

Snowpack—

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The figures translate into a snowpack with a water content 108% of the normal 11.3 inches for March 1, comparing totals from 1961 to 1990, said Greg Haussler of the Upper Hondo Water and Soil Conservation District. The 14.5 inches of water content was up from February, when Kessler measured 8.4 inches, about 93% of normal.

The snow depth is 90% of the average, Haussler said.

Kessler was able to verify the 30-inch snow measurement reported by Ski Apache from a storm that hung over Ruidoso for two days last week.

"That's just what we measured going through the snow until we hit the crusty layer of what was there before Saturday," he said.

Kessler still is cautious about predicting the water flow from the snowpack to Lincoln County's streams.

"(Conditions are) a lot better, way above what would be normal for an April 1 reading, which is the peak date for snow accumulation," Kessler said. "You can still get good snows after that, but it's starting to do its thing and melting down. Right now, it's a heck of a lot better than we've had in several years."

Runoff predictions tricky

Kessler said he learned to be cautious in predicting the effect of the snowpack in 1993 when the April reading came out a healthy 13.8 inches of water content, but snow already was missing from the southern slopes of the mountains.

"Everyone was making optimistic streamflow forecasts, but I argued that it wasn't a good measurement, because we had 4-5 inches of rain up there in December 1994, and we had this thick ice layer on the ground, and the southern face of the slopes was completely dry. There was no snow.

"As it turned out, our streamflow was less than the year before when the reading was 5.2 inches.



A snowman tilts and melts away on the shore of Bonito Lake Sunday. Local officials hope the Sacramento Mountains' snowmelt fills reservoirs to capacity.

But this year, he's more confident in predicting a better flow.

"It's going to be a lot better this year, because the ground is frozen solid. We have a good ice layer. The snow is good and dense and it's everywhere, not just the north face of the mountain," Kessler said.

"Even if we had no snow from now on, we're in better shape than last year," he added.

According to the latest data from the New Mexico Basin Outlook Report for February 1997, the month of January received 362% of its average precipitation.

However, Kessler hasn't forgotten last year when from March to April, the snowpack lost about 4.5 inches of its water content from hot blowing winds affecting an already loose snow cover on the mountain.

"I don't feel it would happen, but if the temperature went up and the wind started blowing like crazy and the snow started melting off, we'd be getting our

runoff too early. I've already seen creeks running higher. I figure the snow we had pretty much melted off the southern face side," Kessler said.

The ground still is frozen in higher north slope elevations and that's good, because it prevents absorption of the water until later in the year, he said.

But meteorologists are warning that the spring may be warmer than normal, increasing the amount of plants sucking up the ground moisture, causing the snow to melt faster and earlier, and creating another year of high wildfire risk, Kessler said.

The U.S. Geological Survey tracks gauges at several sites along Lincoln County's three stream systems. Last year in March, the flow of the Rio Ruidoso was about 15 cubic feet per second. In January of this year, it registered 11.3 cfs, a spokesman said, down from 18.2 cfs in October. New measurements aren't scheduled until next week, he said. The flow

is expected to increase next month with some melt-off of the snowpack, although the annual peak flow month varies from year-to-year. The average April reading is 37.3 cfs. The maximum reading over a 42-year record is 104 cfs and the minimum is 2.23 cfs.

Better stocking ahead

"We might have enough water in the creeks that the (state) Game and Fish Department could stock the lakes again," Kessler said. Low stream and lake water levels couldn't support much fish life during the last few dry summers.

Mike Sloane, hatcheries manager for the state game department, said he anticipates being able to stock streams and lakes with rainbow trout at more normal levels this year.

"We had problems throughout the state last year with water becoming unstockable," Sloane said. "We tried to compensate by putting fish in other water that was stockable."

Senate passes road bill

by Helen Gausson
News Capitol correspondent

The state wants to turn maintenance of more than 4,000 state highways over to the counties but the state would still have to pay for their maintenance under a bill passed by the Senate Thursday.

The Senate voted 29-6 to send the bill sponsored by Sen. Pete Campos (D-Las Vegas) to the House. A nearly identical bill also passed the House Thursday on a 44-21 vote.

"We don't have any counties with the money in the budget to pick up these roads," Campos said.

Under existing state law, the state Highway Commission can turn over maintenance of state roads to the counties whenever the state does not have enough money to maintain them. Campos' bill would require the state to pay counties a certain amount of money for each mile of road abandoned. Campos said the per-mile amount, about \$40,000 this year, would be equal to the total budget for the state Highway and Transportation Department divided by the total number of miles maintained by the department.

Analysts have estimated the state would have to pay the counties almost \$160 million under the bill. The bill was amended on the floor to require the state to pay a comparable amount to the counties every year.

Sen. Leonard Lee Rawson (R-Las Cruces) said the figure is not fair because it doesn't take into account the number of lanes in each road. On the other end of the spectrum, Sen. Bill Davis (R-Albuquerque) said the amount is too generous because it would be based on the department's entire budget, not just its road maintenance budget. Both Rawson and Davis voted against the bill.

"Aren't you overcompensating the counties?" Davis asked. "The counties are going to get not only the part of the budget for maintaining roads but a proportional share of the overhead. I don't think that's fair."

Davis predicted the state will never turn over any roads to the counties because of the ongoing financial impact.

Sen. Carroll Leavell (R-Jel) said that would be fine with him.

"The counties are not in the position to maintain the highways. I hope it causes the Highway Department to reconsider their decision on this, otherwise counties are going to have to buy heavy equipment," he said.

Most of those speaking in favor of Campos' bill voiced similar concerns about the counties' ability to take care of the roads.

"In McKinley County, we don't have any equipment to maintain anything but gravel roads," said Sen. Gloria Howes (D-Gallup). Told the state wants to turn over the roads before July 1998, Howes added, "There would be no way realistically that the counties could absorb the maintenance of state roads. They're strapped for money. They can barely maintain the county roads."

Sen. John Arthur Smith (D-Deming) said he is concerned because the state is most likely to turn over the roads in the worst shape, transferring the liability to the counties.

Smith called the potential transfer an "unfunded mandate" and Campos said the state was "shrugging part of its responsibility."

Pete Rahn, cabinet secretary for the Highway and Transportation Department, has said the state can no longer afford to maintain the road system and will need more money or it must make the system smaller.

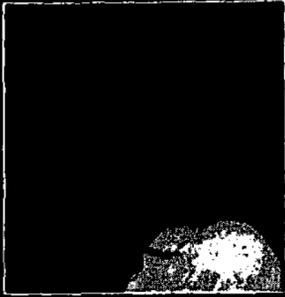
After the department announced the plan, Donna Smith, executive director of the New Mexico Association of Counties, said the roads will continue to deteriorate or even may be destroyed if turned over to the counties. She said some counties tore up some roads the last time the state abandoned the roads.

Lincoln County Commissioners have voiced opposition to taking over any state roads.

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Fire department officials fear effect of proposed bill

By Diane Stallings
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

The ability of fire departments to do their jobs could be cut in half, if a bill introduced by a state representative from Santa Fe passes this month, warns state Fire Marshal George Chavez.

The measure especially would hurt counties like Lincoln, with small rural volunteer fire departments, said Bonito Fire Department Chief Chris Denne. Cuts in financial support could leave homes unprotected, if volunteer departments can't afford to buy equipment and continue to operate, he said.

"The state fire marshal is concerned that the state's fire departments, especially the rural departments with low ISO (Insurance Service Organization) ratings, will not be competitive and may wind up unfunded," Denne said. "Even if this worst-case scenario doesn't occur, without guaranteed annual income, rural departments would not qualify for state or private long-term lease-purchase or loan financing. Many departments would suffer from deteriorating facilities and equipment and might ultimately cease to exist."

State Rep. Max Coll (D-Santa Fe) introduced House Bill 1324. He could not be reached for comment, but Chavez said the bill would throw county and municipal fire departments into competition for operational money with all state agencies.

The state's firefighting fund is reserved primarily to help fire departments across the state by providing a guaranteed source of income each year. The money is generated from a 3% tax on insurance premiums paid for car and house coverage in New Mexico.

The law includes a formula that funds each department based on their insurance ranking, which is tied to the amount of equipment, manpower and firefighting training of a department.

But the state Legislature claims about 70% of the firefight-

ing fund, which last year was \$36 million, Chavez said. By law, once the state's 353 fire departments receive their allocations, the fund's unused portion reverts to the general pool of money used to operate the state.

Coll's bill specifies that after fiscal year 1999, the entire firefighting fund will go to the state's general fund for legislators to appropriate for fire departments.

"When (the money) goes to the general fund, I obviously will no longer be the administrator of the fire protection fund, which I do now by virtue of state statute," Chavez said. "Once it goes to the general fund, it will be dictated by the state Legislature."

Other serious ramifications for the state's fire services cited by Chavez include:

- fire departments would not be able to buy expensive equipment on lease-purchase contracts, because they would not have a guaranteed annual amount of income for payments. Few could afford to buy equipment in cash;

- the New Mexico Finance Authority could be damaged, because fire departments represent 70%-80% of its loans;

- fire departments will not be able to take advantage of federal programs that demand a guaranteed source of income as a match for grants;

- and a new complicated formula would result in all classes of fire departments losing money compared to their current allocations, and more money going for other the state's general fund expenditures.

Chavez pointed to other specially designated funds that already have been drained off into the general fund by legislators.

"Historically several funds that used to be earmarked and were de-earmarked, such as the Emergency Medical Services fund, have lost a tremendous amount of money, nearly 50% of what the EMS used to distribute to departments in the state," Chavez said.

Since departments have relied almost entirely on lease purchases to replace aging equipment and to add to their firefighting arsenals, cutting out that avenue of purchasing "makes the possibility of losing extensive fire response capability statewide a very definite assurance," he said.

In exchange for paying a tax on insurance premiums, homeowners are supposed to receive a fast and competent response to fires, Chavez said.

Ninety-five percent of the fire departments in the state are run by volunteers, Chavez said. "If they go into real heavy-duty competition under the house appropriation act, we can safely predict that the response capability in the state of New Mexico will be compromised by 50% and that's a safe projection."

Particularly hard hit locally would be departments in Palo Verde and Fort Stanton, he said. Departments with other avenues of income, such as Bonito, may fare better, he said.

"Fifty percent of the fire departments in the state fall into a class nine, one that just barely is surviving," he said. A higher ranking benefits homeowners, because as the rating goes up, insurance premiums go down, he explained. At the same time, the improved departments fare better under the funding formula.

In the last 13 years, the funding formula was increased only once, when departments received an 11% hike compared to a 65% increase in the cost of firefighting equipment during the same period, Chavez said.

Seven volunteer departments operate under Lincoln County sponsorship, and four towns have their own departments, some with a mixture of volunteers and paid employees, one with all paid firefighters. Most of the volunteer groups are ranked no higher than an eight on the ISO, with 10 being nearly zero capability, according to County Manager Frank Potter.

Students face snow make-up days

Mother Nature threw a monkey wrench into the Ruidoso schools' schedule this year, forcing school board members to consider how to make up for lost time.

Ruidoso School Board members will weather the issue of snow at their 7 p.m. Tuesday meeting and will decide how to make up for two lost days. Three snow days were allotted in the district's regular schedule, but enough flakes fell to keep students home for five days so far.

Possible solutions for making up the lost time include adding the two days on the end of the regular schedule, shifting

some teacher work days or juggling holidays.

Other business before the board will include:

- the sale proclamation, rating presentation and calendar for the \$8.5 million bond issue approved by voters Feb. 4;

- a revision of the Educational Plan for Student Success drafted last year;

- an operating agreement with Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso;

- a presentation from Lisa Vasquez and Pixie Arthur, district teachers who received ENMU Dream Fund grants;

- a presentation from teachers Dean Hood and Steve

Havill on next year's restructuring of the eighth grade;

- a call for bids for instructional and maintenance/custodial supplies;

- plans for the April 1 dedication of the new White Mountain recreation fields;

- a preview of the Ruidoso Police Gang Task Force's presentation at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12 in the school district central office board room;

- plans for the board's March 20 visit to the Nob Hill Early Childhood Center;

- and budget adjustments for the current year and the board calendar for 1997-98.

Ballpark may be dedicated April 1

The White Mountain Recreation Complex will likely be dedicated during the first home games of the Ruidoso High School varsity baseball team on Tuesday, April 1.

The Ruidoso Village Council will decide whether to approve the dedication day when the council holds its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 11. The date was recommended to the council and Ruidoso School Board by a joint powers committee Monday.

The committee also recommends keeping the name the site has commonly been called, the White Mountain Recreation Complex.

The team takes on Socorro in a doubleheader on April Fool's Day. The dedication is proposed to take place between the 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. games. The team's first game will be out of town on another holiday - Monday, March 17 in Tularosa.

The dedication will be the culmination of a unique cooperative project: the village contributed \$1 million through a voter-approved bond issue, the school district contributed 17 acres of land next to the White Mountain schools, and county government equipment and employees were used.

"I think it's an excellent, posi-

tive cooperative effort when government entities can join for the benefit and good of the community and youth," Village Manager Gary Jackson said.

In a related issue, the council Tuesday will vote on a plan to build less expensive restrooms, a concession building and storage shed at the White Mountain Recreation Complex. Officials thought they might have to leave out these amenities when bids put the items out of the reach of their budget, but Assistant Village Manager Alan Briley came up with a plan to build them within the budget, at a total cost of \$67,730.

Other items on the council's Tuesday agenda, in order of appearance, are:

- consideration of a new restaurant beer and wine license for Chef Lupe's Restaurant, 1501 Sudderth Drive;

- consideration of a small brewer's license for the Elk Horn Pub, 2820 Sudderth Drive;

- request for waiver of moratorium on subdivision of land while the village is in a water contingency emergency phase; the request is from Ben Martin, who wants to subdivide a 6-acre tract into four lots in the Cree Meadows Heights Subdivision;

- bid award for airport rescue and firefighting vehicle, and

authorization for the mayor to accept the subsequent Federal Aviation Administration grant offer;

- consideration of request for vacation of public right of way at lots 1 and 8, block 2, Skyvue Heights Subdivision; the applicant wants to build a storage shed on the ROW;

- bid award for reverse osmosis units and rejection of bids for water softener/conditioner units for the Ruidoso Convention Center; the latter will be rebid;

- consideration of request from the Chamber for an amendment to the Chamber building ground lease; the change would allow the Chamber to go into debt on its building, but the village's land would not be in debt; if the Chamber defaults on its loan, the bank would take over the Chamber;

- consideration of application for \$50,000 state grant for a village Drug Enforcement Advisory Council Gang Intervention Unit; and consideration of joint powers agreement with Lincoln County for the unit;

- approval of \$40,000 state grant for marking, lighting, fencing, paving upgrade, emergency vehicles and structures, and maintenance vehicles at the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

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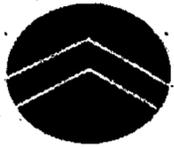
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Ceiling Fans can save energy in winter as well as summer. The secret is their motors run in reverse. This pushes warm air caught near the ceiling down low where you can feel it. How much difference can that make? Some rooms in our house can be 15 degrees warmer at the ceiling than at the floor. A well placed ceiling fan can reduce this difference by 3 degrees.
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EDITORIAL

The point is that some people just don't seem to get the point

People who publish community newspapers spend a lot of time worrying about their own credibility and the perceived apathy of the public toward things news people take very seriously—like open government and the people's right to know.

In fact, a recent Roper survey, reported in *Parade* magazine, uncovered the frightening (to news folks) finding that while 34% of those surveyed agreed that freedom of the press should be protected under all circumstances, 65% agreed with the statement that "there are times when the press should not be allowed to publish or broadcast certain things."

So when a week like the one just ending comes along...well, forgive us a cheer or two. To explain:

Things are approaching the madhouse stage at the New Mexico State Capitol building. Perhaps that's why Rep. Dub Williams (R-Glencoe) chose not to respond to inquiries from some of his constituents this week. The constituents wanted to talk about education bills Williams is sponsoring, and developments following open meetings legislation he introduced in the Legislature.

It's a bill that would amend the state's Open Meetings Act so that private corporations operating publicly owned hospital facilities under contract could legally conduct board meetings behind closed doors. (Right now, they can't, and they don't like it.)

Now our elected county commissioners, who own Lincoln County Medical Center, weren't very happy about being left in the dark about Williams' bill—written initially to close Medical Center board meetings, with no mention of the parent Presbyterian HealthCare board.

So, it turns out, were all other members of the LCMC advisory board, who last week in a letter to the county commissioners disavowed the position taken by Dub Williams, who chairs the board, by introducing the legislation. And what of the apparent conflict of interest, we ask.

Now the Lincoln County Commission has instituted a county requirement that all of its boards and committees must operate in conformity with the state's Open Meetings Act.

Thank you, commissioners. It's wonderful to have a public body tilt toward more public accountability for a change.

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THE ETHICAL ARGUMENT AGAINST CLONING



Of evolution and the schools

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm responding to your editorial in the Feb. 19 issue of this newspaper. Apparently our Senate didn't feel the state Board of Education has done its job in teaching of how man/woman came into existence and got to where he is today, physically speaking.

Rightfully so. As an adult, to continue to believe that evolution is "fact," and there is no other explanation, is akin to still believing in the tooth fairy.

Evolution is still, to this day, only a theory. Science is continually changing. Ask any scientist at Sandia Labs. For example, hemoglobin occurs in nearly all vertebrates; but also occurs in some mollusks, arthropods, and some bacteria. If we rely on one thought process or "theory" as the one and only answer to this question, then we are more closely related to the clam and pond scum than we are to the ape!

I'm amused at how grown adults, especially some science teachers, are so afraid to conceive the thought that maybe, just maybe, we were actually "created" by a "Supreme Being" or a "Higher Authority." Just imagine... if children actually were taught they were "fearfully and wonderfully made," they would have a better self-image.

Maybe if they believed they were each one created for a purpose in life, they would be less likely to commit crimes (ask any gang member what their purpose is in life and how long they expect to live).

Maybe if children believed they were on a higher level than animals, they would hold a higher regard for sex and relationships. Of how much worth can a child feel if he believes he "just

happened?" How can a child have self-respect and respect for others if he was taught his great ancestors were swinging through the trees sucking on bananas.

Your editorial mentioned the Scopes trial of the '20s as "presumably settling once and for all" the question of evolution. Does this mean you are convinced "once and for all" that O.J. is innocent?

Our public schools have dropped the ball in the teaching of how we came into existence by exposing our kids to only one side of the debate. Remember, the theory of evolution is still, to this very day, just that...only a theory.

Virgil C. Stephens
Nogal

Take politics out of LCSWA

TO THE EDITOR:

Imagine this mission if you will, to comply with U.S., law and better protect our environment, the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) — the first of its kind in New Mexico — was created with the sole responsibility for the collection and disposal...of all Lincoln County-generated solid waste including money-losing recycling and under-priced business waste programs.

This task should not include waste being brought into Lincoln County at such locations as Carrizo Canyon, Corona and along the north side of the Capitans. Our Lincoln County is big! About 70 miles north to Corona; 40 miles east to Picacho; 70 miles to the northeast side of the Capitans; and 45 miles to Oscura. These vast distances mean the task is expensive.

It is hard to believe that the LCSWA has all this waste opera-

tion responsibility but no independent, rate setting authority and no enforcement power. It is run by an 11-member, politically imbalanced board (re: Reimann's recent letter) made up of many representatives from Lincoln County and five villages (County, 2; Ruidoso, 5; Ruidoso Downs, 1; Capitán, 1; Corona, 1; Carrizozo, 1).

Imagine further, each of these independent political entities must agree to raise and collect fees for the LCSWA. ...And, we have heard almost all board members bad-mouth their own LCSWA as though they were not on its board. This bad-mouthing is really a marvelous help for LCSWA employee morale building. This leaves the LCSWA to do as best they can with the politically-limited funds available, scraping for low-interest loans and grants to try to fund their job. Now this is what I call an "impossible mission."

A state-chartered, governmental "Authority," is a common vehicle for providing specialized services to specialized areas throughout the country. Such a legal entity normally has the "authority" to set rates and collect its needed operating revenue — just like a school district does — subject to the oversight of a board. I submit to the good citizens...that the current LCSWA arrangement needs to be changed today so that the LCSWA can generate the revenue to do the job that...citizens expect without having to beg for each little piece of revenue from its political board members. I hope it is obvious to all by now that the LCSWA board members need to be private citizens, appointed or elected, and not governmental members who have their own agenda to pursue at their board meetings.

Marshall Conover
Ruidoso

Mountain Asides

BY KEITH GREEN
THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Art stuff...

You probably won't find a basket anywhere around big enough to hide Bill Rakocy's light.

We're reminded of that every time he publishes another of his occasional "Ruidoso Tourister" publications, this time called "Bravo Press Art & History News." The latest, dated "Spring 1997," is typical of his published product:

It's a fascinating mish-mash of Southwest history, Rakocy self-promotion, sales pitches for the man's own books, art works...all among a passel of advertising from all over. And, for some reason (maybe to promote the idea of Ruidoso artists getting together to promote themselves) a reprint of the bylaws of the Thos Society of Artists adopted in 1918 and a summary of Santa Fe art colony history.

That, interlaced with a dose of Pacho Villa photos, paintings of the Villa period by Rakocy, miscellaneous headlines unconnected to stories...

And a bit of news: Bill Rakocy is emptying his gallery-cum-bookstore at 2808 Sudderth and will close on April 1. We get the idea he's moving back to El Paso, but what's in print is that after closing, Rakocy will be "back to the drawing board in the South Seas, Old Mexico, Mogollon or the Unpainted Southwest."

Speaking of galleries, La Couture Gallery in Jira Plaza is not a fancy dress shop, despite the name: It's an exhibit space with some outstanding representational paintings, and some startling abstract works, operated by Bob and Elaine (you guessed it) La Couture. They, by the way, already are planning for an open house May 24.

Jira Plaza suddenly is becoming art-dominated. Also now in the plaza are the Benson and McMahon galleries.

If they all end up with open houses on that crowded Memorial Day weekend—talk about something for the non-horse racing crowds to do!

A neighbor in the same area is Frank Sayner's insurance agency. Sayner has a sideline; he keeps Rotarians delightfully informed about what's going on in the news. Walter Cronkite he's not, but he does put a personal twist on his reporting.

He concluded this week that Vice President Al Gore probably should have to follow the same rules about political fund-raising that apply to everybody else.

Spring takes over Valley, pushed by winds

This is being sent to you right at mid-day on March 4 with a bright sun in a pure blue sky and the March wind singing down the valley, strumming chords through the branches of the river trees which are the harp strings for the harmonies of March, the Month of Spring.

The wind is warm although it blows straight off Sierra Blanca, all shining white against the blue sky.

Last night the temperature stayed mostly at 40 degrees, and now just a few minutes after noon the temperature is 64 degrees out in the shade of the cedar tree at the yard gate.

The cows are down along the river eating the now-green grass along the banks. The mountain meadows have a

touch of light green among the gold where the earliest herbs and grass spring forth.

The wind has begun its work of swaying the branches of the trees, loosening the bank, awakening the sleeping life force down at the roots.

All in a day you can see the apricot fruit buds beginning to smell and turn red on the branches; whipping, swaying and thrashing in the wind. The apricot, the leader of the fruit buds, often blooms in mid-February. So you can see the outlook for a fruit crop remains good at this early



The Silver Lining
DANIEL AGNEW STORM
COLUMNIST

point in the seasons. After February, the Birth Month,

with so many special days, comes March with Saint Patrick's Day all by itself out in the middle of the month on March 17.

The Irish, fond though they are of their Emerald Isle, have wandered to the distant corners of the earth, taking with them their love of their green island, their traditions and their songs, their love of life, friendly spirit, and their devout nature.

And so, taking one thing with another, the honoring of the patron saint of Ireland, has

become a world-wide celebration.

The New York Saint Patrick's Day Parade is the second largest in the world, second only to the parade in Dublin itself.

Parades are held all over the United States, including Texas, which has an Irish influence in its history.

New Mexico has its Irish tradition including our own celebration at the church in San Patricio.

Since Ireland is the Emerald Isle, Saint Patrick's Day is a celebration of the green of spring which arrives on March 20.

Let us look forward with rejoicing to the days ahead in the mountain land, and be thankful to the Lord for our blessings.

BUSINESS

Arts Festival named one of nation's tops

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce Arts Festival held each year in July has been named one of the best in the country.

The show was one of 14 nominations considered for addition to The Harris List, an artist and art aficionado guide to the best art and crafts shows in the United States.

Harris List Editor Dr. Larry Harris of La Veta, Colo., described the list as the guide to the top 180 fine art and craft shows in the country.

"This is wonderful," said Chamber Executive Director Joan Bailey. "It originally start-

ed as an arts and crafts fair in School House Park under a couple of tents."

She praised all those who started the event 26 years ago and those who have given so generously over the years for making the festival the incredible success it has become.

Every year the Arts Festival selects 150 artists from hundreds of candidates to show their stuff in Ruidoso. The selections are made by a jury so confidential even Bailey doesn't know who sits on it.

"The integrity of the show is very, very important to us," Bailey added.

The addition to The Harris List will not only fill organizers and artists with pride, but may also pump up the Ruidoso Valley Chamber's pocketbook.

Bailey explained that the

annual arts and crafts extravaganza is one of the Chamber's largest fund raisers, contributing one-third of annual revenues.

This year's July 25-27 event, the 26th annual, will celebrate local artists and gallery owners. Bailey said only half of the show is what you see inside, the rest is in the community.

Ruidoso meets Wall Street

A new radio show on KBUY/KWES is bridging the gap between Ruidoso and Wall Street with the morning market report.

Everyday following the news and ski report, around 8:05 a.m., registered security representative and investment advisor Carole Wiberg takes to the air with the

latest on the Dow Jones, NASDAQ, London gold and silver, West Texas intermediate crude and other stocks of local interest. The show features the closing numbers from the previous day's market activities.

The show just finished its first week on the air and Wiberg is taking stock in the stock update's success.

"Lots of people have said they've heard it, so people are listening," she said. "We're hoping for a lot of positive response."

The show also may expand and air at the noon hour, but plans haven't been firmed up yet.

In the meantime, Wiberg is busy organizing a "Women and

Investing" seminar to be held May 1 at Cree Meadows. For more information contact Wiberg at 257-9256.

Cattle prices beefy in Feb.

New Mexico cattle prices continued to improve in February, marking the fourth straight month that steer and heifer prices have increased.

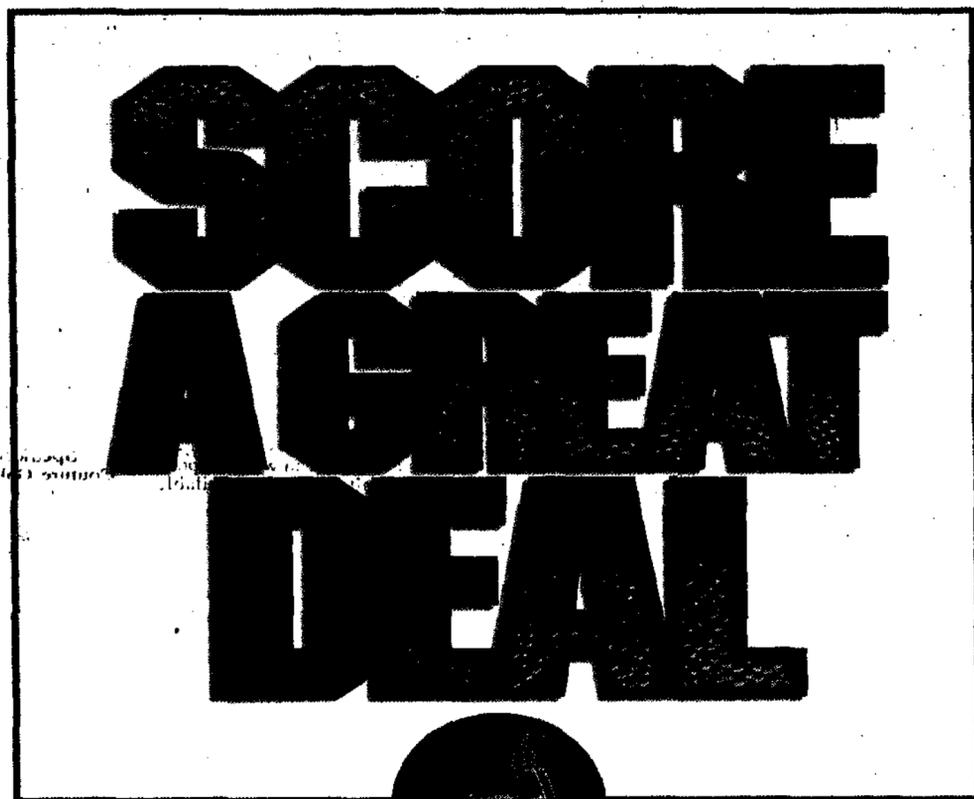
Although New Mexico's going rate for cattle was up to \$61.80 per hundred pounds (cwt), compared to \$51.30 per cwt in February, 1996, it is still below the national average of \$64.50 per cwt.

New Mexico calf prices are also continuing their nine-month

rise. The price for calves increased from \$61.20 per cwt to \$64.40 per cwt in February. In February, 1996, New Mexico calves sold for an average of \$52.30, \$12.10 less than this year's price. But New Mexico calf prices did not match the national average, falling \$8.20 short of the U.S. price of \$72.60.

Cows are also riding a three-month price increase. The February, 1997, price for cows was \$38 per cwt, a \$1.90 increase from January and \$1.70 up from February, 1996. Nationally, the average cow price was \$5.80 lower than the New Mexico average.

The average price of alfalfa hay was \$147 per ton, up \$6 from last month and \$26 higher than February, 1996.



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BUSINESS



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Kathleen Trujillo offers a wide variety of computer-oriented services through Kat's Designs.

Trujillo's business idea is cat's meow

By JULIE BAXTER
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

The Kat is out of the bag — Kat's Designs, that is.

Entrepreneur Kathleen Trujillo has taken a fancy for finance and her life experiences and molded them into a business venture she thinks has a little something for everyone.

The certified tax preparer/bookkeeper/office manager/graphic designer turned dream into reality last year while she was in, of all places, bed. Trujillo said a stretch of bed rest after surgery left her plenty of time to contemplate her goals and finally woke her up enough to go for it. She attended school, got a degree and opened the doors of Kat's Designs.

A resident of Ruidoso for six years, the single mother of two originally hails from San Francisco, Calif. An employee of a family-owned real estate business that operated \$100 million worth of downtown property, Trujillo fostered her love of numbers in the Golden Gate city.

"That got me interested in finance," Trujillo said. "It's fascinating. If you know the so-called tricks of the trade, you can save a lot of money. It's kind of like a game."

But just because finance has its game-like aspects, handling other people's taxes, business matters and graphic design needs is not play time for Trujillo. On the contrary, she takes it very seriously. One area she particularly enjoys is helping people receiving Social Security or wel-

"I see a big future. I think I have a lot to offer the community. There seems to be a real need for this."

KATHLEEN TRUJILLO
KAT'S DESIGNS OWNER

fare benefits get the most out of their tax returns.

"I've been low income," Trujillo said. "Some people feel it's us against them. I am one of 'us.'"

To illustrate how much help she can be for low-income families, she used a family of three receiving welfare as an example. She said a tax rebate of \$240 may be available and that rebate may be applied for three years, for a total of \$720.

"That can really help," Trujillo said. "It's good for me and it's great for them."

To add another personal touch to her personal business, Trujillo will pick up and deliver taxes to anyone who may have trouble, or simply not enough time, to come to her.

Trujillo prides herself on offering full-service financial help for all. She said she can be a big help for business owners and man-

agers who are struggling with bookkeeping, computers, typing and plain old office management. Years of experience in the financial and real estate fields, combined with her job as office manager for Sierra Cinema, have given her plenty of background to make businesses the cat's meow. She said she can perform a variety of tasks for businesses that are either struggling with computers or simply need a little extra help but don't have the budget to support another employee.

Trujillo can provide a wide range of services for businesses and individuals including help buying a computer, computer training, computerized office management, typing correspondence and consulting.

For others looking to create a new look for their business, Trujillo also can create custom logos and t-shirt, hat and flier designs. Although the design aspect of her business usually takes a back seat to the other facets, she said she enjoys it. In her six years in Ruidoso, Trujillo has compiled a portfolio full of graphic designs, with her most recent addition being her own business cards, calendars and fliers.

Kat's design may be just starting to earn its stripes, but Trujillo said the business is bound to fulfill its nine lives and then some.

"I see a big future," she said. "I think I have a lot to offer the community. There seems to be a real need for this in this town."

Old-fashioned mortgaging hits Ruidoso

By JULIE BAXTER
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

A legend of the West, Doc Holliday made a name for himself in history, thanks to his place by Wyatt Earp's side at the Gunfight at the OK Corral.

Following that historic example, a modern-day man with a like-sounding moniker has emerged in Ruidoso to fight the good fight for home buyers. Doc Hollida, pronounced the same as Earp's sidekick's title, is the new mortgage broker in town.

A 15-year oilfield man from Andrews, Texas, Hollida made a change about two years ago and left his life of black gold sales for the money matters of home finance. After working a year in the PrimeSource Mortgage Inc. office in Los Lunas, Hollida packed his bags and headed south for Ruidoso to open a local PrimeSource office.

Hollida said he and his wife, Gene, have been visiting Ruidoso for 12 to 15 years and decided it was just the sort of place they would like to live.

"I've been in Andrews, Texas, for the last 15 years," he said, pointing out that the scenery there doesn't go beyond rolling hills and Mesquite brush. "It's good to be up here with all this wildlife."

New friends Hollida has made in Ruidoso since opening the PrimeSource doors last November include a bear, some deer and a javalina, not to mention all the humans he's met. The human contact is what he likes most about the mortgage business.

"There's a lot of personal freedom and opportunities to get out and meet people. I like to get out and meet people," Hollida said. "You never know who you're going to run into."

In fact, the former schoolteacher who spent five years educating youth in Tumcumcari, has even run into a former student or two.

Another fine point of his finance career is the support and networking that PrimeSource provides. PrimeSource has five offices in New Mexico (Clovis, Roswell, Ruidoso, Farmington and Los Lunas) as well as El Paso, Texas, and has plans to open two more New Mexico branches by the end of 1997. In addition to the statewide resources, PrimeSource also has access to 40 national mortgage lenders.

Having that many lenders to choose from helps Hollida and other PrimeSource brokers find the best financing for everybody.

"In our business, we're on the



Julie Baxter/The Ruidoso News

Doc Hollida stands by his desk at his home in the mountains on the west side of Ruidoso.

"In our business we're on the borrower's side. We don't get a penny until the deal goes through. You just have to keep digging and hunting until you find the best deal you can for your customer. Having that many lenders to choose from is a big advantage."

DOC HOLLIDA
MORTGAGE BROKER

borrower's side," said PrimeSource co-founder and New Mexico CEO Jeff Smith. "We don't get a penny until the deal goes through."

"You just have to keep digging and hunting until you find the best deal you can for your customer," Hollida added. "Having that many lenders to choose from is a big advantage."

Having six offices that deal with those 40 lenders has an upside, too. Smith explained that the volume of loans PrimeSource generates has some lenders giving them "premium financing." Put simply, the company's high

regard by lenders means lower rates for borrowers. "When you look at all that volume, lenders are willing to pay a little more... we can pass that on to buyers with a lower rate," Smith said.

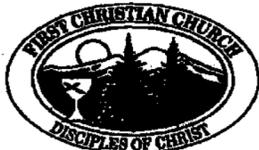
Hollida said response has been good since he jumped on the PrimeSource horse in southeast New Mexico. Not only does he ride the ranges of Ruidoso, but he also covers ground in Cloudcroft, Alamogordo and Capitan.

So the transition from oil salesman to finance finder seems to be a success, and this home-based, businessman seems to be making quite a name for himself.

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BUSINESS

The Ruidoso News 'ads' new staff

Jim Thompson and Cathy McKinley are the newest additions to the Ruidoso News advertising sales staff.

Right now they're helping Advertising Director Christine Volquardson put the finishing touches on the paper's annual Community Update special section.

Thompson came to nearby Alamogordo in 1990 to take his last assignment in the U.S. Air Force. He was an aircraft maintenance superintendent with the Air Force, going into life insurance sales when he retired from the military 5.5 years ago. He's already settled into his new job with a passion.

"I love it. I'm having a blast here," Thompson says. "And for my advertising clients, I promise nothing but the best for the best." Thompson is accustomed to deadlines, as he faced some serious ones in the military at Holloman Air Force Base.

Thompson is active in community affairs in Alamogordo, where he plans to live until his daughter graduates next year. Then he'll look for a new home in the mountains of Ruidoso.

He just celebrated his 25th anniversary of being married to his wife, Helen. They also have a son, Eric.

A Vietnam vet, Thompson is helping to organize a visit of the traveling Vietnam Wall to Alamogordo May 22-30.

Cathy McKinley is new to ad

sales, but far from new to the newspaper business. At The Ruidoso News, she's been production manager and a graphic artist in the past.

What inspired her to move to the sales side?

"I like to be out there talking to people," McKinley said. "As a graphic artist, I didn't have nearly as much chance to get out of the office."

Besides covering Lincoln County, McKinley travels to Roswell weekly.

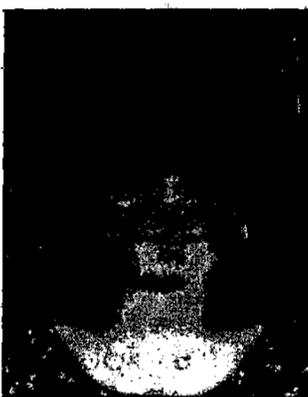
McKinley's experience before moving to Ruidoso is extensive. Since earning a bachelor's degree in journalism at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan., she has been managing editor of monthly magazines, copy editor for daily newspapers, and worked in a public relations firm. She also has broad experience with computer graphics, and has designed web pages on the Internet.

In other words, she can answer pretty much any question a client may have about advertising, from advice about what buyers are seeking to advice about ad design.

When she's not on the job, she is a personal trainer who teaches aerobics at the Ruidoso Athletic Club. She and her husband Gene have two children, Billy, 12, and Marissa, 4, and another one on the way.



Jim Thompson



Cathy McKinley



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Hawaii bound

Coldwell-Banker real estate agent Nancy Lore (right), pictured with The Ranches of Sonterra Project Manager Lonnie Phillips, is the lucky winner of The Ranches winter broker referral program, which ended Sunday, March 2. Lore won a seven-day, all-expenses-paid Hawaiian getaway and will have plenty of cash for souvenirs, thanks to the \$2,000 spending money which was part of her prize.

State's cattle slaughter up in Jan.

New Mexico's cattle slaughter in January 1997 totaled 3,100 head, up 100 from January, 1996. Total liveweight slaughter was up 5% in 1997, as well. The average liveweight for cattle slaughtered was 927 pounds.

Across the nation, cattle slaughter was up 3% in January, 1997 from the previous year and total liveweight increased 1%, but the average liveweight dropped 30 pounds to 1,160 pounds.

Interest Rates This Week

The following interest rates on certificates of deposit and new car loans were reported March 6 from local banks.

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7:00 p.m. Placido Domingo — The Covent Garden Gold and Silver Gala
- 12th - Clovis/Curry County Chamber of Commerce
7:00 p.m. Colm Wilkinson Sings Music from Les Miz, Phantom, Evita and Much More
- 14th - Roswell Chamber of Commerce
9:10 p.m. Placido Domingo — The Covent Garden Gold and Silver Gala
- 15th - New Mexico Magazine
6:30 p.m. Country Music Legends
- 19th - Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce
7:00 p.m. The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra: A 60th Anniversary Gala
- 20th - Artesia Chamber of Commerce
7:00 p.m. Mystery! "Cadfael II: The Virgin in the Ice"
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CAPITAN

Bus criticisms fuel slight changes

By Dianne Stallings
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Capitan's transportation program took a few knocks in a recent audit by the State Department of Education, but most of the criticism dealt with paper issues, not safety, says the district superintendent.

"I would say we probably run the safest buses in the community," Supt. Diana Billingsley said Thursday. "We've had no traffic violations or citations and when the buses are inspected, they pass completely. The concerns the state department have are paper work and not related to the safety of students."

The paper problems cropped up when the state turned over responsibility for overseeing the transportation program to school districts, Billingsley said, adding, "We're trying to get all of our 'T's crossed and 'I's dotted. We're really a safe program. We did the maintenance, but our records just didn't meet their requirements."

State officials told the district its school bus loading and unloading zone should be re-evaluated to eliminate potential danger of student injury from other vehicles moving through the area.

Billingsley said the district knew it had a problem with the loading zone and has followed part of the program auditors' rec-



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DIANA BILLINGSLEY
CAPITAN SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT

ommendation by requiring parents to drop their children at the front of Capitan Elementary

"We knew we had a problem with parents passing buses while we were loading," she said. "We eliminated parents being able to drop off students behind (the high) school in the loading zone, even though we have staff right in front of the buses. We'd rather not have to worry about it."

The district has — or soon will — conformed to all other recommendations in the program review report, Billingsley said.

Other criticisms contained in the report include:

— the district lacked scheduled maintenance files for its buses. Some type of preventative and scheduled maintenance pro-

gram should be adopted. The files should contain a record of all mechanical work and all parts removed or replaced;

— the district lacks proof of random inspections;

— no criminal background checks on drivers existed in the files;

— and bus routes should be re-evaluated to eliminate non-eligible students who live close enough to school to walk, and to eliminate "door-to-door" service.

Program auditors also noted the staff provided excellent supervision of children at the bus loading and unloading area, and that no discrepancies were found in the district's expenditure reporting.

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Boys and girls of summer — get ready to play ball

Our little warm spell yesterday and today, coupled with the first softball meetings of the year for the adult recreation league, has me oiling my glove, airing out my bat bag and scanning the Eastbay catalog for new cleats.

League play starts at the end of April, which is a fewer than two months away. It might seem like a while away, but like any professional baseball team these days, the league has some new players in key positions as it heads into "spring training."

From the Bench



LAURA CLYMER
SPORTS REPORTER

Rafeal "Rifle" Salas has assumed the reins of the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department now that Debbie Jo Almager moved up north to Los Alamos. Salas has been with parks and rec for more than 12 years.

Almager's departure meant that her job as area director for USSSA became vacant. USSSA is the governing body that sanctions the league and teams and provides the rules. Moving up to area director after serving several years as assistant area director is Patsy Page.

Claudia Branum returns as Umpire in Chief for the area. She's also the sports coordinator for the village, which includes the title of softball coordinator. Last summer Branum walked the decks of the city pool. Now, she'll monitor the village's softball league and tournaments.

The titles have changed, but for the most part, personnel has remained the same — that's good news for softball players.

The collective experience of Salas, Page and Branum should translate into continued improvements for softball players at all levels.

So what's on deck for the approaching softball season? Let's take a glance at the lineup.

At the Feb. 27 meeting of local coaches, players, umpires and parks and rec officials, it was decided to dissolve the league's softball board in favor of running the adult league directly under the Parks and Recreation Department. Instead of a five-member board to handle disciplinary hearings or league bylaw changes, a commission consisting of a player and/or coach from each team will be formed. The commission can voice its concerns about league bylaws, but it won't have say about discipline. Salas will handle disciplinary issues.

Parks and recreation will run the league according to USSSA guidelines, Branum says. The commission will meet to discuss any complaints and any league rule changes.

Players, coaches and fans will be greeted by new signage as they drive into the Eagle Creek Sports Complex. A welcome sign will set at the complex's entrance. In the dugouts, the USSSA rules of conduct will be posted — a friendly reminder that sportsmanship should always prevail on and off the diamond.

The fields are getting a workout, too. Crews have installed new fencing on A field. A special soil conditioner that helps absorb water will be tilled into the infields. The fields have been re-seeded twice since last fall. They'll get dose of seeding again before the season. For those days of monsoon rains and torrential downpours, Salas' crackerjack field crews will have "rapid dry" to pour on the infields.

Umpires and players will be glad to hear that all the bases on all three diamonds will be replaced. The new bases will be slide-over type, anchored in the ground. No more unstable bases sticking up three or four inches. No more bases flying into left field when a baserunner slides into second base. No more dirty fingernails from digging out the base area.

The date's been set for the adult league men's and women's all-star games. The top women players will square off at 7 p.m. June 18, followed by a game between the top men's players.

As it looks now, Branum expects at least 10 men's teams and seven women's teams. Last year 13 men's teams and six women's teams finished the season. With 10 or more men's teams, Branum will run the men's league much the same way as last year. The men will play a round robin, then split into "gold" and "silver" divisions for double round robin play. The women will play each other three times.

The league's \$375 entry fee is due April 14th. Branum will have the parks and recreation office open from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. that day to accept league entry fees.

With that, it's almost time to heed the advice of the new Eagle Creek Sports Complex welcome sign: "Let's play ball."

Invasion of the student bodies begins today



The slopes of Ski Apache will have a distinctive, youthful "air" to them for the next several weeks when college students take a break from their studies. Snowboarder Jamie Baas of Las Cruces shows how it's done.

by LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Consider it the calm before the storm. The days preceding the arrival of college students on spring break are somewhat quiet on the slopes of Ski Apache.

They won't be for long, says Ski Apache general manager Roy Parker.

Beginning today (Friday) and for the next two weekends, students will be making their way to Ruidoso for their break away from history exams, chemistry labs and philosophy essays.

"You don't have to create anything for them," says Parker, who notes the students will be raising their own din on the mountain and in town.

Excellent ski conditions on the mountain will greet the students. Snowfall from two systems last week delivered 38 inches of heavy, wet snow to the ski area.

"It was just a made-to-order storm. (The snow) has a lot of moisture in it, and it holds up real well," Parker says. "The whole state got good snow, but this time we got included."

After last week's storms, Parker opened the Trench and Ringtail runs for the first time this season. All 55 trails are now open, and skiing The Fingers in the Apache Bowl is possible. Apache Bowl was closed when the students broke for spring at this time last year.

Why are The Fingers popular?
"They are a challenge. They're steep and narrow," Parker says. "Well, I don't know if they'll like them, but it's a good indication that we have good snow."

Parker predicts Sunday and Monday will be bigger ski days because the students spend Friday and Saturday traveling to Ruidoso.

"We hope they've got some money in their pockets," Parker adds.

Open through Easter

Barring some bizarre natural disaster, Ski Apache will stay open through Easter (March 30) weekend, ski area general manager Roy Parker says. The snow is in great shape and should hold up well through then.

Whether or not Ski Apache will stay open past Easter is still up in the air, Parker says.

"We'll wait and see if we'll stay open. We should get some good business in town with the Mexican Nationals coming up," Parker adds.

LAST RUNS: Ski Apache's skier days are improving daily. "We're still about on par as far as last year," Parker notes. The ski area halted snowmaking operations last week, in part because crews can't find the snowguns. "We've made so much snow that the guns and hydrants are buried where we're making the snow," Parker says. In some places, the snow is more than 12-feet deep. Crews are busy digging tunnels to the covered snowmaking machines. "Every place that we can make snow we've got more than enough," Parker adds.

SPORTSHORTS

Tiger cager still questionable for boy's regional semifinal

Capitan's leading scorer Cody Turnbow, who suffered a sprained ankle four days earlier, went through a light workout Thursday with his teammates — a day before the Tigers meet Lordsburg in the semifinals of the Region G boys tourney in Tularosa.

Lordsburg and Capitan play for a trip to the Class AA Boys State Basketball Tournament at 5:30 p.m. today (Friday). The winner takes on the winner of Tularosa/Animas in the Region G championship game Saturday.

Turnbow, a senior guard/forward, leads the Tigers with a 14.6 points per game average.

"We know he won't be able to go 32 minutes," Capitan coach Gerald Montes said of Turnbow.

While his teammates have had a good of practice, Turnbow has stayed off his sore right ankle. Thursday's workout was an attempt to see what Turnbow can and can't do, Montes said.

Montes and assistant coach Chad Ghormley still are deciding what strategy to employ for tonight's game. The Tiger coaching staff might elect to go with a three-guard starting lineup, or opt for three forwards and two guards.

The Tigers are beginning to show signs of nervousness, though.

"The old butterflies have turned into 747s," Montes said.

Benefit race, auction raises more than \$12,000 for SADSP

The efforts of ski racers and bargain hunters culminated in the raising of more than \$12,000 for the Ski Apache Disabled Skiers Program.

SADSP director Lisa Maue also has announced the winners of the benefit race. Disabled skier Mona Lisa Pollack teamed with Aaron Goeller and Larry Schneider to claim the overall title. Eric Kegel and Paul and Darlene Hart took second place followed by Johnny Hughley, Rhett Smith and Riker Davis.

In the "merchant's" category, Amanda Moquino, Matt Larson and Gary Gard were top finishers. Jason Lindial, Lisa Smith and Mark Mobley took the "real estate" division. Don and Christa Damron raced with Woody Williams to win the "ski shop" category.

Rick Zarndt and Lisa Smith were the fastest male and female skiers on the East Easy Street course set up by Rick Vincent and Jovian Smith.

Baseball sign-ups in Ruidoso and Capitan on March 13

Sign-ups for Ruidoso Little League Baseball and Capitan Little League Baseball will take place Thursday, March 13.

Children ages 5-15 can sign up from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the White Mountain Elementary cafeteria for the Ruidoso league. Capitan's sign-ups for children 5-15 will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the Capitan school cafeteria.

River clean-up meeting slated

A river clean-up organizational meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13 at the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation office, located at 801 Grindstone Resort Drive.

SKI REPORT

The snow report for Ski Apache for Friday, March 7, 1997:

Inches of new snow in past 24 hours: 0.
Inches of new in past 48 hours: 0. New snow in last seven days: 8.

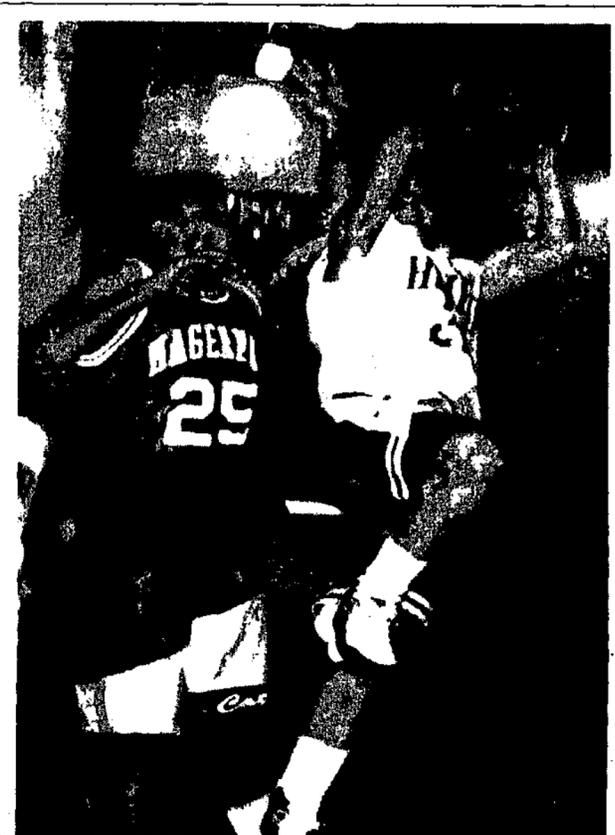
Snow base: varies from 53 to 85 inches.

Snow surface: machine groomed and packed powder.

Number of trails open: 55 of 55, 100% open.

Lifts open: 11 of 11, including the Gondola, chairs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and two surface lifts.

Regular, non-holiday ticket pricing is in effect for the remainder of the season. Half-day tickets are sold for afternoon skiing beginning at 1 p.m. Call (505) 257-9001 for the latest conditions at Ski Apache.



Laura Clymer/The Ruidoso News

Driving toward state

Hondo guard Jaren DeBaca hopes to lead his Eagle teammates to the Class A Boys State Basketball Tournament tonight when Hondo hosts the Region D tourney. Omar Barragan's District 5A champion Eagles take on Mountainair's Mustangs tonight at 7:45 p.m. In the first semifinal, District 3A champ Fort Sumner meets District 5A runner-up Hagerman at 6 p.m. Tonight's winners meet for the regional championship at 5 p.m. Saturday, and advance to next week's state tournament.

... a basketball contest for the rabid fan

OFFICIAL RECORDS

The following criminal cases were taken from Lincoln County District Court records in Carrizozo. They are identified by the date filed, the defendant, the charges and the docket number.

Oct. 29 — Ramon Lopez-Acosta; guilty of receiving stolen property over \$250, receiving or transferring stolen vehicle and speeding; sentenced to two years in jail suspended, placed on probation for two years; CR96-121.

Nov. 18 — Antonio Sotelo; guilty of perjury, sentence deferred with 18 months probation; CR96-132.

Dec. 12 — Patricia Ortiz; notice of appeal on contempt of court; CR96-138.

Dec. 23 — Veronica Rodriguez; guilty of receiving or transferring a stolen vehicle and improper use of evidence of registration; sentence suspended and probation one year; CR96-134.

Dec. 26 — Grace Martinez; possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana less than one ounce and possession of drug paraphernalia; CR96-139.

Dec. 26 — Herman S. Trinidad; possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, conspiracy to distribute marijuana and concealing identity; CR96-140.

Dec. 26 — Alfredo V. Campos, also known as Faustino Escandon; possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, con-

spiracy to distribute marijuana and concealing identity; CR96-141.

Dec. 30 — Vincente A. Montes; armed robbery with firearm enhancement and conspiracy; CR96-142.

Dec. 30 — Jack Russell; aggravated assault against a household member with a deadly weapon; CR96-143.

Jan. 10 — Martin Mojica; residential burglary and larceny; CR97-01.

Jan. 10 — Alex Alejandro Garcia; residential burglary, larceny over \$2,500, criminal damage to property, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, one ounce or less; CR97-02.

Jan. 10 — Jorge Guillen-Almanza; making false affidavit perjury; CR97-03.

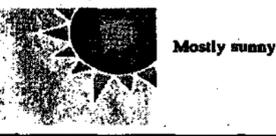
Jan. 10 — Joseph D. Scott; possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana, one ounce or less, resisting, evading or obstructing an officer, assault upon a peace officer, speeding and tampering with evidence; CR97-04.

Jan. 17 — Jason R. Ethridge; contributing to the delinquency of a minor and possession of drug paraphernalia; CR97-06.

Jan. 29 — Michael Forte; notice of appeal to guilty verdict on charge of aggravated battery against a household member; CR97-11.

RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SUNDAY High...60 Low...22



SATURDAY High...61 Low...23



MONDAY High...61 Low...24



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Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	57	23	.00"
Wednesday	55	13	.00"
Thursday	54	12	.00"
Regional-Friday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	59	23	Partly cloudy
El Paso, TX	74	39	Partly cloudy
Lubbock, TX	66	38	Partly cloudy
Midland, TX	65	40	Partly cloudy



STARDATE

March 8: the moon is at perigee, its closest to earth.
 March 10: Saturn appears just above the young crescent moon in early evening. Saturn looks like a bright golden star. Both bodies set almost an hour and a half after sunset.
 March 11: Mercury is in superior conjunction, passing behind the sun as seen from earth, moving from morning to evening sky.

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

The following information was taken from reports at the Ruidoso Police Department.

Village Water Department manager Richard Sanchez reported a government cellular phone worth \$100 was stolen from his vehicle as it was parked at the 721 Mechem Drive Furr's Supermarket. His car was unlocked.

SUNDAY, JAN. 19

A male suspect stole a \$14.99 case of Budweiser Light from the 127 U.S. 70 Allsup's Store around 4:50 a.m.

A U.S. Customs Service agent, Ed Rodriguez of El Paso, complained his 1988 Mazda was stolen from outside the 1201 Mechem Drive Pizza Hut, where he left it overnight because he had been drinking alcohol at a nearby bar.

Left inside the car was his agent badge and a Colt 380 pistol. Rodriguez learned the next day his car was at the Swiss Chalet, where some friends had taken it for him. His pistol and badge were still inside the vehicle.

A 15-year-old Ruidoso girl was reported missing by her mother and is suspected of running away to Roswell with her 17-year-old boyfriend.

MONDAY, JAN. 20

A 1993 Ford pickup was stolen from outside a 108 Upper Terrace Drive home. The keys may have been left in the pickup overnight.

Gang graffiti was found scrawled all over the walls of the new School House Park public restrooms. The graffiti appeared to be written with a black marker by at least three different people. The graffiti included "Trucha Juaritos Controla" with a picture of a smoking revolver, and various names beneath.

A 30-year-old Ruidoso woman was held in protective custody after attempting suicide by injecting an unknown drug into her arm. Police received a call that she had fallen and bumped her head in the parking lot at a 1200 Mechem Drive pub. The victim was found by police unconscious, and a syringe was found in her purse. While she was at the hospital, her son told officers his mother had called to say it was

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

Nov. 1 — Lisa Pauline Rich vs. Alan Jay Rich; divorce; DR96-239.

Nov. 4 — John Denys McCoy vs. Helens Guterman McCoy; divorce; DR96-241.

Nov. 5 — Betty Scheiner vs. Harold Scheiner; divorce; DR96-242.

Nov. 5 — Ray Barrera vs. Patia McManus; divorce; DR96-243.

Nov. 6 — Ricky Alan Davis vs. Cynthia Rozell Davis; domestic relation of foreign custody order; DR96-244.

Nov. 7 — Michael A. Larkey vs. Debi M. Larkey; divorce; DR96-246.

Nov. 15 — Nancy Hadley vs. Henry Randall; divorce; DR96-250.

Nov. 22 — Tamara Davidson vs. Jeffrey Coon; domestic violence; DR96-251.

Nov. 20 — Cindy A. Kinnick vs. Jason J. Kinnick; divorce; DR96-252.

Nov. 20 — Alfredo Montes vs. Ester Sedillo Montes; divorce; DR96-253.

Nov. 26 — Virginia M. Lawlor vs. Joseph A. Jacobson; divorce; DR96-257.

Nov. 26 — Mimi Garza vs. Eleazar Garza; divorce; DR96-261.

Dec. 3 — Robert Lee Peninger vs. Lisa A. Peninger; divorce; DR96-263.

Dec. 3 — Larry Tom Huck Jr. vs. Shamarie Black Swopes; petition to domesticate and to modify

the last time she'd be speaking to him.

Chis Balla Restaurant owner Gina Torrella reported that someone took a \$6,000 framed lithograph portraying an antique street from the entryway of the 2823 Sudderth Drive restaurant.

SATURDAY, JAN. 18

About \$1,800 worth of electronic equipment was stolen from a Mesalero woman's Garrizo Canyon Road storage unit. There was no sign of forced entry.

About \$410 worth of construction material was stolen from a Country Club Road and Buckner Drive job site managed by Delanda Construction of Ruidoso Downs.

A license plate was stolen from a 1997 Jeep as it was parked at various addresses around town.

TUESDAY, JAN. 21

The Attie store at 1031 Mechem drive reported a \$100 gold and silver Brighton Berlin watch was stolen from a rack.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22

A warrant was issued for the arrest of convicted felon Jay McGlanahan, 30, of Evergreen Street, who allegedly pawned a shotgun at the 187 U.S. 70 Golden West Pawn Shop. It's a fourth-degree felony for a felon to be in possession of a firearm.

A mustached man in an older white pickup with a homemade rack purchased food at the 840 Sudderth Drive Tostitos Freezer with a forged \$10 check that Upper Terrace Drive resident Don Miner said was stolen. It wasn't Miner's handwriting on the check.

THURSDAY, JAN. 23

John Paul Ventura, 32, was arrested for aggravated battery against a household member after allegedly hitting his pregnant girlfriend twice in the head while at her 1098 Mechem Drive work place. Police saw swelling and red marks on the victim's head. Ventura is being held at the county jail in lieu of a \$75,000 bond.

foreign divorce decree; DR96-265.

Dec. 6 — William E. Rodkey vs. Wanda D. Rodkey; divorce; DR96-268.

Dec. 18 — Yancy D. Sturgeon vs. Tiffany D. Sturgeon; divorce; DR96-271.

Dec. 30 — Mark Kevan Wear vs. Danita Jo Wear; divorce; DR96-275.

Jan. 2 — Michael Shaun Cobb vs. Corrie A. Garcia; petition for child custody, child support and periods of responsibility; DR97-02.

Jan. 3 — Nick Orcluoli vs. Lisa Orcluoli; divorce; DR97-03.

Jan. 9 — William R. Bird vs. Debra K. Bird; order transferring venue to Lincoln County, divorce; DR97-04.

Jan. 10 — Diana VonSeeger vs. Henry Davis; divorce; DR97-05.

Jan. 15 — Kody L. Coker vs. Michael P. Coker; divorce; DR97-07.

Jan. 16 — Paul Holder vs. Sandra L. Holder; change venue to Lincoln County, divorce; DR97-08.

Jan. 22 — Kari Schut vs. Karl L. Pesco; petition for order prohibiting domestic violence; DR97-09.

Jan. 24 — Deborah L. LeBlanc vs. John Paul Ventura; petition for order prohibiting domestic violence; DR97-12.

Jan. 28 — W.C. Barnett vs. Mary Louise Knutiger; divorce; DR97-13.

Jan. 29 — State of New Mexico Human Services Department and Shawna L. Walker vs. Greg Garcia; petition to domesticate and child relationship; DR97-14.

DISTRICT COURT

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

Nov. 27 — Robert Dutchever vs. Village of Ruidoso, Chaves County, state of New Mexico, State Police, and Robert Holguin; complaint for damages for wrongful arrest and false imprisonment; CV96-220.

Nov. 27 — State Street Bank and Trust Co., trustee under that certain pooling and serving agreement dated as of Oct. 1, 1991, for RTC Mortgage pass-through certificates, series 1991-10, 226 Franklin St., Boston, MA 02101, vs. Gustavo Elizondo and Maria Luisa Elizondo; complaint for foreclosure; CV96-221.

Dec. 4 — Gene Wilson as parent and next friend of Steven Wilson, and Jerri Wilson, as parent and next friend of Shawn Wilson and Cody Wilson, vs. Dustin Reel, Key Lease Inc. of Ohio; complaint for negligence; CV96-222.

Dec. 4 — Scott Jensen vs. Lessie Mae Kincaid, Deward A. Kincaid and known and unknown heirs; quiet title; CV96-223.

Dec. 5 — Pioneer Savings Bank vs. Harold G. Dixon and Becky A. Dixon; promissory note; CV96-224.

Dec. 9 — Gaston Lackey and Sharon Lackey vs. Ben Eminger, individually and in his capacity as regional supervisor of the state Security Finance Corporation, and Security Finance

Corporation of New Mexico; CV96-227.

Dec. 9 — Ruidoso State Bank vs. Jim B. Davis and Kathryn Sue Davis, husband and wife, and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in its capacity as liquidator and successor in interest to First City National Bank; complaint to foreclose transcript of judgment; CV96-228.

Dec. 10 — Patty Wilson vs. Arlene S. Herrera, Massimo Foffi and Budget Rent-A-Car Systems Inc.; complaint for personal injuries; CV96-229.

Dec. 10 — State of New Mexico, state Highway and Transportation Department vs. Cecilia Grimes Kuhnel, First National Bank of Ruidoso, Lincoln County Commissioners, County Clerk, Property Tax Division of the state Department of Taxation and Revenue, and all unknown owners of claimants of property involved; complaint for condemnation; CV96-230.

Dec. 10 — State of New Mexico, state Highway and Transportation Department vs. Bar W Ranch Inc., in care of Stirling Spencer, Lincoln County Commission, County Clerk, Property Tax Division of the state Taxation and Revenue Department and all unknown owners or claimants of property involved; condemnation; CV96-231.

Dec. 11 — Michael Gossett and Bobbie Gossett vs. Claude Ray Downs, an individual, Investment Housing Inc., Dudley Mobile Homes Inc., both New Mexico corporations, and

Southern Energy Homes of Texas; breach of contract, breach of duty, breach of expressed and implied warranties, negligent construction, misrepresentation, fraud, unfair and deceptive trade practices; CV96-232.

Dec. 11 — Robert Wilmeth vs. Republic Insurance Co.; complaint for breach of insurance contract; CV96-233.

Dec. 16 — Windsor Laceywell and Jeanne Laceywell, husband and wife, vs. Pamela A. Mills; forfeiture of real estate contract; CV96-235.

Dec. 16 — Yvonne Fore, trustee, Yvonne Fore Revocable Trust Agreement vs. Elmer J. Hans; slander of title and to cancel lien; CV96-236.

Dec. 17 — Ford Motor Credit Co. vs. Glenn Mochel; complaint on a contract and for debt and money due; CV96-237.

Dec. 20 — Comerica Bank-Texas, a Texas State Charter Bank, vs. Brian Eberstein, as independent executor of the estate of Lester N. Hambrick, Pati Eberstein, Marsha Hambrick, Karen Wall and Leslie Hodgkiss; complaint for judgment on promissory note and to foreclose mortgage; CV96-238.

Dec. 20 — Michael Cain vs. town of Carrizozo; complaint for temporary restraining order for preliminary injunction and for permanent injunction; CV96-239.

Dec. 24 — State Farm Insurance Co., Jackie A. Cremer and Carlos Cremer vs. Michelle Owsley and George Falls; complaint to recover for personal

injury and property damage; CV96-240.

Dec. 26 — Audra G. Serna, individually and as parent and next friend of Bobby Ray Serna, a minor, vs. Donna Kay and Steve Holder; personal injury and damages; CV96-241.

Jan. 2 — John Paul Sedillo and Shirley Mac Sedillo, husband and wife, vs. A.E. McGlashan, if living, if deceased, his heirs, Harriet Sherburne or heirs, Sr. Daniel Vigil or heirs, Manuel Vigil or heirs, Jose B. Baca or heirs, Jose V. Baca or heirs, and Allied Stores Inc. or its successors in interest, and all other unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to the plaintiffs; quiet title; CV97-01.

Jan. 2 — John Jay Johns vs. Alfred Steven Fisher and Consolidated Distribution Services Inc.; negligence personal injury and property damage; CV97-02.

Jan. 3 — Juanita Davis vs. Cody Noel; negligence; CV97-03.

Jan. 7 — David and Sally Baca vs. Peter Aguilar, Ernest V. Joiner, Rebeca Peres, if living or their heirs, and all other unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to plaintiffs; quiet title; CV97-04.

Jan. 8 — Buddy Carter vs. Wayne and Barbara Morgan; petition for writ of certiorari as to zoning decision by the village of Ruidoso and application for restraining order; CV97-05.

Jan. 9 — Mark L. Guthrie vs. state Motor Vehicle Division; notice of appeal; CV97-06.

Lincoln County

The following persons were booked into the Lincoln County Detention Center in Carrizozo.

Feb. 1 — Ira W. Seplovitz, 46, Springfield, Ill.; trespass; Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean; \$500 bail; arre. d by State Police; transported to Las Vegas, N.M. 2/7/97.

Feb. 2 — Terrel J. Wherry, 49, Corona; protective custody; no judge listed; no bond; State Police; released 2/4/97.

— Johnny Vigil, 41, Tularosa; possession marijuana, possession drug paraphernalia; Judge Dean; \$1,500, no 10% bond; State Police; released same day.

Feb. 3 — Jeremy Kamplain, 23, Carrizozo; Truth or Consequences warrant; Judge Williams; \$300; Carrizozo Police; released 2/5/97, posted bond.

— Harlyn Geronimo, 21; Mesalero; probation violation, obstructing a police officer; Magistrate Judge William Butts; no bail; released 2/7/97 by order

of Butts.

— Joseph Scott, 41, Ruidoso; failure to appear; District Judge Richard Parsons; no bond; State Police; released 2/3/97 by order of Parsons.

Feb. 4 — Harry D. Monk, 48, Meridian, Miss.; murder and tampering with evidence; Butts; no bond; Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

— Jerry Romero, 23, Ruidoso; assault on a household member, criminal damage, criminal trespass; Butts; \$10,000, no 10%; released 2/12/97 by order of Butts.

— Greg Baca, 55, Ruidoso Downs; driving on suspended license; Parsons; 365 days.

Feb. 6 — Frankie Candelaria, 47, Ruidoso Downs; court commitment; Butts; three days; released 2/9/97.

— Robert McKowen, 36, White Oaks; criminal trespass; Dean; \$500, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office; released same day.

— Colin Williams, 28,

Carrizozo; aggravated battery, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; Dean; \$6,000, no 10% bond; Lincoln County Sheriff's Office; released the same day by order of Dean.

Feb. 7 — Andrew Young, 47, Ruidoso Downs; probation violation; Shawn Day, no bond; released 2/14/97 by order of Day.

Feb. 8 — Chris C. Herzog, 25, Ruidoso; aggravated battery, domestic violence; Dean; \$5,000 bond; Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

Feb. 10 — Ernesto Prieto, 22, Ruidoso; resisting or evading a police officer, failure to comply with conditions of probation; Parsons; no bond; Butts, 30 days.

— Gary K. Powell, 49, Nogal; probation violation; Day; no bond; released 2/14/97 by order of Day.

Feb. 10 — Roger K. Lee, 26, Ruidoso; possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of drug para-

phernalia; Butts; \$7,000 bail without 10%; released 2/10/97.

Feb. 11 — Henry Sanchez, 54, no town listed; probation violation; Shawn Day; no bond; released 2/14/97 by order of Day.

Feb. 12 — Olegario Godines, 32, Hondo; court commitment; Butts, three days; released 2/15/97.

Feb. 13 — Mary Moore, 40, no home town listed; failure to comply with conditions of probation; Parsons; no bond.

Feb. 13 — Jay King, 21, Carrizozo; possession of drug paraphernalia; Dean Jr.; \$50,000 bail, no 10%.

Feb. 14 — Jerry Smith, 22, Roswell; receiving stolen property; Butts; \$50,000 no 10%.

— Silas Cochise, 62, Mesalero; DWI, second; Butts; three days, released 2/17/97.

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17 Business Rentals
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31 Household
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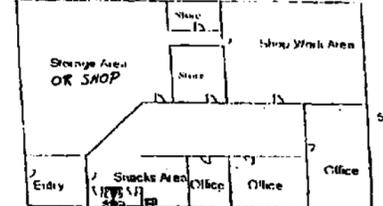
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erling intricate detail of the municipal utility's operation not covered in the substantive law. The hourly fee shall also include but not be limited to out-of-town travel, long distance telephone charges, copying costs and facsimile costs, notarial, secretarial, support staff, and any other such items commonly called expenses in the legal profession. The hourly fee for out-of-town travel will be paid by the municipal utility or actual documented expenses not to exceed the Captain-Carrizozo Natural Gas' per diem rate without the approval of the Board of Directors.

The attorney will also provide legal advice and represent the municipal utility before the Public Utilities Commission and before the courts in legal actions to which the utility is a party and no other legal representation is provided through any insurance carrier or other similar entity, the legal rate shall be quoted separately than that for routine legal services. The complex litigation fee shall include but is not limited to hourly rate for legal services, para legal, mileage for out-of-town travel, not to exceed the municipal utility's per diem rate without the approval of the Board of Directors.

With consideration to the above, the sealed proposals shall set forth the following:

- The hourly rate for routine legal services for attorney, together with fixed charges for complex legal services, including charges for fractional portions of an hour.
- A detailed description of the firm's experience in local government and state regulatory boards, and knowledge of the natural gas industry, if any, and identification of the person or persons within the firm who will be primarily responsible for complex legal services and representation and that person's relevant experience in government, if any.
- A detailed description of office facilities and support staff resources.
- A sample contract the applicant would enter into with the Captain-Carrizozo Natural Gas in the event the applicant is the successful proposer.
- List of references that the municipal utility would be free to contact. (minimum of three).
- Acknowledgement of receipt of any and/or all addendums.

All proposals will be evaluated on a 100 point scale as follows:

- 25 points allowed for hourly rate of routine legal services as outlined above.
- 25 points allowed for rate of complex legal services as outlined above.
- 20 points allowed for experience as legal counsel for local government and knowledge of natural gas industry.
- 20 points allowed for office facilities and support staff.

All applicants must be licensed to practice law in the State of New Mexico.

The Captain-Carrizozo Natural Gas reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and waive all informatics as deemed in the best interest of the Village.

By Order of the Governing Body of Ruidoso

/s/ Teri Waterfield
Purchasing Agent

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MEETING

Lincoln County Medical Center Community Board of Trustees will meet on

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1997
AT 8:00 P.M.

in the Hospital Conference Room. The agenda will be available at the County Clerk's Office on Monday, March 17, 1997

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Village of Captain Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on March 10, 1997 at 8:30 PM at the Village Hall Bldg. for the purpose of discussing Amending Ordinance 93-17, Establishing, Appointing and Organizing a Cemetery Board to Care For, Manage and Control the Municipal Cemetery of Captain, New Mexico, amending Ordinance 97-4. This ordinance will be considered for adoption at the regular meeting on March 10, 1997 at 7:00 PM. The public is encouraged to attend.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

VIRGINIA DURAN AND JOHNNIE DURAN,
Plaintiffs,
vs.
GROUP ONE: GLEN REYES, ANDY ROBERT ALLEN REYES, TROY REYES
GROUP TWO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED PERSONS: JULIAN SERNA, ANNA JULIAN, BENIGNO GALLEGO AND JULIA REYES
GROUP THREE: AND UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS,
Defendants.

NO. CV-97-20
DIV. III

NOTICE OF US PENDING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the pending of the above-entitled and numbered suit in the above-entitled Court.

The names of the parties thereto are as shown above.

The property which Plaintiff is seeking to quiet is situated in Lincoln County, as is more particularly described as follows:

Lot 15 and 16, Block 88 of the original plat of Captain, New Mexico as shown in the records on file with the County Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

The object of the action is to establish Plaintiff's estate in fee simple in and to

Santa Fe NM 87504
JAMES A. SQUAYES, BOX 4082-NS, RUIDOSO, NM 88345

American Express Co, 200 Vesey St Fl 11 New York NY 10285
ID# 2941281

THE BACK PORCH, 2808-B SUD-DERTH DR, RUIDOSO NM 88345
ID# 7403407

Amoco Production Co., PO Box 591, Tulsa, OK 74102
KYAN K. KIRBY, BOX 163, ALTO, NM 88312-0183

Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co, 31 St James Ave, Boston MA 02116
ID# 113228

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Conoco Inc., PO Box 1287 RM 640 St., Porca City, OK 74803
ID# 7403689

RODNEY B. MATTHEWS CPA, 104 ECHO DR, RUIDOSO, NM 88345
ID# 43748781

DOUGLAS SCHARBAUER, 2411 STUTZ P.L.C., RUIDOSO NM 88345
ID# 8831482

PETE VASAS, BOX 4090, RUIDOSO NM 88345-0409

Employers Insurance of Wausau P.O. Box 8017, Wausau WI 54402-8017
ID# 43748781

ASPEN PHARMACY, BOX 1237, RUIDOSO NM 88345

Farmers Alliance Mutual Insurance Co, 1122 North Main, McPherson KS 67450
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KATHY BELCHER, 106 EL PASO ST, RUIDOSO NM 88345

Fina Oil and Chemical Co., PO Box 2159, Dallas, TX 75221
ID# 8831482

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Freepost-McMoran, Inc., 1815 Poydras St., New Orleans LA 70112-0959
DAVID STEVENS, BOX 85, ALTO NM 88312-0085

GTE Southwest Inc., 19845 N US 31, PO Box 407 Westfield (N 46074
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ID# 89001

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Horn's Service of America, FSB, 300 Broadway, Rd. Bldg. #550, Irwinville GA 31706
ID# 1106644

RAYMOND OLE, BOX 1808, RUIDOSO NM 88345-9989

Indiana Energy Inc., 1630 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46202-1408
ID# 12831-8639

ELIZABETH M. MC LULAND, ST. RT 2 BOX 26, CARRIZO, NM 88301

McKesson Corp., 525 Washington Blvd., Jersey City NJ 07303-2517
PHARMACY HOSPITAL, 204 SUD-DERTH, BOX 1258, RUIDOSO NM 88345

Merodith Corp., 1718 Locust St., Des Moines IA 50309-0099
ID# H154121

STEINMEYER, BOX 12A, SAN PATRICK, NM 88348-1009

Northwest Bank New Mexico Gallup Office, 300 West Aztec Ave., Gallup N 87301
ID# 577022

JOSHUA M. LOHO, BOX 341, ALTO NM 88312
ID# 555525

REAGAN MCGARVEY, BOX 828, RUIDOSO DOWNS NM 88348
ID# 12830755

MOY SPORTS INC, 1023 MECHEM DR, RUIDOSO NM 88345
ID# 12747342

RUIDOSO BUILDING CORP., BOX 2458, RUIDOSO NM 88340
ID# 526554

OKLAHOMA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT., DRAWER #9, RUIDOSO NM 88345

Northwest New Mexico Trust Co., Box 1958, Albuquerque, NM 87103
ID# 360108

ANNE R. KEMP, BOX 121, CAPTAN NM 88318

Oklahoma Tax Commission, Box 6246, Oklahoma City OK 73162-3246
ID# 01-0095

FLEGMON GORDOVA, PANHANDLE ROYALTY CO., TERRY, NM 87103
ID# 0301

ANNE HAWTHORN, OKLA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RET. SYS, BOX 1165, RUIDOSO NM 88345

Painewebber Incorporated, 1000 Harbor Blvd., Westhaven, NJ 07057
ID# 8819530

BARBARA COCHRAN, BOX 441, ALTO NM 88312
ID# 8819530

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Phillips Petroleum Co, C/O Chemical Bank, 450F West 33rd St., New York, NY 10001
ID# 989455

DAVID SWANDLER, BOX 2048, RUIDOSO, NM 88345

Pride Pipeline Co, Box 2438, Abilene, TX 79601
ID# 55243

MCKINIGHT REV TRUST UTA #28/80, DARRA, MCKINIGHT, BOX 850, RUIDOSO, NM 88345

Progressive NW INC, 6380 Wilson Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20814
ID# 871588

WAYNE WOOD, BOX 2354, RUIDOSO, NM 88345

Quintana Petroleum Corp, Box 1900, Houston TX 77251-9999
ID# 88345

RAYMOND L FAULK, BOX 1208, RUIDOSO, NM 88345-9989

Safeway Inc, 150 Royal St., Canton, MA 02021
ID# 88345

AUREAN RUSHING, BOX 2388 JN, RUIDOSO NM 88345

Southland Life Insurance, 5780 Powers Ferry Rd P-1, Atlanta, GA 30327
ID# 000620261

AUGUSTUS J EVERETT, BOX 192, CAPTAN NM 88316-8999

DONALD B & NARJORY J DYE, BOX 2944, RUIDOSO NM 88345-2944
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Sunwest Bank of Roswell NA, Box 1858, Roswell NM 88202
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KATHY BRONWYN BARNETT, BOX 757, RUIDOSO NM 88345
ID# 5700705823

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ID# 88345

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ID# 189090

HAROLD BALLEGOOS, BOX 2228, RUIDOSO NM 88345

Total Petroleum Inc, 515 Central Park Dr, Ste 200, Oklahoma City OK 73163
ID# 01-1817

BRUCE W MEAD, BOX 550, RUIDOSO NM 88348-0550

US West Communications, 6325 Zuni St, Box 370, Denver CO 80221-9900
ID# 51752

DOLORES C WOLF, BOX 871, CAPTAN NM 88318

Wachovia Bank of S.O. N.A. BD Trustee, 101 Glynnstone Blvd, Fm 192, Columbia SC 29228-0324
EARL P & RUBY NEIL FRICHTET, BOX 575, RUIDOSO NM 88345

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOARD HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to 22-9-10 NMSA, 1978 that the Board of Education of Ruidoso School District, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico will hold a Special Board Meeting, 10:00 AM at NMS HS School, present and proxy; review an operating budget increase for the 1997-97 school year.

This is a public hearing and all school persons are invited to attend.

Done at Ruidoso, New Mexico, this 5th day of March, 1997.

/s/ James Parsons
Ruidoso School District Board of Education
257-9799, 14

Legal Deadlines

1 p.m.

Monday for Wednesday's Paper and

1 p.m.

Wednesday for Friday's Paper

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RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO • FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 1997



GOING OUT

Chinese circus tumbles into town

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ENTERTAINMENT

The Scots' influence on the West

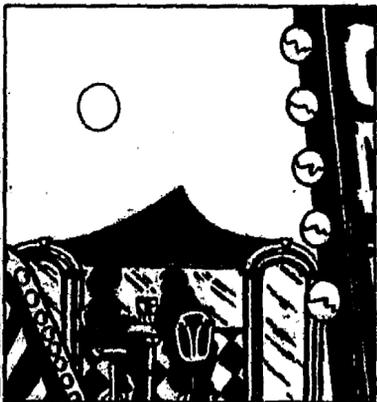
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PAST TENSE

Wild women of the West

The weaker sex? Page 10V





What's happening?

Music

DR. LUISA GUUMBES-BUCHANAN, Roswell Symphony Orchestra Chamber Music Series — 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 7 at the Roswell Museum and Art Center, 11th and Main streets, Roswell. A return engagement by this Peruvian pianist whose performance will include works by Mozart, Scarlatti, Schumann, Ginastera and Solar. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for students/children. Tickets for her Oct. 25, 1996 performance will be honored at the March 7 concert. Tickets may be purchased by calling 505-623-5882 or will be available at the door.

SENGALESE DRUMMING RECITAL — 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 12 at Buchanan Hall, ENMU-Portales. Guest artist recital by Dr. Mark Sunkett. For more information call 505-562-2787.

AN EVENING WITH JOHNNY CASH — 8 p.m. Friday, March 14 at the Pan American Center, N.M. State University, Las Cruces. Reserved tickets \$25/20, general admission \$15. Call 1-800-654-9545 to order tickets. For more information call 505-648-1420.

CHICAGO CHAMBER MUSIC COLLECTIVE — 8 p.m. Friday, March 14 at Buchanan Hall, ENMU-Portales. For more information call 505-562-2787.

CREE MEADOWS COUNTRY CLUB, 301 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso, 257-2733 — 5:30 p.m. Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Randy Jones on his guitar. Randy plays a variety of music, from country to blues.

GALLOPING TORTOISE, 662 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-2511 — 5:30 p.m. Sundays, Randy Jones and friends play rock 'n roll, country and blues.

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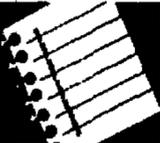
Wednesday-Sunday until April 27, Linda Flores performs in the lobby. Apache Tee — Mark Remington 6-10 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, until March 22.

INCRECIBLE SALOON, N. Hwy. 48, Alto, 336-4312 — 9 p.m. Wednesday nights, Randy Jones.

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THE TEXAS HOUSE, 2811 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3506 — 8-10 p.m. Thursdays Alan Fremont plays country western music. Various artists perform 7-11 p.m. every Friday and Saturday. 6-8 p.m. Sundays JJ plays Latin jazz and blues. Open 24 hours on weekends.



etc!

PARKS DEPARTMENT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS — 8:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Fridays, starting March 7 litter clean-up volunteers are needed. The department supplies trash bags and will loan out tools and safety equipment to those who request them. Also, on Saturday mornings volunteers are needed to supervise youth community services workers. For more information or to provide volunteers call 257-5030.

LINCOLN COUNTY BLOOD DRIVE — 8:30 a.m.—6 p.m. Friday, March 7 in the Fellowship Hall of Gateway Church of Christ, Ruidoso.

ROYAL CHINESE CIRCUS — 5 and 7 p.m. Friday, March 7 in the Ruidoso Civic Events Center.

RIO GRANDE ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL, The Manuel Lujan Exhibit Complex, N.M. State Fair Grounds, Albuquerque — Friday through Sunday, March 7-9. Activities include an enchanted evening of shopping, artists at work and "just for kids."

"THE GLEN DENNIS STORY — WHAT WE KNOW NOW" — 7 p.m. Saturday, March 8 at the International UFO Museum, 114 N. Main St., Roswell. Speaker Don Schmitt, a UFO researcher and investigator will talk about the Roswell incident.

GIRL SCOUT 85TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION — 9 a.m.—noon Sunday, March 9 at the Four Corners National Monument near Gallup. For more information call 505-437-2921.

PARENTING THE YOUNG CHILD, "Effective discipline," public meeting room, Ruidoso High School — 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 11. This session has been repeated due to bad weather in February. Led by Dr. Birgit LaMothe, the session is geared to those who deal with infants, toddlers and preschoolers. The course is free and no registration is needed. For further information call 257-6149 or 354-2761.

HEALTH INSURANCE AND BENEFITS ASSISTANCE CORPS (HEAC) TRAINING SESSION — Tuesday through Thursday, March 11-13 in Room 409, Clovis Community College, 417 S. Scheppe Blvd., Clovis. Free three-day training session for anyone interested in community volunteer activities in Chavez, Curry, DeBaca, Eddy, Guadalupe, Harding, Lea, Lincoln, Quay, Roosevelt and Union counties. Enrollment deadline is Tuesday, March 10. For more information call 1-800-432-2080.

RUIDOSO SENIOR CENTER ST. PATRICK'S DAY POTLUCK — noon Wednesday, March 12 at the Senior Center behind the Ruidoso Library on Junction Road. Come enjoy the luncheon and wear green. There will be green punch and green cookies with corned beef and cabbage in honor of St. Patrick. Bring your favorite dish.

"POW WOW IN THE PINES," American Massage Therapy Association — Friday and Saturday, March 14-15. The 1997 N.M. state convention of the AMTA will be held at the Inn of the Mountain Gods on the Mescalero Apache reservation. Registration 9 a.m.—11 a.m. on Friday. For more information call chapter president, Lynn Post at 505-526-1907.

FACT AND FICTION WRITERS WORKSHOP — Friday through Sunday, March 14-16 at the Quality Inn at the airport, 6201 Gateway West, El Paso. Two prolific professional authors will reveal their secrets for success in this three-day workshop. Mary Elizabeth Lynn has written 11 novels and Eileen Stanton has written 5,000 non-fiction articles. To register or for more information call 505-388-3813.

COMMUNITY CPR CLASS — 9 a.m. Saturday, March 15 at the Lincoln County Medical Center. Cost is \$5 per person; minimum age 13. For reservations call Lance Hill or David Wheeler at 257-8290. Class limited to 20 participants.

CLOSURE OF MAGISTRATE COURT #2, 301 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso — March 17-28. Court personnel attending automation training in Alamogordo during this period.

CASINO APACHE, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141 — slots, live blackjack, and poker tables. Open daily.

RUIDOSO DOWNS SPORTS THEATER, half-mile east of race track, off Hwy. 70 on Service Lane, Ruidoso Downs — simulcast racing throughout the week. Call 378-4431 for races and times.



Clubs & Meetings

LINCOLN COUNTY ADULT SINGLES GROUP — Wednesday, March 12 meet in K-Bob's Restaurant parking lot for carpool to

Alamogordo. Will visit the Singles Together Coffee Meeting at DK's Restaurant on 1st St. in Alamogordo. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, no-host dinner at the Texas House Restaurant, Ruidoso. This is the planning meeting for activities in April and May.

REGIONAL EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION CONFERENCE — Saturday, March 8 at N.M. State University-Alamogordo, 2400 Scenic Drive, Alamogordo. Registration 7:30-8:30 a.m.; workshops run 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. covering topics in nutrition, child development, abuse prevention and other important issues. For more information contact Corina Montoya at 257-3833.

PUBLIC HEARING ON RUIDOSO TRASH SERVICE — 6 p.m. Monday, March 10 at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center.

PUBLIC MEETING FOR RESIDENTS OF COUNTRY CLUB SUBDIVISION — 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 10 at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center. The Village of Ruidoso will hear the concerns of residents in the Country Club Estates subdivision regarding the upcoming waterline replacement and rehabilitation project which is scheduled to start immediately.

FAMILIES AND FRIENDS FOR FAIRNESS AND SUPPORT — 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, March 10 at #12 Tara Woods Condos, 102 Eagle, Ruidoso. This group is a nonprofit volunteer organization which gives support and information to families and friends of special needs persons. For more information call Jenny at 258-3663.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES — 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 11 at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Center, behind the library on Junction Road. Alma Russell will install new members.

ROSWELL AREA MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP — 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 11 at the Mason Jar Restaurant, 3601 North Main St., Roswell. The guest speaker will be Ralph Petty, nutritional consultant at the Down-to-Earth Nutrition Center. For more information call Barbara May at 605-623-8332.

WHITE MOUNTAIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE — 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 11 in the WMI teacher's lounge.

RUIDOSO VILLAGE COUNCIL — 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 11 at the village hall.

CAPTAIN FCE CLUB — 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 12 at the Captain Senior Citizens Center. Betty McCraight will present a hands-on program, "Breads for the Holidays." Everyone will make bread, so bring a cookie sheet.

LIBRARY BOARD — noon Wednesday, March 12 at the Ruidoso Public Library.

RUIDOSO FEDERATED WOMEN'S CLUB — 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12 at the club house on 116 S. Evergreen; Charlotte Jarrett, state president and Juanita Stovell, district 4 president will talk about "Outstanding Women of N.M." Dr. Williams will also speak on "The Importance of Mammograms for Women."

EAGLE CREEK WATER USERS ASSOCIATION — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12 at the Ruidoso Village Hall.

LINCOLN COUNTY RESOURCE EXCHANGE — noon Thursday, March 13 at the Pizza Hut, 1201 Mechem, Ruidoso. For more information call Sharon at 258-3252.

ARTS AND FILM BOARD PUBLIC HEARING — 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13 at the Ruidoso Village Hall. The public is encouraged to let the commission know how the village and commission can better serve artists, art groups, citizens and tourists. For more information contact Rand Halmon at 336-0010 or Herb Brunell at 257-2911.

CAPTAN BOARD OF EDUCATION — 7 p.m. Thursday, March 13 at the administration building in Captain.

ALTRUSA MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON — Saturday, March 15 at the Incredible Restaurant, Alto. RSVP by Friday, March 7 to Ann Bauman at 257-5068 or Jeani Kuykendall at 336-4172.



Library

RURAL BOOKMOBILE EAST, New Mexico State Library, 605-461-1206 — Stop at the following locations: Tuesday, March 11: 4-6:30 p.m., Carrizozo/Otero Electric. Wednesday, March 12: 8:45-10 a.m., Nogal P.O.; 10:30-noon, Captain Smokey Bear Cafe; 2-3 p.m., Lincoln P.O.; 3:30-5 p.m., Hondo Store; 5:30-6:30 p.m., Captain Smokey Bear Cafe; 7:30-8:30 p.m., Carrizozo/Otero Electric.

STORYTIME AT THE RUIDOSO PUBLIC LIBRARY — 2-3 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons, 10-11 a.m. Thursdays, puppet shows, songs, dance, nursery rhymes, storytelling, arts and crafts, creative drama. For 3- to 6-year-olds, no sign-ups and it's free.

SIERRA CINEMA, 721 Mechem Drive,



Movies

Ruidoso, 257-6444 — "Private Parts," "Fools Rush In," "Martin's Room." Call the altar for show times and listings.



Theater

"SUSANNAH," ENMU-Portales Opera Theater Production, Lyceum Theater, 411 N. Main, Clovis — The High Plains Art Council and ENMU School of Music present this folk opera based on the apocryphal story of Susannah and the elders (PG-13 mature themes). Thursday through Sunday, March 8-9. Performance times: 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$7 general admission, \$8 senior citizens, \$5 pre-college, \$4 ENMU students with current activities stickers. For ticket information call 505-562-2561.

"THE FOUR POSTER" — Friday and Saturday, March 7-8. Dona Ana Repertory Theater and the Mechem Dinner Theater present Jen de Harog's romantic comedy in two acts. This is the story of a 35-year marriage from their wedding night until they have to move out of their home. Dinner is served at 6-7:30 p.m. and curtain is at 8 p.m. Admission to the dinner theater is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and children 12 and under. Admission to the play only is \$12 for everyone. For reservations and information please call 505-524-3005 or 505-525-0804.

TED LEVY "FEEL THE FUNK" — classes and performance Saturday, March 8 in the UTC, ENMU-Portales. Beginning classes 9-10 a.m.; intermediate/advanced classes 10:30-noon; lecture/demonstration/performance 7:30 p.m. All events are free and open to the public.

ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER, Poppejoy Hall, Center for the Arts, Albuquerque — 8 p.m. Saturday, March 8 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 9. The full dance company performs a joyous celebration of the human spirit, including "Riverside" and "Revolutions." Tickets are \$35, \$32 and \$27.50 and are available through ProTix by calling 1-800-805-3315.

"TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD," Poppejoy Hall, Center for the Arts, Albuquerque — 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12. Stage adaptation of Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel. Tickets are \$27.50, \$25 and \$20 and are available through ProTix by calling 1-800-805-3315.

BENSON FINE ART, Jira Plaza, 700



Museums & Galleries

Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 257-2613 — The gallery features contemporary and period southwestern and American art, Native American baskets, pottery and textiles and

contemporary fine crafts. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.—6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and by appointment.

MCGARY STUDIOS AND EXPRESSIONS IN BRONZE GALLERY, 2002 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3790, 1-800-687-3424 — Dave McGary's combined facility features a finishing studio and a gallery which showcases a two-decade retrospective collection of his "Images in Bronze." Observe through glass windows the stages of the finishing process which produce the signed and numbered limited edition bronzes. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.—5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday.

EAGLE RANCH ART GALLERY, 7288 Hwy. 54/70, Alamogordo, 1-800-432-0099 — 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 7 reception for Margaret Pence whose one-woman show will be featured during March. The show features a wide range of styles and subject matters: acrylic, watercolor, Southwestern landscapes, still life and portraiture. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.—6 p.m. seven days a week.

FISHER GALLERY, 1620 Central SE, MOUNTAIN LEGENDS GALLERY & FOUNDRY, 610 E. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-8048 — 7:30 a.m.—4 p.m. Monday-Friday, public bronze pourings and fix of the foundry.

MUSEUM OF THE HORSE, Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4142 — 7 p.m. Saturday, March 8, "Scotland and the American West: Two Lands of Romance and Myth." Dr. Ferenc M. Szasz will present a lecture and slide show. Admission is free. Showing through March 31, "200 years of America: film, plate and commemorative from the collection of G.L. 'Boris' Wright." Regular admission. Museum hours: 9 a.m.—5:30 p.m. daily Tuesday-Sunday.

ROSWELL MUSEUM AND ART CENTER, 100 West 11th Street, Roswell, 505-624-6744 — "Karen Aquia: Ground Zero/Sacred Ground," on exhibit through April 20. "Spirit ascendant, the art and life of Patrocinio Borela," on exhibit through April 27. "The spirit's inner journey: paintings by Bernadette Vigil," on exhibit through May 11.



Parks & Recreation

SUN BREAK FIELD TRIP, Space Center, Alamogordo — Saturday, March 8. Events include: class on comet Hale-Bopp and comets in general in the Space Center's Hubbard Space Science Education Bldg.; guided tour of the "Electric Space" exhibit; caravan to National Solar Observatory at Sunspot for lunch and a tour of the facility; return to Space Center to view film "Cosmic Voyage" at the Omnimax Theater and Auditorium. Cost of field trip is \$15 for individuals; \$12.50 per person for families. Registration is limited to 40 people. For more information call 1-800-545-4021.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: SMOKEY BEAR HISTORICAL STATE PARK, 118 Smokey Bear Blvd., Captain — The state park needs help during the busy tourist season when there is the constant threat of fire. Please donate some time to help spread a very important message from a very important bear. For more information call 505-354-2748.

ASTRO ACADEMY, Space Center, Alamogordo, 1-800-845-4021 — 7-9 p.m. Thursdays through March 27. A seven-week course on how to use telescopes and an introduction to observing the night sky. Course fee \$40. Class limited to 12 participants and is open to seventh graders through adults.

FREE LINE DANCING LESSONS — 10-11:30 a.m. every Monday at the Ruidoso Senior Center, behind the public library at 501 1/2 Junction Road.



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'Zozo FFA members attend conference

The Carrizozo FFA Chapter was represented by eight members at the Made For Excellence Conference in Albuquerque on Feb. 15-16. They were: Branden Langley, Mary Beth Bond, Elizabeth Avila, Mollie Hightower, Bryan Hightower, Robert Shafer, Jordan Dixon, and Eldon Offutt.

On Monday, Mr. Hamby traveled to Tatum to judge the District V Extempore Contest.

The FFA Chapter would like to thank the following for their paid membership to the Alumni: Robert and Judyt Hemphill, Rosemary and Scot Shafer, Lerry and Martha Bond, Dale and Sheri Goad, Bar W Ranch, Dewey and Linda Brown, Allen and Barbara Langley, Carrizozo SWCD, Steve and Donna Harkey, Dick Bradley, Bill and Susan Hightower, Steve and Sissy Gore, Maxwell Ranch, and Bryan Wetzel.

Unafraid of new beginnings

At 17, Viola Rhodes started a family. At 46, she started a law career. And now at 62, Rhodes looks forward to starting yet another stage as she approaches retirement.

By DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Viola Rhodes dropped out of high school at the age of 16 and firmly believed staying home to raise her three children was the most important job in her life.

But somewhere deep in her heart and mind, she never gave up her dream of becoming an attorney. Then at a time when most women are settling down to enjoy their grandchildren, Rhodes decided it was time to pursue her personal ambition.

"When I was 8-years-old was the first time I said I wanted to be an attorney," she said. "I think because at that age, you glamorize the picture of what you want to be."

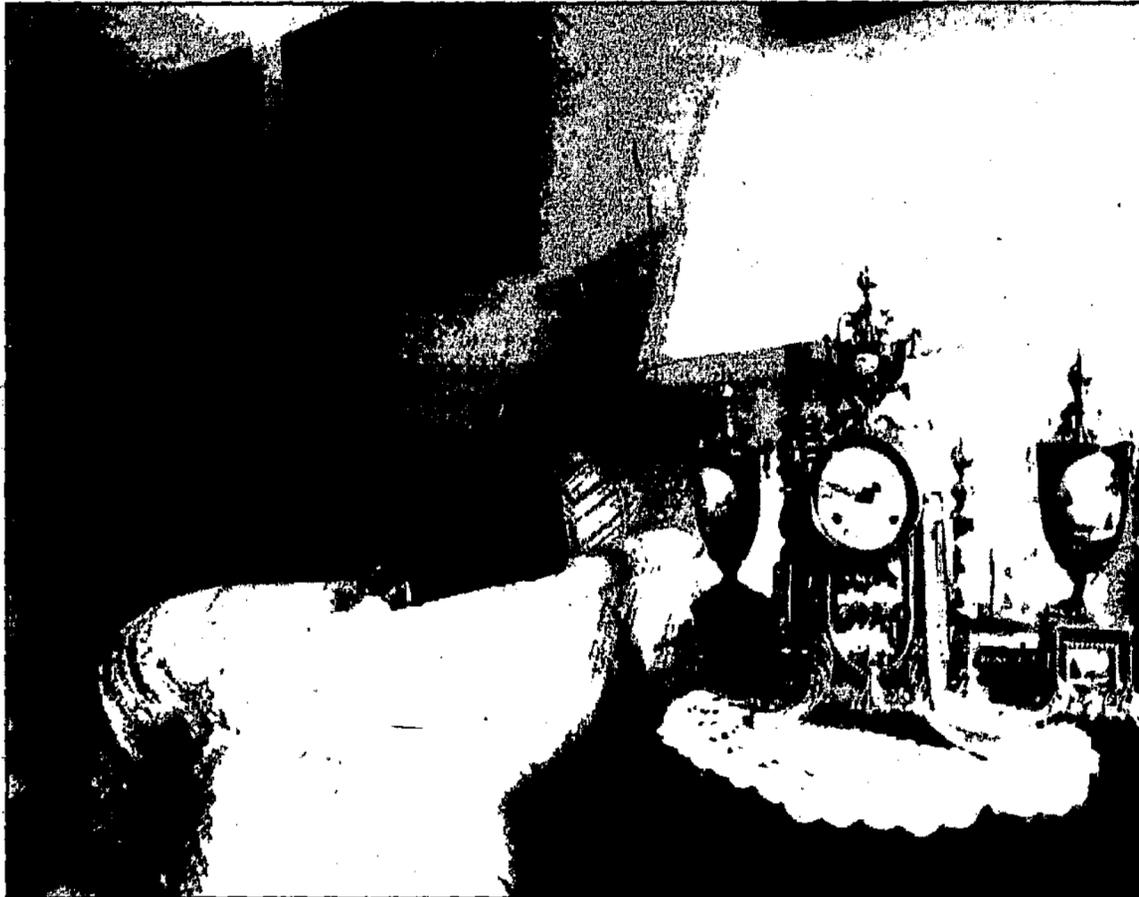
She struggled through the early adjustments of attending college, the demands of law school, prejudice against women in the legal profession and skepticism about a middle-aged woman starting a new profession. But after eight years in private practice and eight years as a prosecutor with the 12th Judicial District Attorney's office, Rhodes outlived the prejudice and beat the skepticism.

Getting there

Born in Sweetwater, Texas, on June 15, 1934, Rhodes was the daughter of a highway construction worker and a homemaker. Married at 16, her first child arrived at 17, the second at 18 and the third at 19.

Her first husband worked in the oilfields and the young couple moved to Lovington. "It was a great place to raise children," Rhodes said. "It had excellent schools, a lot of churches and many young families with children. It was a new town. I was a homemaker, although I worked some jobs after my youngest child was 9."

When her two oldest children started high school, Rhodes entered New Mexico Junior



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

Viola Rhodes hasn't let age determine her life path. Despite being told "women do not make good students" or "good lawyers," Rhodes went to law school when she was in her 40s. She graduated in 2.5 years.

College in Hobbs, finished two years there and went across the street to the College of the Southwest.

"I finished four years in the three it took (her children) to finish high school," Rhodes said. "I went to work for the state Human Services Department. I drove from Lovington to Hobbs and then two nights a week, I'd go in to Portales to Eastern New Mexico University to work on my master's degree. It took three years."

Because there were no law schools anywhere near her home, Rhodes pursued a degree in psychology and counseling.

"When my daughter married, my brother Ken Wilson came down," Rhodes said. "He had been a state police officer for 10 years. He asked me if I was going on to become an attorney and I said, 'no,' that the closest school was Lubbock and my youngest son was still in high school. So Ken said, 'Then I am.'"

Wilson earned his law degree and set up practice in Hobbs, then moved to Roswell, where he promised Rhodes she'd have a job if she ever changed her mind.

"I told him no one would hire a middle-aged woman and he said, 'I would,'" Rhodes recalled. "Then I

told him I'd already taken (the entrance exam) and applied" to Baylor University.

Her youngest son graduated and left home while Rhodes was working on her master's degree. Her husband then was given a chance to work at a nuclear power plant in Glen Rose, Texas. The best part for Rhodes was that her new home was within driving distance from Baylor.

"I really thought that all I had to do was score high (on the entrance exam) and have really good grades (to get into Baylor's law school), but when I interviewed with the dean, he said he had no chair for a middle-aged woman," Rhodes said. They took only 120 new students a year and a 20-year-old young man could give 50 years of his life to the law, the dean said.

"He said women do not make good students, they don't make good lawyers and you can't get a job," Rhodes said. "I was so dumb-

in PROFILE

Viola Rhodes

Hometown: Born in Sweetwater, Texas in 1934

Occupation: Assistant District Attorney for the 12th Judicial District

Favorite quiet pastime: Reading four or five books at a time

Biggest 'no-no': Reading a book twice - instead, she gives them away

Favorite active pastime: Square dancing with her husband

founded, the only thing I could say was 'If I can get out of here, I have a job.'"

Another professor later asked Rhodes what she intended to do after graduation.

"He asked me how I was going to get a job," she said. "He said women can't get jobs except with family or government.

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Justin Hawthorne

Hawthorne top cadet at military institute

Cadet Justin E. Hawthorne, a high school junior at New Mexico Military Institute, has been named Distinguished Old Cadet in his troop for the month of January 1997. Cadet Hawthorne is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Hawthorne of Ruidoso.

To qualify for the Distinguished Old Cadet award, a student must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a scale of 4.0 and at least a B in deportment. He or she must have attended NMMI at least two semesters, be recommended by his or her troop commander, set an outstanding example for other members of the troop, and participate in extracurricular troop activities.

Founded in 1891, NMMI is an accredited four-year, state-supported high school and two-year junior college with a current enrollment of about 900. Scholarship endowments total more than \$1.5 million.

Rhodes: always willing to try something new

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Unfortunately, he was right. There weren't so many women in law school then, but the ones in my class went to work for family or government, every one of them."

She finished law school in 2.5 years straight through without a break.

"Law school is tough and there is no way to realize how tough it is by the first four years," Rhodes said.

Being separated from her family made it tougher. She stayed in an apartment on campus during the week and returned to Granbury to be with her husband on the weekends.

While Rhodes overcame plenty of outside obstacles, the biggest personal obstacle to earning a law degree was guilt.

"I had always been at home, no matter if going to school or working, I was there," she said. "I went home after work or school, but this necessitated that I not be at home. I was gone a week at a time. It eats on you."

Although her father lived to see her graduate before he died in 1989, both he and her mother, who lives in Roswell, were worried while she was going to law school, wondering how such a different schedule and different career would affect their daughter's life.

The finish line

Despite the lack of encouragement, Rhodes — by then in her 40s with a grandchild in grade school — finished law school in May 1979. The next Texas bar exam was in July and she passed it, but she soon moved to Roswell to work for her brother. She took the New Mexico Bar in November and became licensed here in 1980.

Rhodes spent eight years with her brother in a general law practice.

"All my degrees before, like a teaching degree and counseling degree, had been in helping fields, so I think I got the most satisfaction from helping a client. They weren't always in trouble, it could be buying a new

ranch, setting up a corporation, drawing up a contract," she said.

Rhodes divorced in 1980, ending a 29-year marriage. She spent the next eight years on her own and then re-met Dusty Rhodes.

"I met him 20 years before when he worked for the sheriff's department," Rhodes said. In the interim, his wife had died and Dusty Rhodes went to work for the

New Mexico Crime Lab and testified in court as a witness in criminal trials.

When he retired in May 1989, they moved to Ruidoso, the town her husband had decided in 1948 was to be his retirement destination.

"I was fortunate to be hired as an assistant district attorney by Bert Atkins (as the only woman lawyer on staff at the time) and I worked in Alamogordo for a year, but I told him if the office came open I wanted to work over here and it did," Rhodes said. For a change, she found herself working and living in the same town.

Was it all worth it?

"I don't think there's a great deal of satisfaction in sending someone to prison or jail, but there is a need for the criminal justice system to work, so my job is just part of that," Rhodes said.

She especially enjoys her association with police officers.

"I have found most officers in Lincoln County are very dedicated," Rhodes said. "They try to do a good job and they don't seem to lose their kindness and concern for people."

None of her children followed her lead. Gaylon Martin, 43, is a firefighter in Roswell, daughter Valerie Martin, 44, works with preschool children in Lovington, and Les Martin, 45, is in construction, although he has a master's in political science and history.

"I don't believe I've had to harden myself. But when I was very young, everything was black and white. There was right and wrong. I admit that now there are more grays."

Viola Rhodes
Assistant District Attorney

"It seems my children are more interested in being in the teaching profession," Rhodes said. "And actually, I think those are the people I most admire, the teachers."

Rhodes has been a teacher herself. She taught criminal law and procedure at two of Eastern New Mexico University's campuses, and People's Law with Gary Mitchell at the Ruidoso campus.

Some might think Rhodes would be more at home on the public defender's side of the courtroom.

"I don't believe I've had to harden myself," she said. "But when I was very young, everything was black and white. There was right and wrong. I admit that now there are more grays."

No single case stands out in her mind as the most difficult or rewarding.

"It's more that it's not just one case or incident," she said. "It's more like one long moving picture, so you get a certain feel. When you're working, the case in court on that day is the most important. You may have a more important case from the public perspective lying in your filing cabinet at the office, but in court you're focused on what you're doing."

But one of her earliest assignments assisting her brother in court did leave an impression.

"What I remember the most, was when I was in court with Ken that summer and he defended three murder cases and all three (defendants) walked out of the courtroom," she said. "In three months, having those kinds of trials and outcomes was something I've never forgotten."

The reality is that she's too busy to dwell on any one case, Rhodes said.



Courtesy photo

Rhodes motorcycled to the Grand Canyon in 1992.

"Maybe one reason the cases don't stick out is that in my job, you must move on," she said. "I handle hundreds of cases a year. I finish one and I have to go on. If I've learned a lesson, it's that you can't dwell on successes or failures. It would just eat on you. You have to move on to the next case."

She's been threatened before by angry defendants, but has never been particularly worried they would follow through.

"But I remember walking out of the courtroom surrounded by a defendant's large family and someone saying, 'If you mess with us all,'" she said. Still, what really scares her is going down Angus Hill on ice.

In her few hours of spare time, Rhodes reads voraciously, consuming two to three books a week. She loves to dance with her husband in any style, from ballroom to square dancing. And the couple travels on their motorcycle to spots such as the Grand Canyon in Arizona, living with what they can pack in their saddlebags.

Quiet time may be spent sewing quilts. Her husband then creates the accessories needed to hang them. He also handcrafted a mahogany desk in their living room, and he's a ham radio operator and computer fanatic.

Rhodes' next goal is to retire "without guilt" so she can spend more time on trips in their camper and pickup, between tracking her family's genealogy.

"I can't imagine my life not having structure," she said.

And if she gets restless, Rhodes said she has another new career picked out — perhaps to pursue in her next life.

"I'm going to be a Rockette at the New York Music Hall," she cracks.



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Sunday evening praise-6 p.m.
Wednesday family night-7 p.m.

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church
Carrizozo
Hayden Smith, Pastor
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.
Church training-6:30 p.m. Sunday

First Baptist Church
Ruidoso
420 Mechem Drive
D. Allen Cearley, Pastor
Sunday School-9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday services-7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Ruidoso Downs
David Jordan, Pastor
General Assembly-9:30 a.m.
Worship hour-11 a.m.
Sunday School-9:30 a.m.
Evening worship-6 p.m.
Wednesday prayer meeting-7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Tinnie
Bill Jones, Pastor
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-11 a.m.

Iglesia Bautista Vida Eterna
420 Mechem Drive
Luis F. Gomez, Pastor
Domingos: Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.
Culto de Predicacion, 11 a.m.
Culto de Predicacion 6 p.m.
Miercoles: Estudio Biblico 7 p.m.

Mescalero Baptist Mission
Mescalero
Rev. Tim Gilliland, Pastor
Sunday School-10 a.m.
Sunday worship-11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.
Training Union-6:30 p.m. Sunday
Wednesday services-6:30 p.m.

Ruidoso Baptist Church
126 Church Drive
Palmer Gateway
Wayne Joyce, Pastor
Randel Widener, Associate Pastor
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible study-7 p.m.

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Sunday Mass-10 a.m. (English)
11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
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Sunday Mass-St. Jude Thaddeus,
San Patricio-8 a.m.
Women's Guild-7 p.m. the third Monday
Knights of Columbus-7 p.m.
2nd and 4th Tuesday.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Capitan 354-9102
Saturday Mass-5 p.m.
Sunday Mass-9 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Monday-6 p.m.
Santa Rita Catholic Church
Carrizozo 648-2853
Father Dave Bergs, Pastor.
Saturday Mass-6:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass-11 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Tuesday-6 p.m.

St. Theresa Catholic Church
Corona
Sunday Mass-6 p.m.

St. Joseph Apache Mission
Mescalero
Father Tom Herbst, Pastor
Sunday Mass-10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Bent
Father Tom Herbst, Pastor
Saturday Mass-6 p.m.
Sunday Mass-8 a.m.

CHRISTIAN

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Hull and Gavilan Canyon Road
Bill Kennedy, Pastor
Sunday School-K-12/Adult-9:30 a.m.
Regular Sunday Worship-10:45 a.m.
Chancel Choir-Wednesday 7 p.m.
Youth Group-Sunday 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ
Capitan
Highway 48
Lex Earwood, Minister
Sunday Bible study-10 a.m.
Sunday worship-11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible study-7 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER DAY SAINTS

Church of Jesus Christ LDS
Ruidoso Branch
12 miles north of Ruidoso
on Highway 48 on east side
between mile posts 14 and 15.
336-4359 or 257-9691
Sacrament meeting-10 a.m.
Sunday School-11:10 a.m.
Priesthood Relief Society-12:10 p.m.
Primary & Young Women-11:10 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ LDS
Mescalero Branch
Marvin Hansen, President
434-0098
Sunday: Priesthood & Relief Soc. 11:30 a.m.
Sunday School & primary-noon
Sacrament meeting-10:30 a.m.

EPISCOPAL

Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount
121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso
Father John W. Penn, Rector
Sunday Eucharist-8 & 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Daughters of King-noon
Eucharist & healing-5:30 p.m.
Choir practice-7 p.m.

Episcopal Chapel of San Juan
Lincoln
Sunday: Holy Eucharist-10:30 a.m.

St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel
Glencoe
Sunday: Holy Eucharist-9 a.m.

St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel
Carrizozo, 6th & E Street
Sunday: Holy Eucharist-9:30 a.m.

FOURSQUARE

Capitan Foursquare Church
Highway 48, Capitan
Harold W. Perry, Pastor
Sunday School-10 a.m.
Sunday worship-11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible study-7 p.m.

FULL GOSPEL

Mission Fountain of Living Water-Full Gospel
San Patricio
Sunday School-10 a.m.
Evening services-7:30 p.m. Sunday,
Tuesday and Friday.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall
106 Alpine Village Road
258-3659, 258-3204
Sunday public talk-1:30 p.m.
Sunday Watchtower-2:20 p.m.
Tuesday Bible study-7:30 p.m.
Thursday ministry school-7:30 p.m.
Thursday service meet-8:20 p.m.

Congregación Hispana de los Testigos de Jehova
106 Alpine Village Road
258-3659, 336-7076
Reunion Publica Dom.-10 a.m.
Estudio de la Atalaya Dom.-10:50 a.m.
Estudio de Libro Lun.-7 p.m.
Escuela del Ministerio Teocratico Mart.-7 p.m.
Reunion de servicio Mart.-7:50 p.m.

LUTHERAN

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
Hull Road
258-4191, 257-5296
Kevin L. Krohn, Pastor
Sunday worship-8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class-9:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Noon-1 p.m. Bible Study
A member of the Missouri Synod

METHODIST

Community United Methodist Church
Junction Road
Behind Daylight Donuts
Craig Cockrell, Pastor
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-8:30 a.m., 10:55 a.m.

United Methodist Church Parish

Trinity Carrizozo/Capitan
648-2893, 257-5614
Warren K. Schoenecker Pastor,
Capitan/Carrizozo
Carrizozo
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday worship 11:10 a.m.
Wednesday choir-6:30 p.m.
Capitan
Sunday worship-9:15 a.m.
Adult Sunday School-8:30 a.m. 2nd
Sunday School 11 a.m.

PENTECOSTAL

Spirit of Life Apostolic/Pentecostal Tabernacle
Capitan, Lincoln Ave.
(2/10 mile past fairgrounds heading toward the business district)
257-6864
Allan M. Miller-Pastor
Bible Study-7 p.m. Tuesday
Sunday School-10 a.m. Sunday
Sunday Evening Services-6 p.m.
Ladies fellowship-6 p.m. last Thursdays

NAZARENE

Angus Church of the Nazarene
Angus
at Bonito Park Nazarene Conference Center
12 miles north of Ruidoso
on Highway 48
Charles Hail, Pastor
336-8032
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday fellowship-6:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church
Ruidoso, Nob Hill
257-2220
James Hovland, Pastor
Church school-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-11 a.m.
Potluck fellowship lunch after worship the third Sunday; women's Bible study & brown bag lunch at noon the second Tuesday.

Mountain Ministry Parish Community United Presbyterian Church
Ancho
Sunday worship-9 a.m.
Sunday School-10 a.m.

Corona Presbyterian Church

Worship-11 a.m.

Nogal Presbyterian Church
Adult Sunday School-10 a.m.
Worship-11 a.m.

REFORMED CHURCH

Mescalero Reformed
Mescalero
Bob Schut, Pastor
Church school-9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:30 a.m.
Mon. junior high youth-6:30 p.m.
Wed. high school meeting-7 p.m.
Thur. Kids Club (grades 1-5)-3:30

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Seventh Day Adventist
Ruidoso Downs, Agua Fria
207 Parkway • 378-4161
Pastor Rick Lytle 443-1904
Assoc. Pastor Wilburn Morrow 622-1206.
Sabbath school-9:30 a.m.
Church service-11 a.m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday-7 p.m.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

American Missionary Fellowship
Gregg Horst
354-2307

Ruidoso men's Bible study-noon, Monday.
Pizza Hut, Mechem Drive
Capitan youth group-7 p.m. Wednesday at the fair building
Women's Bible Study-6:30 Mondays
Adult Bible Study-6:30 p.m. Thursdays

Calvary Chapel

433 Gateway Center
Pastor Ben Staboda
257-5915
11 a.m. Sunday Worship
7 p.m. Wednesday, Mid-Week Bible Study & Kids' Adventure Club

Christ Community Fellowship

Capitan, Highway 380 West
Ed Vinson, Pastor
354-2458
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:30 a.m.

Cornerstone Church

Cornerstone Square,
613 Sudderth Drive
257-9265
B.A. Thurman, Pastor
Sunday services 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesday-7 p.m.

Iglesia Hispana Casa de Oracion

(nos reunimos en Calvary Chapel)
433 Gateway Center, 257-5126
Pastor Carlos Carreon
Martes 5 p.m. predicacion
Domingos 3 p.m. predicacion

Living Word Church

441 Mechem, 257-3470
Pastors: Terry and Suzanne Lewis
Renewal services:
Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Wednesday noon - intercessory prayer
7 p.m. - mid-week services

Peace Chapel Interdenominational (ULC)

Alto North
Jeamsie Price, Pastor
336-7075
Service Schedule:
Morning chapel - 6:50 a.m. (Sept. thru June)
Sunday Service - 11 a.m.

Ruidoso Word Church

Ruidoso Downs
Al and Marly Lane, Pastors
378-8464
Children's Ministries-9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship-10:45 a.m.
Thursday services-7 p.m.

Trinity Mountain Fellowship

Gavilan Canyon Road
336-4213
Sunday Worship
9-9:30 a.m. Prayer
9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30-12 Noon Service
For our weekly schedule call
378-8391.

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Going out

Sketches of Lincoln featured in new book

The Lincoln County Historical Society announces the recent publication of its latest book, "A Stroll Thru Old Lincolntown," a collection of sketches by Walter R. Henn.

Most of the sketches were done 30 years ago and published in a portfolio called "A Walking Tour of Old Lincoln Town," which has been out of print for several years.

The new publication is in a different format, with the original sketches and the addition of a few sketches not included in the original. The sketches are accompanied by copy which reflects the current status of each historic building.

The society decided to reprint the sketches in book form because, with the passage of 30 years, they are now a comprehensive historical record of how Lincoln looked at that time and an indication of how the village has changed in the intervening years. The Historical Society predicts the current edition of 1,000 also will quickly become a collector's item.

The original drawings were purchased by the now-defunct Lincoln County Society of Art, History and Archaeology and

"A Stroll Thru Old Lincolntown" is a collection of sketches by artist Walter R. Henn, who has lived in Lincoln since 1965.

donated to the Courthouse Museum in Lincoln, where they were framed and hung for a time.

Walter Henn and his wife Nora first moved to Lincoln in 1965, where they have resided most of the time since. Henn, a native of Rochester, N. Y., worked as art director/production manager for Grant Advertising in Dallas, Texas for 20 years before exchanging city life for an adobe house in Lincoln at a time when the village was still a nearly untouched relic from the 19th century. Over the years Henn has sketched or painted most of the old buildings of Lincoln County, and his work graces many public places throughout the county as well as numerous private collections.

"A Stroll Thru Old Lincolntown" can be purchased by mail from the Lincoln County Historical Society, PO Box 91, Lincoln, NM 88338, or from most area bookstores.

Don't miss out on the best entertainment advertising package in the county!
CALL CHRISTINE, CATHY, JIM OR THOMAS
at 257-4001

Chinese circus comes to town

The Royal Chinese Circus performs at 5-7 p.m. Friday, March 7 in the Ruidoso Civic Events Center.

The Royal Chinese Circus is the embodiment of a traditional Chinese art form which can trace its history back more than 2,000 years to the Qin and Han dynasties. It has influenced the development of Chinese opera, drama, acrobatics, theater and ballet.

After the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949, the circus in China was guided by the principle of "Letting a hundred flowers blossom and weeding through the old to bring forth the new."

Since 1950, the circus in China has been designated "People's Art" and has been encouraged by the government to prosper and develop. Circus schools have been established throughout China. To be a circus acrobat in China is similar in status to being a movie star in the West.

ROYAL ACROBATICS

What: Royal Chinese Circus
When: 5-7 p.m. tonight (Friday)
Where: Ruidoso Civic Events Center

And only the very best of the best are allowed into the international touring troupes, such as the Jian Hua Acrobatic Troupe, on the Royal Chinese Circus.

The Royal Chinese Circus features the latest in circus acts and skills that date back to the early centuries of Chinese history, as well as traditional American-style circus performers in a combined performance.

You'll see the traditional lion dance, an integral part of Chinese circus from its earliest days. It tells a story through color, comedy, drama and acrobatics.

You'll see carpet spinning,

a dazzling display of the juggling and balancing of ordinary carpets in a most extraordinary way.

You'll see the aerial gymnasts performing feats of mind-boggling strength and split-second timing on straps and poles.

You'll see Oriental contortion, the human body bending in ways that defy all logic and yet performed with all the grace and dignity of a Russian ballet.

You'll see ordinary kitchen plates spinning as you've never seen them, starting with 10 young ladies spinning 120 plates on the ends of 120 sticks at 120 revolutions a minute.

You'll see towering twin poles festooned with acrobats in magnificent mid-air maneuvers, and hoop diving, the quintessential Chinese circus act with acrobats moving like lightning and with all the suppleness of eels — and even juggling with water. Impossible you say? Not at the Royal Chinese Circus.

The Scots' influence on the West

The Museum of the Horse hosts Ferenc M. Szasz, Ph.D., at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 8. Dr. Szasz will present a free lecture and slide presentation called "Scotland and the American West: Two Lands of Romance and Myth."

Scotland had a considerable effect on the history of the Trans-Mississippi West from the 18th century until the era of World War I. Scots participated in all occupa-

tions in the West and brought their own traditions and outlook with them. The concept of "hero" was intrinsic to them, making the West a fertile source of romantic depictions of hardship, bravery and success.

Frank Szasz has been a member of the History Department at University of New Mexico since 1967. A specialist in American Culture, he has written or edited

six books and more than 50 articles. He has long maintained an interest in Scotland. In 1991, 1992 and the summer of 1994, Dr. Szasz lived in Aberdeen, Scotland.

This lecture is provided by the New Mexico Endowment for Humanities through grants from US West, Sunwest Bank and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Pianist returns to Roswell

The Roswell Symphony Orchestra continues its 1997 Chamber Music Series with the return engagement of pianist Luisa Guembes-Buchanan at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 7 at the Roswell Museum and Art Center.

From Cambridge, Mass., Guembes-Buchanan will perform works by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Domenico Scarlatti, Robert Schumann, and Argentinean artists Alberto Ginastera and Padre Antonio Solar.

Originally from Peru, Dr. Buchanan holds a Ph.D. in Music Performance from New York University and is currently chair of the piano department at the South Shore Conservatory, Hingham, Mass. Recently, she founded the Music Department Sommerschule Wust fur englische Sprache, Literatur, Theater und Musik in Wust, Germany. Her public performances have taken her from South America, Germany, and Belgium, to the United States.

The 1997 RSO Chamber Music Series is partially funded by New Mexico Arts, a division of the Office of Cultural Affairs.

Individual concert tickets can be purchased for \$7 (adult) and \$3.50 (student/child). Tickets for her Oct. 25, 1996 performance will be honored at the March 7 concert.

Tickets may be purchased by calling the RSO office at 623-5882 or will be available at the door the evening of the performance.

THE MESCALERO NIGHTCLUB

Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero, NM • 257-6693

THURS

LADIES NIGHT

The Nightclub's DJ spins the latest in dance, house, techno, hip-hop, old school, retro and country!
Drink specials. 9 p.m. to midnight. No cover.

FRI

DJ MUSIC

Mixing the latest in dance, house, techno, hip-hop old school, retro and even country!
9 p.m. to close. No cover.

SAT

STAND-UP COMEDY SHOWCASE

DJ after show til close
9 p.m. to ?

~ \$3 cover for show. No cover after show.

GOING OUT

Eagle Ranch Gallery features Pence in March

George and Marianne Schweers host a one-woman show for Margaret Pence at their Eagle Ranch Art Gallery March 1-31.

Pence brings 40 years of practicing her art, a lifetime of travel both domestically and abroad, and a wealth of life experiences to this special show. Her work is found in collections in the Orient, Europe and across the United States. Her last show in New Mexico, held in Taos, was an outstanding success.

The show features a wide range of styles and subject matters, from acrylic to watercolor, from large to small canvases, and from Southwestern landscapes to still life and portraiture. Pence has studied in the Orient and in Germany as well as in the states. Typically, her work is free and spontaneous with excitingly bold colors. She works in several styles, including impressionism, innocent art, and realism.

"A piece of my work often

takes on a life of its own as I get into it. I love to watch colors and form develop from my initial approach to painting. I see myself as a vehicle for art, allowing the beauty, the color, the message of my subject matter to flow through me onto the canvas," Pence stated in a recent interview.

She has shown in El Paso, Texas, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Las Cruces, and Taos, as well as several galleries in California, Washington state and Virginia.

The public is invited to a reception to meet Pence from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 7. Refreshments will be served. The gallery is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and is located at 7288 Hwy 54/70 (about four miles north of the White Sands Mall in Alamogordo).

For more information call the Eagle Ranch Gallery at 434-0035 or Margaret Pence at 682-6007.

EYE ON THE ARTS

Las Cruces dinner theater this weekend

Las Cruces' Dona Ana Repertory Theatre and the Mission Dinner Theater present "The Four Poster" by Jan de Hartog, a romantic comedy in two acts.

Starring Sarah Hazer and Jim Brennan, "The Four Poster" tells a story of a 35-year marriage, from their wedding night until they have to move out of their home.

Set in 1890-1925, the set decor by Patricia Dahlin-Dune is assigned to catapult the audience back in time, as are the costume selections of Amanda Kuker provided by The GEN. The show is directed by Mark Kuker.

The final performances of "The Four Poster" will be Friday and Saturday, March 7-8. Dinners are served at 6-7:30 p.m. and curtain is at 8 p.m.

Admission is \$8 adults; \$7 seniors and persons 12 and under with dinners ordered off the menu.

For reservations and information, please call 505/524-3005 or 505/525-0904.

Hot country fiddle in Alamo March 15

The La Luz Elementary School Parents Club presents Jana Jae, "The First Lady of Country Fiddle" and her band Hotwire at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 15 at the New Mexico State University-Alamogordo Special Events Center.

She has appeared on the Tonight Show, Nashville Now, Hee Haw and at the Grand Ole Opry. She began her classical music training at the age of 2 1/2. She learned at an early age that a difficult number followed by a catchy polka or reel brought delight to her audience.

All proceeds will go to benefit the La Luz Elementary technology program.

Tickets are on sale at La Luz Elementary, Winners Circle, and the Flickinger Center. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. For more information, call La Luz Elementary at 439-3412.

Photo contest deadline March 30

The Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, in conjunction with Norwest Banks and Southern New Mexico Magazine, is currently accepting entries for its first annual "The Face of New Mexico" photography competition.

The contest is open only to amateur photographers and students of photography at all educational levels who reside in New Mexico.

Deadline for entries is March 30. For an entry prospectus call the Flickinger Center in Alamogordo at 437-2202.

Fun-filled tour of space Saturday

The public is invited to join the Alamogordo Space Center staff for a fun-filled "Sun Break Field Trip" on Saturday, March 8.

The day's events will begin with a fascinating class on comets and Comet Hale-Bopp in the Space Center's Hubbard Space Science Education Building. Following the class there will be a guided tour of the museum's traveling exhibit, "Electric Space," on the International Space Hall of Fame's fourth floor.

After experiencing the hands-on fun of "Electric Space," partic-

ipants will join the museum staff on a caravan, by private automobile, to the National Solar Observatory at Sunspot for lunch and a special tour of the facility.

A member of the National Solar Observatory's staff will discuss solar physics and the vital role the observatory plays on the international solar research scene. After the talk, members of the Sun Break Field Trip will tour the National Solar Observatory.

When the tour is completed, participants will return to the Space Center for a showing of the

Omnimax film "Cosmic Voyage" at the Clyde W. Tombaugh Omnimax Theater and Planetarium.

The cost of the field trip is just \$15. The family price is \$12.50 per person. The price includes admission to the International Space Hall of Fame, the Omnimax film, lunch at Sunspot and the class on comets. Registration is limited to 40 persons. For more information, contact the Space Center's Education Department at 437-2840 or 1-800-545-4021.

Talent show entries still being accepted

Ruidoso Little Theatre is sponsoring a talent show and contest at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 21 at the Castle on Hwy. 70.

Categories for the show are singing, acting, dancing, lip sync, novelty acts and instrumental.

A \$100 Golden Talent Award will be given to the outstanding overall act, and gift prizes will be awarded to the first-, second- and third-place winners in

each category.

Entry forms are available at Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce, First National Bank, Thriftway and The Ruidoso News office. These forms should be returned to Ruidoso Little Theatre Talent Show, Box 4844, Ruidoso, N.M. 88345.

For more information, contact Pam Cromwell at 505-354-3209.

RIO TRANS

Bowen's X-Country Shuttle — Mention this ad for a 30% Discount the month of March! Ski shuttle service to Ski Apache. Service runs 7 days a week. (Group rates are also available). Service stops and times by reservation.

Midnight Express

This service provides transportation to all nightlife the Village has to offer. Midnight Express runs every Friday and Saturday evening from 7 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. \$5 per person for transportation throughout the entire evening.

Rio Trans

Finally a shuttle service throughout the Village of Ruidoso. Yes, a real bus service for all to enjoy the luxury of sightseeing, shopping or dining in the Village with the convenience of no hassle parking, and your partner can go another direction while you enjoy your favorite pastime. This service runs from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. seven days a week.

Frequent rider cards available!

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PRIVATE PARTS (R)

*1:45 4:30 7:00 *9:15

FOOLS RUSH IN (PG-13)

*1:30 4:00 6:45 *9:00

MARVIN'S ROOM (PG)

*2:00 5:00 7:15 *9:20

* Friday & Saturday Only

Call for showtimes

257-9444



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

**Ruidoso News
March 7, 1947**

From an experiment the Fort Stanton Marine Hospital has grown into a self-sufficient community with the primary purpose in mind at all the time of helping to heal the seamen from American merchant vessels, un-uniformed wanderers from ocean freighters and fishing smacks, river steamers and cargo ships, and all men who have served their country faithfully

and well. Fort Stanton is a complete town made up of officers' quarters, nurses quarters, homes for married officers, post office, hospital, ambulatory section of seventy-five cottages, a church, their own social club for patients and staff, a library of over six-thousand volumes. A craft, barber, shoe and cleaning shop; watch repairing and photography shop in connection with it. Power plant, cold storage plant, laundry, carpenter and electrician shops, corrals, dairy barns, truck gardening, a one million gallon capacity water reservoir, offices,

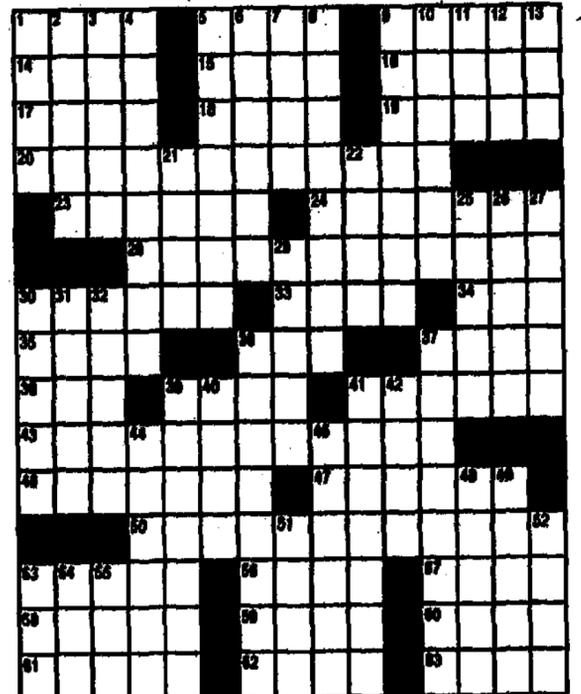
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Puzzle by A. J. Santora

Parks

- 3 — nova
- 4 Wool gatherers
- 5 Toscanini, e.g.
- 6 In hog heaven
- 7 Golfer Ballesteros
- 8 Game plan
- 9 Very attentive
- 10 Empres
- 11 Unmatched
- 12 Broadway's "Five Guys Named —"
- 13 30's-50's actress Harding
- 21 "In — face!"
- 22 Site for a stream
- 25 Window style
- 26 Taker
- 27 Pitchers
- 29 Either Zimballist
- 30 Alter exchange
- 31 City WNW of Sapporo
- 32 — David
- 36 Pantaloon presser
- 37 Bellitlers
- 39 Classic sports cars
- 40 Theater award
- 41 Formed a wrong opinion of

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

BACKS SPCA BAMA
 EERIE ALAS EVIL
 I REMEMBER IT WELL
 RAMS ALBANIA
 UTE SNEE GIANT
 TESTED AXELROD
 ERASURE UPS
 THAT REMINDS ME
 SRO IMPLORE
 TIMPANI PYTHON
 SMEAR OCHS OLE
 CURACAO GODS
 COME TO THINK OF IT
 SPAR ONER AREEL
 ASPS TORO TERSE

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-800-420-5658 (75¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: (800) 762-1665.

The steeps and bumps

Ski Apache has a lot of advanced terrain. Forty-five percent of our trails are rated for advanced and expert skiers. Some are groomed, but those that aren't will offer all the challenge even a true mogul hound can handle. And, once again, snow conditions have a big impact on the ability level needed to ski these trails.

TRAIL TALK



Jim Secor
Ski Apache

Those of you that have become comfortable on some of the easier black trails should consider taking a lesson or two before you head for these trails. Ski Apache Ski School offers a half-day upper level lessons, either morning or afternoon.

through the break in the trees puts you at the very top of Terrible. Also accessible from Upper Peebles.

Incredible

Get there from Upper Peebles or come down the face to Sierra Blanca Trail a short distance to Incredible. Most of the local mogul skiers rate this run the second best bump run on the mountain.

Mescalero

The last of the runs off of Upper Peebles or the first off Sierra Blanca Trail. Often left ungroomed, you can find great crud skiing here as well as some good bumps. Big and wide, this is a favorite of Ski Apache employees.

Caliente

Starts at the end of The Face along with Roy's Run and Upper Snow Park. I talked about Roy's Run in an earlier article on easier blacks. Caliente is a little steeper and I think it is a little more difficult in less than ideal snow conditions. Along with Dead End, it is one of the easier trails discussed here. Take the leftmost trail of this group.

Upper Snow Park

The trail to the skier's right of the Upper Snow Park, Roy's Run and Upper Snow Park Group. This trail is very wide, but the double fall line you will encounter puts it on my most difficult list.

Next Week - The Lift Lines

(Jim Secor is a former Ski Apache ski instructor. He now serves as webmaster for the Ski Apache web site, www.skiapache.com and is the systems manager for the ski area.)

Upper Peebles

When you exit the Gondola or Chair 1 take the catwalk just a 100 feet or so. The trail that drops off to the left is Upper Peebles. On a bit of a sidehill slant, this trail is a feeder to most of the trails listed here.

Dead End

From the Gondola or Chair 1 take the catwalk to The Face. Take the second cut through on the left and you are on Dead End. I would rate this as the easiest of the trails discussed here. Groomed fairly often, wide and a little less steep than the rest. You can also get there off of Upper Peebles.

The Terrible

One of the locals favorite bump runs. Terrible is not groomed very often and the bumps can get pretty big here. The most popular way to get there is to take the Lincoln Lift (Chair 2) to the top. An immediate right,



VAMONOS

Club calendar

ADULT SINGLES GROUP

The Ruidoso/Lincoln County Adult Singles group meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at The Texas House, Ruidoso. The group has a no-host dinner with speakers and discussions to follow. Activities are also planned throughout the month. All adult singles are invited to join the group for dinner and socializing. For further information call 258-4680 or 257-5077.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Meets at the Lincoln Tower, Lower Level, rear entrance.
Mondays - Noon AA meetings and 8 p.m. Step Study.
Tuesdays - 8 p.m. closed AA and Alanon. Noon meeting.
Wednesdays - Noon AA meetings and 8 p.m. Alanon Study.
Thursdays - Noon open women's meeting and 8 p.m. Open meeting.
Fridays - Noon AA meeting and 8 p.m. Book Study.
Saturdays - 8 p.m. AA open. Noon meeting.
Sundays - 8 p.m. open ladies' and men's stag meeting. Noon meeting.
Birthdays, last Saturday.
Phone number 258-3643

ALL AMERICAN

DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Meets at the Ruidoso Senior Center at 1 p.m. Saturdays. Open game. Novice players welcome. For information, call Joe Ranne at 257-9228.

ALTO WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Meets 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the Alto Club House for lunch at noon and cards at 1 p.m. Business meeting the first Tuesday of every month.

ALTRUSA CLUB

Meets 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month for program and at noon the third Tuesday of every month for lunch at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mesalero Trail. President Karen Morris.

ALZHEIMER'S MONTHLY SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7-9 p.m. at Ruidoso Care Center. Call 257-9071 for more information.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

OF RETIRED PERSONS

AARP meets at the Senior Citizens Center behind the Ruidoso Public Library at 10 a.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month. President, Virginia Quesenberry.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Meets at noon every fourth Thursday in the Lincoln County Medical Center conference room. For more information contact memorial Chairman Jane Yowell, P.O. Box 2328, Ruidoso, NM 88345. Telephone: 257-4066.

AMERICAN LEGION

ROBERT J. HAGEE, POST 79

Meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday in the American Legion Building at U.S. Highway 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs. For more information call 257-5796.

AMERICAN SEWING GUILD

OF NEW MEXICO

Neighborhood group meeting. Call Jennie Powell at 258-3896.

B.P.O.E. No. 2086

Elk's meets in the Elk's Lodge Building on U.S. Highway 70. 7:30 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of every month.

B.P.O. DOES

Does meet in the Elk's Lodge Building on U.S. Highway 70. 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of every month.

BETA SIGMA PHI

Four chapters meet in members' homes. 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of every month. For more information call 257-5368.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Boy Scout Troop 59 meets at 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Scoutmaster Steve Norbury, 258-3417. Cub Scouts: Ruidoso pack meeting at 2 p.m. the third Sunday of every month.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the third Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at the Senior Center, 501-A Sudderth Drive. Call 258-4682 or 258-3726 for information.

CHOIR GROUP

Meets 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays at 1089 El Paseo Road, Las Cruces. Call locally for possible carpool and information at 258-5621.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES

OF LINCOLN COUNTY INC.

Volunteers serving the less fortunate in the area. Meets 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month at 120 Junction Road (Church of Christ building). President Rick Osborne, 257-7162.

CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS

Step study meeting 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Texas-New Mexico Power Company.

COMMUNITY FRIENDS OF THE VIETNAM WAR

Meets at 6 p.m. the first Monday of each month at the VFW Post 7686 Auxiliary Hall, 700 Hwy. 70 West, Alamogordo.

COUNSELING CENTER

Stress management group 4 p.m. Mondays at The Counseling Center, 1707 Sudderth Drive. Call 257-5038 for more information.

DAUGHTERS OF THE

AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Meets in members' homes at noon the second Thursday of every month. For more information call 258-4006.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

COE-CURRY CHAPTER 23

Meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month in the American Legion Hall at Hwy. 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs. For more information call 257-5796.

FAMILY CRISIS CENTER

24-hour crisis line answered by the Ruidoso Police Department. Call 257-7365 and ask for the Family Crisis Center volunteer. Board meets at 6 p.m. the first Thursday at Dr. Arlene Brown's office. Free women's support group at noon Mondays at Dr. Birgit LaMothe's office in Compound 1402 at 1401 Sudderth Drive.

FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN

OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. for a business meeting and program. For more information call Bobbie Milburn at 257-4402 or Genevieve Sewell at 258-5164.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE #26

Meets at K-Bob's Steak House Restaurant at noon every Thursday.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Meets at the Ruidoso Public Library at 4 p.m. the first Monday of every month.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Meets at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center behind the Ruidoso Library at noon the first and third Wednesdays of every month for covered dish lunch and games.

HIV + SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the second Monday of every month. Loving Others Support Group for friends and family of HIV+ meets the third Tuesday of every month. For more information call 257-2236 or 1-800-573-AIDS.

HUMANE SOCIETY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Meets at 4 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at Texas-New Mexico Power community room.

KIWANIS CLUB

Meets at K-Bob's in the American Room at noon on Tuesdays. Visiting Kiwanis members welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FATHER E. DOLAN COUNCIL

Meets in the parish hall at St. Eleanor's Catholic Church at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. Fred C. Knapp, grand knight.

LA JUNTA F.C.E.

(FORMERLY HOME EXTENSION CLUB)

Meets at San Patricio Senior Citizens building at 10:45 a.m. the third Wednesday of every month. All are welcome. For more information call 653-4912.

PREPARED CHILD BIRTH CLASSES

Eight-week sessions meet 7 p.m. Mondays, at the Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mesalero Trail, Ruidoso. Qualified instructors. Ask your doctor or call 257-7381 for information or to register for classes.

LINCOLN COUNTY BIRD CLUB

The Lincoln County Bird Club meets once a month. For more information call Anita Powell at 257-5352.

LINCOLN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Meets once a month. Call Cece Griffin, chairperson at 257-7558 for date and place.

LINCOLN COUNTY FOOD BANK

In St. Eleanor's Catholic Church. Board meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of every month. Food bank hours are noon-4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information call 257-5823.

LINCOLN COUNTY HOMEBUILDERS

Meets at Cree Meadows Restaurant the first Tuesday of each month. Board of Directors meeting at 6 p.m. and general meeting at 7 p.m. President Jerry Bertramson.

LINCOLN COUNTY

MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY

Meets 9:30 a.m. the first Tuesday of every month in the hospital conference room.

LINCOLN COUNTY PRIDE!

Meets the first Sunday of each month at various locations. Call Judy at 336-1006 for meeting times and more information. Lincoln County Pride! is a social and political action group for Lincoln County's gay, lesbian and bisexual community and its heterosexual allies.

LINCOLN COUNTY RESOURCE EXCHANGE

Meets at noon the second Thursday of every month at Pizza Hut, 1201 Mechem, Ruidoso. For more information call Sharon Miller at 258-3252.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE

Meets 2 p.m. the first Sunday of every month at the Lincoln County Fair Building in Capitan. President Tom Carter, 354-2132.

LIONS INTERNATIONAL EVENING LIONS CLUB

Meets in the Lions Hut on Skyland behind Mountain Laundry on Tuesdays for supper.

MASONIC LODGE #73

Meets in the Masonic Family Building at the corner of Mesalero Trail and Nob Hill Drive, for dinner at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday (second Monday if first is a holiday) of every month. W.M. - Jim Matsler, 336-9699; S.W. - Marshall Conover, 258-3446; J.W. - Walt Argall, 257-7190. All visiting Brethren welcome.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES, CHAPTER 1379

Meets 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of every month at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Center. For more information call 258-3493 or 378-4669.

NOISY WATERS SERTOMA CLUB

Every Wednesday at noon at the Enchantment Inn. For more information call 257-2021.

OPTIMIST CLUB

Meets every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club from noon to 1 p.m. For information call Emmett Hatch, 258-5717 or Jim Wood at 258-9218.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

RUIDOSO CHAPTER #65

Meets in the Masonic Family Building, 144 Nob Hill Rd., at 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of every month. Visiting members welcome.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Meets 10 a.m. every Saturday at Perfect Health Therapeutic Massage, 1204 Mechem, Suite 11. Please call 258-1153 for more information.

PINE TOP ROD AND CUSTOM CAR CLUB

Meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Texas-New Mexico Power Building.

QUILTING GROUP

Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. For more information call Judy at 336-8064 or Diana at 257-2446.

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Meets the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. Anyone interested is welcome. For more information call Bob Nys at 258-4372 or Pat Hume at 354-2382.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

RUIDOSO-HONDO VALLEY CLUB

Meets at the Swiss Chalet Inn at noon on Tuesdays.

RUIDOSO CARE CENTER AUXILIARY

Meets in the Ruidoso Care Center dining room at 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday for free lunch with 24-hour advance reservations. 1:15 program for residents and guests. Everyone welcome.

RUIDOSO CHESS CLUB

7 p.m. (or later) every Wednesday at Pizza Hut on Mechem. No dues or fees. Beginners welcome. For further information call Alan at 258-4757 or Tony at 336-4219.

RUIDOSO DOWNS AUXILIARY

Meets in the Auxiliary Building, 123 Downs Avenue at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month. For more information call Shirlene Roberts at 378-4184 or Ida Hal at 378-4766.

RUIDOSO DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center behind the Ruidoso Public Library. For more information call Margaret Bowden at 258-4678 or 257-2452.

RUIDOSO FEDERATED WOMAN'S CLUB

Meets 1:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month September through May in the Woman's Club Building, 116 Evergreen Road. For more information call 257-2309.

RUIDOSO GARDEN CLUB

Meets in various locations at 10 a.m. the third Tuesday of every month. For information call 258-5509 or 25-2877.

RUIDOSO GRASSROOTS AA GROUP

Tuesdays - 7 p.m. open meeting
Thursdays - 7 p.m. open meeting
Saturdays - 7 p.m. open meeting
Phone number 257-4074 or 354-3345.
Meets at the east entrance of the Gateway Church of Christ.

RUIDOSO GUN CLUB

Meets 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at the Church of the Holy Mount, Mesalero Trail, Ruidoso.

RUIDOSO PIECEMAKERS QUILTING GROUP

Meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at the First Baptist Church Hall. For more information call Diana at 257-2446 or Judy at 336-8064.

RUIDOSO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Meets at noon the second Wednesday of every month at the Civic Events Center.

RUIDOSO SHRINE CLUB

Meets at Cree Meadows Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month. For more information call 258-3348, 336-4175 or 336-4125.

RUIDOSO VALLEY NOON LIONS

Meets at Cree Meadows Country Club for breakfast at 7:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays.

SERENITY SEEKERS AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP

Meets 6:30 p.m. every Thursday evening at the First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road. For additional information or to talk to a member, call 258-4671 or Fax 378-4191.

SERVICE CLUB COUNCIL

Meets at K-Bob's at noon, the first Monday of each month.

SIERRA BLANCA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Meets at the Deck House at 9 a.m. Saturdays. For more information call Dusty Rhodes at 257-2135.

SIERRA BLANCA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Meets at the Senior Citizens Center behind the Ruidoso Public Library for weekly open and novice games. 1 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information call 257-9228.

SIERRA BLANCA SWINGERS

Meets at Nob Hill Elementary for basic and mainstream square dancing at 8 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month. For more information call 257-2135 or 257-2883.

TENS

A weight-loss group. Meets at K-Bob's at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

THURSDAY BRIDGE

11 a.m. Thursdays at Cree Meadows. For more information call 258-3631.

UNITED WE STAND

For information and meeting time, call Roy Profsner at 257-6600.

VEGETARIAN CLUB

Meets monthly for 6 p.m. potluck at the Ruidoso Roastery, 113 Rio Street, Ruidoso. Also monthly lunches at different restaurants. For information call Russ Warwick at 257-2171 or Karen Vaughn at 258-4939.

VFW Post 7072

Jerome Don Klein Post 7072 at 7 p.m. the second Monday at American Legion Hall at Highway 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs. For more information call 257-5796.

Don Klein VFW Women's Auxiliary Unit

7072 meets at 6 p.m. the second Friday of every month at American Legion Hall, US 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs. For more information call 257-5796.

WHITE MOUNTAIN SEARCH & RESCUE

7 p.m. the third Monday at the public meeting room at Ruidoso High School foyer. Betty Beachum, President; John Liefinck, Secretary. For more information call 258-5441 or 336-9669.

YOUR HELPING HANDS

Meets on the third Wednesday of every month. The organization raises money for equipment and supplies for White Mountain Search and Rescue. For more information call Susan at 257-9704, Sherry at 257-4787 or Katie at 257-2295.

ZIA GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL

Ruidoso service unit meets 6 p.m. the second Monday of every month at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount.

Please mail corrections and/or additions by noon Monday for Friday's Vamonos to:
The Ruidoso News, P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso, NM 88345 or fax them to 257-7053

The weaker sex?

I have a question.

What idiot ever decided women are "the weaker sex?"

I spend a lot of time reading about the Old West, and if there is one constant truism from that period it is that a woman's lot was a grim one.

PAST TENSE



Drew Gomber
Ruidoso News

Hollywood tells us that throughout that time, the males were forever trying to save their "frail," "timid," "delicate," "meek," "docile," "fore-bearing," "gentle," "dainty," "sensitive," and "mild" women from anything and everything. While there is something to that historically, the males in the Old West were actually quite aware of just how rugged their women really were. And yet, back then, as well as now, we men are forever treating women as though they can't handle their own.

Are we nuts?

Most of the women who lived in the Old West could kick Sylvester Stallone's butt in a heartbeat.

Don't believe me? Check out some of these "meek" characters.

Barbara Jones, pioneer

Barbara Jones, a pioneer lady who lived near modern-day Carlsbad, had 10 sons. She was known far and wide as "Ma'am Jones," and is something of a legend to this day.

One day one of Ma'am Jones' sons, a lad named Sammy, fell face first onto some broken glass. A good deal of blood was flowing from one of his eyes, alarming Ma'am Jones. Cleaning the wound, Ma'am Jones found that while Sammy's eye was intact, his eyelid was hanging by a thread. The nearest doctor was more than 100 miles away.

Thinking quickly, she grabbed her sewing kit. While some of her other sons held Sammy, who was doing a good deal of floundering and screaming, Ma'am Jones meekly and daintily sewed his eyelid back on, using regular thread. Sammy grew to be a man with a crooked eyelid, but he retained the use of his eye, thanks to the mildness of his mother.

Belle Starr, bandit queen

And then there was Myra Maybelle Shirley, known to the world as Belle Starr, the "bandit queen." She certainly was a delicate one.

Ruidoso Downs resident Liz Shirley, a descendant of Belle, notes that "they bred that horsey look out of us years ago." She has a point. Belle was never known for her looks, as any photo of her will attest.

Gentle and docile Belle's favorite household utensil was a Colt .45, with which, by all reports, she was daintily adept.

Belle was ultimately murdered, and the killer was never found, although some theorized it may have been her own son. Whoever it was didn't have the guts to face the fore-bearing and gentle Belle face-to-face. She was shot from behind.

Martha Jane Cannary

You just can't write about women in the Old West without mentioning Calamity Jane. Calamity has been portrayed by more Hollywood stars than perhaps any other woman of that time and place.

Of course, they never get it right. The real Calamity looked absolutely nothing like Jean Arthur or Ellen Barkin, and that is an understatement.

Martha Jane Cannary (Calamity's real name) was a well-known character throughout the West in the latter part of the 19th Century. As far as employment went, Calamity hopped back and forth across the gender line with consummate ease. At one time or another, she was a meek teamster, a timid prostitute, a docile scout, a sensitive camp follower, and a frail bullwhacker.

But her real talent was the telling of tall tales.

The one she enjoyed telling the most was about her relationship with famed pistoleer James Butler "Wild Bill" Hickok. According to Calamity, she and Wild Bill had a long-standing, torrid love affair that only ended when he was killed. She embellished this story and told it to whoever would listen right up until her own death in 1903. At her request she was buried near Hickok in Deadwood, S.D.

While Calamity Jane really did know Wild Bill Hickok, there is no evidence they ever knew each other in anything more than a casual fashion.

One old friend of Hickok's that was present at Calamity's funeral remarked, "It's a good thing Bill's dead. He'd a never stood for this."

Pearl Hart

And what about little Pearl Hart? Pearl was one of the last people to delicately stick up a stagecoach. When she was captured, she daintily handed over her heavy-caliber weapons and proceeded to lie to the jury at her trial to such an extent that, despite the fact that she was clearly guilty, they acquitted her.

No matter. She was arrested again almost immediately for timidly carrying a gun.

Incarcerated in the Territorial Prison at Yuma, Ariz., (Pearl was the only woman ever to be held there), Pearl demurely announced she was pregnant. Everyone knew that the only men who had been alone with her in the last several months were the governor of the territory and a leading clergyman. This created something of a "situation."

This situation was resolved by giving fainthearted little Pearl a quiet pardon and a nod in the direction of California. But Pearl liked Arizona. She seemed to like getting arrested there, which she did with amazing regularity for quite some time. She appeared to be quite fond of picking pockets - gently, of course. She was, after all, a member of the "weaker sex."



Belle Starr, bandit queen.



Calamity Jane, standing by Wild Bill Hickock's grave.

Susan McSween, cattle queen

Susan McSween, wife of Alexander McSween, one of the figures in the forefront of the Lincoln County War, was a good example of the "frail" and "timid" western woman.

The McSween forces lost the final confrontation of that war, but most historians agree that if Alexander's and Susan's roles had been reversed, with Alex staying home to do the cooking and Susan leading the "troops" in the field, the outcome of the war would have been quite different.

During that final battle, Susan daintily marched out of the deathtrap that had been her home to delicately confront the officer in command of the U.S. Army troops who seemed to be siding with the enemies of her husband. No man dared do the same.

Ultimately, Sue McSween remarried and became known as the "Cattle Queen of New Mexico." I, for one, wouldn't have wanted to be employed by her - I met drill sergeants while I was in the military, and that was quite enough, thank you very much.



Josephine Marcus

And then there was Josephine Sarah Marcus. Josephine never carried a gun. She never had to. At 18, Josie timidly left her well-to-do parents and home in San Francisco and faintheartedly took a stagecoach to what was then the wildest and wooliest town in the west: Tombstone, Arizona Territory.

There, without benefit of a marriage license, she set up housekeeping with the county sheriff, a local lothario named Johnny Behan. Things ran smoothly for a while, with Josie calling herself "Mrs. Behan." But the bubble burst when she came home early one night from a trip to see her folks. Intending to surprise Johnny, she got more than she bargained for. She surprised him, all right. She found Johnny and an unnamed lady "in flagrante delicto."

People who lived in Tombstone at the time remembered how delicate and dainty Josie's language was, and how they could hear her three blocks away, too.



Josie then proceeded to kick Behan out of the house. His house, legally, but she didn't care and he didn't dare try to argue the point. Several weeks later he screwed up his courage enough to go and evict her.

What lit the fire under Johnny to run Josie off was the fact that he found out that since their breakup, she was seeing someone else. Despite the fact that it was he who cheated on her, he was irked by her new suitor, who also happened to be his political rival: Wyatt Earp.

Wyatt was not present when Johnny arrived, which was fine with Johnny, as he felt that he would be able to deal with Josie easier without that pesky, 45-toting Wyatt around. In fact, Johnny had checked and made sure Wyatt was elsewhere. Unfortunately, he wasn't thorough enough. When Johnny began to berate Josie on the porch, Wyatt's younger brother, the hot-headed Morgan, exploded out of the front door and knocked Johnny into the middle of next week. Josie tended to hedge her bets as far as her own protection was concerned.

Fifty years later, Josie decided she wanted to be remembered as being respectable. Still a formidable opponent in any situation, Josie assigned herself the task of enshrining Wyatt's memory. She actually managed, through gentle threats and frail intimidation, to keep her name entirely out of "Wyatt Earp, Frontier Marshal," Stuart N. Lake's biography of the famous lawman. It is quite a feat when you think about it - sort of like writing a biography of Franklin Roosevelt and not mentioning Eleanor.

Lake wasn't about to mess with Josie, but another author, a man named Waters, was then writing a highly inflammatory (Josie felt it was slanderous) book called "The Earp Brothers of Tombstone," which portrayed Wyatt and his brothers as villains.

One day Josie, who by this time was in her 70s, decided she had heard enough about what this man was writing and went timidly stomping over to Waters' home, intending, in all probability, to gently strangle him.

Waters wasn't home, but his mother was, unfortunately for her. Josie forced her way into the home and ranted and raved so much that poor Mrs. Waters had a stroke. After that, Waters' book really became defamatory!

A relative of Josie's put it best when, after standing in for some time as her chauffeur, he commented, "No one will ever be able to convince me that Wyatt was a killer. He lived with that woman for 50 years."

Women are definitely the "fair sex," God bless 'em - but the weaker sex? Not on this planet.

Dining Out

An Advertising Feature

Seafood in the mountains ... InnCredible

With a new eye-catching sign and a 30-year history, The InnCredible Saloon and Restaurant near Ski Run Road is celebrating its reputation for great food, terrific service and interesting conversation.

Customers are a mix of loyal year-round residents, seasonal visitors and weekend tourists, putting owner Jennie Dorgan in an enviable position in an economy fueled by tourism.

Dorgan, who bought the business three miles north of Ruidoso 16 years ago, immediately included seafood on her menu, setting the InnCredible apart from most of the other restaurants in Lincoln County at the time.

She still maintains that distinction with Australian cold water lobster, one of her signature entrees. It competes with 49 other entrees, including steak and seafood.

"But prime rib is the house specialty," Dorgan said. The InnCredible King's Cut is a 14oz. monster portion served in its own juices and creamy horseradish sauce and Beef Oscar is prime rib topped with crab meat, asparagus tips and sauce Bearnaise.

Filet mignon, New York Strip, pepper steak, Teriyaki steak and several types of rib eye steaks compete for meat lovers' attention with baby-back ribs, lamb, pork chops and a mixed grill of everything including quail. Add some seafood and you have one of the InnCredible Combination plates.

Four hearty salads, four pasta dishes and nine shellfish and fish entrees offer other alternatives. To start the meal, 10 appetizers from escargot to hot artichoke heart and crab-stuffed mushrooms are on the menu for \$4.50 to \$7.95. Dinners range from \$9.95 to \$21.95, with a

few others based on current market prices.

Dorgan describes the restaurant as casual dining with excellent food.

"We make people feel comfortable and treat them well," she said. "We've established a niche here in Ruidoso and I feel flattered."

But she doesn't take the restaurant's success for granted and researches new ideas to keep the menu and the wine list interesting. Two popular presentations are the hot rocks and fondue.

"We heat granite rocks to 450 degrees. The food comes out fresh and the customer cooks it," Dorgan said. "We also have cheese and chocolate fondue. Both are real ice breakers for people eating together or the first time."

The bar opens at 3:30 p.m. every day and for the winter, the restaurant begins to serve at 5 p.m.

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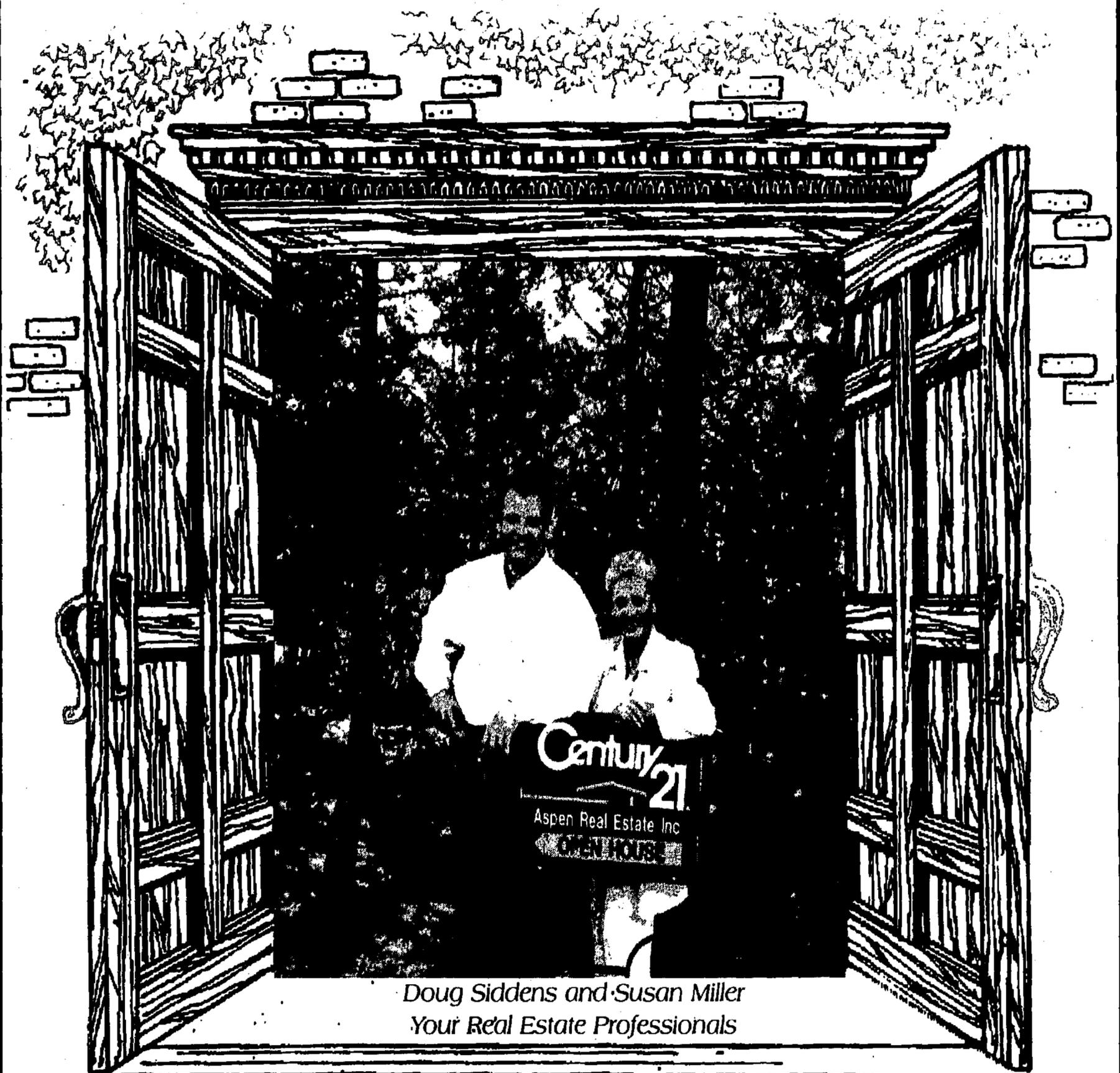
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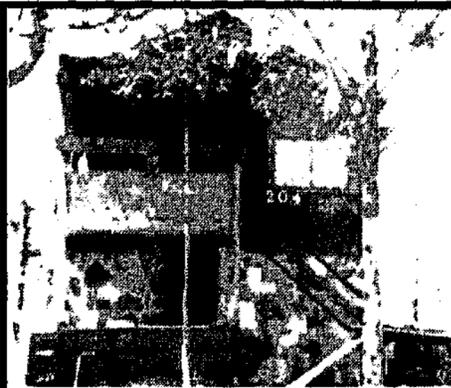
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Open House of September

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Midway Townsite

Hunsaker • \$32,500 • 204 Ridge
Bdrms 1, Baths 1, Cabin-Fixer Upper



Airport West

Lazenby • \$47,500 • 119 Bonanza
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, Nicely remodeled.



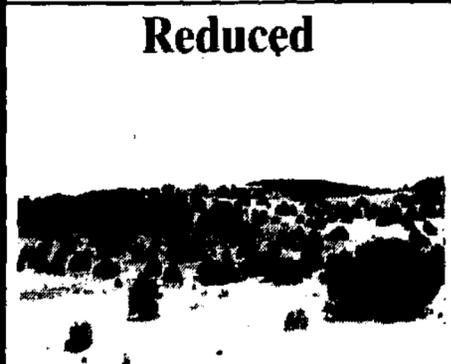
The Springs Condo

Davis • \$69,500 • #21 The Springs.
Bdrms 2, Baths 1 3/4, Nice condo.



Pine Top Hills

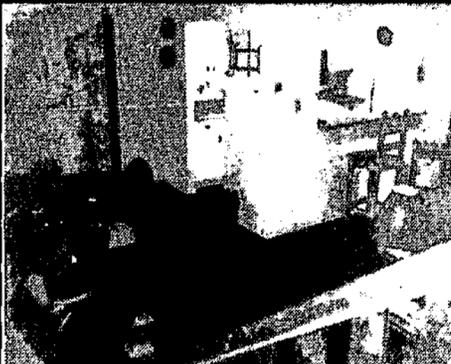
Timmerman • \$88,500 • 128 Old Lincoln Rd.
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, Doll house, cute!



Reduced

Unrestricted

Whipple • \$89,900 • Hwy. 48. Nice.
2250 Workshop, well on 9 acre tract.



Racquet Ct. Condos

Turner • \$99,500 • 205 Racquet. Unit D
Furnished Racquet Condo, very nice.



Pinecliff

Campbell • \$119,000 • 113 Cardinal
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, large open room



Capitan

Eckland • \$124,000 • 103 East Grandview
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, level on 1.7 acre tract



Builder Needs Offer

2 New Homes • \$148,000 & \$152,000 •
439 Canyon Rd. Finished 3/2, great views.



Juniper Hills

Cronin • \$149,500 • 201 University
Bdrms 4, Baths 2 1/2, Jacuzzi room!



Midway Townsite

4-Plex • \$150,000 • 206 Ridge Road
Bdrms 1, Baths 1, Owner financing!



Cree Meadows

Harris • \$169,500 • 135 Rowan.
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, Fairway home.



Townhome

Ebener • \$169,900 • 132 Geneva
Bdrms 4, Baths 4, Innsbrook Village.



Cree Meadows

Faulk • \$174,900 • 137 Rowan.
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, Fairway home - level



Commercial

Bartley • \$178,500 • Ft. Stanton Rd.
3/2 on 3.6 acres, 20x35 barn - fenced



Cedar Creek

Duran • \$179,900 • Spring Canyon Rd.
Bdrms 3, Baths 2 1/2, Very secluded.



White Mtn. Estates

Ebener • \$189,900 • 504 Snowcap
Bdrms 4, Baths 4, Sierra Blanca view



White Mtn. Meadows

Perkins • \$199,500 • 104 EE Miller Ct.
Bdrms 3, Baths 3, Trades considered.



Indian Hills

Spires • \$214,000 • 101 Rim Road
Bdrms 3, Baths 3, The ultimate view



Highwood

Odom • \$249,500 • 102 Wildwood Dr.
Bdrms 4, Baths 3 1/2, furnished, big view



River

Watt • \$269,000 • 110 Bear Creek Trail
Bdrms 3, Baths 3, Upper Canyon on river



New & Different

Owen • \$269,000 • 333 Wht. Mtn. Meadows
Bdrms 3, Baths 2 1/2, large, unusual, new.



River

Scott • \$290,000 • 358 River Trail
Bdrms 3, Baths 3, plus guest quarters.



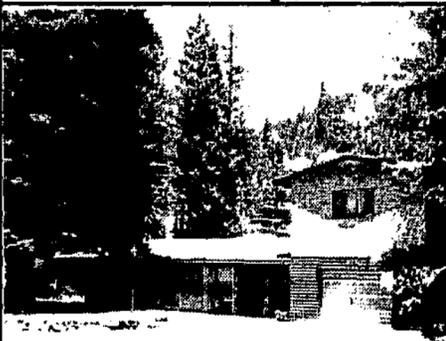
Professionally Decorated

Duncan • \$298,000 • 155 Coronado
Bdrms 4, Baths 2 1/2, Awesome view!



White Mtn. Estates

Owner/Agent • \$349,500 • 105 Don Snyder Dr.
Bdrms 5, Baths 5 1/2, private apt. 3 car garage



River

Armstrong • \$425,000 • 1030 Main - Upper Canyon
Large river home with seperate guest house.



Reduced to \$419,000 River

Holt • \$439,000 • 146 North Loop
Prestigious Upper Canyon River Home



River

\$469,000 • 1026 Main
3/2 on river - seperate apt. - very prestigious



Elegant Estate

Mountain View • \$950,000 • 211 McBride Dr.
Estate 7 bdrm, 7 bath, elegant and grand.



Commercial

Scott • \$145,000 • 1690 Hwy. 70 East
Nicely finished offices & workshop.



Commercial

Land & Building • \$165,000 • 714 Mechem
Land & building only, 2000 sq. ft. space.



Commercial

McMahon • \$178,000 • Jira Plaza
Last unit for sale - new - under construction



Commercial

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



Commercial

Blitz • \$229,000 • 2800 Sudderth
Land & bldg. 2400 sq. ft., drive thru potential



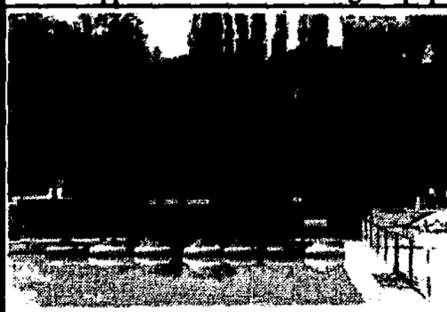
Commercial

Hunsaker • \$260,000 • 100 Walnut
10,000 sq. ft. leased - owner financing.



Commercial

The Attic Complex • \$599,500
Land & building. Lease Space Available.



Rainbow Lake Fun Park • \$395,000
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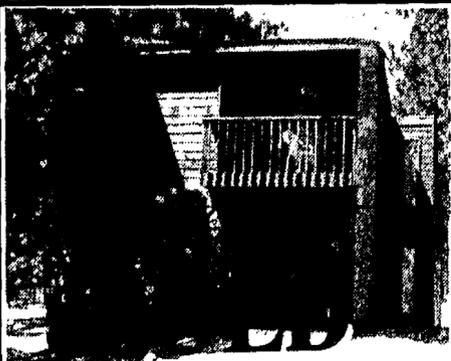
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Alto

O.D.D.E • \$119,500 • 103 Mira Monte
Furnished. Full golf membership.



Alto

Holdridge • \$130,000 • 105 Sunrise
3/2 1/2 furnished, full golf membership



Alto

Herring • \$142,500 • 433 Lakeshore Dr.
3/2. Full golf. Big flat lot.



Alto

Seidel • \$149,000 • 254 Sierra Blanca Dr.
3/3, furnished, full membership



Alto

Stevens • \$155,000 • 423 Sunrise
3/2 log home, full golf membership



Alto

Kesterson • \$170,000 • 309 Midiron
3/2, full golf, fully furnished.



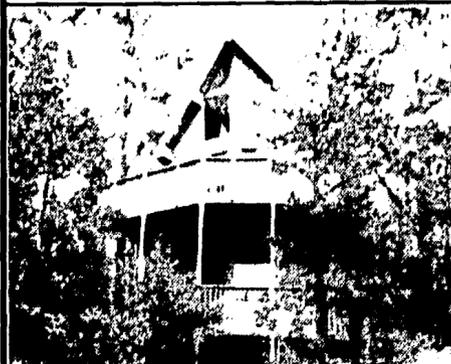
Alto

Dykes • \$187,500 • 211 Stable Rd.
3/3 NEW. Social. All one level.



Alto

Gerron • \$189,900 • 819 High Mesa
3/2 1/2, views, full golf membership



Alto

Schellinger • \$195,000 • 213 Sierra Blanca Dr.
Big chalet, full golf membership



Alto

Barnett • \$239,500 • 110 Tanglewood
3/2 furnished, full golf membership



Alto

Bloyd • \$259,500 • 822 Deer Park Dr.
3/2 1/2, like new, full golf membership



Alto

Powers • \$298,500 • 101 Juniper Ct.
4/3 under construction, full golf membership



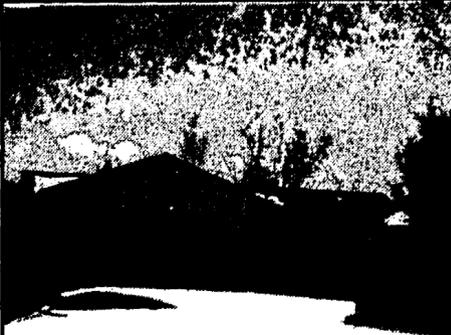
Alto

Loyd • \$295,000 • 102 Coggins Ct.
3/3 #6 Fairway, full golf membership



Alto

Messer • \$295,000 • 106 Forest Dr.
4/4. Full golf. On 17th Fairway



Alto

Sager • \$299,000 • 104 White Ct.
3/2. Full golf. All one level.



Alto

Thompson • \$330,000 • 525 High Mesa Dr.
4/3 1/2, #4 fairway, full membership



Reduced to \$298,000
Alto

Wiggs • \$339,000 • 808 Deer Park Dr.
4/3 furnished, full golf membership



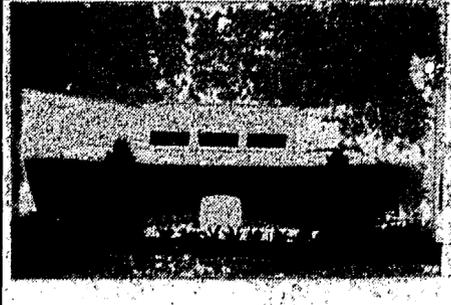
Alto

Bustamante • \$350,000 • 107 Eagle Ct.
4/3, furnished, full membership



Alto

Bostic • \$379,000 • 714 Deer Park Dr.
4/3 1/2, new, full golf membership



Alto

Haines • \$459,000 • 114 Mulligan
4/4 fairway home, full golf membership

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