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## Easier parking in the works for Mid-town

• Village councilors listened to an appeal by a new 'Spirit' group and ordered relaxed restrictions on Mid-town parking, with a July 1 target date.

BY TONI K. LAXSON  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Parking requirements for Ruidoso businesses along the Sudderth Drive shopping strip are on the "fast track" to being less restrictive.

Ordinances requiring a certain number of parking spaces for certain types of businesses in Mid-town could be officially changed as soon as the first of July, Ruidoso Planning Director Cleatus Richards said Wednesday.

Ruidoso councilors unanimously asked the planning department Tuesday to expedite the changes, then make them apply village-wide.

Their actions followed a plea from Ann Bolton, a representative of a new 90-member village merchants' group called the Spirit of Ruidoso.

"We're here because we need help with the Mid-town... a lot of businesses in Mid-town are not doing well," Bolton said.

More restaurants are needed to draw customers to the area at night, and to keep them there longer during the day, she said. However, few restaurants can move into the Mid-town area because Ruidoso's parking laws are too restrictive, requiring more parking spaces than are available along the tightly packed rows of

stores, she said.

Potential restaurant owners have looked at places in Mid-town, only to change their minds because they could not meet the parking requirements, she added.

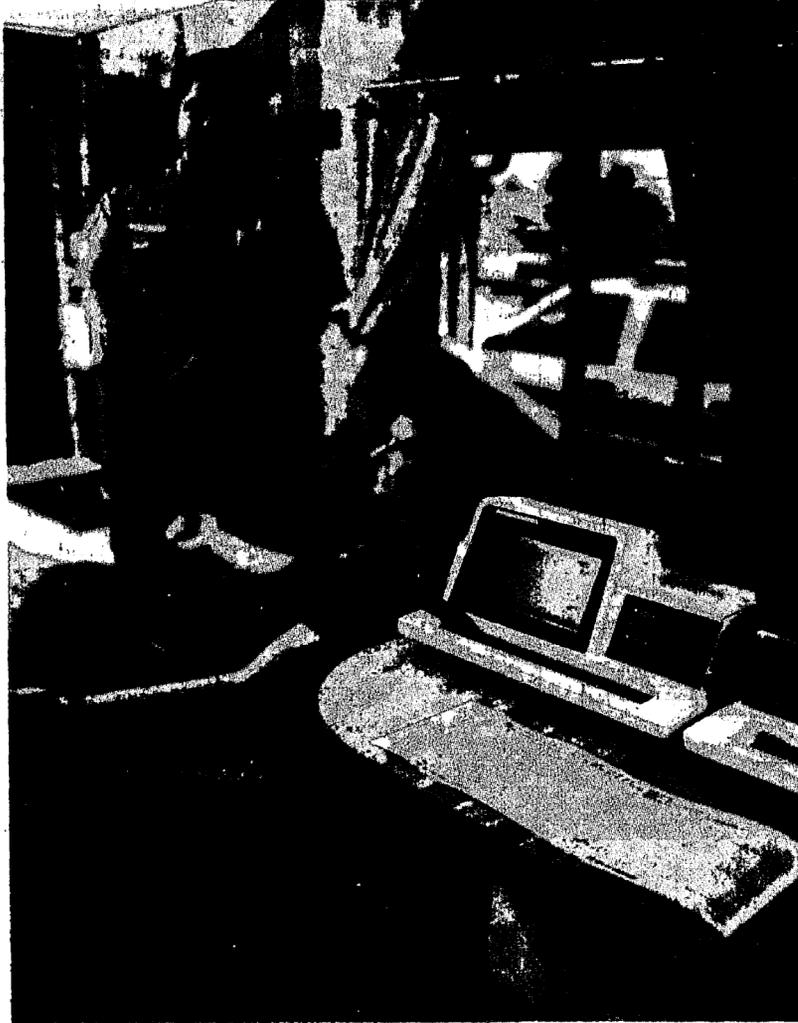
"The parking ordinance as it exists really stifles Mid-town growth," Bolton said. "For a lack of better terms, I guess what we are asking for is a non-restrictive parking ordinance."

Parking could be styled more like the shopping and tourist areas in Santa Fe, where people park where they can, Bolton said.

Councilors agreed with Bolton. Councilor Robert Donaldson made the motion to "fast track" amendments for Mid-town parking laws and elsewhere.

Richards said Wednesday his department had already started drafting amendments for Mid-town parking space requirements. At the village's Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on Tuesday, the Commission will set a public hearing date for the amended ordinance, Richards said.

The soonest it could be set for is June 3, he said. Then, if approved by the Commission, the draft would go to the Ruidoso Council, which would also have to set a public hearing. By pushing the amended ordinance through the process as quickly as possible, the Council could vote on it by July 8, Richards said.



Troy Briggs (seated) and David Granados demonstrate the remote-site EKG equipment that permits Ruidoso's paramedics to get fast response from doctors in a medical emergency.

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## Ruidoso's paramedics change, and save, lives

• It took a collapsing balcony (with his wife on it) to convince Chris LaCounte to give up hotel-keeping and take up a new career as a Ruidoso paramedic.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Chris LaCounte was the first person at the scene of a balcony collapse 2.5 years ago north of Ruidoso. But in a surreal twist of fate, his wife was one of the people on the crowded second-story deck when it came crashing to the ground, and he was the manager of the hotel where the accident occurred.

It was that experience, coupled with a life-long fascination with the emergency medical field, that propelled LaCounte into a career as a Ruidoso paramedic.

He's one of nine paid, full-time employees of the emergency service tied to the Lincoln County Medical

Center, but owned by the Village of Ruidoso. Three part-time employees also are part of the award-winning service.

"This is a career change for me," LaCounte said Wednesday after discussing the regional award for excellence recently presented to the Ruidoso EMS. He spent 18 years in food service management, including a stint with the Ruidoso school system.

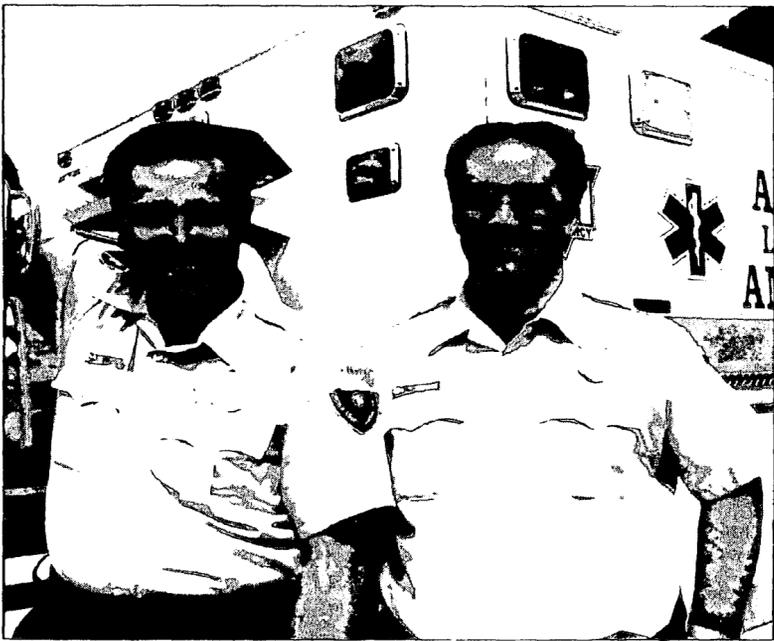
Now he's studying to become a registered nurse.

"I grew up with it," he said. "My father was a firefighter in Massachusetts. I grew up with the lights and sirens. I really enjoy it."

After the balcony accident in which about a dozen people were injured, LaCounte quit his hotel management job and applied for an opening on the Ruidoso EMS.

"I was the second name on the list

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Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

EMS partners Chris LaCounte (left) and Lance Hill ham it up for the camera with their favorite ambulance unit outside Ruidoso EMS headquarters at the Lincoln County Medical Center.

## Kids and circus made for each other

• Ruidoso elementary students got a preview of Thursday afternoon's Carson & Barnes Circus show Thursday morning when they got to watch the big top go up.

BY JULIE BAXTER  
RUIDOSO NEWS EDUCATION WRITER

It started as an empty piece of land occupied by dust and scrub, but within a few hours it was a child's wonderland.

With students and a family or two on hand to witness the transformation, the Carson & Barnes Circus rolled into Ruidoso Downs and changed the bare lot next to the

Sports Theater into another world.

While the tigers paced restlessly in their cages and the elephants devoured their hay, circus workers got busy pitching the big top. Although, Mother Nature threw a monkey wrench into the traveling menagerie's arrival by throwing out some wicked winds to slow the pace, the students were enthusiastic enough to overcome the lady's gusty temperament.

Classes from Nob Hill Elementary and Sierra Vista Primary schools were found Thursday morning milling among the cages of lions and tigers and - no, there weren't any bears, but there were plenty of goats, elephants, camels and Dalmatians on hand.

Squinting against the bits of dust that were blowing about, the students got a close-up look at the animals that make the circus such a treat. Favorites among Becky Lewis' Sierra Vista first-grade class included the ponies, the baby goats and the spotted dogs. The class also expressed affection for the goat with four horns, which teacher Lewis said had "more horns than head."

Others liked the elephants. Beau Hirsch said the 16 pachyderms his class counted were his favorites. Hirsch's classmate Christa Snowden also said she liked the elephants, and

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Julie Baxter/Ruidoso News

Jenny and Nathan Rank shared some straw with a zebra Thursday morning. The two went to the Ruidoso Downs Sports Theater early and watched the Carson & Barnes Circus set up for their two evening performances.

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# RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

**SATURDAY** High ... 61  
Low ... 29



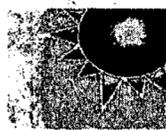
Mostly sunny

**SUNDAY** High ... 68  
Low ... 30



Sunny

**MONDAY** High ... 72  
Low ... 37



Sunny

## WEATHER ALMANAC

Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	72	37	.00"
Wednesday	70	38	.00"
Thursday	73	38	.00"

Regional-Friday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	69	39	Partly cloudy
El Paso, TX	82	63	Mostly sunny
Lubbock, TX	71	50	Partly cloudy
Midland, TX	80	59	Mostly sunny



### STARDATE

On May 3 the moon is at perigee, its closest approach to earth during its orbit. On May 4 Saturn and the crescent moon stand just a finger-width apart as they rise just before dawn. The Eta Aquarid meteor shower reaches its peak. The moon is almost new and doesn't rise until almost dawn so it won't interfere with the shooting stars.

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

### L. C. SCRAPBOOK



An historic photo of the El Cibola Hotel, Lincoln County Motors and the Lyric Theater in Carrizozo. Photo courtesy of Chris Stromberg, Trading Post Antiques.

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

**April 25, 1947**  
**Ruidoso News**

In the early 1900s the Southern Pacific Railroad came into this area. Through Corona it came. The capital behind the railroad decided on Carrizozo Flats. This could be a division point. A mighty round house could be built. If they could only get the amount of water needed for all the purposes of a railroad. It looked as if the water was there. A short time later it was discovered that the high mineral content in the water from the wells dug was doing a great amount of

damage to the boilers and machinery for which it was used in connection with the railroad. If the water from the mountains and the Bonita could be diverted toward Carrizozo Flats the problem would be solved.

First they bought up the water rights and land from the small holders in and around Lincoln. Enough water rights to start the diverting. Then others sold. The town of Carrizozo was started by people moving from the country surrounding Lincoln who were unable to farm or graze their cattle because their water supply had been cut off. The next move was the county seat.

### LOCAL BRIEFS

#### Police chief much-improved after brush with death

Ruidoso Police Chief Lenny Maddox was taken by ambulance to the Lincoln County Medical Center Monday morning after he collapsed at his home from loss of blood, said his wife Tammie Maddox.

She said he was in "very, very critical" condition at the time, with an extremely low blood pressure and a faint pulse.

Chief Maddox, who is now recuperating at home, was unknowingly suffering from a bleeding ulcer, and had gone into shock from the loss of blood, his wife said.

His illness had a positive side effect, though, she said. Physicians, searching for the source of the bleeding, found a precancerous polyp.

"I'm sorry he was sick, but I think it's wonderful that they found what they found," she said.

She attributed the ulcer to stress he may have suffered a week earlier when he underwent a minor surgical procedure.

She was very complimentary of the care her husband received by ambulance personnel, the hospital and the hospital physicians.

#### Business prizes sought for Project Graduation

Organizers of Ruidoso High School's Project Graduation are seeking donations to be used as door prizes.

The graduation night event, which has been a tradition since 1990, will transform the RHS gym into the USS Jamecanmccrazy II for a cruise ship adventure. The evening will be filled with music, dancing, food, games and entertainment.

Graduates will also have lots of chances to win cash and prizes in hourly drawings. Donations of cash and merchandise are being sought from local merchants to make the drawings and games a swimming success.

Organizers stress that providing a safe, alcohol- and drug-free atmosphere is the goal of the event; and a goal worthy of support.

For more information or to make a donation contact Kathy Barnett at 258-4440 (daytime) or 257-7812, or Marilyn Ward at 257-9057 (daytime) or 257-6006.

#### State changes views on Mechem project lead

The State Highway and Transportation Department has changed its mind about asking Ruidoso to be the lead agency in the Mechem Drive widening project, a village administrator said.

Previously, highway department officials asked the village to become the lead agency in the project. They expressed a concern that state money for the \$8 million project would be spent elsewhere before the project could go out for bids on the construction work.

But state officials have found a way to commit the money to the Mechem project,

Deputy Village Manager Alan Briley told village councilors Tuesday. Work is scheduled to begin this fall on the first phase of the project, a 2.5-mile stretch of Mechem Drive from the intersection of Sudderth Drive to just past White Mountain Drive. A turn lane will be added where the street now has only two lanes, and the road will expand to five lanes from Barcus Road to the turnoff to the Ruidoso Civic Center. Five-foot sidewalks also will be added on both sides of the road.

#### DWI blitz looks out for prom partygoers

The month of May brings high school proms and graduation ceremonies, occasions teens too often celebrate by drinking. Teens in Lincoln County should make sure they survive these annual passages into adulthood by choosing not to drink and drive this year, police warn. To help reinforce such wise decisions, local law enforcement agencies will participate in the 29th blitz of Operation DWI which will run from Friday, May 2, through Sunday, May 11.

The Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and New Mexico State Police will hold an undetermined number of sobriety checkpoints and/or saturation patrols.

"The Operation DWI slogan for this spring has been 'Do the Right Thing. Don't Drink and Drive. It's Your Future,'" said Cpl. Dewayne Goar, Ruidoso Police Department. "We urge all young people to make the right choices for themselves to ensure they

have a future." The Ruidoso Police Department and Ruidoso Downs Police are just two of 57 municipal, tribal, county and state law enforcement agencies taking part in Operation DWI in New Mexico.

#### Lawyers offer free advice May 3 over the phone

In honor of Law Day 1997, lawyers throughout New Mexico will volunteer their time to provide free legal information to the public through the annual "Ask A Lawyer" call-in program on Saturday, May 3.

Lawyers in four locations throughout New Mexico will field phone calls from people who have legal questions. This free public service is sponsored by the State Bar of New Mexico Young Lawyers Division.

Lawyers in Albuquerque, Farmington, Las Cruces and Roswell will answer questions on a number of areas of law, including employment law, civil rights, domestic relations, bankruptcy, criminal law, general civil litigation and insurance law.

In Albuquerque, the hours of the program are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Call 797-6000 locally or 1-800-876-6227 tollfree statewide. Roswell attorneys will answer questions from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at 622-6221.

Law Day was established by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1958 and is celebrated nationally in appreciation of America's liberties and the ideals of equality and justice under law. This year's theme is "Celebrate Your Freedom."

### ARTS BRIEFS

#### New music show hits airwaves this weekend

A new show will hit the airwaves of KBUY/KWES Saturday.

The Ruidoso Review will fill the 10 a.m. to noon time slot once occupied by Emmett Downes' Harp and Shamrock Fiesta. The two-hour variety show will feature interviews with entertainers, music from the 1940s to the 1980s and take a look at key issues affecting the village. Station Manager Charlie Keys, who will host the show, said he may even throw in an Irish jig or two.

"It's going to be very entertaining," Keys said. "We will have wonderful interviews. It will give us an opportunity to meet key people in the commu-

nity. We're going to have some fun with it."

#### State arts grant applicants on notice

Members of the Ruidoso Village Arts and Film Board will attend a regional information meeting Tuesday in Roswell about changes to the state's funding process for art projects.

New Mexico Arts, a division of the state's Office of Cultural Affairs, for the first time will offer grant applicants a program to help them analyze and improve their organizations.

All applicants for state arts funding for the coming year must attend one of the seven

regional meetings around the state, according to the agency. Arts organizations will complete a self-assessment and a questionnaire. An independent training company, Resource for Change, will review the assessments with applicants and will provide technical assistance.

Tuesday's meeting is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Resource For Change at (800) 571-3563.

#### Parnell pulls out of Ruidoso concert

Coordinators of one of the biggest concerts ever to be held in Ruidoso have traded one headline performer for three.

Darren Norwood, Dan Seals, and Check Rippee and the Roadrunners are now scheduled to sing at the July 5 country and western concert in the Ruidoso Civic Center, said Win, Place & Show nightclub co-owner Dean Fowler, a concert organizer.

The 2,200-seat venue was too small for country star Le Roy Parnell without charging much higher ticket prices, Fowler said.

The concert may last as long as six hours, Fowler said. He and his father Eddie Fowler are sponsoring the country and western concert. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets may be purchased now at Win, Place & Show, located at 2516 Sudderth Drive. For more information, call 257-9982.

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Showing off their award for excellence are some of the Ruidoso EMS crew. Standing (left to right) are Donald Kargin, Joel Holder, Troy Briggs, Denise Briggs, David Wheeler, Bob Power, Pam Bryant and Lance Hill. Kneeling are EMS director Jim Stover and EMS Region III executive director Brian J. Hinch.

### Ruidoso EMS wins regional honor award

The Ruidoso Emergency Services (EMS) recently was picked to receive the 1997 Systems Excellence Award from the Emergency Medical Services Corporation Region III, which covers 12 counties.

Also honored was Jim Biggs, who was named Emergency Medical Dispatch Instructor of the Year.

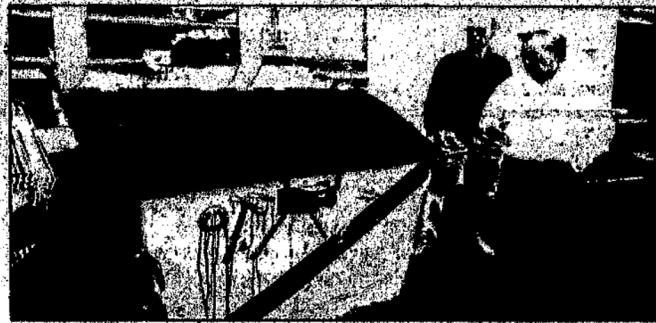
The award to the Ruidoso EMS was presented during the corporation's annual conference in April in Ruidoso. The local service was selected based on the constant improvement and dedication to service of the staff, their training and prevention efforts.

The Ruidoso EMS provides patient care to a 4,200-square-mile area in Lincoln County. The staff includes seven special skills paramedics, four EMT-intermediates and one EMT-basic. They all are nationally registered and bring more than 80 collective years of experience to the village.

The service responds to more than 2,000 calls annually and can provide a more advanced level of patient care than most paramedic-level services, because of the staff's special training.

Biggs was selected for the record of service he has amassed over the past 10 years, including his time as a dispatcher and patrolman for the Ruidoso Police Department from 1979 to 1984. He was promoted to detective three years ago, but maintained his EMT-basic license and became a MegaCall instructor last year. He has taught six MegaCall courses, certifying about 60 emergency medical dispatchers. He also serves as a First Aid and CPR instructor.

EMS Region III is a non-profit organization consisting of 12 counties in eastern New Mexico. It provides resources and administrative support for 107 regional services in ambulance, fire, rescue and trauma care.



Jerry Wright (at right), manager of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, shows a resident of Upper Canyon a new "bear-proof" lock slated to be installed on dumpsters in problem areas along the heavily-wooded canyon.

### Bear locks doing the job

New locks designed to keep bears out of dumpsters in Upper Canyon appear to be a big hit with business owners in that section of Ruidoso.

"I think it's wonderful," Forest Home Cabins owner Rex Beatty said of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority's decision to test the locks in the area most prone to garbage-seeking bears. "I haven't seen a bear since the lock went in, except one time when someone left (the lid) open. Before, I was seeing bears almost nightly."

Authority manager Jerry Wright said three of the "test" dumpsters in Upper Canyon have had bear locks for about two weeks. Two others are being prepared. It's the first

time the authority has tried locks to solve the problems associated with bears rummaging through dumpsters and spreading trash around the area, a source of constant complaints each spring and summer.

The SWA also has removed some of the smaller dumpsters in the canyon to cut down the number of potential garbage raid sites.

Nancy Wood of Riverside Cottages said it's a little early for bears to turn up at her business in Upper Canyon. "I know it will help," Woods said. Some people are avoiding the locked dumpsters because of the extra hassle, Beatty observed.

### EMS: Excitement part of a paramedic's life

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when an opening came up and the first person backed out," LaCounte said. "Things fell into place."

With some embarrassment, LaCounte remembers his first call on the EMS team. "It was horrible on my part, a trauma call," he said. "I was so excited and so nervous, I missed (properly inserting) the IV, and the tape (to secure the needle) stuck to everything. It was a mess."

Fortunately, LaCounte was on the call with two other people and the patient was not in a life-threatening situation. Since then, he has seen other emergency medical technicians go through those the same "first call" jitters.

"But you do that once and it's over," he said.

LaCounte credits Jim Stover, who heads the Ruidoso EMS, with creating a good working atmosphere for his staff and encouraging advancement.

"He knows the kind of work we do and he allows us to have a good family relationship," LaCounte said. "When we're on first call here, we can have our families over for awhile."

"We have great equipment

and are able to give good care to the patients instead of having to fiddle with lousy equipment."

Stover encourages his staff to improve their skills. Most are paramedics and several are instructors for cardiac life support procedures, LaCounte said.

Lance Hill, a paramedic with the Ruidoso EMS and LaCounte's partner, also grew up around emergency services with a father who was a firefighter-EMT and a mother who still is a radiology technician.

By the time he was 20, he was a certified EMT and volunteered with the fire and ambulance service in Little Rock, Ark. By the age of 23, he was a paramedic.

A couple of months after receiving that certification, friends, told him about a job opening with the Ruidoso EMS.

At 27, he views his job as a lifetime career.

"It's the excitement of being able to care for somebody," Hill said. "You have someone in cardiac arrest and you do CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) on them and they come back, and they eventually leave the hospital. It makes it all worth it."

One such case that sticks

out in his mind is a lightning strike two years ago at Alto Golf and Country Club that severely injured one man and sent several to the hospital with burns.

Hill and other paramedics brought the man back after his heart had stopped. When a patient doesn't make it, "you know you did everything you could," Hill said. "You talk with your partner about it. You don't let it build up inside."

Especially tough are the cases with children that don't end happily. One call burned into LaCounte's memory was a 10-year-old boy who died from an asthma attack.

"My son was 10 at the time and it really hit home," he said. "It puts things in perspective. We received a thank you note from the parents for the care we gave him. Here they had just lost their son and they wrote to see if we were OK. That was a turning point for me."

"Sure, there's a lot of death we see, but the good calls make it worthwhile," the 36-year-old LaCounte said. "You're with a person just a short amount of time, 15-20 minutes. You're with them at the worst times in their lives and you hope you can get them through it."

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### OUR OPINION

## Time and the flowing Rio challenges us today

What a glorious goal for Ruidoso. What a challenge for every man, woman and child who loves the free-flowing streams of our friendly mountain fastness.

What greater good can be done to mark the beginning of the third thousand years of Christendom than to restore the noisy little stream we call the Rio Ruidoso to its pristine, life-supporting state?

The Rio Ruidoso has flowed for millions of years, and it is reasonable to surmise that only in the tiny nick of time represented by 20th Century man's presence on its banks, has it been seriously threatened as a life-giver to fish and animals.

It was a joy to learn a few weeks ago, then, that the fledgling Ruidoso River Association had won a \$200,000 federal grant to assist in cleaning the river.

It is an even greater joy to hear that the Village of Ruidoso as well as the Mescalero Apache tribal government have agreed to join in the project of river restoration. Other organizations—including the venerable Ruidoso Water Users Assn.—also have promised support.

Much help will be necessary. When a state environmental specialist examined the river last week, it was decreased water quality and reduced water flow that caught his attention.

"Nutrient-loading" created by run-off of fertilizer and other contaminants contribute to the growth of algae, which effectively kills the stream for supporting fish.

Reducing those nutrients, along with sediment, is the primary goal to improve water quality. As has been noted earlier, diversion of water for domestic use has contributed to reduced flow in the stream itself.

Developing widespread public and private support for restoration of the watershed is another goal, simply because that federal grant is on a "matching" basis. The association has to come up with some \$134,000 on its own, so it seeks help from all sources, governmental and private.

Even individuals can help. The village-sponsored river clean-up on May 17, for example, will count as "in-kind" credit toward the matching fund total.

We believe it is possible to restore the Rio Ruidoso before the beginning of the Third Millennium, even as we recognize the challenge it represents for generations to come.

Human nature being what it is, we recognize that it is comparatively easy to reconstruct a building or an ecosystem.

It's much harder to maintain it.



### THE SILVER LINING

## Jake Harris Appreciation Day

The Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary is sponsoring a luncheon and program to be held at 11:30 Saturday, May 3, at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizen building to honor Jake Harris, for the dedication and service he has given to the community.



BY DAN STORM  
COLUMNIST

There will be a charge of \$2 for the luncheon.

We all look forward to taking part in this well-deserved honor for our friend, Jake Harris.

### Our Father's Birthday

This is being sent to you on April 29 and will reach you on May 2, the eve of the birthday of Lynn Whippo Storm, father of the Storm brothers.

He was born May 3, 1879 in Rochester, Pa. to Francis David Storm and Althea Ellen Reno.

While still a young child he was brought by his parents to Denver, Colo.

Here he attended East Denver High School where he met his wife-to-be, the former Bertha Catherine Kennedy.

They were married in Denver May 30, 1906.

This marriage was blessed with six sons: John Whippo Storm, Daniel Agnew Storm, Marcus Kennedy Storm, and an infant son who was called home by our Lord at birth.

Before his marriage, Lynn attended the Colorado School of Mines at Golden, Colo. where he graduated in the class of 1902 with honors as president of his class and also poet.

After a career as government surveyor, mine superintendent and prospector in Alaska, he worked in Mexico for a silver smelter.

Later he became a petroleum geologist for the Sun Oil Company for which he worked for 40 years.

The attitude of the company was: "If Lynn wants to retire, he will have to come to us." And father often said: "I am not going to the company to retire; they will have to come to me."

Finally, 10 years after retirement age, shortly after his 75th birthday, father told the company: "I think I will retire and go live with my son, Daniel, in New Mexico." The company said: "Well, that's fine, Lynn, but you have a job with us as long as you want it."

### Active Retirement

In retirement father studied, and wrote for his school magazine "Mines Magazine," also a collection of Alaskan Indian folk tales, poems, and a book-length study of the Ice Ages.

He was active in Saint Anne's Chapel in Glenwood, serving as treasurer and a delegate to the Diocesan Convention.

### "Be content if you can"

While father was a young child, a panic had wiped out the savings of his parents.

They were sitting at the table talking about this sudden misfortune and what to do about it.

Father had been under the table listening. He was about 3 years old.

In the middle of the conversation he came out from under the table and said: "Be content if you can with the blessings you have."

He was quoting from something read to him, probably "Aesop's Fables."

Today on the approach of his birthday I feel the blessing of our father's spirit visiting me from heaven.

### MY OPINION

## 'Reform' actually coming to state welfare program

BY DUKE RODRIGUEZ,  
N.M. SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES

Some words are so overused that they risk losing their meaning. "Reform" is one such word — a word which is defined to mean a change in direction, but too often is used to repackage the same old thing. True reform signifies a departure from a faulty course of action. Finally, after 30 years of ineffective tinkering with welfare programs, real reform is on the way.

Programs such as welfare cash assistance and Medicaid are laudable because they provide an important safety net. Unfortunately, they are not doing the job they were designed to do.

Now, a quiet revolution is happening. The revolution is about making public assistance programs stronger and more efficient so that they will consistently provide vital support to those truly in need. To achieve our goal of reform we must break the mold of three decades of social programs that didn't work.

Using new federal laws and regulations as the backdrop, New Mexico is redesigning its low income programs from the ground up. Come July 1, 1997, two new programs will be implemented, making reform a

reality.

Cynics may say that our motivation is to get rid of these programs — that we are dismantling the safety net for people in need. This couldn't be further from reality. We should all be honest about the current situation.

The "safety net" for the poor is hanging by a thread. Preserving the status quo is a mistake and unfair to the taxpayers who shoulder the costs of failing government programs. The war on poverty, waged for over 30 years, is far from over. Now is the time for a new strategy.

Rather than dwelling on the failures of the current system, we must learn from our mistakes and move on. What is most important now is that we renew our commitment to the American dream, where everyone, including the poorest among us, has the opportunity to pursue a better life.

Revolutions are not easy. Reforming welfare and Medicaid will be complicated and will generate its fair share of debate and difficulty. For an individual person with a limited education and few resources, the goal of self-reliance may appear unachievable. Indeed, without the support of a well-conceived welfare program, success may be doubtful. PROGRESS, the state's new welfare program, is no guaran-

tee for success but it offers better service and greater opportunity than the previous program of dependency.

PROGRESS represents a partnership between clients, communities and government. Welfare reform will only succeed if we end the habit of total reliance on government. Communities must become actively involved in PROGRESS. Businesses will need to open their doors to welfare clients and provide job opportunities when possible. The private sector can also help with valuable training and work experience programs.

PROGRESS will support individuals who seek success by providing child care, transportation and other assistance. PROGRESS rewards rather than punishes those who find employment. With PROGRESS, parents will be able to keep more of their earnings while they transition off government assistance.

Under the new welfare program, parents must do their share by complying with child support enforcement rules and by actively working to achieve self-sufficiency.

There will be a fundamental expectation that each person will do the best he or she can to take care of themselves and their children. PROGRESS ends the permanent cycle of dependency of

## The view from the 6th Grade

Don Bowers, a sixth grade teacher at White Mountain Intermediate School, ardently supports his students in a publishing venture called the White Mountain Outlook.

### MOUNTAIN ASIDES

It is a minor undertaking and especially impressive because it's actually published monthly during the school year.



Yes, the latest issue, dated April 29, presents a few predictable pieces that might confirm everybody's stereotypical sixth grade "output" some word games, what I did for spring break, a cartoon—even a couple of ads.

But there were some other items: Kaycie Brunell updating her readers on the Jon Benet Ramsey murder case; Angela Zapata reporting that recent Hepatitis A outbreak that started with imported frozen strawberries; Jacquyn Castanon with an update on the Oklahoma City bombing trial.

And, like many grown-up reporters (especially those who do their thing on television), the sixth grade staff of the Outlook didn't hesitate to deliver an opinion or two.

Reporter Brunell interviewed some classmates about the Ramsey case, found a consensus that the child's death was very sad, and a diversity of ideas as to the identity of the killer. Ms. Brunell concluded, "Well I really hope that they get more clues to who did it, and then catch who did it very soon."

And, much like most evening news telecasters, Ms. Castanon, wrapping up her account of the trial of the suspect in the Oklahoma City tragedy, asked, "Is Timothy MacVeigh guilty of murdering all those innocent people? Find out on the next episode (issue) of White Mountain Outlook."

The White Mountain Outlook is available from students at 25 cents per copy, and worth every penny.

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# Sign law questioned as Tuesday commission meeting approaches

## Signmakers' need for state permits at issue

*It is state law that only people with the proper state license can make commercial signs. However, it probably won't be a state law for long, a state official said.*

By TONI K. LAXSON  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Another dispute about Ruidoso's sign laws has flared up. This time the question is over who legally can make and put up signs.

Don Smith, owner of Signs by Smith, said he is being penalized by Ruidoso's planning department because he pointed out a state law requiring that signs, even non-electrical signs, be made and installed only by licensed contractors.

Smith made the point as a member of the ad hoc sign committee from the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. The committee was working with the Ruidoso Planning Department on amendments and updates to the village's 20-page sign law.

A public hearing on that law is scheduled for the 2 p.m. Tuesday meeting of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission.

Cleatus Richards, director of the planning department, said the village sign law has been amended to include a requirement that anyone installing a non-electrical sign have the proper state licensing. The law already had that requirement for the manufacture and installation of electrical signs.

Smith was worried the planning department is making him look like the bad guy

by telling people he brought up the fact that some sign contractors don't have state licenses. But Smith said he's known this fact for years and only recently brought it up because out-of-state sign makers were selling in Ruidoso without a license. Smith also claims the planning department is delaying the processing of his permits.

Richards said his department was not retaliating against Smith. He has said he is the only properly licensed contractor to make and install non-electrical signs in Ruidoso. Richards also said his department has processed Smith's permit applications the same as any other applications.

Richards, however, said he does not believe that state law also requires a license for anyone making a sign, as Smith has said.

Shawna Maloy, an attorney with the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department, told the Ruidoso News it is a state requirement for anyone making a sign to have the proper state license. But, she added, it's probably one law that will soon be struck from the books. Municipalities with building inspectors are required to enforce state and local regulations, she said.

Her office is working closely with a group of people from the construction industry to modify licensing requirements for tasks that neither the state

nor country have proper codes for and, therefore, have no consistent way to regulate.

"So, the division is in an active review process of eliminating (unnecessary) licensing. And I would say that this is one of them," Maloy said.

However, there needs to be some control over construction of signs that may be a threat to anyone's health or property, she said.

"I think one of the things we would look at very seriously at is that it is very different to put up a 3-foot sign and to put up a 30-foot sign," she said.

Smith has filed two open records requests with the village planning department for copies of sign permit applications this year and last year. He has received his first request for applications from this year, with about 54 copies of permit applications.

Another 11 applications from this year had been misplaced and Smith did not receive copies of them until after he had written the New Mexico Attorney General's Office to complain.

Because one of the permits he received a copy of had listed him as a contractor when he didn't do the work, Smith requested copies of all the sign permits from last year, as well. He has said he would be legally responsible if any injuries or damage occurred because the sign was improperly made or installed.

So, the division is in an active review process of eliminating (unnecessary) licensing. And I would say that this is one of them.

Shawna Maloy,  
state Regulation and  
Licensing Department  
attorney

## Set up for barbeque



State Rep. Dick Williams (R-Glencoe), second from right, buys the first tickets for a fund-raiser barbecue to benefit the Wilkes Mountain Search and Rescue Team. The dinner is set for 3-6 p.m. Sunday, June 29, at the Cedar Creek group campgrounds just outside of Ruidoso. Tickets are available at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. With Williams (left to right) are Rudy Alexander, Sandy Davidson, Nancy Giggel, Joe Giggel and Lori Lucero.

## Orchards weather the storm

*While some hail Lincoln County orchard crops as the best in years, other growers of apple and cherry trees say they may have lost as much as 90% of their crops, and still others are holding their breath.*

By TONI K. LAXSON  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Monty Montes said this season of apples may be his best in a decade if the weather continues to cooperate. "We're just waiting for the hail," said Montes, a fourth or fifth-generation orchard owner in Glencoe as well as chairman of the Lincoln County Commission.

Late spring freezes, which take the bloom off trees, have destroyed orchard crops in the area for several years in a row. But three cold spells in April have had both beneficial and detrimental effects on Lincoln County orchards, local growers

said. The difference is in whose trees had bloomed prior to the cold temperatures and whose trees are just now blooming.

The latest cold spell and snow came along this past weekend, two weeks after the previous late-season snow.

Montes said his trees are just now in full bloom.

Over in Carrizozo, longtime orchard owner Jim Niebaum said he lost much of his crop because his trees had bloomed prior to the cold spells this month. Though the area did not have the snow Ruidoso did, temperatures there dropped into the 20s - cold enough to freeze blooms. Also, bees don't pollinate blooms in cold weather, Niebaum said.

"Well, it's not a total loss. There's been a certain amount of late blooms" in his orchard of 2,000 trees, he said. "But it's a long way from a normal crop ... It'll be almost a month before we know for sure."

In an earlier interview, he said late freezes had destroyed most of his apples for the past five years.

Darrell Bymoen, a former electrical engineer in California, has been an orchard owner in Nogal Canyon for three years. His 2,000 trees are doing well despite recent weather.

"In the past three seasons, I've frozen out before this time," he said. Now, however, "they are in pretty good bloom."

Two weeks ago, when temperatures dropped to 21 degrees, his trees were not in bloom, he said. And most of his blooms survived the 30-degree temperatures brought in this past weekend. Presently, he expects a crop of 90%.

Montes attributes this year's colder-than-normal spring to his orchard's potentially good crop. The cold prevented his trees from blooming at their normal time, which is about mid-April, he said.

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# Semi inspection nets 1,696 grams of illegal drugs

A routine truck inspection stop on U.S. 54 south of Carrizozo netted drug agents 1,696 grams of methamphetamines Tuesday.

A 1990 tractor trailer with a New Mexico license plate was stopped by state Motor Transportation Division inspectors sometime Tuesday morning. Presiliano Torrez and Ronald Lopez of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Las Cruces said.

Agents from the federal Drug Enforcement Agency were called to handle the case. Jesus Magallanes, 40, of Bayard was charged with possession with intent to distribute in excess of 1,000 grams of methamphetamines and with knowingly and intentionally carrying a firearm during or in relation to a drug trafficking offense.

If convicted, Magallanes faces a minimum mandatory

sentence of 15 years and a maximum sentence of life. Torres said.

They received a consent to search and discovered in gross weight, about 1,696 grams of methamphetamines, a large amount of U.S. currency, and a semi-automatic Smith and Wesson 9-millimeter pistol. Torres said. The \$10,000 was found with the drugs in a duffel bag, he said.

Magallanes is in federal custody pending a preliminary hearing in U.S. Magistrate Court in Las Cruces.

Not all the details of the incident were available Thursday. Officials who were contacted couldn't say whether Magallanes was driving a company vehicle.

# Camp Sierra Blanca manager candidates cut to four

Four companies are in the running to manage Camp Sierra Blanca when it reopens July 1, this time as a juvenile offender environmental work camp.

Only half the applicants made it through the first state government cut.

Representatives of the four companies spoke directly to

Heather Wilson, state Children, Youth and Families Secretary, and the selection team Wednesday and Thursday.

Final contract negotiations are scheduled for May 5-9.

The minimum security prison 13 miles northeast of Ruidoso times housed adult male prisoners for years, then adult female prisoners tem-

porarily before they moved into neighboring Fort Stanton late last year. The fort had been closed since March 1995 as a state hospital.

This time, the 50-bed camp's target population will be low security, risk, non-violent juvenile offenders. The four firms selected are:

- Associated Marine Insti-

tutes from Tampa, Fla.;

- Rite of Passage/American Human Services Inc. of Minden, Nev.;

- Correctional Services Corp. of Canadian, Texas;

- and Brown School/Healthcare America of Austin, Texas.

# Members sought for Bureau of Land Mgmt. council

The Bureau of Land Management and New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson are calling for nominations to fill 10 vacancies on the 15-member New Mexico Resource Advisory Council.

The Council tackles tough public land management issues facing BLM employees and local communities in New Mexico; its goal is to research and recommend methods for

maintaining a healthy landscape, and collaborate on solutions for revitalizing unhealthy public land areas.

Nominations must be post-marked on or before May 8, and sent to: RAC, Bureau of Land Management, Office of External Affairs, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115.

The Resource Advisory Council consists of 15 members

whose representation is balanced equally among three general interest categories: 1) grazing, mining, timber, off-highway vehicle interest, or developed recreation interest; 2) environmental organizations, archaeological and historical interests, and wild horse and burro groups; 3) state and local government, Indian tribes, natural science academicians, and the public at

large. For 1997 there are 10 Council members who have expiring appointments. There are three openings in category 1, three openings in Category 2, and four openings in category 3.

For more information or to obtain a nomination form by mail, call Rem Hawes or Tanna Chattin at the BLM in Santa Fe, (505) 438-7514.

## RUIDOSO POLICE

### Thieves run up bills on phone calling cards

A 32-year-old Ruidoso woman told police her GTE telephone calling card had been stolen sometime between late February and mid-May, Ruidoso police reports said.

The woman, Julie Ray, said the thief ran up charges of \$186 by calling numbers in Odessa, Kansas, Alamogordo and Carrizozo, Kansas and Odessa, Texas.

Police have a suspect in the case.

In an unrelated case, a 17-year-old Ruidoso girl and her mother are filing felony larceny charges against an 18-year-old Ruidoso woman for charging at least \$340 in telephone calls to them, reports said.

The 17-year-old girl had allowed the suspect to use her mother's telephone card back in September. The girl forgot the card at her friend's house and the suspect continued to charge calls to the card.

When the girl and her mother, Susy Malis, canceled the card, the charges reportedly run up by the suspect totaled \$206.85, reports said. The suspect continued to make calls, charging at least \$124.54 by third party to the 17-year-old and her mother.

### Burglar just wants night's rest in bed

Police said someone appar-

ently broke in the back door of a home in the 700 block of Main Street sometime after March 15, according to Ruidoso police reports.

Nothing in the home was reported missing, but the bed had apparently been slept in, police said. The home belongs to a 78-year-old Texas man who was not living at the home at the time of the break-in. Police discovered the break-in.

### Beauty shop burglarized

A burglar or burglars pried open the door to The Look Beauty Shop sometime Saturday night or early Sunday morning and took a cash drawer, said the store's owner.

Amy Dean, 33, told police Sunday that \$85 had been taken from her cash drawer, Ruidoso police reports said. The electronic cash drawer itself was worth \$300.

An earlier police report indicated the theft occurred during business hours.

### Sterling silver stolen

A 63-year-old Ruidoso woman told police April 22 that her case of Gorham sterling silver cutlery was missing from her house on Excaliber, police reports said.

Donna H. Landsheft said she had the case out last at a family gathering, and that it must have been taken sometime between April 8 and 22. A value has not yet been placed on the missing silver.

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## Relatives of fallen Vietnam soldiers sought for ceremonies

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The Moving Wall, a 250-foot half-size replica of the Vietnam Wall, will be on display in Alamogordo from May 22 through May 28, including Memorial Day.

The names of 899 New Mexicans and 151 others from the El Paso area are on the walls.

CFVW is searching for relatives to participate in ceremonies at 9 a.m. May 22 in Alamogordo.

Relatives are asked to contact Cindy Compo at 505-476-7217 days or 505-427-5998 evenings and weekends.

## PLANNING COMMISSION

Here is a look at the Ruidoso Village Planning & Zoning Commission's tentative agenda for its regular meeting at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 6. Because the agenda is not yet official, the following agenda items are subject to change:

- A public hearing, continued from the previous commission meeting, on proposed amendments to the village sign laws.
- An amendment to requirements for business parking space for the Midtown area along Sudderth Drive.
- An off-premise sign request by Dana Rhoten in the Skyland subdivision.
- Two variance requests from Paul H. Crown for two lots in the Ponderosa Heights subdivision.
- Requests for a replat and a commercial site development from Dale Nason for four lots in the Palmer Gate

way subdivision.

- Requests for conditional use and commercial site development permit from Evelyn and James Strathmann for a lot in the Navajo subdivision.

- Requests for vacation of right-of-way and a commercial site development by Parsons Plumbing and Heating Inc. for two lots in the Young Heights subdivision.

- Preliminary and final plat requests from Pete Thompson for a lot in the Buena Vista Estates proposed subdivision.

- Preliminary and final plat requests from Ben Martin for a lot in the Cree Meadows Heights subdivision.

- Preliminary and final plat requests from Claude Miller for a lot in the Skyland subdivision.

- Requests for conditional use and commercial site development for two lots in the Hamilton Terrace subdivision.

County Sheriff's Department, for \$1,500 to fund the Pony Express ride held in conjunction with the Lincoln Days festivities.

- A request from the Ruidoso Downs Racetrack for \$4,500 to pay for a full-page advertisement on the inside back cover of the racetrack's program.

- A request from Dean and Eddie Fowler for \$2,000 to help promote a country and western concert scheduled for July 5.

- APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY** - A request from the Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary to proclaim May 8 as "Jake Harris Day." Harris is a former mayor of Ruidoso Downs.

- APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY** - Hiring Ronnie Hemphill as an auditor for the village.

- APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY** - A bid of \$5,926 from Up Technologies of Alamogordo to provide the police department with a new computer and free service calls.

## DOWN'S COUNCIL

The Ruidoso Downs Village Council took the following actions April 30:

- APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY** - Adoption of an expanded and updated sexual harassment ordinance for village employees.

- APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY** - Adoption of a Fair Housing ordinance.

- APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY** - Adoption of policies required in conjunction with a federal grant of \$300,000. Leann Wehbrecht, village clerk/treasurer, said the money, from a federal Community Development Block Grant, will be used to improve sewage lines in the Las Lomas neighborhood. The policies are to ensure community input into the use of the grants and to ensure residents won't be displaced from their homes by village projects.

- APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY** - Three requests for money from the village's lodger's tax revenues. - A request from Carole Benham, a representative of the Lincoln

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A request to "fast track" less restrictive parking laws for Midtown businesses along Sudderth Drive.	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	6-0 yes
An agreement to work with the Ruidoso River Association on projects to restore the river watershed.	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	6-0 yes
Two public hearings on May 27 for laws governing hillside development and driveway requirements.	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	6-0 yes
A request from the Texas House Cafe on Sudderth Drive to begin mule-drawn covered wagon rides on public streets.	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	6-0 yes

## Council holds off on trash service decision

By TONI K. LAXSON  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso Village Councilors voted unanimously Tuesday to wait out a June 6 deadline before they decide whether or not to part ways with the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority.

The deadline asks for specific changes to the SWA operations to be approved unanimously by the SWA board.

"But they will immediately start looking at other garbage service options.

"At any event, it's our recommendation that we go forward. That we begin looking at alternatives that exist for the village," Village Manager Gary Jackson said. "I think

everybody at this table has agreed that with no changes (to the LCSWA's organization), the status quo is just not acceptable."

Jackson said he and others would meet with an engineering contractor to start preliminary studies on the costs and logistics of Ruidoso resuming its own garbage collection services.

In a 30-minute discussion about the LCSWA Tuesday, Mayor Jerry Shaw expressed doubt that the village should continue with the SWA even if all its board members agree to the changes suggested by Ruidoso.

"A consensus on that board, though, means that they might do it (the changes) in 10 years,"

she said.

Councilor Robert Donaldson said the issue is urgent because the LCSWA is requesting a \$1 million loan, and Ruidoso, as a member, would have to sign it. "Which would commit us to this path" of staying with the consortium, Donaldson said.

He and others in the village have accused the LCSWA of having poor service, not maintaining equipment, having few set policies and of poor financial planning.

Discontent with present garbage collection services prompted the Council on April 6 to deliver a list of suggested improvements to the 6-year-old organization. Attached to the list was a 60-day deadline and

a requirement that the 11-member LCSWA board unanimously support the recommendations, at least in concept.

Primary among those recommendations is a mandate that the LCSWA become a rate-making authority, with the ability to set its own customer rates.

Four of the village's five recommendations match those made by an independent consultant, Jackson said Tuesday.

While a majority of the LCSWA did support a vote to become a rate-making authority, one member, Monrby Montes, voted against the proposal. Another board member abstained in the vote.

Councilors have said the changes are essential if the

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Adoption of an expanded and updated sexual harassment ordinance for village employees.	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	5-0 yes
Adoption of a Fair Housing ordinance.	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	5-0 yes
A request from the Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary to proclaim May 8 as "Jake Harris Day." Harris is a former mayor of Ruidoso Downs.	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	5-0 yes
A bid of \$5,926 from Up Technologies out of Alamogordo to provide the police department with a new computer and free service calls.	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	5-0 yes

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## Team effort required from Tiger girls at district meet

The Tiger girls will need a total team effort in order to unseat defending District 6AA champion Tularosa Saturday.

BY LAURA CLYMER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Saturday's District 6AA girls track meet is shaping up to be a battle between the talented Tularosa Wildcats and the scrappy Capitan Tigers.

Blessed with two of the stronger individual performers in the district, the Wildcats hope to repeat as district champs. Blessed with depth but no outstanding performer, Bryan Masse's Tigers hope to unseat the Wildcats.

Joining Tulle and Capitan at the district meet are Cloudcroft and Dexter. Field events begin at 9 a.m. and running events start at 10 a.m. with the finals slated for 1 p.m. in Tularosa.

"We have been planning and planning and planning this," Masse said of the Tigers' strategy entering Saturday's meet. "At the first of the year it looked like we were just going to get stomped. But we've had good leader-

ship from our seniors, and we've also had some people sacrifice for the good of the team."

That kind of team effort is what the Tigers will need if they are to claim the district laurels.

The Wildcats have two competitors who can score up to 50 points between the two of them. Benile Marrujo-Suggs is a standout in both hurdle events and the high jump. Plus she'll run on two relays. Celina Melendez is Tulle's top entry in the 1600-meter and 800-meter runs. Melendez might anchor the medley relay as well.

Capitan will counter Marrujo-Suggs' and Melendez's efforts with a team effort.

"We need to score well in the field events. That's one of our keys," Masse said.

The Tigers have proven tough in the long jump, high jump, discus and shot put thanks to the efforts of assistant coach Buddy Little and volunteer coach Henry Sanchez, Masse said.

"These two guys have spent a lot of extra time. That's why we're strong in those events," he said.

Gretchen Jones leads the Tigers' efforts in the high jump, while as many as five Capitan long jumpers could score points.

Seniors Mandi Aldaz and Julie Barham pace the Tigers in the shot put and discus.

Masse will go for the win in the 1600-meter relay with Monica Johnson, Erin Autrey, Krip Autrey and Trisha Seidel.

Capitan competed Monday at the Tularosa Slade Relays without eighth-grader Jessica Castenada and senior Joni Autrey. Castenada was sick and Autrey has been slowed by a groin injury for the last three weeks. Both will be back Saturday.

Castenada will pace the Tigers in the distance runs, while Joni joins her younger twin sisters in the 800-meter and 1600-meter middle distance runs.

"They may not win it, but they will score valuable points," Masse said.

Which is the kind of effort the Tigers will need Saturday.

"We're a hunt and peck team. They're a team with some strong individuals, but we've got a lot of kids who

will do their very best. We'll get a point here and get a point there," Masse said.

Twenty-eight points to make up.

In Monday's Slade Memorial Relays -- a mini preview of the district meet -- the Wildcats scored a 28-point victory over the Tigers. The meet was scheduled originally for Friday, but gusting winds and cold temperatures blew the meet back until Monday.

"We just thought it wasn't worth it, so we didn't even go Friday," Masse said.

Capitan can make up the 28-point difference Saturday, Masse said, with a total team effort. Figures in Dexter and Cloudcroft as well -- neither competed Monday -- and the Tigers' chances increase.

Saturday marks the final opportunity for the Tigers to qualify for the state meet. Individuals must finish in the top two or meet the qualifying standard. Relay teams must win the race, or meet the qualifying time to earn their trip to state.

So far, the Tigers have qualified four individuals and one relay team.

The individuals are: Andra Fish in the 100-meter hurdles, Erin Autrey in the long jump, Mandi Aldaz in the discus and Gretchen Jones in the high jump. The Tigers' 1600-meter relay team of Erin Autrey, Krip Autrey, Trisha Seidel and Monica Johnson qualified for state with a time of 4:28 earlier in the season.

Slade Memorial Relays  
Monday, April 28 in Tularosa  
Captain individual results:  
100-meter hurdles -- 3rd, A. Fish 17.85; 5th G. Jones 19.10  
800-meter run -- 2nd, E. Autrey, 2:39.49  
400-meter relay -- 2nd, 56.34 (Fish, Johnson, Wilson, Seidel)  
1600-meter relay -- 2nd, 4:35.56 (Johnson, Jones, K. Autrey, E. Autrey)  
100-meter dash -- 2nd, Seidel, 14.03; 4th, Alicia Garcia, 14.52; 5th, P. Shous, 16.2  
1600-meter medley -- 2nd, 4:53.74 (Fish, Johnson, Seidel, K. Autrey)  
400-meter dash -- 2nd, E. Autrey, 1:06.77; 5th, C. Roybal, 1:11.24  
3200-meter run -- 4th, D. Ward, 17:19.40  
300-meter hurdles -- 6th, G. Jones, 1:06.76  
800-meter relay -- 1st, 1:57.50 (Fish, Johnson, K. Autrey, Seidel)  
Long jump -- 2nd, K. Autrey, 14-1; 3rd, Johnson, 13-11; 4th, E. Autrey, 13-10; 5th, Fish, 13-7 1/2; 6th, Kern, 13-5 3/4  
High jump -- 2nd, G. Jones, 5-0; 5th, K. Autrey 4-8  
Shot put -- 3rd, Courtney, May, 28-2  
Discus -- 2nd, M. Aldaz, 94-8 1/2; 5th, J. Barham, 85-0

## Capitan boys expect to win

Capitan's depth should prove too much for its foes in the boys District 6AA meet.

BY LAURA CLYMER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Depth and speed make the Capitan Tigers the favored "sons" heading into Saturday's District 6AA meet, which begins at 9 a.m. with field events in Tularosa.

The Tigers scored an easy 30-point win over second-place Tularosa at Monday's Slade Memorial Relays, and also qualified two more relays, 1600-meter and 800-meter, for the state track championships. Sean McEuen, James

Tacey, Justin Joiner and James Robinson ran both relays which qualified with times of 1:35.9 in the 800 and 3:38.4 in the 1600. Capitan's 400-meter relay team has qualified already, but the Tigers want to get their medley in the state meet. They'll have to do that Saturday by either winning the event or meeting the qualifying standard.

Assistant track Pat Ventura said the Tigers are in an enviable position.

"If we stay healthy and everything goes as planned, we should be able to win districts," Ventura said. "We have a lot more depth than the other three schools. We have 41 boys

going. That helps quite a bit."

In Monday's Slade Relays, the Tigers proved they're strong everywhere -- from distance events to field events, from relays to sprints.

Justin Jones won the 1600-meter run in 5 minutes, 10.1 seconds, and took second in the 2-mile with a time of 11:18.

Raymond Harris claimed the high jump, clearing 6-foot, while McEuen won the long jump with an effort of 19-2. Thrower Kyle Jones scored a pair of seconds in the shot put and discus.

Robinson and McEuen finished second in the 100 and 200 dashes respectively Monday in Tularosa.



The Warrior girls golf team goes for its second consecutive District 2A-AAA title Wednesday in Santa Teresa. Les Carter's girls are favored to repeat as district champs. The Warriors took time out for a team picture at a recent tournament. Members are (from left to right): Devon Lowe, Heather Stephens, Leigh Ann Christensen, Leslea Gerth and coach Les Carter. Not pictured is Brooke Fryer.

## Warriors to defend district golf titles

Warrior girls and boys seek to repeat district title

Les Carter's girls golf team goes for its second consecutive District 2A-AAA title Wednesday in Santa Teresa.

The Warriors are the clear favorites after beating district foes Silver City and Hot Springs by more than 80 strokes each at Tuesday's Doña Ada Classic in Las Cruces. Ruidoso finished fourth as a team at the invitational that featured Class AAA and AAAA schools.

Junior Heather Stephens paced the Warriors again with a 184 for the two-day tourney in Las Cruces. She finished sixth overall in the individual rankings. Teammate Devon Lowe made the top 10 with a two-day total of 189.

The Warriors will have to push themselves Wednesday, considering they shouldn't get

much competition from Silver or Hot Springs.

"We need to have a good outing just to continue to fine-tune for state," Carter said.

Ruidoso's boys also have a district title to defend. The Warriors are led by last year's most valuable player and all-district selection Stephen Houghton. Seniors Brian Phillips and Rhett Hightower also return to defend the district championship. Rounding out the Warrior five are Ben Andrews and Eric Russell.

Santa Teresa eliminates Ruidoso baseball team

The Santa Teresa Desert Warriors exploded for nine runs in the second inning on their way to a 19-0 pounding of Ruidoso Tuesday at White Mountain Recreation Complex.

The loss drops Ruidoso to 2-6 in district play and elimi-

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nates the Warriors from the state playoffs. The Warriors slipped to 6-12 overall.

Saturday, Ruidoso hosts Hot Springs for a doubleheader at 11 a.m. at White Mountain Recreation Complex in Ruidoso.

Softball team meets Cobre today at Eagle Creek

The Warrior softball team plays Cobre's Indians in a rescheduled doubleheader at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Eagle Creek Sports Complex. Last Saturday's game was snowed out with Cobre.

Ruidoso then plays Saturday as well, hosting Santa Teresa for a twinbill beginning at 11 a.m. Ruidoso is 3-12 overall in its first year of varsity girls softball.

## Former Warrior headed to juco golf championships

Barton County Community College (Kan.), with former Ruidoso High School golf standout Eric Stephens in its ranks, won its district golf tournament by two strokes Tuesday in North Platte, Neb.

The victory qualifies the Panthers for the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Tournament to be played in Mesa, Ariz. May 18 through 23.

Stephens, a sophomore who plays in the three spot for Barton, shot a three-day total of 228. The Panthers were led by Jarrod Mason's 217.

"Winning this district tournament is absolutely a great feeling," Barton coach Mitch Haney said. "This year's team is the best team we've ever had here."

Stephens, the son of James and Donna Stephens, was a member of Ruidoso's 1993 Class AAA Boys State Champion team. He was an all-state selection his senior year and holds the Ruidoso record for most tourney wins in one season (four).



Eric Stephens (RHS class of 1995) and his Barton Community College teammates captured the National Junior College Athletic Association District III golf tournament Tuesday in North Platte, Neb.

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## Thirteen entered to 'Run for the Roses'

Pulpit favored in Saturday's 123rd running of the Kentucky Derby.

BY JOHN EASTWOOD  
RUIDOSO DOWNS PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

Trainer Frank Brothers was beaming Wednesday when his favored Pulpit drew the number seven post for this year's renewal of the Kentucky Derby. Hoping for a post-position of between four and eight, Brothers was happy with his draw.

"When you have a horse with speed, you like looking down at the speed," he said. Pulpit will have history against him though, as he attempts to become the first horse to win the Kentucky Derby without starting as a 2-year-old since Apollo in

1882. A full and complete renewal of the 123rd running of the Derby Saturday, the smallest field since Spend A Buck whipped a field the same size in 1985. Though short on quantity, this year's field is not lacking in quality. An argument can be made for at least six of those entered with Pulpit, Captain Bodgit and Silver Charm likely to attract the most attention in the wagering.

Captain Bodgit should vie for favoritism with Pulpit, as the Gary Capuano charge enters the Derby off consecutive wins in the Florida Derby and Wood Memorial. "He's bouncing, every thing's fine," the trainer said Wednesday. If there is a horse who has been doing

everything right during Derby week, it's Silver Charm. The well-muscled son of Silver Buck ran a game second in the Santa Anita Derby on April 5, and has trained since arriving at Churchill Downs two weeks ago. Trainer Bob Baffert, who lost the photo in last year's Derby when Cavonnier was caught at the wire by Grindstone, has done little to mask his confidence in Silver Charm's chances Saturday.

"He's handling this track better than Santa Anita. He just bounces over it. Today (Tuesday) was his final work and I'm confident he's ready to run the race of

### GAME TIME

Friday, May 2  
Softball  
Cobre vs. Ruidoso, 5 and 7 p.m., Eagle Creek Sports Complex.

Saturday, May 3  
Senior Olympics  
Hot Springs, 10 a.m., Carrizozo Country Club.

Baseball  
Hot Springs at Ruidoso, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., White Mountain Recreation Complex.

Softball  
Ruidoso vs. Santa Teresa (DH), 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Eagle Creek Sports Complex.

Baseball  
Ruidoso boys and girls at Artesia Invitational, TBA, Artesia.

Track and Field  
Ruidoso at Lovington Invitational, 10 a.m. Capitan at District 6AA Championships, TBA, Tularosa.

Monday, May 5  
Adult women's softball  
Field at 6:30 p.m. Flamingo vs. Kelly Girls; 7:45 p.m. Seidel Shockwave vs. No

Excuses; 9 p.m. Gray Hawk vs. Diamond Sals.

Field B -- 6:30 p.m. Comic Relief vs. Seidel Shockwave; 7:45 p.m. Diamond Sals vs. Wild Things; 9 p.m. No Excuses vs. Wild Things.

Tuesday, May 6  
Adult Softball  
Field A -- 6:30 p.m. Grizzlies vs. Ace Plumbing; 7:45 p.m. Eagles vs. Chata; 9 p.m. Eagles vs. Naps.

Field B -- 6:30 p.m. Merchants vs. Homeboys; 7:45 p.m. Homeboys vs. Extreme; 9 p.m. Extreme vs. Capitan Construction.

Wednesday, May 7  
Golf  
District 2A-AAA Golf Championships hosted by Ruidoso at Santa Teresa Country Club. Boys and girls teams will play.

Friday, May 9  
Track and Field  
Capitan boys and girls, Carrizozo boys and girls at the Class AA State Track Championships in Albuquerque. TBA.

# Derby: Small field set for Saturday

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his life," he said. Others in the field with solid credentials include Santa Anita Derby winner Free House; Hello, third in the same race; Concerto, undefeated in '97, and Arkansas Derby winner Crypto Star.

Those so inclined can bet the Derby at the Ruidoso Downs Sports Complex. Handicappers looking to determine whether any discernible track bias exists at Churchill Downs Saturday can come out early, Ruidoso Downs Sports Complex will be taking bets on the entire Derby card. First post is 9:30 a.m. local time.

## RACE ANALYSIS

Ruidoso Downs Race Track's John Eastwood, publicity director, offers his Kentucky Derby race analysis.

**123rd Kentucky Derby**  
Churchill Downs - Saturday, May 3  
Distance: 1-1/4 miles  
Purse: \$1,000,000 Guaranteed  
Approximate Post: 3:30p.m. MST

(Number, post position, horse, odds, jockey and trainer)

#1, 9, Jack Flash, 30-1, C. Perret, trained by Nick Zito  
Record: 11/2-3-3 Earnings: \$211,100.  
Dosage Index: 4.45  
Dosage Index is over the preferred criteria of 4.00 or less. Recent second-place finish in Jim Beam not that impressive in that he likely would have finished fourth had he not been so good. Perret and Zito have both won derbies but can't see this one in the picture.

#1A, 10, Shammy Davis, 30-1, W. Martinez, trained by Nick Zito  
Record: 9/3-1-1 Earnings: \$169,012.  
Dosage Index: 2.27  
Trainer Nick Zito did not want to enter this colt after his dismal performance in the Lexington at Keeneland. Owner Rick Porter has a nasty case of Derby fever though, and from the owners box should get a good view of his silks backing up in America's premier race.

#2, 1, Crypto Star, 10-1, P. Day, trained by Wayne Catalano  
Record: 6/4-1-1 Earnings: \$592,030.  
Dosage Index: 3.72  
Came from way out of it to win both the

Louisiana and Arkansas Derbies. Notoriously poor worker has impressed no one with his morning outings on the track in Louisville. But a Beyer 10 points higher than his previous career best in the Arkansas Derby last out - may bounce here.

#3, 2, Phantom On Tour, 12-1, J. D. Baker, trained by Lynn Whiting  
Record: 3/5-3-0 Earnings: \$295,605.  
Dosage Index: 5.66  
Dosage Index is a lofty 5.66, well over the preferred criteria of 4.00 or less. Distance limitations were exposed in the Arkansas Derby when he blew a three-length lead in the stretch. Trainer Whiting won '92 Derby with long-shot L. E. Tee. Has been on anti-biotics this week for a high white blood-cell count - pass.

#4, 3, Concerto, 8-1, C.H. Marquez Jr., trained by J. Tamayo III  
Record: 10/7-1-2 Earnings: \$760,234.  
Dosage Index: 4.20  
Dosage Index is over the preferred criteria of 4.00 or less suggesting he lacks the stamina to run 1-1/4 miles at this time in his life. Boasts 4-for-4 record in '97 with the Grade-2 Jim Beam his most impressive tally. Won lone Churchill start over sloppy oval in last year's Kentucky Jockey Club. Has taken the easy road to the Kentucky Derby though, gets tested for class here.

#5, 4, Captain Bodgit, 5-2, A. Sells, trained by Gary Capuano  
Record: 10/7-0-3 Earnings: \$769,749.  
Dosage Index: 1.40  
Comes into the Derby off consecutive wins in the Florida Derby and Wood Memorial. Effort in the Wood impressive in that he came from off the pace on a track favoring speed all day. One of only three Grade-1 or Group-1 winners in the field. Worked a half in :48-2/5 on April 29, getting his final eighth in :11-1/5. Spun a bullet half in :47-1/5 on April 23, and seems to be loving life in Kentucky. The May foal may continue to improve given recent sharp AM moves.

#6, 5, Silver Charm, 5-1, G. Stevens, trained by Bob Baffert  
Record: 6/3-3-0 Earnings: \$444,150.  
Dosage Index: 1.22  
Dueled with Sharp Cat through rapid splits in Santa Anita Derby and still held gamely in only his second two-turn start. Been getting a lot of work since as Baffert has him working every five days. Worked 5f in 1:00-3/5 on April 29, getting his final three-eighths in :35-1/5; earlier Kentucky works were all bullets suggesting he will move forward off SA race. Has a good turn of foot and may find himself alone on the lead in race void of any real speedsters. Likely third-choice in the wagering seems set to run another bang-up race.

#7, 6, Celtic Warrior, 50-1, F.C. Torres, trained by Danny Hutt  
Record: 11/2-4-0 Earnings: \$132,317.  
Dosage Index: 1.93  
Pedigree suggests ability to get the distance but has yet to break 100 on the Beyer scale. Lone graded stakes placing came on a sloppy track at Churchill Downs last year. Shows a win and a second from two Churchill starts. Horse-for-

course looks overmatched but has an outside shot of rounding out the superfecta at huge odds.

#8, 7, Pulpit, 2-1, S. Sellers, trained by Frank Brothers  
Record: 5/4-1-0 Earnings: \$689,200.  
Dosage Index: 3.28  
Rebounced with Blue Grass romp adding Lask after defeat at hands of Captain Bodgit in Florida Derby. Worked bullet 5f in 1:00-2/5 on muddy strip Monday with Sellers up. Talented A. P. Indy colt never raced as a 2-year-old, making a highly questionable whether he has the bottom to get the Derby distance right now. Apollo in 1882 was the last Derby winner who didn't race as a 2-year-old. Classier asking too much here.

#9, 8, Hello (Inv), 12-1, M. Smith, from McNally  
Record: 11/5-2-2 Earnings: \$453,419.  
Dosage Index: 3.00  
Group-1 winner in Italy last year. High bred was most recently third behind Free House and Silver Charm in the Santa Anita Derby. Looked like a short horse that day, making a nice run around the turn before flattening out. His recent trend in that the last five (seven of the last 10) Derby winners lost in their race prior to the Derby. Worked well over a slow, cuppy track on April 26 (7f - 1:29-1/5, final in :23-2/5). Roswell native Mike Smith picks up mount for injured Chris McCarron. Should make his presence felt in the latter stages - longshot with a chance.

#10, 11, Deeds Not Words, 50-1, C. Nakatani, trained by D. Wayne Lukas  
Record: 4/1-0-2 Earnings: \$63,215.  
Dosage Index: 1.61  
Why is this horse here? Lone win came in a Del Mar maiden event last summer. More recently was a very distant third in the Lexington at Keeneland. D. Wayne keeps his streak alive - 1997 marks the 17th-straight year he's saddled a Derby starter. Son of champion sprinter Rubiano deserves better.

#11, 12, Crimson Classic, 50-1, R. Albarado, trained by Forest Keelin  
Record: 10/3-2-0 Earnings: \$79,470.  
Dosage Index: 1.66  
Dumped his rider at the start of the Lone Star Derby, last out at odds of 68-1. Talented rider Robby Albarado makes his Derby debut on a horse with no chance.

#12, 13, Free House, 8-1, D. Flores, trained by Paco Gonzalez  
Record: 9/4-2-0 Earnings: \$803,201.  
Dosage Index: 2.63  
Cal-bred winner of the Grade-1 Santa Anita Derby has worked well at Churchill. Leading money-earner in field. Striking gray/roan with a habit of waiting on other horses dismissed at 7-1 odds in SA Derby, likely to go off at a generous price again with outside post. First Derby mount for rider David Flores. Under-rated conditioner Paco Gonzalez campaigned Mane Minister to three third-place finishes in 1991 triple crown. Has been in training since August '96, may have peaked.

SELECTIONS: 1) SILVER CHARM 2) CAPTAIN BODGIT 3) HELLO 4) PULPIT

## Net win



The Ruidoso boys and girls tennis teams recorded dual match victories over Lovington Tuesday. The Warriors blanked the Wildcats, 9-0, including Myra Romero's 6-1, 7-5 win over Lisa Boyd. Davis Anderson's boys also dominated their opponent for a 7-2 victory.

## TOP OF THE SECOND

### ON DECK

Set on the Kentucky Derby from Ruidoso  
Wagers on the Kentucky Derby can be placed this year from the Ruidoso Downs Sports Theater. Local horse players can play their luck in a variety of wagering options including win, place, show, exacta, quinella, trifecta and superfecta. Wagers will be accepted beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 3. Racing fans can place wagers on runnings at Lone Star Park throughout May, as well as view simulcasts from major tracks such as Hollywood Park, Churchill Downs, Belmont Park and Arlington Park.

Jenny Ames scholarship available  
The Ruidoso Gymnastics Association will award four \$250 scholarships in memory of Jenny Ames to any Lincoln County senior or graduate who is currently enrolled in college or trade school. Ames participated in gymnastics in Ruidoso through her junior, high and high school years, and continued sharing her passion for gymnastics by coaching for the Ruidoso Gymnastics Association, UGM's Rusty Mitchell's children's gymnastics program, and Duke City Gymnastics. Home school students are also eligible. Applications may be picked up in the counseling office at Ruidoso High School and are due by May 15.

Lady Warriors softball dance  
A dance, open to the public, will be held at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, May 3 to benefit the Lady Warriors softball team. Tickets are \$5 at the door or \$4 in advance, and available from any softball player. There will be a five band. For more information call 378-4212.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters annual golf tournament  
A golf tournament to sponsor the Big Brothers and Big Sisters project of Ruidoso will be held May 14 at The Links at Sierra Blanca. Teams of four players will begin play at 12:30 p.m. followed by paid dinner at Farley's, and presentation of awards. Play is limited to the first 80 paid entries. The \$50 per player entry fee includes cart and green fees, door prizes and dinner. Additional dinner tickets are available for \$7.50. Send entry fees and handicap information to Jan Eldredge, Ruidoso Board of Realtors, 700 Mechem Drive, #10, Ruidoso NM, 88345 or call 257-4750.

### WHAT'S BITING

Last weekend's cold snap slowed fishing down, but as the week warms, things should pick up.  
Bonita and Grandstone lakes have been

steadily producing on proffer flies, grasshopper, gold super dunnies and like bugs. Pike in the evening takes grasshopper flies, small parrotfish, and grasshopper mayflies. The snowmelt continues to give us outstanding flow in the river. Rio Ruidoso and Rio Bonito proffer flies, shannide worms and mid-day caddis and may fly hatch.

Mike Hyman  
Fly's Etc.

### DISTANT REPLAY

A look back on Lincoln County sports and recreation history is compiled from back issues of the Ruidoso News by Meredith Keaton.

40 years ago - Honda conquers Ruidoso and Corona at the Sierra Blanca Track Conference meet.

30 years ago - Seventy-one sports cars enter the Giant Sledam Car Race in Ruidoso. The winner drove from Highway 37 to White Mountain School in 48.5 seconds.

20 years ago - "Tennis Craze" is declared in Ruidoso after the construction of 28 new courts.

10 years ago - Boys BHS track team wins the state title.

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# Ranches of Sonterra celebrates selling lots of lots

*Developer hands over control of property owners' association and donates land for a park and a fire department.*

BY TONI K. LAXSON  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ranches of Sonterra property owners from as far away as Ohio converged on Lincoln County this past weekend to celebrate a milestone for the 3-year-old, multi-million-dollar housing development.

"The main purpose of it was, we were turning the thing over to the property owners' association," said Lonnie Phillips, project manager for Properties of the Southwest.

The company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Florida-based Bluegreen Corporation, traditionally turns oversight of a development over to home owners' associations when half the tracts have sold, Phillips said.

The development now has sold more than 300 out of 500 tracts, Phillips said. Out of those, 254 lots have been developed and 30 have homes either finished or under construction. The subdivision is one of the largest in the county and has the most lots available for sale.

Located about three miles east of State Highway 48 off of Sierra Blanca Road, Ranches of Sonterra has marketed its 5-acre and larger lots nationally since the summer of 1994. The lot prices start at about

\$20,000, according to advertisements.

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Sales this year will be about \$5 million - the same as last year, he said.

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Ranches of Sonterra  
project manager

Caryl and Chuy Trejo traveled from their home in El Paso to attend the celebration, which included a builders' fair Saturday afternoon at the properties main office. The Trejos, who brought their two young daughters with them, said they purchased a 5-acre lot in Ranches of Sonterra two years ago.

They came with an El Paso friend to see the area and fell in love, Chuy said. They intend to move here in about eight years. "We are not anywhere near retirement," he said.

Diane and Ron Travis of Dallas said they hope to retire here within the next four or five years. Ron said construction on their 3,400-square-foot home is to start next spring. They had been looking for a retirement home all over the Southwest, including Colorado and other locations in New Mexico. They looked at Ranches of Sonterra and concluded, "This is the place," Ron said.

A big factor in their decision was the friendliness of the area, he added. "In a lot of places in New Mexico and Colorado, they aren't friendly to Texans," he said.

On Saturday, the development company donated 30 acres of land near the Rio

Bonito to the property owners for use as a park. Properties of the Southwest also gave away a 3/4-acre lot for use as a fire station. The lot includes a well and 9,600-gallon water storage tank, Phillips said.

The company also gave the association about \$41,000 for park maintenance and other improvements. The money was collected through homeowners dues by the company.

Ranches of Sonterra was originally the Barham Ranch, a 48,000-acre cattle ranch that his company purchased in late 1993, Phillips said. Not all of the ranch is part of the housing development. Parts of it were sold off to other developers. For instance, a 1,320-acre tract containing the Fort Stanton Falls was sold recently to a group of Albuquerque businesspeople, he said.

Ranches of Sonterra is the company's first venture in the state, but its parent company has developments in 22 states, he said.



Food, fun and Tomás Vigil's classical guitar playing were all part of the vendor's fair Saturday at the Ranches of Sonterra property owners celebration.



Ron Travis of Dallas, who attended the Ranches of Sonterra parties this weekend with his wife Diane, points to the lot where they intend to build a home next year.



Caryl and Chuy Trejo drove up from El Paso for a celebration sponsored by the developers of Ranches of Sonterra. They have a lot saved for their future home.

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# New campground and RV park association all fired up for summer

**A new association of RV park and campground owners is rolling out its plans to make summer sizzle.**

**BY JULIE BAXTER  
RUIDOSO NEWS BUSINESS WRITER**

Staking their faith on the adage of strength in numbers, Ruidoso area campground and RV parks are pitching a collective tent to fire up good business.

The newly-formed Ruidoso Area Campground and RV Parks Association has drawn camp and park owners, operators and managers from Ruidoso, Alto, Ruidoso Downs and Capitan into its fold with the goal of letting the good times roll a little longer.

"The main thrust of the association is to help extend our season," said Mike Long, owner of Little Creek RV Park and one of the forces behind

the group's formation.

By working together, parks and campgrounds can provide better service for their guests, keep tabs on changes in regulations that affect campgrounds, and increase their advertising power, Long said. He pointed to a recent ad placed by 10 parks, adding that each park/campground got some really good publicity without footing the bill on its own.

The association started coming together about five months ago. Since then, 16 parks and/or campgrounds have joined and are already looking for ways to do better business. There are no membership dues or officers in the informal organization, just meetings on the second Tuesday of the month in a room donated by the Enchantment Inn. But just because the structure's loose doesn't mean the group isn't tight.

"The camaraderie we have

is just excellent," Long said.

Long stressed that knowing other parks' amenities can be important. All the parks have something different, he said, and every guest has different wants and needs. By knowing what each park offers, owners and managers can point their guests in the right direction and keep them in town, rather than watch them drive on.

"RVs in the summer are such an intricate part of the economy of Ruidoso," added Curtis Keith, an association member and owner of Pine Ridge RV Campground. "RV parks are as good or better for the economy as motels are. Our guests as a general rule are well-to-do."

Keeping those guests in town to shop, eat and play and add to the economic well being of Ruidoso is what Long and Keith think the group can accomplish through their col-

lective approach. Ideas that have popped up since the association held its first meeting include friendly competitions of park versus park in events such as cards, horseshoes, bowling and dominoes, and hosting gatherings like barbecues and ice cream socials.

"RV parks are like communities in the summer," Keith said. "That's what they (guests) like to do. That's what makes them stay longer and that's what brings them back."

The association also may help acclimate new owners to the ups and downs of running an RV park or campground, and may lead to cooperative insurance policies as well. If that does happen, Long said guests will be the ones who ultimately benefit.

"If we can get by cheaper, we can pass that on to the customers," he said.



Mike Long (left) and Curtis Keith are two of the forces that started the Ruidoso Area Campground and RV Parks Association. Long said the group's main thrust is to help extend the summer season. Keith said RV parks and campgrounds can polish up their own image, too. "We're trying to become more of a presence in the community," Long said. For more information about the Ruidoso Area Campground and RV Parks Association or camping choices in the region call Long at 338-4044.

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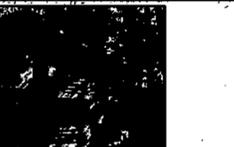


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## Feel the Beat

*Dancers from across the country descend upon Mescalero to compete for prizes and recognition at the annual Southern Eagle Contest Pow-Wow.*

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### GOING OUT



## 'Oklahoma!' rushes to stage

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## Spencer Theater launches campaign

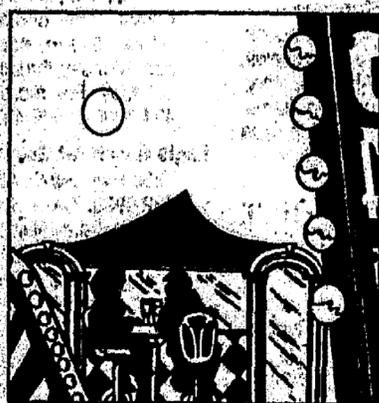
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### SILVER SCREEN

## 'Breakdown' opens Friday

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## CALENDAR



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## Obscure and deadly

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VAMONOS

# What's happening?

## music

**Ruben Ramos & the Texas Revolution**  
8 p.m. Friday, May 2 in the Tays Special Events Center, Alamogordo. A Cinco de Mayo celebration for Tejano music lovers. For more information call 512-280-8989.

**Azusa Pacific University Choir and Orchestra**  
7 p.m. Tuesday, May 6 at Christ's Church, 2200 N. Sycamore, Roswell. The free program provides a balance of music ranging from treasured classics of the past to the exciting music of the present. For more information call 505-623-4110.

**La Fiesta de Hondo**  
7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 9-10 at the Hondo High School Gymnasium. Tickets \$7 reserved, \$5 general admission, \$3 students/children. Advance tickets for reserved seats on Saturday can be purchased by calling 505-653-4411. More than 100 elementary and high school students in exciting costumes performing Spanish, Mexican, and New Mexican dances. 4 p.m.-6 p.m. both days there is an enchilada dinner in the Hondo Cafeteria. Adult plate \$5, child's plate \$4.

**Cree Meadows Country Club**  
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. The club is located at 301 Country Club Drive, Ruidoso, 257-2733.

**Elkhorn Pub**  
7 p.m. Friday and Saturday live music by various local artists. 7 p.m. Wednesday jam sessions. The new pub is located at 2820 Sudderth in Pine Tree Square, Ruidoso, 257-4391.

**Gallop Tortoise**  
5:30 p.m. Sundays, Randy Jones and friends play rock 'n roll, country and blues. The coffee house is located at 662 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-2511.

**Hollywood Inn**  
Live music most weekends. The bar is located at 2239 Hwy. 70 W., Ruidoso Downs, 378-9911.

**In-Espresso-Ble Coffee House**  
8 p.m. Friday, May 2 open mic and blues jam with Bob Banhagel, Ron Becker and Sawyer. 8 p.m. Saturday, May 3 Mark Remington sings R&B, country, and great oldies. The coffee house is located at 2111 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 505-257-0634.

**Inn of the Mountain Gods**  
Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141. Dan Li Ka Dining Room: Piano dinner music 6-10 p.m. every night with Bill McClain Monday and Tuesday, Dave King Wednesday-Sunday. Bill Gross plays vibraharp for Sunday brunch noon-3 p.m. Gos Kan Lounge: 6-10 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday until April 27, Linda Flores performs in the lobby. Apache Tee: 6-10 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, until May 10 Ron Turner.

**Incredible Saloon**  
9 p.m. Wednesday nights, Randy Jones. The bar is located on N. Hwy. 48, Alto, 336-4312.

**Marie Laveaux Nightclub**  
Live music Friday and Saturday nights. The nightclub is located at 1214 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 258-3764.

**Mescalero Nightclub**  
8 p.m.-close Friday and Saturday dance music with DJ. The nightclub is located 1 mile north of the Inn of the Mountain Gods, next to Cafe Mescalero, 257-6695.

**Screaming Eagle Lounge**  
8 p.m.-close Thursday through Saturday Kerl plays a variety of music from the 1930's forward. Thursday night is ladies' night—ladies drink half-price all night. The lounge is located in the Enchantments Inn, Hwy. 70 W., Ruidoso, 378-4051.

**The Texas House**  
11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 3 Springfest, featuring the "Chuckwagon BBQ buffet." Blue grass and country western music provided by Randy Jones, Bart Trotter, Alan Fremont and friends. Free mule wagon rides for the kids. The Texas House is located at 2811 Sudderth, Ruidoso.

**Win, Place & Show**  
Live country music seven nights a week, 8:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. The bar is located at 2516 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9982.

**The Winner's Circle**  
8 p.m.-close every Thursday through Sunday. DJ, no cover. The bar is located at 2535 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9635.

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**High School Rodeo**  
7 p.m. Friday, May 2; 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 3; and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 4 at the Otero County Fair Grounds arena, Alamogordo. For further information call 505-882-1350.

**Call for Native American Dancers**  
For Southern Eagle Contest Pow-wow at Mescalero Friday through Sunday, May 2-4. More than \$20,000 in cash prizes will be awarded. Booth space can be rented for \$50. For more information call 505-671-4494.

**Operation DWI**  
Friday, May 2 through Sunday, May 11. Law enforcement agencies throughout the state along with Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs police will conduct sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols during the 10-day blitz period.

**Ruidoso Garden Club Plant Sale**  
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 3 in the shelter beside Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center. This year the sale also includes crafts, baked goods and garage sale items. All proceeds go towards village beautification.

**Jake Harris Appreciation Day**  
11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 3 in the Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Center. Luncheon and program honoring Jake Harris for his dedication and service to the community. \$2 charge for luncheon.

**Tularosa Rose Festival**  
Saturday and Sunday, May 3-4 in old town Tularosa, Granada Street. The festivities include: Pancake breakfast 6:30-9:30 a.m. Saturday; crafts, food and business booths 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday; parade 10 a.m. Saturday; salsa contest 12:30 p.m. Saturday; multicultural entertainment 1-4:30 p.m. Saturday and 12:30-5 p.m. Sunday; art and flower show 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; auction 4 p.m. Saturday; old timer potluck 1 p.m. Sunday.

**Camp Mary White Open House**  
10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, May 4 at the camp grounds near Mayhill. Guided tours of the camp all day long. 1 p.m. retiring and dedication ceremony of the Camp Mary White American flag. Cake and punch will be served in the lodge after the ceremony. For more information call 505-437-2921.

**Thoughts About Parenting Adolescents**  
6-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 6 at the Counseling Center, 1707 Sudderth,

Ruidoso. "Parenting responsibilities and where to go for help," the last in a series of free workshops presented by Sergio Castro, a case manager, and M.L. Winter, a psychotherapist. Any parent interested in learning and learning about themselves as a parent and about their adolescent is welcome to attend. For more information call Sergio Castro at 257-6038.

**Call for Lincoln County Fair Queen Entrants**

Girls between the ages of 17 and 23 living in Lincoln County are invited to participate in this year's Lincoln County fair queen contest. The contest is judged 50% on horsemanship and 50% on personality. 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 7 orientation clinic at the Smokey Bear Restaurant in Capitan. Deadline for entering is midnight Wednesday, May 21. The queen contest is scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday, June 1 at the county fairgrounds in Capitan. For more information call 505-354-4253 or 505-354-2005.

**Southwest Indian Livestock Field Days**  
Wednesday and Thursday, May 7-8 at the Red Hot State Park in Gallup. Registration fee \$15 for adults, \$5 for students. For more information call 505-846-1709.

**Blood Drive**  
8:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, May 9 at the Church of Christ, 416 Sudderth, Ruidoso. Anyone between the ages of 17 and 79 who weighs at least 110 pounds, (s) in good general health and has not given blood in the last 8 weeks may qualify to donate.

**Alzheimer's Disease Seminar**  
9:30 a.m. Friday, May 9 at La Villa, Villa del Ray's assisted living and Alzheimer's residence, 2725 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Roswell. The free seminar is titled, "Working with persons with Alzheimer's disease." For those clearing college credit, a \$10 filing fee payable to UMM Continuing Education is required. Reservations are encouraged. For more information call 505-825-8428 or 505-822-1856.

**ESCAPE 97, SAR Training**  
Saturday and Sunday, May 10-11 at Bonita Park on Hwy. 48 north of Ruidoso. This training event is for all N.M. Search and Rescue volunteers and will offer many topics useful to SAR personnel.

**Community CPR Class**  
9 a.m. Saturday, May 10 in the conference room at Lincoln County Medical Center. Cost is \$5 per person; minimum age 13. For reservations call 257-8280. Class limited to 20 participants. This is the last class offered in Ruidoso until August.

**Casino Apache**  
Slots, live blackjack, and poker tables. Open daily. The casino is located on Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141.

**Ruidoso Downs Sports Theatre**  
Simulcast racing throughout the week. Call 378-4431 for races and times. The sports theatre is located a half-mile east of race track, off Hwy. 70 on Service Lane, Ruidoso Downs

## clubs/meetings

**Lincoln County Adult Singles Group**  
Friday, May 2: Tejano Music Festival in Alamogordo. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3 Dr. John Gray video series on "Men are from Mars, women are from Venus" at Lou's house. BYOB and a snack to share. R.S.V.P. to Lou at 258-4680. Saturday and Sunday, May 3-4 Cinco de Mayo Fiesta, Mesilla Plaza,

Las Cruces. More details at Thursday's meeting.

**Dona Ana Dancers Quarterly Meeting**  
noon-4 p.m. Sunday, May 4 at the Social Center of the Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, Las Cruces. The presentation will be on "Chakras and Stars: our nature, origin and destiny" by Dr. Di Benedetto of El Paso. The presentation will be followed by workshops in Learning to Dowsse, Personal Dowsing and Map Dowsing. Donation \$5 per person is requested. For information call 505-525-1071.

**Republican Party of Lincoln County**  
4:30 p.m. Monday, May 5 board meeting at K-Bob's, Hwy. 70, Ruidoso. This is followed by 5:30 p.m. social hour and 6:15 p.m. dinner. Rep. Dub Williams will be the speaker.

**Region VI Housing Authority Public Hearing**  
6 p.m. Monday, May 5 in Room 110 of the Campus Union Building at New Mexico State University-Roswell. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the voluntary elimination of the federally mandated preferences. For more information call 505-822-0681.

**Natural Foods Co-op Monthly Order Meeting**  
8 p.m. Monday, May 5 at the First Christian Church, Hill and Gavilan Canyon roads, Ruidoso. No membership fee. Inexpensive whole foods. For more information call 338-4518 or 257-3418.

**Ruidoso Middle School Academic Booster Club**  
5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6 in the RMS teacher's lounge. This is the last meeting of the school year. All parents welcome.

**White Mountain Intermediate School Parent Advisory Committee**  
5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8 in the WMI teacher's lounge. This final meeting has been changed from the normal second Tuesday.

**Capitan Board of Education**  
6 p.m. Thursday, May 8 in the Capitan Board Room at the Administration Building. Special meeting followed by the regular meeting at 7 p.m.

## library

**Annual Book Sale**  
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, May 5-10 at the Ruidoso Public Library on Junction Road. \$5 per sack full of books.

**Rural Bookmobile East, New Mexico State Library**  
Stops at the following locations: Tuesday, May 8; 4-6:30 p.m., Carrizo/Otero Electric; Wednesday, May 7; 8:45-10 a.m., Nogal P.O.; 10:30-noon, Capitan Smokey Beer Cafe; 2-3 p.m., Lincoln P.O.; 3:30-5 p.m., Hondo Store; 5:30-6:30 p.m., Capitan Smokey Beer Cafe; 7:30-8:30 p.m., Carrizo/Otero Electric. For more information call 505-461-1206.

**Ruidoso Public Library Storytime**  
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.

## theater

**BLT Casting Call**  
8:30 p.m. Friday, May 2 at the Ruidoso Little Theatre, The Castle, Hwy. 70, Ruidoso. Two women and three men

are needed for "Throckmorton, Texas" comedy. Play dates are June 12-14, 19-21, 26-28 and July 3-5. Director is Mary Maxon. For more information call Pamela at 505-354-3209.

**Calabrese American GOLD**  
8 p.m. Saturday, May 3 at Popejoy Hall, Center for the Arts, Albuquerque. American winners in international ballet competition dance their prize-winning pieces. Dance companies represented include Joffrey Ballet, New York City Ballet, San Francisco Ballet. Tickets are \$45, \$38, \$32 and \$26 and can be purchased through ProTix at 1-800-905-3315. For group sales call 505-27-6779.

**Alamogordo High School Drama Club Variety Show**  
7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 4 at the Flickinger Center in Alamogordo. The two-hour show contains scenes, monologues, one-act plays and a special grand finale. Tickets are \$4 and may be purchased at the door. For more information call 505-585-2502.

**All Five Things I Know About Playwriting and Screenwriting**  
2:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 7 at Albuquerque Little Theatre, 224 San Paquale SW, Albuquerque. A workshop with Tony Award-winning dramatist Mark Medoff, author of "Children of a Lesser God," "Santa Fe," and "When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder." \$10 donation to support Arts Work programs for New Mexico students. For reservations/information call 505-245-8545.

**Talk Radio**  
8 p.m. Thursday through Friday, May 8-10, 15-17, 22-24, and 29-31. Presented by the Ruidoso Little Theatre at The Castle, Hwy. 70, Ruidoso. A renegade talk show host shows no reverence for anyone, including his devoted listeners, whom he loves to insult and challenge.

**Oklahoma!**  
7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, May 8-10 at the Museum of the Horse, Hwy. 70 East, Ruidoso Downs. The Ruidoso High School Drama class will present this musical, complete with a sunny with the fringe on top (from the museum's collection). The Ruidoso Community Orchestra will provide the accompaniment. Admission \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8 grand opening gala with BBQ and drinks. Dinner and admission to performance \$12.50. For ticket information call 258-4910 ext. 239.

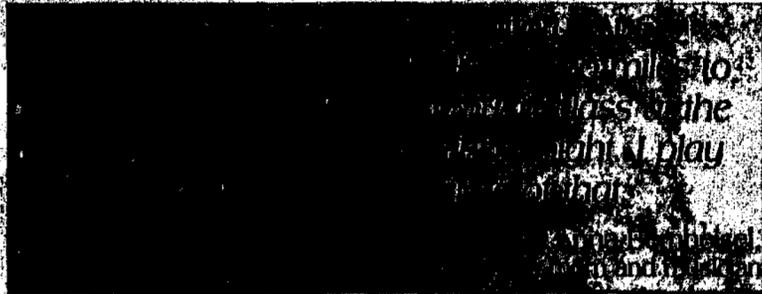
## museums/galleries

**Historic Photography Exhibit**  
5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, public reception for the exhibit on display in the lobby of the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts in Alamogordo. The photographs depict historic logging, railroads, Civilian Conservation Corps Camps, and cabins in Lincoln National Forest. The photographs may be viewed 9 a.m.-noon and 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday throughout May. For more details call 505-434-7200 or 505-437-2202.

**Eagle Ranch Art Gallery**  
7286 Hwy. 5470, Alamogordo, 1-800-432-0999. Carol S. Ruckman, watercolorist from Alamogordo and Vicki Cooley, potter from Ruidoso Downs share the spotlight in the gallery during the month of May. A reception to meet the artists will be held 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, May 2. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. seven days a week.



# Neighbors



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Bernheisel with Terra and Christopher on a recent night out in Ruidoso. New to the area, Bernheisel and her kids have kept busy checking out the local sights and are starting to consider themselves "locals."



Contributed photo

Bernheisel's children Terra (left) and Christopher with Anna's grandfather Pablo Esteban at his home in Spain.

## In tune with her surroundings

BY JULIE BAXTER  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

As a corrections officer, mom and musician, Anna Bernheisel has found harmony in Fort Stanton. And that's no small compliment, coming from a woman who is both a world traveler and a performer who was once a few steps away from stardom.

Born in Idaho at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Bernheisel is the epitome of an "Air Force Brat." Her childhood was spent in a variety of exotic and not-so-exotic locales including Florida, Germany, England, Idaho and her mother's homeland of Spain. Some memories of her youth on-the-go are clear, others are fuzzy and others are second-hand courtesy of her mother, Maria Isabel Hall.

The middle child in a three-child family, Bernheisel doesn't have a recollection of her first year of life in Idaho. Her parents had just come from Spain, where her father John Hall was stationed and where he and Maria had fallen in love and married, she said. "The only thing my mom told me she remembered about Idaho was the coyotes at night."

From Idaho, the family was off to Wiesbaden, Germany. There until she was 7 or 8 years old, Bernheisel said her most vivid memories of Deutschland are the trips she made to a corner meat market with her mom. "I used to love to eat when I was little. The woman (at the meat market) would always give us a chunk of each kind of sausage."

The next stop on the Hall family's journey was Tyndall Air Force Base near Panama City, Fla. Although her love of food didn't

fade, the memories of the Sunshine State revolve around sports, guitar lessons and horse-back riding. "I remember we (she and her older sister Teresa and younger brother John Jr.) played sports a lot," Bernheisel said. "It was kind of hard on us because we traveled so much. Our parents put us in all kinds of activities."

From Florida it was off to England, where Bernheisel said her schooling made an indelible impression on her. "I went to an English school; I'll never forget getting called in to the principal's office and getting spanked with a big, old thing with holes in it," she said. "I was in shock."

About four years later, the family was off to Spain again, where Bernheisel would stay until she graduated high school. All the way through her education, she stayed heavily involved in sports and developed a great love of her life -- music.

"My mom put me in a conservatory," Bernheisel said. "At 6 o'clock every day I'd walk about two miles to the city bus stop and go to music class at the conservatory for 1.5 hours every night. I play eight instruments now because of that."

Those years in Spain were also idyllic for growing up, Bernheisel said, pointing out the country lags behind American culture by about 60 years. There were no fights over staying out all night, drinking wasn't a big deal because there was no drinking age, and drugs were non-existent. But just because those youthful years were simple, doesn't mean Bernheisel

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# Bernheisel: finds harmony in the Sacramento mountains

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didn't test her boundaries a bit.

"I remember cutting class one afternoon," she said. "There was this cobblestone street where the hippies hung out. I put my guitar case out and played for money."

Bernheisel said the experience was nothing if it wasn't a kick, but she did get caught. Her father's secretary was strolling along that same street that same day and spotted her. Needless to say, Dad was none too happy. But in hindsight, Bernheisel wouldn't do it any differently because it's just one more experience that adds up to a childhood she labels as great.

"I had a great childhood, very loving parents and a very close family," she said.

## Flying high in father's footsteps

After high school, at 17, Bernheisel joined the Air Force, though it was much to the dismay of her mother who had visions of a career in music for Anna. After a smooth eight weeks of boot camp, Bernheisel received a broadcast journalism assignment. She went to the Defense Information School at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indiana, where men and women from all branches of the Armed Services are trained for public relations work. After completing the course, Bernheisel was one of four in her class selected to continue in electronic journalism courses.

While enrolled, Bernheisel met the father of her children. After a brief, whirlwind romance, the two were married. She was only 18 years old. Then her orders sent her right back to Zaragoza, Spain, to the same base her father was stationed at. Her husband Glen came four months later and the couple set out to build their life together. Then the kids came 11 months apart.

New orders to go to Thule, Greenland, came next, along with a tough decision for Bernheisel. "Greenland is not green," she said of the possible trip to the isolated, arctic island. So instead of re-enlisting,

Bernheisel left the Air Force and came with Glen to Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque.

## A noteworthy career path

Enter her music career. While she was singing in Albuquerque, Bernheisel was approached by a man from New Braunfels, Texas, who had visions for her voice. A week later he sent her plane tickets to San Antonio to do some test recording. She went to the studio every other week and started belting out tunes as part of her \$250,000 recording contract. She also represented Texas in the Midem Festival, which Bernheisel called the musical equivalent of the Cannes Film Festival. She sings, writes and plays an eclectic combination of blues, jazz and folk sounds - with a little bit of country mixed in.

But the climb to almost stardom took a strain on her marriage. Bernheisel said her husband wanted more of her time. So she made another tough decision and quit.

Six months later she was divorced. Bernheisel packed up Terra and Christopher and headed



Contributed photo

Bernheisel on a modeling shoot in Albuquerque. Bernheisel said she did modeling in both Spain and Albuquerque when she was younger.



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A younger Bernheisel in a photo taken by ex-husband Glen, a journalist in the Air Force. Bernheisel met him while they were both attending the Defense Information School at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indiana.

Political Science, and spent time with her closely-knit family.

In the summer of 1992, the roller coaster took another dip when her ex-husband came and got the kids for the summer and decided to try for custody.

Bernheisel quit her job, returned to Albuquerque and fought for her children. After a long two years of working three jobs and paying nearly everything she made to lawyers, the dispute was resolved. The rough patch had taken its toll, though, prompting her parents to come and visit, pack her stuff in a U-haul and move her to North Carolina to live with her sister, a Marine who now works at the Pentagon.

A year on Top Sail Island of not doing anything but working on her music put her back on an upward climb. "Music for me is like therapy," Bernheisel said. "That whole time (when she was fighting for custody) I didn't pick up my guitar. It (on Top Sail Island) gave me a chance to put my psyche back together."

After that she was ready to start over again. Enter a job with the New Mexico Department of Corrections, a home in Albuquerque and a daily commute to the penitentiary in Santa Fe.

"It's a difficult, very stressful job," she said of her chosen

career, but it's rewarding. "I love my job. I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world."

Bernheisel has been dismayed by the misperception some people have of corrections officers. "It's one thing to go and catch a criminal; it's another to stay with them 16 hours a day. People have that vision of 'lock 'em up and throw away the key;' they never think about the people who are working (in prisons.) Our goal is to protect the public. I wish people would recognize us as loyal public servants."

## Refugee from the city

City life started to take its toll on her, when crime started going up and her children started getting older. "I was looking for a quiet, beautiful place to raise my kids where they wouldn't be exposed to gangs, drugs and violence," she said. "I wanted my kids to have the opportunity to have a nice, enjoyable childhood without being exposed to those pressures - like I did."

Enter a transfer request for Fort Stanton, an approval and Bernheisel's acceptance without even seeing her new locale. A few days later she came to check it out. Driving back to Albuquerque, somewhere between Capitan and Carrizozo, Bernheisel said she was overcome with the beauty of the starry sky.

"I started thanking God for allowing me the opportunity and letting me be here," she said.

## in PROFILE

Anna Bernheisel

Age: 30

**Family:** Two children Terra and Christopher. Parents John and Maria Isabel Hall, sister Teresa and brother John Jr. Her mother's family is in Spain. Bernheisel said she is very close with all of her family, including her maternal grandparents Pablo and Maria Esteban. Of Grandfather Pablo, she said, "He's a very special person in my life. He used to spoil me." Now Pablo showers that attention on her children when they travel to Spain every year.

**Favorite actor:** Bernheisel said she loves to watch old movies and has a special affection for the late Dean Martin.

**Favorite musician:** A singer/songwriter/musician herself, Bernheisel said she likes folk singer Joan Baez.

back to Spain. There things got back on track; she got a job as a translator at Pacific Architects and Engineers, enrolled the kids in private school, enrolled herself in night school to pursue a degree in



Contributed photo

Bernheisel at her high school graduation.

"There's something about this place that gives me an inner peace. It's therapy. I can work 16 hours a day, but it's therapy. It's just like this thing has taken over me... it's a good feeling."

In case you're wondering, she doesn't play music for the female prisoners at Fort Stanton.

Now that she's got that good feeling, Bernheisel hopes to get her music back on track and hook up with some interested musicians to start performing locally. "I'm going to try and get the music thing going again," she said, "because I know I can do it - not for the money, but for the peace of mind."

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VAMONOS

# Church calendar

## ASSEMBLY OF GOD

**Apache Indian Assembly of God**  
Mescalero

Donald Pettey, pastor  
Telephone: 671-4747

Sunday School-9:45 a.m.  
Sunday worship-10:45 a.m. 7 p.m.  
Wednesday services-7 p.m.

**First Assembly of God**

El Paso Road, Ruidoso  
Rev. Bill Lenard, Pastor

Sunday School-9:30 a.m.  
Sunday morning worship-10:45 a.m.  
(includes children's church)  
Sunday evening praise-6 p.m.  
Wednesday family night-7 p.m.

## BAPTIST

**First Baptist Church**  
Carriozo

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.

**Trinity Southern Baptist Church**

Capitan (south on Highway 48)

Floyd Goodloe, Pastor

Sunday School-9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship-11 a.m.  
AWANA Wed-6:30 p.m.  
For information, call 354-3119

## BAHA' FAITH

**Baha'i Faith**

Meeting in members' homes.

For information, call 257-3987 or 336-7739.

## CATHOLIC

**St. Eleanor Catholic Church**

Ruidoso 257-2330

Reverend Richard Catanach

Sacrament of Penance + Sat. 4:30 p.m.  
or by appointment.

Saturday Mass-6:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass-10 a.m. (English)

11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday-4:30 p.m.

Sunday Mass-St. Jude Thaddeus,

San Patricio-9 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 354-8102

Saturday Mass-5 p.m.

Sunday Mass-9 a.m.

Adult Bible Study Monday-6 p.m.

Santa Rita Catholic Church

Carriozo 648-2853

Father Dave Berge, 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**

Berit

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

Les Earwood, Minister

Sunday Bible study - 10 a.m.

Sunday worship - 11 a.m., 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible study - 7 p.m.

**Gateway Church of Christ**

Ruidoso - 415 Sudderth - 257-4381

Jimmy Sportsman, Minister

Sunday Bible study - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday worship - 10:30 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 - 336-4359 or 257-9691

12 miles North on Hwy 48 on east side

between mile posts 14 and 15.

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 - 434-0098

Marvin Hansen, President

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**

Carriozo, 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

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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.

Monday Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday Ministry School - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday Service Meet - 8:20 p.m.

**Congregacion 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 Lon. - 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

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## METHODIST

**Community United**

Methodist Church

Junction Road

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Craig Cockrell, Pastor.

Sunday School-9:45 a.m.

Sunday worship-8:30 a.m., 10:55 a.m.

## United Methodist

**Church Parish**

Trinity Carriozo/Capitan

648-2893, 257-5614

Warren K. Schoenecker Pastor,

Capitan/Carriozo

Carriozo

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 Hall, 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 Howland, 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 Host

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 Slaboda

257-5915

11 a.m. Sunday Worship

7 p.m. Wednesday, Mid-Week Bible Study



# Going out

EYE  
ON THE ARTS

## Top dancers compete in Mescalero

Dazzling colors and haunting drum beats draw visitors each year to the Southern Eagle Contest Pow-Wow at Mescalero.

With more than \$20,000 in cash prizes, the three-day event pits the best dancers from the Southwest for a weekend of traditional display in the Mescalero gymnasium about 18 miles southwest of Ruidoso on U.S. 70.

Drummers are coming from White Swan, Wash., and from Anadarko, Okla., but many more may show up in response to an open invitation from the Mescalero Apache Tribe and the Southern Eagles Indian Club.

Indian crafts and artwork will be on sale at booths just outside the competition floor. Admission is free and cameras are allowed.

At 2 p.m. today, participants will register and the gourd dance will signal the start of the pow-wow. At 7 p.m., all of the dancers will

enter the competition floor to show off their finery and begin the contest.

The gourd dance will open the event at noon Saturday, with the grand entry and continuing competition at 1 p.m. Dancers will break for supper from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Food will be on sale at a concession stand. The gourd dance will bring spectators and competitors back to the floor at 6 p.m., with the grand entry and contest pow-wow at 7 p.m.

The competition continues Sunday with the gourd dance at noon and grand entry at 1 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded in 12 general categories, including men's northern traditional dance, women's traditional buckskin and a tiny tots division.

### WOW, A POW-WOW

**What:** Southern Eagle Contest Pow-Wow  
**When:** Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 2-4  
**Where:** Mescalero gym  
**Cost:** Free  
**Shutterbugs?** Cameras are allowed

On top of that bounty, renowned Ruidoso bronze sculptor Dave McGary is sponsoring a special contest for all first-place winners from each adult category, with sculpture prizes for one winner from the men's division and one from the women's division, plus

\$250.

Three \$1,000 prizes will be awarded to the winners of a Southern Straight Dance Contest honoring Mescalero Tribal President Wendell Chino, the men's grass dance sponsored by Ruidoso Ford and the McGary "winner take all" contest in four categories.

## Round 'em up, head 'em out to 'Oklahoma!'

BY JULIE BAXTER  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

A piece of history will hit the stage in Ruidoso May 8, 9 and 10 when the Ruidoso High School drama department takes audiences to "Oklahoma!"

The three-night run at the Museum of the Horse, which kicks off with a Thursday night barbeque dinner and show at 6:30 p.m., marks the third musical directed by Cathi McIntosh and the revival of one of the stage's most beloved storylines. The curtain rises Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

The 1943 inaugural effort of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein, "Oklahoma!" set the stage for a new era in American musicals, and marked the beginning of both the longest running show on Broadway and the start of one of the Great White Way's greatest writing teams.

The story takes place in Indian Territory not long after the turn of the century, and follows the developing love story between Curly and Laurey — two young hearts smitten with each other, but both too powerfully stubborn to admit it.

Just as the play's characters are too stubborn to admit their weakness for each other, the RHS cast is too stubborn to let a little thing like a lack of a stage stand in its way.

"We do it a different place every year," said director McIntosh, "because we don't have a stage. So we have to beg, borrow, steal, rent whatever we can."

The lack of a "home" stage also makes preparation for opening night interesting. The group has been rehearsing for about 9 weeks,



Courtesy photo

Starring in Ruidoso High School's production of "Oklahoma!" are (from left to right): Alberto Robles as Will, Audrey Moore as Ado Annie, Nathan Pena as Ali Hakim, Micah Ensor as Jud, Somer Paxton as Laurey, and B.J. Williams as Curly.

### OKLAHOMA IS OK!

**What:** Ruidoso High School's production of the Broadway hit musical, "Oklahoma!"  
**When:** May 8, 9 and 10  
**Where:** Museum of the Horse  
**Cost:** \$12.50 for Thursday's barbeque dinner and show; \$6 for adults and \$4 for children Friday and Saturday

but will only have three days to prepare on the stage at the Museum of the Horse before the curtain goes up. In addition, crews must work like crazy to build the lighting and sound systems to make the performance sing and shine.

"We're like a traveling road show. We have to throw it in the wagon, take it to the next stop and

set it up," McIntosh said. And much like a traveling show, the cast, crew and director relied on the kindness of others to ensure their show's success. Costumes were borrowed or made, sets were built with the help of RHS shop teacher Mike Gaines, and props were "scrounged" from whoever or wherever possible.

But despite the shoestring bud-

get, the cast and crew of 35 members, which was gleaned from an all-school, open audition, is exercising all its creativity and plans to put on a million dollar production. The performances will be accompanied by a seven-piece community orchestra directed by Nate Kruse and pianist Donna Willard.

And the story speaks for itself. "It's just timeless," McIntosh said. "It's the Old West and we love that story. It's just a happy ending love story."

(Ruidoso News staff writer Laura Clymer contributed to this story.)

## Women's chorus forming locally

Female songstresses, or at least gals who can sing in tune, are being sought for a women's chorus group called Women's Night Out: A Women's Chorus. The group is to meet at 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays beginning May 13 in the basement of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trails Road. The group is also seeking an accompanist. For more information, call 257-2389.

## Las Cruces Symphony presents finales Saturday and Sunday

The Las Cruces Symphony at NMSU, Marianna Gabbi, conductor, will present the final pair of concerts of the 1996-97 season at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 3 and at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4 in the Music Center Recital Hall. The concerts will feature world renowned violinist Elmar Oliveira in a performance of Beethoven's Violin Concerto in D Major.

Oliveira is the first American violinist to capture the coveted Tchaikovsky Competition Gold Medal, as well as the first violinist to be awarded the prestigious Avery Fisher Prize. He is a two-time Grammy nominee and continues to thrill audiences with his classic artistry and technical brilliance. Maestra Gabbi said, "We are indeed privileged to have such a renowned artist perform for us in Las Cruces. You will not want to miss it."

The orchestra will also perform Schubert's "Overture to Rosamunde" and the Mendelssohn "Italian Symphony."

Tickets are available at the Pan Am Ticket Office or Dillard's starting at \$11 or can be charged by phone (1-800-654-9545). For any information about the symphony call 646-3709.

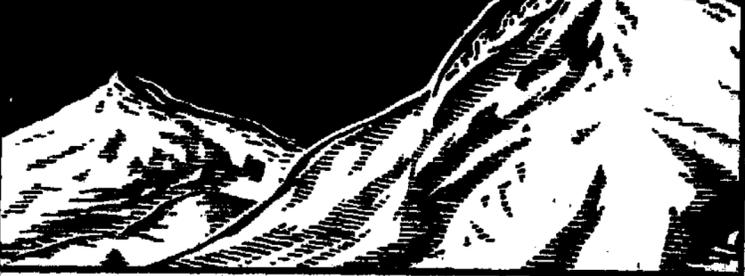
## Ruben Ramos plays for Cinco de Mayo

Ruben Ramos and the Texas Revolution is coming to the Tays Special Events Center in Alamogordo Friday for a Cinco de Mayo celebration. He will be performing all his hits.

Opening for El Gato Negro (Ruben Ramos) will be El Paso's own the ASI Band. This is an all-ages event. Lovers of Tejano music are invited to attend. Doors open at 7 p.m., and the show starts at 8 p.m.

There will be concessions with food, soft drinks and plenty of Ruben Ramos T-shirts, CDs, tapes and other memorabilia.

# Sierra Cinema



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## GOING OUT

### Spencer Theater

# Charter membership drive begins

The Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, a near \$20 million, 523-seat facility under construction on a mesa north of Ruidoso, launched its inaugural charter membership campaign this week.

The non-profit theater, which opens Aspenfest Weekend (October 3-5) with performances by the Dave Brubeck Quartet, hopes to attract a core performing arts support group.

The Spencer will present two seasons annually, a holiday/winter season and a summer season of national touring Broadway shows, modern dance, classical and jazz performances, as well as a year-round family series, Director Rand Harmon said.

"The 'charter members' will be the theater's closest friends," Harmon said. "Spencer charter members will be the heart of the theater."

Among other benefits, including receptions with performing



Courtesy photo

Quarried in Spain and imported out of Italy, a snow-white limestone with flecks of mica starts to form the exterior skin of the \$20-million Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts under construction north of Ruidoso. Construction is approximately 65% complete.

artists, Spencer charter members will have advance notice and purchase options for events at the theater.

The opening night gala performance Friday, October 3 will feature violinist Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg, followed by legendary jazz pianist Dave Brubeck (both accompanied by the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra). The event is followed by a dance with the Harry James Orchestra under a massive tent on the high mesa overlooking Sierra Blanca.

As the gala is expected to sell out quickly, Brubeck, joined by his quartet, will perform again Saturday night, October 4, with tickets offered in the \$10 to \$30 range.

Additional ticket information about the grand opening weekend is expected to be mailed in mid-June. Those wishing to be added to

the Spencer Theater's mailing list should contact the theater at Box 430, Ruidoso, N.M. 88355, by phone at 505-336-4800, or fax 505-336-4001.

The Spencer's inaugural holiday/winter and family series will be announced in August with individual and season tickets to all events going on sale shortly thereafter.

Charter members will have advance notice and purchase options for premium seating opportunities.

The Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts is believed to be the largest construction project ever attempted in Lincoln County. Designed by noted Albuquerque architect Antoine Predock, construction started in January, 1996. The theater will seat 523 patrons. It is largely funded by art patrons A.N. and Jackie Spencer of Alto.

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### Get in the act

# RLT offers drama classes

Acting classes will be offered at the Ruidoso Little Theater this summer starting May 11.

Jay Silverman, director of the theater's newly formed School of Dramatic Arts, said the classes are tailored for ages 9 and up. They range in subject from basic make-up skills, to production techniques, to acting lessons.

"This is something I've wanted to do in Ruidoso for a long time," said Silverman, a Ruidoso resident of 18 months. "I've done it in Pennsylvania, Texas, Michigan, South Carolina and Georgia."

Silverman has a master's degree in fine arts from the University of Pittsburgh. He has worked in radio, television, theater and motion pictures for more than 30 years.

The classes cost \$100 per student, including a \$10 lab fee. The fee pays for makeup, notebooks and other materials.

The classes are to meet twice a week for two hours a session for a duration of three weeks. Class size will be kept to six students, Silverman said.

If there is enough participation, then Silverman said he may run a five-day arts day camp the week of July 4th.

"Hopefully, we will be able to keep it going all year long," Silverman said of the drama school. It will help Ruidoso Little Theater in that it creates student interest in the drama arts, Silverman said.

For more information, contact Silverman at 257-9495.

**GOING OUT**

**RLT at work on 'Talk Radio'**

BY TONI K. LAXSON  
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Jay Silverman describes "Talk Radio" as by far the most controversial play to open at Ruidoso Little Theater.

"It may upset some conservatives," said Silverman, who is both director and starring actor in the play.

The play, written by Eric Bogosian and turned into a movie a few years ago by director Oliver Stone, is about a confrontational radio personality, known as a shock jock.

"It takes a real good look at the talk show phenomena. It also takes a good look at the people who are trying to get their five minutes of fame.

"The reason I'm doing it right now is because of all the hubbub about Howard Stern and Rush Limbaugh . . . talk radio is a hot subject," said Silverman, production vice president at Ruidoso Little Theater.

The play, which opens May 15 and runs weekends through May 31, has nine cast members, all described by Silverman as area award-winning actors.

"I believe I have one of the most truly dynamic casts to ever be on the Ruidoso Little Theater

stage," he said.

Silverman's character, Barry Champlange, is a "shock jock" who deals with white supremacists callers to very lonely people, even children, who call into the radio show. The play is based on the real life of a Denver radio personality, Alan Berg, killed in the 1980s.

"It's a very fast moving, high energy show," Silverman said. "We will be running it on real honest radio time, from the moment (the actors) enter the stage, to the time they leave.

"I don't know how they did it on Broadway, but that's how I'm doing it," Silverman said.

Although he has toned down the script, Silverman said he doesn't recommend the play for young children.

"There's no cuss words. I cut all of that out. But the topics discussed by the callers are definitely not appropriate for children under 12."

He said the play has its funny moments, but it is definitely a drama.

Silverman, a Ruidoso resident of 18 months, has a master's degree in fine arts from the University of Pittsburgh. He has worked in radio, television, theater and motion pictures for more than 30 years.

**Lincoln County artist's work featured at museum**

Lincoln County artist Joy Slane's bronze, "Here Comes the Trucks," was featured at the recent dedication ceremony of The New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum in Las Cruces.

The museum is purchasing Slane's bronze for its permanent collection. The sculpture depicts a father and son waiting for the cattle truck to arrive to load their herd.

"It's amazing, but the things that I did a year or so ago are starting to work out," Slane said. "They (museum staff) called and said they wanted it for their opening."

Not a person to be satisfied with success in one art field, Slane has branched out into creating imaginative baskets, mirrors and lamp shades with ranch rope. She also crafts ranching scenes in jewelry and on wall plaques. But she's especially pleased to



Joy Slane's new rope pieces.

see her work in the new museum, which opened April 19.

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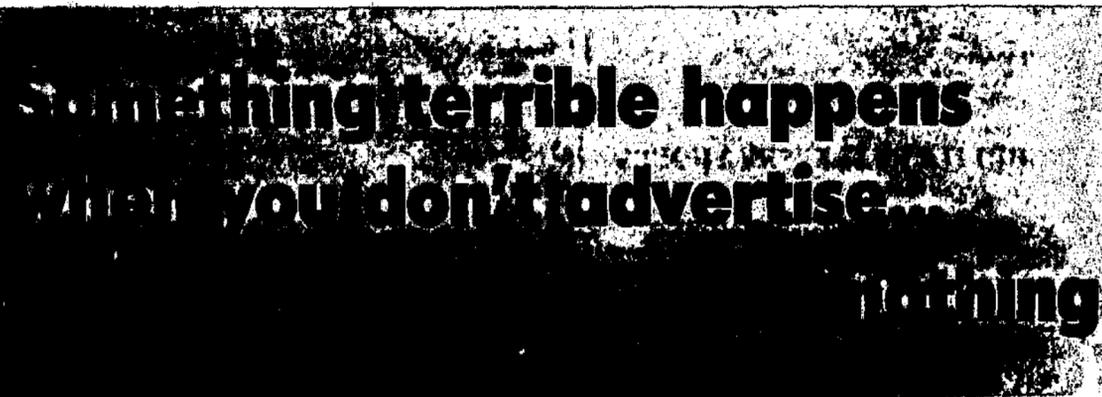
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Commemorative Kentucky Derby glasses are also on sale at the complex for \$3 each.

**May 2**

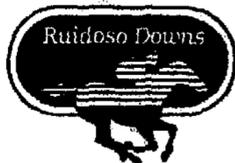
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**May 3**

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*Reception for artists today*  
**Ruidoso Downs artist showcased at Tulie's Eagle Ranch Art Gallery**

Carol S. Ruckman, watercolorist from Alamogordo, and Vicki Conley, potter from Ruidoso Downs, share the spotlight at Eagle Ranch Art Gallery near Alamogordo for the month of May.

A reception to meet the artists will be held at the gallery from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 2.

Vicki Conley began her thriving pottery business as a hobby. Getting a master's degree in physiology, she took a "just-for-fun" pottery class while she was looking for a job after graduation. She was hooked.

Although she worked in medical research relating to diabetes, Conley continued to take more pottery classes and expanded her knowledge of that medium. "Piñon Pottery," named after her favorite tree, is displayed in specialty shops in towns throughout New Mexico.

An Alamogordo native, Ruckman graduated from the University of Arizona in Tucson, Ariz. She lived in Arizona, California and Oregon before returning to live in Alamogordo in 1986. Her work portrays the simple elegance of the Southwestern scene as well as bountiful, beautiful flowers.

An avid art student, Ruckman has taken art classes at several universities, and continues her education by attending workshops featuring renowned painters. She has participated in several local shows including the Alamogordo Public Library, NMSU-A Library, Holloman Officer's Wives Club Auction and the Desert Art League.

Eagle Ranch is located at 7288 Hwy. 54/70 between Alamogordo and Tularosa.

**Fees at White Sands increase**

New fees at White Sands National Monument, authorized as a part of a national Demonstration Project, went into effect on May 1.

Monument Superintendent Dennis L. Ditmanson noted that the bulk of the new fees, unlike those previously collected at National Park Service areas, would remain at the park to complete badly needed resource management and maintenance projects.

Changes in the fee structure include:

- Entrance fees — From \$4 per vehicle to \$3 per person ages 17 and over. The cost of the Annual Park Pass goes from \$10 per year to \$20. The cost of the Golden Eagle Pass was previously raised from \$25 to \$50 and the Golden Age Pass is available to U.S. citizens age 62 and over for a one-time fee of \$10. The conditions under which the various multi-visit passes apply have not been changed.
- Special Program Fees
- Lake Lucero Tours — \$3 per person — \$1.50 ages 16 and under and to holders of the Golden Age Pass.
- Photography Workshops — One day workshop — \$15. Two day workshop — \$20.
- Moonlight Bicycle Tours — \$5 per person — \$2.50 ages 16 and under and to holders of the Golden

- Backcountry Campsite — \$3 per person — \$1.50 ages 16 and under and to holders of the Golden Age Pass.

"We realize that raising fees is never a popular move," Ditmanson admitted, "but we believe that our visitors will not mind the increase if they can be assured that those fees are going directly to project work which will enhance their visit to the area. Our goal is to begin to address needs that have long been on our back-log list."

Sample projects include:

- replacing deteriorated and unsafe picnic shelters;
- rebuilding deteriorated vault toilets in the picnic areas;
- conducting a park-wide archeological sampling;
- providing for proper museum object care and storage;
- and larger projects will include the paving of parking lots and the replacement of the park's 6.6-mile-long water supply line.

Additional projects will be added to the list as the park gets a better handle on what the revenue totals will be.

Comments or questions regarding the program may be directed to the superintendent or park administrative officer at White Sands National Monument, P.O. Box 1086, Holloman AFB, NM, 88330.

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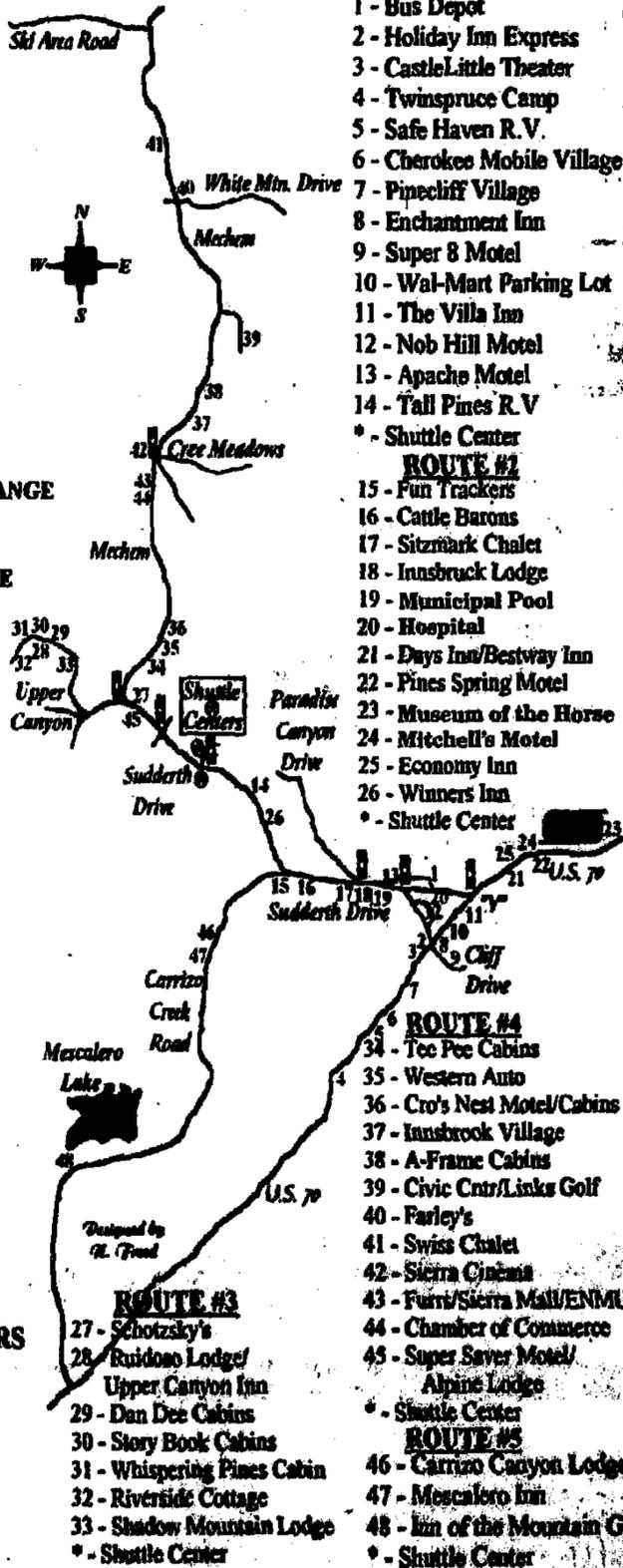
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- 27 - Schotzky's
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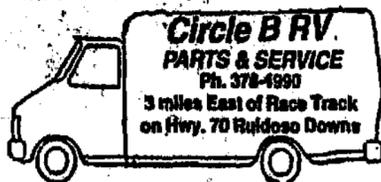
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Meets at the Lincoln Tower, Lower Level, rear entrance.  
Mondays - Noon AA meetings and 8 p.m. Step Study.  
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Fridays - Noon AA meeting and 8 p.m. Book Study.  
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## 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 Mescalero 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.

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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.

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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 7-9 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Texas-New Mexico Power Company, 1100 Mechem, Ruidoso. Call 258-4682 or 258-3726 for information.

## CHOR 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**  
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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.

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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.

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Meets 6:30-8 p.m. 2nd Monday of the month at #12 Tara Woods Condos, 102 Eagle, Ruidoso. We give support and information to families and friends of special needs persons. For more information call Jenny at 258-3993.

**FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE #26**  
Meets at K-Bob's Steak House Restaurant at noon every Thursday.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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

## 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.

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### 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.

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## 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 HOMEOWNERS

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 Mescalero 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.

## "THE MOST EXCELLENT WAY"

Christian alternative to chemical dependency support group meets 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. every Thursday at Calvary Chapel of Ruidoso, 433 Sudderth, Gateway Center.

## 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

Meets at noon at K-Bob's the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month. 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 Emmet 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.

## LINCOLN COUNTY PHOTOGRAPHING SOCIETY

Meets 7:00 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Ruidoso Roastery, 113 Rio St. Camera Questions 2-4 p.m. the third Saturday of each month at the roastery. For more information call 257-3676 or 258-4003.

## PINE TOP ROD AND CUSTOM CAR CLUB

Meets 7:00 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month in the meeting room at the Texas-New Mexico Power Building. The only requirement for membership is a current driving license. You don't have to have a rod - just a love for them. For more information call 257-7993 or 258-5499.

## 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 Duane Williams at 354-4230 or Jody Ashby at 257-5158.

## 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.

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

### RUIDOSO HONOR 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 Down Avenue at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month. For more information call Shirleen 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 257-7157.

## 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, Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso.

## RUIDOSO PREEMAKERS 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 SWING 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.

## RUIDOSO 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 257-2172 or Karen Vaughn at 258-4939.

## 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 378-4192.

## SERVICE CLUB COUNCIL

Meets at K-Bob's at noon, the first Monday of each month.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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For information and meeting time, call Roy Proppner at 257-6600.

## VFW Post 7072

Jerome Don Klein Post 7072 at 7 p.m. the second Monday in 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 Liefstick, 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.

## ZA GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL

Ruidoso service unit meets 6 p.m. the second Monday of every month at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount.

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Let's check out what's showing on the silver screens of Sierra Cinema in Ruidoso. Opening this weekend is "Breakdown."

**Breakdown**

Rated: "R"  
Show times: 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (1 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. shows, Friday through Sunday only)

Plot: What happens if you car breaks down on one of the West's remote back roads, and you are stranded alone in the desert, under the merciless sun? "Breakdown," starring Kurt Russell, J.T. Walsh, and Kathleen Quinlan, is a taut, suspenseful action thriller that cleverly preys upon one's paranoia of being stranded miles from any vestige of civilization.



"Breakdown" opens today at Sierra Cinema.

**Grosse Pointe Blank**

Rated: "R"  
Show times: 1:15 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:15 p.m. (1:15 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. shows, Friday through Sunday only)

Plot: John Cusack stars in this quirky comedy about a professional hit man who returns for his 10th high school reunion to perform an assassination. Also stars Minnie Driver and Dan Aykroyd.

**Volcano**

Rated: "PG-13"  
Show times: 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9 p.m. (1:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. shows, Friday through Sunday only)

Plot: Tommy Lee Jones stars in this run-of-the-mill disaster flick.

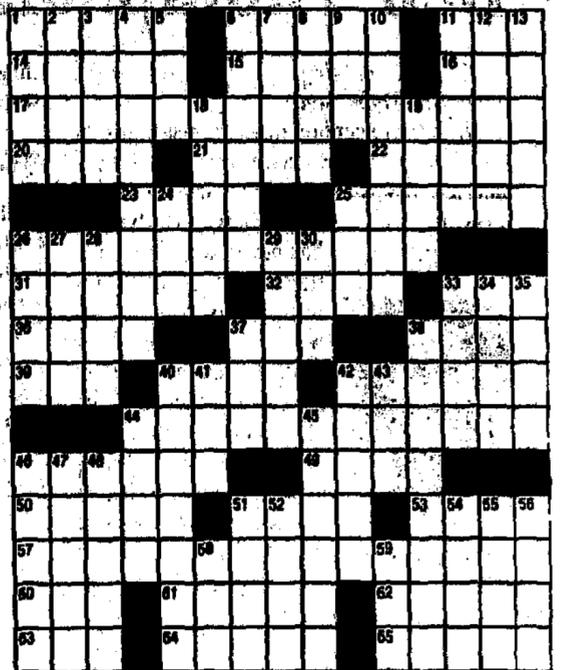
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Puzzle by Randall J. Hartman

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

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- 41 El Dorado treasure
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- 56 "The Untouchables" protagonist
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# Ben Thompson: a gunman's gunman

(This is the first in a two-part series about Ben Thompson.)

With the exception of a few historians, he is all but forgotten today. For reasons known

## PAST TENSE



Drew Gomber  
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only to those who control such things, Hollywood has never seen fit to portray his adventures in any form. God only knows why. He was one of the most feared gunmen of his or any other time. As often as not he was identified with law enforcement, but he was feared by men on both sides of the law. He had a temper that could be, well, lethal.

His name was Ben Thompson and his story deserves to be told.

He was a Texan's Texan, but was born in (of all places) Knottingley, England on Nov. 11, 1842. When Ben was 9 years old, his family relocated to Austin, Texas. After that, neither the Thompsons nor Texas were ever the same.

For the time and place, Ben was quite literate. He attended school through his middle teens, and then worked for two years as a printer at an Austin newspaper.

## First shooting scrape

At the age of 16, Ben's first shooting scrape of record occurred in Austin. After quarreling with a black youth his own age, Ben decided to end the argument dramatically. When the black kid, Joe Smith, saw Thompson approaching with a shotgun, he suddenly felt he needed to be elsewhere. When Smith turned to run, Thompson let loose with the shotgun, hitting the other boy in the back.

Due to the fact that Smith survived the encounter and that Thompson's shotgun only held birdshot, Ben was fined \$100 and costs and sentenced to six whole days in jail. The fact that Ben was white and his adversary was black also had a bearing — and the court was duly lenient, reflecting the times, to some extent. (It should be noted that in other parts of Texas it was actually more legally dangerous to kill a black man than a white. At the end of the Civil War, many of the northern-run courts favored blacks regardless of the circumstances.)

## Teenage duelists

The following year, 1859, Ben was part of another rather odd incident involving poor usage of firearms. Ben and a group of boys his own age were hunting geese along the Colorado River. Splitting into two groups, they proceeded down river, with half of the boys on one bank and the other half on the other side of the river.

When a flock of geese appeared the boys across the river from Ben and his group fired too soon, scaring the birds off. After an angry exchange the two groups began firing on each other, completely forgetting the birds. Finally, Ben and the leader of the other group agreed to fight a one-on-one duel to settle the matter (mind you, this is all over geese).

With their backs to each other, the two would-be duelists paced off 40 steps and

then turned and fired. Both teenagers were wounded, neither fatally.

## Ben comes to a conclusion

In 1860, at the age of 18, Ben was part of a group that pursued some Indians who had kidnapped five children from the outskirts of Austin. Alarmed by the bold actions of the Native Americans, who most Anglos felt had no right at all to the land that the tribes had inhabited for centuries, a group of "rangers" was hastily formed to rescue the children.

The Texans set up an ambush out in the hills and when the Indians rode into the trap, Ben was credited with killing the leader. The children were rescued, somewhat the worse for wear, and only one of the Indians managed to escape with his life.

And Ben Thompson found that he enjoyed the excitement of combat.

That same year, Ben relocated to New Orleans, La., where he pursued his chosen profession of being a printer. However, when a man entered the bookbindery and tried to abscond with some things, Ben grabbed a gun and, without the slightest hesitation, opened fire. The wounded thief was taken into custody and Ben was absolved of any wrongdoing.

## Ben's troublesome brother

Four years later, at the age of 22, Ben was in the Confederate Army doing border duty, which he found to be immensely tedious. One night when he was off duty, Ben challenged a group of Mexican soldiers who were sympathetic to the cause of the South to a game of monte. When the game was over, the Mexicans were considerably less sympathetic to the South, and for that matter, to gringos in general.

During the course of the game, Ben's little brother Billy joined the group. Billy's volatility made Ben appear to be downright calm, and he and Ben proceeded to fleece the Mexicans not only of their dinero, but of their guns as well.

By 2 a.m., the Mexicans had grown to be somewhat less than complacent and Ben and Billy surreptitiously armed themselves. And not a second too soon, as it turned out. Moments later, a Mexican officer by the name of Martino Gonzales announced that the game was over and that the two gringos must return to the Mexicans what had been lost.

When Ben told Gonzales exactly what he could do with his orders, one of the players, a man named Miguel Zertuche, jerked a pistol from hiding and, jamming it against Ben's chest, pulled the trigger. Luckily for Ben, Zertuche's pistol misfired. Thompson then pulled his own weapon which, unluckily for Zertuche, did not misfire. As Zertuche was falling with a bullet in his head, Ben whirled and shot Gonzales in the chest as the Mexican officer tried to pull his own gun.

Then the two Thompson brothers fled into the night.

## Reputation grows

The following summer, Ben showed his displeasure with some of the Yankee occupation troops in Austin by shooting several of them. Details are sketchy, but it seems that two or three men were killed and while Ben

was thrown into the calaboose, he was soon released and went his violent way.

His reputation was beginning to grow.

Back in 1863, Ben, who was home on furlough at the time, had an unpleasant incident with his brother-in-law, a rather testy fellow by the name of James Moore. At that time, Moore had incurred Ben's wrath by taking all of Ben's mother's iron kitchenware and

selling it to a local cannon factory. This irritated Ben to such an extent that he chased Moore down and fired over his head and at his feet to throw a scare into the fellow.

By 1868, Moore had forgotten his fear of five years earlier and really pushed his luck

by striking Ben's Billy Thompson wife. A similar scene to the one enacted previously occurred, with Ben shooting all around the fellow but not actually at him. This time, however, whether by accident or design, one of Ben's bullets inflicted a slight wound in Moore's side.

## Temper, temper

Ben was arrested, but his temper was still running out of control when he confronted the local justice of the peace. When Thompson injudiciously threatened to kill the magistrate, he was sentenced to two years in jail.

After his release from prison, Ben managed to keep his nose clean until August of 1873, at which time both Ben and brother Billy were living in Ellsworth, Kan.

On the afternoon of Aug. 15, Ben was running a game of monte in Joe Brennan's saloon. Ben and another gambler by the name of John Sterling had made some side bets, with Sterling telling Ben that he would split his winnings with him. Sterling, who had been drinking heavily, won a good deal of money and then left the saloon without paying his debt to Thompson.

This sort of behavior didn't sit well with Ben and about 3 p.m. he found Sterling drinking in another saloon with a lawman who had the unlikely name of Happy Jack Morco. After some unpleasant words were exchanged, Sterling hauled off and struck the unarmed Thompson in the face. At the same time, Morco drew a pistol and ordered Thompson to leave.

Thompson, showing some uncharacteristic good sense, did exactly that and retired to Brennan's saloon. By this time, however, both Sterling and Morco were pretty tanked up and burst into Brennan's saloon shouting



Ben Thompson

"Get your guns, you damn Texas sons-of-bitches, and fight!"

Neither Ben nor any of his friends were armed, thanks to a well-enforced local ordinance, so Thompson immediately headed for his hotel room, where he armed himself with both a pistol and a Winchester.

As Ben Thompson exited the hotel he almost ran right into his brother Billy, who was drunk as a skunk and wielding a shotgun. As if on cue, just as Ben was cautioning his brother to be careful, Billy accidentally discharged one of the barrels, nearly hitting two army officers and putting a whole new spin on the incident. Angrily jerking the weapon out of his brother's hands and handing it to a bystander, Ben turned to the street and shouted, "If you, you damned sons-of-bitches, want to fight us, here we are!"

## Friendly sheriff is killed

At just that moment, two things happened. Sheriff C.B. Whitney, who had always been a friend to the Thompsons, rounded the corner, and Billy snatched the shotgun back from the bystander to whom Ben had given it.

While both Ben and the sheriff were trying to talk Billy into giving up the weapon again, Sterling and Morco appeared down the street and, with weapons drawn, began running toward the Thompsons.

Ben instantly threw his rifle to his shoulder and snapped off a shot at Morco, who was in the lead. The bullet missed, slamming into a door frame just as Morco darted into it. At the same time, Ben heard the deep guttural roar of the shotgun behind him and turned just in time to see Sheriff Whitney stagger and fall. "My God, Billy," shouted Ben, "you've just shot our best friend."

Billy, reeling from the liquor, announced, "I'd have shot him if he'd been Jesus Christ!"

Clearly, the younger Thompson was neither a Christian nor a gentleman.

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3/2. Full golf. Big flat lot. Possibilities.



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3/3, furnished, full membership.



**Owner Wants Offer**

**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. Big!



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Calderon • \$186,500 • 121 Forest Dr.  
3/2, fully furnished, full golf!



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Gerron • \$189,900 • 819 High Mesa  
3/2 1/2, views, full golf membership!



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Schellinger • \$195,000 • 213 Sierra Blanca Dr.  
Big chalet, full golf membership!



**Alto**

Mashburn • \$64,500 • 128 Mulligan  
Level, fairway lot, full golf, WOW!



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**Alto**

Bloyd • \$259,500 • 822 Deer Park Dr.  
3/2 1/2, like new, full golf membership.



**SOLD**

**Nearing Completion**

**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. Sunny!



**Alto**

Lemaster • \$382,500 • 728 Deer Park Dr.  
3/3, full golf membership! Classy!



**Alto**

Thompson • \$330,000 • 525 High Mesa Dr.  
4/3.5 #4 fairway, full golf membership.



**Alto**

Neessen • \$53,000 • 839 Deer Park Dr.  
Beautiful social membership lot!



**Under Contract**

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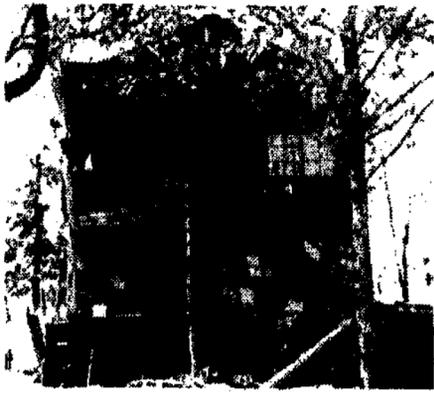
**Alto**

Bostic • \$379,000 • 714 Deer Park Dr.  
4/3 1/2, new, full golf membership!



**Alto**

Kreins • \$410,000 • 204 French  
4/3.5. Like new. Full golf.



### Midtown

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.



### Ruidoso Pine Lodge

Varan • \$55,000 • 103 Third St.  
2 houses, 1 price. Investors!



### The Springs Condo

Davis • \$69,500 • #21 The Springs.  
Bdrms 2, Baths 1 3/4, Nice condo.



### Pinecliff

Nelson • \$84,900 • 402 Swallow  
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, garage, fenced yard.



### Pine Top Hills

Timmerman • \$88,300 • 128 Old Lincoln Rd.  
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, Doll house, cute!



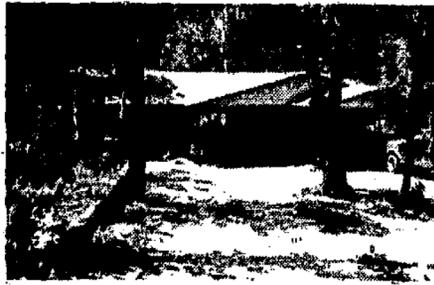
### Unrestricted

Whipple • \$89,900 • Hwy. 48.  
2250 sq. ft. workshop & well on 9 acres.



### Palmer Gateway

Proctor • \$99,500 • 116 Pippin St.  
3/2 Knotty Pine, very clean! Carport.



### Reduced to \$114,500 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.



### Midway Townsite

4-Plex • \$150,000 • 206 Ridge Road  
Bdrms 1, Baths 1, Owner financing!



### Great Kitchen Cree Meadows

Harris • \$169,500 • 135 Rowan.  
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, Fairway home.



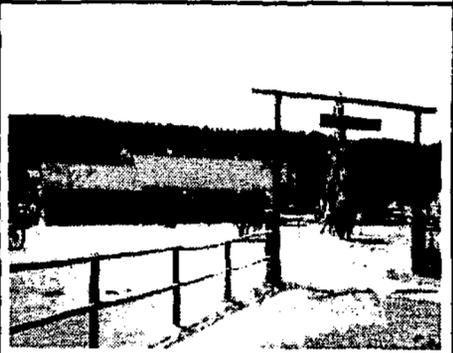
### Townhome

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.



### Twisted Cedar Ranch

Bartley • \$178,500 • Old Ft. Stanton Rd.  
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, horses OK, barn, view!



### White Mtn. Meadows

Davis • \$189,900 • 545 White Mtn. Meadows  
Bdrms 3, Baths 2 1/2, view unsurpassed!



### White Mtn. Meadows

Perkins • \$199,500 • 104 EE Miller Ct.  
Bdrms 3, Baths 3, Trades considered.



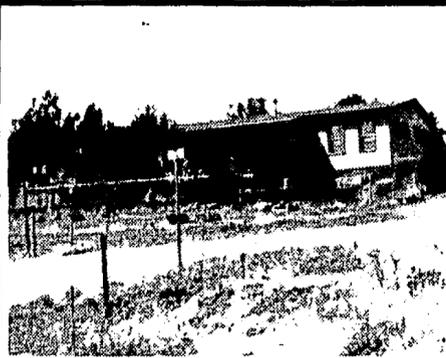
### Recent Facelift Take a Look!

Spire • \$214,000 • 101 Rim Road  
Bdrms 3, Baths 3, The ultimate view!



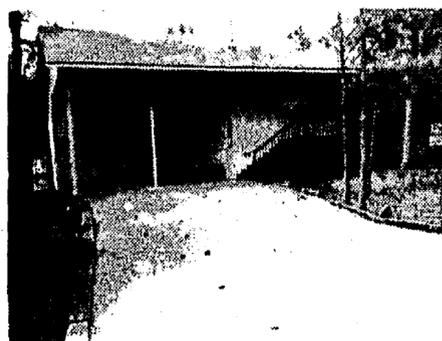
### Highwood

Odom • \$249,500 • 102 Wildwood Dr.  
Bdrms 4 Baths 3 1/2, furnished, big view!



### Capitan

McSwane • \$55,000 • 101 Crestview  
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, horses OK, fenced.



### Town & Country North

Whitaker • \$119,900 • 401 Mary  
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, corner lot, fairly new



### Upper Canyon

Holcomb • \$149,900 • 116 West Riverside  
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, listen to the river, furnished



**Reduced to \$143,000**

### Airport West

Cronin • \$149,500 • 201 University  
Bdrms 4, Baths 2.5, Jacuzzi Room!



### River

Watt • \$269,000 • 110 Bear Creek Trail  
Bdrms 3, Baths 2, Upper Canyon on river



### Great Kitchen New & Different

Owen • \$269,000 • 333 Wht. Mtn. Meadows  
Bdrms 3, Baths 2 1/2, large, unusual, new.



### Reduced to \$279,900 River

Scott • \$290,000 • 358 River Trail  
Bdrms 3, Baths 3, plus guest quarters.



### Professional Decor

Duncan • \$298,000 • 155 Coronado  
Bdrms 4, Baths 2 1/2, Awesome view!



### River

Armstrong • \$425,000 • 1030 Main - Upper Canyon  
Large river home with separate guest house.



### Reduced to \$419,000 River

Holt • \$439,000 • 146 North Loop  
Prestigious Upper Canyon River Home



### River

\$469,000 • 1026 Main • A must see!  
3/2 on river - guest suite - prestigious



### Building is Vacant Commercial

Scott • \$145,000 • 1690 Hwy. 70 East  
Nicely finished offices & workshop.



### Commercial

Land & Building • \$177,500 • 714 Mechem  
Land & building only, 2000 sq. ft. space.



### Commercial

McMahon • \$178,000 • Jira Plaza  
Last unit for sale - new - nearly finished.



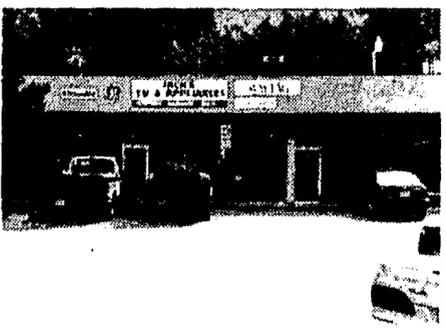
### Commercial

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



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### Commercial

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