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**Guv to meet with
commissioners**

Lincoln County commissioners are scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. today in Santa Fe with Gov. Gary Johnson to discuss the future of Fort Stanton.

The state has twice failed to find a tenant for the fort after a highly publicized national campaign. Officials with the state General Services Department (GSD) are willing to let the county try.

Commissioners say they want the fort transferred to the county, but want the state to continue contributing toward its upkeep until a new occupant is found. They also don't want to be bound by restrictions imposed on the state agency in trying to arrange a lease or sale.

**Court says state
to settle natural
gas co. battle**

A district court injunction prohibiting Zia Natural Gas from signing up customers around the village of Capitan has been lifted in response to an order of the state Supreme Court.

The high court ordered that no further action be taken concerning a lawsuit until the New Mexico Public Utility Commission hears Zia's petition today in Santa Fe. The breach of contract suit was filed against Zia by Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Association (CCNGA).

Before the commission is Zia's request to provide service from a transmission line to customers who have been unable to obtain service elsewhere. The commission also will review a complaint against Zia filed by CCNGA.

The association contends that by hooking up customers to a transmission line CCNGA sold the larger company, Zia breached its contract. Association officials claim Zia representatives assured them the line only would be used to transport gas from an interstate transmission line near Corona to the company's distribution system. The association serves the village of Capitan and Carrizozo, and some areas between.

Zia's position is that any residents along the transmission line should be offered service. It is providing incentives such as free connections and assistance in converting from alternate fuels.

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Ski Apache closes Sunday for season

by LAURA CLYMER
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Officials at Ski Apache have called it a season. With only five inches of natural snow since Feb. 2 and increasingly warmer temperatures, the ski area's last day of operation will be Sunday, general manager Roy Parker said Thursday.

Last year, Ski Apache closed more than two weeks later, on April 9.

When the area closes Sunday, the total number of skier days will be down 30% from last year, Parker predicted. In 1994-95, Ski Apache reported 224,870 skier days.

Parker described the 1995-96 season as "frustrating." He added, "It hasn't been one of the fun years, no."

Parker has reason to be disappointed. Unseasonably warm weather and little moisture in the late fall delayed the area's opening by three weeks. Skiers couldn't take to the slopes until Dec. 15.

A three-day snowstorm at the start of the new year dumped 45 inches and lifted spirits at the ski area. But it didn't last long.

In all, the ski area has received 118 inches of natural snow this season, just two-thirds of what the area normally averages.

Snowmaking crews salvaged what business there was, Parker said.

"The snowmaking crews did a wonderful job. Without them we would have had a disastrous year," Parker said. "Not only would we have had to close earlier, but we wouldn't have had as much skiing."

This is the latest in the season

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GENERAL MANAGER

the snowmaking crews have ever worked since snowmaking started at the ski area in 1981.

Now that spring breaks are over for most of the Texas and New Mexico schools, Parker said there isn't much incentive to stay open. Historically, this is a slow time for the area until the Easter break. It's just not economically feasible to stay open until then, Parker said.

"We made a big (snowmaking) effort for the spring break (visitors)," he said.

And it seems to have paid off.

"Spring break week was good. It was actually better than I expected. We were able to make quite a bit of snow, so that helped," Parker said.

Improvements for the 1996-97 season will begin immediately. Next week, crews will start taking out chairlift 3, a double. It will be replaced with a quad lift, which will be installed by the end of April.



Scott Ford/Special to The News

Ski Apache closes Sunday after struggling with a lack of snowfall all year. Snowmaking machines kept the ski area alive since its last big snow at the start of 1996. This photo was taken during Presidents Day weekend, one of the most popular times for skiers.

Lincoln residents vow court battle to keep historic zoning

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Residents of the historic settlement of Lincoln are heading to court to battle for the past.

Others who want to join them are welcome, said J. Robert Beauvais. They will ask the district court to declare the historic district valid.

The future of the old stomping grounds of Billy the Kid has been threatened by a recent legal opinion that without countywide zoning, the district doesn't exist.

Beauvais, an attorney formerly with the state historic preservation office, will help draw up the necessary legal documents. But his official involvement will be only as a resident of this tiny community about 30 road miles northeast of Ruidoso, he said.

"The people will be going to court on their own behalf," Beauvais said.

At a meeting of about 35 residents in the 19th century San Juan Church Wednesday, Beauvais had recommended first trying to convince the Lincoln County Commission that the community group had an interpretation of two state statutes that would validate the historic district.

But they also agreed to move ahead with a legal action, if neces-

sary, by asking the district court for a declaratory judgment. If granted, the court would declare the district valid.

Beauvais said Thursday he spoke with County Attorney Alan Morel, and Morel was not comfortable with the new interpretation of the two statutes unless he receives a mandate from the court.

"He's not opposed to doing it," Beauvais said. "We probably will file briefs and not even argue the case unless the court calls for it."

"It should be a quick and easy solution and once the district is declared valid, the commission would have a hard time ignoring it."

Background

The future of the district has been threatened by Morel's legal opinion. Morel believes the county commission never fulfilled the requirements for the district's creation. Therefore, its architectural and construction regulations cannot be enforced.

The state law used as the basis for forming the historic district (The Historic Districts and Landmarks Act, Section 3-22-3) requires the county to adopt a comprehensive zoning plan, Morel told commissioners.

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Mitchell on unpopular side again, defending Harrison

by JOANNA DODDER
Ruidoso News Editor

It's no coincidence that Lincoln County attorney Gary Mitchell ends up defending people charged with the most heinous crimes in the state.

Mitchell has had a contract with the state to defend death penalty cases since 1979, just three years after he moved to the Hondo Valley and started practicing law (he was born in Santa Fe). He's paid a flat fee of \$12,500, plus \$5,000 for investigations and \$5,000 for expert witnesses.

In the case of Shane Harrison, charged with five murders at the Hollywood video store in Albuquerque, it's a safe bet that the prosecution will be spending infinitely more than what Mitchell is given.

Mitchell is fresh off the Terry Clark case. Clark was sentenced to death for sexually assaulting and killing a young girl; it's the first time in more than 70 death penalty cases that one of Mitchell's clients received that sentence. Still,

Mitchell isn't letting his broken record get him down (and Clark still has his appeal).

"It just makes me work twice as hard," Mitchell said.

So why would Mitchell want to defend people such as Clark, who admitted he was guilty of this horrible crime, or Ricky Abeyta, who killed seven people at Chimayo?

The answer is simple; he abhors the death penalty, for reasons in his Methodist religion as well as factual ones.

"The death penalty doesn't help anyone," Mitchell says. He's convinced of this after talking to countless people related to victims. "They can never bring them back," he says.

"Violence by the state in the way of the death penalty is not the way to teach people to stop being violent," Mitchell argues. He likes to use the story about the child who asks her father, "Daddy, why do we kill people who kill people to teach people that killing is wrong?"

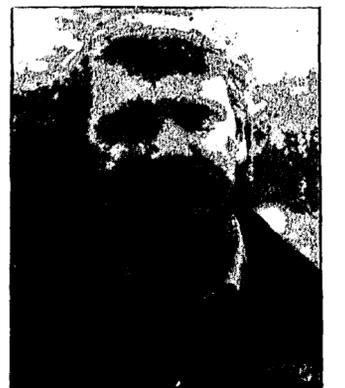
Mitchell describes Harrison as a "tall, good-looking kid," and "real

nice." In person, he doesn't look the way he looks on TV, Mitchell says.

"He's just a scared young man that's said time and time again he didn't do it," Mitchell relates.

"We're going to plead not guilty and I will do everything in my power to make sure an innocent

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Gary Mitchell



Dianne Stallings/The Ruidoso News

Residents of the settlement of Lincoln gather outside the 19th century San Juan Church before meeting to discuss ways of saving the town's preservation district. The designation allows them to protect the historic integrity of the community where Billy the Kid built his renegade reputation.

Lincoln

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Although a comprehensive county zoning ordinance was passed in 1988, it has never been enforceable, because subsequent commissions have failed to pass maps designating different land use zones, Beauvais said.

The historic preservation board and Lincoln residents often irritate commissioners by filing complaints and calling for strict enforcement of the preservation ordinance, Beauvais said. One of those complaints sparked Morel's review of the law used to create the historic district in 1972.

After Kathleen Havill shared information she had researched, Beauvais concluded they could weave together two different state statutes to keep the 25-year-old preservation district intact.

Havill said she checked section 3-21-2-A of the state zoning authority statute and it clearly allows the commission to zone all or a portion of the county.

The section reads: "A county zoning authority may adopt a zoning ordinance applicable to all or any portion of the territory

within the county that is not within the zoning jurisdiction of a municipality."

At first Beauvais said the two statutes dealt with different aspects of zoning.

"Zoning must be comprehensive," he said. "You can't strip or spot zone."

But after some discussion, he told Steve and Kathleen Havill they may have hit on a key point.

"You hit on a provision of the law that it doesn't have to be the whole county, just that it must be comprehensive (zoning) within the area zoned," Beauvais said. "We could argue that by passing the zoning (historic) district, (commissioners) did zone that portion of the county."

Such an approach should be appealing to the commission, because it would require no changes in law, no cost to the county and no additional staff, he said.

Commissioners don't have the stomach for a protracted fight, trying to pass countywide zoning, he said. Pass efforts have been fruitless and commissioners are wary of building a new department

to handle permits and inspections.

Also in the court settlement's favor is the fact that many property owners have relied on the ordinance for 25 years as protection for the value of their land and the historic integrity of the community, Beauvais said.

Several residents including Russell Waterhouse said they're nervous about relying on the commission and county ordinance, since members of that board can change every few years.

They want to pursue separate action at the state and federal level to ensure the continuation of the historic district, they said.

The group agreed to work with state legislators to introduce a bill next January officially recognizing the district.

That's good in the long term, Beauvais said. But to stop any immediate violations of the architectural and land use rules, something also needs to be done immediately. The court decision will accomplish that.

Beauvais will meet with the group again at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 27 in the church.

Representatives restore funds for local community projects

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

State lawmakers gathered for the first day of a special legislative session in Santa Fe Wednesday to fund community construction projects vetoed by Gov. Gary Johnson earlier this month.

In the session's first day, representatives passed two bills that would open up \$58 million in 1996 public project funding Johnson's veto left in limbo, state Rep. Dub Williams said. Several of those projects are in Lincoln County.

"He wants us to get straight on the funding," Williams said. "It's being resolved...He's indicated most of the bills he vetoed will be funded."

The bills were passed on to the Senate and then forwarded to the governor.

Johnson previously had vetoed the projects because he found the funding sources unacceptable, Williams said.

In the budget package the Legislature passed in its regular session earlier this year, 1996 construction projects were to be paid for with severance tax revenues from oil, gas and minerals, or from the general fund.

Johnson had also vetoed a bill to unfreeze \$32 million in capital outlay projects approved in the 1995

session that the state ran out of money to fund. In the regular session bill, that \$32 million wouldn't have been made available until 1997, and Johnson said he objected to that funding delay.

The 1996 Lincoln County projects left in limbo by Johnson's veto include \$20,000 for improvements to the Eastern New Mexico University instructional center in Ruidoso, \$150,000 for a sports complex in Ruidoso, \$20,000 for sidewalks in the settlement of Lincoln, and \$100,000 for the conversion of Camp Sierra Blanca from an adult prison to an environmental juvenile treatment center.

Of the frozen 1995 monies, \$180,000 is for Ruidoso's sewer system inflow and infiltration problem. Village officials had planned to use the \$180,000 for engineer design work for system improvements.

The frozen 1995 funds should be addressed by the end of this week, Williams said.

These projects are to be funded by state reserves. Lawmakers may also create a risk reserve fund of about \$116 million from several insurance funds, to cover future shortfalls.

Legislators thought they already funded Camp Sierra Blanca's renovation, during the regular session. But they later found out juve-

nile corrections system funds were accidentally bogged. The governor supports the camp's conversion and funding, as do Senator Pete Campos (D-Santa Rosa) and Williams, who both represent this area.

The governor pointed to a messed up budget in his call for this special session.

Additionally, Campos said that while he researches the status of an earlier \$900,000 appropriation for Fort Stanton renovations, he wants the governor to approve at least \$400,000 for utility and maintenance costs at Fort Stanton. The empty fort lies near Camp Sierra Blanca in Lincoln County.

Johnson also called the special session to close a loophole that apparently allows Indian Nations to sell gas without state taxes.

If all retail gas suppliers were to load petroleum from Indian gas distributors, the loophole could be "detrimental," Williams said.

"I don't see that happening," he said. "But to maintain the highway road fund, it (closing the loophole) must be done."

The session is costing taxpayers about \$38,000 a day, and is being funded by a bill passed Wednesday. Campos predicted the session will end in a few days.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Operation DWI nets 139 arrests

The 15th Operation DWI blitz on March 1-10 netted 139 DWI arrests statewide, officials just reported.

A total of 25,466 vehicles passed through 46 sobriety checkpoints and 32 saturation patrol areas statewide. The average number of vehicles per DWI arrest was 183, considerably higher than the previous average of about 120 vehicles per arrest.

There are now 59 city, county, tribal and state police districts par-

ticipating in the program.

Operation Buckle Down, the New Mexico seat belt enforcement program, also picked up a few new agencies to bring the total number of participating jurisdictions to 67 across the state. During the most recent blitz, Feb. 11-24, officers issued 5,725 adult and 427 child restraint citations.

Both Operation DWI and Operation Buckle Down are programs of the NM Highway and Transportation Department's Traffic Safety Bureau, coordinated by Safer New Mexico Now.

RC&D Council meets Tuesday

Members of the South Central Mountain Recreation, Conservation and Development Council will meet at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 26 at the Tularosa Community Center.

Lunch will be served at the center at 1050 Bookout Road for \$4, senior citizens for \$1.50. The executive committee will meet after the meal.

The morning session will include project updates and information about help available through the U.S. Forest Service Rural Community Assistance program.

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

March 1996

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>March 7 Fairgrounds 11:30 LA Full Card Sportsman's 12:00 Park Full Card Santa Anita 2:00 Full Card</p> <p>March 14 Fairgrounds 11:30 LA Full Card Sportsman's 12:00 Park Full Card Santa Anita 2:00 Full Card</p> <p>March 21 Sportsman's 12:00 Park Full Card Santa Anita 2:00 Full Card Fairgrounds 11:30 Full Card</p> <p>March 28 Remington Park 11:15 Full Card Sportsman's Park 12:00 Full Card Santa Anita 2:00 Full Card</p> <p>!Lucky Winner! Trip for two to Dallas from Lone Star Airlines</p>  <p>Congratulations Robert Freeman of Ruidoso</p>	<p>March 1 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:30 Full Card Santa Anita 3:00 3-8 Turfway Park 5:00 Full Card Garden State 5:30 Full Card Sam Houston 5:00 Full Card</p> <p>March 8 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:30 Full Card Santa Anita 3:00 3-8 Turfway Park 5:00 Full Card Garden State 5:30 Full Card Sam Houston 5:00 Full Card</p> <p>March 15 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:47 Full Card Santa Anita 3:00 3-8 Turfway Park 5:00 Full Card Garden State 5:30 Full Card Sam Houston 6:00 Full Card</p> <p>March 22 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:47 Full Card Santa Anita 3:00 3-8 Turfway Park 5:00 Full Card Garden State 5:30 Full Card Sam Houston 6:00 Full Card</p> <p>March 29 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:47 Full Card Santa Anita 3:00 3-8 Turfway Park 5:00 Full Card Garden State 5:30 Full Card Sam Houston 6:00 Full Card</p>	<p>March 2 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:47 Full Card Santa Anita 3:30 5-10</p> <p>March 9 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:47 Full Card Santa Anita 3:30 5-10</p> <p>March 16 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:47 Full Card Santa Anita 3:30 5-10</p> <p>March 23 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:47 Full Card Santa Anita 3:30 5-10</p> <p>March 30 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:47 Full Card Santa Anita 3:30 5-10</p>  <p>Enter to win this Ford Ranger. Enter at Ruidoso Downs Sports Theater at the track. Sponsored by Sierra Blanca Motors</p>	<p>March 3 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:47 Full Card Santa Anita 3:30 5-10</p> <p>March 10 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:47 Full Card Santa Anita 3:30 5-10</p> <p>March 17 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:47 Full Card Santa Anita 3:30 5-10</p> <p>March 24 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:47 Full Card Santa Anita 3:30 5-10</p> <p>March 31 Albuquerque 12:30 Full Card Sunland Park 12:47 Full Card Santa Anita 3:30 5-10</p> 

LONE STAR AIRLINES

Officials fear illegal dumping will rise with landfill closure

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Illegal dumping of garbage already is a big problem in Lincoln County — and it probably will get worse.

Members of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority are worried that when the the only debris landfill in the county (near Capitan) closes in July, people with large items will opt to dump in arroyos instead of hauling to legal drop points.

The landfill is nearly full. It accepts non-garbage items, from tree limbs to construction debris to appliances. Household garbage allowed in trash bins placed throughout the county is already hauled to a dump near Alamogordo.

After the Capitan closing, contractors and others with large debris will have the option of:

- leasing roll-off containers from the authority for charges ranging from \$205 for a 20-yard size to \$285 for 40 yards, plus \$2 per day rental fee and a \$25 delivery fee;

- dropping smaller amounts of debris for \$6 a yard at the transfer station on Gavilan Canyon near Ruidoso;

- or driving more than 100 miles round trip to the regional landfill south of Alamogordo.

Authority member Bernie Reimann, who represents the vil-

lage of Capitan on the board, suggested setting up a grinding machine on land at the Capitan site, if state environment department officials agree.

Debris could be ground up at that site and then later removed in larger loads by the authority, he said.

“Anything besides household garbage doesn't belong in a dumpster and anything left beside a dumpster is illegal.”

JERRY WRIGHT
LINCOLN CO. SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

The authority has received a \$200,000 grant to help close down the Capitan landfill. Some of that money could be used to buy the grinder or to set up alternate methods of disposal, he said.

The authority already hauls three loads of garbage each day to the regional landfill south of Alamogordo to avoid falling behind, said acting authority manager Jerry Wright.

“We're running pretty hot and heavy,” he said. “The trash stream will increase unbelievably when Capitan closes.”

The authority decided to close the landfill before stricter and more costly state and federal government requirements go into effect.

Dumpster sites hit

Illegal dumping already occurs throughout the county — even right next to dumpster sites, Wright said.

“Anything besides household garbage doesn't belong in a dumpster and anything left beside a dumpster is illegal,” he said. “Anywhere there are dumpsters on the highway, we're having major problems.”

He intends to relocate as many dumpsters as possible to side roads, he said.

Special pick-ups of pine needles or appliances are an expensive service to offer, but they have been given free for the last few months, because the board never approved a policy on how they should be handled, he said.

“We will keep the crew out, because it's necessary in a resort town,” Wright said. “I try to drive Mechem and Sudderth (drives) each morning to look for trouble spots.”

The entire budget for maintenance and repair of dumpsters has been spent, but dumpsters “still look like the dickens,” he said. Strong and frequent winds have damaged the lids, he added.

Garbage hauler with countywide proposal has trouble in Duke City

The private garbage hauler who talked about taking over garbage collection in Lincoln County last month apparently is having trouble handling service in an Albuquerque neighborhood.

Customers in the East Mountain area of Bernalillo County were left without service last week when Waste Tech of New Mexico abruptly stopped service. Customers who paid for service in advance received no notice that it would end.

Ernest Byers, listed as secretary on Waste Tech's corporation documents, appeared before the authority last month to pitch pri-

ate collection service for Lincoln County.

Byers and Mike Maldonado talked about submitting a proposal to privately haul garbage. He said he had been in the business for 15 years.

As an alternative, he suggested his staff be hired under a management contract to clean up the operation and train the staff.

It would take about one month to determine the good and bad points of the authority, he said. Such an evaluation would cost about \$10,000.

Authority member Don Dutton

made a motion last month to appoint a subcommittee to study private hauling or a management contract. However, he failed to gain a second.

At Monday's authority meeting, acting manager Jerry Wright showed members a newspaper article from the Albuquerque area detailing the problem with Waste Tech.

Byers could not be reached for comment Tuesday and the office of Waste Tech did not answer. No one in two offices of the Bernalillo garbage collection division contacted Tuesday knew the outcome of the situation.

RUIDOSO'S FOUR-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY High...60 Low...29
Partly cloudy

SUNDAY High...58 Low...29
Partly cloudy

MONDAY High...54 Low...22
Partly cloudy

TUESDAY High...43 Low...17
Mostly cloudy

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Ruidoso readings	High	Low	Precipitation
Tuesday	54	16	.00"
Wednesday	62	18	.00"
Thursday	64	26	.00"

Regional-Friday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	68	36	Partly cloudy
El Paso, TX	72	40	Partly cloudy
Lubbock, TX	73	45	Mostly cloudy
Midland, TX	75	40	Mostly cloudy



Weather data courtesy of Meteorologist Cam Moore, KBIM-TV

Phases of the moon



April 17



April 23

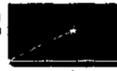


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April 10

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Hyakutake, the brightest comet in 20 years, can be seen with the naked eye in New Mexico as a "fuzzy gray patch." This weekend the comet will stream toward the Big Dipper. By early Monday, it will come in closest approach to Earth, within 10 million miles. The comet will be visible Friday about 9 p.m. and on Sunday and Monday starting at dusk. Hyakutake was discovered by a Japanese star-watcher less than two months ago.

StarDate is courtesy of the McDonald Observatory at the Univ. of Texas at Austin. For more information call, 1-800-StarDate.

Mitchell

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man isn't convicted," he adds.

It's not a popular stance, but then Mitchell is used to being on the unpopular side. He gets his share of hate calls.

"I always feel like Henry Fonda in the 'Oxbow Incident,' or Atticus

in 'To Kill a Mockingbird,' he admits.

Right now, both sides in the Hollywood video store-murder case are waiting for lab results on guns and a bloody jacket found in Harrison's residence. Harrison hasn't even been arraigned yet; he's being held

on a petty violation.

Mitchell contends police are already sorry they made their big announcement about catching the killers. He likes to remind the police that they've announced they've found their man before — and been wrong.

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Fast Times

EDITORIAL

Public Rangelands Reform Act appears to do the right thing

U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici (R-N.M.) has taken the lead on protecting small ranching families by sponsoring the Public Rangelands Reform Act. It passed the Senate yesterday by a five-vote margin.

"Coordinated" and "cooperative" are key words in the reform. Agriculture and Interior secretaries are required to provide consistent and coordinated administration of grazing of Forest Service and BLM lands; coordinate new rules; and issue new rules simultaneously.

The Interior Secretary is required to encourage use of coordinated resource management practices with the cooperation of people affected by those rules.

Every single change in ranch management practice is not considered a "major federal action" that requires extensive analysis, in his bill.

Domenici assures us that overall protection of the environment and multiple use of public lands will not be compromised with this bill. If so, it appears to be a good measure.

Ranchers and farmers did not get into the business because they enjoy reading thousands of pages of government rules and regulations. These people already have to run their own business, which already requires too much paperwork for other government agencies. Give them a break.



GUEST COMMENTARY

Reasons for this special legislative session

by WALTER BRADLEY
New Mexico lieutenant governor

What happened? Why a special session?
Anytime there is a special session, you as a taxpayer are justified in asking this question. The governor can call a special session at his discretion. Governor Johnson feels there are compelling reasons which did not only justify, but actually mandate a special session. The special session is being held in Santa Fe Wednesday, and the Johnson/Bradley Administration thinks why, the citizens of New Mexico, should know why.

The primary purpose of a 30-day session is to deal with the budget. Never in my years of legislative experience have I seen a budget session as disorganized as this past one. Twenty seven and a half days into the session, only four bills had made it up to the governor for action. The democratic leadership blatantly violated the rules of the Legislature which require that a budget be sent to the governor by the 24th day. In fact, a bill was not passed until the last hours of the session. No one knew the details of the budget until the bills passed affecting it came to the governor's office three to four days later. Gross mistakes were made in the budget

package, much to the detriment of New Mexico's citizens. Essential funding was omitted. The following issues when combined create a mandate for such action:

— \$15 million in Medicaid funding was removed from the Health Department and set aside for welfare expenditures, jeopardizing health care for the elderly and young.

— \$80 million worth of essential state technological equipment, solid waste and wastewater projects, affecting over 25 communities, remain in limbo.

— The gas tax loophole, which could cost the state over \$300 million per year in road fund money, was not properly addressed. A bill which would have addressed it died in committee.

— The bill to repair the \$50 million 1995 budget shortfall took a dangerously high amount of dollars from the risk management fund (which provides money for the state to defend itself in lawsuits), thereby jeopardizing the health of that fund.

— Another \$15 million was left out of the budget for essential projects such as \$2.2 million for the juvenile crime package, \$2.5 million for prison operations, \$4 million for in-plant train-

ing, \$1 million for mid-school start-up, and \$400,000 for the Ute Dam emergency repair project.

— Under the democratic leadership's plan, \$40 million in public works money for 1995 would remain unfunded until 1997, while \$70 million in new funding for 1996 would be appropriated.

It is our belief that it is irresponsible to fund new projects while old projects remain in limbo. The Legislature has the means to address these issues and will hopefully do so in an expeditious manner.

These mistakes, errors, or oversights, all stem from what you will absolutely MUST be addressed. We cannot comprehend what factors led to the predicament that the state is in and why the budget session did not function as it was designed. No one is denying that these problems exist and that action must be taken. The fact is, the democratic leadership didn't do its job... let's hope they are ready to get the job done now. We are optimistic that they will recognize the special session as an opportunity to set our differences aside for the good of all New Mexicans.

"No government, no foreign policy, is more important to the defense of freedom than are writers, teachers, communication specialists, researchers — whose responsibility it is to document, illustrate and explain the human consequences of freedom and 'unfreedom.'"

JEANE J. KIRKPATRICK
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POLICY

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

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

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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.

The News has the right to reject any letter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Anti-nuclear comments untrue TO THE EDITOR:

As all anti-nuclear groups do, the recent letters from H. Haynsworth of Ruidoso (2/9/96) and the Hooks of Kalispell, MT (2/23/96) addressed untrue and misleading anti-nuclear scare stories to support their goals.

H. Haynsworth actually admits the aim of the Nuclear Information Research Service in Washington, D.C., is to shut down nuclear power generation in the U.S. Who gave these elitists the right to shut down these clean power plants that generate 20% of the electrical energy in the U.S.? The answer is, we all do by saying nothing. Some of that power comes into New Mexico. I like it. I need it and I want it to continue at current prices.

NIRS members say they want to end the Nuclear Age. And then what? Replace nuclear power plants with coal from an industry where coal burning has killed 50,000 Americans annually? Ending nuclear energy usage can no more be done than ending petroleum usage. We cannot and do not need to go back to yesterday.

On a safety basis, there is NO comparison between Russian nuclear power plants and those of the USA, as was demonstrated at the Three-Mile Island nuclear power plant in Pennsylvania. Any solution to a trouble found elsewhere, or new idea, or other experience in the world was immediately and correctly engineered into our nuclear power plants. That's why ours were continually behind construction schedules and cost estimates. There is more engineering, safety and quality control in-

corporated into our nuclear power plants than went into the Apollo Program that landed our men on our moon and brought them home safely again. And that was a tall order!

And the Hooks (what organization do they belong to?) assail our sensitivities by likening the government's nuclear waste problem at Hanford, Wash. to the storage of dry, spent nuclear fuel rods at Mesacalero. Their analogy would seem to say that we should be afraid of garter snakes to the same degree as cobras: i.e., a snake is a snake; and nuclear is nuclear which is all bad. After much media attention our government is now operating, environmentally, as they should have since the early 1940s. And these environmental remediation efforts are providing thousands and thousands of jobs all over the country.

The rods were originally supposed to be recycled. After Jimmy Carter killed that in the late 1970s for international, non-safety reasons, they were supposed to be stored. But the anti-nuke forces have been killing that in order to eventually shut down nuclear power generation with the attendant enormous loss of investments paid for by the rate payers as well as the new investments required for replacement power plants. It just makes the most economic sense to have one temporary storage facility for many, or all spent fuel rods rather than build many storage sites. And let's face it, politically and economically speaking, the best place to build any storage site is out in the middle of nowhere. Time is getting short before some plants may have to shut down because there is no place for their spent fuel rods to go. If that should happen, how and when

will the shortfall of electrical power generation be met?

The U.S. has been trucking, rail-ing, sailing and flying nuclear products all over the U.S. since the early 1940s and still continues today. Even by/over your home and you didn't know it. Were there any accidents or resulting contamination? Were there any deaths from transportation accidents? The answer is no.

What I am writing about here — from a pro-nuclear and truthful viewpoint — I hope will alert readers to all anti-nuke political environmentalists' untruths and misinformation that too often go

unchallenged. Marshall Conover Ruidoso

Thanks for donating blood

TO THE EDITOR:
On behalf of the Lincoln County Medical Auxiliary, I would like to acknowledge the people that came by to donate blood at the March 8 blood drive. You are the unsung heroes of our community. We appreciate the Gateway Church of Christ letting us use their facilities.

Evelyn Bizzle Ruidoso

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CAPITAN

Bonuses awarded

Capitan school district employees left last Friday on spring break with big smiles on their faces and checks for \$600 clutched in their fists.

The bonus was approved by the school board March 14, because the district enrollment was higher than expected and generated more state reimbursement than budgeted.

Enrollment reached 568 students, or 26 more than expected in September 1995. The extra students generated more than \$50,000.

However, exactly what kind of money was going to be available remained in question until recently, because Gov. Gary Johnson also was calling for 2% reductions in all school district budgets.

Depending on the final verdict on state education funding for the 1996-97 school year by the state Legislature and Johnson, the school district may also infuse \$600 into each step of the salary schedule, said teacher Dottie Mac Veigh, who heads the Capitan Association of Classroom Teachers.

The district's 42 teachers and other employees have been calling for a raise in the last few months after going without for three years.

Supt. Diana Billingsley indicated she also hopes to add an additional percentage increase during budget sessions this summer and before school starts in August, Mac Veigh said.

In another matter, board members agreed to pay the monthly electric charge for a flashing light on Forest Street. The light and pedestrian crosswalk will be installed while the village is repaving the street under a Community Development Block grant.

Parents to have input on sex education

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

In the future, Capitan parents will be more involved in deciding what their children will see and hear in school about controversial subjects like sex education.

Sherrie Huddleston, who acted as spokesperson for the parents during a Capitan School Board meeting last week, said she was pleased by the response of board members to parents' objections.

"They were willing to set up a parents advisory group to view films before they are shown, and to set up a policy about parent notification," she said Thursday. "Parents will even be able to sit in the class with their kids."

"I feel good about (the board's) action. My main concern was that I felt my parental rights were being violated."

The incident that sparked the complaint started when her 6th grade son watched a video and was part of a skit that she thought was inappropriate in a group of boys and girls.

Her brother's daughter was in the same class and her sister-in-law called the teacher to complain. Between the two of them, Superintendent Diana Billingsley, some school board members and the principal were contacted, Huddleston said. She also called Ruidoso to find out that school board's policies.

"I received a great response from

(board president) Beverly Payne," Huddleston said. "When I called, she just put a stop to it in the absence of the superintendent, because there were more films ready to be presented. She said wait until the board has time to review the situation."

"It wasn't a bad film if it had been presented separately to the boys and girls."

The board agreed to form an advisory committee composed of parents, a teacher and a principal to review controversial tapes, books and topics, Payne said.

A new policy also will be drafted requiring teachers to send home notes to parents, if a controversial film or lecture is scheduled. The

parents will be given an opportunity to review the material and must sign a slip giving the child permission to attend, Payne said.

The policy is similar to the one used by the Ruidoso School Board, she said.

"We asked the superintendent to review and come back with a recommendation how to set up the committee and policy," Payne said.

To ensure parents have a chance to review textbooks scheduled to be used by the district next year, the time set aside for the public to see the books will be extended one week, she said.

Contact the district office at 354-2239 for more information.

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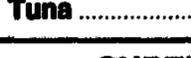
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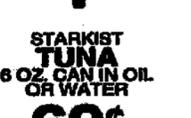
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BUSINESS

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Weekly crop weather summary

According to the New Mexico Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.3 days suitable for field work during the week ending March 18.

Farming activities throughout the state consisted of land preparation for planting, irrigating, fertilizing and ditch maintenance.

Dry wheat conditions showed a drastic decline from last week due to the continued dryness and wind.

Farmers on the eastern side of the state continued to plow wheat land as an attempt to control wind erosion.

Farmers in southeastern New Mexico were transplanting onions and pecan trees, cultivating onions and lettuce and burning weeds. Planting of chile, onions, and lettuce continued throughout southern New Mexico. Northern New Mexico fruit farmers were pruning their trees.

Ranchers continued to maintain their herds with heavy supplemental feeding and watering as some parts of the state were reporting dry tanks. Due to poor range conditions, ranchers continue to cull and ship their livestock.

Other activities included calving, lambing, shearing sheep and general ranch maintenance.

Pasture and range feed conditions were 21% very poor, 58% poor, 16% fair, and 7% good.

(The Weekly Ag Update is provided by the New Mexico Agricultural Statistics Service).

da receive this recognition.

To win, dealers must meet strict criteria, achieving the highest marks in specific finance questions on a Quality Commitment Performance (QCP) questionnaire completed by customers. Retail and Red Carpet Lease (RCL) combined new vehicle market share, and Retail and Red Carpet Lease (RCL) combined used vehicle market share are also factors in determining Partner in Quality winners.

Carusona was one of 80 dealers recognized at the program's national ceremony, held recently in Laguna Niguel, Calif. Ford Credit President Edsel B. Ford II officiated. He praised Christopher Carusona and the other top dealers for their outstanding efforts in customer satisfaction.

Each winner will receive an original design sculpture commemorating his success and symbolizing the partnership between Ford credit and the dealer.



Rena Roberts

Roberts joins Ruidoso Properties sales staff

Rena Roberts has joined the sales staff of Ruidoso Properties, Inc./ Better Homes and Gardens. She and her husband, John, moved to Ruidoso about two years

ago from Pearland, Texas.

Roberts has a Bachelor of Arts degree from West Texas A&M and a Master's of Science from Oklahoma State University. She has taught speech therapy for 32 years.

"At first, I was reluctant to move from friends and family in Texas," Roberts said. "However, in a very short time, I felt right at home in Ruidoso. I want to share it with everyone who wants to come here, so I became a Realtor."

Dean hired as loan processor at Mortgage Pro

Mortgage Pro, Inc. owner and President Linda Flack has hired Karita Dean as loan processor.

"We are delighted to have someone with the background and experience of Karita," Flack said. "Her 33 years of living in Ruidoso, coupled with years of hands-on involvement with banking and real estate, were just the qualities we were seeking to assist us in providing our customers with the efficient quality of service they have come to expect from this office."

Mortgage Pro, Inc. has virtually every loan program available to meet the qualifying prospective homeowners' needs, including conventional for primary residences and second homes, ranging from 3% to 10% down for second homes, Flack said. Also available through Mortgage Pro are VA loans to qualifying veterans with as little as 0 down for primary residences only.

Reva wheat fields are quarantined

Secretary of Agriculture Frank A. DuBois has issued an interior quarantine to cover fields in Dona Ana, Sierra and Luna counties which are planted in the reva wheat variety.

Ruidoso Ford owner is top dealer

Ruidoso Ford owner Christopher Carusona is among the top Ford credit dealers nationally to be honored with prestigious Ford Credit Partners in Quality awards for 1995.

Only the top 1.5% of Ford and Lincoln Mercury dealers from across the United States and Cana-



Judith and Joe Timmons check out information about UFOs and aliens in Roswell while surfing the internet. Their store now has a local access line to save Internet users money.

Computer store now offers local line for Internet access

Cruising the Internet will be less of a luxury cruise now that a Ruidoso computer store offers local lines.

If you can make a local call to the Ruidoso area, you can make a local call to your favorite on-line service.

Ruidoso Computer Systems is the local outlet for provider Trail Net.

In the past, Ruidosoans who wanted their own local line had to buy about \$15,000 in hardware, then pay long distance fees to a company such as America Online or CompuServe,

said Ruidoso Computers owner Judith Timmons. Dedicated computer users told employee G.S. Styaryr they would often be billed \$400-600 each month in long distance fees.

With the new local line access, the bill is only \$60 per quarter (\$180 per year). You can make an unlimited number of calls that last up to two hours. The one-time installation fee in your home or office is \$25.

Ruidoso Computers owner Joe Timmons said he, his wife Judith and employees have been

working on getting the local line access for about a year.

People just outside the Ruidoso calling area, such as Carrizozo residents, can also save money by using Ruidoso Computers because the long distance call is cheaper. Styaryr said ZoZo people may also want to check with the GTE phone company about access to Toll Pac.

The Alamogordo calling area will soon have access to local internet lines, too, through the Computer Logic store, Styaryr said.

Zia Natural Gas Company acquired Ruidoso Natural Gas company in late 1988. Zia's long range plans for growth of this utilities has many challenges, but the foremost one was restricted delivery capacity due to a 4 inch pipeline as its only supply source. Zia is dedicated to providing natural gas service to the general public at competitive rates and currently provides that service in Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Alto Village and the surrounding areas under a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued to it by the New Mexico Public Utility Commission. With the acquisition of the four-inch pipeline previously used to transport gas from El Paso Natural Gas Company and construction of the additional eight-inch pipeline, Zia achieved its goal to build the capacity to expand its service territory to provide natural gas service to residents of Lincoln County who were not otherwise being served. Zia's 8-inch pipeline runs from a regulator station located south of Capitan, 44 miles northeast to the El Paso Natural Gas Company pipeline.

With its long awaited additional capacity in service, it is Zia's intent to provide gas service to members of the public who are not now receiving natural gas service from any other company and desire access to a convenient and efficient fuel source. In January of 1995, Zia filed an application with the New Mexico Public Utility Commission to request that its certificated area be amended to allow natural gas service off its transmission line, excluding areas within the village limits of Capitan and Carrizozo. Zia's position is that such service can and should be provided because the areas to be served are adjacent to Zia's transmission system, therefore formal authority was requested to comply with previous Commission orders. Any new customer service off the pipeline will be provided with no connection fee, and with an incentive program to assist in the conversion from alternative fuels to natural gas. New customers will receive service at the same rates currently being charge to Zia's customers statewide. Zia's policy is to maintain the lowest possible gas prices with the highest quality of service in order to compete with, and surpass, alternative fuel sources.

Prior to Zia's filing of its application, the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Association filed a complaint against Zia at the NMPUC trying to block Zia from providing distribution service off its transmission pipeline. Zia's application was consolidated with CCNG's complaint, and both actions are currently scheduled for a hearing before the New Mexico Public Utility Commission. Regardless of the fact that there was a formal proceeding at the New Mexico Public Utility Commission, CCNG filed a claim against Zia in the Lincoln County District Court and obtained a temporary restraining order, without the proper notice to Zia, preventing Zia from providing natural gas service to Lincoln County residents who requested same. On March 13, the Supreme Court granted Zia's request by its issuance of a Writ of Prohibition against the Hon. Richard A. Parsons, Sr., District Court Judge, ordering him to lift the preliminary injunction and to stay any further action in his Court in deference to the primary jurisdiction of the New Mexico Public Utility Commission.

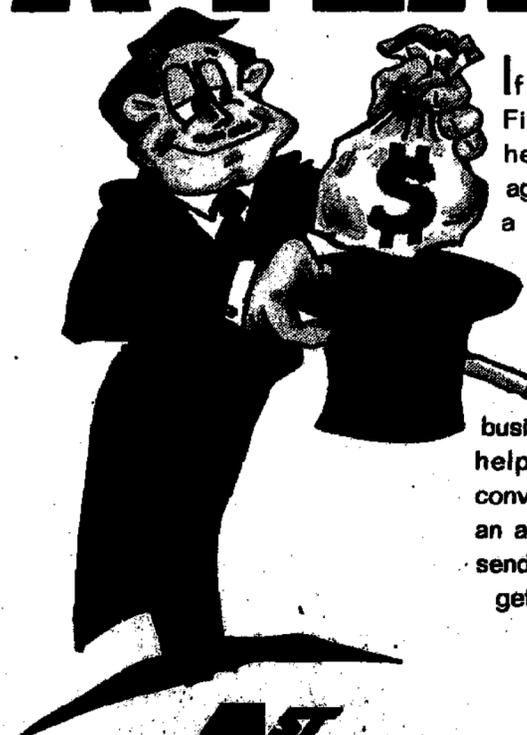
Following the entry of the Order and Writ of Prohibition by the Supreme Court on March 13, Zia is once again able to provide natural gas service to customers in Lincoln County economically and efficiently, and people who have not had a choice of gas service in the past are a priority for Zia's future growth. Numerous residents surrounding the Capitan area contacted Zia for potential service. Due to those inquiries, Zia canvassed areas to get an accurate count of potential customers for the basis of expansion economies. Several areas had enough interest to warrant expansion and those customers include people who have not been served by CCNG even though service has often been requested or who cannot afford CCNG's charges for service connection. Further, CCNG has now publicly announced its decision to dissolve and transfer all its assets to the municipalities of Capitan and Carrizozo. The municipalities have stated in their joint powers resolution that CCNG could no longer maintain adequate service or generate sufficient revenues to operate, yet there is not provision for additional capital or funds to be provided to the "new" joint utility.

Zia's goal has always been to provide efficient natural gas service at competitive rates to those people who are not receiving service. There are people living within the corporate limits of Capitan and Carrizozo who have not yet received gas service, and perhaps CCNG should focus on providing that service, rather than attempting to block Zia's efforts to provide service outside the town limits. CCNG's claim that it has an exclusive territory which Zia is somehow violating will be decided by the NMPUC based on the facts and state law. The primary question will be whether it is in the public interest for Zia to extend its service territory.

As a regulated public utility, Zia has the duty and obligation to serve the public. Its rates must be just and reasonable. Efforts to increase Zia's customer base are essential to maintain economies of scale and adequate cost control, but the primary benefit is to the customers who can receive natural gas service when they want it.

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PEOPLE

WEDDINGS

Ab & Benita Gunter

Ab and Benita Gunter will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, March 30 with family and friends in Speedway, Ind.

They were married in Wheeler, Texas, March 27, 1948.

Ab is a former Ruidoso police officer, deputy sheriff and counselor. He also worked at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track. Benita worked for Dr. Annells and the Lincoln County Medical Center, and the Meacaler Agency for 12 years.

"Our hearts are still there in the mountains and always will be," Ab said.



Benita and Ab Gunter

Crosley, Trost

David Biline Crosley and Stormy Brooks Trost were married Nov. 24, 1995 in a 2 p.m. double ring ceremony at the Capitan Church of Christ. The Honorable Judge Gerald Dean, Jr. officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Janice Leonard Crosley and David Crosley, both of Silver City.

The groom is the son of Tom and Ruby Trost of Capitan.

The maid of honor was Tamra Willingham, friend of the bride. Ring bearer was Javier Trost, brother of the groom. Flower girl was Amanda Willingham and train

bearer was Amara Willingham.

After a trip to Cloudercroft, LCPL and Mrs. Trost are at their home in Irvine, Calif., where he is stationed with the U.S. Marine Corps.



Mr. and Mrs. Stormy Brooks Trost

Spring blooms everywhere in the valley

Spring Comes Smiling Through

Early this morning, on the first day of spring, the temperature was a wintery 22 with a cold north wind waving the cedar tops, and strumming wind-harp chords through the branches of the river trees.

Just at seven o'clock, the sun began peeping through the pines on top of Surprise Mountain, turning them into shimmering trees of gold and silver fire.

The golden sun shone down upon the mountain meadows, now touched with light green.

From the large cedar tree at the yard gate came the song of the dove, clear and full of calm rejoicing — a serenade to spring's first day.

From the pines, cedars, and junipers on the hillside to the south came echoing through the vale the far-carrying call of the pinon jay, sounding always like a human voice singing his song of the joy of life, while he flies low over the tops of the forest trees.

A baby cottontail rabbit hops out from under a low cedar bush next to the yard fence and begins feeding along with the snow birds, a scrub jay and a blue jay on the pathway to the yard gate. The crimson-tinted house finches, who flew in yesterday, now join the other birds and the rabbit.



The Silver Lining

DANIEL AGNEW
STORM
COLUMNIST

The Leaf and Blossom Parade is Late

At the lower reaches of the Ruidoso Valley, the leaf and blossom parade up the valley quite a bit later than usual.

Among the trees, the Willow family is one of the first to celebrate the arrival of spring, by sending out their first leaf buds and young leaves.

The Weeping Willow, the Globe Willow, and the Giant Willow have sent forth their leaves; while their little brother the bush willow, which grows along the edge of the stream, has turned that orange color which is a signal the first leaves will soon be out.

The apricot, which every year leads the blossom parade, brought out its fruit blossoms earlier in the month; and now you may see the crystal white blossoms out all in a day — after

the strong west winds — all along the valley as far up as Ruidoso and beyond.

In the mid-section of the valley, the plum is out and the pear is forming fruit buds. Soon to follow will be the pie cherry and the pink blossoms of the peach. As we say, this is still a late blooming of the fruit trees.

The World Warms Up

Now it is one o'clock and all the mountain world is turning warm under a pure purple-blue sky. The north wind has lost its chill as the bright sun beams down; and the temperature is 60 degrees.

Ginger Bread Boy, the little tame bull calf, is lying in the sun right at the yard gate. Now he gets up and moves to the shade of the large cedar tree.

In the contest between the winter and the spring, the tide has turned, and the spring in the mountain land comes smiling through.

There is a spirit of thankfulness to God, all through the sunny air, throughout the mountain land.

Let us thank our Lord for the arrival of glorious spring, and all our other many blessings. And let us be a blessing in the lives of others.

PEOPLE BRIEFS

Points in Navy in San Diego area

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Shane M. Points, son of Michael D. Points of Capitan, recently reported for duty at Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego.

The 1989 graduate of Capitan High School joined the Navy in December 1989.

Terlecky completes Navy basic training

Navy Seaman Recruit Willow K. Terlecky, daughter of Dana Ter-

leck of Ruidoso, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

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RUIDOSO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

9:48 p.m. Carizo Canyon Road caller reports children playing in the street. All clear. Children contacted and advised.

10:12 p.m. Cherokee Village caller reports water leak. Water unit on call.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

Total calls by type:

- 1 Alarm
- 4 Ambulances
- 1 Disturbance
- 2 Escorts
- 1 Missing person
- 5 Non-criminal activities
- 1 Suspicious activity
- 2 Thefts
- 1 Traffic

12:30 a.m. 401 Sudderth Drive caller requests officer to meet her at bank to set alarm. All clear.

12:50 a.m. Riley Cove caller requests ambulance for her husband who fainted.

6:59 a.m. Officer flagged down on Mechem Drive by subject. Needs vehicle identification number.

7:53 a.m. 626 Sudderth Drive caller reports accident in front of restaurant. Report taken.

9:18 a.m. 5th Street caller reports seeing some people crawling through the window. All clear, doing some work there.

9:51 a.m. Alarm sounding at 707 Mechem Drive bank. All clear.

10:02 a.m. Ponderosa Heights caller needs escort to move trailer.

10:11 a.m. Randall Road caller reports son ran away from home.

12:15 p.m. Warrior Drive caller reports fight in progress. On arrival negative contact.

12:49 p.m. Del Norte Drive caller needs welfare check on renter. Subject ok.

2:01 p.m. Ambulance loading patient for transfer to residence.

2:44 p.m. Officer needs to notify Clavilian Trailer Park mom that her son's in custody. Negative contact.

3:56 p.m. Officer out on traffic control.

6:17 p.m. U.S. 70 caller reports woman fell at home and can't get up. Officers helped her. All clear.

6:28 p.m. Mustang Drive caller needs report on tow truck.

6:53 p.m. U.S. 70 caller requests ambulance to check out woman who fell at home earlier.

8:03 p.m. 1700 Sudderth Drive caller reports power pole struck by white Ford van. Van left scene. Negative contact.

8:37 p.m. U.S. 70 caller requests ambulance. Second time ambulance needed by party. Taken to LCMC.

11:35 p.m. Officer on Tomahawk Drive found subject lying in barrow ditch. Arrested, detox.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Total calls by type:

- 2 Alarms
- 1 Escort
- 1 Fire call
- 1 Fire works
- 6 Non-criminal activities
- 1 Other criminal
- 1 Suspicious activity
- 2 Thefts
- 3 Traffic
- 1 Warrant service

8:22 a.m. Officer escorts party to Mechem Drive.

8:24 a.m. Sudderth drive caller reports possible drunk driver. Subject arrested.

8:40 a.m. Officer has a warrant on juvenile in the facility. Subject arrested.

9:30 a.m. 1811 Sudderth Drive caller needs traffic control at scene where subject hit light.

12:51 p.m. Del Norte Drive caller would like to talk to officer. Subject advised to contact us if he has problem.

2:03 p.m. Junction Drive caller needs escort for funeral.

3:21 p.m. Cherokee Mobile Park caller needs report on phone harassment.

4:21 p.m. Officer at 2959 Sudderth Drive taking report on battery.

4:30 p.m. Sunny Slope Drive caller reports children playing in the street. All clear. Children contacted and advised.

4:52 p.m. U.S. 70 caller reports subjects playing with phone outside store. Subjects gone on arrival.

6:43 p.m. 1518 Sudderth drive caller reports man bought gun. Had questions about his purchase. All clear, questions answered.

6:49 p.m. 1507 Sudderth Drive caller reports woman had questions about gun she had sold to a party. Questions answered.

7:17 p.m. Larch Drive caller needs officer to escort him to his residence to pick up personal items. Done.

7:40 p.m. Alarm sounding at LL Davis residence. All clear. Owners home.

9:33 p.m. Santa Rosa Drive caller reports burglary of residence.

9:40 p.m. 2812 Sudderth Drive caller reports alarm. All clear.

10:37 p.m. Crown Point Condominium caller reports children shooting bottle rockets. All clear. Parents saw or heard nothing.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Total calls by type:

- 1 Alarm
- 1 Accident
- 3 Ambulances
- 2 Assist other agencies
- 1 Disturbance
- 1 Fire call
- 4 Non-criminal activities
- 1 Suspicious activity
- 1 Theft
- 3 Vandalisms

1:39 a.m. Officer taking report on slashed tires. Report taken on criminal damage.

2:00 a.m. Carizo Canyon Road caller requests we try to contact parents and advise his car is broken down. Message delivered.

2:06 a.m. U.S. 70 caller requests unit transport several people to Ruidoso Downs Police Department. Rides given.

2:26 a.m. Officer on U.S. 70 transporting prisoners to Ruidoso Downs PD.

2:59 a.m. U.S. 70 caller requests officer about disorderly subjects in hotel room. Subjects left room as advised.

3:07 a.m. Alarm at Miners Castle. All clear.

3:44 a.m. Carizo Lodge caller requests ambulance for person with possible kidney stones.

4:27 a.m. Wingfield Street caller reports dog has been barking all night. Owners not home. Left note.

10:29 a.m. 2803 Sudderth Drive caller reports people that rented room broke the lamp. Negative report.

12:00 p.m. Ambulance at ER loading patient for transfer to Lubbock, Texas.

12:29 p.m. 911 hang up call from Larch Street. All clear, no abuse.

1:00 p.m. 620 Sudderth Drive caller needs report on missing jewelry. Report taken.

1:36 p.m. Ambulance transferring patient to Roswell.

2:17 p.m. McBride Drive caller reports woman drove vehicle into a tree. Mini report taken.

3:30 p.m. Brady Canyon Drive caller, needs report taken on criminal damage to property. Glass table on patio was cracked.

4:40 p.m. 911 call from Mesacero Drive. No answer when called back. Welfare check of local only.

5:03 p.m. 2970 Sudderth Drive caller advised officer of skid marks in the bulling. Negative contact. All clear.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Total calls by type:

- 1 Accident
- 2 Alarms
- 4 Ambulances
- 1 Disturbance
- 1 Fire call
- 2 Non-criminal activities
- 1 Other criminal
- 1 Suspicious activity
- 1 Theft

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1 Traffic

12:39 a.m. Alarm sounding at McBride Drive residence. Reset.

12:40 a.m. Alarm at 626 Sudderth Drive. Key holder on scene, all clear.

12:45 a.m. 2537 Sudderth Drive caller reports vehicle illegally parked at Winners Circle and blocking other cars. Gone on arrival.

1:57 a.m. U.S. 70 caller reports a subject just tried to gain entry to his apartment with a key. Unsuccessful, all clear.

4:55 a.m. 311 Sudderth Drive caller requests ride for two drunk pedestrians from Allamapas back to the Super Saver Inn.

8:14 a.m. George P. White Drive caller reports water leak. Turned over to water unit.

12:33 p.m. Lincoln County Medical Center caller reports they have a subject in the hospital with a gun. Negative report; unable to locate.

5:56 p.m. Service Road caller requests ambulance for woman who called him and said she took pills and slit wrists. Subject located.

6:28 p.m. Palmer Loop caller thinks his 14-year-old nephew may have a broken leg. Ambulance requested.

6:58 p.m. Monicas Court caller reports subjects burning trash in yard. All clear; barbecue.

8:17 p.m. Ambulance transporting one to Las Vegas.

8:28 p.m. Cree Meadows Drive caller reports white van was seen in driveway. All clear; vehicle is broken down.

9:06 p.m. 2820 Sudderth Drive caller reports minors are trying to get adults to buy beer for them. Subjects gone on arrival.

9:20 p.m. Dover Place caller reports three juveniles starting a campfire in the cul-de-sac. Extinguished.

9:35 p.m. Palo Verde Trailer Park caller reports man beating on wife and child. Subject arrested. Back-up requested.

9:59 p.m. U.S. 70 caller reports subject in white pickup with Texas plates ran into his car. Negative report.

9:46 p.m. Ambulance transporting male with chest pains to Alamogordo.

11:22 p.m. Report taken on dog bite in the Camelot area.

MONDAY, MARCH 18

Total calls by type:

- 1 Accident
- 4 Alarms
- 2 Ambulances
- 2 Assist other agencies
- 1 Disturbance
- 3 Fire calls
- 1 Fireworks
- 4 Non-criminal activities
- 2 Other criminals
- 4 Suspicious activities
- 1 Traffic
- 3 Vandalisms

12:13 a.m. 2535 Sudderth Drive caller requests ride for friend.

12:50 a.m. Carter Lane caller reports hearing a domestic between Willow Road and Carter's Lane. Subjects gone on arrival.

4:13 a.m. Evergreen Drive caller requests ambulance for her boyfriend who had been in an accident and is bleeding from the head.

5:10 a.m. Inn of the Mountain Gods caller requests ride to Ruidoso Downs. Dropped off at Circle K.

6:50 a.m. Ridge Street caller reports finding car wrecked and no one around it.

7:33 a.m. Cliff Drive caller requests officer to take report on vandalism to vehicles.

7:53 a.m. 401 Sudderth Drive caller reports subject vehicle damaged by subject.

8:13 a.m. 2205 Sudderth Drive caller reports dog just got hit in front of restaurant. Animal dead on arrival.

8:25 a.m. Ambulance at ER loading patient for transfer to Albuquerque.

8:43 a.m. Mechem Drive caller reports windows broken out of cabin and graffiti all over. Negative report.

8:53 a.m. Cliff Drive caller reports oil possibly poured into gas tank. Report taken.

9:46 a.m. Grindstone Drive caller came in to report a stolen vehicle. Report taken.

10:15 a.m. 2263 U.S. 70 caller reports unknown occupants of a Dodge with Texas plates came in and stole items from the house.

12:14 p.m. Gavilan Canyon Road caller reports subject on skateboard in the middle of road. Subject not on board; advised.

12:17 p.m. 911 hangup call from Camelot Drive. Number traced. Children playing with phone. Children advised to stop.

1:12 p.m. Onero Drive caller requests ambulance for sick male.

1:15 p.m. Alarm at 1710 Sudderth Drive bank. Alarm reset.

1:23 p.m. 2577 Sudderth Drive caller reports vehicle parked in parking lot. Vehicle isn't wanted there. Owner moved vehicle.

1:53 p.m. 1009 Mechem Drive caller reports possible vehicle fire, blue Cherokee. Under control. All clear.

4:19 p.m. 2911 Sudderth Drive caller reports smoke coming from drain hole. All clear.

4:20 p.m. 911 hangup call from Porc Drive. Subjects trying to call Mexico.

4:23 p.m. Coyote Lane caller reports dumpster on fire. All clear, extinguished.

4:37 p.m. Main Road caller reports receiving at least 15 phone calls from children up the street. Subject advised in a Camaro. Report taken.

5:26 p.m. Alarm at 401 Sudderth Drive bank. Operator error, all clear.

6:01 p.m. Carizo Trail caller requests ambulance for woman having chest pains.

6:25 p.m. Camp Sierra Blanca officer bringing one prisoner to RPD.

8:11 p.m. State police on Highway 48 in pursuit of vehicle heading towards reservation. Three arrests, one adult.

8:49 p.m. U.S. 70 caller requests officer for skid marks who left store in a Camaro. Report taken.

9:42 p.m. Paradise Canyon Road caller reports male subject with a gun is trying to kill her. Domestic parties separated.

9:45 p.m. Upper Terrace Drive caller reports man is on his way from Roswell. May cause problems. Civil. All clear.

10:14 p.m. Del Norte Drive caller reports someone is peaking in the window. All clear. Subject talking to girlfriend.

10:34 p.m. 1900 Sudderth Drive caller reports man may be trying to break in a vehicle. Subject gone on arrival.

11:12 p.m. Crown Drive caller reports people shooting off fireworks.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Total calls by type:

- 2 Accidents
- 1 Add info/followup
- 2 Alarms
- 3 Ambulances
- 1 Fire call
- 4 Non-criminal activities
- 1 Other criminal
- 2 Suspicious activities
- 2 Traffic
- 1 Vandalism

1:21 a.m. Clover Drive caller reports hearing pounding noise in backyard. All clear.

7:55 a.m. Alarm at 1200 Mechem Drive. New employee didn't know password. All clear.

8:50 a.m. Apache Hills Road caller reports truck blocking dumpster. Ran plate and couldn't find phone number.

10:12 a.m. Pinon Park caller requests welfare check on ex-husband. All clear. Subject will contact her.

11:08 a.m. 1108 Sudderth Drive caller reports accident, no injuries.

12:33 p.m. Main Road caller reports smoke in the area. All clear. Her daughter was making a fire in the fireplace.

12:40 p.m. Alarm at McBride Drive residence. All clear, house secure.

1:03 p.m. 911 call from 2401 Sudderth Drive. No conversation. All clear. Someone playing with the pay phone.

1:45 p.m. Granite Drive caller requests someone to go with them to pick up personal belongings.

3:42 p.m. West Drive caller requests ambulance for Ruidoso Downs for man cut badly by his brother.

4:19 p.m. Juniper Drive caller reports criminal damage and trespassing. Report taken.



On a clear day

The ski runs at Ski Apache are visible clearly from a vantage point beyond the top of Spring Canyon in the Lincoln National Forest. The ski resort manufactures snow to augment the meager natural snowfall this year.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

9:06 p.m. A police lieutenant called from Baytown, Texas, to relay a message to a man in Capitan, telling him his wallet and money were found in Baytown.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

7:58 p.m. A woman in Palo Verde Slopes east of Ruidoso Downs reports domestic violence, and five small children are present. She does not want to file charges. The man has left the home. She was not hit. He is drunk.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

7:10 a.m. A Carizozo man called to ask a police officer to check a home where a domestic dispute may have occurred the previous night. His friend went to get the victim's belongings at the address and has not returned.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

6:43 a.m. A caller in Capitan reports a six-point buck lying along the roadway east of Capitan on U.S. 380. She doesn't know if the animal is injured or sick. The New Mexico State Police agency and state Game and Fish Division are notified.

1:59 p.m. A man living east of Ruidoso Downs reports an elderly woman has fallen and possibly has broken her arm. An ambulance responds and takes her to the hospital in Ruidoso.

2:04 p.m. A caller from Ski Apache requests an ambulance for a 70-year-old man on a backboard wearing a support collar. He is taken to the hospital in Ruidoso.

8:10 p.m. A caller from the Back Trilker Park on U.S. 70 east of Ruidoso Downs reports her husband is playing music. She is leaving for El Paso.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

6:31 a.m. An ambulance is called for Occum man having trouble breathing. He is taken to the hospital in Ruidoso.

9:57 a.m. Livestock is reported on 70 about 10 miles east of Ruidoso Downs. State police are notified.

3:27 p.m. A clerk from the Chevron station in Carizozo reports someone in a black Jeep Cherokee left without paying gasoline. The vehicle is headed south on U.S. 34.

3:18 p.m. A wrecker is needed for Seven Cabins area of State Highway 246 for maroon van and stranded family.

4:18 p.m. A Roswell woman asks for motorist assistance on Forest Road 56, Park Canyon near Capitan Gap. Her vehicle stuck. A deputy responds, helps extricate the vehicle and reports that the woman is on her way back to Roswell.

6:14 p.m. A resident of Ancho reports light green pickup with a long white bed and tool box seems to be abandoned. A deputy responds.

7:27 a.m. A Carizozo caller reports man is on private property and is stealing gravel.

MONDAY, MARCH 18

4:02 a.m. A truck driver calls to report an accident in Hondo on U.S. 70. A car went off an embankment and hit a guardrail. An ambulance is dispatched. The state police are notified.

DISTRICT DOMESTIC COURT

The following domestic relations cases were taken from Lincoln County District Court records in Carizozo. They are identified by the date filed, the plaintiff and defendant, the type of action and the docket number.

Oct. 4 - Rodney M. Almanza vs. Valerie S. Almanza; divorce; DR95-192.

Oct. 12 - Sherry Calisto vs. Roberto Calisto; divorce; DR95-273.

Oct. 12 - State of New Mexico, Human Services Dept. and Wanda L. Herrera vs. Michael J. Randolph; determining parent/child relationship; DR95-174.

Oct. 13 - State of New Mexico Human Services Dept. and Kathryn A. Delmar vs. Michael D. Cain; register foreign support order; DR95-194.

Oct. 13 - State of New Mexico, Human Services Dept. and Pilar J. Harris vs. Israel Orta; determination of parent/child relationship; DR95-176.

Oct. 13 - State of New Mexico, Human Services Dept. vs. Gregorio M. Baca; determine parent/child relationship; DR95-181.

Oct. 19 - State of New Mexico, Human Services Dept. vs. Garneith Allen Loreto; determine parent/child relationship; DR95-182.

Oct. 19 - State of New Mexico, Human Services Dept. vs. John A. Deibler Sr.; child support; DR95-183.

Oct. 25 - Beana Gray vs. Charles Gray; divorce; DR95-187.

Oct. 26 - Karen Lynette Guierrez vs. Jimmy A. Gutierrez; divorce; DR95-188.

Oct. 30 - Patsy O. Coon vs. Gary Keith Coon; divorce; DR95-189.

Oct. 30 - Tamara Russell vs. Jack W. Russell; domestic violence; DR95-190.

Nov. 13 - Alex Skoropad vs. Rhonda Lea Skoropad; divorce; DR95-196.

Nov. 13 - State of New Mexico vs. Freddie R. Herrera; child support and medical coverage; DR95-197.

Nov. 17 - Michael John Radziejewicz vs. Nancy Lee Radziejewicz; divorce; DR95-198.

Nov. 21 - JoAnne Burch vs. Keith Burch; divorce; DR95-199.

Nov. 21 - Annette C. Romero vs. Scott Allen Coagray; domestic violence; DR95-200.

Nov. 23 - Michael L. Hicks vs. Viola E. Hicks; separation; DR95-201.

Nov. 27 - Michael J. Kennedy vs. Dora Kennedy; modification of child support; DR95-203.

Nov. 29 - Melvin C. Adams vs. Debra Jo Adams; divorce; DR95-204.

Nov. 30 - Juan I and Dolores M. Chavez vs. Joseph G. Chavez; domestic violence; DR95-205.

Dec. 1 - Kenneth L. Hosmer vs. Paula White-Hosmer; divorce; DR95-206.

Dec. 4 - William E. Muller vs. Katherine M. Muller; divorce; DR95-208.

Dec. 5 - Luann K. Hill vs. Larry R. Hill; divorce; DR95-209.

Nov. 22 - Michael L. Hicks vs. Viola E. Hicks; petition for separation; DR95-201.

Nov. 27 - Randall Bruce Cox vs. Roberta Celeste Cox; divorce; DR95-202.

Nov. 27 - Michael J. Kennedy vs. Dora Kennedy; petition to modify child support; DR95-203.

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Nov. 30 - Juan I and Dolores M. Chavez vs. Joseph G. Chavez; petition for order prohibiting domestic violence; DR95-205.

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SNOWMOBILES w/trailer, like new, little use. \$2000 OBO. 257-7183.

23 Auto Parts

WANT TO HIT THE SLOPES on powder days? These like-new studded snow tires will get you there! Four-175, 7.0SR13, BF Goodrich. Trailmaster steel rods for only \$100. Fits most cars. I'll even throw in a slightly off-sized studded snow tire for free. Call Joanna at 257-4001(days) or 257-5449(nights).

24 RV/Travel

FOR SALE 1972 Winnebago, 24 feet in excellent condition. 258-5525/257-4902.

25 Livestock

FOR SALE or Rent 9 acre horse farm. Two miles south of Capitan. 9 stall barn w/50 pipe runs. Smooth wire and pipe around perimeter 48 x 24. Hay storage. Call 338-4832.

"A" STUDENT at WMIS wants local corn and pasture. 257-8600, anytime.

29 Pets & Supplies

ROTTWEILERS Superior bloodline, 1st shots, wormed. \$300. Laura, weekdays after 5:00. 623-9371

RED MALE SHAR-PEI AKC Registered, 10 weeks, \$175. 257-3747.

CUTE, FLUFFY PUPPY Needs home with yard. Lots of TLC. Call Judy Emberton. 257-4233.

30 Yard Sales

SPRING BREAK MOVING SALE! 211 High Loop (off Hill Road) Fri. 8am-7pm, Sat. 9am-NOON.

YARD SALE Sat. March 23, 9:00 am till 3:00 pm. Wide variety of household items, some clothing. 309 Hidalgo.

YARD SALE Wood stove, firewood, dishwasher, bed, washer and dryer, sports cards, lots of good stuff. Saturday, March 23, Twin Mountain Road, Camero Canyon.

YARD SALE 117 Rio St. Sat. March 23, 9-7pm. Exercise equipment, tools, roller skates, clothes and misc.

GIANT GARAGE SALE Two family, 420 Mechem. Next to first baptist church to the east. Sat., 8-4, lots of furniture, many, many house items. Antiques. You name it We got it!

YARD SALE 318 Walnut Dr. across from football field. Friday 9-7pm.

31 Household

Joyce's Antiques Used furniture and appliances. New & used mattresses. We buy, sell and trade. 650 Sudderth • 257-7575

L-SHAPE COUCH excellent condition w/green sleeper and recliner. Paid \$3000, sell for \$550. Karin before 6pm 257-7671.

MOVING SALE All items high quality and like new. SW couch and loveseat \$750. SW entertainment center \$700. Queen size bedroom set \$450. Whirlpool washer/dryer \$400. 13" color TV \$80. Leather chair & ottoman \$175. Queen Anne chair & ottoman \$150. Misc. bedroom furniture, end tables, sofa table and decorator items. 505-5023.

WHITE WASHED Kitchen table and two chairs \$100. Queen mattress set, pine dresser, mirror, chest, night stand, to brass lamps \$300. White washed solid oak coffee table \$250. Light blue pine entry table and mirror \$150. Two teal sofas \$150. each. 257-2175.

192 CU. FT. Kenmore refrigerator like new. \$150 257-7183.

OAK FUTON frame, Japanese mattress \$345. Wicker entertainment chest \$280. Twin bed with trundle \$85. 338-4654.

HOTPOINT electric stove, 21 inches wide; Kenmore dishwasher. Both in excellent condition. 258-4339.

MOVING SALE Cherry dining table & chairs, two leaves, \$200. Lazy boy recliner, \$75. Microwave, \$40. 258-3825.

FOR SALE Complete King Size Waterbed. Good condition and one Antique cast iron bathtub with four claw feet. Call 258-4093 evenings.

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153 CHEST DEEP-FREEZE \$150. for sale 258-3322.

MOVING - solid oak double bed, office refrigerator, microwave oven, (2) twin bed electric beds, a queen sofa, Red Springs garden tractor & trailer. All these items are in excellent condition. 1805/257-2571.

MILLER'S FURNITURE, ETC. 1000 Sudderth, 257-3109. Buy, sell, trade. New merchandise daily. Only what is known will take your trade-in.

MOVING SALE Sharp Microwave oven \$50, white tiled microwave cart \$50, Kenmore refrigerator, \$200, green leather couch \$400, Kenwood cassette player \$50, Sharp typewriter \$50, Oak entertainment center \$200, Call 378-5320.

33 Antiques

COLLECTOR BUYING Gun Collections, one piece or all. Coins, Winchester, bowie knives, top pieces. 258-3738.

INTERESTED IN BUYING Antiques, Gold and Silver Jewelry & Coins. Please call 257-6761.

34 Arts

ALB. CERAMICS AND DOLL SHOW Supplies Molds, Blaque, March 22-23, Alb. Fair Grounds, \$3.00, 10 to 5 Fr., 10 to 4 Sat.

35 Sporting Goods

New 1996 Clubcars in stock. Also complete rebuilt clubcars. Roberson Golf Cars. 1-800-568-4034.

36 Miscellaneous

120 SOLAR ELECTRICAL PANELS Ten years of service. 15.8-volts at 35-watts. Was \$120. each. Now clean \$78. unclean \$75. Call Jay, El Paso 1-915-581-5825.

WOLFF TANNING BEDS Buy DIRECT and SAVE! Commercial/home units from \$198. Low monthly payments. FREE color catalog call today 1-800-842-1305.

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FOR SALE used items, water heater, commodes, washers, dryer, refrigerator, etc. 257-4902.

FOR SALE Contractor's Special! Enclosed utility foot trailer. 14' L x 8' W x 7' H. 258-9044. 308 La Luz.

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38 Help Wanted

POSTAL JOBS Start \$12,681/yr plus benefits. For application and exam information, 1-800-299-2470, Ext. NM 113, 8am-7pm, 7 days.

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EXPERIENCED LINE COOKS and breakfast cooks wanted. Good hours and pay available. Apply in person at K-BOB'S.

HILLYARD Janitorial Supplies. Now available at Ruidoso Tool Rental, 1109 Mechem. 258-3814.

ALASKA EMPLOYMENT Fishing industry. Earn up to \$6000 per month. Boat & Board Transportation! No experience necessary! Male/Female. Age 18-70. For more information call: 208-971-3512 ext. A89584.

NORRIS SCHOOL OF REAL ESTATE Interested in Sales? Interested in Appraising? Complete the state required education for Sales Licensing or Residential Appraisal Registration or Licensing in just 3 months! For further information call: 1-800-538-8448.

FULL TIME POSITIONS Small grocery store has opening for a full time meat cutter, experience helpful, and stocker. See David at Cummins Corp. in Capitan. No phone calls.

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for cooks, carhops and related positions at Sonic Drive-In. Applications in person only from 9-11 a.m. at 102 Sudderth. EOE.

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Covered Wacon collectibles gallery Opportunity for part-time sales position, selling collectibles, jewelry and gifts. Experience in selling collectibles or art helpful, bilingual a plus. Call 257-3471 or come by and visit us at 2526 Sudderth in Midtown Ruidoso

Pioneer Savings Bank seeking savings teller for Ruidoso office. Must have basic PC and telephone skills. Require minimum one year of savings experience with a financial institution or one year of experience working with cash and balancing a cash drawer. Duties include handling paying and receiving transactions at a teller window. Send resumes to Attention: Darlene Hart, P.O. Box 910, Ruidoso, NM 88345, or call 258-5858 for appointments.

Farley's is looking for experienced line cooks & servers. We offer competitive wages. Apply in person Monday thru Friday 1:30-5:00 p.m. Personal/Family insurance plans available. Farley's - 1200 Major in Drive.

CASE MANAGER NEEDED in Roswell/Las Cruces area. This is a long-term, flexible position which can be full/part-time. It requires working with the developmentally disabled population (of all ages). Salary is commensurate with education and experience and is negotiable. Fax resume to: 505-473-4718.

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ARBY'S in Ruidoso now hiring crew and shift managers. All shifts. Apply in person. 833 Sudderth.

ADVERTISING SALES REP. Self motivated, reliable, professional image w/good speaking and sales skills. Part/Full-time, commission basis. Call (505) 378-7042 or send resume: PO Box 686, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

NOW HIRING at Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club: Starters/Marshals. Part-time + playing privileges + minimum wage. Call the Pro Shop at 358-4232.

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LINE COOK, DISHWASHER positions available. Apply in person at The Lincoln County Grill, 2717 Sudderth Dr.

CATTLE BARON Restaurant is now accepting applications for experienced food servers. Apply in person between 2-4, Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Health benefits available and best compensation in the area.

IMMEDIATE OPENING SUPERVISOR/SALES POSITION E2-TV and Appliance is expanding its professional work force and is looking for someone with supervisory and sales experience to lead a successful and professional TV and appliance showroom. Send resume to: E2-TV & Appliance, Inc., 1307 Tenth St., Alamogordo, NM 88310.

PART-TIME POSITIONS now open at Subway of Ruidoso. Apply in person only. 149 Sudderth.

POLICE OFFICER Village of Ruidoso. Salary \$9,183/yr. 9.6163. Apps will be accepted until 4:00 pm Monday, April 1, 1996. Complete job desc. and apps. at the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Dr. PO Dr. 69, Ruidoso, NM 88345. 258-4343. FAX-258-3017 EEOE.

WILDLIFE/CONSERVATION JOBS-NOW HIRING Game Wardens, Security, Maintenance, Park Rangers, etc. No experience necessary. For application and information call 1-800-299-2470 ext.NM107C 7am-7pm 7 days.

THE INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS in Mesalero needs cage cashiers for the casino. ASAP Must be able to handle large sums of money and must work well with the public. Please apply at the personnel office, Monday thru Friday, 9-4 No phone calls please.

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DISTRICT CIVIL COURT

The following civil cases were taken from Lincoln County District Court records in Carrizozo. They are identified by the date filed, the plaintiff and defendant, the type of action and the docket number.

Dec. 13 — Bill Pippin and Trail's End Real Estate Inc., doing business as Bill Pippin Real Estate vs. John Jordan Hill and Barbara Hill; foreclosure of lien and money damages; CV95-259.

Dec. 14 — Chrysler Credit Corporation vs. Charlie Morris; complaint on contract and for debt and money due; CV95-260.

Dec. 15 — Terrason Consultants Western Inc., an Iowa corporation, vs. TMS & Associates Inc., a New Mexico corporation; affidavit in support of filing of foreign judgment; CV95-261.

Dec. 18 — Chrysler Credit Corporation vs. Bryan Swanner; complaint on a contract and for debt and money due; CV95-262.

Dec. 20 — Oak Casualty Insurance Company and Ronald and Cheryl Mullins vs. Roco International, doing business as Donco Trucking; complaint for declaratory relief; CV95-264.

Dec. 21 — La Feliz Montaña Ranch, Ltd. Co. vs. Greg and Susan Hathcock, husband and wife, John Does 1-2; and the unknown heirs of any of the above, if deceased; complaint on contract (non-payment for stallion service); CV95-266.

Dec. 26 — Neal Singletary vs. Ski Apache, formerly known as Sierra Blanca, formerly known as Sierra Blanca Ski Enterprises, and the Mescalero Apache Tribe; damages under the Ski Safety Act (failure to warn of hazard and to properly train trail groomers); CV95-267.

Jan. 8 — Revocable Trust of Loren B. Christenfeld vs. Lincoln County Assessor and Treasurer; Action to protest and reduce real estate taxes; CV96-02.

Jan. 10 — Janet J. Collins, also known as Janet Joyce Collins, Janet Joyce Johnson, Janet J. Johnson, Janet Johnson and Gladys P. Lundy vs. Group 1: Harold D. Lundy Jr., also known as Harold Dean Lundy Jr., Irma M. Morrison, also known as Irma Mac Morrison, Irma Mac Morrison, village of Ruidoso, a New Mexico municipal corporation, Group 2: Alon E. Lundy, Group 3: unknown heirs of the following named deceased persons — Harold D. Lundy, also known as Harold Dean Lundy, Harold Lundy, Horace Lundy, also known as Horace R. Lundy, Horace Ross Lundy, and Group 4: all unknown claimants of interest in the premises herein described adverse to plaintiff; quiet title; CV96-03.

Jan. 12 — Ramiro Lopez Jr. vs. Sherolyn Sohrina and Wade Residua; damages as a result of personal injury; CV96-04.

Jan. 19 — Patricia A. Griewahn, individually and as parent and next friend of Angeli-que R. Griewahn, a minor, and Jacob D. Provincio, a minor, vs. Phoenix Indemnity Insurance Company; CV96-05.

Jan. 19 — Anna Gail Kimbell, Ronnie B. Kimbell, Barbara Kimbell, Darrell Mullins, Tommy Harrell and Karen Harrell, individually and as parents and next friends of Lacey Harrell and Robyn Mullins, minors, vs. Ronald W. Moore and the state of New Mexico, by and through its Department of Game and Fish; personal injury and damages (auto accident); CV96-06.

Jan. 19 — In re: the forfeiture of U.S. currency in the amount of \$96 and concerning Richard Michael Alley, respondent; CV96-07.

RUIDOSO COUNCIL AGENDA

Following is the agenda for the regular Ruidoso Village Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 26 at village hall.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Councilors approved:

- Zone map amendment, ZA96-001, lot 23 and 10 feet of adjoining alley, block 9, Carter's Park Subdivision.
- New restaurant beer and wine license for La Lorraine located at 2523 Sudderth Drive.

REGULAR ITEMS

- Vacation of public right of way — PVC96-003 — lot 14, block D and lot 1, block F, Ruidoso Springs Subdivision.
- Bid award for the convention center sign.

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

CONSENT REGULAR ITEMS

- Approval of village council meeting minutes.
- Approval of amendment to agreement with state of New Mexico Highway and Transportation Department.

- Rejection and authorization to re-bid telescoping manlift.
- Bid award for three 4x4 utility vehicles for the police department.
- Bid award for the construction of School House Park public restrooms.
- Authorization for budget change amendment and out of state travel for airport maintenance.

REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORTS

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Monthly departmental reports.
- Boards and commission meeting minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Closed session: Discussion of collective bargaining strategy; discussion of the purchase, disposal, and/or acquisition of real property and the acquisition and/or purchase of water rights by the Village of Ruidoso.

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1988 Ford Mustang GT, V-6, CD \$19985	1984 Mercury Tracer AC, 5 speed \$9988	1984 Chevrolet Blazer 8000, low miles, 4x4 \$18383	Ford Superduty 4 door, 4 wheel drive, 4x4 \$19788

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48 Announcements

Anyone having knowledge of the current whereabouts of **Dr. John Shollenberger**, an urologist who once practiced in Ruidoso, or anyone knowing of aliases used by **Dr. Shollenberger**, or who has knowledge of **Dr. Shollenberger's** medical practices in the area, please call:

Stephen Moffat, Attorney at Law
1-800-810-2774

48 Announcements

49 Personals

ARE YOU A SINGLE MALE in your sixties? Active fun loving? Lets get acquainted. I'm a slim, attractive, single lady. Financially independent. Active with varied interests. Write box 4881 Ruidoso, NM 88345.

ARMY RETIRED 50'S likes biking, hiking, quiet evenings home. Needs loving, understanding, real woman. Rocky, Box 3435, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN I will not be responsible for bills incurred by ANYONE other than myself. Patricia E. Cruz

Did your son or daughter just finish driver's education? Look for them a car in the classifieds of The Ruidoso News.

LEGAL NOTICE

Eastern New Mexico University hereby gives public notice that on March 13th, 1996, it filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission seeking to renew its license to operate FM Translator station K217BD, which is located at Buck Mountain, NM, and serves the Ruidoso, NM, area. The station operates on channel 217 at a power of 10 watts.

The station engages in the rebroadcast of station KM7H-FM, Mesquite, NM, Channel 25.

Individuals who wish to advise the FCC of facts relating to our renewal application and to whether this station has operated in the public interest should file comments and petitions with the Commission by June 30th, 1996.

Further information concerning the FCC's broadcast license renewal process may be obtained from the FCC, Washington, DC 20554.

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LEGAL NOTICE

CALL FOR BIDS

The Ruidoso Board of Education desires to receive bids for seasonal grounds maintenance for the Ruidoso Municipal School District.

Specifications are available in the Administration Office, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, NM 88345 or telephone 257-4051.

Bids must be received in the Administration Office on or before 4:00 P.M. on April 9, 1996. Bids must be sealed and marked **BID FOR SEASONAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**. Bids will be opened and read aloud at the regular board meeting on April 9, 1996 at 7:00 P.M. at the Administration Office.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive all

technicalities.

/s/Mike Gladden Superintendent Ruidoso Municipal Schools

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LEGAL NOTICE

COURT SUMMONS
CASE NO. 948C 1088

James E. Rollers of Depere, WI Plaintiff.

Denise Donley, 129 Rowan Rd., Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345. Defendant.

In conjunction with an auto accident on July 9, 1993, with an uninsured motorist, Place of Main Ave. and Tenth St. of Depere, WI. Accident file No. SR00000. Requesting payment in full or garnishing of wages until paid in full for personal property damage amounting in \$3860.00 plus legal cost and extra fees.

Summons to: Brown County Court House, 100 S. Jefferson St., Courthouse B, Green Bay, WI 54301. On April 10, 1996 at 8:15 AM.

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LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS

TRENCH COMPACTOR

NOTICE is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, calls for sealed bids for a TRENCH COMPACTOR.

Interested bidders may secure a copy of the specifications from the Purchasing Office at the Village of Ruidoso Centralized Purchasing Warehouse, 421 Wingfield in Ruidoso, or by calling (800) 257-2721.

Sealed bids must be received by the

Purchasing Office no later than April 2, 1996 at 2:00 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/or all bids and to waive all formalities as allowed by the State of New Mexico Procurement Code.

By Order of the Governing Body

/s/Terrl Waterfield Purchasing Agent Village of Ruidoso

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LEGAL NOTICE

USDA-Forest Service Lincoln National Forest Smoky Bear Ranger District Lincoln County, New Mexico

On March 18, 1996, Smoky Bear District Ranger Jerry Hawkins signed a Decision Memo to permit timber stand improvement activities to improve watershed and wildlife habitat on 215 acres within the East Merchant Planning Area. The project is located near West Mountain in Section 34, T.7S., R.15E., W.67M.

The associated Decision Memo is available upon request from the Lincoln National Forest, 1101 New York Avenue, Alamogordo, NM 88310, and the Smoky Bear Ranger District, 501 Mechem, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

This Decision pursuant to 36 CFR 215.8 (a) (4) is not subject to appeal and may be implemented immediately after publication of this local notice. For additional information concerning this decision or the Forest Service appeal process, contact District Ranger Smoky Bear Ranger District, 501 Mechem, Ruidoso, NM 88345, (505) 257-4056, or Lincoln National Forest Supervisor, 1101 New York Avenue,

Alamogordo, NM 88310, (505) 437-6030.

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LEGAL NOTICE

On March 29, 1996, The Christian Broadcasting Academy, Inc. filed with the Federal Communications Commission, an application for renewal of license of translator station K220CZ, operating from coordinated N 33 24' 14" W 100 46' 25", serving Ruidoso, NM on channel 220 (81.9 MHz) at 82 watts ERP. Translator K220CZ will continue to rebroadcast station KLVY(FM) operating on channel 202 in Abouseque, NM. Individuals who wish to advise the FCC of facts related to our renewal application, and whether the station has operated in the public interest, should file comments and petitions with the FCC by July 1, 1996. Further information concerning the FCC's broadcast license renewal process, is available at 3107 Eubank N.E., Suite 92, Albuquerque, NM 87111, or may be obtained from the FCC, Washington, D.C. 20554.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Ruidoso Board of Education wishes to receive bids for instructional supplies for the Ruidoso Municipal School District.

Specifications are available at the Superintendent's Office, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, NM 88345, phone number 257-4051.

Bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent on or before April 24, 1996, at 4:00 p.m. Bids will be opened and read aloud at the special Board Meeting on April 25, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. at Elms Vista Primary School, 100 White Mountain Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345. Bids must be sealed and marked "BID FOR

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LEGAL NOTICE

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES. The instructional supplies for each school will be packaged and delivered to each school site separately and must be delivered by August 2, 1996.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive all technicalities.

/s/Mike Gladden Superintendent Ruidoso Municipal Schools

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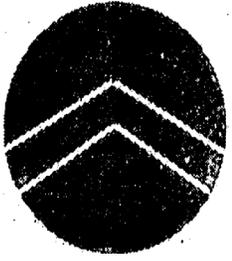
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Section B/Friday, March 22, 1996

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Ruidoso trackster Rebecca Echols sails over a hurdle at the White Sands Relays.

Sports: Preview of Ruidoso High School track season, '5B

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Music

ROSSELL SYMPHONY PRE-CONCERT LUNCHEON — noon Friday, March 22 at the Sally Port Inn, Roswell. The cost is \$7 and reservations must be received by Wednesday, March 20. Call Billie Michad at (505) 622-9236 for more information or reservations. The concert will take place on Saturday, March 23.

ROSSELL 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.

"NO STRESS" POP PIANO WORKSHOP — 6-9 p.m. on Thursday, March 28 at New Mexico State University Alamogordo. The workshop reveals the piano-playing secrets of the working professional instead of the note-reading technique taught by most piano teachers. Pre-registration is required. Call (505) 439-3625.

LAS CRUCES SYMPHONY — 8 p.m. Saturday, March 23 and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 24 in the New Mexico State University Music Center Recital Hall, Las Cruces. Ticket prices are \$11, \$14, and \$17 and are available at the Dillard's Box Office and the Pan Am ticket office. For more information call the symphony office at (505) 648-3709.

BIG BAND DER BUNDESWEHR — (Big Band of the German Federal Armed Forces) 7 p.m. Saturday, March 23 at Alamogordo High School. Tickets are free, but must be picked up at the Flickinger Center. For more information call (505) 437-2202.

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.

CAPTAN HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM — 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 26 at Capitan Schools multi-purpose building. The high school band and choir will perform. Tickets are \$3 per person and children six and under are free.

CREE MEADOWS COUNTRY CLUB 301 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso 257-2733 — 6 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and 7 p.m. Saturdays, "Ken" 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, 257-3508 — 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, 257-6693 — 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 22 & 23, Spoiled Rotten, a rock and roll band, 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, 2518 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.

etc!

BRONZE POURING — 1-4 p.m. Friday, March 22 at Legends Casting Company, U.S. 70, Ruidoso Downs. Tours will be given all day.

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 to 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 Carrizozo 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. "Xeriscapel: 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) 864-0614 or Beverly Wilson at (505) 653-4699.

"A PUBLIC SYMPOSIUM: THE HISTORY, LITERATURE AND MUSIC OF THE VIETNAM WAR" — 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 26 at University

of Texas' Fox Fine Arts Building, Recital Hall, El Paso. The first in the series will be "After the Shooting Stopped: The Vietnam War and American Society." Events are free and open to the public. For more information and a complete schedule of events, call 747-5508.

HATHA YOGA INTRODUCTORY COURSE — 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. March 27 - May 15 on Wednesdays at Ruidoso Yoga Center. Call 258-3399 to register.

BIRD FEEDING SEMINAR — hosted by Lincoln County Bird Club 7 p.m. Thursday, March 28 at the Texas-New Mexico Power Company office, 1100 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso. The informal public seminar is on suitable foods and feeders for local birds, etc. For more information, call 257-5352 or 257-4624.

PARENTS AS TEACHERS — 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 28 at Region IX office, 1400 Sudderth, Ruidoso. This program is free for all families with infants and toddlers. The topic will be "Coping with Parental Stress." Call 257-2368 to enroll.

BORDER LIVESTOCK CROSSING TOUR — The short course program will begin Thursday, March 28 at the Holiday Inn at Las Cruces and the tour will take place from 7:30 a.m. to noon on March 29. The New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association spring meeting will be held after the short course. To register call Ron Parker at NMSU at (505) 648-1709

CARRIE TINGLEY CLINIC — will be in Alamogordo Friday, March 29 at the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped located at 1800 White Sands. The clinic is for children with orthopedic problems. For appointments or more information, call 1-800-472-3235, ext. 5270. Advance scheduling is requested.

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 257-7838 for information.

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

AARP TAX AIDE VOLUNTEERS — 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, March 26 at the San Patricio Senior Center. 2-4 p.m. every Wednesday and Friday through April 12 at the Ruidoso Senior Center. The volunteers will help elderly low income taxpayers with both federal and state income taxes. A person does not have to be a member of American Association of Retired Persons to receive this help.

GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING NEW MEXICO WOMEN —

Nominations are now being accepted by the Commission on the Status of Women. For nomination forms and more information call (505) 841-8920 or 1-800-432-9168.

1996 VISIONS AWARD — Nominations are now being accepted by the Commission on the Status of Women. The Visions Award is given to an employer who has displayed innovative solutions to the problems of balancing work and family. For nomination forms and more information call (505) 841-8920 or 1-800-432-9168.



Clubs & Meetings

RUIDOSO GUN CLUB CLEAN UP DAY — 8 a.m. Saturday, March 23. Members are encouraged to attend.

RUIDOSO GUN CLUB — 7 p.m. Monday, March 25 at the Church of the Holy Mount on Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso.

RUIDOSO COUNCIL MEETING — 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 26 at Ruidoso Village Hall.

SCENIC BYWAYS COMMITTEE — 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 27 at Ruidoso Village Hall.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS — 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 27 at the Ruidoso Senior Center. Guest speaker is Dub Williams, state representative of Lincoln County, speaking on the 1996 legislative regular and special sessions. A potluck luncheon will follow at noon.

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD — 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 28 at Ruidoso Village Hall.

AMERICAN SEWING GUILD OF NEW MEXICO — Call Jennie Powell at 258-3898 to find out the meeting time and place. The purpose of the meeting is to get an American Sewing Guild going in Ruidoso.



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," "The Bird Cage."

Call theater for show times and ratings



Museums

ROSSELL MUSEUM AND ART CENTER — photographer-writer Dore Gardner's exhibit "Nino Fidenlo: a Heath Thrown Open" on display. An exhibit titled "Cela Munoz, Herencias: Now What?" opens on Friday, March 29. A reception for the artist will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday.

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.



Parks & Recreation

RUIDOSO LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL SIGN-UPS — 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 26 at White Mountain Elementary School. Sign-ups are for boys and girls ages 5-18.

CAPTAN LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL & T-BALL SIGN-UPS — 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 28 at Capitan School multi-purpose room. Sign-ups are for ages 5-12. The fee is \$30 for the first child and \$25 for each additional child in family. For more information call 354-4262.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT — The Leather & Lace men's open 6 ft. & under basketball tournament will be Friday - Sunday, March 29, 30, 31 in Mescalero. Entry deadline is 7 p.m., March 26. Call Christine Breuninger at (505) 671-4741 or Glenda Bob at (505) 671-4346 to enter.

SKI APACHE — Call 257-9001 for ski report. Open through Sunday, March 24.

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.

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

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

**Lincoln County Leader
White Oaks
March 28, 1891**

Our next Lord's Day will be Easter Sunday. We'll religiously observe it if we can get the eggs.

Ladies, you will need parasols very soon. We have a nice line of them. — Goodman, Ziegler & Co. O.H. Vail of Fort Stanton put

in a pleasant day last Monday visiting our town and the Leader office.

Prof. Meyerhoff, one of the ablest musicians in the country, late of Socorro and later of Albuquerque, died at the latter place this week, from dissipation.

The old P.O. building at Red Cloud was destroyed by fire this week.

The past week has not been a prolific one for newsmongers. Our exchanges have been uncommonly dull.

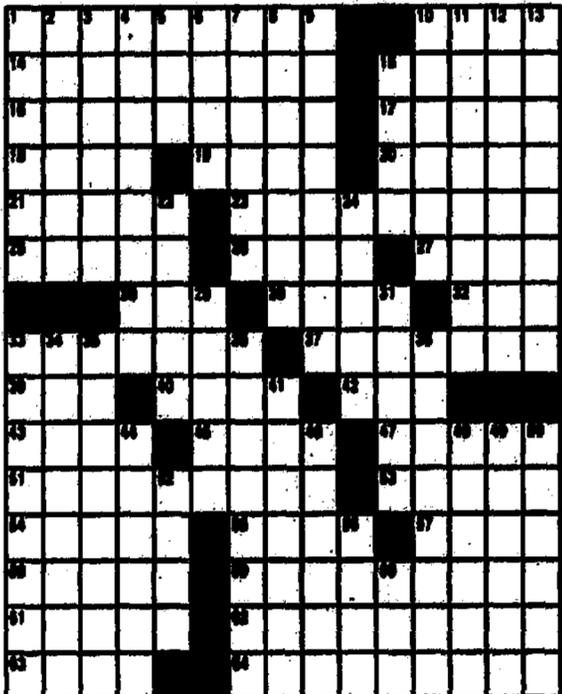
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Lincoln Trails

ROSALIE DUNLAP

Pam and Herman McArthur spent a week in Hawaii recently on the island of Maui. Pam was attending a "Healing the Healer" retreat and a conference for nurses and counselors. The McArthurs had a room facing the ocean where they could have breakfast on a small tiled patio, see the beautiful sunsets and just enjoy the area. They were able to take a boat tour and see the marvelous humpback whales. Although they didn't get to see it happen, the mother whales have to take their newborn on their nose and raise them out of the water so they can breathe. Also, they could see the island where the lepers were kept in past history. All in all they had a marvelous trip.

Also attending the retreat and conference were Bill and Verna Adams of Capitan. Later they journeyed on to the big island.

Steve Havill will host an autograph session for his new book Saturday at the Lincoln County Heritage Trust. Havill recently donated one of his books to the auction held by the Ski Club for the handicapped skiers. One of his students got the book — in competition with another gentleman.

Rosina Locke was an Albuquerque visitor this week.

Babies, babies everywhere. Brian and Kim Sullivan are the proud parents of a baby girl, Morgan Nicole, born March 3. Paternal grandparents are Pat and Tom Sullivan of Capitan. Pat is spending her spring break visiting with the new baby and parents.

Tracy and Gregg Belcher of Columbus, Ohio welcomed McKenna Leigh March 14. Mr. and Mrs.

Barry Herd are the proud grandparents of McKenna. Gregg is busy studying for his degree at Columbus University. McKenna's family is rich in Lincoln County heritage.

Becca and Matt Ferguson's little girl also arrived on March 14. Sara Louise has her share of relatives and heritage in Lincoln County, too. Her maternal grandparents are Elisa and Richard Phillips of Lincoln and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wally Ferguson of Carrizozo. Becca is the principal of the Capitan schools.

The weather is still being unpredictable, from snow to light showers to windy and just beautiful spring days.

Lincoln residents were shocked to hear their historic preservation ordinance is not in compliance with state law. Everyone is pulling together to see what can be done to keep our ordinance and preserve this historical area. There are so many contemplated new buildings, and hopefully they will abide by the wishes of the community and adhere to the now-"defunct" ordinance. Just when everything is going well in Lincoln, another problem comes up. At least life in Lincoln is not boring.



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SKI REPORT



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

Ski officials are reporting a snow depth of 33 inches midway on the mountain. Surface conditions are packed and groomed. To hear the ski report, call 257-9001.

Ski Apache will close for the season Sunday, March 24.

REPLAY



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

10 years ago - R.D. Hubbard is among those in the running to purchase Ruidoso Downs and Sunland Park racetracks. Board of Directors President A.D. Bowen confirms the tracks are for sale.

20 years ago - The Ruidoso freshman boys basketball team defeats Weed, 51-44, to go undefeated in the Knights of Columbus Invitational tourney. Corona takes second in the round robin event. Hondo earns the sportsmanship award.

30 years ago - Texan Claude Hutcherson, who owns a vacation home in Ruidoso, flies his famous Hutcherson Flying Queens - a women's basketball team from Wayland College - to Gallup for the National Amateur Athletic Union women's tournament. The Flying Queens won the title in 1956, 1957 and 1959.

40 years ago - Bonnie McEuen bowls a game-high 192 and Marie Rooney bowls a series-high 477 in the Wednesday night mixed league. Leck Cowden tallies the top scores for the men.

SCOREBOARD

Tuesday, March 19

Track and Field

Ruidoso boys 3rd of 4 teams at Rose

Relays. Ruidoso girls 3rd of 4 teams at Rose Relays.

CALENDAR

Saturday, March 23

Track & Field

9 a.m. Capitan and Carrizozo at Hagerman

Sunday, March 24

Golf

12:30 p.m. Ruidoso golf team benefit scramble at Alto Lakes G & CC

Monday, March 25

Golf

T.B.A. Ruidoso girls at El Paso High Invitational

Tuesday, March 26

Baseball

4 p.m. RHS at Santa Teresa

Ruidoso thinclads break for spring in Tulie

by LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Ruidoso caught its first glimpse of its district foes Tuesday in Tularosa. The Warriors were one of four teams competing at the Rose Relays, which included thinclads from Silver City and Socorro.

Warrior coach Ronny Maskew didn't take his full team to the relays. Some Warriors missed the event because this is spring break week for Ruidoso schools.

The depleted ranks contributed to the Warriors' third-place finish in both the boys and girls team standings.

The bronze-medal ranking might seem disappointing, but it wasn't to coach Ronny Maskew, who said the relays were "beneficial." Perhaps the most disappointing aspect of the meet for Maskew was the absence of the Silver boys team. Silver brought its girls team, but not its boys.

The Colts are the mostly likely team to challenge Ruidoso for the boys District 3AAA crown, and Maskew was hoping to sneak a peak of those pesky ponies at the Tulie event.

Without its full complement of



Erica Romero

runners, the Warriors had to come up with some interesting relay combinations.

"We made up a relay on the bus (on the way to Tularosa)," Maskew said. "We even had shot putters run the 100 (meter dash)."

Senior Kyle Humphreys continued his winning ways with first places in the 100, 200 and long jump. Ezra Sandoval won the 800-meter run for the boys as well.



Kyle Humphreys

Freshman Erica Romero took first in the 3200-meter run to lead the girls team.

Ruidoso returns to action Saturday, March 30, when it participates in the Goddard Invitational in Roswell.

Rose Relays

Girls team results: Silver City 146, Socorro 72, Ruidoso 57, Tularosa 44.
Boys team results: Socorro 97.5; Estancia 81,

Ruidoso 72.5; Tularosa 53.75.

Ruidoso individual results
100-meter dash — (girls) Rojas 13.52 for 3rd, Miller 12.97 for 5th, Daniels 14.06; (boys) Humphreys 11.12 for 1st, Grant 11.44 for 5th, Quintana 13.28.

100-meter hurdles — (girls) Miller 18.15 for 3rd.

110-meter hurdles — (boys) Bewley 16.21 for 3rd, Hufstetler 19.72, Lopez 21.18.

200-meter dash — (girls) Lopez 28.90 for 3rd, Rojas 28.87, Sandoval 29.04; (boys) Humphreys 22.68 for 1st, Grant 23.64 for 3rd, Miller 26.34.

300-meter hurdles — (boys) Bewley 44.48 for 2nd, Hufstetler 45.95, Lopez 51.42.

400-meter dash — (boys) Skinner 59.96.

800-meter run — (girls) Romero 2:41.04 for 3rd; (boys) Sandoval 2:09.91 for 1st, Comanche 2:14.11 for 3rd.

1600-meter run — (girls) N. Palmer 7:20.08, A. Palmer 8:56.50; (boys) Sparks 4:58.81 for 3rd, Hough 5:37.81.

3200-meter run — (girls) Romero 13:27.96 for 1st, N. Palmer 15:50.77; (boy) Sparks 10:50.77 for 2nd, Hough 11:59.54.

800-meter relay — (girls) Sandoval, Miller, Rojas, Daniels 1:57.00 for 2nd.

1600-meter relay — (girls) Sandoval, Daniels, Lopez, Romero 4:29.17 for 2nd; Bewley, Hufstetler, Comanche, Sandoval 3:47.30 for 3rd.

Long jump — (girls) Miller 12-7.75, 12-4, 13-8, Lopez S, 12-1, 12-9; (boys) Humphreys 20-9, 20-11.5, 21-5, 21-10, S, S for 1st, Grant 17-5.5, 18-8.5, 18-4.75, 17-5, 18-10.5 for 5th, Miller 15-1, 15-5, 15-6.25.

High jump — (girls) Miller 5-0 for 3rd.

Javelin — Quintana 117, 118, S, Miller 129, S, 116-9, Eidson 70, 81-8, S.

Discus — (girls) Whitaker 77-11, 88-11, 101-6.5 for 2nd, Herrera S, 71-10, 72-1, Bishop 51-2, 62-3, 54; (boys) Williams 110-10.5, 114-5, 118-7, Hull 100-8, 95-2, S, Quintana S, 99, 101.

Shot put — (girls) Whitaker 30-9 for 3rd, Heiniken 22-2, Bishop 25-9.25; (boys) Williams 36-2, Hull 40-9.5, Humphreys 35-6.5.



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All district Tigers

The efforts of six Capitan boys basketball players during the 1995-96 season resulted in post-season District 6AA honors. Pictured are (left to right) Ernie Trujillo, Josh Peralta, Cody Turnbow and Neil Montes. Trujillo, Peralta and Montes made the first team, while Turnbow joined teammates Keith Cox and Jon Ugalano (not pictured) on the honorable mention list.

Little league hoops crowns its champions

by LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Some sensational championship play marked the conclusion of the Ruidoso Little League basketball season Thursday, March 14.

"It was an excellent season. I think that overall everybody had a real good year with it," said Little League board of director member Bert Brunell.

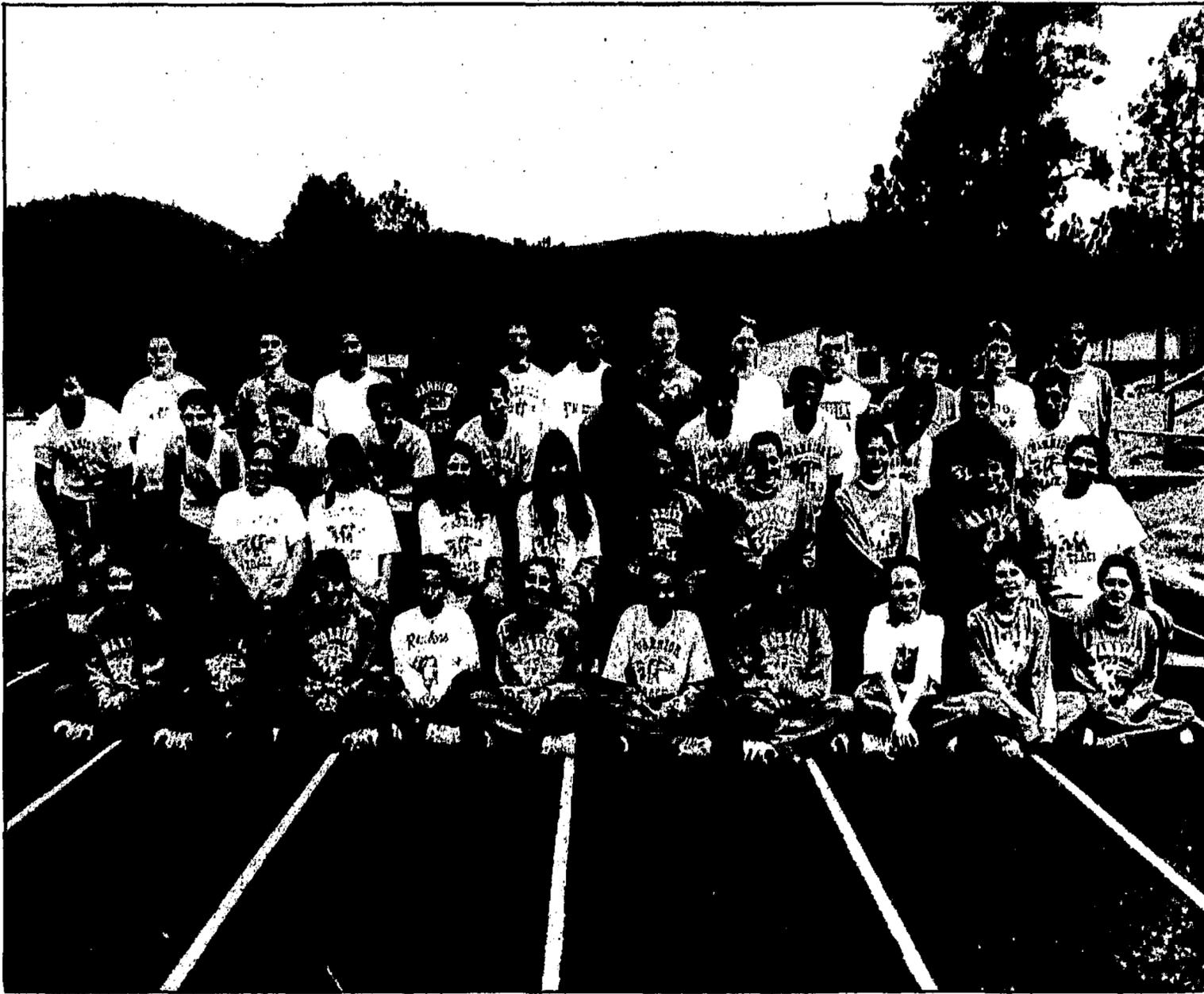
Western Auto's sixth/seventh grade boys team capped off a perfect season with a 32-26 victory over The Zuni.

It was a case of sibling rivalry in the sixth/seventh boys title game. Brothers Josaihn and Solomon Barnett faced off, with Solomon winning the battle (he scored 18 points for The Zuni) and Josaihn winning the war (his team took home the top trophy). Josaihn Barnett and Harley Davidson led Western Auto's balanced scoring attack with 11 points apiece.

The girls sixth/seventh title game featured Apache Village versus Gary Mitchell Attorney. Behind the outstanding play of Pauline Saenz, Gary Mitchell Attorney scored a 32-26 win.

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SPORTS



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The 1996 Ruidoso track team pictured (from left to right): front row — Summer Armstrong, Lisa Lopez, Jayme Paxton, America Sandoval, Erica Romero, Priscilla Rojas, Nancy Palmer, Meredith Keeton, Emily Ruch and Sundae Ewell; second row — Mandi Lewallen, Tanya Heineken, Rebecca Echols, Jessica Daniels, Althea Palmer, Bailey Bishop, Amanda Kukuska, Olivia Whitaker and Angelica Figueroa; third row — Brad Beavers, Justo

Quintana, B.J. Williams, Zac Pafford, Greg Anderson, Rex Comanche, Eric Kukuska, Jesse Figueroa, Isaiah Klinekole, Farron Palmer and Tim Skinner; back row — Caleb Hull, Michael Hufstедler, Ezra Sandoval, Garvin Grant, Roy Hough, Joey Bewley, Kyle Humphreys, Clint Eldson, Arthur Miller, Chris Lopez, Kody Sparks and Becinti Platero. The Warrior boys are out to defend their District 3AAA title. The girls hope to challenge the top three.

RHS girls getting stronger

by LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

The Warrior girls track team is strong where it counts the most — in the events that require strength and power and a few grunts.

The senior-freshman duo of Angelica Figueroa and Olivia Whitaker leads Ruidoso, which should field one of its best girls teams in years.

"The girls are just so much improved over the last couple of years that we're real excited," said coach Ronny Maskew, who heads into his 24th year as track coach.

Figueroa and Whitaker figure prominently in those expectations. Both are solid shot putters and discus throwers. Both should anchor Ruidoso's efforts in the field events. At the White Sands Invitational Whitaker took third in the shot put, while Figueroa was third in the discus.

Tanya Heineken and Bailey Bishop lend depth to Maskew's team in those events as well.

Melissa Miller carries the Warriors' hopes in the high jump. Miller has cleared 5-foot in the high jump.

Anchoring the Warriors improved sprinters is Mandi Lewallen, who runs the 100-meter dash and 100-meter hurdles. Lewallen also runs a leg in the Warrior 400-meter relay.

"We didn't have enough (sprinters) in the past," Maskew said. "This year we have more good sprinters than we've had in years."

The improved sprinting core means Ruidoso should be better in the relay events. Jessica Daniels, Lisa Lopez and Priscilla Rojas are among those speedsters.

Erica Romero, who is coming off a strong cross country season, has been consistent for the Warriors in the 800-meter run. She's placed in two of three official meets the Warriors have competed in this spring.

In the distance events, Ruidoso relies upon Althea Palmer and Nancy Palmer, both of whom work hard and have experience competing.

The improved girls will try to translate that into a top three finish at the District 3AAA meet, where they finished fourth of six teams last season.

Warriors want to make it two in a row

by LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

The Ruidoso boys track team has plenty to be defensive about this spring — namely the District 3AAA track crown.

In 1995, the Warriors returned the district title to Ruidoso after a two-year absence. This season they get to defend their crown on their home turf in May when the Warriors host the District 3AAA meet.

Until then, coach Ronny Maskew's team will focus its efforts on preparing for that district meet and the two state qualifying meets on the schedule.

"It's a matter of buckling down and fighting for the district championship," Maskew said. "We're going to do everything we can to defend our title."

In order to do that, the Warriors will have to find some holes created by graduation and attrition. Gone



is David Hufstедler, who graduated as one of the best hurdlers to come out of Ruidoso. Hufstедler was the district champ in the 300-meter hurdles and runnerup in the 110-meter hurdles. He also ran legs in Ruidoso's relays. Billy Rogge has opted to baseball this spring. Rogge won the 200-meter dash at districts and was also a member of the Warrior relay teams.

Fortunately for Ruidoso, Maskew hasn't had to find a replacement for senior Kyle Humphreys. Humphreys injured his knee in the fall playing football. Despite a torn anterior cruciate ligament, Humphreys has competed in the four Ruidoso meets thus far. And he's competed well. Real well.

"He doesn't seem to be too worried about it (the knee)," Maskew said of his star sprinter.

Humphreys sure hasn't run like he's concerned. He's won the long jump competition twice already this season and finished no lower than fourth place in the 100 and 200-meter dashes. Humphreys is Maskew's only returner relay runner in the short relays.

In addition to Humphreys, the Warriors welcome back a core of letterwinners from last year. One of Ruidoso's team strengths is its well-rounded depth, Maskew said.

The Warriors have thinclads who can score points in the sprints, the hurdles, middle distance races and distance events.

Even though he has to rebuild his relay teams, Maskew said those teams are coming around.

Seniors Rex Comanche and Eric Kukuska are back to lead the Warriors' mile relay team. Trey Brantley and Ezra Sandoval should complete that relay.

Joey Bewley has run the hurdles well. In the field events, Brantley returns to defend his district high jump title.

"Our main objective is to be our best for the district meet. Right now we're trying to find the best combinations for qualifying meets and district," Maskew.

Hopefully, that combination will unlock another District 3AAA crown for the Warriors and their mentor.

ENTERTAINMENT



Cappella Vocale Nienburg will sing chamber music at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts in Alamogordo.

German chamber music Tuesday

The Cappella Vocale Nienburg, a chamber choir, will perform free at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 26 at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts.

The Cappella Vocale Nienburg was founded in 1978 by Hans-Jurgen May. In the beginning, the Cappella was a component of the Choral work of the Niederdeutsche Kantorei, a choir with approximately 80 members which forms the core

of the choral activity in Nienburg. Now an independent chamber choir, the Cappella has 28 members that hail from a broader area of Northern Germany and has produced 19 radio broadcasts to date ("Radio Bremen" and the Broadcasting Company of Northern Germany "Norddeutsche Rundfunk") plus a number of records.

Choir Director Hans-Jurgen

May was born in 1945 and studied sacred music of the Lutheran Church and oboe at the Academy of Music in Berlin and Essen, where he received his diploma in church music in 1972.

This program is sponsored by the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts and the Las Cruces Sister City Foundation Inc. For more information call (505) 437-2202.

Capitan students celebrate spring

The annual spring concert of Capitan High School music students is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 26.

As part of the music department's "Celebration of Spring," the district's multipurpose room will be filled with the sweet refrains of music and the sweet smell of desserts and specialty coffees for guests.

The band will perform "The Waltz of the Flowers," "Three American Portraits," an Irish melody and other selections, with the theme from 'Pocahontus' for the finale.

The choir will perform three spirituals and favorites such as "The Rose," "Anne's Song" and "It's a Good Day."

Students also will perform in-

strumental and vocal solos. The new high school jazz band will debut.

Tickets are \$3 per person. Children six and under are admitted free. Tickets may be purchased from any Capitan music student or at the door. All proceeds benefit the school music program. Tea and punch will be available for non-coffee drinkers.

Tips on birdfeeding offered here

What would you like to know about feeding birds and bird feeders?

The Lincoln County Bird Club, now in its second year, will host a public informal seminar at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 28 about suitable foods and feeders for our local birds. The discussion will include

many low cost, homemade types of suets, feeders, etc.

If you have a favorite tip, recipe, or feeder, bring it along to share.

The meeting will be at the Texas-New Mexico Power Company Office, 100 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso. The room is on the north side of the building.

If you are interested in birding,

the Lincoln County Bird Club welcomes new members. The informal group enjoys outings to local areas, talks and potlucks to learn about and share knowledge of birds. The club also conducted the first Christmas Bird Count in Lincoln County and members hope to do this annually. For more information, call 257-5352 or 257-4624.

Catch 22 next in TNT concert series

Get ready for a hefty dose of alternative, pop and rock n' roll when Catch 22 from Lubbock, Texas rocks the Ruidoso Civic Events Center Saturday.

Catch 22 features former Ruidoso resident David Robbins on bass guitar. Graham Kepfer plays lead guitar, William Farrow pounds the drums and band's lead singer and rhythm guitar player is Marc Ferrino.

The band features a mix of alternative, classic rock and pop, Robbins said.

"Basically, our sound is pop but it's more on the alternative rock side," he said. "If you combined U-2, Tom Petty and Cheap Trick you'd probably have us."

Catch 22 has released one self-titled album, so those attending the concert can expect to hear original material plus classic rock and pop standards.

"We're very proud of our original material and we do plan on playing a lot of it at the concert," Robbins said. "We'll also do some U-2, R.E.M., Tom Petty, Van Morrison, and we always throw in a few surprises."

Robbins lived in Ruidoso and played in various bands during the late 80s, so the concert will be a sort of homecoming for him.

"People would know me from bands like The Intruders, Ricochet, Citizen X or Nasty Rumor," he said.

"Basically our sound is pop, but it's more on the alternative rock side."

DAVID ROBBINS
CATCH 22

"I've played in a lot of bands in Ruidoso."

Catch 22 was formed about four years ago to help finance some of the members' college education, he said.

"The band got together to help pay the bills while attending Texas Tech," Robbins said. "Two of the guys are still in college, one is a graduate, and then there's me, the old rock and roll road dog that needs a leash."

Catch 22 will perform at 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center.

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

Craft show Saturday

The Annual Culture Arts Show for the Lincoln County Association for Family & Community Education will be Saturday, March 23 in Carrizozo.

The show will be held at the Women's Club building on 11th Street. The Carrizozo chapter of AFCE (formerly the Extension Homemakers Club) is the host for this event, which is open to the public. The club has chosen "Rites of Spring" as the theme.

LaJunta AFCE members, Capitan AFCE members and Carrizozo AFCE members will vie for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons awarded by a 7-member judging team from Otero County.

Registration and the entering of exhibits will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. A few of the 18 categories for handmade entries are: fine arts, crochet, needlepoint, ceramics & pottery, weaving, quilting, dolls,

wearable art, etc. While these projects are being judged, a program and luncheon for members is planned.

Exhibits are open for public viewing from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Come see the classic, the Victorian, the contemporary, the unique and original creations presented by these talented people.

The public is also invited to participate in a wreath-making workshop during this time. Lincoln County Home Economist Betty McCreight will teach the process. Bring the following supplies with you to make your very own, personalized wreath: a wreath of your choice (straw, grapevine, etc.), silk flowers, at least 3 yards of craft ribbon (width dependent on wreath size), glue gun, glue sticks, wire cutting pliers, craft scissors and an extension cord.

ENTERTAINMENT

'No Stress' piano workshop offered in Alamogordo Thursday

New Mexico State University Alamogordo will offer the "No Stress" Pop Piano Workshop from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 28.

This popular workshop reveals the piano-playing secrets of the working professional instead of the note-reading technique taught by most piano teachers.

The workshop is geared for beginners and seasoned note-readers alike, although some previous keyboard orientation is suggested. The instructor, Donn Rochlin, emphasizes that this class is definitely not for those who are preparing for international piano competitions. He explains that "while most methods stress precision and discipline, I stress no stress!"

In the workshop Rochlin will illustrate how to get more out of sheet music by reading less of it, and other tricks and trade secrets that aren't taught in formal piano lessons.

"Students take home plenty of musical information they can sort out on their own without a big investment of time and money. That's why it's so cost-effective for adults in this economic climate," Rochlin said.

The class does not, however, guarantee complete keyboard proficiency in just one day, Rochlin said.

"My emphasis is on maximum

enjoyment — having fun playing lessons," he explained. piano right away without weekly Donn Rochlin's background com-



Donn Rochlin of Tucson, Ariz. teaches the 'No Stress' workshop.

bines a variety of musical experien- There is an additional materials fee ces with more than 15 years as a of \$20 for a workbook and cassette professional musician, teacher, and tape to be paid in class. Pre-composer. In addition to releasing a registration is required; please call solo album, he has also written for 505-4439-3625.

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An ability to read treble clef is recommended for class attendees,

but not necessary, Rochlin adds. Tuition for the workshop is \$35.

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The Saturday workshop will cover water-wise landscaping using native plants. Topics include starting plants from seed, storage and collection, propagation, climate, pruning, pest and disease control.

The workshop on Sunday will cover landscaping for wildlife, butterflies, songbirds and more.

Workshops are limited to 15 people each day. Hodoba has been coming to Alamogordo for many years to sell plants from his nursery at the Otero Chapter of the Native Plant annual plant sale in May. He is the author of the new book "Growing Desert Plants From Windowill to Garden." For more information call 434-3041 or 864-0614. The workshops are \$60 each or two for \$100.

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PERSONALITIES

Planning director remains private public official

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Between the fun of dealing with land variance requests, site development permits and master planning, Ruidoso's planning director also gets to dodge public insults.

But that's something Cleatus Richards has learned to deal with after nearly four decades as a professional land-use planner.

"The anger is going to be there because you're telling people things they have to do (with their property), things they must do and things they can't do," Richards explained.

"It was difficult at first, working out a way of dealing with that, but it comes with time," he said.

But knowing how to shield himself from the anger doesn't make the assaults any easier.

"You always take it personally to a degree," Richards related. "Anytime anger is directed at you it is a personal thing, but part of your job is to handle that anger and try to

direct people in a productive direction."

Because of his authority to deny property owners the right to do things with their land (when requests don't comply with planning codes), Richards has had his life threatened twice, he said.

Last year a Ruidoso excavation contractor became infuriated by Richards' enforcement of a code restricting driveway slopes.

Richards claimed the man threatened to kill him and pressed for criminal charges. The case was thrown out in district court, but "I considered what he said to be life threatening," Richards maintains.

About 34 years earlier, when working in Rock Island, Ill. as planning director and an urban renewal planning commissioner, Richards was threatened more directly.

"A guy met me at the door with a shotgun and asked me to leave, which I did," Richards recalls. "It was kind of a controlled retreat — maintaining eye contact, verbal

contact, and trying to keep the situation from going to an extreme.

"With urban renewal projects, you're taking land and knocking buildings down. Homeowners got very irate with that process," he recalls.

Despite the threats and stress, Richards says he enjoys his work and can't imagine doing anything else. For this reason, the thought of retirement remains in the future for this 62-year-old village official.

Doctors tried to encourage retirement this past year after Richards suffered a massive heart attack and underwent two angioplasty surgeries to open up clogged arteries.

"I still like doing this and what else am I going to do?" Richards asked.

Richards is strictly professional in his approach and has a closed and reticent manner — something that may have sparked some of the anger directed toward him in Ruidoso.

Critics have said he doesn't clearly offer alternatives to what they've requested, leaving them perturbed with planning department procedures.

Nor does Richards offer much information about his personal life if you ask.

In his own description, he's an extremely private person. Discussion of his family, beyond its size or individual occupations, is off limits. So are anecdotes about his life; except for those relating to work, the stories are not offered freely.

But during a recent "no comment" interview, this much was learned about the mysterious planner:

Richards, who has an older brother, was born in 1934 in rural Jackson County, Ill. His parents were farmers, and divorced when he was four years old. His mother remarried, and with his stepfather, the couple operated a farm with livestock.

Richards, who was an "inventive" child, enjoyed the farm, but "I felt maybe there were better ways of making a living," he said.

His parents were relatively strict when he was a child: "My mother was one who did not spare the switch if we raised her ire, which we did occasionally," he offered.

Richards' first six years of education were spent at a one-room schoolhouse with 15 other students. Thereafter he attended a town school in Carbondale, a neighboring city with approximately 8,000 residents.

He was the second of his family

fast Facts



Name: Cleatus Richards
Born: 1934, Jackson County, Ill.

Job: Ruidoso Village Planner
Place He'd Like to Work as Planner: Israel, because of the extensive new town planning.

Favorite Saying: "Cogito, ergo sum." (I think, therefore I am.)

Favorite Composers: Rimski Korsakov and Petr Tchaikovsky.

to go to college, attending the local university in Carbondale where he studied design.

It was an area of study that simply interested Richards, he said, and wasn't the fruition of childhood dreams.

"You see the problems of land use relationships and what its adverse relationship can do to areas of a community," he related, "and it's interesting to me."

Much of that education dealt with good planning theory, he said.

"What (land use) students are not prepared for is the political interplay in trying to obtain planning solutions. The ideal is not what is always accomplished."

CLEATUS RICHARDS
RUIDOSO PLANNING DIRECTOR

"What students are not prepared for is the political interplay in trying to obtain planning solutions," he added. "The ideal is not what is always accomplished."

What is accomplished is often "politically expedient," he said. "I've seen a lot of planners who aren't ready for the political reality."

It's one of the reasons there's a "high failure rate" for planners, Richards said.

Upon graduation, with a

bachelor of fine arts degree in his pocket, Richards took off on his planning career. He accepted a job with the Community Conservation Board in Chicago. He worked for three years on urban renewal planning before taking a similar job in 1960 in Rock Island, Ill. He also served as the Rock Island community planning director.

From 1968 until 1972, Richards worked for the city of Santa Fe on urban renewal before transferring to a private Albuquerque consulting firm, where he did architectural planning and engineering work. During his time in Albuquerque, which included working with the Albuquerque development division, Richards met his wife Senovia. They had four children and now have eight grandchildren.

Richards came to Ruidoso in 1988, taking the job of planning director right as the village was updating its 12-year-old planning code.

"I like Ruidoso immensely," he said. "I started with Chicago, a city of eight or nine million, and then migrated back down to a small city."

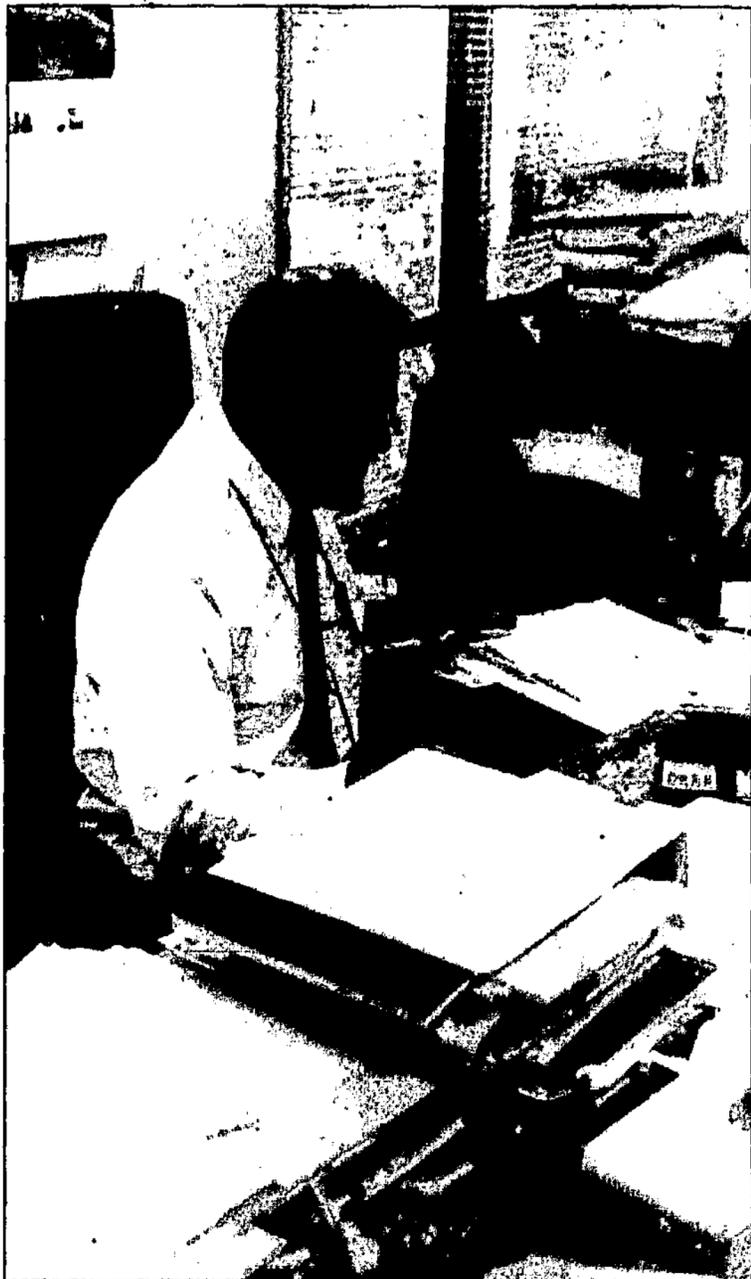
The Ruidoso Planning Department was relatively new when Richards arrived.

It was a one-man department without a secretary. "I was the department," he said.

Today, Richards oversees an assistant planner, two secretaries, a building inspector and four part-time code enforcement officers.

While his assistant handles much of the day-to-day variance and permit requests, Richards is busy with annexation studies, and updating planning codes and the village master plan.

Richards believes strongly in planning and zoning, noting places like Ruidoso that didn't grow with a land use plan in mind now struggle with modern-day traffic headaches.



Kathleen McDonald/The Ruidoso News

Buried in paperwork, Village Planner Cleatus Richards allows his photo to be taken after a recent interview. It's the only photo offered because Richards said "posing is for weddings," and he could find no snapshots of himself at home.

Dining Out

An Advertising Feature

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"It gets kind of loud because everybody is visiting and talking."

"Everything is from scratch. We

use very little processed foods. We cut our own meat. We make our own breads and rolls and we're starting to do our own pastries from scratch."

Mr. Harris vouches for the steak.

"It's top quality, the best meat we can find," he said. "It's all cooked over an open flame mesquite grill we developed."

Fancy sauces are not their style, said Mrs. Harris, but they do have their special recipes, including a chicken-fried steak that Harris claims is the biggest and best in the country.

"We offer good quality meat at a good price," Harris said.

A smaller, but tasty selection of seafood also is available including blackened catfish and broiled salmon steak.

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PAST TENSE

Like it or not, Garrett best-known as Kid's killer

The night of July 14, 1881 was warm and pleasant in Ft. Sumner. On that night, three men rode up to Pete Maxwell's house, the biggest house in Ft. Sumner, and dismounted.

As the trio walked toward the house, the man in the lead, the tall one, walked straight up onto the porch. The other two were more guarded, glancing from left to right. After a few moments talk, the tall man entered the house. The other two lounged on the porch.

Almost as soon as the tall man had disappeared into the house, a figure rounded the corner at the end of the block and began to approach the house. As he drew closer, the two men on the porch could see that he was shoeless and seemed to be fastening his trousers. In one hand he carried a knife.

The two men on the porch, who had made themselves comfortable, were sitting in the shadows, and the slender figure of the young man didn't notice them until he almost fell over them.

Springing back, the young man pulled a .41 double-action Colt "Thunderer" from his belt and covered the two men in the shadows. One of them started to rise, caught his spur on a loose board, and stumbled comically about attempting to right himself. When he did this the young man could see that he was carrying a sidearm.

Alarmed, the young man began to back into an open doorway, the same one that the tall man had gone through moments before.

The two men on the porch looked at each other, unsure of what to do. Suddenly a pistol roared from inside the darkened room. A second shot quickly followed the first.

As the duo on the porch began to draw their weapons, the tall man bolted from the room, breathing heavily with excitement. Almost on his heels another man hurriedly exited the darkened room, and was almost shot by the two now thoroughly confused men on the porch.

The tall man held up his hand. "Don't shoot, Maxwell," he said. "That was the Kid that came onto me in there and I think I got him."

Pat Garrett had just shot Billy the Kid.

The Kid's life ended on that pleasant night in the summer of 1881, and in a way, so did Pat Garrett's.

Nothing that Garrett would ever do would eclipse what he did on that night in Ft. Sumner. His days of using his gun were far from over, and he was destined to remain a controversial figure all of his life, but he would always be "the man who shot Billy the Kid."

Many would thank him for doing it. Many others, perhaps more, would hate him for it.

One of those that supposedly nursed a virulent hatred for Garrett was Billy's older brother Joe (that's right, Billy actually had a brother). Joe was about as different from his famous sibling as he could be. A tight-lipped, humorless, colorless man, he was supposedly 'looking for' Garrett.

Actually, when Garrett heard the story of Billy's brother possibly gunning for him, it was he who looked up Joe. The two met in a hotel in Trinidad, Colo. a little more than a year after Billy's death, and talked for several hours. When they parted, Joe Antrim announced that he held no grudge against Garrett.

It is unfortunate that historians were not as 'on top' of things as they might have been: Joe Antrim lived until 1930 and died an unknown in Denver, having lived his life out in the shadow of Red Light districts throughout Colorado. There are many questions about the Kid's early years that Joe could have easily answered.

No one claimed Joe's body when he died, and it was given to the Colorado Medical School for dissection.

Throughout his life, Pat Garrett had a knack for making poor financial decisions, and he spent his last 27 years doing exactly that. Pat was a brusque, abrasive man, especially when drinking, and did not make friends easily. But he did manage to make a few. One of them



Past
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DREW GOMBER
THE RUIDOSO NEWS

was Teddy Roosevelt, president of the United States.

Roosevelt was an admirer of the old time western lawmen such as Garrett and Bat Masterson — men who had brought law and order of a sort to the frontier (by the turn of the century, Masterson had become a sportswriter in New York).

After meeting Garrett and ascertaining that Pat could read and write, Roosevelt offered him the position of Customs Inspector in El Paso. This was in late 1901, a little more than 20 years since Garrett had killed the Kid.

Pat's post-Billy life had not been uneventful. Far from it. For a complete view of this famous lawman's life, see Leon Metz' excellent biography "Pat Garrett, The Story of a Western Lawman."

Back in 1896, Pat began a murder investigation that would haunt him to his dying day. Some think it may have even had something to do with his own mysterious death.

Col. A.J. Fountain and his 8-year-old son Henry disappeared in the White Sands that year. There was more than enough evidence to suggest foul play, but the bodies were never found.

Pat's suspicions fell heavily on three local men: Jim Gilliland, Bill McNew and Oliver Lee. These three claimed Garrett was persecuting them. As far as Pat was concerned, he was just doing his job.

The murders were never solved, although there are many who believe to this day that Pat had fingered the right three men.

Because the murders were never solved, they were always a good topic of conversation. The issue, unlike the man and boy, would not die. Many of the ranchers in the Tularosa Basin, loyal to Oliver Lee, hated Pat Garrett



Pat Garrett

with a vengeance.

However, when Pat became Customs Collector, it looked as though nothing could go wrong for him. But only for a very brief period.

One of Pat's close friends in El Paso was Tom Powers, owner of the Coney Island Saloon. Powers was a congenial Irishman who kept a collection of famous handguns on the wall of the Coney Island. One was given to him by Pat Garrett. It was the gun that killed the Kid.

When the news came that President Roosevelt was coming to El Paso, Powers went to Garrett and asked if there was any way that Pat could arrange a meeting with the president. Pat said sure, anything for a pal.

True to his word, Pat got the president to meet and be photographed with Tom Powers — much to the regret of all, with the possible exception of Powers.

When Teddy got wind of who the man (whom Garrett had introduced as a "Texas cattleman") really was, he hit the ceiling.

Presidents of the United States do not, as a rule, care to be photographed with saloonkeepers who are rumored to be pimps on the side, and Teddy was no exception.

The president didn't actually fire Pat, he just failed to re-appoint him when the time came.

The few remaining years that Pat Garrett had left to him were filled with worry about his financial status.

In 1907, he leased some land he owned near Las Cruces to a young cowboy named Wayne Brazel. Unbeknownst to Pat, Brazel and his silent partner Print Rhode, Garrett's bitter enemy, planned to run goats on the property.

Brazel knew Garrett, like any cattleman, would object to goats because they ruined the grazing land for cattle. So Brazel simply didn't tell Pat, letting him find out after the deal was done.

Also, just to make matters worse, Print Rhode was the brother-in-law of W.W. Cox, who held the mortgage on the Garrett place; both were Garrett's bitter enemies.

In reading about Pat Garrett, it is difficult not to notice how many "bitter enemies" Garrett had managed to accrue toward the end of his life.

On Feb. 28, 1908, Garrett left his home in the company of Carl Adamson. Adamson was related to Jim Miller, who had offered Pat \$3000 for the Bear Canyon property where Brazel was running goats.

Some distance away from the Garrett home, Garrett and Adamson saw a rider on the road ahead of them. When they overtook him, they saw it was Wayne Brazel.

Brazel began to ride alongside them, arguing with Garrett. Near a place called Alameda Arroyo, Adamson halted the team and climbed down from the buggy to urinate. Garrett did the same, mentioning at the same time to Brazel that he would get him off the land one way or the other (Pat had found out about the goats).

New Mexico's most famous lawman was standing next to the buggy and opening his fly when the bullet slammed into the back of his head, killing him instantly.

Wayne Brazel confessed to killing Garrett in self defense and was found not guilty. Then, as now, few people believed his confession.

The Garrett family believes that it was Adamson who pulled the trigger. According to El Paso historian Leon Metz, there is also evidence that focuses attention on Cox and Print Rhode as possible killers.

Then there's Jim Miller, the man who wanted to buy Pat's Bear Canyon place. Aside from being a land speculator, Miller was also one of the west's most notorious killers. However, unlike many of the more famous gunmen, Miller was a paid assassin who preferred to lurk in shadows. There may have been as many as 50 victims in his heinous career.

So who was it? W.W. Cox? Print Rhode? Carl Adamson? Wayne Brazel? Jim Miller, or someone else?

Chances are we'll never know.

Hoops

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Saenz led all scorers with 18 points, while her teammate Kam-mie Sparks dominated the boards for the winners. Crystal Rojas paced Apache Village with 10 points.

In the fourth/fifth grade championship games, Ruidoso Downs Racing captured the boys title and Western Auto took the girls crown.

Josh Adams tallied 18 of Ruidoso Downs Racing's 28 points in his team's six-point win over The Brandin' Iron. Steven Stroup led the runnersup with 15 points.

Melissa Fiero was a scoring force in Western Auto's 22-14 victory over Chileo's in the girls game. She pitched in a dozen for the winner, while Timia Eckert and Julian Morgan each had six for the losers.

German big band in Alamogordo

So you thought military bands only played marches? During the past 25 years, the Big Band der Bundeswehr (Big Band of the German Federal Armed Forces) has earned a reputation for being one of the most versatile musical organizations in Germany.

The Big Band de Bundeswehr will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 23 at Alamogordo High School. The performance is part of the band's 25th Anniversary tour. This concert is a gift to local residents from the German Air Force.

Although the concert is free, tickets must be picked up at the Flickinger Center in Alamogordo.

Twenty-three soloists make up the band's harmonious ensemble. Big Band music is currently enjoying a renaissance. With its classic combination of five saxophones, four trumpets, four trombones and a rhythm section, the band is modeled on the orchestra of the great Glenn Miller. As a music officer in the U.S. Air Force, Miller was instrumental in making this music popular.

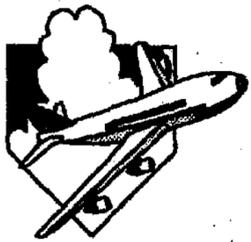
Founded in 1971, this Big Band soon made a name for itself. It has frequently appeared on radio and television, and is the "private" band of the Federal Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany at parties, dances and balls.

Swing, Dixieland, rock and roll, oldies, evergreens — you name it, they play it.

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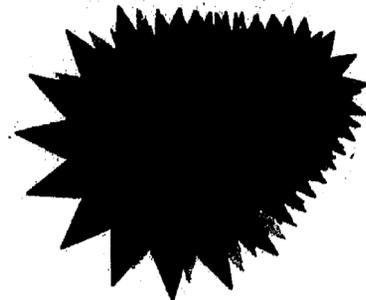
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