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Gangs targeted by tribe

Strict curfew, penalties set up by tribal council

• Problems with youth have reached into the Mescalero Apache Reservation, and steps are being taken to control the violence.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Cracking down on gang violence on the Reservation, the Mescalero Apache Tribal Council has enacted a stricter curfew for juveniles and tougher sentencing for gang-related crimes.

Tribal members received notice of the laws in a message mailed from Tribal President Wendell Chino on July 10.

Tribal Prosecutor Steve Wall said Thursday the measures are aimed at stopping a problem before it begins and preventing gangs from forming on the reservation.

"I think the council became aware we had a rash of vandalism and it caught the council's attention that we needed to act before it got worse," Wall said. "I don't see this as a huge emergency situation, but I think we're acting at the right time."

"We've got some kids who identify themselves as being a gang. We also have kids who hang out together who are not formally a gang with all the things that you find with gangs, such as economic turf if they're selling drugs. But they do sometimes get out of hand and commit crimes as a group."

A couple of the groups appear to have connections off the reservation in Roswell, Hondo or even with some northern New Mexico Indian groups, he said.

"They're the ones we're more interested in and the enhancement (section of the new law) allows for confiscation and forfeiture of any instrument used in commission of crime defined as gang activity, including vehicles," Wall said. "That's a deterrent for groups trying to come in and connect and organize with groups existing on the reservation."

"We have to wait and see how this works. At this point, we see a lot of vandalism and low-level interpersonal violence, people getting beat up by groups of people. Whether those people are formally organized into a gang or not is hard to prove, but at this point we don't have typical gang activity where gangs are selling drugs and carving out economic turf and getting into battles. We don't have that, but we could if we don't get

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Observant family members save house hit by arsonist

• Despite their last name, the Sparks family knows how to put out fires.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Jeri Sparks and her family became firefighters Tuesday night on their way home from a birthday party. "We were coming down the road and I said, 'Wait, that house is on fire,'" recalled Jeri Sparks.

An arsonist had ignited a house at 303 Mary Dr. at about 9:30 p.m., Ruidoso police said. A mixture of gasoline, like the type used to power chainsaws, had been splashed on two walls of the unoccupied house, Detective Wolf Born said.

Jeri Sparks said a curtain of flames appeared to be coming from underneath the back wall of the house when they first saw the fire. Flames had already reached the eaves of the

roof, her son said. She, her husband Wyatt, their oldest son and his friend promptly went into action.

Son Kody, 19, pulled up a sapling and began beating out the ground fire spreading through pine needles at the base of the house. "We didn't have anything to beat it out with so we just pulled up some small pine trees," he said.

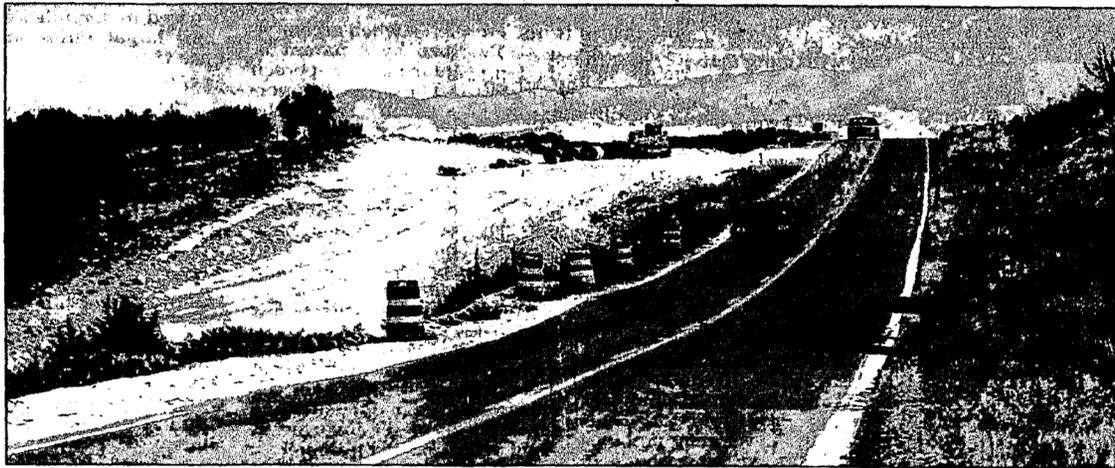
His friend, Ezra Sandoval, 19, also pulled up a small pine tree and began working through about four feet of ground fire toward the house.

Wyatt Sparks, a land surveyor, kicked in the back door to make sure no one was inside the home. He also tried to get water from an inside faucet, but it apparently had been turned off, his wife said.

He then joined the others trying

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Highway to Lincoln County



Rebuilding and widening of U. S. Highway 380, a multi-year project, is well underway with work on a seven-mile stretch in Socorro county west of Carrizozo (top). A four-mile section crossing the Valley of Fires State Park (below) was completed in 1996. Another improvement project in the county covers about five miles of U. S. Highway 54 north of Carrizozo.

Keith Green/Ruidoso News

Low-income housing project proposed

Developer would locate 60 units on a 12-acre tract off Jack Little Drive

BY TONI K. LAXSON
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A developer of low-income housing in New Mexico said Tuesday his company plans to build a 60-unit apartment complex in the White Mountain Estates area.

Stephen G. Crozier, president of Tierra Realty Trust, said his company has not yet finalized purchase of the apartment's proposed site, a 12-acre tract off Jack Little Drive.

Rental prices for at least 40 percent of the apartments would range from \$235 or \$245 for one-bedroom apartments to \$450 for three-bedroom apartments, Crozier said at a joint meeting Tuesday afternoon of the Ruidoso Village Council and the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission.

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Ruidoso has a shortage of livable, low-income housing for the people who work here. Finding developers for such projects has been a goal for both village leaders and a special committee appointed by the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Several neighbors of the proposed project voiced objections at the meeting, saying the apartments would lower their homes' property values and would increase traffic too much.

Crozier said several times his company wanted to hear concerns about the development and work with the community. He also said published studies have shown that similar projects did not lower neighboring property values, but rather increased

them. Several times during discussion of the project, Crozier emphasized that the apartment complex was not a federal project designed for welfare recipients. The maximum income for renters would be \$25,000, he said.

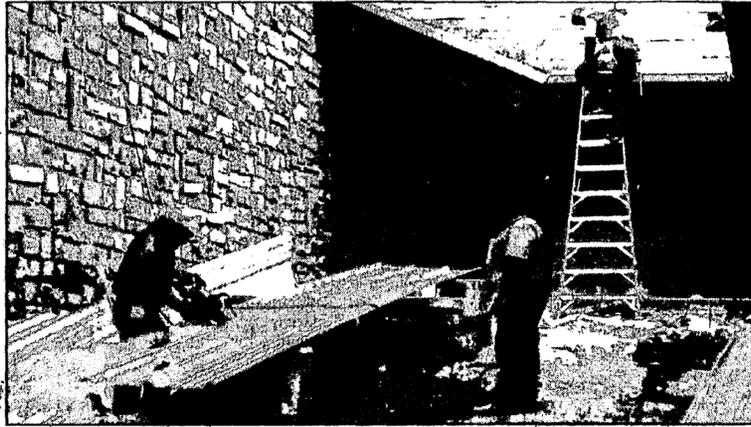
"The people who would live here are the people who would work in a bank, at a school or in a restaurant," he said.

The apartments, developed through federal funding incentive programs, would remain at low-income prices for at least 15 years, as required by law, Crozier said.

"And I would be willing to make it affordable for another 15 years," Crozier said.

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More Village Hall



Raymond Disalino watches as Franky Johnson cuts roofing for an addition to Ruidoso Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Dr. Climbing down the ladder is James Brazeal. All three men work for Greer Construction of Carlsbad. Work on the \$350,000 project should be finished in August, Village Deputy Manager Alan Briley said. Additional office space and handicapped bathroom facilities will be included in the 1,800-square-foot addition.

Toni K. Laxson/Ruidoso News

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Mayor's pistol taken from condo

Ruidoso Mayor Jerry Shaw reported the theft of a chrome-plated Spanish pistol from her home Tuesday, on her birthday.

It probably was stolen last September or October, when she was remodeling her condominium, located in the 1200 block of Mechem Drive, she said.

The .25-caliber pistol had been a gift from her father, who received the gun when he was a young man in exchange for some work. "It had to have been in the family for 75 years," Shaw said Thursday.

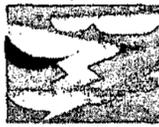
She is unsure of exactly how old the pistol is or what its value might be.

It was for the purpose of finding out those things that she began looking for the pistol early last week, she said.

Shaw had kept the .25-caliber pistol in a drawer of her bedroom nightstand, but both the pistol and its brown leather holster were missing when she looked for it.

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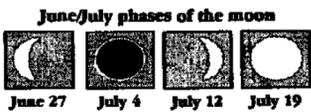


Thunderstorms

WEATHER ALMANAC

Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	87	46	.00"
Wednesday	87	46	trace
Thursday	85	48	.02"

Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	95	62	Thunderstorms
El Paso, TX	96	70	Thunderstorms
Lubbock, TX	96	69	Thunderstorms
Midland, TX	97	70	Partly cloudy



STARDATE

July 18 sports a full moon, called the Hay Moon or Thunder Moon. On July 21 Jupiter appears near the moon as the two rise about an hour after sunset. Neptune is at opposition. It is visible through binoculars or a telescope as a tiny blue-green disk against the background of stars. At opposition, it rises at sunset and is visible throughout the night.

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



Courtesy Chris Stromberg, Carrizozo Trading Post

These huts at Fort Stanton were designed to house tuberculosis patients.

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

Ruidoso News
July 18, 1947

One of the most beautiful spots in Lincoln County is Eagle Creek. The winding road follows the creek bed for several miles up to the Sierra Blanca Mountains and finally ends in a settlement of summer homes and lodges in the State Game Reserve ... The

story behind this group of cabins goes back more than 20 years.

A group of Carrizozo families ... wanted to be far away from town and someplace in the mountains. T.E. Kelly of Carrizozo found Eagle Creek.

The first summer Mr. Kelly took four or five interested families just as soon as school was out to the place he had discovered.

They were S.L. Squire, R.E. Lemon, J.B. French, George J. Dingwall and A.S. Campbell.

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YOUTH: Council 'fully aware of its responsibility'

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on it right now?"

Chino writes members

In his letter to tribal members Chino wrote, "Contrary to the the Ruidoso News article concerning gang activity on the Mescalero reservation, it is clear that the Tribal Council intends to attack and deal with gang activities."

"The Tribal Council is fully aware of its responsibility to protect all tribal members from gang attacks. We must insure that all Tribal members are respected along with their personal property. We recognize their right to peace and tranquility. Violators must be punished."

In an article published July 4, Mescalero Tribal Judge Clarice Rocha denied claims by juvenile counselor Joseph Geronimo that a gang problem existed on the reservation.

Geronimo called for intervention by the governor and contended that gang violence in Mescalero was being overlooked, because some of the gang members were politically connected on the reservation.

Parents' help sought

In his letter, Chino urged all parents, grandparents and guardians of minors involved in gang activities to ask their children to leave the gangs.

"If you are not doing this to help as a parent, don't 'stick up' for them when they hurt other members, their property or both and they become subject to the law," he wrote.

"One of the fine and good attributes of our Apache people was respect for one another as tribal members and it kept the tribe united and strong. We cannot let gang activities ... destroy this important element of the Tribe. The future would

not be bright if we allow violence and fear to rule on the reservation."

Curfew details

The curfew calls for children under the age of 18 to be at home between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. on nights preceding regular school days; and between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. on other nights except:

- when accompanied by a parent or guardian or person 18 or older with permission from the parent or guardian, or when returning home without delay from a community activity or from a neighbor's house attended with the permission of a parent or guardian.

Some tribal members say the curfew is not strong enough and that it should be earlier on non-school nights. Asking not to be identified, they said the curfew leaves sufficient time for children to get involved in gang activities and mischief.

In the last two weeks, a person was beaten by gang members after the July 4th celebration at the ceremonial grounds, two vehicles were burned and a drive-by shooting occurred, they said.

Alfred La Paz, who heads law enforcement on the reservation for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, said Thursday he had received an unconfirmed report of a drive-by shooting and two cars recently were burned, but he has found nothing so far to indicate the fires were deliberate.

He declined to comment on whether a 1 a.m. curfew would be effective, but Wall said it was a compromise to allow juveniles to participate in traditional celebrations such as the maiden's feast without being in violation.

La Paz doesn't think a gang problem exists on the reservation.

"I think the problem we're

having is just juveniles involving other family members and friends," he said. "When it's an organized gang, it usually involves drugs and getting money. Right now it's just a group of juveniles hanging out together, a mischievous bunch of kids."

When students from Mescalero attend school in Tularosa and Ruidoso, they are exposed to juveniles who come from larger cities and introduce them to gang-type activities, La Paz contended.

"They are picking it up, and it could become a problem later on if there isn't some type of gang intervention," he said.

Wall said he acts quickly to sever connections to gang in other parts of the state when he encounters them.

Isolation would help

"This is one of the times we want the community to be isolated," he said. "You're always going to have a bunch of kids running around together getting into trouble. We don't want them to become organized and connecting into other gangs and becoming an economic force."

"My sense is what we're trying to do here is punish the kids who are doing wrong, running around together, and at the other level, we are trying to prevent outside influence from coming in here."

Under the curfew law, any adult who allows a violation, if convicted, could be sentenced to labor or imprisonment for up to 180 days and/or assessed a fine of \$860. Any non-Indian under 18 who violates the code or parents who allows a violation may be excluded from tribal land and released to proper officials.

Under the council's new law to protect the public peace, if a crime is ruled to be gang related, the sentence may be enhanced by up to one-half of the maximum punishment.

HOUSING: Project still preliminary

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Though at least 40 percent of the apartments would have to be low-rent, Crozier said he would be willing commit all 60 units for 15 years. "My goal is to make 100 percent of these apartments affordable," he said.

Crozier said his company's current plans are to build on only four acres of the tract. The company has not decided what to do with the remaining 8 acres, though he discussed dedicating it to the village as a natural forest area or a village park.

He declined to say when his company may acquire the land or when construction may begin on the project. "These are all tough questions that I really don't have the answers to right now," Crozier said.

The two-story apartments would have eight units per building, four per floor. Drawings of the complex show a Santa Fe-style exterior design, including vigas along the roof line. The proposed title for the complex as identified on the drawings is Tierra Del Oso.

Crozier has more than 10 years in the real estate development industry. He has planned and developed more than 3,300 housing units in various parts of the country. Current company projects include apartment buildings in Albuquerque and in Tabo, Crozier said.

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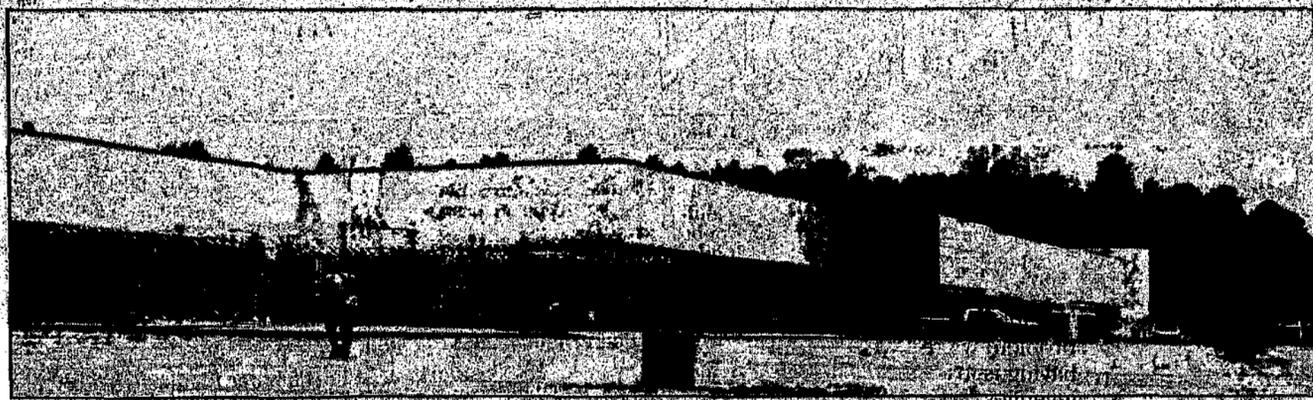
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Construction of the Wal-Mart Super Center off of U.S. Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs should be finished Aug. 4. The store is scheduled to open Oct. 15, though, because the trucks bringing merchandise are on an inflexible schedule.

Wal-Mart's first state 'super center' nearly finished

Construction has out-paced the store's schedule; it will be ready to receive merchandise long before the grand opening.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Construction of the massive Wal-Mart Super Center in Ruidoso Downs is expected to be finished in early August, but the store's inventory won't arrive until just prior to the Oct. 15 opening, the store manager said Wednesday.

Manager Mark Neighbors said in April he anticipated a September opening because construction was a month ahead of schedule for the 150,000-plus square-foot building.

However, that estimate has been revised because trucks bringing merchandise would not arrive in time for a September opening.

"The structure itself is 100 percent complete on the outside, and it is probably about 80 percent complete on the

inside," Neighbors said Wednesday.

The interior is expected to be finished Aug. 4, and interior design work should be finished by Sept. 15, he said. One attribute of the \$9 million store will be aisles wide enough for two shopping carts, Neighbors said.

The store, located off of U.S. Highway 70, is the first Wal-Mart Super Center in New Mexico. When it opens, it will include a full grocery, an optical center, a bank, a fast-food restaurant, a hair salon and a tire and lube center.

The restaurant, called Radio Grill, will offer a large menu and will be decorated with jukeboxes and neon lights, said Assistant Manager Linda Spicer.

Open hours for the super center will be extended, from either 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day or to 24-hours a day, Neighbors said, adding that he is waiting for a final decision from company executives.

Interest in the new store has been considerable, Neighbors said. Customers ask con-

stant questions, and many people drive up to look at construction of the new store, he said. So many people drive to the site, in fact, that they have impeded construction work, driven over equipment and created safety concerns, Neighbors said.

"We're asking that curious people go up to look at the building on weekends," Neighbors said. "But we appreciate the interest."

The super center will require at least 300 employees — twice the number working at the store's current location, Neighbors said. The interviewing process for new employees has begun and will heat up considerably in September, he said.

Based on the number of applications and inquiries the store has already received, Neighbors said he did not anticipate having trouble filling additional positions.

"I'm not only hearing interest from people in Ruidoso, but from people from Roswell, Capitan, Tularosa and Alamogordo," Neighbors said. "And I

have people who work at other Wal-Mart stores who come up here for vacations who want to live here."

Both new and old employees will have to undergo training because of the inclusion of a grocery store at the super center, Neighbors said. For example, employees will be trained on taking food stamps and in using weights and measures, he said.

The super center will be about three times the size of the Alamogordo Wal-Mart and about four times the size of the Ruidoso Convention Center. Originally, construction on the store, which began last fall, was to be finished in March 1998.

Jimmie Waddell is construction superintendent for Western Builders, the contractor at the 24-acre building site. The store and its parking lot comprise 20 acres. He said Wednesday the parking lot should be completed within the next two weeks.

Earlier this year, Waddell had 130 people working at the site. About 40 workers remain.

DIATIS FUNERALS

Stanley "Ray" Hair

Memorial services for Stanley "Ray" Hair of Wildomar, Calif. will be Sunday, July 20, at Mesa Ranch in Nogal.

He is survived by his wife, Lou; five sons, Wes Smith, Johnny Hair, Billy Hair, Stanley Hair and Keith Hair; and daughter Deborah Lunsford.

Floral arrangements may be made through the Ruidoso Flower Shop.

For more information on the time and place of the services, call 354-2020 or 354-2775.

Burial was to follow at St. Anthony's Cemetery.

Ms. Olguin was born Nov. 14, 1911 at Garita, N.M., the daughter of Juan and Augustina Sena. She was a homemaker. She was married to husband Fernando in Garita; they were wed for 50 years.

Survivors include a son, Eloy of Conchas, N.M.; daughters Nieves Garcia of Ruidoso; Lillie Rameriz, Guymon, Okla.; Marcella Soliz of Hereford; Esmeralda Turres of Alamogordo; and Trudy Lopez of Ruidoso Downs. Brothers surviving are: Herman Sena of Las Vegas and Timoteo Sena of Las Vegas. Three great-great grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and 28 grandchildren also survive.

She was preceded in death by a daughter and by her husband, Fernando, in 1979.

The family requests memorials to Home Health Care of Lincoln County in lieu of flowers.

Gregorita Olguin

Gregorita Olguin, 85, died Tuesday, July 15, in Ruidoso.

Rosary services were Thursday evening at Parkside Chapel in Hereford, Texas, and funeral mass was scheduled at 11 a.m. today at St. Anthony's church in Hereford. Celebrant was to be Magr. Orville Blum.

Weekend 'Stockdog Trial' at ranch near Carrizozo

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Valley of Fires Ranch will be the staging ground for the Lincoln County Stockdog Trial Friday through Sunday, July 25-27.

The event, sanctioned by the U.S. Border Collie Association and the Arizona Border Collie Association, will give owners a chance to show off the native intelligence of the breed and how it can be enhanced with the right training. Entries and checks covering fees must be submitted by Friday.

Bill Berhow, of Shepherd, Mont., will judge the events, which start at 9 a.m. July 25 with a cattle trial for advanced and novice dog classes. A sheep trial is set for 1 p.m. for nursery dogs, 30 months or younger.

At 6:30 a.m. July 26 and July 27, Sheep Trails will continue with a 400-yard outrun, lift, fetch, pen and shed, open to any dog or handler.

Pro-novice dogs will compete in a 300-yard outrun, lift, fetch and pen, if the dog or handler have never run in an open trial.

Novice dogs and handlers will compete in a separate trial, open to any dog that has never run in a higher class and any handler who has never participated in a run above pro-novice.

The entry fee is \$25 and \$30 a day for cattle classes, \$30 a day for open sheep, \$25 a day for pro novice sheep and \$20 a day for novice-novice.

Berhow also will conduct a clinic Monday and Tuesday, July 28-29. The price is \$100 for each dog and \$10 per spectator.

The ranch, owned by Nancy Duley, is two miles west of Carrizozo on U.S. 380. Turn south two-tenths of a mile past mile post 63 and follow the signs.

Send entries to Duley at P.O. Box 309, Carrizozo, N.M. 88301, or call for more information at (505) 648-2297.

Retiring deputy gets multiple kudos from County Commission

Retiring from law enforcement after 27 years and from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office after 12 years, Jimmy Luna received multiple pats on the back last week from the county commission.

In addition to mentioning his dedication as a deputy and his active role in local Republican politics, Commission Chairman Monroy Montes complimented Luna for rehabilitating many of the older

buildings in Carrizozo as a sideline.

Luna returned the compliment, thanking commissioners for allowing deputies to contribute the maximum amount of money allowed toward their retirement. That allowed many of the deputies to retire at an earlier age and still care properly for their families. In other business last week, the Lincoln County Commission:

- approved employment agree-

ments between the county sheriff and one member of the Lincoln County Narcotics Unit and one grant-funding deputy assigned to county narcotics enforcement;

- approved an agreement for the city of Tatum to administer a previously accepted \$95,000 grant as part of a regional drug enforcement program through the state Department of Public Safety Office of Special Projects. Commissioner L. Ray Nunley voted against the motion, because he preferred Lincoln County be the administrator;

- approved a summary review of a lot split requested by Jim and Marshall Peebles in the Alto Vista Subdivision and creating four lots each of nearly

two acres;

- approved a summary review of a lot split requested by Jim and Rose Peebles in Alto Vista Subdivision, creating three lots, each more than one acre;

- approved allowing private individual wells in a new 24-lot subdivision called Vista Rio Bonito requested by Van Patton and Scott Perceet, instead of requiring the developers to purchase water rights;

- and approved writing off \$2,306 in inventory of obsolete items, after determining that the items had been located and could be included in the county's annual auction.

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OUR OPINION

A blue moon rises

It happens little more than once in a blue moon, but when it does we must praise it, and cherish it, because of its very rarity. We're talking about law enforcement, of course—too often the most feudal of local government enterprises.

In the historical past, cooperation between a sheriff's department and municipal police was mostly lip-service in Lincoln County, in New Mexico, and in most of the West. Maybe it goes back to such folks as Wyatt Earp and Pat Garrett, and a time when it sometimes was hard to tell the good guys from the bad ones. Once in a while, they were both.

Hence, the pleasure this week in learning of a formal cooperative arrangement between Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny Maddox, Sheriff Tom Sullivan and District Attorney Scot Key. Village officers and sheriff's deputies no longer have to worry about jurisdiction when something happens near the uncertain boundaries of our village.

Who ever arrives first goes to work; village officers are deputized by the sheriff, and they're prepared to help each other with manpower, equipment, expertise and (that most critical part of criminal investigation) information.

The principals involved agree that the new cooperative spirit began with the election last November of a new sheriff, Sullivan, and a new district attorney, Key. The DA gets credit for making it formal with the idea of creating a major crime scene response team from all agencies.

With properly equipped and trained people working as a team at the scene of a murder, kidnapping or other major crime, regardless of who's paying the salaries, security is improved along with the prospect of capturing the perpetrator.

We commend all three agencies (and Ruidoso Downs, too, which has an informal working relationship with the others) for setting aside such factors as ego, politics and territorial behavior and getting on with their job of enforcing the law and protecting all our citizens.

Sparking up the fair

A pat on the back is due, too, to Mozie Sparks and the other organizers of the Lincoln County Fair for putting a new emphasis on arts and crafts at this year's fair, starting Aug. 5 at the fairgrounds in Capitan.

Activity in the arts has grown tremendously throughout the county, from Carrizozo to the lower Hondo and all points in between, and the fair board's simple decision to let exhibitors post prices on their work should add substantially to the number of entrants.

A fair in such a diverse county as Lincoln can be expanded to encompass so much more than traditional exhibits of garden produce and prime livestock; it can become a showcase once a year of the very best the county's people has to offer. That's the way it appears to be moving, and it deserves the entire county's support.

OTHER VIEWS

"The irony is that while everybody is focusing on Mexico, the majority of what has occurred involves Canada."

Economist Raul Hinojosa Ojeda, director of UCLA's North American Integration and Development Center, in a new report on the impact of trade patterns since the North American Free Trade Agreement became effective three

years ago, and quoted by The Associated Press.

The report shows changes in trade flow with Mexico has produced a net 8,854 new U. S. jobs, and apparently calls into question arguments that the biggest threat would come from low-wage workers in Mexico. There is a net loss of 80,263 jobs when patterns of trade with Canada and Mexico are combined.

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THE SILVER LINING

Old Lincoln days

On Aug. 1, the village of Lincoln will extend a welcome to the world to come and attend the 57th rendition of Old Lincoln Days.

In 1940 local celebrations were held all over New Mexico to celebrate our state's "Cuarto Centennial"—our 400th birthday, going back to Spanish times.

At that time, Wilbur Coe, son of pioneer Frank Coe, was president of the Lincoln County Historical Society. He and his wife Louise established "A Day in Old Lincoln."

This was a day set aside for welcoming pioneers from New Mexico and all over the West. Back then there were many old-timers left from the days now well over a century ago.

Many old acquaintances were renewed and fond memories shared.

The village of Lincoln is little changed from the way it was one hundred-plus years ago.

The actors all are local folks of all ages, many of them descendants of actors in the "real show."

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Fine entertainment

To the editor:

A week or so ago while channel surfing with my remote, I inadvertently tuned into a replay of a Ruidoso Village Council town hall meeting. If ever there was a television show that should be a candidate for an Emmy award, that program has to be it.

Playing to a near-capacity crowd that was invited to present input within a two-minute time frame, impassioned pros and cons oratory regarding the issue at hand would equal TV clips of the U. S. Congress or the English Parliament when debating such earth-shaking issues as tax reform, Bosnia or a solution to the "troubles" in Northern Ireland.

Our community leaders weren't burdened with such minor issues; their catastrophic issue was, should local merchants be allowed to place banners on their places of business proclaiming special sales, etc. One local gaffly, in an attempt at Churchillian eloquence, was reminded on three occasions by Mayor Jerry Shaw that his time was up, which he totally disregarded. Another speaker, who in my opinion stole the show in her brief statement, suggested, "You're up to your (expletive) in alligators and you're fighting mosquitoes," which I thought pretty well summed up the day's event.

Without a doubt, there are many more important issues facing the community than banners. Perhaps the council's time would be better spent on enforcing flagrant building code violators, growing juvenile

The historical pageant

As part of a day in Old Lincoln, Wilbur planned a historical pageant which he named "The Last Escape of Billy the Kid," and he employed veteran Hollywood scriptwriter Bland-Hollop and his young assistant Mark Hamilton to write a script.

They took almost all their material—some of it word-for-word, from a book entitled "The Saga of Billy the Kid" by Walter Noble Burns.

Burns, in turn, had taken much of his information from interviews with Frank Coe.

Through the years the script has been shaped up from talking to old timers, until it now is an accurate one-hour account of the Lincoln County War.

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YOUR OPINION

crime, water issues, or searching for a reason why the town has, in the last few months, been inundated with "for sale" signs in both the residential and business sector.

All comments aside, the show (if I dare call it that) was very entertaining. Too bad there aren't video tapes of it available for sale or rent.

Emmett Downes
Alto

Semi-happy ending

To the editor:

Recently my family and I were in Ruidoso for the July 4 weekend. While we were there our vehicle was broken into and my wife's purse was stolen. It was very frustrating and angering to go through, but a certain businessman in your community was very generous and thoughtful during this time.

His name was Ray Edson with Fun Trackers. Ray graciously gave the children with us tickets to use at his business and gave my wife and I some cash to ensure we could get home. I was very impressed with his actions and his attitude, not only his but his employees also.

It is very comforting to know there are people like Ray still around. With people like Ray in your business community, your city will prosper.

This letter is just to let you know the caliber of businessmen you have and to once again say thanks to Ray and his staff for making this situation more bearable.

Rodney & Maria Blocher
Levelland, Texas

The name "Tunstall" is prominent in English history. In Sir Walter Scott's historical poem "Marmion," there is a line which reads: "Tunstall lies dead upon the plain."

'Any number of movies have been made about Billy the Kid, among the earliest, with Johnny Mack Brown starring as the Kid and Garret played by Wallace Beery.

The Lincoln pageant is in a class by itself, being the only western show which takes place on the exact spot where the real action occurred.

Nearby stands the court house from which the Kid made his escape, surprising everybody but himself and setting off celebrations throughout New Mexico and the Southwest.

John Shrecengost will play Billy again this year.

Director Dianne Shrecengost has announced practices will be Tuesdays and Thursdays, with the dress rehearsal on Wednesday, July 30.

Poor introduction

To the editor:

...we vacationed in beautiful Ruidoso as we have done for the past 15 years. This was the first time that we were able to be there for the July 4 weekend. Our only disappointment was the Mesalero Apache ceremonial, but were very unhappy with several aspects of the festivities...intoxicated tribal members on the grounds, fireworks being set off in the stands, food and drinks...tossed over the bleachers and on to people...The only police officers we saw were at the entrance...breaking up a fight.

We took our two small children to show them a new culture. We were really disappointed.

The John Greenwoods
Sandia, Texas

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Each letter must be signed and must include the writer's daytime telephone number and address. The phone number and street or mailing address will not be printed; however, the author's hometown will be included.

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Belts and suspenders

As we learn more about modern technology, especially of the apparently unlimited computer kind, we find ourselves worrying more about... well, call it overload.

That comes to mind every time we switch on one of those multi-purpose computers in the office that is plugged into a phone line and therefore, somehow, to the Internet.

That means everybody and his uncle, world-wide, can if they choose send to us all kinds of information, wanted or not.

And Ruidoso's school district is doing its best to make sure students graduating in the future are well qualified to scout the world for information.

You'll also be glad to know that New Mexico's congressional delegation is right up there on the leading edge of this new technology, and that in our view New Mexico's senior senator, Pete Domenici has to be the king of the communications hill.

Now, Domenici and Jeff Bingaman and Joe Skeen (to name those who represent our part of the forest) for years have been quite proficient with fax machines.

But these days Pete has jumped ahead of the game, not simply maintaining his long-held fax volume championship but now loading up the Internet with the same material.

We can't really deplore the trend, because nobody can argue that Pete isn't keeping his constituents — or the media, at least — very well informed.

But...fax plus Internet does seem excessive.

Or is he figuratively just wearing suspenders along with a belt to avoid embarrassment, communications-wise?

A local angle

Speaking of Senator Domenici, his field office manager in Roswell, Nancy Corn, advises that some of his staff members will be at City Hall in Capitan on July 30 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. to talk with people having difficulty with any federal agency.

That's called "case work" in Washington, and is one thing that keeps the Senator in office; his staff does good case work.

Nancy Corn says anybody wanting to relay an opinion to the Senator also is welcome.

Maybe we'll try the Internet direct.

Whose mess is it?

Amplification is in order about that equipment and material at the corner of Hull near Village Hall.

The stuff doesn't belong to Greer Construction, which is building the new village library and adding onto the administrative offices, says owner Joe Nichols.

His material is hidden behind stream-fences at the job sites.

But we do understand the stuff on the corner belongs to a contractor who is doing some utility work for the village.

Whoever, it remains an eye-sore in the view of many passers-by, local and visitor, and we'll be thrilled to see it finally disappear and the corner cleaned up.

MOUNTAIN ASIDES



By Keith Green
Ruidoso News

CHS graduates to reunite July 25-26; next reunion after the millennium

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Capitan High School graduates will reunite July 25-26 at the school complex for one of the community's periodic reunions for all past graduating classes.

The next reunion will be scheduled until July in the year 2000.

Registration begins at 3 p.m. Friday and at 9 a.m. Saturday. More than 1,000 people have been notified.

The program Friday will

include assorted skits, the Tiger Paw Award, the outstanding teacher award and others. The dinner of roast beef, potatoes, gravy, vegetable and ice tea or coffee will be served in the gymnasium/multi-purpose room.

A pickup basketball game will start at 10 a.m. Saturday. A chat session will run until noon when a barbecue beef lunch will be served.

A business session is set for after lunch with door prizes and giveaways. An election of alumni association officers is scheduled.

After the meeting, several groups plan to meet at local homes.

A dance at 8 p.m. will feature Lone Star Express at the fair building in Capitan for \$5 per person.

Officers of the association are Jack Brooks, president; Stanley Hightower, first vice president; Floyd Sandoval, second vice president; and Barbara Beckley, secretary/treasurer. Sally Brown is a member of the board.

For more information, call (505) 854-2824 or (505) 653-4276.

Schools close doors to out-of-district students, except for those already enrolled in classes

Board follows up after reviewing results of district-wide survey

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

No new students living outside the Capitan school district will be allowed to enroll in Capitan schools unless an older sibling already attends classes there.

Members of the Capitan School Board approved the new rule last week after reviewing the results of 317 responses to a quality in education survey sent to 597 parents of children in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Those parents were split on the question about whether students who live outside the district should be allowed to attend school in Capitan. One hundred and fifty thought out-of-district students should be allowed to attend, and 130 said they should not, while 37 were undecided.

Board members decided that the district will not accept

new out-of-district students, but if they already attend in Capitan, they will be allowed to continue. And if a sibling of a student already attending in the district wants to start kindergarten in Capitan, that will be allowed.

Parents also showed strong support for development of a baseball/softball program, with 277 in favor and 40 either against or undecided.

"The board said they definitely favor a program if they can find money to support it," said Supt. Diana Billingsley.

Although 161 parents said they were satisfied with the district's vocational program, 103 marked undecided and 53 were dissatisfied.

In line with that result, the board has created a Vocational Education Community Advisory Committee to recommend to the board what's missing locally in the vocational program for students who go directly

from high school into the work force.

In a nearly 5-to-1 ratio, parents stated they were satisfied with the maintenance of the school grounds.

Survey results on other questions showed that:

- students and parents overwhelmingly think students are safe on school grounds;

- parents think their children are given adequate extra-curricular activity opportunities; and

- in elementary grades, 34 parents would like to see more art instruction, 22 were undecided and 79 were satisfied.

In other business, the school board:

- increased the price of school meals from \$1.60 to \$1.75 for adult breakfast, \$2 to \$2.25 for adult lunches, 75 cents to \$1 for student breakfast and no changes for student lunches, which are \$1.25 at the elementary level and \$1.50 for secondary students;

- approved a policy under which teachers will be paid at the end of the school year for unused sick leave;

- and approved naming the new gymnasium after the late Herbert Lee Traylor, a Capitan educator and historian.

Trustees consider pay raise after nine years

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

After nine years at the same pay level, Capitan village trustees are considering an increase for themselves, the mayor and the municipal judge.

They discussed the increase during a hearing Monday but will have to advance an ordinance and conduct another hearing before voting on the raise that would mean a 60% hike for the mayor and a 33% jump for the judge.

Trustees now are paid \$25 per meeting, usually one or two a month. Under the new proposal, they would be paid \$100 a month, said Mayor Norm Renfro. The mayor would go to \$500 a month and the municipal judge to \$400. Capitan's year-around population is about 1,350.

"I feel this is a good amount, because Capitan is growing and the last pay increase was in 1988," Renfro said. "I don't know what Ruidoso receives, but I'm sure it's a lot more."

Ruidoso Mayor Jerry Shaw is paid \$500 a month, as are the six councilors, according to the village's personnel office. Ruidoso's population is estimated at 3,300 year-around residents and as many as 35,000 in summer season.

The 26 people attending the Capitan board of trustees meeting Monday didn't object to the raise proposal, Renfro said. "I think they felt it was justified with the time we spend," he said.

The package would cost the village \$15,600 annually compared to about \$7,500

under the current salaries and per-meeting cost.

All of the trustees would be eligible for the increase, if it is approved, according to village attorney Robert Beauvais. He based that opinion on a successful district court challenge brought by county officials and the state Association of Counties that argued all county officials should be treated equally.

However, Roger Makin, communications coordinator with the New Mexico Municipal League, said his organization stands by the state constitutional provision that prohibits such increases while a person is in office. In that case, only trustees and the mayor elected to new terms would receive the salary increase after the election in March 1998.

Twelve students attend 4-H camp

Five Capitan students attended the Lincoln County 4-H camp conducted last month along with students from other communities in the county.

They participated in workshops dealing with leather craft, "super goodies," lost and found, hunter safety and other subjects.

Attending from Capitan were Leslie Brown, Marlo Maroon, Matthew Stephens, Trenna Stephens and Stacey Thorne.

From Hondo were Milka Sanchez, Margarita Baca, Jackie Chaves, Samatha Gomez, Jesse Baca and Isaiah Sanchez. Carrizozo was represented by Brent Dixon.

New elementary principal hired by Capitan school board

A new principal will be waiting for Capitan Elementary students when they pile off buses in August.

Richard Edward Clevenger was hired last week by the Capitan School Board. He previously served as a principal and as a superintendent in other school systems. He replaces Becca Ferguson, who resigned to teach with the Carrizozo school system and to be closer to her children and home.

Clevenger received his B.S. from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in 1968 and his master's of education in 1964. He subsequently earned an advanced degree in school management supervision and administration.

His career in education

began in 1958 as a teacher and athletic director/coach for Beaford Public Schools in Temperance, Mich., until 1963. He then worked in various capacities for schools in Fort Wayne, Ind. and Oxford, Ohio, and was sales manager and installation consultant with Moorehead Enterprises.

For one year ending in June 1996, he was principal of White Cliff Elementary in Ketchikan, Alaska, where he served as superintendent of schools for the district from April 1988 until June 1995. He was superintendent of South Adams School in Berne/Geneva, Ind., from July 1985 to June 1988 and was principal of Woodland Junior/Senior High in Woodburn, Ind. from 1984-85.

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Loop art



Susan Leonard of College Station, Texas, looks over the jewelry designs of Zoe de Negri during the Art Loop last weekend. Leonard was one of hundreds of people to tour the Art Loop. Several artists said twice as many people toured the loop this year than last.

Sierra Cinema plans to add another screen

The Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission will recommend a 12-month extension on parking lot requirements for Bart Byars, owner of Sierra Cinema, subject to approval by the Ruidoso Village Council.

The extension allows Byars to determine whether the cinema will expand the number of screens, and how big the screening rooms would be.

Byars told the commission that business at the cinema had been very good lately. He said if the company did decide to expand, he would be tearing up the parking lot required by village regulations for parking spaces.

The extension allows him

to hold off on adding parking spaces.

This is the third extension requested by the cinema. Prior extensions were for shorter periods of time and did not need action by the commission.

Byars said his company owned an adjoining piece of land recently on the market as a potential restaurant location. Byars said the company took the property off the market in anticipation of expanding the number of screens at the cinema.

So far this summer, customers at the cinema have had no trouble finding adequate parking spaces, Byars told the commission.

CRIMINAL CASES

These criminal cases were handled by the staff of 12th Judicial District Attorney Scott Key in District Court in Carrizozo or in Magistrate Court in Carrizozo or Ruidoso.

March 10 - Charles M. Bellinger, guilty of battery against a household member, a petty misdemeanor, sentenced to six months probation, \$500 fine with 2400 suspended. Magistrate Judge William Butts, CV 24-02-97-1172.

April 9 - Fred Reed, pleaded no contest to battery on a household member, sentenced to 180 days with four days suspended and \$500 fine, sentence suspended except for four days of jail time served, and court costs. Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean, Jr., CV 24-02-97-70-75.

April 23 - Jerry Rosner, guilty of criminal damage to property, petty misdemeanor, not guilty of assault and criminal trespass, 180 day sentence deferred, 180 days probation, Butts, CV 24-02-97-1010.

May 16 - Ronald S. Denton, also

known as Darren C. Bagg, no contest to battery, resulting stolen property more than \$2,500, theft of credit card, causing injury, guilty, resulting stolen property \$100 or less, resulting stolen property \$100 to \$250, habitual offender, sentenced to a concurrent total of four years, enhanced by four years as a habitual offender; all underlying sentences to be suspended, defendant to serve three years concurrent with two years mandatory parole, to be incarcerated for four years as a habitual offender with credit for time served from April 13 to May 14, District Judge Karen Parsons, CV 97-49.

May 24 - David Thomas Roubicek, no contest to battery, sentence deferred for 12 months, unsupervised probation, District Judge Robert Donohay, CV 97-139.

May 27 - Dennis J. Walborn, no contest to battery, change of battery against a household member, dismissed by the state, sentenced to 180 days and \$100 fine, sentence suspended, Dean, CV 24-02-97-1010.

May 27 - Nancy Anthony, no contest to filing a false police report, charge of perjury dismissed by the state, sentence deferred, Dean, CV 24-02-97-0931P.

ARSON: Alert family saves El Paso people's home

Continued from page 1A

to douse the flames by pulling up another small pine tree. Though he singed the hair on his arms, neither his family nor their friends were injured fighting the fire, Jeri Sparks said.

In the meantime, she had driven a block to a house where the party had been and called 911. When she came back, she brought the 18-year-old birthday girl, Carla Rojas, with her.

Rojas joined the men fighting the fire and Jeri Sparks went door-to-door asking neighbors if anyone had a fire extinguisher.

Five minutes after the 911 call, Officer Minerva Davalos arrived and tried to douse the fire with an extinguisher from her car. "And it put out most of

the flames," Kody Sparks said. "But it was so hot that it started back up."

One neighbor brought over two large fire extinguishers and Wyatt Sparks used them to put out flames reaching toward the home's flammable tar roofing, Jeri Sparks said.

"And that's what really saved those people's house, those two fire extinguishers," she said.

When firefighters arrived about 10 minutes after the Sparks, the fire was out except for a few embers, Jeri Sparks said. "It all happened pretty fast."

"It was exciting to say the least," said Kody Sparks.

He said firefighters hosed down the wall and ground with water. Damage to the house was limited to the outside back

wall and eaves of the roof, police reports said.

Officials said the fire could not have been going very long when the Sparks family saw it.

"I'm just glad we came along when we did," Jeri Sparks said. "I imagine whoever set it was sitting there watching us ... I hope they catch them, because that's not funny up here. You get one house going and you can have multiple houses on fire."

Because of the home's position on the lot, the fire couldn't be seen by neighbors.

After the fire, Police Corporal Luis Torres noticed stains splashed on the north and west walls of the home, police reports said. The stains smelled like a petroleum product, later identified as a mixture of gasoline commonly used for power tools.

Another officer at the fire, Lieutenant Michael Lovelace, found a magazine inside the house with the owners' names on it. Police dispatchers told the owners, Michael and Liz Bryant of El Paso, about the fire. The couple said they would come up to Ruidoso to check the damage.

Police continue to investigate the arson. Because damage from the arson will probably total more than \$1,000, the crime represents a third degree felony and carries a penalty of up to three years in jail and/or a fine of as much as \$5,000.

Jeri Sparks said she and her family only did the expected thing when they saw the fire.

"Anybody would have stopped it - it was obvious that it wasn't a barbecue," she said.

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And, being a friendly elk (some folks thereabout call him Bubba), he gave a friendly hello to some friendly youngsters before departing.

Better education at the core of public schools' computer spending

Electronic education is shaping up as more than a catch-phrase in the Ruidoso school system.

BY JULIE BAXTER RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Wiring Ruidoso schools with the latest in computer technology is on the way to completion, but the hardware wouldn't be worth the \$500,000 spent on it, if it didn't compute as better education.

With that in mind, principals, teachers and other members of the district's technology committee have been setting goals to use technology as a learning tool.

"We're trying not to have the technology just for technology's sake," said Sue Keeton, a fifth-grade science teacher at White Mountain Elementary School and the technology committee chairperson. "We're trying to use technology to improve teaching and learning."

Part of the committee's goals are being accomplished with \$1 million of the \$8.5 million bond issue passed by voters in February. But the bond money can be used only for

equipment purchases, or as Keeton put it, items with inventory tags and a lifespan of five to seven years.

The remainder of the equation is software. To purchase the programs, the district has turned to grants from the National Science Foundation, The Hubbard Foundation and other sources, as well as to state money allocated through Senate Bill 9.

The programs are what make computers beneficial to a classroom curriculum, and will be used at each grade level to make learning fun and more relevant to today's society. Starting in kindergarten and running through high school, the goals are to add computer skills to the list of other must-haves like reading, writing and arithmetic.

Basic keyboarding skills, word processing, spreadsheets, surfing the World Wide Web, using graphics and other computer applications are essential to many careers and are expected to be keys to quality education.

Students are going to be expected to do it as they move through the school system,"

said the district's computer technician, Mark Hamilton. "Five or 6-year-olds are perfectly capable ... It's a skill just like reading and writing."

Keeton agreed with Hamilton's take on technology and education. "They're fascinated with it," she said. "They're growing up with it; they have no fear ... they can help bring parents and teachers into the electronic age."

Nob Hill Early Childhood Center

Starting at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center with preschool and kindergarten students, computers will be used to detect learning disabilities and problems early. Keeton said technology can be used to develop plans to help those students succeed — "to identify kids and use assistive technology with them; to help kids that may have problems with conventional learning develop their own learning styles."

Computers can be used in early years to develop readiness for reading and writing. Through interactive programs with sound, graphics and activ-

ities, learning the alphabet, numbers and sounds can be made fun.

Sierra Vista Primary

At the first and second grade level, Keeton said the goal is to familiarize children with keyboards, technical terms and functions of certain keys, to develop problem-solving skills and to introduce them to communications networking such as the Internet. In addition, computers can be used to supplement curriculum with drill-and-practice exercises — again, make learning fun.

W. M. Elementary

When students reach third and fourth grades, the goal is to have improve their writing skills and give them an introduction to word processing, improve keyboarding skills and to use the computers to supplement classroom exercises.

W. M. Intermediate

In intermediate school, or fifth and sixth grade, students will begin using interactive

computer programs for multimedia projects. Keeton said tools such as CD-Rom encyclopedias and the Internet can be used for research, while graphics can be pulled or drawn from art programs.

All the downloading of information will be done by a "proxy server" on the teacher's computer. The teacher will download relevant information from the Internet and then students will download from the teacher's computer. Keeton said the student activity will be no different than actual web surfing, but the proxy server will keep a safeguard on what type of information they can access.

Image processing programs will be introduced to fifth and sixth graders. Keeton said programs from NASA and the National Institute of Health will allow students to study subjects like comets, their rate and distance of travel, or the sections of the human brain.

Ruidoso Middle School

By middle school, the goal is to have seventh and eighth grade students participating in

distance learning projects, Keeton said students will be able to reach far beyond Ruidoso to study things and communicate with other students and experts. She pointed to Mission Mars, which is being conducted right now while NASA's Mars exploration mission is underway. Mission Mars allows students to track the progress of the research, as well as communicate with scientists and other students studying the space exploration.

Ruidoso High School

By high school, students should be saturated with computer knowledge, so the technology emphasis will be placed on better programs in the business department and upgrading current equipment in the library. The library upgrade will allow students to access libraries across the country from Ruidoso.

And while issues such as records security and proper staff training still need to be considered, Keeton said the technology committee and the schools are on track to provide "better education for all levels."

Complaints minimal on holiday cleanup; bear locks working

The village emerged from the 4th of July holiday relatively clean and with fewer complaints than in the past, says Jerry Wright, manager of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority.

Bear locks are doing wonders in keeping the bears at bay in the heavily-wooded Upper Canyon, he told members of the

authority board Tuesday. He even received a complaint from one longtime resident who objected to the locks, because they discourage visits by the brawny bruins.

Diane Harris, who has put in hundreds of hours cleaning up after the bears and trying to help the authority come up with solutions to keep debris out of

the Ruidoso River and in the dumpsters, agreed Upper Canyon looks better than ever with the new locks and fewer, but larger dumpsters.

Wright said there was another big difference this year with the holiday clean up. Instead of seeing the hordes of tourists and seasonal visitors

retreat back to their homes after Independence Day weekend, they stayed in the area. The garbage continued to flow at high rates into dumpsters, he said, adding, "We looked about the same this Monday morning as we did the Monday after the holiday." We hauled four loads to the landfill (south of Alamogordo) Monday."

Design meeting Tuesday evening

A meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, in the Ruidoso Convention Center will determine how Ruidoso should plan for the future.

The village council called the "design meeting" to discuss methods for conducting the strategic planning process with as much public input as possible.

Some ideas discussed earlier by the Council include informal and small meeting groups and a village-wide attempt to survey residents.

Ruidoso Village Manager Gary Jackson estimated the strategic planning process, called a visioning process, could take nine months to a year to complete.

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Spirit of compromise becomes apparent as the county's factions come together

LCSWA to seek new compact

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEW STAFF WRITER

Instead of trying to restructure the entire Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, members of a long range planning committee recommended Tuesday the solution may be revamping the agreements that bind together the county and its five municipalities.

Disagreements among the members of the coalition formed to collect and dispose of garbage in the county have threatened the future of the authority.

The disagreements include how rates should be set, how payments from residents should be collected, what services should be provided, how rules can be enforced and how finances should be handled.

"We have two joint power agreements and it was the consensus (of authority board members) we go back, with the benefit of some experience and time, and look at that retrospectively and decide whether some changes are needed," said Gary Jackson, one of four members of a long range planning committee appointed by Authority Chairman Joe Hayhurst. Jackson also is Ruidoso village manager and is one of the village's five representatives on the 11-person authority board.

"We think there are possible conflicts between the original JPA (joint powers agreement) that created the authority

(about six years ago) and the second (used for) the financing of the jointly-owned landfill," Jackson said.

Hayhurst opted Tuesday not to appoint a new group to review the JPAs, but to ask members of the long range planning committee to handle the job.

"We'll meet before the next regular (waste authority) meeting to come up with a draft of (a new) joint powers agreement or recommendations about what changes may be needed," Jackson said Wednesday.

Some committee members, among them Bernhard Reimann of Capitan, also think issues such as the number of board members and the way they are appointed may be due for a change. He has advocated cutting the number of members and using non-elected representatives to reduce the political influence on the board.

On its own, the Ruidoso Village Council's ad hoc committee is working with a consultant to come up with a plan for yard debris to be collected independently of the authority and is soliciting requests for proposals from private companies.

Committee member Monroy Montes, chairman of the Lincoln County Commission, and county representative on the authority, proposed doing away with quarterly garbage collection fees and adopting a tax. But the consensus was not to change the nature of the

authority into an organization formed by state statute with taxing powers.

During the two meetings of the authority's long range committee, several different options were discussed including "what no one wants everybody breaking apart and suing each other," Jackson said.

"At this point, we have decided to put those issues aside and see what will work for now for this group to stay together," Jackson said.

"Consistent regulations and enforcement were things we spent lot of time talking about," he said.

The formation of the com-

mittee and the movement forward toward some solutions is seen by authority members as a positive step of cooperation among the group, he said.

"I think Joe made a good move by forming the committee and telling authority members to take a step back, get emotions out of it and take a look at what we need to keep the authority together," he said. "It all involves the same thing the village is going through. We need to form a vision of where we want to go, develop strategic planning, mission and goals and what steps are necessary to make it work. Arguing doesn't do it."



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Woodlands and streetscapes are part of the territory served by the Ruidoso Downs Fire Department.

Downs FD likes cooperation

Nick Herrera knows cooperation between area fire departments is the only way to approach the growing fire hazard problems in Ruidoso Downs.

The village's fire chief for the past year, Herrera worked his way up from a position as a village dispatcher.

His department works closely with the village code enforcement personnel in identifying wildland/interface haz-

ards. Code Enforcement Officer Tom Armstrong and Herrera try to keep most residents aware of the problem of fire hazards and how to create a defensible space around their property.

The 3.5 square miles that make up the village of Ruidoso Downs fire district is an urban and wildland mix. Access to Turkey Canyon is one of the primary concerns of the department, officials say.

Bazaar event



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Ready for the start of the Church of the Holy Mount bazaar at 121 Mesalero Trail, at 9 a.m. Saturday are Diane Whiteley, Jackie Corbin and M Jones. A luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m.; tickets at the door.

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Last chance for softball; well, sort of

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

This weekend represents the last chance for many softball teams to get in some games before the state tournaments begin.

Fifty-nine teams are slated to play in the Parley's/Cattle Baron Last Chance Qualifier softball tourney starting at 8 p.m. today at Eagle Creek Sports Complex. It's the last major tournament put on by the village of Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department.

The tourney has attracted 10 men's open teams, 24 men's class D teams, 16 men's class E teams and nine women's open teams. Seven of the 59 teams entered have local ties.

In what's shaping up to be a highly competitive women's open bracket, No Excuses is the lone Ruidoso entry. Phil Townsend's team faces an early test when it plays the El Paso Players at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Representing Ruidoso in the men's class D are the Merchants. They start the tourney versus Artesia Merchants at 11 p.m. today.

Five local teams have entered the men's class E bracket. Teams, opponents and game times (all today) are: Nads vs. Rebels of Roswell, 8 p.m.; Grizzlies vs. The Boyz of Alamogordo, 8 p.m.; Extreme vs. Bad Boys of Alamogordo, 9 p.m.; Ace's vs. Kings of Las Cruces, 9 p.m.; and Homeboys vs. Nolan Brunson of Hobbs, 9 p.m.

Sunday's championship game times are: women's open and men's E, both 1 p.m.; men's D, 3 p.m.; and men's open, 4 p.m.

Sophomores featured in Jockey Club Handicap

BY JOHN EASTWOOD
RUIDOSO DOWNS PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

A field of eight 3-year-olds will go postward in Saturday's featured \$10,000 Jockey Club Handicap at Ruidoso Downs. Connections of some of the better sophomores on the grounds have passed the entry box for what promises to be a competitive event at the two-turn distance of 7 1/2 furlongs.

Returning to Ruidoso following an easy score in the Colorado Derby at Arapahoe Park is Gerald and Jerry Roger's Always My Place.

Following a second-place finish in the Norgor Derby here behind Set Insight on June 22, trainer Tim Guidry sent the Florida-bred up to Colorado, and the son of Out Of Place did not disappoint.

Laying just off the pace-setters through soft early fractions while racing three-wide, rider Gilbert Villegas sent the 2-to-5 favorite after the leaders at the top of the stretch, and then went to a hand ride as the pair cruised to an easy 1 and 3/4-length win in the 1-1/6-mile event.

After returning to Ruidoso with the winner's share of the \$28,000 Colorado Derby purse, Always My Place has trained forwardly in preparation for the Jockey Club. The only graded stakes-placed runner among the eight entered, Guidry's charge showed a bullet four-furlong work in 47-4/5 on Wednesday as he turns back in Saturday's shorter route.

Set Insight, the Simon Buechler-trained son of Phone Trick that soundly defeated Always My Place in the Norgor Derby, will return in the Jockey Club for another round

with that rival.

Margaret Bloss and Margaret DuPont's homebred picks up five pounds off his score in the Norgor as he tries to stretch his speed around two turns for the first time in the Jockey Club.

Though the distance might raise questions for his connections, familiarity with the local surface should not. The Kentucky-bred has shown a liking for the mountain oval, showing wins in three of four Ruidoso starts, including a two-length score in last year's Ruidoso Futurity.

Joel Marr and Ed Wright's New Mexico-bred Tellmeaboutit, after finding the level of competition too tough at Lone Star Park, returned to competition in his home state with a convincing four-length romp in the state-bred Achievement Handicap at Santa Fe on July 6.

Second in earnings in the Jockey Club field behind Always My Place with a bankroll just over \$57,000, the Full Choke gelding's two lifetime wins have come in Santa Fe stakes. Though a qualifier to the Rio Grande Futurity here at 2, Tellmeaboutit failed to find the winner's circle in four starts at Ruidoso in '96.

One runner trying to turn his fortunes around in the Jockey Club is Brave Jack owned by Tom Williams and William Stradley.

A multiple stakes winner in open company at 2, the New Mexico-bred son of Jack Wilson was beaten only a nose by Always My Place in the Sunland Thoroughbred Derby in his first start as a 3-year-old. The Fred Danley-trainee



Norgor Derby winner Set Insights will attempt to stretch his speed around two turns for the first time in Saturday's Jockey Club Handicap at Ruidoso Downs.

has finished up the track in his two starts since that effort, however, most recently finishing 21-1/2 lengths back of Set Insight in the Norgor Derby.

The lone filly in the Jockey Club field is Hassel Spraberry's Missy Cherub. A five-length winner of the Aspen Cup for fillies at Ruidoso Downs on June 15, the Johnnie Nall-trained daughter of Corwyn Bay most recently finished a tiring fourth in a six-furlong allowance race versus older horses here on July 6.

Slamming high-weighted
Slamming already a two-

RACE ENTRIES, 2B

time stakes winner at Ruidoso Downs in 1997 seeks his third straight stakes win in the 10,000 Ruidoso Sprint Championships Sunday.

In his last start, the June 29 Mescalero Handicap the Kentucky-bred son of Claim ran the six furlongs of the current meet when he blazed the distance in 1:09-4/5. Picking up one pound off his four-length victory in Mescalero Apache, Slamming again has earned the high-weight assignment, and will tote 123 pounds in the sprint championship.

Tiffany Go Home, a non-

threatening third behind Slamming in both the Governor's and Mescalero Apache handicaps, is next in weights at 120. Another who may pose a threat is the improving Alarming Texan. The Texas-bred gelding will carry 118.

Correction

Wednesday's headline about the results of the Rainbow Futurity trials incorrectly indicated that the finals of the Rainbow Futurity would be run July 26.

The correct date for the Rainbow Futurity finals is Sunday, July 27.

The Ruidoso News regrets the error.

Just stirrup



Corporate giant Nike might consider adding yet another shoe to its line of athletic footwear and apparel. This horse trainer might be the shoe company's first endorser of the new product line.

Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News

ADULT SOFTBALL

Sals begin defense of women's league tourney title Monday

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The final week of adult women's softball play begins Monday with the first round of the season-ending league tournament.

That's when regular-season league champions Diamond Sals will begin their quest to claim the second crown of laurel leaves, the league tournament title.

Last year, No Excuses won the regular season title and the Sals took league tournament. This year, No Excuses seek to turn the tables on the Sals.

But before No Excuses will get that shot at the Sals, they'll have to get past a feisty Flamingo team led by Francine LaMay and Vicki Eckerdt.

The Flamingos, who finished third at 16-5, made a run at No Excuses for second place. Their hopes remained alive

when they spanked the Sals 20-9 in the final regular season game of the Monday night league. But the Flamingos needed help from another team to unseat No Excuses, and no one was up to the task.

With the final make-up games in the books, parks and recreation sports coordinator Claudia Branum announced the pairings for the first-round of games for the league tournament, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Monday.

Monday night's games are (team's league record in parentheses):

- Game 1 - #1 Diamond Sals (19-2) vs. #8 Comic Relief (2-19), 6:30 p.m., field A
- Game 2 - #4 Gray Hawk (13-8) vs. #5 Seidel Shockwave (7-14), 6:30 p.m., field B
- Game 3 - #3 Flamingos (16-5) vs. #6 Wild Things (6-15), 7:45 p.m., field A
- Game 4 - #2 No Excuses (18-3) vs. #7 Kelly Girls (3-18),

7:45 p.m., field B

• The loser's from games 1 and 2, 9 p.m., A field

• The loser's from games 3 and 4, 9 p.m., B field

Quarterfinal and semifinal actions is slated for Tuesday night. The championship game will be played at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday on field B, with the "if" game to immediately follow at 9 p.m.

Rain delays men's play

The men's league race remained as cloudy as the skies after showers washed out league play July 10.

Those July 10 games will be rescheduled Wednesday and Thursday next week, which means the race for the regular season league title won't clear up until then.

On Tuesday, however, Extreme put a nail in the coffin of the Merchants with a 19-18 victory, and kept alive their hopes for a top three finish.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Women's Adult Softball League Standings				Men's Adult Softball League Standings			
Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
Diamond Sals	19	2	.904	Capitan Coast	17	5	.772
No Excuses	18	3	.857	Homeboys	13	7	.650
Flamingos	16	5	.761	Grizzlies	13	8	.619
Gray Hawk	13	8	.619	Merchants	12	8	.600
Seidel Shockwaves	7	14	.333	Nads	11	10	.523
Wild Things	6	15	.285	Extreme	11	10	.523
Kelly Girls	3	18	.142	Chats	7	12	.368
Comic Relief	2	19	.105	Eagles	6	17	.260
				Ace's	5	17	.190

July 16 results			
Flamingos 17, Comic Relief 7			
No Excuses 24, Comic Relief 1			

Women's Softball League Tournament Schedule			
July 21 games first round			
Field A - 6:30 p.m. Diamond Sals vs. Comic Relief; 7:45 p.m. Flamingos vs. Wild Things; 9 p.m. Loser of 6:30 game vs. loser of 7:45 game.			
Field B - 6:30 p.m. Gray Hawk vs. Seidel Shockwaves; 7:45 p.m. No Excuses vs. Kelly Girls; 9 p.m. Loser of 6:30 game vs. loser of 7:45 game.			
July 22 games second round games			
July 23 games 7:45 p.m. Tourney championship game			

July 15 results			
No Excuses 16, Gray Hawk 6			

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Racetrack tour every Wednesday
Every Wednesday through the racing season, Ruidoso Downs Race Track will offer a trackside tour and discussion of race horses' morning workouts. The tour begins at 9 a.m. and cost is free. Participants should gather at the main entrance of the grandstands.

Leroy Gooch Memorial Scholarship
A scholarship in memory of Leroy Gooch has been established and will be accepting mail donations at 200 Horoff Circle, Ruidoso, NV, 88345.

Putting championship papers club quarterly
The second year of the Compag World Putting Championship by Dave Pez will hold an open qualifier at The Links at Sierra Blanca in Ruidoso until August 15. Those wishing to qualify for Compag World Putting Championship can pay a

\$10 entry fee for two putting chances. For information, call Dave Pez at 800-229-4758.

Race For The Beach
A silent auction will be held at the Lacouture Fine Arts Gallery from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 19, featuring donated works by area artists such as Ann Templeton, Dave McGary and White Mountain Bottery. Race for the Beach has been organized by men and women of Lincoln County to build awareness of breast cancer and to provide financial assistance for mammogram, when necessary. Race for the Beach (Breast Awareness Caring and Hope) will use the proceeds from this silent auction to fund a 5K race to be held in Ruidoso Sept. 27. R.S.V.P. by July 12th to Lacouture Fine Arts, 700 Mechem, 11 Jira Plaza, 257-3115.

Roadrunner triathlon
The Roadrunner triathlon consisting of a 5K run, 18-mile bike ride and 400-meter swim, will be conducted at White Sands Missile Range at 7:30 a.m. Aug. 2.

Preregistration is \$20 for individuals and \$45 for teams. The deadline for preregistration is July 25. For entry forms call the WSMR Ball Gymnasium at (505) 678-3374, or write to: WSMR Triathlon, Attention: STEVE CARL, White Sands Missile Range, NM 88002.

WHAT'S BITING

Area lakes have been good on varied dry flies in 18s and 24s, big streamers and pistol pats. Area streams have been very productive on nymphs, dry flies and hoppers throughout the day. Fly type not as important as presentation. Anything in the 18s should work, least toward hoppers and caddis. A lot of fish but it requires a lot of patience as well.

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A rider puts a racehorse through its morning paces at Ruidoso Downs.

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1-Lads Bullit Baby (M Fuentes) 115
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4-Hairbreaker Tune (Lab) 115
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9-Get It Done (Shipley) 122

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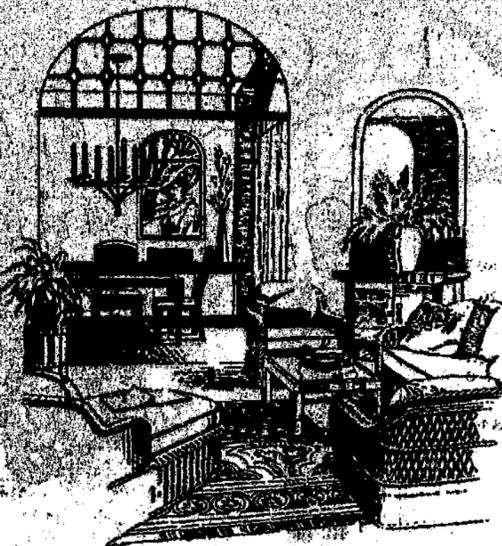
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Ups and downs in building expected to level off in long run

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS BUSINESS WRITER

Construction of homes boomed in June, with other areas of construction falling off a bit, according to the latest building permit values released by the village of Ruidoso.

The comparisons from June, 1996 to June, 1997, show a near 54% increase in single-family home permits issued, while new commercial, commercial alterations or additions, and other types of building permits show a marked decrease. The value of new commercial permits fell 106% from \$3,500 in June, 1996 to nothing in June, 1997; commercial additions dropped 49% from \$72,939 to \$37,180, and other permits were down 33% from \$174,316 to \$116,353. Single-family homes shot up

from \$1,117,697 to \$1,720,000. Village Planning Administrator Cleatus Richards said the numbers shouldn't be taken at face value.

"Overall, from last year, we're not that much different," he said in terms of total building permit values. "Month to month can vary considerably."

A primary cause of variation is weather, Richards said last year's dry summer never stalled out any building projects, while this year's rainy, wet weather may have forestalled projects in April and May, forcing more work to be done in June.

But where are all those new homes going?

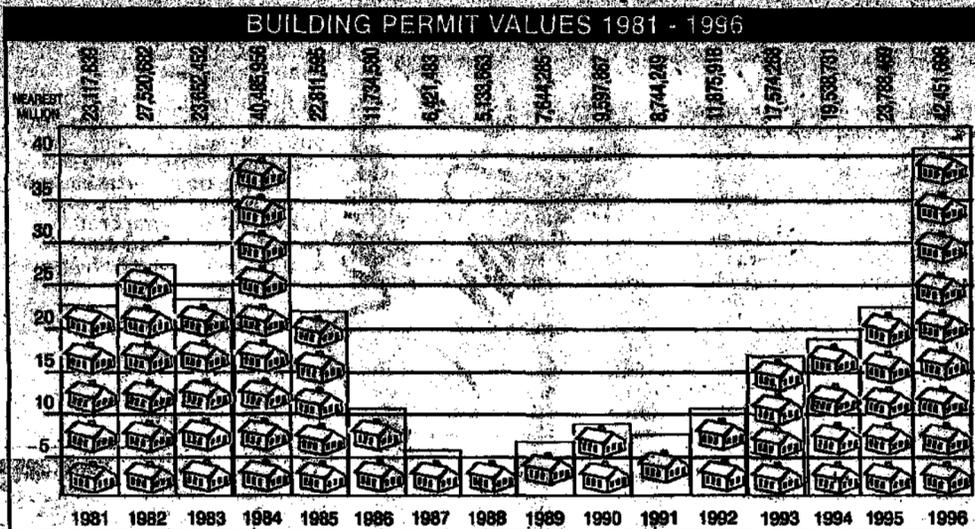
Richards said all over the place. "It's pretty spread out throughout the community," he said. "Around 40% of the village annexed area is vacant (and) available for development."

While the increase in residential building may be partly due to the weather, the decline in commercial building is a mix of market factors. The bottom line: what's needed in Ruidoso. He attributed the low number of permits to the amount of vacant commercial space and the direction of community demands. "The market's just not producing that demand for a lot of commercial space at this point," he added.

Also low in June were the numbers for multi-family dwelling permits — an area Richards thinks will change.

"There's been a low amount of multi-family permitted since the mid-'80s; prior to that there was a lot of condo-type development, which satisfied that market," he said. "Now we're getting inquiries about apartment-type developments ..."

Those inquiries seem to be



prices for moderate incomes, too. "There seems to be a need for developing in that area," he said. "Indications are that the developers are trying to satisfy that need."

And all types of building are combining for some reasonable growth in Richards' opinion. That growth rate is slow and steady, but a great improvement from the lows of the late 1980s and early 1990s. Building was at a distinct low in those years, with permit values falling from double-digit

millions in 1986, to single digit millions in 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990 and 1991, until rebounding in 1992.

"I see a pattern of new development from 1988," Richards said, calling those years in the late 1980s "the bottom of the trough." "We started taking off again in 1992, 1993 and it seems to be holding pretty consistent."

And though 1996 totals may be skewed by the \$17 million Spencer Theater, Richards is confident that growth is pro-

ceeding at the pace it needs to.

"Slow, steady growth is certainly better than boom-type growth," he said. Pointing to the community visioning process starting July 22, Richards said it is important to keep a vision of the community updated. "It has a lot to do with how you want your community to look and how you want it to develop. We have a master plan adopted in 1988, but the community needs to revisit that vision of the future on a periodic basis."

Cachet Salon can bring a little color, style and more to Ruidoso residents

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS BUSINESS WRITER

Convinced that pampering is for people of all ages and all incomes, Sandi Holder has added her personal touch to Ruidoso's salon set.

Holder's Cachet Salon opened July 1 in the Four Seasons Mall to meet the community's hair and nail needs. With Elsa Ordorica on board, Holder is setting out to deliver the best of everything.

"We do everything for hair — perms, colors, cuts, color waves, highlights ...," Holder said. "And we do nails — acrylic, sculptured, tips, overlays, fiberglass, manicures, pedicures. Everything."

And all that she and Ordorica do is done with extra care paid to the individual. It's Holder's philosophy to give a personal touch. "Just treat someone like you want to be treated and treat everybody fairly," she said are the words she lives by in her professional life.

But sticking to a philosophy doesn't mean she's not having fun. Aside from the benefits of being her own boss and setting her own hours, Holder said striking out on her own has put enjoyment back into her career.

"This should be fun," she said. "Instead of like oh, I have to go to work. What's really fun is when people come in and they've had the same thing forever and they want you to totally change it."



Sandi Holder, (foreground) and Elsa Ordorica are serving up some style at Cachet Salon. The shop, which Holder opened July 1 in the Four Seasons Mall, aims to meet any and every beauty need.

The social aspect of the salon also is reason for her to love her job. "I get to meet people from all over," Holder said, adding that just last week she met a couple from New Orleans. "I've made some real good friends out of doing this."

Holder also said making friends can lend some therapeutic value as well. "When you're sitting across the nail table from somebody for an

hour, you talk a lot," she said.

In the end, though, the style at Cachet boils down to price and service. Holder is a single mother of three herself, so she knows how tight a budget can be and how expensive haircuts for three children don't often fit in. "It help families," Holder said she and Ordorica welcome children and she will often cut their hair for \$1 per year if they're under 13.

And Holder said pampering is something people don't do enough of for themselves, regardless of their age.

"It makes your day so much better, even if you just come in and get a hair cut it makes you feel better," she said. "That's what we try to do — pamper people — and if you make them feel good about themselves and treat them fairly, they'll be back."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Acupuncturist LaRosa joins Centre staff

Janet LaRosa, a licensed acupuncturist since 1982, is moving from Silver City and joining the Centre for the Healing Arts.

LaRosa specializes in pain relief, allergies, asthma, preventive medicine, and acute and chronic disease. She is a graduate of the New England School of Acupuncture and has been certified by the Shanghai College of Traditional Medicine, the National Acupuncture Detox Association, the National Commission for Certification of Chinese Acupuncturists and Chinese Herbs. She also helped establish the Hooper Detox Clinic in Portland, Ore., and the Oregon College of Oriental Medicine clinic.

Pecan production down from record crop of '95

New Mexico's pecan orchards produced 22 million pounds in 1996, down 51% from the record crop in 1995, according to the New Mexico Agricultural Statistics Service.

The early season was marked by a lack of moisture, which stressed the crop, but no significant freeze or insect damage was reported.

The price was also down from 1995. Growers received an average of 74 cents per pound compared to \$1.24 per pound for the 1995 harvest. The value of the 1996 crop totaled nearly \$16.3 million, less than one-third of the previous year's value.

Recycling sends 45 kids to camp

Rev. Jim Wood's recycling campaigns with youth groups from two New Mexico church youth groups has raised enough money to send 45 campers and 14 counselors to camp for a week.

The reverend's recycling program, which he has been leading for 10 years, raised \$1,700 to send the youths to Bonita Nazarene Campground in Capitan. Wood estimated he and the children gathered more than 25,000 pounds of aluminum cans during the past decade.

"It's a wonderful program," Wood said. "Recycling teaches the kids about caring for the environment, as well as serving as an earning mechanism for those who attend the camp. They really work hard collecting those cans to be recycled. They get more out of camp that way."

Interest rates this week

The following interest rates on certificates of deposit and new car loans were reported July 17 from local banks.

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Tour aimed at letting national journalists discover Ruidoso

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS BUSINESS WRITER

Judging from the crowds strolling the Mid-Town streets, drawing people to Ruidoso doesn't seem to be a problem. But sticking to the adage that "more is better," the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Spencer Theater are teaming up to draw more people to town.

Joan Bailey, Chamber executive director, and Brad Cooper, Spencer publicist, have been stating their case to various entities lately, hoping to drum

up funds for a "Discover Ruidoso" press tour. The idea is to bring 12 travel writers/photographers to the area for some positive coverage in national newspapers and magazines.

The push for stories instead of advertisements has to do with credibility. "People are a lot more apt to believe a story, an article they read in a publication, than they are a slick ad," Bailey said.

So with an estimated \$12,000 budget to bring the journalists to town, which would pay for their room and

board, meals and activities, Bailey and Cooper are planning to pitch the idea to the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Board, the Village of Ruidoso Downs, Ski Apache and Spirit of Ruidoso, The Museum of the Horse, the Inn of the Mountain Gods and Mescalero Inn. Spencer and the Chamber already are on board for \$8,600.

The tour is targeted for Oct. 1-5, with the Billy the Kid Scenic By-way, the opening of Spencer, Mescalero, Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and other area

attractions such as White Sands National Monument and The Space Center Museum in Alamogordo on the itinerary. With activities planned to include time for shopping, golfing and sight seeing, organizers hope the visiting journalists will get a taste of everything the area has to offer.

The brainchild of travel writers/photographers Dave and Jan Butchisky Houser, who live in Nogal, the Discover Ruidoso tour seeks to duplicate the success of the Free Spirits at Noisy Water and Lincoln

County press tour of 1995.

Revolving around the unveiling of Dave McGary's bronze sculpture at the Museum of the Horse, the tour also highlighted Ruidoso, Cloudcroft, White Sands, Lincoln, Fort Stanton, Alamogordo and more. That tour in July is estimated to have generated stories and photos worth an equivalent of \$400,000 in advertising value.

Originally planned for October to correspond with Aspenfest weekend, the tour may be pushed back to spring

so all the money can be raised and the writers and photographers can fit it in their schedules, but Bailey said she's confident the tour will happen; it's just a matter of when. Cooper said the entire community should get behind the tour, whether financially or in spirit, because everyone can benefit.

"It's something for everybody," he said. "We've got to be unselfish in this kind of thing and push all the attractions because in the big picture, it's the synergy of everything that makes us so appealing."

Ruidoso schools move toward new term

Closed-session meetings part of pre-school board preparations

By Julie Baxter
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

With the school year wrapped up and staff enjoying some leisure, the Ruidoso School Board was reminded of time's fleeting nature July 8 when it reviewed the back-to-school schedule and finalized more finances for the coming year.

With board administrator retreats, orientations and workshops to be held before students return on Aug. 18, the summer didn't seem as long as it did in May.

The board will start things off Aug. 8, with a closed-session meeting at President James Paxton's house to discuss personnel issues.

The following day, the board and school administrators will keep it going with a

four-hour retreat at Superintendent Mike Gladden's house.

Substitutes are next to get into the swing of things with orientation from 9 to 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 15, followed by new staff orientation from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Ruidoso Schools Administration Building.

Staff and board members will then convene at noon, Monday, Aug. 18, at the Ruidoso Convention Center for an orientation luncheon and afternoon workshops.

Fine-tuned finances

In addition to reviewing the schedules, the board also fine-tuned some finances for the coming year. Budget adjustments to the technology, Title I and Title VI funds were given approval.

The technology adjustment totaled \$29,715, with Title I (federal) funds coming in at \$250,951 and the Title

VI funds totaling \$15,169.

Bus contracts for the 1997-98 school year were okayed. Two fleet contractors—Lincoln Transportation and Irene Nosker Bus Co.—and individual owner/operators Jack Kennedy and Earl Allison were awarded transportation contracts for the school year.

Transportation budget

The total transportation budget for 1997-98 is \$890,886. But like many other numbers included in the district's budget, it could change based on student counts.

Business Manager Carol Snow said the state funding formula is student driven, combined with a variety of other factors such as bus depreciation and total square miles. The board approved the contracts contingent upon the district's 40-day count totals. If the number of students is higher than estimated, Snow said additional dollars may be distributed.

Other action

In other business, the board:

Added new staff for the district: Tirda Cavada, a bilingual teacher at White Mountain Elementary School; Daniel Hamilton as a counselor at Ruidoso Middle School; Adrienne Garcia as the Nov. Hill Early Childhood Center parent teacher center coordinator; Bryan DeLeon as a maintenance worker; and Sara Pineda and Frances Kampey as special education instructional assistants at White Mountain Intermediate.

Accepted two resignations from Ruidoso High School boys basketball coach Ben Sanchez and his wife, volleyball coach Paula Sanchez.

Approved the audit report from 1996-97 by a 4-0 vote. Snow said reviewing the final report is required by the State Department of Education and that many of the issues brought up in the audit were addressed during the school year.

Approved a joint power agreement with Hondo Valley Municipal Schools to teach a special needs student. Hondo cannot provide for.

Opened bids on copier machine maintenance. Gladden said the district has a maintenance contract now, but "was testing the waters" to see if a better price was available. Gladden and Snow will review the bid and return to the board with a recommendation.

RSVP needs volunteers for local projects

The Ruidoso RSVP, a volunteer organization, is seeking volunteers for two new programs—Books on Wheels and a river clean-up crew. A coordinator

Books on Wheels needs volunteers to help identify homebound residents. Volunteers then take books from the library to homebound people. On a return visit, the volunteers will pick up the books to be returned, exchanging them for other books.

The volunteer organization still seeks a name for its river clean-up project, and is asking for suggestions. The winning suggestion will be rewarded with a copy of dinner for two at the Cattle Baron Steak & Seafood Restaurant, a \$30 value.

The deadline for submissions is July 18, today, and

will be judged by the 11-member RSVP Advisory Council. Entries may be hand delivered to the Ruidoso Senior Center behind the Ruidoso Public Library.

The river clean-up will be coordinated through both RSVP and the Ruidoso Village Parks and Recreation Department to help keep the Rio Ruidoso clean. The goal is to have about 18 seasonal volunteers clean litter from a portion of river once a month.

The project will be a continuation of the annual "Keep It Clean Ruidoso" monthly clean-ups. The monthly clean-ups will involve only a minimum of donated time per volunteer, coordinators said.

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REPORTS

Gun-toting boyfriend faces charges

A Ruidoso man was arrested Sunday on charges that he threatened his girlfriend with a loaded shotgun, Ruidoso police reports said.

Nordalus D. Oliver, 44, reportedly was carrying a 12-gauge shotgun at his girlfriend's home in the 100 White Mountain Meadows Drive. He and his girlfriend, Lynn Busbanas, had argued and Oliver had reportedly refused to leave the home.

Oliver did leave after Busbanas called the police and before officers arrived, reports said. Officer Doug Ford identified Oliver's Ford pickup truck and attempted to stop him. Oliver initially refused to pull over, according to the report filed by Officer Michael Lovelace.

Oliver finally pulled over on Silate Drive, but then refused to cooperate with Ford, police said. Ford arrested Oliver, who has been charged with battery and negligent use of a deadly weapon.

Rocks used to smash car windows at nightclub

Thieves are still prowling parking areas near Mid-Town nightclubs, breaking car windows to get at purses, according to police reports.

Two purses were taken from a 1994 Mercury Cougar Thursday night in a parking lot at 2516 Sudderth Dr., reports said.

Rita Esquivel told officers the driver's side window of a friend's car had been smashed with a rock. Both she and her friend, Peggy Lawing, lost credit cards and checkbooks when their purses were taken. Lawing also had \$200 in cash in her purse, reports said.

The theft happened sometime between 8:30 a.m. and midnight Thursday.

In June, thieves smashed the windows of two cars in the same area to steal purses,

police said. The car burglaries also happened at night in parking areas close to the Wins Place and Elmer's nightclub.

Money, photos, underwear taken

A Ruidoso man on Monday reported the theft of several items from his house, including personal items of his 17-year-old daughter, police said.

Ricky G. Oxford told police he and his daughter returned from a vacation on July 1 and found that \$150 had been taken from a jar in the home's study.

Nine days later, his daughter noticed about 10 pictures of her in skiing and cheerleading activities missing from a bulletin board in the study, located next to her bedroom.

Two days later, on July 12, the daughter found all her underwear had been stolen from her bedroom.

Police have a suspect in the case.

Suspect reportedly hides marijuana in police car

Officers found a marijuana joint under the back seat of a police car Sunday afternoon shortly after taking a man to jail, reports said.

Police initially stopped Abel Salgado, 21, of Sunland Park as a suspect in a gasoline theft. Officer Charles Wolf pulled over Salgado's Oldsmobile at Sudderth Drive and Chase Street.

Wolf arrested Salgado after he ran a check and discovered Salgado was wanted in Alamogordo on an outstanding warrant. Wolf handcuffed Salgado and put him in the back seat of his police car.

While driving Salgado to the police station, Wolf heard him moving in the back as if he were trying to free himself, reports said. Wolf looked in his rear view mirror and saw that Salgado had moved forward on the seat.

After Salgado had been looked into the jail, Wolf and

fellow officer Ignacio Lopez removed the back seat of the police car and found the marijuana cigarette.

Police have charged Salgado with unlawful possession of marijuana, a misdemeanor.

Neighbors find burglary evidence

A Ruidoso couple investigating a loud crash they heard early one morning found evidence of a burglary near their home, police said.

Tina Randolph and her husband found a window broken out of a home in the 200 block of Grove Drive. The home belongs to a Plainview, Texas, man.

When police investigated, nothing in the house seemed to be disturbed, though a piece of wood blocking a door from the inside had been removed. The police officer investigating the burglar informed the owner of what had happened by leaving a message on the home's telephone answering machine, police reports said.

Cokes, money taken from machine

Cokes and money were taken from a vending machine at the Innsbruck Lodge sometime Sunday or early Monday, police reports said.

Jean Schistoth, owner of the lodge at 601 Sudderth Dr., said she noticed the money box from the machine had been taken out and was sitting next to the machine. The machine, however, was locked. Police said the machine had no marks on it to indicate it had been forced open, leaving them to believe the thief used a key to open it.

The value of the Cokes and money taken from the machine, owned by Southwest Coca Cola out of Alamogordo, is estimated at \$75.

Purse lost

A Lubbock woman shopping in Mid-Town Ruidoso lost

her purse last week, police reports said.

Patricia Armitstead told police she walked out of the Four Seasons shopping mall and realized she didn't have her purse with her. The black purse and its contents were valued at \$125.

Man shoots himself in abdomen

An elderly Ruidoso man who apparently shot himself in the abdomen Sunday is in stable condition this week, a hospital official said.

The man was found lying on his home's back porch by his wife when she returned from church at about 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Ruidoso police said.

Officers found a .22-caliber hand-gun near the man, who had written a note to his wife, Detective Wolf Born said.

The wounded man was taken to Lincoln County Medical Center, where he underwent emergency surgery, police said.

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FAMOUS FOOTSTEPS

Tour guide Jeannie Bosson welcomes visitors to one of the many historic sites along the walking tour at Fort Stanton.

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GOING OUT

Meet the musician

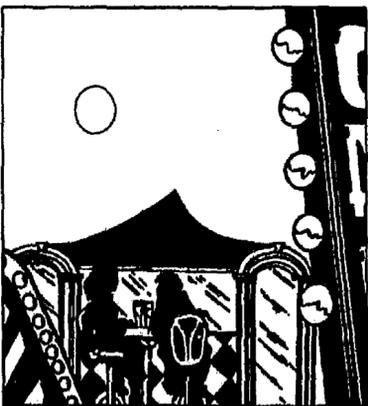
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SILVER SCREEN

Stars try to save face

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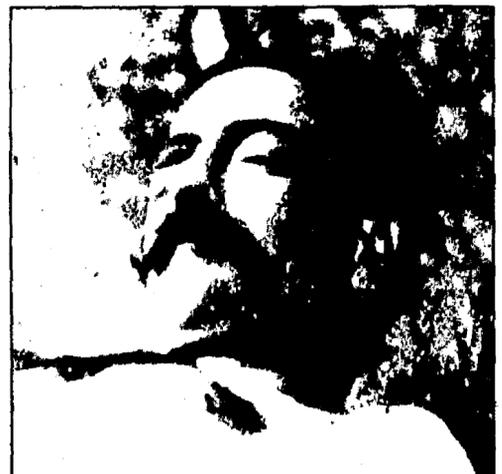


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PAST TENSE

The wild wolf of Bitter Creek

A cowboy gone bad. Page 14C





What's happening?

music

Cree Meadows Country Club

Live music Thursday 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.

Galloping Tortoise

7-7 Fridays, "Gen X" night. Listen to your CDs and play board games. From 7 to 9 p.m. Saturdays, live music for singles and couples. From 6 to 9 p.m. Sundays, Randy Jones and friends play rock 'n roll, country and blues. Deli food, ice cream and cappuccinos available. 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, July 4, open mike and blues jam. 8 p.m. Saturday, July 5, live music. The coffee house is located at 2111 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 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. Apache Tee: 6-10 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday until July 19, Tomás Vigil.

Lincoln County Mercantile & Trading Post

1 p.m. Sundays, acoustic jam session. Free. All music lovers and musicians welcome. The mercantile is located at 320 S. Lincoln, Capitan, 354-2316.

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 danced 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

8:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Wednesday to Sunday Weazel's back!! 7 p.m. The lounge is located in the Enchantment Inn, Hwy. 70 W., Ruidoso, 378-4051.

The Texas House

7-11 p.m. Wednesdays, Will Kelso plays tunes for you. Various artists perform 7-11 p.m. every Friday and Saturday. Open 24 hours on weekends. The restaurant is located at 2811 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3506.

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, 257-9535.

Santa Rita Parish Fiesta

Saturday and Sunday, July 19-20 in Carrizozo. Saturday activities: 5 a.m.

walk-a-thon; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Joe Portillo Memorial Barbecue; 6:30 p.m. Mass at which Fiesta Queen will be crowned; 8 p.m.-midnight fiesta dance at Fred Chavez Park. Sunday activities: 11 a.m. fiesta Mass; horseshoe tournament, the Santa Rita Dancers, music by Fred LaFave, the Hondo Fiesta Dancers, Sangre de Cristo Singers from Taos and fiesta bingo games. Booths will be operating. For more information call (505) 648-2853.

Free Lecture at Earthworks

5 p.m. Sunday, July 20, at the Attic Complex, 1031 Mechem, Ruidoso. The lecture features Eliezer Ben-Joseph, naturopathic doctor and radio personality. R.S.V.P. by July 18 to 258-4438 or Fax, 258-4146.

Biker Sunday at Socorro

Noon Sunday, July 20 at the Disabled American Veterans Hall, 200 N. 5th, Socorro. The event includes motorcycle blessings, Chinese auction, puppet show, trampoline, Christian live rock music. For more information call (505) 835-0843.

Dog Obedience Classes

6-week session starts Tuesday, July 22. Cost for 6 weeks, \$60. For more information call MariLynn at 258-3039.

Spay/Neuter Assistance for Your Pet

The Lincoln County Humane Society is offering assistance with the cost of spaying or neutering your pet. If you are a resident of Lincoln County and on a fixed income or low income, please call Jim or Sandra for more information at 257-9841.

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.

library

Ruidoso Public Library

Summer Activities
Preschool Story Hour: 2-3 p.m. on Wednesdays and 10-11 a.m. Thursdays. Fun for 3- to 6-year-olds, no sign-ups and it's free. Read the 7 Seas: through Friday, August 1. Children will keep a record of the time they spend reading and then return the record to fish for a surprise. All active readers will earn an invitation to a Beach Party at the Ruidoso swimming pool on Thursday, Aug. 5.

theater

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8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 24-26, July 31-Aug. 2 and Aug. 7-9. Presented by the Ruidoso Little Theatre at The Castle, Hwy. 70, Ruidoso. A man and a woman, each married to other people, are accidentally locked in a vacant apartment. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors.

museums/ galleries

Benson Fine Art

Jira Plaza, 700 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 257-2813. The gallery is featuring the work of Ruidoso artist Louise Barratt as well as new work by con-

temporary Southwest artists Wm. Warder, David Ballew, Jim Boyer, Kenny McKenna, Jean Sander, John Hopkins, Alfred Vetromile, Lauren Knods, Gary Meyers, Curt Boles, Wayne Baize, Bea Stanton, Ron Stewart, Phillip Froneberger and Joseph Orr. The gallery also specializes in the work of deceased Southwest artists Maynard Dixon, Ed Borein, Edgar Payne, Jimmy Swinnerton, Hernando Villa, Albert Groll, Clyde Forsythe, Hanson Puthuff, Rod Goebel, among others. For more information call 257-2813.

Eagle Ranch Art Gallery

7288 Hwy. 54/70, Alamogordo, 1-800-432-0999. Alamogordo artist Pat Beatty fills the gallery during the month of July with her delightful watercolors. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. seven days a week.

Gall's Frame of Mind

1204 Mechem, White Mountain Plaza, Ruidoso 258-9071. The gallery features fine art by Louise Arnold, Marcia Bizeau, Flora Hatfield Buchanan, Bruce Chapman, Greg Doyle, Gaylon Gillem, Teresa Hughes, Leland Jackson, Mona and Barbara Jones, Bernice Landrum, Manon, Patti Mayes, Don Mohr, Barry McCoy, Virgil Stephens and Earthfolk Clay pieces by Adrian Henry. Also showing antiques from various vendors from Texas and New Mexico. Hours: 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; Thursdays open until 6 p.m.

The Kenyon Thomas Gallery

548 Sudderth, Ruidoso by the teepee at the traffic lights. Pottery and tapests by Kenyon Thomas, fine weavings by Marsha Thomas. Open Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call 257-1056.

Lincoln County Mercantile & Trading Post

320 S. Lincoln Ave., Capitan, 354-2316. Discover the art of Southern New Mexico with works by Peter Rogers, Jose Rivera, Suzanne Donazetti, Ken Payne, Gerald Kirwin, Elaine Armstrong and others. On-premises studios of photographer Lionel Lipmann and Marilyn Quinell, designer of fine objects in stained glass. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday-Sunday and by appointment.

McGary Studios and Expressions

In Bronze Gallery
2002 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3790, 1-800-687-3424 - Dave McGary's combined facility features a finishing studio and a gallery which showcases a two-decade retrospective collection of his "Images in Bronze." Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday.

The Montano Store

Hwy. 380, Lincoln, (505) 653-4372. Featuring the newly renovated store and temporary exhibits highlighting the Montano family, Hispanic contributions to the area and adobe architecture. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday to Sunday. Admission fee included in the \$5 daily pass which can be purchased at the Court House or the Lincoln County Heritage Trust at either end of town.

Mountain Legends Gallery & Foundry

610 E. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-8040 - 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, public bronze pourings and tour of the foundry.

Museum of the Horse

Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4142. "Saddle Up!" exhibition now through Oct. 14. See saddles of generals G. S. Patton, "Black Jack" Pershing, Santa Anna, and W. T. Sherman. Also see saddles of "Buffalo Bill" Cody, Annie Oakley, The Cisco Kid and Pancho, Hopalong Cassidy and 65 more.

Russian Space Station



Courtesy photo

"Mission to Mir" has blasted off at the Alamogordo Space Center's Tombaugh Omnimax Theater and Planetarium. Filmed in space by the astronauts, this 40-minute giant screen tour of Russia's Space Station Mir gives a unique look inside the weightless home in space. Mir has been occupied by international teams of scientists since 1986. For show times and Space Center operating hours, call 1-800-545-4021.

Museum hours: 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily.

For more information and gallery hours call 257-3644.

New Mexico Churches

Tapestry and Retablos

Lincoln County Heritage Trust, Lincoln, (505) 653-4372. Featuring local artists Polly E. Chavez of Carrizozo and Bob Scribner of Alto. Admission fee included in the \$5 daily pass which can be purchased at the Court House or the Lincoln County Heritage Trust at either end of town. Hours: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. every day.

New Mexico Museum

of Natural History and Science
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 12-13, Martian meteorite on display. This is part of the "Back to Mars" exhibit on display through August. Museum hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. The museum is located at 1801 Mountain Road NW, Albuquerque, (505) 841-2800.

Quemada Studio and Gallery

2415 Sudderth Dr., #3, Ruidoso, 257-5743. Located at LeClaire's Mountain Village. Colorful paintings of people and places. Studio hours are 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Saturday and by appointment.

The Tree's House

Nogal Canyon Road off Hwy. 37 between mile markers 9/10, Nogal, (505) 354-4206 - The Laggs are woodworkers who design and create a variety of functional artworks, including doors, screens and lamps. Gallery hours are by appointment and Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

White Oaks Pottery Studio

From her hand-built adobe studio, potter Ivy Heyman throws functional, classical and whimsical works. Studio open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday through Tuesday. Closed Wednesday and Thursday. The gallery is located 3 1/2 miles NE of White Oaks, (505) 648-2985.

White Mountain Pottery Gallery

2328 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso - midtown. Lincoln county's largest selection of local potters. Featuring Tim Wierwille's landscaped series, Will and Johana DeMay, Chris Heede, Larry Davidson, Vicki Conley, Ivy Heyman, Alan Butler and Bill Campbell. "A collection of talented clay artists." For fur-

parks/recreation

Bull and Steer Riding Practice

5 p.m. Wednesdays and 1 p.m. Sundays at the Salazar Arena, Mescalero. For more information call 258-8043 or (505) 378-8185.

Chalobics

9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center behind the public library on Junction Road, Ruidoso. Very low impact aerobics set to music, both in and out of a chair. Instructed by Lelia Cain.

Funtrackers

101 Carrizozo Canyon Road, Ruidoso, 257-3275.

Inn of the Mountain Gods Arcade

Video arcade, pool tables. The Inn also has tennis courts, horseback riding and fishing. The arcade is located on Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141.

Kids Tennis Camp

8-10 a.m. every Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero. Basic drilling, shot progressin, court rules and scoring will be taught. Cost is \$15 per child, per week. Call Glen Kennedy, head pro for information at 257-5141, ext. 7425.

Mule Team Wagon Rides

Wednesday through Sunday mule wagon tours through Upper Canyon. A little history, a little music, a lot of fun. Reservations required. Please call 257-3506.

Rancho Sosagado Trout Fishing/Picnics

Fishing and picnicking at 5 Nogal Canyon Road, Bent, 24 miles W. of Ruidoso on Hwy. 70, 671-4580.

Requet Club

Inn of the Mountain Gods, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero. Saturday adult development classes: women, 10-11:30 a.m.; men, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$7 per person, includes match play. Challenge courts available 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday for a \$10 fee. For information call 257-5141, ext. 7425.

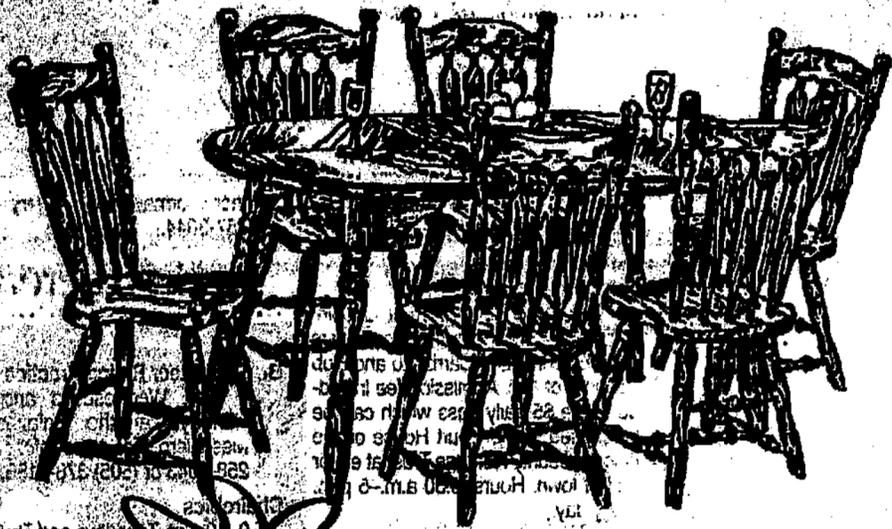
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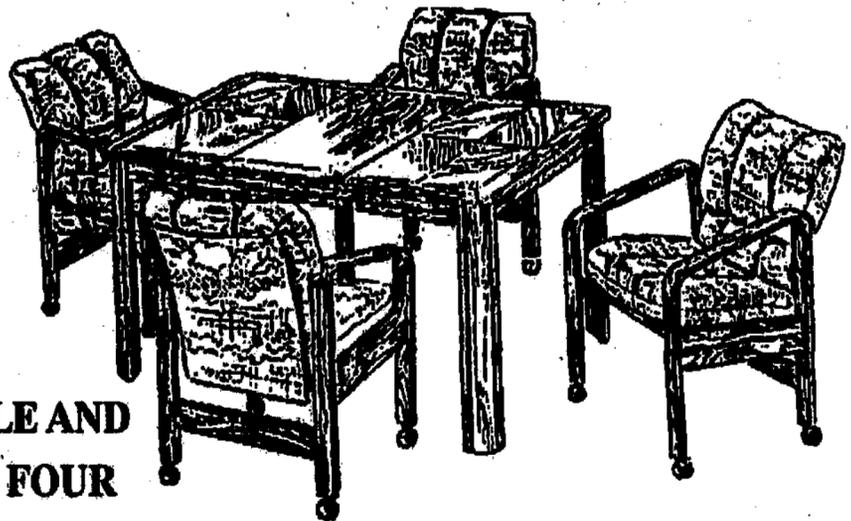


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Neighbors

Ruidoso's biggest booster boasts best job in town

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Sandi Kuykendall's husband used to tease that she should be employed by the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, because she sang the virtues of the community every day to anyone who would listen.

It was a jest that came true. Today, Kuykendall heads the Ruidoso Convention and Visitors Bureau under the auspices of the local chamber in its remodeled building on Sudderth Drive.

"This job sounded so wonderful," Kuykendall said. "It was a chance to do something that I really believe in. I've been in sales all my life. To sell something you really believe in is the greatest thing you can do."

Whereas the chamber works with local businesses on community promotional events, answers the inquires of individuals about vacation and relocation possibilities and works to broaden the thrust of the local advertising dollar, Kuykendall handles visiting groups.

She may woo companies, trade shows and hobby groups to try Ruidoso for their annual conventions or she may put together a wholesale package to pitch to travel agents and bus tours.

Chasing a dream

Born in Marshall, Texas, in 1947, Kuykendall was the daughter of a legal secretary and a foundry worker. The family moved to Fort Worth three years later.

When she married at the early age of 15, some people might have assumed she was a woman destined for home and children. She did that, but a great deal more too.

"To get Dad's legal approval, he never did give his blessing, we had to promise I would finish high school," Kuykendall said of her marriage. "Charlie (her husband) worked in the foundry, really long hours and a lot of over time. I finished school two years later just before my son, Charles Tay, was born."

Two years after that, her daughter Wendy was added to the family. In spite of the demands at

home, Kuykendall took college classes whenever she could manage them, focusing on marketing, business management and computers. At the same time, her husband ventured into residential construction and plumbing.

"By the time our children were teen-agers, we were buying, remodeling and selling homes, or built new ones and sold them," Kuykendall said. "We moved several times a year."

True to her early inclinations, Kuykendall wasn't satisfied with one career during her 30s. She earned her commercial real estate license and went into commercial leasing as well as commercial and residential real estate sales.

"I got into selling businesses and one of my biggest sales was to my own husband," she said. "It was a wrecking yard and scrap metal company. In fact, we used some of my commission toward the down payment."

The huge operation, involving twin corporations and six angles of the business, brought in \$1.6 million in sales annually and employed 27 people. The couple stayed with it for 5 1/2 years and then decided the money wasn't worth the long hours, incredible pressure and the toll they were taking.

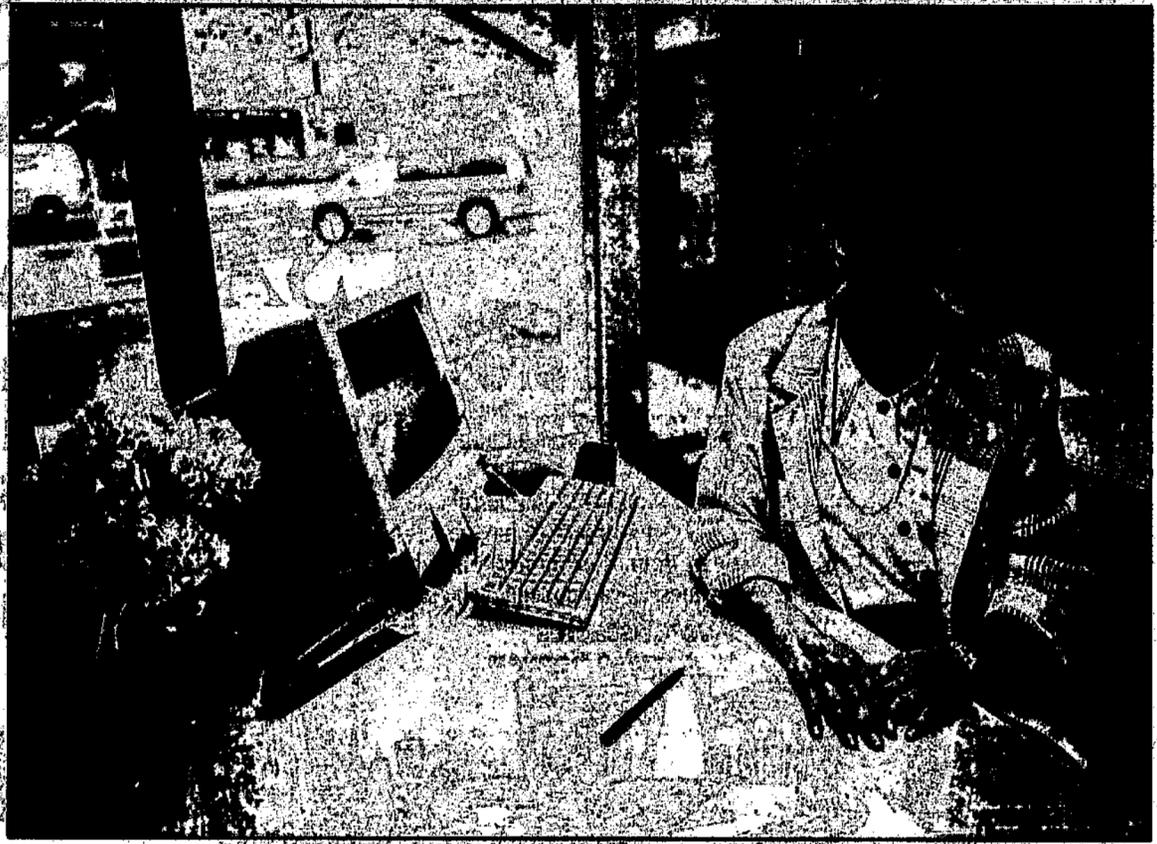
"I did the marketing and ran the office, negotiated the contracts and filed (financial and income tax information) for the corporation," she said.

After selling the business, the twosome started traveling and one of their stops was Ruidoso. Kuykendall already knew the area. Back in the 1960s she had visited and secretly longed to relocate here.

"We wanted a different lifestyle," she said. "It's just the best here. It's really God's country."

Her first job was as a graphic arts designer at The Ruidoso News while her husband operated a barbecue and catering business. Although he since has started his own construction firm, Jubilee Builders, he occasionally caters a function, if it's a group or activity the couple enjoys.

Kuykendall was ready to return



Sandi Kuykendall, head of the Ruidoso Convention and Visitors Bureau, has settled in to her new office at the remodeled Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, where she's constantly searching for new groups to bring to town.

to an office atmosphere, however. "I was tired of smelling like brisket," she said.

Six months later, she was back in marketing with the Expressions in Bronze studio of sculptor Dave McGary.

She switched to the Ruidoso Convention and Visitors Bureau about 1 1/2 years ago. The bureau primarily operates through lodgers tax money collected in the village.

Although she had never done that type of marketing before, Kuykendall attacked the challenge with her usual enthusiasm.

"I still read everything I can get my hands on," she said. "I take eight publications a month and network" with the regional and state tourism agencies as well as corporations and national groups.

She attends four to five marketing conventions a year, plus the shows of tour operators she has targeted. She plans to be certified as a meeting professional within the year by the National Convention Liaison Council based in Washington D.C.

She found other community marketers willing to help her and

IN PROFILE

Sandi Kuykendall

Born: 1947 in Marshall, Texas.
Hobby: spending time in the forest.

Favorite writer: Christian writer Max Lucado.
Best thing about Ruidoso: the people



Kuykendall with her husband, Charlie in 1962 - the year they were married.

even to invite her down to promote Ruidoso during some of their events, such as the recent UFO weekend in Roswell where she met 250 media crews.

"Now I have a mailing list and contacts," she said, adding that community marketers know Southeast New Mexico has a stronger pull as a destination than any one community by itself.

She will have more time to concentrate on marketing and building a broad resource base with the recent addition of Kim Kelly to assist with marketing research and help her develop a more comprehensive program, Kuykendall said. Michelle Semrow also was promoted to officer manager, freeing Kuykendall from much of the book

work she used to do. Chamber executive director Joan Bailey is very supportive and allows her to be creative, she said.

And the superb service of Village Clerk Tammy Maddox and the staff at the convention center ensures that once a group has tried the center, they come back again, Kuykendall said.

Ruidoso marketing niche

She aims a great deal of her marketing effort at hobby and trade associations in west Texas and New Mexico. Next comes southern California and Arizona.

Market research has shown

See Kuykendall, page 5C

Kuykendall: boasting Ruidoso's finer points

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Ruidoso's niche are groups that put less emphasis on using one central hotel, groups that look at cost as a factor and groups that consider the visit a second family vacation or at least bring along other family members, she said.

Many organizations plan their conventions three to five years ahead. Until recently with the announcement of plans by Santa Fe Hospitality to build a 150-room hotel next to the village convention center, she couldn't offer a central hotel for large groups.

"Now that market may be open to us," Kuykendall said. "It's an exciting, whole new market in which we can compete."

But diversity is the key for the village, she said.

"I want to market to a broad range of groups, because we have a variety of lodgings, activities and entertainment," she said. "We have wide appeal and bringing in different groups with different interests helps everyone in town."

"I've emphasized to owners of motels and cabins that it's not just my job to search for conventions for the (Ruidoso Civic Events and Convention Center). I want to bring conventions of all sizes and requirements into Ruidoso and some may find meeting rooms at the motel where they are staying more convenient for their sessions," she said.

"I don't want to see everything go to one hotel. I want the most benefit for the community as a whole."

The convention center may also find a new market as a performance site with the recent successful staging of a boxing match drawing about 1,500 people, and a concert that also was well received.

"That will give people another reason to come to Ruidoso," she said.

But conventions probably will

remain the mainstay of the center off Mechem Drive. Three coming up next year are the Association of Counties, the State Bar of New Mexico and an Alpaca breeding and sales group.

The tour bus market is especially appealing, because they tend to come in off-seasons and can bring as many as 900 people willing to stay in different motels, Kuykendall said.

The tours are part of her effort to fill in the gaps in the tourist season in Ruidoso. She's always looking for new groups to book into the area in the slower months of late fall and spring.

"It would be wonderful and is part of my dream to have a strong year-around economy on which businesses can depend," she said.

Two obstacles to tourist heaven

In selling Ruidoso, the lack of a large convention hotel and only limited air transportation have been two blocks to success, Kuykendall said.

"I market a lot to Dallas/Fort Worth, because that's one place where we have regular air service," she said. "Other than that, it's difficult to sell to other groups."

But sometimes her description of the spectacular views on the way from El Paso or Albuquerque to Ruidoso on a shuttle bus sells a convention planner.

"I think we're a perfect destination otherwise," Kuykendall said. "But we're still a well-kept secret for even people in northern New Mexico who don't realize it's green here and we're not in the desert."

"Once they come here, they come back and back and many finally move here."

And once they move, it's not long until several family members follow and plant their roots in Ruidoso not far from those spreading from Kuykendall and her family.

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- 21 - Days Inn/Bestway Inn
- 22 - Pines Spring Motel
- 23 - Museum of the Horse
- 24 - Mitchell's Motel
- 25 - Economy Inn
- 26 - Winners Inn
- * - Shuttle Center

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- 27 - Schotzsky's
- 28 - Ruidoso Lodge/Upper Canyon Inn
- 29 - Dan Dee Cabins
- 30 - Story Book Cabins
- 31 - Whispering Pines Cabin
- 32 - Riverside Cottage
- 33 - Shadow Mountain Lodge
- * - Shuttle Center

ROUTE #4

- 34 - Tee Pee Cabins
- 35 - Western Auto
- 36 - Cro's Nest Motel/Cabins
- 37 - Innsbrook Village
- 38 - A-Frame Cabins
- 39 - Civic Ctr/Links Golf
- 40 - Farley's
- 41 - Swiss Chalet
- 42 - Sierra Cinema
- 43 - Furr's/Sierra Mall/WENMU
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ROUTE #5

- 46 - Carrizo Canyon Lodge
- 47 - Mescalero Inn
- 48 - Inn of the Mountain Gods
- * - Shuttle Center

Starting July 23, you'll find engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements on our new Home & Family page, every Wednesday in the Ruidoso News.



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

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

First Baptist Church

Ruidoso
420 Mechem Drive
Tim Gilliland, Pastor
Sunday School-9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship-8:30 a.m., 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-6:30 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

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.
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CATHOLIC

St. Eleanor Catholic Church

Ruidoso 257-2330

Reverend Richard Capanach

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-8 a.m.

Women's Guild-7 p.m. the third Monday

Knights of Columbus-7 p.m.
2nd and 4th Tuesday.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Capitan 354-9102

Saturday Mass-5 p.m.

Sunday Mass-9 a.m.

Adult Bible Study Monday-6 p.m.

Santa Rita Catholic Church
Carrizozo 648-2853

Father Dave Bergs, Pastor.

Saturday Mass-6:30 p.m.

Sunday Mass-11 a.m.

Adult Bible Study Tuesday-6 p.m.

St. Theresa Catholic Church

Corona

Sunday Mass-6 p.m.

St. Joseph Apache Mission

Mescalero

Father Tom Herbst, Pastor

Sunday Mass-10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

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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

North on Hwy. 48, between mile markers 14/15

Sunday: Sacrament meeting, 10 a.m.; Sunday

School, 11:10 a.m.; Priesthood Relief Soc.,

12:10 p.m.; Primary/Young Women, 11:10 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ LDS

Mescalero Branch - 671-4630

Wray Schildknecht, President - 671-9506

Sunday: Sacrament meeting, 10 a.m.; Sunday

School and Primary, 11:20 a.m.; Priesthood

Relief Society & Young Women, 12:10 a.m.

For weekly schedule, call 671-9506.

EPISCOPAL

Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount

121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso

Father John W. Penn, Rector

Sunday Eucharist-8 & 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday: Daughters of King-noon

Eucharist & healing-5:30 p.m.

Choir practice-7 p.m.

Episcopal Chapel of San Juan

Lincoln

Sunday: Holy Eucharist-10:30 a.m.

St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel

Glencoe

Sunday: Holy Eucharist-9 a.m.

St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel

Carrizozo, 8th & E Street

Sunday: Holy Eucharist-9:30 a.m.

FOURSQUARE

Capitan Foursquare Church

Highway 48, Capitan

Harold W. Perry, Pastor

Sunday School-10 a.m.

Sunday worship-11 a.m., 7 p.m.

Wednesday Bible study-7 p.m.

FULL GOSPEL

Mission Fountain of Living

Water Full Gospel

San Patricio

Sunday School-10 a.m.

Evening services-7:30 p.m. Sunday,

Tuesday and Friday.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall

106 Alpine Village Road

258-3659, 258-3204

Sunday Public Talk - 1:30 p.m.

Sunday Watchtower - 2:20 p.m.

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 Lun. - 7 p.m.

Escuela del Ministerio Teocratico

Mart. - 7 p.m.

Reunion de servicio Mart. - 7:50 p.m.

LUTHERAN

Shepherd of the Hills

Lutheran Church

Hull Road

258-4191, 257-5296

Kevin L. Krohn, Pastor

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

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class-9:30 a.m.

Wednesday: Noon-1 p.m. Bible Study

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METHODIST

Community United

Methodist Church

Junction Road

Behind Daylight Donuts

Craig Cockrell, Pastor

Sunday School-9:45 a.m.

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

United Methodist

Church Parish

Trinity Carrizozo/Capitan

648-2893, 648-2846

Bob Boyd Pastor

Carrizozo

Sunday School-10:00 a.m.

Sunday worship-11:10 a.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 Hoyland, Pastor

Church school - 9:45 a.m.

Sunday worship - 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Bible study - 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday

Potluck fellowship lunch after worship

every third Sunday.

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 Schul, 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 Horn

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

& Kids' Adventure Club

Christ Community Fellowship

Capitan, Highway 380 West

Ed Vinson, Pastor

354-2458

Sunday School-9:45 a.m.

Sunday worship-10:30 a.m.

Cornerstone Church

Cornerstone Square,

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Going out

EYE ON THE ARTS

Following some famous footsteps at Fort Stanton

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Much of the history of Fort Stanton that could be carried off is lost forever.

But the buildings, the recorded history of the fort authorized by Congress in 1855 and some artifacts remain for visitors to view at the fort museum and during a walking tour of the grounds.

They couldn't have a more enthusiastic tour guide than Jeanne Bosson, who moved to Lincoln County last April from Arizona, where she did similar work for the Mesa Southwest Museum.

The Fort Stanton Museum is operated by the Lincoln County Heritage Trust under an agreement with the New Mexico Department of Corrections.

Closed in March 1995 as a state hospital during a transition from developmentally disabled clients to long term care patients, the fort stood empty for more than a year. Last December, corrections signed an 18-month lease of the complex to be used as a minimum security prison for women.

But plans still are underway for the fort eventually to become a living museum with historical demonstrations, reenactments, conferences and other activities for visitors.

Established to protect settlers and travelers from bands of Apache in the territory, the fort provided a training ground for many famous figures, including Gen. John J. "Blackjack" Pershing and Kit Carson, and a base for the Buffalo Soldiers, a renown all-black regiment.

Named after Captain Henry W. Stanton, who died during an Apache ambush along the Rio Penasco near present day Mayhill, the fort and surrounding 1,324-acre area was declared an official military reservation in 1859.

Abandoned and set afire during the Civil War, the fort was reoccupied by the U.S. Army after Confederate forces left, unable to

keep the Apache in check. The fort filled a niche in the local economy, providing a market for crops and livestock raised by ranchers and farmers along the Rio Bonito

In 1898, the fort became a U.S. Marine Hospital for tubercular patients, beginning nearly a 100-year period of providing health care. On July 1, 1953, the federal government transferred the property to the state, which initially continued to use it to treat people with tuberculosis.

With all that history, one of the first questions asked by museum visitors is how many inmates are incarcerated at the fort, Bosson said.

"Many of them aren't aware that it's a prison until they arrive here," she said. "So while it is the history and the fort that brings them, they still are interested in its current use."

The inmates have been wonderful in helping to restore and maintain the fort, she said. One woman nearly single-handedly clean out the museum building, which was being used as a storeroom, then polished its wood floors to get it ready for tours, Bosson said.

Finding the museum is no problem. Guards stop visitors at the entry to the fort, sign them in and direct them to the structure near the entrance.

The museum contains some seats from an 1877 building, formerly used as the adjutant general's office and library. It later was converted into a small theater and then a recreation hall. The building is being restored by the state with money set aside for that purpose by the state Legislature.

"One of the workers recalled being brought to the theater to watch a movie," Bosson said.

One of the most interesting stops on the walking tour is a stone church.

The date for its construction had been noted as 1945, but a prayer book contained the date of 1906.

The mystery was solved when an inmate told officials her



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

Tour guide Jeanne Bosson and the Lincoln County Heritage Trust have thrown open the doors at Fort Stanton for a walking view of the famous fort and its rich and varied history. Although the fort now serves as a minimum security prison, a few well-placed signs and a few simple rules keep the past open while protecting inmates and visitors.

boyfriend's father had worked on moving it from another site on the fort reservation in 1945. The man confirmed the story and added details, Bosson said.

"They moved it by numbering and photographing each stone as the building was disassembled and then they reassembled the church on its new site," Bosson said.

The best preserved building around the parade grounds is the 1877 quarters of the commanding officers, but all have seen some alterations, she said.

"The buildings have been gutted and altered to suit the need of each group here, but somehow the fort has maintained its dignity and original personality," Bosson said.

The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday and donations are accept-

ed. Walking tours are offered at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. for \$5 per person. Visitors who opt for the morning tour also can sample fort cooking with lunches prepared at the inmate canteen.

No photographs are allowed of inmates, who now number about 60, although that number could grow to more than 100 before the 18-month lease runs out. The lease also may be renewed, but supporters of the living museum plan say they will use the time to build financial and political support for what they hope will be the final conversion of the fort, this time back into its original form.

For more information about the museum, the walking tour or other history-related activities in the area, call trust officials at (505) 653-4025.

6 Rms Rv Vw hits RLJ stage starting July 24

The Ruidoso Little Theater will perform the romantic comedy, "6 Rms Rv Vw" by Bob Randall every Thursday, Friday and Saturday July 24 through August 9. The production was originally scheduled to begin its run July 17, but a last-minute cast change pushed the start date back.

"The humor may sound like a 'Seinfeld' episode, but actually the play was written in the late '60s," said co-director Jane D. Wallen. "It's typical '60s in that the characters talk about having an affair, rather than just doing it."

Co-director/female lead Kellie Jackson plays an intelligent, frustrated mother of two whose schooling prepared her for something more than cleaning linoleum. The male lead is described as going through a "premature mid-life" crisis and is contemplating an affair to combat his boredom.

Apache Spirit and Dave Blackmon play the unsuspecting mates. "They're both new to the stage and either one could steal the show with their cameo performances," Wallen said.

This is also the first time on stage for visual artist Mary Hubbard and Kendall and Nathan Jackson, who play the two children in the production.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. for evening shows and Saturday matinees start at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and children.

Tickets on sale now for Spencer opening

Tickets are on sale now by mail order, fax or walk-up; for the Sunday, October 5, Spencer Theater Gala Opening Weekend performance of Dave Brubeck and the Dave Brubeck Quartet.

The 4 p.m. performance of the legendary jazz artist will be followed by a champagne and hors d'oeuvres reception after the show. Tickets are \$30 and are expected to sell out quickly.

Brochures and order forms are available by calling 336-4800, or can be picked up outside the Spencer Theater temporary offices at 616B Mechem Dr. or at the information box at the entrance to theater off Airport Highway 220. No orders will be taken by phone.

The Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts will announce a winter season of 13 subscription events in August. Series tickets will go on sale to the public Sept. 2 and single tickets to all events Oct. 1.

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12:00 2:15 5:00 7:00 9:30

STARTS FRIDAY 7/18, ENDS THURS. 7/24

257-9444

Classical guitarist Vigil will delight fans with Saturday signing at the Aspen Tree

Classical guitarist Tomás Vigil will keep his fingers busy Saturday – not on the strings, but with a pen.

Vigil, Ruidoso's own recording artist, will host a CD signing from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at The Aspen Tree. Vigil released his first CD "Tomás Vigil Classical Guitar" in January, continuing the musical passion that developed for him at the ripe old age of 12.

A native New Mexican, Vigil has been playing since he was 12 and has been interested in classical guitar since high school. He cultivated his classical tastes at the University of New Mexico, where he studied music education, with a focus on classical music, from 1976 to 1980.

While at UNM, Vigil studied with the famous Cuban classical guitarist Hector Garcia. Garcia left New Mexico in 1991 and headed to Miami to be closer to his Cuban roots, but left behind an indelible impression on Vigil. That impression can be heard in "Alegría," a song on Vigil's CD he said he wrote for Garcia.

Along with the piece for Garcia, listeners will also find the music of Spanish and Latin American composers from the 16th to 20th centuries.

His education didn't end with graduation, either. Vigil has participated in several master classes. One high point of his continued learning came in 1990 in Lerida, Spain, where he went with his teacher Garcia and Mario Pujol to the 25th anniversary celebration of the International Classical Guitar Course of Emilio Pujol. Pujol was one of the main influences on Vigil, since he was a student of classical master Francisco Terraza and teacher to Vigil's own teacher Garcia.



Tomás Vigil

His travels have also included performances in Lerida and other Spanish sites like the Montserrat Monastery Church, not to mention several performances across New Mexico.

He has also taught courses at UNM and Eastern New Mexico University in Ruidoso. And since he has made his home in Ruidoso for the last three years, he is also available to lend his musical stylings to special occasions or to teach a private lesson or two.

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New Mexico jazz quartet Yoboso will aim to make the crowd dance and smile July 26, as part of the Flickinger Tailgate IV Jazz+ Series.

Latin-flavored jazz next on Tailgate series dance card

Yoboso, a New Mexico jazz quartet, is the fourth concert in the Tailgate IV Jazz+ Series sponsored by the Flickinger Center and Space Center. The concert will be at 8:30 p.m., Saturday, July 26, in the upper parking lot of the Space Center.

Yoboso, "the soulful one," is a perfect definition of the brand of Latin jazz performed by the group. They recently won the nationwide Jazz Discovery competition sponsored by the Black Entertainment Network's Jazz Central program. Their initial recording, "Yoboso -

Ya Llego!" was awarded album of the year by the New Mexico "Mic" Awards.

The concept of the group is to draw on the styles of Latin music, jazz, meringue, Cuban music, salsa and rhythm and blues, and come up with their own unique sound.

"We play happy music," group member Bert Dalton said. "We want to transform your day and make you dance."

Tickets are \$18 per parking space. For more information call (505) 437-2202.

26 years and still going strong: Art Festival ready for another year

The 26th annual Ruidoso Art Festival will take over the Ruidoso Convention Center next weekend for three days of culture, creativity and more.

The three-day affair is open from noon to 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. In addition to the 125 artists who will show and sell their works at the festival, food vendors will also be on hand to satisfy any cravings.

Sponsored each year by the

Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, the festival has won acclaim across the region and the country as one of the best in the Southwest.

This year's field of 125 artists was gleaned from more than 300 who submitted their works for a juried review. And those who did make the cut are expecting to be viewed by a lot of interested art fans, especially since more than 10,000 people turned out for last year's event.

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Art: where, what and by whom

BY TONI K. LAXSON
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Ruidoso artist Barbara Diehl-Westbrook recently offered to hang one of her paintings in the Ruidoso Convention Center.

When she did so, she inadvertently opened a can of worms for the village of Ruidoso and the committee appointed to oversee development of community arts.

"We need guidelines for exhibitions of art in public places," said Bruce Eldredge, chair of the Ruidoso Arts Commission, at the commission's meeting last week.

The commission, formerly called the Ruidoso Arts and Film Board, tackled the issues of art in public buildings at its first meeting under its new name.

The commission will revisit those issues at a public hearing Aug. 14 at village hall, 313 Cree Meadows Dr.

Using an outline provided by commissioner Rand Harmon, members agreed last week on several possible guidelines. For instance, art works may have

prices fixed to them and a telephone number for interested buyers, but the public employees at the building are not in the business of selling art.

Another commission decision gives final approval of art to the chief administrator of the building. Administrators also would determine where the art would be displayed.

The buildings suggested for exhibits are the Ruidoso Village Hall, the convention center, the Ruidoso Library, the Senior Citizens Center and the terminal of the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

The commission also identified potentially sticky points in developing the guidelines, which would be submitted eventually to the Ruidoso Village Council for approval.

Some hot buttons include determining what constitutes art, the order in which art work is chosen and where the line would be drawn in limiting distasteful or lewd depictions.

"This could be a real nightmare," commissioner Herb

Brunnell said.

The process of selection could become political without proper guidelines, commission members said.

"I can see it becoming very political in that there are artists who are not going to be displayed," commissioner Mary Maxson said.

"I would like to exhibit everyone, both good and bad," added commissioner Stan Monks.

Eldredge, speaking on the spectrum of possible art, told the commission he would rather be inclusive of art work rather than exclusive.

"I guess I would not want to see this commission be the sole arbitrator of that (what pieces are selected)," Eldredge said.

Following a restructuring "inventory" by members of the Arts and Film Board this spring, members asked the Ruidoso Village Council to change the board's name to better reflect the scope of its mission.



Julie Baxter/Ruidoso News

Lincoln Fox, left, works with a student in his sculpture workshop held last week.

Sculptor Fox returns to his Ruidoso roots to give something back

BY JULIE BAXTER
Vamonos Staff Writer

For Lincoln Fox there was never any doubt what he was going to be.

The painter turned sculptor said he was convinced of his calling even as a child. "There are no artists in my background and yet I wanted to be an artist, knew I'd be an artist," Fox said.

Judging by the success he's seen in his 30 some odd years of dabbling in paints and clay, Fox was a visionary. With works seen by the likes of former Presidents George Bush and Gerald Ford and British royal Prince Charles, as well as millions who have visited the Smithsonian Institute or the World Park Festival in Nagoya Japan, Fox has made quite a name for himself.

Last week Fox tackled one of his most favorite and special works of art - teaching a workshop on the medium he loves.

"One of the reasons I teach is to learn a little more," Fox said of the two to five workshops he hosts every year. "Teaching is not my profession, but it is a fine thing to do. I'm returning some of the wonderful things that have happened to me."

On sculpture and small towns

The workshops are all about giving the students what they want, taking them from the very basics to the most advanced techniques, while still having fun. The class is a mix of professionals and beginners, the way Fox said all his class-

es are. After all, learning is a constant process and perception of truth is a continuously evolving thing. "Truth is truth. Truth doesn't change, but our understanding of it changes constantly."

And Fox has returned to Ruidoso to give that little something back. Fox and his wife Rachelle lived in Ruidoso for 10 years in the late 1970s and early 1980s, and Fox said it inspired him not only as an artist but as a lover of small towns. Although, he now lives in Paonia, Colo., Ruidoso will always have a special place in his heart.

"I fell in love with small towns in Ruidoso," he said. "It's the quality of life ..."

While living here, Fox put down his paint brushes and picked up the clay and sculpting tools. That decision he said was based on the total involvement sculpting provides.

"I loved painting I would still be a painter if it weren't for the physical involvement of sculpture," he said, adding that he does pick up the brush and the palette from time to time.

But Fox confessed that he often wants to toss those traditional tools aside and instead dip in with his fingers. "I think it's the total involvement that's exciting for me. It's a slower process, but it lasts forever."

And the form also lends itself to a greater insight of people and world.

"I've learned an awful lot about life through my sculpture," Fox said. "For me it's been the perfect looking glass."

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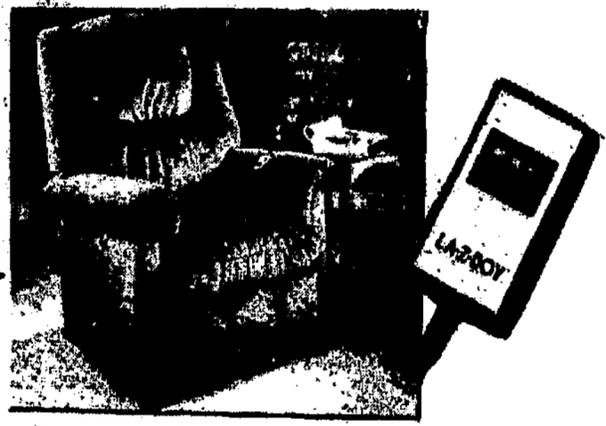
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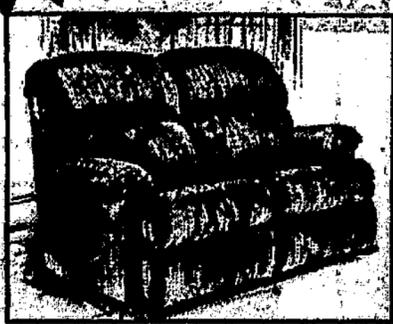


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Plot: In this plot-twisting, high-tech thriller, relentless FBI agent Sean Archer (Travolta) must go dangerously undercover to investigate the location of a lethal biological weapon planted by his arch rival, the sadistic terrorist-for-hire Castor Troy (Cage).

After undergoing a radical surgical procedure, Archer literally "borrows" Troy's face and identity to carry out his mission. But things go awry when Troy, emerging from a coma, transforms into Archer and wreaks havoc upon his life, both at home and work. As the bomb continues to tick and the tension mounts, it becomes a high stakes game of cat-and-mouse as both Archer and Troy, ironically trapped in their enemy's body, try to save face — their own.

My Best Friend's Wedding

Rated: PG-13
Show times: 11:45 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:15, 6:45 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.

Plot: Julia Roberts returns to her "Pretty Woman" form in this flick. She and Dermot Mulroney have always been best friends, but it takes his engagement to another woman (Diaz) to make her see her true feelings for him. Instead of being a dutiful bridesmaid and wishing the couple many years of happiness, Roberts exerts all her feminine wiles to make Mulroney realize why she's really the girl for him.

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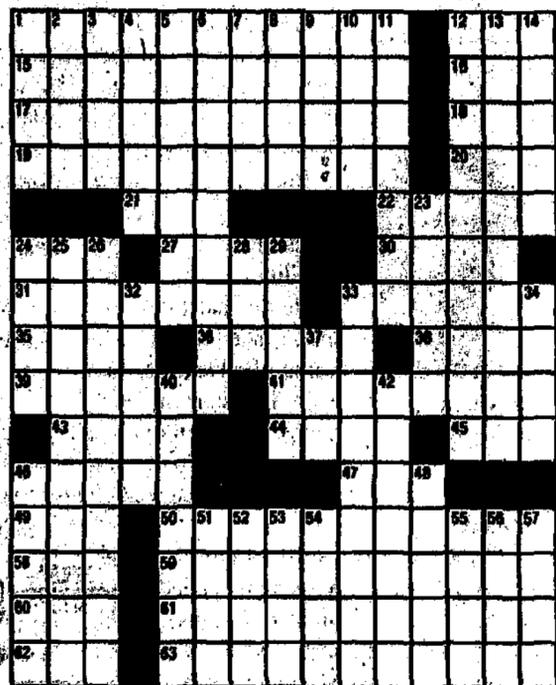
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A wild wolf from Bitter Creek

George "Bitter Creek" Newcomb is not a name that comes readily to the mind of the average person when thinking of Old-West outlaws. And yet, during his brief career, he rode with such famous bad men as the Daltons, Bill Doolin and Henry Starr.

Born in Fort Scott, Kan. in 1866, Newcomb left home as a teen-ager and, like so many other youths in that place and time, headed for Texas in search of adventure. And again, like so many other youths, in the end he got more of that particular commodity than he had ever imagined or wanted.

Upon his arrival in the Lone Star state, Newcomb was employed by famed Texas cattleman John Slaughter. Because of his youth and diminutive size, Newcomb became known as "Slaughter's Kid."

By 1883, at the ripe old age of 17, Newcomb drifted over into Oklahoma, then the Indian Nations, and worked as a cowboy in the Cherokee Strip ranching country. George liked to sing, and his favorite song had the lyrics "I'm a wild wolf from Bitter Creek and it's my night to howl." He sang this particular tune so often that he became known as "Bitter Creek."

An outlaw career begins

About 9:30 p.m. July 15, 1892, the Dalton Gang rode into Adair, Okla., and George Newcomb was with them. With about 15 minutes before the arrival of the train they intended to rob, the gang passed the time by looting the railroad station of everything they could find of value.

When the train pulled in several of the bandits headed for the express car to loot it. The others, including Newcomb, were assigned the duty of keeping the passengers inside the cars. This was pretty easy to do. Every time a passenger stuck his or her head out of a window, the outlaws took a pot shot at them. Things were going fine for the outlaws until several of the railroad employees armed themselves and began blazing away from one of the cars.

The outlaws concentrated their fire on the car that the employees were firing from and in a matter of moments three of the besieged railroad men had received flesh wounds. This created enough of a lull in the shooting to allow the outlaws to withdraw with their loot.

Bitter Creek, like the Daltons, thought that this was a great way to make money. As long as you didn't mind taking a few risks, the returns tended to be pretty high. From their perspective, it was a hell of a lot easier way to make a living than working as cowboys.

It was nearly six months before Bitter Creek showed up again. This time he was in the company of infamous bandit Henry Starr.

On January 20, 1893, near Bartlesville, Okla., Newcomb, Starr and another outlaw

named Jesse Jackson were jumped by two lawmen on the trail. A running gun battle ensued. Neither lawman was hit, and they managed to bring down Jesse Jackson with a well-placed rifle ball. Both Starr and Newcomb were still determinedly blasting away, and the lawmen contented themselves with taking Jackson into custody. Starr and Newcomb vanished into the brush.

George "Bitter Creek" Newcomb was not heard from again until Sept. 1, 1893, when he precipitated one of the deadliest gun battles between lawmen and outlaws that the Old West ever knew.

The Ingalls fiasco

The Bill Doolin/Bill Dalton Gang, of which Bitter Creek was a member, had taken to openly hanging around the town of Ingalls, Okla. The outlaws were quite popular in the town. They were always on their best behavior and spread a lot of money around, even giving to charity.

Back in Guthrie, when U.S. Marshall Nix got wind of this, he immediately dispatched a dozen or so of his deputies to Ingalls. As it turned out, he was making a mistake.

The lawmen quietly entered Ingalls in several covered wagons, masquerading as homesteaders. At that particular time, most of the outlaws were in the Ransom Saloon having their morning "eye opener." Newcomb, whose horse was being shod at the local blacksmith's had just gone to pick the animal up when he saw the wagons. Leading his horse behind him, Newcomb began strolling down the street toward the wagons.

One of the lawmen, Dick Speed, saw Bitter Creek approaching and asked local teen-ager Del Simmons, who happened to be passing by, who the man leading the horse was. "Why that's Bitter Creek!" replied young Del, raising his voice enough for Newcomb to hear him.

Fearing the worst, Bitter Creek jerked his rifle from its scabbard, but Speed was quicker. The lawman got a shot off that struck the magazine of Newcomb's rifle, sending a metal splinter into the outlaw's thigh. Reeling in pain, Newcomb fired his damaged rifle from the hip, sending the round that was in the firing chamber whistling down the street toward Speed. The bullet missed.

Dropping his damaged rifle, Newcomb turned to try and mount his plunging horse as Speed stepped out into the street, drew a bead and prepared to kill the fleeing outlaw.

Meanwhile, fellow gang member Arkansas Tom Jones, who had taken to his bed in the hotel with the flu, had gone to the window to see what the commotion was about. He had a perfect view of Speed aiming at Newcomb, and before the lawman could get off another round Jones took aim and killed him.

Bitter Creek Newcomb finally mounted his panicked horse and, doubled over in the saddle, thundered out of town. Behind him the gun battle became general. When it was over, three lawmen and several citizens lay

dead in the street and Tom Jones was captured.

Bitter Creek waited in a stand of timber south of town for his partners in crime, who joined him as soon as they could manage. Then the entire gang, sans Arkansas Tom, took off to find a doctor to treat Newcomb's wound, which turned out to be painful but minor.

Grocery shopping gone wrong

George "Bitter Creek" Newcomb's next brush with the law was not in the commission of a robbery. It was just one of those accidental confrontations that tended to happen in Newcomb's line of work.

About 8 p.m. April 1, 1894, Newcomb and Bill Dalton entered a store in Sacred Heart, Okla., with nothing more nefarious in mind than picking up some groceries. Unfortunately, this particular store was run by a retired lawman named W.H. Carr who recognized Dalton immediately.

As the old lawman reached for a pistol, Newcomb pulled his own gun from a coat pocket and leaning across the counter, smiled at Carr and said, "I guess not."

Much to Newcomb's amazement, the lawman did not drop his weapon. Instead, he brought it up with a speed neither outlaw thought him capable of and put a bullet into Newcomb's shoulder. As he did so, Bitter Creek reflexively snapped off a shot that caught Carr in the right wrist, causing him to drop his gun.

As Carr gamely stooped to retrieve his pistol, a teen-aged customer named Lee Hardwick lunged for a shotgun in the corner. Dalton triggered four wild shots in the direction of Carr and Hardwick, none of which took any effect. However, as the old lawman straightened up, gun in hand, Newcomb shot him in the belly. In an amazing display of stamina, Carr continued to fire on the two dumbfounded outlaws, who, firing themselves, backed out the door, mounted their horses and got the hell out of there.

After this, Bitter Creek vanished for nearly a year. He surfaced again in the company of the Doolin Gang near Dover, Okla. in the spring of 1895.

Bill Doolin had planned a train robbery to celebrate the return of he and his gang to the headlines, and it went off without a hitch. Unfortunately, the outlaws fled a tad too leisurely and a posse caught up with them.

In a running gun battle in which outlaw Tulsa Jack Blake was killed, another of the bandits, George "Red Buck" Weightman, had his horse shot out from under him. Wheeling his own horse around, Newcomb galloped back and pulled Weightman up



Bitter Creek Newcomb, dead at the hands of the Dunn brothers.

behind him. The outlaws must have picked their horseflesh well, because even with Newcomb and Weightman riding double, the bandits still outdistanced the posse.

A fatal thing called love

In the end, it was love that did in Bitter Creek, as it does many of us. For some time he had been in love with a young lady named Rosa Dunn, eventually known as "The Rose of Cimarron." Rosa was OK, but Bitter Creek should never have trusted her brothers, who owed him \$900.

I mean, he really should have known better. Not only did these sleazebags owe him a substantial amount of money, there was also a \$5,000 reward on his head. The Dunn brothers saw not only a way to make a quick \$5,000, they also saw a way to absolve themselves of the \$900 debt. All they had to do was kill Bitter Creek.

In the company of a fellow fugitive named Charley Pierce, Newcomb arrived at the Dunn ranch on the afternoon of May 2, 1895. As the two outlaws dismounted, the Dunn brothers opened fire from the ranch house. Both Newcomb and Pierce went down without ever having the chance to draw their guns.

At this point, the Dunns emerged from the ranch house. Hearing Pierce groan, they immediately finished him with another bullet.

The next morning they loaded the bodies into a wagon and headed for Guthrie, in rather high spirits, to collect the reward. They were startled when Bitter Creek suddenly asked them for water. In way of reply, they simply shot him again, and this time George "Bitter Creek" Newcomb died.

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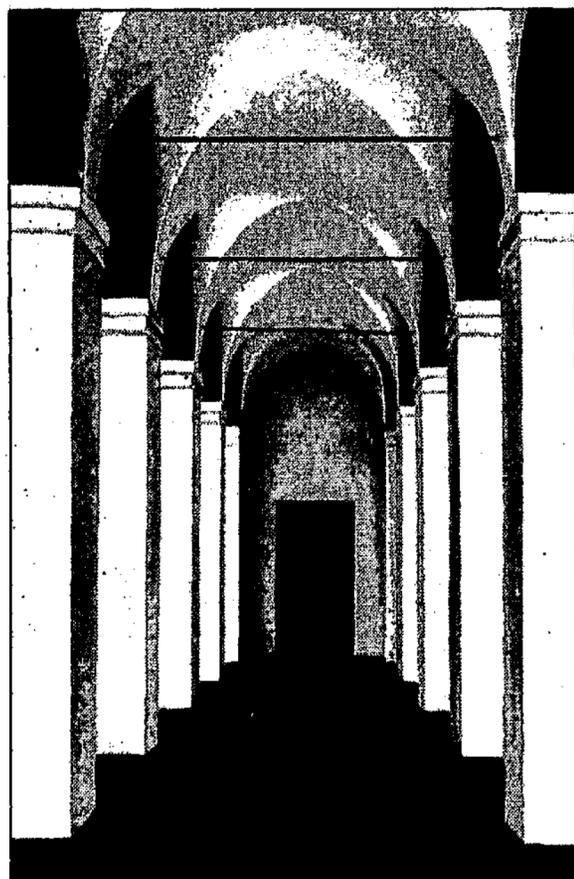
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1	Virgil Stephens	Pencil	44	Douglas Fullmer	Other	86	Jeanne Rundell	Other
2	Kathy Kuhn	Photograph	45	Bill Maupin	Woodwork	87	Roxana Quinnell	Mixed Media
3	B. Herd	Oil	46	Jenny Zipperer	Pottery	88	Jere Frutchey & Dean Gillette	Pottery/Watercolor
4	Bill Scales	Photography	47	Jake Wolfhart	Leather Studio	89	Paul Spradlin	Woodwork
5	Marianne Caroselli	Oil	48	Janet Rodriguez	Pottery	90	Donna Dudley	Sculpture
6	Jake Honeycutt	Photography	49	Jenna Culp	Jewelry	91	Edward Barker	Pottery
7	Sue Hollis	Watercolor	50	Jodi Keffer	Glass	92	Walter Cooling	Jewelry
8	Ron Sisco	Woodwork	51	Janusz Borowski	Woodwork	93	Mary Barton	Watercolor
9	Many Moons	Jewelry	52	Glen Lyles	Oil	94	Glen Powell	Pencil
10	Bernice Landrum	Acrylic	53	Richard Korczynski	Photography	95	Barbara Jones	Pottery
11	Don Kent	Watercolor	54	L.B. & Marcia Porter	Acrylic	96	Heather Phoenix	Fabric
12	Steve Kriechbaum	Jewelry				97	Glenda Lundgren	Jewelry
13	David Busch	Watercolor	55	Carol Ann Parson	Oil	98	Denise Dorn	Batik
14	Barbara Briner	Pencil	56	Ann Johnson	Weaving	99	Marie & Steve Eisenhour	Jewelry
15	Gere Cox	Acrylic	57	Gaylon Gillem	Mixed Media	100	Merry Glazner	Oil
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17	Aria Finch	Pottery	58	Linda Brewer & John Rohobec	Sculpture	102	David McDonald	Other
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19	Ronnie Wells	Watercolor	60	Betty Walker	Watercolor	104	Jerry Smith & Cindi Stewart	Metalwork
20	Kim Norton	Oil	61	Carol Mullen	Other	105	Sturdy Oak Wood Crafts	
21	Fred Stockbauer	Jewelry	62	John M. Snyder	Woodwork	106	Bob & Judy Knapp	Photography
22	Jim Mauritsen	Woodwork	63	Jan Taylor	Mixed media	107	Karen Pritchett & Todd Shelby	Pottery
23	Carol Barton	Other	64	Rich Hepp	Fabric	108	Chip Smitley	Jewelry
24	Deborah Slaven-Armijo	Fabric	65	Marie Watkins	Fabric	109	Larry Bridges	Pen and Ink
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Deborah DuPont's "Archos de Alcazar," photographed in Seville, Spain since she appeared in last year's Ruidoso Art Festival. DuPont was 1996's Best of Show winner.

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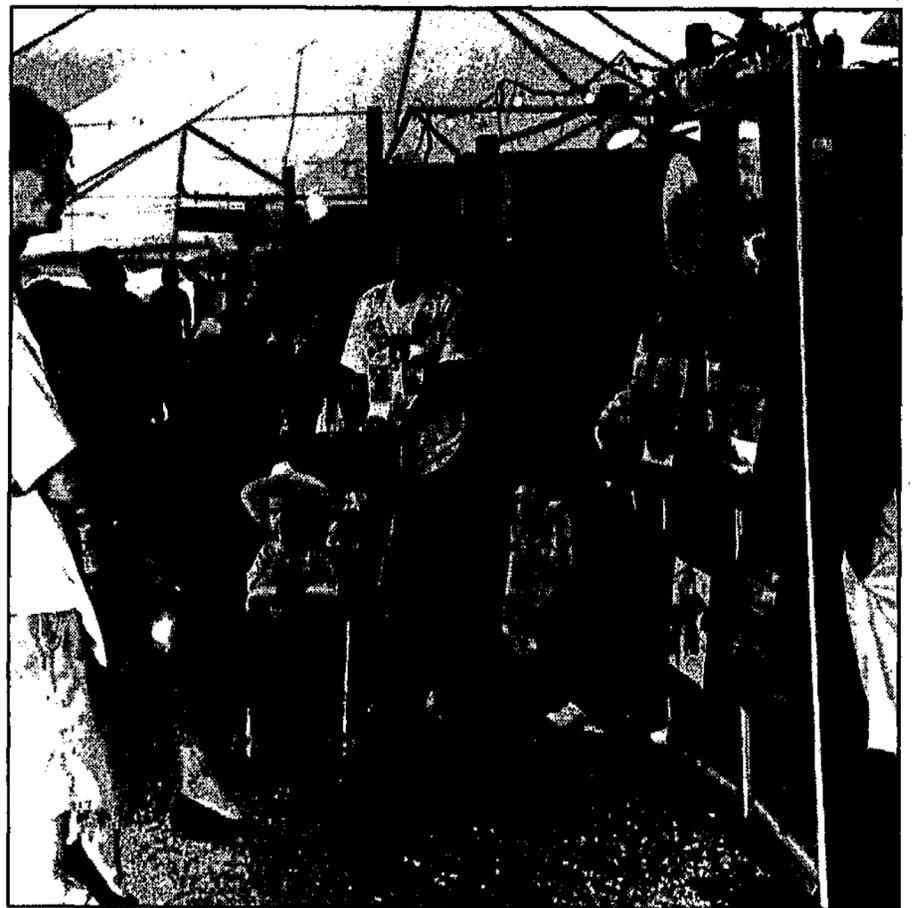
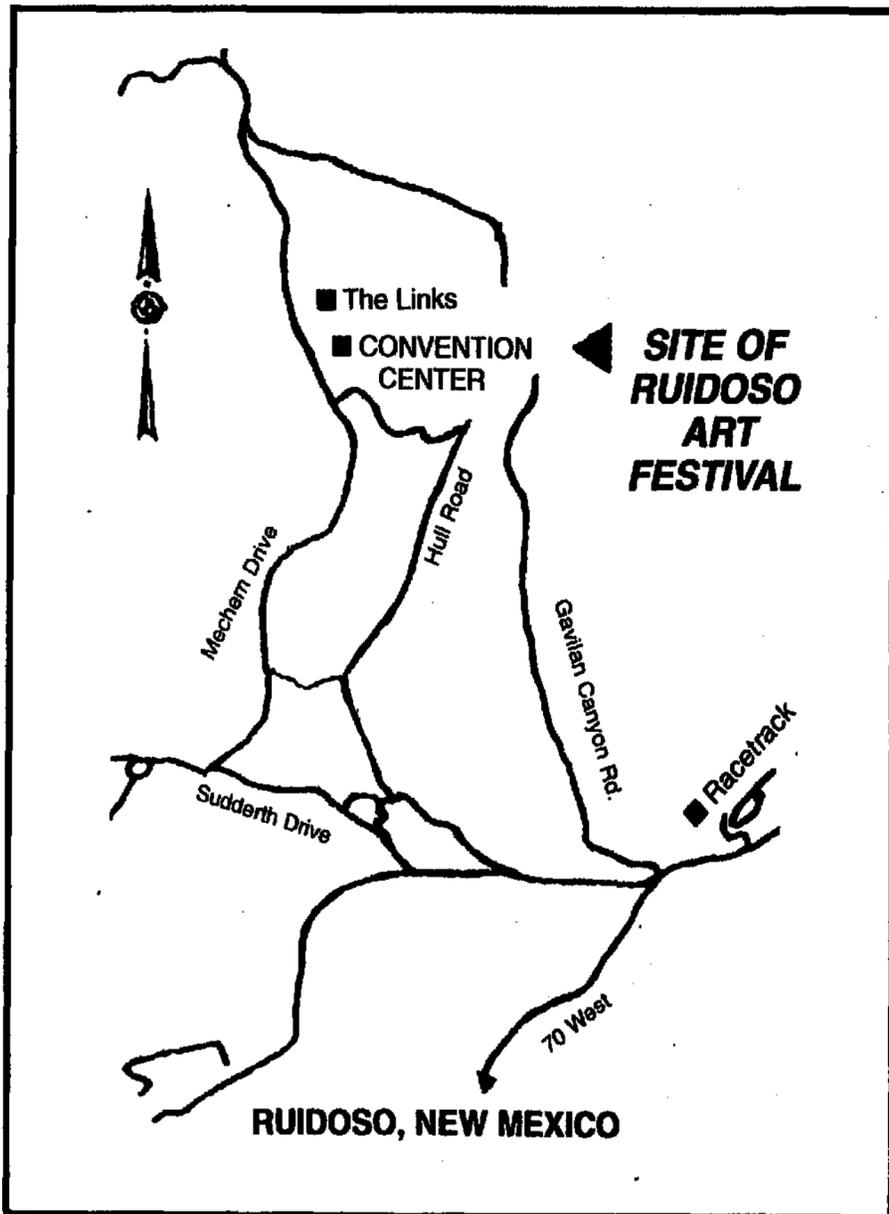
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The Ruidoso Art Festival didn't always enjoy the comforts of inside.

art appreciation •••

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Each year, Lincoln County residents show their appreciation for art by turning out in droves for the annual Ruidoso Art Festival.

The 1996 art show drew nearly 10,000 art fans to wander the aisles, to study the different mediums, to wonder at the creativity.

In turn, the artists reciprocate that appreciation. More than 300 artists submitted their works for jury review. Just over 125 received an invitation to show their creations at the 1997 Ruidoso Art Festival.

"They love the weather. They love the location. They have always said we treat them the best," Ruidoso Arts Festival chairman Denise Dean explained.

That mutual appreciation is one reason the Ruidoso show was honored as the top arts festival in the Southwest. It took plenty of rolled up sleeves and hard work to earn such a distinction, but it's always worth the effort.

"It's so much fun to see how much talent is out there," Dean said. "You work toward it the whole year. All the people in the community have made this as good as it is."

Started 26 years ago, the festival has grown steadily and moved from outdoors (School House Park) to indoors (Ruidoso Convention Center).

It's also become the main fund-raiser for the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. All money goes toward the operating budget.

A silent auction of works donated by artists pads the pocket of the chamber's scholarship fund, which awarded \$6,000 worth of scholarships to local

students last year. This year's bidding on silent auction items opens at noon Friday and closes at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Before the festival opens, the artists are judged. Awards are given for Best of Show and top 10 artists. The judges, who remain anonymous, use quality of work, presentation and originality as criteria.

Best of all, the art show has something for everyone, Dean said. Art pieces range anywhere from \$5 to \$8,000.

The food court will offer a variety to suit everyone's taste buds. The chamber's hamburger stand anchors the eating area, which also will offer Mexican food, a steakery, popcorn, funnel cakes, dipping dots and the popular fry bread courtesy of the Mescalero Reformed Church.

Serenading the browsers will be several local musicians including classical guitarist Tomas Vigil.

Also for sale are signed and unsigned posters of Barbara Diehl-Westbrook's "Double Enchantment" and one signed print of the famous "Winter Moon" photo.

Hours for the 26th Annual Ruidoso Art Festival are: noon to 7 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

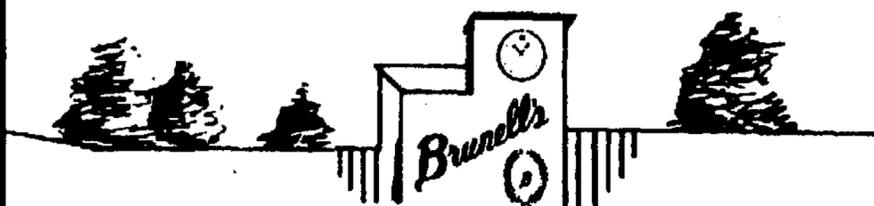
Admission prices are \$2.50 for adults, \$1 for ages 6-16, and children under 6 are admitted free.

Sunday will mark Dean's last day a chairperson of the art festival, a title she's held for two years.

She'll remain involved with the show as she has for years, but leaves the post offering this advice to her successor: "It's a lot of fun. It's a lot of work. Just, jump in there head first and enjoy."

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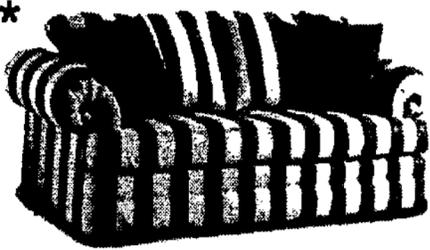
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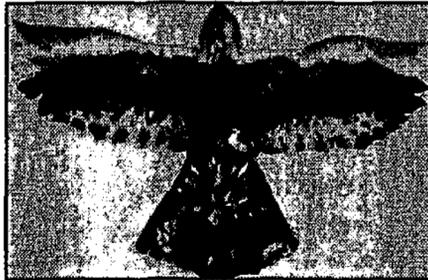
Ten years ago, David Busch decided to give himself one year of painting full time to see if he could survive as an artist. Since then, he's never laid down his paint brushes.

However, the time he spent studying to become a botanist wasn't wasted, because Busch incorporates flowers and plants into the landscapes he so carefully constructs with his transparent water colors.

"I like to experiment with subject matter, but I paint a lot of landscapes that are relatively pristine," he said. "Plants always are important to me. I use a lot of color."

Busch is bringing his art back to the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce Art Festival this summer, returning as one of the top 10 artists selected last year by judges. He found the Ruidoso show through friends who already were participating.

"It's difficult for him to verbalize his art, Busch said, "My art is all visual to me," he said.



An example of Busch's work

One of his unique approaches is to use the outline of a main subject, such as a butterfly, hawk or a state, and fill it with elements of the related habitat.

With encouragement from a neighbor, who was an artist, Busch began taking private art lessons when he was 10, starting in oil and pastels.

Although he took only a few art classes in college, his interest in water color blossomed there while studying to become a botanist.

"It's very exciting. It's hard," Busch said of his chosen medium. "A lot of people don't understand what it take to create a water-color. You can't just cover over something, if you don't like it. You have to have a good image in mind to

get it to work, yet, you have to remain spontaneous to what's happening on the paper. It's very honest and shows what you're feeling much more than other mediums, I think."

After eight years as a botanist, Busch decided to give his art a try as a professional.



Artist/botanist David Busch with one of his latest works.

"I thought about it for a long time," he said. "I gave myself one year to see if I could make a living. I didn't know anyone who was doing that at the time. I didn't know the possibilities. One year led to the next."

And now Busch paints full time at his home in the country about one hour west of Austin, Texas. Through his paintings, he hopes to remind others of the beauty of nature unmarred by man.

Collectors across the United States,

Australian and Western Europe have chosen his works. "Springtime in Texas," released as a limited edition print, appears on the cover of "The Wonderful World of Wildflowers," published in Austin.

Earlier this year, Busch won second place in the Southwest Art Festival in Indio, Calif., and in 1994, his work was placed in The Gallery of Honor at the Spring Fling in Wichita Falls Museum and Art Center.

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peggy byars

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

At the age of 40, Peggy Byars put away her stenography book and picked up a paint brush. Her life has never been the same.

"I had 15 years experience as a secretary and I wasn't getting any better," Byars said. "So I told my family from now on you're washing dishes and cleaning up, because I'm teaching myself to paint.

"So I pursued the career with the attitude of this is what I want to do with my life. I was never a Sunday painter. I pursued it. I decided to go with what I felt."

Byars is one of the top 10 artists selected at the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce Art Festival last year and will bring her art back to the area this year.

In the beginning she painted everything, trying to find herself, Byars said. Eventually she noticed her best work usually was full of images of spring and that also was the season during which she excelled personally.

Today, she paints landscapes, some with people, wildlife or buildings, but others only with scenic beauty.

"It's whatever crosses my mind or tells the story I want to portray," Byars said. "The most common response I



Peggy Byars' paintings depict images of spring.

get from my work is that it's peaceful, restful, tranquil. One woman who owns one of my paintings called 'Southern Lace,' said she comes home from work, kicks off her shoes, sits on her couch and looks at my painting, and it's better than any tranquilizer."

Although her talent was discovered by a third-grade teacher who recruited her to paint a Christmas mural, she

used her skill mostly for family projects until some portraits she painted of a friend's children were seen in a framing shop and attracted her first commissioned work.

Byars initially entered the Ruidoso chamber show several years ago by default. She had signed on for another show, was disappointed and heard about the chamber's annual competi-

tion and switched her work there.

She and her husband liked the area so much, they bought a condominium in Ruidoso, although they maintain a primary home in Austin, Texas. Where ever they are, she keeps in touch with her customers by sending out a newsletter every three months.

"We just love the area and the show," she said. "I donate each year and help support the community."

Byars credits her success, in part, to knowing after 20 years of producing paintings what appeals to the individual art collector. The viewer should sense the aromas, feel the warmth of the sun, enjoy the fresh air and cold water, and hear the wildlife, she said.

Her illumination technique is the trademark of all her work and gives her paintings a refreshing "aliveness" and sense of being there.

Besides Ruidoso, some of Byars' major juried shows include the Laguna Gloria in Austin, the Septemberfest in Midland and the Texas State Arts & Crafts Fair in Kerrville.

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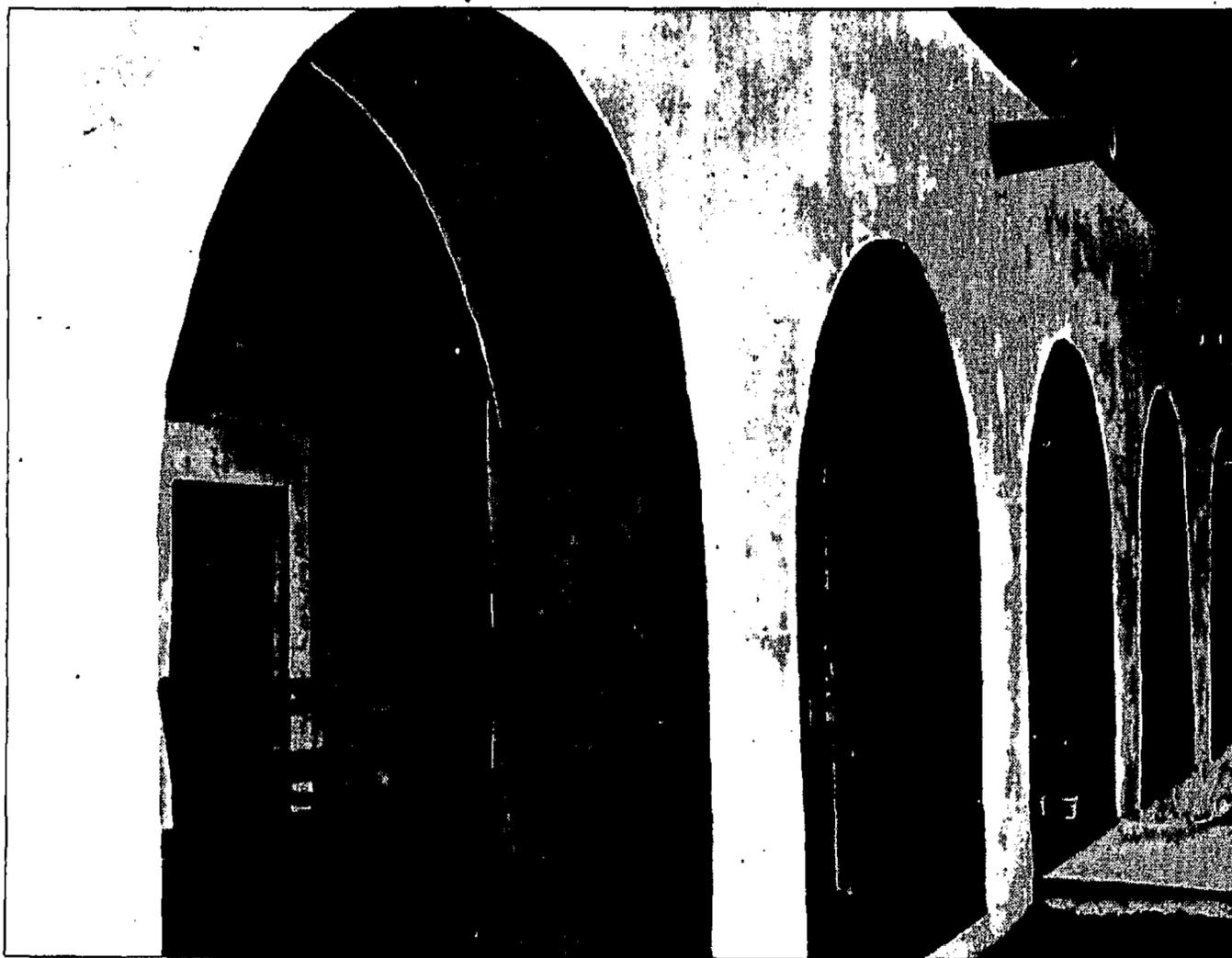
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deborah dupont •••••



BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Back for the second time as one of the top 10 returning artists at the annual Ruidoso Art Festival, Deborah DuPont has been busy over the past year.

She won Best in Photography at the Austin Museum of Arts Festival and was commissioned to create eight pieces for the board room of Seton Hospital in Austin and three for the office of the chairman of the board. The pieces depict the headquarters of the Daughters of Charity in St. Louis, Mo. The group also operates Seton.

Classifying DuPont's art has presented a problem since she first decided to combine her fascination with architecture with her love of photography and her skill at oils.

The blending of the mediums emerges as a new form based on an old process. DuPont takes her original black and white architectural photographs and paints them with oils on paper or linen. The stark lines contrast with her rich colors, evoking old-world images. Viewers must blink twice to detect her brush strokes.

"Early on, I was inspired by my

Deborah DuPont's unique combination of the old and new garnered Best of Show honors in 1996.

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daryl howard



Daryl Howard's prints reflect a strong Japanese influence.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Daryl Howard practices Japanese-influenced wood-block techniques at her art studio outside of Austin, Texas.

Her work reflects a combination of the Orient and Southwest, even more so since the artist revisited Japan this past fall to attend a wedding, Howard said.

"If you saw my work this year, you would see a definite influence," she said from her ranch home.

Since she began producing wood block prints in the 1970s, Howard has created a considerable body of work and attracted numerous loyal collectors along the way.

While some of her work depicts sweeping and evocative landscapes, such as the Grand Canyon, other prints are detailed, color-charged snapshots of still life.

Her development and interests as an artist are reflected in her work as it moves through different subjects, moods and styles.

Feedback from collectors and critics credits her latest body of work as very strong, Howard said. In these prints, she has ventured into new combinations of color that she has never used before, she said.

The pieces, inspired by her recent

trip to Japan, have given her the most satisfaction of her career. "I've been doing this for almost 22 years, and 'Yes' is what I think when I look at this body of work," she said.

Howard, who spent two years in Japan during the 1970s, graduated from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville with a bachelor's of art degree. After her sojourn in Japan, where she studied wood-block technique from a master of the art, Howard went into graduate school at the University of Texas at Austin, receiving her master's of fine arts degree.

Her works are exhibited in many shows, including a recent one-person show visited by an astonishing 600 collectors, she said.

When not traveling to exhibits, Howard usually works 12 hours a day at her craft, she said. Her studio and home are actually a ranch, where she keeps a "pet" herd of longhorn cattle.

While things are often hectic at her studio with filling print orders and taking telephone calls from collectors and exhibitors, Howard said the mayhem is balanced by quiet days of creative work.

Howard said she will bring 15-20 pieces to the Ruidoso Art Festival. Her limited edition prints range in price from \$45 to \$1,200.

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BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

As more than 125 artists from across the country descend on Ruidoso for its annual art festival, many talented people of local origins will also make their way to the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Whether visitors to ArtFest are looking for pottery, paintings, leather, jewelry or sculpture, they're bound to find something made by an area artisan.

If glittering earrings, necklaces and such are on the top of your list make sure to check out the booths of Donna Spray and Many Moons. Spray has attended the ArtFest since 1978 and has been delighting crowds with her one-of-a-kind accessories and copper waterfalls.

Gloria and Don Zietelhack, the names behind the Many Moons name, are past winners of Best of Show for their bronze, sterling silver and gold jewelry, belt buckles, bolo ties, money clips and more. In addition to their fine accessories, Gloria said she will also show off her Mother of Pearl landscape, which she spent eight years perfecting.

If pottery is more your style, visit the booths of Barbara and Monty Jones, Karen Pritchett and Todd Shelby, and Vicki Conley.

The Jones duo makes pottery vases, figurines and other items. Monty specializes in high-gloss vases in turquoise and blue, while Barbara makes all her creations by hand.

Pritchett and Shelby make earthenware pottery. Their subjects are mostly animals with Shelby focusing on reptiles and amphibians, and Pritchett turning out whimsical animals for their Anamalia Pottery studio in Capitan.

Conley produces what she calls "functional pottery" - or put simply stuff you can use. She is best known for her standard line of blue and white flower patterns, but will also bring a new hummingbird pattern to ArtFest.

If paintings or other wall art are what you're looking for stop by and see Maureen Quemada, Virgil Stephens and Denise Dorn. Quemada is a painter who uses acrylics to portray her Hispanic and Hawaiian subjects. She said her paintings deal with the two cultures colliding.

Stephens' work is done in pencils, colored pencils and pastels, and he describes it as "ultra realism." Dorn is a batik artist who uses the dye-resistant process to create original art on fabric. This year, Dorn will be introducing a new limited signed and number print titled "Into a First Heaven."

Sculpture is also on hand at the



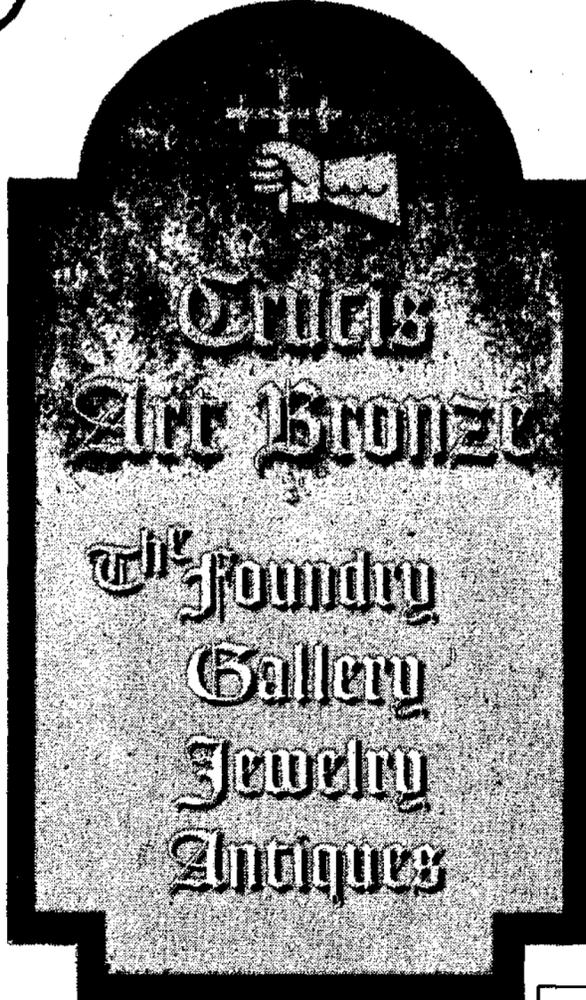
The playful, "Animalia" pottery of Karen Pritchett and Todd Shelby puts a smile on many faces. Pritchett and Shelby are among the dozen or so local artists in this weekend's art show.

booths of Jordan Torres, Adrian Henry and Gaylon Gillem. Henry calls her clay sculptures a "study of movement and emotion in a spiritual sense." Gillem is a bronze sculptor who will bring his fantasy-magic series to ArtFest, along with his traditional Indian subjects.

If woodwork is what you want, check out Jim Mauritsen, Barry McCoy and P.C. Originals. McCoy, who is sharing booth space with

Gillem, incorporates the natural design of the wood into his carvings and P.C. Originals make jewelry boxes, hand mirrors and toys from 20 varieties of hardwood.

And last but not least if leather is your medium of choice, jaunt over and see Jake Wolfhart of Jake Wolfhart Leather Studio. Wolfhart said he will have backpacks, bags, belts and more, all done in his original designs, on hand at the festival.



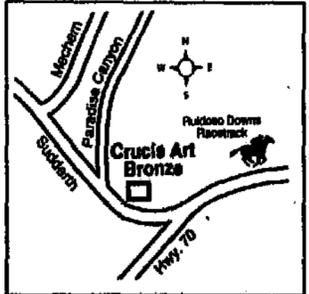
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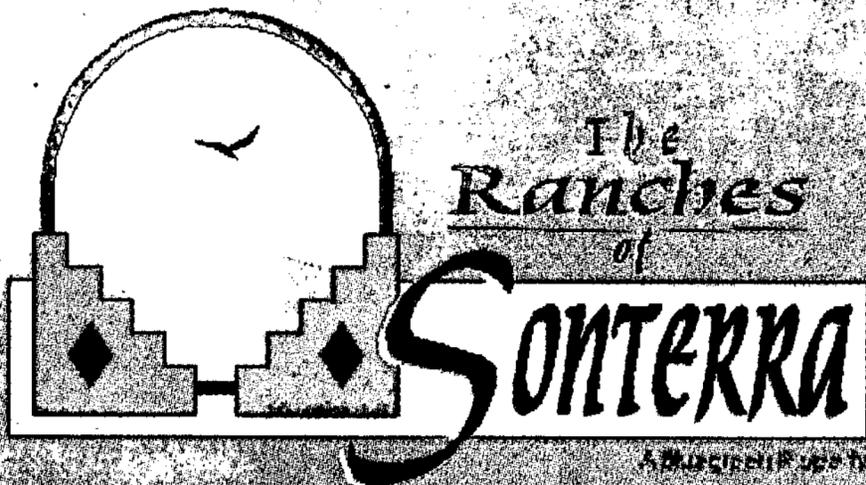
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cousin, Daryl Howard," DuPont said, Howard won best of show at the Ruidoso festival in 1995. DuPont found herself surrounded by Howard's art at home during her early sketching phase.

After graduating from high school, DuPont attended the University of Texas in Austin, initially figuring on earning a teaching degree, but decided

that wasn't what she wanted to do in life. She married, moved to Corpus Christi, Texas, and returned to college, choosing art as her major without a notion of what she would do with the degree.

A teacher introduced her to the old art of hand-coloring photographs, a common practice before color film was created, but used mostly in the advertising industry today.

When DuPont first began working in the medium, she spent much time

explaining her art, she said. Eventually, as her long list of awards indicates, critics and audiences started to understand the concept.

DuPont, 36, shows in a dozen exhibitions a year and in two galleries, cutting back from a pace of more than two dozen shows a year.

Her work hung on the walls of two sets for television shows. In 1994, DuPont won the Award of Excellence at the Colorado Indian Market in

Denver, Colo. She took first in 1996 Lawton Arts Festival in Oklahoma and she received the President's Choice Award at the Southwest Arts and Crafts Fair in Albuquerque in 1988 and in 1990.

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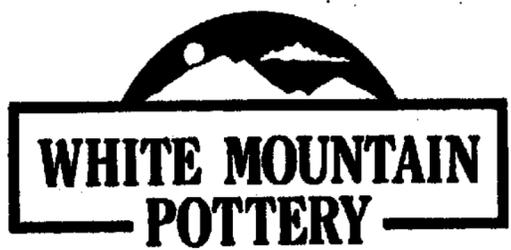
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With a few new additions and sore neck, Paul Spradlin is returning to Ruidoso.

A top 10 artist at ArtFest '96, Spradlin said his bout with whiplash slowed down his hectic pace a bit, but didn't stall his creative process. And visitors to the Ruidoso Convention Center for ArtFest '97, July 25-27, can see what a pain in the neck did for the so-called "Wizard of Wood."

Spradlin said the injury resulted from of all things dancing. And though he's hung up his dancing shoes, he didn't put down his carving tools and paint brushes. Instead he used the injury as an excuse to tackle a subject he's always wanted to — hot air balloons.

"I had to take off six months ... I couldn't do much but carve," Spradlin said of his injury. So instead of touring and showing at the non-stop pace he was used to, he sat back and let his art fill his time.

The balloons are something he's always wanted to try in his highly detailed, three-dimensional, brightly painted wood reliefs, said the Carrollton, Texas, resident who's been flirting with his destiny as an artist

from an early age.

"My second-grade teacher knew I'd be an artist," Spradlin said in an earlier interview. She even went so far as to nickname him, "SpradlinAngelo."

But destiny didn't take hold until 1989 when he sold his first piece of work.

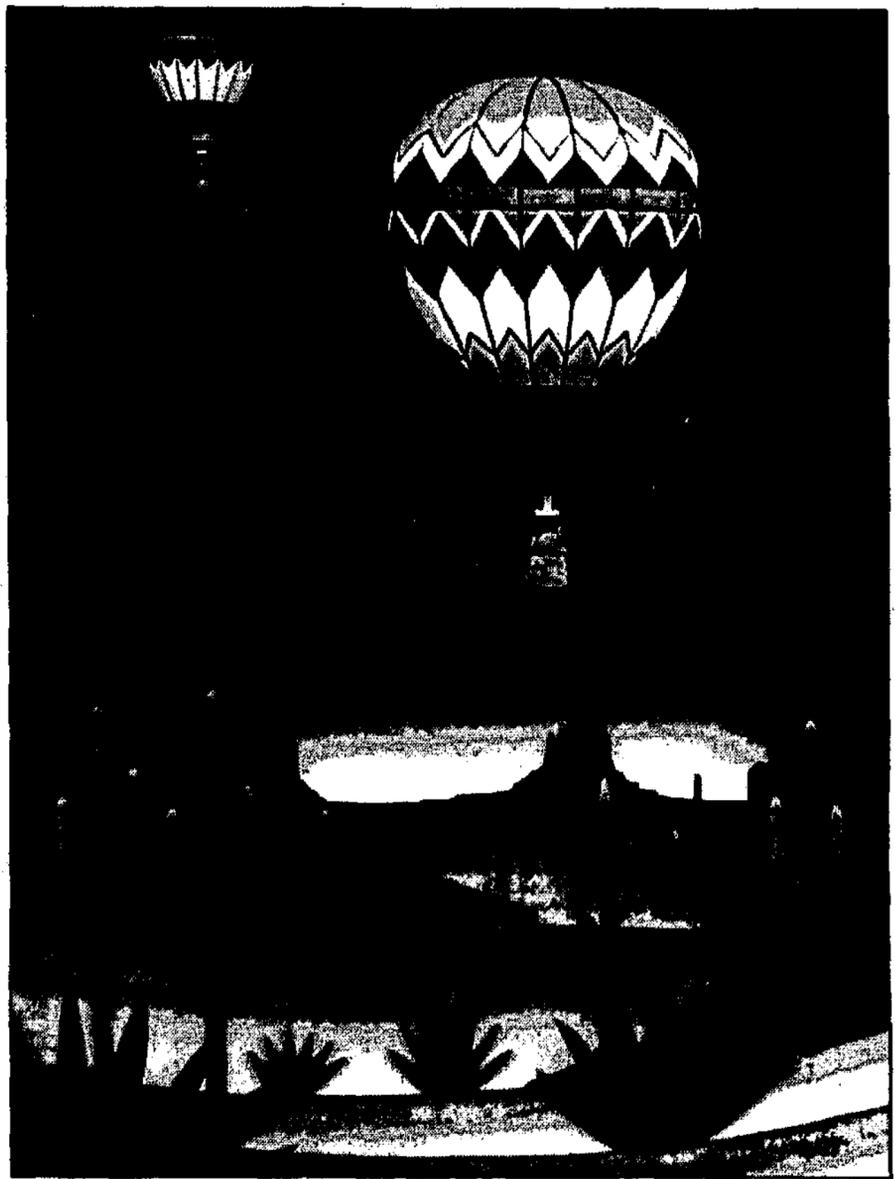
The trip to ArtFest '97 marks a fourth time for Spradlin. The Fest, he said, is appealing because it's a great show in a great place. "It's a good show for the size town it is," Spradlin said. "And it seems like the whole town shows up. That's a pretty neat thing for a small town to do."

In addition to the top 10 honor earned at Ruidoso's show, Spradlin has won awards at Carrollton's Art Feista and at a Ferrari model contest.

He's planning to bring about 40 pieces of work to this year's event, as well as another new feature — prints of his work. The 8x10 prints will sell for \$20 unframed and \$40 framed, and all are double-matted.

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Paul Spradlin,
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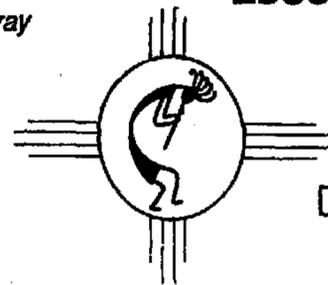
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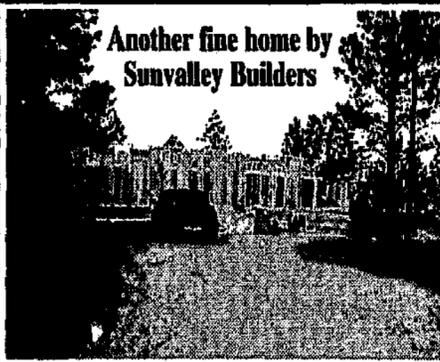


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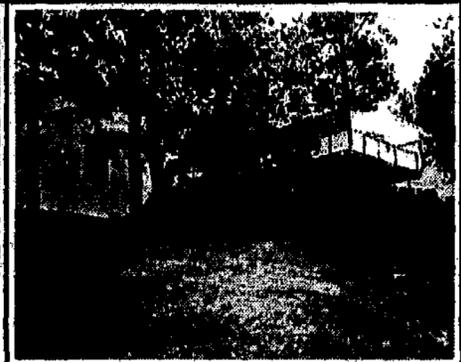
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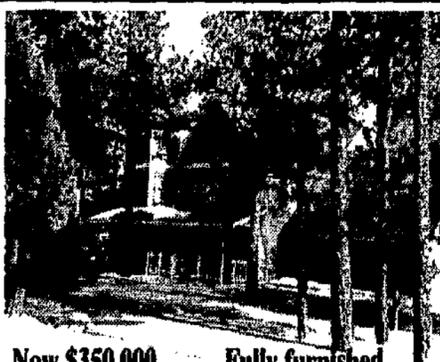
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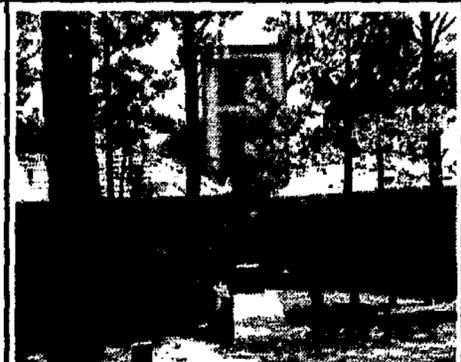
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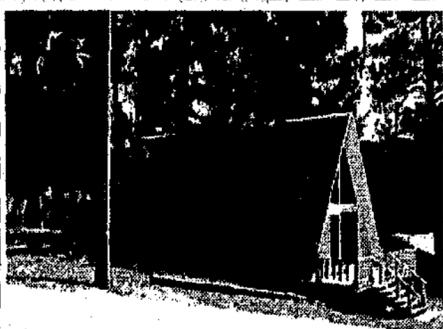
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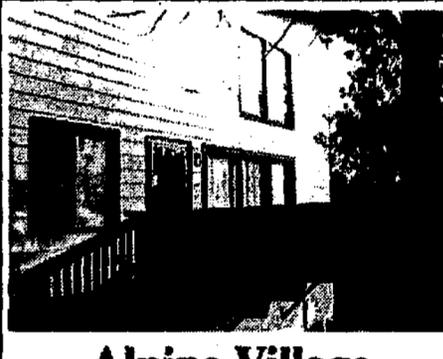
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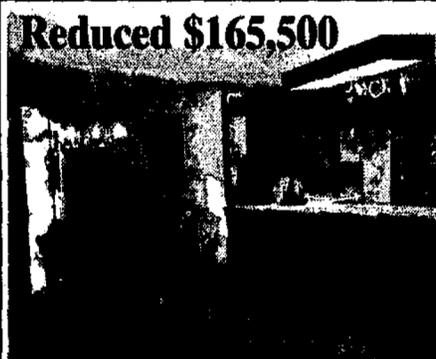
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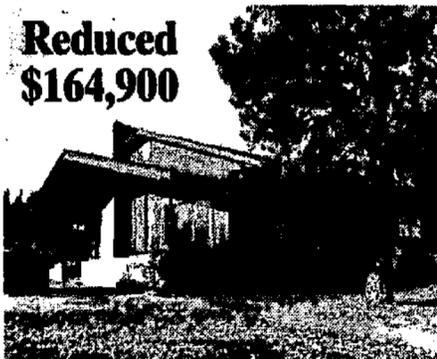
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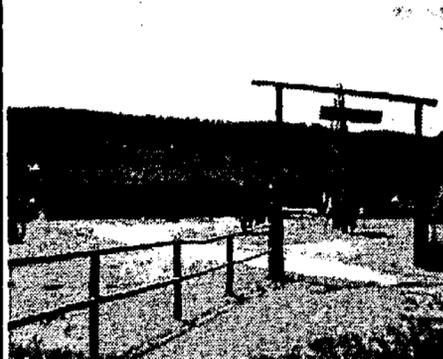
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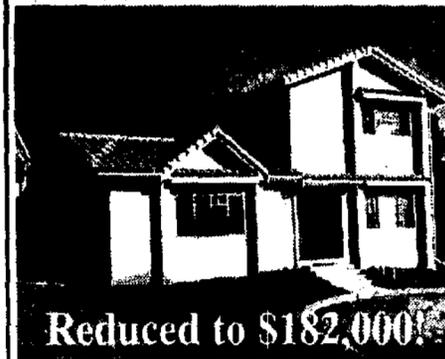
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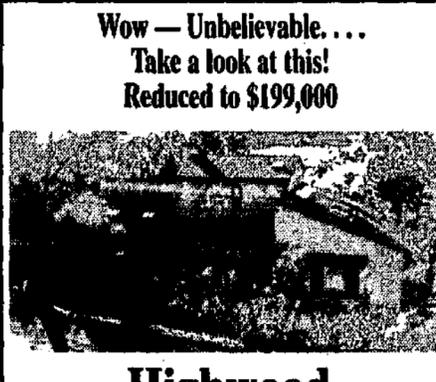
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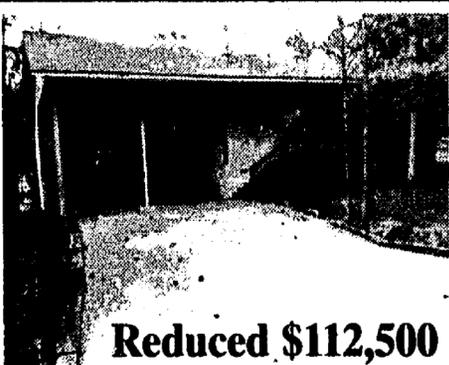
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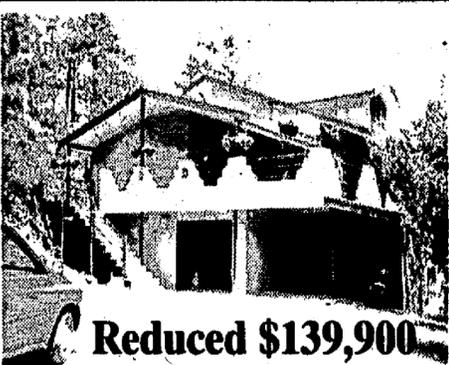
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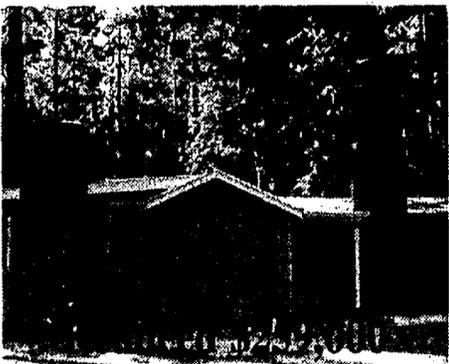
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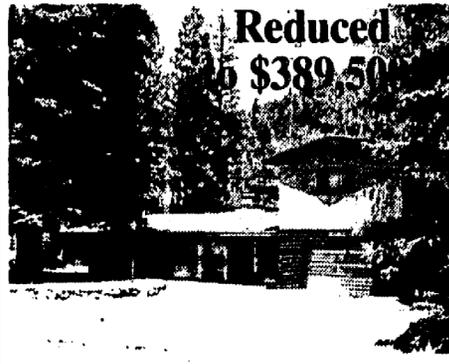
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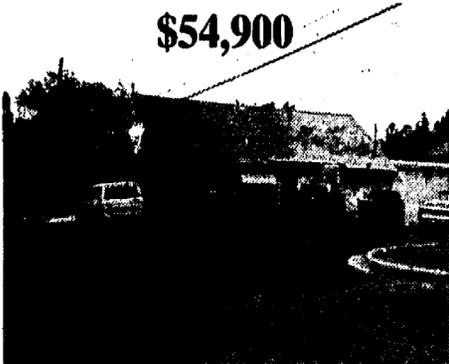
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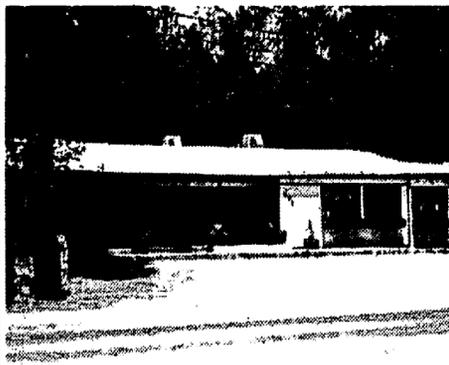
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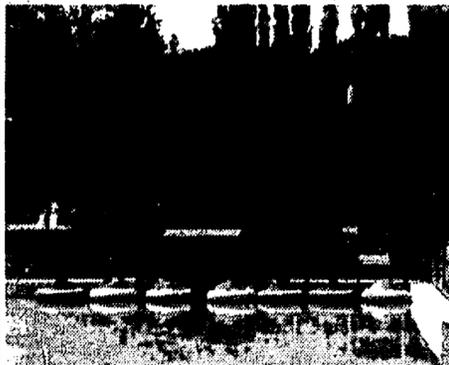
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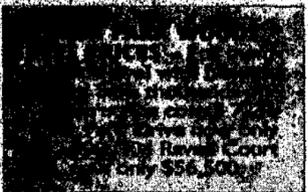
FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY! Best Tree Jamboree - Doing great business with chuckwagon style barbecue suppers and western stage shows. Sale includes 10 acres land, building and business. \$350,000.

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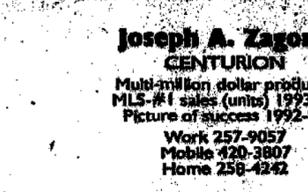
WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET! Everything stays at this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with fireplace, covered deck and plenty of storage. Great condition. Quiet location. Priced right! \$87,500.

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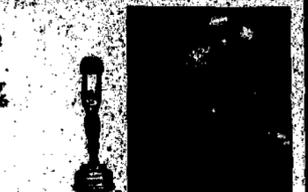
FIRST LODGING FROM THE NORTH - Corner of Highway 48 and Airport Rd. 7 acres with large homes, 5 cabins and motel unit. Fabulous Sierra Blanca views on undeveloped 3 to 4 acres. \$645,000.

96-61209 CALL JOE



SIERRA BLANCA VIEW - Quiet seclusion and tall pines in White Mountain Meadows. Light and open 4 bedroom, 3 bath. Mostly furnished. \$199,500.

97-70501 CALL JOE



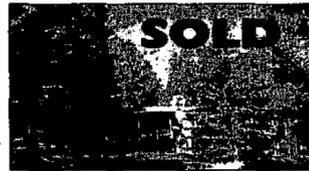
ALTO - IN THE FOREST - Wonderful location. Vaulted wood ceilings, sauna and much more. Fully furnished and full membership. Only \$189,000.

97-70561 CALL JOE



TOWN & COUNTRY ESTATES: Extra nice, 2 bedroom, 2 bath home has 2 living areas, 2-car garage plus R.V. hook-ups, 2 storage units, street-to-street lot, city utilities plus well for yard. Home is spacious (over 2300 sq. ft.) Must see!

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THE CABIN YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR! Located on 1.5 acres in desirable Cedar Creek area. Three bedrooms, 1 bath, garage, two carports. Covered deck with nice view. Nice setting with huge trees. Listed at \$62,000.

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MOBILE ON TWO LOTS - 2 bedrooms, 1 bath with a large add-on for extra living space. Includes small shop/storage. Room to put another mobile on second lot. \$30,000.

97-70328 CALL LARRY TILLMAN



PREMIER ALTO LOCATION - Fabulous, 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home; custom built with quality throughout. Spectacular views. Full golf membership. \$575,000.

97-70938 CALL JOE



HUGE PINES - Log sided 4 bedroom, 2 bath home on Buckner Driver. Big kitchen, workshop, attached garage, beautiful decks, fenced yard. \$139,500.

97-70707 CALL JOE



GREAT SIERRA BLANCA VIEW - Easy access, 4 bedroom ranch-style home. Huge Blue Spruce, large living room and dining, big storage and 2 barbecues. New listing. Only \$168,200.

97-70477 CALL JOE



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

97-70476 CALL LARRY TILLMAN



MUST SEE CONDO! One of the neatest around. New carpet, new paint, 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, covered deck. Appliances including washer and dryer stay. Furniture available separately. \$62,500

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ROOM TO ENJOY - 4 bdrm, 2 bath home with large dbl garage. 2 covered decks, lovely open views, whirlpool bath, 6" walls, pellet stove, wide hallways. \$139,500.

96-61778 CALL JOE ZAGONE



HOME PLUS STORAGE BUSINESS - 2BR, 2-1/2BA home w/2-car garage, 1.7 level acres. Possible to expand with cabins and/or self-storage units. Great location. FANTASTIC OWNER FINANCING! \$260,000.

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95-00083 CALL MARTIN ROSE



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

96-70930 CALL MARTIN ROSE

87 BEAUTIFUL ACRES
 Wonderful location, easy access, lots of wild game. Borders on national forest.
 97-70697 CALL MARTIN ROSE

Two Alto golf membership lots priced to sell, \$16,500 and \$15,900



BIG SIERRA BLANCA VIEW - from this fully furnished 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Neat decks, 2-car garage, storage, new heating and insulation. New paint. Lovely lot adjacent to national forest. \$89,994.

97-70267 CALL MARTIN ROSE



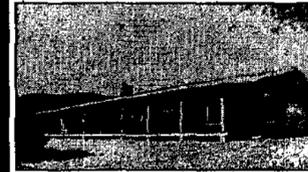
MOUNTAIN GETAWAY! Outstanding location with views. 2 bedroom, 2 bath chalet with nice decks, good parking and seclusion. A great deal! \$158,500.

97-70359 CALL MARTIN ROSE



ALTO-GOLF COURSE HOME: This wonderfully furnished, 3 bedroom, 3 bath home has a deck "To die for." Big great room, gameroom, 2-car garage, more! Close to club-house. Full golf membership. \$269,000

97-71103 CALL MARTIN ROSE



TERRITORIAL STYLE HOME - Located on 3.2 acres near Lincoln, NM. Beautiful, new custom home has spacious floor plan with 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 living areas plus study, 2 fireplaces, saltillo tile. \$215,000.

97-70075 CALL SCOTT MILLER



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

97-71009 CALL SCOTT MILLER



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

97-70840 CALL SCOTT MILLER



MINI-RANCH ON CREEK - 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths home on 5 acres. Spaciously designed, lots of windows with really great view of the mountains. Horse facilities. \$136,000.

97-70378 CALL MARTIN ROSE



EXCELLENT LOCATION AND VALUE! 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home. Nice neighborhood near Grindstone Lake. Big, fenced yard. Good access. Workshop and storage. Recently remodeled plus new roof and siding. \$89,900.

97-70440 CALL MARTIN ROSE



EVERYTHING STAYS! Beautiful new furniture, kitchen collection, signed SW art, TV, linens, etc., etc. Unbelievably nice, big mobile on flat fenced lot. Super location, covered deck, storage. You must see! \$69,500.

97-70879 CALL MARTIN ROSE



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

97-70961 CALL SCOTT MILLER



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

97-70851 CALL SCOTT MILLER



HUGE HOME ON THE RIVER - Spanish style, red tile roof. TWELVE ROOMS! 2 kitchens, guest quarters, spa, tremendous great room. Fabulous custom features throughout. \$450,000.

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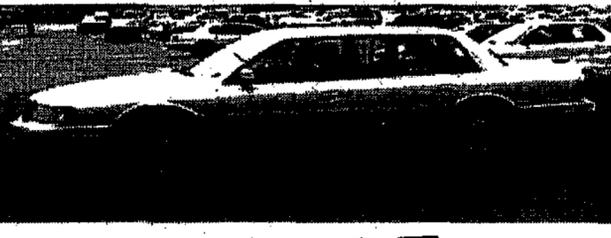
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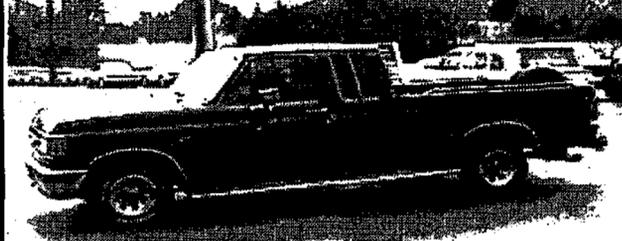
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1994 Chevy Extended Cab
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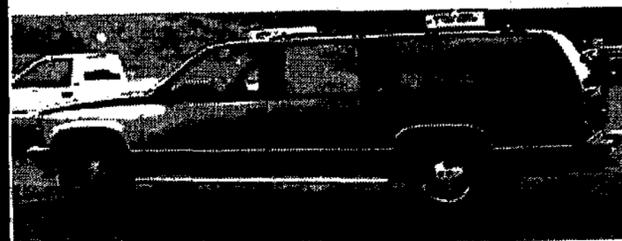
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1986 Chevy 1 Ton 4x4
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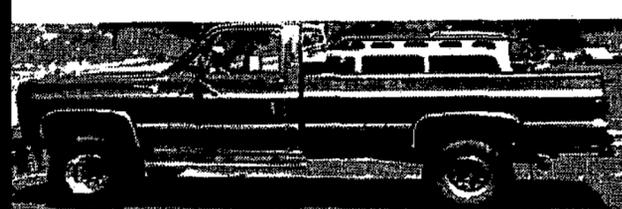
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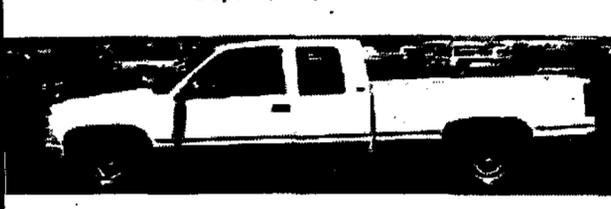
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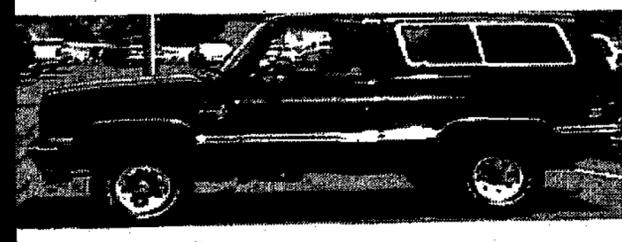
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