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Dean Stephens says he has been prospecting for 30 years. He has brought Babe and Spooky from Kingman, Ariz.

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Prospector completes a long haul to seek gold – and a good used truck

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

When prospector Dean Stephens' truck was impounded two years ago, he sold his horse trailer, packed his sleeping bag, cooking gear and mining pans on his horse Babe and saddled up an Arabian mix called Spooky.

"The only thing I could do is start out on horseback," Stephens

said as he stopped Thursday to let his horses graze in Ruidoso Downs. "I'm the last of the old time prospectors."

Since then, he's lost 50 pounds as he's traveled throughout Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico in a search for gold.

He's found it from time to time, but now he's looking for a

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7 hotel builders show interest in village-owned site

Inquiries about the 3.8-acre site have poured in from developers nationwide in the week after a Santa Fe firm cancelled its contract with the village.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

More flexibility may be the key to finally getting a resort hotel built next to the Ruidoso Convention Center.

After almost a decade of trying to have a hotel built at the 3.8-acre site, the village recently has received seven unsolicited inquiries from hotel developers nationwide, village administrators said.

The interest comes just as a Santa Fe hotel firm pulled out of its contract to build at the site, saying feasibility studies didn't support the investment required by the contract.

"We have been very specific before about meeting rooms, meeting room sizes, the number of hotel rooms, and very specific about the restaurant," Village Manager Gary Jackson told village councilors this week.

"We could be a little bit

more broader, and give a framework of what we really envision out there. Tell them that we want an upscale, resort-caliber convention hotel. That we want as many amenities as possible. And I think we can identify those amenities as being a restaurant, a swimming pool, tennis courts, and a whole list of amenities."

Then, when developers submit their proposals, the Ruidoso Village Council may choose the best offer, Jackson said. Other factors of consideration could include the firm's financial standing and willingness to move quickly, Jackson added.

Santa Fe Hospitality, the firm which last week pulled out its contract to build at the site, is among the seven firms asking to be sent one of the village's more flexible requests for proposals, said Deputy Village Manager Alan Briley on Thursday.

Briley said the other firms that have asked to be sent proposals are:

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Jim McGarvey

Bowler rolls 11 strikes, then falls short of 300 – by 1 pin

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Jim McGarvey knows what it feels like to be almost perfect.

After bowling nine perfect frames at the Ruidoso Bowling Center Wednesday night, McGarvey's streak ended, leaving him one pin shy of a perfect 300 game.

He threw the ball 11 times, leaving none standing. But on the 12th throw a stubborn 10 pin refused to fall – leaving McGarvey with a 299.

A 210-average bowler, McGarvey was just in the zone, said Ron Duncan who was on the team opposing McGarvey's in mixed league play Wednesday.

"He was unconscious," Duncan said.

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School district sees enrollment drop, faces loss of state funds

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

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The "40th day" is still 33 days away, but the Ruidoso school district is already preparing for bad news come Oct. 15.

The "40th day" is when district enrollment is totaled and considered final by the state. The state then uses that count to determine the amount of per pupil funding it will give the district for the 1997-98 school year.

At the Ruidoso School Board meet-

ing Tuesday, Superintendent Mike Gladden told board members the count isn't shaping up as well as district officials had hoped.

Gladden said student totals as of Tuesday were 33 students down from last year's "40th day" count and the equivalent of 88.5 full-time students lower than the district had projected in the spring.

The projections, made to help the

district build a budget for the coming year, had estimated a 2.3 percent growth rate from last year's state-funded enrollment of 2,394. That 2.3 percent increase equaled 55.5 new students for a total enrollment of 2,449.5.

But when the heads were counted Tuesday, the total added up to only 2,361.

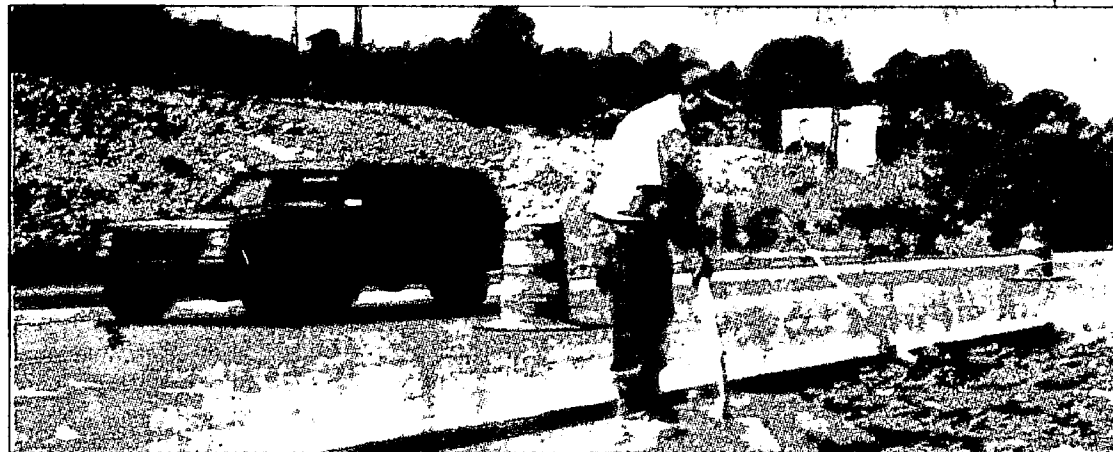
In terms of funding, if the district comes up 88.5 short, it could lose an estimated \$192,487 in state money.

District Business Manager Caron Snow said the exact amount of money

lost depends on the type of students the district comes up short. Special education students, which are totaled and submitted to the state Dec. 1, and other students are funded differently by the state.

For each student enrolled in special education, the district receives from \$5,331 to \$8,671 in per pupil funding, depending on student grade levels, and for other students the state contribution

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Jose Gallegos, working in the median of U.S. Highway 70, is part of a construction crew putting up a stoplight in Ruidoso Downs in front of the Wal-Mart Super Center.

Toni K. Laxson/Ruidoso News

Thanks to Wal-Mart, Ruidoso Downs installing its 1st stoplight, on Hwy. 70

Note under construction, the stoplight along U.S. Highway 70 in front of the pending Wal-Mart Super Center will be operating by October.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Never a one-horse town, Ruidoso Downs will soon be a one stoplight village.

The stoplight, now being put up on

U.S. Highway 70 in front of the Wal-Mart Super Center, is expected to be operating by October, village and state officials say.

Bob Kurtz, a district traffic engineer with the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department, said work began this week on the median where the stoplight will be located.

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Village will consider tax incentives to lure new businesses

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

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er Gary Jackson told councilors this week.

However, Ruidoso doesn't have any economic development program through which it may offer incentives such as tax abatements or land donations, Jackson said.

"With the loss of Wal-Mart, maybe that can be offset by other steps. And that doesn't mean bringing in things that

possibly aren't suitable for Ruidoso's environment," he added.

The council will discuss creating such a program at 5 p.m. Oct. 21 in a workshop on economic development. By state law, an officially adopted incentive program is a prerequisite for municipalities interested in offering inducements to businesses, Jackson said.

"I certainly think it's something we need to start looking at," said Mayor Jerry Shaw. "We may not be as inundated

as a place like Albuquerque ... but there's certainly a number of small businesses that are interested in moving here. And we certainly need to help the tax load, which is our gross receipts (tax)."

Many cities and towns offer incentive packages to lure businesses. The packages can include donations of land, buildings and utilities as well as possible tax abatements.

Recently, the village has seen a surge of inquiries from

developers, some of which are nationally based. Jackson told the council about one company, which wished to be anonymous, that contacted him about relocating to Ruidoso.

"And the first thing they asked is 'What is what are your incentives?'" he said.

Jackson cautioned the council members that they may see a negative reaction

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RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

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Low ... 57



Partly cloudy

SATURDAY High ... 79
Low ... 55



Partly cloudy

MONDAY High ... 80
Low ... 59



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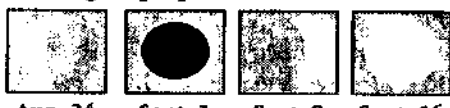
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Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	74	55	.00"
Wednesday	78	46	.49"
Thursday	75	52	.19"

Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	86	65	Partly cloudy
El Paso, TX	95	70	Thunderstorms
Lubbock, TX	85	64	Partly cloudy
Midland, TX	83	62	Partly cloudy



Aug./Sept. phases of the moon



STARDATE



Saturday night the waxing gibbous moon shines above Jupiter almost all night long. Both are fairly high in the south around 10 p.m. Sunday evening Jupiter shines far to the right of the moon.

Tuesday there's a full moon, called the fruit moon or harvest moon. The moon rises only 20 or 30 minutes later each night around the autumnal equinox, compared with 45 to 50 minutes at other times of the year.

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Seasonal change brings runny noses, headaches

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

It starts with a snuffle or a sneeze but often leads to headaches, sore throats and more.

Allergy season is here. The weather's turning cooler, the plant life is dying and those allergy symptoms are coming to light. Fall can be a tough time for allergy sufferers, depending on what they're allergic to. And Ruidoso can be a tough place to live for those affected by allergies.

"It's very dependent on what you're allergic to," said Dr. Stephen Frey. "The tumbleweeds are miserable right now. Pines and grasses and that kind of thing are very much in full swing and Russian thistle is everywhere."

Rosemary Zink, a local nurse practitioner, said the pollen in the air are increased right now, and living among the plant life of Ruidoso makes those floating offenders even more prevalent.

"This is always a high time of year," Zink said. "It's made worse (in Ruidoso) because of our plant life. We actually have year-round allergies."

Sunflowers, pines, juniper and cedar trees can be fall allergy offenders, Zink said.

Keeping track of pollen counts is one way to try to prevent or combat those stuffy noses, watery eyes and achy heads.

The National Allergy Bureau maintains a pollen count information line, which lists the pollen count by states. In Santa Fe, the information hasn't been updated since Aug. 14, leaving New Mexico allergy sufferers in the dark about what's in the air.

According to the pollen count line's tip line, ragweed can also sting the sinuses this fall. The ragweed season begins in mid-August and runs roughly until the beginning of October or until the first frost. Ragweed, according to the tip line, is a serious allergy irritant because its microscopic pollen grains can be carried by the wind as far as 300 or 400 miles.

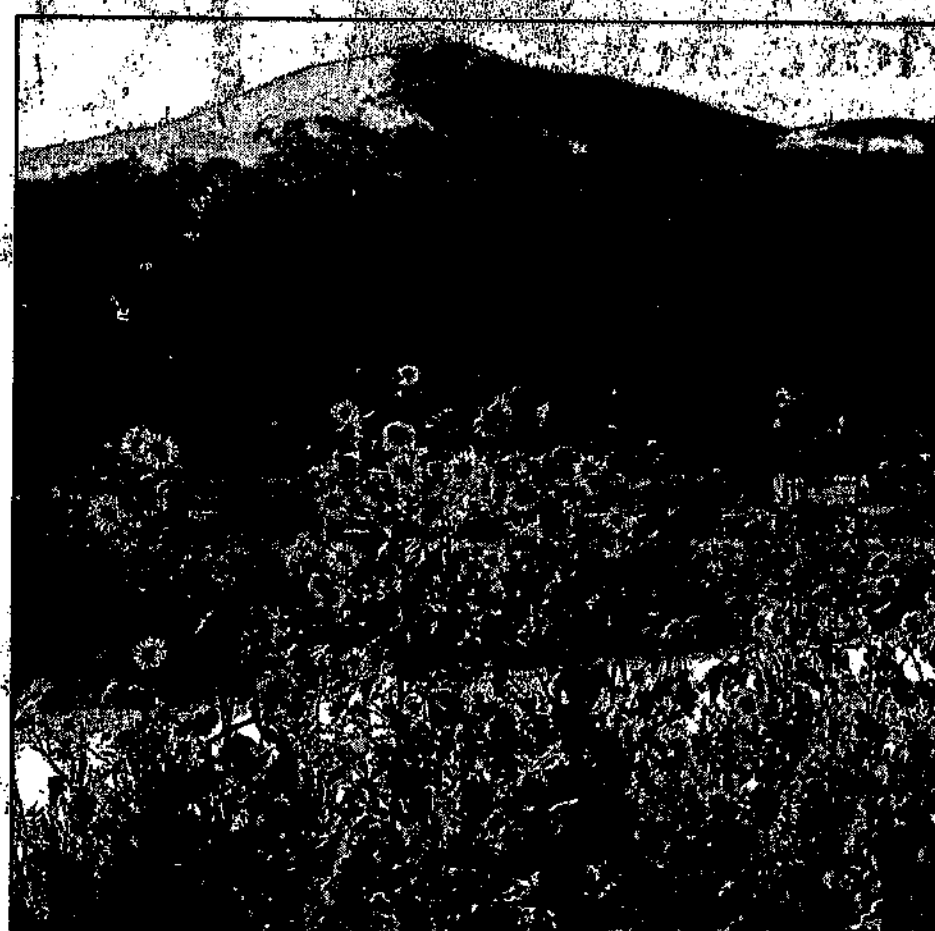
The tip line's advice to keep allergies from giving you fits is to keep your windows closed at night and avoid outdoor activity in the early morning hours (between 5 and 10 a.m.) when the pollen is usually emitted.

Zink also recommended keeping windows closed at night, but said that is often impractical.

To treat the symptoms, Zink and Frey recommended seeing your doctor for a prescription antihistamine or trying an over-the-counter remedy. Frey said one of his favorites is Tavist.

Terrie Gillespie, health services coordinator for Ruidoso Municipal Schools, also had a few hints for relieving the allergy misery.

Gillespie said she's seeing a



Channe Stallings/Ruidoso News

Sunflowers and pine trees can cause allergy problems.

lot of students complaining of sinus congestion, sore throats, headaches and dizziness. She said other causes may be at fault, but allergies and hay fever are commonly to blame.

Home remedies she recommended include gargling with warm salt water. Throw a pinch of salt in a small amount of warm water and gargle, Gillespie said.

"These gargles work well to soothe the back of the throat, keep sinus drainage cleared out of the throat, and

relieve cough," Gillespie said.

Using the gargles faithfully morning, night and two or three other times daily at the first sign of symptoms can relieve the effects, Gillespie said.

She also advised plenty of rest and a good balanced diet as preventive measures to keep allergies at bay.

But if the symptoms persist or if a fever accompanies them for more than a day, Gillespie said, a visit to the doctor is in order.

GOLD: Prospector wants to give his horses a break after a haul from Ariz.

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full-time stake where he can settle down for a while and earn enough to buy a good used truck and give his horses a break.

"All I deal in is high grade ore and I'm trying to find a place where the gold is bigger and I can stake a claim," Stephens said, scratching his full white beard and rolling a cigarette.

Stephens has been prospecting for 30 years. This

trip started in Kingman, Ariz.

It's slow-going. Riding Spooky without a bridle, Stephens covers 20 to 25 miles a day. When he veers off roads in search of ore, he leads the horses and is proud that at the age of 61 he can climb the steepest grades.

He's proud of his horses, too,

"All I deal in is high grade ore and I'm trying to find a place where the gold is bigger and I can stake a claim."

Dean Stephens,
prospector

to take pictures," Stephens said. He obliges, usually posting a sign inviting photographs, but

bragging that Spooky's stamina and strength impressed Mescalero Apache horse handlers four years ago when he was working on the tribe's cattle operation.

"Everywhere I stop, people want to take pictures," Stephens said.

asking in return for help from those who can. This time, his horses need shodding and hay, Stephens said. He wouldn't mind a shelter to stay in either. The rain Wednesday night nearly drowned him, he said.

"But I'm a Christian and when I leave a place, I try to leave something behind," he said. "When I stop near a business, it doesn't take long before people gather and it does the business some good."

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

Ruidoso News
Sept. 12, 1947

Friday night, Sept. 5, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bonnell were hosts to more than 100 friends who were invited to the annual "corn roasting party," which has become a part of the tradition of the Bonnell Ranch.

Every year there are many people present from other

towns and people who have never attended anything of the kind before.

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During the supper, Pete Hurd entertained with his ever-popular guitar playing and singing of Mexican songs.

Other musicians were Wilbur Coe, Harold Coe, Junior Perry, Mrs. Wilson Coe and Milt Mabey.

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RAPE... At approximately 7:45 pm on Friday evening, August 1, 1997, a 22 year old female was playing basketball in front of the Ruidoso Mid-School. The female was grabbed from behind by a male subject brandishing a double edged knife. The male placed the knife to the victim's throat and told the female to do what he said and she wouldn't get hurt. The male subject forced the victim to the west side of the school office area, where he sexually assaulted her. The male subject is described as a white male, possibly in his thirties, approximately 5'11" tall, with what is described as a husky build. The suspect has light brown hair with some graying and a moustache. He was wearing a ball cap, short pants and a t-shirt.

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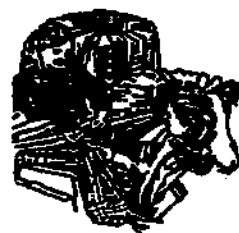
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More stores, homes report break-ins, thefts

• Ruidoso, Downs is experiencing the same surge in burglaries and break-ins.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Burglaries continue to plague Ruidoso homes and businesses despite the recent arrest of four teen-age burglary suspects, police say.

Since last week, three Ruidoso businesses and one home were reported hit by burglars — Klein's Bargains, Ole Taco, a Chevron gas station and a home on Metz Drive.

For the year, the number of Ruidoso burglaries of homes and cars has increased by 30 percent compared to last year.

Thieves are not singling Ruidoso out as a target, though.

Last month, the village of Ruidoso Downs reported 12 burglaries and break-ins — though only nine of those turned out to be legitimate, said Ruidoso Downs Police Chief David Hightower.

The number is very high for the village, even though August is usually a peak month for property crime, Hightower said.

"Usually for the month of August we have a lot of larceny and break-ins when the track (season) ends," Hightower said. "So I don't know if this is an all-time high or anything. But it is an alarming number anyway."

Ruidoso police are continuing to investigate suspects in a series of business burglaries last month. Four teen-agers have been charged in connection with the burglaries and police have at least two more suspects, said Detective Wolf Both.

The department is also investigating suspects in some unrelated burglaries, Born said.

The following burglaries were recently reported in Ruidoso:

• Sometime between Thursday, Sept. 4, and Tuesday, burglars took \$150 from a cash register in Klein's Bargains on Paradise Canyon Drive, Ruidoso police said. They closed the register drawer before leaving.

The burglars broke in through the front door, police said. Besides the cash register, nothing else was tampered with

in the store.

• Burglars took \$30 in cash and between 20 and 30 cartons of cigarettes from a Chevron station at 626 Sudderth Drive on Monday night, Ruidoso police said.

Station clerk Jack Stark told police he discovered the burglary when he came into work at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday. The thieves bent security bars from a window to get into the gas station. They took the cash from a money bag in the office and took the cigarettes from the front counter.

Though the burglars found the station's safe, it had apparently not been tampered with, police said.

• Thieves took an entire safe from the Ole Taco at 319 Sudderth Drive sometime early Tuesday morning, Ruidoso police said.

Benjamin Chavez, owner of Ole Taco, told police the burglary must have occurred sometime between 1:30 and 8 a.m., when employees were not there.

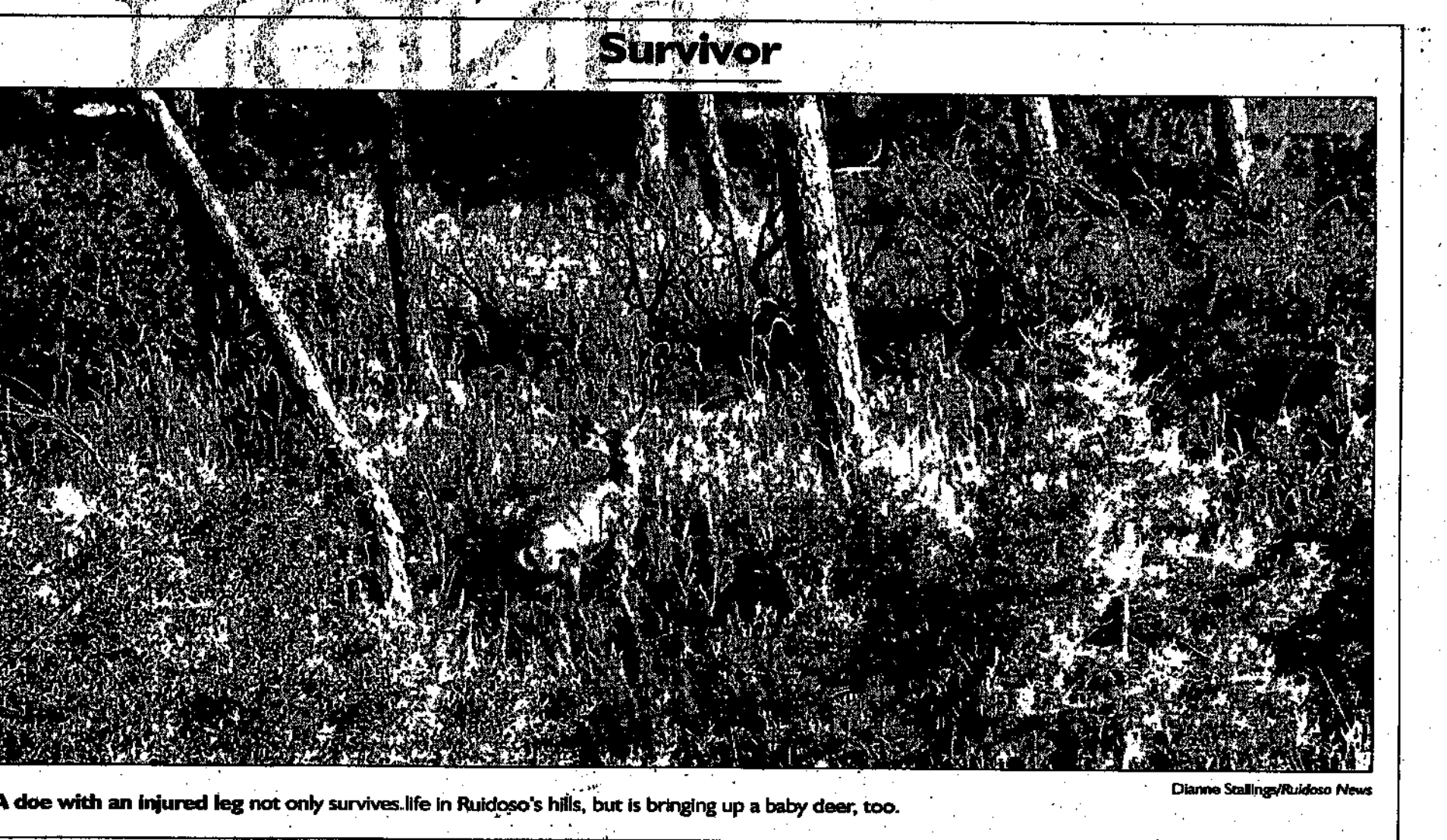
The burglars apparently entered the restaurant through a bathroom window. They went into a back room, prying the door open, and took the safe. The safe contained insurance papers for the store, Chavez told police.

• More than \$6,000 worth of goods were stolen over the weekend from a home in the 100 block of Metz Drive, Ruidoso police said.

Burglars, who apparently entered through a sliding glass door, took a computer, a compact disk player, a compact disk changer, rolls of quarters, a credit card, jewelry and other items.

The Ruidoso owners of the home had gone out of town for the weekend when the burglary occurred. When they came home, they found the front door unlocked and the outside telephone lines pulled out, apparently by the burglars who thought the lines were to a home security system, police said.

A credit card was recovered on the home's porch, where it had been dropped. The value of stolen items is estimated at \$6,400.



A doe with an injured leg not only survives life in Ruidoso's hills, but is bringing up a baby deer, too.

Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

Court clerk is honored

Beverly Ann Rankin, court clerk for the Ruidoso Municipal Court, has been named Court Clerk of the Year by the New Mexico Municipal Court Clerk's Association.

The purpose of the award is to identify and recognize a member of the Municipal Court Clerk's Association who has enhanced their community or the municipal government. The award also honors the clerk's contributions to the objectives of the Municipal Court Clerk's Association, the advancement of the municipal court clerk's profession and the promotion of municipal government in the state.

Rankin has been a court clerk in Ruidoso since October 1995. Previously, she managed the office of a law firm for seven years. She is active with the Ruidoso Big Brothers Big Sisters and serves on its board of directors. She also is active with the Juvenile Community Corrections Program.

Rankin was a retired sheepherder. White Oaks has about 20 residents and is located about nine miles north of Carrizozo.

O'Michaels' trailer door was tied open to allow the several animals he owned, but kept outside, to come inside and eat, Virden said. One of his pets was taken to a veterinarian and euthanized because it had several broken bones, but Virden said the injuries may have been old.

Residents of the community have been calling the office with their own theories, Virden said. O'Michaels recently was involved in a dispute with another resident of the settlement and reportedly was a heavy drinker, he said.

Members of the county Major Crime Task Force, which includes the state police and Ruidoso Police Department, converged on the trailer after the body was discovered by Richard Sidwell, a friend of O'Michaels.

Sidwell, caretaker at a nearby mine, started to worry when he didn't see his friend Wednesday, Virden said.

The estimated time of death based on information from local residents was between 8 and 10 a.m. Wednesday, Virden said.

Longtime White Oaks resident Ruth Birdsong said O'Michaels lived in the community about two years and was building a storage or living structure next to his trailer. He

Cedar Creek water source shut off

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF

The Cedar Creek spring outlet at the end of Cedar Creek Road is being disconnected by Lincoln National Forest officials, because of water quality problems.

The water source near Ruidoso has been used by local residents and campers for more than 40 years.

But since January, water samples have failed at times to meet drinking water standards established by the New Mexico Environment Department, said Sam Tobias of the Smokey Bear Ranger Station.

"We've had signs posted since January telling people not to use the water, but people keep tearing them down," Tobias said. "They like the taste and want the water."

The state and Forest Service officials haven't been able to identify the cause of the sub-standard samples, he said.

The offending substance is organic, but not from fecal material, he said.

"We haven't been able to find the spring box," Tobias said. "It was constructed in 1953, probably in conjunction with the original ski area there."

"Without finding where the pipe goes into the spring box, we can't clean it out and it's been there 40 years."

People don't seem to believe Forest Service signs or officials who have tried to explain the reason for prohibiting use of the water.

"They seem to think we're in cahoots with the bottled water company," he said.

"We hate to have to do this and regret the inconvenience this action may cause, but we sincerely believe it is necessary to meet our highest priority, public safety."

SCHOOLS: Enrollment drops slightly from year ago

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is \$2,175.

Gladden said the declining enrollment is not unique to Ruidoso. Across the state, Gladden said, enrollment is falling. He used Hobbs, which is down 300 students, and Alamogordo, which is down 100 students, even after lowering their projections by 200 students, as examples.

He could offer no explanation as to why the numbers are falling.

In Ruidoso, he said, all indicators pointed to more students. A healthy economic summer combined backed by a good job market pointed to more people coming to town, Gladden said.

Gladden said there's hope to make those numbers up before Oct. 15 and Dec. 1, though. He said 10 new students have registered at the high school this week, giving him reason to believe the numbers may go up.

And if enrollment stays low across the state, per pupil funding may be recalculated —

resulting in a higher dollar amount for each student, Gladden said.

Parent counts also came up at the meeting when Ruidoso Middle School Principal Sergio Castañón and Ruidoso High School Principal Ron Hodges briefed board members on their buildings' upcoming open houses.

The high school open house will be held from 6 to 9 a.m. Wednesday. Hodges jokingly referred to the early morning event as the "third red-eye special" held at the high school. He said parent turnout has been better since the school switched from evening open houses to the morning meet and greets.

At the middle school, parents will meet their children's teachers and follow their schedules from 9 to 11:15 a.m.

When quizzed about parent turnout, Hodges said nearly 300 parents showed up for last year's open house and Castañón said nearly 50 percent of parents came to the middle school's 1996 open house.

In other business the board: Recognized Ruidoso Middle School teacher Judy Miller, who was

named the Wal-Mart 1996-97 teacher of the year. Wal-Mart has recognized teachers in Ruidoso for the past three years. Along with the honor, Miller won \$500 to use in her classroom. Miller was one of 1,500 teachers earning the award nationwide.

Heard from Margaret McDonald Lahey on the Spencer Theater Education Plan. McDonald Lahey, the community and education outreach coordinator at Spencer, briefed the board on the theater's plans to take public school children to the theater, have performers visit classrooms, the opening of the theater to student performers and drama classes, and apprenticeships to be offered to high school juniors and seniors. Ruidoso and Capitán schools are already involved in the program, and the Spencer is hoping to bring Hondo, Carrizozo and Mesquero schools on board in the future.

Heard an update on drug testing of student athletes from Gladden.

"Last year we were one of a few or only districts in the state to begin the drug testing of athletes," Gladden said. "We feel very positive about the things we saw in that process last year."

He said the testing is continuing this year, and the district is working on refining the testing procedures.

Awarded a paving contract for the extension of Warrior Drive, which runs behind the White Mountain Schools complex, and the adjoining parking lot to Mesa Verde Construction of Alamogordo. The district accepted the company's bid of \$116,091.30 to complete the project.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Police investigating death in White Oaks

The body of 65-year-old Scotty O'Michaels was found in his trailer in White Oaks about 3 p.m. Wednesday with a gunshot wound to the head.

Lincoln County Undersheriff Rick Virden said the death does not appear to involve foul play. The body was lying in the doorway of the trailer and the gun was found nearby, he said. Virden would not release some details until he receives a report back from the state medical examiner's office.

"This is an on-going investigation and we still haven't interviewed some of the people we need to talk to," he said.

Members of the county Major Crime Task Force, which includes the state police and Ruidoso Police Department, converged on the trailer after the body was discovered by Richard Sidwell, a friend of O'Michaels.

Sidwell, caretaker at a nearby mine, started to worry when he didn't see his friend Wednesday, Virden said.

The estimated time of death based on information from local residents was between 8 and 10 a.m. Wednesday, Virden said.

Longtime White Oaks resident Ruth Birdsong said O'Michaels lived in the community about two years and was building a storage or living structure next to his trailer. He

was a retired sheepherder.

White Oaks has about 20 residents and is located about nine miles north of Carrizozo.

O'Michaels' trailer door was tied open to allow the several animals he owned, but kept outside, to come inside and eat, Virden said. One of his pets was taken to a veterinarian and euthanized because it had several broken bones, but Virden said the injuries may have been old.

Residents of the community have been calling the office with their own theories, Virden said. O'Michaels recently was involved in a dispute with another resident of the settlement and reportedly was a heavy drinker, he said.

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OUR OPINION

Losers together

Everybody lost last week when a small Ruidoso business enterprise called Children's Workshop closed its doors.

The families of 35 children lost, because they suddenly had no place to take their small children for day care — no small consideration when there are so many single-parent households, or when both parents must work to make ends meet.

The owner of the business, just opened in June, was a major loser. Despite strong support from many parents, and despite exoneration by police and by the state office that regulates day-care centers, the woman owner had lost so much business because of rumors, unsubstantiated though they were, that it was not feasible to continue.

And the father who filed a complaint with police alleging sexual molestation of his 4-year-old daughter at the center can hardly consider himself a winner, when police found nothing to substantiate the claim apparently based on the child's statement. The state's Department of Children, Youth and Families also investigated, and no charges were filed.

This newspaper considers itself a loser, too. Thorough and prompt reporting might have halted a grievous situation and saved a needed community enterprise. Sins of omission are no less sinful.

Certainly the people who claim Ruidoso as home are losers. It is a most painful thing, to face the fact that something like this can happen in a community while the majority go their own way, oblivious to the harm being done in their midst.

In this case, even application of the biblical commandment against "bearing false witness" seems out of the question. How can you accuse a 4-year-old of that?

Barring new information leading to another conclusion, perhaps the only closure for this incident is a community-wide vow to prevent it from happening ever again.

OTHER VIEWS

Quotations by area residents, or quotes worthy of note from other publications.

Amicable divorce

"I think this can be a mutually beneficial and amicable divorce."

Gary Jackson, Ruidoso village manager, speaking of the negotiated agreement between Ruidoso and Capitan to dissolve the Eagle Creek Intercommunity Water Supply Association, after 41 years.

Deputy overtime

"We're paying one and a half what the job is worth, if we're paying overtime."

County Commissioner L. Ray Nunley, successfully supporting the Sheriff's Office effort to add a deputy, after it was noted that crime had increased markedly in the recent past.

LETTERS POLICY

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

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THE SILVER LINING

Markita in a joyful summer

There is hardly a more beautiful sight than Hereford cows grazing in the emerald green fields of mountain meadows after a bountiful rainy season.



BY DAN STORM
COLUMNIST

The picture is especially colorful this time of year and, also, especially this year.

In the early morning you see the herd coming along the road near the old corral, on their way from the knoll and the fields west of Brother Mark's new house.

In the lead is the tiny new calf, Markita, her snow-white hair shining. She runs ahead and even waits for the others to catch up, and then runs back.

They arrive at the meadow and the little Markita goes running and jumping from one cow to another and then makes a run by herself the full length of the field, about 150 yards.

You wonder where the tiny creature, hardly a week old, gets all this abundant life and boundless energy.

You notice that the pollen has fallen from the heads of the

gramma grass, now waving across the field, and that the grass is beginning to ripen.

Nearby are the ripening heads of the Viney Mezquite, or Wild Barley, also in the process of ripening.

You begin to understand that the calf has milk formed from green grass and herbs in their prime, together with ripening wild game — what you might call a sort of "super nourishment."

Little Markita imitates her mother and the rest of the cows, nibbling at the grass, then goes and has a drink of milk, and then lies down on the upper end of the meadow half hidden in the tall grass, with her domed white head barely seen above the grass tops.

You cannot help but remember the psalm:

"He makes me to lie down in green pastures, He leadeth me beside the still waters..."

Dry September

After many days of heavy rain, it did not take the land long to dry up. Late in the week we had had days, up in the upper 80s, turning the road in front of the house powder dry.

And the river has slowed down — a crystal-clear stream flowing slowly under its tunnel

of oak, walnut, wild cherry, box elder and poplar trees.

Most generally this time of the year, we are in typically September weather, drifting mist and very light all-day rains.

Wait a minute: What is that I hear over the western hill?

This is being written to you at 1 p.m. Sure enough, the thunder boomed, and now the gray cloud is moving in over the hill top. And so now, in the winking of an eye here we are in a world of very gently falling rain — true September weather.

Fruitful picture

Yesterday I dropped by the fruit market of Mrs. Jonnie Montez, in Glencoe, and saw that the apple trees are loaded and getting ripe: Red Delicious, Golden delicious, winesap, Jonathan and Rome beauty.

Mrs. Montez gave me some prune plums from the Montes orchards. ...

We have so many things for which we are very thankful to our Lord, here in the prime of summer in the mountain land.

YOUR OPINION

Quality care at LCMC

To the editor:

In the past two years, I have been a patient in the emergency room of the Lincoln County Medical Center on three different occasions. Two of these visits were caused by life-threatening situations.

I was impressed by the professional care that I received at this center. The personnel that I had contact with were both caring and efficient. I feel that the care that I received ... was superior to that which I had received in much larger hospitals such as William Beaumont Army Medical Center, Providence Memorial Hospital and Sierra Medical Center.

According to recent articles, a group of people want to fix the problem at LCMC. In my opinion it ain't broke, so don't fix it.

Ralph Powers
Ruidoso

Taxing the citizens

To the editor:

The conclusion raised by the News that the second so-called tax meeting indicated that taxpayers were satisfied with the ... tax increase, which was a 180 degree turn in the opinion of some 500 taxpayers at a previous meeting, was strange indeed and perhaps disingenuous.

There was no comparison between the first meeting of 500 taxpayers and the meeting of 200 taxpayers which followed a

few weeks later.

The first ... was a Town Meeting. Wilton Howell, a county commissioner, had advertised the meeting as such and was the chair. Other officials who attended ... were there as spectators or taxpayers. Questions and answers pertained to the fact that taxes were on the increase due to the reappraisals of properties. It was also pointed out that the tax yield ... would face a reduction due to a state law that increases in real estate taxes would be held to no more than 5 percent over the previous year. This would cause a reduction in the yield factor.

The entire meeting was a recital of the increase tax problem and the importance of taking action to control it.

Everyone was in agreement.

The second meeting, advertised as a town meeting, turned out to be a ... commissioners meeting with the chairman in charge. ... After the usual opening ... the chairman consumed time explaining the county operation, how monies were spent, and indicating that the county surplus of over \$1 million would be on hand to improve services and oblige the taxpayers.

The subjects to be discussed, contrary to the advertising calling the meeting, were in the form of an agenda with the subject of a tax ... listed last on the agenda. A long and detailed report was given regarding the handling of jail inmates, which was interesting but had little to

do with the subject. ...

By the time Mr. Howell arose to explain that the county surplus ... could afford a small (2 mills) decrease in taxes it was apparent that he would receive no support from his own board members, who by that time were convinced that with a tax increase guaranteed by new reappraisals, the county should be left alone to see that taxes be spent wisely on improved services. ...

Statements by the ... media that taxes are being reduced are simply not true. The headline "Ruidoso reducing taxes" (was) not supported by the facts. The statement "the State also will apply the yield control formula on reappraised property, cutting about 15 percent off last year's rate" is misleading and simply not true.

The meeting was adjourned due to a noxious odor. I wonder the cause!

J. A. Junge
E.O.E., Ruidoso

The fort will last

To the editor:

Fort Stanton is an irreplaceable national treasure that must be preserved. Toward that end, Fort Stanton Inc. has dedicated its efforts to establish a living museum and a recreation and conference center at the historic old fort.

This vision was reaffirmed Sunday, Sept. 8, when the board of directors conducted its first annual meeting (since or-

Many tanks, one deadline

The clock's ticking — close to tolling — for many, many businesses in New Mexico whose primary function is to keep everybody's vehicles running.

That reminder comes from Mark Weidner, environmental secretary in Gov. Gary Johnson's cabinet.

Secretary Weidner was at the Inn of the Mountain Gods for most of this week attending a meeting about petroleum marketing, and another about underground storage tanks (USTs).

Those tanks, buried beneath every service station everywhere, have been targeted by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency for almost nine years — for upgrade, replacement or abandonment.

By Dec. 22, 1998, every fuel storage tank everywhere in the country must meet those EPA standards, which include leak detection, corrosion protection, overfill protection and spill containment.

Weidner said categorically that there "will be no extension of time." And, with about 16 months to go, less than half the storage tanks still operating in New Mexico have been upgraded to meet the standards — 2,671 tanks remain at 940 sites.

In other words, the first half were fixed (and many thousands of others taken out of service) in the past eight-plus years; the other half must be done in less than two years.

Weidner also acknowledges that these environmental rules have been expensive, and tough ... mainly on the "mom and pop" stations that were forced to close because the owners couldn't afford the upgrades.

So, how many tanks still must be upgraded in Ruidoso?

We'll let you know later. Those with access to the UST numbers were at the Inn all week — but the numbers were in Santa Fe.

MOUNTAIN ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN
RUIDOSO NEWS

ganizing) at Chango's Restaurant in Capitan.

At this meeting, outgoing president and founder Sally Burkstaller of Ruidoso welcomed new directors: Jean Boswell, Roswell; Jerrold Flores, Capitan; Jack Pruitt, Ruidoso; and Kay Spina, Lincoln and Roswell.

The board also elected officers for 1997-98: Van Shamblin, president; Jerrold Flores, vice-president; Cheryl Drake-Wozny, Jerry Mattox, treasurer.

The presence of a state prison on the grounds of Fort Stanton has not diminished FSI's long-term vision.

While the prison remains, FSI will continue to promote public awareness of and support for the old fort's preservation.

Other directors of FSI not mentioned above include Irm Carter, Capitan; Roland Carter, Ruidoso; Trink Edmonds, Ruidoso; Sid Goodloe, Capitan; and Dick Weber, Alto.

FSI recognizes that the project may take several years but that the eventual result will be well worth the wait and the effort. During its first year, FSI has received voiced and written support from hundreds of persons.

The coming year promises exciting developments. All citizens who appreciate New Mexico's history should be enthusiastic about what the future holds for Fort Stanton.

Jerry Mattox
Alto

Commissioners agree to consider land that could be swapped

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Still refusing to support a proposed federal land swap, Lincoln County Commissioners said Tuesday they do not oppose moving ahead with determining what tracts of public land would be eligible.

Ed Roberson, Roswell resource district manager for the Bureau of Land Management, asked for the leeway so that ranchers, who want to obtain tracts for grazing, aren't kept hanging.

About 33,000 acres of isolated small BLM tracts have been identified for possible disposal in the county in line with an agreement struck between the BLM and the county three years ago during a previous swap along the Rio Bonito near the settlement of Lincoln.

At that time, the county went to court over the swap of public land outside the county for the 1,020 acres along the river. Commissioners said they didn't want to see more private land be acquired by the federal agency in their county, because it detracted from the property tax roll.

BLM officials agreed that future swaps would involve returning public land in the county to private hands.

Commissioners said they will continue to object to the new swap until the BLM resolves boundary issues still unsettled from the first exchange and until a resource management plan for the Roswell district that includes Lincoln County is completed.

The plan should be issued in April, Roberson said. It's taken several years to go

through the process of writing it, conducting hearings and answering protests, he said. The plan endorses the concept of disposing of some public land within Lincoln County, he said.

A few ranchers who live near BLM tracts would like to acquire them once the swap has moved them into the hands of the Bonito Land and Livestock Co., but his office must first determine if the property is suitable for exchange and their value, Roberson said.

"Some tracts that are proposed don't appear to be proper for disposal," he said.

Boundary disputes also are being settled, starting in the western corner of the area affected by the first swap, he said.

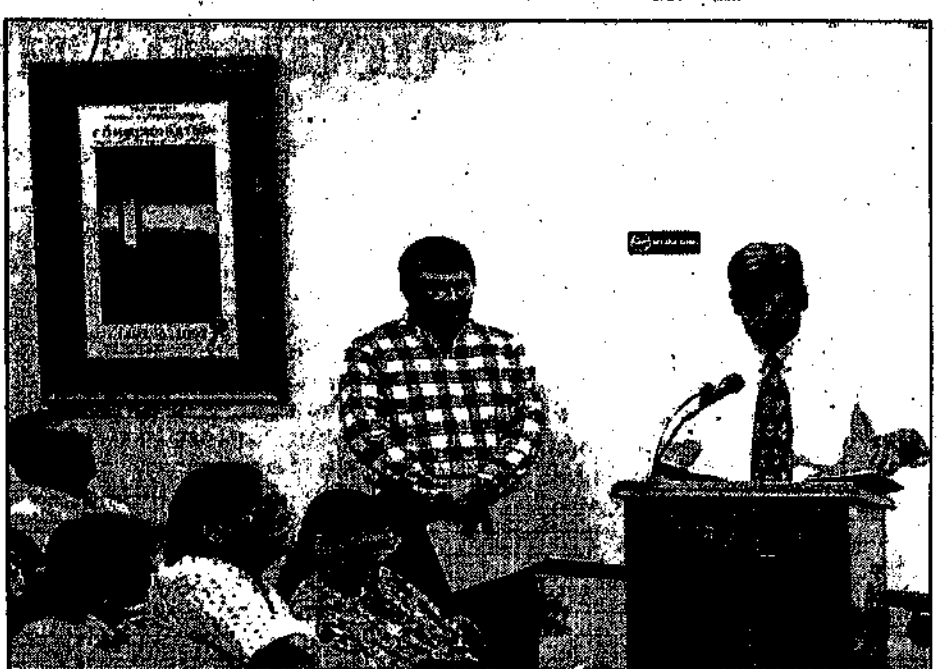
Commissioner Rex Wilson commended Roberson and his

staff for their cooperative attitude in contrast to previous managers.

"But I still recommend we stick with a position of no support until the last item (in the prior agreement) is finished," Wilson said.

In a related matter, commissioners approved a five-page memorandum of understanding, shortened from 11 pages, that dated from the land swap three years ago.

Following the recommendation of the county Public Lands Use Advisory Council, commissioners also voted to send a resolution opposing the American Heritage Rivers Incentive, because of the additional control that could be conveyed to the federal government over waterways and watersheds.



Ed Roberson, Roswell district manager for the BLM, asks Lincoln County Commissioners approval to move ahead with a land evaluation process.

'Open Forest' walk/drive planned in Upper Canyon

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF

The Forest Health Coalition of Lincoln County is inviting residents to an "open forest" walk/drive in the Upper Canyon from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Monday.

The goal of the "open forest" is to demonstrate how to make homes safer from forest fires.

The coalition is holding the event in the early evening so working people may attend.

Motorists driving up Main Road will be able to see some properties where owners have thinned out trees from beneath and have taken other steps to create fire defense zones around their homes, coordinators said.

Participants should turn right off Main Road onto McDaniel Drive, cross the river and turn left onto Riverside Drive. From the cross roads, motorists

should turn right on North Mountain View and follow the signs.

The area was the site of the 1996 Forest Health Workshop, and much has been accomplished by several residents to return the forest to a safer, healthier and more natural state, coalition officials said.

New Mexico Forestry has marked adjacent areas as needing work. Those areas stand out in sharp contrast to the lots that have been thinned, officials said.

The "open forest" also includes a walk along Mountain View Drive to show the advantage of thinning diseased, dying or dead trees. A short stroll up a dark canyon leading to the national forest will reveal the dramatic advantage of a lop and scatter operation for areas where slash removal is difficult or impossible, coalition officials said.

County jail population drops below maximum

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Because of cooperation among county officials, judges, prosecutors and jailers, the Lincoln County jail population is down after months of topping the 48-inmate limit.

But District Attorney Scot Key warned county commissioners Tuesday that shouldn't stop them from continuing to look for other alternatives to keeping inmates in jail.

Drinking and drug abusers may not belong in jail, but they also don't belong out on the street and behind the wheel of a car where they could kill someone, Commissioner Wilton Howell said.

Exactly, Key said. The main concern should be public safety.

Ankle monitoring devices are a short-term solution, but a long-term fix will require some rehabilitation, he said.

He introduced John Baldonado from Maryland House, a rehabilitation center supervised by the Otero County Council on Alcohol Abuse.

Baldonado said that because state money is being cut for rehabilitation, counties will have to pick up the expense, if they want to start or maintain rehab programs. But rehabilitation ultimately will be the only way to permanently lower the jail population.

Carrizozo Mayor Cecilia Kuhn reiterated her town's interest in the new jail that commissioners are considering being built in an industrial park adjacent to the community air-

port. The tracts there run from 6.3 acres to 12.1 acres with all utilities in place, she said.

But several residents from the town questioned whether a new jail is needed since the inmate census has been below the 48-bed maximum lately. Others said the jail could be enlarged to handle any overflow for less than the cost of hiring someone to build and operate a new jail.

Tommy Warren of T. Warren Construction based in Texas, has said it will cost the county \$1,095,000 a year for 15 years to operate and pay back construction costs on a new 100-bed jail, if he builds it. The extra beds could be rented out to other counties who run out of space in their detention centers and

could generate revenue for the county or help pay the cost of management, he said.

One woman pointed out that a jail and the court should be close to the Sheriff's Office to accommodate deputies who may be called to testify at a trial. Another noted that a jail is supposed to be within minutes of a trauma center. The Sheriff's Office and a health clinic are in Carrizozo. The county hospital is in Ruidoso, about 12 miles south of the second site being mentioned for a jail, on Sierra Blanca Airport Road.

Wayland Hill, county jail administrator, said the only reason he isn't crowded is that judges and prosecutors are working with him and he has 13 people on an ankle monitoring system.

Downs: Village's 1st stoplight is expected to be operating by October

Continued from page 1A

The store is expected to have its grand opening in mid-October, and the stoplight is to be operating by the time the store opens, officials said.

Wal-Mart is paying for all the costs of putting up the stoplight and the associated road work as well as a previous traffic impact analysis, Kurtz said.

A total cost of the project was not available from Wal-Mart corporate headquarters by deadline Thursday, but another state official estimated

the cost of the stoplight alone at \$100,000 to \$500,000.

Doug Stewart, a state district permitting agent, also said the stoplight will feature a state-of-the-art traffic signalization detector. Currently, most detection systems use underground wires to regulate the flow of traffic at the light, Stewart said.

The new Downs stoplight will use a video system, at a cost of about \$30,000 to install, he said. It too will be paid for by Wal-Mart.

The new system is expected to last longer with less maintenance requirements than the underground "loop" wire detectors, Stewart said.

Under an agreement with the state and Wal-Mart, the village of Ruidoso Downs will maintain the stoplight, said Village Clerk/Treasurer Leann Weibrecht.

"Such as lamp replacements and all electrical energy," Weibrecht said. "And we would pay the state for any repairs they make to the stoplight."

Jerry Longbotham, an engineering assistant with Texas-New Mexico Power Co.,

said the average electrical costs of a stoplight are roughly \$100 a month.

After the stoplight is installed, it will flash only a yellow light for several days up to a week to allow local drivers a chance to become accustomed to it, state and village officials said. After that, it will begin full signalization.

The light was warranted in the traffic study completed by Wal-Mart, Kurtz said. The study basically calculates the number of cars that would be turning into the Wal-Mart store off Highway 70, he said.

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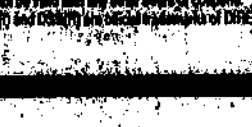
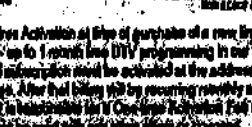
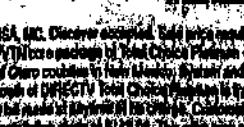
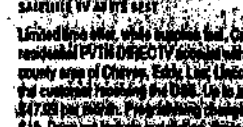
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PARADE REGULATIONS

- Registration deadline is Monday, September 29, 1997
- Float dimensions should not exceed: width...13', length...40' (including tow), and height...13'.
- Absolutely no throwing candy, gum or other items from the floats. Candy is a staple of parades; however, adult outsiders can hand it out to children along the route by hand and replenish their supplies from their parent float.
- All float and pickup entries carrying children must have an accompanying adult on the float or in the bed of the pickup.
- The parade will begin at the corner of Mechem Drive and Sudderth Drive with the line forming northbound up Mechem. The parade line-up must be completed by 9:00 a.m. The parade will disband at 720 Sudderth Drive (Chamber of Commerce Building), although floats will have to continue to Carrizo Creek Rd. and Two Rivers Park for room to disembark.
- There will be \$100.00 awarded for the 1st place float; \$50.00 for 2nd; and \$25.00 for 3rd. Prizes will also be awarded for the best decorated bicycles by children, as well as for children marching in the parade with their pets, in grades K-6.
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Ruidoso
SEASONED JUST RIGHT

Major restructuring undertaken to preserve Lincoln Heritage Trust

• The Wortley Hotel is sold and management scaled back in an effort to support the museum.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

LINCOLN — In a move to ensure the future financial health of the Lincoln County Heritage Trust, the position of director has been abolished and some trust assets have been sold.

C. K. Stribling, chairman of the board that runs the trust, said this week that Colleen Salazar's last day as director was Sept. 1 and the board is searching for a person to fill the new lower-paying job of Heritage Museum manager.

"As a basic proposition, the board was looking at the unalterable fact that we were withdrawing between \$50,000 and \$60,000 a year from our endowment account to cover losses in our activities," Stribling said. "It occurred to us that if we continued to do that, we'd be closing the doors in a couple of years."

Before he ran into financial troubles, Robert O. Anderson, one of the founders of the trust that operates a museum and tours of historic buildings in Lincoln, routinely would

cover those losses with one signature on a check.

"We developed a plan whereby we'd sell some of the vacant lands bought by Mr. Anderson in years past," Stribling said. "Of course, his intent was to buy and keep them as open spaces for the community. It was a great idea at the time, but unfortunately, we can't do that."

"The board determined we'd sell some of the assets to replenish our endowment fund and get it to a level that we could sustain our activities here indefinitely from the interest."

"It was a decision not taken lightly. We were reluctant to take it, but we had explored all of the other opportunities as far as state and federal grants. That's a pretty dry well now."

Three tracts of land in the community, about 30 miles northeast of Ruidoso between Capitan and Hondo on U.S. 380, were sold to bankers. The largest was six acres and could accommodate a maximum of two homes subject to the strict architectural regulations of the historic district of the community.

The 1.37 acre tract is not large enough for a home, but the 1.9 acre lot could accom-

modate one home, Stribling said.

"Those sales have enabled us to replenish the endowment and keep us in business trying to service the community," he said. "We had to do a budget within our new financial guidelines and when we did, we found we couldn't fund some of the things we had in the past and the directorship was one of them."

"The board was very regretful we lost our former director, Mrs. Salazar, who did a great job for us, taking over when it was really in a chaotic situation."

Salazar was not interested in working for the lower salary and in a job of drastically reduced responsibilities, he said. She could not be reached for comment.

The rest of the positions at the Heritage Trust Museum are interpreters and none were cut, Stribling said. A professional bookkeeping firm will handle financial accounting in the future, he said.

The sale of the Wortley Hotel, originally built in 1872 in Lincoln, to Tinnie Silver Dollar Restaurant owner Salem Sager this summer, also was a cost-saving and money-generating move, Stribling said.

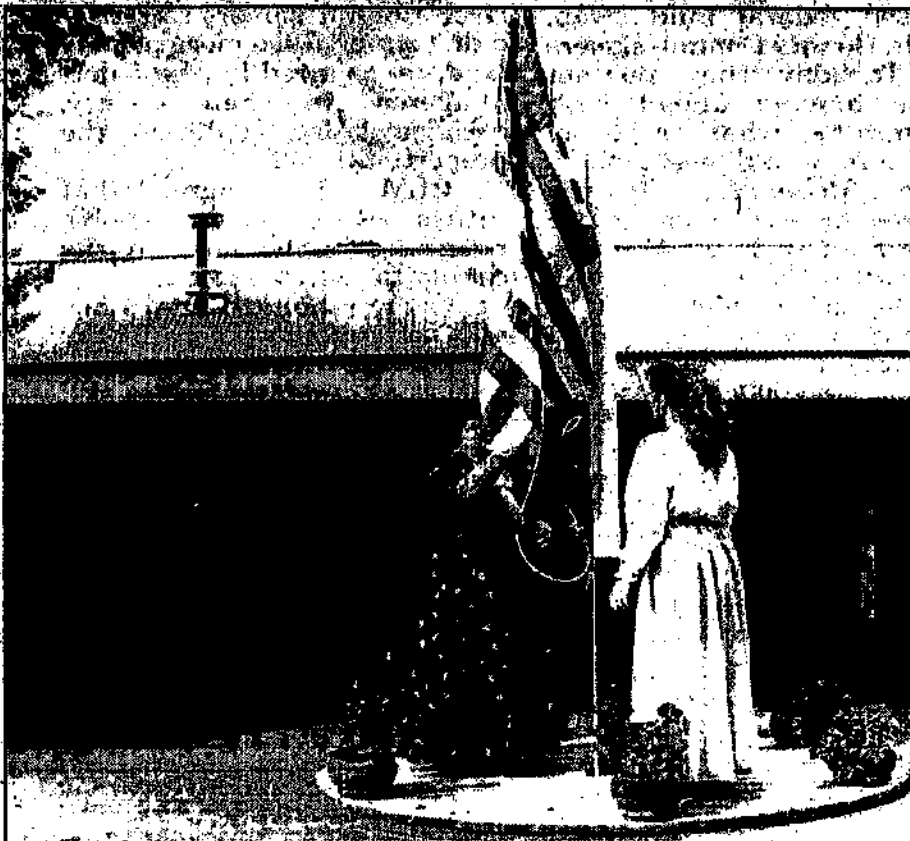
"That and the fact that the trust historically has never been good at operating a business like the Wortley Hotel (motivated the sale)," he said. "We just have not done a good job and we freely admit it. That's not our mission, or purpose (to operate for-profit businesses). So when we had a chance to sell to a professional, we thought good. It takes lots of responsibility off the trust's back and added to our endowment funds."

Sager has brushed up against community sensitivity before in operating the Tinnie restaurant, Stribling said.

"He wants to fit into this community and is prepared to do what's necessary," Stribling said of Sager. "He understands it will take time. There are members of the community, who ran or were associated with the Wortley in the past, and they wouldn't be happy with anything anybody does. So far, he has worked quite well with the community trying to overcome the new boy on the block syndrome."

"He's very cognizant of Lincoln's historical values and supports them 100 percent. That was the basis of his interest (in the restaurant)."

Having a year-round restaurant is necessary in a



Keeping flags flying and the museum operating at Lincoln is the continuing goal of the Lincoln County Heritage Trust. (This was a flag-raising in 1989.)

community somewhat isolated from other areas in the county, but a popular tourist stop, drawing about 40,000 people a year, Stribling said.

"When the Wortley is

closed and people have no place to get a cup of coffee or cold drink, it distracts from tourism," he said, adding that local residents also enjoy a restaurant in their community in the winter months.

Thanks for service



Two former county Planning and Zoning Commission members were given plaques in thanks for their service Monday. Left to right: Commission Chairman Monroy Montes, ex-members Ralph Romero and Buddie Guthrie, and Commissioner L. Ray Nunley.

Contract for Smokey Bear Museum operation to be awarded by trustees at Sept. 22 meeting

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

CAPITAN — Trustees are scheduled to decide Sept. 22 who will operate the village's Smokey Bear Museum for the next year.

The board receive two proposals Monday. One was from Cindy Livingston and the second came from Friends of Smokey Inc., a support group for community activities related to Smokey Bear, who is buried at the state park in town.

Although details of the proposals won't be released until a contract is negotiated, Bruce Eldredge, curator of the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs, spoke on behalf of the

Smokey group. He had been asked to take a look at the existing situation and make suggestions about expanding it, Eldredge said.

"The museum is a very small building and the village-owned exhibits are poorly developed, in some ways damagingly developed," he told the board.

More needs to be done to protect the rare and collectible pieces, he said.

"It's a very valuable asset and the village needs to use it better," Eldredge said, and in a way that will draw more tourists to the town and feed the local economy.

In the past, individuals have operated the museum and gift shop as a for-profit

business.

The ranking of the two proposals will be accomplished at the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22. The three variables are how much rent will be paid each month, the percentage of gross to be paid and the other terms of the contract, including hours of operation.

One of the residents suggested the museum be opened at least the same hours as Smokey Bear Park next door.

Sewer rate increase In another matter, the trustees unanimously agreed to change the effective date of a sewer rate increase from 18 months ago to the end of October.

They had approved a \$1 per month increase for three

years that was to take effect Jan. 1, 1996, but then failed to bill customers for the extra money. To make the increase retroactive would cost each customer \$20, Renfro said.

"I don't feel it would be fair to do that," he said.

Trustee Lamoyne Carpenter agreed, saying charging the back fee all at once could hurt.

In other business, the trustees:

• Announced a contract has been signed for construction of a new 2 million gallon water storage tank on the east side of town near the village's 500,000 gallon tank. The work by Edison Steel of Albuquerque will begin Sept. 22 for a price of \$893,750. The village will pay \$18,750 with the rest of the money from a Community Block Development Grant.

• Appointed Maxine Schrup to the village cemetery board.

Protests threaten delay of Capitan post office

New building in traditional style preferred

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

CAPITAN — A protest of the proposed design of a new post office could delay construction long enough to stop the project, Post Master Mike Currin says.

Speaking to the Capitan Board of Trustees and about two dozen residents Monday, Currin said the project is on hold until issues raised by those protesting the design are resolved.

"It could be tomorrow or next November," he said, adding that the contractor could decide to pull out or the postal service may get tired of the hassle.

A petition with about 24 signatures was submitted to the service calling for the post office to fit in with the historic character of downtown Capitan.

That would have been no problem, Currin said Wednesday. The plans for the new building next to Smokey Bear Restaurant include an earth-tone stucco exterior that would blend well with other building on Smokey Bear Boulevard, he said.

No 'generic box'

But the petitioners specifically cited their objections to "generic box" type post offices built in Nogal and Tularosa.

"When they lunched in Tularosa, that's when everybody became concerned," Currin said. "Because Tularosa is not generic. It's stucco and about 6,800 square feet."

But the Tularosa building is a Spanish/Mediterranean style building, said Virginia Watson-Jones, who sent a letter to Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., expressing her views on the post office design and was one of the authors of the protest petition.

She recommended a turn-of-the-century territorial style building in keeping with the character of Capitan and the historic settlement of Lincoln nearby. She said six buildings in Capitan already are restored or still in use that conform to the territorial style.

At a meeting about the post office last week, tempers flared on both sides as her husband, Lionel Lippmann, read a statement saying that public

officials and other influential people in town tried to coerce them into dropping their objections.

The attitude of the officials seems to obscure the real issue, which is the appearance of the post office, not whether the signers of the petition want a new post office, he said.

"Obviously we do," Lippmann said.

In a statement on Wednesday, Watson-Jones wrote that although the new building will be stucco, it will essentially be a warehouse, box-building, and will not fit in with the atmosphere that many in the town are trying to preserve and enhance.

Lease nearing end

The postal service's lease in the space next to Farmer's Market runs out in May 1998 and the market owners have plans to expand into that building. A deal was worked out for the purchase of a new lot near the Smokey Bear Restaurant and construction of a 4,300-square foot building for the new post office.

If the protest is satisfied and the land is purchased, "I've been told construction will begin that day," Currin said. "I'm sorry it's such a long process. In my opinion, this has gotten way out of hand and assumptions (objections) made were incorrect."

The proposed design has been available for review at both the post office and village hall, he said. With 44,000 square feet of land, the new site will have more space for handicapped drivers than the total number of parking slots at the existing post office, Currin said. Landscaping will be unobtrusive and require little water, he said.

Debra Ingie, who owns the land that may be purchased for the new post office, said a resolution approved by the trustees last week satisfied the postal service that the community is behind the project.

She had expected the project to clear Monday, but was told a "few minor glitches" occurred that could hold it up until she returns from a trip out of town.

If a new post office is not completed by the time the lease runs out, Currin said he thinks the owners of the market will allow the post office to stay until one is completed.

REGIONAL BRIEFS

Pecan harvest looks up

New Mexico growers are expecting to harvest about 40 million pounds of pecans this year, said a New Mexico State University horticulture specialist.

"It's going to be a good year not only because we have a good, quality crop, but we don't have an excessive crop," said

Esteban Herrera with NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service. "An excessive crop can effect quality."

Last year, New Mexico produced about 22 million pounds of pecans, he said. A record crop of 45 million pounds was harvested in 1995.

New Mexico's pecan production is projected to be about average this year. Approx-

mately 45 million pounds will come from across the border, Herrera said.

Spending gets OK

A Senate-House conference committee in Washington has approved requests of \$27.9 million in military construction funds for projects at White Sands Missile Range and Hol-

loman Air Force Base, according to Sen. Pete V. Domenici.

The funding is part of a total package of \$69.1 million for New Mexico spending in the \$9.2 billion 1998 Military Construction Appropriations Bill.

Domenici said conference approval came after differences were settled in Senate and House versions of the bill.

BOWLER: Pin just won't fall

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Dave Cecil, owner of the Ruidoso Bowling Center, said he was on the lane next to McGarvey Wednesday night.

"He's bowled 300 before, so it's not something new," Cecil said.

But just because he's been there before didn't mean he was any easier to take.

Cecil said everyone at the bowling alley was rooting for McGarvey as he kept knocking them down.

"Everybody was cheering and clapping, and they were very disappointed when the 10 pin didn't fall," Cecil said.

Cecil compared the final throw to a major league pitcher who is protecting his perfect game in the bottom of the ninth inning when the last batter gets "ahead of one."

But despite falling one pin short of perfection, McGarvey will still be honored by the American Bowling Conference for his great game.

"He still qualifies for ABC awards," Cecil said. "He'll have his choice of a watch or a ring."

McGarvey, who had today off from Western Auto, was out of town at a football game and couldn't be reached for comment.

Business offers to donate \$20,000 in fight vs. graffiti

An anonymous donor will enable the village to buy specialized equipment to quickly eradicate graffiti.

BY TONI K. LARSON
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Ruidoso's growing problem with graffiti soon will be attacked by quick removal of spray paint vandalism, village officials said this week.

"We have a local business that wishes to remain anonymous that would be willing to make a sizable donation of up to \$20,000 for the purchase of equipment necessary to remove graffiti," Village Manager Gary

Jackson told the Village Council.

A month ago, graffiti "taggers" struck about a dozen different places overnight, including several public buildings and businesses. Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny Maddox said gangs often use graffiti as retaliation strikes against other gangs as well as for recognition.

"The fact is that we do have a problem," Maddox told the council about graffiti in the village. "We're trying to stay right up with it and confront it head on. Sometimes we catch them. Sometimes we don't."

With the donation, the village will be able to purchase specialized equipment, called a

Graffiti Buster, which is designed like a sand blaster, said Deputy Village Manager Alan Briley. It uses a high-pressure water spray and baking soda to remove the graffiti. The equipment could be placed on a trailer and transported to wherever "taggers" strike.

Briley said that if the donors purchase the equipment themselves, then it could be on the streets in two weeks. If the donors give the money to the village, which would have to go through a bidding process, it may be two or three months, Briley said.

The success of the task force would depend on how quickly graffiti could be

removed, said both councilors and village officials.

"It's my understanding that the key to the effectiveness of this type of graffiti abatement program is the response time," said Councilor Bill Chance. "It is to have their name or tag recognized by the public. And as quick as you can get that down, you've defeated their purpose and dissuaded them from continuing."

Jackson suggested that a hotline number be set up through the Police Department. The goal could be to remove graffiti within 48 hours of it being reported, he said.

The task of removing graffiti could be divided between the

parks and recreation department and the street department, Jackson said. Parks and recreation would be responsible for removing graffiti from public buildings and the streets department for removal from areas such as bridges and signs.

One issue still to be resolved would be the removal of graffiti from private property like businesses and homes, especially those in which the property owner lived elsewhere, Jackson said. Village Attorney John Underwood told the council the village would need to obtain permission from property owners before taking steps to remove graffiti.

Results of criminal cases in Ruidoso Magistrate Court

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The following criminal cases were taken from Ruidoso Magistrate Court Judge William Butts presiding. They are identified by the date filed, the defendant, the charges, the sentence and the case number.

Aug. 21 - Arthur Silva; no contest to violation of probation for DWI 2nd offense, driving while license revoked from 4-97 conviction, and violation of probation driving while license revoked and possession of drug paraphernalia; conviction 3-97. Served 90 days on prior sentences; sentenced concurrently to 364

days in county jail on counts one and two, 90-days on count three, and pay all past fines on court four. Defendant is not entitled to time off for good behavior. The last 30 days of the 364-day sentence may be at in-patient rehabilitation center; case #M32-DR97-1728.

Aug. 21 - Scott Wesley Moore; no contest to violation of probation for prior DWI and driving while under influence of intoxicating liquor, third offense; aggravated DWI charge dismissed by state; sentenced to 364 days from June 25 at the county jail with no bond, may consider last 30 days as in-patient rehabilitation center, supervised proba-

tion after rehab, \$1,000 fine with \$250 suspended, \$189 in court costs; case #M32-DR97-1726.

Aug. 21 - Paula D. Bertram; not guilty of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, a first offense, careless driving and restricted license; case # 26-02-97-1673.

Aug. 21 - Larry Ysasi; guilty of driving without a valid driver's license, open container and driving left of center; state dismissed charge of driving while license suspended or revoked; sentenced to 90 days with 78 days suspended, credit for 12 days served in jail, 78 days proba-

tion, \$300 fine with total suspended, \$49 in court cost and \$29 in court costs for count two and three; case # 26-02-97-1313.

Aug. 21 - Oscar Marquez; guilty of probation violation from 10-97 sentence for DWI, first offense and driving while license revoked, served 90 days, 287 days probation, was sentenced 12-96 to 53 days in jail and 30 days rehabilitation at Maryland House for a third DWI and for driving while license revoked, probation continued; 5-97 violated probation with blood alcohol level measurement and jailed without bond; sentenced to concurrent 364 days in county jail without

time off for good behavior starting 5-19-97, may consider in-patient rehabilitation for last 30 days, all fines and costs not collectible due to being jailed; case # 26-02-97-0098 and 26-02-97-0652.

June 30 - Wayne Watts; guilty of aggravated battery, misdemeanor, and criminal damage to property less than \$1,000, a petty misdemeanor. A charge of aggravated battery on household member was dismissed by the state; sentenced to 364 days in county jail, fines and fees not collectible, 180 days on count two, sentence may be reconsidered in lieu of long term rehabilitation; case # M32-FR97-1726.

Village OKs Cablevision deal

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF

Lincoln Cablevision has a new 15-year contract with the village of Ruidoso as of Tuesday.

Village councilors unanimously approved the non-exclusive contract, postponed twice from previous sessions while attorneys worked out details.

The contract gives the cable company use of village right-of-ways in exchange for franchise fees, which are passed on to customers.

Chay Rennick, an attorney for the village, listed changes in the new contract, including a clause that allows the village resume rate regulation if federal laws change.

Based on current Federal Communication Commission regulations, which have fluctuated in the past decade, the cable company believes it is not subject to rate regulation and has made a FCC application to that effect, Rennick said.

The village will have an option to renegotiate its franchise fee agreement with the company if Lincoln Cablevision expands to internet or telephone services, according to the new contract. Currently, the vil-

lage receives 3 percent of the company's profits from basic cable service.

Also, if the cable company is sold, then the village will have 90 days to decide on whether to continue its contract with the new owners.

In other action the council: Settled a lawsuit with the village of Capitan regarding the Eagle Creek Intercommunity Water Supply Association. To pay for its portion of the association's assets, Ruidoso may have to call a special bond election or use gross receipts taxes.

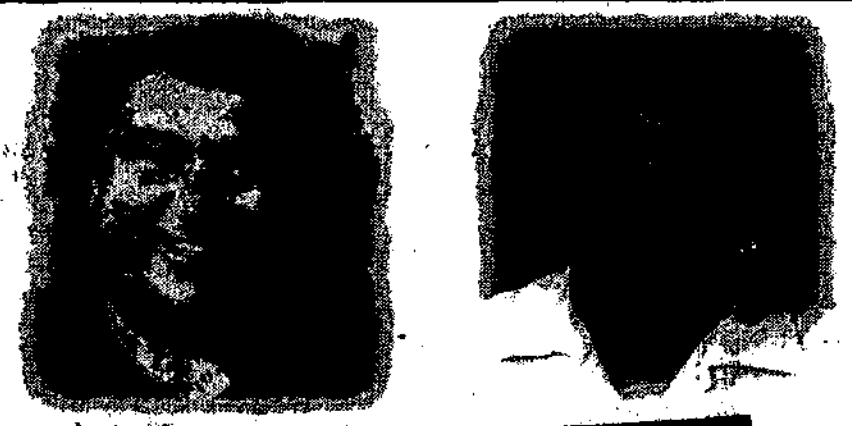
Approved a temporary location for banners advertising community events will be at the village's billboard at the intersection of U.S. Highway 70 and Sudderth Drive. The council postponed identifying a permanent location for across-the-street banners until more study could be done.

Created a graffiti removal program. A local business, which wishes to be anonymous, has offered to supply the village with equipment which would allow the quick eradication of graffiti.

Discussed establishing economic development policies for the village. Jackson said the village has never had a formal economic incentive plan, which would allow it to offer inducements to businesses considering relocation in Ruidoso. Under state law, the village must have policies in place before it may decide to offer many incentives, such as a tax abatement, Jackson said. He intends to propose a future workshop to discuss the issue, he said.

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Sheep producers promote product

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

ANCHO — As the state inventory of sheep continues to slide downward, sheep producers in New Mexico agreed earlier this month to pay a 40 cent per animal assessment to help promote their industry and educate the public.

Pete Gnatkowski, who runs about 600 mature ewes on a ranch near Ancho, serves on the board of the newly formed Sheep and Goat Council, which set up the program.

He hopes the assessment, which took effect Aug. 15, and a new promotion thrust will be a shot in the arm for the industry.

"Agriculture as a whole has been taking it on the chin lately, just because people don't know what it does," Gnatkowski said. "Ask these kids in town and they have no idea where the milk on the shelf comes from."

The assessment will be collected from producers by livestock inspectors at the time of sale. The assessment is voluntary and a refund may be requested from the council, Gnatkowski said.

Money for promotion used to come from a federal wool incentive program set up in the mid-1950s. Everyone who sold wool in the United States received proceeds to stabilize prices, but also contributed so many cents per pound back to a national organization to pay for the promotion, Gnatkowski said.

"When the new administration came into power, they made a big deal about cutting subsidies to producer organization," he said. "But we never considered it a subsidy, because it didn't come from the taxpayers. It came from our own producers. But they eventually eliminated it."

An attempt to require foreign wool producers to pay toward a national promotion failed, he said.

Without a national program, producers looked for new regional and state organizations to help. The Legislature in March passed a bill that created the New Mexico Sheep and Goat Council. It is set up on the same basis as the New Mexico Beef Council and has a seven-member board.

Two members come from northern New Mexico and four from the southern part of the

state. All are producers. The seventh member is a handler, someone who deals in products connected to the sheep and wool industries. The chairman is Jim Sachse from Las Cruces.

In May, the marketing division of the state Department of Agriculture sent out 2,200 nomination forms for board positions and in June a list of nominees was sent to producers for a vote. The council met for the first time in July.

"We're separate from trade organizations like the New Mexico Wool Growers, but because our numbers aren't big in the state, many are in both organizations," Gnatkowski said.

The number of sheep in New Mexico has declined by 50 percent in the last eight years," he said. "The real boom period was in the 1940s and 1950s, when there were several million in the state."

Some of the factors Gnatkowski said are driving people out of sheep production include:

- Predation, which still is a major problem despite a 25 cent per animal assessment self-imposed by cattle and sheep producers to help pay the cost of predator control.

- Labor intensity, because sheep take more work than cattle.

- Federal rangeland management practices and policies.

- And the loss of the wool incentive program.

"For some, the wool incentive program represented 20 percent of their income," Gnatkowski said. "They looked for an alternative way to make living, and because usually people who have sheep also have cattle, they drifted away from the sheep and relied more on the cattle. But it's a cyclical industry of about 10 years duration. About two years ago, beef bottomed out and sheep got better."

"The demand was up and the numbers were smaller, so there was a lot of interest to get back into sheep."

But overall, the trend still is down. In 1989, New Mexico counted 516,000 stock (mature) sheep. By 1995, the number had dropped to 265,000 and since then, slid another 20 percent to about 200,000, Gnatkowski said.

"There's a similar trend all over the West," he said. "It's a shame, because in counties like Lincoln, Otero, Chaves, DeBaca and Torrance, agriculture always has been a big part of the economy."

Let 'em swing



Julie Baxter/Ruidoso News
Matthew Recasens, (left) and M.J. Hawley, both 8, swing away some time before school Tuesday at White Mountain Elementary School. The boys were enjoying the cooler early morning temperatures.

Nuclear rod storage shifts to Utah tribe

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The first application for a spent nuclear fuel temporary storage facility has been filed with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission — but, in Utah, not New Mexico.

Private Fuel Storage Limited Liability Co. submitted its application June 25. The company is working with a coalition of utilities headed by Northern States Power, which was the lead utility in previous unsuccessful negotiations with the Mescalero Apache.

Pressed for space to store the spent fuel at their nuclear reactors, the utilities have been looking for other storage alternatives. An attempt by the federal government to initiate a storage facility fell through in 1995 and plans for a temporary site near the proposed permanent storage area in Nevada have never been approved.

The utilities have joined in a cooperative agreement through Private Fuel Storage with the Skull Valley Band of the Goshute Indian Tribe to design, construct and operate a storage facility. The small band's 17,700-acre reservation lies about 80 miles west of Salt Lake City. The storage facility is to be located on 98 acres with a startup date of 2002, according to Nuclear News, an industry publication.

The 118-member band already is surrounded by three toxic waste dumps, a government testing ground for diseases such as anthrax, an Army base that stores 40 percent of the nation's chemical warfare ingredients, a magnesium plant that spews hydrochloric acid into the atmosphere and a coal-burning power plant.

"We're ready to do it," said Leon Bear, economic development director of the Goshute band. "The major portion of our interest is the economic benefit for at least 40 years. That would take most of us to retirement."

Accepting 2,000 metric tons of domestic commercial waste only, the aboveground storage plant would accommodate a maximum 40,000 metric tons in casks containing sealed metal containers. The lease would run 25 years with an option for a second 25 years.

The NRC could take up to

three years before ruling on the application and will conduct hearings for public input.

The Mescalero began looking at the possibility of storing used radioactive fuel on their reservation abutting Ruidoso in May 1991, when the federal government invited Indian tribes and state governors to consider building a monitored retrievable storage facility for nuclear waste.

In October of that year, the tribal council became the first to apply for a monitored retrievable storage study grant. In March 1992, the tribe also became the first government to apply for a second phase study grant. When grants were discontinued in November 1993, council members began looking at private sources.

By December 1993, they entered talks with a consortium of 37 utilities and pinpointed a likely site near Three Rivers Petroglyph Park on the western side of the Sacramento at the edge of the Tularosa Basin.

By June 1994, the number had been whittled down to 33 utilities in negotiation with the tribal council. In December of that year, a non-binding letter of intent was signed with conditions similar to those outlined in the Goshute agreement.

Two elections were conducted on the issue. Mescalero voters rejected the proposal in the January 1995 election, but after a petition campaign, they approved moving ahead with high-level radioactive waste storage in a second election in March. Backers said the storage facility would bring with it new businesses and money to build schools, housing and infrastructure such as roads.

Talks between the council and the utilities, now down to about a dozen companies, broke down in April 1996 and both the tribe and the utilities began looking for new partners. Later in 1996, the Mescalero talked to a British-based company, British Nuclear Fuel Ltd., but nothing substantial appears to have come from those talks.

Because of its exposure to the nuclear industry, the tribe started up a new business, constructing containers for storage of low-level radioactive waste.

HOTELS: City site attracts interest

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- Choice Hotels, parent company of Comfort Inn, Comfort Suites, Sleep Inn and Clarion hotels.

- Catalina Island Best Western, based in California.

- Posadas USA Inc., a Dallas-based developer of luxury resorts across the country and in Mexico.

- Chuck Wiggins, the

owner of a Comfort Inn in Carlsbad.

- Innskeepers Ltd., a Scottsdale, Ariz., hotel developer.

- Hospitality Franchise Systems, a Clovis investment group that owns Ramada Inn, Days Inn and Howard Johnson hotels. Their interest is in building a Ramada Plaza at the convention center site, Briley said.

TAX: Council to consider incentives

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from residents who would object to a business receiving tax breaks while they continue to pay all their taxes.

However, he said, the benefit to the community would come through more year-round jobs with possibly better pay than offered now in the service

industry.

Several councilors applauded the idea of creating an incentive program.

"I think it's a very positive step," said Councilor Bob Sterchi. "Realistically, we are not going to get an Intel like Rio Rancho did. But then we can't afford the water an Intel would use."

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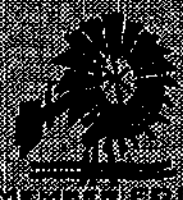
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Warriors to fight it out in Socorro tonight

** Ruidoso meets its third top-three opponent in as many weeks.*

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

A pair of dazzling quarterbacks lead their respective teams into tonight's battle between Warriors in Socorro.

One is a senior; the other a junior. Both command the attention of the opposing coach.

Socorro senior Damien Ocampo led the SHS Warriors to an 11-2 season last year, and this year he's directed his team to a 2-0 start and No. 3 ranking.

"He's probably going to end up being one of the leading passers in the state. He's a real field general. He takes charge out there," Ruidoso coach Les Carter said of Ocampo.

Ruidoso's field general, junior Corey Saenz, garners equal respect from Socorro head coach Al Ocampo.

"He's definitely one of the quickest quarterbacks in the state," coach Ocampo said of Saenz. "He's just outstanding."

All of which might mean that defense — not offense — will determine tonight's victor.

"Socorro is going to be a lot like Artesia," said Carter, referring to the Warriors' first opponent of the season.

Ruidoso can't give Socorro what it wants, which is to pass the ball 95 percent

of the time. "They're going to throw the timing patterns," Carter said.

Ruidoso's top defensive objective is to disrupt the timing.

"We do that by blitzing the quarterback and bumping the receivers," Carter said.

Assigned the task of bumping are ends Tyler Cluff and Garvin Grant, Senior Jaun Warner, Cesar Legaspy and freshman T. J. Montoya will cover Socorro's solid receiving corps led by Josh Berala. Montoya is the first freshman to earn a starting position for Carter in his three years at Ruidoso.

Linebackers Arthur Miller and Brett Meyer will blitz and cover the run.

For Ruidoso, the best defense might be its offense. The Warriors will try to control the ball and the clock.

"We're going to stick with our game plan. We want to put together the 15-play, 16-play drive together," Carter said.

Most of all, the RHS Warriors want to stay out of the position they found themselves last Friday — playing catch up via the airways.

"This is our second week with this offense against opponents. It's going to take some time to work out some kinks," Carter said.

The Socorro Warriors have some kinks to work out also, coach Ocampo said.

"We're struggling right now as soon as we get things together we'll be OK," Ocam-

po said. "We're real inconsistent."

Socorro has victories over Belen and Hot Springs, but those don't compare to Ruidoso's losses to No. 1-ranked Artesia and No. 2-ranked Lovington.

"They've played two quality opponents. We haven't played anybody yet," said Ocampo, who is in his second year at Socorro. "We still have not put four good quarters of football together. We have not played anybody the caliber of Ruidoso."

Senior linebacker Lenny Baldonado leads a no-nonsense Socorro defense.

"We just try to control the line of scrimmage — get people in the right places, force people to sideline and use it as our 12th defender," Ocampo said.

Kickoff is 7 p.m.

DRUMBEATS: Though he's practiced all week, Saenz is still woozy from a hit he took late in the game last week. Lingering aches and pains might sideline the junior QB. If that happens, sophomore Frizzell Frizzell will take the snaps. ... Jason Leadingham will miss two weeks with a strained right knee. ... Johnny Adams moves to nose tackle and either Clint Eidson or Fabian Chavez fills the void on the defensive line. ... Offensively, Richard Gray will take Leadingham's place on the line. ... Carter isn't discouraged by his team's 0-2 start. "Our feeling still is that if you're going to be the best, you've got to play the best," Carter said.



Corey Saenz eludes the rush of the Lovington defense. Socorro coach Al Ocampo said Saenz is one of the quickest quarterbacks in the state. With Socorro's Damien Ocampo and Saenz, tonight's game in Socorro could be a duel between two of the state's best.

Hunting season should bloom thanks to wet weather in spring and summer

LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

It's been a summer of plentiful water and food for the area's wildlife, which bodes well for hunters.

"It appears the growth of the animals has come in the horns. There's a little more horn growth this year," conservation officer Ron Moore said. "If they're into horn hunting they ought to find something."

But hunters will notice the real effect of 1997's wet spring and summer in a year or two, Moore said. That's when numbers should surge because of better fawn survivals. Provided, of course, the winter isn't too harsh.

"There's a lot more food out there. Usually the food source and water source congregate. It's scattered in the woods rather than pooled," said Moore, comparing this year to last year.

Last year's horn growth was hampered by a dry spring, but a wet fall fattened up the deer and elk.

This year, the food and water sources have been constant since the spring.

That steady supply of food and water resulted in a somewhat quiet summer for Moore and the other conservation officers. For example, with food abundant, bears didn't venture into town as much as last summer.

The hull of the last few months should change for Moore. Wednesday marked the start of muzzle-loader deer season.

"That's when it will kick off," Moore said.

A computer glitch in the issuing of hunting licenses from the Santa Fe office of the New Mexico Game and Fish Department has delayed delivery of licenses to some hunters. Additionally, some hunters have received more than one license.

Hunters aren't entitled to more than one license, Moore said. If issued an extra license,

the hunter should return it to the Game and Fish offices.

"Because we're having trouble with the licenses, we're checking the picture ID of hunters," Moore said.

Officers will set up checkpoints throughout the southeastern part of the state to check for game law violations.

If a hunter hasn't received a license yet, he or she can contact the Roswell office of Game and Fish at 624-6135 and receive a duplicate license.

Moore blamed a change in the hunting application process for the problems. Last year, hunters paid \$6 for the license plus the appropriate fee for the type of hunt up front with the application. This year, hunters paid just the \$6 license fee with the application. They didn't have to pay the special hunt fee until awarded the hunt.

The impact was noticeable. The Santa Fe office received 75,000 applications in 1996. This year that number rocketed to 112,000.

Another recent change affects the local area, unit 36, which includes the White Mountain Wilderness, Hale Lake, Fort Stanton and Bonito Lake. A month ago the Game and Fish Commission approved several changes in an effort to reduce the elk population in unit 36. The changes are:

- For both rifle hunts and the muzzle-loader seasons, hunters can take mature bulls or antlerless elks. Previously they could take mature bull only

- Bow hunters can take either sex.

Additionally, Moore said the commission is looking at reducing the deer harvest statewide. A scaling back might include shorter seasons, fewer seasons and a deer draw, he said.

"If they have concerns or comments they need to make every effort to attend these commission meetings, and let their word be heard," Moore said.



Hunting '97

Hunting season is in full swing until Sept. 20

BY STEVE BENNETT
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

As they have done for countless years in New Mexico, bowmen and muzzle-load marksmen have kicked off the fall hunting season.

Bow hunting season began Sept. 1 and will run until Sept. 20. Muzzle-load hunting began Wednesday and will also end Sept. 20.

During this hunt, bowmen and muzzle-loaders will be looking for deer and, if they purchase a stamp, bear. Elk permits are available by a special draw.

For those new to the area, bow hunting may be performed with any compound, recurved, or long bow using only iron sights.

Muzzle-loaders are any single-shot rifle or shotgun in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex, or an equivalent black powder substitute may be used. Legal muzzle-loading shotguns are only those capable of being fired from the shoulder.

Hunting prospects should be excellent this fall, said Warren Fernsler, owner of Fernco Sportmen Supply.

"Hunting ought to be very good," Fernsler said. "We had a wet winter and spring so the herds should be well fed."

In past years, drought made hunting more difficult because deer herds meandered from their normal habitat in search of water.

There is another reason for improved hunting — at least for muzzle-load enthusiasts. This will mark the first year that muzzle-load hunters will be permitted to hunt with the aid of gun-mounted scopes. Though the addition of scopes may outrage a few hunting "purists," Fernsler, himself a hunter, believes hunting with scopes is probably a good thing.

"It will increase accuracy and hopefully will result in a surer kill," he said. "It should decrease the number of deer that are only wounded and escape to suffer and die. This can be a problem with bow hunting."

Fernsler also pointed out that muzzle-load rifles have been in use since before the American Civil War.

"With the right marksman, muzzle-loaders can be as accurate as a high-powered rifle," he said. "It can make you a better hunter. You get one shot and that's it. Anyone who shoots a muzzle-loader will gain a lot of respect for it."



Glenn Kennedy has upgraded the Inn of the Mountain Gods pro shop, established an employee tennis league and is now running a tennis program for adults of all skill levels.

Tennis pro taking aim at future

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Glenn Kennedy is pumping some new life into an old sport at the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

Kennedy, a tennis pro, has spent the last three months upgrading the Inn's tennis pro shop and establishing an employees' tennis league. Now he's serving up a program to introduce tennis to adults.

Play Tennis America (PTA) is a program designed for the beginner to intermediate adult tennis player, Kennedy said.

"We'll take beginning tennis players and get them into the game," Kennedy said. "It takes you into all facets of the game."

The program runs twice a week for six weeks. By the end of the session, participants will be playing tennis and understanding the game, Kennedy said.

Programs like PTA are pieces to a larger picture Kennedy has envisioned for the sport. He'd like to see the establishment of men's, women's and mixed leagues so the area could compete in United States Tennis Association sectional and divisional levels.

At the Inn, Kennedy has 15 employees playing in a special league just for them. He's also starting an after-



Inn of the Mountain Gods tennis pro Kennedy hits a forehand.

noon program introducing the sport to Mescalero children. The 33-year-old also dreams of adding a clay court and a grass court to the Inn's tennis complex, which already features six courts (four of which are lighted), a pro shop, a refreshment stand and deck area.

The courts are open to the public, Kennedy said. The pro shop offers tennis products only, plus racquet sales and stringing. Kennedy offers private lessons as well.

It's all part of the plan to promote the sport and revitalize its presence in Ruidoso, he added.

"I'd really like to bring back the City Championships for example," Kennedy said.

Kennedy's tennis résumé

Name: Glenn Kennedy
Age: 33
Hometown: El Paso, Texas
College: Played two years for Texas Tech University in Lubbock
Credentials: USTPR-certified
Pro experience: Spent several years on the International Tennis Player circuit. Now he's a team pro and plays for Head Racquet Sports in pro-am tournaments.
Travel time: Kennedy will hit seven to 10 pro-am tennis tournaments a year, traveling across the country.

Chipping for cancer prevention



Mel Alexander (left), coordinator of the BEACH Golf Classic at the Links Sept. 25, assists Glen Crane with his application. All proceeds from the tournament go to pay mammogram expenses for the residents of Lincoln County who need assistance.

SENIOR OLYMPICS

The Lincoln County contingent of 38 men and women won 44 medals and 23 ribbons in the 19th Annual New Mexico State Senior Olympics recently held in Albuquerque. A total of 1,428 seniors registered to compete in this year's competition in 90 events held in 22 sports groups. The events will start again in April, 1998 with city and county competitions. For information about next year's events call Bart Young at 257-3183.

Leading multiple award winners included Young with seven, Yvonne Lanelli and Mary Young, Bill Hearn, Lucy Savedra, Rusty Lanelli, Ben and Vera Baker, Floyd and Virginia Danielson, and Suzi Fenn.

Gold medal winners included Yvonne Lanelli, Bart Young, Vera and Ben Baker, Robert Ellison, Rusty Lanelli, Gladys Neill, Elsie Parr, Dorothy Payne, Lucy Savedra, Mary

Young and Virginia Danielson. Complete results are as follows:

• Suzi Fenn - 1st, 2nd, 3rd in table tennis mixed doubles, doubles and singles.
• Vera Baker - 1st, 1st, 2nd in table tennis singles, mixed doubles and doubles.
• Bernice Brazell - 4th in golf.
• Ann Burns - 2nd and 3rd in bowling team and doubles.
• Larry Caywood - 4th in bowling doubles.
• C.E. Chavez - 4th in team bowling.
• Floyd Danielson - 3rd, 4th, 5th in bowling doubles, team and mixed doubles.
• Virginia Danielson - 1st, 3rd, 5th in bowling team, doubles and mixed doubles.
• Robert Ellison - 1st in golf.
• Henry Ernest - 3rd in soccer accuracy kick.
• Suzi Fenn - 2nd, 2nd, 4th in bowling team, mixed doubles and doubles.
• Bernice Gonda - 4th in golf.
• Bill Hearn - 2nd, 2nd, 3rd, 3rd in standing and running long jumps, 100m and 200m dashes.
• Rusty Lanelli - 1st, 2nd, 2nd in table tennis mixed doubles, singles and doubles.
• Yvonne Lanelli - 1st, 1st, 1st, 1st, 2nd in table tennis singles and mixed doubles, 400m racewalk, 800m estimated time run/walk, and table tennis doubles.

• Ben Martin - 5th in bowling doubles.
• Bob McCain - 4th in team bowling.
• Leo McCain - 2nd, 5th in bowling mixed and mixed doubles.
• Gladys Neill - 1st in team bowling.
• Tony Parker - 2nd in golf.
• Elsie Parr - 1st in team bowling.
• Dorothy Payne - 1st in horseshoes.
• Lucy Savedra - 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th in bowling team, doubles, singles and mixed doubles.
• Fred Savedra - 3rd, 4th, 5th in bowling doubles, team and mixed doubles.
• Thelma Stephens - 2nd in team bowling.
• Fabian Valderama - 4th in bowling doubles.
• Betty Wagner - 5th in bowling doubles.
• Barbara Ward - 2nd, 4th in bowling team and doubles.
• Bart Young - 1st, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 4th, 5th in frisbee accuracy and distance throws, softball throw, shuffleboard doubles, 5k racewalk, basketball free throws and 1500m racewalk.
• Mary Young - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 3rd, 4th in soccer kick accuracy, shuffleboard singles and doubles, frisbee accuracy and distance.
Others who competed in Albuquerque were Vernon Brown, Martha Chavez, L.Ray Nunley, John Parr, Bud Payne and Bob Stephens.

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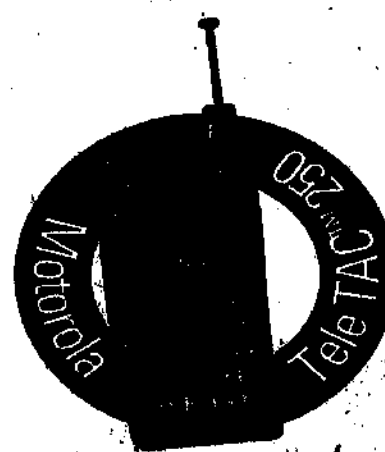
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Mike Cobb (left), Joe Buchanan (middle) and Carl Parsons have consolidated Lincoln Mechanical and Parsons Plumbing into one company.

Plumbing, heating firms merge

Parsons Plumbing & Heating and Lincoln Mechanical both opened in '84

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS BUSINESS WRITER

Two Ruidoso plumbing and heating companies have welded their business to give them greater strength. Parsons Plumbing & Heating and Lincoln Mechanical consolidated their operations Sept. 1. Mike Cobb, owner of Lincoln Mechanical, said the consolidation was a perfect fit. "I've had Lincoln Mechanical and it was geared toward the commercial end and Carl (Parsons) had Parsons, which is geared toward the residential end of the industry," Cobb said. "We've brought the two together, making a pretty dynamic organization."

Both Ruidoso-based businesses have been serving the heating, cooling and plumbing needs of Lincoln County for 13 years. And Cobb and Parsons have a combined experience totaling more than 50 years in the business. Add into the mix Joe Buchanan, a partner in Parsons with extensive business management and accounting experience, and the

trio said they've got all the expertise to handle any job. "No job's too large, no job's too small," Cobb said.

Lincoln Mechanical and Parsons Plumbing and Heating both opened in Ruidoso in 1984. Lincoln Mechanical focusing on commercial projects and Parsons sticking to the residential side of heating, cooling and plumbing.

Cobb said his business handles jobs for banks, offices, schools, city buildings and has a maintenance contract with Lincoln County. Parsons said he and Buchanan put their efforts into heating, air conditioning and plumbing needs for the residential sector, with a major emphasis on service and remodeling projects.

By combining the two businesses, Cobb, Parsons and Buchanan said things can only get better for everyone.

"We felt we could build a stronger organization and serve the community better by bringing our talents and resources together," Cobb said.

Parsons said the consolidation puts 16 staff members

under the Lincoln-Parsons umbrella.

"If it's necessary we can work around the clock. We've got the staff to do it," he said.

Parsons said he is also proud that all of the company's employees are local, and that all its technicians are licensed and bonded.

Both companies, before the consolidation, also strived to keep their technicians on top of all the changes in the industry. That philosophy remains unchanged. Parsons said the training is crucial for health and safety of the public and the technicians. And a well-trained crew is worth more than cheap labor in Parsons' opinion.

"You can either hire someone who's good, well-trained and educated, who costs more by the hour, or you can hire someone dumb and cheap," Parsons said.

The partners said the consolidation helped streamline each of the operations, too.

"We share one overhead for two businesses," Cobb said.

What that means to customers is that Lincoln and Par-

sons will be able to keep their costs down, and in turn keep their prices down.

The features that made Parsons and Lincoln Mechanical popular with their customers won't change, Parsons said.

"Attention to personal service — that's what sets us apart," Buchanan added.

And Cobb said features like preventive maintenance and flat rate pricing — "so there's no surprises at the end of a job" — will still provide the security they have in the past.

How to get in touch with them remains unchanged, too. Each business will still operate under its name.

Large jobs are no problem either. "People don't have to go to Albuquerque or El Paso to get that type of service. It's right here in their back yard."

The scope isn't limited to large jobs, though.

"We're not only qualified, but we're competent to handle everything from a broken water main to a dripping faucet, or anything in between," Parsons said.

Workers to get more from minimum wage

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS BUSINESS WRITER

Workers in Ruidoso and across the country are now getting more out of minimum wage.

Effective Sept. 1, the federal minimum wage went up to \$5.15 an hour and some Ruidoso employers say it's not going to hurt their business.

"I don't think it's too bad, really," said Theresa Jimenez, manager at Burger King. "More money gives people reason to come to work."

At McDonald's, manager Chris Flores also said paying more isn't necessarily a bad thing.

"I don't think it's going to be that big of a deal because of the income we bring in," Flores said. "We have a shortage of crew, anyway. We'll just pay the crew we have the increased wage."

Brian McNally, 16, an employee at Burger King for almost seven months, said he's glad to see the increase.

"It will help," he said. "It won't really make a difference in how hard I work, but I certainly like it."

Although the federal minimum wage went up, New Mexico law sets minimum wage at \$4.25 an hour. But Judy LaPointe, labor law administrator with the New Mexico Department of Labor and Industry, said just because the rules are different in New Mexico doesn't mean the federal rule doesn't apply.

So which rule is the one to follow?

Jose Garcia, enforcement director for the U.S. Department of Labor Albuquerque District, which covers all of New Mexico and part of Texas, said federal law applies to nearly every employer and business. He said that any employer engaged in commerce, the production of goods for commerce or the selling of goods made for commerce must pay the new minimum wage. The \$5.15 an hour minimum also applies to hospitals,

residential care centers, preschools, schools, colleges and universities, public agencies and local governments.

Employers grossing less than \$500,000 a year, who are not engaged in interstate commerce may be eligible to pay the state minimum of \$4.25.

Garcia said he hasn't come across many employers not willing to pay the increase, mainly because workers won't work for less.

"Most employers will pay the minimum wage because I don't think there's many people who would work for sub-

minimum wage," he said. "I've been in the Albuquerque district office for five years and we haven't had any problems."

Garcia said he also hasn't heard many grumblings from employers about paying out the 40 cents an hour

increase.

"We haven't had any problems," he said. "Most of the phone calls we've been getting are to make sure the new minimum wage is \$5.15."

The federal law also includes a "training wage" of \$4.25 an hour for the first 90 days on the job for workers 20 and under. Employers are not allowed to dismiss any current workers to hire someone at the lower wage, and should not be able to abuse employees because of it either.

Garcia said he has heard of no cases where an employer fired an employee after the 90-day period expired to hire another young worker at a cheaper wage. And if he does hear of any such cases, he said, the employer would be investigated immediately and thoroughly by his office.

Jimenez said the Ruidoso Burger King won't use the lower wage at all.

"At my store, we're not going to use the training wage," Jimenez said. "We're just going for the whole \$5.15. I'm a firm believer that more money makes people want to work."

Checker Auto Parts revving up for Sept. 20 opening in Ruidoso

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS BUSINESS WRITER

Checker Auto Parts is coming to Ruidoso.

The auto parts chain is opening a 9,000-square-foot store at 134-136 Sudderth Drive on Sept. 20. A grand opening is scheduled for Oct. 4.

The store will employ 10 to 12 people, the majority of whom will be local, said store manager Ken Trueman. Lubbock, Texas, said he's the only employee who's being imported.

The store will stock thousands of automotive parts and accessories and have access to millions more through Checker's Priority Parts System, a distribution and delivery system that includes an electronic catalog of parts.

But the inventory isn't what Checker has built its success on. Trueman said service is really what's made the Checker name.

"We're going to have lower pricing than anyone in the

area, but without customer service, pricing wouldn't matter," Trueman said. "Anything we don't have, we'll find. We want to be the neighborhood store."

Construction started on the store about a month and a half ago and set-up crews descended on it about 10 days ago. Trueman said it usually takes about three weeks to get a store ready for opening.

The grand opening festivities will rev up before Oct. 4, though, with sales starting Sept. 29. At the Oct. 4 grand opening, customers can register to win a trip for two to Hawaii, sheep skin seat covers, a car stereo and a \$100 shopping spree. There will also be free product samples, hourly door prizes, refreshments and a free-under-the-hood fluid top-off service from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

After the celebration, the store will be open seven days a week, closing only for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Monday through Saturday hours will be 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday hours will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Trueman said those hours may

change depending on customer demand.

"We'll be customer driven," Trueman said. "Whatever the customer wants. If we have customers here at 7 p.m., we'll be here at 7 p.m."

Jim Bazlen, president of CSK Auto Inc., the parent group of Checker, said the company is committed to making car care convenient and affordable for both professionals and do-it-yourselfers.

"With average new car costs at an all-time high, it's no surprise that consumers are keeping their vehicles for eight or more years on average," Bazlen said. "Checker helps the do-it-yourselfers get the job done right by offering guaranteed low prices, a huge selection of parts and accessories, and top quality merchandise."

And Trueman said he's happy the company is bringing its selection to Ruidoso do-it-yourselfers.

"I'm happy to be here," Trueman said. "I'm just anxious to get on with business. I think we'll (Checker and Ruidoso) enjoy one another."



Andre Hunter (foreground) and Paul Valles check the shelves at the new Checker Auto Parts store. Hunter and Valles are part of the set up crew that has been stocking merchandise at the 134-136 Sudderth Drive store for the past 10 days.

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hind Whispering Pines
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household items, dishes,
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knickknacks. 8AM to PM,
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31 Household

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Legal Notice

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

DON R. PICKLE,
Plaintiff,
v.
No. CV-97-157 Div. III

GROUP I
JIM SAMFORD and
GAIL SAMFORD,
Defendants, THEIR UNKNOWN
HEIRS,
and

GROUP II
ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS
OF INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT
REAL PROPERTY ADVERSE
TO PLAINTIFFS,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT
TO: Jim Samford, Gail Samford, if living
or deceased, their unknown heirs, and
all unknown claimants of interest
in the premises adverse to Plaintiff.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff has filed a Complaint to Quiet Title in the above captioned cause wherein you are named as Defendant.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTICED that the general object of this action is to quiet title on real estate described as Lot 26, Block 5, Camelot Subdivision, Unit 1, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico as shown by the plat thereof filed by the Office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

You are notified that unless you enter your appearance or file pleadings within twenty (20) days from the date of publication of this Notice, the Plaintiff will make application to the Court for a Decree of Default and a Decree of Default will be rendered against you, as prayed for in the Complaint.

The name of Plaintiff's Attorney is: Don E. Dutton, THE DUTTON FIRM, LTD., whose address is 228 Rio Street, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico on this 22nd day of August, 1997.

Alice Boca Baxter
District Clerk

By Elizabeth Luera
Deputy

1189 4T(8)29(9),12,19

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

HENRIETTE WYETH HURD,
DECEASED
NO. PB 97-31

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned bank has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Henriette Wyeth Hurd, deceased. All persons having claim against this estate are required to present their claims (i) within two months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or (ii) within two months after the mailing or delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or be forever barred.

RUIDOSO STATE BANK
P.O. DRAWER B
Ruidoso, NM 88345
/s/ By: W.T. BATTIN,
Personal Representative

1207 2T(9)5,12

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body, Village of Ruidoso conducted a public hearing on September 9, 1997, at 6:30 p.m. in conjunction with the regular meeting and adopted the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE 97-14: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 12, ARTICLES 10 AND 6 RELATING TO SUNSCREENING, PENALTIES, AND DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED REGULATIONS AND OFFENSES, AND PENALTIES ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO."

Copies of Ordinance 97-14 are on file in the office of the Village Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

/s/ Tammi Maddox, Clerk

1216 1T(10)2

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body, Village of Ruidoso conducted a public hearing on September 9, 1997, at 6:30 p.m. in conjunction with the regular meeting and adopted the following ordinance as amended:

ORDINANCE 97-08: "AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO RIFKIN CABLE INCOME PARTNERS, L.P., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS THE RIGHT TO ERECT, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM IN THE STREETS, HIGHWAYS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO, FOR THE RECEPTION, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF TELEVISION AND OTHER SIGNALS TO THE INHABITANTS OF SAID VILLAGE AND OTHER PURPOSES FOR A PERIOD OF FIFTEEN (15) YEARS."

Copies of ordinance 97-08 are on file in the office of the Village Clerk and are available for public review Monday

through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

/s/ Tammi Maddox, Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

The Village of Capitan is accepting sealed bids on the following piece of equipment:

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/s/ Deborah Cummins
Clerk-Treasurer, CMC
Village of Capitan

1218 4T(10)12,17,19,24

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the transfer of ownership and location of Liquor License No. 653 from Norman D. Wheeler and Gail M. Wheeler who currently do business as Ruidoso Downs Liquors at 501 Highway 70 West to Wal-Mart Stores East, Inc. for use at the Wal-Mart Supercenter to be located at 1800 Highway 70 in the Village of Ruidoso Downs.

The public hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ruidoso Downs at 7:00 p.m. on September 22, 1997 in the City Council Chambers located at 122 Downs Drive. It passed the New Mexico Alcohol and Gaming Division will approve the transfer of ownership and location of Liquor License No. 653 to Wal-Mart Stores East, Inc. for use at the Wal-Mart Supercenter to be located at 1800 Highway 70 in the Village of Ruidoso Downs.

/s/ Linda L. Alkin

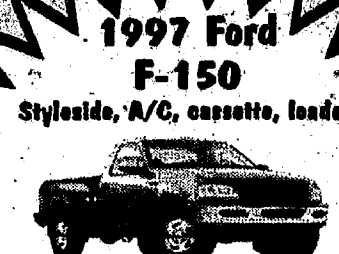
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N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

Edited by Will Shortz

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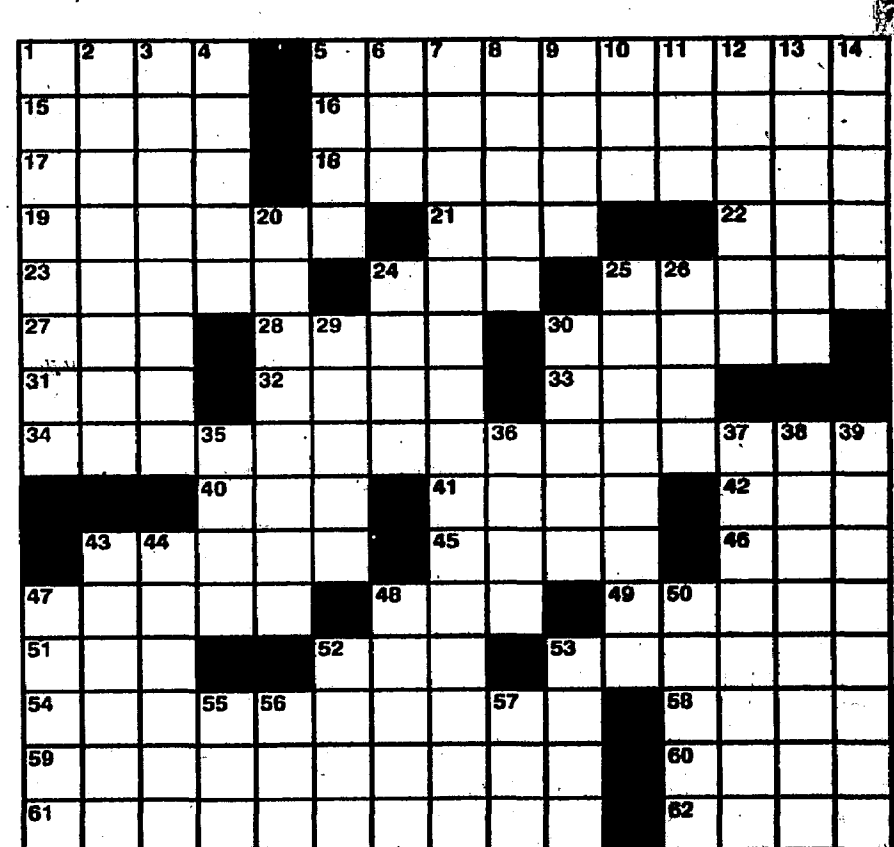
- ACROSS**
- 1 "Rock of —"
 - 5 Press output
 - 15 Brest bridge
 - 16 Subject of a Longfellow poem
 - 17 Raised nautically
 - 18 Be mature
 - 19 Short poem
 - 21 Sounds of dismay
 - 22 Rx giver
 - 23 Ticks off
 - 24 "What happened next?"
 - 25 Give a price
 - 27 Swear words
 - 28 Negri of silents
 - 30 Game divisions
 - 31 Fall mo.
 - 32 Moonfish
 - 33 Towel word
 - 34 50's TV game show
 - 40 Norfolk inits.
 - 41 Absolute worst
 - 42 Cenozoic, e.g.
 - 43 Is snoopy
 - 45 Old-fashioned fuel
 - 46 Patriotic soc.
 - 47 Yale students beginning in 1969
 - 48 Barrett of Pink Floyd
 - 49 Heston-film role
 - 51 Relevant
 - 52 "What's the —?"
 - 53 Fitting-room activities
 - 54 1957 #1 song
 - 58 Spanish linen fabric
 - 59 Down-to-the-wire campaigns
 - 60 Subject of peer pressure?
 - 61 Words of despair
 - 62 Or — (if not)

DOWN

- 1 Terse saying
- 2 "I like that!"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

CREME GAGA DOJO
AUGER ABUT ELAL
READE MESH MAKE
ADDICTED TO LOVE
CTR SMUT
SISI EIN EMIGRE
CNN RADIO MOLES
HOOKED ON PHONICS
WIRES LATEX DOA
ALERTS SSA DENY
PELT ROE
WILD ABOUT HARRY
ZEBU CONS ADIEU
IRAN KNEE RENAL
PERK SEAR ANKLE



Puzzle by David J. Kahn

- 3 Surrounds
- 4 Inscribed slab
- 5 Give — on the back
- 6 F.E.C. file entry
- 7 "Bye Bye Birdie" song
- 8 Chaplin contemporary
- 9 Atlantic filers
- 10 Passing grade
- 11 Hosp. hookups
- 12 Precisely correct
- 13 Cereal plant diseases
- 14 Volleyball's Gabrielle
- 20 Takes up, in a way
- 24 Orchard spray
- 25 Wit
- 26 — Major
- 29 Debuts
- 30 Eighth in a series
- 35 Chewable wad
- 36 Lost vitality
- 37 Marine life used for jewelry
- 38 Workout figures
- 39 Event in a classified
- 43 54-Across, e.g.
- 44 Puts new prices on
- 47 Western plants
- 48 Fiber named for a town in Mexico
- 50 Elève's place
- 52 Classic Latin work "— Rustica"
- 53 1979 Polanski film
- 55 Madame — of 60's Vietnam
- 56 Pennies: Abbr.
- 57 — judicata

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (75¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: (800) 762-1665.

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Vámonos!

September 12, 1997



inside

Thus begin
the final
chapters

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Larry
Wimbrow
in profile

8

Murderous
bombing
backfires

10

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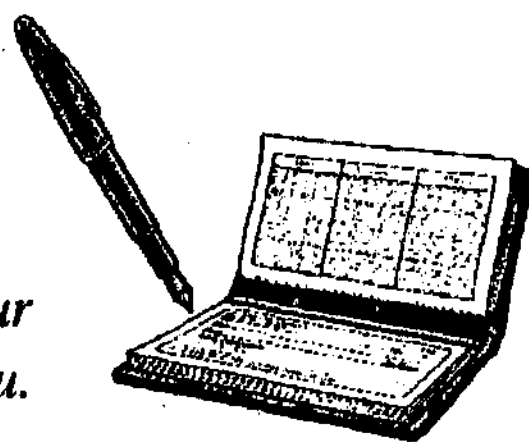
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first word

However brief the moment, at least it's a moment. A moment to catch our breath, let out a sigh, regroup.

Now will be our last chance to do this because one look at the arts and entertainment calendar reveals that we are about to embark upon a journey never before taken in this area.

Just a sampling of what's on the agenda:

- ▼ Golden Aspen Rally
- ▼ Grand opening of the \$20 million Spencer Theater
- ▼ Aspenfest Weekend
- ▼ The country's best cowboy symposium
- ▼ Oktoberfest celebration and the Festival of Trees

During this relatively quiet week, we welcome the silence, we welcome the anticipation.

And with that, we indulge with one more sigh ...

on the cover

The pieces to our mysterious puzzle seem to be coming together, especially for our hero Cap Maxon. Or is he really our hero? In the last episode of "Who Really Cares About Opera?" Maxon awakens with his hands awash in blood and a dead body in his Blazer. Don't forget his new earring, either. What does it all mean?

As our mystery hurtles toward its conclusion, share with us your answers to the mystery. **For the next episode see page 4C.**

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– silver screen8C
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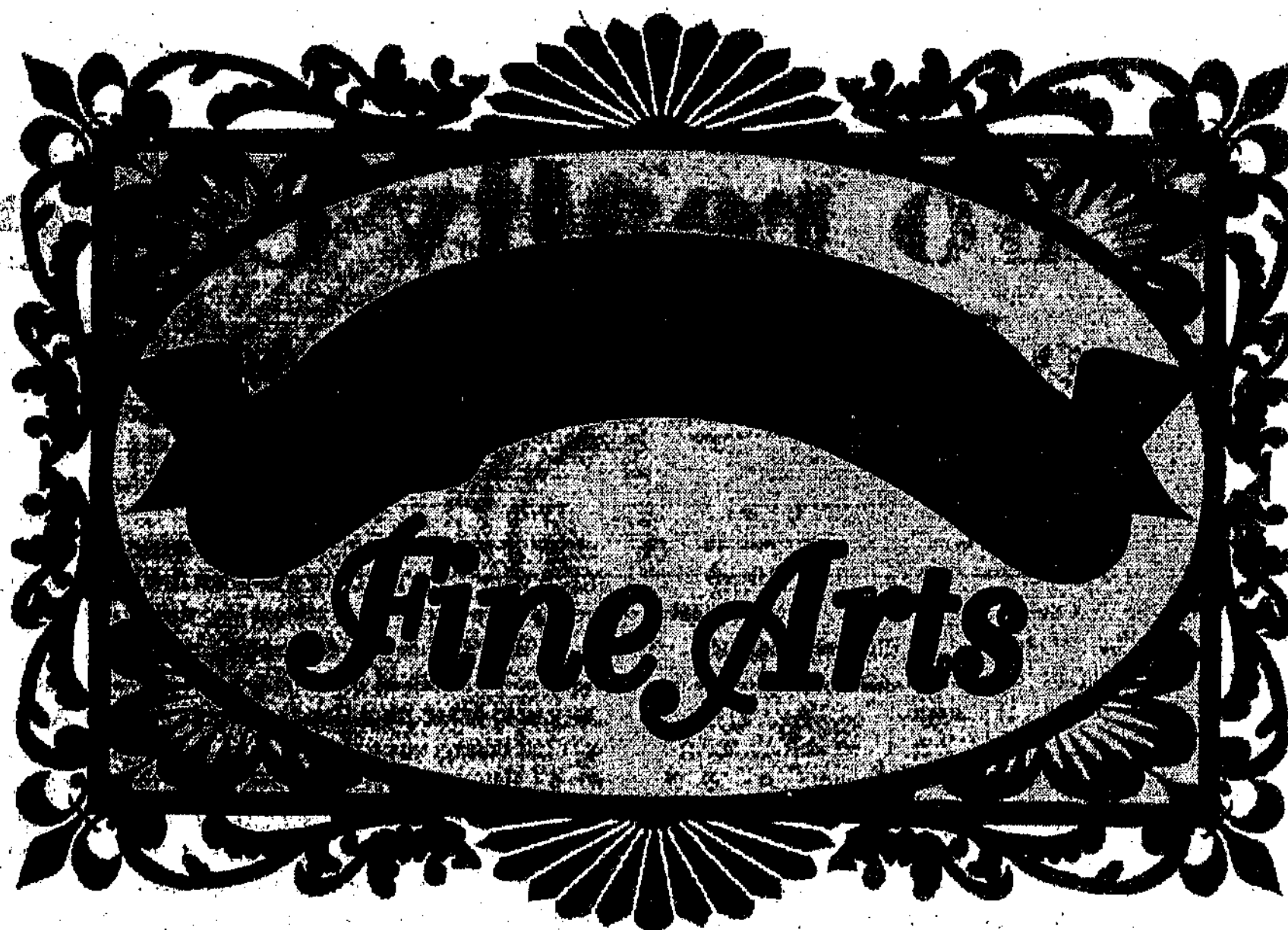
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Who really cares about Opera?

Chapter 8 of our mystery serial.
This episode by Pamela Cromwell

It was here, damn it! It was right here, I'm telling you!" Cap nearly toppled himself in the rugged terrain, shouting, pointing like a madman, while half the county's police force stood with their arms folded and their eyes narrowed. "I'm telling you, a little city, a base of some kind." He managed to control his tongue enough not to mention the mammoth sky-craft he'd seen with Denis Haynes that night. That night – he was beginning to wonder if he'd dreamed the whole thing.

They'd scoured the place and found no signs of Elspeth, nor of the man she was with. They also found no horses, no secret compound, no nothing. Cap had raged and sworn, and they all looked at him like he was a liar, or a lunatic. There was not a single trace of the buildings and equipment they'd seen that night. Underground? Like a missile silo? He stood helplessly in the early morning light, surrounded by comrades who thought he'd lost his mind.

Maybe Denis was right. Whoever left that horse and trunk on the Spencer stage must have known he wouldn't be believed. And now poor Denis was dead, planted in Cap's own Blazer, and now it was Cap nobody was believing. No one had said it. As far as he knew, no one had even suggested that he be investigated. This was Lincoln County, after all, and men of the law stuck together – for the most part.

He watched his back-ups get back into their cars and begin the rough ride home. Only Caldo remained at his side, and even Caldo seemed a little askance.

"What the hell?" was all Cap could say. "What the hell?"

Cap shined in a beam of afternoon light shining through his office window, smoking one of Caldo's Winstons and watching the smoke hang in the sunbeam. Smoke, he thought. There's a lot of smoke around this case. The smoke in his own head had cleared somewhat since the murder of one unofficial UFO investigator out of Roswell, New Mexico. Cap was sorry to see the man dead. Sorrier even still to see the dead man in his own vehicle, shot many times more than is necessary to kill someone. He wondered if it was Denis's blood he'd washed off his own hands. Impossible!

Cap had come to a few clear conclusions. First, the person or persons responsible for this mess were vicious and possessed of a motive that went far beyond turquoise mines or the value of a good horse. Second, the face of the man he saw with Elspeth Opera McCabe was the same face on the man found dead with the cryptic note A=B, and it was the same face Cap

saw in the yellowed photo at Elspeth's house. Right about here, things got smoky. Three men with the same face? How? She'd never shown up at Cap's office that day to take a look at the body they'd found in the hills behind Nogal. Now Cap had a pretty good idea why.

Caldo had fallen asleep in the uncomfortable wooden chair facing Cap's desk. They had run out of room on Cap's blackboard, scribbling notes on evidence and clues to-date, and the men had taken to writing on the walls. They'd spent almost three hours trying to decipher the coded words found in the dead guy's letter, until Caldo gave up.

"It's Greek to me, boss," he said.

The writing on the walls was a huge flow chart. A herd of horses tagged with Opera in silver. Piles of loose turquoise. Two bodies still unidentified except by speculation. Spaceships. Military bases. Harley motorcycles. Everything up there led directly back to the inscrutable Elspeth, but nothing added up. A=B.

Cap posted surveillance at all known gates to the Opera ranch, and not a soul had passed through those gates in two days. Cap was worried. Was Elspeth an innocent victim of someone's sick game? Or was she the mastermind behind some complicated and very serious scheme?

He took from his pocket the earring discovered in his own lobe. It was a tag, small as a coin, the name Opera etched into the surface. He'd once gotten drunk in Mexico and woke up with a tattoo on his butt. This felt like much the same thing.

"Elspeth Antigone Opera McCabe," he said aloud.

His voice woke Caldo. "Who?" he said, yawning.

"Elspeth Antigone Opera McCabe," Cap repeated.

Caldo sniffed and reached for one of cigarettes. "I don't know where you get the Antigone part. What is that, anyway?"

"It's part of her name."

"No, it isn't."

"Yes, it is."

"Well, it ain't on her birth certificate," Caldo said. "Not one her drivers license, not on anything."

"That's what she told me ..." Cap scowled. Antigone was a weird name. Wasn't it Greek? He pulled his Webster's Dictionary from the bookshelf and blew the dust off it.

"Hmm, listen to this," he told Caldo. "Antigone: a daughter of Oedipus and Jocasta who buries her brother Polynice's body against the order of her uncle Creon."

Caldo stared blankly. "I don't think that's part of her real name," he said. "I think she's making it up."

"Why?"

Caldo shrugged. He was tired of thinking, tired of questions. He was plain tired, having been kept up for almost two days, trying to spare his boss from being implicated in the death of Denis Haynes. The story he'd heard from Cap two nights ago was too outrageous to be the truth, but he wasn't about to suggest his boss was lying.

"Didn't you read the background check on this chick?" Caldo said. "Girl's a total whiz kid, some kind of scientific genius. Worked for NASA, has about a zillion degrees in stuff I can't even pronounce. Then around 1989 she sort of disappeared."

"What do you mean, disappeared?"

"Well, that's where the paper trail stops. She was doing some kind of research on, um, what was it ..." He picked up a piece of paper and read aloud. "Chaos theory and its relationship to interdimensional communications and travel. What is that, anyway?"

Cap puzzled. He thought of his radio going out on the Opera ranch road, his radar going nuts.

"Well, I really couldn't say, my friend," Cap said, affecting a collegiate tone.

"Probably has something to do with world domination through control of a space-time continuum, by which one could theoretically control every aspect of the world economy, even down to variables like the weather."

There was a stifling pause as Caldo tried to remember how to shut his mouth. Cap laughed at Caldo's expression.

"Where do you get this garbage?"

Caldo said finally.

"I make it up – She buried her brother's body against her uncle's orders," Cap repeated. "What is Elspeth's the one who left that horse and the trunk on the Spencer stage?"

"Footprints didn't match," Caldo said.

"So? She was wearing different shoes that day."

Caldo shrugged. "Okay. Why would she do something like that?"

"Wait a minute. Her brother's body! That guy we found up in Monjeau isn't her father; it's her brother!"

"But the medical records ..."

"Come on, medical records can be fixed. It's a lie, man. It's smoke!"

"But she doesn't have a brother!" Caldo insisted.

"Oh, yeah? Anyone know where her father's been for the last 30 years?"

Caldo stared blankly again. "And the other guy? You think that's her uncle?"

"God, I hope not. If it is, this woman comes from a very twisted family. Or, wait, maybe it's metaphorical. Her uncle is Uncle Sugar. Then who or what is her brother? That disappearing compound? The Mars

machine?"

Cap's mind was racing. Horses. Silver ear tags. Turquoise. A=B. Antigone. Greek. Spaceships. Military bases. This was way out of his league. Someone with military of quasi-military power was up to no good in Arabela, something at least one person believed should be stopped. If Elspeth was part of this, and if she was trying to expose them, why hadn't they just killed her? His blood chilled. Maybe they had. Or maybe they needed her.

"Caldo, listen up. I want you to get an expert in here on the Greek alphabet and on higher mathematics, the kind they use for quantum physics and building space stations, stuff like that ..."

"One guy who's an expert on all that?"

"I don't care how many guys it takes. Show them this little alphabet soup – Soup Man – and see what they make of it. Also, check in with every cop that was on highway patrol two nights ago – find out if they noticed any military convoys rolling through town, or an unusually high number of Wal-Mart trucks."

"Wal-Mart trucks?"

"Yes. And if they saw anything, find out where they were headed." Cap stopped and studied his compadre for a moment.

"Listen, Caldo, officially, we are dropping this case. If anyone, and I mean anyone, asks, you say we gave up. Say I had a nervous breakdown and I'm taking some time off."

"Yeah, maybe you should take some time off."

"Shut up. This is serious. This is dangerous territory. I want you to watch your back. Be cool, amigo. You understand? And if I don't make it back, I want you to forget you ever heard the name Opera. Erase all this stuff on the board and get these walls painted, now."

Cap grabbed his car keys and a handful of turquoise from the bag on his desk.

"Where you going, boss?" Caldo asked.

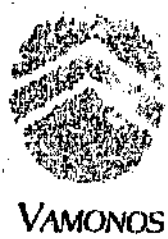
"I've gotta see a man about a horse."

To be continued ...



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Spencer Theater needs boys for show

The Spencer Theater is issuing a casting call for area boys age 6 through 12 who are interested in dancing with a nationally touring company appearing in Ruidoso next month. Some stage or dance experience is preferred.

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Guide for writers to 'get connected'

The New Mexico Literary Arts has published a guide for writers to get connected. The "Handy Dandy Guide to Rewards and Resources for New Mexico writers" is a reference guide of writers' information.

The spiral-bound book offers: lists of professional book reviewers and small publishers; business information for the freelance writer; descriptions of writer's organizations; and book-fair and festival data.

It's available for \$10 by writing: New Mexico Literary Arts, P.O. Box 2853, Santa Fe, NM 87504-2853.

Gold Road Studio Tour Sept. 20 & 21

The first Camino de Oro (Gold Road) Artist Studio Tour is planned for Sept. 20 and 21, featuring 10 artists studios in the White Oaks and Carrizozo area.

White Oaks is a former booming gold mining town, and reportedly home to one of the world's deepest dry shaft mines. The gold was hauled from there to the trains through Carrizozo creating the Camino de Oro relationship.

The studios will be open from 1-4 p.m. next Saturday and Sunday:

- Bill Kerr, hand painted china, 401 Eleventh St., Carrizozo
- Nina Sammons, constructions of wood, paint, found objects, 406 Eleventh St., Carrizozo
- Kenneth Payne, mixed media, sculpture, 1203 C Ave., Carrizozo
- Suranne Donazetti, gilded, painted, woven copper, 1203 C Ave., Carrizozo
- Kenny & Davis Scott, needlework and jewelry, the historic Gumm House, White Oaks
- John Duncan & Palla, impressionists, the historic Taylor House, White Oaks
- Bob Reynierson, painter, the old Carrizozo Assay Office now located in White Oaks
- Harlan Webb, saddlemaker/leather work, White Oaks
- Ivy Heymann, White Oaks Pottery, White Oaks
- John West, wearable sculpture, a guest at White Oaks Pottery, White Oaks

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For information, call Ivy Heymann, (505) 648-2985.



Brad Cooper

Harlan Webb's exquisite saddles and leather work are on the tour.

Hondo Valley artist wins top honors at art show

Hondo Valley artist Paula White earned "Best of Show" and first-place for her porcelain wine decanter and glasses in the porcelain painting division at the New Mexico State Fair Fine Arts Gallery in Albuquerque.

The prize-winning pieces featured grapes and agate etched 24-karat gold enhancements.

White's fruit compote painted

with fruit and luster enhancements won second place in the fruit category.

Other award winners for White included:

- "Dancing Hollyhock's" an 8-by-10 floral on porcelain, first place in flower category;
- A miniature portrait of a female on a 2-inch by 3-inch porcelain canvas, second place in

portrait division;

- And a seascape, second place in landscape division.

The State Fair Fine Arts Gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day until Sept. 21.

White teaches in her Hondo Valley studio on Tuesdays. Those interested in taking lessons should call the studio at 653-4203 for more information.

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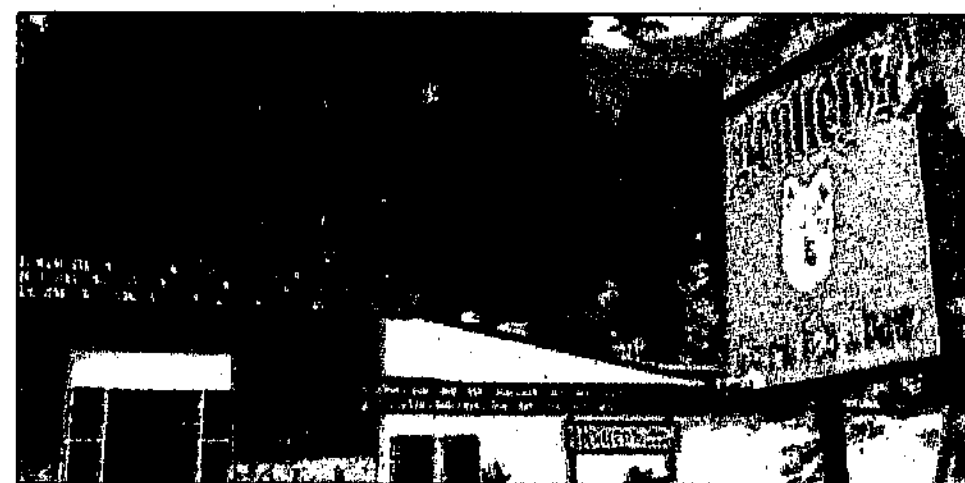
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Price Range: \$\$
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Address: at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero
Hours: 6:30-10:30 p.m. Sun.-Thurs.; 6:30 p.m. to midnight Fri. and Sat.

Bentley's Brew Pub & Paw

If you're pining for a pint of Old English Ale look no further than Bentley's: The Ruidoso brew pub serves up European and domestic micro brews and fine wines, along with some fabulous food. House specialities include fish and chips and steaks hand cut on the premises.

Price Range: \$\$
Phone: 258-4232
Address: 1133 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso
Hours: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sun.-Thurs.; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fri. and Sat.



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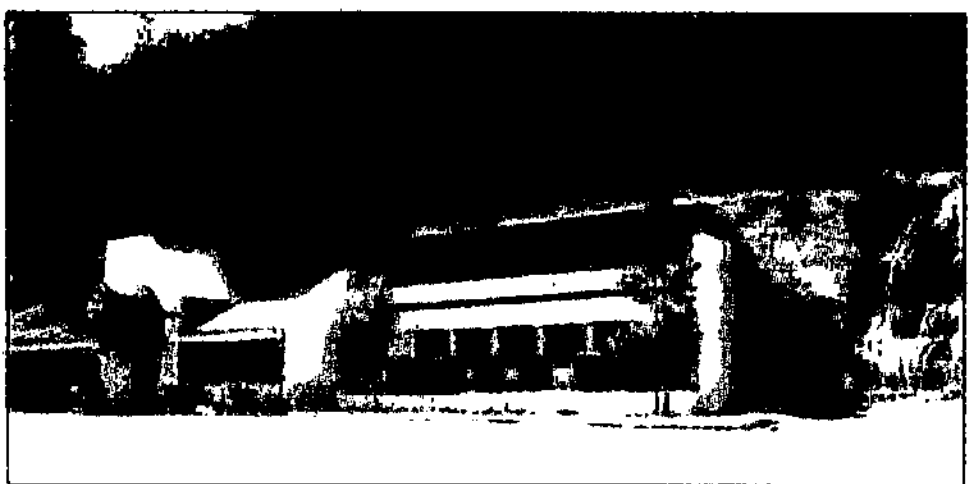
Hide out where Billy did and rustle up some good grub. Serving certified Black Angus steaks and lobster daily, the Cafe offers the most unique dining experience in the Southern Rockies.

Price Range: \$\$
Phone: 378-8401
Address: in historic Fox Cave, six miles east of Ruidoso Downs on Highway 70.
Hours: Thurs.-Sun. Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Dinner 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Cafe Mescalero

Fine dining in a casual atmosphere is what you'll find at Cafe Mescalero. Serving traditional Mexican food with a Southwestern flare, the Cafe has "edible art" by chef Anthony Carpenter for breakfast, lunch and dinner and fajita specials all weekend.

Price Range: \$\$
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Cattle Baron

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Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
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Address: 657 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso
Hours: 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sun.-Thurs.; 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Fri. and Sat.

Che Bella

Take a tasteful trip to Northern Italy at Che Bella with its selection of pastas, gourmet pizza, veal, poultry, steaks and fish. And once you've finished your meal, stay a while in the cigar and martini bar for a cosmopolitan way to cap off your evening.

Price Range: \$\$
Phone: 257-7540
Address: 2823 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso
Hours: 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. late lunch; 5:30 to 11 p.m. dinner. The bar is open 2:30 p.m. to midnight.



Dan Li Ka Dining Room

Elegant dining with fantastic views of Lake Mescalero provides the atmosphere at Dan Li Ka. The dining room also offers a Sunday brunch buffet and always has fine cuisine choices for lunch and dinner. And while at Dan Li Ka don't miss the decadent dessert and pastry menu.

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Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tues.-Sat.; 5:30 to 9 p.m. Mon.-Thur.; 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Fri. and Sat.



Southern Accent

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Price Range: \$

Phone: 258-3856

Address: 1028 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso

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Texas Club Grill & Bar

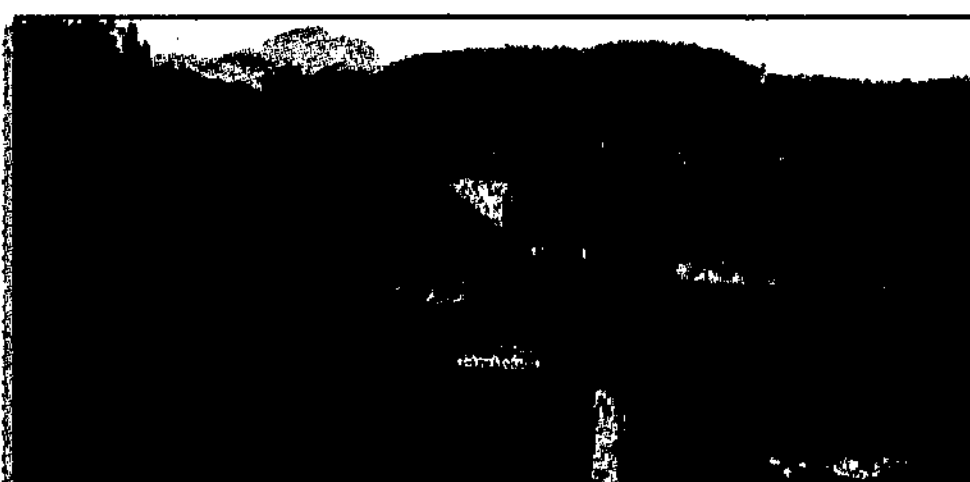
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Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

Sean's in town

Let's check out what's showing on the silver screens of Sierra Cinema. Debuting today is "She's So Lovely" and "The Game." For more information call 257-9444.

SILVER SCREEN

She's So Lovely

Rated R

Show times: 2 p.m.*, 4:15 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.*

Plot: Eddie (Sean Penn) and Maureen (Robin Wright Penn) are young, married and crazy about each other. But when Eddie gets sent to prison, their idyllic life is shattered. When he returns, he finds Maureen has married Joey (John Travolta), leaving the three caught in a love triangle.

The Game

Rated R

Show times: 1:15 p.m.*, 3:45 p.m.*, 6:30 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.*

Plot: Michael Douglas and Sean Penn star in this suspenseful thriller where the object of the game is to discover the object of the game.

Fire Down Below

Rated R

Show times: 1:30 p.m.*, 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9 p.m.*

Plot: "Fire Down Below" follows Federal Environmental Protection Agency Marshal Jack Taggart (Steven Seagal) as he sets out to avenge the ruthless killing of a trusted colleague. Following the murdered agent's trail, Taggart travels through the tiny hamlets that dot the hills of Appalachia to expose the people responsible for dumping hazardous waste into abandoned mine shafts that most residents would rather forget. While secretly searching the shuttered coal mines, Taggart uncovers troubling information about local tycoon Orin Hanner (Kris Kristofferson).

* Show times for Friday and Saturday only.

Larry Wimbrow

Larry Wimbrow, 48, manages Ruidoso Little Theater and plays the ghost of John Barrymore in the play "I Hate Hamlet" featured for the next two weekends at the group's castle theater on U.S. 70. Performances begin at 8 p.m. today and Saturday, as well as Sept. 18-20.

Q: How long have you been acting?

A: I did a couple of plays in high school and then nothing else until I moved here to Ruidoso. My first play was "Bus Stop," in 1994, where I first met Sally and we got married.

Q: What prompted you to get back into acting?

A: A friend was doing this play and needed someone to play the bus driver.

Q: What makes you stay with little theater?

A: You get to be someone that you're not for that period of time. You get to play act and it's lots of fun.

Q: Do you have any aspirations beyond little theater?

A: No. I enjoy doing this and I'll do it as long as it's fun.

Q: What do you find most exciting?

A: Every time you go out on the stage, it's something new, because the audience is new and so is the way they interact. Actually, every night is great.

Q: What are your other hobbies?

A: I like to do wood work and build. I just finished a deck and put a hot tub on it and I'm getting ready to enclose the basement to make it a rumpus room for my daughter. I told Sally I'm going to have to find a job so I can relax for a while.

Q: Anyone else in the family interested in acting?

A: All of us are. Sally has been acting for 10 years in little theater and Rebekah has been in school plays and three productions in the local little theater. Sometimes that's lots of fun, but other times it can be trying. We had a couple of cast members leave this time. I was suppose to co-direct, but ended up also stepping into the lead role. ▼

Enchanted evening



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The Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs hosts the Santa Fe Opera Apprentice Tour in "An Evening of Operatic Enchantment." Apprentices, from left to right, Derrick Ballard (bass-baritone), Alayne Faraone (soprano) and Richard Crawley (tenor) will perform selections from both opera and Broadway. This will include Henry Mollicone's "The Face on the Barroom Floor," a one-act play telling the story of the mysterious woman whose face is painted on the floor of the Teller House Bar. Mark your calendar for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17. Admission is free.

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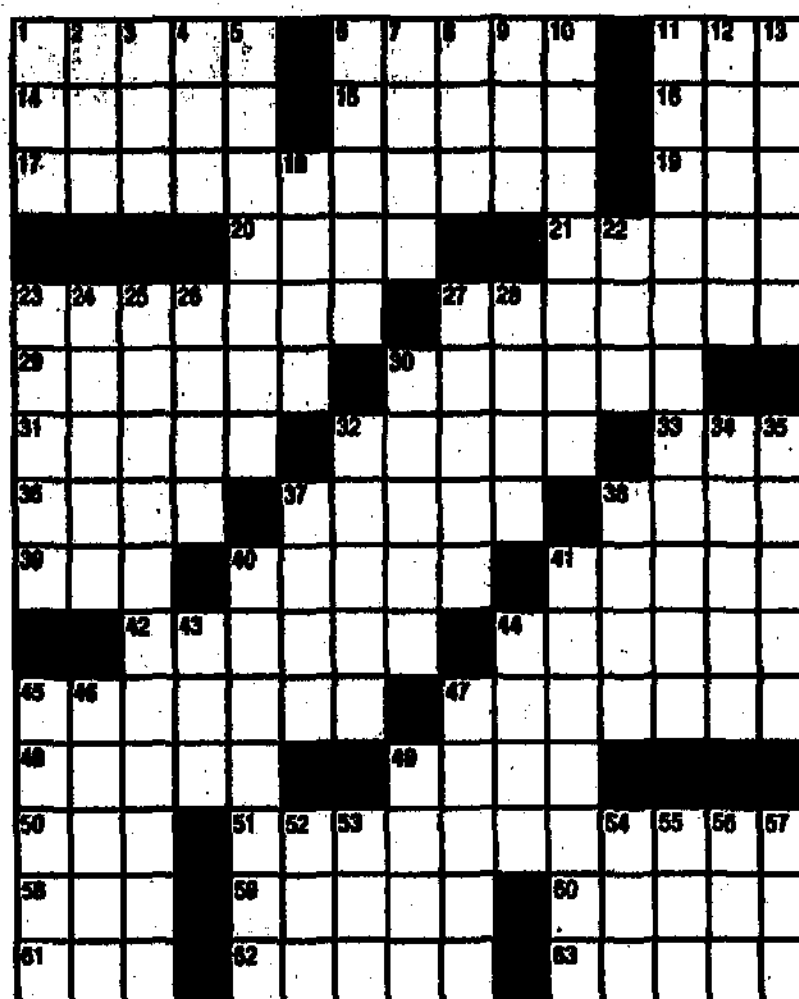
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- 28 Body parts shaped like punching bags
- 30 W.W. II Philippine battle site
- 31 Horse in a harness race
- 32 1924 Forster novel
- 33 Little newt
- 34 It's NW of Oklahoma City
- 37 Rounded lumps
- 38 Nicholas I or II, e.g.
- 40 Nash's two-l beast
- 41 Hardly elegant
- 42 Easy two-pointers
- 44 Concert halls

DOWN

- 4 Starts of tollways
- 5 Last course
- 6 Pares's predecessor
- 7 — That a Shame
- 8 Eggs
- 9 "Come on!"
- 10 — Canto (singing style)
- 11 Characteristic
- 12 Confuse
- 13 Right-angle joint
- 14 Steinbeck migrants
- 15 Dapper
- 1 — a plea
- 2 "Now I see!"
- 3 Beatnik's exclamation
- 4 Skill
- 5 Sweetheart's assent
- 6 Cancel, as a launch
- 7 Drub
- 8 Lodge member
- 9 Luau instrument
- 10 Alternative to a purse
- 11 Err on stage
- 12 Cause for blessing?
- 13 Get ready for battle again
- 14 Average figures
- 15 Org. for Bulls and Bullets
- 16 Fools
- 17 Ex-Mrs. Trump
- 18 Four-time Emmy-winning comedienne
- 19 Han, as colors
- 20 — the Hutt, of

"Star Wars"

- 22 Medical suffix
- 23 Certain mikes
- 24 Knee hits
- 25 Mountebank
- 26 Lovers' engagement
- 27 Rather morose
- 28 Suns
- 29 Deceiving
- 30 Nuclear treaty subject
- 31 "The Greatest"
- 32 — cava (path to the heart)
- 33 Explore
- 34 "Bolero" composer
- 35 They're losing propositions
- 36 French friend
- 37 Bother
- 38 — tai (drink)
- 39 Nutritional abbr.
- 40 N.Y.C. summer clock setting
- 41 Model Carol
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The James story starts with the bombing of a quiet couple's home

It was just after midnight on the morning of Jan. 26, 1875, when it happened. The old woman was asleep in a room adjacent to the kitchen when she was startled awake by a noise. Unsure of what she had heard, but certain that it had come from the kitchen, she rushed outside to gain entry the quickest way, by the side door. When she did, she saw that the west side of her home was in flames.

PAST TENSE



Drew Gomber
Ruidoso News

The old woman, Mrs. Zerelda Samuel, found her husband, Dr. Reuben Samuel, attempting to push something that looked to her like a fireball into the fireplace with a shovel. In a moment, he was successful. But suddenly the fireball in the fireplace exploded with such force that the sound was reportedly heard three miles away.

When the smoke cleared, Dr. Samuel had been knocked off his feet, but was miraculously unhurt. Not so for his wife. Mrs. Samuel's right arm was mangled to the point where it had to be amputated. And what was worse was that the couple's 8-year-old "slow witted" son, Archie Peyton Samuel, lay mortally wounded on the floor.

It was a shocking crime. Someone had tossed what appeared to be a bomb into this quiet couple's home, changing their lives forever.

A likely story ...

"Who would do such a thing?" was the first question everyone asked. Like as not, the answer would come to them immediately: The Pinkertons.

Throughout the latter part of the last century, the Pinkertons were known as the nemesis of train and bank robbers throughout the land. A private detective agency, they were so often in the employ of the hated banks and railroads that they were almost universally hated by common folks everywhere.

So why, you might wonder, would a detective agency be attacking the quiet home of this late middle-aged couple in the dead of night?

The answer is simple. Her marriage to Dr. Samuel was the second for Mrs. Zerelda Samuel. Her first husband, Robert James, a minister, had died in the goldfields of California attempting to bring the word of God to people who were too busy to listen.

But not before he and Zerelda had two sons together. They named the boys Alexander Franklin and Jesse Woodson.

That's right. Jesse and Frank James. The two most notorious bank and train robbers America ever knew were the sons of Zerelda Samuel and the half-brothers of Archie Samuel.

And what happened to their mama and little brother was not something that neither Jesse nor Frank were about to forget.

For over a century the raid on "Castle James" has been a matter of much debate. Right from the very beginning the Pinkertons claimed that the device thrown into the house was a "smoker," designed to flush out the inhabitants, not blow them up. They claimed that the only reason the device exploded was because Dr. Samuel had pushed it into the fire. Many accepted this explanation and many did not.

Turns out the ones who did not were right. In a letter recently discovered buried in gov-

ernment archives in Washington, D.C., dated Dec. 28, 1874, Allen Pinkerton instructs his operatives to "destroy the house (illegible) to (illegible) the fringe of the earth ... let the men take no risk, burn the house down. Rober has charge of the ammunition in the shape of Greek Fire, etc., etc."

Hmmmm ... sounds like Al was planning on doing a little more than flushing the inhabitants out, doesn't it?

But why would Allen Pinkerton be so hell-bent on the destruction of the James Boys? Why weren't they just another assignment for him?

For the answer to those questions we must go back to March 1874 when the James Boys were just another assignment.

A method behind the madness?

On March 10, 1874, a Pinkerton operative by the name of Joe Whicher went, all by himself, to capture Frank and Jesse at the home of their mother.

Whicher was, perhaps, a tad overconfident. His bullet-riddled body was discovered the very next day.

Exactly one week later two other Pinkerton men were killed. Louis Lull and Edwin Daniel died in a wild shoot-out with Jim and John Younger. John Younger also perished in the gunfight, but that wasn't enough for Allen Pinkerton. Aghast at losing three men in a week, the case now became a vendetta for him.

But with the January 1875 bombing of the James farm, Pinkerton had gone too far. Even people who didn't sympathize with the James Boys - and there were getting to be fewer and fewer of them - could not condone the killing of a child and maiming of a woman.

Newspapers all across the land took up the James banner, and Jesse and Frank came close to being given a full pardon. Too close, as far as Allen Pinkerton was concerned.

Pinkerton was not without his own personal resources. It was Allen Pinkerton who had first organized the Secret Service during the Civil War.

Come to think of it, that's not much of an endorsement, in light of what happened to Abraham Lincoln.

But other than that, Mrs. Lincoln, how are you enjoying the show?

Nevertheless, Pinkerton had friends in both high and low places, some of whom were in the press. Slowly, he mounted his own publicity campaign to defame the James family. It wasn't entirely successful, as no matter what heinous crimes he laid at the door of Frank and Jesse, they couldn't quite compare with mangling someone's mother.

Frank and Jesse get involved

Meanwhile, Frank and Jesse had grown more than a little curious as to whether or not any of their neighbors were involved in the death of their little brother and mutilation of their mother.

It didn't take them long to learn that Jack Ladd, a Pinkerton operative, had been employed on the farm of one of their neighbors, a man named Daniel Askew.

The evening of Monday, April 12, 1875, was warm. Adaline Askew, wife of Dan Askew, watched as her husband walked out to the well for some water. He was whistling as he went out the door.

Across the road at the James place, Jesse and Frank James heard him, too. The following

account was handed down by Sarah Samuel Nicholson, half-sister of the James Boys, and was published for the first time in 1992. "So they walked over there and confronted him and told him this deal about notifying the Pinkertons and everything and he tried to deny it. And he said he could prove it if they'd go in the house, where these women was. Frank knew that if he got in the house ... he would talk him out of shooting, but he didn't go in the house and told him to set his bucket down and they killed him right there. ... Frank was the cold-bloodedest one of the two. If he said he was going to kill ya, he would kill you, but you could talk Jesse out of it."

Maybe, but not that night.

Allen Pinkerton later offered to buy Askew's tombstone, giving a certain credence to the accusations made by Frank and Jesse about Askew "notifying the Pinkertons."

Allen Pinkerton never did catch up with the James or Younger boys.

Honor among outlaws

In September 1876, the West's most notorious and infamous bandits met their Waterloo in a small town in Minnesota called Northfield. Several gang members were killed, the Youngers were all captured, and Jesse and Frank barely escaped with their lives.

The Youngers were sentenced to 25 years in the penitentiary, steadfastly refusing to implicate the two men that had escaped. Everyone *knew* it was Jesse and Frank, of course, but they needed the Youngers to positively identify them, which the three brothers steadfastly refused to do throughout their prison terms.

In fact, after his release from prison Cole Younger wrote his autobiography in which he made the incredible statement that *he had never met Jesse James!!!*

The James' were never able to find recruits as able or as loyal as the Youngers and, in the end, Jesse paid for it with his life.

On April 3, 1882, gang member and house guest Bob Ford shot Jesse in the back of the head as the outlaw chieftain straightened a picture on the wall of his home.

It was the end of an era. For 15 years the James/Younger gang had terrorized banks and trains throughout the Midwest, and the authorities were never even really sure what they looked like. It must have been a hollow victory for Allen Pinkerton. Short of actually killing the James Boys himself, he undoubtedly looked forward to them spending long prison terms. He didn't even get that.

After Jesse's death, Frank turned himself in to the authorities. And not just your local sheriff. Frank turned himself in to the governor of Missouri.



Zerelda Samuel, mother of the James boys

There were several spectacular and highly publicized trials. At one of them, famed Confederate Gen. Jo Shelby arrived drunk as a skunk and demanded to see "my old comrade in arms - Frank James!"

It is doubtful that Shelby even knew what Frank looked like, but Frank had fought for "The Cause," had, in fact, kept fighting for it in the eyes of many. There was no way Jo Shelby was simply going to sit idly by and watch his "old comrade in arms" be convicted of crimes of which he was entirely guilty. Especially after Jo had consumed copious amounts of liquor.

In the end, and undoubtedly much to Allen Pinkerton's disgust, Frank James never spent so much as *one day* in jail.

It must have been terribly frustrating for Pinkerton. But then, considering he knowingly had a bomb tossed into a dwelling that contained women and children and managed to keep it a secret for the next 116 years ... well, maybe he deserved at least that much.

*"I cannot tell how the truth may be;
I say the tale as it was said to me."*

Sir Walter Scott

For the record:

Because of transcription errors, some names were misspelled in the "Past Tense" column of Sept. 5. The incorrect names and the correct ones are: Turkey Creed Jack Johnson should have been Turkey Creek Jack Johnson; Johnny Ben should have been Johnny Behan; and Frank Stalely should have been Frank Stillwell.

And, so much as some of you may wish it was, it was really Billy Clanton who was killed at the O.K. Corral, not Billy Clinton.

We regret the errors.

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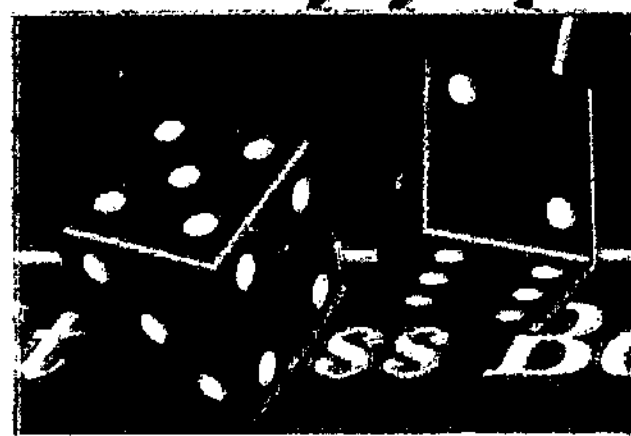
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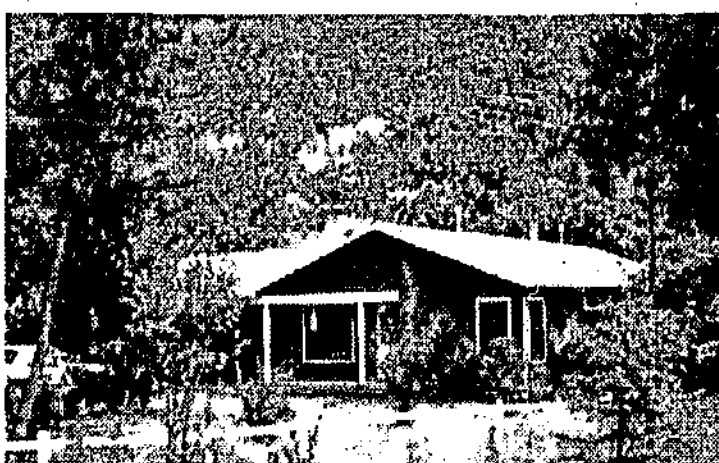
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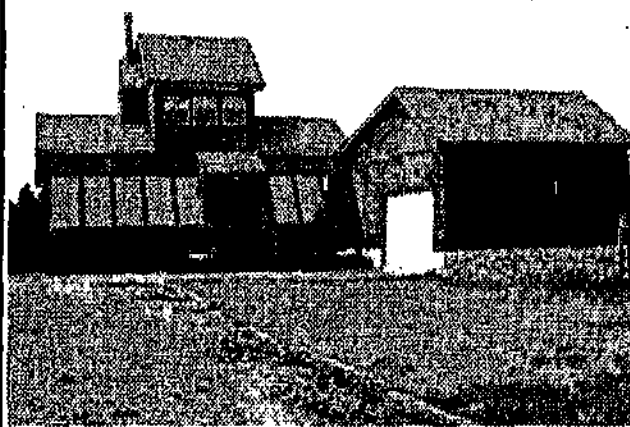
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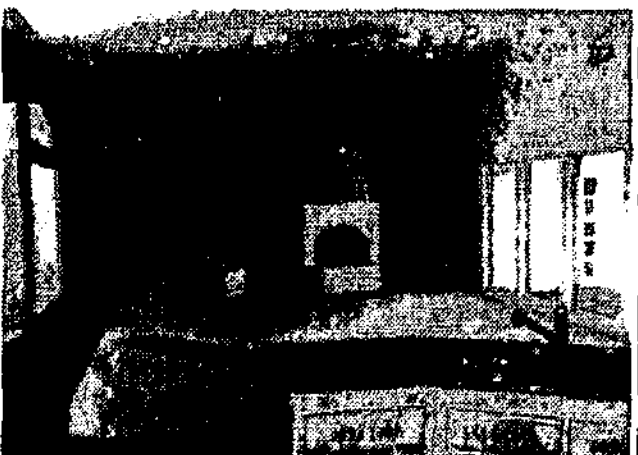
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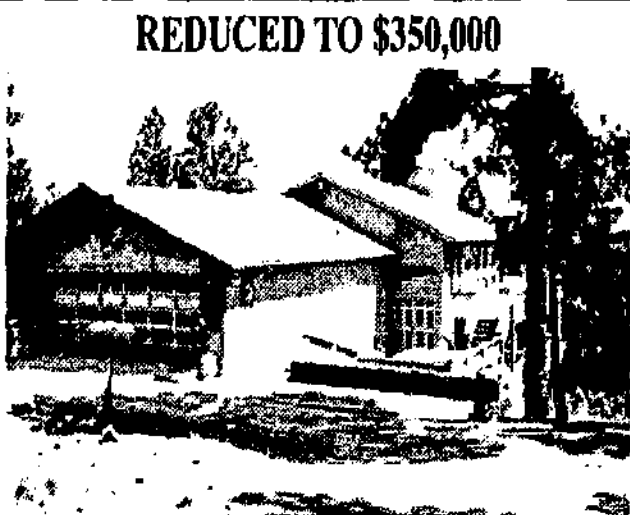
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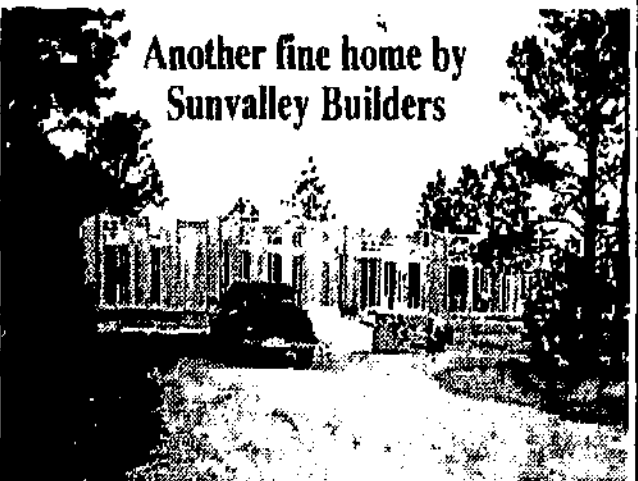
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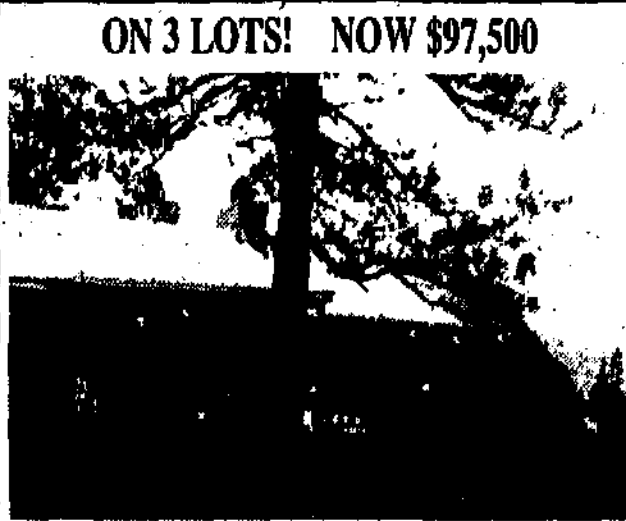


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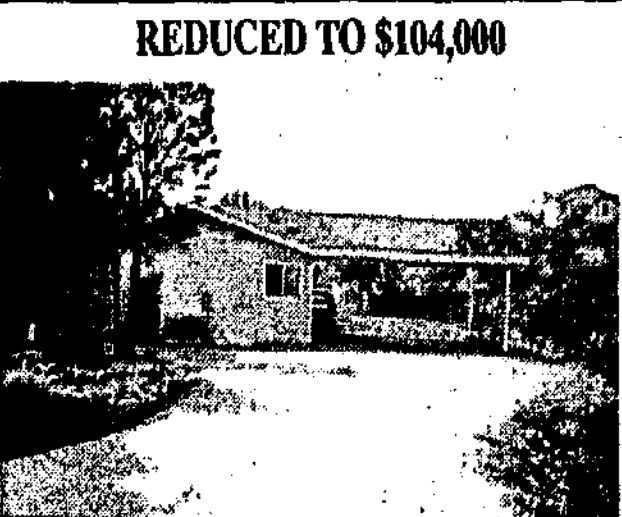
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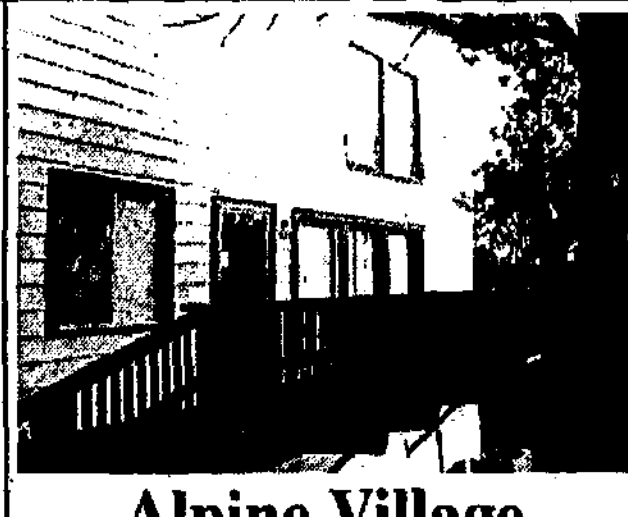
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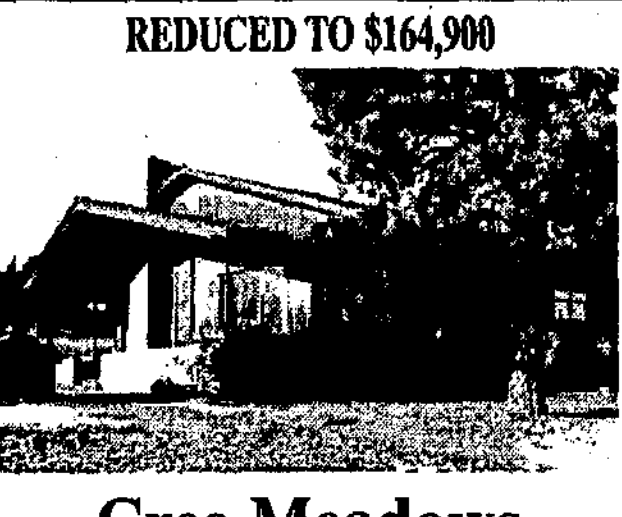
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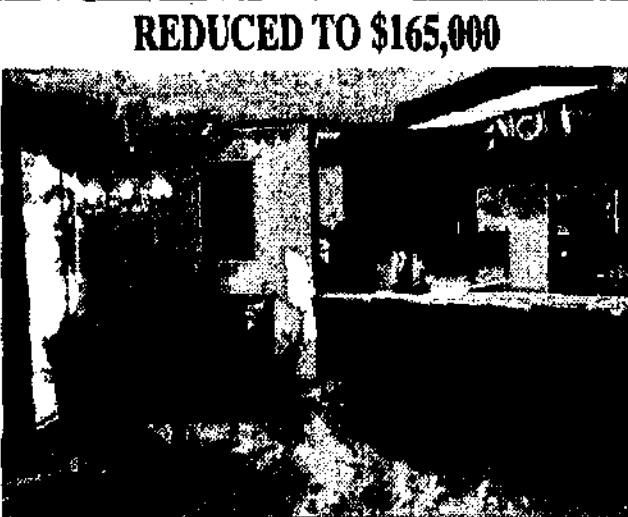
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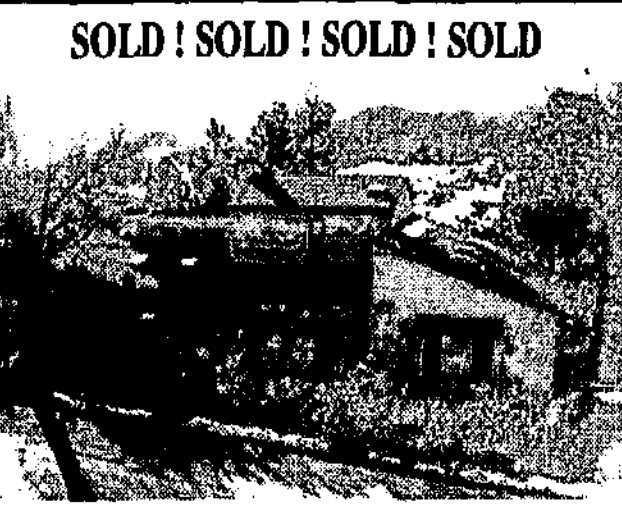
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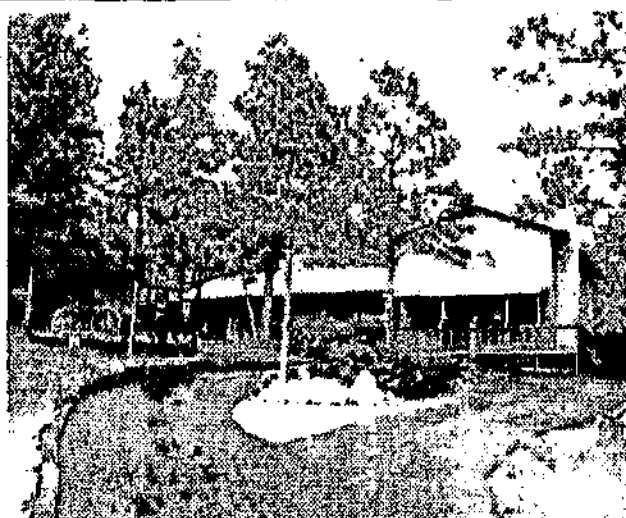
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hard wood floors, operable remote sky
lights, 2 car garage. Want to impress
yourself? Check it out! **INFO ON
SIGN!**



White Mtn. Estates

Siddens • \$329,000 • 105 Don Snyder Dr.
4/4.5 plus guest house. 3 car garage.
Owner/agent.



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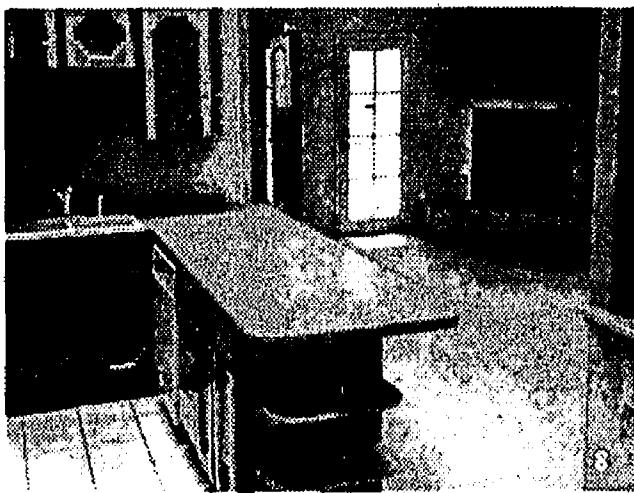
Nogal

New • \$375,000 • Nogal Canyon Road
Earth Ship & Guest Home. Studio
Green House and 11 acres!



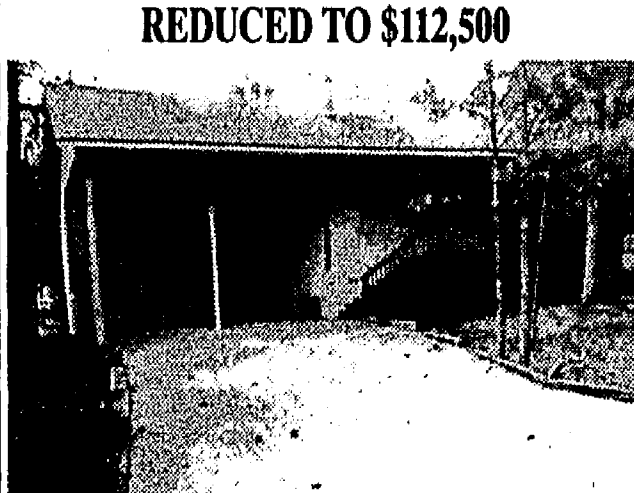
Alpine Village

117 Iron Mountain Rd. • \$99,500
2/2 nice home on 2 lots with small barn, 2 horses allowed. Appliances only. NOW VACANT.



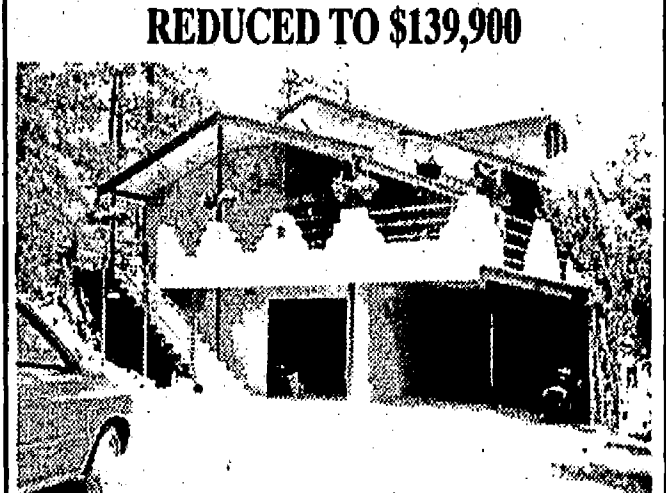
White Mtn. Meadows

577 - 583 White Mtn. Meadows Dr.
4 nice patio homes \$99,500 each. 2 bdrm, 2 bath, 1 level, 1 car garage!



Town & Country North

Whitaker • \$119,900 • 401 Mary
3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Corner lot. Fairly new.



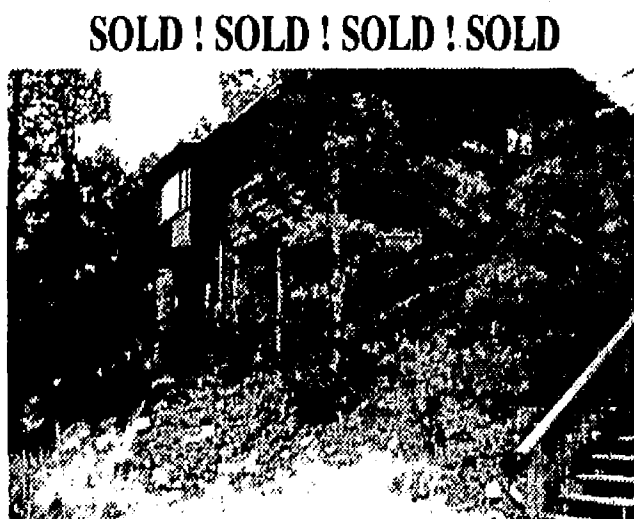
Upper Canyon Area

Bennett • \$149,000 • 215 Maple Dr.
3/2, 1-car garage + large workshop. Master shower. Wow!



Lake View Estates

Gladstein • \$139,000 • 406 Excalibur #14
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fully furnished. Breathtaking views!



SOLD ! SOLD ! SOLD ! SOLD

Upper Canyon

Holcomb • \$149,900 • 116 West Riverside
3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Listen to the river. Furnished.



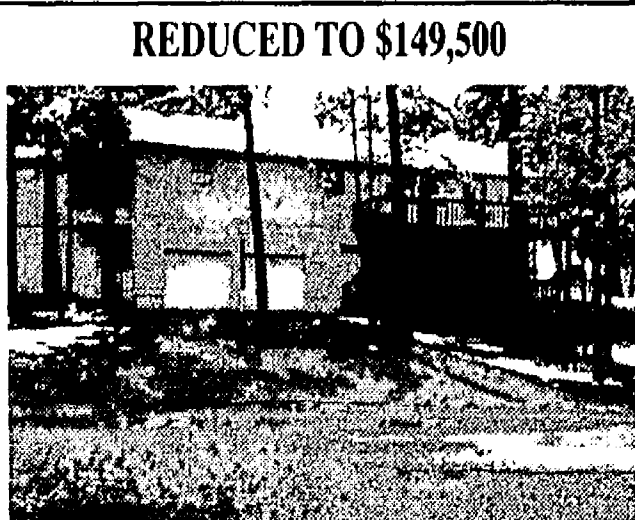
Indian Hills

211 High Loop • \$149,500
3/3 appliances only. Very well kept home with Sierra Blanca View!



Airport West

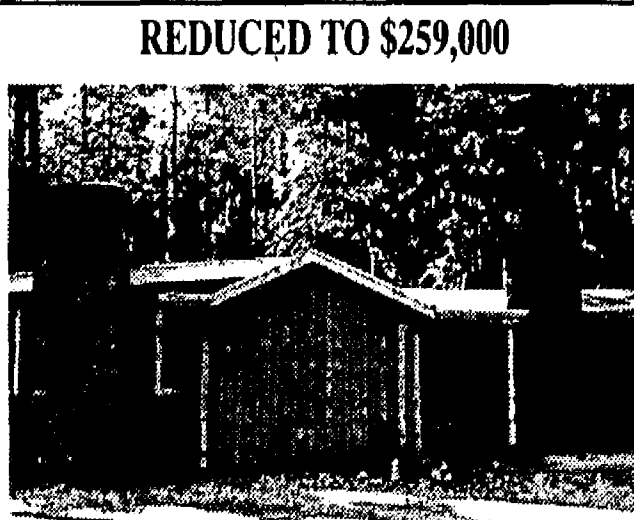
Davis • \$157,500 • 111 University
3/2 with 1 car garage. Very nice. Courtyard, Vega ceilings. Kiva styled fireplace.



REDUCED TO \$149,500

White Mt. Estates

Madera • \$170,000 • 220 White Mt. Meadows
5/3, 2-story, wooded corner lot, 2 car garage, den w/wet bar. Owner terms.



REDUCED TO \$259,000

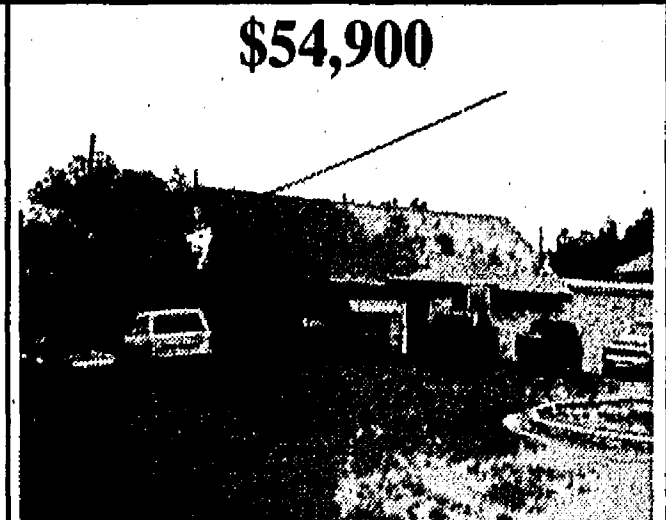
River

Watt • \$269,000 • 110 Bear Creek Trail
3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Upper Canyon on river.



Professional Decor

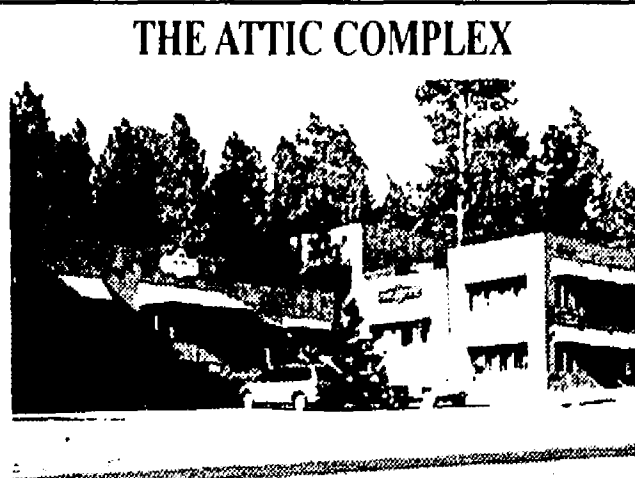
Duncan • \$298,000 • 155 Coronado
4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Awesome view! \$235,000 unfurnished.



\$54,900

Commercial

Robertson's Hams Restaurant (business only) • 2064 Hwy 70 West
Name. Inventory: Equipment.



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McMahon • \$178,000 • Jira Plaza
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Commercial

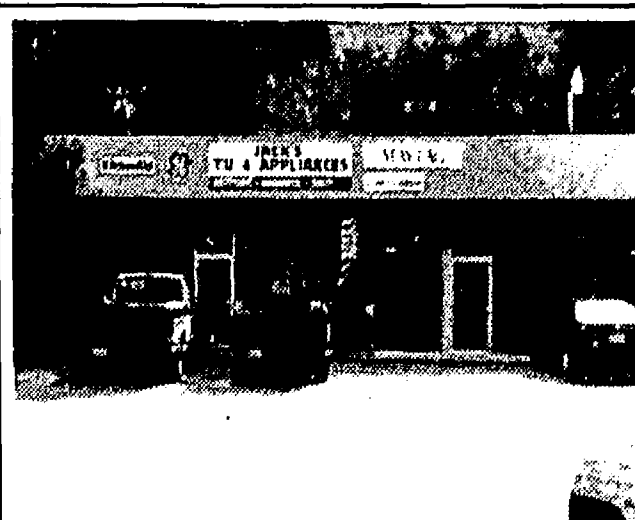
Whispering Pines • \$195,000 • 428 Main Rd.
Below appraisal - land - building - equipment.



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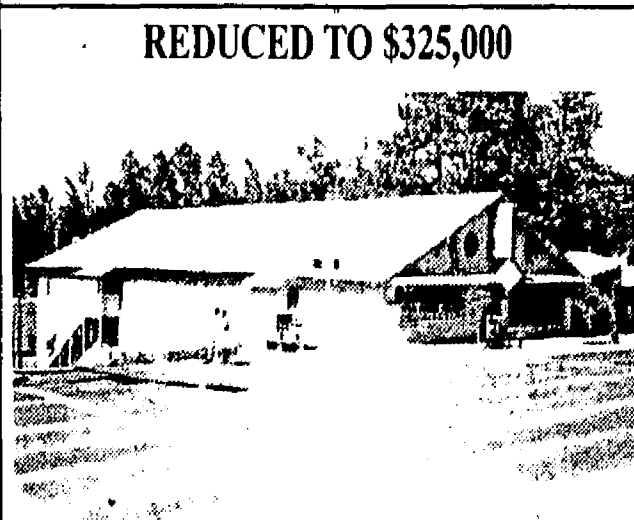
Commercial

Blitz • \$229,000 • 2800 Sudderth
Land and building. 2400 sq. ft. Drive thru potential. Owner financing.



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Commercial

Wild Bunch Gallery • \$375,000 • 2408 Sudderth
Land & building only! Location, location, location.



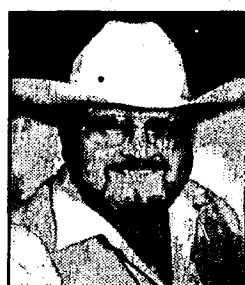
Commercial

Rainbow Lake Fun Park • \$395,000
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5.023 acres. Sell-all or part



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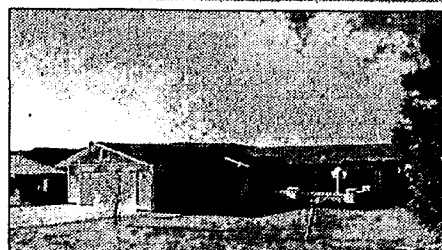
119 MORGAN DRIVE - Pride of ownership shows. Delightful home with 2 big bedrooms, 2 baths, attached 2-car garage, RV parking with hook-ups. Street-to-street lot. City utilities plus garden well. \$149,500

97-71188 **CALL LARRY TILLMAN**



HOME ON 5.22 ACRES - Three bedrooms, 2 baths, large open living area, Ranch-style interior, view of Sierra Blanca, deck, fenced garden area, landscaped yard. This is a really nice place! \$89,000.

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QUALITY HOME - SUPERB LOCATION - Permanent fairway view from the courtyard of this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Heated 2-car garage, sprinkler system, seamless gutters, whirlpool tub, city utilities, more! Country club membership. \$165,000.

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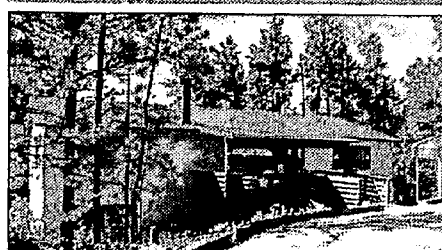
LOTS FOR SALE

Lot on Bonita Dr.	\$11,500
Lot on Mule Deer Ct.	\$17,000
Lot on Deer Valley Ct.	\$4,000
Lot on Sun Valley TL	\$10,000
Lot on Iron Mountain	\$13,500
Lot on Apache Hills SD	\$24,900
Lot on Rio Berrend	\$5,000

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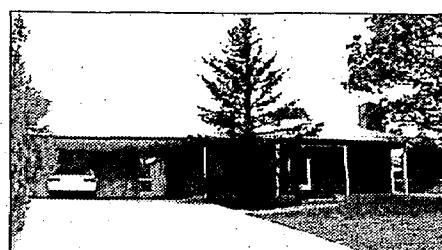
RUIDOSO ATMOSPHERE WITH HUGE PINES

Log sided 4 bedroom, 2 bath home on Buckner Drive. Big kitchen, workshop, attached garage, beautiful decks, large lot. \$139,500.
97-70707
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SUPER BUY! - Nearly new. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, lots of light, big game room, fireplace, 2 decks, spa tub. Over 2200 square feet!!! Just \$114,900.

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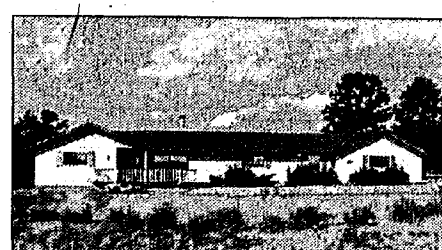
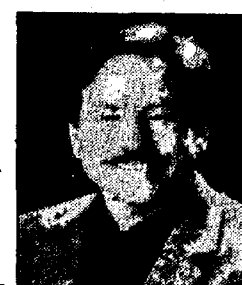


GREAT ACCESS - 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in great neighborhood. Double carport. Paved, level access. Owner finance possible. \$97,500.

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JUST LISTED - Newly remodeled 3 bedroom, 3 bath home in Alto. Gas log fireplace, Jenn-Air. 2 covered decks, attached 2-car garage, views of Sierra Blanca and Capitans. 2 year old roof. \$169,800.

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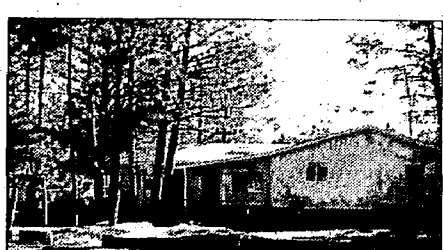
SECLUDED, CENTRAL ALTO LOCATION - Wonderful Sierra Blanca view. 4 bedroom, 4 bath home with attached garage. Jacuzzi tub. Full golf membership. \$244,500.

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FANTASTIC OWNER FINANCE - Beautifully remodeled 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on big, street-to-street lot. Huge workshop. Great location. \$124,900.

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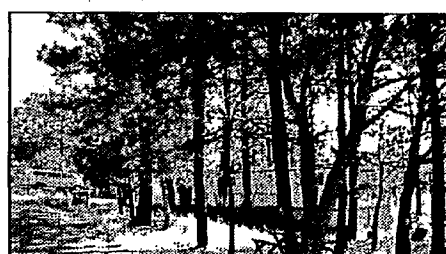
211 KEYS DRIVE - 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath (approx 2000 SF). Great year-round living. Fireplace, formal dining room and remodeled kitchen. \$112,500.

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RESTAURANT BUSINESS - Busy, busy, busy! Doing good business. Steak house, barbecue, family style atmosphere. Sale includes business, some equipment, inventory and name (bldg leased) \$70,000.

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GET AWAY FROM THE CROWDS - Fully furnished, 2 bedroom mobile on nice corner lot. Excellent location, convenient to everything. Easy to view. Good investment potential. Just \$35,500.

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WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET! Everything stays at this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with fireplace, covered deck and plenty of storage. Great condition. Quiet location. Priced right! \$87,500.

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LOTS FOR SALE

Lot in Tall Pines SD	\$10,000
Lot on Brentwood Dr.	\$7,495
2 lots on Pinon Ln.	\$3,500 ea
Lot on Crestview Dr.	\$6,000
Lot on Marble Dr.	\$15,000
Lot on Stable Rd.	\$10,000
Lot on Mesa Dr.	\$15,000

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THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL



237 SUNNY SLOPE - Just listed. On two lots with extra storage. New carpet this week; paved access; under ground utilities; lots of paved parking. Priced for a quick sale at only \$110,000! 97-71482

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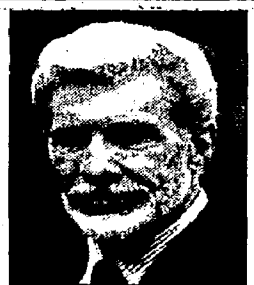


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SUPER FLOOR PLAN - Extra neat 2 bedroom, 1 bath cabin with great sleeping loft, nice decks, good parking. An all-around good deal. \$64,500.

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BIG SIERRA BLANCA VIEW - from this fully furnished 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Neat decks, 2-car garage, storage, new heating and insulation. New paint. Lovely lot adjacent to national forest. \$85,500.

97-70267 **CALL MARTIN ROSE**



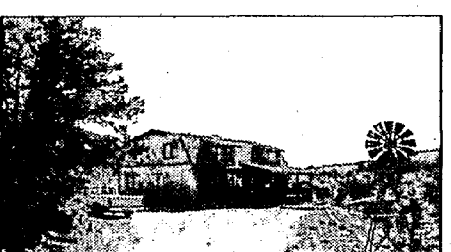
MOUNTAIN GETAWAY! Outstanding location with views. 3 bedroom, 2 bath chalet with nice decks, good parking and seclusion. A great deal! \$158,500.

97-70359 **CALL MARTIN ROSE**



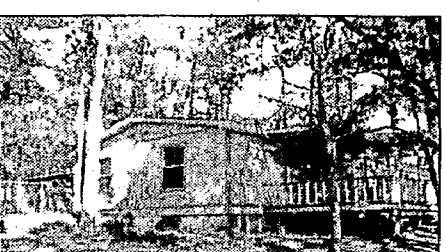
ALTO-GOLF COURSE HOME: This wonderfully furnished, 3 bedroom, 3 bath home has a deck "To die for." Big great room, gameroom, 2-car garage, more! Close to clubhouse. Full golf membership. \$296,000

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MINI-RANCH ON CREEK - 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths home on 5 acres. Spaciously designed, lots of windows with really great view of the mountains. Horse facilities. \$131,000.

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EXCELLENT LOCATION AND VALUE! 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home. Nice neighborhood near Grindstone Lake. Big, fenced yard. Good access. Workshop and storage. Recently remodeled plus new roof and siding. \$87,500.

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BIG SIERRA BLANCA VIEW

from this lot at 127 Coronado Drive in Ruidoso's Highwood addition, an area of lovely, large homes. \$13,000.

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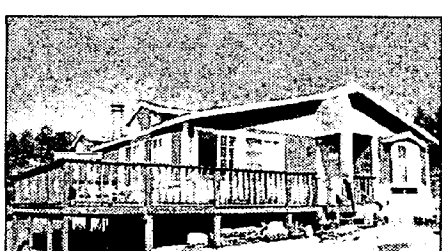
QUALITY CRAFTSMANSHIP throughout this 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home on Hull Road. Custom built-ins and woodwork, extra nice finishing inside and out. River rock accents, metal roof, paved drive, fenced backyard, more. A rare find. \$197,000.

97-71106 **CALL SCOTT MILLER**



GREAT MOUNTAIN FEELING - Secluded but close to town. 3 bedroom, 3 bath home with 2 living areas and separate dining room. Fireplace, lots of storage, large decks. \$119,500.

97-70961 **CALL SCOTT MILLER**



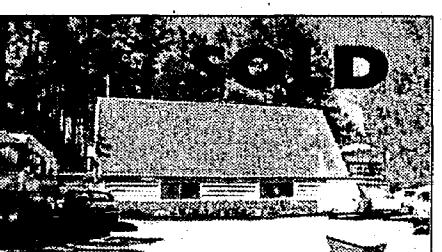
SHARP, VERY SHARP! This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home is just 2 years old and in like-new condition. Vaulted ceilings, hardwood cabinets, utility room, redwood deck. \$102,000.

97-71009 **CALL SCOTT MILLER**



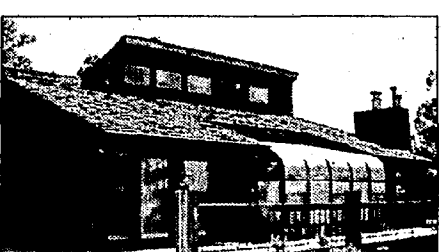
COUNTRY SETTING IN TOWN **FOUR BEDROOMS!** Large home with level access, 3-car garage, new interior paint and carpet, Jacuzzi, more. Great views of Sierra Blanca. Very nice, must see! \$239,000.

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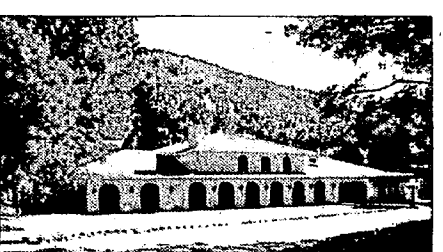
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BIG DOUBLE VIEW from this sharp, custom home. Ruidoso flair with wood ceilings, two fireplaces, Jacuzzi room, custom built-ins, and **FANTASTIC** decks. This place is special! \$230,000.

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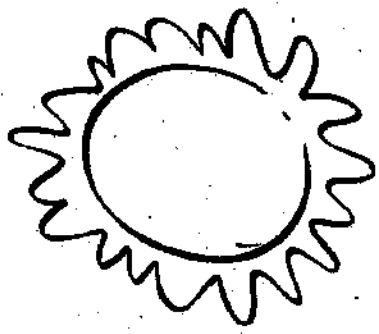
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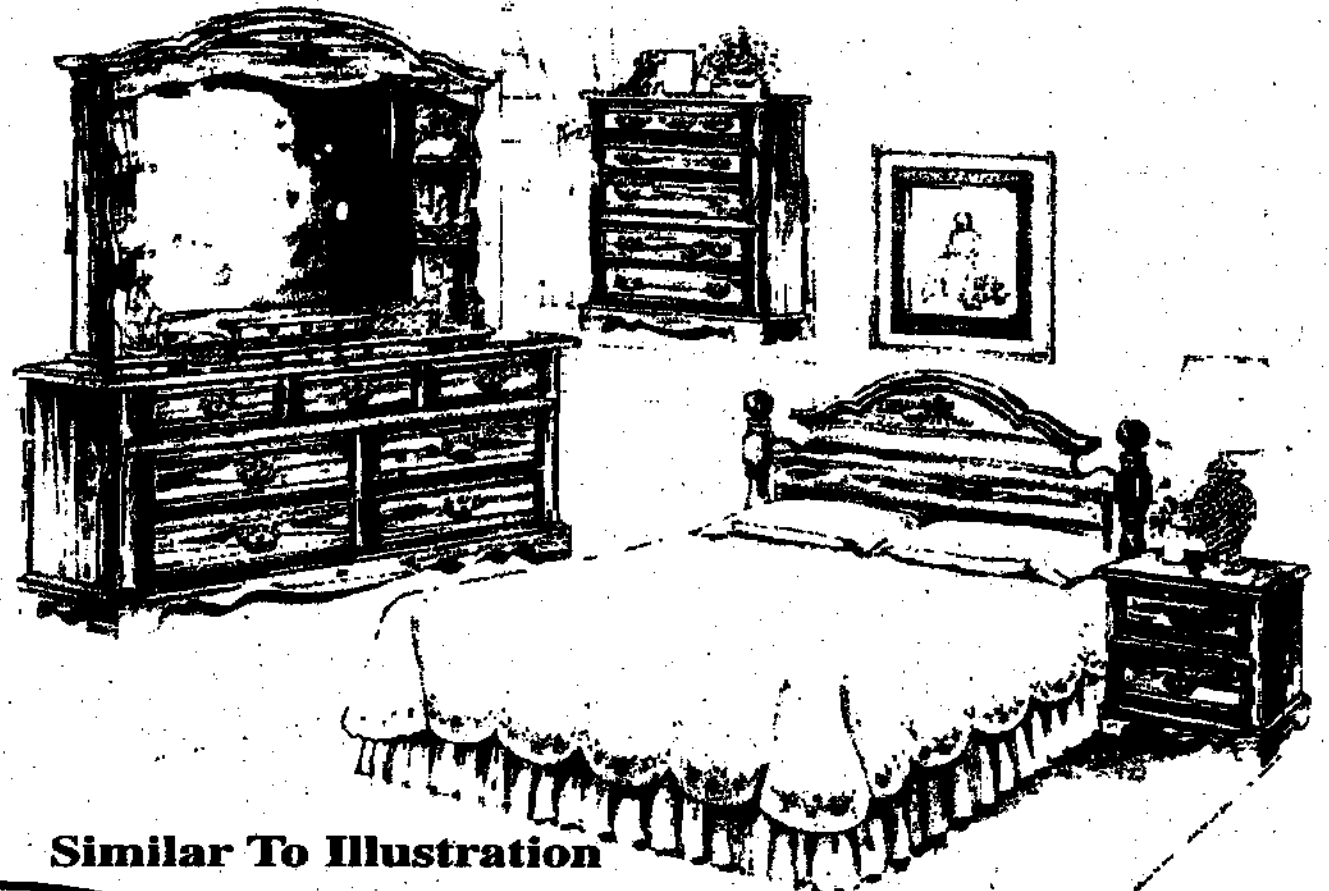


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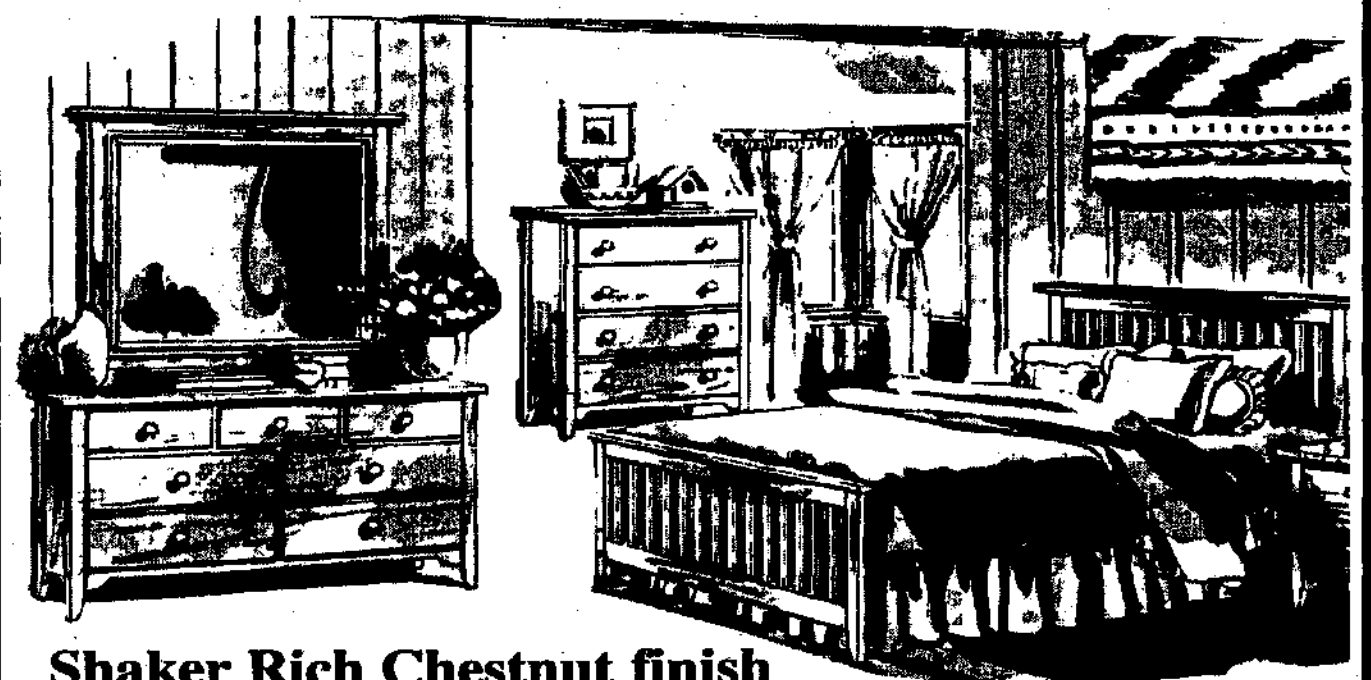
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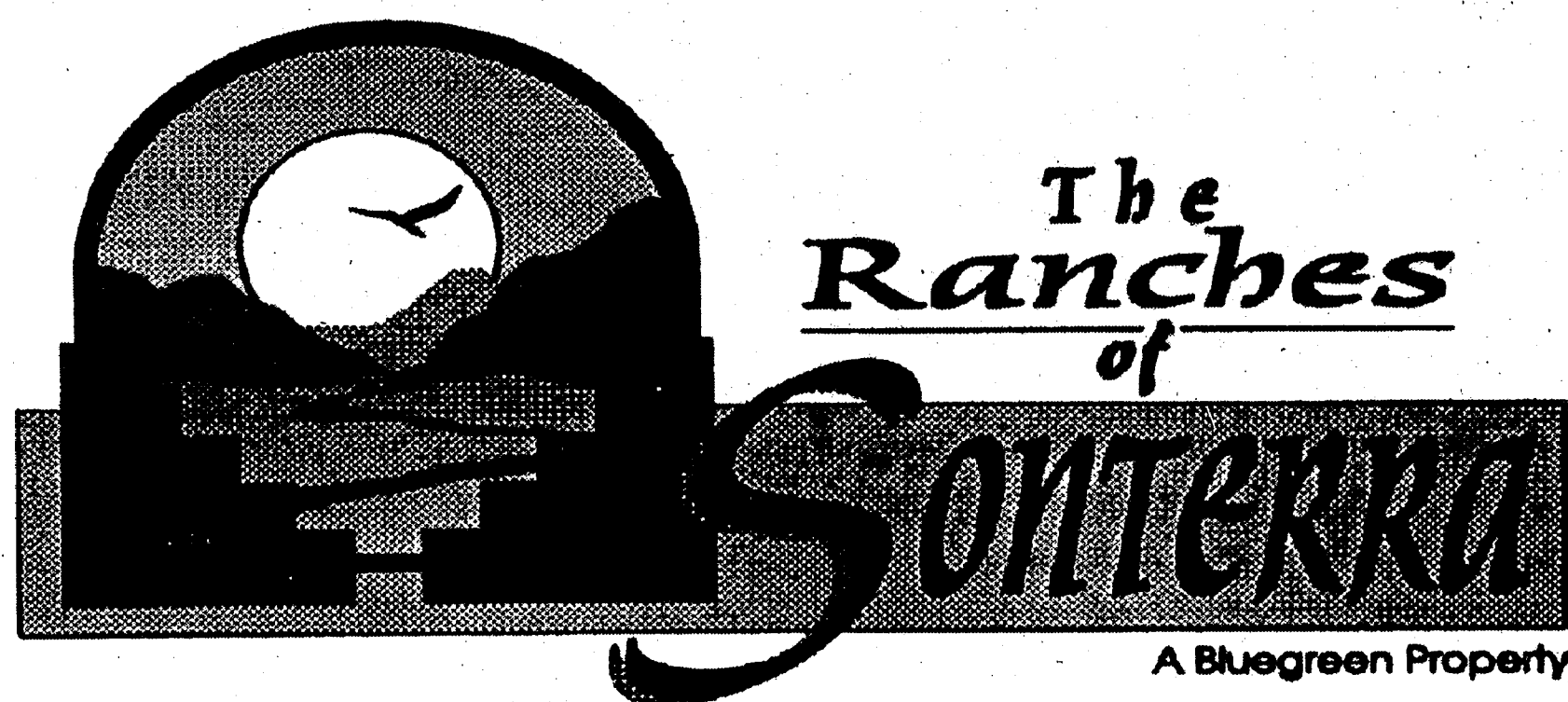
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