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Control of wildfire expected Saturday

The Pinetosa wildfire west of Corona has burned 7,000 acres and crept close to one home since it started Tuesday.

U.S. Forest Service officials estimated earlier in the week they would have the fire controlled by today. However, they have moved the control time back to 6 p.m. Saturday. They expect to contain (put a line around) the fire by 6 p.m. today.

In the past few days the number of personnel working on the fire has grown by 10, to 161. About \$125,000 has been spent to fight the flames, but the total estimated cost will likely hit \$240,000, said Bill Rogge with the state Forestry Division in Capitan.

Firefighters were able to save the home of June and William Tyree, which was threatened by the blaze Wednesday, he said.

Several cabins, wells and windmills are scattered throughout the sparsely-settled area at the northern edge of Lincoln County.

The wildfire began in the Pinetosa section of the Cibola National Forest when what was to be the largest controlled burn in the state jumped Red Cloud Canyon Road, pushed by unexpected 45 mph gusts of wind.

Fire within the 6,000-acre area designated for the prescribed burn is not being fought aggressively, but by Wednesday, more than 1,000 acres had been charred outside the boundaries set by the Forest Service.

Officials said they had planned for winds of up to 30 mph, but were surprised by sudden stronger gusts that also created spot fires as much as a quarter mile away from their operation.

Erratic winds also grounded a helicopter scheduled to drop water and chemicals on the fire.

Since the fire began, crews have responded from Corona, the county road department, tribes, the Forest Service and state forestry division.

Currently at the site are six engines, five crews, two water tenders, one bulldozer and one ambulance. According to an update Friday, no one has been injured while fighting the fire.



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Leapin' leprechauns

These students from Marge Cannella's second grade class hope their leprechauns will bring them good luck. The children made cut-outs of the legendary creatures in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Pictured are (left to right) Orion Jimenez, Codi Angermiller, Mychal Matzher and Heather McDougal.

Casino Apache card dealers upset about change in tips

by JOANNA DODDER
Ruidoso News Editor

Casino Apache card dealers say they are prepared to conduct a mass walk-out or join a union because they no longer receive their hefty tips nightly.

Casino officials say they are simply trying to meet Internal Revenue Service wage reporting requirements. They are holding the tips and incorporating the money into bi-weekly paychecks.

"What's being done is very common," explained John McCullough, Inn of the Mountain Gods manager. "It's simply being run through our payroll system so it can be fairly reported."

Plus, it's safer for employees to carry home a check instead of a large amount of cash that could be stolen, McCullough added.

Casino and Inn of the Mountain Gods management on March 4 began holding onto the tips, and dealers have been told they won't receive the tip money until March 22 as part of their paychecks.

The casino on the Mescalero Apache Reservation near Ruidoso is owned by the Mescalero Apache Tribe. The Mescalero and other tribes are embroiled in court battles with the state and federal govern-

ment over the legality of the casinos after the state Supreme Court ruled their compacts with the governor are illegal.

Dealers only make \$5.25 per hour, but they said they can earn hundreds of dollars each night in tips. Dealers interviewed for this story did not want their names revealed, fearful they would lose their jobs.

One dealer said each of the approximately 45 dealers can make \$200-\$300 a day during the summer; the most anyone made in one night was \$317. There are 24 dealers working on any one night at 18 craps and blackjack tables.

Dealers will get back every penny they earn, McCullough assured. Managers are even letting a committee of dealers collect the tips and report who gets what, he said.

"We're taking great pains...to make sure this amount is isolated," McCullough said.

By holding onto the dealers' tips, the casino is holding back on roughly \$100,000 every pay period, the dealer estimated.

The casino grosses \$300,000 per month from the card tables at this time of year, the dealer estimated, and during the summer, that can

rise to more than \$100,000 each week.

A group of dealers have organized and called federal agencies to find out the legality of the tip withholding.

"We are definitely upset with what they're doing," one dealer said.

When they were first told of the plans to change, dealers tried to offer alternatives but none were acceptable to managers, they said.

Casino managers originally decided to start holding back on the tip money on Feb. 26, but that morning dealers walked in to work wearing black armbands instead of the usual red ones, alarming managers enough to delay the change, one dealer related.

"We put it off so we could research it even more," McCullough said of the change. "They had plenty of forewarning."

But after researching alternatives, management concluded holding the tips until pay day is the best way to meet IRS regulations while being fair to all employees.

The dealers hope to meet with Mescalero Apache President Wendell Chino and the tribal council to resolve their concerns.

Lincoln may lose historic protection

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Twenty-four years after the Lincoln historic preservation district was established, its legality is being challenged.

Lincoln County Attorney Alan Morel says the ordinance creating the district should be rescinded unless the county adopts a comprehensive zoning plan or Lincoln incorporates as a municipality.

"I'm concerned about it," said Jack Rigney with the State Monuments Division at Lincoln and a former preservation board member. "I've had 15 phone calls today. I'm overwhelmed and steamed because we don't know where we're at. I'm appalled at the whole thing."

Rigney said has sought an opinion from an independent attorney about the ordinance and possible options.

Tourism would be affected if the ordinance is lost, Rigney said.

"We have about 45,000 people visit here each year," he said. "We hope in the gray period until things are corrected, no two-story condominiums come in."

Commissioners should be interested in finding a solution too, Rigney said.

"If tourism here is hurt, it will be the county that is the loser," he said.

Walter and Nora Henn, involved with the historic district about 30 miles northeast of Ruidoso since its inception, said they also were stunned by the news.

Incorporation would be the last resort, because residents don't want to increase their taxes, said former county commissioner Ralph Dunlap, a Lincoln business owner and resident. All homes in the district already have their own wells and septic tanks and don't need municipal utilities.

"We're trying to get another opinion from a different attorney and we're looking at possible federal involvement because Zone A (the town portion of the 10-mile-long historic district) is a national historic landmark," Dunlap said.

Preservation board secretary David Vigil agrees with Dunlap.

"We can't afford to incorporate down here," he said. "There aren't enough people for a tax base to provide municipal services. It's out of the question and kind of ridiculous to think about it."

"We've gone to the state Office of Cultural Affairs and the state his-

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JACK RIGNEY
STATE MONUMENTS DIVISION

toric preservation people to see if there is a means of maintaining the status based on that. We're not saying Alan (Morel) is incorrect, we're just trying to find other ways."

The historic integrity of the Lincoln settlement, famous as the staging ground for The Lincoln County War and Billy the Kid's jail break, has been protected for more than two decades under the construction and architectural design provisions of the county historic district.

But when some residents criticized the county commission for not enforcing those provisions, commissioners directed Morel to strictly enforce the ordinance. While reviewing the law, he discovered the state statute used to create the historic district requires a district be formed in accordance "with a comprehensive zoning plan" covering the entire county.

County commissions dating back to the 1972 historic district law have never approved a comprehensive zoning ordinance or maps showing zoning districts.

If zoning is a key ingredient for saving the district under state law, then residents of Lincoln may have to look for another solution, said Commissioner Wilton Howell.

"I've been down that road and I'm not going back until I'm convinced the majority of residents in the county want zoning," Howell said. "It's been pointed out by more than one attorney that the answer is to incorporate Lincoln."

If the settlement becomes a municipality, residents can approve their own zoning and construction ordinances, he said.

In a memorandum issued Tuesday to commissioners, Morel noted

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Four more candidates sign up for sheriff showdown

by DIANNE STALLINGS
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It seems just about every experienced Republican law enforcement officer in Lincoln County wants to be sheriff — except the sheriff himself.

Four more men have announced their candidacy in recent days, putting the total number at six. Newly announced candidates include Sheriff James McSwane's Undersheriff Bob Miller, deputy Larry Cearley, deputy Orlando Montes and former Ruidoso police chief Richard Swenor.

Previously, chief sheriff's dispatcher Johnny Johnson and Ray

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Larry Cearley



Bob Miller



Orlando Montes



Richard Swenor

Sheriff

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Merritt announced their intentions to run. They, too, are Republicans.

All six are Republicans, meaning the sheriff's race will heat up early this year as all seek their party's nomination in the June 4 primary.

More could potentially sign up, as the only day for local candidates to officially register at the county clerk's office is this coming Tuesday.

Following are interviews with the four new candidates.

Larry Cearley

Accountability, credibility and cooperation will be stressed in the operation of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office if he's elected sheriff, says Larry Cearley.

"I decided to run, because I believe a lot of things need to be changed in the department and I feel I have background to do that," Cearley said. "The office needs to be accountable, have credibility and cooperate with other law enforcement agencies."

Cearley, 33, has been a county deputy since 1993 and has served as both a sheriff and chief of police. He will face off against other Republicans running for the Lincoln County office in the June 4 primary. He has not yet chosen an undersheriff, but said he will do so before the general election.

The department needs more deputies, Cearley said, but he added he will cooperate with county commissioners on budget issues.

"I work from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. and know firsthand that when I need backup, I depend on other agencies to give it," Cearley said. "It's not hard to imagine with 13 deputies covering 24 hours, seven days a week, there's no doubt we need more. We never seem to have enough when we need them."

Born in 1962 in Mountain Grove, Mo., Cearley moved to New Mexico the next year with his family.

He graduated from high school with honors in 1980 and was picked to appear in "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

"During the time I was in school, I was very fortunate to be involved in the family service station business. Every day after school, I

worked there with my twin brother and my sister," he said.

In 1981, he was hired as a deputy marshal in Magdalena. Three years later, he became the chief of police and stayed in that position until December 1985. He was certified by the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy in Santa Fe in 1982 and has accumulated more than 500 hours of advanced training in law enforcement specialties.

From 1986 to 1988, he was a deputy with the Socorro County Sheriff's Office, then served as undersheriff with the Catron County Sheriff's Office, where he became sheriff in January 1990. He remained in that position until December of 1992 when he moved to Lincoln County and joined the local sheriff's office in March 1993.

Cearley also attended Eastern New Mexico University in 1993.

He listed some of his skills as working well in a multiethnic setting and under pressure.

"I'm very flexible and adaptable," he said. "I use an analytical approach to deal with the unknown."

Cearley and his wife, Holly, have two children, and Cearley also has two other children by a previous marriage.

Bob Miller

Law enforcement has dominated Bob Miller's career, encompassing 31 years with the state police and the last eight years as Lincoln County's undersheriff.

Now Miller, 69, hopes to take the top spot in Lincoln County. He's running in the Republican primary for sheriff.

"I just want to fix what's broken and I can do it," Miller said. "I have the experience and I have done it before. I have gone into a (state police) district that was flat and brought it out (of its problems). My main concern here is the people."

Throughout his career, Miller has encouraged and maintained a multiagency approach to the control and prevention of crime.

"We need to get the agencies into more of a cooperative and coordinated situation and that's a specialty of mine," he said.

He plans to maintain a carefully

selected and well-trained support staff of deputies and to emphasize continued education in recent crime detection and prevention techniques, Miller said.

"I will stress prompt response to calls for assistance and will maintain highly visible patrols throughout the county area," he added.

Born in Clovis, Miller was raised in Las Cruces and attended Hatch High School. He served in the Merchant Marines for 2.5 years and then as a deputy marshal while he owned a business in Hatch.

Miller graduated in 1955 from the state Police Academy. He went on to earn an instructor's credentials and has taken 3,600 hours of training at the post-graduate level.

During his career, he has received awards of honor for distinguished service from the governor, the attorney general, the Department of Public Safety, the University of New Mexico, the Twelfth Judicial District Law Enforcement Association, the Twelfth Air Force Security Division and the National Rifle Association.

In addition to his years as an instructor with the police academy, for the past four years Miller has served as a handgun training expert. His training includes narcotics and homicide investigations, Doppler traffic radar, highway drug interdiction, behavior analysis, interrogation techniques, video crime scene techniques, arson and fire investigations, budget preparation and management of police personnel.

During his years with the state police, he was in charge of security at the New Mexico State Fair in Albuquerque, the third-largest fair in the nation.

As second-in-command after Sheriff James McSwane, who is not running for re-election, Miller was one of the organizers and a charter member of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse, an auxiliary organization to the department. He also acts as range master for the posse.

Miller is a member of the Elks, the Fraternal Order of Police, the Drug Council Executive Board-Region IV, the Twelfth Judicial Law Enforcement Association, the

sociation and the Ruidoso Gun Club.

Orlando Montes

Orlando Montes' family history is tied tightly to law enforcement and he'd like to cap it off by winning the position of Lincoln County sheriff.

His father was chief of police in Ruidoso for 15 years, one son is a Ruidoso Downs police officer, one daughter works in the district attorney's office in Alamogordo and a cousin spent 20 years on that city's police department.

Montes has been a Lincoln County deputy for 12 years. During that time he represented the interests of deputies in salary and other job issues by serving as vice president of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Association.

That work should provide a special insight in working with the deputies and the process of county government if he wins the Republican primary June 4 and the general election, Montes said.

This is his first run for public office, but his cousin Monroy Montes is county commission chairman and they both farm in the Glencoe area.

Montes graduated from the state police academy in 1985 and has attended an additional 640 hours of advanced training.

Although he would welcome more deputies, Montes said the existing sheriff's staff is sufficient with different structuring, scheduling and emphasis.

"Sometimes now there is a 24 hour lag before a deputy responds," Montes said. "And that's embarrassing."

Montes has chosen deputy Bobby Angermiller to be his undersheriff. Angermiller has more than 10 years in law enforcement in Lincoln County, starting as a patrol officer with the Ruidoso Police Department and later as a lieutenant and acting chief. He also has more than 600 hours of advanced training.

"I believe together, we can accomplish what is expected of the sheriff's office by the people of this

county," Montes said.

The 53-year-old Montes said he's running because of his concern for the safety of county residents.

"I believe the sheriff's office should work closer with people and needs to join forces with other law enforcement agencies for a better chance to fight crime in the county," he said. "I believe in standing by the basic fundamentals this county was founded on: honesty and hard work."

He also doesn't think it is productive to criticize past mistakes and would like to see more emphasis on positive accomplishments, Montes said.

"I believe government should be open," Montes said. "I'm upfront with people and admit my mistakes. I say I'm human and let's go forward."

Angermiller is married to Sherry Arnett Angermiller. They have two children. Montes is married to Viola Montes, who works for the Ruidoso school system, and they have five children.

Richard Swenor

With 35 years of investigative experience, Richard S. Swenor would like to bring his knowledge to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

The former Ruidoso police chief said he hopes to win the Republican primary June 4 and then go on to claim the office of sheriff in the November general election. Incumbent Sheriff James McSwane has said he will not seek re-election.

"A lot of people have been after me to run," Swenor said. "I've worked with Frank Potter (newly hired county manager) for years while we both were with the village. I serve on two county boards, so I have a good relationship with county commissioners and I'm familiar with county government. I've worked with the school districts and coach junior rodeo."

"Although I'm not a political person, I have to admit, I'm excited about running," Swenor said.

Swenor will not pick an un-

der-sheriff, the person second in command, during the campaign. Instead, if he is elected, he will post the position and review all qualified applicants from inside or outside the department before choosing his right-hand person.

"I'll hire based on qualifications," he said.

Swenor, 64, was born in Detroit, Mich., but has lived in New Mexico since 1962.

He served as a special agent superintendent for the Office of Special Investigations with the U.S. Air Force for more than 20 years until he retired in 1979. His work involved investigations of fraud and other crimes, and counter-intelligence and personal security operations in numerous assignments worldwide, Swenor said.

He became a member of the Ruidoso Police Department in 1979 and was appointed chief in 1981, commanding a department with a \$1.7 million budget and more than 30 employees. He resigned in 1994.

He currently is director of corporate security with Ruidoso Downs Racing Inc. and its collateral corporate entities.

Away from work Swenor has been active in his community, twice being the recipient of the New Mexico Legislative Award for Outstanding Achievement and Exceptional Accomplishment in municipal and public safety legislative activities.

He is president of the Ruidoso School District's Drug Free Schools program, vice chairman of Youth Empowered for Success (YES), vice chairman of the Lincoln County Public Land Use Advisory Council and a member of the Lincoln Historical Preservation Board.

Sheriff's facts

The Lincoln County Sheriff serves a four-year term and is paid an annual salary of \$31,510.

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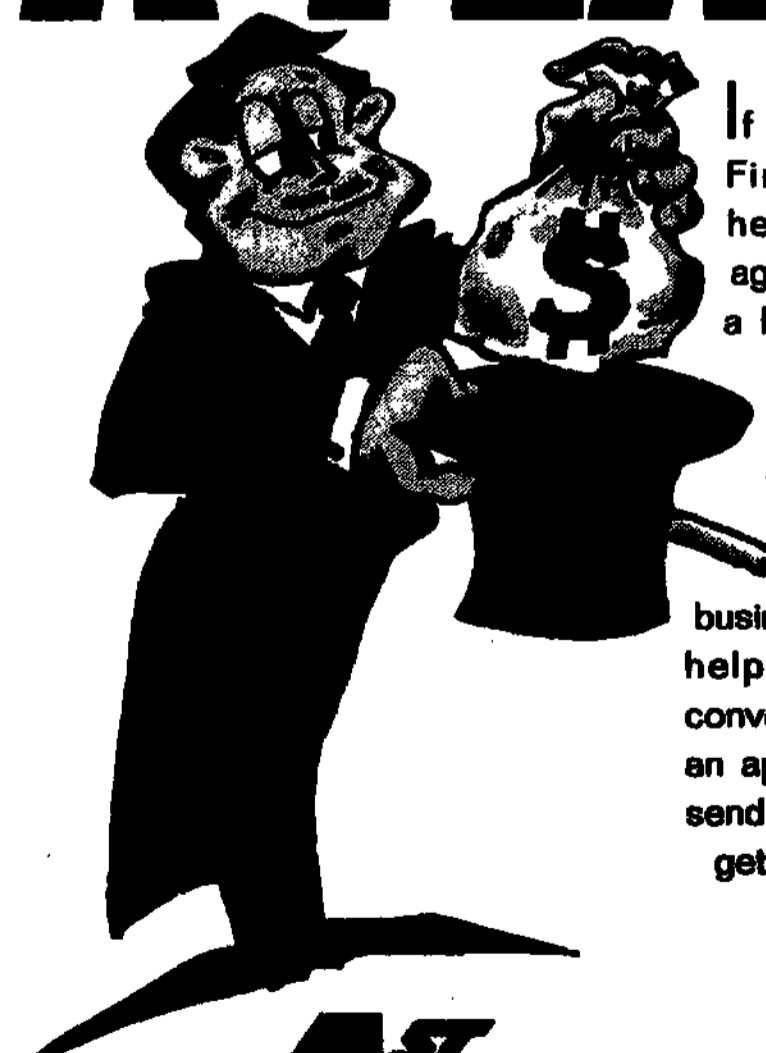
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Cheating Cheaters

The Ruidoso Little Theatre production of the comedy "Cheating Cheaters" closes with final performances tonight and tomorrow. Pictured are (standing, left to right) Heather Davison as Theresa, Kiko Lopez as Bozo and Shannon Grey as Angelica. Seated are Joe D. Grimes as Benjamin and Stephanie Naron as Tanla. Please see "What's Happening" on page 2B for details.

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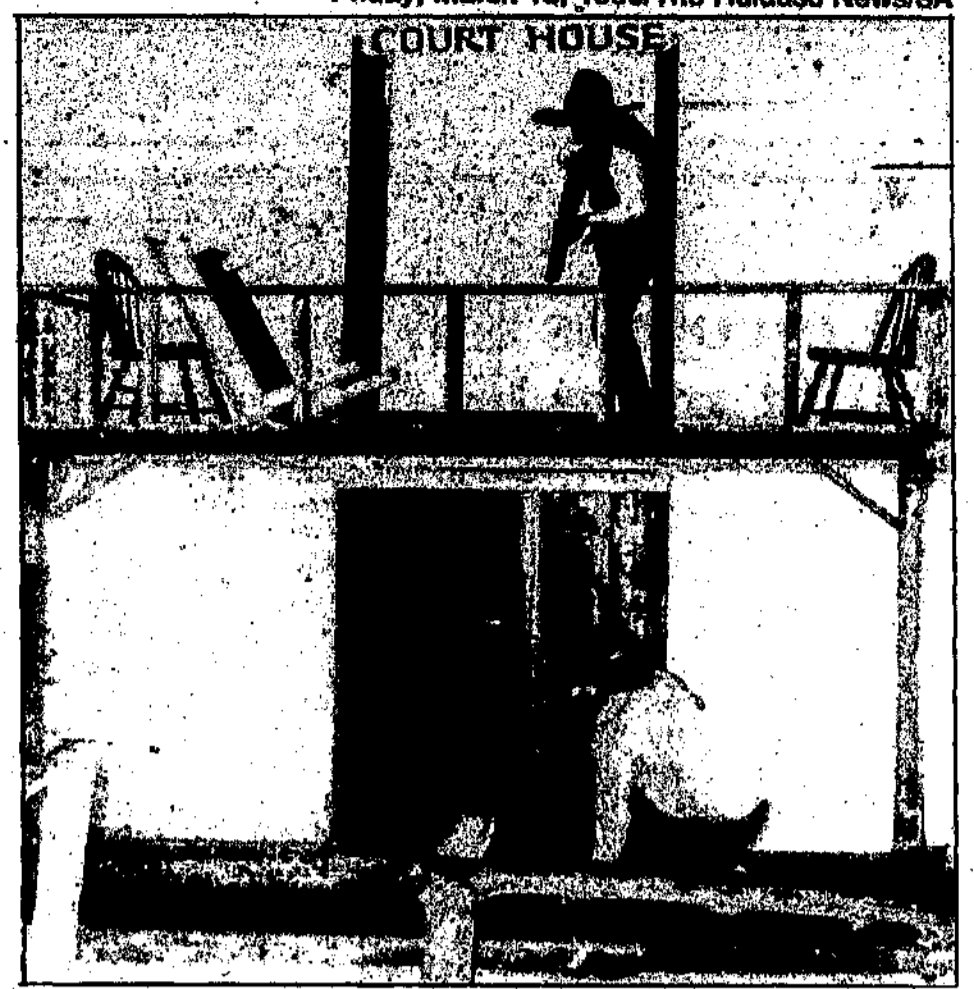
that the original 1972 ordinance cited no specific statutory authority for enacting the provisions. It's stated aim was "to promote and protect the public welfare of Lincoln County...by preserving buildings which have historic significance, and by developing an appropriate setting for those buildings within the historic district hereby created."

Its successor ordinance passed in June 1984 was based on authority from state statutes and was tied to a prerequisite zoning ordinance.

"In short, it is my opinion that the current Lincoln Historic Preservation ordinance and any and all amendments is unenforceable due to the fact the county at this time does not have a comprehensive zoning plan," Morel wrote.

If countywide zoning is not adopted and incorporation is rejected, Morel advised the commission to rescind the preservation ordinance and any amendments.

That would leave Lincoln unprotected from incompatible architectural styles, land uses and construction.



Actors re-create Billy the Kid's escape from the Lincoln County Courthouse. This August will be the 47th year the historic drama has been played for tourists and residents.

Delegates choose candidates at state pre-primary conventions

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Lincoln County political parties are brewing with delegates ready to cast support for statewide office seekers.

County Democrats gather Saturday for their pre-primary state convention. Republicans went through their candidate balloting Saturday in Albuquerque.

Democrats will pick new delegates at their May 11 county convention for representation at the June 22 state convention, and at the June 22 state convention for the August national convention. County Republicans will send the same group of delegates to the June 29 state convention, and at that convention they will select new delegates to the September national convention.

National party committee appointments also are made at the two state conventions.

The parties will set state legislative or national political platforms at their state conventions, nominate candidates and name delegates.

Often the conventions are festive and fun, said Don Heater-Brown, the state Democrat party communications director.

"There's a lot of schmoozing, lot's of politics and big egos," Heater-Brown chuckled.

Democrats

Last week, about 30 county Democrats approved 13 delegates for Saturday's pre-primary state convention. It will be held at the Las Cruces High School.

County delegates include:

— Cece Griffin, chairman of the Lincoln County Democratic Party; Assistant Village of Ruidoso Attorney Chay Rennie; County Commissioner L. Ray Nunley; Ruidoso

Councilor Frank Cummins; Mary Lee Nunley; Bob Stephens; Robert Goddard; Jerry Wright; Phillip Wright; Ken Shockey; Doris Cherry; and Flo Maul.

Delegate L. Ray Nunley is also seeking state office. Nunley declared in February his candidacy for the District 56 State Representative seat currently held by Republican Dub Williams, who is also seeking re-election.

When delegates were selected last Thursday, county probate judge candidate Jack Johnson was also in attendance. Johnson is currently the Capitan Municipal Court Judge.

During Saturday's pre-preliminary convention, delegates will consider three candidates competing for the seat of U.S. Senator Pete Domenici (R-NM). Candidates are Art Trujillo, former Santa Fe mayor; Eric Treisman, a Santa Fe lawyer and writer; and Francisco Lobato, another Santa Fe lawyer, Heater-Brown said.

Delegates will also consider putting on the

ballot: — John Wertheim, an Albuquerque business consultant challenging U.S. Rep. Steve Schiff (District 1);

— Dona Ana state Representative E. Shirley Baca on the ballot against U.S. Rep. Joe Skeen (District 2);

— state Supreme Court incumbent Pamela Minzer;

— state Court of Appeals incumbents Michael Bustamante and Jim Wechsler, and in a contested Democrat primary seat, Victor Lopez and Jonathan Sutin;

— and State Corporation Commission incumbent Eric Serna.

Expected at the pre-preliminary convention is U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cisneros, U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman (R-NM), U.S. Rep. Bill Richardson (District 3), and state Democrat leaders.

Republicans

Last month, about 35 county Republicans approved 14 delegates for last Saturday's pre-primary convention in Albuquerque.

Those selected are:

Pat Hume, chairman of the Lincoln County Republican Party; Dub Williams, District 56 state representative; County Attorney Alan Morel; David Skeen; brother of U.S. Rep. Joe Skeen (R-NM); Mary Skeen, wife of U.S. Rep. Skeen; County Commissioner Bill Schwettmann; County Clerk Martha Proctor; Jimmy Luna; David Vigil; Duane Williams; Marshall Conover; Jody Ashby; Ron Merritt; and Mike Kakuska.

At the pre-primary convention, held at the New Mexico University Continuing Education Center, 10 candidates were placed on the primary ballot by about 400 delegates and state Republican central committee members, county party chairman Pat Hume said.

Those candidates include:

— U.S. Senator Pete Domenici, uncontested by a party member;

— U.S. Rep. Steve Schiff (District 1), uncontested by a party member;

— U.S. Rep. Joe Skeen (District 2), who will face off against Greg Sowards of Las Cruces in the Republican primary. Sowards, who received 27% of ballot votes, is the only Republican candidate challenging a party member.

Skeen received 71% of votes. Only 20% of the votes are needed to win the ballot.

"Greg's been working hard and came up with a large enough group to assure 20% of delegate support," state Republican committee chairman John Dendahl said of Sowards' challenge.

— Republican Bill Redmond of Albuquerque, who will be challenging U.S. Senator Bill Richardson (D-NM) for his congressional seat.

— state Supreme Court Justice candidate Bill Hahm of Albuquerque;

— state Court of Appeals candidates for position 1, 2, and 3, respectively, are: incumbent Christina Armijo of Las Vegas, a recent appointee of Gov. Gary Johnson; former state Supreme Court Justice William F. Riordan of Albuquerque; and probate Judge Thomas J. Mescalero of Albuquerque.

Hahm, Riordan and Mescalero are ballot write-in candidates after a judge declared they didn't have enough signatures to legally be on the ballot, Dendahl said.

— and State Corporation Commission candidate Steve Torres, also of Albuquerque. Because the offices are statewide, registered Lincoln County candidates can vote for all candidates.

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OPINION

Lincoln is unique gem that must be preserved

It would be a tragic and irreplaceable loss if Lincoln loses the protection of its historic preservation district, even for a short time.

There are those who think they have a right to build whatever they want on their land. But in the Lincoln area, we have a gem that should never be ruined. Those who don't like these restrictions should buy land elsewhere, because plenty of people want to live in such a timeless atmosphere.

More to the point, thousands of people each year want to visit such a timeless atmosphere. In Lincoln, they can walk through buildings where the most infamous old west outlaw in history escaped. They can walk the streets of the Lincoln County War and see what its participants saw. Lincoln not only has a unique value as a tourist destination; it is also a classroom of living history.

Like a hot spring or breathtaking mountain, no one can create such a town, and too often, such towns are defaced before anyone realizes what they have lost. It seems almost unbelievable that Lincoln has hardly changed in a century except for the paved street and lack of bars, considering how a half-century ago, people probably weren't as preservation-minded as they are today.

The solution to Lincoln's problem probably won't be simple. As residents say, the tax base is too small to incorporate and be required to provide police, road maintenance and a government (state Municipal League authorities tell us they don't necessarily have to provide utilities).

It also seems unfair that state law requires the entire unincorporated county to be zoned just to zone Lincoln — but getting that law changed could take too long for Lincoln's problem. Maybe supporters could seek some kind of protection of the entire district under federal law, since the town itself is already a National Historic Landmark.

"(College basketball players) are going to meet a lot of weirdos in the real world, so why not let them talk to the press?"

GARY WILLIAMS
BASKETBALL COACH • 1994

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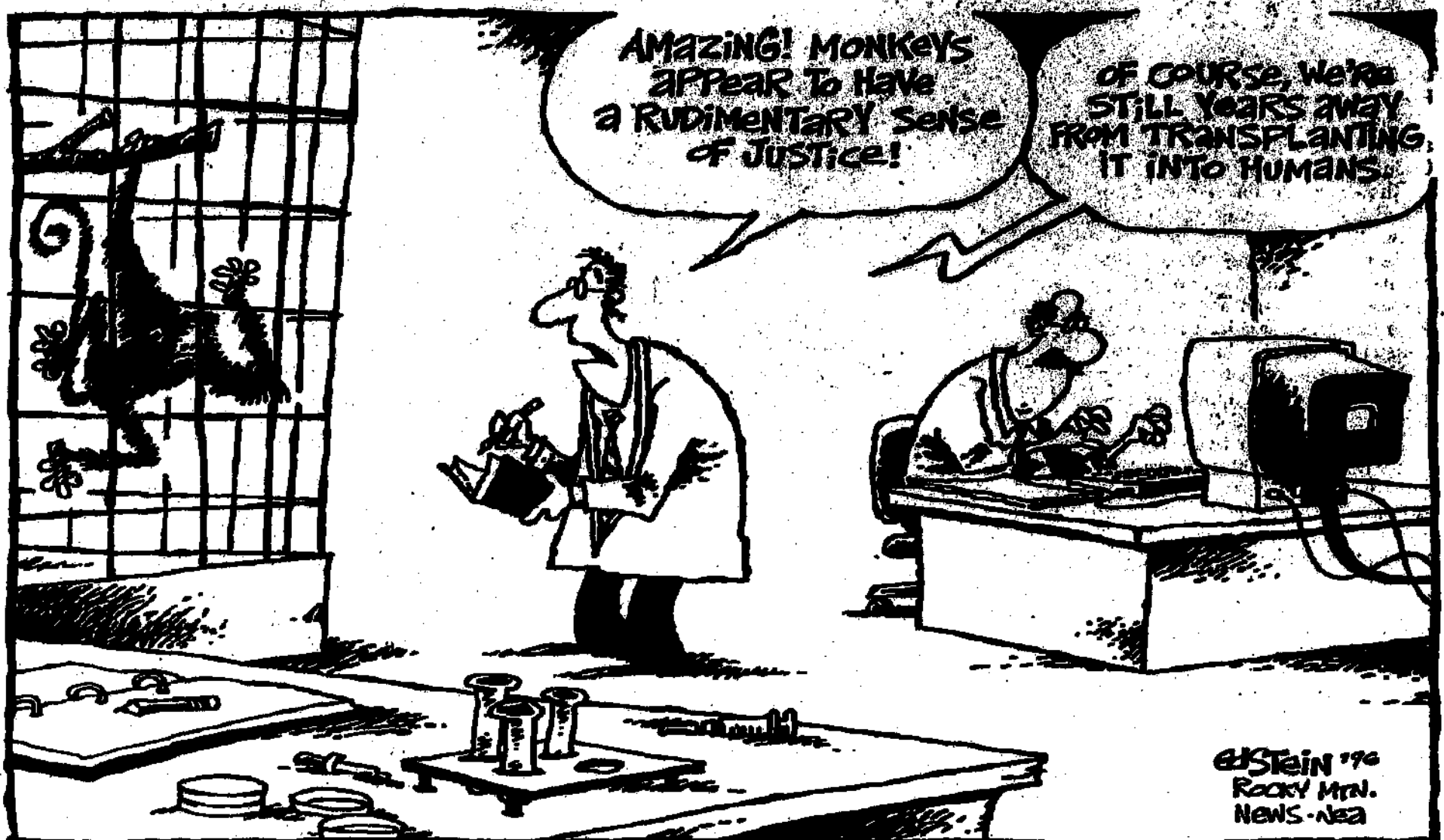
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Letters may be hand delivered to The News office at 104 Park Avenue or mailed to P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

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What makes the Irish tick?

TO THE EDITOR:

Now that St. Patrick's Day is almost here, this might be a good time to try to figure out just what makes the Irish tick.

For openers, being Irish isn't as easy or as much fun as a lot of people think. A good example would be the myth about the insatiable thirst the Irish have for hard drink. Such time-worn jokes about poor Paddy who has drunk to so many people's good health that he has totally destroyed his own are funny but a bit overstated.

Statistically, the Irish rank eighth in consumption of alcohol behind the Swedes, Danes, Germans, Russians, French, Italians, and Australians. Ireland, by contrast, has the largest temperance organization in the world.

The Irish, as a group, are adamantly opposed to abortion. Yet, an overwhelming number totally support capital punishment. Any Irishman worth his salt can give you a good argument on either side of the issue. Come to think of it, the same chap can give you a good argument on either side of any issue, and if you're not careful, he can convince you he's right on whichever side he favors — sometimes both!

The Irish, by virtue of their upbringing and ethnic culture, have always been the first to extend a helping hand to the needy or less fortunate. In theory, there's always room for one more at the dinner

table. But God help the poor soul who might achieve greater success in life than his benefactor, as jealousy is indeed no stranger to the Irish.

"The rotten so-and-so wouldn't be where he is today if it wasn't for me," or "If he paid me back half of what he owes me, he wouldn't be so high and mighty." Both are phrases that have probably been repeated within Irish families since the beginning of time. On the other side of the coin, let an Irishman achieve fame and fortune, and he'll spend no limit or time letting you know he did it all himself with no help from anyone.

Perhaps one of the commendable aspects of Irish life is the love and respect they have for their old and infirm. I would be hard pressed to recall ever seeing an Irish home for the aged either in this country or Ireland.

Another characteristic of the Irish is their capacity for forgiving — but, almost to the man, incapacity for forgetting. Most Irish spend a disproportionate amount of time looking back and far too little time looking ahead, with the exception of their spiritual goal for which they spend a lifetime preparing.

The bond between the Irish and the church is what legends are made of. No nation on Earth has given more of its sons and daughters to the Catholic Church than Ireland. Yet, no one of the faith can be more critical of the church and its edicts than the Irish. But if your personal well-being is of any value, don't dare criticize the church if you are an outsider.

A casual visitor to Ireland might soon tire of being greeted by the timeworn salutation, "Isn't it a lovely day?" But should it be anything less than a lovely day, which it usually is, by the way, you'll most likely be advised, "It's going to be a lovely day!"

Complex people, the Irish? Perhaps. Eternal optimists? Of course. Compassionate toward their fellow man? Certainly.

Give an Irishman half a chance, and he'll prove he's never met a stranger. In short, Ireland isn't so much a place as it is a state of mind.

Emmett Downes
Alto

Ruidoso teenager treated unfairly

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing in regards to a letter to the editor written by Matt

Filip. I agree that he was dealt with in a very unfair and unjust way.

I remember that the original incident happened when he and other youths were skateboarding on school property with no children present. I am still awed at the fact that he was so harshly treated for playing with skateboards and water toys!

I suppose it would have been better if they had been behind closed doors using dope and planning a crime. The message I get from this whole affair is that we no longer allow exercise and fun for our youth. They need to be out of our sight and out of our lives.

We may have already lost this youth. I am sure he has been taught some very UN-useful things over the last two years.

It is a shame to see an intelligent prospect get the wrong messages at so young an age.

G. Khazal
Ruidoso

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Local village has St. Patrick as namesake

A Word or Two More About Saint Patrick's Day

Dear to their hearts as their fondness for their native green Ireland will ever remain, the Irish have wandered to the most distant corners of the world.

Saint Patrick's Day parades are held all over the world, especially in the United States, where the parades of New York and Boston are second only to the parade in Dublin itself.

Texas is dotted with towns and cities carrying the traditions and names of Ireland brought by Irish pioneers — names such as O'Donnell, San Patricio, and Shamrock.

Saint Patrick's Day parades and other celebrations are held throughout the Lone Star State.

Saint Patrick's Tradition in Lincoln County

The story goes that when the present-day village of San Patricio was just a small settlement, a young Irish priest stopped by on his way through the country.

He told the villagers, "This land is green and beautiful like Ireland. You should name your village after Saint Patrick." And so the



The Silver Lining

DANIEL AGNEW
STORM
COLUMNIST

early Spanish settlers named their village the name it carries today: San Patricio.

And every year on Saint Patrick's Day, special services are held in the church of San Patricio in honor of Ireland's patron saint.

And the tale of San Patricio is beginning to awaken from its long winter sleep, as the first green of the year appears on the Weeping Willow, the Globe Willow, and Chinese Elm, all in harmony with the snow white of the first blossoms of apricot and plum.

The Wearing of the Green

Since earliest times it has been a custom among the Irish to wear the green on Saint Patrick's Day, and now the tradition is worldwide.

So, as the world turns green with the first leaves of spring, let us wear something green on Saint Patrick's Day.

Songs of Ireland

Much happiness has been brought to the world through the years by music and songs of Ireland, including "When Irish Eyes are Smiling," "Mother McRee," "Danny Boy," "Kilarny," "Two Eyes of Blue," and "Little Grey Home in the West."

The Luck O' The Irish

The Irish have always believed that they are especially blessed, that they are born under a star of good fortune, and that it is their mission to spread this good fortune throughout the world.

May the Luck O' The Irish be with you on Saint Patrick's Day and always.

This is being sent to you on March 13, a day of strong west wind which is blowing down the vale a song of the approaching spring which will reach us on March 20.

While we thank God for our blessings, let us bring Our Lord's blessings to others, wherever we go.

Serna seeks third term as assessor

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Patsy Serna would like to spend another four years as Lincoln County tax assessor.

She's running for re-election on the Republican ticket for a third term.

Serna has a long history with county government, starting in January 1971 when she was hired as a deputy clerk in the county treasurer's office. In September 1972, she transferred to the assessor's office and was appointed chief deputy assessor in 1989.

She won her first two-year term as assessor in 1990 and was re-elected in 1992 when terms were expanded to four years. By state law, she can only serve one more consecutive term.

Born and raised in Carrizozo, Serna is a high school graduate who has attended courses in computer operations, and in county assessor training by the state property tax division. She routinely participates in conferences staged by the New Mexico Association of Counties.

She is a member of the Women's Federated Republican Party, the Republican Central Committee, the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce and the Santa Rita Parish Council.

During her time in office, Serna has cracked down on "double dipper," who have vacation homes in the county and file for head of household \$2,000 exemptions in two counties.

"We check with other counties and we ask (the homeowner) to bring in verification every other



Patsy Serna

year," Serna said.

Her department is willing to listen to property owners who disagree with the value placed on their land or homes, Serna said.

"We're always willing to go out and check a house that we may have listed as completed, but still is being worked on inside," she said.

Last year, 300 protest petitions were requested by property owners, but after conferring with the owners and by the time hearings were scheduled, the number was down to seven and only four of those showed, she said.

Each year, the number of parcels in the county increases by about 200-300, Serna said. This month, about 25,600 tax value notices will be mailed.

The value of property in the county in 1996 will hit an estimated \$336 million, up from \$325 million in 1995. The increase is due mostly to new residential construction, Serna said.

Ruidoso officials start budget work

by KATHLEEN McDONALD

Ruidoso News Staff Writer
With the idea of March comes the first efforts of Ruidoso village staff to whittle out raw budget numbers for the next fiscal year.

Despite today's completion of department head budget work reviews, none of the rough July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997 budget numbers are available for public viewing. They won't be until anticipated revenues are calculated next week, Village Manager Gary Jackson said.

Revenues will be weighed against the village council's budget priority list, and departments' proposed expenditures, Jackson said.

During initial work on the current budget last year, the fiscal 1997 budget was projected to total \$19.8 million with a \$5.6 million general fund. Revenues were estimated to be 2% higher in 1997.

The council's budget priority list, adopted in 1994, focuses on using money to promote and enhance public health, safety and welfare. The 10-item list also gears spending towards: delivering basic services; reducing ongoing maintenance and operating spending; enhancing tourism and economic development; and promoting greater internal financial controls.

Budget work sessions with department heads are being conducted Feb. 26 through March 15.

Around April 15, councilors will receive the preliminary budget. On April 22, they will begin their budget workshops, reviewing and altering the preliminary package. A public hearing on the document will be held at village hall May 15, and at its close, the budget will be adopted by the council.

When department heads were putting together their preliminary budget requests last month, they were asked to hold operating expense increases to 3%, mostly because of slower-than-anticipated 1995 growth in the village's gross receipt tax collections, Jackson said.

Gross receipt tax collections fund 60% of the budget's general fund.

Other reasons for the "fiscally conservative" planning are uncertainty about the future of gambling in New Mexico; the impact of a severe drought to village tourism and lodger's taxes; a shortened horse racing season; and a devalued Mexican peso.

"Most departments stayed within that (3%) range," Jackson offered. "The few who didn't had justified reasoning."

He cited one department's need for new plumbing as one of the overruns. Other departments are in need of equipment replacement. Jackson wants to set up an annual fund for this.

County's stray pets will stay at shelter

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Stray cats and dogs picked up in unincorporated portions of Lincoln County will continue to be housed in the humane society shelter at the edge of Ruidoso.

County commissioners last week approved another six months of service with the Lincoln County Humane Society shelter on Gavilan Canyon Road. About 27% of the 1,049 animals brought to the shelter in 1995 were from the county, 59% were from Ruidoso and 7% each from Ruidoso Downs and Capitan.

Six months ago, commissioners allocated \$6,250 and told shelter director Jim Higgins to come back with a report at the end of that period. Commissioners were worried the number of impounded animal from the county would jump dramatically once it became known a humanely-operated destination was available for the strays.

The strays previously had been housed in an unheated compound at Fort Stanton that

lacked running water.

After hearing the number of county animals impounded increased by only 4% over the six-month period and would not affect the amount to be paid, commissioners approved a second six months.

However, they discovered later in the meeting that a budget adjustment will be necessary, because the second \$6,250 had not been set aside.

Courthouse repairs

Newly-hired County Manager Frank Potter also reported on improvements and repairs needed at the county courthouse in Carrizozo and the suboffice in Ruidoso.

Commissioners told Potter to advertise for bids on a new heating and cooling system, carpeting, lighting, ceiling repair and maintenance contracts. When they see the bid amounts, they said they will decide whether to pursue some or all of the improvements.

RUIDOSO'S FOUR-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY High...50 Low...23



Partly sunny

SUNDAY High...40 Low...22



Rain/Snow Showers

MONDAY High...49 Low...22



Partly cloudy

TUESDAY High...52 Low...19



Partly cloudy

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Ruidoso readings	High	Low	Precipitation
Tuesday	60	28	.00"
Wednesday	65	26	.00"
Thursday	53	26	.00"

Regional-Friday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	48	28	Rain/Snow
El Paso, TX	65	40	Mostly cloudy
Lubbock, TX	61	36	Mostly cloudy
Midland, TX	66	40	Partly cloudy

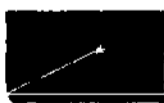


Weather data courtesy of Meteorologist Cam Moore, KBIM-TV

Phases of the moon



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As winter turns to spring, the whole winter constellation panorama shifts toward the west and southwest. Sirius is now a little west of south in early evening. Meanwhile, the Big Dipper has come onstage in the northeastern sky. It is standing on its handle there about halfway from the horizon to the zenith, with its bowl open to the left.

CRIMESTOPPERS "CRIME OF THE WEEK"

The Ruidoso-Lincoln County Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest and Grand Jury indictment or Magistrate Court Bindover of the person or persons who committed this crime or any other unsolved felony crime in Lincoln County. Let's work together to call a stop to crime.

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 pinstriped 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.

This is Chief Larry Medford, for the Ruidoso Police Department, urging you to be a crimestopper!

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Correction

The ambulance volunteer whose privileges were removed by Dr. Spencer Hall was a member of the Lincoln County Emergency Medical Service (EMS), not the Bonito Fire Department.

A story published March 8 in- correctly identified the volunteer group. The county parks one of its ambulances at the Bonito station and many of the volunteers serve with both groups.

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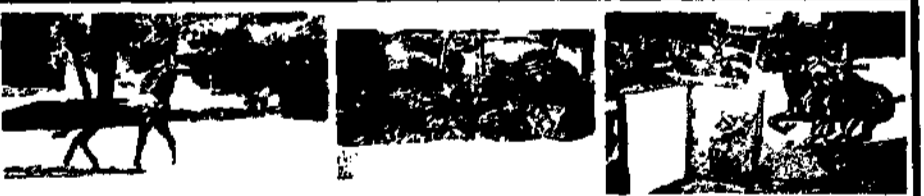
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Miller in Century 21 Hall of Fame

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given to Century 21 agents worldwide who produce \$5 million per year for five years.

Miller has also been named the 1995 Top Producer and Top Listing Agent for the district, including Southern New Mexico and El Paso Century 21 offices.

Miller may be reached by calling 336-4248 or 257-9057.

Lone Star Airlines has spring fare sale

Lone Star Airlines tickets are being discounted up to 65% during a spring fare sale.

Spring sale fares must be purchased before Sunday, March 24, but may be used anytime before June 30 to any destination Lone Star Airlines serves. Reservations must be made 14 days prior to flight date.

Lone Star Airlines serves 16 cities throughout Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Colorado, New

Mexico and Mexico, including Ruidoso.

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Norwest tops in Fortune survey

Norwest Corporation ranks second among the nation's most admired commercial banking organizations and is in the top 10% of America's most admired companies, according to *Fortune* magazine's 14th annual Corporate Reputation survey, published in its March 4 issue.

"This is an extraordinary accomplishment and well-deserved recognition for our entire team, especially because it comes from our toughest critics, our competitors," Norwest CEO Dick Kovacevich said.

Fortune compiled the list by asking more than 11,000 executives, directors and financial analysts to rate the 10 largest companies by revenues in their industry. Criteria included the ability to attract, develop, and keep talented people; financial soundness; innovativeness; quality of management and goods and services; use of corporate assets and community responsibility.

The Ruidoso office of Norwest is located at 401 Sudderth Drive. The phone number is 257-4611.

Lavine earns art fellowship award

Former Ruidoso resident Mike Lavine, professor of three-dimensional art, has been named a 1996 South Carolina Arts Commission Crafts Fellow.

The commission awarded six \$7,500 fellowships to artists.

Awards are always a bit of fortune, Levine said. "You can never really count on these things, so you just send stuff in and hope for the best."

Levine's parents are the owners of the El Alto Lodge, Mary and Robert Lavine.

Attorney returns to his roots

by DON HIXON

Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Attorney Marc Prelo has moved back to his roots to open Prelo Law Firm in Ruidoso.

For Prelo, who has practiced law for almost 30 years in Albuquerque, it's like coming home.

"I was raised on the Mesalero Reservation where my parents ran the Big Chief Store," Prelo said. "This is kind of an attempt to see if you can really go back home."

"I've practiced in all areas of the law and I know the state and its people."

MARC PRELO
RUIDOSO ATTORNEY

Prelo's first indication of his future profession came at Tularosa High School graduation ceremonies.

"I was the valedictorian and I had a bad cold," he said. "Because my nose was stopped up, every so often I would take some very dramatic pauses so I could breathe."

Prelo was complimented on his speech delivery and told that he should go to law school.

"I always kept that idea in my mind," he said.

After a two-year stint in the Navy, Prelo returned to Tularosa and fate again stepped in.

"My sister married a lawyer and I got to know him," he said. "His brother was also a lawyer, and after the wedding he told me that I should go to law school."

Prelo decided to make the leap, and after attending New Mexico State University he received his law degree.

Finishing law school, Prelo worked as a county law clerk for a year, worked for a year with an Albuquerque law firm, taught Indian



Don Hixon/The Ruidoso News

Attorney Marc Prelo has opened his new law office in Ruidoso.

Law classes at the University Law School and worked as a Federal Public Defender for one year. He eventually opened his own office which his daughter Roxanna, also an attorney, continues to operate.

Calling himself a General Practice Attorney, Prelo is involved in all aspects of the law.

"I've done defense and plaintiff work; Indian Law and just the entire gambit of law," he explained. "I bring to the community a tremendous amount of experience with law in the state of New Mexico," Prelo said. "I've practiced in all areas of the law and I know the state and its people."

Understanding the diverse cultures in the state is another of Prelo's strong points, he said.

Among the legal services provided by the new law firm are injury cases, probate and drawing up wills.

"I will make home or hospital visits for wills and powers of attorney and things of that nature," he said. "I'm willing to serve the community and I'm available to the people on weekends and just about any time."

Prelo stresses that he, unlike his wife who is a retired teacher, is not semi-retired and is a full-time lawyer.

"This is a small town and I want to make myself available," he said. "I moved here with the intention of working full-time."

Prelo Law Firm is located at 229 Rio Street in Ruidoso. The phone number is 257-3000.



Master Salespeople

The Ruidoso Multiple Listing Service recently recognized four Century 21 Aspen Real Estate agents for being in the top 5% of area Realtors by selling more than \$3 million of property in 1995. The agents also received the Century 21 Master Salesman Award at a district sales rally. Pictured (left to right) are Joe Zagone, Peggy Jordan, James Paxton and Doug Siddens.

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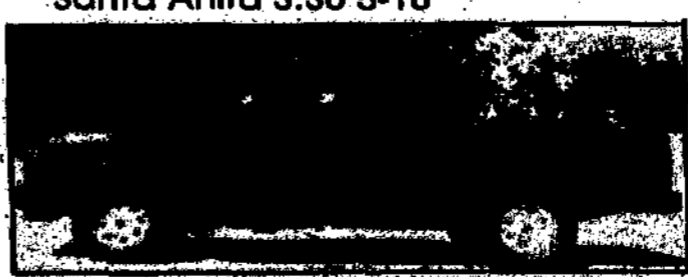

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For more information on the simulcast and how to win this weeks drawing call Ruidoso Downs Race Track at 505-378-4431

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

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RUIDOSO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 9
(continued from last page)
4 Suspicious activities
2 Thefts

2 Traffic
1 Warrant service

12:12 a.m. State police enroute to RPD with four juveniles.
12:29 a.m. Carrizo Canyon Road caller requests ride for two subjects in lower parking lot. Subjects already got ride.

12:33 a.m. North Street caller requests officer to escort her to her residence to pick up personal items.
1:53 a.m. Butler Street woman came into police station and said her boyfriend hit her with a bottle. Turned over to Lincoln County Medical Center.

2:22 a.m. 1214 Mechem Drive caller reports fight in parking lot. Subjects gone on arrival.
3:48 a.m. Bureau of Indian Affairs requests ambulance for accident with injuries on U.S. 70.
3:52 a.m. Officer enroute to Nob Hill

Lodge regarding family crisis.
6:35 a.m. Granite Drive caller reports female back at residence; taken to home on Mechem Drive.
8:09 a.m. Dover Place caller reports her pet rabbit has been stolen. Report taken.
9:22 a.m. D Street caller requests welfare check. All clear.

9:36 a.m. Cherokee Mobile Park caller reports someone stole her spare tire out of her trunk. Report taken on larceny.
12:36 p.m. Officer on Butler Street has subject in custody on warrant. Subject brought to RPD and booked.
1:31 p.m. 2nd Street caller reports her son is missing. Report taken and will be entered into national computer.

2:15 p.m. 2600 Suddeth Drive caller reports suspicious person in store. Subject matched description of missing person.
3:24 p.m. 309 U.S. 70 caller reports man selling dogs at Wal-Mart. Subject told to leave area. Did so.
3:34 p.m. Ash Drive caller reports gas leaking from propane tank. Leak stopped by fire department.

4:42 p.m. Ambulance transporting patient from U.S. 70 residence to LCMC.
5:01 p.m. Nitche Drive caller requests ambulance for small girl hit in the head with a rock, cut and bleeding. Taken to IHS and then to LCMC.
5:44 p.m. U.S. 70 caller reports two men in restaurant being very protective of

young boy. All clear.
7:12 p.m. Officer at 2820 Suddeth Drive reports finding male subject reported missing earlier. All clear. Parents advised.
7:15 p.m. White Mountain Drive caller reports two buses full of college students making noise while parked at condos. Cleared.
7:53 p.m. Mechem Drive caller reports cars parked on wrong side of street. Moved by owners.
8:24 p.m. Wingfield Street caller reports skateboarders in parking lot of bank. Subjects left area.
8:31 p.m. Paradise Canyon Drive caller reports subjects having open containers in vehicle. Checked, released.
8:38 p.m. Ambulance transferring patient from IHS to LCMC with skull fracture.
8:44 p.m. Carrizo Canyon Road caller reports woman locked in building after business closed. Owner notified, woman freed.
9:37 p.m. Tamarack Drive caller requests ambulance for subject in insulin shock. All clear. Patient refused treatment.
10:36 p.m. Will Horton Drive caller requests ambulance for friend that fell at home. Possible stroke.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10
Total calls by type:
1 Accident
7 Ambulances

Please see Police, page 8A

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

6:33 a.m. A Capitan man reports that four dogs owned by a neighbor killed a lamb last night.

7:36 a.m. A Ruidoso Downs resident asks for an animal impounding officer. The call is referred to the Ruidoso Downs Police Department.

12:34 p.m. A mock airplane crash drill is reported at the east end of the runway at the Sierra Blanca Airport. Emergency units and deputies respond.

11:13 p.m. A Cedar Creek resident reports someone just shot his tire. A deputy responds and takes a report.

11:13 p.m. Another person on Cedar Creek Road reports his tire and windshield shot out. A deputy files a report.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

6:33 a.m. A Carrizo woman reports a boy 15 or 16 years old trying to get into a railroad car. He's wearing a baseball cap, light colored pants and a dark top with a hood on his back. A deputy responds, but does not find the boy.

2:16 p.m. A 94-year-old woman fell from her bed the previous night and is found by a friend. She bruised her arm and is bleeding. An ambulance takes her to the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso.

2:44 p.m. A wrecker is requested by the New Mexico State Police at mileage marker 122 on U.S. 54.

3 p.m. An Ancho man reports cows stolen. A deputy files a report.

7:39 p.m. A Capitan man reports a loud party with juveniles on a balcony throwing things and harassing other tenants. The call is referred to the Capitan Police Department. A police officer advises that no alcohol is involved and he has told the juveniles to go inside and lower the noise.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

12:57 a.m. A 76-year-old Gavilan Canyon woman is having trouble breathing. An ambulance with advanced life support is dispatched.

11:32 a.m. Ski Apache requests an ambulance for a man on a backboard and support collar. He is taken to the hospital in Ruidoso.

12:21 p.m. An El Paso man reports a breaking and entering at a home off Debord Street. Three burglaries in that area. A deputy responds and files reports.

2:38 p.m. A motorist reports a two-vehicle accident at the "Y" in Ruidoso. The call is referred to the village police.

3:46 p.m. A Las Cruces man requests a wrecker for a 1990 Mercury Sable that's out of service at mileage marker 115 on U.S. 54.

6:16 p.m. A Carrizo woman asks for

an ambulance for a man suffering from emphysema who is on oxygen and is having trouble breathing.

7:11 p.m. A wrecker is requested on U.S. 390 east of Capitan, because a drunk driver is in custody.

7:52 p.m. A Carrizo woman reports someone in a trailer next to her house who shouldn't be there. The call was referred to the town police.

9:12 p.m. The Ruidoso Downs Police Department refers a domestic violence call at the Palo Verde Trailer Park. The two people were separated by a police officer and a deputy. Everything is all right.

MONDAY, MARCH 11

7 a.m. The Lincoln County road foreman asks for a deputy to take a report about windows being shot out on a county blader.

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The Space Center Commission will hold a public hearing about increased admission rates at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 15 in the Atlantic Room of the Hubbard Space Science Education Building at the Space Center in Alamogordo.

A 25-cent increase is proposed for admission to the Space Center's museum and planetarium/theater programs.

Interested persons may present their views in person or in writing during the hearing. They

may also submit their written comments to the Space Center Commission before the hearing.

A summary of the proposed rate change is available by writing or calling the Space Center and requesting the "Admission Rate Summary." All written questions, requests or comments should be sent to: The Director, Space Center, P.O. Box 533, Alamogordo, NM 88311-0533. Telephone requests, comments or questions should be made to the director at (605) 437-2840.

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March 1, 1996

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March 2, 1996

Madeleine Weaver Strauss, daughter of Corrine & William Strauss; 8 lbs., 4.4 oz., 20".

RUIDOSO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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4 Non-criminal activities
1 Personal violence
2 Suspicious activities
4 Theft
1 Traffic
1 Vandalism
— 12:01 a.m. Ambulance transferring patient to Albuquerque.
— 12:11 a.m. 304 U.S. 70 caller reports two subjects in car in parking lot. Gone on arrival.
— 5:30 a.m. Ambulance transferring patient from IHS to Alamogordo.
— 7:58 a.m. Juniper Road caller requests welfare check on mother. Phone disconnected. She's moving. All clear.
— 8:22 a.m. U.S. 70 caller reports vandalism to her vehicle. Report taken on tampering with motor vehicle.
— 10:50 a.m. Ambulance at ER loading patient for transfer to Roswell.
— 11:31 a.m. Ambulance at ER loading patient for transfer to Albuquerque.
— 12:12 p.m. Carleen Place caller reports his residence has been broken into. Turned over to sheriff's office.
— 1:00 p.m. Officer at 725 Sudderth Drive with male subject who was brought to jail and booked.
— 2:00 p.m. Apache Hills caller reports red Volkswagen in ditch. Vehicles off roadway, not blocking driveway.
— 2:37 p.m. U.S. 70 caller reports accident at the Y intersection. Vehicles in the roadway. Ambulance with two to LCMC.
— 2:50 p.m. White Mountain Meadow caller reports someone has stolen propane from his tank. Info report taken.
— 3:40 p.m. Ambulance at RPD loading patient for transfer to Roswell.
— 3:55 p.m. Country Club Drive caller requests ambulance for child hit by car. Report taken.
— 4:48 p.m. Ambulance en route to IHS to transfer patient to LCMC.
— 4:50 p.m. 1451 Mechem Drive caller reports he loaned his keys to friends and they haven't returned.
— 7:04 p.m. 311 Sudderth Drive caller reports drunk subject in store. Wants him moved. Subject left with a friend.

— 7:24 p.m. Sudderth Drive caller reports juveniles bicycling and knocking over plants and fixtures. Subjects advised.
— 7:34 p.m. 1901 Sudderth Drive caller reports female in blue Ford pickup because group was almost run over.
— 9:22 p.m. Ambulance at ER loading patient for transfer to IHS.
— 10:36 p.m. U.S. 70 caller reports female stole a candy bar. Report taken on shoplifting.
— 11:22 p.m. 1811 Sudderth Drive caller needs message delivered to son.

MONDAY, MARCH 11

Total calls by type:

1 Accident

3 Alarms

1 Ambulance

2 Assist other agency

1 Fire call

2 Non-criminal activities

4 Suspicious activities

1 Theft

1 Traffic

1 Vandalism

— 4:57 a.m. Del Norte Drive caller reports neighbor's dog barking outside. Area searched, all clear.

— 7:59 a.m. Alarm sounding at 401 Sudderth Drive bank. All clear.

— 8:13 a.m. Alarm sounding in Apache Hills. Mountain Alarm turned off. All clear.

— 8:17 a.m. 301 U.S. 70 caller needs officer to pick up prisoner for adult probation.

— 8:40 a.m. Randle Drive caller requests officer to take report on stolen property. Report taken.

— 8:55 a.m. 301 U.S. 70 caller has one prisoner to be picked up.

— 9:13 a.m. 5th Street caller requests code enforcement officer for people burning leaves and trash.

— 11:26 a.m. 1095 Mechem Drive caller reports alarm going off. All clear.

— 12:10 p.m. Conair Drive caller requests officer for peacekeeping. Peacekeeping complete.

— 2:59 p.m. Ski Apache caller requests ambulance for patient with possible broken femur.

Expert discusses future of space development

"Incremental Steps to the Space Frontier" will be the topic of a free public talk at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts in Alamogordo at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 15.

Rockets being tested at the White Sands Missile Range, as well as the Southwest Regional Spaceport planned near Alamogordo, will be featured in the discussion.

Dr. William A. Gaubatz, manager of the Delta Clipper project for McDonnell Douglas Aerospace, will speak.

Dr. Gaubatz will discuss some of the recent developments that have been made in opening up the space frontier, as well as several projects which are currently in progress.

In particular, portions of the

talk will include discussion of the Delta Clipper vehicle DC-X, an experimental Single Stage to Orbit (SSTO) rocket which successfully completed a series of eight test flights at White Sands Missile Range from 1993 to 1995.

Subsequent to these tests, the DC-X was returned to the McDonnell Douglas factory in California for several modifications and improvements.

This newer version of the Delta Clipper, the DC-XA, is scheduled for factory roll-out on March 15, and later this spring will return to White Sands for a new series of flight tests.

Dr. Gaubatz's talk will also include a discussion of the X-33 project, a joint venture between NASA

and industry to develop a larger-scale version of an experimental SSTO rocket expected to be flown by the end of this decade.

The X-33 is expected to lead to development of a commercial fully reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV), which is planned to become operational early next century.

The Southwest Regional Spaceport, planned for development in southern New Mexico adjacent to White Sands Missile Range, is specifically geared to take advantage of the emergence of RLV technology, and consequently the X-33 and RLV projects stand to produce enormous economic benefits for citizens throughout this region.

The Flickinger Center is located

in downtown Alamogordo at 1110 New York Avenue.

Dr. Gaubatz's talk is being sponsored by the Southwest Regional Space Task Force, an organization of regional scientists, engineers, business and community leaders, and interested citizens who have joined together to advocate development of the Southwest Regional Spaceport and the realization of its economic potential.

The task force meets quarterly, and its next meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, March 16, at the Rehovec Fine Arts Center on the campus of New Mexico State University — Alamogordo. The public is invited to attend.

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they didn't place first, they did well and we are proud of them. Mandy Arrowsmith and Shawna Schrecengost were on the basketball team and Cody Arrowsmith was on the debate team.

Rosina Lock was in Albuquerque on business last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davey visited their daughter and family in Tucson recently. Our prayers are with the baby, who was born prematurely at the Lincoln County Medical Center. The infant weighed a little over one pound and was 13 inches long, and was taken to Albuquerque for intensive care.

Mr. and Mrs. David Vigil have returned from Austin, Texas where they attended the funeral of Jenny's aunt, Dorothy Wagner, and visited with her father, Hank Everhard.

Recent visitors of Joe and Francis Gallegos were Robert and Rita Gomez of Minnesota. They are relocating to Ruidoso. Robert grew up on the Coe Ranch. Also visiting were their son Gabriel and friend Rene of Roswell.

Greg Hausler celebrated his birthday recently with a surprise lunch at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, courtesy of his wife Carol and daughter Annalise. The Hauslers also won a cruise trip at a recent gathering in Ruidoso, which they will be taking soon. Congratulations.

The Lincoln County Farm Bureau held its board meeting at the El Paisano last week.

Members were brought up to date on both state and federal legislation.

The Lincoln County Historical Board met last week to make plans for the upcoming year. The tentative schedule for the meetings: June 27 — Lincoln Park with speaker Paul Hutton in the Lincoln Park, with a covered dish meal; August — speaker Karl Lumbaugh in Carrizozo, with a tour of the ice plant the Historical Society's Carrizozo branch is trying to obtain; and October — election of officers and Show and Tell program.

Several people attended the mid-year state board meeting of the Family Communication and Education (former Extension Clubs) held in Albuquerque Friday and Saturday. They included Jerri Tully, Inez Marrs and Ralph and Rosalie Dunlap of the La Junta Club; Angie Provine of the Capitán Club; and Betty McCraight, home demonstration agent.

While in Albuquerque, Inez and her brothers and sisters helped their mother, Maria Inez Garcia, celebrate her 91st birthday. Inez has five brothers and four sisters.

Betty Schrecengost has been busy traveling the last week. She first went to Albuquerque to visit her son Bert and daughter Erica. She stayed with Erica while her Dad was working with the National Guard, then on to Las Vegas to work the gin rummy tournament with her daughter Susie and husband Dick Kums. On Monday she attended the State Acequia Commission meeting in Las Cruces.

The coffee hour of San Juan's Episcopal Church group met at the home of Father Jan Davey and her husband Bill. A delicious lunch of soup and covered dishes was enjoyed by all. Following the lunch, the group met to discuss the subject of euthanasia. The young people present asked a lot of questions and had some excellent comments to make.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to 3-21-1 et. seq. NMSA 1978 Comp. NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a public hearing on April 1, 1996 at 2:00 P.M. Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive in the Village of Ruidoso. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider amendment of the zoning district map for the following described property:

Lots 2,3,4,5, & 6, Block 3, Hamilton Terrace Subdivision
Ruidoso, NM

The above described Lot is now zoned R-1 Single Family Residential and will be considered for rezoning to R-4 High Density Residential.

By order of the Planning & Zoning Commission
Village of Ruidoso, N.M.

/s/Cleatus R. Richards
Planning Administrator

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LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso is requesting sealed proposals for LEGAL REVIEW, SOFTWARE FOR MUNICIPAL CODE UPDATES, SAMPLE ORDINANCE SERVICE, RECODIFICATION AND REPLICATION OF THE VILLAGE'S 1985 CODE OF ORDINANCES (CODE). The code is contained in one volume and consists of approximately 740 pages in 8 1/2 x 11 inch format. The entire Municipal Code is available on 3 1/2 inch diskette in Word Perfect 6.1.

Interested proposers may secure a copy of the request for proposals from the Purchasing Agent at the Village of Ruidoso, 421 Wingfield, Ruidoso, NM 86345, or by phoning (505) 257-2721.

Proposals will be received by the Village of Ruidoso Purchasing Agent, located at 421 Wingfield, Ruidoso, NM 86345, until 5:00 p.m. local time, Friday, April 12, 1996. Proposals received after that time will be rejected and returned unopened.

The Village of Ruidoso reserves the right to reject and/or all proposals and waive all informatics as deemed in the best interest of the Village.

By Order of the Governing Body
Village of Ruidoso

/s/Tami Waterfield
Purchasing Agent

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a regular meeting on April 1, 1996 at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case #PV96-008 a Variance request for the following described property:

Lot 3, Block 3, Country Club Estates
Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

/s/Cleatus R. Richards
Planning Administrator

0281 1T(3)15

LEGAL NOTICE

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body, Village of Ruidoso, conducted a public hearing on March 12, 1996, at 6:30 p.m. in conjunction with the regular meeting and adopted the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE 96-03: "AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION AND INITIAL ZONING OF TIGUOUS TERRITORY TO THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO DESCRIBED AS A TRACT OF LAND BEING THE TIL THOMPSON TRACT AMENDED AND THE H.F. INVESTOR TRACT, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS."

Copies of Ordinance 96-03 are on file in the office of the Village Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

/s/Tammie Maddox, Clerk

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ORDINANCE 96-05: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO CODE, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 11, CREATING THE SCENIC BYWAYS COMMITTEE TO ACT AS LIAISON BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND THE STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES ADMINISTERING THE SCENIC BYWAYS PROGRAM."

Copies of Ordinance 96-05 are on file in the office of the Village Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

/s/Tammie Maddox, Clerk

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ORDINANCE 96-02: "AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION AND INITIAL ZONING OF TIGUOUS TERRITORY TO THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO DESCRIBED AS A TRACT OF LAND BEING THE MORGAN TRACT AMENDED, MONTGOMERY TRACT NO. 1 AMENDED, FOWLER TRACT AMENDED, BLAUGRUND NO. 1 AND BLAUGRUND NO. 3, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS."

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/s/Tammie Maddox, Clerk

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VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO

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Lot 15 & East 1/2 of Lot 6, Block G, White Fir Subdivision
Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

/s/Cleatus R. Richards
Planning Administrator

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HARLA JEAN GOSSETT, Deceased.

No. CV-PB 96-08

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed the personal representative of the estate of Harla Jean Gossett, deceased, 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 3610 Alder Grove Drive, Spring, Texas 77380, or filed with the Twelfth Judicial District Court, 300 Central, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88501.

DATED: February 27th, 1996.

/s/Sherry Blain
Personal Representative of the Estate of HARLA JEAN GOSSETT, Deceased
4210 Alder Grove Drive
Spring, Texas 77380.

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LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, is soliciting bids for the following project:

WATER PIPE & ACCESSORIES
NOTICE is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, calls for sealed bids for WATER PIPE & ACCESSORIES.

Interested bidders may secure a copy of the specifications from the Purchasing Officer at the Village of Ruidoso, 421 Wingfield, Ruidoso, or by calling (505) 257-2721.

Sealed bids must be received by the Purchasing Officer no later than March 28, 1996 at 3:00 p.m. local time, at which time the bids will be opened at the Village of Ruidoso Water Department, 419 Wingfield.

The Village of Ruidoso reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all informatics as allowed by the State of New Mexico Procurement Code.

By Order of the Governing Body

/s/Tami Waterfield
Purchasing Agent
Village of Ruidoso

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LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold the regular meeting on Thursday, March 21, 1996. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Courthouse in Carlsbad, N.M.

AGENDA

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request for Replat of Tract 1, Ranches of Bontems Subdivision and an adjacent tract, Mr. Chandler Brown.

B. Request for Replat of Lot 14, Block 2, Unit Two, Captain North Subdivision, Mr. Walker Dixon.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

JANELLA C. HOPE has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of JOHN E. 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/Janelle C. Hope

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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 (300 Central Avenue), Carlsbad, New Mexico 88501, until 3:00 P.M., Thursday, March 28, 1996, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after the above mentioned date and time will be returned unopened.

BID NO. 1996-19: ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES
BID NO. 1996-20: PLUMBING, HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING MAINTENANCE SERVICES

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, Carlsbad, 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

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

LINCOLN COUNTY

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

NO. CV 96-03

JANET J. COLLINS, also known as JANICE COLLINS, Plaintiff, vs. JOYCE JOHNSON, JANET J. JOHNSON, JANET JOHNSON, and GLADYS P. LUNDY, also known as GLADYS P. LUNDY, Defendants.

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 DEAN LUNDY, HAROLD LUNDY, HORACE LUNDY, also known as ROSE R. LUNDY, HORACE ROSS 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 named Court, and you are hereby notified that you are required to file your answer to the Complaint within 30 days of the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Plaintiff, c/o Michael S. Line, Attorney at Law, Box 519, Ruidoso, New Mexico, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

By Order of the Planning and Zoning Commission

/s/Cleatus R. Richards
Planning Administrator

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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. Francis, 5400 Lomas Blvd. N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87110, phone (505)265-8765.

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

Dated: February 19, 1996.

SALLY FINARELLI, Clerk of the District Court, Lincoln County, NM, by /s/Elizabeth Lucera, Deputy Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, will hold a regular meeting on April 1, 1996 at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case #PV96-007 a Variance request for the following described property:

E 1/2 Lot 11 C.E. Webb Tract, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.

/s/Cleatus R. Richards
Planning Administrator

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LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Article 21 sec. 3-21-1 et. seq. NMSA 1978 compilation, NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, will hold a regular meeting on April 1, 1996 at 2:00 P.M. to consider Preliminary Plat and Final Plat for Lots in Hamilton Terrace Subdivision more particularly described as follows:

Lots 2-6, Block 3, Hamilton Terrace Subdivision

Copies of the property plat are on file in the office of the Village Administrator of the Village of Ruidoso and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

The Public Hearing will be held at the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

By order of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

/s/Cleatus R. Richards
Planning Administrator

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LEGAL NOTICE

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

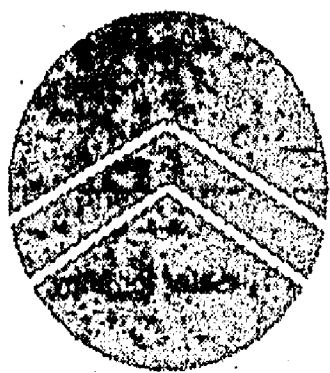
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body, Village of Ruidoso, conducted a public hearing on March 12, 1996, at 6:30 p.m. in conjunction with the regular meeting and adopted the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE 96-04: "AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION AND INITIAL ZONING OF TIGUOUS TERRITORY TO THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO DESCRIBED AS A TRACT OF LAND BEING THE MORGAN TRACT AMENDED, MONTGOMERY TRACT NO. 1 AMENDED, FOWLER TRACT AMENDED, BLAUGRUND NO. 1 AND BLAUGRUND NO. 3, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS."

Copies of Ordinance 96-04 are on file in the office of the Village Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

/s/Tammie Maddox, Clerk

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Section B/Friday, March 15, 1996

THE RUIDOSO NEWS' GUIDE TO WHAT TO SEE AND DO IN LINCOLN COUNTY THIS WEEKEND

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



□ LENNY SOLOMON JAZZ TRIO — 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 15 at the First Christian Church, Ruidoso. This program is the third of the 1995-96 Ruidoso Community Concert Association season. Admission is by season subscription. For more information call 336-4015.

□ MUSEUM OF THE HORSE — 7 p.m. Saturday, March 16, "Hoot & Annie" will perform. They perform songs of the West as well as modern folk songs from the "Hootennany" era. For more information call 376-4142.

□ HARP & SHAMROCK FIESTA — Special 2-hour St. Patrick's Day show. 10 a.m. - noon Saturday, March 16 on KBUY radio. Emmett Downes, host. Emmett will also be at Farley's Saturday & Sunday evenings, March 16 & 17. There will be give aways, corn beef & cabbage and St. Patrick's Day specials.

□ FREE LOCAL MUSICIANS CONCERT — 7 p.m. Sunday, March 17 at Marie LaVeaux, 1214 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso. Sponsored by KBUY. The concert will feature the JJT Band, boogie country; Turner and Silverman Trio, 60's & 70's oldies rock; Paul Adamian, acoustic guitar, original folk; Adrian Henry, original folk; Nancy Barker, country; The Lincoln County Regulators, blues; Carl Mori, acoustic folk; Mark Remington, acoustic country; Gail Jennings, acoustic, rock, blues, folk; and James Boren, acoustic guitar.

□ ROSWELL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT — 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 23 at New Mexico Military Institute Auditorium. The orchestra is conducted by Maestro John Farrer. Tickets are available by calling (505) 623-5882 or at the door the evening of the concert. Ticket prices range from \$9 to \$18. Tickets are half-price for children under 12 and students with valid I.D.

□ TNT CONCERT/DANCE SERIES — 8 p.m.-midnight Saturday, March 23 at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center with the up-tempo pop/rock sounds of Catch 22 from Lubbock, 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.

□ 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 — 7-11 p.m. open stage with Ron Turner Wednesday nights. Other bands Thursday through Saturday. Rock & roll, blues, R&B and country.

□ THE TEXAS HOUSE, 2811 Sudderth, 257-3505 — Live entertainment Wednesday, Friday & Saturday. No cover. Open all night Friday & Saturday.

□ MESCALERO NIGHTCLUB, 1 mile north of Inn of the Mountain Gods, next to Cafe Mescalero, 257-6893 — 8 p.m. - closing Fridays & Saturdays. Dance music with DJ.

□ MARIE LA VEAUX, 1214 Mechem Drive, 258-3784 — 9 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Friday & Saturday, 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.

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□ 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 1-800-934-3668.

□ INTERNET FOR ENTREPRENEURS — 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at ENMU Ruidoso Instructional Center. This class will teach you how to tap into World Wide Web using Netscape and other Internet tools. To register or for more information call 257-2120.

□ WBC HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP — 9 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at the Cafe Mescalero Sports Bar in Ruidoso. Frank Bruno vs. Mike Tyson. No cover charge.

□ NOXIOUS WEED SEMINAR — 9 a.m. Saturday, March 16 in the large auditorium in Building 5C on the campus of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Artesia. The featured speaker will be Jerry Asher, who will talk about the "explosion in slow motion." Sponsored by Bureau of Land Management. The public is invited and should contact Ray Kell at (505) 627-0262.

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

□ THE FUTURE OF SPACE — Dr. William A. Gaubatz, manager of the Delta Clipper project for McDonnell Douglas Aerospace, will speak on "Incremental Step to the Space Frontier" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 15

at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts in Alamogordo. The public is invited and admission is free.

□ BALLET SOCIETY FILM SHOWING — 2 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at the Museum of the Horse. The film lasts approximately one hour. Admission is free. The meeting is for people who are interested in bringing art to Ruidoso and Lincoln County.

□ DRIVING COURSE — 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, March 19-20. Deadline to register for the 55 Alive/Mature driving course is Friday, March 15. For an enrollment application or more information call Mason at 354-2866.

□ RITES OF SPRING AVANTE GARDE ARTS AND CULTURE FESTIVAL — 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday, March 16 and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, March 17 on the property of The Genl, 1201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces. For more information call (505) 523-4455.

□ NEW MEXICO CERAMIC AND DOLL SHOW — 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday, March 22 & 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, March 23 at the New Mexico State Fairgrounds. Entries for the competition will be taken from 1-7 p.m. Thursday, March 21. There is a fee of \$1.50 per piece. For more information call (505) 881-2350.

□ CULTURAL ARTS SHOW — for Lincoln County Association for Family & Community Education will be Saturday, March 23 in Carizozo at the Woman's Club building on 11th Street. Registration and entering of exhibits will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Exhibits are open for public viewing from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

□ DESERT MOON NURSERY WORKSHOPS — 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, March 23 in Lincoln. "Xeriscaping: An introduction to water-wise landscaping," will focus on developing a water-saving landscape that uses native plants. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday, March 24, "Landscaping for wildlife" will provide information on which plants attract various types of wildlife into the garden. Cost is \$60 per workshop or \$100 for both. For more information call Ted Hodoba at (505) 884-0614 or Beverly Wilson at (505) 653-4699.

□ 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.

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

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

□ INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM — Sponsored by the Community Action Program. The pro-

gram is for the 1995 tax season Jan. 30 through April 15. The assistance is for income-eligible people who need help with State and Federal Income Tax short forms. They will see clients by appointment only at 615 Sudderth, Suite I #10, Ruidoso. Call 257-6843 for further information.

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



Clubs & Meetings

□ RUIDOSO GUN CLUB — 7 p.m. Monday, March 18 at the Church of the Holy Mount on Mescalero Trail.

□ LINCOLN COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY — 10 a.m. Monday, March 18 at the SWA office in Ruidoso Downs.

□ PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION — 2 p.m. Monday, March 18 at Ruidoso Village Hall.

□ RUIDOSO GARDEN CLUB — 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 19 at the Pizza Hut on Mechem.

□ PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 20 at Ruidoso Village Hall.

□ LINCOLN COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES — 8 p.m. Thursday, March 21 in the hospital conference room.

□ RIGHT TO LIFE — 7 p.m. Thursday, March 21 at Trinity Baptist Church, 700 Mt. Capitan Road, Capitan. The purpose of the meeting is to establish a chapter of Right to Life Committee of New Mexico in Lincoln County. For more information call (505) 881-4563.



Library

□ RUIDOSO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 501 Junction Rd. 257-4335 — On April 1, the 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.



Movies

□ AT SIERRA CINEMA, 257-0444: "Executive Decision," "Down

Periscope." Call theater for show times and ratings.



Museums

□ ROSWELL MUSEUM AND ART CENTER — photographer-writer Dore Gardner's exhibit "Nino Fidenlo: a Heath Thrown/Open" on display.

□ MUSEUM OF THE HORSE — Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily Tuesday - Sunday on Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs. Now showing: Anne's Attic - Selections from the permanent collection.

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

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



Theater

□ "CHEATING CHEATERS" — 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 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.

□ "WORKSPEAK" — 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 21 at the Roswell Museum and Art Center, Roswell. In observance of Women's History Month in March, Roswell Business and Professional Women is doing a public performance. For more information call (505) 624-6744.



Parks & Recreation

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

□ RUIDOSO ATHLETIC CLUB, 415 Wingfield, 257-4000 — Aerobics, Nautilus, racquetball, free weights. Non-members welcome.

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

Deadlines:
3 p.m. Monday
for Wednesday,
3 p.m. Thursday
for Friday.

SPORTS

New owner expands bowling alley options

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Don't let the name of Ruidoso's only bowling facility fool you.

Now, under the new ownership of David Cecil, Ruidosoans can find more than just a good game of ten-pins at the Sudderth Drive location.

"I've got to diversify," says Cecil, sounding like a corporate executive.

He has done that since acquiring Ruidoso Bowling Center in mid-December. In addition to making aesthetic improvements to the interior, Cecil has added electronic dart machines, video games and pool tables. He's expanded the snack bar menu also.

"What I'm striving to do is make it the family entertainment center (of Ruidoso)," said Cecil, a retired manager from Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

Cecil is also doing his part to promote the sport of bowling. He's organizing a Ruidoso chapter of the Young American Bowling Alliance (YABA). The YABA sponsors state and national tournaments and offers scholarships for youth bowlers. Cecil has 48 children ages five to 16 interested in the youth league, which runs Saturday mornings.



David Cecil hopes more video games, pool tables and two electronic dart machines (shown in background) enhance the entertainment options at Ruidoso Bowling Center. The Texas native is the new owner of the bowling alley. He has started a youth bowling association among other programs for bowlers and plans to schedule more local tournaments.

"What I'm striving to do is make it the family entertainment center (of Ruidoso)."

DAVID CECIL

RUIDOSO BOWLING CENTER OWNER

One of those young keggers is Cecil's own son, Alex, a 15-year-old with a 180 average.

Cecil and his wife, Natalie, were in love with Ruidoso long before Cecil closed the deal on the bowling alley. They have vacationed here for several years.

Last summer, Cecil and Alex on to the center, and that's why happened upon the bowling center he's determined to attract more when windy weather forced them off the golf course. They went bowling instead, and that's where Cecil saw the business up for sale. Some six months later, Cecil had his own business.

The Texas native has already invested \$12,000 on improvements in the building, which includes new carpeting and countertops. He expects to spend another \$5-8,000.

In the long term, Cecil would like to add an automatic, computer graphics scoring system and expand the number of lanes from 10 to 16.

Cecil knows he has to have community support before he can add

Pool tournaments, dart tournaments, dart leagues and dubbing Ruidoso Bowling Center the "unofficial softball headquarters" for players after the game will go a long way toward that goal.

Starting this week, Cecil initiated a pair of events to attract dart enthusiasts. Every Monday night, players can enter a cricket tournament. Thursday nights feature a 301 tournament. The tournaments start at 7 p.m., and cash prizes will be awarded if there are enough entrants. Dart players can find a full line of darts and dart supplies at the bowling center as well.

Cecil hasn't forgotten the mainstay of his business, either. The number of local bowlers has been a pleasant surprise.

"I'm really surprised for a town this size that I have leagues every night of the week, Monday through Friday," Cecil said.

He takes care of the bowlers with a full-service pro shop that sells bowling balls and offers drilling, plugging and resurfacing services.

Cecil will offer an adult summer bowling league and plans to host a couple of tournaments per month for local bowlers, plus scratch tournaments with cash prizes.

It's all part of an entertainment package that Cecil hopes bowls over Ruidosoans.

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 37 inches midway on the mountain. Surface conditions are packed and groomed. New snow Thursday night: one inch.

To hear the ski report, call 257-9001.

REPLAY

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

10 years ago - The Chiefs finish the Parks and Recreation adult league as undefeated champ of the regular season. Aspen Pharmacy and the Shockers play each other for the right to meet the Chiefs in the tournament title game.

20 years ago - Donnie Riley's 81 and Danny Masters' 82 pace Ruidoso's boys golf team to a fourth-place finish at Alamogordo's tournament.

30 years ago - Six Ruidoso women's bowling teams participate in the state tournament in Alamogordo. Teams representing Ruidoso are: the Sierra Blanca Pinheads (Carol Snow, team captain), D&D Beauty Salon (Margie Kannady, team captain), No Name (Alta Waltrip, team captain), The Ruidoso News (JoAnn Hughes, team captain), Whitlock's Jewelers (Elsie Williams, team captain), and Navajo Spirits (Walt Aucriff, team captain).

40 years ago - Hondo's fifth/sixth grade boys cage team downs Corona for the county tourney title. San Patricio is third. Corona takes the seventh/eighth grade championship over Ruidoso. On the all-county team are San Patricio's Felix Herrera, Charlie Sanchez and Leroy Randolph and Ruidoso's Easton Fulsom, Vernon Simmons and Jim Wilson.

RHS benefit golf scrambles begin

The Ruidoso High School golf team's benefit scramble schedule tees off Sunday at Cree Meadows golf course. This first in a series of four fundraising events begins at 12:30 p.m.

Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club hosts the second tournament, scheduled for Sunday, March 24. The Links of Sierra Blanca is the site for the third scramble on Sunday, March 31, and the final benefit tourney is set for Sunday, April 14, at the Inn of the Mountain Gods golf course.

Each tournament costs \$25 per person (plus cart fees) and will distribute \$500 in prizes. The pro-

ceeds benefit the Warrior golf team, which will use the money earned from the scrambles to pay for travel and lodging expenses for the golf season.

Players can save money by paying a one-time, non-refundable entry fee of \$85 for all four tournaments. Those players will receive a free Ruidoso Warrior golf cap.

Each team will consist of four or five players plus one RHS golf team member. Open to the public, interested parties should call each respective pro shop to sign up.

JV golfers take third

Ruidoso's junior varsity golf team opened the 1996 season in respectable fashion Tuesday with a third place finish at a Roswell tourney.

The Roswell Independent School District Junior Varsity tournament was played at the Spring River Golf Course.

The Warriors were just 14

Please see Golf, page 5B

Leather & Lace men's open basketball tourney slated for March 29-31

Leather & Lace softball team is sponsoring a men's six-feet-and-under basketball tournament March 29-31 in Mesalero. An entry fee of \$125 is due by 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 26.

The double elimination tourney is limited to 18 teams. For more information, contact Christine Breuninger at 671-4741 or Gleda Bob at 671-4346.

SPORTS

CHS sprinters lead defending district champion

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

The 1996 track season holds a host of unknowns for Capitan coach Ed Davis. That uncertainty might instill fear in some coaches, but Davis remains upbeat about his tracksters' prospects — for reasons he won't reveal.

"Right now, we've haven't had good enough weather to see what we do have," Davis said of his 21-member team.

Davis ended up nixing a trip to Estancia for a practice meet. He fears his competitive Tigers will injure themselves because they aren't physically ready to compete yet.

"It's just too hard to get kids in shape because the season is too short," said Davis, noting the district meet is April 27, just five weeks away.

Davis doesn't want to risk a major injury to one of his Tigers. The short season means short recovery time.

The Tiger coach remembers all too well last year, when then-senior Michael Fish pulled his hamstring and missed most of the regular season meets. Fish went on to compete in districts and won two individual titles at the Class AA State Meet, the long jump and javelin.

Some might think the Tiger hopes left when Fish graduated last spring. After all, he did account for all of Capitan's 14 points at the state meet. But Davis points out that Capitan didn't have the stand-



out athlete for much of the regular season.

Capitan had Fish for two jumps and three javelin throws at state, Davis noted with a laugh. But the team still won the district title.

"We will try to be in the best shape by the district meet, and then we will go from there. That's what we're trying to do," Davis said.

The Tigers return a host of sprinters, including a sprint relay team from a year ago (Jayson McSwane, Nick Pacheco, James Tacey and Kali Bagby). Other speedsters are Raymond Harris, Josh Peralta, Matt Daniels, Wade Smith and Justin Joiner.

Senior Neil Montes is the Tigers' top distance runner. He finished seventh at the state meet in the 1600-meter run. Joining him in distance events will be newcomers



Members of the 1996 Capitan boys track team are (left to right): front row — Neil Montes, Wade Smith, Nick Pacheco, Klay Jones and Justin Joiner; second row — Ernie Trujillo, Shawn McEuen, James Tacey, Cody Arrowsmith and Fernando Saiz; third row — Raymond Harris, Kali Bagby, Jerome Hoover, Jayson McSwane, Matt Daniel and Kyle Jones; back row — Eric Ferguson, Scooter Wilson, Josh Peralta, Alan Hazel, and Steven Wilson.

Eric Ferguson, Steve Wilson, Clay Jones and Cody Arrowsmith.

Capitan's crew in the field events creates the most question marks for Davis.

Peralta is back in pole vault for Davis, as are high jumpers Harris and McSwane. Peralta and Daniels

will throw the javelin for the Tigers. Kyle Jones, Ernie Trujillo, Scooter Wilson and Fernando Saiz will put the shot and toss the discus.

"Other than (some of those unknowns), I feel real positive" about the season, Davis said.

The Tiger mentor said his team will be challenged for the District 6AA team title. Capitan won its fourth-straight district crown last year.

"Tulie is always strong, and you know Cloudcroft will have 30 boys running after you," Davis said.

Tigers need to heal first before making run at state

□ Capitan out to defend District 6AA crown

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Capitan track coach Bryan Massé's assessment of his team's progress sounds like a contradiction in terms at first.

"We've been taking it slow and easy," Massé said.

"But we've definitely been working," he added.

Massé has good reason for the slow and easy start. He has several Tigers still recovering from injuries incurred during the basketball sea-

son.

Coye Robbins, one of the best all-around female athletes in the school, has had a nagging heel problem since last semester. Jessica Robertson is slowed by dizzy spells. On top of that, most of the remaining Tigers are participating in their third sport in a row, and feeling the typical wear and tear of the year.

Massé wants to get his team in shape first, before figuring out the specifics of who will run where.

"I'd just rather us be healthy all year," Massé said, adding that the Tigers are hitting the weight room hard after workouts.

The Tigers return experience in the sprints, middle distance, hurdles and field events, but their depth is as thin as the soles of the shoes they run in.

Not participating this spring are



1995 state qualifiers Shelby Gowen (field events) and Catherine Sidwell (sprints). The Cline sisters graduated, leaving additional voids in the Tiger sprint relay teams.

But with the help of assistant coach Dionne Lewis and Cheryl Bowman, Massé hopes to find the right combination of runners.

Senior Chris Worrell heads the Tiger sprinting core, which includes Monica Johnson, Michelle Wilson and Trisha Seidel.

"Right now our attitude is our team strength. Tracksters have to like what they are doing because it's hard work."

BRYAN MASSÉ
CAPITAN TRACK COACH

Andra Fish, Monica Gonzales and Deborah Johnson are Massé's main hurdlers, who will also compete for spots running the sprints.

Junior Joni Autrey is probably the Tigers' most versatile competitor. Autrey will run the dashes and middle distance events. She took third place at the state meet in the 800-meter run.

Autrey's younger twin sisters, Erin and Krin, anchor the Tiger

hopes in the middle distance events (400-meter and 800-meter runs), along with Diamond Ward.

Mandi Aldaz, a state qualifier last year, is the Tigers' leader in the field events. She's the most experienced of the crop of field participants. Aldaz will be expected to help the newcomers because of her experience in the shot put and discus.

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SPORTS

'Zozo hurdler won't look back this time

by LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

The theme for this year's Carrizozo track team may as well be "Don't look back" — at least that's the song Grizzly senior Jeff Maynard will have running through his mind this spring.

It was an over-the-shoulder check at the 1995 Class A State Track Championships that probably robbed the 110-meter hurdles title from Maynard.

The Carrizozo hurdler was ahead of San Jon's entry going over the last hurdle when he looked back to check on his foes. It doesn't seem like much, but in sprints a 100th of a second divides the world into haves and have-nots.

This year Maynard intends to be part of the "haves."

Maynard, a four-event state qualifier in 1995, will lead the Grizzlies for coach Kim Gremillion.

"Jeff should win state (in the 110-meter hurdles)," Gremillion states matter of factly.

Maynard is one six Grizzlies who earned a trip to the state meet last year. In addition to the 110-meter hurdles, Maynard qualified in the high jump, long jump and the 200-



meter dash.

Other returning state qualifiers for Carrizozo are juniors Willie Silva (long jump), Michelle Berela (shot put) and Naomi Vallejos (100-meter dash); and freshmen Amber Vallejos (200-meter dash) and Cortney Maynard (high jump).

Gremillion's track squad also will be boosted by the presence of senior Ray Berela in the distance events. Berela ran the mile and 2-mile last year for the Grizzlies, but he has refocused his efforts with promising results, Gremillion said. In practice, Ray has run both dis-



Members of the 1996 Carrizozo track team pictured (left to right): front row — Sylvia Zamora, Robin James and Kayla Hammond; second row — Melissa Nava, Amber Vallejos, Naomi Vallejos, Cortney Maynard and Krystal Winfield; third row — Michelle Berela, Renee Rael, Holly Schlarb and Debbie Bond; back row — Rob Shafer, John Paul Ortiz, Willie Silva, Briton Goad, Ray Berela, Matthew Hiere and Joel Leslie.

tances in times 10 seconds under the qualifying standards for each event.

Renee Rael and Holly Schlarb are two newcomers who will run the mile and lead Carrizozo's

eighth and ninth graders.

In all, Gremillion has 20 boys and girls on the track and field team.

"We don't have enough to win

any team events, but we will have some individuals qualify for state," Gremillion said.

The Grizzlies open the 1996 season in Tularosa at the Rose Relays Tuesday, March 19.

Track

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Former Capitan track coach Pam Allen established Capitan as a power in the relay events during her eight years at the Tiger helm.

Before he commits to any relay lineups, Massé wants his Tigers to rested and healthy.

"I haven't put any relays together yet," he admitted.

But he's not worried, either.

"Right now our attitude is our team strength. Tracksters have to like what they are doing because it's hard work," Massé said.

And the Tigers are working hard, said the first-year coach.



Laura Clymer/The Ruidoso News

Members of the 1996 Capitan girls track team pictured (left to right): front row — Jessica Hathcock, Monica Gonzales, Shannon McGrath, K'rin Autrey, Andi Greigo and Stacie Gunkel; second row — Debbie Johnson, Jessica Robertson, Andra Fish, Trisha Seidel, Monica Johnson, Joni Autrey and Joyce Robbins; third row — Buffy York, Mary Johnson, Diamond Ward, Coye Robbins, Michelle Wilson and Julie Barham; back row: Renee Smith, Fakh Smith, Mandi Aldaz, Chris Worrell, E'rin Autrey and Cara Baker.

Golf

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Ruidoso's JVers return to the links for the Tiger JV Invitational in Alamogordo Thursday, March 21.

strokes off the pace set by Class AAAA power Goddard (320) and Alamogordo (323). Ruidoso's "C" team took fifth place at the event. The Ruidoso JV team defeated Roswell, Hobbs and Portales.

Sophomore Jake Graham shot a 77, which was the second-best tally of the day. Goddard's Tim Long fired a 76 for top individual honors.

Other Warrior scores included: Adrian Wallen 83, Casey Link 86, Frizzell Frizzell 86, Ryan Edwards 88, Rhett Hightower 91; Jon Friberg 94, Josh Hine 94, Ronnie Wright 95, Doug Siddens 105 and Josh Varnadore 116.

Ruidoso's JVers return to the links for the Tiger JV Invitational in Alamogordo Thursday, March 21.

SPORTS

A great start



Mescalero School honored members of its first basketball teams at an awards banquet last month. The teams played a practice schedule this season in hopes of competing in a sanctioned New Mexico Activities Association district next year. Playing for coach Tara Miller (standing, far left), the Mescalero girls team included (left to right): standing — Crucita Essary, Tanya Keene and Starlen Bigrope; sitting — Ellereen Sago, Jolene Blake, Wenona Nelson and Alicia Saenz. Not pictured are Lisa Starr and Trisha Starr.



The 1995-96 Mescalero boys team (left to right): standing — coach Tom Seros, Malachi Cochise, Loren Gallerito, Anson Magooshby, and Jason Evans; sitting — James LaPaz, Milen Sago, Thurman Paz, Gabe Aguilar and Thomas LaPaz.

Ruidoso High School spring sports will be previewed on Wednesday.

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

The Corona Maverick March 23, 1923

W.A. McClelen seems to advocate the "back to the farm" movement. "Mac" has been busy turning sod the past week on his homestead south of town.

And we are informed the boy baby reported born to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nelson happened to have been a girl. The proud parents say they wouldn't trade

her for any two boys in the country.

Be sure and eat dinner at Hotel Central Easter Sunday and on school election day, Tuesday, April 3rd. Special dinner will be served both days at 50 cents.

The names of two men have been turned in to the Maverick so far, as candidates for election as members of the local school board. The men are: W.R. Lovelace and T.M. DuBois.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stroepe Thursday of last week, a baby girl.

NEW YORK TIMES CROSSWORD

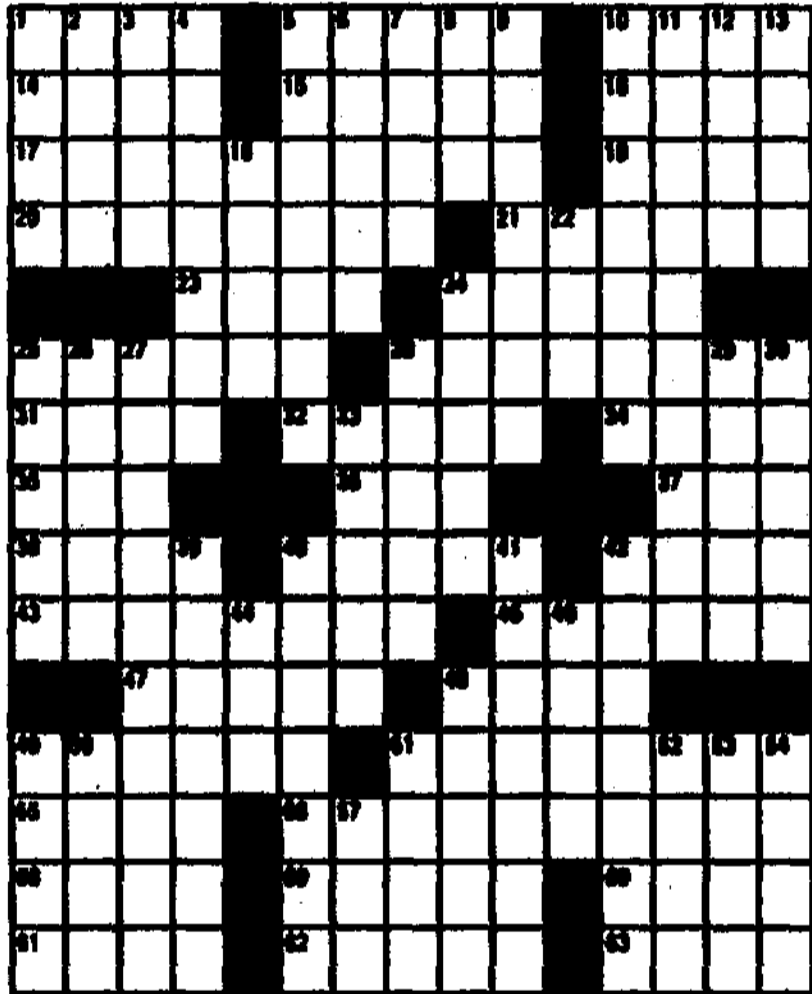
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Dining Out

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Manager John Amezcua said he's proud of the food quality and atmosphere offered at the restaurant for moderate prices.

"Our aim is to serve the best steak, the best potato and a fabulous salad," he said. "We provide an impeccable ambiance at great value to the customer."

"We cater to professionals and the blue collar guy too. Both types will find Cattle Baron equally as accommodating and that's why the concept works so well."

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glass of wine for the parents and not have to mortgage the house to do it."

Dinner prices at the restaurant at 657 Sudderth Drive start at \$7.95 and up to \$29.95. Lunch tabs range from \$4.95 to \$8.95.

Amezcua said he also has collected an array of red and white wines.

The general menu always offers fresh trout, catfish, Pacific snapper and King Salmon. Albacore tuna, swordfish and Mako shark are special dishes that have proven very popular with patrons, he said.

"Our oysters are incredible. I've been told by some people they drove 50 miles to get them. We shuck them out of the shell here and

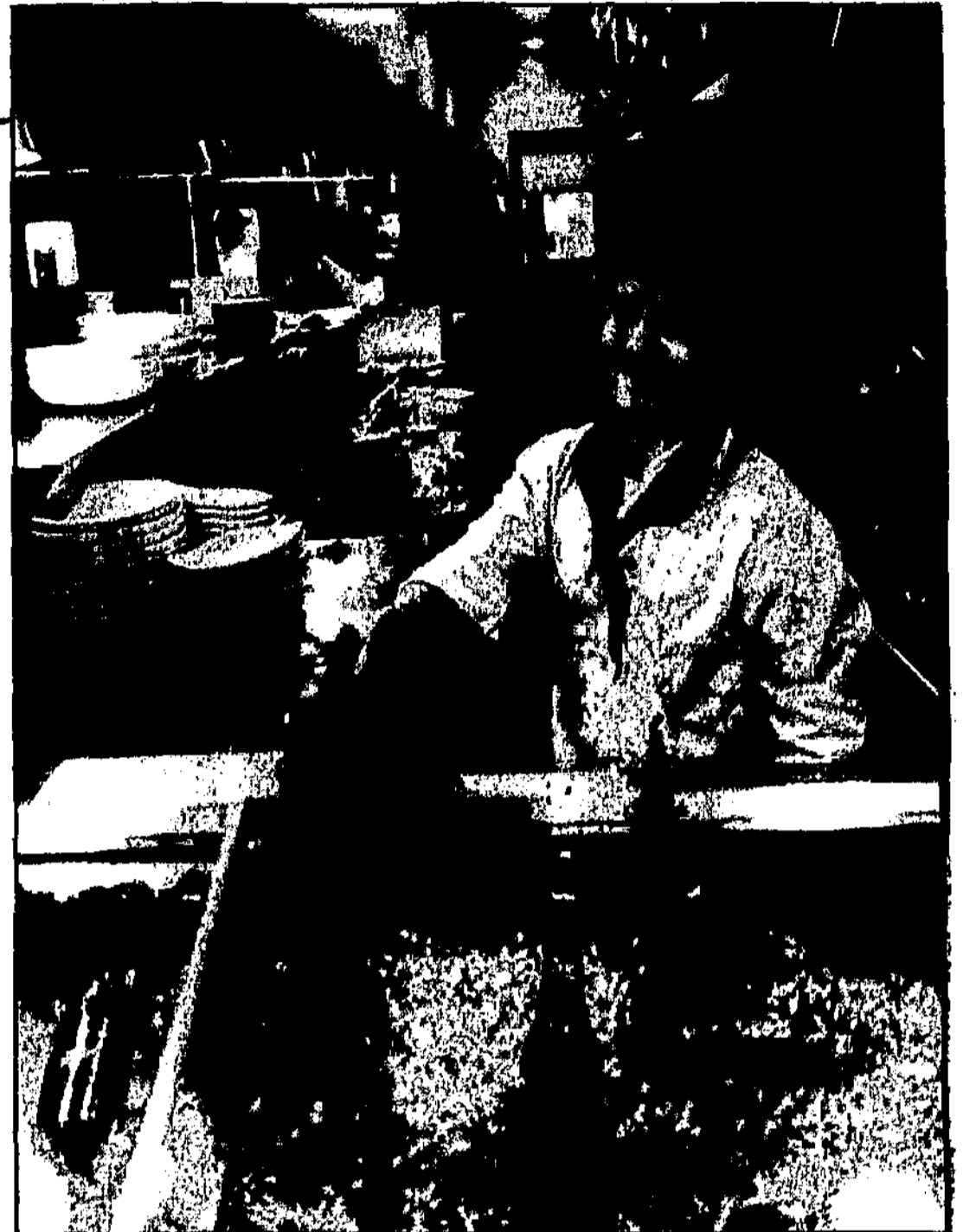
that's as fresh as you can get."

Some of Amezcua's favorite specialty dishes include filet mignon with green chili bearnaise sauce, a rotisserie chicken with jalapeno gravy and fresh tuna with Ancho chili sauce.

The restaurant seats 188 guests and requires a staff of 60-65, about 12 in the kitchen.

The Ruidoso Cattle Baron is one of seven owned by Jeff Wilson, who came to New Mexico from Washington after joining the Air Force. When he was discharged in Clovis, he started the first Cattle Baron in nearby Portales in 1976.

The restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.



Luis Dabila's job is to put the final touch on dishes before waitpersons take plates to Cattle Baron customers.



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PERSONALITIES

Tragic accident becomes inspiration for Phillips

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Some people might have retreated to their homes, crippled in both mind and body.

But Earline Phillips is a fighter. For more than two years she battled to save what was left of her legs after being trapped in a fiery airplane crash. She slowly pulled out of a paralysis caused by three breaks in her back.

And then she decided she'd be better off without the lower portion of her legs. Without them, she could leave her wheelchair using prostheses. Without them, she ended up dancing, driving and working.

Not many newcomers know Phillips' story. If they recognize her name, more likely they associate her with the Lincoln County Humane Society and its animal shelter on Gavilan Canyon Road.

Or they may have heard about her dog, Su Su — the only dog to have its own bank account at Ruidoso State Bank and the first to be buried in the village's Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Early years

Born in Amarillo, Texas, Phillips lost her mother while an infant and was raised by her father, who operated a laundry and ranched.

"My father raised me and my brother, who was older. How he did

it, I'll never know. He was so busy," she said. "All he could cook was eggs. I lived on fried eggs. I guess I was a daddy's girl. I didn't let him get out of my sight."

Phillips was physically active in basketball, camping and Girl Scouts. After high school, she went to work in a photography shop and like most women of her youth, looked forward to marriage and raising a family.

Fortunately, she shared her husband Dick Ross' interest in horses and racing. They began coming to Ruidoso in 1947. His family owned ranches outside of Hereford, Texas, and they lived there for awhile, while operating the Ross Hotel in Amarillo and the Jim Hill Hotel in Hereford.

Phillips worked 16-hour days in the businesses, experience that helped her find her first job after the airplane accident years later.

The accident

In the early days of their marriage, the Rosses drove to Ruidoso, but as the family prospered, they flew in their own airplane.

On a Sunday in June 1958, her husband had flown to Raton and Phillips decided to hitch a ride to Ruidoso on a plane with friends, Helen and Junior Rose.

The Ruidoso airstrip, called Brown's Airport, then was located

in the White Mountain valley area in a space now occupied by the Ruidoso Civic Events and Convention Center and The Links golf course.

About noon, "the pilot overshot the runway," Phillips said. "He tried to take off to circle and make another landing, but headed in the wrong direction and couldn't get enough altitude to fly over Sierra Blanca. We hit the mountain, lost the right wing and went down."

The pilot escaped with minor injuries. The arms and legs of the Roses were mangled, and Mrs. Rose's face was smashed on one side, Phillips said.

"I knew we were in trouble, because we were going the wrong way. I told Helen to fasten her seat belt, but when we hit, their seat belts broke," Phillips said. "Mine didn't break and I was trapped inside with my back broken in three places and my legs on fire."

"I don't know how Junior managed to undo the seat belt with his injuries. I was dead weight and couldn't move, not even my legs and that's why they burned. But he pulled me out by the hair of my head. I was sure the plane was going to blow and kept telling him to leave me."

"We got about 15 feet away from the plane when it blew, but someone was still watching out for us, I blew in the other direction away from us."

The explosion set off a forest fire that, coupled with the remote location of the crash, prevented rescuers from reaching the site for four hours. Rescuers arrived on horseback and included film and TV star Dale Robertson (from the "Tales of Wells Fargo" series), who was visiting the racetrack at the time.

The injured were brought down part way by horses and then transferred to jeeps. An old panel truck that doubled as an ambulance took Phillips to a hospital in El Paso while the Roses were taken to Amarillo.

"Dr. Willie Horton rode with me," Phillips said. "He didn't know for sure if I was going to make it."

Phillips doesn't remember much about the next two months. She was heavily sedated for pain, was kept in intensive care and underwent several surgical procedures. Doctors fused her back using goat bone and kept her wedged into sand bags to prevent movement.

Six months passed before her paralysis lifted. By then, she was going to surgery for grafting every Monday and Thursday. Occasionally, the doctors would allow her a respite of 10-15 hours to attend the

races in Ruidoso. She kept in touch, because the hospital was doing all the blood work on the horses.

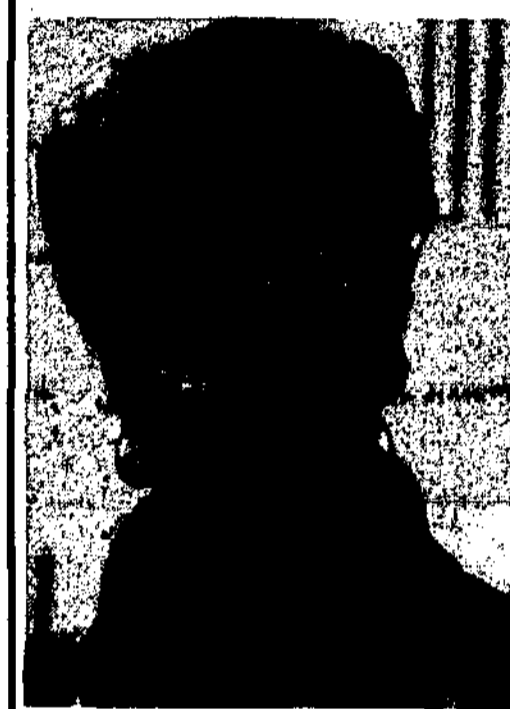
"They were grafting to try to save what was left of my legs," Phillips said. "The toes were taken off immediately. Don't ever paint your toenails, because the polish

holds the heat. That's what burned off my toes."

After the accident, the airstrip was closed by the Federal Aviation Administration until the runway was lengthened.

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fast Facts



Name: Earline Phillips

Born: Amarillo, Texas

Most Life-Shaping Event: 1958 airplane crash into Sierra Blanca

Quotable: "I do everything I ever did, but a little slower. Legs are a convenience. I had them 30 years but I can do without them."

Favorite Pet: Su Su, the Pekingese poodle

Favorite Organization: Lincoln Co. Humane Society



Ambulance drivers flank Earline Phillips in June 1960 at her first function outside of the hospital since a 1958 airplane accident and before her new wooden legs were fitted. She cheered her home team of Hereford, Texas, at the state basketball finals in Lubbock.



Earline Phillips holds Su Su and money her canine friend accepted on behalf of the Lincoln County Humane Society in the late 1970s.

PERSONALITIES

Phillips

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Recovery

Phillips finally decided what was left of her legs below the knee was of no use to her anymore.

"I made the decision in Dallas. I called my five doctors together, took them to dinner and told them," Phillips said. "Dick and my daddy wouldn't make the decision. It would have been better to amputate right at first. I'm sure the doctors tried to talk them into it, but I wasn't in any condition then to decide."

The lower portion of her legs were removed in late 1960, first the right and five months later, the left.

"I used to toughen the stumps by patting them with a magazine," Phillips said. "I had a bar over the bed and could swing around like a monkey. I delivered the mail in the hospital and at a doctor's request, I would see other amputee patients. I didn't realize it at the time, but they felt I was handling the situation well and might help others."

Not that Phillips emotionally skipped through the tragedy.

"I went through a deep depression" in the months right after the accident, she said. "I wouldn't allow the drapes to be opened. Part of it was because I was so high on drugs for the pain. They had me on morphine every two to four hours for nearly two years. I finally came off with the help of hypnosis. To this day, even after surgery, I won't take a shot of anything."

She did better after the amputation.

"When you want something and make the decision, you can handle it," Phillips said.

She worked hard in physical therapy, trying to build some muscle in the remaining upper portion

of her legs that had been inactive for so long.

Five months later, she was walking with a cane and decided it was time to break from her family for a while and come back to Ruidoso with her new wooden legs. She drove herself.

"I didn't realize I had no muscle tone to pick up my legs and had to use my hand to lift my leg on the brake and accelerator. I ended up using my cane," Phillips said.

"I had to get away from everybody. They were going to make a cripple of me. They didn't want me to do anything for myself," Phillips said.

She was hired almost immediately by the owner of a new resort motel and convention center called the Chaparral in Ruidoso Downs. He didn't care about the wheelchair she used, and he appreciated her years of hotel experience.

"I planned to stay for 30 days to help get the motel get up and running and I didn't leave until six years later," she said. "I was told not to stay on my legs more than 20 minutes at a time and I'd stay hours. Sometimes, the grafted skin would break down and I would be bloody. I found out what I could do."

"I found dancing easier than walking, because I was holding someone. I didn't sit in a chair. So many want to sit in a chair, but expect to be able to walk like I did. It's mind over matter. You have to use them constantly."

During this period, she divorced and in 1967, she left the motel and married for a second time. She and her husband moved to California, but neither the marriage nor the new location was long-lived.

While in California, Su Su, a Pekingese/poodle, came into her life and returned to Ruidoso with her in 1971.

"I have peace of mind, something a lot of people go to their graves without. I didn't have it until after my accident and I got my legs and found out what I could do. I started appreciating everything I didn't have time to appreciate before."

EARLINE PHILLIPS

1971.

They were best friends. Before drive-in bank windows, Su Su would jump from the car with Phillips' deposit fastened to her collar and run to the door of Ruidoso State Bank where a waiting teller (alerted in advance by phone) would take the deposit and give Su Su a receipt to carry back to the car. The canine often acted in the name of the humane society to accept money raised by special community projects. Su Su sent thank you notes on her own stationery and she made big news when she opened her own bank account.

Phillips began attending humane society meetings in 1978.

When Su Su died a few years later, Phillips dedicated most of her time to the organization in memory of her pet. She worked with resident and businesswoman Hazel Haynsworth, veterinarian Lynn Willard and others to build the first humanely-operated shelter in the county in 1987. Conditions for strays and pets picked up on the loose had been deplorable before they became involved.

With the completion of a major addition to the original shelter two years ago and the shelter's enlarged role serving more communities in the county, Phillips has stepped down from the board to let a new generation take hold.

She accepted a position this year on the society advisory board. In recognition of her years of hands-on supervision of the shelter operations, watching every penny to ensure expenses were covered and money was set aside for the addition, Phillips was named President Emeritus of the humane group.

The best example

Since 1958, Phillips has undergone 68 surgeries, 47 for grafting.

About every three years, she returns to Lubbock to be fitted for new legs, now constructed out of a light-weight laminated wood and kept in place with suction instead of straps. While there, she may counsel new amputees or help in their physical therapy at the request of doctors.

She also works with amputees locally, and personally recommends not becoming dependent on hand devices to drive a car.

"Everybody's different and I try to find out if they've really accepted the reality," she said. "That's 90% of the battle. If they haven't, there's no way they'll wear a prosthesis."

"If I get someone who accepts, I'll have them walking. I'll try and try. But if they give up, I don't have time. I'd rather work with someone who needs it."

"For some, it's the wheelchair or life is over. But it's really just a new beginning. I believe life is what you make of it."

"I do everything I ever did, but a little slower. Legs are a convenience. I had them 30 years, but I can manage without them."

"I have peace of mind, something a lot of people go to their graves without. I didn't have it until after my accident and I got my legs and found out what I could do. I started appreciating everything I didn't have time to appreciate before."



Earline Phillips in 1954.



A 1946 photograph of Phillips in an outfit showing her real legs.



Earline and Hazel Haynsworth congratulate each other on the opening of a major addition to the Lincoln County Humane Society animal shelter about two years ago.



Earline Phillips in 1928 with her brother Orville Campbell, Jr. at the Oklahoma house of their grandparents. The two were raised by their father after their mother died while Phillips still was an infant.

ENTERTAINMENT

Jazz trio performs in Ruidoso tonight

The third concert in the Ruidoso Community Concert season will feature jazz and classical violinist Lenny Solomon. The concert will be held at the First Christian Church at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 15.

For two decades, Lenny Solomon has often been hailed as one of Can-

ada's top studio and concert musicians. With the release of his second solo album, "The Gershwin Sessions," on Jazz Inspiration Records, he is seeking an international profile as well.

Solomon is a member of a highly respected musical family; his father was principal violist of the Toronto Symphony and his sister is one of Canada's busiest composers for film and TV. His early training with violinist Albert Pratz and Steven Staryk, combined with his love of jazz, has helped Lenny develop into one of the best jazz violinists on the scene.

"A Tribute to Jazz Violin" is a mixture of fun, romance, and mystery. It is a musical tour down memory lane, incorporating the original stylings of Stephane Grappelli, Joe Venuti, and Django Rheinhardt.

The trio will pay homage to the giants of jazz violin and such composers as George Gershwin, Jerome Kern, Duke Ellington, and Rodgers and Hammerstein. Included in the program are such favorites as: "Sweet Georgia Brown," "Someone to Watch Over Me," "It Don't Mean a Thing if it Ain't Got That Swing," "Ol' Man River," and "After You've Gone."

"A Tribute to Jazz" garners rave reviews wherever it plays.

For information about this concert and membership information, please call 336-4015. Admission to concerts is by membership only.



Lenny Solomon

Course helps locals surf World Wide Web

Computer enthusiasts can learn how to tap the vast resources of the World Wide Web using the popular web browser Netscape and other Internet tools, at a local class Saturday.

The class will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at the ENMU Ruidoso Instructional Center. The cost is \$25.

The class will be taught by Mary Weaver, ENMU-Ruidoso Librarian. Weaver has a master's in Library and Information Science and is an experienced Web user.

The focus of this course will be on accessing business, financial and government information on web-

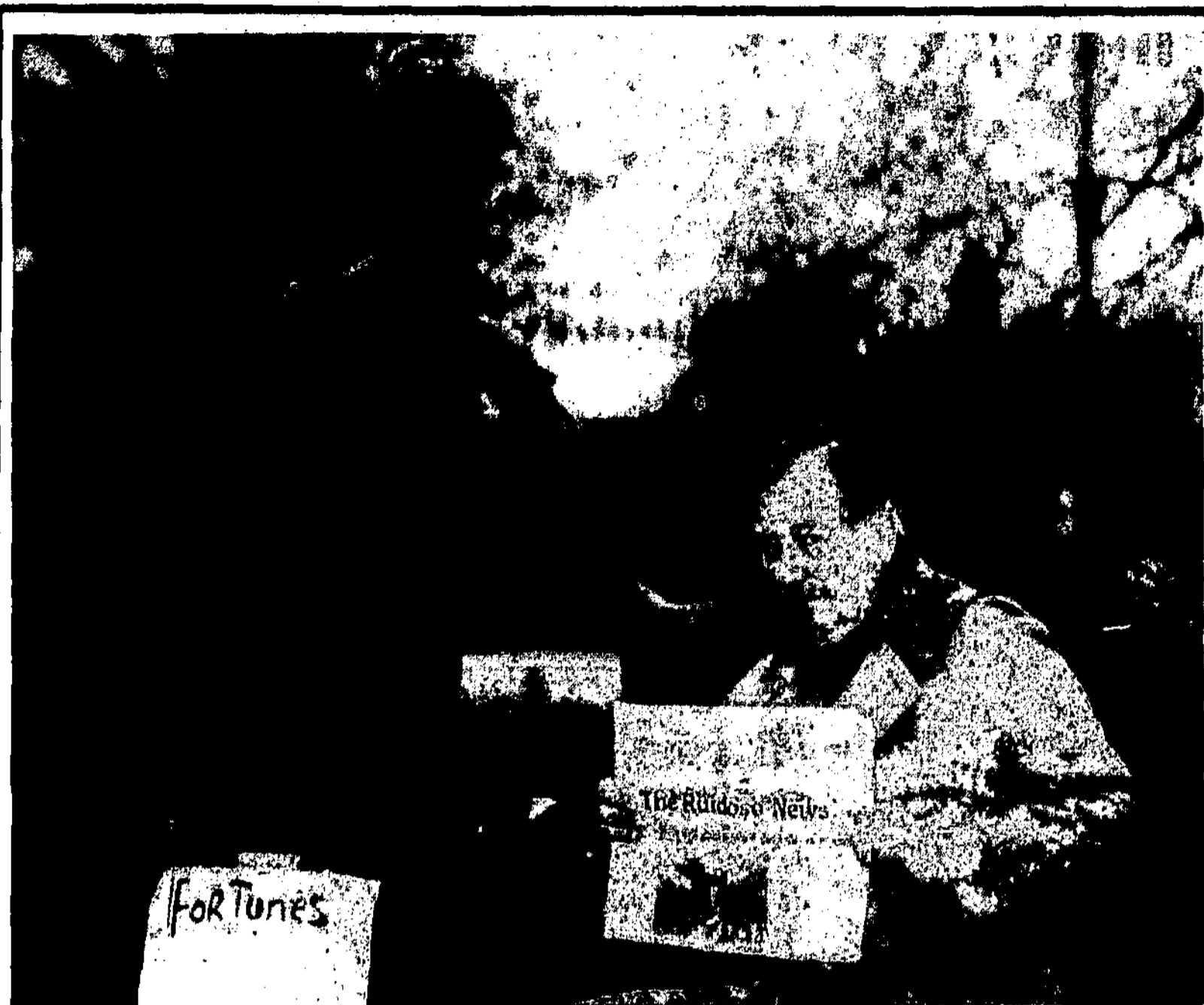
sites, newsgroups and listservers that would be of interest to small business owners, investors and entrepreneurs.

Telnet, FTP and e-mail will be briefly discussed if time allows. This course will not cover the specifics of connecting to the Internet, nor how to create web pages.

To enroll for this course, students should have minimal computer skills and be familiar with a Windows environment.

For more information or to register, call or stop by the ENMU Ruidoso Instructional Center 257-2120.

Class size is limited.



Tart with a cart

Ruidoso Irish music show host Emmett Downes checks out The Ruidoso News while visiting Dublin, Ireland recently. Behind him is a statue of Molly Malone, who plied the streets of Dublin a century ago vending fruit of the sea from a push cart. Her pitch or chant while vending her wares was something like, "Alive, Alive O, I've got cockles and mussels, Alive, Alive O." Alas, the lovely young lady fell victim, so the story goes, to Tuberculosis that was ravaging Ireland at the time. Her peers and fellow vendors missed her so much that someone wrote a song about her demise. The song has become a standard of traditional Irish music. A dozen or so years ago, the bronze statue of Molly was commissioned and erected at one of Dublin's busiest intersections near Trinity College, where Grafton and Nassau streets meet. Tourists and locals alike rub a certain part of the statue for good luck (you guess which part looks polished). Downes will feature the song about Molly on his KBUY radio show, "The Harp & Shamrock Fiesta," from 10 a.m. to noon this Saturday, a special two-hour show in honor of St. Patrick's Day. You can meet Emmett in person Saturday night at Farley's Pub in Ruidoso.



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Author, author

Lincoln novelist Steven Havill, who is also a teacher at Ruidoso Middle School, autographs a copy of his latest detective novel, "Before She Dies," for Ron Krugjohann during a book party at the Aspen Tree Book Store Saturday. The novel is Havill's fourth in a series featuring a New Mexico locale, and is published by St. Martin's Press, New York.

Memories of 'hootenanny' revived at museum show

Those who miss the fun and music of an old-fashioned "hootenanny" will have the opportunity to enjoy "Hoot & Annie" at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at the Museum of the Horse.

The guitar and banjo-playing duet features folk songs, ballads, one-liners, and even take-home coloring books.

Popular wherever foot-stomping music is enjoyed, Hoot & Annie will be making their first appearance in the Ruidoso area.

The Museum of the Horse is located on Highway 70 just east of the Ruidoso Downs Racetrack. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for children and free for Museum of the Horse members.

PAST TENSE

Hollywood gunfights not exactly based on reality

The good guy and the bad guy stare at each other down the middle of a deserted, dusty street. Suddenly they both reach for their pistols. The guns roar, and the bad guy collapses in a heap. The good guy slowly holsters his gun. You can see by the expression on his face that he had tried to avoid a fight. What has just occurred is the last thing in the world that he wanted.

Poppycock.

Hollywood has been feeding us this nonsense for years. So much so that the scenario has become a standard part of our culture. To be sure, the above mentioned scene has some basis in actual fact, but not much.

For starters, most gunmen in the old west wouldn't dream of such a confrontation. After all, you could get killed behaving like that.

The real thing was quite a different story. To begin with, it was rarely a confrontation of good against evil. More frequently it was drunk against drunk. It was not uncommon for two men to empty their guns at each other from a distance of a few yards and for neither participant to be hit.

On the night of April 14, 1885, there was a double gunfight in El Paso's Gem Saloon that wasn't exactly the sort of stuff offered to us by moviemakers, but it was a good example of what a *real* gunfight was like.

William Rayner had been a lawman for a time, but by April of 1885 he had become a full-time "sporting man" or gambler, and was a familiar sight on the streets of El Paso.

When he wasn't drinking, Rayner was generally well-liked. When under the influence, however, he was known as a dangerous man.

Unfortunately for Rayner, who considered himself to be a southern gentleman, he was about to meet a man more dangerous than himself.

On the night of April 14, the only lawman in El Paso was Buck Linn, a close friend of Rayner and a man who was also known to be dangerous when drinking.

Linn and Rayner had been making a grand tour of the many saloons that El Paso had to offer that night when fate, or maybe just poor timing, brought them to the Gem around midnight.

The Gem had been doing a good business that night, and was packed to the rafters with professional gamblers, cowboys, locals, and the usual riff-raff that were habitués of such places. Among the men standing at the bar was Nevada gunman Dan Tipton and his friend Wyatt Earp, who had gained a certain national celebrity four years earlier in an alley near the OK Corral in Tombstone, Arizona.

Wyatt Earp remains a controversial figure to this day, but no one ever doubted his courage. He had been a peace officer in some of the toughest towns in the west: Wichita, Dodge City, and of course, Tombstone. He was generally considered to have ice water instead of blood flowing through his veins.

When Rayner entered the Gem, he was already pumped up with liquor and braggadocio, and was looking for a fight.

He approached Earp, along the way taking the time to try and goad virtually everyone in his way into a fight, even going so far as to strike several patrons with the gloves he was carrying.

When he got to Earp, he slapped the gloves into the palm of his hand and said, "I suppose you know that when a southern gentleman goes hunting for trouble, he likes to take his gloves along. He sometimes finds them useful."

Earp, deliberately not getting Rayner's meaning, replied, "The kind of trouble you're heading into right now, Rayner, can't be handled with gloves."

Rayner may have pushed the matter further, but he discovered Earp was unarmed, and wandered into the



Past tense

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gaming room looking for more likely prey. Earp and Tipton followed him in order to witness the next act of what both of them knew could become a life-and-death struggle.

When Rayner entered the gaming room, he immediately spied the man who he thought would be his victim.

Bob Rennick was a young cowboy who came to El Paso to do a little gambling and see the sights. He was a quiet man, not a braggart in any way, and liked to be left alone. Upon his arrival in town, he had purchased a large, broad-brimmed white stetson, and it was the hat that caught Rayner's eye.



"Southern gentleman"
Will Rayner

Strolling up behind Rennick, who was seated at the faro table, Rayner began to drum his fingers on the back of Rennick's hat. When Rennick shifted in his chair in order that he might see who was molesting his hat, Rayner sneered.

"Are you a fighting man?" Rayner asked the young cowboy in a mocking tone. Rennick turned back to the faro table, at the same time answering Rayner's insolent query. "No. I am no fighter, and I want no trouble."

But Rayner was not to be denied. "What are you so pale about? You look like a fighter."

Rennick was obviously trying to ignore him, and it was beginning to bother Rayner, the "southern gentleman."

Just then, one of the Gem's employees who knew Rayner stepped between them, asking that Rayner cease and desist. After a few moments' conversation, Rayner leaned back over to Rennick and apologized. The two shook hands, and everyone thought that violence had been averted. Unfortunately, Rayner suddenly changed his mind, and continued to insult the young cowboy.

At this point the faro dealer, a young man named Bob Cahill, took Rayner by the arm and began to lead him away, Rayner protesting all the while that the man in the white hat (Rennick) was a fighter, and that he, Rayner, "would have to kill him."

Breaking away from Cahill, Rayner approached Rennick again and continued his barrage of insults.

At the same time, the well-meaning faro dealer was trying to convince Rayner's equally-drunk friend Buck Linn that it would be best if both he and Rayner exited the establishment.

With the assistance of other patrons and employees, Cahill finally began to manhandle Rayner out of the place. Unfortunately, as Rayner was being forcibly led away, Bob Rennick's patience finally came to an end.

"I have been imposed upon long enough, and I won't stand for it," he said, sliding off of his stool. He stepped

up to where the lookout normally sat so that he could see Rayner being led away by Cahill.

Cahill had his back to Rennick and could not see him, but Rayner, in the process of loudly protesting his ejection from the premises, saw Rennick look down at the open drawer of the faro table and then reach down and pull a pistol out of it.

As Rennick headed for the back door, Rayner began to struggle in earnest with Cahill. "The son-of-a-bitch has got a pistol and I am liable to have trouble with him. Turn me loose, you son-of-a-bitch. Do you want to see me murdered?"

Rayner broke free of Cahill's grasp and headed for a door that would take him to the same part of the establishment into which Rennick had just disappeared.

Rennick, however, was not as familiar with the place as Rayner, and had taken a wrong turn in the back rooms. When Rayner shoved through a door, he suddenly found himself face-to-face with Rennick from a distance of no more than 6 feet. For a moment, neither man moved, then they both went for their guns.

Rayner got off the first shot and missed. Rennick took a step back, dropped to his knees, and holding the gun with both hands, began to shoot back.

Rennick's first bullet slammed into Rayner's left shoulder, and as the impact spun the southern "gentleman" around, Rennick fired again, his second bullet ripping through Rayner's body from hip to hip. Rayner stumbled back into the other room, his trigger finger jerking spasmodically as he emptied his gun into a pool table, causing the other patrons to frantically dive for cover.

Rayner then walked out of the Gem and boarded a street car where he lay on a seat and folded his arms. "Tell my mother I died and died game," he said. One wonders exactly what comfort this would have been to a grieving mother.

But the fun wasn't over yet. Buck Linn, drunk as a skunk, had mistakenly assumed that it was Cahill, the well-meaning young faro dealer, who had shot his pal Rayner. He let it be known that he would be dropping by the Gem shortly to remove Cahill from the land of the living.

Cahill, though badly shaken by this news, went to the right people: Dan Tipton and Wyatt Earp. "What'll I do?" he asked them, "I never was in gunfight in my life." Earp advised him to leave the premises immediately. When Cahill said he would not run, Earp paused for a moment, then gave him some excellent advice: "All right. If you're going to make your fight, take your time. He'll come shooting. Have your gun cocked, but don't pull until you're sure what you're shooting at. Aim for his belly, low. The gun'll throw up a bit, but if you hold it tight and wait until he's close enough, you can't miss. Keep cool and take your time."

The young faro dealer did exactly that, and when Linn staggered through the door a few moments later, he began to advance, gun drawn, on Cahill.

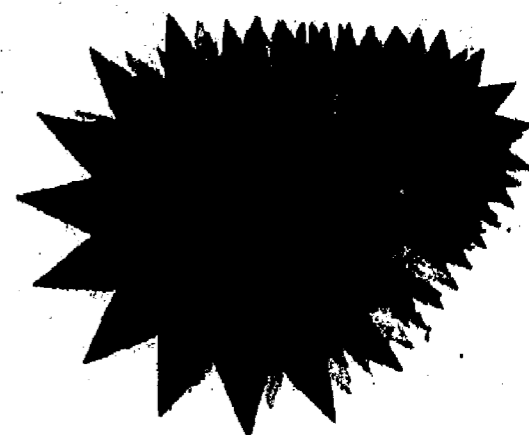
Cahill told him to throw up his hands. Linn did not respond, and kept advancing. Cahill told him twice more to throw up his hands, but Linn kept coming.

Finally, Cahill opened fire. Linn collapsed to the floor, one bullet through his bowels and spinal column, and one through his heart. His death was instantaneous.

Rennick, deciding that discretion was best at this point, went directly across the bridge to Paso del Norte (Juarez) and hid out for a while. Cahill surrendered himself to the authorities. Neither man was ever indicted.

Gunfights were rarely as Hollywood presents them to us, and the Rayner-Rennick/Linn-Cahill debacle is a good example. Guns boomed and men died, but it was never as cut-and-dried as the myth-makers would have us believe. But there is one thing Hollywood usually does get right: gunfights in the old west were frequently fatal.

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