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Downs highway job due review

• A U. S. 70 upgrade project would ease traffic flow at the race track and the new discount center in Ruidoso Downs.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Residents will have a chance to look at planned improvements for U.S. 70 from the intersection with State Road 48 through Ruidoso Downs at a meeting Aug. 14.

The project includes resurfacing the four-lane portion of the highway and creating a continuous left-hand turn lane into Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

The contract on the project is expected to be awarded in March. Construction should begin 45-60 days after the award, Salazar said.

The project runs east on U.S. 70 from mile post 261.2 near the intersection with SR 48 (Sudderth Drive)

through Ruidoso Downs.

The Aug. 14 session has been called by Taschek Environment Consultants of Albuquerque to review a draft of the project's environmental statement. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the Ruidoso Downs Council Chambers, 122 Downs Drive. The formal presentation will run from 6:30 to 7 p.m., with public input until 8 p.m.

The 6.1 mile project is estimated to cost \$5.7 million, said Robert

Salazar, design engineer with the state Highway and Transportation Department. That does not include, as originally designed, building shoulders on the two-lane portion of the road east from Ruidoso Downs to the bridge that crosses the Rio Ruidoso, he said.

If that portion was constructed, the cost would increase to \$9.2 million.

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Horse show new feature of 1997 fair

Tuesday events launch five-day show in Capitan

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Young children carrying their rabbits and senior citizens delivering their quilts and canned goods will show up Tuesday to check in entries for the annual Lincoln County Fair in Capitan.

But, another new element has been added to the first day of the five-day fair. A 4-H and FFA Horse Show, halter only, will kick up dust at 4 p.m. in the arena.

The fair will continue through Saturday, ending with the Junior Livestock Show, where participants are rewarded for the months of care they've given to their sheep, rabbits, cattle and other animals.

The swine show, dairy goat show and rabbit show are scheduled for Wednesday. Inside entries will be judged and the fair building will be opened to the public from 4-8 p.m.

Thursday will include the market lamb show, Cabrito show and poultry show. Friday's schedule includes the dairy heifer show, breeding cattle and steer shows. But Saturday is the big day with a pet show, special lead class, awards and the junior livestock sale.

A 1997 Homemaker Award will be given to an exhibitor in the open class who enters five different divisions.

The schedule of events:

Tuesday, Aug. 5

7 a.m. to 2 p.m. - check in and inspection of all livestock, including rabbits and poultry. All livestock will be assigned pens and this is the only time to check-in animals. Bring hauling papers and pseudo rabies for hogs to the entry office, where fees can be paid and the animals inspected.

2 p.m. - classification of lambs followed by classification of swine and beef cattle

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New Mexico's best EMS



Ruidoso Emergency Medical Service (EMS) members show off equipment and smiles after winning the state EMS Service Excellence Award from the Statewide EMS Advisory Committee and the Injury Prevention and EMS Bureau, which operates under the state Department of Health. Ruidoso EMS serves an area of about 4,200 square miles, logs nearly 2,000 calls per year and over 130,000 miles. Standing (from left) are Chris LaCombe, Troy Briggs, David Wheeler, Don Merritt, Kristy Morrow, Lana Hill, Bob Power. In back is Denise Briggs. Kneeling are Pam Bryant, director Jim Stover and David Granados.

WEATHER

Plentiful rain, but no damage in area



Neither rain nor cool breezes kept Ruidoso's summer shoppers from making their appointed rounds in Mid-Town on Wednesday. The wisest shoppers had umbrellas handy.

• Eagle Creek Sports Complex closed Wednesday night because of flooding waters.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Daily thunderstorms delivered more than four inches of rain to Ruidoso since Sunday — and 2.5 inches of the total fell Wednesday and early Thursday.

Ruidoso village employees closed the Eagle Creek Sports Complex for several hours Wednesday night when water spilled over the crossing to the ballpark, said Charlie Armstrong, Ruidoso street department director.

People at the park were asked to leave as a safety precaution, Armstrong said, from about 6 to 8:30 p.m. Some repairs to the park, at Ski Run Road and State Road 48, will be

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Warning planned should Lake Mescalero ever spill

• It's not likely to happen, but agencies are preparing a plan in the event the dam ever was breached.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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The timing was perfect Wednesday to talk about an early warning system for possible flooding at Lake Mescalero Dam, following a week of rainfall in Ruidoso and fatal flooding in Fort Collins, Colo.

The 3,000-acre-foot capacity reservoir sits at the top of Carrizo Canyon. A dam failure, although extremely unlikely experts say, would send flood waters rushing down the populated canyon and into the stream system that feeds the Rio Ruidoso.

The people who would declare an

emergency and direct evacuation and rescue operations below the dam want to get ahead of the game, however improbable the scenario.

Called by the federal Bureau of Reclamation and conducted at the Carrizo Community Center on the Mescalero Apache Reservation, the orientation exercise to analyze the existing warning system, evaluate the area's operational readiness and coordinate with emergency services downstream drew about 50 representatives.

Bob Harrison of the Mescalero Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Ted Hochhalter of the reclamation bureau stressed that the dam is safe and is inspected frequently.

"There is nothing...to cause alarm."

Bob Harrison, Mescalero BIA

"The tribe recognizes the fact that there is some possibility of a flooding emergency, but that's not to say anything is wrong with the dam. There is nothing there to cause alarm," Harrison said. "We want to get a better feel for what each agency should do and how the response would be coordinated in case of a disaster we all pray never happens."

"Within the last 36 hours, 2.8 inches of rain has fallen in the area and it hasn't stressed the reservoir, he said. Without the dam, such a rain would have elevated the flow in the river significantly, he said.

Part of the early warning system will be to beef up the number of mon-

itoring sites in the reservoir, spillway and creek, said Rodney Danzeisen from the reclamation bureau. They will measure rainfall, the stream flow and rise of water levels. The information will be sent back to a base camp on the reservation and a data collection point at The Inn of the Mountain Gods, he said.

Because of the bowl-shape of the reservoir, impact from mountain runoff occurs quickly in contrast to elongated designs, he said. That cuts down on time to alert residents downstream.

"The purpose of (an early warning system) is to provide the maximum amount of time and most accurate

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Lake Mescalero

Facts about Lake Mescalero, located about two miles south of Ruidoso:

- Earthen dam with spillway built in 1974
- Inspected quarterly by Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Reclamation
- Normal storage is 3,000 acre feet
- Maximum storage is 5,000 acre feet at the dam crest

RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY

High ... 79
Low ... 50



Thunderstorms

SUNDAY

High ... 81
Low ... 49



Thunderstorms

MONDAY

High ... 80
Low ... 50



Thunderstorms

WEATHER ALMANAC

Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	75	51	.94"
Wednesday	75	51	.05"
Thursday	74	50	.36"

Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	82	62	Thunderstorms
El Paso, TX	91	68	Thunderstorms
Lubbock, TX	92	68	Partly cloudy
Midland, TX	92	70	Partly cloudy



July/August phases of the moon

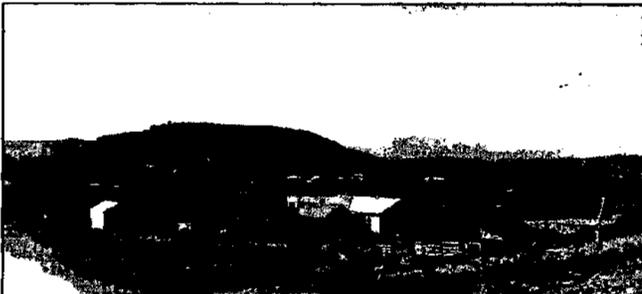


STARDATE

On Aug. 2 Mars scoots just two degrees from Spica, the brightest star in the constellation Virgo. They stand fairly low in the southwest as darkness falls. Saturn appears stationary against the background of stars.

On Aug. 3 Mercury puts in its best evening appearance for its current orbit. It's low in the west as darkness falls, not far from much brighter Venus.

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



Courtesy Chris Stromberg, Carrizozo Trading Post

Capitan village, once upon a time in the early years of the century.

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

Ruidoso News Aug. 1, 1947

Miss Tomacita Griego and Ysabel Aldaz will be married at the St. Rita Church at Carrizozo by Father Salvador Giovanni, Aug. 2 ... After the wedding ceremony an all-day reception will be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elfigo Griego in Lincoln. A wedding dance will be held at the Maes Hall, with the Chavez orches-

tra. The young couple will live in Lincoln as the groom is employed at Ft. Stanton.

The Glencoe Square Dance Club attended the ... dance in Roswell Saturday night. ... in the party were Irene and Kenneth Nosker; Jewell and Ralph Bonnell; Gladys and Buck Nosker; Louise and Tom Babers; Virginia and Ambrose Guest; Gladys Allison and Mr. Anderson, a guest at Bonnell's Ranch, and Mrs. Oney Raymond.

Tonight the Navajo Club will have a Cowboy Dance to officially open the three days of rodeo here in Ruidoso ...

LAKE: Plan for emergency evacuation

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Information for any hydrological event," Danseisen said.

The thrust is to have a plan in place that starts with an internal alert advising that something may be happening with the dam, and moves in four stages to evacuation and finally to the removal of emergency personnel. "By alerting in stages, many people living downstream may evacuate voluntarily and early to ensure livestock, pets and personal possession are safe, he said.

"We want to look especially at evacuation plans, because they present special problems. Evacuation routes could be cut off quickly in Carrizo Canyon," Hochhalter said. "This is a cooperative effort, but if the warning is not in time to save lives and property, we have a problem."

Tribe would declare alert

The tribe will be responsible for declaring an alert and for moving to more serious stages of readiness or action, Hochhalter said.

The first stage is called "get ready" and is mostly an internal alert that something may be happening at the dam, he said. The second stage, "get set," is more of a stand-by for other areas, possible with evacuation of low-lying areas. Stage three, "go," is life threatening and dam failures could be in progress. The fourth, "gone," means the dam has failed and everyone should leave, including emergency personnel.

Relocation of special populations such as jail inmates, school students and nursing home residents must be anticipated he said.

Jack M. Mercer, warning coordinator for the National Weather Service's southern region, said his organization will set up additional surveillance methods if contacted by the Mescalero that they are on alert status at the dam.

"We're not so much of a responder as a resource," in an emergency, he said. "We don't expect anything to happen here, but it wouldn't be the first time something not expected occurred."

Dam leaks no concern

Hochhalter said he wanted to dispel concern over the dam leaking. As an earthen dam, it was designed to leak some water, he said. Only if that leakage increases signifi-

cantly and begins to show a significant amount of silt would it become a problem, he said.

To begin the exercise, the group broke up into the different agencies to respond to three scenarios presented by Hochhalter. They ranged from a Memorial Day weekend with severe thunderstorms predicted and spillway flow in excess of the safe channel capacity of Carrizo Creek to heavy thunderstorms in progress and flash flooding predicted in an area 100 miles in all directions from the lake.

The variety of situations was used to ensure that the agencies are prepared to respond to anything from a simple alert to the ultimate storm.

The normal top of the reservoir storage is at an elevation of 6,905 feet (above sea level), containing 3,000 acre feet of water. An acre foot is the amount of water it would take to cover one acre of ground one foot deep, or about 325,851 gallons. Water releases are controlled through a spillway pipe and valve.

Some flooding might occur when the water level rises above 6,916 feet, because spillage is uncontrolled through a channel. Once the water reached 7,020 feet, it would begin spilling over the top of the dam and exceed the maximum 5,000 acre feet of water storage.

Coordination exercise set

A second emergency coordination exercise will be conducted Sept. 24, incorporating suggestions and covering holes that turn up in the first exercise, Hochhalter said. The plan will remain a draft until after the second meeting. Even after it is put in final form, it should be reviewed annually and updated, he said.

Absent Wednesday were officials from Lincoln County emergency services and the sheriff's office, but the village of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs representatives from fire, police, planning, administration and special emergency groups. Mescalero Tribal vice president Keith Miller, Bureau of Indian Affairs officials, National Weather Service spokesmen, reclamation bureau staff and personnel from various tribal and BIA departments rounded out the participation roster.

HIGHWAY: Lighting to be relocated

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tion, and the department doesn't have enough money to do it, he said.

Improvements anticipated include removing the lights on the median in front of the race track and replacing them with break-away street lights on either side of the highway. Curbs and gutters will be added and drainage will be improved, he said. The median

strip at the track will be removed and a continuous left-hand turn lane will be created, he said.

The extra lanes will not be used for the new Wal-Mart Super Store, Salazar said. However, a median will be installed there.

"We're trying to see if we can add sidewalks in the urban section and possibly around Wal-Mart," he said.

FAIR: Variety of events for fair-goers

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4 p.m. to 7 p.m. - inside entries accepted

4 p.m. - 4-H and FFA Horse Show

6 p.m. - weight declaration cards due on swine and sheep

Wednesday, Aug. 6

9 a.m. - swine show

9 a.m. to noon - inside entries accepted

1 p.m. - dairy goat show or one hour after pig show

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. - building closed for judging of inside entries

2 p.m. - rabbit show or 30 minutes after the dairy goat show

4 p.m. to 8 p.m. - building open

5 p.m. - deadline for special cake entries

Thursday, AUG. 7

8 a.m. - building open to public

9 a.m. - market lamb show

begins

1 p.m. - Cabrito show

2 p.m. - poultry show (or 30 minutes after Cabrito)

Friday, Aug. 8

8 a.m. to 8 p.m. - building open to public

10 a.m. dairy heifer show begins (the next show will follow one hour after this program is finished)

11 a.m. breeding cattle show

1 p.m. steer show

Saturday, Aug. 9

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. - building open to the public and junior exhibitors coffee

8:30 a.m. - pet show

9:30 a.m. - special lead class

10:30 a.m. - awards

11:30 a.m. - lunch for livestock buyers

1 p.m. - Junior Livestock Sale

Inside exhibits will be released at 3 p.m. with claim tickets.

RAINFALL: Not an unusual amount

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made Monday.

Two or three dead trees that fell across Whirlaway Drive in the Upper Canyon had to be removed, Armstrong said. And crews have been busy clearing debris from culverts and drainage ditches village-wide.

Some residents in Brady Canyon and Black Forest temporarily lost electricity when lightning struck two transformers in separate incidents, Texas-New Mexico Power Company advised.

Tim Morris, manager at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, said recent rainfall, though abundant, hasn't been anything outside the norm for Ruidoso this time of year.

"About five or six years ago, we were set into a drought-like pattern," said Morris, a resi-

dent of this area for 26 years. Now Ruidoso is coming out of that pattern, back to weather-as-usual. "People are saying this must be a record, but actually it's normal," Morris said.

In Mescalero, Captain Alfred La Paz said the reservation has been free of any notable flooding despite the heavy rainfall.

What flooding did occur resulted in little damage. Most of Wednesday's heavy afternoon rainfall was west of the reservation, he said.

FOR THE RECORD

Classes at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso begin Aug. 25. An article in Wednesday's edition incorrectly reported an erroneous starting date.

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Parking is no problem in Mid-Town in weather like that which has prevailed during Ruidoso's July monsoon, but it's a different story on a long-term basis.

'It becomes somewhat of an irreversible situation'

Brakes lifted on Mid-Town parking

A village administrator warned Ruidoso councilors that parking space requirements, once revoked, would be almost impossible to re-establish in the Mid-Town shopping area.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

What started out in April as a "fast track" directive to eliminate parking space requirements for Mid-Town businesses slowed considerably before its final approval Tuesday night by the Ruidoso Village Council.



Eggleston

Despite a unanimous vote, councilors acknowledged the new law could create future parking problems in the shopping district along Sudderth Drive.

"Basically, we could lose all of our private parking in the downtown area," said Councilor Leon Eggleston. "It could be all buildings. And that's basically what this ordinance is."

The new law was initiated at the request of Mid-Town store owners so businesses such as restaurants would be more likely to move into the shopping district.

Under the previous ordinance, restaurants were required to provide one parking space for every three seats inside. Merchants said the lack of available space in Mid-Town

made those requirements almost impossible to meet.

Councilor Joe Gomez and other councilors as well as Mayor Jerry Shaw voiced concerns that businesses might, by building over present parking lots, end up losing tourist dollars.

Cleatus Richards, planning department director, also cautioned councilors that they may not have an opportunity to rethink their decision.

"It should be clearly understood that once this ordinance is adopted, no parking would be regulated, and it becomes somewhat of an irreversible situation," Richards said, referring to new development that might ensue.

Councilors said, however, the new law's potential benefits outweigh future parking concerns.

"I think we have to eliminate the parking regulations in order to stimulate the business district downtown," Councilor Bob Sterchi said. "People will find a place to park, and if we do have problems in a year or two years, that's when we

"I think it's critical at this point that we do what we can to nurture and help...Mid-Town, because we are losing Wal-Mart and quite possibly Furr's."

Bill Chance,
Councilor

look into a parking authority."

Councilor Robert Donaldson said simple economics will inspire merchants to keep their parking areas. "There is a self-interest here that will allow the parking to remain," he said.

Furthermore, Ruidoso needs to support its shopping areas, said Councilor Bill Chance. "Mayor, I think it's critical at this point that we do what we can to nurture and help the Mid-Town, because we are losing Wal-Mart and quite possibly Furr's," Chance said. "Mid-Town is going to be a key to success for our future." Wal-Mart is relocating to Ruidoso Downs in October.

Village Manager Gary Jackson outlined the creation of a parking authority as a way to finance a Mid-Town parking garage and alleviate future parking problems. Property owners in the Mid-Town would pay for the garage through taxes, either by bond or an annual levy.

The average cost to Mid-Town property owners for a \$1 million garage would be annual payments of \$2,000 for 10 years, Jackson said. However, the average is misleading, he said, because costs would vary depending on how much a business benefited from the garage.

Factors in calculating bene-

fits would include the distance between a store and the garage and whether the store already has parking spaces.

Most of the 35 people attending Tuesday night's council meeting supported the ordinance to eliminate parking spaces, and three shop owners addressed the Council on the



Chance

even parking garages.

"They have allowed the parking to go off-street," he said. "You see a restaurant parking with people but with no parking out front."

Besides approving the new ordinance, the Council voted to change the village's master plan so it would not be in conflict.

Councilors also established stricter regulation of street vendors, which had previously been regulated under the language of the parking lot ordinance.

One vendor, Phillip Doyle, objected to the new regulations, saying he spent four months fulfilling the previous requirements before he could open his popsicle stand.

Jackson declines \$10,000 pay raise

Ruidoso's village manager said he would rather hold off on a pay raise until Jan. 1, when the village has a better idea about its revenues.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Despite making less than his professional peers, Ruidoso Village Manager Gary Jackson on Tuesday declined a \$10,000 increase in pay.

Councilor Bob Sterchi initiated the move to give Jackson the salary hike — from \$50,789 to \$60,000 a year — based on a recent report on the salaries of municipal managers around the state. The town manager makes \$68,000, according to a report by the New Mexico Municipal League.

"It's extremely flattering," Jackson said Thursday morning. But, "This is a year of uncertainty. We really don't know what the effect of Wal-Mart's loss is (on Ruidoso's rev-

enue from sales tax)." Ruidoso's annual loss in tax revenues because of the store's move to the Ruidoso Downs is higher than the \$500,000 projected originally, he said.

Revised estimates put the village's loss at about \$900,000 a year, he said. "We don't know what those figures are going to be, however," Jackson said, adding that indirect impact could also affect village income. "Predicting the future when it comes to something as volatile and as dynamic as the gross receipt (sales) tax is a dangerous proposition."

The Council decided to consider giving Jackson the raise again on Jan. 1, the fiscal year's mid-point, when Ruidoso's finances will be clearer.

Manager salaries nearby:
• Alamogordo — \$75,000
• Carlsbad — \$68,000
• Hobbs — \$66,000
• Deming — \$61,000

New village sign law detailed

The new sign law approved by the Ruidoso Village Council earlier this week includes the following regulations as well as a requirement that the entire ordinance be reviewed in six months:

- Businesses may use banners four times a year for up to 14 days each time. Each banner would require a \$10 permit fee.
- Banners may be attached flat against a wall or a structure of a business or between the supports of a permitted free standing sign belonging to the business.
- Pictures are no longer defined as signs and would not be regulated by the ordinance. However, logos will be regulated.
- While "open" signs will be allowed, signs advertising a business or its products will be regulated.
- Civil and community events may be advertised with banners at locations including the School House Park on Sudderth, Two Rivers Park on Sudderth Drive and the free parking lot in the Mid-Town area.
- Across-the-street banners may be placed at two locations, one on Sudderth Drive and one on Mechem Drive, for civic and community events.
- Across-the-street banners may be used for up to 14 days before an event and must be removed within three days after an event.
- Guidelines used to determine civic or community events include those sponsored by non-profit groups, as well as events that meet criteria for lodger's tax money.
- Two off-premise signs will be allowed to businesses with allowable square footage for those signs.
- Holiday decorations do not require sign permits.
- Incidental signs, which are informational in nature, do not require a permit.
- Flags, such as the American flag, or others that carry emblems other than advertising, do not require a permit.
- A former clause allowing businesses to advertise on courtesy benches has been struck from the ordinance. Instead, the village will purchase benches currently placed about the village by the Gary Lynch Realty.
- A former clause requiring electrical signs to be brought into conformance with standards within seven years has been eliminated. Language in the ordinance already requires signs in disrepair to be brought up to standards.

For complete language of the sign law ordinance, contact the Ruidoso Village Planning Department at 258-4343, or go by Village Hall at 313 Cree Meadows Dr.

DEATHS FUNERALS

Lura Leslie Hopkins

Funeral services for Lura Leslie Hopkins, 79, of Nogal, were scheduled at 2 p.m. today at the Angus Nazarene Church. Officiating will be the Rev. Charles Hall, with burial to follow at Fort Stanton Cemetery.

She died in her sleep July 28. She was the daughter of Minnie and Lish Leslie. Her family were pioneers who settled in the White Oaks area.

Born March 12, 1918, she was a resident of Lincoln County all of her life. She retired from her position as a nurse's aid at Fort Stanton Hospital in 1982 and had been a school bus contractor for the Carrizozo School District. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Carrizozo.

She is survived by nine children — Bill Fitzpatrick, Eve-

lyn Means and Cherry Lura Williams of Roswell; Eddie Fitzpatrick of Dexter; Mary Ann O'Dell, James Allen Fitzpatrick and Elmer Franklin Hopkins of Nogal; Joe Earl Fitzpatrick of Midland, Texas, and Robert Leslie Hopkins of Capitan — and two step-children, Kathleen Holman of Longview, Texas, and Graham Fitzpatrick of Brady, Texas.

She had 25 grandchildren, 42 great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 23 years, George Edward Fitzpatrick, in 1960. She was also preceded in death by granddaughter Tasha Fitzpatrick, grandson Walker Fitzpatrick and great grandson Brandon Fitzpatrick.

Funeral arrangements were made by LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

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Whether it's as neat and well thought-out as these new recycling drums the village has installed at Grindstone Lake....



... or as grossly messy as this dumpster in a residential area near Suderth not far from Mid-Town (although after this rainy-day picture was taken on Wednesday, the mess was cleaned up) ...



... or a string of dumpsters for commercial use, all are symbolic of the on-going effort to resolve one of tourist-loving Ruidoso's major problems: How to efficiently and economically get rid of all that stuff nobody wants, and everybody leaves behind...

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THE SILVER LINING

A birthday with the Kid cast

On the evening of July 28 at this pageant practice of "The Last Escape of Billy the Kid,"



BY DAN STORM
COLUMNIST

members of the cast presented Dave Parks with a giant birthday cake in appreciation of his 38 years as narrator of the show.

David Joe Parks was born July 28, 1933 in Alamogordo to Walter and Nellie Crain Parks. A lifetime resident of Ruidoso, he graduated from Ruidoso High School where he was a star player on the football team. Then in 1951 he entered Western New Mexico University in Silver City on a football scholarship.

In 1953 he was married to the former Lillah Jane Smith in Lubbock, Texas. They have four children: Colly Parks, Lasha Silva, Steven Parks and Kaylah Glasgow...and 10 grandchildren with another soon to be born.

In 1955 Dave received his bachelor's degree in secondary education, and a year later his wife Jane received a degree in elementary education. Dave received a master's in educa-

tional administration in 1956 also.

He then taught and coached football in secondary schools for four years while Jane taught elementary school.

In 1960 an insurance agency partnership was formed between Dan D. Swearingin, Tommy Pertest and Dave Parks. By 1969 the company had become Pertest and Parks, then in 1989 Dave sold the company to High Country Insurance, where he works at the present time. He was president of the Independent Insurance Agencies of New Mexico in 1981-82.

Dave has remained active in the educational field. He was on the Ruidoso school board for more than 20 years, from 1982 until 1983, president for 10 years and secretary for 8 years.

Dave and Lillah Jane and their children and grandchildren make up one of Ruidoso's most beloved families.

And we all wish Dave Parks many happy returns of the day and all God's blessings.

About Billy the Kid

More has been written about Billy the Kid than about any character of the American West; and he is, after all these years, known all over the

world. It has been handed down that the Kid was of a happy, cheerful disposition, a true friend and a born leader.

Much of his trouble arose from taking up for his friends, especially in the case of John Tunstall.

They say he was proud of his Irish ancestry and often wore a green hatband.

It is said that as a boy in Silver City he was a well-behaved student in school, never causing any trouble, and always helping out with the chores.

Perhaps, from his close association with the Spanish people, he was known as "muy caballero," or "very much a gentleman."

He was polite to everyone, especially old people and women; and he was very fond of children. He would go out of his way to protect anyone from being mistreated. However, fate would have it that he be caught up in the strife and struggles of the Lincoln County War.

Though born in New York, he became a true son of the West. And the attitude of the West seems to be:

No matter what may have happened, he is still my son, and I love him."

'Privatized government' can't work properly

Private business had and has its good, established place in the life of our country. Private initiative is something without which we do not have a viable economy.

Nobody today would dream of having a house built by anyone but a private architect or builder. The bolsheviks have taught us that state-built cars and state-run stores don't work.

Yet, private business has its limitations when it comes to governmental operations. Why?

Government work is "for service" on a break-even business. Private business must rely on the principle of "for profit." Assuming that both are supposed to do the same task, one does it on a non-profit basis, the other on a for-profit basis.

If one subtracts the profit from the operation of private business, the amount of money used for it should be the same as that of the governmental operation. Civil service would be ahead. But there are two factors that make it not so: The first is the

people — not directly, but through our elected representatives — who interfere for various reasons; e.g., continuous mistrust and its consequences are costing us a bundle. This is but one of the interferences. There are others. The second factor is that, due to the fact that checks are more difficult to do in the private domain, corners are cut.

Everything which government does uses our tax money and we must demand that nobody should make a profit from that. Well — as little as possible. Ideally, that is the way it should work. We the folks who foot the bill, have a right that the revenue is not used for someone's profit. In reality, however, that is not completely true.

Usually, through our political system, our tax money is diverted to private entities and private interests which are favored by subversion, release of taxes and similar. It is commonly business which profits from these favors. One wins elections with that.

Private enterprise has its undeniable value in certain instances. In cases in which esoteric equipment has to be used which the government does not have and its acquisition would be too expensive, particularly if one is dealing with a short-time requirement. Private enterprise has

its value when special expertise is required that civil service or our universities cannot provide. If ... a long-time necessity, civil service would better hire special experts. But to employ a private contractor for services for which both equipment and personnel are at hand is sheer nonsense.

With its political power, business today attempts to absorb taxpayers' money for its profit. The term is "privatization", i.e., what was previously done on an at-cost basis is now converted to a for-profit system. That extends in our state even to the penal system and others. Whole departments are taken out of ... legislative control.

But nobody has yet properly explained how the private sector would be able to make something less costly while complying with the same stringent rules and regulations as established by law. Is it really cheaper? Is it?

Privatization is a present fad, a modern political mania, a catchword, a way to make political hay. If it were really that good why don't we privatize the National Guard, or the Coast Guard, or even the armed forces? Tons of taxpayer's money could be saved that way, and perhaps we would even make a profit with that!

So very much going on

One of the things about Ruidoso is that so much is happening most of the year that, if you tried to do it all, there would be no time to work.

Know what we mean? You don't just ask any shop owner in Mid-Town during the summer.

"Sorry, can't go, have to keep the store open." Typical reply to all too many invitations to go to the race track, or the July 4 bash at Mes-calero, or to see the new latest exhibit at the Museum of the Horse, or the three days of art exhibits at the Convention Center just concluded.

(So, okay...we did spend a while wandering among the booths filled with interesting crafts, fine photography and above-par paintings — long enough to know there was no time to see everything, much less buy.)

Then we rein in, like a good horseman, and say "whoa!" And we remind ourselves once again that this — come rain, snow or sandstorm — is a tourist town. Providing all these events for others to enjoy is what we do.

That, of course, explains why so many of us close up shop in the doldrums of April and head somewhere where we can be tourists, and go to things like the theater and concerts and baseball games...

Then we rein in once again, and say, "hey ... that awesome new Spencer Theater is about to open out there on the mesa above Alto, and every weekend will have something going on, even formerly empty old April..."

At first blush, maybe with a touch of self-pity, we shrug and deliver an off-hand judgment with a lifted eyebrow and just the slightest curl of the lip: "Ah well, another 52 things we won't be able to go to this year."

And then on the way to work we catch a glimpse through the trees of Sierra Blanca, wearing a necklace of clouds; we spot a fox darting across the road or a flock of ravens coming in for a landing...

With that, of course, we conclude that such things as these are why most people do hang in there, work early and late, postpone a vacation until some other day, and hope that someday they, too, will have the time to be tourists in their own much-loved hometown.

LETTERS POLICY

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

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. The telephone number will be used to verify authorship. No letter will be printed without the writer's name.

Letters should be 500 words or less in length, be of public interest and must avoid name-calling and libelous language. The Ruidoso News reserves the right to edit letters, so long as viewpoints are not altered. Shorter letters are preferred and generally receive greater readership.

Letters may be hand-delivered to the News office at 104 Park Avenue or mailed to P.O. Box 126, Ruidoso, NM 88345, attention of the editor.

The News reserves the right to reject any letter.

Solid Waste Authority faces a dilemma right here in Ruidoso

YOUR OPINION

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority faces a dilemma which may result in Ruidoso returning to its own solid waste handling.

GUEST COMMENTARY



By A. James

There are some very interesting facts about the operation of the association and its problem with the Ruidoso operation. To some of us who have had an interest in waste handling over the years we believe that the present problems facing the authority can be solved. The basic problems facing Ruidoso and the association are not so serious that a remedy cannot be found to correct them.

Eliminating the differences will include an improvement in services, better communication between members of the association, along with a willingness for members of the association to act in unison instead of acting independent of each other as has been the case.

At one time, prior to the forming of the association and about six years ago, Ruidoso handled its own solid waste (garbage), pine needles, slash, tree limbs, etc. Everything (excluding trees and batteries) was collected on a regular basis, leaving a clean environment. A special pick up was made of heavy items such as appliances and furniture. Adequate fees

were charged for this complete service. There were a minimum of complaints.

For more than a year the authority and the village have been listening to ideas and suggestions to correct a poorly planned operation which is supposed to collect and dispose of all solid waste. It might be well to consider what has been recommended, and in a large part, rejected or ignored by the association board.

A proposal was made that the officers take on the responsibility of their positions as outlined in the original contract when the association was formed. That the executive board, not having met in several years, go to work in assisting the manager to perform his job. That more detailed reports be issued showing the performance and fiscal position of the association. That a schedule of equipment maintenance and replacement be made. (The association has not made a capital budget in several years.)

All of the foregoing was rejected outright by the board. Dr. Jim Miller of ENMU volunteered to conduct a three-part study of the LCSWA operation. When this first report was delivered, the action taken by the board was such that Dr. Miller decided not to continue the study. The cost of the study was zero.

An annual independent audit of the LCSWA revealed several deficiencies, including improper procurement methods. The audit pointed out the same problems that had been reported in past audits, and

that no corrective action had been taken.

At one point the village representatives presented a list of six suggestions that the board should consider adopting. These items dealt with ways to improve the operation along with the idea that a way should be found to create a cooperative agreement which would give the association one voice in setting rates, etc. Instead of having to contact each city or county for permission to make changes, which would improve the overall operation of the authority. These suggestions were not well received by the board, which felt that there was coercion and threats in the village demands. There was no action taken, silence followed, and the board went on to the next question. No one asked for a motion, which was in order at the time.

There has been an obvious tendency on the part of the board to hear comments and requests for action by the board (and to let them die) for want of a motion.

During this time Ruidoso operated its own collection service and earned an annual profit of \$225,000. The operation included the purchase and maintenance of equipment. Should Ruidoso return to independent operation the financial picture would be very bright. In addition to handling its own solid waste successfully at a net profit, other fiscal advantages are apparent. A rate increase by the association along with a refund of a sales tax by the Otero land fill of in excess of

\$100,000 would add an additional \$200,000 to the \$225,000 giving Ruidoso a potential net gain of \$425,000 as the net profit it should assume the operation independently.

This additional income could be used to (1) improve service (2) replace equipment and (3) perhaps reduce collection fees. Ruidoso's current budget problems brought about in part by the loss of Wal-Mart would be helped by the additional income of the solid waste operation. Initially Ruidoso's involvement with the association worked very well however over the past few years the entire operation has deteriorated. Schedules for solid waste pick ups have not been kept, equipment has not been maintained and has worn out. Replacement of equipment have not (taken place) capital budgets have been overlooked, and equipment breaks down due to age and condition.

Managers were hired without solid waste experience.

Solid waste is currently being picked up on an irregular basis and when dumpsters are emptied trash is left around the dumpster, falling out of the unit as it is emptied. Other solid waste such as pine needles and tree limbs are left uncollected for days, weeks and often longer for the home owner to handle.

Ruidoso has always described solid waste to include with garbage, pine needles, slash, tree limbs. Over time the association has amended this definition to include only garbage with the other "solid

waste" items to be collected as separate items with separate collections. This has placed a burden on Ruidoso customers who are now asked to arrange and pay for the pick up of other than actual garbage.

Ruidoso has made several requests that a second man be placed on trucks in Ruidoso to clean up spilled solid waste and to verify that unauthorized solid waste is not being placed in the dumpsters. There are two-man pickups in other cities — why not in Ruidoso? The board refuses to consider this request in Ruidoso. So, what is the problem causing Ruidoso to consider withdrawing from the association? It is rather simple when you consider that Ruidoso probably would remain ... if that body would agree to a short list of changes which in essence would improve overall performance.

To stay part of the association, Ruidoso has proposed a list of six improvements that the association will accept if Ruidoso is to remain a unit in the association. These requests were made at a recent meeting by Ruidoso, and all were rejected without the usual discussion. Other members felt that they were being bullied and would not discuss the Ruidoso proposals. Time is running out, and the citizens of Ruidoso deserve more than the failure of the LCSWA board to bring the matter to a head, and quickly. Unless an answer is found shortly the village should return to its own collection service, which it did so well in the past.

Artists respond

To the editor:

As participating artists of the 20th annual Ruidoso Arts Festival, we would like to thank and acknowledge everyone involved in making this event a success.

One lady in particular is Denise Dean. For making everything run smoothly throughout the show — she even directed traffic after the show was over. A thank you to the newspaper for featuring our friends in art-related articles. And last, not least, the local folks who attended (rain or shine) to show their support and offer kind words of encouragement. We appreciate everyone's efforts in this important community event.

Maureen Quemada
Painter
Jih Mauritsen
Sculptor/woodworker

Q&A

"Q&A" is another available service for readers of the Ruidoso News.

Anyone having questions about how local government operates may contact us, and staff members will do their best to find an answer, reporting it on the Opinion page.

Write to the editor at P. O. Box 128, Ruidoso, or call the newspaper's 24-hour hotline at (505) 257-1122.

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COMMERCIAL BURGLARY...Sometime between July 6th and 7th, 1997, the fence in the garden area on the south side of the Wal-Mart Store was cut and entry was gained. While inside the garden area, unknown person or persons removed sixteen lawn mowers valued at \$2,620.

Crimestoppers will pay a \$500.00 cash reward for information leading to the arrest and magistrate court bindover or grand jury indictment of the subject responsible for the crime of commercial burglary.

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RUIDOSO POLICE

Coffee house burglarized

Thieves broke into the Roastery at 118 Rio St. sometime Monday night, taking money, coffee, merchandise and skate board items, Ruidoso police reports said.

The owner of the coffee house, Leland E. Deford, told police the burglars also had taken \$150 from a jar and a donation box next to the store's cash register. Whether more money had been taken from the cash register was unknown at the time the report was filed because the cash register keys could not be found, police reports said. The cash register did have pry marks on it.

The thieves broke into the coffee house through a window and then left by the back door, which they left open. Candles on tables in the coffee house were apparently used to provide lighting during the burglary. One candle was found broken in the store's bathroom.

Police found shoe prints they believe to belong to the thieves in mud near the store.

Burglar gets lawnmower, tool box, and more

The owner of a home in the 300 block of Country Club Drive told police last week someone had broken into her home and removed several things, including a riding lawnmower.

Missing items also including a tool box, a straw hat and a garment bag, the homeowner told police. The total value of the missing items is estimated at \$1,350.

Money taken from pack

A woman who lost her fanny pack at Wal-Mart last week recovered everything but \$50 in cash, police reports said.

Deborah Thompson reported the loss of her fanny pack to police on Wednesday, July 23, in the afternoon. She called the Ruidoso police department later that day to say her fanny pack had been found by the store's management but without the cash.

Uninvited house guest

Someone made them-

selves at home in a vacation house in the 100 block of Rainer Road, police said.

Besides turning up a telephone bill of about \$300, the intruder had slept in the master bedroom, left a package of chocolate chip cookies open in the living room and removed two bottles of liquor.

The burglar apparently entered through a window by removing the screen and breaking the lock.

Thief gets \$50 worth of chewing gum

The owner of a snack delivery truck told police he may have seen burglars in the act of stealing gum from the truck early Sunday morning, police reports said.

Donald Bishop, a self-employed vendor who operates a Tom's snack delivery service, told police he and a friend apparently caught the thieves when they returned home. The couple was pulling into a driveway in the 100 block of Bishop Road at about 1:30 a.m. Sunday when Bishop saw a car driving without its headlights down a nearby alley toward Sudderth Drive.

He and his friend followed the car, which began driving away at a high rate of speed, but still without turning on its headlights, Bishop told police.

They lost sight of the car and returned to Bishop's home, where the delivery truck had been broken into. The passenger's side door had been pried open and braced by a car jack, reports said. A plastic bag filled with gum packages had been left inside the truck. A milk crate, also filled with gum, had been left outside the truck to the side of the house, close to where the suspicious car had been. An empty Budweiser beer can sat next to the crate.

Despite the recovered gum packages, about \$50 more of gum had been stolen from the truck, police reports said.

Alcohol bust nets two minors at local store

Law officials arrested two teen-agers and two 18-year-olds late Tuesday night after the four reportedly tried to steal \$70 worth of beer, police reports said.

Harry Majjala, an officer with the U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement Division, stopped the four suspects outside the Allstate Convenience Store at 725 Mechem Dr., reports said.

Majjala said he saw two of the suspects leaving the store at about 11 p.m. Tuesday, walking toward a gray van parked in front of the store. The store clerk, Tamara Brown, identified the driver of the van as one of two suspects who had stolen cases of Budweiser beer, reports said.

The two underage youths,

17 and 15 years old of Mescalero, were charged as being minors in possession of alcohol. Officers with the Bureau of Indian Affairs released the juveniles into the custody of their parents early Wednesday morning, police said.

The two adults, Dewey George Pollock, 18, Mescalero, and Michelle Rankin, 18, Alto, have been charged with shoplifting. As of Wednesday afternoon, they were being held in the jail at the Ruidoso Police Department, said Detective James Biggs.

\$2,500 of construction tools taken from site

Tools, even those hidden in kitchen cabinets, were stolen sometime last weekend from a home under construction in the 100 block of Lupine Loop, police reports said.

Thomas K. Nichols, owner of Nichols Construction, told police the tools were missing when workers showed up at the site at about 8 a.m. Monday. There was no sign of a break-in, and Nichols told

police he believed the thieves came in through the temporary front door, which was easily unlocked. Two tool boxes were taken from the home's living room. A frame gun, a sander and an old radio were stolen from inside kitchen cabinets. Nichols estimated the total value of the stolen tools at \$2,500.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

etc

Pony Express Trail Ride
Friday to Sunday, Aug. 1-3. Carry the U.S. mail on the Old West trails of Billy the Kid. Chuckwagon meals, 3 days, 2 nights, nightly entertainment. Contact the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office at 1-800-253-2555 for more information and applications. Cost \$200. Limited to first 50 riders.

Breastfeeding Q&A Session
10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, at Lincoln County Sub Office, 105 Kansas City Rd., Ruidoso. Donna Slaboch, a local breastfeeding support person, will facilitate this question and answer session. This session is open to the public and is part of celebration of National Breastfeeding Week, Aug. 1-7. Call 258-3252 for more information.

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 Carrizo Canyon Rd. on Service Lane, Ruidoso Downs.

clubs/meetings

Republican Party of Lincoln County
5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4, at K-Bob's on Hwy. 70, Ruidoso. Dinner meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. with guest speaker Senator Dianna Duran. A board meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m., prior to the social hour.

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

GRAS, RV VU
This production has been cancelled due to unforeseen difficulties.

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.

Chaotronics
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.

Funtraxx
101 Carrizo 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
Saturdays at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero. Basic drilling, shot progression, 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 Sosegado Trout Fishing/Picnics
Fishing and picnicking at 5 Nogal Canyon Road, Berrit, 24 miles W. of Ruidoso on Hwy. 70, 671-4580.

Raquet 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.

Ruidoso Athletic Club
415 W. Springfield, 257-4900.

Ruidoso Bowling Center
Saturday nights, "Rock 'n Bowl" at 1202 Mechem Drive, 258-3537.

Ruidoso Municipal Skateboard Park
White Mountain Drive, Ruidoso.

Women's Pool League
7 p.m. Sundays at the Ruidoso Bowling Center. For information and sign-up call Melissa at 257-3557.

golf courses

Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club
100 Country Club Dr., Alto. Call 336-4231 for tee times.

Carrizo Municipal Golf Course
Highway 380, Carrizo. Call (505) 648-9984 for tee times.

Cree Meadows Public Golf Course
301 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso. Call 257-5815 for tee times. Eric Eggleston is the course pro.

Desert Lakes Golf Course
2351 Hamilton Rd., Alamogordo. Call (505) 437-0290 for tee times. Grant Dolpes is the golf pro.

Inn of the Mountain Gods
Carrizo Canyon Rd., Mescalero. Call 257-5141 for tee times. Phil Smith is the golf pro.

Links of Sierra Blanca
105 Sierra Blanca Dr., Ruidoso. Call 258-5930 for tee times. Brian Byers is the golf pro.

The Lodge in Cloudcroft
#1 Corona Pl., Cloudcroft. Call 1-800-395-6343 for tee times. Marty Mills is the golf director.

Ponderosa Pines Golf Course
Hwy. 130, Cloudcroft. Call (505) 682-2995 for tee times.

New Mexico Military Institute Golf Course
201 W. 19th, Roswell. Call (505) 622-6033 for tee times. Don McDaniel is the golf pro.

Spring River Golf Course
1612 W. 8th, Roswell. Call (505) 622-9506 for tee times. Ron Doan is the golf pro.

Roswell Country Club
2601 Urton Road, NE Roswell. Call (505) 622-2050 for tee times. Luke Thompson is the head pro.



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Here's WHAT TO LOOK FOR...

The incidence of melanoma is increasing faster than any other form of cancer, and no one knows exactly why.

• Possible causes:
Depletion of the ozone layer with increased exposure to ultraviolet light. Number of hours actually spent in the sun. Severity of sunburns in childhood. Genetic predisposition.

• Where to look:
On women: look at the back of the legs. All others: mouth, genital area, between toes, under fingernails.

The relationship between ultraviolet light and skin darkening cells (melanocytes) is more complicated than direct exposure.

• Whose at increased risk:
• Skin type: fair-skinned who burn or freckle.

• Moles: Odd-shaped and odd-colored atypical moles.

• Family history: presence of atypical moles plus two close relatives produce a risk factor of as high as 90%

• Sun exposure: Three or more blistering sunburns before puberty.

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State takes over Hondo school system

Three board members quit; no functional quorum to make policy

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By JILL BAKER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Problems just keep popping up in the Hondo School District.

On the heels of the dismissal of principals Omar Barragan and Sam Whitt at the Hondo School Board's May 13 meeting, three board members have resigned, forcing the State Department of Education to step in.

Board members Thurman Sanchez, Victoria Sanchez and Billy Joe Brady all resigned within a month of the board's decision not to renew the elementary and high school principals' contracts. The two were charged with criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct after a May 13 incident. Barragan was also charged with disorderly conduct and criminal damage to property that same day.

But controversy in Hondo didn't end with the termination of Barragan and Whitt. The departure of three of the board's five members has put Hondo in the spotlight again.

Those three vacancies meant a quorum couldn't be established, said Sally Rynott,

director of management support and intervention with the State Department of Education. She said state law authorizes the department to step in when a quorum cannot be reached.

The application period for the new appointments closed Friday, with candidate interviews scheduled to begin Aug. 11. Rynott said the selections will be made by a State Board of Education selection committee. The committee does not include local residents.

Rynott said anyone wishing to raise concerns or make comments may mail them to the State Department. The committee's final recommendation will be forwarded to the State Board of Education at its Aug. 21 meeting.

Amidst the shuffle to fill the vacant board positions, Rynott said community complaints about the way the district is run also came to light. Complaints were leveled at board meeting procedures, continuity in district leadership, delays in fiscal reporting, district debt and timely spending and inexperienced school finance personnel.

Rynott said concerns over continuity were raised because the district has had five superintendents in the past five years.

Concern over procedures dealt with the delineation of board and superintendent roles. Rynott said it has been unclear at times which entity is the responsible party.

Financial complaints centered around missed deadlines and inexperience. Alfred Herrera, director of the school budget planning unit, said the Hondo district has routinely missed state-established budget deadlines for the past two years. And while the missed deadlines don't have many financial ramifications, they do make the state's job of tracking budget information and keeping tabs on spending difficult, according to Herrera.

Finding quality experienced employees who are familiar with accounting procedures and budgeting and school finance administration, is crucial.

Herrera said the state has no established guidelines for finance personnel, though they are currently working on establishing some. But he pointed out that the pool of qualified applicants for school finance positions is small and the market for those few qualified individuals is competitive.

"The pool of applicants makes it difficult," Herrera said of hiring those with extraordinary credentials.

With a small pool, large and small districts are left to compete with each other for the same people, and larger districts can offer more money, Herrera said. Corporate America may also offer some stiff competition, again offering more money and more lucrative positions than small school districts.

Salaries may be the only distinguishing factor between different sized districts, though. Herrera said small districts like Hondo still require the same expertise and involve the same type of activities, but in smaller volume.

In terms of debt, Herrera said Hondo is not any more in debt in terms of percentage than any other district.

State law limits the amount of bonds a district can issue to 5 percent of its total capacity. "So they would not be in a situation where they have bonded themselves beyond that," Herrera said.

"I think where tax payers within a district get concerned is when the administrators of a school district don't carry through on the intent of what the bond was sold for."

Herrera did not reveal the specific debt concerns raised in Hondo and Superintendent Barbara Casey could not be reached for comment.

Village sails through long agenda

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The Ruidoso Village Council took the following actions during a four-hour meeting Tuesday night:

Approved unanimously revisions to the village's regulation of business signs. Details on many of those revisions are listed in a box found at:

Approved unanimously three measures to completely eliminate parking space requirements for businesses located in the Mid-Town shopping area.

Approved unanimously a change to the village's comprehensive plan regarding commercial development and street access.

Approved unanimously the village's final budget of about \$23.2 million for the 1997-98 fiscal year. The Council approved a preliminary 1997-98 budget of \$20.8 million at the end of May. Village Finance Officer Lorri McKnight said the difference between the preliminary and final budget is primarily due to carryovers and encumbrances from the prior budget. Also, the 1997-98 budget increased by \$37,000 because of a state grant the Ruidoso Police Department received for gang prevention, McKnight said.

Approved by consensus, the creation of a village board to target litter problems in Ruidoso.

Approved unanimously a move to give village administrators authority to find a company which would survey residents, businesses and tourists as part of Ruidoso's strategic planning process.

Approved unanimously a move to petition the State Boundary Commission for the annexation of 21 acres north of Sudderth bordering the forest lookout tower and Lookout

Estate. Property owners within the area have been notified of the proposal three times by the village in the past four months. Twelve percent of the 33 owners were in favor and 55 percent did not respond, according to a village report. Public hearings will be held before the state decision on the annexation request, officials said.

Approved unanimously a proposal by Ron Dorgan, co-owner of the Incredible restaurant, to create a snow play area next to the Eagle Creek Sports Complex. The facility would include an ice rink and an inner tubing area, according to proposals. Councilors approved the lease agreement provided Dorgan show he has financing for the project within 60 days and that he began construction within 12 months. Also, the contract releases both the village and the Eagle Creek Intercommunity Water Supply Association from any liability. The initial 10-year lease may be extended twice by the village for 10 years each time.

Approved unanimously a proposal for providing street lighting along a portion of U.S. Highway 70 when the highway is expanded into four lanes. The village will pay about \$16.75 per pole for the 64 poles that would be inside Ruidoso's village limits.

Approved unanimously a request to divide a lot in the Mountain View Estates subdivision.

Approved with one abstention, a contract for emergency services with the Lincoln County Medical Center and Presbyterian Healthcare Services. Councilor Bob Storch abstained because his wife is an administrator with the hospital.

Approved unanimously cancellation of the Aug. 26 council meeting.

Village's final budget numbers up \$3 million

Ruidoso's final budget for the 1997-98 fiscal year increased by about \$3 million

because of "leftovers" from the previous budget, a village official said.

The preliminary budget approved by the Ruidoso Village Council in late May was \$20.8 million, a reduction of

about 22% percent from the 1996-97 budget.

No tax increases accompanied the new budget.

The final 1997-98 budget approved Tuesday by the Council has expenditures set

at about \$23.2 million.

Lorri McKnight, village finance officer, said the increase is primarily from carryovers and encumbrances in village departments. A carryover is a department's remain-

ing budget, and an encumbrance is money designated for a particular expenditure that has not yet been paid.

Another increase in the 1997-98 budget is because of a \$37,000 state grant the Rui-

doso Police Department received for gang prevention.

The Council added \$20,000 to the budget of the Parks and Recreation Department for litter. Another \$10,000 was put in for planning surveys.



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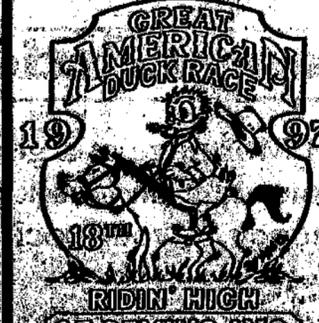


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When the bees come around, what do you do?

BY JEAN ALLGOOD
CONTRIBUTOR

Ruidoso is never dull and I'm not referring to casinos and horse races. But to the recent sightings (and encounters) of some of the forest inhabitants — cougars and bears — add this week a large swarm of bees.

They came on to our property late one afternoon looking and sounding like a small black twister. They attached themselves to a limb of a pinon tree and settled in to stay the night. The 6000 to 7000 bees clung to one another with the queen in the center, forming a huge ball.

Early the next morning I called the animal control department to learn "they don't do bees," but they directed me to a beekeeper, Glenn Hinkle, of Sun Valley.

Hinkle came out to assess the situation. The bees were about 25 feet off the ground and out of range of his ladder. He told me they were a really nice swarm and he'd sure like to have them.

This slight but spry gentleman of 90 years was energized as he pondered a method of retrieving the bees. He explained the habits of swarming bees: They were looking for a new home. Scout bees were sent out to find a place to settle, usually a hollow tree or a protected corner of a structure. He said these bees probably would move on in a day or so.

He gazed again at the bees hanging off that high tree branch. He said he'd try to figure out something and be back later.

When he returned he was followed by Rene Bustamonte and a bright yellow Tree Masters truck with a bucket lift.

Glenn Hinkle's gentle nature was reflected in his fondness for bees. He told us this time of year the bees are



The swarm of honeybees.

full of honey and generally would not sting unless provoked. He said he didn't mind being stung occasionally because of the benefits it has

against arthritis.

Glenn then donned his netted bee hat and gloves and climbed into the bucket lift with a rope and saw. Rene raised him up even with the swarm, then eased him in next to the bees.

Glenn tied the rope to the branch as a safety measure to keep the branch from falling. Then he carefully sawed the limb off. He held to the cut-off branch with the swarm of bees intact.

Rene lowered him slowly to the ground. The bees were then placed in a hive box.

Glenn Hinkle looked fondly at his newly acquired friends and said, "aren't they pretty?"



Photos contributed by Jean Allgood

Beekeeper Glenn Hinkle of Sun Valley, ready to go to work.



With the help of Rene Bustamonte and a bucket lift, the beekeeper was able to capture the bees and take them to his home in Sun Valley, where he maintains many hives.

Roswell electric bus project near full funding

WASHINGTON — Funding secured by Senator Pete Domenici to begin testing an environmentally friendly electric bus being developed in part by Nova Bus in Roswell has been approved by the U.S. Senate.

The funding for electric bus project and other southeast New Mexico area projects is included in the 1998 Transportation Appropriation Bill.

Domenici obtained \$1.3 million as a member of the Senate Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee and the Senate Appropriations Committee. He will serve on the conference committee that will next reconcile differences in the House and Senate-passed versions of the bill.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) money was approved to continue the federal-private partnership that is developing the electric powered bus. Nova BUS is involved with this partnership.

The funding would be used for Phase II of the Demonstration of Universal Electric Transportation Subsystems (DUETS). The federal funding would be matched on a 50-50 basis with private dollars.

"Continued funding will bring the DUETS program closer to putting cleaner, more reliable transit buses to the commercial realm," Domenici said. "The success of this program is directly linked to private-sector support for it. I hope this next stage of the project is a success and that this technology can be utilized."

The primary objective of the DUETS program is to develop and demonstrate advanced, hybrid electric technologies and subsystems suitable for use in heavy duty applications. Advanced hybrid electric propulsion systems are expected to offer reduced fuel consumption, reduced noise and significantly reduced vehicle emissions with little or no

impact on operational infrastructure requirements.

Domenici said this funding is provided within the spending limits established in the bipartisan, five-year balanced budget resolution passed by the Congress in June.

The 1998 Transportation Appropriations Bill will now go to conference committee with the House.

The DUETS program began in October 1994 with Phase I funding through the Technology Reinvestment Program and administered through the FTA. A consortium of companies, including Nova BUS, was formed to carry out the development and integration tasks associated with this project.

To date, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency has provided \$4.2 million for DUETS, and the consortium of companies has shared the program with \$2.1 million.

The bill contains, among other national projects, other funding and directives that affect southeast New Mexico, among them \$2 million to purchase transit vehicles for the state's rural public transportation program in 14 jurisdictions (Roswell, Carlsbad, Clovis, Hobbs, Angel Fire, Belen, Farmington, Gallup, Las Vegas, Laguna Pueblo, Los Alamos, the Navajo Nation, Town of Towa, and Zuni Pueblo).

\$1.6 million to purchase vehicles statewide for use in the State's Elderly and Disabled Transportation programs;

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Revived polo club brings its game back to the valley

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ponies racing across the grounds.

The crack of the mallet against the ball.

Polite claps and cheers from the gallery of fans.

Polo returns to the valley Saturday and Sunday.

Thundering hooves will ring up and down the green valley again when eight polo teams descend upon San Patricio Polo Grounds to compete for the Peter Hurd Memorial Cup.

This weekend's event is the first in a series of five competitions, all organized and hosted by the San Patricio Polo Club. And it marks a decided resurgence in the club whose membership has waned in the last few years — despite a history that dates back to 1936, when Peter Hurd, Eric Knight and friends started playing the game on a dry cow pasture in San Patricio.

"The club the last couple of years has been in decline because of a dwindling number of members," said club president Tom Nickoloff. "Yes, we are rekindling this."

It all started when Nickoloff and club members Jim

Britton of Roswell, Fred Yates of Roswell, Michael Hurd of San Patricio and Ezzie Thomas of Glencoe met this past spring and decided that they really wanted to get something going.

"We really took it to heart, to try to get it up and going again," Britton said.

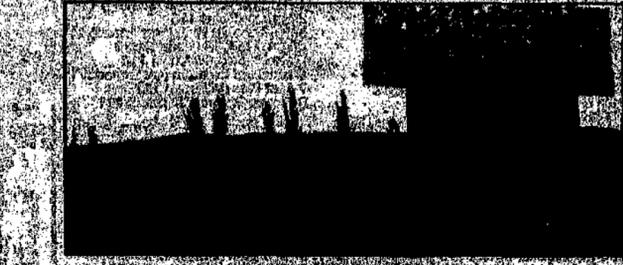
With Britton and Thomas organizing the Saturday evening socials, Nickoloff handling the polo tournament and Hurd providing the venue, the club is ready to host all eight teams all weekend.

Reporting the action will be writers from the two national polo publications, indicating the magnitude of the opening polo weekend, Nickoloff said.

"Talk about a resurgence. It's like the flood gates are breaking," Nickoloff said of the number of teams competing for the Hurd Cup.

More than 150 horses and 32 players from across the United States will play in the double-elimination tournament which begins today in Roswell at Yates Field, located at 4000 N. Montana St.

Each match will be four chukkers (or four periods of



Thrown in the ball

The San Patricio Polo Club has reorganized and scheduled five competitions in August:

- Peter Hurd Memorial Cup, Saturday and Sunday beginning at 11 a.m. each day.
- USPA Players Cup, Aug. 9 and 10.
- Fun Tournament, Aug. 16 and 17.
- USPA Governors Cup, Aug. 23 and 24.
- Tom Babers Cup, Aug. 30 and 31.

Admission to the polo matches is free of charge. Cost to attend the socials each Saturday night is \$20 per person.

seven minutes each). It's a low goal tournament, which means no player on a team may have more than a two handicap.

(Four players make up a team in outdoor polo. Handicap is based on a player's ability to ride, ability to hit, sportsman-

ship and understanding of the rules.)

The action moves to San Patricio Saturday and Sunday, weather permitting.

"If it's too wet to play in San Patricio, then we'll probably play in Roswell," Nickoloff said.

Play on Saturday begins at 11 a.m. Four matches are slated and play should end around 5 p.m. Sunday's championship round features three matches beginning at 3 p.m.

Not all the playing will take place on the field. A

Saturday evening river party begins at 7 on the Sentinel Ranch. It features a Western band, a catered chuck wagon dinner and dancing by the river for \$20 per person.

"We're expecting a crowd of around 250, and when we let in our 250th person, that's it," Britton said of the social.

Watching the action on the polo grounds costs nothing.

"We encourage everyone to bring water and soft drinks, lawn chairs and blankets, and relax and watch on the sidelines," Britton, a Roswell resident, said. "This is going to be second only to the alien."



Polo is a contact sport — not just between the mallet and the ball. Each team in outdoor polo has four members. The game begins with both teams lined up, facing each other, and the umpire bowls the game ball between the teams. Two mounted umpires officiate the game. They must agree to impose a penalty.

Quick facts about Polo

The game:

Polo is a fast-paced game played on a turf field by teams of four players on horseback. Each team attempts to drive a small wooden ball through the opposing team's goalposts with a special mallet.

Indoor polo, which is played mainly in the United States, is played by teams of three on a smaller field. In either game the winning team is the one that scores the most goals within the allotted playing time.

The game is usually divided into four to eight chukkers, or periods, of seven minutes each. Penalties for various infractions are assessed by two mounted officials and may include free goals and free shots at the goal, depending on the severity of the infraction.

History:

Polo is believed to have originated in ancient Persia; the first written account describes a game between the Persians and the Turkomans that took place about 600 BC. The name polo comes from the Persian word for willow root, "pulu," the material from which the balls were made.

The game of polo was discovered by British soldiers in 19th-century India and quickly spread to other English-speaking countries. In the 1870s, Gordon Bennett introduced the game to the United States; strong interest in the sport

exists there today, as evidenced by the approximately 3,000 registered U.S. polo players.

The equipment:

Players customarily wear white breeches, brown leather riding boots, and numbered team jerseys. Players are required to wear hard hats, and the fetlocks of all horses, usually called ponies, must be covered with protective material to prevent injury from the ball or mallet. The polo ball — traditionally made of solid willow, ash, or bamboo root — is now almost always made of solid plastic. It is painted white and is slightly larger than a baseball, measuring 3-3.5 inches in diameter and weighing 3.5-4.5 ounces.

Four-legged athletes:

The quality of the horse is largely responsible for success or failure in a contest. The majority of the best horses, which can take four years to train, come from Argentina, which has dominated polo since 1945. The Cup of the Americas, between Argentina and the United States, though only occasionally contested, is considered the premier polo tournament in the world. It occurs whenever either country decides to mount a challenge for it.

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Woman polo player loves the ride

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

What started out as merely a look for good ride has turned into passion for Colorado polo player Elisa Ard.

It's a passion that includes a polo pony stable of six thoroughbreds, complete sets of tack for each, and a truck and trailer to haul the horses to polo matches across the Southwest from May to September.

It all started five years ago when the 39-year-old was introduced to the sport. A co-worker was having a tough day on the job. Ard asked what she could do to cheer him up. He replied, a good horseback ride. She obliged, and went looking.

Ard called a friend and asked him where she could find some good horses for her and the co-worker. The friend invited Ard down to the polo grounds. He put a mallet in her hands and gave her a horse to ride, and Ard played her first game of polo that day.

A month later, she bought her first polo pony. "I just had to play," says Ard, who is in San Patricio to

participate in this weekend's Peter Hurd Memorial Cup.

Ard, a former attorney now self-described entrepreneur, will play for the Adobe Creek Ranch team.

A chance meeting in May with San Patricio artist/polo player Michael Hurd brought Ard to the valley. Ard, an Abilene, Texas native, was visiting home and attended an art exhibition of the Hurd and Wyeth works.

That's where she met Michael. That's when she learned of the San Patricio Polo Club. That's how she ended up in San Patricio this week.

Ard's slight build withstands the sometimes rough play of the game, in part because "90 to 95 percent depends on the horse" under the

plastic. It is painted white and is slightly larger than a baseball, measuring 3-3.5 inches in diameter and weighing 3.5-4.5 ounces.

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Elisa Ard with her polo pony, 8-year-old mare, Cruz. The Argentine bred and trained thoroughbred is Ard's favorite ride during a polo match.

mastering the skills atop the horse come next.

"What's the hardest part of playing?"

"It's probably different for everyone. For me it's hitting the ball accurately," Ard says.

The game is officiated by two umpires on horses. They consult each other after infractions. A penalty is imposed only if they agree.

"There are certainly lots of interpretations," Ard says diplomatically.

Chances are you'll find Ard on her favorite pony, Cruz, this weekend. The 8-year-old mare has been with Ard since the beginning of the polo passion.

"She's just perfect every day. I usually have my best chukkers on her," Ard said.

New Mexico-breds square off in Saturday's Zia Handicap

BY JOHN EASTWOOD
RUIDOSO DOWNS PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

Highlighting this weekend's action at Ruidoso Downs is the \$10,000-added Zia Handicap, a 400-yard quarter horse sprint for 3-year-old and up New Mexico-breds.

The only restricted stakes event open to older New Mexico-bred runners at Ruidoso in '97, the Zia has drawn an accomplished field of 10 headed by the consistent 4-year-old Now I Know.

With a lifetime record of 13 wins and four seconds from 18 starts, Gerald Harper's and James Isler's colt by Magnificence has been a solid performer that has held his own in open company as well as state-bred stakes events.

At Ruidoso, Now I Know has post-

ed wins in both the Zia Futurity as a 2-year-old and the Zia Derby last year. The Lonnie Barber-trained is the field's leading earner with a bankroll in excess of \$207,000. Now I Know will be making his first start since finishing second in an open company allowance race at Sunland Park on March 30.

The new horse in the Zia Handicap field though is Ronald Hanna's Tomto Bars Dash. Boasting the highest recent speed index ratings among the Zia entrants, the talented 4-year-old son of Rime has improved with each start in 1997, and recorded a 102 speed index in his last outing at Santa Fe on July 12.

Conditioned by veteran trainer Richard Fry, Tomto Bars Dash has won eight of 31 lifetime starts for earnings of \$55,318. Santa Fe-based rider Chris Zamora will make the trip

south to be in the irons Saturday.

Another runner in the Zia likely to attract considerable support Saturday is Tommy R. Houldin's Tommies Better. Earlier this spring, the John Stambaugh-conditioned runner qualified to the open company Remington Park Derby.

After finishing a respectable fifth, beaten 1-1/2 lengths in the final of that Grade-I event behind Especially Rare and Rainbow Derby winner Dashing Perfection, the 3-year-old son of Calligrapher returned to New Mexico and qualified third-fastest to Ruidoso Downs Zia Derby.

In the July 8 final of the Zia Derby, Tommies Better was outfinished while finishing third by three-quarters of a length behind Namequaster and fastest qualifier Dont Leave Me Out.

Shipping in from Santa Fe Satur-

day will be 1996 Zia Handicap winner Am News. A winner of eight stakes events in his career, the 6-year-old The Dash gelding is still trying to get untracked in '97. Another from the barn of trainer Richard Fry, Am News has yet to hit the board in three starts in state-bred allowance company this year.

The most seasoned of the Zia entrants is the old pro Sitting On A Native. A 9-year-old gelding by Sitting On Go, the Bob Noel-trained shortliner has not left his home state of New Mexico throughout his career.

Since his 2-year-old debut at the now defunct San Juan Downs in Farmington, Sitting On A Native has made a total of 82 starts in the Land of Enchantment. A winner of 19 of those starts, the battle-tested veteran has career earnings of \$140,288 — second highest in the Zia Handicap field.

Handicapping challenge continues

Day three of the \$2,500 Ruidoso Downs Handicapping Challenge is this Saturday. The Handicapping Challenge offers a \$1,500 first prize to the handicapper who picks the most winners over the four-day contest period — July 26, 27 and Aug. 2, 3. Those who were not in attendance last weekend are encouraged to enter because it is not mandatory to file an entry on all four contest days.

With two days remaining in the Handicapping Challenge the contest is still a wide-open affair with only three participants tied with nine winners each after the first two days. Atop the leader board going into the final 17 races of the contest are Stella Torres of Roswell, Charles Hunter of Blanco, Texas and Linda Hunter, also of Blanco, Texas.

TOP OF THE SECOND

RUIDO ENTITIES

ON DECK

Recreational horse riding... Ruidoso Downs Race Track will offer a track-side discussion of horse racing morning workouts.

Leroy Coach Memorial Scholarship... A scholarship in memory of Leroy Coach has been established and will be accepted by the donors at 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, NM, 86345.

Skills & drills school of Ruidoso... August 2-3 Ruidoso Special Skills Clinic will be held at Gavilan Canyon Field for ages 7-17.

Cree Meadows golf course and club... August 2-7, Cree Meadows Country Club will host the Gorch Match Play Golf Tournament.

Coed softball meeting... There will be a parks and rec. coed softball meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6 at the Parks and Rec. Office.

Putting championship begins... The second year of the Compaq Queens Putting Championship by Dave Pelz will hold an open qualifier at The Links at Sierra Blanca in Ruidoso until Aug. 15.

Salamander Slam softball tournament... The 2nd annual Salamander Slam softball tournament will be held August 23-24 at Eagle Creek Sports Complex in Ruidoso.

Foot races slated for August 24... Wings of America announced the First Annual Wings of America Santa Fe Indian Market Foot Races to be held Sunday, Aug. 24 at St. Catherine Indian School.

SK run for the BEACH... The first annual run for the BEACH (Breast Cancer Education, Awareness, Cure & Hope) will be held on Sept. 27 in Ruidoso.

WHAT'S BITING

Area lakes have been sporadic on large nymphs and streamers, try mayflies, damselfly and some caddisflies.

Area streams flow is high, visibility is low. Marginal fishing at best.

"Be grateful for the rains. Just be patient and wait for clearer waters."

Mike Hyman Fly's Etc.

The Ruidoso News sports department is looking for people interested in covering high school sports. If you love prep sports, call sports editor Laura Clymer at 257-4001.

RUIDOSO DOWNS ENTRIES

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Budget deal brings many perks and a few pangs for real estate

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS BUSINESS WRITER

With the bickering about the budget deal done in Washington and both Republicans and Democrats touting the accomplishment, a facet of the deal has made the total package a mixed bag for real estate. Amidst the positive factors such as a one-time \$500,000 exclusion on the sale of a home, the creation of incentives to start "American Dream" savings accounts and the reduction of the capital gains tax rate, is a higher tax rate for real estate depreciation recapture.

The National Association of Realtors sent up a red flag about the recapture tax rate months ago, urging members to speak out against the plan. Investment property owners are required to take depreciation annually.

"The theory is property wears out," said Lis Johnson, a member of NAR's government affairs staff. "As they take those depreciation measures each year it adds up."

Under the new budget deal, which was reconciled by House and Senate conference committee, depreciation recapture will be taxed at 25 percent while profit on property and other investments will be taxed at the new lower 18 percent rate. The 25 percent rate is a reconciliation of the 24 percent rate approved in the Senate's tax plan and the 26 percent rate approved by the House.

"They split the difference," said Bruce Donisthorp, legislative director for Rep. Joe Skeen, R-NM. "The feeling is that while we would have liked 20 percent, (25 percent) was the best deal we were going to get."

Both Skeen and Senate Budget Committee Chairman Sen. Pete Domenici, R-NM, had been vocal opponents of the higher depreciation recapture rate. The main argument of the real estate community, which the lawmakers supported, was that higher rates would discourage real estate investment and prompt investors to find somewhere else to put their money.

But Johnson said the budget package does have plenty of bright spots despite the depreciation recapture rate. And even the drop in that rate from its current 28 percent to 25 percent is a big financial perk.

"Every percentage point drop is worth about a billion dollars," she said.

Other components the NAR is pleased with include the \$500,000 exclusion and a law allowing penalty-free withdrawals from Individual

Retirement Accounts (IRAs) or 401k plans for a first-time home purchase. The \$500,000 exclusion allows married couples to exclude \$500,000 of the gain on the sale of their home, provided they used it as their primary residence for two of the last five years. The exclusion is \$250,000 for singles.

"That's a significant benefit," Donisthorp said. "It will encourage people to sell their homes and go ahead and buy new homes."

Donisthorp also touted the "American dream" accounts as ways to stimulate home buying. Legislation will allow single people to invest \$2,000 a year and couples \$4,000 a year into a savings account. That money can then be withdrawn without penalties or taxes to use for a first-time home purchase. He said the accounts are like reverse IRAs. Instead of depositing money before taxes



are paid on it and then paying penalties and taxes when it's withdrawn, taxes are paid before the money is deposited.

"It's like a savings account; if they leave it there, they don't have to pay taxes on the gain," Donisthorp said.

And the lower capital gains tax rate is good news in itself. The rate will be lowered from 28 percent to 18 percent for married couples making \$41,000 or more a year, while those under that income line will see their capital gains tax rate fall to 10 percent. The rate will drop two more points for people who hold assets for

more than five years.

"It still does provide relief for real estate investment," Johnson said. "It's a good thing. (NAR) is not actively supporting it on Capitol Hill (because of the depreciation, recapture rate), nonetheless it still is a good thing."

She anticipated final budget approval would be on the fast track, with the House passing it Wednesday and the Senate voting Thursday or today, and landing on President Bill Clinton's desk early next week.

Pam Cooper has faith in her new business

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS BUSINESS WRITER

Pam Cooper is bringing a little "light" to the Ruidoso business community.

The two-year Ruidoso resident fled city life in Tulsa, Okla., in search of a quieter, more peaceful existence and has ended up bringing a little more peace to several others in the process. Cooper opened Ruidoso Christian Bookstore in April and has found happiness in helping others keep the faith.

A former editor for a Christian publishing company, Cooper said her inspiration to open the store came more than a year ago in the form of a Christian athletes fellowship at Ruidoso High School.

"When I looked around and saw about 200 high school students standing up and praising God, I just wept," Cooper said.

The tears flowed because, she said, she knew there was no place in Ruidoso for those very teens to go buy Christian music, books and the like. Adults, she knew, could hop in their cars and head to Roswell or Alamogordo to purchase such items, but teens didn't have that luxury. So after a year of getting it all together, Cooper, with the help of her 10-year-old daughter Cortney, opened the store.

Since that day, Cooper said the community has been supportive of her endeavor.

"People have been real hungry for it," she said. "I felt really strongly about not getting into debt to do this ... On the first day I looked around and thought 'I don't have very much,' but not one person has said that. Their biggest comment has been 'I hope you stay.'"

Whether it's adults looking for inspirational reading or teens looking for the latest in Christian rock, Cooper said the store's stock has been well received. And though, she's not making a mint running it, she's not bothered a bit. Cooper said she's not in the business for the profit, rather for the philosophy. And just to make sure she never has to close the doors, she's been taking side jobs to pay her own salary, so she doesn't have to depend on the store's income for her livelihood.

Cooper said providing the Christian alternative for teens was her heart's desire, adding that she found faith in her teens and wished she would have had a store like her's to shop in. The music, she said, is one example of how Christianity can be a part of contemporary society.

"Christian music can be anything from Andy Griffith to the alternative rock group Jars of Clay. The industry is just skyrocketing ... The lyrics are about peace and hope and good things, not the message of kill cops and use drugs. The quality and variety is incredible."

Cooper also carries a line of



Julie Baxter/Ruidoso News
Pam Cooper and daughter Cortney work as a team pricing cassettes and CDs available at Ruidoso Christian Bookstore.

Christian greeting cards and inspirational gifts. And the gifts are affordable, an important part of her selection. Cooper said she wants the gifts to be affordable so people can give gifts that keep on giving without breaking the bank. "It's not some pricey, elite gift place," she said. "People can come in and find gifts for under \$10."

Stocking the shelves with affordable, inspirational items falls into her overall philosophy, too. "I really have the heart to give to this community and not

just take out of it," Cooper said. "And I believe in what I'm giving — our state, our nation ... needs God."

To celebrate her first months of business, Cooper will throw a grand opening celebration at the store at 615 Suddarth Dr., Suite H (that's for Heaven) today. The Ruidoso Valley Greeters will be on hand for a ribbon-cutting ceremony, refreshments will be served all day and Cooper will have a merchandise giveaway every hour.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Alto publishing company hits the World Wide Web

Consolidated Press Bureau Inc., a news gathering organization and publisher of "special interest" periodicals based in Alto, now has titles available on-line.

Domestic publications include the "Women's Advocate," "Black Life," and "Perspective on Americans with Disabilities" which focus on education, employment, civil rights and other related news. International publications include "Latino World News," "The Caribbean Reporter," and "Eye on Cuba" which provide business, political and economic news.

"We have been providing news to businesses, universities, colleges, libraries and organizations since 1987," said CPB President C.A. Budde. "Our special interest periodicals are straightforward and compile information that provides news and features not covered in most other media."

Instructions for retrieval can be found on CPB's website, <http://www.CPB.com> and by e-mail to pubs@CPB.com. When e-mailing leave the subject blank and type GENINFO.TXT.

Free workshops on business taxes

Small business tax workshops covering basic federal and state tax information are being offered from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 and con-

tinuing from 8 a.m. to noon, Thursday, Aug. 28, at the Albuquerque IRS office, 5338 Montgomery NE.

The free workshops will feature presentations from Immigration and Naturalization, New Mexico Taxation and Revenue, Service Corps for Retired Executives, New Mexico Department of Labor, Social Security Administration, Workers Compensation Administration, New Mexico Society of Certified Public Accountants and the IRS. Topics will include book keeping and accounting, record retention, inventory, business expenses, estimated tax payments, forms of business ownership, gross receipts tax, non-taxable transaction certificates and more.

For more information contact Donna Stayton at (505) 837-5515.

NMSU geography department maps airport

New Mexico State University's geography department is mapping all 36 public airports in New Mexico, including the Sierra Blanca Airport. The project will create comprehensive layouts of current and proposed property configurations of each airport.

The project, one of the first statewide airport computer-mapping projects in the nation, is being funded through the New Mexico Aviation Division by a grant by the Federal Aviation Administration.



Tom K. Lewis/Ruidoso News
Tara Hudson, 6, of Roswell saw a different view of the 26th Ruidoso Arts Festival. Hudson was one of many festival goers to try the wares of artist Sherisse Rogers.

Ruidoso Art Festival billed as smashing success

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS BUSINESS WRITER

They came, they saw, they showed and they sold.

That's the official word on the success of the 26th annual Ruidoso Arts Festival last weekend at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

"Overall, we did very well," said Joan Bailey, Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce executive director, of the annual fund-raising festival. "Many artists said it was a really good show and we were complimented by members of the community who know art and art festivals who said it was one of the best they've ever seen. It was incredible the wonderful, positive things (people) had to say."

Artists, Bailey said, were particularly appreciative of little things like the hospitality room and the volunteer help provided to set up and

take down exhibits. Visitors appreciated the wide variety of artistic expression displayed.

Record-setting crowds turned out for the three-day event. Bailey said 2,200 people passed through the doors on Friday, well surpassing last year's first-day crowd of 1,200. Attendance stayed high on Saturday with 3,200 visitors taking a stroll through the aisles. The numbers dropped of a bit on Sunday, falling to 1,800, but as Bailey said, it kind of hurts when you have a monsoon coming through your community.

The art festival wasn't the only place hopping with increased visitors. "Another thing we're very excited about is that lots of other retailers are talking to not only were you really busy (at the convention center) but we were really busy downtown."

The success has the Chamber already tossing around

thoughts of how to make the event bigger and better next year. Bailey said as the popularity of the annual art festival has grown, so has the responsibility involved in putting it on. With that in mind, Bailey said the idea of running the festival like a small business is being discussed — creating an art festival staff to oversee the coordination and planning of the juried show.

Bailey said talk is also centering around how to draw more local people to the event. She said a majority of the visitors to this year's festival were visitors to Ruidoso, and she and Chamber staff hope to bring more Ruidoso and Lincoln County residents out next year.

Another issue Bailey said came to light this year is a lack of parking. And with the proposed hotel planned next to the convention center, Bailey said underground parking is something she wants to pitch.

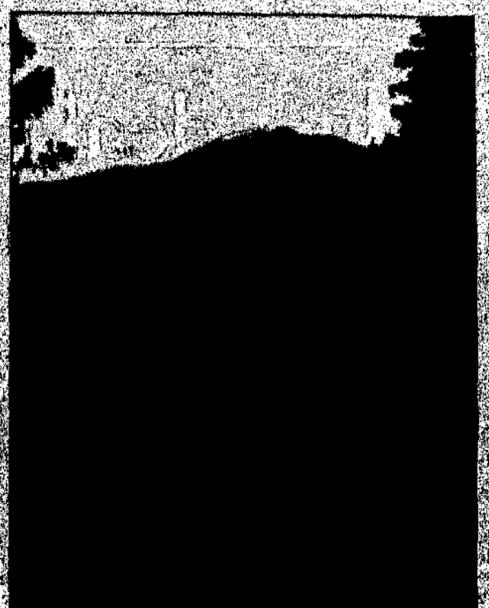
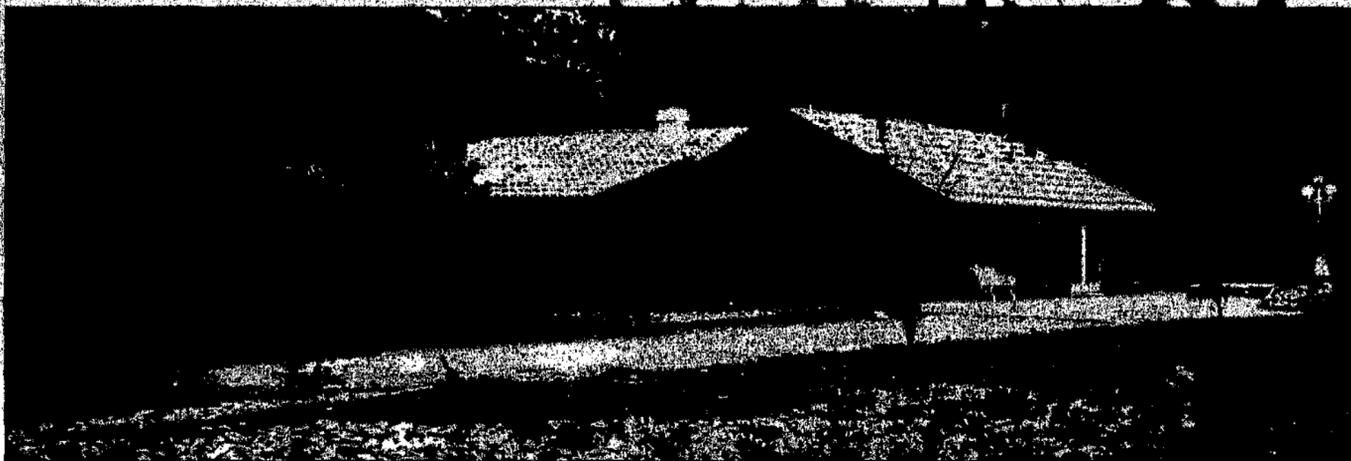
But the future of the festival and making it better isn't stealing any of the shine from this year's success. Although a total amount of money raised hasn't been tallied, Bailey said she's very pleased with the annual fund-raising campaign. If the silent auction, which sells donated works by exhibiting artists, is any indication she has plenty of reason to be satisfied. The auction raised \$6,000 for Chamber high school scholarships.

All in all, the festival was a huge success, according to Bailey. As next year's plans start to take shape, she stressed that the integrity of the show is one thing that won't change.

"The standards (of the festival) seem to be becoming some what of a rarity," Bailey said. "We want to do everything we can to keep the integrity ... We may be one of a few (communities) in the country to have this kind of a show."

Art Festival Top 10

Award winners from the 26th annual Ruidoso Art Festival were:
• Best of Show — Melanie Fair (mixed media)
• Top 10 — David Hendrix (sculpture); Daryl Howard (mixed media); Michael Oms Untiedt (oil); Valerie Kresland (mixed media); Blue Bonnet Rose Originals/Rose Tanacka (weaver); Phyllis Baiden (other); Sturdy Oak Wood Crafts/Stan and Connie Buss, and Jordan Torres (sculpture).



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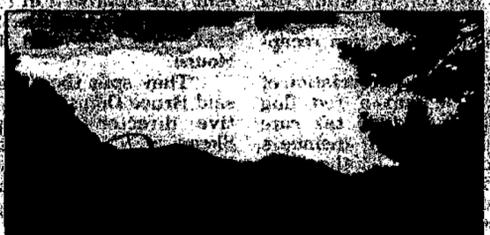
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LOT #5 SHANGRI LA SUBDIVISION TO ALTO. (Ruidoso, New Mexico)

ABOUT THE PROPERTY: A seven acre mini ranch which is fronted with Eagle Creek and Eagle Creek Canyon Road, (paved), while Lincoln National Forest backs the property. The long drive has been chip & sealed less than a year ago. The heated pool is also only a year old. The home, approx. 3,000 sq. ft. is stucco with orange tile roof, as is the well house and the barn also has tile roof. The chip & seal parking area fronts the landscaped lawn w/auto sprinklers and the view of "Sierra Blanca" can be enjoyed from this area as well as the enclosed and heated duck atrium. The atrium has vegetation, bridges, figural fountain, and leads into the carpeted den and office through glass patio doors or into tiled foyer and dining room through optional entrance. The entrance from spacious concrete patio & pool area lead into the tiled and all cedar family room, complete with double garden doors, fireplace, guest bath room w/shower and adjacent laundry room w/double hook ups for washers & dryers. The back yard is fenced w/more spacious patio area and an entrance to the tiled kitchen & dining area. A carpeted hallway from foyer & dining area leads to an extra closet, nursery or storage w/bifold doors. Also 2 bedrooms w/closets and a full bath are accessible as well as the master bedroom with two walk-in closets, garden tub & shower in full tiled area w/romantic kiva stove in corner, and sliding glass door to deck area where the view of the "Captain Gap" area of the Capitan Mountains can be enjoyed.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF SALE:

FRI., August 1st AT 9:00 AM (Till 3:00 pm) — Approx. 20 old guns, including: Civil War 54 Cal. "Star" Carbine, "L. C. Smith" 12 ga. shot gun; 2 old west "Colt" pistols; Winchester Carbine; Civil War Smith & Wesson Pistol; Leather wrapped Indian long gun, and more. Beaded cradle board, cradle board w/doll. "Crystal" handmade Navajo rug, also "yei", "Two Grey Hills" and others. Civil War swords, belt buckles, currency, canteen, cannon barrel cooler. Old chaps, spurs including "Buermann" and one pair attributed to "Garcia". Pair of 16th century bronze stirrups, old saddles, some tack and more! Antique 5 pc. oak bedroom suite. Fancy carved oak table, 6 chairs, side board and China cabinet. English Victorian style bookcase, 4 poster mahogany bed. Marble top parlor table. Chippendale carved bench. Oil paintings, mostly Western and American Native subjects with artists such as: G. Bogard, Jodie Boren, C. Rhasby, Delores Williams Thompson, etc. 5 original Western sculptures in limited edition by J. T. Ford (w/provenance). Several pieces of stained glass. Blue & natural Chinese rug. Oak 12 gun cabinet. Pair of Antique light fixtures. Pecan semi antique dining room suite. Art glass dragonfly table lamp w/marble inserted base. Console TV, large 6' round dining table. G.E. entertainment center, marble top French salon table. Gold plated bathroom fixtures (new). Brass hall tree. Upholstered sofa w/carved wood frame. Art glass & bronze base lamp. Bronze life-size elk. Bronze lady fountain w/shell. Ornate metal patio set and matching bench. Victorian style toys such as horse shaped tricycle, small racers resembling Mercedes, etc. Sterling & turquoise jewelry, artifacts in museum style shadow box frames w/descriptions. Semi antique 7-UP machine, and 3 more hours of other furniture, collectables, etc.

SAT., August 2nd AT 9:00 AM. REAL ESTATE SELLS AT 11:00 AM PROMPT. — Antiques, modern & new: 1929 "Buddy L." outdoor 16' construction train in restored condition. 1916 Hershel Spillman reconditioned carousel horse named "Thunder". 4 x 8 (Approx.) marble table including pedestals. "Clarks" 5-drawer spool cabinet. Several original bronzes, some w/provenance, including "Carl Kauba", w/letter from Sotheby's, N.Y., N.Y. Several Hummel figurines. 19th Century "Sagar" Ormolon and porcelain clock w/cherub surmount. Antique German Wall clock. Hower Miller 3 weight grandfather w/moon dial, lighted case & beveled glass door. Pair of 19th Century bronze chenets. Ornate brass national model 47 cash register. Early small cherry drop leaf table. 7 oil painting of "Billy the Kid", life of frontier American Natives, and partial nude natives by Dean Chapman, 2 original Charles Summey oil on canvas paintings plus some signed & numbered prints. Authentic Bev. Doolittle signed prints. Other pieces of art. Antique 1890s 4-stack bookcase. Antique Russian Samoyar. 2 large antique wall hanging apothecary cabinets w/ornate detailed carving. Pair of Italian semi antique wall sconces in shape of deer head w/antlers. Silver chalice, silver wedding cup, quadruple plate antique candelabra w/bowl inserts, 2 sterling candlesticks. Cut glass nut dish. Brass lion & ram. Sleigh bells on leather. Antique carved lift-top cabinet w/concealed bar. Bronze dore' figural center piece w/cut glass insert. 3 large Navajo hand painted vases by Family w/art shown at Smithsonian, large Alabaster carving. Several nice Navajo rugs. Very large, large, and small Kachina dolls. Taramahara pottery from small to very large. Framed artifacts in museum style shadow boxes. Beaded cradle board, beaded ankle covers for dancers. Beaded pipe bags, beaded headress w/long trail of feathers. Chippendale carved and banded top 10' dining table w/10 fancy carved chairs. Beveled glass Chippendale carved mahogany China cabinet. Bronze cherub on pedestal approx. 4' tall. Spinel piano. Hand carved mahogany window bench. Carved mahogany framed upholstered sofa, chairs, and etc. Wall consoles, ornate mirror frames, fancy framed oil paintings. Marble top parlor tables, upholstered foot stools. Fancy painted dresser, chest, beds, cabinets, armoires, and much, much more! Beautiful handwoven Oriental rugs throughout the house, over tile or over carpet! Full day auction!

SUN., August 3rd STARTING AT 1:00 PM AFTER CHURCH & A NICE LUNCH, COME AND ENJOY MORE OF SATURDAY'S LISTINGS PLUS ITEMS STORED IN WELL HOUSE, BARN, AND STORAGE TRAILER. THIS FAMILY MOVED FROM A 4500 SQ. FT. HOME IN ARKANSAS, AND HAD ITEMS STORED IN A 10,000 SQ. FT. BARN THERE. NOW THEY HAVE ADDED A LOT OF S.W. FLAVOR TO THE OPULENT FRENCH, AMERICAN, AND ENGLISH STYLES OF HOME FURNISHINGS. — We can promise oak bedroom suites, walnut carved furniture, lots of solid wood mahogany hand carved furniture. Lot of old framed art, including 1900s prints, oils, mirrors, etc. Also clock set, rugs, more S.W. art & artifacts. Patio furnishings, ornate patio sets, street lamps, benches, etc. This will be a fun day because the auction staff will not have seen most of these items yet! Come & Enjoy (Approx. 5 hours).

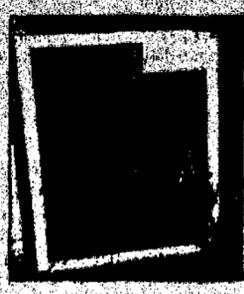
MON., August 4th STARTING AT 9:00 AM. THIS IS THE LAST DAY OF A WONDERFUL AUCTION SELLING THE REMAINDER OF ALL STORED ART, ANTIQUES, COLLECTABLES AND ARTIFACTS AS WELL AS NEW, MODERN AND HAND CARVED REPRODUCTION FURNISHINGS THAT HAVE MADE THIS AN EXCEPTIONAL AUCTION!

ALSO: 1996 Dodge 4 X 4 Ext. Cab. Dually (4 sp). 1988 GMC 4 X 4 Blazer (Auto). 1994 Interstate 20' enclosed tandem axle furniture trailer. 1993 trailer w/B track & straps, side door on either side, 2 spd. dolly jacks, new heavy duty hubs on 8000 lb. axles. Like new 40' gooseneck 3 axle trailer capable of over 21,000 lbs. gross (hay, equip, autos). 16' like new tandem utility trailer. 1985 Dodge van. 4 yr. old black gelding quarter horse named "Coin Control". 3 yr. old Sorrel filly quarter horse (Now being trained at Ruidoso Downs) named "Steakin Down". 3 miniature horses - 1 mare & filly (Class A) and 1 filly (Class B). Pair of sexed BMU birds (Will lay). Antique Amish enclosed buggy w/harness. 1994 10' enclosed well cargo single axle trailer. 14" ornate wrought iron entry gates in 1-7' sides. Ornate fence. 9 1/2' slide in camper. 1996 kit companion fully contained camper trailer.

10% Buyer Premium on all Home, Auto, Trucks, and Livestock. TERMS: Cash, Check, and credit cards. \$20,000 deposit from buyers of home on day of sale. Over 20 pieces of 14kt jewelry to be divided over the 3 days!

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RIVERFRONT BUILDING Approx. 3700 sq. ft. w/2nd floor garage. 1BA, 2 (12'x8') gorgeous acres w/500 ft. frontage on Ruidoso river. New roof, new paint, carpet can be homebased, was art gallery, unusual opportunity. 250A Sycamore, #129, 505-257-4222. 1-800-857-0955

40 ACRES & WELLS w/4000 sq. ft. w/2nd floor garage. Call Ed at Stiman Real Estate 378-4391

ALTO-FULL GOLF MEMBERSHIP Best view. Come out and walk this nice building. Call 338-4248. CENTURY 21 Aspen Real Estate

OPEN HOUSE, ELEGANT HOME on Cree Meadows. 3BDRM/2.5BA, 2 car garage, skylights, custom window coverings, jacuzzi, satellite dish, professionally landscaped, fenced yard, security system and much more. \$185,000. 428 Sycamore, #27, 505-257-4222

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PRICE REDUCED! \$185,000
104 Don Snyder
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OWNER-MOTIVATED - PRICE REDUCED AGAIN! Spacious mountain chalet with a grand view of Sierra Blanca and the Links Golf Course. Four bedrooms, two baths, tastefully furnished. Fireplace, decks, game room and more! This one is hot - get it while you can! Reduced to \$149,500.

"Making New Friends While Keeping the Old"

JUST LISTED - OWNER ANXIOUS!

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PRICE REDUCED
Like new, fields and out. Two bedroom, 2 bath home on desirable Cedar Creek Drive. Thermal pane windows, vaulted ceilings, play-rooms. Hot tub & privacy fence, storage, tall pines. Now \$119,000. #97-70548. CALL KIMBLE L. KEARNS at 257-9057

THE BIG 'T' PRICE!
Wonderful home in good area. Three or 4 bedrooms, large den, carport, fireplace, 2 baths. Spacious, well kept and clean. Lots of storage! Circle Drive, Ruidoso! Now \$114,500. #98-61383. CALL DOUG SIDDENS at 338-4248

BIG SIERRA BLANCA VIEW
from this fully furnished 3 bedroom, 2 bath home! Neat decks, 2-car garage, storage, new heating & insulation. New paint. Lovely lot adjacent to national forest. \$85,500. #97-70287. CALL MARTIN ROSE at 257-3057

COMPLETE FITNESS CENTER
The only one in Lincoln County. Turn key. Includes wood floor aerobic, racquetball courts, free weights, Nautilus equipment, remodeled locker rooms, new #100 gal. hot tub, 10 separate aerobic stations, 11,358 sq. ft. building on 1.029 acres. Model call for complete package. #97-70775. CALL JAMES PAXTON at 257-9057

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Santa Fe Solar styled "Earth Ship" home being 2432 sq. ft., plus "straw bale" home of 1050 sq. ft., recording studio/shop being 768 sq. ft. and green house of 1182 sq. ft. on 11+ acres. Multiple uses. Call for details. #97-70599. CALL DOUG SIDDENS at 338-4248

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Furnished 3 bedroom, 3 bath home in Alto. Great Sierra Blanca view! Full golf membership! Possible terms with 20% - 30% down. Your ideal mountain home! \$149,000. #98-61834. CALL SUSAN F. MILLER at 338-4248

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Great cabin or rental property. Two bedrooms, 1 bath. Close to shopping. Level lot with aspen trees. \$52,500. #97-70690. CALL HARVEY M. FOSTER at 257-6057

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Three bedrooms, 2 baths, large open living area, Ranch-style interior, view of Sierra Blanca, deck, fenced garden area, landscaped yard. This is a really nice place! \$69,000. #97-71245. CALL LARRY TILLMAN at 257-6057.

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FANTASTIC FAMILY HOME 3 bedrooms, 2 bath with new roof, private study, fireplace, large storage room, garage and more. Call for more information. \$149,000.

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AFFORDABLE 2 bedroom, 1 bath get-a-way, built in kitchen, tree shaded porch, city skyline and easy access. Excellent opportunity for First Time Buyer or 2nd Home Investment. Owner will finance \$42,000.

BONITO LAKE AREA! Great get-a-way for hiking, horseback riding, fishing, or just relaxing. 2 bed, 2 bath, 2 car garage, 1.5 carport, on large lot with fireplace, beautiful, secluded setting. \$37,500.

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38 Help Wanted

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DRIVERS VAN/PLAT/ED 48 STATE OTR Assigned New Conventioneers, competitive pay, \$10,000. Sign on bonus, Rider Program, Flexible Time Off. Call Roadrunner Trucking 1-800-876-7784.

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CHAMBER VISITOR CENTER POSITION Knowledge of area, strong personal and organizational skills, service oriented, computer skills, must be able to smile over the phone, fluency in Spanish a plus. Please call 257-7395

SUBWAY OF RUIDOSO has immediate opening for mature individual to learn opening and closing procedures. Apply in person only. 148 Sudderth.

SECONDARY OIL CORPORATION needs experienced secretary. Computer skills essential. Please send resume to P.O. Box 1623, Ruidoso, NM 88345

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HOW HAVING COOK DEMONSTRATION & Catering. Part-time. Apply in person at Lincoln County Dr. 2717 Sudderth Dr.

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Housekeeping personnel, laundry personnel, nursing assistants needed at Ruidoso Care Center. Contact Human Resources at 257-9071.

COUNTER HELP AND COOKS NEEDED! CALL JAMES AT 257-2110

HEAD START TEACHERS (3 POSITIONS) Region IX Education Cooperative (Lincoln County Head Start) is seeking highly qualified individuals committed to early childhood programs. Minimum qualifications: 1. High school diploma; 2. CDA license or must be willing to obtain CDA; 3. Excellent interpersonal communication skills; 4. Prefer communication skills in Spanish & English; and 5. 2 years successful professional experience in early childhood programs or other related fields. Only fully-qualified individuals need inquire. Application deadline is Monday, August 4, 1997 - 4:00 p.m. Call REC IX - (505) 257-2368 (Fred Romero or Mary Bradley) for complete job description and application.

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NOTICE OF VACANCY The Ruidoso Valley Public School is seeking applications for Substitute Teachers. Qualifications: H.S. Diploma MUST HAVE ATE EPICONE. Salary: As Per District Policy. Deadline for applications: August 15, 1997. APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Applicants should submit the following: 1. Resumes; 2. References; 3. Copy of current ID card. SEND APPLICATION PACKET TO: Barbara A. Casey, Superintendent, Ruidoso Valley Public Schools, P.O. Box 1001, Socorro, NM 87801. All applicants will be screened for the position of Substitute Teacher. The Ruidoso Valley Schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or religion in employment. For more information, contact the Director of Education at 257-2110.

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TEXAS CLUB GRILL & BAR now taking applications for line and prep cooks. Apply 212 Main

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TRUCK DRIVERS WANTED: New pay package. OTR. High average. No. Call. Driver. All states. No. Call. Driver. All states. No. Call. Driver. All states.

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Join our team of talented professionals at ENMU's Ruidoso Center.

Successful applicant will be responsible for all areas of library operation including but not limited to collection development, acquisitions, circulation, interlibrary loan, bibliographic instruction, reference and media services for an off-campus instruction center library in Ruidoso serving over 800 patrons. An MLS degree, excellent computer and communication skills, and at least two years of professional library experience is required. Must display ability to work effectively with students of all ages, from non-traditional, multicultural backgrounds. Bilingual skills (Spanish/English) are preferred, not required. Job description is available. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Anticipated Start Date: September 2, 1997. Interested applicants should send a Letter of Application, a current resume, and transcripts by August 4 to: Dr. Jim Miller, Director the Ruidoso Center of ENMU 709 Mechem Drive Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 (505) 257-2120 Jim.Miller@enmu.edu visit http://www.enmu.edu/Ruidoso/News for more information. ENMU is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

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 Leann Wehbrecht, CMC
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 122 Downy Drive
 P.O. Box 348
 Ruidoso Downs, NM 88348
 (505)378-4422
 All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the envelope "PROPOSAL - LEGAL SERVICES 8-13-97". All proposals shall be in writing, and the Village Council reserves the right to reject or accept any and/or all proposals in the best interest of the Village.
 BY ORDER OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL
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 /s/Deborah Cummins
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 THE LIEN IS CLAIMED FOR THE FOLLOWING ACCRUED CHARGES as well as for the expense of the sale and the cost of the publication. An itemized list of the expenses known at the time of publication are as follows:
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 UNLESS YOU PAY the full amount of the Claim of Lien plus the cost of the publication and any other expenses accrued in connection with the disposition of said goods for sale, then said goods will be sold.
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ORDINANCE 97-09: "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10, Article 5, Signs and Signs, Subsections 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, 10.5, 10.6, 10.7, 10.8, 10.9, 10.10, 10.11, 10.12, 10.13, 10.14, 10.15, 10.16, 10.17, 10.18, 10.19, 10.20, 10.21, 10.22, 10.23, 10.24, 10.25, 10.26, 10.27, 10.28, 10.29, 10.30, 10.31, 10.32, 10.33, 10.34, 10.35, 10.36, 10.37, 10.38, 10.39, 10.40, 10.41, 10.42, 10.43, 10.44, 10.45, 10.46, 10.47, 10.48, 10.49, 10.50, 10.51, 10.52, 10.53, 10.54, 10.55, 10.56, 10.57, 10.58, 10.59, 10.60, 10.61, 10.62, 10.63, 10.64, 10.65, 10.66, 10.67, 10.68, 10.69, 10.70, 10.71, 10.72, 10.73, 10.74, 10.75, 10.76, 10.77, 10.78, 10.79, 10.80, 10.81, 10.82, 10.83, 10.84, 10.85, 10.86, 10.87, 10.88, 10.89, 10.90, 10.91, 10.92, 10.93, 10.94, 10.95, 10.96, 10.97, 10.98, 10.99, 10.100, 10.101, 10.102, 10.103, 10.104, 10.105, 10.106, 10.107, 10.108, 10.109, 10.110, 10.111, 10.112, 10.113, 10.114, 10.115, 10.116, 10.117, 10.118, 10.119, 10.120, 10.121, 10.122, 10.123, 10.124, 10.125, 10.126, 10.127, 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Tom K. Larson/Ruidoso News

Jennifer Lewicki

Twelve-year-old Jennifer Lewicki has wowed crowds at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track this summer with her powerful singing of the anthem. But the daughter of Thomas and Stephanie Lewicki actually got her start singing before large audiences five years ago, when she was 7.

The following interview is with Jennifer (J), her mother Stephanie (S) and the interviewer (Q).

Q: When did Jennifer get her start singing?

S: She's always been singing ... Actually Janis Goodwin (her church's children's choir director) recommended Jennifer to Danny Flores, the ENMU choir director, that she sing 'Happy Birthday Jesus,' at the Christmas Spectacular with the ENMU choir. She did a solo and they sang behind her. And that kind of started the fire.

Q: You were how old?

J: Seven ... Ever since I was little I always, always, always wanted to be a singer or an actress ... I had this little microphone, this little radio and I would just act and sing in front of (her family). I really liked doing that. And I really like being the center of attention ... And I would tell Mom, 'Please, please, tell people that I want to be a singer' ever since I was little ... But I can't believe I got to sing at the racetrack. I can't believe that. It's just 'whoa.' I never believed that I would get that far, but I want to be farther.

Q: What do you want to be singing?

J: Probably rock and roll, or just light stuff. Or whatever are the new things. And whatever people like.

Q: What do you like to sing now?

J: Whatever people tell me to. (She and her mother laugh.)

Q: You don't have a preference? What do you sing in the shower?

J: Whatever is stuck in my head. Lately, it's been Steve Miller ... I listen to his greatest hits ...

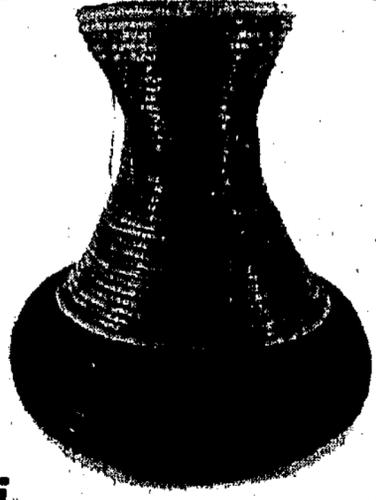
Q: Steve Miller? She must have gotten that from you (mom)

S: Right. See the drums (she gestures to the large drum set in their home's living room). My husband is an ex-drummer, and our other daughter plays the drums, so we have had music in this house all her little life.

J: And when my Dad used to play the drums — see that thing right there (pointing to a part of the drum set). I used to act like that was a microphone and I would just sing along.

Q: What song did you sing to win the Ruidoso Little Theater talent show?

J: It was Reba McEntire's "Why haven't I heard from you?" And I thought people would really like that because I was in a mad mood and I really acted with it. And some people just stand there and sing. I really get out there and danced. And I won the grand prize, \$100... Oh my God, I couldn't believe it ...



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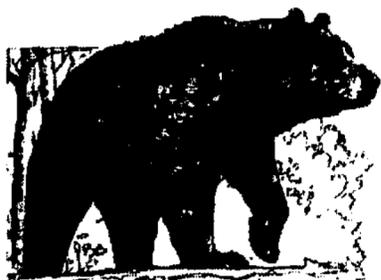
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Alamogordo artist Pat Beatty fills the gallery during the month of July with her delightful watercolors. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily.

Gail's Frame of Mind

1204 Mechem, White Mountain Plaza, Ruidoso 258-0071.

The gallery features fine art by Louise Arnold, Marcia Bizeau, Flora Hatfield Buchanan, Bruce Chapman, Greg Doyle, Gaylon Gillem, Teresa Hughes, Leland Jackson, Monty 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

546 Sudderth, Ruidoso by the tepees at the traffic lights, 257-1056.

Pottery and pastels by Kenyon Thomas, fine weavings by Marsha Thomas. Open Tuesday through Saturday.

L.C. 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, Geraldo 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.

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Ivy Heyman of White Oaks Pottery Studio

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.

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Mt. Legends Gallery & Foundry

610 E. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-8040.

7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, public bronze pourings and foundry tour.

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

McGary Studios & 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.

N.M. Churches Tapestry & Retablos

Lincoln County Heritage Trust, Lincoln, (505) 653-4372. Featuring local artists Polly E. Chavez of Garizozo and Bob Scriber of Alto.

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2415 Sudderth Dr., #3, Ruidoso, 257-5743.

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The Laggs are woodworkers who design and create a variety of functional artworks, including doors, screens and lamps. The studio is open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturdays and also by appointment.

White Oaks Pottery Studio

3 1/2 miles NE of White Oaks, (505) 648-2985.

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.

White Mountain Pottery Gallery

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Who really cares about Opera?

Episode 2 - "Who Really Cares About Opera?" a progressive fictional mystery. In our last episode, Lincoln County investigator Cap Maxon is called to the Spencer Theater stage where workers have discovered a temperamental horse tethered to a mysterious chest.

This episode by Scott Wells

The message didn't make much sense to him at first, so Scott Wells shuffled through the others which had collected in his hopper before returning to the one from Rand Harmon. Something about a horse and the Spencer Theater. It seemed a little incongruous, but since it wasn't Candice's writing, he knew it would be easier to just call Rand than to try to track down a verbal explanation from whomever at the Museum of the Horse had taken the message.

He called the mobile number on the message and Rand Harmon's voice crackled through a barrage of static. The same summer thunderstorms which cooled the Ruidoso Valley almost daily also played hell with cellular phone service. Harmon was obviously yelling into his car phone, but the mountain gods seemed to be spearing key ingredients from his sentences, shooting obnoxious bursts of static through the lines. Then the line went dead and Wells was left with little more than the scribbled note had provided him, except that he thought he'd heard an urgency in Rand's voice which seemed to go beyond his effort to be heard. And he was sure of two things - he'd heard something about a horse and he'd heard the words "Meet me now!" more than once.

Wells surveyed his desk. Layers of papers, photos and video cassettes, all representing unfinished tasks, made a daunting mound. He knew that somewhere underneath the top layer was a "Things to do today" list which had grown to more than a single page. Even the floor and the modest office chairs bore stacks of papers which had gained mass and momentum in the months preceding the opening of the Ruidoso Downs Horse Hall of Fame, which had been his main project for the year. Now he was frantically playing catch up in his correspondence for the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, another key function in which the Museum of the Horse was involved. A getaway to the high mesa of the Spencer Theater? Now, with all this work to do? Seemed like a good idea.

It wasn't until he'd pulled out of the museum parking lot and gazed wistfully at his old friend, the Ruidoso Downs Race Track, that it occurred to what this was probably all about. Of course. Rand Harmon was from Kentucky. True, he'd trotted the continent some before landing in Alto at the helm of The Spencer, but that blue grass never gets out of your system and from the first time you attend Churchill Downs on the first Saturday in May and hear "My Old Kentucky Home" played as the horses parade postward for the Kentucky Derby, you're hooked.

That was it. Rand Harmon wanted a horse. He and Mike Line and a few others had talked about it at Rand's fantastic Kentucky Derby party. Regaled by racing stories from the Scott Wells repertoire, they'd discussed pooling their resources and buying a youngster well-bred enough to wear roses, not just fertilize

them. At the time, though, Rand Harmon had stated clearly that he couldn't undertake such an adventure until after the opening of The Spencer.

But Scott Wells knew how racing fever can strike and know the urgency in his friend's voice seemed almost humorous. Labor Day was nearing, and Rand Harmon, like so many others, was realizing that someone was going to become an instant millionaire for winning the All American Futurity. That fact had kindled horse purchases for decades and a Kentucky native was bound to succumb.

Wells drove past the Alto Village turnoff, past Johnson's store and turned east onto the wide and scenic airport road. From force of habit he scanned the mesa for elk and deer. There was so much game in the area. It was one of the reasons he'd moved back to his boyhood home from Los Angeles and a major reason he and Mellyn had bought acreage adjoining the White Mountain Wilderness. They both loved to ride, and being on horseback in this beautiful country always offered the possibility of seeing real wildlife. The four-legged kind. Not the Fringus Lunaticus likely to be found hiding in the bushes of L.A.'s Griffiths Park.

He drove past little ranchitos with their inventories of saddle horses, he passed the Ranches of Sonterra and the new equestrian facility and there he saw it, the magnificent Spencer Theater - an edifice of glass and white stone jutting out of the mesa in respectful imitation of majestic Sierra Blanca, the region's tallest peak. It was hard to believe that only a year before he and thousands of others had watched fireworks on that very spot. At the time, spellbound viewers had marveled that Jacqueline Spencer had spent tens of thousands of dollars providing such fleeting entertainment for her friends and neighbors. Now a permanent spectacle had risen where the pyrotechnic show had taken place. A vast and engaging building wrapped in gardens and fountains in which many of the world's finest entertainers would perform.

As he turned into the drive to The Spencer Theater, Wells saw the cluster of patrol cars. He thought it odd, but wrote it off as a probable security meeting. No doubt Rand Harmon was readying all the law enforcement personnel for the imminent opening of the theater. It was not until he saw Rand hurrying toward him that he realized something was amiss. His friend's face was blanched and his eyes wide.

"Thank God you're here. Where's Bruce? I called him, too."

Bruce Eldredge was the director of the museum and one of Harmon's closest friends.

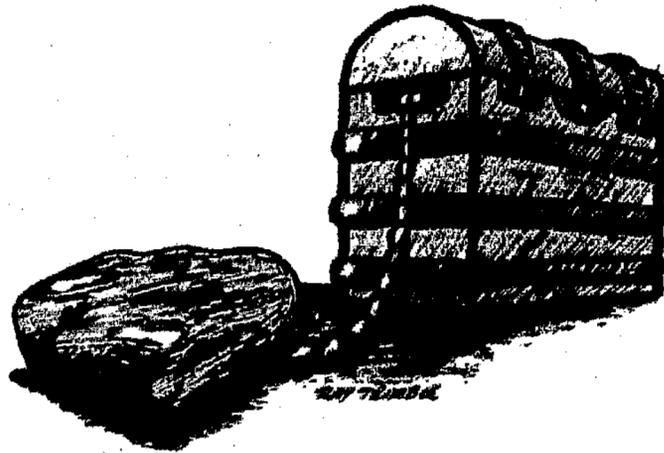
"He's at a meeting. What's up? You look like you've seen a ghost."

"Worse," said Harmon. "Ghosts you expect in a theater. Not horses. And certainly not this horse."

"What?"

"Just come here."

They rushed through the corridor and there, in the brilliant sunlight and carefully landscaped surroundings, Wells saw a hard-hatted worker struggling to control a magnificent horse. The judgment was instantaneous. Some horses, even some very fine horses, require careful inspection before a true horseman is able to label them as outstanding. But



not this horse. This horse hit his eye like a Vegas showgirl.

"Damn, Rand. You go shopping without me?"

"You won't believe it, Scott. Someone left this horse on our stage last night!"

"More likely he was loose and wandered in. People don't just deposit valuable horses in theaters. Did you check with Sharon at the equestrian center?"

"She's out of town judging a show. But they said they're not missing any horses. Scott, this is weird. This horse was tied to a trunk. He was definitely put here by someone."

"Tied to a trunk of what?"

Just then Cap Maxon and Bob White approached from behind.

"Ahem, let's not be divulging any details of the evidence just yet, Rand. You know what I mean. Hello, Scott. You have a chance to look over this critter yet?"

"Hi, Cap. No, not yet. But I think I'd better get ahold of him before this guy ends up in the hospital."

As he spoke, the horse was rearing and pawing. Predictably, he hung a front foot over the rope and when he came down, pulled loose from the worker and wheeled wildly about the enclosed garden, leaving the worker wringing his rope-burned hands and cursing. Wells stepped through the glass door and asked the worker to leave, which he did more than happily. The horse trampled several hundred dollars worth of shrubs as he turned his rump toward Wells, pinned his ears and clamped his tail threateningly. Cornered, his breath made two circles of fog on the glass. Wells stood still for a moment taking a deep and obvious breath and communicating his admiration and respect with an unspoken language. Unconsciously, the horse followed with a deep breath of his own. Wells instinctively assessed the animal, noting the powerful hindquarters and keen, intelligent head. Then he stepped forward slowly, confidently, extending a hand toward the horse's menacing hindquarters.

"Jesus. You couldn't get me to do that for a million bucks. That's like walking head-on up to a loaded cannon," said Bob White.

Cap Maxon had a brief but unavoidable Vietnam flashback, but he thought he understood what he was seeing. Wells laid his hand on the horse's tensed rump and immediately the horse relaxed, turning his head around to see who this was who dared ignore the threat of his vicious hind hooves.

Wells moved up the length of the horse's body, stroking him gently and moving to his head. He lifted the horse's lip momentarily, then pried his thumb between the toothless portion of his jaws, examining the chewing surfaces of the teeth in order to determine his age. He looked at the ear ornament without touching the ear, he ran his hands down first one front leg and then the other, feeling for heat or injury, then instinctively asked for a

front hoof. The horse obliged.

"Damnedest thing I ever saw," said Bob White. "How do you pick up a horse's foot like that? One minute he's trying

to kill somebody and the next minute he's playing handshakes."

Wells pulled out his belt knife and picked at the mud from the construction site which packed the bottom of the horse's hooves. The mud fell out in hoof-shaped chunks, as expected, but something caught the man's eye as one of those chunks fell to the ground. He released the horse's foot, picked up the hoof-cast chunk and crumbled it in his fingers. There, among the particles of sand and concrete, was a slightly larger stone, about the size of a peach pit. A small glint of unusual color showed through.

Forgetting his surroundings or merely ignoring them, Wells spat upon the stone in his hands and wiped the wet rock against his pants leg. It bore the unmistakable color of turquoise. He took hold of the rope, led the horse easily to the door, opened it, and handed the chunk to Cap Maxon.

"I don't know where this horse has been, but I'd sure like to follow his tracks back to wherever it was. Looks pretty good stuff to me."

"What about the tattoo on his lip," asked Bob White. "That means he's a registered horse, doesn't it?"

"The tattoo's a fake," Wells responded. "More likely, it's an alteration. The dot pattern is all screwed up and there's no letter at the beginning. That's not an official tattoo."

"What about the earring?"

"I don't have a clue. The horse doesn't like it, though, I can tell you that. Someone's idea of fashion has made this horse very disagreeable. That's probably one of the reasons he's a bad actor."

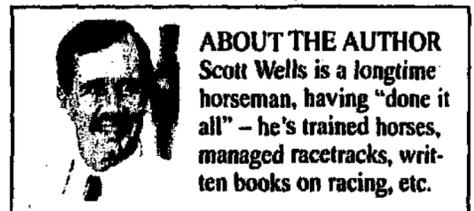
Rand Harmon couldn't resist. "Well, technically, we're not sure he's a bad actor. Let's just say his presence on the stage was alarming." He received only glances, sharp ones, for his effort.

"What else can you tell us about him," asked Cap Maxon,

"Only that he's four years old and one good-looking rascal with a penchant for turquoise," said Wells. "Wish I could be of more help."

Rand Harmon's belt phone twittered. "Hello, Bruce! You've got to meet us out here at the theater. Now, I'll explain when you get here." He punched "end" and clipped the phone back to his belt. "Well, so much for the horse. Now maybe we'll find out something about the trunk."

TO BE CONTINUED ...



ABOUT THE AUTHOR
Scott Wells is a longtime horseman, having "done it all" - he's trained horses, managed racetracks, written books on racing, etc.



Going out



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Spencer Theater winter lineup a warm-up for the summer

A worldly first season on stage

Special to the Ruidoso News

The Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts rolled out the details of its first 13-event (18 performances) Winter Season today.

The scope of the performances ranges from a chamber orchestra and classical guitar to a real-thing "Cowboy Christmas." Patrons will find dance theater for kids, world music and the one-man theater of Spalding Gray, though the biggest "star" of all may be the theater itself, the art of architecture - a \$20-million 514-seat absolute state-of-the-art venue designed by noted architect Antoine Predock. The theater is being completed just northeast of Ruidoso on Airport Highway 220.

The Spencer's 12-person staff moved into the theater (approximately 80 percent complete) Monday, and the theater's box office will open for information and Charter Member services within a week. (To be added to the mailing list for information on the season, call 336-4800.)

Season ticket brochures are expected to be in the mail to the theater's 400-plus Charter Members within two weeks, and to a general mailing list early in September.

The Winter Season will feature four Christmas holiday performances,

four shows which launch the theater's year-round Family Series, and a half-dozen performances which comprise the Spencer's first Winter Season which runs through early April, 1998.

"We, again, urge patrons to order early. With 500 seats many shows may sell out," said Spencer Theater Executive Director Rand Harmon. Three performances comprising the theater's gala opening weekend, October 3-5, are sold out after only six weeks on sale.

Tickets for all performances are expected to start in the \$8-\$10 range, and top out at approximately \$50.

"One of the Spencer's missions is to make the performing arts accessible to all residents," he said. "And there are no 'bad' seats. The distance from

the stage to the seat farthest away is only approximately 57 feet," Harmon said.

The inaugural season starts with the Friday-Saturday, October 17-18 performance by ODC/San Francisco dance company performing the children's tale "The Velveteen Rabbit." Auditions will be conducted in Ruidoso this fall for a number of local youths who will be featured in the performance.

While no performance dates are scheduled in November, four different shows fill December starting with the Nebraska Theatre Caravan's production of the classic Charles Dickens' work, "A Christmas Carol" which will launch a three-day run on Thursday, Dec. 4.

At 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 the mood turns uniquely classical with a choral concert featuring the much acclaimed voices of Anonymous 4 presenting a program titled "Legends of St. Nicholas."

Known for their vocal blend and technical virtuosity with medieval chant and polyphony, Anonymous 4 have appeared repeatedly on National Public Radio's "Performance Today," and on "CBS Sunday Morning," as well as with Garrison Keillor on NPR's "A Prairie Home Companion."

Following them onto the Spencer holiday stage Friday, Dec. 12, will be "A Cowboy Christmas," a traditional ranch view of the holidays in song, tales and cowboy poetry featuring balladeer Don Edwards, yodeler Don Walser and the three-part harmony of the Hays County Pals and Gals.

February and March performances are packed with a diverse offering of exciting events.

Clown Bob Berky performs his special brand of mime and comedy Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6-7, as part of the Spencer's year-round Family Series. Berky is expected to do a great deal of work with local school children while in the Ruidoso area.

Classical and jazz fill the rest of February starting Friday, Feb. 13, with

the Prague Chamber Orchestra featuring Russian soloist Valentina Lisitsa on piano. Known for exquisite precision, intonation and balance, the orchestra plays without a conductor, sustained instead by the superb musicianship of each player. The Ruidoso performance will be part of the orchestra's 13th North American tour.

The next Saturday (February 21, 1998) jazz pianist Marcus Roberts will perform an all-Gershwin concert with a unique jazzy-classical Roberts touch.

The pianist has personalized many Gershwin favorites, including completely rewriting Gershwin's classic signature, "Rhapsody in Blue."

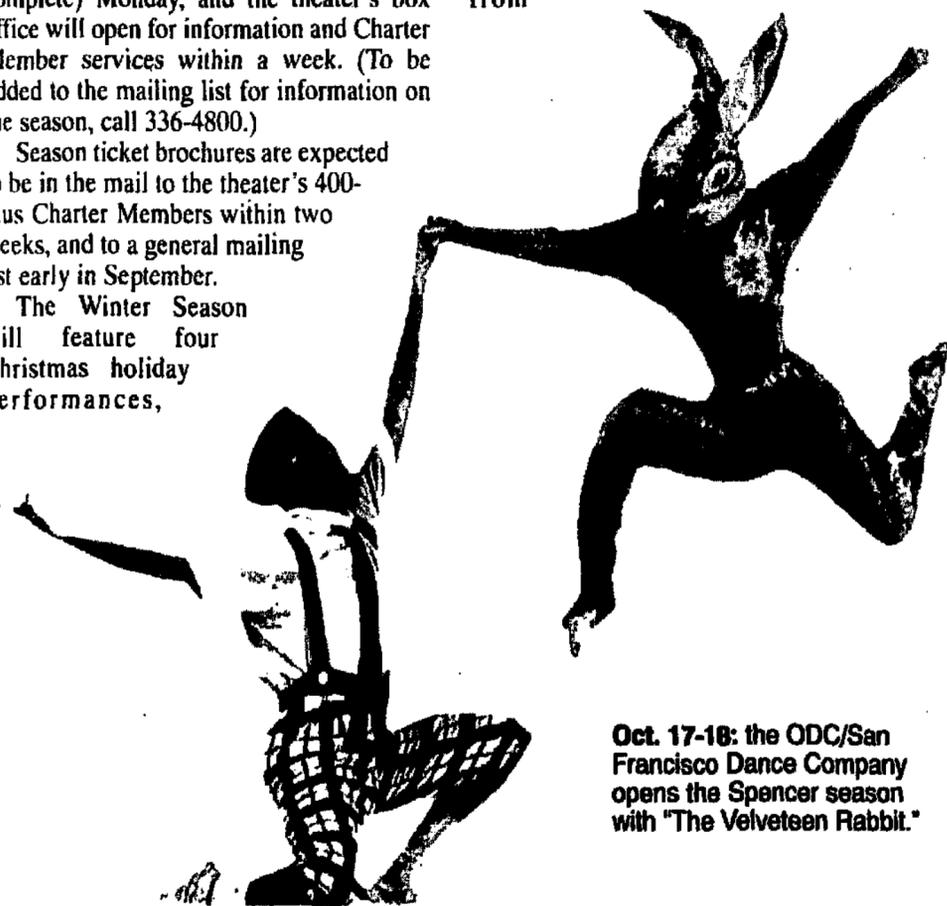
Roberts' "Gershwin for Lovers" recording for Columbia was called "genius" by Newsweek, noting that the work validated, "America's love for Gershwin by making his greatest hits sound new again."

Friday, Feb. 28, brings the classical guitars of the Assad Brothers to the Spencer. Sons of a mandolinist, the brothers Sergio and Odair Assad began their quest into the world of Brazilian music as children. From samba beginnings, their uncanny ability to play as brothers (yet as one) has taken them through the land of the Baroque and into the national styles of the Iberian peninsula; from purely classical to jazz. The Assad Brothers are singular in excellence as they make the strings sizzle and cry.

Charles Mingus died in 1979, but the composer-bassist's music is carried on with the Mingus Big Band, which will swing into the Spencer Saturday, March 14.

The band was assembled in 1991 by his widow, Sue. Mingus left behind a huge volume of work, much of it unrecorded. It is music from a self-contradictory universe, alternately brawling and tender. The Mingus Big Band has reached acclaim as a well-oiled world-class band, swinging through the Mingus musical legacy "with an ease that masks the pieces' difficulty." (People Magazine). It will be a night spent with, as one critic noted, "the hippest big band in the universe - robust, earthy and sanctified."

Altan will bring Irish/Celtic music to the Spencer Friday, March 20, in a true St.



Oct. 17-18: the ODC/San Francisco Dance Company opens the Spencer season with "The Velveteen Rabbit."

GOING OUT

Patrick's Day celebration. Irish jigs, reels, strathspeys, hornpipes and songs. Celtic world music will be presented by one of Ireland's most acclaimed contemporary bands. Captivating, resonant, beautiful; dazzling instrumental prowess and gorgeously delicate vocals; Altan crosses the cultural barriers between folk, world music and rock.

Whether you ski or not, you'll be invited to hop on the lift and downhill into the "Slippery Slope" world of actor and stage performer

Spalding Gray (known for his films "The Killing Fields" and "Swimming in Cambodia" and featured recently on "The Nanny") on Friday, March 27th. You will become involved not only in his adventure



World music with Altan

while learning to ski ("with a vengeance at age 52"), but also in the essence of his being - his fixations, his paranoia and his compulsions. It's a meandering trail filled with moguls, thrills and surprise turns. Gray is a theatrical double black diamond run two weeks before the Easter closing of Ski Apache.

The Spencer Winter Season ends in the world of IMAGO, a world of movement, mime and visual illusion Friday and Saturday, April 3-4. Part of the Family Series, it's a world of the

fantastic where a worm-like insect performs impossible acrobatic feats and a sphere transforms from an eggplant to a boulder to a circus performer. It's a journey into the wiggly, wild, whimsical, giggly world of IMAGO.

"I think that that's the remarkable thing here, that we're founding a world-class performing arts center in a 500-seat theater," said Harmon. "We're very lucky to have both a board of trustees that is dedicated to this programming philosophy, and also patrons that are willing to support it."

"We're going to see in Ruidoso types of performers that you would see in Los Angeles or New York when you go on vacation, or when you turn on PBS or the Arts &

Entertainment (A&E) channel on TV. We're going to see those types of performers live. We're going to have a live connection...the residents of Ruidoso with the artists that we, as a nation, consider our national, and even our international treasures," he continued.

"The Winter Season is a taste of what is to come. It's programmed for the Ruidoso resident. It's their season, intimate, personal...it's a warm-up to the blockbuster season next summer is going to be," he said.

THE FIRST SEASON

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The Romeros
Holiday Classical Guitars

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Bob Berky
Clown

FEBRUARY 13:
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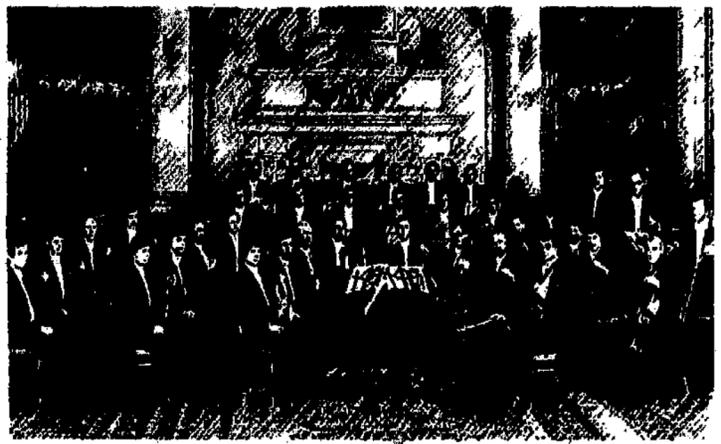
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IMAGO Theatre Mask Ensemble



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Spalding Gray's one-man show, "It's a Slippery Slope," hits the stage March 27.



The Mingus Big Band and Marcus Roberts will jazz up the Spencer Theater.



Bentley's Brew Pub & Paw

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

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Phone: 257-5141
Address: at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero
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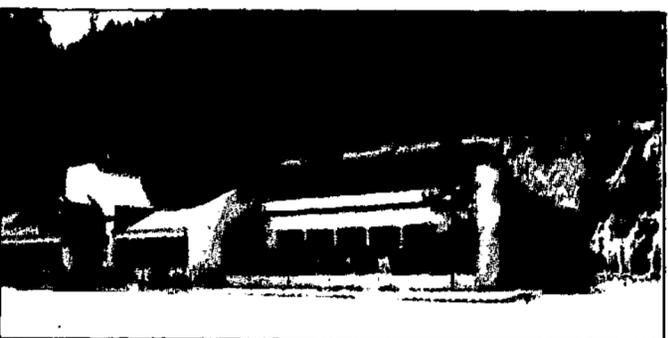
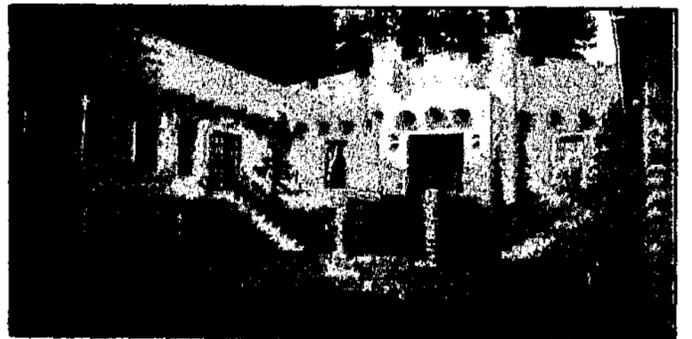
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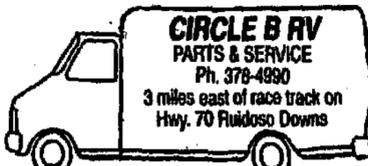
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'Texas' has locals singing and dancing

Two members of the 1997 cast and crew of the "Texas" musical drama have ties to Ruidoso. "Texas," staged in Palo Duro Canyon near Amarillo, opened its 32nd season in June and will continue its run through Aug. 23.

Adam Cargo, son of Elizabeth Byars of Ruidoso, appears in the production as a flag dancer. He is currently a sophomore at West Texas A&M majoring in psychology. Cargo is a member of the West Texas concert band, enrolled in ballet classes and plays the piano and the french horn.

Kimberly Harmon, daughter of Steve and Niki Harmon of Clovis and Katusie Harmon of Ruidoso, joins the cast for her first season. A junior at Eastern New Mexico University, she will attend the University of Massachusetts next year on an exchange program, where she will continue to study psychology and criminal justice. Harmon has been involved with the ENMU theater and dance departments as a choreographer and performer. Her latest performance was "Baggage Claim," at ENMU where she co-choreographed an alternative stomp number.

"Texas," written by Pulitzer Prize winner Paul Green, uses song, dance, dialogue and colorful costumes to tell the story of early settlers in the Lone Star state. Green wrote "Texas" specifically for the Palo Duro Canyon State Park setting. The story and cast brings to life the tale of Texas high plains pioneers beneath the 600-foot canyon wall - in Pioneer Amphitheater. The setting adds depth and drama to the action of cowboys riding the range, Indians



Adam Cargo



Kimberly Harmon

standing proud at the rugged face of the canyon and the path of progress traveling across the prairie.

Tickets range from \$3.50 to \$16 for the 8:30 p.m. shows Monday through Saturday. An optional barbecue dinner is available for \$6.50. For more information call (806) 655-2181.

'Ranchwomen of New Mexico' exhibit opens Sunday at Albuquerque museum

Ranchwomen of New Mexico, a photographic exhibition of New Mexico "cowgirl" and ranchowner women, all over the age of 60 and still working on the ranch, will open at The Albuquerque Museum Sunday for a run through Sept. 28.

Throughout the history of the American West, "cowboys" and pioneers of the area were personified as "strong men." This exhibit will educate the audience about the underestimated female role in the American West - the women who were and are very much a part of the growth and stability of the Southwest.

The exhibition consists of 40

black and white photographs taken by Ann Bromberg, which document 10 ranchwomen who, for over 50 years, have "cowgirl" or owned ranches in New Mexico. There are biographical essays written by Sharon Niederman, which underscore the multi-cultural and multi-generational images

Admission to the exhibit, presented by the city of Albuquerque, through The Albuquerque Museum, is free. The museum is located at 2000 Mountain Road NW, near Old Town, and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Tours may be arranged by calling (505) 243-7255.

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Brendan Fraser stars in Disney's "George of the Jungle."

Disney's latest swings in

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For more information, call Sierra Cinema at 257-9444.

George of the Jungle

Rated PG

Show times: noon, 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Plot: Brendan Fraser swings on to the big screen starring as the irresistibly charming George in Walt Disney's live-action family comedy/adventure. Fraser shares the screen with some wild characters including Ape (the voice of John Cleese), a gorilla with a knack for cooking, playing chess and quoting Shakespeare. The film also stars Leslie Mann ("The Cable Guy") and Thomas Hayden Church (of television's "Wings and "Ned and Stacy.")

Contact

Rated PG

Show times: 12:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 9:20 p.m.

Plot: Two-time Academy Award-winner Jodie Foster and Matthew McConaughey, who skyrocketed to fame last summer in "A Time to Kill," star in the feature-film adaptation of Carl Sagan's best-selling novel "Contact" for Oscar-winning director Robert Zemeckis. Starring with Foster and McConaughey are James Woods, John Hurt, Tom Skerritt, William Fichtner, David

Morse, Angela Bassett and Rob Lowe.

Foster stars as young, driven astronomer Ellie Arrowway, who receives humankind's first message from an extraterrestrial source. Fighting for her rightful place as leader of the scientific investigation into the "message," she turns to her one ally from the past who is among those jockeying for influence on the world stage - Palmer Joss (McConaughey). As the world wrestles with the questions raised by the message and humanity warily approaches the brink of a new millennium, Ellie vies to be selected as the single representative who will leave the Earth and travel through the galaxies and explore the new world of the unknown extraterrestrial source.

Air Force One

Rated R

Show times: 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m., and 9 p.m.

Plot: Harrison Ford stars as President James Marshall, a leader reputed to be inflexible with terrorists - that is until Russian nationalists commandeer Air Force One with the first family aboard and the president's resolve is put to the test. Glenn Close costars as vice president along with Katherine Bennett, whose brains prove vital in countering the crisis. Gary Oldman stars as the chief terrorist in another scary role, while director Wolfgang Petersen gives audiences a rare glimpse inside Air Force One, the president's flying fortress.

Edited by Will Shortz

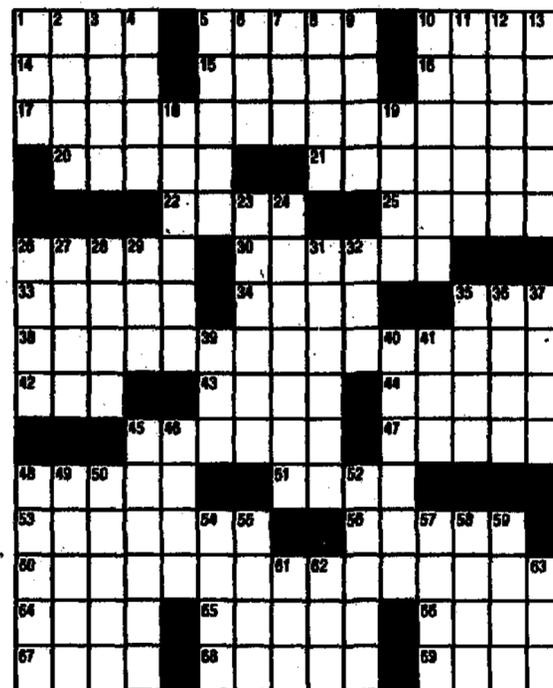
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Releases for week of Aug. 5

- Booty Call
- Evita
- Murder at 1600
- Spawn
- That Darn Cat

Releases for week of Aug. 12

- Devils Own
- Lost Highway
- Mother
- Shadow Conspiracy

Releases for week of Aug. 19

- Cats Don't Dance
- Beautician and the Beast
- Dante's Peak
- Various other "B" titles - call for more information

Releases for week of Aug. 26

- Rosewood
- Limbic Region
- Margaret's Museum
- Courtesy of Showtime Video

Top 10 Movies

1. Men In Black Will Smith
2. Face/Off John Travolta
3. Hercules
4. My Best Friend's Wedding Julia Roberts
5. Batman & Robin George Clooney
6. The Lost World: Jurassic Park Jeff Goldblum
7. Out to Sea Walter Matthau
8. Con Air Nicolas Cage
9. Speed 2: Cruise Control Sandra Bullock
10. Wild America Jonathan Taylor Thomas

Top 10 Singles

1. Meredith Brooks "Bitch" (Capitol) Last Week: No. 2
2. Shawn Colvin "Sunny Came Home" (Columbia) New Entry
3. Backstreet Boys "Quit Playing Games (With My Heart)" (Jive) No. 7
4. Robyn "Do You Know (What It Takes)" (RCA) No. 4
5. Third Eye Blind "Semi-Charmer Life" (Elektra) No. 16
6. Bone Thugs-N-Harmony "Look Into My Eyes" (Ruthless Relativity) No. 3
7. Mark Morrison "Return of

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- the Mack" (Atlantic) No. 6
- 8. Rome "I Belong To You (Everytime I See Your Face)" (Grand Jury/RCA) No. 11
- 9. Spice Girls "Say You'll Be There" (Virgin) No. 9
- 10. LeAnn Rimes "How Do I Live" (Curb) No. 10

Top C&W Singles

1. George Strait "Carrying Your Love With Me" (MCA) Last Week: No. 3
2. Reba McEntire "I'd Rather Ride Around With You" (MCA) No. 1
3. Ty Herndon "Loved Too Much" (Epic Album Cut) No. 2
4. Tim McGraw/Faith Hill "It's Your Love" (Curb) No. 4
5. Pam Tillis "All The Good Ones Are Gone" (Arista) No. 5
6. Trace Adkins "I Left Something Turned On At Home" (Capitol Nashville) No. 7
7. Deana Carter "Count Me In" (Capitol Nashville) No. 6
8. Mark Chesnutt "Let It Rain" (Decca) No. 8
9. Tracy Lawrence "How A Cowgirl Says Goodbye" (Atlantic) No. 10
10. Alan Jackson "There She Goes" (Arista) New Entry

Railroded in a white man's world

Shortly before the start of the War Between the States that raged for four long years (longer, if you count the Kansas/Missouri border war), a White Mountain Apache named Toga-de-Chuz had a son who he named Has-kay-bay-nay-ntayl. This boy was destined to become a legend, although not under his given name.



Drew Gomber
Ruidoso News

In 1878 Has-kay-bay-nay-ntayl began to hang around Globe, Arizona Territory. And it wasn't long before he began to impress the locals with his willingness to work. He quickly learned English and began dressing in blue jeans, boots and other cowboy regalia. Unable to pronounce his given name, the Anglos simply called him the "Apache Kid."

One day that name would strike terror into the hearts of those same Anglos.

Army life

After living and working in the white man's world for three years, the Apache Kid had a fateful meeting with legendary scout Al Sieber. While Sieber was known for his generosity, he was also an alcoholic who was capable of violence when in his cups. Nevertheless, Sieber took a liking to the industrious young man and signed him on as an Army scout.

Military records show that the Kid was five feet nine inches tall, with black eyes, black hair and dark complexion. He is listed on these records as "First Sergeant Kid."

He must have liked the work, because on June 23, 1882, the Kid re-enlisted at the Indian Agency at San Carlos, Arizona Territory. During this period, the Kid impressed many with his honesty and courage.

On July 6, 1882, four San Carlos reservation policemen were shot from ambush by "renegades." When the Kid, in the company of other San Carlos reservation policemen and soldiers, caught up with the killers, a major gun battle erupted that was forever after known as the "Battle of the Big Dry Wash." During this battle the Kid's courage under fire was duly noted by all present.

For the next four years, the Kid kept re-enlisting. He was with Capt. Emmett Crawford when Crawford pursued Apache Freedom Fighter Geronimo into Mexico and was killed by Mexican soldiers there. The Kid and Tom Horn, destined to find his own niche in western history, transported Crawford's body back to the U.S.

When Geronimo surrendered in September of 1886, the Kid re-enlisted yet again, this time serving with the reservation police at San Carlos.

A bit too much tiswin!

At the end of May 1887, the Kid's world changed forever. With Al Sieber, the Kid's boss, away on an inspection tour in the com-

pany of the Indian agent, the Kid was appointed temporary chief of scouts and left in charge of the guardhouse.

With Sieber and the Indian agent gone, the Apaches threw a tiswin party (probably in an attempt to forget the conditions under which they were forced to live), and the Kid saw no harm in leaving his post to have a little fun.

However, be it tiswin or scotch, liquor has been known to put even the most level-headed people into situations in which they might not normally find themselves.

Six months earlier another Apache named Rip had murdered Toga-de-Chuz, the Kid's father. When the tiswin began to take hold of his brain, the Kid began brooding about the killing. It was, according to custom, his duty to avenge his father's death, and the Kid felt that the time had come for him to exact this vengeance.

Gathering four confederates about him, the kid rode over to Rip's and ended the matter with a bullet through the murderer's heart.

When Al Sieber returned and discovered what had happened, he simply sent a message to the Kid requesting that he return. Amazingly, the obliging Kid did exactly that. Unfortunately, when the Kid and his four companions were being escorted to the guardhouse someone in the crowd began shooting, and the Kid, in the company of his four friends and 14 other Apaches being held on various charges, bolted for freedom amidst a hailstorm of lead. During the melee, Al Sieber took a bullet in the ankle. The wound never did heal correctly, and the crippled Sieber unfairly blamed the Kid for incapacitating him, despite the fact that the Kid, who wasn't even armed, never fired a shot during the fray. That happened on the first day of June, 1887.

Twenty-four days later, the Kid and his men surrendered peacefully without injury to either soldiers or Apaches. However, while the Kid was at large, a rancher near Benson and a miner near Tucson were killed, and the Kid was blamed.

Mutiny in San Carlos

The same day that the Kid was captured, a court martial was convened at San Carlos (so much for time to get a defense together), and the Kid and the four other Apaches who were with him when he killed Rip were sentenced to death. Not for the crime of killing another Apache, but for mutiny.

In July of 1887, General Nelson Miles stepped in and asked the court for re-consideration of all five death sentences. Miles did not feel that the Kid and his friends deserved to die for their "mutiny."

The following month, in August, the sentences were commuted to life in Leavenworth. While Miles no doubt considered this to be a more humane punishment, it is doubtful that the Kid agreed.

More than a year later, in October of 1888, the Secretary of War ordered the remission of the unexecuted portion of all



Apache Kid

five sentences. The Kid and his men were set free. All five Apaches returned to the reservation and did their best to keep an extremely low profile.

It worked for the others but not for the Kid.

Wrongfully arrested

In October of 1889, the military conducted a general roundup of any and all Apaches wanted on criminal charges. And the Kid, who had done nothing, was arrested.

He had his former boss, Al Sieber, to thank for this. Sieber had been nursing a grudge against the Kid at the same time that he nursed bottle after bottle of whiskey. When Sieber heard about the roundup, he convinced the authorities to arrest the Kid, the charge being "assault to commit murder upon one Al Sieber."

The Kid was captured, given a speedy trial in Globe and sentenced to seven years in Yuma Prison. By this time the Kid had really had enough, but to Anglo eyes he seemed to accept his fate impassively.

On Nov. 2, 1889, the Kid, in the company of seven other Apache prisoners and one Mexican horse thief, were on board a stagecoach heading for Casa Grande to catch the train to Yuma. The Kid was undoubtedly aware that this was his last chance to escape.

In addition to the stage driver, the prisoners were guarded by two lawmen, Glenn Reynolds and William Holmes.

The great escape

Four miles southeast of Riverside on the Gila River, all prisoners were ordered from the coach in order that it might make a steep grade. Only the Kid and one other Apache, both of whom were considered to be too dangerous, remained on the coach.

As the stagecoach driver, a man named Middleton, began to force the team up the grade, he was unaware that behind him, the five prisoners jumped the two lawmen and,

removing their guns, killed them. At the same time, the Mexican prisoner shouted a warning to Middleton who had half turned in his seat at the sound of gunfire, but it was too late. One of the Apaches shot the hapless driver from his seat.

Badly wounded and temporarily paralyzed to boot, Middleton lay in the road awaiting the death he was sure would come at the hands of the escaped prisoners. And it would have, too, but the Apache Kid stepped in and prevented the others from killing the wounded man.

Without further ado, the Kid and the other Apaches vanished into the Arizona desert.

The Mexican prisoner took one of the horses and rode to Florence, Ariz., for help at the same time that Middleton staggered back to Riverside and sounded the alarm. So began the biggest manhunt in the history of Arizona.

Eleven months later, all of the escapees had been captured. All that is, save one: the Apache Kid.

The Kid had vanished into the wilderness like smoke. No, I take that back. You can see smoke.

He was sighted occasionally. Sometimes he was seen with Massai and a few of the other Apaches who had not surrendered with Geronimo, but mostly he rode alone. He was blamed for every unsolved murder and rape in Arizona, but chances are he was simply being used as a scapegoat by befuddled authorities. Rewards totalling \$15,000 were placed on his head.

And while many claimed to have killed the Kid, among them famed rancher/lawman John Slaughter and psychotic scout Mickey Free, no one ever claimed the reward, which means, of course, that they were all telling a "big windy."

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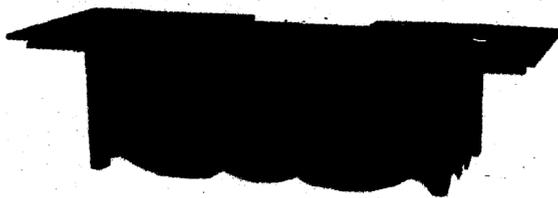
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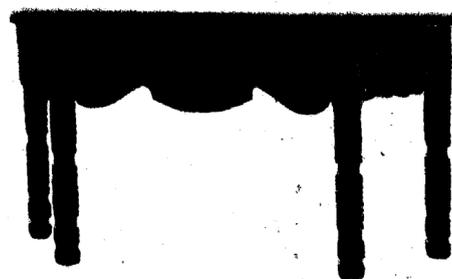
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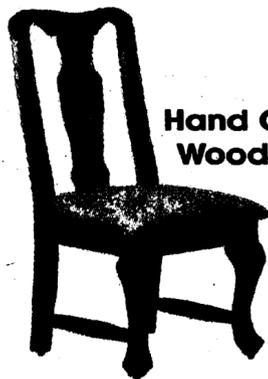


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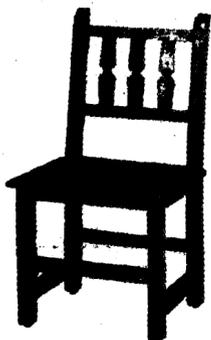


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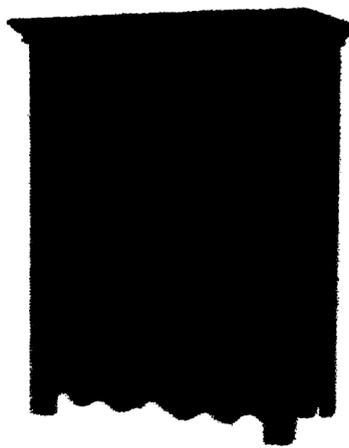
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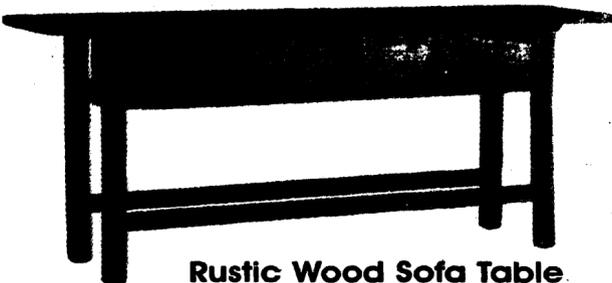
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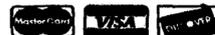
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MOBILE ON TWO LOTS - 2 bedrooms, 1 bath with a large add-on for extra living space. Includes small shop/storage. Room to put another mobile on second lot. \$30,000.

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GREAT ACCESS - 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in great neighborhood. Double carport. Paved, level access. Owner finance possible. \$99,500.

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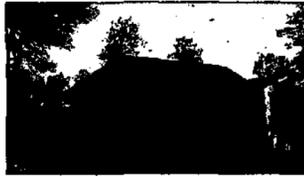
NICE SIZED - 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home (approx 2,000 square feet). Great year-round living. Fireplace, formal dining room and remodeled kitchen. \$112,500.

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SUPER BUY! Nearly new - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, lots of light, big game room, fireplace, 2 decks, spa tub. Over 2,200 square feet!! Just \$114,900.

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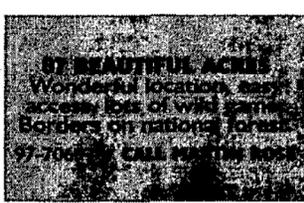
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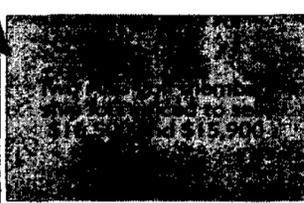


SUPER FLOOR PLAN - Extra neat 2 bedroom, 1 bath cabin with great sleeping loft, nice decks, good parking. An all-around good deal. \$64,500.

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

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JUST RIGHT RUIDOSO HOME - Fully furnished, well kept 2 bedroom, 1 bath with river rock fireplace and new redwood decks. Nice landscaping, RV hookup. \$59,900.

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BIG SIERRA BLANCA VIEW - from this fully furnished 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Neat decks, 2-car garage, storage, new heating and insulation. New paint. Lovely lot adjacent to national forest. \$89,994.

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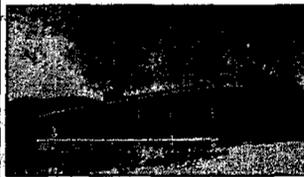
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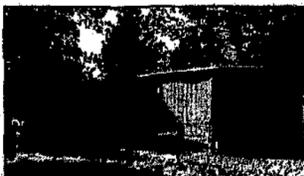
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EVERYTHING STAYS! Beautiful new furniture, lachina collection, signed SVV art, TV, linens, etc., etc. Unbelievably nice, big mobile on flat fenced lot. Super location, covered deck, storage. You must see! \$69,500.

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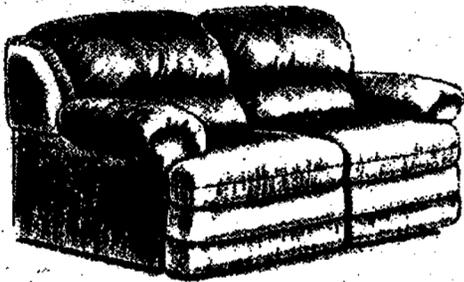
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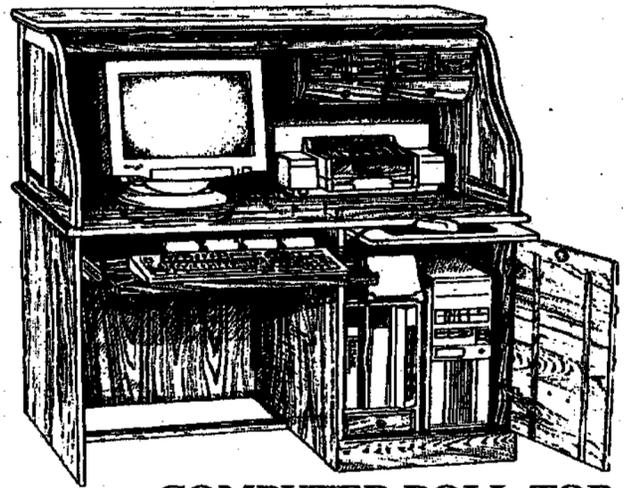
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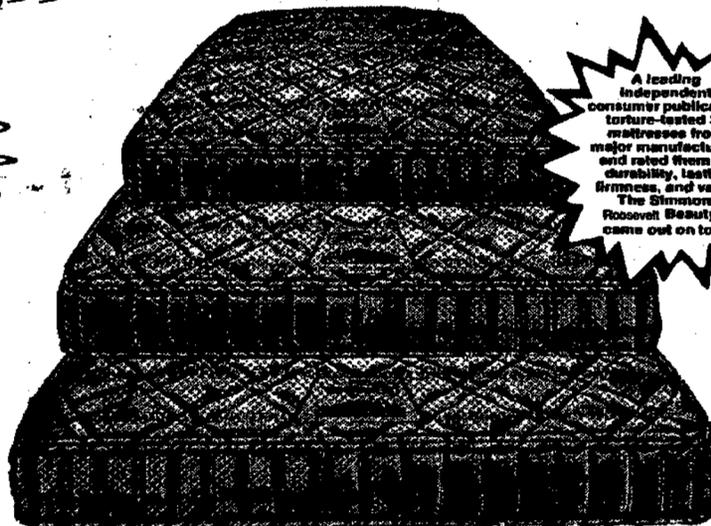
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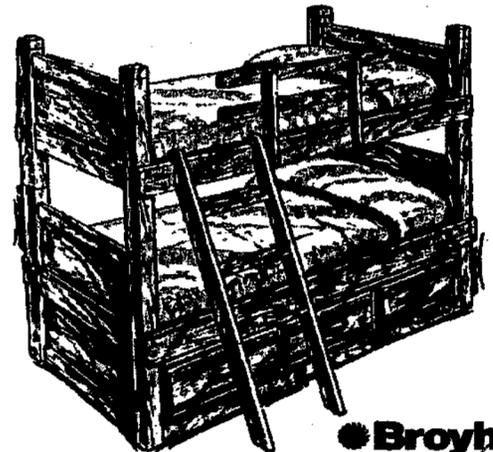


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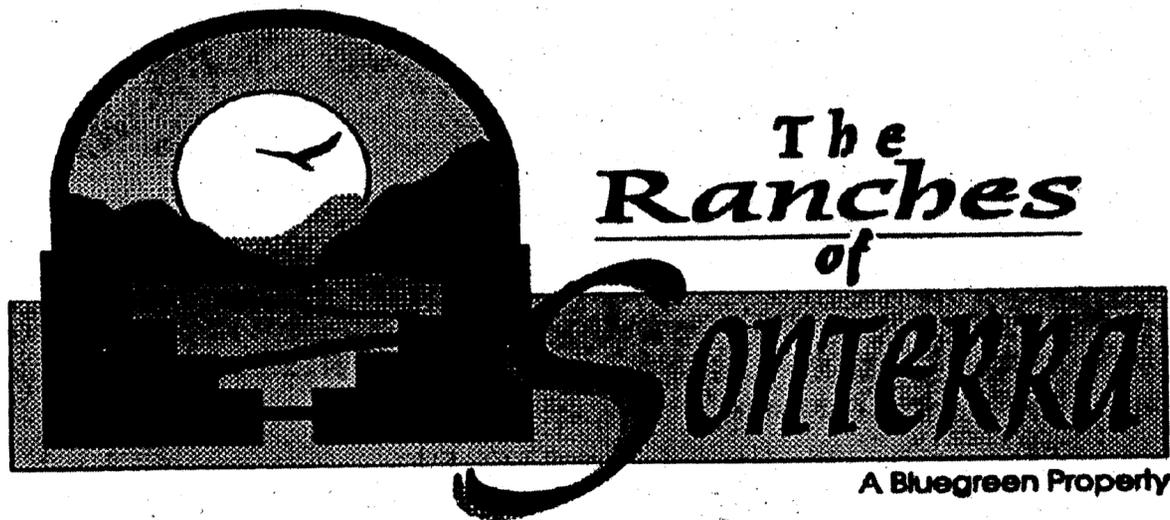
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