for 18 years.

"The fact is that lot prices have gone way up because the supply of real estate is way down," Zagone said. "There's just a whole lot less good stuff to look at and the difference between 1994 and 1995 is supply."

Compared to many resort communities, Ruidoso real estate is still a bargain, but prices have risen steadily, he said.

"In early to mid-'94, you could buy a nice lot for \$12,000-\$13,000," he said. "That same lot's probably \$20,000 today."

Ruidoso Board of Realtors figures include some sales outside of Lincoln County, Board of Realtors executive officer Al Lane explained.

"It's important to note that sales by any Lincoln County real estate agent, regardless of where that sale takes place, are factored into the final figures," he said. "It could be a property out of our region that one of our agents sells, and that could make a big difference in the final calculations."

Ruidoso Board of Realtors President Linda Long isn't worried about the numbers.

Real estate sales by local agents have climbed steadily during the past four years, setting an all-time record in 1994 at nearly \$93 million.

"When you have a real heavy selling time, there's going to have to be a little bit of a drop-off because that pendulum has to swing," Long said. "I don't feel that 19% is very much compared to Santa Fe, where the market dropped about 50%."

Fluctuations in interest rates also helped contribute to the drop in real estate sales, Long said.

"Just the fact that interest rates bounced so much, sometimes down, sometimes up, caused people to wait and see what was going on," she said. "This spring has been great and we have lots of things going on, so I feel real positive."

Unemployment

With the closing of Fort Stanton in March 1995 and the loss of 200 jobs there, the Lincoln County un-

employment rate was not a good figure.

In 1994, Lincoln County's unemployment rate was 21st of 33 New Mexico counties, at 5.6% unemployment. By 1995, the unemployment rate grew to 8.6%, ninth highest in the state.

Considering the countywide unemployment increase for 1995 represents the loss of approximately 120 jobs, other county employment sectors outside the fort seem to have improved.

Downs growth stats back up accolades

Statistics from The Village of Ruidoso Downs back a recent survey showing it as the fastest-growing municipality in the state.

Gross receipts

Gross receipt tax revenues in the Downs rose 10% (\$494,724) in 1995 from 1994's \$443,266.

Ruidoso Downs lodgers tax revenues rose by 25%, up from \$572,169 in 1994 to \$768,861 in 1995.

The majority of the increase in the lodgers tax revenues is because of the October opening of the new Day's Inn motel, Mayor Joe Hayhurst said.

Building permits

The village issued 67 building permits for home construction projects in 1995, including new homes, home additions and improvements. That represents an increase of 16% over the 1994 figure of 56 permits.

Ruidoso Downs issued four new commercial building permits in 1995, one more than in 1994.

Four new businesses also opened in Ruidoso Downs in 1995.

"I think that our efforts to improve the look of our village is really paying off," Downs mayor Joe Hayhurst said. "People are taking more pride in the village and that attracts businesses and new people."



Snow blanket

A blanket of snow covers Cree Meadows golf course and Sierra Blanca peak Thursday morning after a storm delivered about four inches of the chilly flakes to the town of Ruidoso and the slopes of Ski Apache. See page 3B for more information.

Sheriff

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Miller is expected to join the fray, too. The last day to declare candidacy is 11 days away.

The job of Lincoln County sheriff doesn't seem to last long for anyone; in fact, McSwane has served as sheriff longer than any of his predecessors, according to records from the county clerk's office. He was first elected in 1988, taking the helm from Don Samuels in 1989. During his time in office, the length of term was expanded from two to four years.

Although McSwane has accumulated detractors and has been at odds with some of his deputies on hour and wage issues, he has been more involved in the community than most elected officials.

He revitalized the county sheriff's posse, a civilian support group. With his wife, Freda, McSwane took over the Santa Cops program, which last Christmas reached 300 families, touching the lives of 718 children and 50 elderly.

Using grants, McSwane started a DARE (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) program in county schools and initiated a drug task force. The task force's effectiveness later became the focus of debate with commissioners in the

wake of lawsuits filed against the county.

"I don't know of any other sheriff who personally put in that much time for the benefit of residents directly, or one with such an open-door policy," said McSwane's administrative assistant Laurie Ventura.

Throughout the criticism, McSwane never seemed to lose his sense of humor.

When he damaged an undercover truck while chasing teenagers who had flipped him off, the sheriff referred to himself as "Crash McSwane."

And he has a response for recent criticism that as he winds up his last year in office, he is not spending enough time in his office.

"By state statute, I have to be in the office eight hours a month or it is considered abandonment of office," McSwane said. "I'm trying to take time off, because it's well known that I haven't had a week off per year for the past eight years."

"I'm down at the office an average of three hours a day."

In his time away from the office not spent on sheriff's duties, McSwane said he is exploring other options for the future and he has been helping a friend who does carpentry.



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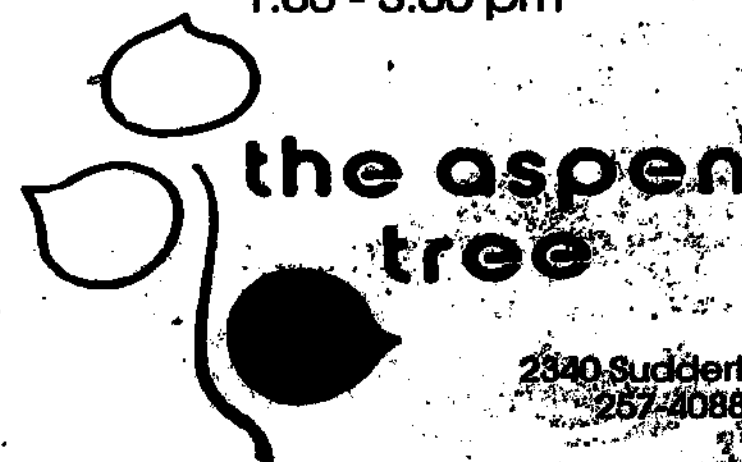
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COUNTRY BRIEFS

Museum offers marketing help for Glencoe rural center

A county attempt to lease or sell the Glencoe Rural Events Center didn't draw any bidders.

The county commissioners received one proposal Tuesday, from the Museum of the Horse, but it wasn't a lease proposal, museum director Jay Wright said Thursday.

"We proposed to help commissioners figure out a way to make the center more viable," Wright said. "We would hate to see the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium (an annual event drawing thousands of visitors) lose its home. Normally, places like that have a board of directors. If it had a lot of people working on it and they continued to let the symposium use it, it has some good possibilities."

Commissioners advertised for proposals because anticipated sources of state money to improve, expand and add an indoor arena at the center have dried up.

Hall hired as director of emergency medical services

Dr. Spencer Hall was put on contract as emergency medical services director for Lincoln County Tuesday. He will receive no pay.

Despite controversy raised when Hall removed privileges from a volunteer with the Bonito volunteer medical, fire and rescue group, commissioners decided that issue was an internal situation.

Commissioners had stepped into the situation when the volunteer and his supervisors complained, accusing Dr. Hall of acting on hearsay from a third person. Connie Hopper, county emergency services coordinator, said Hall, the ambulance volunteer and she were working out the situation, "but somehow you guys (commissioners) got involved."

The situation pointed up the need for a formal contract with the director spelling out his relationship with the county and his duties, commissioners said. Hall previously worked as EMS director without a contract or job description.

A motion by Commissioner L. Ray Nunley to appoint Dr. James Fenimore under a contract failed 3-2, with Nunley and Commissioner Wilton Howell voting for approval. The three other commissioners then backed the proposal to appoint Hall. Howell voted with the majority this time, but Nunley opposed the motion.

Rancho Ruidoso lot owners told complaint is too late

An attorney who said she was representing about 135 lot owners in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates complained Tuesday about poor road construction in the subdivision off Sierra Blanca Airport Road.

Linda J. Smith of Lubbock, Texas, said she brought in an expert from Armstrong Construction in Roswell earlier in the morning to look at the streets. He suggested interior streets be torn out and the county start over, she related. The cost could reach \$2 million to reconstruct the streets, she said.

The recommendation is in line with a report submitted to the county commission by a consultant back in 1983, urging the streets be rebuilt to a 28-foot width, she said. Most of the roads are 20 feet to 24 feet wide. Many lack proper drainage and will wash out in a heavy rain, she said. Some already are showing erosion and a slurry seal oil base cover applied in September is breaking down, Smith insisted.

Commissioners told her she's a couple months too late. After repeatedly delaying acceptance of the roads into the county's maintenance program, the board approved the roads last October. The proposed action was posted on the property affected and advertised in local newspapers. If lot owners objected, they should have responded before the vote to incorporate the roads into the county system, commissioners said.

All future communication from the group was referred to County Attorney Alan Morel.

Be aware of sexual abuse, experts warn

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

The community needs to be more aware of signs and effects of sexual abuse, a panel of experts at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center said Tuesday.

"Children need to know there is a difference in appropriate touching and inappropriate touching," said Katherine Howard Cooper, sexual abuse program coordinator at The Counseling Center in Ruidoso.

Tougher penalties and effective treatment of sexual abuse perpetrators is also needed in New Mexico, said Stella Gallegos, the state sexual abuse program coordinator.

Only two rehabilitation programs exist in the state, Gallegos said, and more are needed.

Ruidoso police received five reports of rape, incest or criminal sexual penetration in 1995.

State Children, Youth and Families Department officials

received 26,969 referrals of suspected child abuse in 1994. Those counts included investigations of 3,143 cases of sexual abuse.

State law requires anyone who suspects a child has been sexually abused to report it to police or tribal law enforcement officials, Maddox said. The name of the reporting party is confidential. Failure to report abuse is a misdemeanor crime, punishable by a maximum year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Criminal sexual penetration is a first-degree felony, punishable by a maximum 18 years in prison and a \$15,000 fine.

Criminal sexual contact, which involves intentionally touching or applying force to an intimate body part, is a second-degree felony punishable by a maximum nine years in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

Whoever commits criminal sexual contact of a minor or incest is guilty of a third-degree felony, a

"Children need to know there is a difference in appropriate touching and inappropriate touching."

KATHERINE HOWARD COOPER
SEXUAL ABUSE COORDINATOR

penalty punishable by a maximum three years in jail and a \$15,000 fine.

According to the same state criminal statute, minors are defined as 13 years old or younger. A fourth-degree felony (18 months in jail and \$5,000) can be charged against perpetrators who sexually abuse children under 18 years of age if the offender is armed, in an authority position or physically injured the child.

Since July 1, 1995, perpetrators are also marked for life in New Mexico. Sexual offenders released from jail must now register with the sheriff's office in the county they reside in, assistant District Attorney Viola Rhodes said.

Joining Cooper, Gallegos and Rhodes in the discussion on "Handling Sexual Abuse Cases" were Arlene Brown, MD, Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny Maddox; Marion Black, supervisor of the Lincoln County division of the state Children, Youth and Families Department; Donna Tanner, care coordinator at the Lincoln County Medical Center; and Rose Lucas, PhD, clinical director at The Counseling Center and Otero

County Sexual Assault Program Coordinator.

During the 90-minute discussion, panelists talked about signs and symptoms of sexual abuse (especially among children), therapeutic treatment for sexual abuse victims, and punishment of offenders.

Promiscuity, public masturbation, depression or inappropriate anger can be behavioral signs that a child has been sexually abused, the panelists said.

A majority of sexual abuse cases — 80 to 90% — involve a perpetrator the victim "loves or trusts," Gallegos said.

"That can almost be more damaging than for a child to be abused in a sadistic way," Lucas said.

About 300,000 people in this country were victims of rape in 1993, Dr. Brown related from an American Academy of Pediatrics report. In the same year, 700,000 women were sexually assaulted in various ways, Brown said.

About 95% of all rape victims are female, and a third of all victims are between 11 and 17 years of age, the statistics report.

RUIDOSO COUNCIL AGENDA

Following is the agenda for the regular Ruidoso Village Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 at village hall.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
— Annexation and initial zoning of nearly 33 acres in three separate tracts of land along Mechem Drive. The annexation was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission Feb. 5. Tracts are listed below.

— Ordinance 96-02, for annexation of the amended Morgan tract, Montgomery tract number 1, Fowler tract, and Blagrand tract 1&3.

— Ordinance 96-03, for annexation of the amended Tilt Thompson tract;

— Ordinance 96-04, for annexation of Forest Lawn Cemetery in the northwest quarter of section 15T11S, R13E, NMPM.

— Ordinance 96-05, creating the Scenic Byway Committee.

REGULAR ITEMS
— Presentation and award of contract for athletic fields landscape architects.

— PVC96-001, vacation of public right-of-way, lot 3, block F, Ruidoso Springs Subdivision.

— Discussion of proposed amendment to the municipal code concerning home business occupation permit.

— Award of financial and geo-land base software. Item was tabled at the Feb. 27 meeting.

— Request to schedule a workshop to discuss the Parks and Recreation master plan.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS
CONSENT REGULAR ITEMS

— Approval of village council meeting minutes.

— Schedule organizational meeting of the village council for 4 p.m. Thursday, March 14.

— Authorization to solicit proposals for job descriptions/pay and classification plan.

— Approval of lease agreement with Scenic Airlines for ramp space at the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

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VILLAGE MANAGER REPORTS

INFORMATION ITEMS
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS
ADJOURN

OBITUARIES

Evelyn Long

Evelyn Marie Row Long, 70, of Las Cruces, died Tuesday, March 5, at Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces. She was born on June 30, 1926 in Amarillo, Texas and had been a homemaker.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 9 at Mesilla Valley Christian Church, with Rev. Lynn Ditte and Rev. Julie Avery officiating.

She is survived by two sons, Stephen Long of Las Lunas and David Long of Las Cruces.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Steady growth points to bright Ruidoso future

It looks like this is the place to be if you're in the construction industry.

While we're running out of houses to sell, the Ruidoso area's popularity isn't waning. In fact, with recent national publicity about its overall appeal, ski area and growth, people from a wider range of places are being attracted to this area. So more and more people are building new homes. Hopefully, we can keep up with the construction demand.

While we have nothing against Texans, we used to be too dependant on them for tourism and second-home sales. When the oil market dropped out, this area was hurt severely. Now that we're attracting people from regions all over the country, we're less likely to be hurt by isolated economic problems.

This balance is especially important when we consider the Ruidoso government's dependance on potentially volatile gross receipts (sales) and lodging taxes. It's a particular challenge for Ruidoso officials to plan their spending when sales tax is one of their biggest sources of income. While it can be exciting to experience double-digit growth, such growth is often followed by double-digit losses. And during a drought such as this, wild growth can be scary, too.

Economic trends seem to be telling us that we're on a steadier growth track, and that's good for everyone. The major area of concern in the 1995 economic statistics we studied is unemployment after the loss of Fort Stanton jobs. If we can find a worthy fort tenant and keep the rest of the economy healthy, we have a bright future.

"The Constitution is the enduring charter of our nation and our liberties. It should not be treated as a billboard on which to plaster the bumper-sticker slogan of the moment."

EDWARD M. KENNEDY
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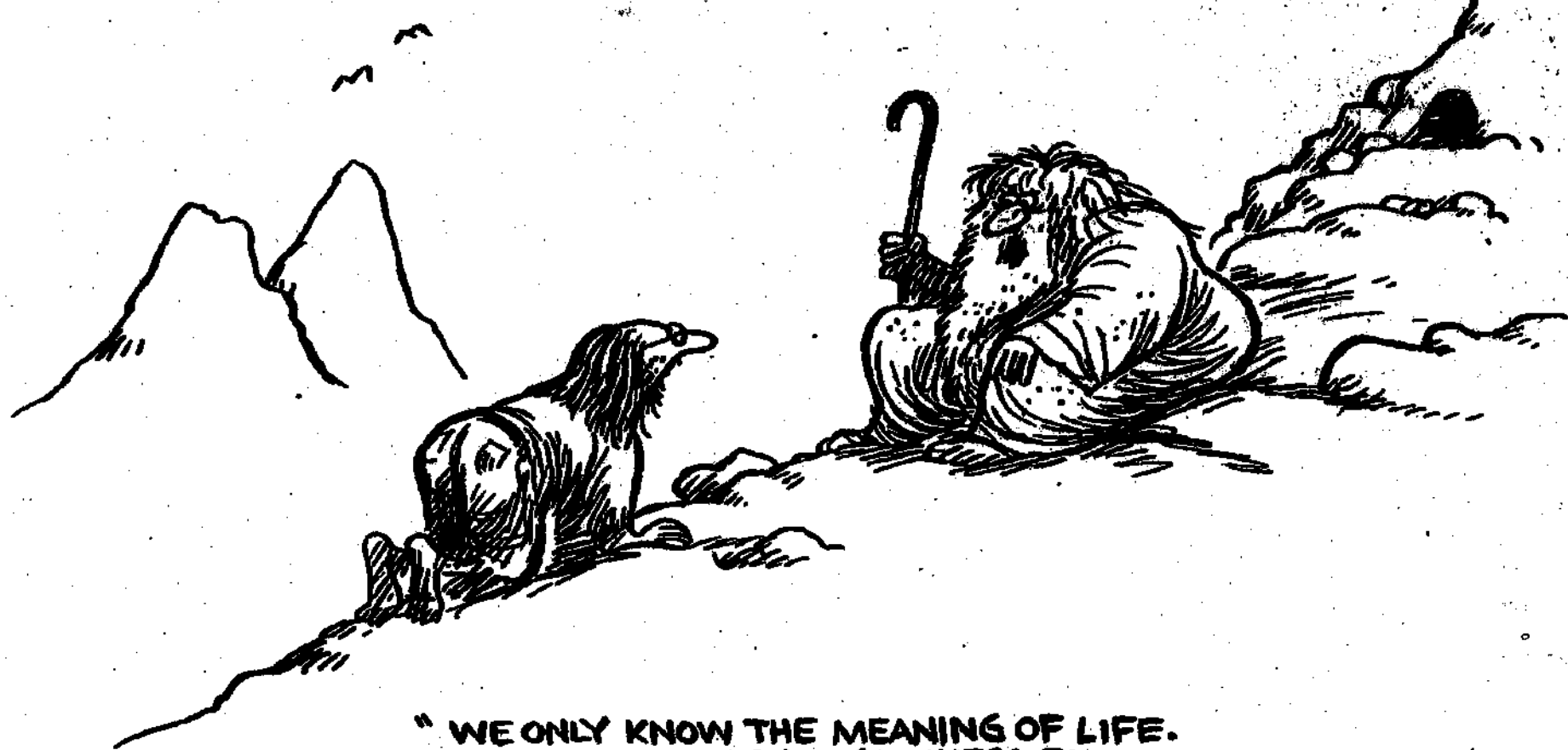
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How long will great column continue in paper?

TO THE EDITOR:

The Ruidoso News should be complimented for having ventured out of its mold with Drew Gumber's column titled "Past Tense."

The articles are well written. The subjects are interesting and enlightening. New Mexico has a rich history, much of it ignored outside of our region. And with so many new settlers to the area, offering them even a small sense of our past should help make them feel a part of the community.

But as a long-time observer and critic of your paper (that, as distinguished from a daily reader), I wonder how long you will continue on this road...I recall that The News did book reviews — books about New Mexico or by New Mexico authors. But gave that up in short time. The News did profiles on local artists — again short lived. Sometimes I think the only thing that goes on and on longer than the Eveready Battery is your "Lost dog stories."

So congratulations on the Drew Gumber series. Now if you'd only lower your newstand price....

Herb Seckler
Bent

Horse money goes out of state now

TO THE EDITOR:

It's the first of the month. Time to pay bills. I just sent a race horse trainer his fees for training one of my horses in Arizona. Then I made the check for the Arizona veterinarian who also helped care for my horse. Wish I could have been there to watch her race.

Now I'm paying the fee to the horse transportation company to haul my other horses to Hot Springs, Ark. Well with that completed, it's time to pay the Arkansas horse trainer and the Arkansas veterinarian.

Now it's time to call the travel agent and make airline, hotel and car rental reservations for Arkansas, because two of my horses will race there this weekend. I hope they have some nice restaurants there.

This whole process hasn't taken me much longer than usual, because I no longer have to make my horse farm employees' payroll checks. And I didn't make the check to the New Mexico horse trainer that has trained my horses for many years. Or the check to the New Mexico veterinarian. I didn't pay a New Mexico feed dealer either.

That money goes to other states now. Look at what I save in fuel and maintenance. I won't be sleeping in New Mexico hotels or eating

at a New Mexico restaurant this racing weekend. My money and my taxes are being spent elsewhere.

I still say, what a shame. I'm no longer able to race in my home state.

Michael Weatherly
Mesquite

Where were the concerned parents Tuesday night?

TO THE EDITOR:

Where were you? Where were all our concerned teachers, doctors, policemen and women? Where were all our parents who are so concerned about the current state of our village — who are concerned about teenage pregnancy, juvenile crimes on the rise, truancy?

Where were you Tuesday night when Sgt. Bill Davis came all the way from Beaumont, Texas to show us what is going on in our world with all our children, and how to prevent all the disarray happening in our country?

All of you preach about lack of volunteering and parent involvement; where were you to set the example? Headstart did their job. The majority of Headstart teachers and staff were there. Where were you? They advertised for more than a month, they put flyers all over our county encouraging ALL people involved in the lives of our children to

attend.

Sadly, if all concerned people did attend, we, as a community, are in big trouble.

Rosa Lozano
Ruidoso

Good advice from Stonewall Jackson

TO THE EDITOR:

"Stonewall" Jackson said teenagers today need to "get along." Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson had this to say about getting along:

"You may be whatever you resolve to be.

Through life, let your principal object be the discharge of duty.

Sacrifice your life rather than your word.

Speak but what may benefit others or yourself.

Avoid trifling conversations.

Resolve to perform what you ought; perform without fail what you resolve.

Use no hurtful deceit; think innocently and justly, and if you speak, speak accordingly."

He also recommended:

1. Regard for your own happiness.

2. Regard for the family to which you belong.

3. Strive to attain a great elevation of character & worth.

4. Fix upon a high standard of action.

Bill Rakocy
Ruidoso

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THE SILVER LINING

Weather may bring bountiful fruit harvest

Pedro Valdez Sr.

Services were held March 4 at Saint Joseph's Mission in Mescalero for Pedro Valdez Sr., who was called home by our Lord on March 1.

Brother Tony Lavernin read from the Book of Isaiah: "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord will wipe away tears from off all faces." Father Tom Herbst read from the Gospel according to Saint John.

Pallbearers were Darwin Valdez, Jerry Valdez Jr., Gabriel Valdez, Miranda Valdez, Cory Chino, Robert Roy, Robert Valdez and Mildred Valdez. Honorary pallbearers were Art Blazer, Henry Prelo, Parker Lester, Duane Prina, James Valdez and Raymond Duran.

Military Honors

At the graveside Father Tom Herbst read from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

A military ceremony, complete with color guard and rifle squad under the direction of Lew Gomez was presented by the veterans from Tularosa, Mescalero, Capitan, and Ruidoso. They included Lew Gomez, E.C. Chavez, Art Blazer, Jarvis Peco, John Pecos, Frank Portillo, Benny Padilla, Gilbert Del-



The Silver Lining

DANIEL AGNEW
STORM
COLUMNIST

gado, Raymond Pino, Bob Stephens, Romeo Kline and Dan Storm.

The American flag that draped the casket was presented to Pedro's grandson, Gabriel Valdez.

The Wind Blows The Apricot Trees Into Full Bloom

On the first of March—the first bees of the year were out humming among the first apricot blossoms on the small apricot tree.

On the fourth, a strong west wind had blown out a great number of new blossoms, and the bees were out in full force working the crystal white fruit blossoms while the branches whipped and thrashed and rocked in the winds of March.

The little golden striped blossom workers, their work songs silenced by the roaring gale, rode the pitching blooms until a strong gust blew them away, then flew back bravely battling the wind when it reached up a bit. All morning the contest between the bees and the wind for the possession of the blossoming apricot tree kept on until the bees quit for the noon hour.

Today in mid-morning came a lull in the charging wind and the trees were in near-full blossom with the bees in their glory, their humming little work songs echoing around the snow-white flowers, which sent the first breath of spring into the mountain air.

On one branch the blossoms are thicker than I can remember having seen before.

Twigs six and eight inches long will be completely covered, with blossoms closely massed together forming a rounded column of solid white blossoms.

The other members of the fruit family—plumb, pit cherry, sweet cherry, peach, pear and apple—are holding their fruit buds tightly closed.

There is a good chance for a golden year for orchards of the region.

Let us give thanks for all our blessings and try to be a blessing in the lives of others.

CAPITAN

Construction starts on ballfield

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

It's taken three years, but Dosé Park is cleared and leveled, ready for the next step of ballfield development.

Capitan School Board member Russell Shearer will update other board members Thursday, March 14 on the progress of the project. It is being developed through volunteer labor and in cooperation with village government.

The board meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and a workshop is scheduled a half-hour earlier at 6:30 p.m. in the boardroom of the old administration building.

"When this is finished, we plan to be able to accommodate both adult and little league play" on the single field, Shearer said Wednesday.

Bill Cupit, former road manager for Lincoln County, a Capitan resident and excavation business owner, helped work on the two-acre site across from the school complex. He and his crew leveled the land in two days, Shearer said.

Help also was received from Tom Roybal of the Soil Conservation Service office in Capitan. He surveyed the site, provided a computer printout of soil composition and laid out the 300-foot sidelines.

Jonathon LaMay, formerly with the Capitan Street Department, also has helped with the use of village equipment, Shearer said.

Students from Todd Proctor's vocational-agricultural class created the sign for the park.

"The next step is for Tom and I to decide where to put the fences," Shearer said. "Then we'll be using a tractor with an auger to put holes" in for the fence posts.

School coaches also will pitch in some muscle, he said.

"I just have to thank a bunch of people for helping with this on their own time. But we always can use more."

RUSSELL SHEARER
CAPITAN SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBER

"We'll have to be happy for now with a dirt field," but future plans call for grass, he added.

"I just have to thank a bunch of people for helping with this on their

own time," Shearer said. "But we always can use more."

The school district has owned the site for decades. Former board member Ken Cox pushed to build a field, and when Shearer was elected two years ago, he picked up on the project. Former board member Ervin Aldaz and former board president Tom Trost went to the village council for cooperation in use of machinery and labor when needed.

Donations for the project can be dropped off or mailed to Capitan Middle School at P.O. Box 278, Capitan, N.M. 86316. Receipts are available for tax purposes.

Volunteer labor also would be welcome. Contact school Supt. Diana Billingsley at 354-2239.

The park is named for the late Don Dosé, a longtime dispatcher for the sheriff's office.

Also scheduled on the school board agenda for Thursday:

— a special budget hearing for a budget increase, representing additional money received from the state;

— information on an alternative credits communication skills work study program, to be presented by teacher Jan LeRue and high school Principal Darrel Stierwalt;

— honor band competition results;

— FFA judging results;
— and discussion of the 1996-97 school calendar.



Dianne Stallings/The Ruidoso News

Maché monsters

Second grade students at Capitan Elementary show off the papier maché dinosaurs they created. Pictured (left to right) are Brendon Osborn, Holly Boese and Britni Ward.

Eight students play in honor band

Eight of Capitan's top student musicians earned a chair in the 1996 Honor Band put together by the Sierra Blanca Music Educators Association.

They competed to play with the honor band last weekend, along with students from Mountainair, Estancia, Cloudcroft and Carrizozo,

said band director Wayne Ellison.

Participating at the performance at Truth or Consequences were:

— Nathan Longbotham as first chair bassoon;

— Faith Smith as second chair bassoon;

— Renee Smith on flute;

— Colleen McGrath as second chair oboe;

— Travis Jaquess as first chair timpani;

— Buffie York on clarinet;

— Monica Gonzales as first chair tenor sax;

— and Ty Davis as first chair alto sax.

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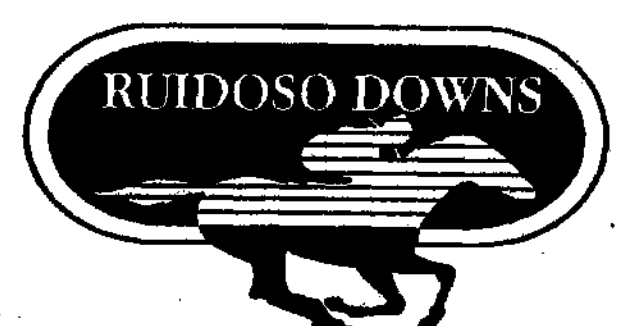
Contestants must write their name/address/phone number on the back of a mutual ticket and give it to the Sports Theater Hostess. Enter each race day throughout the week until the drawing on Sunday afternoon. Contestants must be 18 year of age and must be present to win. Plane tickets are not transferable. Limit - one trip per person.

For more information on the simulcast and how to win this weeks drawing call Ruidoso Downs Race Track at 505-378-4431

Clip out the calendar below for the March simulcast schedule and stay tuned for April's Excitement with more great racing and bigger giveaways!

March 1996

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>March 7 Fairgrounds 11:30 LA Full Card Sportsman's 12:00 Park Full Card Santa Anita 2:00 Full Card</p> <p>March 14 Fairgrounds 11:30 LA Full Card Sportsman's 12:00 Park Full Card Santa Anita 2:00 Full Card</p> <p>March 21 Sportsman's 12:00 Park Full Card Santa Anita 2:00 Full Card Fairgrounds 11:30 Full Card</p> <p>March 28 Remington Park 11:15 Full Card Sportsman's Park 12:00 Full Card Santa Anita 2:00 Full Card</p>	<p>March 1 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:30 Full Card Santa Anita 3:00 3-8 Turfway Park 5:00 Full Card Garden State 5:30 Full Card Sam Houston 5:00 Full Card</p> <p>March 8 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:30 Full Card Santa Anita 3:00 3-8 Turfway Park 5:00 Full Card Garden State 5:30 Full Card Sam Houston 5:00 Full Card</p> <p>March 15 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:47 Full Card Santa Anita 3:00 3-8 Turfway Park 5:00 Full Card Garden State 5:30 Full Card Sam Houston 6:00 Full Card</p> <p>March 22 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:47 Full Card Santa Anita 3:00 3-8 Turfway Park 5:00 Full Card Garden State 5:30 Full Card Sam Houston 6:00 Full Card</p> <p>March 29 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:47 Full Card Santa Anita 3:00 3-8 Turfway Park 5:00 Full Card Garden State 5:30 Full Card Sam Houston 6:00 Full Card</p>	<p>March 2 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:47 Full Card Santa Anita 3:30 5-10</p> <p>March 9 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:47 Full Card Santa Anita 3:30 5-10</p> <p>March 16 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:47 Full Card Santa Anita 3:30 5-10</p> <p>March 23 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:47 Full Card Santa Anita 3:30 5-10</p> <p>March 30 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:47 Full Card Santa Anita 3:30 5-10</p>	<p>March 3 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:47 Full Card Santa Anita 3:30 5-10</p> <p>March 10 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:47 Full Card Santa Anita 3:30 5-10</p> <p>March 17 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:47 Full Card Santa Anita 3:30 5-10</p> <p>March 24 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:47 Full Card Santa Anita 3:30 5-10</p> <p>March 31 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:47 Full Card Santa Anita 3:30 5-10</p>



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Weber joins Ruidoso Properties

Molly Weber has joined Ruidoso Properties, Inc./Better Homes and Gardens.

Weber has worked in the real estate business for 20 years. She was a million dollar producer in Albuquerque in 1978.

"I think the average house price was about \$20,000 then," she said. "So we had to do a lot of listing and selling."

Weber is also a nationally published writer and a certified secondary schoolteacher who taught communications, drama, and English in the New Mexico public school system.

Since real estate agents are required to complete 30 hours of continuing education every three years, Weber adapted portions of her communications course to meet Real Estate Commission standards for instruction. The results are two courses, Effective Listening and Win/Win Negotiation, which she teaches throughout New Mexico.

Weber's hobbies include freelance writing, photography and spending time with her husband Louis and their eight grandchildren.

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Homes and Gardens is located at 1309 Sudderth. Weber's phone number is 257-4075 ext. 229.

Former Ruidosoan joins L.V. bank

Robert L. Levenson, chairman of the board of directors of The Bank of Las Vegas, announced recently that D. Mike Capps, senior vice president, had been elected as a new director to the board.

Capps began his banking career as a part-time employee at the Ruidoso State Bank in 1966. He later worked at Belen and Carlsbad banks.

Capps graduated from Ruidoso High School in 1964. He is married to Elizabeth, and they have two children, daughter Kelly who is attending the University of Texas at Austin, and a son Michael, attending the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

Levenson said Capps is an experienced lender and will add to the efficiency and good judgement of the board.

Parrish named to Putnam Council

Judy Parrish, an investment professional with New Mexico Financial Investment Services, Inc. of Ruidoso and Securities America, has qualified for membership in the Putnam Mutual Funds of Boston, Mass. 23rd Annual Golden Scale Council.

The council consists of investment professionals who have achieved the highest standards in serving investors during the previous year. Only 150 representatives nationwide have qualified for the special recognition.

Foundry pours forth legendary bronzes

by DON HIXON

Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Legends Casting Company has opened a state-of-the-art bronze foundry in Ruidoso Downs.

Owned by renowned bronze sculptor Ken Payne, Legends Casting Company employs 15 people in the business of producing fine art using the ceramic shell and lost wax method.

"The lost wax method is a technique used during the Renaissance days," foundry general manager Gaylon Gillem said. "We are now offering our services to bronze artists."

Director Patricia Baxter explained the bronzing process, beginning with the creation of a wax mold.

"Most artists will provide us with a mold or sometimes we can make a mold," she said. "The piece then travels through the wax 'dressing' department, where workers do fine detail work and remove any ridges and leftover wax."

"We are definitely open to new artists, and we are anxious to share this facility and our services with Lincoln County."

GAYLON GILLEM
FOUNDRY GENERAL MANAGER

After detailing, a ceramic shell of the piece is created, and the wax



Don Hixon/The Ruidoso News

Legends Casting Company patina artist Allen McVickers uses heat and oxidation methods to color the bronze "Long Thoughts of a Warrior" by artist Oreland Joe. Legends Casting Company recently opened its foundry in The Village of Ruidoso Downs and is offering bronzing services to artists in the region.

is burned out in a special oven that heats to 2,500 degrees.

The ceramic shell then goes through a special drying process. After drying, bronze heated to about 4,000 degrees is poured into the shell.

After the shell is removed, the piece is sandblasted, cleaned up and passed to the fine detail department, where it begins receiving a series of quality checks.

Next stop for the piece is the

patina department.

"Patina is where we do controlled oxidation of the piece," Gillem said. "We can color the piece by using a variation of chemicals and temperature."

After the piece leaves the patina department, it is placed on its base, receives another quality control check and is boxed for shipment.

If an artist has a sculpture

she/he would like bronzed, Gillem will gladly discuss fees and the time frame, he said.

"We are definitely open to new artists, and we are anxious to share this facility and our services with Lincoln County," Gillem said.

Tours of Legends Casting Company are available, and the public can watch bronze being poured on Friday. For exact tour and pouring times, call the foundry at 378-5266.

State tourism budget cuts worries Apache Trails



A southeast New Mexico tourism group is worried it will lose state funding after \$300,000 the state Legislature cut from the New Mexico Department of Tourism's state matching funds program.

The Apache Trails Promotional Council, a consortium of tourism-related attractions and businesses met on Feb. 15 to discuss continued

tourism efforts in this region.

Joan Bailey of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce said the tourism department's budgetary cut will dramatically affect groups like Apache Trails that partially rely on state funding to effectively promote their areas.

Because Apache Trails is a volunteer organization, continued funding is always a concern. Merle Glenn, representing the Forest Service, introduced a proposal that would help encourage new members, promote continued and increased support of present members, and inform the key political

and community leaders about the Apache Trails organization.

A reprinting of the current Apache Trails brochure will go to press in the near future. A new Three Rivers Petroglyphs brochure from the Bureau of Land Management was also passed around for membership review.

Representatives from the Forest Service, Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, Ruidoso Lifestyle Magazine, New Mexico Destinations Magazine, the International Space Hall of Fame, the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce, and Grindstone Graphics and Marketing Ser-

vices attended the Feb. 15 meeting.

Apache Trails is open to anyone located in Lincoln and Otero counties. The organization's goal is to promote this unique area through brochure distribution and selected ad placements.

The next meeting will be held at noon on Thursday, March 21 at the China West restaurant in Alamogordo. Anyone interested in joining Apache Trails is welcome to attend the meeting or may contact the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce at 257-7395 for more information.

Expo '96 coming to Glencoe

More than 50 booths depicting Lincoln County's assets will be on display during the Lincoln County Tourism Expo 1996 on April 18.

Scheduled in conjunction with the Business After Hours program of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, the expo is an chance to increase awareness of the historical and cultural attractiveness of the county and its tourist resources, said Virginia Watson-Jones, chairman of the Lincoln County Tourism Council and a Capitan business owner.

The aim is to promote the eco-

nomie development of the county and adjacent areas, she said.

Expo '96 is a non-profit project of the Rural Economic Development Through Tourism program at New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service, supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"Come join us in frontier attire, boots and jeans or whatever clothing you feel comfortable in, and celebrate our exciting history, culture and Old West atmosphere," Jones said.

The booths set up at the Glencoe Rural Events Center on U.S. 70, about eight miles east of Ruidoso, will depict county agriculture, historic sites, museums, arts, accommodations and recreational attractions. Demonstrations, live entertainment such as music and refreshments will be included.

For more information, Watson-Jones can be contacted at (505)354-2316.

Director challenges nursing home industry leader

New Mexico Agency on Aging Director Michelle Lujan Grisham has challenged nursing home industry leader Linda Sechovic to live in a nursing home for two days.

Grisham proposed that both women depend on the nursing home for care during those two days, so they can experience firsthand the services provided to long-term care consumers.

The challenge comes after the nursing home industry attacked a report issued by the Agency on Aging. The agency's report contained critical statements about the nursing home industry. The report found consumers' largest concern is

the number and training of staff people who provide care.

"Understaffing has serious results for residents who may be totally dependent on staff for the basics of life, for example feeding residents and helping them to the rest room," Grisham said.

Linda Sechovic, Director of the New Mexico Health Care Association, publicly called forums which led to the agency's report "bitch sessions." Sechovic issued a press release accusing the Agency on Aging of "intentionally misleading" the public. Sechovic quoted herself in the press release as saying, "I'm

"If, after two days, Mr. Sechovic does not see problems with long-term care, I will owe her an apology. However, from what I hear from consumers, living in a nursing home for two days will be a shocking experience."

MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
N.M. AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTOR

just taken aback that the State Agency on Aging would condone such a fallacious argument." Sechovic also wrote a letter to the governor saying, "The Agency on Aging has never been committed to working with our providers to improve quality."

Grisham responded, "I challenge Ms. Sechovic to join me in consuming the services she sells, for just two days. If, after two days, Ms. Sechovic does not see problems with long-term care, I will owe her an apology. However, from what I hear from consumers, living in a nursing home for two days will be a shocking experience."

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Man cashed forged, worthless checks all over town, police say

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Because Dwight Webb lacked a bank account in Ruidoso, he asked two friends to use their banks to cash nearly \$2,500 in checks for him, police said.

Now the friends need loans to cover their accounts because the checks were worthless, police said. Not only that, but the checks were forged with the name of Webb's former girlfriend in Alamogordo, police said.

While investigating these criminal complaints police received others, so they spent close to two weeks untangling a web of fraudulent check activity the 22-year-old Webb allegedly perpetrated in Ruidoso the past 1.5 years.

Webb, who was living with his girlfriend in Ruidoso, was arrested Feb. 23 on an Otero County warrant. Ruidoso police charged him with four third-degree felony counts of forgery, seven fourth-degree felony counts of fraud and one petty misdemeanor count of fraud.

Detective Robert Layher gave this scenario of Webb's criminal activities:

Prior to the forgeries, Webb had his Ruidoso girlfriend cash two bad checks for him in early January at Mr. Payroll, the check cashing business at the 311 Sudderth Drive Allsup's Store in Ruidoso, police said.

One of the checks was for \$200; the other was for \$220, police said.

The checks were written on a

Montwood National Bank account out of El Paso that Webb had closed in March, 1995, police said.

Mr. Payroll owner Danny Dollar made every attempt to contact Webb about the closed account and bad checks before contacting police, Layher said. His complaint prompted police to check into Webb's background.

Police soon learned of the Otero County arrest warrant for fraud. They also learned similar charges were held against him in Sierra County with others pending in Chavez County, and that Webb was on probation in El Paso, Texas for similar activities.

So, Ruidoso police arrested Webb via the Otero County warrant and are holding him at the Lincoln County Jail on a \$10,000.

The same day as Webb's arrest, police learned of one of the check forgery charges; the other had been filed Feb. 13.

Webb asked one friend to cash two of the checks — one for \$500 and the other for \$720 in late January. At Webb's request, the other friend cashed two checks — one for \$200 and the other for \$1,000 — in early February.

Neither friend knew the checks had been stolen from Brenda Thomas in Alamogordo, police said.

When contacting Thomas, police were told she didn't sign the checks and never gave anyone else permission to sign them. Thomas later said the same in a sworn affidavit.

By Monday, Feb. 26, officers

filed four third-degree felony charges for the alleged forgeries against Webb. They also filed the two criminal complaints of fraud against Webb for the bad checks cashed at Mr. Payroll.

Checks bounced back

Last week, police filed six additional fourth-degree felony fraud charges against Webb after learning of six bad checks he allegedly wrote on his same closed account, Layher said.

The bad checks, exchanged for merchandise, were written to:

— Visions, for \$99.68 on Jan. 6, 1996;

— Schlitzsky's Deli for \$25.51 on July 7, 1996;

— Gateway Shell for \$6.51 on July 7, 1996;

— Pizza Hut for \$38.97 on Dec. 15, 1995;

— and two for \$30 at Domino's Pizza, one on July 8, 1995 and the second on July 10, 1995.

All but the check to Gateway Shell are considered fourth-degree felonies because they were written for more than \$25, police said.

Webb waived his preliminary appearance before Ruidoso Magistrate Judge William Butts last week and awaits a district court appearance.

If found guilty on all charges against him in Ruidoso, Webb could be sentenced to a maximum 30.5 years in jail and a \$55,500 fine.

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Walnut — walnut stick and ball Victorian pump organ, slick Victorian square dining table, Victorian slant front desk, victorian marble top dresser, several Victorian marble top parlor tables, great diamond tufted Victorian "platform" rocker, fabulous pair victorian Parlor Chairs, with carved heads & claw feet fabulous pair Victorian "knock down" wardrobe, great art nouveau 2 door bookcase, Victorian barbers back bar, 3 piece Eastlake parlor suite (refinished and re-upholstered), victorian "Depot" desk with gallery top

French — Fabulous antique 2 door china with very ornate carvings, heavily carved and inlaid liquor cabinet, the best open pierce carved coffee table with had painted top, museum quality gold gilted library table, inlaid marble top credenza, 6 panel leather dressing screen with hand painted scenes, heavily inlaid 6 drawer laungeree chest, 3 piece gold gilted parlor suite with silk upholstery, breathtaking marble top side board dripping with bronze ormolu

Santa Fe — Marble top console, several chests, diamond tufted love seat, china cabinets, kitchen cabinets, tables and choices, alter table, trunks, sofa table & many other Santa Fe items

Miscellaneous American — Several ornate antique iron and brass beds, too many primitive items to list

Bronze Statuary — Life size horses signed Houston, monumental (8' tall) Frederic Remingtons Cowboy, fountain with figural base and cherub holding fish, fountain with 2 frogs standing, life size blackamoor with torchier, standing small bear, girl in swing, confidence by Moreau, collection of 8 silver over bronze western sculptures under authorization and control of Akita Ranch.

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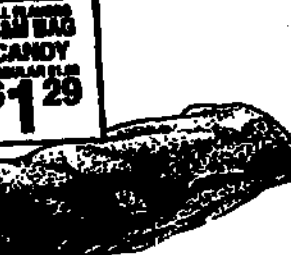
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OFFICIAL RECORDS

RUIDOSO POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following reports were made by citizens to the Ruidoso Police Department.

THURSDAY, FEB. 28

(continued from last page)

- 9:36 a.m. Officer at 725 Sudderth Drive taking report on fraud.
- 11:52 a.m. Officer giving subject ride to Mechem Drive.
- 12:15 p.m. Officer at 2919 Sudderth Drive taking report on fraud.
- 1:03 p.m. Officer on Mechem Drive taking report on criminal sexual contact.
- 1:13 p.m. Wingfield Drive caller requests officer to check on patient. Officer advised local OK.
- 1:18 p.m. Ambulance at IHS transferring patient to LCMC.
- 2:38 p.m. 1293 Mechem Drive caller needs officer to look at package picked up earlier.
- 3:26 p.m. Ambulance enroute to IHS for transfer.
- 3:43 p.m. 205 Mechem Drive caller reports he was contacted via radio about a possible fight in progress. One on arrival.
- 5:38 p.m. Juniper Drive caller saw four girls enter house. Possible breaking and entering. All clear. Children playing around the house.
- 6:24 p.m. 209 U.S. 70 caller reports hit and run accident. Mini report taken.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

Total calls by type:

- 1 Accident
- 1 Assist other agency
- 3 Disturbances
- 1 Racist
- 1 Fire call
- 1 Missing person
- 3 Non-criminal activities
- 1 Suspicious activity
- 4 Thefts
- 3 Traffic
- 1 Unsecured building
- 1 Vandalism

1:24 a.m. Kirkman Road caller reports subject with car problems. Car towed. Owner will come back in morning.

1:25 a.m. Mechem Drive caller requests officer make contact at cabins referring accident with injuries in Hondo; car wasn't his.

9:39 a.m. Warwick Place caller reports that her door has been kicked in. Report taken.

10:21 a.m. Mechem Drive caller reports vehicle in roadway. Vehicle is legally parked. All clear.

10:51 a.m. Junction Road caller requests escort for funeral. Completed.

11:54 a.m. 302 Mechem Drive caller reports vehicle with Oklahoma plates ran into a rock wall. Vehicle was moved. Negative report.

2:19 p.m. Sunny Slope Drive caller reports gas smell in area. Was a gas truck filling a tank in area.

2:35 p.m. Santa Rosa caller reports her residence has been broken into. Report taken on burglary.

2:55 p.m. Wingfield Street caller reports man and woman having an argument in parking lot. All clear.

4:17 p.m. Sudderth Drive caller reports subject spilled cement on street at traffic circle. Cleared up by fire department.

4:43 p.m. Brady Canyon Drive caller reports breaking and entering of residence.

5:09 p.m. Brady Canyon Drive caller reports B&E at residence.

7:20 p.m. Lark Drive caller reports woman watching house for friend advised someone poked beer all over couch.

8:22 p.m. Country Club Drive caller reports loud party at location. All quiet. No party in progress.

8:35 p.m. 1811 Sudderth Drive caller reports drunk driving through parking lot. Negative contact.

8:50 p.m. 398 Sudderth Drive caller reports subject DWI from Allsup. All clear. Subject not DWI.

9:06 p.m. Willy Horton Drive caller reports her husband disappeared when he went to get luggage from their car.

10:10 p.m. 723 Mechem Drive caller reports DWI. Arrested at IHS.

11:28 p.m. 2710 Sudderth Drive caller reports vandalism. Window shot with BB gun. Close patrol requested.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Total calls by type:

- 1 Alarm
- 2 Ambulances
- 2 Assist other agencies
- 2 Disturbances
- 1 Fire call
- 5 Non-criminal activities
- 1 Personal violence
- 1 Other criminal
- 2 Suspicious activities
- 3 Thefts
- 4 Traffic
- 1 Warm service

12:49 a.m. Mary Drive caller reports loud party outside her house. Advised to keep noise down.

2:02 a.m. 2537 Sudderth Drive caller requests ride.

2:36 a.m. Penn Scott caller in Mesacalero reports assault and DWI suspect. Located on U.S. 70, reservation line. Turned over to Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The following reports were made by citizens to the Ruidoso Police Department.

- 3:43 a.m. Nana Court caller requests ambulance. 911 call to BIA.
- 5:53 a.m. Sandstone Place caller reports loud music. Subject told to turn it down.
- 7:39 a.m. Naga Place caller reports water leak. Water unit notified.
- 7:56 a.m. 911 hang up from Iansbrook Drive. Call was busy. Made contact later. All clear.
- 8:08 a.m. Ambulance loading patient for transfer to IHS.
- 8:23 p.m. 400 Mechem Drive caller reports vehicle broken into last night. Report taken on burglary.
- 9:55 a.m. Mechem Drive caller reports truck in roadway for few days. All clear.
- 10:25 a.m. Grant Drive caller reports house broken into. Report taken.
- 10:42 a.m. Alarm at 201 U.S. 70. Alarm was accidentally set off.
- 12:11 p.m. Officer at RPD reports subject in foyer to turn himself in. Subject booked.
- 1:18 p.m. Sudderth Drive caller reports children skateboarding on street. Unable to locate.
- 3:07 p.m. 2620 Sudderth Drive caller reports children on skateboards. They were on field trip from Roswell. Advised of laws.
- 3:23 p.m. Paradise Canyon Drive caller reports house broken into. Report taken.
- 3:40 p.m. Wood Street caller requests check on his residence. All secure.
- 3:50 p.m. Apache Motel caller requests check on woman at motel. Woman not at motel since 10 a.m.
- 3:52 p.m. 209 U.S. 70 caller reports she was verbally assaulted. Report taken.
- 4:06 p.m. Carrizo Canyon Road caller reports smoke in area. Negative contact.
- 6:37 p.m. Apache Hills Drive caller reports subject was bothering her. He was yelling and flipping her off. Gone on arrival.
- 7:07 p.m. Apache Hills Drive caller reports subject from earlier call at same location, back bothering her. Report taken.
- 7:40 p.m. Officer at 5th Street arrested DWI subject. Juvenile.
- 8:04 p.m. 205 U.S. 70 caller reports two female subjects not allowed in store. Subjects located, advised.
- 8:40 p.m. 311 Mechem Drive caller requests welfare check on female subject. Subject located.
- 9:20 p.m. Inn of Mountain Gods caller requests ambulance for diabetic woman passed out in casino.
- 10:02 p.m. 2527 Sudderth Drive caller reports Cadillac blocking driveway of business. Moved by owner. Cited.
- 10:27 p.m. Hideaway Drive caller reports someone knocking at door. Subject gone on arrival. All clear.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Total calls by type:

- 2 Accidents
- 2 Alarms
- 4 Ambulances
- 3 Disturbances
- 1 Fire call
- 5 Non-criminal activities
- 2 Other criminal
- 2 Suspicious activities
- 3 Thefts
- 1 Traffic
- 1 Vandalism

12:01 a.m. Robin Road caller requests officer to go with her to her mother's home; she's worried about her. All clear.

12:23 a.m. Cliff Drive caller reports several subjects on the hill looking at the house. Subjects gone on arrival.

12:29 a.m. Ambulance at ER loading patient for transfer to Roswell.

1:20 a.m. Randle Drive caller reports possible prowler around his house. Unable to locate anyone.

1:23 a.m. 723 Mechem Drive caller reports subject on U.S. 70. Orange MGB convertible. Unable to locate.

3:22 a.m. 133 U.S. 70 caller reports alarm at store. Alarm reset.

3:50 a.m. Alto caller requests ambulance for 38-year-old choking male with history of grand mal seizures.

3:52 a.m. 133 U.S. 70 caller reports alarm going off again. All clear.

7:48 a.m. U.S. 70 caller reports man that leaves bar has been there all night, very drunk and belligerent.

8:01 a.m. Junction Road caller requests check on sister, phone busy for 24 hours. All clear, phone problems.

8:06 a.m. 127 U.S. 70 caller reports subject in U-Haul truck into gas pumps and left scene. Report. Unable to locate.

8:24 a.m. U.S. 70 caller reports white semi driving all over the road. All clear; driver "just wasn't awake yet."

8:46 a.m. Guadalupe Drive caller reports water leak. Turned over to water unit.

9:17 a.m. Officer at 307 U.S. 70 has one arrest picked up on order from Albuquerque Police Department.

9:19 a.m. 209 U.S. 70 caller reports shoplifting. Negative report at this time.

9:25 a.m. Reese Drive caller reports woman walking down the middle of the road. Negative report.

9:42 a.m. Alarm sounding at 2318 Sudderth Drive. All clear. Operator error.

10:28 a.m. Lincoln County Medical Center caller reports woman walked away from hospital. Subject seen in Alamogordo.

The following reports were made by citizens to the Ruidoso Police Department.

- 10:30 a.m. U.S. 70 caller reports her rental car was vandalized. Report taken.
- 11:45 a.m. 127 U.S. 70 caller reports maroon Chevy pickup pulled off without paying for gas. Unable to locate.
- 2:40 p.m. L.L. Davis Drive caller reports dumpster on fire. Fire extinguished.
- 3:13 p.m. Ambulance at ER loading patient for transport to airport.
- 3:58 p.m. Mechem Drive caller reports accident. Report taken.
- 4:06 p.m. 209 U.S. 70 caller reports fight in progress. Parties separated. All clear.
- 4:25 a.m. Dark Drive caller reports loose dog bothering his dog. Note left.
- 8:19 p.m. Ambulance at Indian Health Services report. No entry made.
- 10:58 p.m. Officer giving man ride to Mesacalero Apache Reservation line. Turned over to Bureau of Indian Affairs.

MONDAY, MARCH 4

Total calls by type:

- 2 Accidents
- 2 Alarms
- 2 Ambulances
- 1 Non-criminal activities
- 1 Suspicious activity
- 1 Theft
- 1 Traffic
- 1 Vandalism

12:56 a.m. Walnut Drive caller reports neighbor's dog is barking again. Contact made, dog taken inside.

7:48 a.m. Alarm sounding at 2713 Sudderth Drive. Operator error.

7:48 a.m. Alarm sounding at 401 Sudderth Drive. All clear. Operator error.

8:09 a.m. 209 U.S. 70 caller requests officer for report on hit and run that happened yesterday. Report taken.

8:11 a.m. 209 U.S. 70 caller requests officer speak to man about vandalism. Report taken.

9:15 a.m. 209 U.S. 70 caller reports shoplifting. Report taken.

11:05 a.m. 137 U.S. 70 caller reports male subject pawned a gun. He's a convicted felon.

11:19 a.m. 2308 Sudderth Drive caller reports hit and run accident. Report taken.

2:42 p.m. Park Canyon caller reports someone attempted to break into his residence. Negative report. No entry made.

3:08 p.m. San Juan Drive caller reports daughter threatening to kill her and threatening suicide. Report taken.

3:15 p.m. Morningside Drive caller reports credit card fraud. Report taken.

4:04 p.m. State police in Bent request ambulance for possible accident with injuries.

4:05 p.m. 301 U.S. 70 caller requests officer to pick up keys.

5:20 p.m. Tulareosa caller reports woman took her car keys. Requests officer to contact subject to get keys.

5:30 p.m. Officer at 1611 Sudderth Drive doing report on burglary.

7:59 p.m. Carter Lane caller reports woman took her keys, then took vehicle and moved it down to the Valley.

9:17 p.m. Casino Apache caller reports woman in casino that needs ambulance and oxygen. Nature of problem unknown.

10:28 p.m. Sudderth Drive caller reports gray car has two juveniles in it with at least one case of beer.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

Total calls by type:

- 1 Add info/followup
- 1 Non-criminal activities
- 2 Suspicious activities
- 2 Thefts
- 1 Traffic

2:42 a.m. U.S. 70 caller reports subject just left drunk. Subject stopped and arrested. DWI.

4:38 a.m. Officer at 1008 Mechem Drive giving subject ride to Sudderth Drive.

5:24 a.m. Ambulance at ER loading patient for transfer to Captain.

5:57 a.m. U.S. 70 caller requests ride to residence.

10:50 a.m. Wingfield Street caller requests welfare check. She made contact, all clear.

11:32 a.m. El Paso Road caller reports embezzlement. Report taken.

11:41 a.m. Thorntail caller requests officer in reference to some bullets she found. Officer took bullets.

12:15 p.m. South Street caller reports his house has been broken into. Report taken on burglary.

1:03 p.m. 2500 Sudderth Drive caller reports his vehicle was hit. Report taken on hit and run.

2:48 p.m. Hall Road caller reports she hit a pole. State police on scene. Report taken.

3:17 p.m. Sudderth Drive caller requests officer to check out red truck taking money from pay phone. Negative report.

4:05 p.m. Man at RPD needs to take driving test. Test given.

4:25 p.m. 392 Sudderth Drive caller needs officer to speak with subject about property in vehicle.

5:45 p.m. Lancelot Drive caller reports he doesn't have any water. Call turned over to water unit.

5:48 p.m. Glade Drive caller reports children on dirt bike racing up and down street. Unable to locate.

7:22 p.m. Warrior Drive caller reports subject driving recklessly. Black van, New Mexico plates. Unable to locate.

DISTRICT CRIMINAL COURT

The following criminal cases were taken from Lincoln County District Court records.

- They are identified by the date filed, the defendant, the charges and the docket number.
- July 19 - same withheld; 12 counts of sexual contact with a minor; CR95-54.
- August 1 - Michael S. Clark; trafficking a controlled substance with intent to sell, trafficking in a controlled substance, being transported into a prison and possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute; CR95-57.
- August 1 - Sarah Martin Ellis; four counts of issuing a worthless check; CR95-54.
- August 1 - Jimmy Baez; escape from jail, unlawful possession of a switchblade, negligent use of a deadly weapon; CR95-59.
- August 1 - J.L. Rushing; receiving stolen property; CR95-60.
- August 4 - Philip Ahliday; magistrate appeal; CR95-61.
- August 4 - Sandra King; lower court appeal; CR95-62.
- August 10 - Roberto P. Nava; driving under the influence of alcohol, fourth offense, driving while license is suspended or revoked and miscellaneous offenses; CR95-63.
- August 11 - Donald L. Watson; assault with a deadly weapon, criminal damage to property less than \$1,000, driving on suspended or revoked license and possession of controlled substance; CR95-64.
- August 11 - Michael S. Kohn; aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, criminal damage to property; CR95-65.
- August 15 - Sandra King; lower court appeal; CR95-66.
- August 23 - Stagger Lee Pittman; two counts of burglary, a residence and two counts of larceny; CR95-67.
- August 23 - Darren Jones; two counts burglary of a residence and two counts larceny; CR95-68.
- August 25 - Christopher Schlarb; violation of family violence protective order, case remanded to magistrate court; CR95-69.
- August 25 - Patricia F. Cano; making false statements, case is deferred for period of one year, defendant on probation; CR95-70.
- August 30 - Jody Bailey; magistrate appeal; CR95-71.

The following criminal cases were taken from Lincoln County District Court records.

- August 31 - Zehr A. Dams; trafficking controlled substance with intent to distribute, conspiracy to commit a crime and possession of drug paraphernalia; DR95-72.
- August 31 - Leonard B. Padilla; trafficking in controlled substance with intent to distribute, conspiracy to commit a crime, possession of drug paraphernalia; DR95-73.
- August 31 - Vicente Montan; notice of appeal; DR95-74.
- September 5 - Larry P. Herrera; burglary of a residence and possession of burglary tools; DR95-75.
- September 6 - Gabriel J. Chavez; embezzlement; DR95-76.
- September 6 - same withheld; two counts sexual contact of a minor; CR95-77.
- September 7 - Jim B. King, also known as James B. King; lower court appeal; CR95-78.
- September 12 - Ricardo Montoya; driving under the influence of alcohol, driving on suspended or revoked license and careless driving; DR95-79.
- September 13 - William Steel Thompson; distribution of marijuana, first offense; DR95-80.
- September 13 - Manuel G. Gutierrez; possession of controlled substance; CR95-81.
- September 21 - Brian Timothy Webb; extradition of a fugitive; CR95-82.
- September 27 - Matthew Manti; unlawful taking of a vehicle; CR95-83.
- September 27 - Susan Bishop Spall; aggravated assault, criminal damage to property; CR95-84.
- Oct. 17 - Terry Tolbert; embezzlement more than \$250; CR95-86.
- Oct. 18 - Matthew J. Phip; minor assisting self to be served alcoholic liquor, retaining, carrying or obtaining a peace officer's battery on a peace officer, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, concealing identity; CR95-97.
- Oct. 18 - Robbie J. Adam; driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or on drugs, driving with suspended or revoked license, careless driving and no proof of insurance; CR95-99.
- Oct. 24 - Angelo Mendoza; residential burglary, larceny more than \$2,500; CR95-100.

The following criminal cases were taken from Lincoln County District Court records.

- Oct. 24 - Don C. Perkins; aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, aggravated assault (deadly weapon), criminal damage to property more than \$1,000 and criminal trespass; CR95-101.
- Oct. 24 - Jason Miller; forgery, conspiracy and two counts of attempt to commit forgery; CR95-102.
- Oct. 24 - Chris Castaneda; forgery, conspiracy and two counts of attempt to commit forgery; CR95-103.
- Nov. 9 - D.L. Moore; 14 counts of fraud by worthless check; CR95-104.
- Nov. 15 - Darrell Thompson; application for free process, notice of appeal; CR95-106.
- Nov. 15 - Darrell Thompson; embezzlement more than \$2,500; CR95-107.
- Dec. 1 - Jason Rodgers; 14 counts of fraud by worthless check; CR95-110.
- Dec. 1 - Steven Manning; disorderly conduct, resisting, evading or obstructing an officer, assault upon a peace officer and battery upon a peace officer; CR95-111.
- Dec. 6 - Adlington Polanco; driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, fourth or subsequent offense, driving with suspended or revoked license (DWI-related), proof of financial responsibility and driving on roadways lined for traffic; CR95-112.
- Dec. 19 - Bobby Chavez; fraud more than \$250; CR95-117.
- Dec. 27 - Juanita Vallejos; larceny more than \$2,500; CR95-118.
- Dec. 27 - Yvonne Chavez; 11 counts of fraud by worthless check; CR95-119.
- Dec. 28 - Luis Perez; two counts distribution of marijuana, two counts trafficking cocaine by distribution and one count of conspiracy to distribute marijuana; CR95-121.
- Dec. 28 - Jeffrey B. Hanover; five counts distribution of methamphetamine and one count conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine; CR95-122.
- Dec. 29 - Robin Lynn Hearn; aggravated assault upon a peace officer (deadly weapon), escape from peace officer, resisting, evading or obstructing an officer, criminal damage to property \$1,000 or less, driving while intoxicated and careless driving; CR95-124.
- Jan. 3 - Betty Herrera; notice of appeal; CR96-01.

DISTRICT CIVIL COURT

The following civil cases were taken from Lincoln County District Court records in Carizozo.

- They are identified by the date filed, the plaintiff and defendant, the type of case and the docket number.
- Nov. 8 - forfeiture of a 1993 cayman and tan Ford Explorer, New Mexico license #F8P2543, VIN #1F151H066768 and concerning registered Keith WF151H066768 and concerning registered Keith WF151H066768; CR95-225.
- Nov. 8 - forfeiture of a 1977 white and brown Ford pickup, New Mexico license #403HUK, VIN #F151H066768 and concerning registered Keith WF151H066768; CR95-225.
- Nov. 8 - forfeiture of a 1980 brown Subaru station wagon, New Mexico plate #817-CXR and VIN #F151H066768 and concerning registered owner Patrick Sandoval; CR95-227.
- Nov. 8 - forfeiture of 1991 silver Ford station wagon, New Mexico plates, #89-CRR and VIN #KJN0705H OM6132809, and concerning registered owner Patrick Sandoval; CR95-229.
- Nov. 9 - New Mexico Tractor Co. vs. Mel Johnson; Mel Johnson, doing business as Lincoln County Sand and Gravel, damages as a result of breach of lease agreement; CR95-230.
- Nov. 13 - Henry F. Doucet vs. Frankie Strempke; defamation and intentional infliction of emotional distress; CR95-231.
- Nov. 13 - William Michael Uller vs. Shannon Gentry; negligence; CR95-232.
- Nov. 14 - John McCollick and Fran McCollick vs. D & L Mobile Home Services; negligence and breach of contract; CR95-233.
- Nov. 20 - The United States acting through the Rural Economic and Community Development, formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture vs. Brian T. Martin and Cherrie Martin; foreclosure; CR95-234.
- Nov. 20 - Allstate Insurance Co. and Shipper Zunwald vs. Francisco Pando Quezada; recover damages for property damage and subrogation; CR95-235.
- Nov. 21 - R.R. Pyle and Margaret Pyle, his wife, vs. Ruidoso State Bank, Bill Seelbach, Seelbach's Sportsman's Realty Inc. R.A. Knapp, Western Bank, Bonito Pias Inc., Property Taxation division of the state Department of Taxation and Revenue, all unknown heirs or claimants of interests adverse to plaintiff; quiet title; CR95-236.
- Nov. 22 - Commercial Bank of Texas vs. Brian Ebenstein, as an independent executor of the estate of Lester N. Hambrick and all unknown claimants of interests or heir, promissory note and mortgage foreclosure; CR95-237.
- Nov. 22 - Gregg Kotila vs. Valley Transit Mix of Ruidoso Inc.; personal injuries and damages; CR95-238.
- Nov. 27 - Rebecca Martinez vs. Terry McMaster; negligence; CR95-239.
- Nov. 28 - Village of Ruidoso vs. Thomas R. Walsh; notice of appeal by Walsh; CV95-240.

The following civil cases were taken from Lincoln County District Court records in Carizozo.

- Nov. 29 - Phillips Mote and Frank Richardson vs. Agriculture Inc. Co.; breach of contract and bad faith; CV95-240.
- Nov. 30 - First Federal Savings Bank of New Mexico vs. Gary and Laura Christensen, the Credit Bureau of Albuquerque, the county of Lincoln, Anglo Products Corp., a foreign corporation, First National Bank of Ruidoso, a national bank corporation, the IRS, the State Revenue and Taxation Department, Metal Sales Manufacturing Corp., Metal Graft Co., doing business as Pacific Metalwork Door Co., a Minnesota corporation, Welborn Corp., doing business as Welborn Paint Manufacturing Co., Western Building Supply Co. Inc., a New Mexico corporation, and Bultrite Inc., a New Mexico corporation; money due and foreclosure of a mortgage; CV95-243.
- Nov. 30 - William Andrew Brown vs. John Shanks, warden; writ of habeas corpus; CV95-244.
- Nov. 30 - Andrew Nelson, Needham vs. John Shanks, warden; writ of habeas corpus; CV95-245.
- Nov. 30 - Robert Gutierrez vs. Joe Williams, warden of Central New Mexico Correctional Facility; writ of habeas corpus; CV95-246.
- Nov. 30 - Bobby Lee Bramblett vs. Sandra McDavid; writ of habeas corpus; CV95-247.
- Nov. 30 - William Amett vs. Joe Williams, warden; writ of habeas corpus; CV95-248.
- Dec. 1 - Bobbie Bartlett vs. Arthur E. Clark, also known as Arthur Chack, and K.L.M. Trucking Co., its predecessors or successors in interest; personal injury and money damages; CV95-249.

The following civil cases were taken from Lincoln County District Court records in Carizozo.

- Dec. 4 - Tunkey Services Inc. vs. El Paso Auto-Truck Stop Inc., a Texas corporation, and Day B. Gading enforcement of a foreign judgment; CV95-250.
- Dec. 5 - Jerry and Ana Ligon vs. Douglas and Beverly Gould, doing business as Rustic Log Homes; breach of contract and removal of title; CV95-251.
- Dec. 6 - Evelyn Walters and Hilmi Greening vs. Joe B. Turner Jr.; personal injury and damages; CV95-252.
- Dec. 7 - William E. Comedius and Linda Comedius, husband and wife, vs. Gary Crupper and Frances Gale Crupper, husband and wife, and Larry M. Crupper and Manti Crupper, husband and wife, if living, and if deceased, any and all heirs and devisees of these defendants, and all unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to the plaintiff's claimant to quiet title; CV95-253.
- Dec. 11 - Commercial Union Insurance Co. and St. Clements Episcopal Parish School vs. Lowell Anderson; negligence, personal injury and property damage; CV95-254.
- Dec. 11 - Precision Wire Inc., a New Mexico corporation, vs. Scott Tillman, personally and doing business as Southwest Wire, guaranty and permanent injunction; CV95-255.
- Dec. 11 - Jennifer K. Dorjan vs. Century 21 Aspen Real Estate Inc., a New Mexico corporation, and James Paxton, individually and as qualifying broker for the business; breach of contract; CV95-256.
- Dec. 11 - Ruth Way vs. Harold Fisher; debt and money due; CV95-257.
- Dec. 12 - Sandy B. Jenkins vs. Furr Supermarkets Inc., a Delaware corporation; damages; CV95-258.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The following information was taken from information filed by citizens with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

TUESDAY, FEB. 27

- 10:30 a.m. A fire is reported off Airport Road near Ranches of Sonterra. Lots of smoke is coming out of canyon. The Bonito Volunteer Fire Department responds and the state forestry division is notified.
- 10:58 a.m. A wrecker is requested by the state police for a car on U.S. 54 north of Carizozo. The car owner has no insurance so the law allows police to tow the vehicle.
- 3:48 p.m. An ambulance is requested in San Patricio.
- 3:53 p.m. A caller from Ski Apache asks for an ambulance for a 64-year-old man with chest pain. He is stable at the moment.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28

- 12:31 a.m. A Hondo man who is intoxicated reports he was assaulted by people at his residence on U.S. 70. He knows those involved. A deputy is to meet the suspects and take statements.
- 2:19 a.m. A woman on Main Road reports a prowler behind Sherwood Forest in Upper Canyon. Dogs are barking. She said other unusual things have been happening and she's very uneasy. A deputy responds.
- 8:19 a.m. A Capitan resident asks for a wrecker on U.S. 380.
- 10:33 a.m. A caller who lives in Texas reports his snowmobile was stolen while he was in the lodge at Ski Apache about 4 p.m. on Feb. 4. It is a black Kemper, size 160.
- 3:41 p.m. A hospital official calls to report a lifeline for a patient on Dehorn Drive off Paradise Canyon has gone down.
- 6:11 p.m. A home health care worker asks for an ambulance to transport a 90-year-old man to the emergency room at General Champaign Hospital in Alamogordo.
- 11:31 p.m. A deputy responds to a call regarding the custody of a child. The mother says she has custody, but left town to go to El Paso for a week. The father picked up the child instead of letting her stay with friends.

The deputy took custody of the child. After calling an official with the state Department of Children, Youth and Families, the child was left in the custody of the father.

THURSDAY, FEB. 29

- 7:30 p.m. A caller reports an airplane went down at mileage marker 154 on the west side of an unidentified highway. Two people walked away uninjured. The state police and Federal Aviation Administration were notified.
- 9:50 a.m. A caller from the cape center asks for an ambulance for a patient with a possible broken hip.
- 10:51 a.m. An Alto woman reports that an eight-year-old boy accepted a collect call from an unknown man. All he said was, "I'm going to murder you," and he hung up.
- 11:11 a.m. A grass fire is reported on the north side of the volunteer fire department building in Capitan.
- 5:23 p.m. A woman caller reports a house on fire on Market Ball Road in the Cedar Creek area. The Bonito Volunteer Fire Department responds.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

- 12:57 a.m. An accident with injuries is reported at mileage marker 276 on U.S. 70 east of Ruidoso. The driver is walking. Two passengers are involved.
- 5:02 p.m. A fire at Peaches Road reports a dark blue Ford pickup off State Road 48 north of the Flying J Ranch that shouldn't be there. It has a sign on the door.
- 7:35 p.m. Motion sensor alarms are going off at an Arlie's house in San Patricio. All the doors are locked. Three dogs are running loose. A heater is blowing inside and may have set off the alarms.
- 9:13 p.m. A woman outside of Ruidoso Downs asks for a deputy because her ex-husband won't leave her residence. In a subsequent call, the woman said the man left and gave her his spare key.
- 10:26 p.m. A deputy reports a campfire at the end of Cedar Creek. The Bonito Fire Department responds.

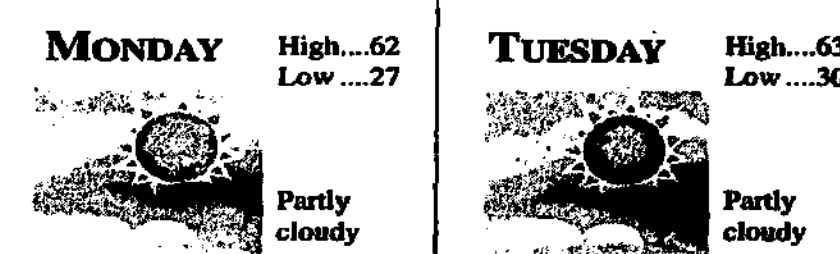
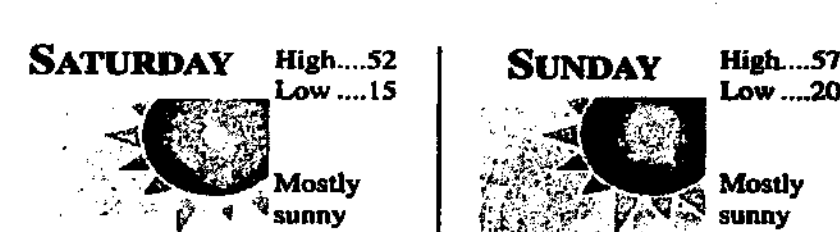
SATURDAY, MARCH 2

- 8:53 a.m. An unattended death is reported in Carizozo by a home health care worker. The Office of the Medical Investigator is notified in Alamogordo.
- 9:36 a.m. A woman reports hearing loud screams the previous evening around the Back 40 Trailer Park and fears a person or animal may be hurt. A deputy responds, but found nothing.
- 5 p.m. A Capitan woman complains about being harassed. A deputy requests a case number and files a report.
- 3:01 p.m. A small fire is reported on private land west of the Johnson store. A deputy was unsuccessful in trying to contact fire officials with the New Mexico State Forestry, but the Bonito Fire Department responded and the fire was contained. No assistance was needed. When fire units left, volunteers said they will check the area again at 6 p.m.
- 3:35 p.m. An ambulance is requested for a 67-year-old woman with a possible broken arm who lives off U.S. 70 east of Broken Downs. She was taken to the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso.
- 6:10 p.m. Criminal damage is reported near the Lincoln County Humane Society on Gavilan Canyon Road. Someone threw a Pepsi bottle out of the window of a vehicle and it hit and broke the windshield of another car.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

- 3:54 a.m. An ambulance is requested on Lake Shoshone Drive in the Alto area for a man who is choking.
- no time listed. A report was taken by a deputy on an unspecified situation at the Johnson Village Store in Alto.
- 12:33 p.m. An old, unoccupied trailer is reported on fire in Hondo by the highway department yard. It's heard as a club house. The Hondo Fire Department responded.
- 1:07 p.m. A motorist reports a grass fire on State Road 48 south of Naga on the left side of the road. The Naga and Carizozo fire departments responded. The state forestry fire division was notified.

RUIDOSO'S FOUR-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK



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Ruidoso readings	High	Low	Precipitation	Phase of the moon
Tuesday	58	37	.00"	
Wednesday	48	14	.10"	
Thursday	51	6	.00"	
Regional-Friday	High	Low	Forecast	
Albuquerque	53	23	Partly cloudy	
El Paso, TX	57	28	Partly cloudy	
Lubbock, TX	42	15	Partly cloudy	
Midland, TX	45	16	Partly cloudy	

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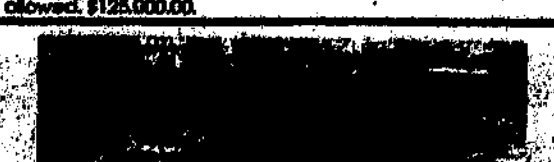
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PEOPLE



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Children are seeds of life

Danny Sisson (left) of LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso has successfully nominated Seeds of Life Maternity Health Care, Inc. of Alamogordo for funding from the York Children Foundation. Seeds of Life volunteers (directed by Mike Robinson, second from left) offer services to women facing unexpected pregnancies. Eric Thompson (also pictured) is on the board. Others in the picture have been helped by Seeds of Life: Cindy Bagwell and her four sons Nathan, Benjamin, Brian and Nicholas; and Theresa and Carlos Martinez holding their two sons Mando and Manuel.

WEDDINGS



Mrs. Christopher Smith

White, Smith

Melissa Marie White of Richardson, Texas, and Christopher Jason Smith of Longview, Texas, were united in marriage in a 2 p.m. ceremony on Feb. 10 at Central Baptist Church in Bryan, Texas.

Special guests included the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Marie Neeley of Ruidoso.

The groom is employed as a production engineer for Mobil Oil Co. in New Orleans, La.

Following a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple will reside in New Orleans, La.

Clarke honored with second Navy-Marine Corps commendation

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Michael J. Clarke, son of Robert G. and Eva W. Clarke of Ruidoso, recently received his second Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal while serving with Carrier Air Wing 16 at Naval Air Station, Miramar, Calif. Clarke was awarded the medal for his outstanding performance as both a landing signal officer and aviation safety supervisor. Demonstrating unique resourcefulness and initiative, Clarke was instrumental in helping guide in more than 4,000 safe aircraft approaches to the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk.

Clarke created and implemented a thorough, six-month training program for landing signal officers, which resulted in 100% qualification of all trainees. A landing signal officer stands on the flight deck and talks to pilots via radio as they are landing. Clarke also coordinated an LSO safety program for 11 squadrons and detachments, making vital inputs to the hazard and mishap reporting process.

With a second Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Clarke has once again demonstrated his outstanding ability to excel in serving on the Navy-Marine Corps team.

Clarke currently is assigned to Sea Control Squadron 35 home based at Naval Air Station North Island, San Diego.

The 1981 graduate of Ruidoso High School joined the Navy in January 1985. Clarke also received a bachelor's in 1984 from Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Barrow on duty on Navy submarine

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Joseph E. Barrow, son of Linda K. Turnage of Ruidoso, recently reported for duty aboard the submarine tender USS Frank Cable, homeported in Agana, Guam. He joined the Navy in August, 1993.

Frost promoted to senior airman job

Calvin B. Frost has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of senior airman.

Frost is an aircraft maintenance journeyman at Altus Air Force Base, Okla.

The airman was also decorated with the Good Conduct Medal. The medal is awarded to those who depict and demonstrate exemplary conduct, bearing and behavior while serving in the military services.

He is the son of Brenda Frost of Ruidoso Downs.

Walsh graduates from Air Force officer academy

Air Force Senior Master Sgt. John P. Walsh has graduated from the nine-week U.S. Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer (SNCO) Academy at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Ala.

Graduates of the Air Force's highest professional military school for NCOs studied advanced management techniques, communication skills, and behavioral science.

His current rank is a recent promotion.

Walsh is a tactical aircraft production superintendent at RAF

Lakenheath, England. He is the son of Bob L. Power of Ruidoso.

Moore returns from Persian Gulf

Navy Airman Dale G. Moore, son of Roger D. Moore of Ruidoso, has returned from a four-month deployment to the Persian Gulf and Western Pacific Ocean aboard the aircraft carrier USS Independence.

Moore is one of more than 5,400 sailors and Marines aboard the ship who completed the 20,000-mile voyage. Moore's ship was the lead ship of the USS Independence Battle Group which included more than 70 tactical aircraft and ships and submarines armed with Tomahawk Cruise Missiles.

While on deployment, Moore and fellow shipmates helped enforce the international no-fly zone over southern Iraq.

The 1991 graduate of Ruidoso High School joined the Navy in September, 1993.

Desnoyers completes Marine training

Ronald A. Desnoyers, a 1995 graduate of Ruidoso High School, has completed 11 weeks of recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Training Depot in San Diego, Calif.

He graduated from boot camp Oct. 27 and also received a meritorious promotion to the next higher rank. He will serve six years in the Marine Corps as an aircraft maintenance technician.

Desnoyers is the son of Nino and Louise Desnoyers of Ruidoso.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY
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No. CV 96-03

JANET J. COLLINS, also known as JANET JOHNSON, JANET J. JOHNSON, JANET JOHNSON, and GLADYS P. JOHNSON LUNDY, also known as GLADYS P. LUNDY.

Plaintiffs,

vs.

HAROLD D. LUNDY, JR. et al.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the Following Named and Described Defendants Against Whom Constructive Service is Sought to be Obtained.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANT, BY NAME, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, HER UNKNOWN HEIRS ALORA E. LUNDY.

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED PERSONS: HAROLD D. LUNDY, HAROLD LUNDY, HAROLD LUNDY, HORACE LUNDY, HORACE LUNDY, HORACE LUNDY, HORACE LUNDY, HORACE LUNDY.

ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN PLAINTIFFS' FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR QUIET TITLE FILED HEREIN ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFFS.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT the above named Plaintiff has filed a First Amended Complaint for Quiet Title against you in the above entitled Court and cause, a civil action, general object of which is to quiet title of Plaintiff against all adverse claims to the property described in said complaint, situate in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and more particularly described as Lots 47 through 50, inclusive, in Block 4 of SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO PARADISE CANYON SUBDIVISION, as the same are shown and designated on the Plat thereof filed in the office of the Clerk of the aforesaid County on April 26, 1995, also known as 236 Paradise Canyon, Ruidoso, NM; together with all improvements situate thereon, and subject to easements, restrictions and reservations of record.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT unless you file a responsive pleading or motion in said cause on or before April 12, 1996 judgment or other appropriate relief will be rendered in said cause against you by default.

The name and address of Plaintiff's attorney is: Dennis R. Franch, 5400 Loma Blvd., NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, phone (505) 265-5755.

WITNESS the Honorable Richard A. Parsons, Judge of Division III of the Court, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, NM.

Dated February 19, 1996
SALLY FINARELLI, Clerk of the District Court, Lincoln County, NM, by /s/Elizabeth Luceras, Deputy Clerk
0247 (2)(23)(3)1,8,15

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS
NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, 500 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 3:00 P.M. Monday, March 25, 1996, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above mentioned date and time will be retained unopened.

BID NO. 1995-17: CHILLER REPLACEMENT

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review and make their final determination during their regular commission meeting, scheduled for 9:00 A.M. Tuesday, April 2, 1996.

Specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, or by calling Martha Guevara at 505/648-2385.

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interest of Lincoln County.

/s/ Martha Guevara
Assistant County Manager
0284 1T(3)8

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BLEVINS CLEM CLUTTER, JR., Deceased.

No. PB-95-70
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the law office of J. Robert Beauville, P.O. Box 2405, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 or filed with the Twelfth Judicial District Court.

DATED 2-29, 1996.
/s/ William A. Allen
Personal Representative of the Estate of Blevins Clem Clutter, deceased
407 Brady Canyon Road
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345
0289 2T(3)4,6,13

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
JANELL C. HOPE has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of JOHN B. CLOSE, deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative, c/o Michael S. Line, Attorney at Law, Box 519, Ruidoso, New Mexico, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

/s/Janell C. Hope
0265 2T(3)8,15

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations, the following discharge plan for the discharge of 288,000 gallons per day of treated ground water from an underground storage tank remediation system. The facility is located on Sycamore and Reese Drive in Ruidoso in Section 26, T11S, R13E, Lincoln County, up to 144,000 gallons per day of hydrocarbon contaminated ground water is treated using an air stripper and then injected into 39 wells (UIC 5326). The modification allows for an increase in discharge volume from 144,000 gallons per day to 288,000 gallons per day of remediated ground water. The additional 144,000 gallons per day of hydrocarbon contaminated ground water will be treated using a multi-stage diffuser and discharged into an infiltration gallery (UIC 5328). Ground water below the site is at depths that vary from approximately 15 to 65 feet and has a total dissolved solids concentration of approximately 800 milligrams per liter.

DP-1044, GATEWAY SHELL, Underground Storage Tank Bureau, New Mexico Environment Department, P.O. Box 26110, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502, proposes to modify its discharge plan for the discharge of 288,000 gallons per day of treated ground water from an underground storage tank remediation system. The facility is located on Sycamore and Reese Drive in Ruidoso in Section 26, T11S, R13E, Lincoln County, up to 144,000 gallons per day of hydrocarbon contaminated ground water is treated using an air stripper and then injected into 39 wells (UIC 5326). The modification allows for an increase in discharge volume from 144,000 gallons per day to 288,000 gallons per day of remediated ground water. The additional 144,000 gallons per day of hydrocarbon contaminated ground water will be treated using a multi-stage diffuser and discharged into an infiltration gallery (UIC 5328). Ground water below the site is at depths that vary from approximately 15 to 65 feet and has a total dissolved solids concentration of approximately 800 milligrams per liter.

Any interested person may obtain further information from the Ground Water Pollution Prevention Section of the NM Environment Department, telephone (505) 827-2900, and may submit written comments to the Ground Water Section, NM Environment Department, P.O. Box 26110, Santa Fe, NM 87502. Prior to ruling on any proposed discharge plan or its modification, the NM Environment Department will allow thirty (30) day after the date of publication of this notice to receive written comments and during which a public hearing may be requested by any interested person. Requests for public hearing shall set forth the reasons why the hearing should be held. A hearing will be held if the NM Environment Department determines that there is significant public interest.

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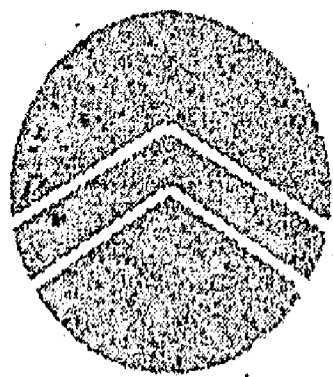
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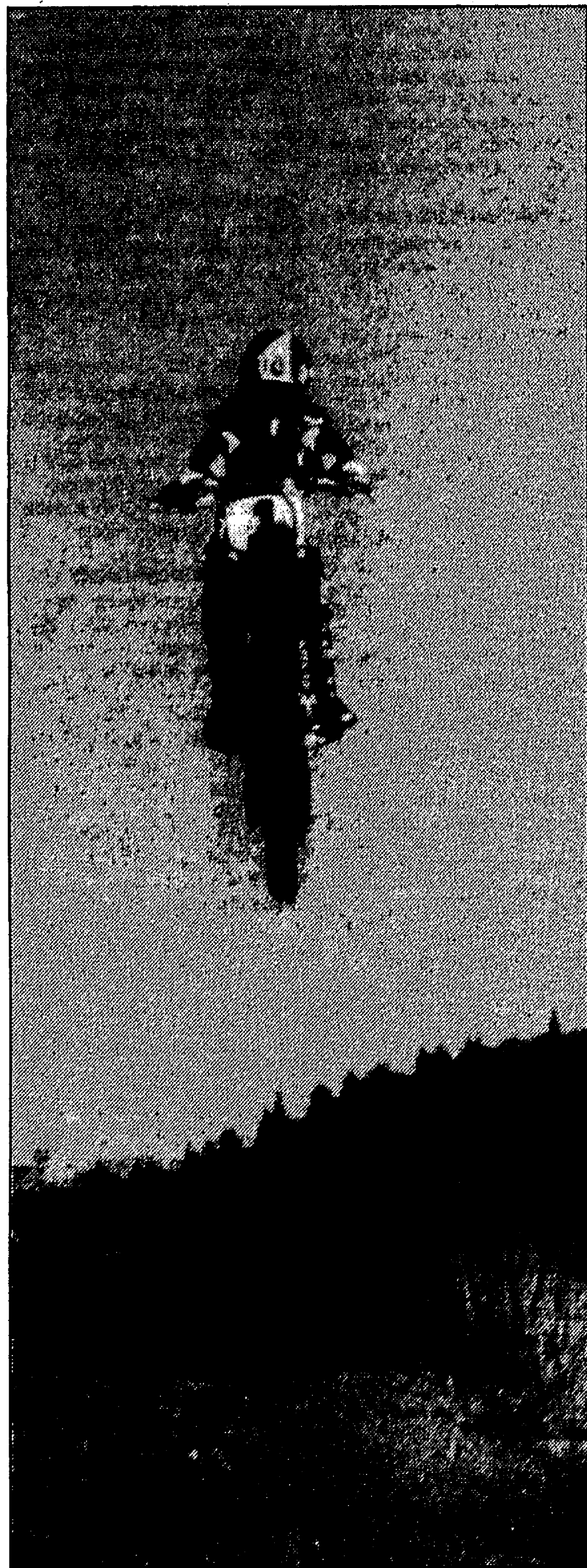
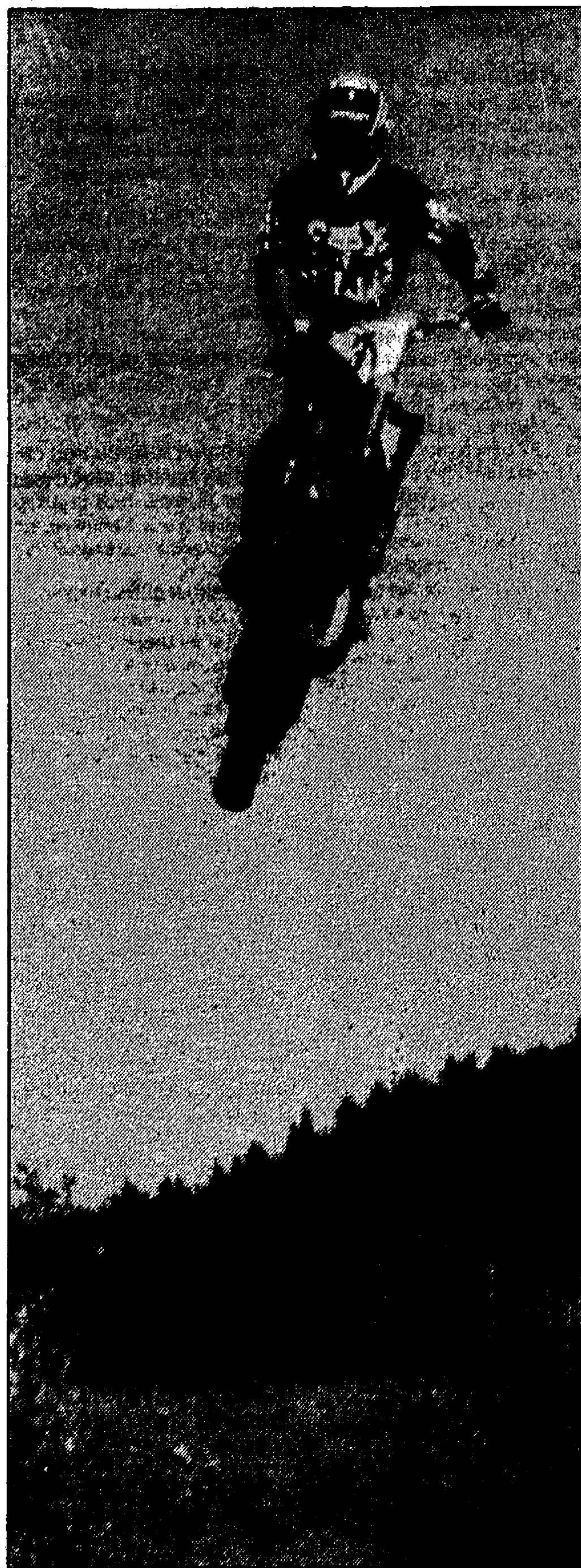
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Music

□ **CONCERT PIANIST** — 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 14 at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts in Alamogordo. Jacquelyn Helin will be performing. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. For more information call (505) 437-2202.

□ **TONY FORD SHOW** — 8 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Thursday, March 14 through Tuesday, March 19 at the Mescalero Night Club, Carrizo Canyon Road, Ruidoso. Tony Ford will perform a variety of music on the piano. Advance tickets are \$7 and tickets at the door are \$8. Tickets are available at Showtime Video Stores, Mescalero Inn and Inn of the Mountain Gods.

□ **TNT CONCERT/DANCE SERIES** — 8 p.m.-midnight Saturday, March 9 at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center with rhythm and blues from the Jim Talbot Band from Austin, 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.

□ **THE TEXAS HOUSE, 2811 Sudderth, 257-3506** — Live entertainment Wednesday, Friday & Saturday. No cover. Open all night Friday & Saturday.

□ **NIGHTCLUB**, 1 mile north of Inn of the Mountain Gods, next to Cafe Mescalero, 257-6693 — 8 p.m. - closing. Dance music with DJ.

□ **MARIE LA VEAUX**, 1214 Mechem Drive 258-3764 — 9 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Friday & Saturday, March 8 & 9, Sinkings, a rock and roll band, will perform. March 15 & 16, No Excuse 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.



□ **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.

□ **PHOTOGRAPHIC EXCURSION** — to Three Rivers Petroglyphs. 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 9. Depart from Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce parking lot. Ride with someone or bring your own car. All levels of ability welcome. For more information call Leland at 257-3676, Herb at 258-4003 or Ben at 257-4567. This outing is free.

□ **BOOK SIGNING** — 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, March 9 at The Aspen Tree Book Store in Ruidoso. Steven Havill of Lincoln will be signing copies of his novel about a New Mexico undersheriff, "Before She Dies."

□ **GARAGE SALE** — to benefit Ballet New Mexico Scholarship Fund. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 9 & 10 at 106 Evans in Ruidoso. (Follow signs from first street south of Thunderbird Lodge). Call Suzanne Lopez at 257-7571 if you have usable items you would like to donate.

□ **SWEARING IN CEREMONY** — for trustees at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 11 at the Ruidoso Downs Village Hall Complex. An organizational meeting will follow. Call 378-4422 for more information.

□ **BOOKMOBILE** — 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, March 12 at Vaughn Fire Station; 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Corona P.O.; 4-6:30 p.m. at Carrizozo/Otero Electric; 8:45-10 a.m. Wednesday, March 13 at Nogal P.O.; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe; 2-3 p.m. at Lincoln P.O.; 3:30-4:45 p.m. at Hondo Store; 6-7:30 p.m. at Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe; 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Carrizozo/Otero Electric.

□ **SERGER SEWING BASICS WORKSHOP** — 9 a.m. - noon Tuesday, March 12 at the Women's Club in Carrizozo located at 11th and D Ave. The class is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is requested and you will need to bring your serger and some supplies. Call Betty McCreight at (505) 649-2311 to pre-register and for your list of supplies.

□ **SERGING FOR THE HOME WORKSHOP** — 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 at the Senior Citizens Center in Ruidoso, 501 Sudderth Drive (next door to the Ruidoso Public Library). The workshop is for home decorating projects which involve fabric. The workshop is free and open to the public, but you will need to pre-register. Call Betty McCreight at (505) 648-2311 by Friday, March 8.

□ **FREE PARENTING COURSE** — 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 at the Ruidoso High School Public Meeting Room. "Using Natural or Logical Consequences to Set Limits" will be

the subject for the sixth and last meeting sponsored by Ruidoso Municipal Schools. It is led by Dr. Birgit LaMothe and is part of a series entitled "Raising Responsible Children." This course is free and no registration is needed. For further information call 257-6149 or 354-2761.

□ **DORE GARDNER LECTURE** — Thursday, March 14 at the Museum of the Horse. Dore will present "The Photograph and the Healer: Nino Fidencio." Tickets are available by calling (505) 624-6744.

□ **BUSINESS AFTER HOURS** — 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, March 14 at 1st Federal Savings Bank of New Mexico, 398 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso.

□ **SOLAR ELECTRICITY SEMINAR** — 6-8 p.m. Thursday, March 14 in the multi-purpose building at the Otero County Fairgrounds, Alamogordo. Lu Yoder and Joe Yarkin, solar electric technicians, will talk about the uses of photovoltaics (PV) for domestic applications, sizing of PV systems for household use and water pumping, selecting and buying PV equipment, and guidelines for installing and maintaining PV components. Cost is \$5. To register call Lee Loney at (505) 437-0231.

□ **WESTCORP** — noon-1 p.m. Thursday, March 14. Second session of Women's Economic Self-Sufficiency Team entrepreneur's workshop. Community Action Team Dutch Treat Luncheon at Cattle Baron in the meeting room. Please RSVP to Barbara Crane at 338-4061 by Wednesday, March 13.

□ **GED TEST** — 8:30 a.m. Friday, March 15 at ENMU. Cost is \$20 payable at the office prior to the testing time. Applicants must be at least 17 years old and must bring a signed Underage Permission Testing Form. For more information call 257-2120 or 1-800-834-3668.

□ **DRIVING COURSE** — 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, March 19-20. Deadline for registration is Friday, March 15. For an enrollment application or more information call Mason at 354-2866.

□ **CAPITAN SCHOOLS** — Capitan Middle and High School students will be receiving their report cards on Friday, March 15, 1996. Capitan Elementary School will be having Parent/Teacher conferences on Thursday & Friday, March 14 and 15.

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

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

□ **AARP TAX AIDE VOLUNTEERS** — 1-4 p.m. Monday, March 11 at the Carrizozo Senior Center. 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

□ **ALPINE VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT** — 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9 at the Swiss Chalet Lodge. Alpine Village residents are welcome to attend.

□ **RUIDOSO GUN CLUB** — 7 p.m. Monday, March 11 at the Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso. Elections will be held. Members are asked to attend.

□ **EAGLE CREEK INTER-COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY ASSOCIATION, INC.** — 3 p.m. Monday, March 11 at the Village of Ruidoso Administrative Center.

□ **ANNEXATION AD HOC COMMITTEE** — 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 12 at Ruidoso Village Hall.

□ **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES** — 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 12 at K-Bob's in Ruidoso Downs. Helen Craig will preside over the installation of officers.

□ **AMERICAN CULINARY FEDERATION** — 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 at the Inn of the Mountain Gods on the Mescalero Apache Reservation. Manuel Largo will be displaying garnishes; Melinda Michael Haluschek will be speaking on wines. This is an open invitation. Call Brendan Gochenour at 257-3966 for more information.

□ **RUIDOSO COUNCIL** — 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 at Ruidoso Village Hall.

□ **RUIDOSO SCHOOL BOARD** — 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 at the administration office, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso.

□ **ASSOCIATION FOR FAMILY & COMMUNITY EDUCATION** — 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 13 at Capitan Senior Citizens Center. Bring 6" straw wreath (painted or natural), yucca wreaths, wire cutter or pruning shears, 28 yucca pods, hot glue gun, dried flowers, pine cones, colored or natural straw, ribbon and unfinished projects. No program.

□ **EAGLE CREEK** — Noon Wednesday, March 13 at the Ruidoso Public Library.

□ **LIBRARY BOARD** — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 13 at Capitan Village Hall.

□ **ART & FILM BOARD** — 4 p.m. Thursday, March 14 at Ruidoso Village Hall.

□ **ACADEMIC BOOSTER CLUB** — 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 14 in the Ruidoso Middle School Library. All parents are invited to attend.

□ **SPACE CENTER COMMISSION** — 10 a.m. Friday, March 15 in the Atlantic Room of the Hubbard Space

Science Education Building at the Space Center in Alamogordo.



Library

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

□ **LIBRARY WILL AUTOMATE** — On April 1, the Ruidoso Public Library will begin using a computerized system for checking out materials. All library card holders will be required to have their present library card bar-coded and re-register. To re-register, bring the following materials to the library: valid driver's license, a piece of mail (recently postmarked) as verification of mailing address, and original library card. All library cards not bar-coded by April 1 will not be able to be used to check out materials.

□ **ALAMOGORDO PUBLIC LIBRARY** — 2-4 p.m. Saturday, March 9, Donna Snyder will read her captivating stories of the Southwest and Levi Romero will read poetry from his colorful experiences growing up in New Mexico. Noon - 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 10, Poetry by Levi Romero; 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 10, writing stories workshop by Donna Snyder. For more information call (505) 585-4769.



Movies

□ **AT SIERRA CINEMA, 257-9444:** "Muppet Treasure Island," "Happy Gilmore." Call theater for show times and ratings.



Museums

□ **ROSWELL MUSEUM AND ART CENTER** — photographer-writer Dore Gardner's exhibit "Nino Fidencio: a Heath Thrown Open" opens Friday, March 8.



Theater

□ **"CHEATING CHEATERS"** — 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 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.



Parks & Recreation

□ **SKI APACHE** — Call 257-9001 for ski report.

To have your information listed here free, call
The Ruidoso News
at 257-4001.

SPORTS

Ruidoso Downs approved for 49-day meet

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Fewer means better for race fans at Ruidoso Downs, track officials promise.

The New Mexico Racing Commission approved 1996 race schedules for the state's five racetracks Thursday, taking some racing days from each track.

After a nearly two-hour executive session, commissioners convened in open session and listened to input from the public before approving the 1996 race meet.

Ruidoso Downs has 19 fewer days of racing compared to last year — the same days track management requested.

"Let's race. Let's get back to what we do best," said Ruidoso Downs Race Track director of operations Rick Baugh.

The shorter race meet will mean better races, Baugh said.

"Our schedule is going to be the best it's been in several years," he predicted.

The racing commission cut back race days from all the tracks, a move it felt it had to make to save the state's horse racing industry.

"It's not a win-win situation for anybody, but it's a win-win situation for the whole industry and the whole state of New Mexico," said Eddie Fowler, racing commission chairman from Ruidoso.

All the racetracks had to concede something for the best interest of the horse racing industry, Fowler said. And Fowler felt like that happened.

It didn't happen without a fight first, however.

Mark Wilson, President of Hubbard Enterprises which owns Ruidoso Downs Race Track, opposed the commission's decision to grant a conditional license and approve a race meet for the Downs at Santa Fe, a racetrack owned by the Pojoaque Pueblo Indians. Wilson and others contended that since the Pojoaques operate a casino without a legal gambling compact, they

shouldn't be granted a horse-racing license because they operate an "illegal" gambling facility. Issuing a license to the tribe for horse racing would break state law, Wilson said.

Wilson asked for the commission to get a ruling from the state attorney general before it approves race dates for the Downs at Santa Fe.

The request fell on deaf ears, however.

The commission was advised it could grant a conditional license until the federal court determines the legality of Indian gambling.

"We couldn't hold up racing in New Mexico," said Fowler, who added that the commission can later reject an application if an licensee is deemed unfit to hold one.

Wilson said he was "genuinely dismayed" with the commission's decision to disregard his request.

"All we were asking was for a formal, written state attorney general's decision," Wilson said Thursday. "We couldn't sit back and not

make it an issue. We don't have a choice. The integrity of the industry is important."

The commissioners voted unanimously to approve the following race meet dates:

— Ruidoso Downs, 49 days of racing May 24-Sept. 2;

— Downs at Santa Fe, 48 days of racing June 14-Sept. 2;

— Downs at Albuquerque, a 10-day extension of racing May 5-27 (its season was scheduled to end May 5);

— New Mexico State Fair, 17 days of racing Sept 6-30;

— and Sunland Park, 74 days of racing starting Nov. 22.

Commissioners also approved an additional fall meet, from Oct. 4 to Dec. 1, for State Fair management at the Downs of Albuquerque. State Fair management can lease that particular race meet to the highest bidder.

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SPORTS SHORTS

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.

Ski officials are reporting a snow depth of 39 inches midway on the mountain. New snow Wednesday: four inches. Surface conditions are powder and packed powder.

To hear the ski report, call 257-9001.

REPLAY

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

10 years ago — Lynanda Williamson takes second place at the Southwest Aerobic competition in Albuquerque. Williamson is a dance teacher. Her mother, Elaine Garrity, helped Williamson with her two-minute routine.

20 years ago — The Warrior boys basketball team loses in the regional finals to Eunice, 96-83, but still qualifies for the state tournament. Kirk Eubank makes the all-region team.

30 years ago — Lincoln County basketball players Harold Radcliff and Bobbie Richardson are the only locals selected to the 3-B all-district eage team. Jal and St. Peter's place three each on the team.

40 years ago — Hat-T Ranch is on top of the Wednesday night mixed bowling league, followed by The Adobe, Hollywood Lbr., Chinchilla Ranch, Brunell's and Hart Electric.

Mescalero hosts men's basketball tournament

The third annual Mescalero Springtime men's open basketball tournament is set for March 15-17. The \$125 entry fee for teams is due Monday, March 11. The tourney is limited to 12 teams.

Awards will be given for first through fourth team places, all tournament selections, most 3-pointers and most valuable player.

For more information, call Roxanne or Luz at 671-4494, ext. 212.

CALENDAR

Friday, March 8

Track & Field

T.B.A. Ruidoso at West Texas Relays in Odessa, TX

Saturday, March 9

Track & Field

T.B.A. Ruidoso at West Texas Relays

Five cagers all-district

Five Ruidoso boys basketball players earned postseason District 3AAA honors for their efforts on the hardwood. In all, 12 district players made the first team and 19 other were selected as honorable mention.

Senior Cory Hood was the lone Warrior to make the first team all-district squad.

Hood, who led the state in assists per game at the Class AAA level, was one the Warriors' leading scorers as well. The 6-1 senior guard averaged 12.0 points and more than 6.5 assists per contest for the 10-14 Warriors.

Joshua Hodges, Ruidoso's leading rebounder (8.2) during the season, and fellow seniors Rex Comanche and Jackie Roe were named honorable mention. Freshman sensation Cory Saenz also earned honorable mention accolades.

DRUMBEATS: Ruidoso coach Ben Sanchez predicted Silver City's Colts and Albuquerque Academy would meet in the Class AAA finals Saturday — provided Academy got past defending state champion Artesia Thursday and the Colts beat Lovington....The district's other representative, Socorro, lost to Academy, 77-51, in a playoff game Wednesday.



Laura Clymer/The Ruidoso News

Senior Cory Hood's deft passing earned him all-district honors.

Ski officials await spring break visitors

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Ski Apache general manager Roy Parker hopes the March winds will blow in some more storms and blow away the rumor that Ski Apache is going to close before April 7.

"That's still our goal — Easter. We have no plans to close before then," Parker confirmed Thursday.

Four inches of new snow from Wednesday's storm and excellent snowmaking conditions at night are bound to help. Ski officials are reporting a base of 39 inches and surface conditions of powder and packed powder.

"We would have preferred a foot, but we'll take whatever we can get," Parker said.

Snowmaking on the runs serviced by chairlifts 1-5 has maintained excellent skiing conditions on the lower mountain, Parker added.

Ski Apache officials are looking forward to an onslaught of students, who will be taking their spring break from New Mexico and Texas colleges and universities during the next two weeks.

Northern New Mexico ski areas benefited the most from Wednesday's snow. Taos Ski Valley received 12 inches of new snow, as did the Enchanted Forest cross country ski area.

Ruidoso opens track season in Odessa

Ruidoso's boys and girls track team heads east for the West Texas Relays in Odessa, Texas today and tomorrow, marking the opening of the 1996 season.

Coach Ronnie Maskew will take 44 Warriors to compete at the prestigious meet. The 52-year-old event features more than 1,700 high school athletes.

"This is basically a chance to get a start and see where we are," Maskew said.

Event preliminaries begin Friday, with the event finals slated for Saturday.

The meet features all track and field events except the javelin throw, the 800-meter relay and the medley relay.

Racing

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Ruidoso will open the 1996 season May 24 with the Ruidoso Futurity trials, followed by the Ruidoso Derby trials on May 25. A pair of \$10,000-added handicaps on Sunday and Memorial Day Monday round out the opening weekend.

Santa Fe's 48 approved days are 25 fewer than last year. The state fair raced for 26 days in 1995, and will have just 17 days this year. Sunland Park is also on a shortened schedule. It will start running one month later than usual.

"We're going to huddle with our lawyers early next week and see what our options are."

MARK WILSON

PRESIDENT OF HUBBARD ENTERPRISES

The approved schedule assures that tracks can continue simulcasting intrastate signals as well.

"We have to maintain live racing meets to have simulcasting throughout the rest of the state (because of state statutes)," Fowler said. The law requires 17 days of live racing at a track in order to simulcast those races at other tracks.

"We're glad to get this behind us. Now the owners and trainers can plan the rest of their year," Fowler said.

For Wilson, the issue isn't over.

"We're going to huddle with our lawyers early next week and see what our options are," Wilson said.

Nabisco Oreo Cup's top cookies



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Coach Mike Luna with Hot Tots division members (from left): Jonathan Duncan, Larisa Tetreault, Alex Levinson and Rachel Levinson.



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Coach Paul Schaelbaudr with Hot Shots division members (from left): Garrett Nutting, Travis Ingels, Logan Russell and Starnes Reveley. Not pictured is Connor Reveley.



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Coach Scar Ward with Junior Advanced Sking Seminar members (from left) back row: Billy Smith and Lindsey Noltensmeyer; front row: Rhett Smith, Aaron Goeller, Michael Ginnings and Austin Ginnings. Not pictured are Sydney and Bryant Davis, Jason Demay and Forest Forester.



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Coach Jeanie Secor with Hot Rodders division members (from left) standing: Nicki Hudson and Garrett Griffin; kneeling: Adam Erhard and Jack Duncan. Not pictured are Amber and Jake Yates.

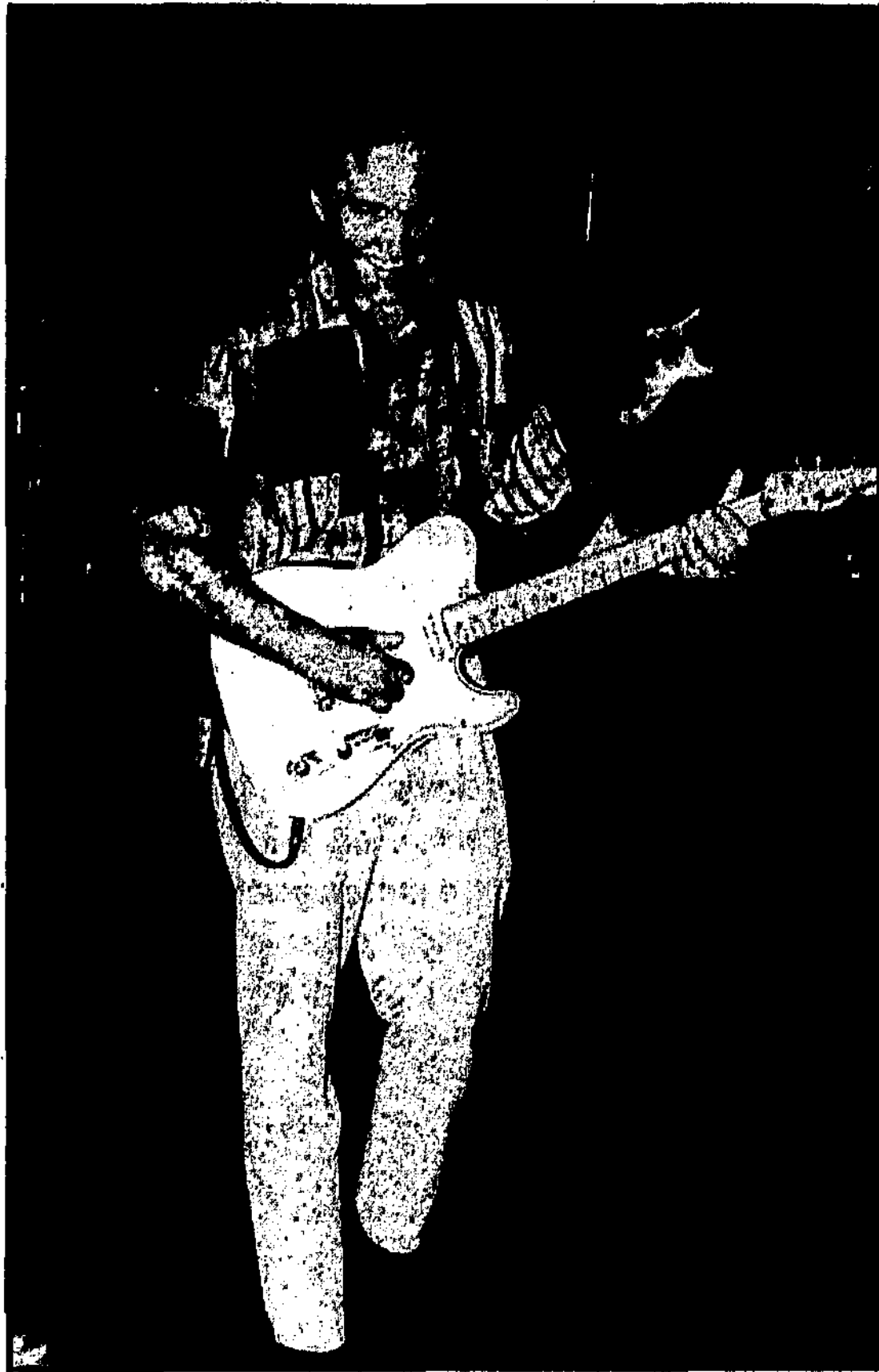


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Coach Mark Lively with Hot Rods division members (from left) standing: Kristen Force, Sara Williamson and Taylor Force; sitting: Skye Steed and Rachel Smith. Not pictured is Zack Cane.

ENTERTAINMENT

Jim Talbot Band's blues join TNT concert series



The last time Jim Talbot played in Ruidoso was at the Texas Club.

by DON HIXON

Ruidoso News Staff Writer

The Jim Talbot Band still uses the microphone stand that was bent in a Texas bar brawl.

"We were playing at Riley's Roadhouse near Midland when a little brawl broke out and somehow one of our microphone stands got bent," Talbot said in a telephone interview Tuesday.

The stand still functions quite well and serves as a reminder of some of their rowdier gigs, Talbot said.

"Sometimes when we play these small Texas roadhouses it seems like we're the ones getting entertained," he added.

The three-piece Jim Talbot Band will perform its special brand of blues Saturday at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center. The concert is the third installment in the six-part TNT Concert/Dance series to benefit the Ski Apache Handicapped Skiers program.

Bass guitarist Appa Perry has played with Talbot for more than four years. Drummer Bill Sneeringer is a new addition.

"Bill has been with us for about three months and he's working out great," Talbot said. "He's played the blues in Houston for many, many years and is a real veteran."

Ruidoso is no stranger to Talbot.

He was introduced to the village when Municipal Judge Mike Line, then a lawyer starting his practice in Ruidoso, caught his act on Sixth Street in Austin.

"Through some friends that I had in Austin, I was introduced to Jim," Line said. "I was having a birthday party and asked him to come play."

Talbot played at Line's party and fell in love with Ruidoso.

"I had never been there and I was just amazed at how beautiful it was," Talbot said. "I love that town."

The last gig Talbot played in Ruidoso was at the now-defunct Texas Club last summer.

Talbot began his career as a musician about 20 years ago after he was discharged from the army.

"I was living in Rhode Island in the 70's when I heard about the blues scene in Austin," he said. "Albert King, Freddie King and all the other blues greats were playing there."

Moving to Austin, Talbot began playing in the various clubs in the area, studying the music and developing his own blues style.

Those attending tomorrow's concert will get a hefty dose of what the band plays best; traditional blues.

"We will do mostly blues," he said. "It will be a mix of some songs

that I've written and stuff from people like B.B. King, Albert Collins, Freddie King and guys like that."

Much of what the band plays depends on the crowd, Talbot explained.

"We don't really go by a list of songs anymore," he said. "We know hundreds of songs and we just show up and see what kind of mood the crowd is in."

The professionalism of the band is obvious, Line said.

"These guys are pros," he said. "They know what they are doing and they do it well."

When the band gets in their blues groove, they tend to jam, Talbot said.

"When it's happening, we tend to play a lot longer," he said. "If there's a good crowd with people dancin' and it's going on, we play longer sets."

The Jim Talbot 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.

Roydsen's guitar knows no bounds

by DON HIXON

Ruidoso News Staff Writer

No holds barred rock n' roll reigned supreme Saturday night when The Doug Roydsen Band turned up the juice at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center.

The Abilene-based band was the second in the TNT Concert/Dance Series presented by the Ruidoso Convention and Visitors Bureau to benefit the Ski Apache Handicapped Skiers Association.

Minutes into its first set, the group had the crowd screaming as it demonstrated their prowess on rock standards like "Lazy" from Deep Purple and a gritty version of "Mustang Sally."

Lead guitarist and vocalist Roydsen scored a knockout punch with dazzling performances on his cordless guitar, including several sojourns into the audience during blistering solos.

Backed by "Marquis" Tatum on bass, Steve Couch on keyboards, and Cecil Tijerina on drums, Roydsen began the night with stunning renditions of original material and

classics like Jimi Hendrix's "Little Wing," and "Breakdown" by Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers.

"The heck with taking a break," Roydsen shouted about two hours into the concert. "We just wanna play."

And play they did, ripping into the Stevie Ray Vaughn-influenced tune "Sloppy Seconds," and "My Baby Treats Me Bad," from their first album, "Don't Push Me."

"Anybody here like Pink Floyd?" Roydsen yelled into the cheering crowd, launching into a 30-minute medley of Pink songs including "Another Brick in the Wall," and "Comfortably Numb."

As the evening progressed, the band sank deeper into the groove, playing a kickin' Texas shuffle. As strobe lights illuminated the dancers gyrating in front of the stage, it almost felt like the 1960s.

Jumping offstage, his long hair flying, Roydsen worked the crowd into a frenzy with fancy guitar fingerwork while the rest of the band kept the backbeat.

"Here's one from our new al-

bum," Roydsen said as he strangled impossible notes from his instrument. "It's called 'The Devil in Me.'"

After the first set and a short break, the band returned to the stage and kept the crowd's motor running with a mind-numbing performance of Steppenwolf's "Born To Be Wild," followed with "Pearl Necklace" by ZZ Top.

Roydsen was at the top of his form as he tore into riff after riff of guitar funk, playing behind his neck and back. He finally hurled his guitar to the ground, and accompanied by the enthusiastic cheers of the awestruck audience, continued to play the instrument with his feet, bringing the concert to a stunning conclusion.

The concert series continues at 8 p.m. next Saturday with the blues sounds of The Jim Talbot Band.

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Advance tickets are on sale at the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce, 720 Sudderth Drive, Farley's Food, Fun and Pub at 1200 Mechem Drive and the main Showtime Video at 1715 Sudderth Drive.



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Doug Roydsen enthralled the audience by playing at someone's table at the civic center Saturday.

PERSONALITIES

Like father, like son in Ruidoso's Coker family

□ Derek Coker has sights set on big time in motocross world

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

A visit to Mike and Kody Coker's New Mexico Glass shop is a bit deceiving — and it's not because the mirrored walls make the place seem bigger than it is.

When you walk in you can't help but notice the trophies which dominate the northwestern quadrant of the office area. Two of them would dwarf the Coker's 11-year-old son, 4-foot-5 Derek, and another nearly tops Mike, who stands 5-foot-8.

"People walk in and say, 'I didn't know you're in the trophy business,'" Mike says. "If I had a dollar for every time somebody said that I'd have myself another motorcycle."

It's a thought that delights this seven-year veteran of amateur motocross racing. What pleases him even more is the thought of what his son could accomplish in the sport.

The trophies are big, almost as big as Derek future in the sport of motocross. It's Derek's ability to handle a motorcycle nearly twice

his weight against boys up to seven years older on courses full of major jumps, whoop-di-dos, gravity pits and sharp turns that has sponsors talking to the Ruidoso fifth-grader.

"They (my parents) are not pushing me to where I don't want to do it. I want them to push me because I want to get better."

DEREK COKER
AMATEUR MOTOCROSS RACER

Oakley Sunglasses, Pro Circuit Pipes, Scott's Kawasaki of Las Cruces, New Mexico Glass, and Mountain Ski Shop sponsor Derek. Those businesses help pay for equipment and travel expenses associated with the high cost of motocross racing.

Last year alone, the Cokers put 8,000 miles on their motorhome driving to and from racing events in Clovis, El Paso and Moriarty. Three new bikes for Mike and Derek cost nearly \$11,000.

Derek is considered one of the top racers for his age group and

class, in just his third year motocross racing. Last year, he was the top point-getter in the El Paso race circuit for two classes — the 60-expert and the 80-novice. In the Albuquerque circuit, Derek captured the 60-expert title for 9-to-11-year-olds. He was sixth in the 80-novice class.

His father was no slouch on track either in 1995. Mike won the over-30 amateur class for 250 CC motorcycles in the El Paso circuit.

The father and son accomplishments resulted in both being bumped up to higher classes for '96. The better competition has been tougher on Derek, who finds himself racing against boys in their late teens. The "big" boys have certain advantages. And in a sport where "bumping is racing," they literally throw their weight around the track, says Kody.

"They can block, pass you, take you out," Mike explains. The rules are, 'there are none.'

If he wasn't born for racing, Derek was destined for the sport.

"We bought him a spring motorcycle toy before he was a year old. Actually, Santa Claus brought it," Kody recalls. "You know how some kids get horsies? Well, I didn't want my kid to be redneck," she says jokingly.

Kody winced the first time she saw her son race against the older boys. But the feisty 11-year-old,

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fast Facts

Name: Mike Coker

Age: 34

Children: Derek, 11, and Lauren, 8

Quotable: "I'm out there to win. But I have to go to work Monday — I can't get hurt at the races.

The kid (Derek) has no fear."

Worst accident riding a motorcycle: Mike broke his collarbone when he flipped over the bars going over a jump.

Name: Derek Coker

Age: 11

Favorite motocross movie: "Terra Firma II" because it has his favorite riders in it.

Worst accident riding a motorcycle: During practice another rider landed on top of him going over a jump. "It really hurt," Derek says.



Mike Coker in a Moriarty race last year.



Derek races in El Paso in 1995.

PERSONALITIES

Cokers

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who wants to race professionally, has steadily improved with each race in 1996.

Derek plays basketball and baseball to stay in shape and improve his endurance. He also does pushups and situps to bulk up and help him handle his 125-pound 80 CC cycle.

"The new one (bike), the first time that I rode it I wasn't as strong as I am now," Derek says. Practice has helped him get used to the bigger bike.

Practice time is limited for the Cokers. There's only one track in the area where the two can practice. With school, work and other

activities, Mike and Derek are lucky to practice once a week.

Sunday, they'll be racing at a new track in Tularosa. Derek likes the Tulie track, but not as much as the bowl-like Moriarty racetrack.

"It has good competition and fun jumps," Derek says of Moriarty.

Mike isn't threatened by his son's potential.

"If Derek takes off, no (I won't race anymore). Dad becomes the mechanic," Mike says with a smile.

"I enjoy it. It's a fun sport for me," says Derek, who has made close friends with several of his competitors. "They (my parents) are not pushing me to where I don't want to do it. I want them to push me because I want to get better."



Derek hangs out on his Dad's bike in 1990.



Mike comes out of a turn in an El Paso race last year.

"If Derek takes off, no (I won't race anymore). Dad becomes the mechanic."

MIKE COKER
AMATEUR MOTOCROSS RACER



Mike in front of the trophy display at New Mexico Glass.



Mike races in Clovis last year.



Derek and the trophies he won during his first year of racing.

Nino Fidencio followers studied

The traveling exhibition "Nino Fidencio: A Heart Thrown Open," opens at the Roswell Museum and Art Center on Friday, March 8.

For five years, photographer-writer Dore Gardner studied and photographed followers of Nino Fidencio, perhaps Mexico's most famous curandero, or healer.

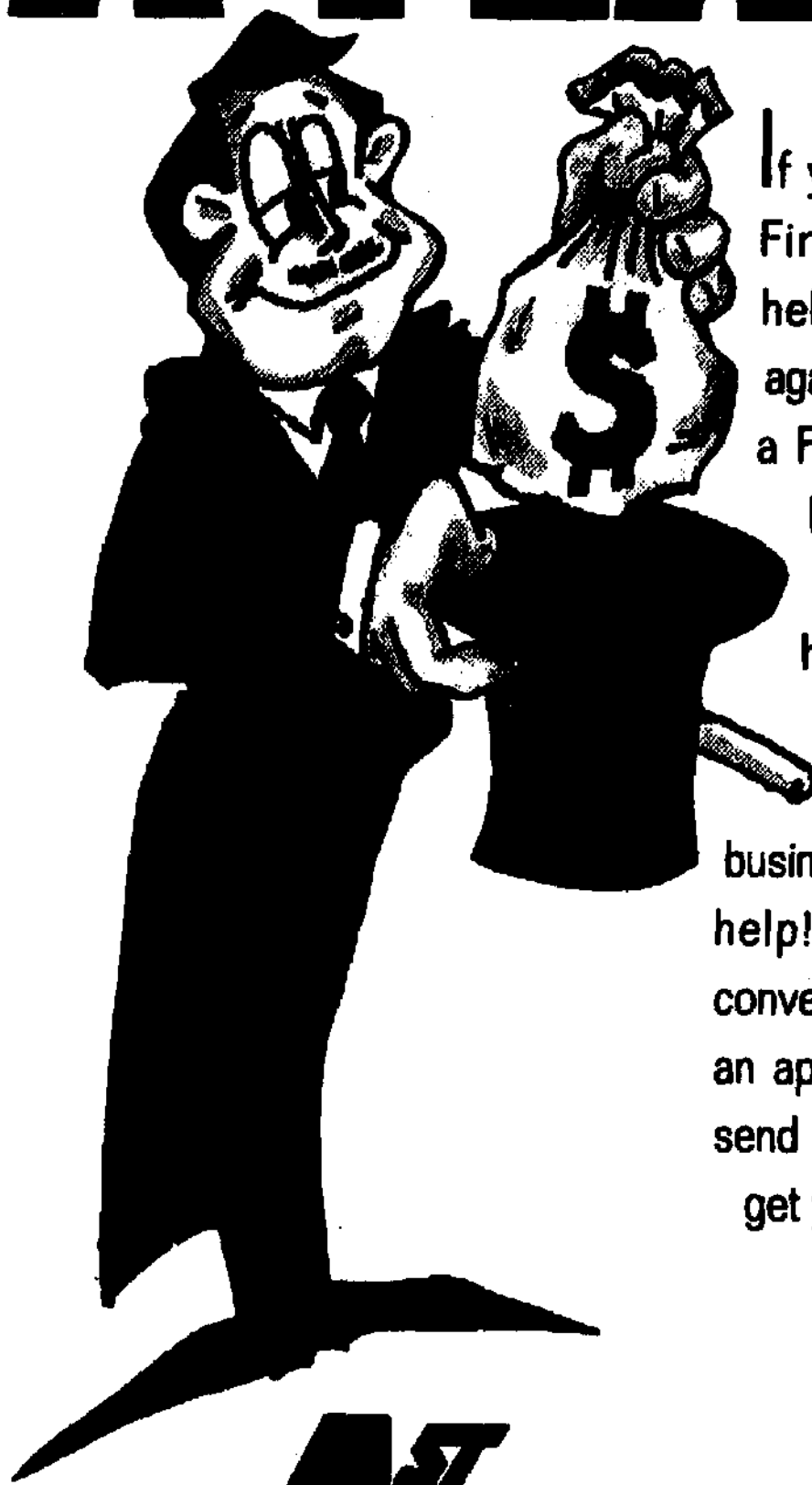
Gardner will also present a lecture about her work at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 14 at the museum.

Gardner is a documentary photographer from Marblehead, Mass. She is also a teacher and artist-in-residence at The School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. "Aperture" magazine said she is among "10 of the finest emerging photographers from around the world."

Nino Fidencio was born Jose Fidencio Sintora Constantino in Guanajuato, Mexico in 1898. He lived in Espinazo, Nuevo Leon, where as a young man he worked

as a housekeeper in the hacienda of Enrique Lopez de la Fuente. At an early age, he showed a remarkable gift for healing, and by the time he had reached his mid-20s, thousands of people flocked to Espinazo to be touched by the Nino. Even today, 57 years after his death, some 40,000 people journey to Espinazo for a four-day celebration to pay homage to Nino Fidencio, renewing their powers and reconnecting with their culture and spiritual home.

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

The Corona Maverick (Cedarvale News)

C.H. Lee, R.A. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. N. Knight were Corona visitors Monday.

Mrs. W.W. Wade spent Sunday with home folks.

Rev. Jackson preached at the Baptist Church, Sunday morning and evening.

The schools trucks are giving

some of the drivers quite a lot of trouble this week.

Shirley Hooper is putting up a barbershop at this writing. This is a much needed employment.

Since so much snow we believe there is enough moisture to begin farming.

M.P. Tomkinson, R. Hileman, Mr. and Mrs. L.O. Foster were business visitors in Corona Monday.

Quite a crowd enjoyed the social at the R.J. Hooper house Saturday night.

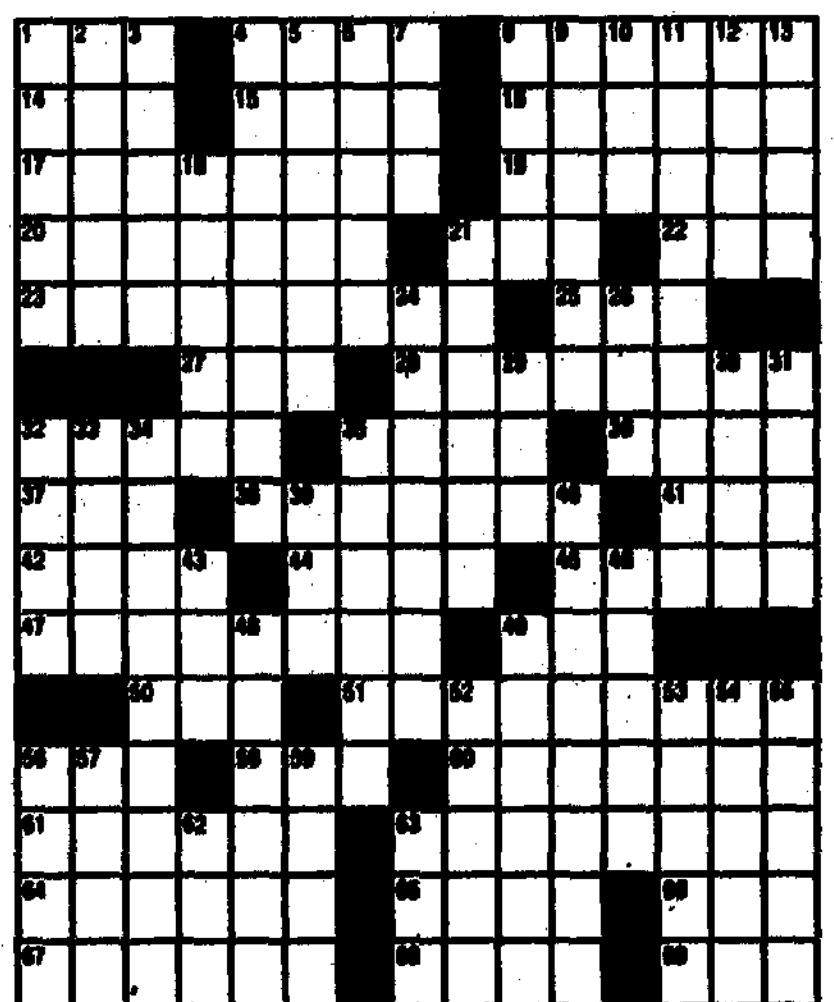
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New Apache Summit Restaurant beckons travelers

Sitting atop the Apache Summit is a new restaurant that beckons both hungry locals and weary travelers.

The Apache Summit Cafe's hardwood floors and a flagstone fireplace create a homey atmosphere, which is exactly what restaurant manager Viola Morgan and her husband, Monte, have strived for.

"I want this to be a simple, country-style cafe," Viola says. "And, I hope people have a good feeling about coming over here to eat at a cafe that's owned by tribal members."

The Apache Summit Cafe, located at 25282 Highway 70, features authentic Indian, Mexican and American meals at modest prices.

The cafe's basic menu offers Indian dishes such as a chili bowl, an Apache Taco or stuffed frybread — a favorite of the local elders, says Viola. Those with a hankering for Mexican food can try the taco plate, check the cafe's gift shop, located in a side room off the main dining

"I want this to be a simple, country-style cafe. I hope people have a good feeling about coming over here...."

VIOLA MORGAN
APACHE SUMMIT MANAGER

Four different hamburgers round the lunch and dinner menus. In the morning, patrons have a choice of two breakfast plates or a breakfast burrito.

Recipes for the dishes are stored where only Viola can locate them — upstairs.

"The recipes are in my head and I can't give them out. The recipes stay here," she says, laughing and pointing to her head.

In addition to finding good food and conversation, patrons can check the cafe's gift shop, located in a side room off the main dining

area. The gift shop has American-Indian handmade jewelry. On display in the gift shop, but definitely not for sale, is the buckskin dress Viola made for one of her daughter's maiden ceremony.

After remodeling the building that houses the restaurant, Viola and Monte opened the cafe Feb. 2, more than five years after the former restaurant at that site closed. Business has been good, says Viola, who is a former employee at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. Viola had worked at the Inn for 20 years before retiring. But just six months into her retirement, she "got tired of being retired."

Her son, Russell Pesewonit, and daughter, Charlene Shanta, are involved with the cafe also, but it's mom and dad who run the day-to-day operation of the eating establishment.

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Viola and Monte Morgan at the counter of the Apache Summit Restaurant. The building was closed for more than five years before the Morgans opened their place at the summit.



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PAST TENSE

Outlaw Sam Bass was loved for lack of killings

Sam Bass, one of the old west's more popular bandits, once lived here in Lincoln County. While Bass' more lasting fame was achieved in other states, namely Texas and Nebraska, he was once a rancher on the Rio Feliz, and may have robbed at least one stagecoach during his sojourn here.

Bass was popular chiefly because he was a bandit who was not of the cold-blooded killer class.

There was a song that was once popular among cowboys that went:

"Sam Bass was born in Indiana, it was his native home;

And at the age of seventeen, young Sam began to roam.

Sam first came out to Texas, a cowboy for to be —

A kinder-hearted feller you seldom ever see."

So while many of the other old-time badmen were also former cowboys, Sam's hesitation in the indiscriminate use of his pistol seems to have endeared him to more people than many of his contemporaries.

Lily Casey Klasner, whose autobiographical *"My Girlhood Among Outlaws"* about growing up in the Lincoln County of the 1870s mentions Bass specifically, says he was in partnership with George Hindman in a ranch on the Feliz.

Hindman, of course, was destined to fall with Sheriff William Brady on the street in Lincoln during a murderous fusillade from the rifles of Billy the Kid and the other Regulators on April 1, 1878.

Klasner wrote that Bass had a wife living with him on the Feliz. If this was the case, she is a mystery woman, as no mention of a spouse has ever turned up in any of the other research about Bass. Klasner also wrote that Sam got into a little difficulty — a possible shooting scrape up on the Penasco — and then may have robbed a stagecoach with none other than Billy Campbell, who was soon to find his own little niche in the history of Lincoln County. In 1879, Campbell would be the man held accountable for the last "official" killing in the Lincoln County War.

Both Campbell and Bass were captured and brought to Las Vegas, N.M., near the scene of the robbery, and incarcerated.

But adobe walls did not long a prison make for Sam. He escaped during the first week of January, 1877, possibly with the assistance of a guard. At this point, Sam vanished from New Mexico.

Sam continued with his nefarious activities concerning stagecoaches, but was not particularly successful. One robbery netted 11 whole dollars, and another got him a couple of crates of peaches.

At this point, Sam and his partners in crime decided to re-think their criminal behavior strategy. No one wanted to "do time" for stealing peaches, so they decided to hit a train.

They got lucky.

On the night of Sept. 18, 1877, Bass and his cronies held up the Union Pacific train at Big Spring, Neb. When the passengers coughed up nearly \$13,000, the outlaws thought they were doing pretty well. Then when one of them kicked over a box in the baggage car and \$60,000 worth of twenty dollar gold pieces spilled out, they knew they were doing well.

They left Nebraska without even being pursued by one of those pesky posses, divided their ill-gotten gains and split up.

Bass returned to Denton, Texas, where he had friends, and for a time, he lived "high off the hog." After a while, Sam decided he needed some more spending money. After organizing a new gang, he proceeded to start robbing stages again.

Unfortunately, just as before, the outlaws were unable to make a decent living from the stagecoach companies. So once again, Sam decided to rob trains.

At Allen, Texas, they made a sizeable withdrawal



Past tense

DREW GOMBER
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from the Houston and Texas Central Railroad, the take being a cool \$20,000.

They found this encouraging, and decided to dedicate themselves exclusively to trains. First they robbed the Hutchins train and then held up the Texas Central.

Sam's popularity in Texas knew no bounds. Due primarily to the fact that he was robbing the hated railroad and that no one had ever been killed during one of his robberies, he was treated as a hero throughout the state.

So many lawmen were swarming across the state looking for Sam that newspapers began to refer to the hunt as "The Bass War." And despite the fact that Sam continued to hide out in the Denton area, he and his men only clashed once with any of the many men who were hunting him.

During that gun battle, the only casualty was an outlaw named Arkansas Johnson, who was forcibly retired from his chosen profession of banditry and remanded to his new home, the cemetery. His confederates managed to escape.

The little band led by Bass now consisted of himself, Seaborn Barnes, and Frank Jackson. Jackson had a cousin named Jim Murphy who had assisted the gang on several occasions and because of this, he was arrested by the Texas Rangers. Major John B. Jones of the Rangers informed Murphy that his only hope of staying out of prison was to become an informer.

Murphy agreed to these terms, and returned to the gang.

On Saturday, July 20, 1878, the day before Sam's 27th birthday, the gang headed for Round Rock, Texas. On the way there, they passed through Belton, where Murphy found time to scrawl a note to Major Jones: "We are on our way to Round Rock to rob the bank. For God's sake, be there to prevent it!" When the message was



Sam Bass

telegraphed to Jones, 10 Rangers were immediately dispatched to Round Rock.

As the outlaws approached Round Rock, Murphy dropped behind under the pretense of getting his horse some feed.

Round Rock's deputy sheriff A.W. Grimes appears to have been something of a dim bulb. Despite the fact that Grimes had been thoroughly briefed by the Texas Rangers, when he saw three men walk into Coppell's store and noticed a suspicious bulge under one of their coats, he decided to go and see about disarming the stranger. This was after he had been told that Bass and his men were on their way.

The reason the gang entered the store before the heist was to procure tobacco for the long ride they had ahead of them after completing their transaction at the bank.

So, despite warnings from the Texas Rangers about being careful with any strangers in town, Grimes walked into the store, approached Bass (it was Sam's coat that was a bulge) and said, "Hey mister, are you carrying a gun?" They were his last words. Grimes' query precipitated a bloodbath in which he was the first casualty.

After perforating the deputy in numerous places, the three outlaws rushed out of the store and into a barrage of gunfire.

The bandits sprinted for their horses, bullets whistling all around them. Seaborn Barnes fell, killed instantly by a bullet in the head. Another mangled Bass' hand, and still another hit him in the back.

At this point, Frank Jackson earned the respect of everyone who was witness to the shooting, even the Texas Rangers.

While he could have simply leapt on his horse and galloped off, he stood his ground, firing with one hand while he helped Bass into the saddle with the other. Mounting his own horse, he stayed in the street and continued to lay down a covering fire while Bass galloped out of town. A moment later, Jackson thundered after him through a hail of gunfire.

That night, hiding out in some cedars, Jackson did what he could for the dying Sam, and then made his escape. Rumored to have escaped to South America, he was never seen or heard from again.

The next day, lawmen found Bass barely alive. When they questioned him about his confederates, he replied, "It's against my profession. If a man knows anything, he ought to die with it in him." A little while later, he said, "The world is bobbing around!" and died.

Another of the many verses of the song about Sam goes like this:

"Sam met his fate at Round Rock, July the twenty-first;

They pierced poor Sam with rifle balls and emptied out his purse.

*Poor Sam is a corpse now and six feet under clay;
And Jackson's in the bushes, trying to get away."*

And just so that the traitorous Jim Murphy (who died accidentally shortly thereafter) didn't feel left out, another verse was written just for him:

"And so he sold out Sam and Barnes and left their friends to mourn.

Oh! What a scorching Jim will get, when Gabriel blows his horn!

He may have got to heaven — there's none of us can say —

But if I'm right in my surmise, he's gone the other way!"

Bass' sister later had a small monument erected at his gravesite. It reads:

Sam Bass
Born July 21, 1851 — Died July 21, 1878
A Brave Man Reposes in Death Here
Why Was He Not True?

Workshop on using serger for home decorating

Home decorating is high on the "things to do" for many homeowners. Those with serger machines can get some helpful hints at a free Ruidoso workshop Tuesday.

Homeowners may have a variety of projects in mind, from repainting the rooms to adding new curtains and other fabric accessories.

For home decorating projects which involve fabric, most can be done faster and with a special creative touch when a serger machine is available.

Susan Wright, Extension specialist with New Mexico State University, will conduct a "Serging for the Home" workshop from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 12. It will be held at the Senior Citizens Center in Ruidoso, located at 501 Sudderth Drive (next door to the Ruidoso Public Library).

The workshop is free and open to the public, but requires pre-registration. Please call Betty McCreight, Lincoln County Extension Home Economist at (505) 648-2311 by Friday, March 8 if you are planning to attend.

Workshop on serger sewing basics Tuesday

Are you one of the fortunate people who own a serger sewing machine, but are not quite sure of all the things your serger can do?

A "Serge Sewing Basics" workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to

noon Tuesday, March 12 at the Women's Club in Carrizozo, located at 11th and D. Ave. The hands-on workshop will be conducted by Susan Wright, Extension specialist at New Mexico State University.

The class is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is requested and you will need to bring your serger and some supplies. The class will be limited to 25 participants. Call Betty McCreight, Lincoln County Extension Home Economist, at (505) 649-2311 to pre-register and for your list of supplies.

Pianist performs in Alamogordo

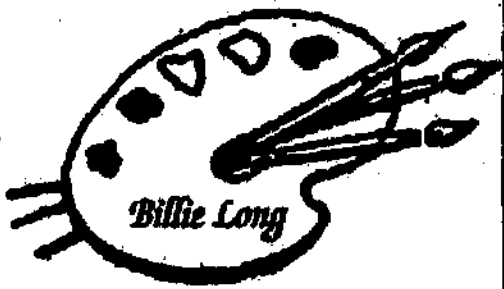
Jacquelyn Helin, a concert pianist, takes the stage at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 14.

Helin was selected by Musical America as one of the "Young Artists of the Year." As winner of the Artists International Competition, she played her New York debut to a sold-out audience in the Carnegie Recital Hall.

Helin will perform Ludwig van Beethoven's Sonata No. 8 in C Minor, Sergei Rachmaninoff's Prelude in D Major and G Minor, and George Gershwin's "The Man I Love," "Do It Again," "S Wonderful" and "I Got Rhythm." Her performance will end with Gershwin's "Rhapsody In Blue," accompanied by the Alamogordo High School Orchestra and musicians from New Mexico State University.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. For more information call 437-2202.

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Phone 257-4545

At approximately 7:45 p.m. the Ruidoso Police Department received notification of a robbery alarm at the Allsup's Convenience Store located at Sudderth Drive and Mesalero Trail. A subject wearing a ski mask brandished a knife and demanded money from the on-duty clerks and fled the store. The suspect is described as a male, 5'7" to 5'8", light build, approximately 140-150 pounds, light colored eyes, and a single colored tattoo of a rose on the right wrist. The suspect was wearing blue jeans and a white plaid shirt.

Crimestoppers will pay a \$500.00 cash reward for information leading to the arrest and magistrate court bindover or grand jury indictment of the subject responsible for the crime of robbery.

Crimestoppers will also pay cash rewards for the recovery of stolen property or the solving of other felony crimes.

The Crimestoppers phone line is manned twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, and you do not have to give your name to be eligible for a cash reward. The Crimestoppers phone number is 257-4545. Anyone wishing to call collect, may do so within Lincoln County.

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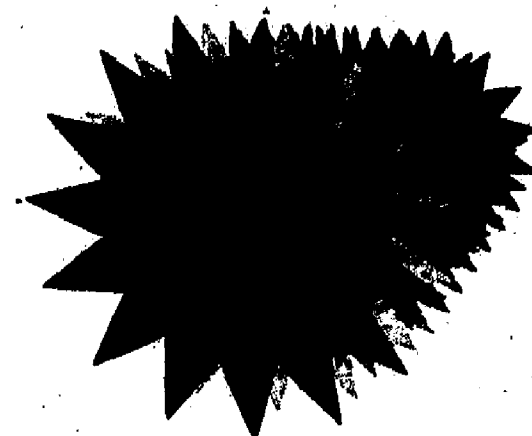
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