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## Bikers r-r-roar into village

BY JULIE BAXTER  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

They can be seen in a flash of chrome and leather rolling down Ruidoso's streets. The Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally and the bikers are here.

For 28 years, the annual gathering has drawn Harley-Davidson, Honda and Yamaha aficionados from across the country for five days of motorcycle-centered events.

Rally organizer Ron Andrews said he is expecting even more lovers of the two-wheeled machines to descend on Ruidoso

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for this year's festivities.

"This year we should have 4,000 registrants who pay to do all the events," Andrews said. "We usually get another 8,000 to 12,000 'day trippers.' We usually see from 10,000 to 15,000 historically. This year, we think we'll do better."

The event has won national recognition, too, thanks to its designation as the American Motorcycle Association Western Convention event. Andrews said the Golden Aspen bid against other promoters

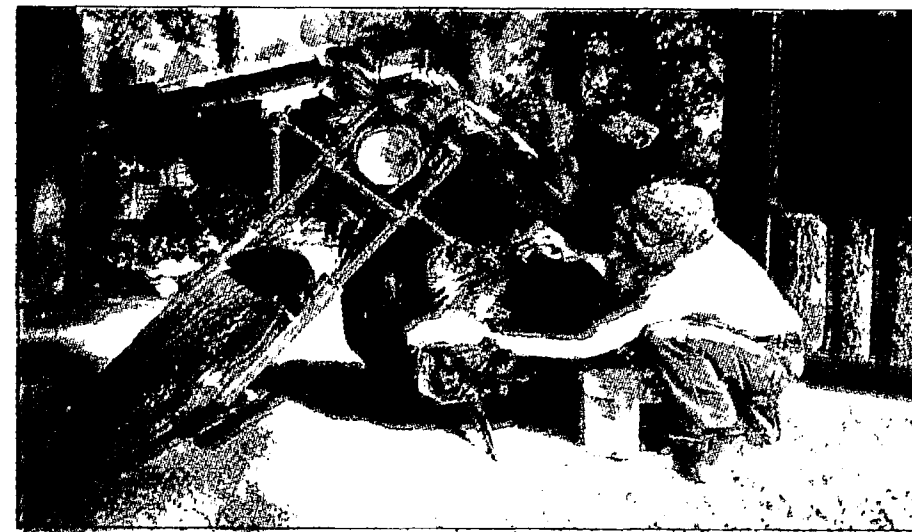
and other events to be chosen as one of the two national convention sites.

Andrews, who has been involved with the rally since 1987 and who has run the show with wife, Jill, since 1991, said the event has become too large for its home at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

"We've totally outgrown the convention center, as far as booth spaces," he said.

This year, in addition to the 33,000 square feet inside the convention center, Andrews has vendors set up in 7,000

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Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News  
Phil Woodard of Gallup shines his 1988 Suzuki Intruder motorbike. Woodard wants to spend the weekend here to "relax, eat, sleep and ride."

## Merchants try to keep Spirit alive

Nite Crawl has fewer businesses joining

BY JULIE BAXTER  
RUIDOSO NEWS BUSINESS WRITER

Although some of the spirit may have gone out of the Spirit of Ruidoso, the group's president is vowing to keep it efforts alive.

Spirit of Ruidoso, a Ruidoso business group that formed in March to bring better business to the village's merchants, has seen a number of participants drop out of its monthly Nite Crawls. In May, when Spirit held its first evening event with food, music and prizes, nearly 100 merchants participated in the festivities. But this Friday's Nite Crawl, which is held on the third Friday of each month, only had 10 businesses signed up by Wednesday.

Spirit President Marilyn Patterson said that number doesn't worry her, though.

"By Friday we hope to have at least 30," she said.

Asked what she thought caused the decline in participation, Patterson said she could only guess.

"I don't know," she said. "People always do wait until the last minute. I think they'll participate; I know they will."

Patterson said she and Spirit Vice President Teri Sodd are undaunted by the lack of enthusiasm that has surrounded Spirit lately.

"We're thinking very positive," she said. "That always happens — people start out good, then kind of fade out if you don't constantly prod them. I think the primary business people are going to stick with it because we always try to stick together."

If the group's accomplishments to date are any indication, Patterson has good reason to keep her spirits up.

Spirit of Ruidoso was instrumental in bringing about a 25 mph speed limit in midtown, and was also the driving force behind the push for change in midtown parking regulations.

Patterson said summer visitors also noticed a change.

"There's already been people this summer who have

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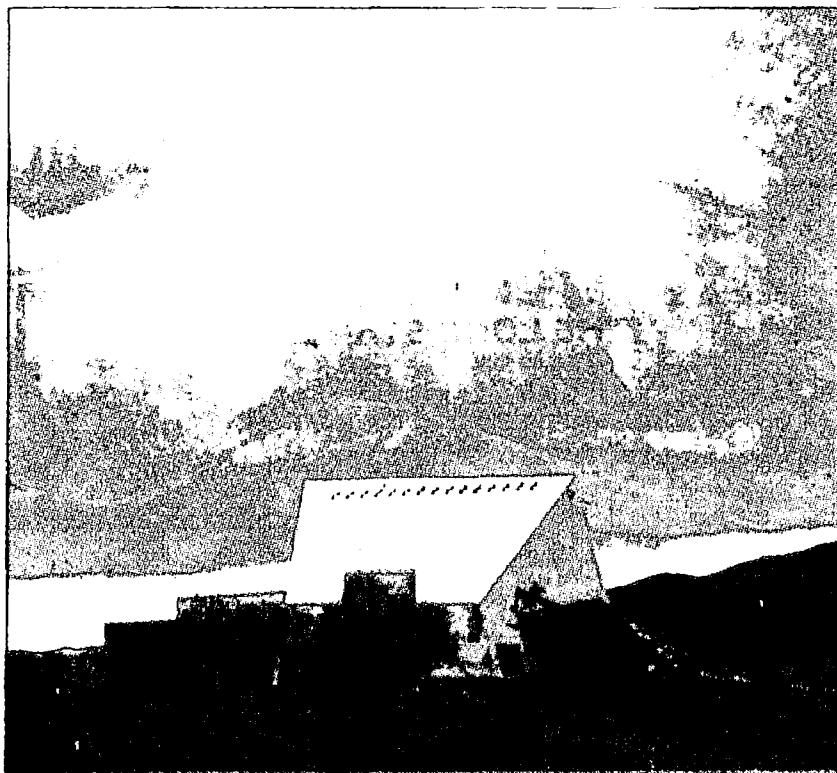
## Velveteen Rabbit tryouts

The Spencer Theater is bringing in the ODC San Francisco dance company for Oct. 17 and 18 performances of the children's classic The Velveteen Rabbit. The auditions were held last Saturday to find local children to star in supporting roles of the production. Seven to 10 of the 18 local children who auditioned will win parts in the play. At left, Daniel Lucero, April Labreque and Melody Labreque, left to right, practice their scarf skills. Ruidoso High School drama teacher Cathi McIntosh, above, leads the children who turned out at the auditions in some basic ballet moves.

Photo by Julie Baxter/Ruidoso News



## Monumental



Keith Green/Ruidoso News  
Ready and waiting for its Oct. 3 opening, the gleaming white mass of the Spencer Theater glows beneath rolling clouds.

## Jail builder praised by ex-clients

T. Warren proposes a 110-bed facility for Lincoln County

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A company that may end up building a new Lincoln County jail has received good marks from former clients.

Several spokesmen for correctional facilities across Texas said Tommy Warren and his company, T. Warren Investments Inc., delivered what they promised.

"It was well-built and very nice, aesthetically pleasing on the outside," said Mike Dixon, who represented McLennan County in a lease-purchase agreement for a secure probation residential treatment center in Texas.

"We're happy with what we got," Dixon said recently. "I haven't heard anything bad about the company at all. I've been involved in the business

long enough, if there was anything bad, I'd probably have heard it by now."

The Woodlands, Texas-based company has been building correctional centers since 1983, Warren said. He started in general construction with a partner in 1968 and broke out on his own six years later.

He designs and constructs large state institutions such as the 1,000-bed prison in Jacksboro, Texas. But Warren said he also is interested in rural counties because they often have little money and big jail needs to meet new federal or court standards.

He has suggested a 100-bed jail in Lincoln County and is scheduled to review the proposal with County Commissioners on Tuesday. Commissioners plan to review his proposal at their meeting next month.

Warren has estimated the annual operating cost in excess of \$1 million, including the money necessary to cover the lease-for-purchase payment. The figure also includes furnishing the new jail and insurance for the 15 years of the lease purchase, he said. Tuesday, he also will give commissioners information on innovative work programs for inmates to help repay some of the cost of maintaining them.

"You have to work with an operator in designing a facility whether it is county, state, a judicial district or a private operator," Warren said. "We try to recommend what fits best and (for Lincoln County), we believe Correctional Systems Inc. (CSI) is the answer."

Charles Turnbo, who repre-

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# RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY

High ... 62  
Low ... 47

Rain showers

SUNDAY

High ... 56  
Low ... 41

Rain showers

MONDAY

High ... 68  
Low ... 34

Mostly cloudy

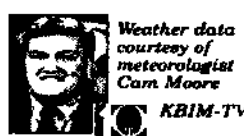
## WEATHER ALMANAC

### Ruidoso Readings

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	83	49	.00"
Wednesday	82	48	.01"
Thursday	82	51	.00"

### Regional Wednesday

	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	88	62	Thunderstorms
El Paso, TX	95	67	Partly cloudy
Lubbock, TX	93	70	Thunderstorms
Midland, TX	96	72	Partly cloudy

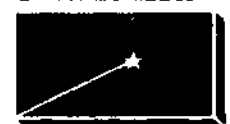


### Sept./Oct. phases of the moon



Sunday night Aldebaran, the "eye" of Taurus, the bull, stands just east of the moon. For sky watchers in the eastern hemisphere, the moon will actually cross in front of Aldebaran, blocking it from view.

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Photo courtesy of Carmon Phillips. The Old Mill  
The intersection of Mechem and Sudderth before the traffic light existed.

### L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

### Ruidoso News Sept. 19, 1947

So Texas Mines plays Drake, New Mexico Aggies meet McMurray, Texas Tech tries Texas U., Kansas tangles with TCU, Albuquerque gambles with Gallup and Hobbs rowels at Roswell. So what? Who cares?

The big interest around this neck of the woods today is the opening home game of the sea-

son with our own Ruidoso High School meeting Portales this afternoon at 2:30 in Hollywood Park.

This, in fact, is only the second game in history for Ruidoso, since the high school was established barely three weeks ago. The Ruidoso boys (their athletic name still to be determined by popular vote) met Jal two weeks ago in a creditable display for a new team's first game, losing only in the later stages of the contest.

Coach Paul is thoroughly enthusiastic over the chances of his new Ruidoso team.

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## HORSE: Owner says he wasn't at fault, blames 'crappy' hay

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said Thursday.

He has since moved from Alto, where he also kept six other horses and five ponies, because of the charges, and neighborhood talk. "I'm concerned with defamation" of character by neighbors, a sheriff's deputy and a veterinarian, Henson said.

Henson said it wasn't his fault Connie, who was about 8 years old, died.

"The culprit was the hay," said Henson. "They (Connie and the other horses) had lost weight because of the winter and because of the crappy hay we were feeding them."

He didn't understand the grass hay was inadequate at the time, he said, adding that an analysis of the hay showed a 14 percent protein content.

"Matter of fact, the rest of the horses weren't that bad," Henson said. "We only lost the one."

Connie was underweight by 400 to 500 pounds when she died, according to a statement by the veterinarian who examined her.

Rebecca Washburn also said the mare should have weighed about 1,000 pounds.

She said the mare had been overweight about three months earlier when she examined it shortly before Jack Treadway sold it to Henson.

A neighbor of Henson's called Washburn after finding the horse unable to free herself from a fence, according to court records.

"The mare was under the fence and her feet were tangled in it," Washburn said in a statement. "I initially thought the horse was dead. Upon closer examination I could see her barely breathing."

Because they could not find any feed in either Henson's barn or trailer, neighbors brought water and food to the horse while Washburn administered vitamins, Washburn said in a statement.

The mare immediately drank more than 5 gallons of water and "eagerly" ate 2 pounds of sweet feed and calf-manna, Washburn said.

"The mare was extremely

emaciated and appeared 10 percent dehydrated ... She was too weak to stand up. However, she was bright, alert and responsive," she said.

The mare was also fighting a respiratory infection, Washburn said.

She and the neighbors lifted the mare into a trailer, and it was taken to Washburn's animal clinic in Capitan.

After several hours of intermittent feedings, the mare regained enough strength to stand. It remained standing until about 4 p.m. the next day. It died later that evening, Washburn said in her statement.

Washburn said that during her care of the horse she attempted to reach Henson several times but was unable to contact him. She buried the horse a day after it died on her property in Capitan.

Henson said Thursday he did talk to Washburn, and that it he who told his neighbor to

contact a veterinarian after learning the horse was ill.

His nephew, who evidently left town a week before the mare's death, was supposed to buy grain and feed for the horses, Henson said. The nephew was also supposed to be feeding grain to the mare. Another man, known only as "Andy," was to provide daily care for the animals, Henson said.

Neither the nephew, who has reportedly left the state, nor the hired hand could be located for questioning, said Lincoln County Deputy Kenneth Jones in his report.

"This horse that died was not eating. So, we put her on grain and she ate that grain," Henson said.

"The worst thing was my nephew. The week before she died, he left and nobody knew (to feed grain to the mare). I don't even know if the grain could have saved her."

Henson now keeps his horses and ponies in a corral next to The Barn, an antiques store and auction house he owns.

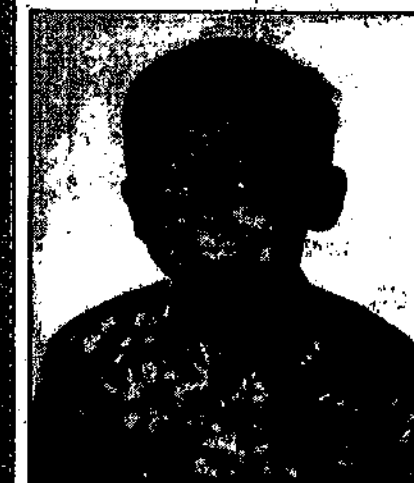
None of his animals have any weight problems now other than being too heavy, Henson said.

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# Doctor asks county to open hospital bids

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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A local physician wants the Lincoln County Commission to allow other companies to submit offers to operate the county hospital in Ruidoso.

It wasn't the first time Dr. Ray Seidel pitched the idea to the commission, but board members said last week it may be the last time they allow him the public forum.

At one point when Commission Chairman Monroy Montes indicated he had heard enough, many in the audience applauded in support of Seidel being allowed to complete his presentation.

Although commissioners did not indicate they would take any action on Seidel's suggestion, Commissioner Wilton Howell said the county essentially operates on a 180-day contract with Presbyterian, because the 10-year agreement contains a six-month escape clause for either side. He noted that commissioners and Presbyterian are considering changes in some of the language and terms of the contract. It also was modified two years ago.

"I agree with Dr. Seidel that when you don't open up for competitive bids, you can stop growing," Howell said. "But I don't see much of a movement out there to change (management)."

Seidel said he does not want to shut down the Lincoln County Medical Center, but

would like the commission to see what other companies may offer. He commended the staff and quality of care, but said it comes with a high price tag for the taxpayers in the form of an \$870,000 annual subsidy.

The hospital has been managed by Presbyterian Health Care Systems since 1972, first under another company name, and then under the current lease signed in 1988. That lease allowed Presbyterian to unilaterally renew for another 10 years, which the firm has done.

For the past seven years, under the administration of Valerie Miller, the center has shown a profit and has received high marks in several different types of evaluations.

Miller and another Presbyterian representative were in the audience last week, but did not comment on Seidel's presentation.

Seidel contends some practices of the large health care conglomerate based in Albuquerque have chased physicians away from the area, "because LCMC made it difficult to operate," he said.

"Competition is good," Seidel said. "It improves services and drives the market. The county receives \$1 a year from Presbyterian, which benefits from an \$870,000 (special property tax levy approved by voters). If this was opened to competition, our services could improve. I guarantee you, the county would get more than \$1 a year elsewhere or they would

see a savings in tax dollars."

On top of the mill levy, the commission also is paying \$1.2 million toward the expansion of the hospital, he pointed out.

Montes reminded Seidel that the voters approved taxing themselves for the hospital's operation and acquisition of equipment.

Miller said Monday that not all of the \$870,000 mill levy goes to the hospital's operation and equipment.

A significant portion goes for paying the county's sole community provider's state Medicaid tax, she said.

"I think everyone is entitled to their own opinion, but I feel strongly that this hospital has repeatedly and objectively proven itself to this community by outside entities evaluating it," Miller said. "I think commissioners are correct that there is competition. I compete with Alamogordo and Roswell and any other hospital accessible by car."

But most local people choose the Lincoln County Medical Center and 97 percent of the users surveyed say they are satisfied, Miller said.

She questioned the factual basis for Seidel's statements about finances and said she doesn't think they are realistic.

"I think people need to consider do they want to risk going with someone one doesn't know and has a responsibility to shareholders to return a profit or stick with a corporation that does not have a responsibility to shareholders, but a consis-

tent responsibility to the patients they serve."

County Attorney Alan Morel said Thursday the county's lease with Presbyterian also contains other provisions benefiting the county, including that the hospital will care for inmates at the county jail, will cover indigent costs, will cover any deficit in annual operation and will accept total liability for what happens at the hospital.

Seidel said he would like to see the hospital managed for a higher amount of lease payment, with no subsidy and still see auxiliary health clinics in Carrizozo, Hondo and Corona.

Dr. Juergen Rebstock said he wants physicians manning the emergency room, instead of physician assistants.

A change of management will not mean jobs will be lost at the hospital, Seidel said.

His position was backed by a two-thirds majority of the Association of Lincoln County Independent Physicians, he said.

A spokesman for the Hospital Auxiliary Pink Ladies said her group is 100 percent behind Presbyterian and Miller.

Verna Adams of Lincoln County Home Health Care said she believes in competition, but not in all arenas. Tax dollars can never be completely removed from good health care, especially in a county where 49 percent of the people have no health care insurance, she said.

## WARREN: 'Humane, safe institutions'

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sents CSI and lives in the Alto area of the county, is the person who contacted Warren about building a new jail after learning about crowding problems in the existing 48-bed county detention center in Carrizozo.

"Our company operates jails, because we believe we can operate quality, humane and safe institutions," he said recently.

Trained as a counselor, Turnbo said other figures in the publicly traded company that operates several correctional centers in California include a former federal prison warden and the former regional director for federal prisons.

Warren acknowledged there's more money to be made in a larger project than in a 100-bed jail for the county.

"From that standpoint, I'd rather be doing something for Bernalillo County," he said. "There's not much difference in effort, but then who would take care of the little counties?"

His company builds in all ranges. For example, the McLennan County center near Waco started with 40 beds in the early 1990s and was enlarged later, Dixon said.

"It was built in an industrial park and we didn't want it to look like an institution and the Warren company designed something we were very happy with," he said. "We've had no structural problems."

Dixon wrote the lease-purchase agreement to protect his county in case revenues ran low. If that happens, the annual

payment does not have to be submitted and the only recourse for the lending institution is to repossess the facility, he said.

In his county's case, the Warren company also arranged financing with a firm in Chicago.

"It's a very good way for public entities financing projects," Dixon said of lease-purchase.

Michael O'Connor with the North Central Texas Community Correction Facility in Wichita Falls said his community signed with Warren in December 1994, and were in the building six months later.

The facility on a 16-acre tract is split, with 36 beds for inmates allowed to go outside on work programs and 16 beds for those confined to community service projects and rehabilitation classes.

"It's a fine structure and design," O'Connor said. "It's part block for the intermediate inmates and the rest is wood studs and sheet rock. There has been some damage, but the inmates help pay for repairs. We're going into our third year and overall there's been very little damage."

From the road, the center resembles a nursing care facility with corridors emanating from a central pod.

Tad Paddock, who was administrator at the time of the construction, said he was impressed with the company's responsiveness and dependability.

"They worked with us when we wanted specific things," he said.

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### OUR OPINION

## Hidden violence

The seamy underside of domestic bliss, of course, is domestic violence.

It's a world far removed from the never-never land of "Father Knows Best," when every family had one breadwinner and a loving homemaker who was a wonderful cook, and the statistically correct 2.6 children — every one of them above average.

Magistrate Judge William Butts sees the people of that other world, the unbeatiful, sometimes unemployed, often distraught abusers of members of their own family—sometimes three or four such cases a week. This year, such cases are 40 percent or 50 percent more numerous than they were in 1993; as the judge noted, domestic violence this summer "has just seemed to go crazy."

In Ruidoso alone, police have reported almost 90 cases so far this year. Although the way statistics have been maintained has changed, Judge Butts' conclusion seems to apply in the village, too. Police Chief Lanny Maddox is hoping for a mild winter because, he says, domestic violence always is higher in harsh weather. "Cabin fever," we agree, is a real, if unrecognized, disease.

But the higher incidence of fathers beating up on wives and children (and occasionally vice versa) isn't just a local phenomenon; it's national in scope. That fact has added a bit of money for the village to hire a part-time advocate for victims.

The "why" of it all is far from clear. Some people lay it on changing lifestyles dating from the 1960s, others even on child-rearing techniques advocated by Dr. Spock. Whatever, both the judge and the police chief cite the number of repeat offenders appearing in local courts. Butts also points to the "cycle" effect; the well-documented fact that the children of abusive parents grow up to be abusers themselves.

Some people here have recognized the problem for a long time. Jenny Dorgan, who's been involved with Ruidoso's Family Crisis Center for 14 years herself, speculates that the big increase in numbers might be simply that with an increased national awareness of the problem more cases are being brought to official attention.

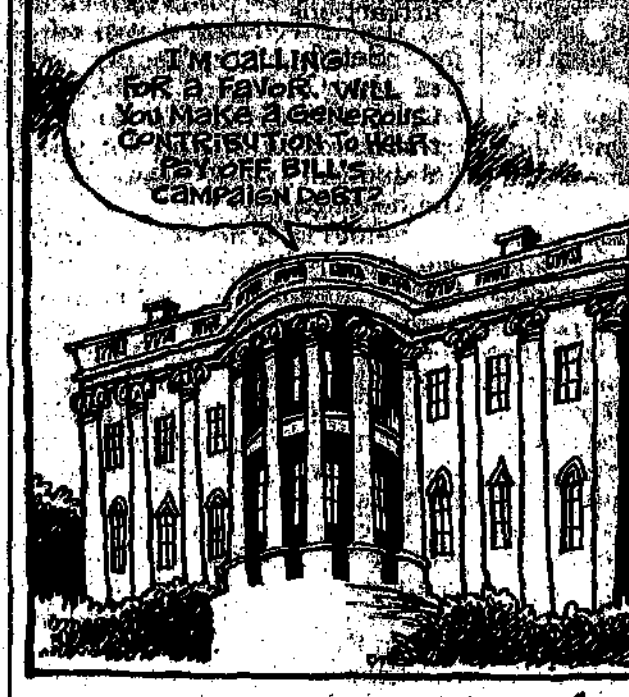
So what can be done to break the cycle, if cycle it is?

We have no magic solutions, given a nation with laws rooted in the right to privacy and presumed innocence.

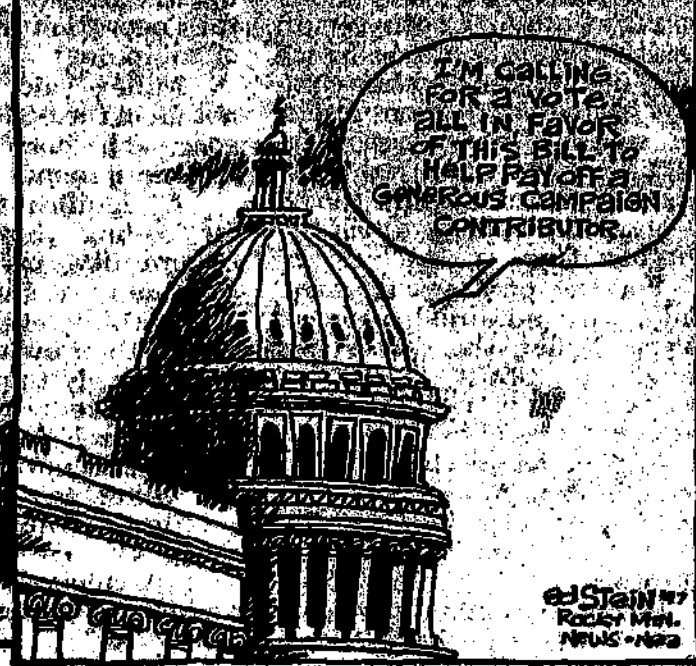
But we do know that somehow victims must be rescued, and children protected. The Family Crisis Center is the community's first line of defense in this battle, in that its role is to get the victims out of harm's way.

It has registered something like 30 percent more calls this year than in the past, and because of that its resources have been badly depleted. Those wanting to help fight this battle may contact the low-profile (by design) organization by calling Jenny Dorgan at 336-4978.

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### THE SILVER LINING

## Fall touches in late summer

Although there are messengers of approaching Fall along the way and in the orchards, the weather in the mountain land remains very much typically summertime.



BY DAN STORM  
COLUMNIST

This is being sent to you just after midday and the temperature is 88 degrees out at the yard gate. The golden sunflowers, all along the highway and even out across some of the mountain meadows, are smiling with their bright faces; while their little sisters, the golden New England daisies, spread carpets of sunshine yellow everywhere around the sunflowers, high on their stalks, eight and 10 feet in height.

The apples are turning crimson, scarlet and gold in the orchards in the Hondo-Ruidoso valley, and all the native grasses are ripening. The box elders along the winding river have turned just a little light orange.

And yet, with all these signs of early fall, the hills, meadows and vales are every shade of summer green, and the thundershowers move in over the hills every day, bringing us the rainbows, the pride and joy of summer in the

mountain land.

It is now about 15 minutes 'til one, and suddenly you hear the thunder begin rumbling and mumbling over the high hill just west of Storm Vale.

Now a rapidly moving cloud casts all the valley in shadow and the voice of the thunder turns into a continual drumbeat, interrupted from time to time by a crashing boom. Somebody over toward Angus or Capitan is getting a drenching rainstorm.

A blast of cool air beams in from the north, waving the grass tops and sending the temperature from 88 down to 70.

After arriving just at the top of the hill, the thundercloud stopped and then began moving down the valley and the sound of thunder has died away, and out comes the sun.

Away to the east all the sky is purple-gray, solid from one horizon to the other — solid with clouds. And now the wind is blowing straight out of the east, carrying the smell of distant rain into this sunny vale.

After grazing most of the day, the cows are resting in the shade of the cedar trees with the young calf, Markita, curled up asleep beside her mother.

### Fruit crops of the wild

Here at the Storm Ranch are three kinds of wild cher-

ries, wild grapes and algerita berries.

In the higher country there are wild raspberries, strawberries, elderberries and choke cherries.

The wild cherries and grapes are favorites of wild pigeons and other mountain birds.

The algerita berries make good jelly when mixed with something less sour.

The elderberries are also fine for jelly.

The chokecherry is so called because of a distinctive strong flavor. Nevertheless it makes great jelly, and was greatly prized by the Mescalero Indians in times past for making a ration combined with venison to be eaten on journeys.

The chokecherry grows up next to the foot of the mountain on tall bushes, and grows on a central stem like corn-on-the-cob. It ripens late in the autumn. This is turning out to be a memorable late autumn and early Fall.

So let us rejoice and give thanks to the Lord for all our manifold blessings.

Note: Services were Sept. 16 at the Church of the Holy Mount for Marge Garner, who was called home by our Lord on Sept. 16. It is planned to present the highlights of this service in The Dreamer Sept. 24.

### YOUR OPINION

#### Good policy on names

To the editor:

Thank you for your editorial of Sept. 10: "Adult" juvenile crime. We appreciate and support your policy of identifying those charged with felonies — regardless of age.

Lois and Jim Webb  
El Paso, Texas

#### Fond memories

To the editor:

My 2-year-old son had been attending the Children's Workshop since it opened.

We eagerly went to the open house to meet his teacher and view the school.

On his first day of "school" we were all so excited, and he really seemed to enjoy the other children and activities.

The first teacher we met was soon replaced by another woman, and he seemed to like her a lot more than the first.

As far as my husband and I could tell, our little boy's experience at Children's Workshop was a positive one.

This is the time of year in Ruidoso that things quiet down, and because I own a business here, I have looked forward to spending extra time with my son this fall.

About a week before the school had closed, I took my child out of Children's Workshop, not because of sexual

abuse rumors but because I wanted to spend extra time with him. I called Mrs. Ervin, the owner of the school, and told her my reasons for taking my son out of Children's Workshop. I am sad to say that I don't feel that she believed me.

I truly do not believe any wrongdoing took place at Children's Workshop, and my son will always have fond memories of his preschool days at Children's Workshop.

Janna Gonzales  
Ruidoso

#### Defending Workshop

I am writing this letter in defense of Melissa Ervin and the Children's Workshop. As a parent and a day-care provider, I often hear other parents complaining there is not enough good day-care in this town. True, there are many good providers, most of whom are full, but there are a few that I would not take my own kids to, much less recommend to another parent.

Finally, we get not only a good day-care center but also a preschool in this town, and what happens? Someone makes a hasty judgment call and everything is ruined. Hence, all of you people who jumped on the persecution bandwagon, and caused this unnecessary mistreatment, don't complain when you cannot find any good day-care for your

kids, because the Children's Workshop was one of the best this town has seen in a while.

Robyne Amezcua  
Ruidoso Downs

#### The last prospector

To the editor:

Me and my (four-footed) kids Spooky and Baby sincerely thank the people of Ruidoso for your caring heart and the donations you made for their shoes.

You'd think an old has-been cowboy could shoe his own horses, but I don't; I think maybe I was hit with a witch stick ... not only did I have a weak back but a weak mind as well. I never could learn to take the weight on my legs instead of my back.

Being the last of the old-time prospectors ain't easy. I used to think I was about half tough — riding bucking horses and bulls, calf roping and team roping — but it wasn't nothing compared to those old-time prospectors, cowboys, farmers, just plain folks that crisscrossed the land, opening up the land of the most blessed country in the world since Israel.

I am so proud to be an American.

I may be the last of the old-time prospectors, but I want to be able to say I was the last.

Dean Stephens  
Ruidoso

## Changing with the times

Gary Blocker, who used to wholesale gasoline all over southeastern New Mexico from his base in Hobbs until he saw the shape of the environmental future in the late 1980s, shared the facts on those non-conforming underground storage tanks in Lincoln County this week.

Blocker was laid up at his Alto home on medical leave from his job as southern New Mexico environmental supervisor, but had Lincoln County's numbers at hand.

### MOUNTAIN ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN  
RUIDOSO NEWS

The county (except for Corona, with two or three tanks) has 82 storage tanks at 30 facilities; 42 have been upgraded to so-called 1998 standards and 40 have not. This, Blocker says, is about on par with the state as a whole.

He knows of five slated for removal. And there's one new installation, for that Wal-Mart Super Center in Ruidoso Downs. (Didn't know there would be gas pumps, did you?)

All currently non-conforming tanks must be taken out of service or upgraded by the Dec. 22, 1998 deadline. ("Upgraded" means the tanks can't leak or overflow, and if they do, the spillage must be contained ... all in the interest of protecting the underground water supply against contamination.)

Blocker knows the pressure many small independent operators have been under since the feds gave a 10-year notice on those environmentally threatening storage tanks back in 1988. He was an independent bulk distributor, and recognized he couldn't afford the upgrade at his stations either.

So he sold out and retired to Ruidoso, until it occurred to him he might be able to help others facing the same music. That gave him a new career, with a very handy base of operations.

The man who heads up the Mescalero Cattle Growers, Jim Bremmer, gave Ruidoso Rotarians a glimpse of what goes on at "Cow Camp 1" this week.

Many people have seen the sign on U. S. 70 near Apache Summit, and wondered what sort of camp was down that side road.

That, we now know, is headquarters for a cattle operation that represents 550 shareholders operating under a lease with the Mescalero Apache Tribe. A seven-member board of directors sets policy.

The association runs some 7,500 head of cattle, including 2,500 mothers, and ships some 6,000 yearlings (most of them to the Texas panhandle) each year. The livestock includes Red Brangus, Hereford, and crosses.

It has an annual budget of \$700,000, of which about \$560,000 is spent locally in expenses and payroll. It also conducts a continuous conservation program on the 300,000 or so reservation acres used for grazing.

Prior to 1913, many sheep were run on the reservation, but the tribe in that year invested in a cattle herd. Before the tribe was relocated to the reservation from Oklahoma it had owned cattle. But Bremmer noted, the government wouldn't move the cattle with the people, so they had to sell their cattle.

It didn't take them long to get back into that business, however — and in the long years before such developments as tourism and gaming, cattle ranching was the tribe's economic mainstay.

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## Lincoln research study wins honors for teacher

LINCOLN — Lynda Sanchez, Museum director of the Lincoln County Museum of New Mexico, has won the Director's Award for her research on the Hispanic history of Lincoln in a ceremony Tuesday.

The museum recognized her volunteer work and that of nine other people among the 400 who volunteered for the museum each year.

"I worked with both Mike Taylor, assistant director of State Monuments, and Bob Baca, director, on the project for about a year or more," Sanchez said. "Previously, I had worked with Bob Hart (former Lincoln County

Heritage Museum director) as a paid museum consultant when the Montano Store was begun as an Hispanic Cultural Center."

The state eventually took over responsibility for the store.

"Basically, I examined and selected historic photographs, researched the family history, as well as general Hispanic history in Lincoln County," Sanchez said. "I helped edit some of the materials and made suggestions for the finished exhibits. The current exhibit is only temporary."

Sanchez, who worked



Lynda Sanchez

with the late Eve Ball on the book, "Inden," about the Apache at Mesalero, is a Spanish and Anthropology instructor at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso.

## Tourism Expo '97 coming to Glencoe

GLENCOE — Bigger and better is the billing for the Lincoln County Tourism Expo '97, a chance for businesses and attractions to strut their stuff.

Set for Thursday, Oct. 16, at the Glencoe Rural Events Center, the expo will have the theme of "Hospitality for All Seasons." Under the sponsorship of the college of agriculture and home economics county extension office of New Mexico State University, the event aims at acquainting

locals and visitors with entertainment, services and attractions available in the area.

Booth spaces still may be reserved for \$20, or \$25 with electricity provided. Exhibit hours will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

No one under 21 will be allowed at the evening session, because of the "Business After Hours" event scheduled as part of the expo.

Last year, more than 600 people toured the expo at the

center on U.S. 70 about 12 miles east of Ruidoso. Admission to the Expo is a bona fide business card. Others will be charged \$6. All those attending will be given a book of food booth coupons. Additional ticket books may be purchased for \$6. For information, call Betty McCreight at 505-648-2311 or David Vigil at 1-800-658-6460. For applications, contact Mary Lou White at the Extension Office, P.O. Box 217, Carrizozo, N.M. 88301.

## Visitors welcome at Trinity Site on Oct. 4

TRINITY SITE — This remote corner of White Sands Missile Range, where the world's first atomic bomb was tested on July 16, 1945, will be open to the public Oct. 4.

Trinity Site and the historic marker is located in the Jornada del Muerto, south of U. S. Highway 380 between Carrizozo and San Antonio. The missile range opens the national historic landmark to the public twice a year — on the first Saturday in April and October.

The easiest way to get to Trinity Site is to enter WSMR through the Stallion Range Center gate. The gate is five miles south of U. S. 380; the turn-off is 53 miles west of Carrizozo.

The gate will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visitors arriving between those hours will

receive handouts and will be allowed to drive unescorted the 17 miles to Trinity Site on a road that is paved and marked.

An alternate is to drive with a caravan from Alamogordo. The caravan will form at the Otero County Fairgrounds, leaving at 8 a.m. It is 85 miles to the site, and no services are offered on the route. The caravan will return at 12:30 p.m.

Manhattan Project scientists designed two different bombs. One used uranium 235 and was very simple. Scientists were confident it would work without testing. The bomb was used over Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945.

The second design used the element plutonium as the nuclear fuel. The design was more complex and worked by compressing the plutonium into a critical mass that sus-

tains a chain reaction.

It was decided a test of this design was essential before it could be used as a weapon of war.

In late 1944, soldiers, technicians and scientists moved to the site and began preparations for the test. A 100-foot steel tower was erected at ground zero.

The bomb exploded on top of the 100-foot tower. The intense heat melted the desert sand and turned it to glass. This green glass is still visible under the shelter and is called Trinite.

Visitors also can ride a bus two miles to the McDonald ranch house, where scientists assembled the plutonium core of the bomb.

For more information, call the White Sands Public Affairs Office at (505) 678-1134.

### Group reorganizes

CAPTAN — Four members were added this month to the board of directors of Fort Stanton Inc., part of a reorganizational meeting at Hotel Chango.

New members are Jean Boswell of Alto and Roswell, Jerald Flores of Capitan, Jack Pruitt of Ruidoso and Kay Spina of Roswell.

Officers elected for 1997-98 are Van Shamblin, president; Flores, vice president; Cheryl Wozney, secretary; and Jerry Mattox, treasurer.

### DEATHS/FUNERALS

#### Petra Vega Lopez

A funeral for Petra Vega Lopez, 85, of Carrizozo was held Monday, Sept. 15.

Mrs. Lopez died Sept. 8 at her home. She was born July 1, 1912, in Carrizozo and lived there all her life. She was a member of Santa Rita's Catholic Church and was a homemaker.

She married Florentino Lopez Sr. on April 8, 1931, in

Carrizozo.

She is survived by her husband, Florentino; a son, Tino Lopez of La Mesilla; a daughter, Flavia Lueras of Carrizozo; three grandchildren, Liz Lueras, Margaret LaBelle and James Lueras; two great-grandchildren, Corey Lopez and Kyle LaBelle.

Arrangements were handled by LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

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## Contamination forces closure of pipe at spring

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

To protect the public from itself, officials with the U.S. Forest Service are disconnecting a pipe that brings spring water to the Cedar Creek trailhead.

The water from the pipe has been tested as contaminated since the first part of the year, said Sam Tobias of the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest.

"We've tried capping the pipe and posting signs, but people just remove the cap and tear down the signs," he said.

The public has been using the water for decades, Tobias said. The spring was tapped in the 1950s when the area at the end of Cedar Creek Road was used for skiing, he said. People like the water and don't want to stop using it, he said.

According to Nathan Wade, public information officer for the state Environment Department, a routine water contaminant test showed the existence of bacteria classified as coliform. The test doesn't show the number of bacteria, only that some were present, he said.

A second more specific test

was run to detect whether bacteria connected to fecal matter or a type called E-Coli was present. Both are pathogenic and may cause illness and flu-like symptoms.

The test showed no signs of either, Wade said.

But the state does not allow any bacteria of the coliform type in drinking water, even a nonpathogenic type, he said. The type in the Cedar Creek water probably would not cause any severe or long-lasting symptoms, but could result in some diarrhea and stomach discomfort, he said. The cause of the contamination is unknown.

Forest service officials aren't taking any chances, Tobias said. They hope to locate where the pipe is connected to the spring and clean it out. But for now, the pipe will be disconnected.

The action is not related to water pipes situated at the Cedar Creek picnic shelter entrance. That water comes from Forest Service underground wells and still may be used by the public, Tobias said. The Cedar Creek turnoff is off Mechem Drive next to the ranger district office.



Sam Tobias, of the Smokey Bear Ranger District, kneels at the site where the Cedar Creek pipe will be disconnected because of evidence of contamination.

## 200 bags of garbage collected along streets by volunteers

Volunteers collected almost 200 large garbage bags of litter from along Ruidoso streets during a village-wide cleanup this past weekend, said a village official.

Rafael Salas, director of Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department, said more than 80 people volunteered for the effort, one of two annual cleanups coordinated by the village.

"We had a really good turnout," Salas said of the Saturday morning event, which continued into this week by some groups such as the Lincoln County Bird Club.

Other cleanup volunteers

included members of the Ruidoso Noon Lions Club, the Ruidoso Valley Greeters and the Serrano Club of Ruidoso, Salas said.

Besides picking up trash along Sudderth and Mechem drives, the volunteers cleaned roadsides on Resort Drive, U.S. Highway 70, Hull Road, State Road 48, Paradise Canyon Drive, Meander Drive, Reese Drive, Junction Road, Chase Road, Wingfield Street, Grindstone Canyon Road, Carrozo Canyon Drive and Main Road.

All together, volunteers cleared trash from both sides of 13 miles of Ruidoso roads, Salas said.

## Forest Service information officer retires

Merle Glenn, longtime public affairs officer for the U.S. Forest Service, retired last week.

She has worked in the service's Alamogordo headquarters since January 1990, covering the Lincoln County Forest, including the Smokey Bear Ranger District in Ruidoso.

She previously worked on the Ashley National Forest in Utah. Her 10-year stint with the service was preceded by a lengthy career in written and broadcast journalism.

Glenn has served special missions and details to numerous forests in various regions of the service and at the agency's Washington, D.C., headquarters. She also has been active in the community, serving as vice chair of the Apache Trails tourism promotion organization and as service representative to the Rural Economic Development Through Tourism group in Otero and Lincoln counties.

Glenn and her husband, Bob, will live in Cedarage, Colo.

## Waste authority studies property tax to deal with aging equipment

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Some answers are needed first, but the time may come when members of a garbage collection coalition will have to decide whether they're willing to relinquish their rate-making power or are ready to levy a property tax.

The 6-year-old Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority faces mounting problems with aging equipment and a shoe-string budget. Authority board members, who represent the county and its five municipalities, are searching for ways to boost the annual income, to repair and replace equipment and to improve service.

Tuesday, authority attorney Don Dutton proposed levying a property tax instead of each government entity setting its own rates. Different rates for each community is an approach that is confusing to customers and not always in line with the cost of providing

the service, he said.

He acknowledged that a simpler method of charging the rates needed to support the operation would be for the entities to convey their rate-making power to the authority board through joint powers agreements.

"The question is, will each entity do that?" he said. "I understand Capitan may be willing, but I don't know that Ruidoso, Carrizozo and the rest agree."

If the authority took over the rate-setting responsibility, it also would be required to collect the payments and enforce laws connected to collection of garbage, Dutton said.

The entities were given rate-making power for their areas when the organization was formed, because of the different level of service in each community and the reluctance of elected officials to turn over control to a board not directly answerable to voters.

But over the years, elected councilors and commissioners

have hesitated to increase collection rates for their constituents.

Under Dutton's interpretation of state statutes, the authority governs a community service district and has the power to levy a property tax up to 10 mills.

"This may be the way to get a steady stream of income and eliminate the need for each entity to have their own rates," he said.

Homeowners in Ruidoso pay less than half that much in property taxes to support the entire operational budget of the village, Village Manager Gary Jackson pointed out. Jackson is one of five representatives from Ruidoso on the 11-member authority board.

If the authority levied the full millage allowed, it would more than double what Ruidoso homeowners currently pay to support municipal services and village debts, he said.

One mill equals \$1 for each \$1,000 of taxable property value. New Mexico taxes on

one-third of market value. Ten mills would generate \$2.7 million a year. One mill would produce about \$277,000, Dutton said.

The law also would allow the authority to issue bonds to generate money for more equipment and improvements, Dutton said. But it's unlikely a bonding company would approve them, he said. The New Mexico Finance Authority already has pulled back on a proposed equipment loan for the authority, wanting more guarantees for repayment.

Jackson said the board should seek answers from state officials to determine whether Dutton's interpretation is correct.

Ruidoso Councilor Robert Donaldson said he's not comfortable with the tax approach.

The group should find out if the entities can delegate the right to set rates to the authority and if the authority was set up under state law as a community service district with the right to levy taxes.

"If those questions are answered, I think we can proceed fairly quickly," Jackson said.

"Would it require a vote to levy a tax?" asked Al Junge, former authority member and Ruidoso village councilor.

"No, unless you went under a new law about solid waste authorities," Dutton said. "It's not what you were organized under or are. That law was not in existence when the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority was incorporated."

"You'd have to show people that the money would give them better service," Junge said.

But Dutton said as a tax, they would have no choice.

"The free lunch is out," he said. "This is a means for paying for services."

The higher a person's property value, the more he or she would pay, he said. Commercial owners would pay more than residential.

Instead of Ruidoso sending out crews to collect yard waste, the authority would be able to

hire more crews and equipment and handle all collection and clean-ups, if a tax was levied, Dutton said. Effort also wouldn't be wasted chasing after bad debts.

Bernie Reimann, who has been on the authority as the village of Capitan's representative for most of the authority's life, said the organization was formed through joint powers agreements signed by all members.

In his manager's report to the board, Jerry Wright enumerated a list of equipment breakdowns and problems.

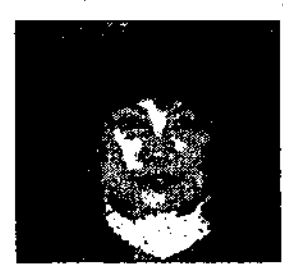
Monroy Montes, county commission chairman and one of the county's representatives on the authority, suggested that Wright use some of the money set aside in the last few years and immediately acquire newer equipment on lease-purchase arrangements, instead of waiting for the state finance authority loan or other long term solutions, and instead of trying to patch old equipment.

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## RUIDOSO POLICE

## Stolen car recovered

Ruidoso police recovered a car Sunday night before its owner knew it had been stolen, according to reports.

A 1989 Mazda Hatchback was taken Sunday evening from the parking lot of the Ruidoso News. Police recovered the car about two hours later at a storage rental facility, reports said.

Michelle Payton told police she had left her keys in the car Sunday afternoon while working at the newspaper, 104 Park Ave.

A family member, who was also working at the newspaper, had parked directly behind her. When she came out to the car later, her keys were missing. She searched for her keys for about 30 minutes before riding home with the family member. They locked the car before leaving.

About two hours later, police called Payton at home to say her car had been found at a storage facility off Gavilan Canyon and Meander roads.

The owner of the facility noticed the car parked nearby and had called the police, reports said.

Stolen from the car was \$885 worth of items, including cassette tapes, a baseball bat, a baseball glove and about 20 softball.

## Homes broken into

Ruidoso police investigating a burglary last week discovered three more homes had been broken into on Evans Road.

At the first home, the burglars had dismantled the alarm system and cut telephone lines.

Several items from the home had been piled beside a sliding glass door and left there, police said. It was not yet known what was missing from the home.

A few doors down, burglars did take several items, including two television sets, a VCR and a microwave oven, police said.

Police found evidence at

two other homes on Evans Road that burglars had broken in. It is not yet known what was taken from the last two homes.

## Woman beaten

A neighbor of a beaten woman held off her attacker with a baseball bat Sunday night until the man left, police said.

The 37-year-old Ruidoso Downs woman told police her live-in boyfriend started hitting her in the head with his fists after they got into an argument at an apartment in the 700 block of Main Road. The man also threw her against a bed and a wall, she told police.

The woman's 15-year-old daughter took younger children from the apartment when the assault began, police said.

The woman then went next door to a neighbor, who held the man at bay with the baseball bat, police said. The attacker then got into a car and drove off.

The woman, who had a

black eye and bruises on her face, was taken to Lincoln County Medical Center because of a possible dislocated jaw, police said.

She and her children were later taken to a safe house provided by the Ruidoso Family Crisis Center.

The man has not been charged, police said.

## Stolen car recovered

A Ruidoso police officer found a car Tuesday that had been reported stolen Sunday, reports said.

While patrolling Tuesday night, Officer Randy Spears noticed a 1994 Chevrolet Suburban parked on the east side of the Allsup's at 2820 Sudderth Drive.

Investigation revealed that the vehicle was one that had been stolen Sunday, police said. Store personnel told police they did not know who had left the car there.

## SPIRIT! 'Nite Crawls are something we're trying to give back' to village

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commented it's great," she said, adding that things they pointed out included a cleaner midtown. "So we've accomplished something."

And the Nite Crawls themselves are something Patterson thinks the whole village should get behind.

"We feel like these Nite Crawls are something we're trying to give back to the community," Patterson said.

The September Nite Crawl will happen tonight.

Patterson said there will be live music up and down Sudderth Drive, food and fun for everyone who turns out for the 4 to 8 p.m. event.

Roswell radio station KBCQ 97.5 will also do a remote broadcast from the Win, Place & Show parking lot from 5 to 7 p.m.

Spirit has also thrown in a game to keep things interesting.

Patterson said each participating merchant will have a letter of the alphabet posted in

their store. The player who visits all the stores and solves the puzzle first will win a \$100 shopping spree at any of the participating stores.

Patrons can also register at any participating store to win a \$100 shopping spree at Furr's Supermarket.

"It's just nice to have a place you can count on monthly to have a little get-together and have some fun. That's important," Patterson said.

To keep the Nite Crawls and Spirit strong, Patterson is asking more businesses to get involved.

"We're looking for support at meetings because it's really hard to know what people want if they don't voice their opinions," she said.

And Patterson is also looking for input and support to spread some Christmas cheer — Spirit style.

"We're hoping to create an atmosphere for the holidays that has not been seen yet," she said. "We want to make Ruidoso a place to remember."

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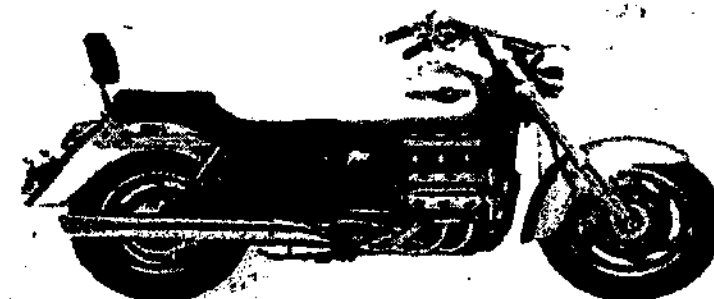
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## BIKERS: 'That scruffy old person is probably a bank president or attorney'

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square feet of tent, too.

Along with the trade show that has the convention center bursting at the seams and then some, highlights of this year's rally will include traditional favorites like the hard luck trophy, the 50/50 drawing and the Saturday morning breakfast for the bikers.

Andrews said the hard luck trophy is awarded to the traveler who had the hardest time getting to Ruidoso. Each rider writes down his or her story, and then the judges pick the person who endured the most to simply be here.

The 50/50 drawing is used as fund-raiser for White Mountain Search and Rescue. Andrews said the rescue team sells raffle tickets for the cash pot, and then splits the total down the middle with the winner.

The breakfast, sponsored by the Gateway Church of Christ, lets visiting riders dig into a meal for free.

New rally events this year include a blues concert with Darrell Mansfield, sponsored by the Calvary Chapel, and performances by Hardly Angels, an all-woman precision motorcycle drill team, and motorcycle stunt rider "Crazy" Keith Kardell.

Andrews said the event is all about fun, and may not be the unruly affair people might think it is. He said bikers are often stereotyped to be characters with less than reputable reputations. But that's simply not the case anymore, Andrews said.

"The motorcycle image of years past has changed significantly," he said. "We are a road touring event - people who ride their motorcycles for recreation, for vacation. They're riding \$10,000 to \$30,000 motorcycles. They're doctors, lawyers, congressmen, professionals, blue collar workers ... all crosses of life."

Ruidoso Village Councilor Robert Donaldson also said bikers aren't the bad boys they're sometimes made out to be.

"When you see these Goldwings and the \$20,000 Harleys, that scruffy old person you're looking at is probably a bank president or an attorney," Donaldson said.

And the bikers bring plenty besides themselves and their bikes to town. Andrews estimated the rally brings about \$2.3 million to the Ruidoso economy. And it brings that boost at a time when the town would typically be slow.

"It's a week where we wouldn't be doing anything," Andrews said. "School's back in session, the racetrack's closed and skiing hasn't started yet."

Hotels, restaurants and stores can also expect to see increased traffic, Andrews said.

Donaldson agreed that the rally is good for Ruidoso.

"It takes a week that would normally be very slow and brings thousands and thousands of people to Ruidoso. It fills the motels, impacts the grocery stores and restaurants," he said. "It really utilizes the Convention Center for the whole economy."

Neil Freed, owner of the Sitzmark Chalet, also shared Andrews' and Donaldson's take on how good the Golden Aspen is for Ruidoso.

"The impact of the rally is significant financially, significant in terms of referrals," Freed said, adding that the rally weekend is comparable to Labor Day and Fourth of July in terms of business.

Freed's words of advice were to plan ahead and book early.

"Those people coming for the bike rally book early. I'm already half booked for next year. It's a good idea to book a year or two in advance."

## Glencoe promoter hires security

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The promoter of the Lincoln County Motorcycle Roundup has hired his own security force for events at the Lincoln County Rural Events Center in Glencoe this weekend.

While the Ruidoso Police Department prepares for the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally and the 18,000 visitors it may draw to the village, by enlisting the help of other departments in surrounding areas, the pace is less hectic in Glencoe.

The Sheriff's Office has lined up members of its volunteer posse group to ride with regular deputies in their patrol cars, Undersheriff Rick Virden said. He also has reworked the schedule of deputies to keep

The promoter hopes this will be a spin-off on the rally in Ruidoso with people going up and down the valley, to make the event even bigger than it has been.

Linda Wallace, manager, rural events center

them out later at night. The State Police will be patrolling at no additional expense to the county, he said.

Linda Wallace, manager of the rural events center, said she's not expecting any trouble. Because it's the first year for the round-up, she has no projection on the number of bikers expected.

"These are business people who have a lot of expensive equipment here," she said.

The promoter (Allison Inc., owner of Champion Sports in Roswell) hopes this will be a spin-off on the rally in Ruidoso with people going up and down the valley, to make the event even bigger than it has been.

A dance from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday will include beer from Sierra Blanca Brewery, and that's another reason security will be very visible, she said.

A motorcycle joust is set for Saturday in the new arena and a women's leather and lace fashion show is scheduled for 3 p.m., followed by a tattoo contest, Wallace said.

"I've heard some negative things said before, but these people have followed every rule," she said. "With all this expensive equipment, they don't want any problems."

## What's happening at Glencoe rally

Here's the schedule of events for the Lincoln County Motorcycle Roundup at the Glencoe Rural Events Center.

**Today:**  
10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Displays open  
8 p.m. to midnight Dance with live rock 'n' roll music provided by the Renegades.

**Saturday:**  
2 p.m. Medieval battles  
6:30 p.m. Fashion show  
7:30 p.m. Tattoo contest  
8 p.m. Silent auction  
9 p.m. Matching leathers raffle.

## What's happening at the Golden Aspen rally

Here's the schedule of events for the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally schedule of events.

**Today:**  
8 a.m. Christian Motorcycle Association non-denominational church services.

10 a.m. Trade show opens. Closes at 5 p.m.

1 p.m. Bike judging.

2 p.m. Field events and games line up. Must be registered to play.

3 to 5 p.m. Finish line for tour and poker run.

4 p.m. Movie

4:15 p.m. Pre-registrants meet at Flying J Ranch for chuckwagon dinner show. Must have arm band and name tags with you to participate.

6 p.m. Last chance for clubs

and individuals to sing up for Hard Luck and parade awards competition.

7:15 p.m. Best biker buddy - alive non-human class.

7:30 p.m. Awards presentation of trophies and awards for today's bike judging, tour and poker run.

8 p.m. Anyday tour \$100 prize drawing

Registration and trade show closes.

8:15 p.m. Hardly Angels precision drill team performance and Keith Kardell, motorcycle stunt rider.

**Saturday:**  
7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Pre-parade breakfast. Meet at Gateway Church of Christ parking lot, 415 Sudderth Drive. No charge.

**Saturday:**  
8 a.m. Christian Motorcycle Association non-denominational church service.

9:30 to 10 a.m.

Parade line up - Furr's parking lot on Mechem. The parade will be led by the 1997 Golden Aspen Rally queen and king, 1996 Golden Aspen Rally queen and king and Permian Basin Motorcycle Association.

10 to 11 a.m. Parade. Route will be south on Mechem, then east on Sudderth, left at Subway, down Gevalin Canyon Road, left on Warrior Drive, left on Hull Road, right on Cree Meadows Drive, right on Mechem to the rally site.

Trade show opens. Closes at 8 p.m.

1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Gate registration feast. Only for those who did not preregister by Sept. 2 and did not qualify for the Flying J dinner.

Meet at either the Cree Meadows restaurant (for hamburger and fries) or Pepper's Mexican Restaurant. Must have meal ticket from registration packet to participate.

2 p.m.

Motorcycle safety skilled rider's course.

3 p.m. Hardly Angels precision drill team performance and Keith Kardell, motorcycle stunt rider.

6:45 p.m. Awards ceremonies - special award winners, Saturday tour winners, grand sweepstakes 1997 Honda Valkyrie GL Neoish Starlight trailer drawing.

7:30 p.m. 50/50 pot drawing.

8 p.m. Anyday tour \$100 prize drawing.

8:15 p.m. Open air blues concert featuring Darrell Mansfield.

**Sunday:**  
8 a.m. Christian Motorcycle Association non-denominational service

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Preregister for 1998 Aspencash poker run.

2 p.m. Trade show and rally headquarters close.

## Volunteers needed for refuge project

Volunteers are needed for fall projects through the New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors.

The project closest to Ruidoso is set for Oct. 4-5 at Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge east of Socorro.

The staff at the refuge needs help improving trails for outdoor enthusiasts who come to see thousands of birds that winter at the bosque.

Signup deadline is Sept. 30.

Other projects include construction of a new hiking trail at City of Rocks State Park on Sept. 27-28, north of Deming, with signup by Sept. 23.

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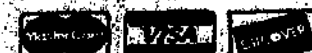
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## Ruidoso, Tularosa renew rivalry

BY STEVE BENNETT  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The Ruidoso High School football team renews an old rivalry when they take the road for a 7:30 p.m. game with the Tularosa Wildcats.

Despite an 0-3 record, Ruidoso head football coach Les Carter views today's contest with confidence.

Much of Carter's optimism comes from the return of quarterback Corey Saenz, who sat out last week's 39-8 defeat at the hands of powerhouse Socorro because of a concussion. Other players returning from injuries are Jason Leadingham and Cesar Legaspy.

With Saenz back to run Ruidoso's triple-option offense, Carter hopes to see more points on the scoreboard than in past games.

Though the Warriors are winless, losing earlier to Artesia 19-8 and Lovington 28-14, Carter sees no virtue in apologizing for his team's record.

"From the beginning, we told our kids the schedule would be tough. We played Artesia and Lovington hard," Carter said.

Like many coaches, Carter views these early games as shaping his troops for district play.

Ruidoso and Tularosa are longtime rivals. At least now, however, the odds seem decidedly stacked in favor of Ruidoso. Tularosa — owing to a declining enrollment — now competes in Class AA competition while Ruidoso remains in the larger Class AAA classification.

Another advantage for the Warriors is player depth.

Tularosa head coach Tony Baca said, "We have eight players who will never leave the field."

By contrast, Carter will employ a two-platoon system with the exception of Seth Bassett, Garvin Grant and Remy Reidhead. All three will see action on both offense and defense.

So are the Warriors overconfident?

"No," Carter said. But, "We want our players to realize what we need to do to win ... we need to beat 'em good."

Baca's Wildcats come into this week's game with a 1-2 record. The Wildcats' single victory came over Hatch. They were beaten last week by a strong Santa Rosa squad, 34-12, and lost an earlier game to perennial power Animas.

Though his team appears the underdog, Baca is not without weapons. In last week's loss to Santa Rosa, Baca had praise for Wildcat quarterback Roger Charlston, who passed for more than 100 yards.

"When Santa Rosa shut down our running game we turned to Roger. He did a very respectable job," said the second-year Tule coach.

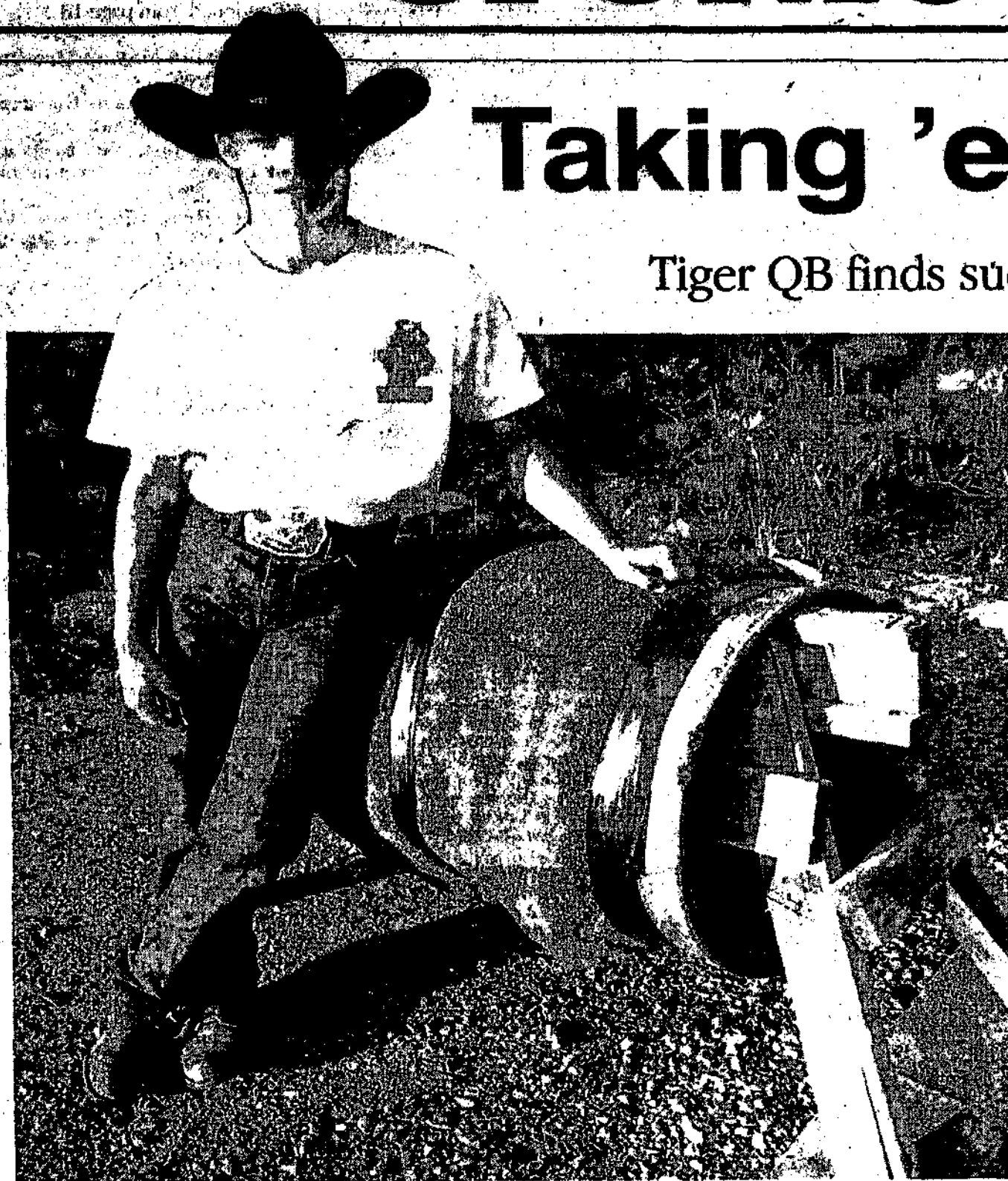
Baca is a 1987 graduate of Tularosa High School and former player under legendary Tularosa coach Boone Jackson.

The days of a close, competitive Ruidoso-Tularosa game might be in the past, but Baca knows what his team must do to stay in the game with the Warriors.

"We'll have to stop Ruidoso's quarterback and fullback," he said.

"... we need to beat 'em good."

Les Carter,  
RHS football coach



Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News



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## Taking 'em for a ride

Tiger QB finds success on the field and in the arena

BY LAURA CLYMER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Capitan High School's Justin Joiner has to be a firm believer in it's not the size of the man, it's the size of his heart that counts.

Joiner is Capitan's 5-foot, 7-inch, 130-pound starting quarterback. The Tigers are 2-1 overall and ranked No. 4 in this week's Class A football poll. He's also the reigning New Mexico Junior Rodeo Association Senior Division Bullriding champion — a title he won at the NMJRA finals in Farmington on Sept. 6.

One minute he's being chased by a 250-pound defensive lineman. The next, an 1,800-pound bull is trying to remove Joiner from its back.

Quarterback by night; bull rider by day. Somewhere in the middle he's found success on both fields of play — the gridiron and the bull ring.

Perhaps the secret is that Joiner has discovered the sports complement each other.

"Both of them take technique," said the 16-year-old, who has been rodeoing since he was 9 and playing tackle football since seventh grade.

In bullriding, technique involves "staying off your pockets," Joiner said. Which is just what it sounds like. When he's in the chute, Joiner thinks about "squeezing with my knees, staying up on my rope and staying out of the power zone (of the bull)."

As quarterback, Joiner goes through a similar mental process. But instead of facing 1,800 pounds of bull he's facing 1,800 pounds of defensive.

When he's under center, Joiner checks his offensive line, scopes out the defensive backs and decides whether or not to call an audible. Then, it's a matter of using the correct passing or handoff technique.

"There's more to bullriding than just riding," Joiner explained. "Getting yourself ready, thinking positive."

The Tigers must be mentally prepared tonight when they take on No. 5-ranked Hagerman. The Bobcats are 2-1 overall, and have potent run-

ning attack led by Todd Barela and Joshua Ortega.

Joiner directs an equally impressive running attack for Capitan. Joiner and teammates Josh Long, James Robinson and Raymond Harris averaged more than 225 yards on the ground a game as a unit.

But the Tigers have to get better throwing the ball, Capitan coach Ed Davis said. And part of that responsibility falls upon his junior quarterback.

Joiner seems up for the challenge, and he likes his team's chances this fall.

"I think we can go all the way if we just eliminate the mistakes and hold onto the football," Joiner said.

After tonight's game, Joiner will shed the shoulder pads and cleats and put on boots and cowboy hat for the two-day New Mexico High School Rodeo Association event at the Capitan Fairgrounds.

Joiner will have two chances to impress a pair of judges in the bullriding competition. Each judge gives up to 25 points for the bull and 25 points for the rider for a maximum score of 100.

"Quick and fast bulls are the best kind to get," Joiner said. "The judges seem to like them better. They seem to look harder to ride, so they'll score better."

Despite his size, Joiner is becoming known for his toughness. One rodeo announcer describes Joiner as the "strong and silent" type, said Joiner's mother, Linda.

Joiner has the buckles to back that statement. In addition to his 1997 NMJRA bullriding title, Joiner won the 1997 Casper Baca Novice Bullriding Championship, defended his Lincoln County Rodeo Club for the third straight year and finished in the top 15 at the International Finals Youth Rodeo held in Shawnee, Okla. in July.

When given the choice of which he'd rather not stare down — a bull or defensive linemen — without hesitation Joiner chose the bull.

"They're bigger," he said of bulls. "Plus, I can dodge a lineman."

### ► FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

## Coach to RHS runners: 'It's my way or stay at home'

BY LAURA CLYMER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ruidoso cross country coach Ronny Maskew likes his team's chances this fall — provided the Warriors do what their longtime coach asks of them.

After a strong season-opening performance in Brownfield, Texas, two weeks ago, the Warriors rebelled a bit in Alamogordo last Saturday.

"We didn't run well at all. We just didn't run," said a disappointed Maskew.

Why didn't the Warriors follow up Brownfield with another solid run in Alamogordo?

"They didn't do what I told them to do," Maskew said bluntly. "When you know more than the coach then sometimes it backfires on you."

Entering the Alamogordo meet, the Ruidoso coach mapped out a strategy for his runners: get in front of the pack and don't get caught in the middle.

But the Warriors didn't get to the front of the pack,

and they paid the price with a sixth-place finish for the boys and seventh-place finish for the girls.

"It's better to stay up than catch up. In cross country if you have so many to pass, it's tough," Maskew said.

The Warriors have a chance to redeem themselves in the eyes of their coach Saturday in Roswell. There, they run a 3-mile desert course in the Roswell Invitational.

"They're going to need to do what I tell them this week, or they're going to stay at home," Maskew said Thursday.

The Ruidoso boys return a nucleus of runners led by sophomore Dabert Comanche. Comanche will miss Saturday's meet because he's running in the Mescalero Apache Tribe's relay run to Oklahoma.

In addition to Comanche, the Warriors have seniors Roy Hough and Zac Pafford, junior Kyle Sparks, sopho-

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## Cooler soccer heads prevail

Young Warriors learning to beat foes with feet, not fouls

BY LAURA CLYMER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

They've spent most of pre-district season on the road, playing some of the state's best teams, refining their skills, working on their "image."

Now, Ruidoso soccer coach Dave Anderson and his Warriors will see if it pays off. The Warriors travel to Santa Teresa for their first District 3A-AAA match of the season Tuesday.

"Last year, with the exception with us, they were the strongest in the district. If we can beat them — not by just a goal — I mean really beat them the whole game, then we will have accomplished something," Anderson said of the Desert Warriors.

The Warriors take a 2-7 record to Santa Teresa, with losses coming to Class AAA power St. Pius X and Class AAAA schools Oñate, Roswell and Goddard.

Hopes are that the brutal, pre-district season will pay dividends for Anderson's young team.

"If we didn't go on the road, we wouldn't have gotten the competition. We need the seasoning," he said.

And if they hadn't gone on the road, Anderson and assistant coach Sigurd Schmitz might not have seen what has changed their philosophy and approach to the game.

Anderson's and Schmitz's soccer revelations came at the Los Alamos Tournament on Sept. 5 and 6. The Warriors opened the eight-team tourney with St. Pius X and lost 10-0.

"That was an eye-opener for the kids," Anderson said of the St. Pius defeat.

Ruidoso competed well against its final two opponents at Los Alamos, losing to Kirtland Central in a shootout, 4-3, and then beating Pojoaque, 2-1, for seventh place.

But it was the style of the northern teams' play that caught the attention of Anderson and Schmitz.

"We have totally changed our practices, our thought processes. We've changed a lot since we've played those guys. We've had to," Anderson said.



Soccer '97

In the past, the Warriors have relied on a physical style of play. That aggressive play brought a shower of yellow and red cards last season and at the state soccer tournament.

Anderson wants his Warriors to rely upon their speed, finesse, techniques and skills instead. The changes reflect changes in the game itself at the national and world level, Anderson said. Officials aren't putting up with the aggressive play of the past.

Anderson also is determined to change Ruidoso's "image." Players will be suspended from play for drawing a red card, per Anderson's discipline. To date, the team has been yellow carded only three times that Anderson can remember, and those aren't as bad as the red ones.

"Yellow cards are not an indication of being a bully or

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## What's biting

Bonito Lake is fairly good in the evening on small dry flies, such as midges, gnats and small caddis and propeller flies early and late.

Grindstone water level is exceptionally high. The high water level is affecting insect hatch. More production on propeller flies and small midges and griffith's gnats early and late.

Lake Mescalero is very productive in the mornings, caddises, hornberg's, mosquitos, Adam's and Adam's parachutes, most productive out of row boats.

Eagle Lakes closed Wednesday.

Tributaries to Bonito and Bonito River: Fish are sparse but some large brook trout are occasionally caught on dave's hoppers, Joe's hoppers and mayflies, and nymphing has been most productive with pheasant tails, gold-ribbed hare's ear and green rock worm.

Rio Ruidoso has been by and large clear for the last two weeks some silt inbeddedness has occurred through the rainy season. Fishing has been very productive. Most productive on bead head pheasant tails, and further downstream through town, more green rock worm and gold-ribbed hare's ear. Dries have been hoppers, caddises and stimulators.

"With the Eagle Lakes and the reservation in Upper Canyon closing soon, this marks the rapid approach of winter."

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Capitan Football 7:30	Valley View at Ruidoso 3:00 PM Crane County at Ruidoso 5:00 PM	Ruidoso at NMJRA Football 5:00 PM	Valley View at Ruidoso 3:00 PM			
Carizzo Football 7:30	Crane County at Ruidoso 5:00 PM					Crane County at Ruidoso 5:00 PM

It's Parents Night in Capitan tonight. The No. 4-ranked Tigers take on the No. 5-ranked Hagerman Bobcats in a match-up of football felines.

day soccer camp for children, 4-14, Saturday, Sept. 20, at the White Mountain Recreation Complex. Cost is \$5 per player for the 7-14 camp. The camp for children 4-6 is free of charge. For more information, call Bob Blackman at 257-2784.

B.E.A.C.H. run Sept. 27  
A 5-K run will take place Saturday, Sept. 27 to benefit the effort to raise awareness

of breast cancer and raise money to fund mammograms. Cost to enter is \$15 which includes a race T-shirt. Prizes will be awarded for top three runners in each division, in addition to numerous other prizes. For more information, call Cathy at 257-9251. A kickoff party for the event begins at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at McGary Studios.

Duathlon slated for White Sands  
The White Sands Missile Range Duathlon is set for Saturday, Sept. 27. The race consists of a 5-K run, 30-K bike ride and another 5-K run. Race time is 7:30 a.m. Pre-registration is \$20 for individuals and \$35 for teams. Late registration is \$25 for individuals and \$40 for teams. For more information, call 678-3374.

## RUNNERS: Warriors need to listen

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more Collin Mey and freshman Eric Flores.

The boys have the experience, Maskew said.

"They just need to do a little bit more work and listen to this coach."

In Brownfield, the Warriors' first four runners finished within 90 seconds of each other. They'll be able to challenge for the District 3AAA title if they can keep that

closeness.

Ruidoso's girls are led by last year's district champion, junior Erica Romero and her teammates district runnerup Selly Sandoval.

Returning Warriors also include juniors Jessica Daniels and Patricia Frizzell, plus freshman Carla Shanta and senior Sundae Elwell.

"I think we're as strong as anybody with the first two, but we need the third, fourth and fifth runners to come through," Maskew said.

## SOCCER: Coach emphasizing a new style of play for Warrior team

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dangerous play," he said.

Anderson wants his Warriors to beat the opponent with excellent soccer skills and their mouths firmly shut.

Santa Teresa will test both. The Desert Warriors are somewhat notorious themselves for talking "trash" and they play an aggressive game.

DRUMBEATS: Freshman Jesse Anderson has earned the starting keeper for the season. "He's stepped up," coach

Anderson said. ... In the Warriors' overtime loss to Kirtland Central, six Ruidoso players scored. They were Scott Sebastian, Andrew Longbotham, Zach Carey, Tommy Seay, Gerald Gomez and Micah Ensor. ... Solomon Barnett scored the Warriors' only goal in a 3-1 loss to Ofiate Sept. 9. "I don't think we played poorly at all. They're just a bigger school. Their skill level was better. They have older players," Anderson said of the Las Cruces school. ... Tuesday, the Warriors fell to Goddard, 7-2.

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## Taco Bell to get a taste of Ruidoso

By JULIE BAXTER  
RUIDOSO NEWS BUSINESS WRITER

Ruidoso residents wanting some Taco Bell will soon be able to satisfy their cravings without leaving town.

Don Allen of the Mallen Co. in Alamogordo said his plans for opening a Ruidoso Taco Bell are coming together crisply. Allen has already signed a lease with property owners Raymond Magana and Laura Skarvada for the building at 654 Sudderth Drive, formerly Coyote's Pub & Grill.

"We've been talking about it and thinking about it for quite a while," Allen said of opening the fast-food franchise in Ruidoso. "We opened a store in Deming last October and have been working on a (Ruidoso) site since then."

The Mallen Co. owns nine Taco Bell franchises - the restaurant in Deming and eight others in Texas.

Allen said the Coyote's location is almost perfect, since it is already set up for a fast-food Mexican restaurant.

"We started some work last week, but we'll really get started on it next week," Allen said of the work to be done on the building. "There's not a great deal of stuff to do to the building."

The few things he said would be done included installing some equipment, putting up the Taco Bell signs and making some repairs to the parking lot. The restaurant is slated for a Nov. 1 opening, though Allen said it may be sooner than that.

Ruidoso was studied as a possible site before Allen and



A new Taco Bell restaurant will be moving into the former Coyote's Pub & Grill at 654 Sudderth Drive.

the Taco Bell Corp. decided to make their move. Allen said population numbers and traffic studies, as well as other fast-food franchises' success, were evaluated before the commitment was made.

"Without the summer traffic, Ruidoso is kind of small population-wise to support a conventional store like this," Allen said. "But with the tourism, it should be a good location."

Allen said the corporate level of Taco Bell is also active in site selection.

"Taco Bell has almost a zero percent failure rate, so

they must be doing something right," he said.

The store will employ 16 to 17 full- and part-time workers, Allen said. An "opening team" will come to the store to make sure things start off smoothly, Allen said. That team will also be responsible for training the locally-hired workers and store manager.

Joan Bailey, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, said whether or not people want franchises like Taco Bell to come to Ruidoso, the restaurant's arrival still bodes well for the future.

"We should take it as a sincere compliment," Bailey said. "It indicates we are growing. Everyone has their own opinion about franchise businesses, but one of the things you can't deny about them is that they collect historical data before they ever think about making an investment. Certain things have to be covered; the T's have to be crossed and the I's have to be dotted."

"The positive thing about franchises investing in our community is it gives credence to the fact we are a very strong environment to consider investing in in the future."

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Exhibitors sought for Tourism Expo

All businesses in Lincoln County are invited to participate in the third annual Lincoln County Tourism Expo Oct. 18. Booth space is available for \$20, or for \$25 with electricity.

The theme for this year's expo, which will be held at the Glencoe Rural Events Center, is "Hospitality for All Seasons."

The expo will include a program for third-graders from throughout the county during the morning. Speakers, displays and live demonstrations will help the students learn about the importance of tourism and agriculture in Lincoln County.

During the evening, the expo will host the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours. The evening program is free and is for chamber members only. It will include food (provided by a wide variety of Lincoln County restaurants, bed and breakfasts, and other producers), entertainment and the trade-show booths.

All Lincoln County businesses are invited to the expo and are encouraged to reserve booth space by Monday. To reserve a booth, call Betty McCreight at (505) 648-2311 or Linda Wallace at 1-800-827-8972.

### New mortgage business in Ruidoso

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### New book features Ruidoso restaurants

Author Sunny Conley's latest edition of "Cafe Hopping in the Southwest" features two restaurants from Ruidoso.

La Lorraine and Cafe Rio are among the 100 New Mexico, California and Arizona cafes listed in the 1997 version of her popular guide.

Conley said she focuses on the smaller, mom-and-pop cafes to remind travelers that cafes are where tourists will find both good food and local color.

"The real flavor of the Southwest lies in its authentic cooking, and you'll find it where the locals eat," she said.

In the book, La Lorraine is praised for its atmosphere and cuisine. Cafe Rio earned high marks from Conley for its heavenly smells and comfortable feeling.

"Cafe Hopping in the Southwest," which received a 1997 New Mexico Press Women book award, is available from Arroyo Press, P.O. Box 4333, Las Cruces, 88003 or by phone at 1-800-795-2692. The book sells for \$10.95 plus \$1.50 for shipping.

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# Partnership leads to solid construction business



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BY JULIE BAXTER  
RUIDOSO NEWS BUSINESS WRITER

For 10 years, Colleen and Louis Brodsky have extended their partnership from marriage into business.

Now, the couple has brought their joint effort to Ruidoso. The couple moved to here from Oregon in August and opened Partners II Construction.

Since 1987, Colleen and Louis have worked side by side on construction projects ranging from custom homes to remodeling.

The scope of work Partners II can do ranges from site development to roofing and everything in between, Louis said. "We also have our own lots we're building on."

Those lots will be the sites where Louis and Colleen will put their teamwork to work building homes to be sold later or custom building homes to fit a client's wants and needs.

The two said they complement each other when it comes to picturing the perfect house for a piece of property.

"Louis is the type that can see a piece of property and know what needs to be done," Colleen said. "I see the inside."

"We each have our place in the business," Louis said. "We cover for each other. Colleen can do anything from concrete work to roofing. We sort of just

assist each other. We enjoy it. It's never work, once it becomes work we're done."

Owners and operators of Brodsky Construction in Oregon for 12 years, the duo has a combined 35 years of experience in the industry.

"I have 25 years in the business. As you can well imagine, I've been associated with every phase of the business. I started off in Florida and probably covered half of the states in the country working as a carpenter."

And Louis said he was learning new and more things every step of the way.

Colleen's knowledge of construction started when she started working with Louis. She calls it a 10-year training course. Along the way she's learned a few things, too. Louis also said her background in real estate and escrow is a great asset to have in the construction business.

They have also incorporated new technology and a commitment to service into that mix of experience. Louis said the entire operation from drafting to accounting is done by computer. By keeping in step with technology, he said, Partners II can only serve its customers better.

"It's quicker, more efficient in terms of time, especially when you're charging by the hour; you want to give the client the most for their money," he said.

Partners II, which the Brodskys run out of their home, is also available 24 hours a day to help with any emergencies that may come up.

"Emergencies don't phase us," Louis said.

He used grappling with roofing problems caused by 100 mph winds in Oregon as an example of their experience with the disasters that can happen after business hours.

But the couple said all that experience wouldn't be worth the time gaining it if they didn't strive to the very best work possible.

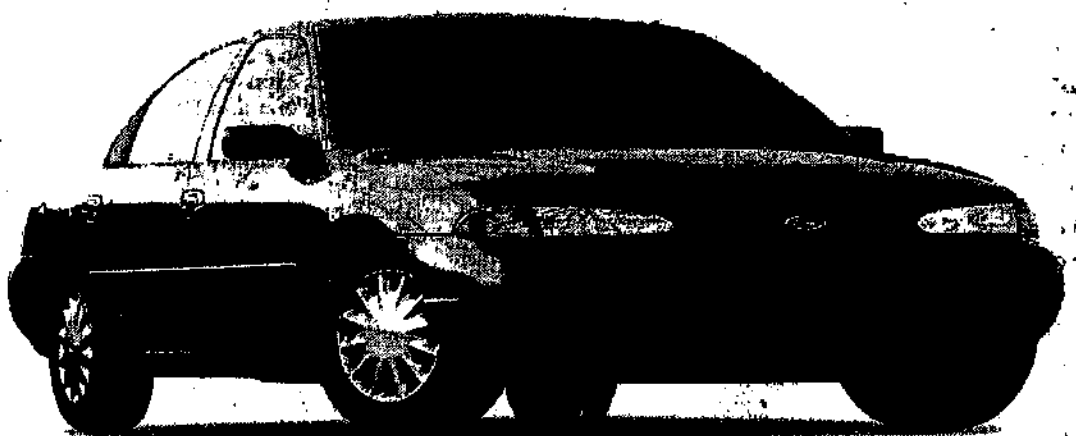
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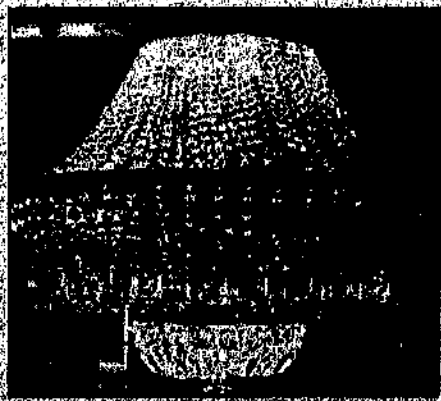
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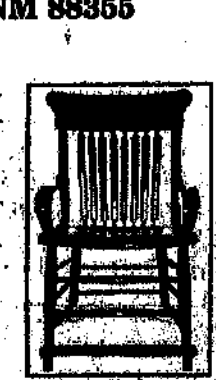
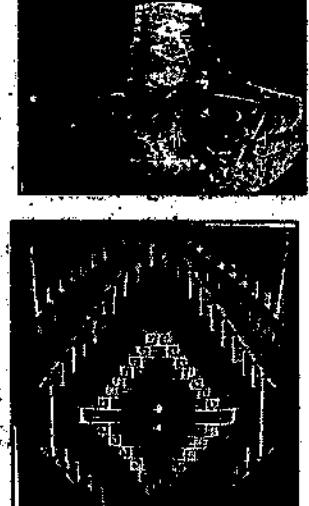
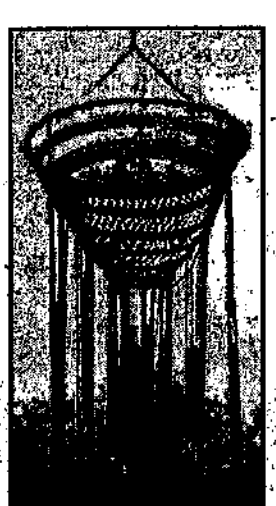
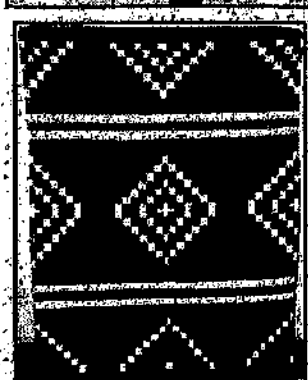
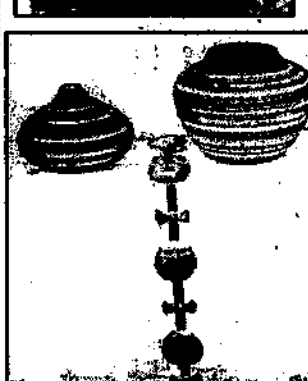
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ONE ACRE IN ALTO. Full golfing membership. Easy access. Beautifully wooded. \$40,000. #9881827. Call HELEN ALLARD 257-8057. CENTURY 21 Aspen Real Estate.

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LOOKING FOR ACREAGE? 15 acres in Lincoln, N.M. Great view of Sierra Blanca and Capitan. Several building sites. Sunny south exposure. BILL PIPPIN REAL ESTATE 257-4228.

BEAUTIFUL HONDO VALLEY, 10 ACRES. VERY LARGE ADORABLE HOUSE MUCH MUCH MORE. OWNER 505-378-4223.

FOR SALE LOT 70X138. Close to track. Fenced. Good view. All utilities available. Well covered building. (garage/barn) storage. 806 sq. ft. 10' x 12' 6" doors. Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346. BY OWNER 257-4228.

MOUNTAIN CHALET. FULLY FURNISHED 2 1/2 BR. great SE view. Set in tall pines. \$75,500. CALL 41 REALTY SERVICES 256-4574.

2 ACRE WOODED LOT. Altos. Deer Park Woods. Social membership. \$18,000. #9801856. CALL WARREN ROUSE 257-9057. CENTURY 21 Aspen Real Estate.

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A very unique cabin in Upper Canyon. 1000 sq. ft. 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bathrooms, 2 fireplaces, large deck with single garage & support. Call Gerda today. Mes #97-70845.

UNRESTRICTED. 16-acre tract in Hondo Valley. Adjacent to thousands of acres of National Forest. Several secluded building sites. A great place for a mobile. \$45,000.00. BILL PIPPIN REAL ESTATE 257-4228.

ON RIVER. BY OWNER. remodeled, 3BDRM/1BATH. mobile. Possible owner financing. 378-7110 evenings.

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SOUTHWEST COLORADO. 24,000 sq. ft. 109 acres. Cabin \$89,900. 219 acres with cabin \$179,900. Red Rock canyons, Dolores River & BLM access. Excellent ranch & hunting lands. Call Red Stone L.S.O. 1-800-614-7024.

YOU BUILD. YOU SAVE. as little as \$999 down gets you into a Landvest home. Materials, financing, support and more. Call toll free 1-888-HOME-005 ext. 059 for more information.

LADIES CLOTHING BUSINESS-MIDTOWN. established no blue sky. \$43,500. Call Joseph Zagona 257-9057 or 420-9807. CENTURY 21 Aspen RE.

2 BDRM. HOUSE FOR RENT OR SALE IN TULAROSA, NM. 1.75 bath, W/D included. Fireplace, fenced yard w/dog run. \$800 per month W.D.D. Call Coldwell Banker, 424-1187.

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Be happy!! Many fine homes FOR RENT. Nightly, Weekly, Monthly. Call Cindy at Gay Lynch Realty, 257-4011. Lic #273523.

"SEE RIVER COME & GO"

For dream lovers, over 350 feet of river frontage on the beautiful Rio Bonita, 3 acres with gorgeous Cotton Wood Trees, Capitan Mountain Views, easy access and sensible restrictions. Only \$78,900. Call Properties of the Southwest 505-336-4547 or 1-800-RUIDOSO.

### NEW HOME PRICE REDUCED

3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, elect. range, ref., DW., Bathtub, Taped & Textured. Upgrade carpet. Two large RV Decks, great views, double car detached garage. 2 x 6 ext. walls, R-19 R-38 Ceiling. R-22 floor. 1/2 acre lot, underground utilities. Located at Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates off Highway 220, the Airport Rd., below Spencer Theater on Little Creek Rd. Models open daily, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. CALL CULVER REALTY OFFICE AT MODEL HOMES. LOCAL — 336-4742 or toll free 800-790-7815.

**Beautiful Custom Home For Sale By Owner**

2 1/2 years old, 2300 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 3 bath & 2 car garage & large storage area. Marble floors, custom built cabinets, master suite, jacuzzi, den/study. Two entry exits to list. Fully landscaped with sprinklers & fenced back yard. Flat easy access with magnificent view of Sierra Blanca.

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**COUNTRY ELEGANCE**

12.44 Acres with fenced pasture, barn, pond, stream, orchard and more! Four bedroom, 3 bath, newer home, 2-car garage. VFM19- \$250,000-\$310,000. Kathy Osborn's Residential Lela Easter Realtors 257-7313 800-530-4597

**GARY LYNCH REALTY**

419 Mechem Ruidoso, NM 88345 257-4011

**REDUCED \$50,000 - COMMERCIAL LOCATION:** Wonderful river frontage and park-like setting with many amenities are just a few of the terrific features that this property offers. Building could have many uses plus living quarters. Good location and now priced at only \$139,000!

**CUTE "GRANNY STYLE" HOME!** This 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath would make a great 1st home! Affordable with lots of character. Fenced backyard, shed and level access. Some wood floors. A delight at only \$56,000!

**COMMERCIAL ACREAGE WITH CABIN:** This 6 acre tract has so many possibilities! Close to new post office. Owner will finance or trade for just about anything that makes sense! \$147,000.

"Making New Friends While Keeping the Old"

**ROCK YOUR WORRIES AWAY!!**

On the old style covered porch of this 4 bedroom, 2 bath, garage plus room and shelter for a horse. Great 1st or 2nd home. Easy year-round access. Only \$98,975!

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**When you're #1, you can do things others can't.**

**NEWLY REMODELED HOME**  
One-level, 3 bedroom, 2 bath has delightful Ruidoso flavor from its knotty pine living and dining rooms to its big rock fireplace. Attached double garage, level entry. \$125,000. #97-70824. CALL KATHY CRAIG at 257-9057.

**DELIGHTFUL LOG HOME**  
Located in Alto with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. Private master suite. Lovely rock fireplace. Pleasant views, including Sierra Blanca. Charming mountain appeal. Full Golf Membership. \$165,000. #95-00733. CALL DOUG SIDDENS at 336-4248.

**6.5 ACRES**  
Beautiful tract located within walking distance of the Rio Bonita River. Lots of trees, cul-de-sac location. \$57,300. #96-61871. CALL OVELLA ESTES at 257-9057.

**TOP NOTCH ALTO LOCATION**  
Sierra Blanca view. 4 bedroom, 4 bath home with attached garage. Jacuzzi tub. Full golf membership. \$244,500. #97-71301. CALL JOSEPH A. ZAGONE at 257-9057.

**GREAT FOR MOTORCYCLE SHOP!**  
Excellent home/business location, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with attached garage. Located on 2 lots (approx. 1/2 acre total) — plenty of room for expansion. Highway frontage. Near Diamond D Welding. \$93,500. #97-70648. CALL JORISE HENRY at 257-9057.

**WONDERFUL SIERRA BLANCA VIEW**  
From the main entrance deck to this 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Alto home. Great living area with fireplace, easy year-round access, attached garage, full golf membership. \$154,500. #97-71393. CALL COLLEEN WILSON at 336-4248.

**COLUMBUS, NEW MEXICO**  
Well established silk screening business available separately or complete with building and land. Business only \$35,000. Complete package \$59,995. Details available. #97-71480. CALL LOANDA LOCKRIDGE at 257-9057.

**READY FOR YOU TO MOVE IN!**  
This 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath condo has been completely remodeled. New Berber carpeting, new vinyl in kitchen & entry. Sierra Blanca view. Great investment or vacation property. \$87,000. #97-71533. CALL PEGGY JORDAN at 257-9057.

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257-4228 **Bill Pippin REAL ESTATE** 1-800-489-9289

**ONE OF A KIND PROPERTY:** Situated on 7 secluded acres with small creek and lots of pines. Custom built, 5 bedroom, 3.75 bath home with unique design. Over 3,000 sq. ft. plus two car garage. Priced way below replacement cost. \$260,000.00

**BONITA LAKE AREA:** Great get-away for hiking, horseback riding, fishing or just kicking back. Three bedroom, 1 bath mobile, 14'x80', add-on living room with fireplace. Beautiful, secluded setting. \$37,500.00

**A LITTLE PIECE OF PARADISE:** Nice, comfortable 3 bedroom, 2 bath mobile with covered parking, fenced back yard, storage building, hot water and screened-in porch. Large lot with room for additional home. Easy access, day trailer, plus horseback trail. \$69,000.00

**BUYING ON A BUDGET?** Nestled in lots of evergreens and aspens, 2 bedrooms, 2 bath mobile, screened-in front porch lets you enjoy cool breezes. Level, corner lot, fenced carport, workshop area and storage. \$40,000.

**JUST LISTED!**  
Everything you asked for. A-Frame with individuality and a comfortable feeling. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, private study, cozy fireplace, 1 car garage with workshop. Easy access, nice neighborhood. \$140,000.00

**MEAN! New 2 bedroom, 1.75 bath home with personal touches and a comfortable feeling. Lot major bedrooms, vaulted ceilings and unique floor plan give an open atmosphere. Desirable neighborhood, handy location, roomy 228 sq. ft. property with view of Sierra Blanca. \$157,000.00**

**OWNER MUST SELL!** Fantastic family home, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath with single carport. This clean, neat, almost new home is priced at \$85,900.00. Lots of storage, hardwood floors. Great starter or retirement home. Approved for FHA loan.

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1608 SUDDERTH DRIVE



**HOME ON WOODED LOT**  
3BDRM/2BA open floor plan. Southwest corner, like new. Back yard, swimming pool, street in front, close to school. Call Lisa Smith, Coldwell Banker, 800-545-2894.

**OWN FOR THE PRICE OF RENTING!** Build your home now, without the downpayment, parties, demand. Complete construction & permanent financing if qualified. De George Home Alliance, 800-545-2894.

**RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES**  
Great lot, Sierra Blanca view, 6.1 acres, underground utility, 1/2 mile to school. Call: SALLY MORAN, 257-3001, CENTURY 21.

**CRZY 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH** Mountain home, double garage, workshop, or hobby room. Tall pine, fenced yard. Relaxing hot tub. Call: KENNY ORR, 257-3001, CENTURY 21.

**NEWLY FINISHED COMMERCIAL SUITE** Last unit for sale in Jira Plaza. Good location, fully furnished. Possibility of financing. \$178,000. Call Doug Sidens, 338-4248, CENTURY 21.

**BARBAIN HOMES** Thousands of Government foreclosed and repossessed properties being liquidated this month. Government financing. Low no down. Call for local listings: 1-800-338-0020.

**211 SUDDERTH GREAT COMMERCIAL** building in prime downtown shopping district. Lots of square footage. Call Cindy, Gary Lynch Realty, 257-4011.

**OWNER WILL FINANCE.** Approximately 1.5 acres, handy, wooded, building location or great place for your mobile home. \$23,500.00. BILL PIPPIN REAL ESTATE, 257-4228.

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**314 MUSTANG.**  
3/2 w/deck in cool tall pines. \$55K. Some owner financing.  
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**3 BDRM., 2 BATH**, hardwood floors, pine paneled, log-sided, can be really cute with just a little fixing up! Great location, close to everything, RV access. \$87,500. Call Jennifer, 97-71125.

**TURN KEY MOTEL AND HOME TOGETHER.** Earning above projections. Lenders are ready to finance! Call Wes TODAY! 98-62115.

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**JUST REMODELED - QUALITY WORK!** Stucco exterior with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths, two car garage, panoramic view, large deck over garage, with covered in front, access off two roads, over 1500 sq. ft., one to take a look. List price is \$98,000. MLS# 97-71110

**ACRES JUST OFF CARRIZO CANYON ROAD ADJACENT TO NATIONAL FOREST.** Panoramic view, nicely treed, located on private lot. Asking \$42,500. MLS# 97-71563

**1 ACRE TRACTS JUST SOUTH OF CANYON.** Very level, 1/2 acre, 1/2 acre, 1/2 acre, and a private location. Asking \$10,000 per tract. MLS# 97-61265

**WONDERFUL OLD HOME ON RIVER** with separate apartment for guests or rental income. Over 1900 sq. ft. \$189,500. Owner's home with good down. 257-3648/430-0835.

**2 Real Estate Trades**  
**PRICED TO SELL OR TRADE** Home in Alamogordo or Tularosa for home in Ruidoso. 257-4524 or 885-8541.

**WOULD LIKE TO TRADE** Albuquerque real estate for Ruidoso real estate. Small cabin preferred. Will consider other trade. Open to suggestions. Realtors welcome. 805-281-2588.

**Land for Sale**  
**2 1/2 ACRE TRACT** At flat land with river frontage. All fenced. 1 1/2 miles from race track. Call 505-378-3137. Owner/Builder.

**LARGE MOBILE LOT** Approximately 1/2 acre, close in, easy access. City water and electric. TV, phone, natural gas, septic. \$17,500. Call Randall 258-9188.

**Mobile Lots & Access**  
**Capitol - \$5,000 up**  
Owner Finance  
**Holiday Realty**  
1301 Mechem  
258-3330

**Ruidoso Properties, Inc. Better Homes and Gardens**  
**SELOW MARKET** View lot with personality, on Bunty Sepp. Under \$200,000. Offer welcome. \$15,000. Moty Webb, Owner/Agent, (805) 443-1356.

**4 Houses for Sale**  
**LIKE NEW CONDITION** Great room, den, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, garage. \$88,500. SIERRA BLANCA. REALTY 257-2578

**All American Moving Local & Worldwide Moving 378-8218**

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3/2 with deck in cool tall pines. \$55K. Some owner financing.  
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**HELP! I NEED A NEW OWNER!**  
Open House Sept. 19-21. I'm finally moving and will put together the best deal for the buyer. Not a lot to choose from. I have 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, kitchen, living room, dining room, and much more. My last is a reasonable lot. Under \$50K. Consider my offer. Must see. So please call me. I'll try to meet you. 257-6495.

**5 Cabins for Sale**  
**ESCUDILLA LOG CABIN KITS**  
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**ROCKY MOUNTAIN MOBILE HOMES** Upgrading inventory. **LOTS OF MOBILES FOR SALE** Ranging from \$3000. TO \$5500. 378-8068.

**MOBILE HOME FOR RENT** or sale (\$7500). Furnished 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Nice area. 257-7858.

**LIKE NEW 3BDRM/2BA** on double lot, quiet area, easy access. 1/2 in 6 months, 1898 model \$55,000. Jennie Dorgan 1-888-566-1349 258-5933 ReMax

**FOR SALE: 50 ft. 2 BEDROOM** mobile home completely remodeled. Very nice. Sacrifice \$3,500. 330-S. Evergreen Space #4. Ruidoso, NM. 257-2820

**4880 DOWN 16X60, 3 1/2 (505) 623-7297 1-800-304-7297 DL#00843**

**MOBILES FOR SALE**  
3 bdrm., 2 bath, add-on. Space 56, Cherokee Park. \$15,000. 16' x 70' 1991 Redman, Space 183, Circle B Campground. Must See! Holiday Homes 1301 Mechem 258-3330

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**7 Houses for Rent**  
**4 BEDROOM, 1 BATH** Good neighborhood, new carpet and paint. \$600.00 monthly plus utilities. 378-5612 between 5PM & 7PM.

**NICE LARGE FURNISHED** 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$500/Mo plus deposit. Water paid. 398-7427 or 397-9380

**130 LEON FARRAR** 3BDRM/1 3/4BA unfurnished house. On market, month-to-month. Available August 31. \$900/Mo. -utilities. Call Cindy, Gary Lynch Realty, 257-4011. Lic. 327362S.

**2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 1250 sq. ft.** Washer, dryer, dishwasher, deck. Located by river. Gateway area. 257-7186

**8 Apts. for Rent**  
**FOR RENT, 2 BEDROOM** Duplex. Good neighborhood. \$550/Mo. plus bills. 257-2042

**COZY ART. ONE BEDROOM** furnished. Good location. \$375 month. Water paid. 257-3243. References.

**NICEST TWO BEDROOM, ONE BATH APARTMENT** in town. Cathedral ceilings, washer/dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator, stove included. Gas heat/hot water. "LOW UTILITIES" 257-9085 for details.

**EXCEPTIONALLY CLEAN** Newer 2BDRM. Apt. in convenient midtown location. Nice carpet, new paint & appliances \$425/Mo. Includes utilities. Lease & deposit. No pets 605-621-4057

**NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS** for our waiting list. 1, 2, & 3 bedroom apartments on Crown Drive. Certain income restrictions apply. Call Camelot Plaza Apts. 257-5888-8331 Equal Housing Opportunity

**WANTED: HOUSE FOR RENT** Single professional needs 2 bedroom house in Ruidoso area. Non-smoker, no pets. Call John at 257-4001.

**EXTRA SPECIAL HOME** 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 3,000 sq. ft. \$1200. SIERRA BLANCA REALTY, 257-2578

**11-113 WINGFIELD** unfurnished 2 or 3BDRM, 1BA, 6875 -utilities. Call Cindy, Gary Lynch Realty, 257-4011 Lic#27362S.

**32-FINISHED ATTIC**, large dining kitchen, Mountain view. Available October 1st. 257-6979 after 5PM.

**CREEK GOLF COURSE** Furnished 3 bedroom, 2 bath. W/D, microwave, fireplace, garage. \$890 plus utilities. No pets.

Unfurnished 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, garage. No Pets. \$1,000 plus utilities. 257-8626

**1 BEDROOM FURNISHED** in Ruidoso, has washer and storage. Easy access \$285.00 monthly. Water paid. Deposit required. 605-622-4543

**NEWLY-PAINTED** Exceptionally nice, newer 3BDRM house. convenient location, carpet & storage \$550/Mo. plus utilities, lease & deposit. Call 1-508-621-4057

**3BDRM, 1BATH** Fireplace, fenced yard, parking, small outdoor dog OK. 184 Church St. \$525/MO + Dep. 378-4701

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**9 Mobiles for Rent**  
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**UPPER CANYON 2 BEDROOM 1 BATH** behind Whispering Pines Restaurant. Furnished or unfurnished, \$325.00/mo plus utilities. 918-658-4774

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Our horses or yours. We work with problem horses and their owners.  
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**27 Feed & Grain**

**HAY FOR SALE:** Alfalfa and Oat. Three Rivers Ranch 648-2448

**ALFALFA HAY**  
2 Miles North of Tularosa  
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**HEAVY BALES... \$4.75**  
**TULIE HAY FARM**  
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**29 Pets & Supplies**

**POMERANIAN, 9 MONTHS**  
\$250.00 258-5357. Female, red. All shots, papers. More info call 258-5357.

**NEED HOME FOR OLDER PUP** dumped on HWY one month ago. Schnauzer mix, has had shots and vet exam. HELPHI 354-3377.

**QUEENSLAND HEELER X SMALL** 1 year old male. Housebroken, loves people. Free to loving home. 378-4997

**30 Yard Sales**

**516 WINGFIELD.** Lots of misc. "Come see, be surprised" Friday 8-12, Saturday after parade.

**GARAGE SALE: MENS, WOMENS** Boys clothing, toys, furniture, household items. Saturday, Sunday until everything sold. HWY 70 past Downs across from Bus Barn.

**GIANT GARAGE SALE** Friday & Saturday, September 19 & 20. Classroom furniture and supplies, refrigerator, copy machine. Baby toys, name brand baby clothes. Misc household items. 9:00 AM. NO EARLY BIRDS. 2710 Suddarth

**GARAGE SALE RAIN OR SHINE.** Corner of Cedar and Birch in Portales Heights. Saturday Only. 8AM

**MOVING SALE: ANTIQUES** furniture, building materials, used carpet and pads. Much more. Friday, Saturday, 8-5. 804 Turkey Canyon (follow signs)

**GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS!!** Big craft sale at "FUNTRACKERS" Saturday 9AM-7, Sunday 9AM-2. 101 Carizo Canyon Rd.

**GARAGE SALE:** 103 N. Parnell, Ruidoso Downs. Saturday Only 8:00 AM

**MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALE** September 20, 21. 6-5 HWY 54, just south of Carizozo (old Texaco Station) Automotive parts, clothes, toys, furniture, wood stove and lots more.

**MOVING SALE 587 Wt. Mt.** Meadows Drive Saturday September 20th. 8:00AM Trampoline, refrigerator, antique furniture, Ryder mower, Massage chair, bikes, etc. Christina 258-4222.

**YARD SALE!**

Dishes, misc. kitchen, microwave, baby furniture, quilting materials, fold-away bed, kerosene & electric heaters, toys, garden & shop tools, router, scroll saw, miller, sander, golf equipment, golf cart, TV, 10-speed bicycle, Kodak slide projector, trays & items. Fri., Sept. 19, 7-4; Sat., Sept. 20, 7-12. 516 Lakeshore Dr. (1.2 mi. on High Mesa Dr.) Alto Village

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I'd like to introduce  
**LIBERTY FINANCE CO.**  
LOANS \$100.00 to \$500.00  
OPEN Monday - Friday 9:00-5:00  
COME SEE US TODAY!  
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**31 Household**

**GLASS TOP KITCHEN RANGE.** Under counter dishwasher, Ping-pong table, Glass and Oak coffee table, 2 matched golf club sets (ladies/men's) one with bag and one with pull cart. 257-2315.

**2 BRAND NEW TWIN SIZE** Posture Beauty Pillow Top mattresses, 13.5 inches thick. Never been used. Paid \$249.99 each. Will take \$300. for pair. 585-9877

**OAK CEDAR CHEST** 2000 Glass topped Dining Table w/4 upholstered chairs \$275. Brass/Glass shelf unit \$85.00 Call 257-3185. Leave message

**2 BEDROOM SETS \$250, \$150!** Wrought iron couch and dining table with chairs. Great! club set, lamps. 257-7545.

**"EARTHSTONE" FIREPLACE INSERT.** Frigidaire heavy duty washer, 258-5889.

**NEW NO. 1 VENT WALL HEATER.** propane, \$100.00. Antique Oak buffet \$175.00. Leather burgundy overstuffed chair \$150.00. 7' hide-a-bed Southwest print \$75. 378-4897

**Mansfield Furniture**  
"Buy, Sell or Trade"  
New & Used Furniture & Antiques  
257-3109 • 1000 Suddarth Dr.

**FURNITURE SALE:** DINETTE six(6) chairs, 4(two) bar stools, Queen and Trundle beds. 354-2011

**THREE PIECE HEAD-BOARD PLATFORM BED** Matching chest. Contemporary design. White with natural wood trim. Excellent condition. Phone 336-7915

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New & Used Furniture, New & Used Mattresses. Used Appliances  
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**EDISON WINDOW VICTROLA \$300.00** 378-9186

**FOR SALE: "ALL ANTIQUE CHERRY"** Dining room set \$4500.00, Secretary desk \$400.00, Settee \$450.00, Buffet \$750.00. All excellent condition. 653-4777. 257-0777

**SPACE AVAILABLE CRAFT & ANTIQUE MALL.** 1422 Hwy. 70, Ruidoso. Call Laura or Ray. 257-6680 or 1-800-648-4584.

**ROUND PICTURE FRAMES** 378-8160

**35 Sporting Goods**

**REMINGTON 308, MODEL 742 "WOODMASTER"** Variable scope \$295 or trade for pistol. Mike 257-7065

**36 Miscellaneous**

**HASSLE-FREE CELLULAR.** No contract. No credit check. No kidding. Call toll-free 1-888-222-0921, we'll ship you a phone tomorrow. Not available in all areas.

**FOR SALE - GENERATOR** ONAN Pro-4000-E. like new. Used only 4 hours. \$850.00. Call 257-5094

**SNOW BLOWER \$400 (ASH)** Used 3 times. Purchased new. A new Hardware, Ruidoso. Still has owners guide. All papers including original receipt. Call 257-5395 or see at 413 Barcus.

**QUALITY MACHINE QUILTING** for your quilt tops and bedspreads. Quilted to your specifications. Corona Quilts P.O. B 117, Corona, NM 88318. 849-4388 Pick-up/Delivery

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**APPLE-PICK YOUR OWN** Delicious, all natural, no sprays or chemicals. \$10/bushel Apple Valley Ranch Nogal, NM. Look for signs. Call 505-354-2635 for more information

**GOVERNMENT JOBS** Now hiring in your area. \$18,000-\$28,000. Call 1-800-883-0818 ext. 1400 for current federal, county, city & state jobs.

**18" RCA SATELLITE DISH RECEIVER AND REMOTE** FOR SALE 257-3205

**A-POWERFUL MONEY MAKER!** \$2-45K per week beginning in 4-8 weeks! Not MLM! No selling! Fantastic support and leads. 1-800-322-9189 ext. 3763. 2 minute message.

**LADDER RACK FOR FORD RANGER XLT** Short bed. \$400. Tool box, like new \$75. 378-4111 anytime.

**WOLFF TANNING BEDS** Tan at home. Buy DIRECT! home units from \$199. Low monthly payments. FREE color catalog call today 1-800-842-1910

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**EPSON STYLUS COLOR PRINTER** less than 1 year old \$90. Hewlett Packard Office Jet 330 (printer, fax, copier, scanner) \$350. 378-4364

**SUPER NINTENDO** with 2 controllers, mouse and 6 games. \$150 OBO 439-8499 or 437-9485

**48" HEXAGON TABLE** w/ seat, 4 chairs \$150. Fountain table for deck, patio, yard \$175. 258-4419 or 257-5898. Leave message

**SET OF FIVE LT23576R15** Big O tires. Four new, one used \$400. 600 hot water solar panels \$75.00 each. 138"X40" hot air panels \$100.00, 12"X4" hot air panel \$150.00 257-1487.

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**37 Wanted to Buy**

**DUE TO FIRE, NEED TO REPLACE MOBILE HOME.** JIM DAVIS 505-763-8981 AFTER 6PM

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**BOOTH RENTAL \$95** SHARON'S HAIR SALON 505-257-8276

**SUPER HOTEL** Looking for a Special Person. Able to run office machines. Will be using computers, answering phones, posting, some receivables and payables. This person should also be able to coordinate Spanish/English, combination of Desk Clerk, Bookkeeping and On Friday. References a must. Applications available at front desk OR Mail to: 100 Cliff Drive, Ruidoso 88345

**CREE MEADOWS PRO SHOP** looking for Part-time Counter help. Apply in person at 310 Country Club Drive.

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**LOCAL GIFT SHOP NOW HIRING** FT/PT sales associates. Upper End and Collectibles knowledge a must. Minimum 3 years related retail experience required for possible consideration. Benefits package available. Send resume to: P.O. Box 4903, Ruidoso, NM 88355

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**THE SUPER 8 MOTEL** is now looking for a full time custodial/maintenance person. References a must. Pick up application at the front desk.

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

**PROGRESSIVE COMPUTERS & NETWORKING** has an opening for an outside Sales Person. Strong sales, service and follow up skills a must. PC related hardware, software & networking knowledge very helpful but not required. Will train right person. Call 258-5733.

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We want you: mature, dependable, responsible customer-friendly person to be a part of the Best Buns and Coolest Treats in town. Apply in person Schlotsky's Deli, TCBY Treats 2812 Suddarth

**CONTROL OPERATOR I**  
The City of Hobbs, in SE New Mexico, is seeking an individual with two years experience in wastewater utility or New Mexico Environmental Department Wastewater Systems I certification. Considerable knowledge of wastewater treatment plant equipment, facilities, maintenance and operation to include working knowledge of laboratory procedures and practices and the ability to process control calculation. Must possess valid driver's license. Salary range \$8.28 to \$14.25 depending upon qualifications and certifications. The City offers an excellent benefit package, the potential for professional growth and development. Send resume to City of Hobbs, Personnel Department, 300 N. Turner, Hobbs, NM 88320

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**SPENCER THEATER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS** now hiring half-time Membership Services Coordinator for donor group. Must have public relations skills, and word processing and database management computer skills to act as liaison with individuals in donor group. Must be able to communicate well in person and on telephone. Weekday, weekend and evening hours. Familiarity with Ruidoso/Alto area a plus. Send cover letter and resume to: Barb Sparkman, Spencer Theater, P.O. Box 430, Ruidoso, NM 88355. No calls please. Closing date: Sept. 29. Equal Opportunity Employer.

**Looking for a change?** Excellent opportunities with Correctional Medical Services at Fort Stanton Correctional Center. Days or Evenings available on Weekends. CMS offers competitive hourly rates and excellent shift differentials.

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**UPSCALE STORE LOOKING FOR** hard-working motivated sales persons. Send resume to: Box 3778, Ruidoso, NM 88355

**SOMEONE WITH PLUMBING EXPERIENCE** for construction, P.V.C. etc. 118 West Hwy 70, 257-4902 258-5525

**PROGRESSIVE COMPUTERS & NETWORKING** has an opening for a PC Technician. Duties include PC sales, upgrades & repairs of hardware, software & networking. Strong people and customer service skills an absolute must. Networking experience and any PC related certifications a plus. Relaxed but aggressive work environment. Call 258-5733.

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**CASA BLANCA** is accepting applications for all positions. Looking for people willing to work hard and get paid well. Insurance benefits available for long term employees. Apply in person 501 Mechem Dr.

**"K-BOB'S"** Taking applications for all positions Please apply in person HWY 70 at the "Y"

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**WANTED: DRIVERS** Apply in person at Pizza Hut on Mechem at 1:30PM

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of Deborah Cummins, Chief Treasurer, CAO Village of Capitan

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**WELFELIN JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**  
 COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
 STATE OF NEW MEXICO

**JEFFREY L. CHAPMAN**  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs. **CAUSE NO. CV-96-189**  
**ELIZABETH C. COMAS**  
 Defendant.

TO: Elizabeth C. Comas  
 1107 Box 98  
 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345

Defendant, Greeting:  
 You are hereby directed to serve a pleading or motion in response to the Complaint within 30 days after service of the Summons, and file the same, all as provided by law.

You are notified that, unless you so serve and file a responsive pleading or motion, the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Attorney for Plaintiff:  
 Charles E. Beckwith  
 1096 Mechem Drive, Suite 302  
 Ruidoso, NM 88345

WITNESS the honorable Richard A. Parsons, District Judge of said Court of the State of New Mexico, and Seal of the District Court of said County, this 12th day of September, 1997.

**CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT BY DEPUTY**

**NOTE:**  
 The summons does not require you to file a responsive pleading or motion. It does, however, require you to file a responsive pleading or motion in order to prevent the Plaintiff from obtaining a default judgment against you. If you do not do this, the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

12th day of September, 1997

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso is seeking bids for the purchase of a piece of equipment to be used for the maintenance of the Village of Ruidoso. The equipment is a 1977 Champion Motor Grader. The equipment is to be used for the maintenance of the Village of Ruidoso. The equipment is to be used for the maintenance of the Village of Ruidoso. The equipment is to be used for the maintenance of the Village of Ruidoso.

**WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, this 12th day of September, 1997.**  
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**DOUG M. NICOLE**  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs. **CAUSE NO. CV-97-187 DMJ**  
**JOHN SAWYER**  
 Defendant.

NOTICE OF PENDING OF SUIT  
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15 Musical tempo  
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17 Went up like a monkey  
18 Foggy  
19 Fusspots  
20 Dynamic start  
21 Proclamation  
22 Kind of white  
23 Key of Beethoven's Symphony No. 7: Abbr.  
24 — precedent  
25 Lock  
27 Raskolnikov portrayer in 1935  
31 Training unit  
32 Soaked  
34 Contentious promise  
36 River to the Severn

- 38 — Aryan (language group)  
39 Stunned  
43 Collaborate (with)  
47 Argument closer  
48 Refrain from enforcing, as a sentence  
50 Malign, with "at"  
51 Cancel  
53 Remaining  
55 Some deg. holders  
56 Common contraction  
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59 "— true?"  
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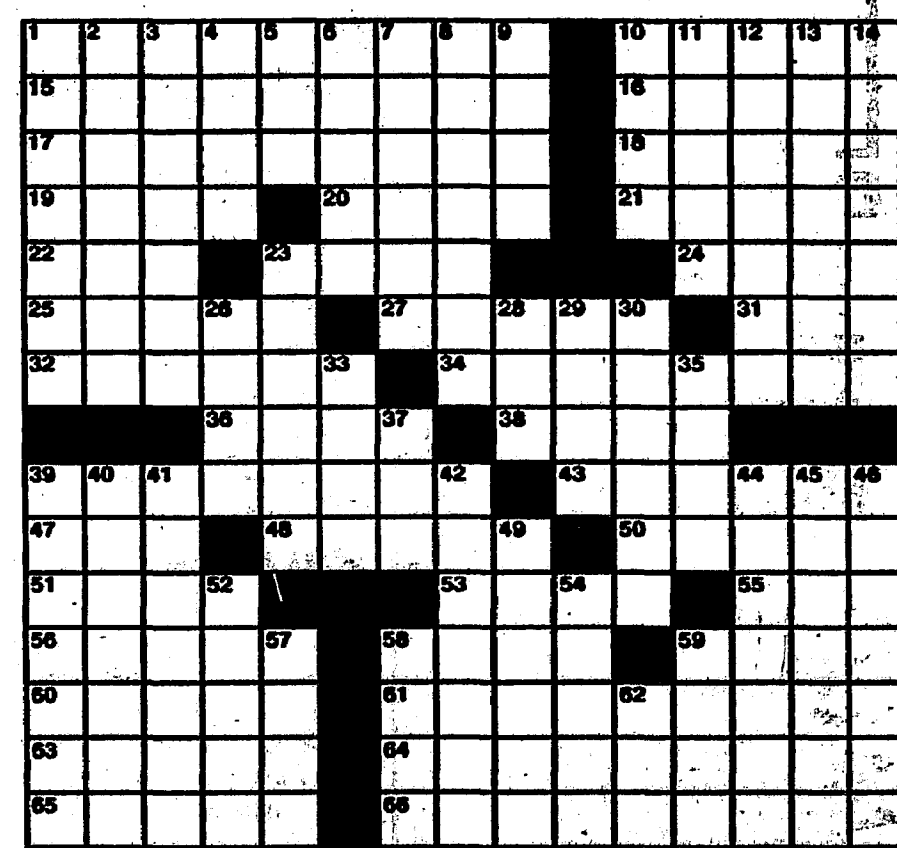
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4 1980 Super Bowl losers  
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7 Life, e.g.  
8 Make more than happy  
9 Words of collective consent  
10 Wash out  
11 "My word!"  
12 Former Muslim officials  
13 In  
14 Government bonds?  
23 Letter ender  
26 Neb. neighbor  
28 Francis I, e.g.  
29 Shrimp  
30 Like a tribal leader, perhaps  
33 Bar  
35 Advance  
37 O.T. book  
38 Balanced  
40 Subject for Shakespeare

- 41 Gave as a bonus  
42 Committed a football violation  
44 Not compact, maybe  
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Nearly a dozen White Oaks and Carrizozo artists open their studios for a two-day tour along the The Gold Road from Carrizozo and White Oaks. Some of featured artists this Saturday and Sunday are (from left) Bill Kerr, Harlan Webb, Nina Sammons, John West, Suzanne Donazetti, Bob Reynierson and Ivy Heymann. **For complete details see page 4C.**

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White Oaks painter Bob Reynierson.



Reynierson's interests have expanded to include cowboy art.

## Discover the gold road

Where once millions in gold was mined and transported to the railhead ... now a growing number of artists shine.

A dozen artists and seven studios, some open for the very first time, will be featured in the first Camino de Oro/Gold Road Studio Tour Saturday and Sunday in the Carrizozo and White Oaks area.

White Oaks was once a thriving gold mining town, and is still reportedly undermined by one of the deepest dry shaft mines ever dug in Baxter Mountain. The gold was transported to the world market through the railhead at Carrizozo. Thus, the "Camino de Oro/Gold Road" Artists Studio Tour was started by an eclectic mix of sculptors, painters, potters and a legendary saddlemaker. It runs 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

### In Carrizozo

Four workshops will be open on the Gold Road tour through Carrizozo, as well as the works of art students at the Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center, 406 Central Ave.

"I love it," said Freefall Designs studio partner Suzanne Donazetti about Carrizozo. "I think is a great place to be an artist. It's quiet, it's laid back. The people in Carrizozo are friendly and very accepting of the artists ... they're just nice people."

The studio is located at 1203 C Ave.

Suzanne (woven metal accessories) and Kenneth (mixed media sculpture) work together to create abstract images in copper. Suzanne gilds, paints and weaves into the

structures, which Kenneth designs and builds of copper tubing, wood or Plexiglas.

Their creations (largely commissioned by private and corporate collectors and featured in many galleries) include elegant mirrors, clocks, tables, water fountains and wall sculptures.

Now a husband and wife team, Ken and Suzanne met in July 1994 at a crafts show in Albuquerque.

"We fell madly in love, and by September I had pretty much moved to Carrizozo," said Suzanne, who has studied fiber at the Maryland Institute of Art and pursued other art studies at the University of New Mexico (UNM).

Ken is a New Mexico native with a teaching degree from UNM. He worked in California after graduation and eventually moved back, opening a store in Ruidoso selling, among other things, hats that he made.

"His work has evolved incredibly over the years," Suzanne said.

Much of their studio's work is sold to retailers at national trade shows they attend annually, and just last week they launched their own web site at [www.freefalldesigns.com](http://www.freefalldesigns.com).

Bill Kerr, who works in hand-painted china, will have his studio open along the Gold Road at 401 11th Ave. in Carrizozo (each studio will have Gold Road maps).

He holds both a bachelor's and master's in art from the University of North Texas and is retired from a career of teaching art in El Paso.

"It's strictly an avocation," he says, "I don't want to get myself tied down, so when I paint ... it's for my own enjoyment."

That enjoyment is normally only for sale once a year during a benefit show for a china painting organization in El Paso.

"I got started when I bought a new house and wanted some hand-painted plates on the wall. When I priced them, I decided I'd best paint my own," he said. That was in the 1980s. His subject matter is "mostly flowers and fruit and I've started doing some southwestern designs that I'm really enjoying."

He spends most of his time doing sets of china instead of individual plates and has shied about from commission work.

The name of Nina Sammons is a relatively new one to the posse of artists in the Carrizozo/White Oaks area.

Her route to Carrizozo led from a film and video degree from Columbia College, Chicago, through a 15-year career in film/video production. Eventually she moved west with her husband, a writer, to open a gallery in Taos.

"We were looking for a new place to settle down, and that's how we ended up in Carrizozo," said the mother of two 3-year-old twin daughters.

The Gold Road Studio Tour marks her debut out of the visual arts world of film and video into what she is calling "construction art ... found objects mostly ... everything is 'constructed' and I assemble them into the finished piece."

Nina will be displaying her work at a

new work space down the street from Roy's Gift Shop, next to Mary's Cottage in Carrizozo.

"It's right below the Masonic Lodge," she noted. Original tour maps wrongly listed her home address.

### In White Oaks

White Oaks (which has been described as a "living ghost town and budding artist colony") is now home to a half-dozen painters, potters and legendary saddlemaker Harlan Webb.

The White Oaks Schoolhouse Museum and the notorious "No Scum Allowed" White Oaks Saloon & Social Club will also be open along the Gold Road during the studio tour, and will have tour maps.

Eight artists will be featured at five different White Oaks area studios.

Near the crossroads in White Oaks (there is only one) is the Taylor House (1887), the studio of John Duncan and his bride, who paints under the name "Palla."

Painter John Duncan, a California native, arrived at his current post-impressionist representational style after more than 20 years as a professional artist. He studied under four of the "early Taos" painters. Recently he has been concentrating on massive sky-scapes.

"I love the place," noted Duncan about White Oaks. "I love the house. I like the lifestyle and it's really interesting meeting the people that come through White Oaks. A lot of them are looking for Shangri-La."



## THE ARTS

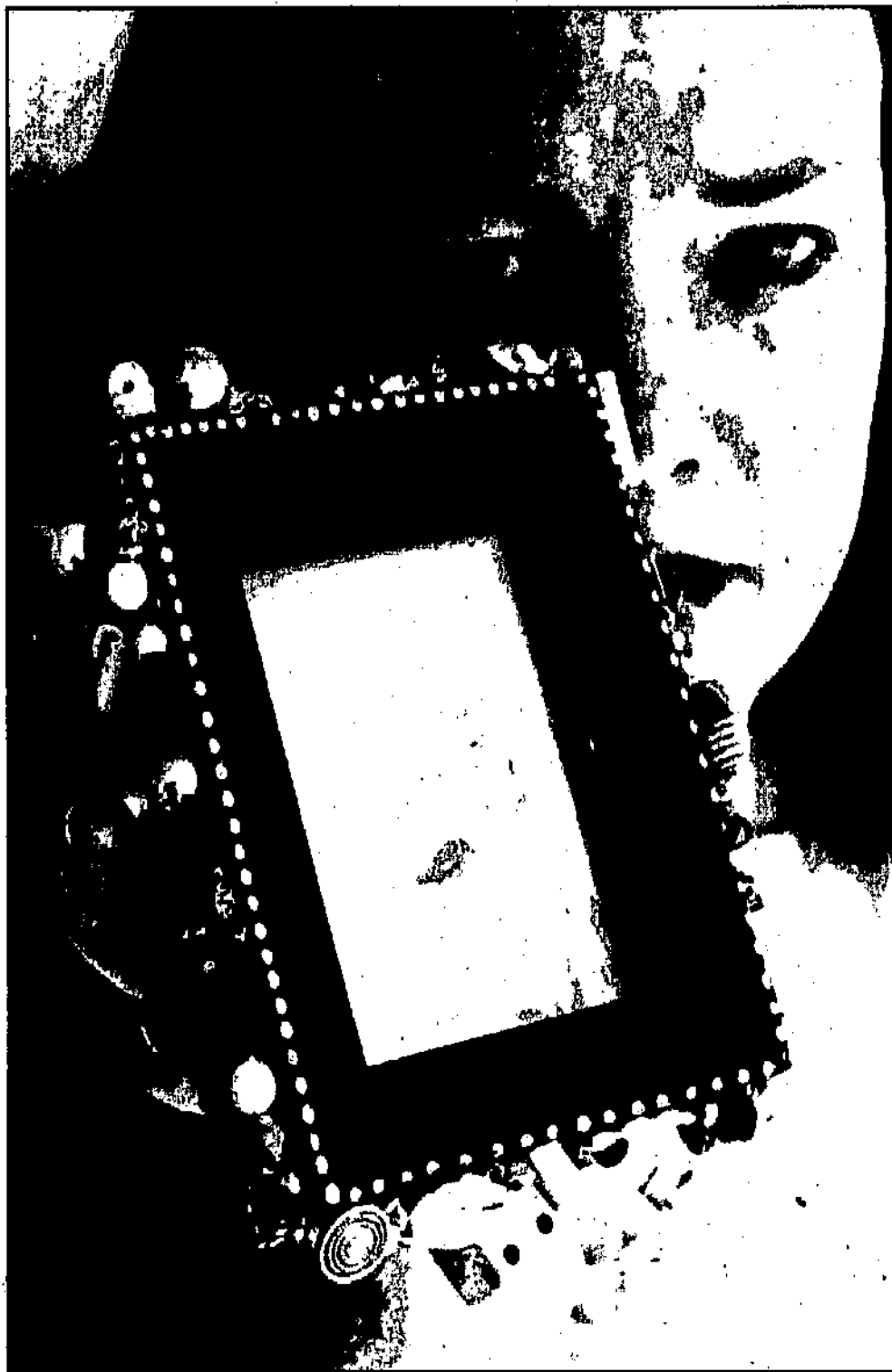
### FEATURED ARTISTS

#### Carrizozo

- Bill Kerr
- Nina Sammons
- Senior Citizens Center
- Kenneth Payne and Suzanne Donazetti

#### White Oaks

- Bob Reynierson
- John Duncan and Palla
- White Oaks Schoolhouse Museum
- Gumm House, Carrie and David Scott
- White Oaks Pottery, Ivy Heymann and John West
- Harlan Webb, Saddlemaker



Nina Sammons will be showing her "construction art."



Ken Payne with his "helping hand."



Suzanne Donazetti specializes in woven metal.

They're looking for a place that's a sanctuary."

Palla, a Pleasant Valley, N.Y., native, has been painting professionally for more than 30 years after an apprenticeship with a French Impressionist. She and John were married in July.

Also located near the crossroads on the Gold Road is the studio and gallery of artist Robert Reynierson, a Kentucky native whose early specialty was animal art (notably the horse).

"After moving to the Southwest (20 years ago) my interests have expanded into landscape and cowboy art," said Bob, whose small doll house of a gallery used to be the assay office in Carrizozo. Within the last six months his work has been evolving.

"My work is now much freer with heavy impasto brush work with the main focus highly detailed, though on a bed that is quite often abstract or impressionistic."

He has also been experimenting with glazing techniques, laying a transparent color over opaque underpainting, leading to "a brilliancy in that one looks through color rather than into color," said Reynierson, who holds a B.A. in art from the University of Kentucky.

At the top of the dirt road beyond the Schoolhouse Museum the Gold Road leads to the historic Gumm House, a white wood Victorian currently owned by sculptor/wood worker Michael New (who will not be exhibiting during the tour since he's still rebuilding a studio that burned to the ground earlier this year). Guest artists

Carrie and David Scott, from Artesia, will be featured at the Gumm House. Carrie works in needlepoint with quilting overtones, while David is a jewelry maker who also creates yucca cane walking sticks.

Outside White Oaks (follow the signs) is the White Oaks Pottery Studio of artist Ivy Heymann.

Ivy arrived in White Oaks in the late 70s, opening her studio in 1978 to both feed her creative urge and her addiction to skiing in nearby Ruidoso.

She built both her house and nearby studio, creating a 40-square-foot kiln from bricks recovered from a turn-of-the-century gold smelter. Despite the fact that she's in her early 40s and should have many White Oaks moons left at the potting wheel, she has made friends promise — should she come to an unexpected early demise — to "roll me into that kiln with my last load."

Stranger things have happened in White Oaks.

Her functional work and sculpted pieces are noted for her black, blue and green glazes. She studied ceramics at the University of Miami (with Christine Federghi) and apprenticed in Georgia and North Carolina.

Showing in her second floor gallery space (because his own working studio is very small) is Carrizozo "wearable sculpture" jewelry maker John West.

At the age of 13 John made his first pieces of jewelry out of copper scraps and small pieces of Cerrillos turquoise he scavenged at the abandoned Tiffany mines near

his family's ranch south of Santa Fe. At 16 he began a two-year apprenticeship with famed Swedish gold and silver-smith Karl Larssen.

After pursuing a career in the business world for 20 years, he returned to his passion for art full time in 1970 and has steadfastly refused to ever repeat a design.

"Art is an original creation," he says. "Craft is when you make the second."

John limits his creations to about 40 a year.

Further down the Gold Road (take a left at the "Y" past the White Oaks Pottery turnoff) is the workshop of leather master Harlan Webb.

Webb is legendary in the saddle-making arena, and earlier this month was a special guest at the National Park Service's Border Folk Festival at the Chamizal National Memorial in El Paso.

Most of Webb's work is concentrated on custom built-to-order saddles (\$1,500 and up, \$2,500 average) with intricately carved

patterns, often including illustrations of customer's favorite horses or other animals. When he takes a break he turns to custom orders for Western belts (\$100 and up), wallets (\$75 and up), purses (\$100 and up) and briefcases (depends upon the design).

Most of Webb's saddle orders are for show saddles, many of which will never see the back of a horse.

"I'd love to make a really good working cowboy saddle, but there just aren't that many working cowboys left," said Webb, who once was one.





# Who really cares about Opera?

Episode 9 of Who Really Cares About Opera, a progressive fictional mystery.

This episode by Joel Carothers

Cap watched Elspeth's long gait as she made her way from the house to the barn. She, for some odd reason, either took no notice of his approaching vehicle or was focused on someone or something else. Her movements were brisk and urgent.

Cap drove slowly along the long, rutted driveway to the main house as Elspeth quickly disappeared into the barn. As he parked the truck he heard a familiar rumble, that deep growl known by every Harley aficionado the world over.

He ran to the sound only to see the Harley pulling out through the back set of barn doors.

"Hi there."

He dropped to his knees and instinctively reached for his sidearm. "What the hell?"

Elspeth laughed a throaty, purring kind of laugh. "Sorry," she said. "I really didn't intend to startle you." She noticed his hand on his pistol. "Oh Cap! You're not going to shoot little ol' me are you?" she smiled coquettishly.

"What the hell is going on around here lady?" he demanded as he stood up. "We've got dead Operas all over the place. I'm not getting answers from anybody and the damned questions keep building."

He paused in his tirade. "Let's start with you."

"Of course, sheriff. I am as eager to find solutions as you are," Elspeth commented.

"Let's start with

the dude who just pulled away on the Harley." Cap was feeling ill-tempered and in the mood to kick butt, somebody's, anybody's, including this woman's, "even if I did whatever I did with her," he thought.

Elspeth stared straight into Cap's soul. She smiled, flirtatiously, playfully. Cap could feel his stomach tighten. He was being had by this woman but why? What was she up to?

"Look Miss McCabe!"

"Call me Ells Cap. All my friends do."

"Look Miss McCabe," he shot back, "don't play me for some kind of idiot. You and I both know what happened out here. Denis Haynes was all shot up but I tell you, he and I saw the horses—all those horses with the Opera tag. We saw that mile-wide craft, the lights over that crest up there," he continued, pointing in the direction of the illusive and silent activity of two nights earlier. "And the next day? Gone. Not a trace. Nada," he said, raising his finger to within an inch of her nose, and jabbing as if every word he spoke had an I in it that needed dotting "but you, you, you have answers, Doctor Elspeth Opera McCabe."

Cap held her gaze for a moment then began shaking his head in frustration. He turned from her, searching the sky, the universe, for answers.

She stood as a silent monitor to his tirade.

He suddenly turned back to her. "Antigone? Is that the name Uncle Sugar gave you when you were at Los Alamos during the '80s?"

She caught it but he saw it. Her eyes gave it away in that nanosecond, dropping in recognition of a truth. She was on the edge of being discovered and they both knew it.

"I..uh, I," she stammered, then recovered, "whatever are you talking about?"

"Answers! Now!" Cap demanded.

Everything about Elspeth changed; her posture, her expression, her eyes, her voice. She heaved a great sigh of relief. "Okay," she replied. "Okay, but you need to know that there are some conditions to all of this, not the least of which could easily cause both our deaths."

Cap nodded, wondering how dangerous could it be? "I've been under fire before, heavy fire, air and ground," he offered as a consoling gesture, mostly to himself, "so forget the warning. Just go to the beginning."

"Which beginning? There are so many of them," she answered.

"The trunk. The body. Your grandfather, father, brother, Los Alamos," Cap encouraged.

"Yes," Elspeth began, "I was at Los Alamos, working on propulsion systems. That was what they wanted







"They know you're here. Without me they will fail. Take me away now," she pleaded.

me for." Her eyes wandered to the horizon, carrying her back to some pain that was so profound she couldn't continue for a moment.

"Who's they. Uncle Sugar?" Cap urged.

"You militarios are all the same aren't you?" she laughed. "Uncle Sugar. There is nothing sweet about Uncle Sugar. He's menacing, evil, unworthy of our trust and will probably sell us to the highest bidder before the century comes to a close."

"What does that have to do with you?" Cap asked.

"Same thing it has to do with you?" she glibly responded. "Have you seen 'Independence Day'?" she asked.

"Sure, but what's that got to do with it?"

"It's here. Now. You saw it the other night. One of the mother ships," she answered, "only it's a great deal more friendly. Not the kind of blood and guts Hollywood is so willing to put on it. 'They' are the least of our worries. Uncle Sugar...but then you know that already," she offered.

Cap thought about Denis Haynes, about his kids, about Caldo acting as his buffer to the county fathers, about this beautiful woman, about the planet.

Cap, in an instant rage over the ringing cell phone, snatched it out of his pocket.

"What?" he loudly demanded of the caller.

"Boss man," screamed Caldo. It was loud enough for Elspeth to register an acknowledgement of the voice.

"Whoa boy. What is the matter?" Cap said, trying to calm his hysterical deputy.

"Boss man, I got it!" Caldo's voice shrieked so loudly that Cap had to move it away from his ear.

"I solved it boss man! I know the code. It's in my alphabet soup. It's in my lunch, right here! A equals B for damned sure. I broke it! Hell's bells. Damn!" Cap pictured sparks flying out of Caldo's eyes and ears, all lit up like a Christmas tree.

"Hey soup man, slow down," Cap encouraged

"Slow down nothing," Caldo yelled back. "Cap, the code is so simple that we shoulda solved it a long time ago. A equals B, B equals C, C equals well you get it. Then what the guy did is spell the words backward, like like like, okay here's the first word we could read, okay?"

Caldo recited the letters, "PVLZB. Got it?"

"Hold on a minute buddy. I gotta write this down," Cap said, grabbing his left shirt pocket. No pen. Elspeth had already withdrawn it from the pocket and grabbed his

hand and laid the pen in it. He nodded his thanks, double-taking her face and it's beautiful smile.

"Okay Caldo. Let 'er rip," Cap eagerly shouted.

"The guy did not change the first and last letter of any of the words. So P really is a P and B really is a B in this word. Now write it down!" Caldo paused long enough for Cap to write each letter following his cue.

"The V is a U. The L is a K. The D is a C. The Z is an A. Okay boss man?" Caldo asked, without waiting for a response.

"Now you got a word, PUKCAB. Puke Cab, right? Turn that sucker around and you got BACKUP. Get it? Back Up!" Caldo yelled.

"Are you sure soup man?" Cap asked rhetorically.

"Damn straight! Check it out," Caldo was on a roll. "HDZFR. The next word, okay?"

Cap nodded to his phone.

Caldo recited the letters again, "H is H. D is C. Z is A. F is E and R is R. HCAER and you just turn it around and you got REACH."

Cap, astonished and relieved raised the mouthpiece away from his mouth and told Elspeth, "He broke the code."

Elspeth clenched her fist and rhythmically chanted, "Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes."

Cap returned to Caldo. "I got a bunch of letters now. Remember that SNJDTHJL-NDIW? That is really four words together, WHEN THE LIGHT DIMS. Cool huh?" Caldo proudly asked.

Excited, Cap questioned Caldo, "What else have you figured out?"

"Just a bunch of letters. Most of this stuff is too hard to read anyway, but 'm workin' on it," Caldo replied.

"Excellent job Caldo," Cap said encouragingly. "I'll be back in later today. Why don't you get some sleep now?"

"No way boss. I've gotta work on this some more," Caldo said, hanging up the phone.

Cap could not disguise his pleasure as he turned his eyes to Elspeth's. "He's going to solve a lot of the clues when the dust settles, and, if you can prove it, you may be the one holding the claim on that mine you've been talking about."

"That's almost an aside at this point," Elspeth explained. "There's so much more." She paused, carefully selecting and editing in her brain what she was about to tell Cap.

"Denis Haynes got way too close and he was killed by Uncle Sugar. He was totally

dispensable. Uncle Sugar doesn't care about any of us. You know that," she said, engendering a response of acknowledgment from Cap.

"Is your role in this whole thing confined to the work you did on propulsion systems or is there something else they have you working on?" Cap queried.

"It began with Los Alamos, for me at least, but this ranch," she waved her arm to encompass the acreage to the south and east, "is so convenient for them."

It was clear to Cap that Elspeth was feeling more pain than she let on. "What about the horses?" he asked.

Elspeth broke the moment. "Let's go in the house and have some tea or something. I'm not certain if their ears," she gestured with finger quotes, "are tuned in today."

Cap's trained eyes and ears began scanning the vastness behind him. Elspeth laughed. "Not even for a split second could you or I, for that matter, tell what's out there. Let's just go in."

Cap followed her, lulled by the rhythmic sway of her round, muscular buttocks as she led him into the large, comfortable kitchen. He's always had a thing for tall women.

He, following her invitation, seated himself in a large padded oak rocking chair and watched her move about the kitchen. His mind wandered from the task at hand as images of blankets, sheets, sweet breezes, moonlight, and lovemaking consumed his brain.

"Who was that guy on the Harley?" Cap asked.

"A friend," was all Elspeth offered.

"One of them?" he returned.

Elspeth snorted a little laugh, "Depends on which 'them' you are talking about."

"Which them is he?" an undaunted Cap continued.

"He fits in later. Let me tell you what you're up against out there," she began.

Cap settled back in his chair and listened for more than an hour to Elspeth's story of leaving Los Alamos in 1989, getting her finger prints altered, of stealing away to Mt. Baldy up by Santa Fe and being taken in by "them," into their underground sanctuary.

After several glasses of tea she got to the 'Harley man,' stating only that he was from the colony under Mt. Baldy, that he had been selected as their front man, to work with and guide Elspeth in hopes that the two of them would be able to discover the best and most effective way to overcome Uncle Sugar. They both bore this

heavy burden alone, at least until now.

Elspeth told him about the horses. They were clones and the most perfect racing horses in the world. Each horse carried a surgical implant that stimulated them with such an adrenaline burst that none ever lost a race. They won all the monied races throughout the world. "That coupled with Uncle Sugar's global investments in narcotics produces the capital they require for continuing and expanding their operations."

Cap was sure his mouth was hanging wide open. He was shaking. "Please. I need a shot of something; whiskey, wood alcohol, anything I really don't care. I'm kinda in shock."

Elspeth walked slowly to him and softly crawled into his lap. She put her arms around his neck and snuggled her face into his neck, kissing him tenderly there. She raised her lips to the edge of his ear and whispered so quietly he strained to hear every word.

"They know you're here. Without me they will fail. Take me away now," she pleaded.

He pulled his head back, studied her eyes and the tear that was forming in each and nodded his head once. He stood up with her still in his arms and took her out to his truck. Both were silent as he pondered her face again.

The sound of the approaching Harley, from behind the barn, triggered Cap. He pushed her door closed and ran around to his side of the vehicle, firing it up before even closing his own door. He spun the truck around and retreated down the road unable to see the airborne shadow following them away from Opera ranch.

TO BE CONTINUED ...

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Joel B. Carothers ran to Ruidoso from Chicago in 1994.

Inspired by the mountains and fresh air, which has completely cleaned her brain, she now writes almost full time. The only exception to her full-time writing career is the technical support she provides for the local internet company.







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# Going out

## Golden Aspen Rally hits a blue note

A local radio station is giving some local music lovers reason to sing the blues.

KWES Radio, 93.5 on the FM dial, will stray from its country format for two hours Saturday and play nothing but blues and Southern rock 'n' roll. The blues and rock show will air from 10 a.m. to noon and will be hosted by radio personality Jay Silver.

The radio station usually runs the program from 10 to 11 a.m., Saturdays, but has expanded the program to two hours in honor of the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally.

"If people like the format we want people to call in and tell us," said Silver, also known as Jay Silverman when he's not on the air.

After this weekend, the Ruidoso Revue or "the Old Hippie Show" will continue in its 10 to 11 a.m. time slot.

Silver said the show, which is in its seventh

week has received excellent response.

"It sure is different," he said. "If people like the format we want them to call in and tell us."

Typical fare on the Ruidoso Revue includes Stevie Ray Vaughn, Eric Clapton, Sonny Boy Williamson, ZZ Top, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Lynrd Skynrd and the Allman Brothers.

"It's something we never hear up here," Silver said.

Blues and rock lovers can also get their fill

### JAM SESSION

This weekend the Hilltop Blues Festival will have a special Saturday staging from 1 p.m. until the music stops. (The all-day concert is usually held every Sunday from noon to 7 p.m.) For more information call the Texas House Cafe at 257-3506.

at the Hilltop Blues Festival from 1 p.m. until the music stops Saturday.

Sponsored by the Texas House Cafe, the outdoor blues concert features local bands like the KGB Band and Lov Ellison and Cold Shot.

The cost is \$5 per person.

"People ask for alternative music," Silver said. "We're giving it to them, but they have to come out."

To get to the Hilltop Blues Festival from Ruidoso, take Highway 70 east toward Ruidoso Downs. Across from the Ruidoso Downs Race Track on the right, music lovers will see banners and a sign pointing the way to the tunes.

## RLT's latest worthy of generous applause

Ruidoso Little Theater this season has done a good job in bringing us a variety of plays and performances to give Ruidoso a fair sampling of theater. "I Hate Hamlet" is the latest addition.

### IN REVIEW



Joel B. Carothers

"I Hate Hamlet" features the Wim brow family; Sally, Larry and Rebekah. Sally is especially funny as a Jewish realtor who has found the perfect person to rent the former apartment of the long dead John Barrymore,

very well performed by Larry Wimbrow.

Poof! No sooner said than done - Barrymore, complete with appropriately stuffed Hamlet-tights, comes back to life through a seance. His purpose is to guide and direct the next Hamlet idol, Andrew Rally, also played very well by Malcom Sharbutt. As a matter of fact, Barrymore cannot die again until Rally is firmly entrenched as the Hamlet-of-the-hour.

Karen McGeoghegan, is a definite hit as Lillian Troy, the "I'm

Sveedish, ya sure," agent of Rally's. She once had a fling with Barrymore and knows the apartment well. We didn't get to see enough of this funny character. Kudos to Karen. She's fun. She's a natural.

Rally is a TV idol and regrets having auditioned and winning the role of Hamlet in NY's Theater in the Park's summerfest. He hates Hamlet! Instead, he wants to accept a role in a new TV series that will pay him \$3 million for the season. His life is further complicated by the fact that his live-in girlfriend remains staunch in her refusal to sleep with him.

Deidre McDavey, the 29-year old, empty-head/actress/virgin girl friend of Rally's was played by Rebekah Wimbrow. I would have liked to have seen even more of an empty-headed bimbo than we saw in this production.

RLT once had the reputation of not taking theater as seriously as some in the community would have liked.

Well, folks there are new faces, new motivations, new talents, new scripts, and lots of new reasons for those of you who would "love to get on stage again" or see a good production, to do just that. RLT ain't what she used to be, and with a 350+ seat house it is extremely painful for me to see just 23 seats occupied for a Friday night perfor-



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

The cast of "I Hate Hamlet" hams it up. This marks the final weekend the theater goes on. You can see the delightful comedy at the Castle, Highway 70. Show times are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

mance.

Theater is life and passion and fun and entertainment and satisfying and RLT to a person, is giving

this community the chance to see and live and feel theater. Join them!

### OUT

### AND ABOUT

## ENMU Theatre Center opens season with 'Talley's Folly'

The Eastern New Mexico Theatre Center in Portales will open its 1997-98 season with performances of "Talley's Folly" through Saturday.

An award-winning romantic drama by Lanford Wilson, and winner of both the Pulitzer Prize and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award, this touching and beautifully written work deals with the courtship of young Sally Talley and her Jewish suitor, Matt Friedman.

The season continues Oct. 23-25 with performances of "Flea in her Ear." A classic French farce involving marital infidelity (both real and imagined), mistaken identity, secret meetings, revolving beds and a mysterious silver upper palate. Taking place in turn of the century Paris, the play involves a rich woman's distrust of her husband, whose impotence has led her to suspect an affair. When the two, along with their friends, a murderous Spaniard, a drunken German, the family doctor, the butler and the maid, all end up at a brothel, things can't get any worse, at least until the long-lost twin appears.

Other performances for the season will include "Godspell" Feb. 25-18 and March 1, and "Writing With the Body, Speaking on the Page" - an evening of poetry and dance - April 30 to May 2.

## 'Dear Delinquent' opens RCLT season

"Dear Delinquent," a British comedy by Jack Popplewell, will open the 1997-98 season for the Roswell Community Little Theatre. Franklin Schlatter, retired Goddard High School teacher and current president of RCLT, is the director. John Crocker is his assistant.

Evening performances of "Dear Delinquent" are scheduled for 8:15 p.m. Sept. 19, 20, 26 and 27. Two Sunday matinees are set for 2 p.m. Sept. 21 and 28. Reservations are not necessary for matinees. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for full-time students. The theater is at 12th and Virginia streets in Roswell.



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## Top Video Rentals

1. **Scream** starring Neve Campbell (Buena Vista, Rated - R) Last Week: No. 1
2. **Absolute Power** Clint Eastwood (Warner - R) No. 2
3. **Donnie Brasco** Al Pacino (Columbia TriStar - R) No. 4
4. **Private Parts** Howard Stern (Paramount - R) No. 6
5. **The Relic** Penelope Ann Miller (Paramount - R) No. 7
6. **Shine** Geoffrey Rush (Warner - PG-13) No. 11
7. **Evita** Madonna (Buena Vista - PG) No. 13
8. **Metro** Eddie Murphy (Buena Vista - R) No. 5
9. **Murder at 1600** Welsley Snipes (Warner - R) No. 9
10. **Mars Attacks** Jack Nicholson (Warner - PG-13) No. 10
11. **Jungle 2 Jungle** Tim Allen (Buena Vista - PG) No. 8
12. **Crash** Holly Hunter (Warner - NC-17) New Entry
13. **Booby Call** Jamie Foxx

- (Columbia TriStar - R) New Entry
14. **Michael John Travolta** (Warner - PG) No. 12
  15. **Vegas Vacation** Chevy Chase (Warner - PG) No. 16
  16. **Jerry Maguire** Tom Cruise (Columbia TriStar - R) No. 14
  17. **Fools Rush In** Matthew Perry (Columbia TriStar - PG-13) No. 22
  18. **The Devil's Own** Harrison Ford (Columbia TriStar - R) New Entry

## Top 10 Movies

1. **G.I. Jane** starring Demi Moore
2. **Money Talks** Chris Farley
3. **Air Force One** Harrison Ford
4. **Mimic** Mira Sorvino
5. **Cop Land** Sylvester Stallone
6. **Conspiracy Theory** Mel Gibson
7. **Leave It To Beaver** Janine Turner
8. **Event Horizon** Laurence Fishburne

9. **Men In Black** Will Smith
10. **George of the Jungle** Brendan Fraser

## Top Ten Singles

1. Backstreet Boys "Quit Playing Games (With My Heart)" (Jive) Last Week: No. 1
2. Spice Girls "2 Become 1" (Virgin) No. 2
3. Third Eye Blind "Semi-Charmed Life" (Elektra) No. 4
4. LeAnn Rimes "How Do I Live" (Curb) No. 5
5. The Notorious B.I.G. Feat. Puff Daddy & Mase "Mo Money Mo Problems" (Bad Boy/Arista) No. 3
6. Robyn "Do You Know (What It Takes)" (RCA) No. 12
7. 98 Degrees "Invisible Man" (Motown) No. 7
8. Usher "You Make Me Wanna..." (Laface/Arista) No. 10
9. Diana King "I Say A Little Prayer" (Work) No. 9
10. Deborah Cox "Things Just Ain't The Same" (Arista) No. 17

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♥ A J 10 5			
♦ A 6			
♣ A K 10 9 2			
WEST		EAST	
♠ A K J 10		♠ Q 7 5	
♥ K 7 2		♥ Q 9 8 6 4	
♦ Q 10 3 2		♦ J 5 4	
♣ 5 3		♣ 7 4	
SOUTH			
♠ 8 6 3 2			
♥ 3			
♦ K 9 8 7			
♣ Q J 8 6			
West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Dble	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	5 ♣
Opening lead — king of spades.			

Opening lead — king of spades.

When declarer is playing in a suit contract, he must first resolve the question of whether or not to draw the missing trumps.

Unfortunately, there is no simple answer, and what declarer decides to do depends entirely on the circumstances.

It is true that in most deals declarer tackles trumps at once. However, there are many cases where declarer finds it more expedient to postpone playing trumps at once. One reason is because he sees he can make more tricks by scoring his trumps separately.

Consider this deal where West led the king of spades and shifted to a trump. Declarer won in his hand, drew a second round of trumps, and then started ruffing hearts in his hand and diamonds in dummy.

This worked out well while it lasted, but at the end declarer lost another spade trick, as well as dummy's jack of hearts, and went down one.

Had South paused to plan his

sequence of plays after winning the trump shift at trick two, and started his crossruff immediately — without playing a second round of trumps — he would have made the contract.

The play would have proceeded as follows: ace of hearts and a heart ruff, ace of diamonds and a diamond ruff, followed by the jack of hearts ruff in his hand. With all the hearts and diamonds gone from dummy's hand, declarer's only two losers would have been two spade tricks.

This is one of those cases where not drawing trumps produces more tricks than drawing them. It is simply a matter of getting maximum mileage out of the trump suit. By starting the crossruff as soon as possible, declarer winds up scoring the ace of hearts, A-K of diamonds, and eight trump tricks.



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### In and Out

Rated PG-13

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

Plot: Howard Brackett's high school English students are astonished. Is it really true that their favorite teacher might be gay? But hey, he can't be gay; he's about to get married. Then again, he also teaches the drama class and boy, does he love those Barbara Streisand records ...

It all happened to Howard (Kevin Kline) faster than you could say "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." One of his former students (Matt Dillon) became a Hollywood superstar, and clumsily called Howard's sexuality into question — on the Academy Awards telecast, no less. Howard's tranquil life in Greenleaf, Ind., has been turned upside down. Greenleaf has now become the scene of a media feeding frenzy, with Howard as the bait.

### Money Talks

Rated R

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

Plot: Charlie Sheen and Chris Tucker hit the screen in this action-

comedy about a petty con (Tucker) catapulted from obscurity to celebrity overnight when he is wrongly accused of planning a deadly prison break.

Now everyone wants him — dead or alive — and the only person who can save him is a headline-grabbing television newsman (Sheen) in search of the ultimate sweeps week exclusive.

Also starring Heather Locklear and Paul Sorvino.

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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. Douglas stars as an icy corporate executive whose life is lacking anything remotely resembling fun, until brother Sean Penn buys him a chance at playing the game. Douglas' life is then turned upside down as the line between play and reality becomes blurred. The plot keeps twisting all the way to the end and keeps the audience guessing.

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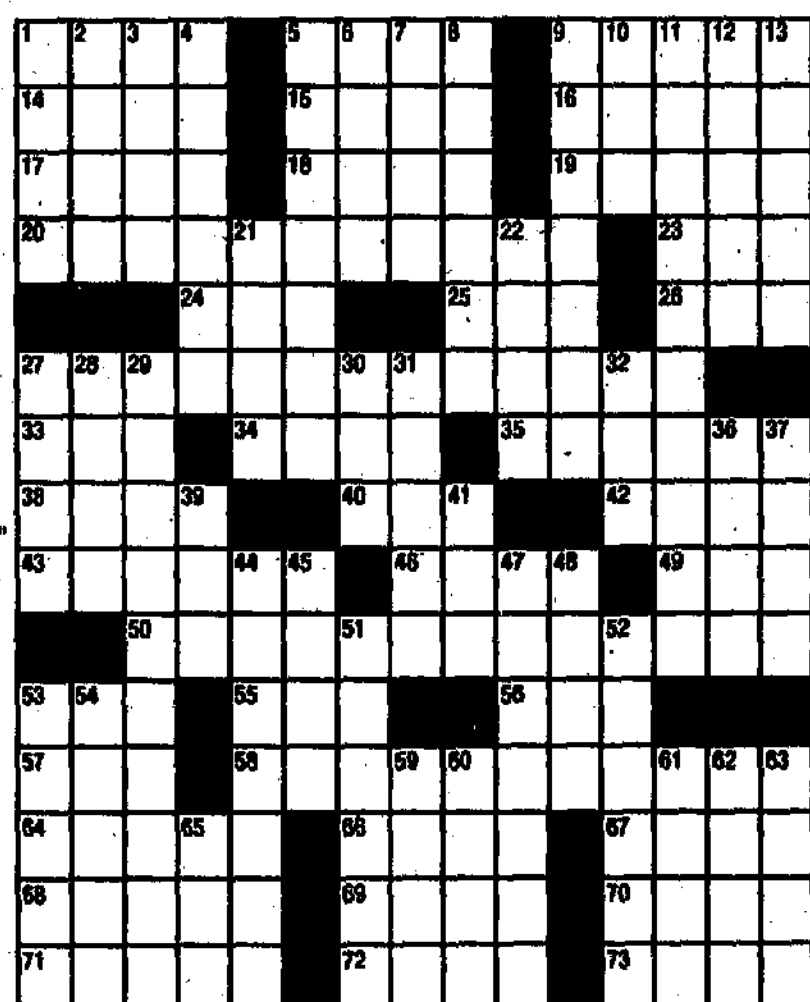
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- 18 Chimney covering
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- 24 Scene of the William Tell legend
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- 58 Western mountain range
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- 51 Channel swimmer Gertrude
- 52 Grazing area
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# Marion Hedgepeth's little-known misdeeds are the stuff of history

The list of Old West outlaws is long and lurid: the James/Younger gang; Butch Cassidy's Wild Bunch; Sam Bass; Black Bart; Marion Hedgepeth; Billy the Kid — wait a minute ... Marion who?

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Drew Gomber  
Ruidoso News

Yup. That's right. Marion Hedgepeth. It is true that most people haven't heard of old Marion, but in his time as a Missouri outlaw, his deeds, or rather, misdeeds, were surpassed only by those two other Missourians, Frank and Jesse James.

The reason most of us have never heard of Marion Hedgepeth is simple: poor public relations. It sounds

weird, but it's true.

Jesse James was the first and possibly the only outlaw ever to actually hand out his own press releases. Before the train robbery at Gads Hill Missouri, Jesse had prepared the following press release:

*"The Most Daring Robbery on Record"*

*The southbound train on the Iron Mountain railroad was boarded here this evening by five heavily armed men and robbed of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars. The robbers arrived at the station a few minutes before the arrival of the train and arrested the station agent and put him under guard, then threw the train on the switch. The robbers were all large men, none of them under six feet tall. They were all masked and started in a southerly direction after they had robbed the express. They were all mounted on fine, blooded horses. There is a hell of an excitement in this part of the country."*

Of course, the parts about the appearance of the bandits and the direction in which they left were deliberately misleading. The amount of loot acquired was understandably left blank, but the rest was surprisingly accurate, right down to the time of their arrival and subsequent actions.

## Criminal from the start

Marion Hedgepeth was always a clandestine man to whom the idea of supplying his own press releases to the authorities would have seemed insane.

He was born Marion C. Hedgepeth on Oct. 16, 1865, near Pisgah, Mo. From an early age, Marion's criminal bent was apparent. Before he was even out of his teens he was known as a dangerous man with whom to fool.

By 15, Marion was an accomplished safe cracker and was arrested the first time in the summer of 1881, not for safe cracking, but for petty theft.

Over the course of the next two years, Hedgepeth made several escape attempts, none of which were successful, and all of which added time to his sentence. He was finally released from prison in February 1889.

A year later Hedgepeth married a woman named Maggie Graham in Atchison, Kan.

Maggie and Marion drifted around the country for the next year or so, working at various jobs, none of which were illegal. Then in August 1891, he was arrested in Oakland, Calif., for performing the "old shell game." He bribed a guard and escaped, turning up next in Omaha, Neb.

## A desire for streetcar cash

One sunny October day in that city, there were two clerks on duty at the city's "streetcar barn." At the end of the day the safe in this building was full of money earned on the city's streetcars.

In the late afternoon a tall man with a cast on one arm entered the building. Confronting the two clerks on duty, the cast fell away to reveal that the man had a pistol in each hand. It was Marion Hedgepeth.

When the clerks told him that they did not know the safe's combination, Hedgepeth shrugged and whistled for his confederates. In no time at all, the robbers had blown up the safe and relieved it of its contents.

The boldness of the robbery, committed in broad daylight, impressed people.

A month later, the same gang, Hedgepeth's gang, robbed the Missouri Pacific Express about 12 miles outside Omaha. A week after that, another train robbery, this one the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Express, was perpetrated by the Hedgepeth gang. Then, over the course of the next week or so, the gang robbed four post offices and a bank.

Talk about a crime spree.

Then, on Nov. 30, 1891, the Hedgepeth gang outdid themselves. They relieved the St. Louis and San Francisco line of somewhere around \$75,000. By then, the Pinkertons were on the case, but the Hedgepeth gang had already divided the loot and vanished.

On Dec. 6, though, the Pinkertons got a break. An informer not only told them where the robbers could be found, but offered their names as well.

The bandits were not present when the authorities swooped down, but there was enough evidence to convince them that they were on the right trail. So began a manhunt that led to Kansas City, then Omaha, then west to Salt Lake City and finally to Los Angeles.

## The ever elusive Mr. Hedgepeth

It seems that Marion, who had robbed so many post offices, trusted the postal service implicitly. He had shipped his loot west with them.

The postal authorities in L.A. were alerted to be on the lookout for certain letters and packages, and the police settled in to wait. The day after Christmas 1891 their patience was rewarded when a man came to claim a package. It wasn't Hedgepeth, but it was an "associate" of his.

Two days later, Marion's wife, Maggie, was arrested in San Francisco trying to pick up some trunks that were being shipped from St. Louis. She was transported back to St. Louis where she was freed on bail. It is

believed that at this time she saw her husband for the last time. She was to divorce him in the early part of this century.

One by one, the Pinkertons and the police were catching the bandits, but Marion Hedgepeth continued to elude them. By now, though, they had pictures of him. They figured it was only a matter of time, and they were right.

At a few minutes after noon on Monday, Feb. 10, 1892, a well-dressed young man entered the San Francisco post office. The authorities recognized him at once as Marion Hedgepeth.

Hedgepeth fought savagely when they jumped him, hurling one of the officers through a window before he was beaten into submission.

The outlaw languished in jail until September 1893 when he was finally tried for the \$75,000 train robbery. He was found guilty and sentenced to 25 years. Hedgepeth, not surprisingly, pronounced the trial "a farce, a farce, a farce." There may have been something to Hedgepeth's complaints, though, because a retrial was ordered. No matter. They found him guilty again.

## An interesting cellmate

In July 1894, Hedgepeth had a cellmate going by the name of H. H. Holmes. Holmes confided to Hedgepeth that he and his crooked partner in Philadelphia, whom he intended to murder at the first opportunity, had pulled off a massive insurance fraud.

In due time Holmes was released and Hedgepeth heard later about the death of Holmes' partner. Thinking he might get some time taken off his sentence, Hedgepeth informed on his former cellmate. When Holmes was caught, it was discovered that his real name was Herman Webster Mudgett.

In the 19th century men like Mudgett were comparatively rare. He was a mass murderer, guilty of 27 homicides.

And, while Mudgett was hanged in Philadelphia in 1896, Hedgepeth never did get any time off his sentence for ratting on his cellmate. Finally, after 12 years, Hedgepeth was released in 1906.

## His career winds down

Hedgepeth was a shadow of his former self. His hair, what was left of it, had turned completely white and he told people that he was dying of consumption.

Then he did something completely bizarre. He wrote to William Pinkerton at the Pinkerton Agency and asked for a job. Correspondence between Hedgepeth and Pinkerton indicates that Pinkerton actually considered using Hedgepeth as an undercover operative, but that nothing ever came of it.

On Sept. 1, 1907, Hedgepeth and a compatriot blew a safe at Council Bluffs, Iowa. But Hedgepeth's luck had run out. He was identified the very next day and captured.

Hedgepeth entered the State Penitentiary at Fort Madison, Iowa, where he remained little more than a year before he was released



Marion Hedgepeth, in his heyday (above) and on arrival at Iowa state penitentiary in 1908 (top).

for health reasons.

The end finally came for Marion Hedgepeth, thief extraordinaire, on New Year's Eve 1909. On that night, the worn-out, aging outlaw, in the company of a confederate named Arthur Attreson, entered the saloon of Louis Novak on the west side of Chicago and attempted an armed robbery.

Things were going well, with the patrons lined up and shelling out, with the proprietor urging everyone to cooperate and avoid violence, when a constable named Henry Decker rushed in, gun in hand. Then all hell broke loose.

Attreson instantly fired three fast shots, none of which hit anything but the wall behind Decker. Hedgepeth, seeing that his partner's gun was empty (what — he only had three bullets?) lunged at the lawman. The question is why Hedgepeth didn't simply use the gun in his hand to stop the constable is a good one. The answer is probably that Hedgepeth was always a thief, but never a natural-born killer.

When Hedgepeth lunged at Decker, one of the saloon's patrons, a man named Burek, stepped in and knocked Marion to the floor. Decker took advantage of the diversion and shot Attreson in the head, killing him.

Hedgepeth immediately bolted for the door. When Decker demanded that the fleeing felon halt, Hedgepeth turned and raised his pistol. It was his last act. Burek, the bar patron, shot him right between the eyes.

Marion Hedgepeth was buried in the Dunning Cemetery, Feb. 7, 1910. The reason for the delay? People were unsure just who the white-haired outlaw was.

And despite a lurid and violent career that spanned nearly three decades, people are still unsure of just who he was.

History is funny that way.



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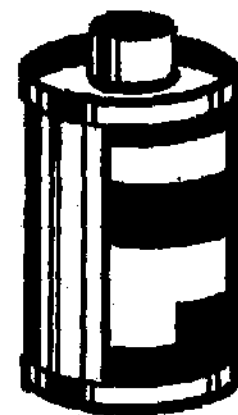
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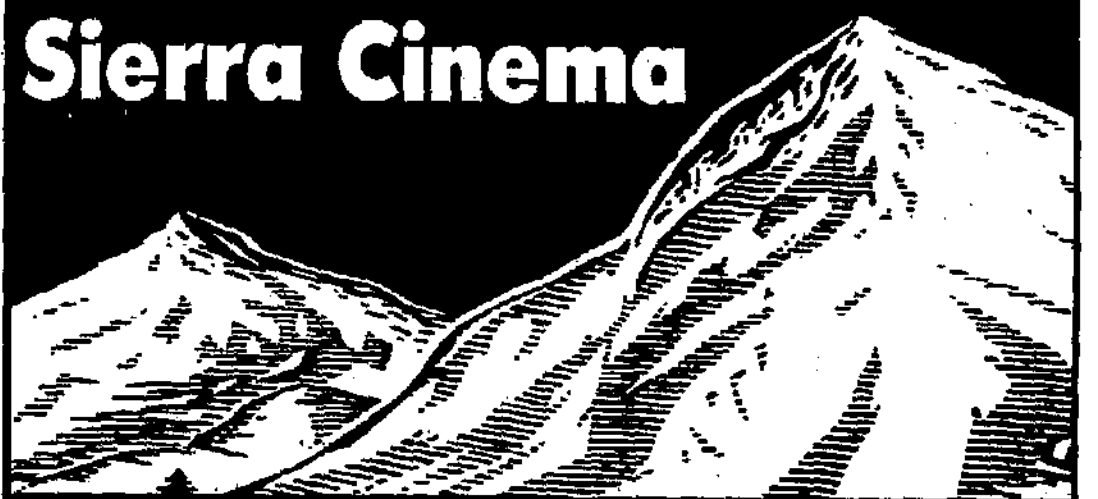
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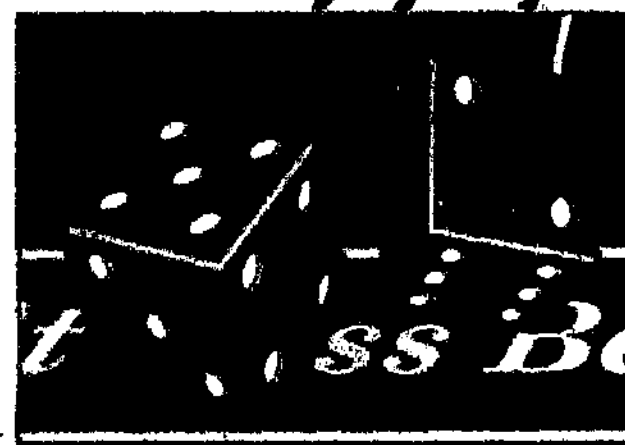
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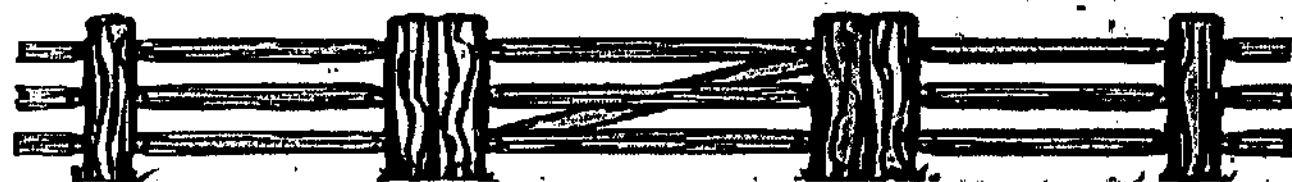
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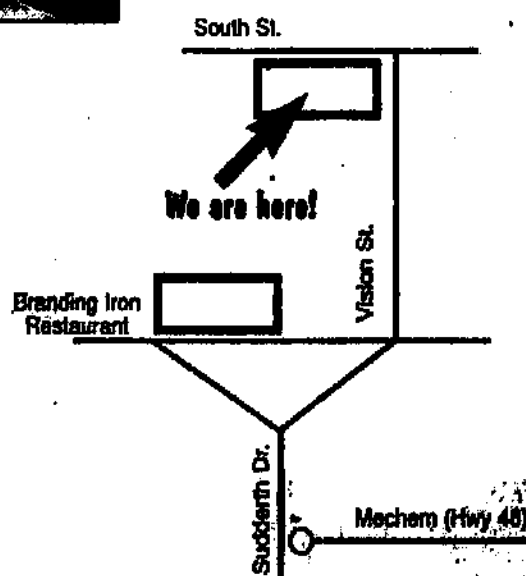


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In this edition of Homes & Style, readers (whether they have a mountain cabin or not) will learn something about log construction, heating, safety, maintenance, contractors ... in fact, just about everything they need to know about log homes — new or used, owned or rented.

Today, despite moves to more conventional, or modern construction, a log home in the mountains continues to work its charm.

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"Old Ruidoso" looked like this in 1961. The Tee Pee Cabins (foreground) face Mechem Drive, and across the street (far left) is the Thunderbird Lodge.

# Oh, for a cabin in the pines!

"Most everybody who worked up here and lived here didn't have any money to speak of. Some people would sleep in tents or in their car in the summer and rent their cabins out to tourists."

— CARMON PHILLIPS



Julie Baxter/Ruidoso News

Many original cabins still stand among the tall pines in the Upper Canyon.

BY JULIE BAXTER  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The tall cool pines of Ruidoso have been luring visitors from other parts of the state and Texas for years, and much like the rustic charm of the area, cabins have also been a big part of Ruidoso's appeal.

And the desire to visit the mountains and the forest to escape the desert heat isn't new. "As early as 1880, families were enjoying its beauties and thriving in the healthful mountain air," wrote author Dorothy Jensen Neal in her book "Captive Mountain Waters: A Unique Chapter in the History of Southern New Mexico."

According to author Frank Magnan in his book "Ruidoso Country," the arrival of the first automobile in Roswell was the beginning of Ruidoso's tourist attraction status. With that first motor vehicle, an auto stage and mail line started between Roswell and Alamogordo, Magnan wrote. That line ran right through the Lincoln National Forest and the Sacramento Mountains, and that rough trail has grown into today's U.S. Highway 70.

Following the road were the people.

Tents and summer cabins

popped up along the river. And the cabins were mostly to be found in the Upper Canyon — the first resort area of the now resort town.

"Owners built on the banks of the river so they could sit down on porches and fish for trout," Magnan wrote.

Many of those cabins still stand along Main Street and its offshoots that wind through the Upper Canyon.

Carmon Phillips, who has lived in Ruidoso since 1945, said many of the cabins weren't built until the early 1950s.

"Cabins started to pop up when I came here, but they didn't pop up too fast," Phillips said. "But they kept building more and more, and more people came."

He said common construction for cabins was to use boards, which were then covered with slabs from the two local saw mills. The slabs were left over after the mills had cut the bark from the outside of the pine trees. The cracks, or joints, where the slabs came together were then nailed over with boards.

Phillips and his wife, Leona Mae, built a home in just that manner, which still stands behind the

Old Dowlon Mill on Sudderth Drive.

The cabins were economical to build, and could help the workers of Ruidoso make extra money in the summer months, Phillips said.

"The things were very cheap to build," he said. "Most everybody who worked up here and lived here didn't have any money to speak of. Some people would sleep in tents or in their car in the summer and rent their cabins out to tourists."

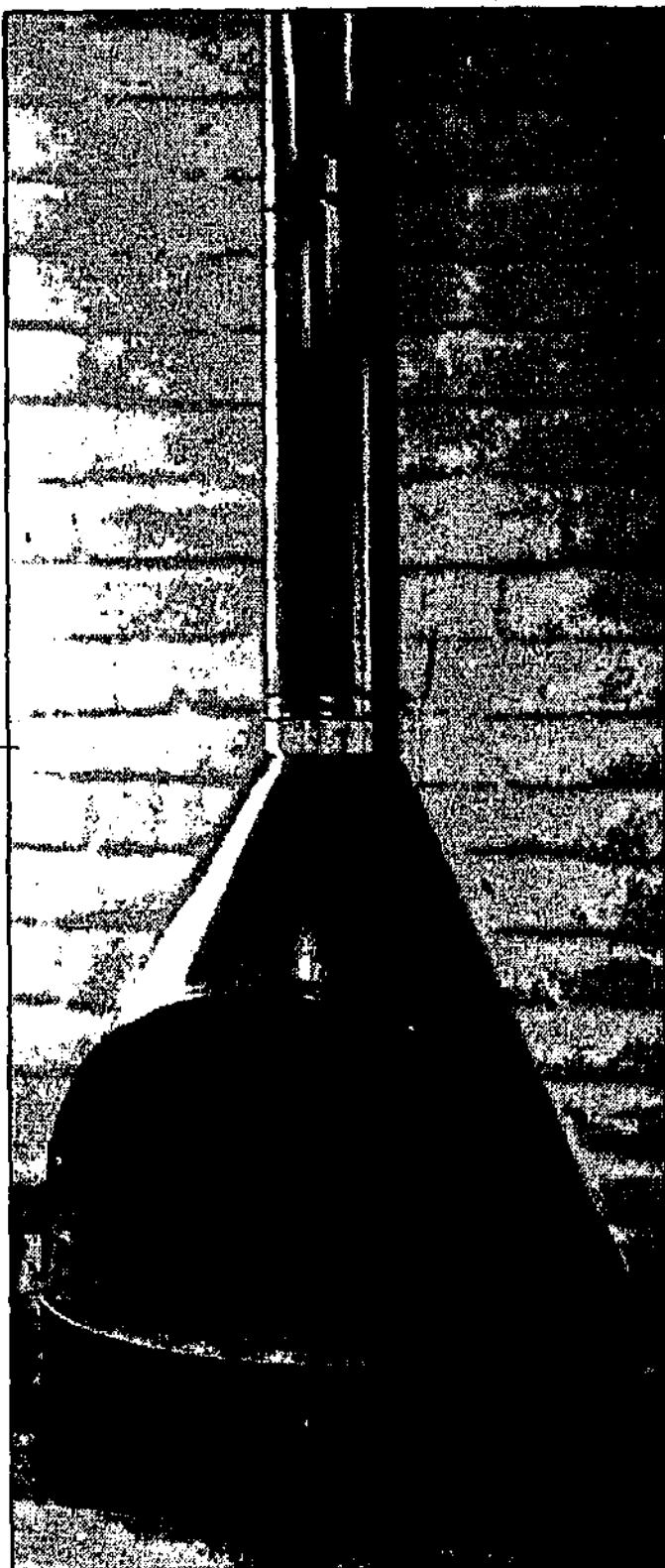
The cabins weren't very warm without insulation, though. Phillips said resourceful residents found an inexpensive way to tackle that problem, too, although it wasn't very fire safe. He said many people would fill their walls with plywood, which was "cheap," even if it wasn't fire-proof.

To heat the cabins, Phillips said most everyone had a pot-bellied stove.

A drive through the Upper Canyon — the spot modern-day Ruidoso grew from — would offer a glimpse of that early local architecture.

"They're still the same cabins. They're still there. Many of them, by now, have to be 55 or 60 years old."





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## Warm up your log cabin for more than the chill of it

BY JULIE BAXTER  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

When it comes to buying a fireplace or wood stove to ward off mountain chill in your own log cabin, picking the right one for your needs can be a hot issue.

Before setting out to shop, Dave Buchanan, owner of The Fire Place, said there's plenty to consider beyond the obvious question of burning.

First off, Buchanan said, determine whether you need a stove or a fireplace. Besides the difference in design, stoves and fireplaces work differently.

"If you want it for heat, a fireplace is very inefficient," Buchanan said. "Stoves are very efficient."

In fact fireplaces only score a 10 percent efficiency rating, whereas stoves can range from 60 to 75 percent. An efficiency rating is determined by the amount of heat gained in a room compared to the heat lost through the chimney, explained Fire Place employee Sharon Stewart.

The area you want to heat, the type of insulation, windows and ceilings you have also impact how much warmth you can gain.

After you've determined what you want, you have to figure out what you want to burn.

The choices include the old stand-by wood, or newer alternatives like natural gas and pellets.

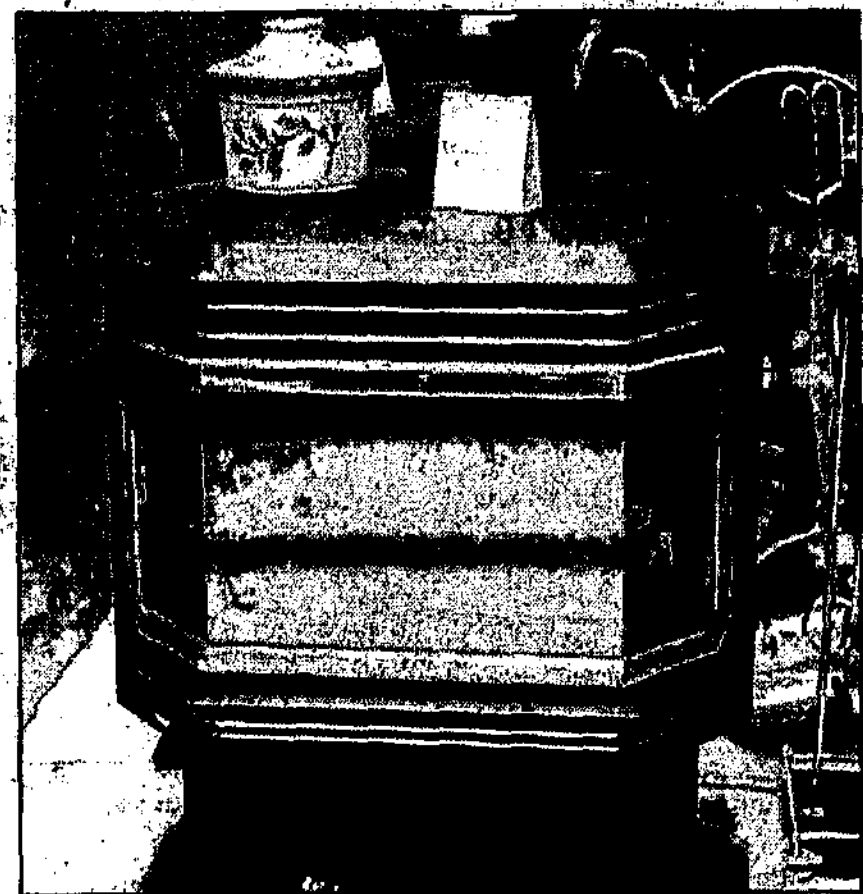
Wood is the more traditional choice. However, Buchanan warned that not every type of wood burns well. Hard or cured woods are better than those with a lot of pitch (that means sap or moisture), Buchanan said. Pine may seem like a good choice, especially because it smells nice when it burns, but it doesn't catch flame easily because it's sappy, he explained. Instead pick cedar (it smells nice, too), apple, piñon or oak for fast flames.

For shoppers looking to get the most burn for their buck, Buchanan and Stewart recommend pellet stoves. Pellets, made of compressed sawdust, burn cleaner and more efficiently than wood, Buchanan said, adding that one ton of pellets equals one and a half cords of wood and will probably burn longer.

And the pellets are a little more environmentally friendly than wood.

"They're made of compressed sawdust, so they're recycled in a way," Stewart said. The pellets also put out fewer emissions than wood.

The third fuel choice is natural gas. Buchanan said today's prices make gas stoves very economical.

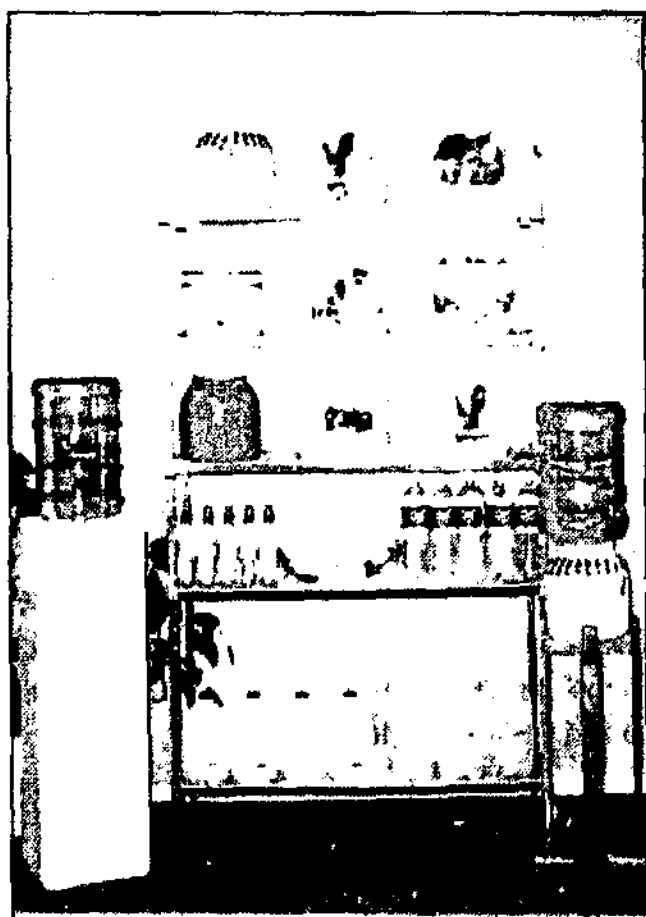


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If you decide that a stove is what lights your fire, there's still another choice to be made – what material you want your stove to be made of.

Stewart said stoves come in three varieties, steel, cast iron or cast iron and soap stone. Steel stoves heat up fast once the fire is started, but will cool off just as fast, Stewart said. Cast iron stoves take a little longer to heat up because they're thicker. But once they're hot, they stay hot longer. "(Cast iron stoves) give very steady, generous warmth," she said. The cast iron-soap stone combination also takes longer to heat up than steel stoves, but again stays hot longer.

Accessories add much to a wood-burning heating unit.

"The porous rock (soap stone) covers

all the main surfaces," Stewart said. "It's better than cast iron; it absorbs heat and radiates it. A cast iron stove will generate heat for about eight hours. A soap stone stove (will generate warmth) for about 10 to 12 hours."

With all those choices behind you, the next step is to keep it safe.

Buchanan warned that any home with a fireplace or stove should have at least one smoke detector, though he recommends at least one on every floor, and a carbon monoxide detector. He also strongly recommends keeping a fire extinguishers close by the fire-burning appliance.

Other helpful safety devices Buchanan is sold on are fire-resistant hearth rugs and fireplace screens to keep the sparks from flying.

Chimney caps are high on his safety list, too.

"The caps keep out water and animals, and help keep chimney fires from jumping on to the roof," Buchanan said.

His final safety tip is to get your fireplace or wood stove chimney inspected every year. Annual inspections and/or cleanings can spot problems before they, or your house, go up in smoke.

Inspections can keep your chimney clear, your fireplace fireproof and your mind at ease. And, as local contractor Steve Lovell said, inspections can keep you from getting burned by a dirty chimney.



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Sharon Stewart (left), Dave Buchanan (middle) and Steve Lovell say fireplaces and stoves still hold an old-fashioned charm, but with many modern advantages

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## Great gardens start now

BY TONI K. LAXSON  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

While most people associate gardening activity with spring, fall is actually the best time to put out many plants.

"It's the best time to plant any perennial, because they get established before the cold weather comes," said Frances Williams, with One-Stop Auto and Gardening Center.

"So, come spring, you've got a little bit of a head start,"

As avid gardeners know, gardens still require care into the autumn months. While some bulbs should come out of the ground for storage during the winter, others should be placed in the ground.

There are plants to prune back, plant beds to protect with a mulch and plants that just need to come inside.

And some plants are just reaching their heyday, such as asters and chrysanthemums, Williams said. Both flower in the fall and thus make an excellent choice for fall planting, she said.

Olga Tiscareno, a longtime

member of the Ruidoso Garden Club, said the club puts out an increasingly popular pamphlet on maintaining gardens through the winter — called Ruidoso Garden Club High Altitude Gardening, and first published in 1991.

"The most serious problems for gardeners in this region may well be the extreme variations in temperatures," Tiscareno said.

One of the most important steps is to provide winter protection for outdoor plants, club members say. Soil, sand, peat moss, leaves or straw helps protect plants from the cold.

"Any plant you have outdoors need protection," Tiscareno said. Specifically, plants such as roses, peonies and clematis need to be mulched, she said.

Williams also suggests the use of cypress and pine bark mulch as well as pine needles, which are not only plentiful, but also add acid to the soil, she said.

Tiscareno said her club's members don't all agree on pine needles as a good source of protection, however. "We have really gone back and forth on that," she said. But pine needles

are especially efficient when they fall naturally on plants, Tiscareno added.

According to the club's pamphlet, winter protection is generally misunderstood. Mulch should be used as a parasol around plants, not as a blanket. If you cover plants too heavily, it can become packed down and prevent air from circulating. That sets the stage for decay. Heavy protection should be used only when the ground is frozen, club members say.

Fall also is the time to pull up or plow annuals back into the soil, providing a natural "green manure," gardeners say. Annuals also are good candidates for the compost pile.

"Perennials ... if you cut them down in September or October and mulch them when it gets cold, then they will come back," Tiscareno said.

Rose bushes are an exception to fall pruning; they shouldn't be pruned until February or March, she said. And toward the end of winter, generally in February or March, plant beds should be fertilized.

## Here's how to succeed in the mountains

The following is a short calendar of autumn gardening activities as recommended by the Ruidoso Gardening Club:

### September

- Hardy perennials may be divided and transplanted.
- Watering may be lessened to allow woody plants to harden for winter.
- If there is an early frost, tender bulbs must be dug up and stored for the winter. These include gladiolus, dahlias, begonias.
- Bring in house plants, cleaning and inspecting for insects and repotting where necessary.

### October and November

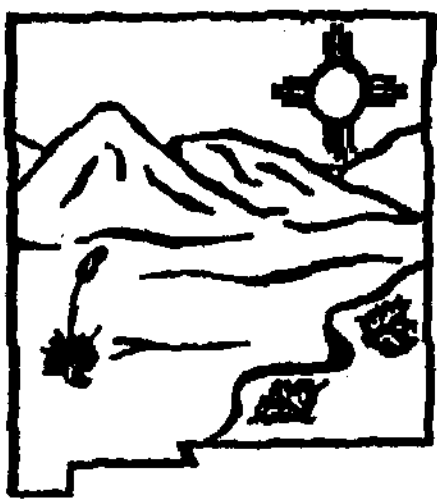
- Plant hardy spring blooming bulbs such as daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, crocuses.
- Depending on weather — either October or November — start covering for winter protection. Bring in root vegetables such as carrots and turnips, which may be stored in a cool place for a time.

### December

In December, trimming evergreens and using the trim for Christmas decorations is a fine project. "It's perfectly okay to trim your evergreens in December," say the experts.

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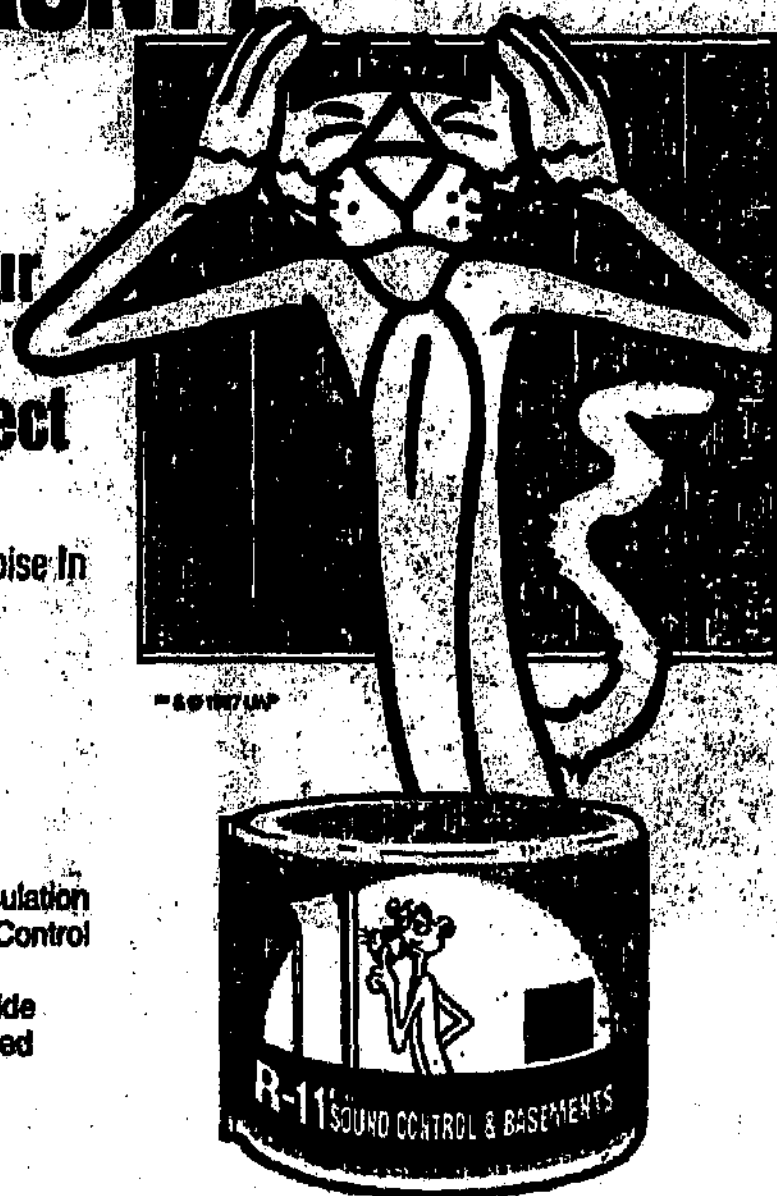


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Log home construction projects today can be as simple as a totally inefficient cabin ... or the work might lead to a business of your own ... or to a home that's very special indeed.

Here is how three Lincoln County homeowners took different routes in search of different dreams.



Eddie Saenz did most of the work himself to create his log home near the entrance of the Ranches of Sonterra, just off the highway to Sierra Blanca Regional Airport. An exterior view of the home is on the cover of this section.

## A 'log cabin in the woods' is something else today

STORY AND PICTURES  
BY DIANNE STALLINGS

Log homes seem to fit the mountains around Ruidoso, in perfect synchronization with the forest, wildlife and snow.

For Ron Andrews, a log home was a 20-year dream that became a mutual goal for his wife Jill when they married a few years ago.

Eddie Saenz also was determined he would live in a log home when he moved to Ruidoso from Texas. After hours of research, he not only built his own home, but became a supplier and consultant for others who want to do the same.

Mike McMillan, of Escudilla Log Cabins in Capitan, has encountered special challenges since he cut and hand-peeled his first log. His current business pro-

ject is an octagonal home built in the style of the traditional Navajo hogan.

All three used different approaches, but all three praise the finished product and encourage others to follow their lead.

For Saenz, the price tag, worry about energy efficiency and a mind-numbing list of more than 200 log home suppliers he compiled were the biggest obstacles to realizing his goal.

"I talked to local builders, but they discouraged me," he said. They told horror stories of logs shrinking and messing up joints and fits.

But after running down details on many different companies, Saenz finally teamed up with Old Timers Log Homes based in Tennessee. He was satisfied the

kiln dried logs and the thermal mass of the timber, coupled with his willingness to handle subcontractors, would solve his problems.

He not only built his own home a block from the entrance of Ranches of Sonterra for less than a more traditional structure of the same size, he became a distributor for the company under the name of Mountain View Log Homes. He can handle a job himself, help homeowners do their



Mike McMillan has made a business of log construction in Capitan. Careful measurements and tight fits are characteristic, as demonstrated here by Randy Bruck.

own or work as a supplier with contractors.

With high ceilings, plenty of windows and 2,500 square feet of living space to heat, his electric bill has never gone over \$54 a month, Saenz said.

"It's very energy efficient," he said.

Logs can be round, but that presents problems hanging pictures, collects grease in the kitchen and dust everywhere else, Saenz said. He prefers a log flat on one size, 6 inches by 8 inches, which creates a flat interior wall with no additional effort. The third type is flat on both sides and is the least expensive to build.

Some people prefer traditional sheet rock walls. In his own home, Saenz has used natural logs below

and sheet rock on the second floor.

The logs are fit in a tongue and groove system and sealed with an expanding foam and caulk.

"It's very cozy and comfortable," he said. "They're easy to put together and build quickly, which saves money."

Most of the homes are custom designs, but the company also has a catalog of plans.

"The hold up better in disasters," Saenz said. They have floated down a flooded river and did not break apart, they shake with the movement of an earthquake, they support heavy snow loads without damage and even fare well in fires, because there is no air circulation as in a traditionally constructed wall, he said.

"And they cost less," Saenz

said. His home came in at \$50 per square foot compared to most homes in the area that run from \$85 to \$100 per square foot, he said.

The company recommends refinishing the exterior every two years with a material it will furnish, but its application is much easier than painting or staining, Saenz said.

In spite of his obvious enthusiasm for log homes, he admits they're not for everyone and tries to direct those he thinks won't mesh in another direction.

No one could divert Ron and Jill Andrews, not even after two years of construction and another six months to go.

"It's really something I wanted to do for 20 years. I like the look, the rustic and homey feel," Andrews said, recalling many family vacations in the mountains. "Somehow log houses, mountains and snow seem to go together."

The Andrews have taken the traditional log home several steps



Another custom log home Saenz is building for a customer is located in Ranches of Sonterra.



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**Andrews is confident his 2,500-square-foot, hand-peeled, Montana lodge-pole pine, full-chink style home will be energy efficient.**

further and created a wall section mimicking an old West street scene, added carved wooden bears to support their upper deck railings, and hired Mike McMillan to create a special staircase using a real tree.

The inspiration for the Western wall came from a store owner in Tombstone, Ariz, who blocked out the rest of the world by creating a panorama back fence of scenes from an old Western storefront town with saloon, bank, jail and hitching posts.

An artist/carpenter friend of Andrews helped convert the idea to a wall in their log home using some of the old barn wood the couple already collected for their kitchen and doors.

Kent Anderson, who often carves bears with chain saws along the highway near Alto, was enlisted to create the railing bears. Andrews said he always wanted a bear, but doesn't like dust catchers.

"Now I've got my bears, but they're doing something," he said.

And McMillan worked with Andrews to find the right old tree for the staircase, a 14-day, three-man project created in juniper, pine and walnut.

Other special touches include an old wood-burning stove in the master bedroom and cabinet door pulls made of deer antlers.

Andrews is confident his 2,500-square-foot, hand-peeled, Montana lodge-pole pine, full-chink style home will be energy efficient.

"From everything I can tell, it may take longer to heat a log

#### ► Different routes

- Ron Andrews took his time for a creative look.
- Eddie Saenz found a supplier and a do-it-yourself connection.
- Mike McMillan adopted Navajo hogan styling for a modern log home.

house, but once they absorb the heat into the mass of the logs, they radiate it out into the room, whereas sheet rock won't hold the heat," he said.

The synthetic material that goes between the walls, the chink, is made with lots of sand and will move with the logs, preventing cracking, he said. It includes two inches of foam and three to five inches of dead air space, a prime insulating factor, he said.

They started the foundation in May 1995, the logs arrived at the site just north of Ruidoso on June 25 and they've been working off and on ever since, he said.

"The worst thing I can say about log houses is that they're so labor intensive," Andrews said. "I'm glad we're doing it, but I won't do it again."

Mike McMillan has been doing it over and over again for the past six years since he started in Arizona. But he built only the basic structure. The homeowner is responsible for re-erecting the

home and putting in the rest of the elements. However, McMillan often finds clients select his rustic mantles, vanities, railings and furniture, because they fit so well into a log home.

"We're building out of salvaged fir from the Mescalero fire last year," he said. "The trees are local and dead, which is harder to cut, but already dry."

The logs are cut to interlock and go up fast at his business in Capitan after the bark is peeled by hand, he said. The structure costs about \$20 a square foot and takes six weeks to two months for McMillan to build.

He can build the traditional styles or custom designs such as the hogan being created for Ruth Whitecrane, who is part Cherokee and Cree. She lived in a Navajo hogan while working in Indian Services and enjoyed the openness.

Her home will have only two interior walls and will feature an adaptation of the tradition smoke hole.

Whitecrane was having a hard time finding someone who would build such a home, but is convinced her path led to McMillan for a reason.

"I'm amazed at the fitting Mike does on an octagonal shape," she said. "I don't think I could cut fabric as well."

McMillan advises potential log home buyers to investigate thoroughly before signing up, but he also boasts that if a structure can be built with logs, he'll find the right logs to do it.



Lots of glass is a characteristic of the Saenz home. Large spaces, flat logs on the inside surface, and careful interior detail, add to the home's character.



The Andrews house, under construction, will feature an interior wall replicating an Old West commercial street.



# From rough wood to fine furniture

Capitan's Mike McMillan has built a business by letting the wood itself dictate the look of each piece of 'rustic' furniture ... that really isn't rough at all.

BY TONI K. LAXSON  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Besides a few tables, Mike McMillan has only pictures to show of his work.

His rustic wood furniture sells so fast, there's never any in stock to show people, said Judy C. Ewing, McMillan's partner in life and work.

McMillan and Ewing, owners of the Capitan Gallery of Cowboy Furnishings, have in just a year's time developed a growing reputation as a source of unusual, custom-made western furniture.

"What I'm trying to do is just take the natural woods from the region and make functional furniture out of it," said McMillan, who has worked with wood for more than 20 years, both as a house builder and a furniture maker.

"I let the natural beauty of the wood create the expression. See like here, I use a knot down on this nightstand," he said, pointing to a picture of a dresser whose bottom panel, rather than a straight line across, curves unevenly down and

around an interesting whorl in the wood.

"It's made out of aspen with hand-peeled legs. And I like to leave what I call a raw edge; it's just the natural edge of wood — the side of the log."

It's been only in the last few years that McMillan has concentrated on furniture building, with the construction of a few log cabins here and there.

Ruth White Crane, who has been in the business of selling western styled furniture, is very complimentary of McMillan's work. Not only are his pieces aesthetically pleasing, she said, but they are also much more functional than many pieces classified as rustic.

People who discover his furniture often end up coming back for more, Ewing said. One Texas rancher, blown into Capitan on a snow storm, came in the gallery one day and decided he liked McMillan's work. He came back a few months later with his wife, and the couple purchased three rooms of furniture.

"An aspen bedroom set, and the walnut bedroom set, a dining table ... they bought it and we made chairs that matched it. Then they ordered a hutch to match it."

He takes what other carpenters may consider a backward approach to his creations. Rather than making the wood conform to the piece of furniture he is building, he lets the wood determine what it will become.

"One evening, I was back here (in his workshop) wondering what I was going to make next," McMillan said. "And I saw these two pieces of juniper ..." Because both pieces had small knot holes about midway down and toward the outer



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Mike McMillan lets the wood being used dictate the design of a piece of furniture.

edges, the rich red wood became doors in his mind, and the knot holes handles. McMillan made an armoire, or a cowboy closet, as he calls it, based on the wood. It sold quickly to a Californian, he said.

When he receives orders for a particular type of furniture, he searches for the right pieces of wood; and keeps a mental inventory.

"We have to hunt it down. Sometimes wood cutters will come by with a big stump and we'll get it milled. And we've gone to Lincoln to get our walnut," he said.

His inventory has included western walnut, aspen, alligator juniper, ponderosa pine and whatever else catches his eye.

The wood is sometimes locally found, sometimes from Luna, N. M., or Alpine, Ariz., he said.

"The Mescalero Apache — we just got some Rocky Mountain junipers from there, another wood we use. It's real red. It's locally called red cedar, purple heart red cedar," McMillan said.

He never changes the color of the wood in his finished products.

"I don't do any staining. We just try to do a finish using oil or polyurethane or other types of finishes that enhance the wood and keep it from getting smudged or dirty ... because you can't stain something prettier than the natural color of wood, of selected wood."

McMillan learned many of the techniques he uses to create furniture back in the 1970s, when he built log cabins and tables from massive juniper logs in the White Mountains in Arizona.

"And I got kind of fascinated with old tools that way," he said.

One of his primary tools then and now is a drawknife, a curved blade with handles on both ends.

"That's the main tool that's been around forever, ever since people started doing serious woodwork," he said.

The handles and iron work on his furniture come from Patricia

Stout, a Ruidoso blacksmith who hand-forges custom pieces for McMillan's furniture.

"I just can't put hardware store hardware on these pieces," he said.

He likes to style his furniture, to a degree, on what was typical in the late 1800s, a time period he has studied.

"The idea of western furniture — one of the things I've learned is

in the 1880s and 1890s they didn't have bathrooms and they didn't have closets. So your bedroom set would have an armoire, a blanket chest, maybe a wash-up stand, because you didn't have a sink, and a dressing screen. To me, a complete bedroom set has those things," he said.

"I think he would just prefer living in the 1890s," Ewing said with a laugh.



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A chest is finished with all the grain showing under polyurethane.



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Traditional design, but a natural finish marks a McMillan armoire



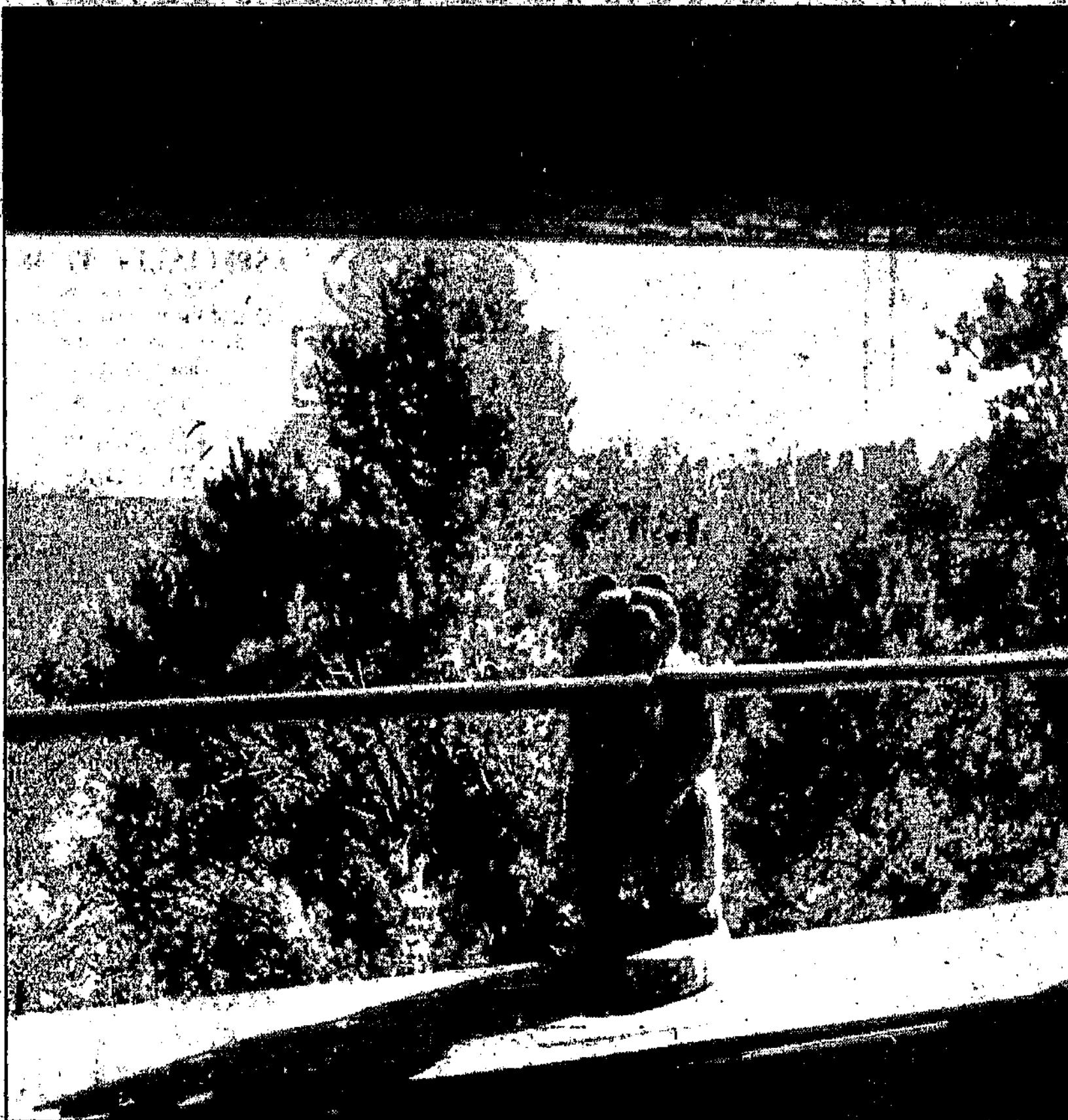
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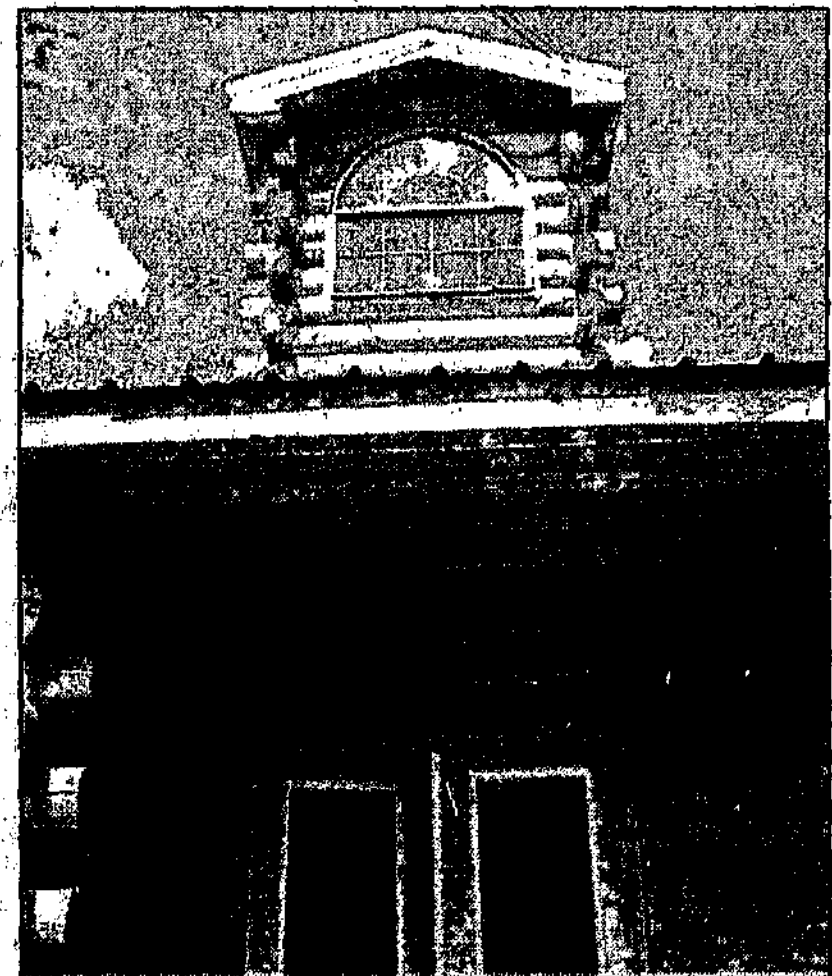
Homeowner Ron Andrews wanted a bear he didn't have to feed, or dust, and has one.

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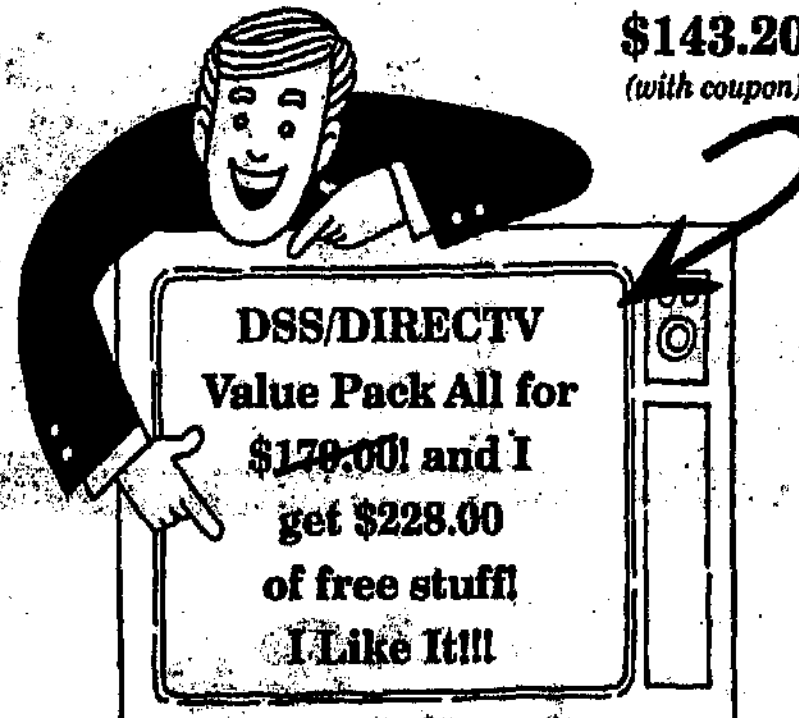



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It was home sweet home for some animal. A raccoon made a home in the heating ducts under this home, leaving behind some unsightly smells and droppings.

## People love wood, but so do pests

BY LAURA CLYMER  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" – an appropriate proverb is you're going to build a log home or purchase one...or any sort of wood home, for that matter.

Pest control professionals agree that a good treatment before you build can prevent expensive treatments afterwards if termites, wood beetles or carpenter ants make your home their home.

"Termites are hard to get rid of – and very expensive to get rid of," said John Hall of Ruidoso Pest Control.

Fortunately, termites aren't as prevalent here as in other places; a good Ruidoso winter will wipe them out. But homeowners shouldn't count on the winter weather to protect their home, he said.

"Termites go quickly. They tear up stuff fast," Hall said. "Carpenter ants take longer to tear up the house. They don't really need the wood for food; they just go through it to build their nests."

Before you build, Hall suggests that a professional treat the soil and the blocks in the home's foundation. Building with treated and sealed wood is another prevention.

Quail Trails Unlimited's Walt Jones, who has been in the pest control business for four years, said homeowners can protect a home with a perimeter of termicide. The exterminator digs a trench two-feet deep and one-foot wide around the home, and then treats the soil.

Follow-up care includes an inspection every two years by a professional.

Homeowners should also check for signs of pests such as sawdust on window sills or by baseboards.

Other insects and bugs can be kept outside where they belong as well.

"Usually if you treat inside the house, it'll keep out the bugs," Jones said.

### Furry pests

Another kind of pest can cause headaches for homeowners. They're four-legged and furry, sometimes cute but quite destructive if they get inside.

Hall spends just as much time cleaning up after skunks and raccoons as spraying homes for insects.

All they need is a small opening to get under a home where they'll set up their home in ducts, crawl spaces, even in the walls.

"If you're up off the ground then I'd make sure all your vents and deck openings are blocked with screens or something," Hall said. "One small opening up underneath the eaves and they'll get up in there."

Recently, Hall had to remove a homeowner's furnace to gain access the ducts where either a raccoon or skunk had set up housekeeping.

"They'll nest under there and tear up the ducts," he said.

Such circumstances will hit the homeowner in the nose and then the pocketbook.

Again, prevention is the key. A periodic check for gaps in decking and holes in screens or eaves will save money.

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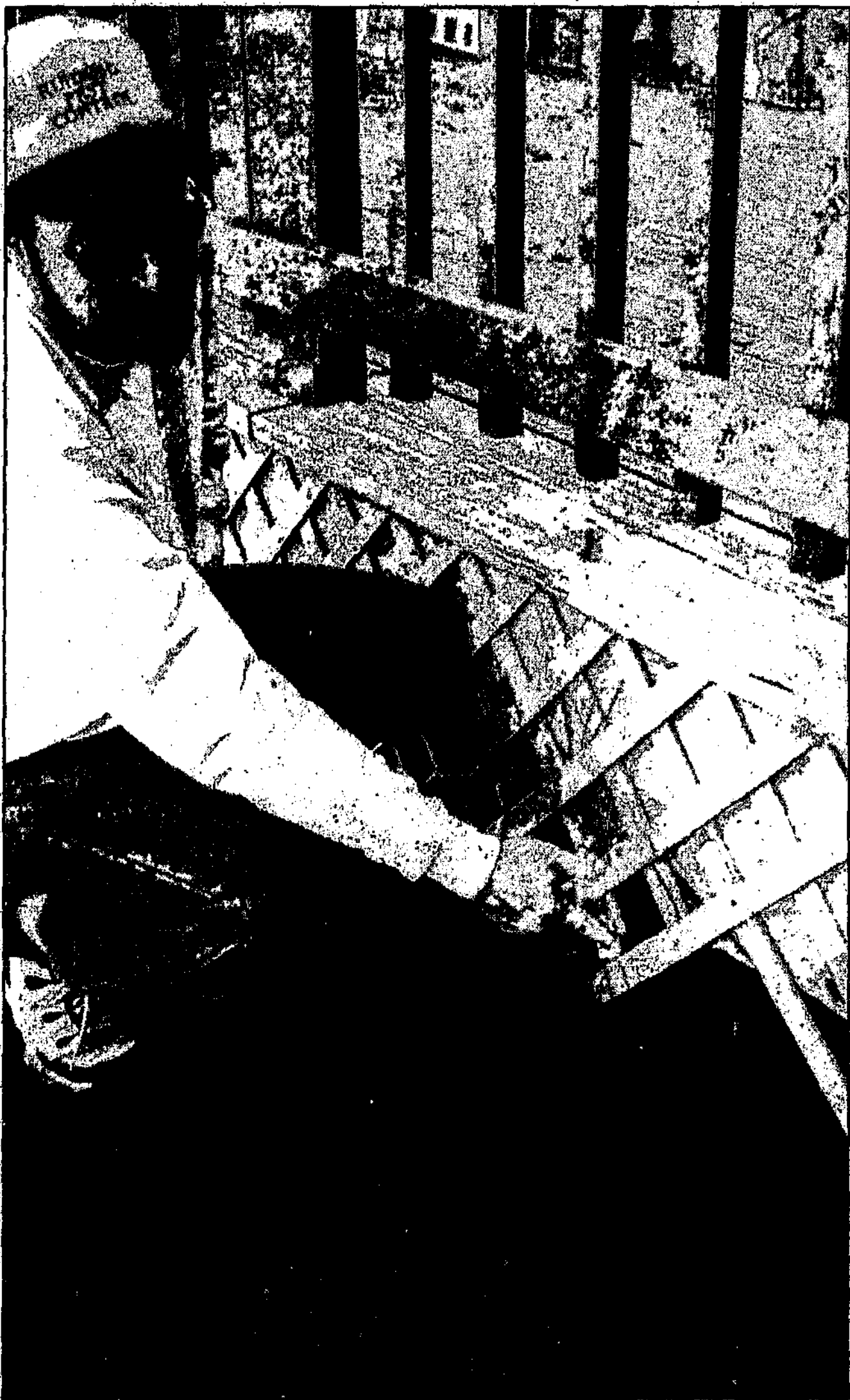
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John Hall of Ruidoso Pest Control points out where four-legged critters like skunks and raccoons can find an opening, and then make their way into a home's crawl space, causing damage.

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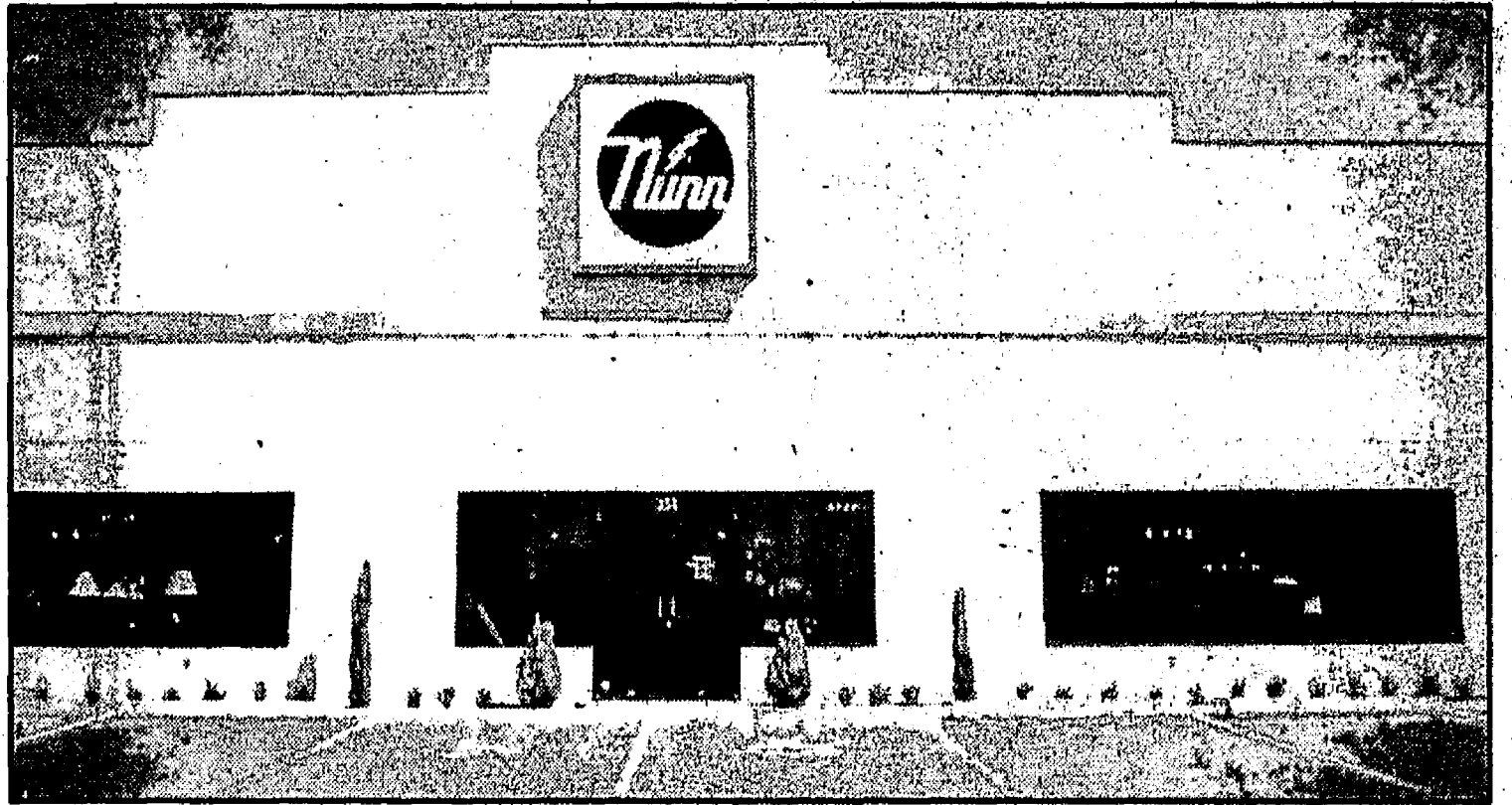
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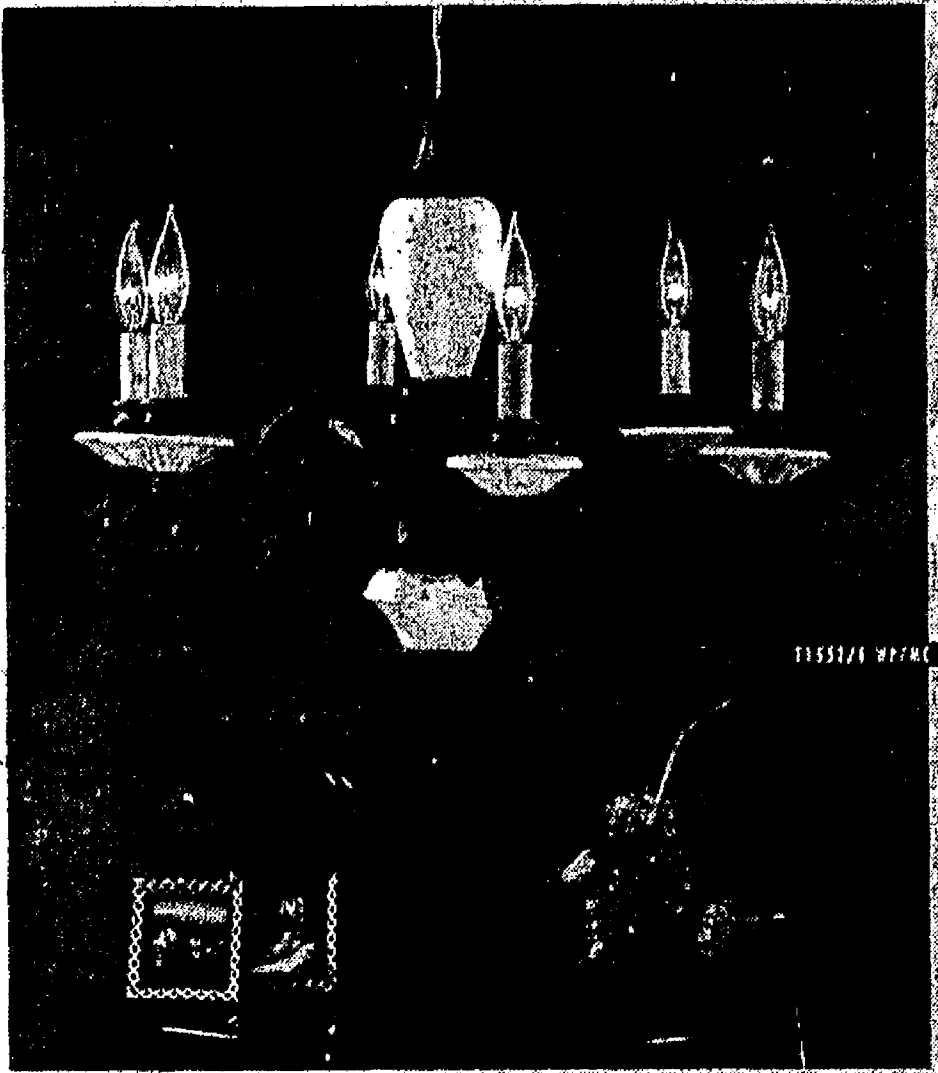
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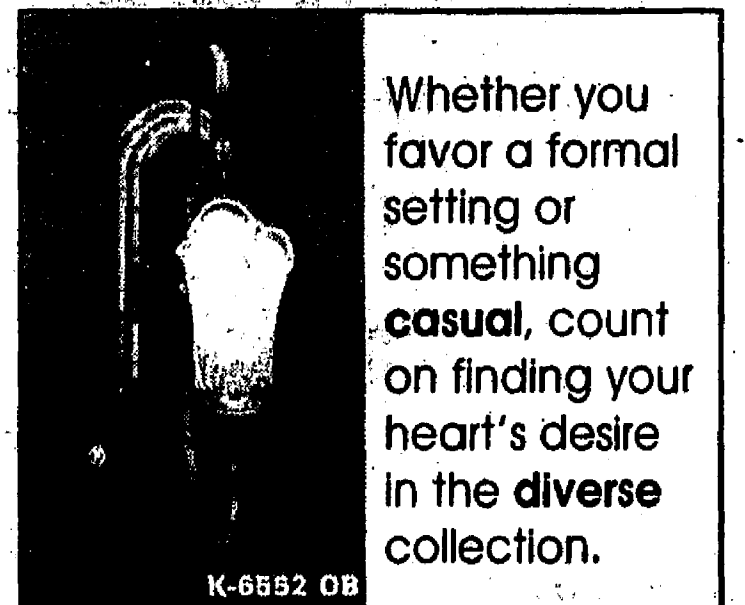
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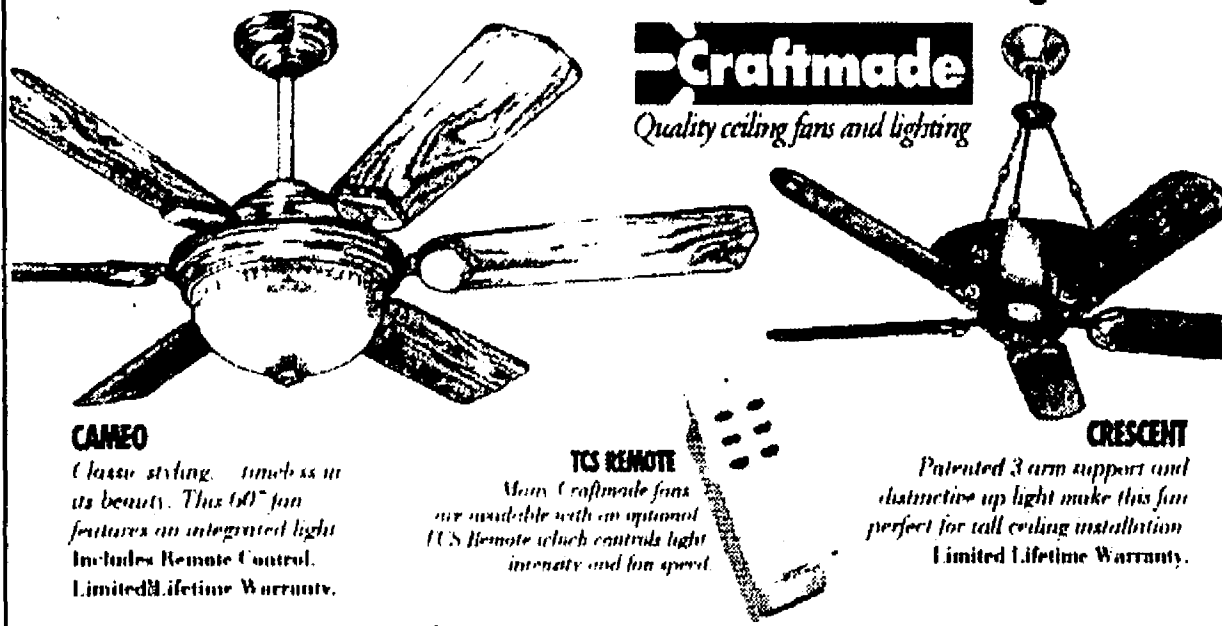


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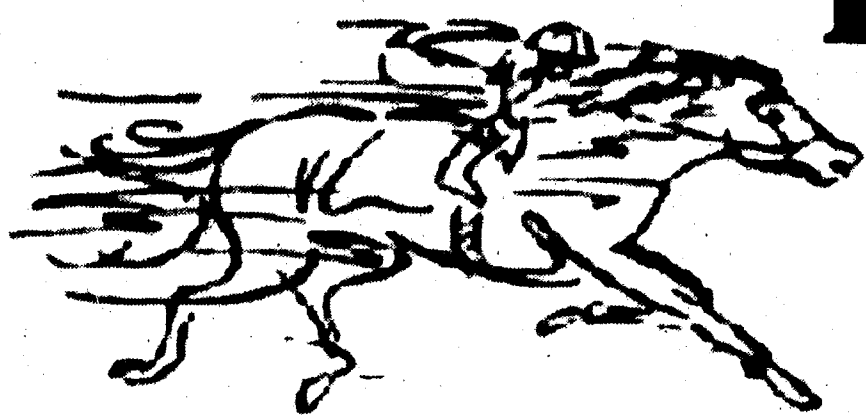
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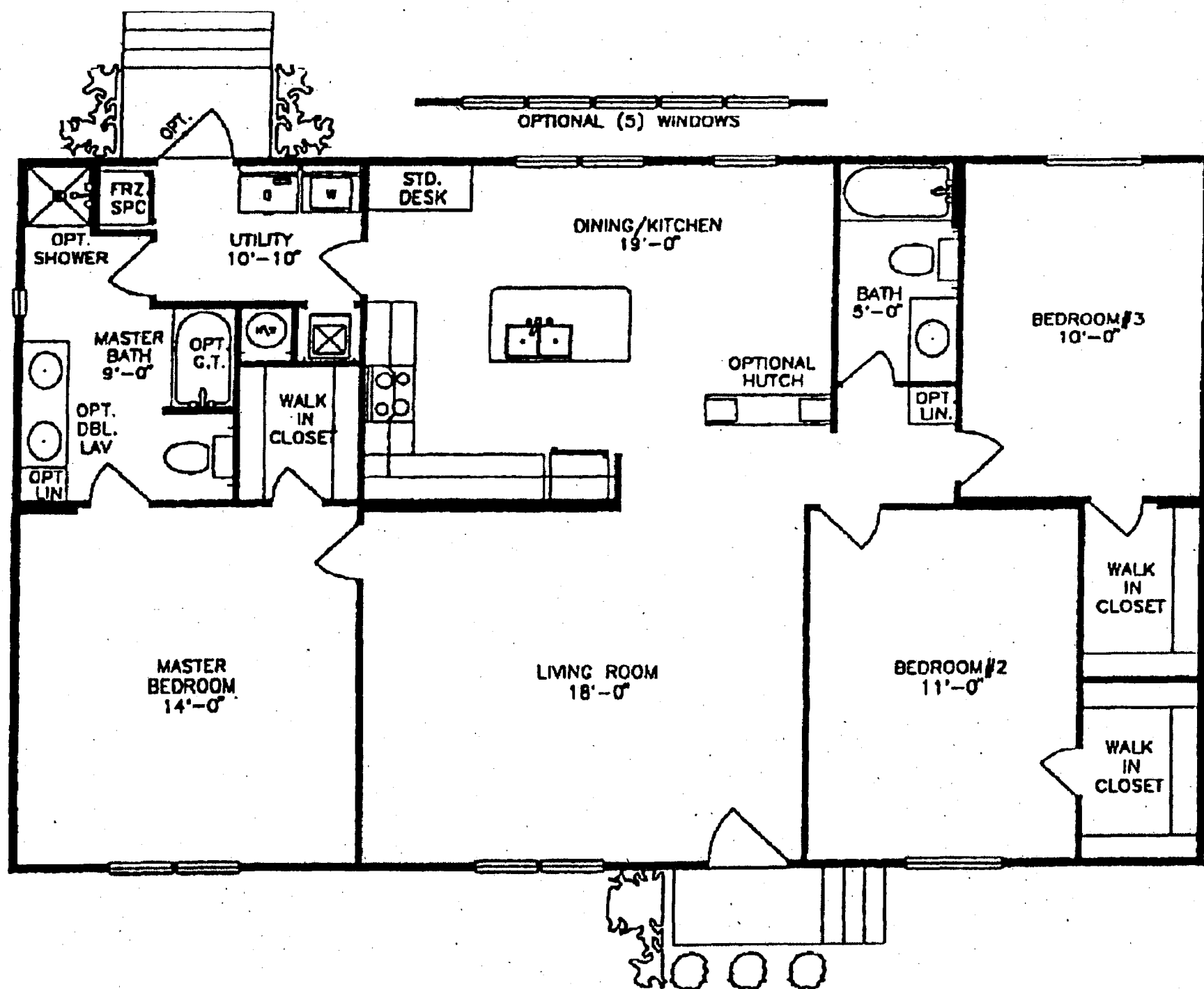
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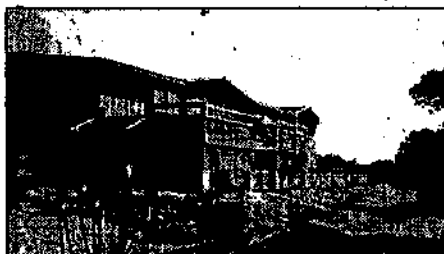


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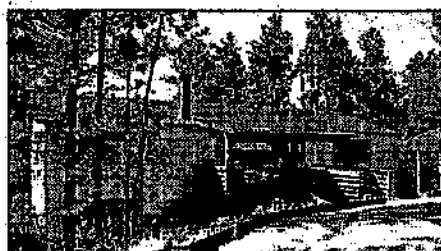
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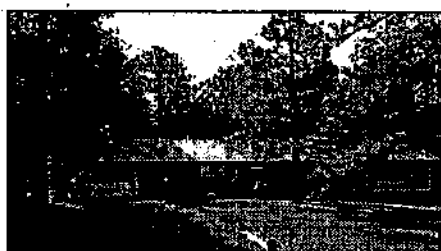
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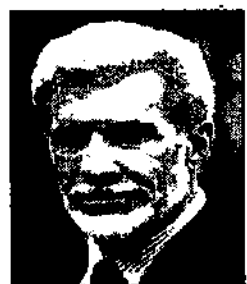
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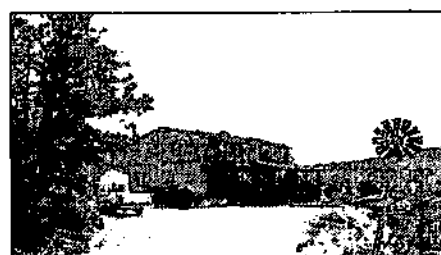
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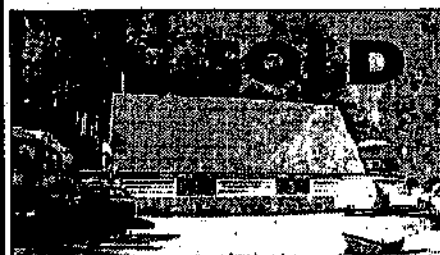
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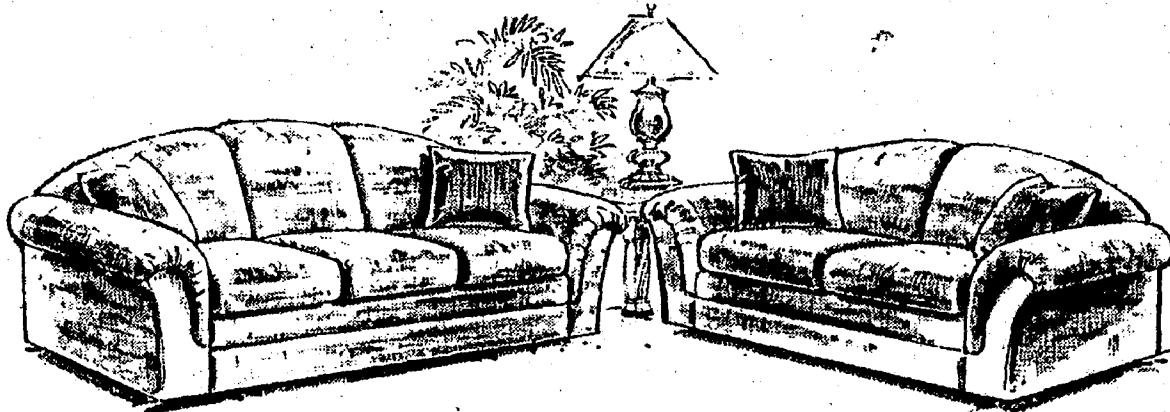
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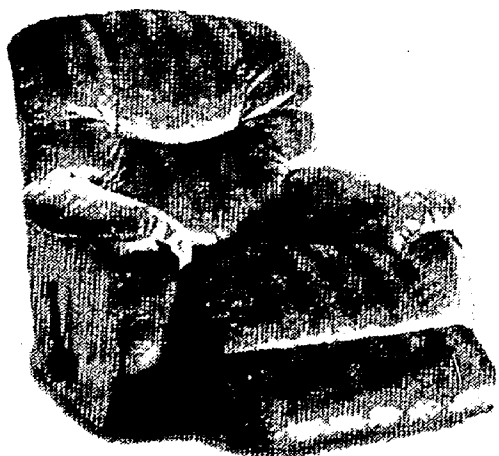
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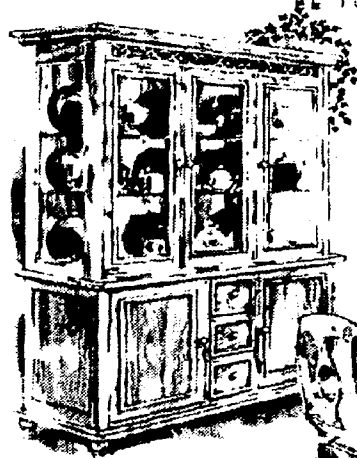
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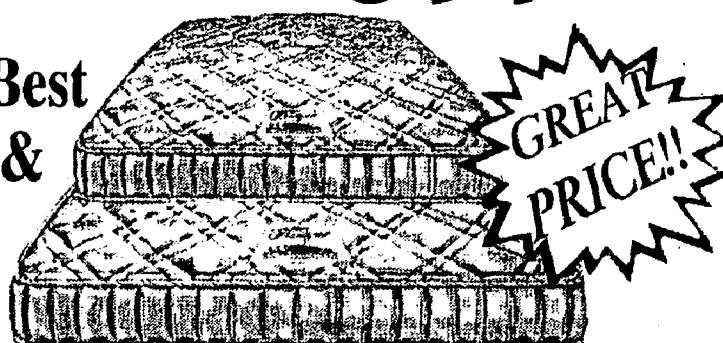


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