



The day that began with the fury of a man-made sun

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The early morning sky behind Sierra Oscura, the Dark Mountain, burned with an artificial sun July 16, 1945, as the world was ushered into the Atomic Age.

The first atomic bomb, a 19-kiloton model, had been detonated at 5:29 a.m. while enclosed in a small shelter at the top of a 100-foot steel tower.

Saturday, 1,998 people visited ground zero, now called the Trinity Site, the focal point of a 51,500-acre area on the Stallion Range of White Sands Missile Range that was declared a national historic landmark in 1975.

The landmark 65 miles west of Ruidoso on U.S. Highway 380 also includes a base camp, where scientists and support groups lived; the McDonald ranch house where the plutonium core to the bomb was assembled; one of the underground shelters from which scientists watched the explosion; a model of Fat Boy, the bomb that devastated Nagasaki, Japan; and Jumbo, a 25-foot-long, 214-ton casing originally constructed, but never used, to contain the plutonium in case the TNT exploded but didn't set off the expected chain reaction.

A radioactive cloud drifted over a

few ranches and the settlements of Bingham, Claunch, Cedarvale and Encino as it headed northeast after the explosion. Scientists hoped rain wouldn't send those particles to the ground. They had no experience, just theory, when it came to radioactive fallout.

"No one knew what it was. It just kind of turned daylight."

Bill Gallacher,
rancher

At the Gallacher Ranch on Chupadera Mesa, Bill Gallacher was 15 and just crawling out of bed when the mushroom cloud emerged from the isolated bombing range in the Jornada del Muerto (The Journey of Death).

"No one knew what it was," he said. "It just kind of turned daylight."

The government had mapped out detailed plans for the evacuation of southeastern New Mexico, but never followed through. Officials wanted to stay low-key and keep the reality of the blast a secret as long as possible.

At first, the official line pinned the event to the explosion of an ammunition dump. But a few weeks later, when atomic bombs were dropped first on Hiroshima, Japan, and then on Nagasaki, local folks realized they were firsthand witnesses to a new world order. The Japanese surrendered on Aug. 14, 1945.

About the same time, some of the 500 cattle run by the Gallachers on



Steve Jones of Albuquerque reads the inscription on an obelisk at White Sands Missile Range, where the first atomic bomb was detonated.

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Marylee Surratt, who has worked for Wal-Mart 12 years, readies a display for the opening of the company's new superstore Wednesday in Ruidoso Downs.

Wal-Mart ready to open

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

New Mexico shopping history will be made in Ruidoso Downs next week.

The new Wal-Mart Super Center will open Wednesday, marking the first such opening in the state. The store on Highway 70, which has been under construction since February, boasts more than three times the space of the present Ruidoso store.

Wal-Mart Manager Mark Neighbors said the Super Center is 164,000 square feet, with 139,000 square feet devoted to the sales floor. By comparison, he said, the existing

Wal-Mart is 50,000 square feet, which housed both offices, stock rooms and the sales floor.

And more room means more merchandise, Neighbors said.

Inventory has been arriving daily and has been shuffled to the shelves as quickly as it comes in.

"We're carrying more lines, especially in our clothing areas," Neighbors said. "And we'll have a lot more space for the items that we did carry (at the current store)."

The number of employees has also grown with the size of the building and



Four of the store's managers take time out during the hectic days before the opening. From left, are assistant managers Charles Butler, Jim Sweeney and Joe West. Becky Harmon is co-manager with Mark Neighbors.

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Mechem road work expected to start in spring

• The state is scheduled to pick a construction company next month.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF REPORTER

Theoretically, the intersection of Mechem and Sudderth drives could be torn up for construction as soon as late November.

Realistically, major work on Mechem won't begin until sometime around March, say state highway officials and engineering consultants familiar with the \$8.3 million project to widen almost three miles of Mechem Drive.

"Weather has a lot to do with it," said Hal Byrd, an Albuquerque engineer who has been working on the project for the state's Highway and Transportation Department.

"It's really not up to us how the contractor will do the job," Byrd said.

That contractor will be selected by the state probably sometime in late November, said Bernie Garcia, internal design bureau chief for the State Highway and Transportation Department.

The state will open its second round of construction bids for the project on Oct. 17, Garcia said. Bids submitted this summer were thrown out because they were roughly 20 percent higher than anticipated, Garcia said earlier.

It usually takes the department 30 to 40 days to decide on a contractor after bids are opened, Garcia said. After that, the contractor may officially start work in about 15 days.

"They could conceivably begin as early as in November or December," Garcia said.

However, it is unlikely that major work will start before March.

"That's my estimate, based on the area of where this project is at, and the weather conditions of the area. And I'm sure the contractor will be conservative," Garcia said.

Byrd said the contractor this fall may choose to replace water and sewer lines along the east side of Mechem Drive before major construction begins. The village will pay for that portion of the project, expected to cost \$900,000.

When major construction does start, it will probably be either to add a temporary extension to the east side of Mechem, "just far enough to get two lanes of traffic on the east side," or to start work on the intersection, said Byrd.

Motorists will use the extension when the west lane of Mechem is closed for construction. Once the west lane is finished, traffic will be diverted to it and the east lane closed, Byrd said.

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Spencer Theater fires Harmon, names Smith to post



Rand Harmon
Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News

• Board chairwoman Jackie Spencer gives no specifics for firing Harmon, saying only that he was not mature enough for the position.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Two days after the Spencer Theater's grand opening weekend, board members fired Executive Director Rand Harmon and replaced him with his executive assistant.

"I don't want to say why. It was a number of things. It built

up and built up," said Jackie Spencer, benefactor and chairwoman of the board for the theater in Alto.

She said she had been nervous for some time with Harmon's oversight of the theater.

"He wasn't responsible," Spencer said. "I just had to have someone more mature."

Harmon, 34, was hired by the board in June 1996 and

oversaw development of the \$20 million theater.

Harmon said Wednesday he had been caught off-guard by the board's action Tuesday afternoon.

"I had no indication whatsoever whatso-

ever that anyone was unhappy," Harmon said. "I was dispatched without any reason given after repeated attempts to get an answer."

"I just had to have someone more mature."

Jackie Spencer,
board chairwoman

Other people have expressed surprise at the theater board's action, he said.

"The phone has rung endlessly from people in the community who are just as shocked as I am," Harmon said.

Spencer said the board's contract with Harmon does not require that any explanation be given. She did, however, deny that Harmon was fired for wrongdoing or because top-billed performers might have been unhappy with their treat-

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Big weekend for cowboys (and all others)

Three days remain of the 8th Annual Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium at Glencoe.

Check the complete schedule of events, from music to horse training, on page 6A, and read the Hollywood success story of Cindy Walker, the songwriting lady honored in a special tribute Thursday night, on page 10C in *Vamonos*.

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RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY High ... 67
Low ... 47



Showers

SUNDAY High ... 60
Low ... 38



Showers

MONDAY High ... 60
Low ... 29



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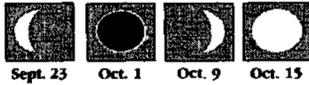
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| Ruidoso Readings | High | Low | Precip. |
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| Tuesday | 72 | 40 | .01" |
| Wednesday | 67 | 42 | .13" |
| Thursday | 73 | 34 | .00" |

| Regional-Wednesday | High | Low | Forecast |
|--------------------|------|-----|---------------|
| Albuquerque | 77 | 48 | Showers |
| El Paso, TX | 83 | 57 | Thunderstorms |
| Lubbock, TX | 75 | 61 | Thunderstorms |
| Midland, TX | 77 | 65 | Thunderstorms |



Sept./Oct. phases of the moon



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

Librarian says new facility will be 'unique'

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Chock-full of amenities and sumptuous decor, Ruidoso's new public library is tentatively scheduled to open sometime in February, say construction and village officials.

"It's going to be gorgeous," Librarian Nancy Osterberg said Wednesday, her first opportunity to tour the construction site.

"It's going to be very Ruidoso. It's not like any other library in the state, and I have visited a dozen of them. This one is unique."

Construction workers at the site are still framing the 14,600-square-foot building, which is about a month behind schedule because of this spring's heavy rainfall, project supervisor Joe Nichols said.

The two-story building is going up next to the Ruidoso Village Hall at 313 Cree Meadows Drive. It will be twice the size of the present public library on Sudderth Drive next to the Schoolhouse Park, Osterberg said.

Voters in 1995 approved bond money for the \$1.6 million library. The groundbreaking for the building was held in February.

Red oak wooded trim will be used throughout the building, including wooden pillars near the entrance and all the circulation desk. "Mission" style new tables and chairs will fill the library, which will be accented with hues of turquoise, maroon and "shades of the desert," Osterberg said.

Though ceiling fans will cool the library during the summer, the library will have a heating and cooling system. "So, we shouldn't have the



Ruidoso Library Board members as well as several village councilors toured for the first time the village's new \$1.6 million building Wednesday. Construction of the two-story library is expected to be finished in January.

problems we have in the building we are in now — that some people can't sit in the reference room because of the heat in the summer months," Osterberg said.

A separate thermostat will control heat and humidity in the archive room, where historical documents will be kept, she said.

Large windows frame the library's spectacular view of Sierra Blanca, and a glass-encased stairway will provide access to the children's section on the lower level. Those who

don't want to take the stairs may ride down in the elevator.

The children's level will include a full kitchen and a children-sized restroom, Nichols and Osterberg said.

Other features include a patio area, an employee break room, a board room, a genealogy department, a public address system, a computerized circulation system, an expanded telephone system and a security system to prevent library materials that haven't been checked out from

leaving the building, she said. Osterberg and members of the Library Board as well as several village councilors "christened" the site for the first time Wednesday during a noon luncheon and tour.

Before the tour, Ruidoso Deputy Manager Alan Briley told board members the contractor intends to enter the building as a candidate for awards, based on its design and location.

Nichols said he anticipates finishing the building sometime in January, provided weather conditions are favorable.

Osterberg said the current library will be closed for two weeks for the move.

MECHEM: Intersection will take 3 months to finish

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The one thing the contractor may not do is work on Mechem and the intersection simultaneously, said Carlos Padilla, Byrd's associate.

"We realize that that's the worst intersection on the project (for motorists)," Byrd said. Because of that, the engineers recommend that the intersection be finished before construction along Mechem starts.

Padilla said it would take the contractor three months to rebuild the intersection.

The contractor will also add a turn lane to Mechem Drive where the street now has only two lanes.

The road would be expanded to five lanes from Barcus Road to the turnoff to the Ruidoso Civic Center, and 5-foot sidewalks would be added on both sides of the road.

The work represents the first of the state's three-phased project to widen Mechem.

The project has been in the works for about three years. Based on state projections, traffic along the mostly two-

lane road will increase in some areas by as much as 30 percent within 15 years.

The second phase of the project, also scheduled to begin this spring, will widen 2.6 miles of Mechem Drive from White Mountain Drive to state Highway 532 (the turnoff for the ski run). Its cost is estimated by the state at \$7 million.

The third phase, four miles from Highway 532 to Bonito Lake, is still under design and has a construction start date of 1999. It is estimated to cost \$5.8 million, state officials say.

FOR THE RECORD

A Wednesday story incorrectly identified Joe Zagone, a board member of the Ruidoso Little League. The story also incorrectly identified the location of a league field, which is on Gavilan Canyon Road.

An Oct. 1 story about the Billy the Kid Scenic Byways incorrectly identified the Valley of Fires Recreation Area, which is managed by the federal Bureau of Land Management.



Carmon Phillips/The Old Mill

This photo was taken in the 50s. But where and who is the woman?

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

Ruidoso News
Oct. 10, 1947

Under the capable leadership of Superintendent F. S. Montes, the Hondo High School opened for the fall term on Aug. 25.

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Under the direction of Coach Ronald Krasky, the athletic program of the high school is getting off to a fine start. In order that the boys man enter into interscholastic competition next year, they are being taught the fundamentals of football.

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SPENCER: 2 days after opening, Harmon fired

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ment opening weekend. The spectacular Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, designed by renowned architect Antoine Predock, opened with three nights of concerts featuring violinist Nadja Solerno-Sonnenberg and jazz legend Dave Brubeck. The 514-seat venue will hold 13 events this season.

Replacing Harmon is Theta Smith, formerly Harmon's executive assistant. Smith's position is permanent, and the theater board will not be searching for another director, Spencer said.

"We're going to give her a chance," she said.

Smith, as Harmon's assistant, had taken on many responsibilities that Harmon should have carried out himself, Spencer said.

"People have their personalities, but (Harmon) just wasn't meant to be the director of a theater," she said. "We need someone who is going to be careful, very careful."

Harmon said Wednesday he didn't understand the basis of Spencer's statements.

"Well, I stand on my record," Harmon said. "I put together the best staff in the country, and I brought in some of the best programming. I was consistently under budget and (produced) the most spectacular gala opening weekend."

"So, I don't have a reference for what she is saying nor have I had an official response from her."

Smith, 56, said she, too, was surprised by the board's action, and had been told only three minutes before the rest of the staff. She said no changes will be made to the current theatrical program under her management.

And, "There are no plans for any other changes within the Spencer organization," Smith said.

Smith, who moved to Ruidoso from Dallas seven years

"I put together the best staff in the country, and I brought in some of the best programming. I was consistently under budget and (produced) the most spectacular gala opening weekend."

Rand Harmon, former executive director, Spencer Theater

"This is sad for all of us. It just breaks my heart."

Jackie Spencer, chairwoman, Spencer Theater

ago to retire, was hired as Harmon's assistant in August 1996. To take the job, she left her three-year position as office manager for local dentist Sally Waters. She took the job when she became bored with retirement, Smith said.

She has more than 20 years' management experience, including eight years of running an executive head-hunting firm in Dallas, she said. She has an associate's degree in business from Lubbock Christian College and took business courses at Texas Tech University.

Smith's only other experience in theater was from 1978 to 1982, when she worked for an entertainment publication in Hawaii and would assist hotels there in booking performers, including Lynn Anderson, who sang, "I Never Promised You A Rose Garden."

Her strength is in management skills, Smith said.

"Even though the booking and the programs and the performers are of paramount importance, I think that the management is of as great importance," she said.

Harmon, when asked about the selection of Smith as executive director, said only that he was surprised by the choice.

Harmon's résumé lists a

master's degree in theater arts from the University of Texas at Austin and 14 years' experience in theatrical productions. In an earlier interview, Harmon said he's been an actor, a technician, a scenic carpenter, a set designer, a playwright, a director and a producer.

As executive director of the Spencer Theater, Harmon was in charge of bringing world class musicians, theatrical productions and other cultural events to Southern New Mexico.

Predock recommended Harmon for the position at Spencer Theater. At the time, Harmon was a special assistant to Pebbles Wadsworth, executive director of the University of Texas Center for Performing Arts, and oversaw numerous theatrical projects.

Predock could not be reached for comment Thursday, but Harmon said he talked to the architect at length Wednesday morning. "He was just as shocked as we all are," Harmon said.

Many of the theater's charter members had called as well, he said. He declined to reveal their names.

"A lot of the people who have expressed support for me also have business ties to the theater and I would not want to put them in a position where they would feel uncomfortable," Harmon said.

As far as his future, Harmon said he did not know whether he would stay in the Ruidoso area.

"I'm exploring my options," he said. "I don't know what those options are yet."

Spencer said she and board members were fond of Harmon, and described him as an attractive and pleasant man who was not a bad person — just someone not mature enough to be a theater director.

"This is sad for all of us," Spencer said. "It just breaks my heart."

Staff writer Laura Clymer contributed to this article.

Hooked on cards



The Aspengold Regional Bridge Tournament is being held at the Ruidoso Convention Center through Sunday. The event has attracted more than 350 players from several Western states. Co-chairman Gene Templeton said games are being played at 87 tables.

POLICE BRIEFS

Washers stolen

Ruidoso police are investigating the theft of two power washers this month from Fun Trackers, a recreational center.

Owner Ray Eidsen reported the theft to police Monday, saying he had learned about it when an acquaintance said someone was trying to sell the washers to a local roofer.

The washers, valued at \$2,400, had been stored in a shed at Fun Trackers.

School broken into

Someone pried open four doors at the White Mountain Elementary School this weekend but took nothing, Ruidoso police said.

Frank Cannella, principal, told police the break-in occurred between Sunday afternoon and Monday morning, police said.

Damage to the doors is estimated at \$800, police said.

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OUR OPINION

The price of success

Some parents plan to appear before the Lincoln County Commission next week and ask for help in improving the area's youth recreation opportunities — specifically, at least for openers, for Little League playing field improvements.

Money, of course, is what's wanted, because Little League baseball has taken off like the proverbial rocket. Darlene Hart, who heads the Ruidoso Little League Baseball Association, notes that Ruidoso is one of the few communities whose Little League program is supported only by parents of players. That, she said, wasn't a problem when only about 100 youngsters were involved.

Now the league has almost 400 players and 29 teams, with nearly half of the participants living outside Ruidoso. "We no longer have the resources for the number ... involved," Hart said.

Going to the county is a pretty obvious move, considering the old adage about "following the money." After all, in August the commissioners let it be known that it had something like \$1.7 million left over in its budget. That was a wake-up call.

At least some of the Little League board members would like to see a countywide sports league, encompassing all the sports organizations, and a youth recreation council. Board member and parent Joe Zagone would like a region-wide youth recreation center complete with an indoor swimming pool, and maybe even a youth ski program.

In something of an orchestrated move in that direction, Ruidoso village and school officials sitting as the Joint Powers Committee met last week with the mayor and other Rio Rancho officials to exchange ideas. (Rio Rancho is that fast-growing satellite city across the Rio Grande from Albuquerque, where they raise lots of kids and make lots of microchips).

A bit of advice on the local initiative came from Rio Rancho Mayor Tom Swisstack: Build some political power by going for a wider base through a youth council and sports league. Rio Rancho, Sandoval County and other neighbors put together the money to build a huge soccer complex in Bernalillo, it might be recalled, and captured the state high school soccer tournament last November.

That was controversial, in that little Moriarty lost its already accepted bid for the state tournament, and the New Mexico Activities Association made lots of not-so-favorable headlines.

Nevertheless, the message was in the combined political clout that succeeded in a goal, and that's what the adults involved in Little League appear to be seeking.

Even so, we find something appealing about all the parents as the sole support their children in the great kid game of baseball, and must admit to a tinge of regret that even that very basic relationship must inevitably become — dare we use the word? — politicized.

OTHER VIEWS

Quotations from local residents, or quotes worthy of note from other publications.

Get county funding

"The goal is to go to the county and get some funds for some much needed improvements to our fields."

Darlene Hart, board president of the Ruidoso Little League Baseball Association, explaining the board's move toward maintaining the program in the light of quadrupled growth in the number of participants, nearly half from outside the village of Ruidoso.

No approach made

"The response that I got was that they have never really been approached."

Joe Zagone, a Little League board member, telling of his response from county commissioners when they were asked to a joint powers meeting to discuss ways of expanding youth recreation programs on a county-wide basis, with financial help from county government.

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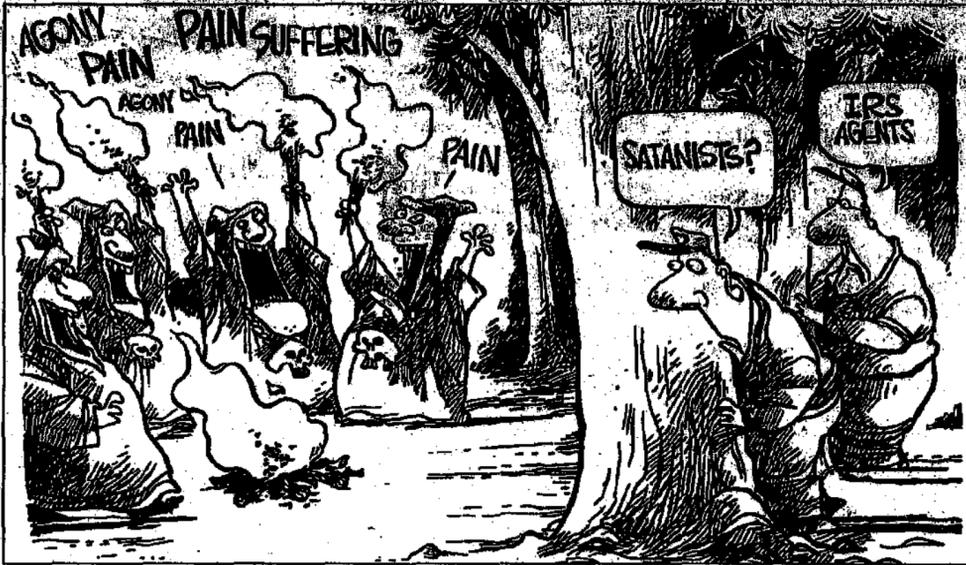
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THE SILVER LINING

Welcoming joyful October

Summer weather has lasted farther into the Fall this year, so that October is late in showing its true colors.



BY DAN STORM
COLLINSIST

Here it is the 7th of the month already; and the apricot tree leaves are still emerald green; and down by the river the box elders — the first to turn color — are only lightly touched with traces of orange-amber, and giant walnut trees are showing a few leaves of lemon yellow here and there.

We are talking right now about right here in Storm Vale.

All along the Ruidoso-Hondo Valley are what you might call "points of climate change." One of these is what the old-timers called "the narrows."

This is the dividing point between the lower and the upper Ruidoso valleys.

Today, just as you journey up out of the narrows, on the right, climbing the small cliff is the woodbine, also called Virginia creeper, suddenly out in bright crimson leaf. Up ahead you see the valley widening out, with the oak brush turning a shade yellow high among the evergreens on the mountaintop to the left; and the box elders winding along as they follow the river up the valley.

Away in the distance you see the mountains all in the light purple haze of early Fall, and close by the wayside the golden New England daisies and the purple asters bring us the traditional colors of autumn time.

Birds of October

On Oct. 3, the Stellar Jays arrived from the pine and fir and spruce trees of the high country and began feeding

along the pathway, with the Scrub Jays, House Finches, Kinglets and Song Sparrows. To make the picture complete, here came the two tame cottontail rabbits, and the woodpile squirrel, joining in the feast.

The apple month

Along the way in the mid-valley of the Ruidoso, you may see the October picture of crimson, scarlet and golden apples shining among the leaves of "apple green." And on the mellow western breeze the apple flavor floats mingled with the honey fragrance of the golden autumn daisy, the very breath of early autumn time. Overhead smiles down the October sky, bluest of all the year.

This is my birthday month, along with Theodore Roosevelt — both on Oct. 27.

Let us rejoice together and give thanks to the Lord for a joyful October in the mountain land we call home.

YOUR OPINION

all about.

So, we are now suing ourselves!

Sad in all this is the lack of political leadership of the Ruidoso mayor, who for whatever reason dislikes the joining of forces, but who could have been able to stem all this present development.

I have tried my best to inform her of the reasoning, past and present developments and ideas, etc., on which grounds a healthy renaissance of the Authority would have been possible.

Bernhard E. F. Reimann
Capitan

Thanks for cooperation, for healthier students

To the editor:

The staff at the Public Health Department in Ruidoso would like to thank the Ruidoso Public School System for allowing us to provide Hepatitis B immunizations and other needed vaccinations to the stu-

dents on Sept. 30.

We realize that it takes patience and understanding on the part of the school staff during these special clinics.

Because of these clinics we have been able to offer a valuable service to the students and the community.

For your information, the dollar value for the Hepatitis B vaccine we provided to the students was approximately \$6,000 for this one clinic, and another \$800 for other vaccines.

We will be returning in the future to complete the series of three immunizations needed for the Hepatitis B.

Again, thank you for your cooperation in helping provide the children of Lincoln County a healthy future. With the help of the Ruidoso school nurses, Terri Gillespie and Mary Lou Moore, this was a great success.

Theresa Luna
Millie Apruda
Leseah Silva
Public Health Department

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.

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Letters may be hand-delivered to the News office at 104 Park Avenue or mailed to P.O. Box 125, Ruidoso, NM 88345, attention of the editor.

The News reserves the right to reject any letter.

A lesson in perspective

All things are relative, they say, and something the art historians call Byzantine perspective really does exist.

"Normal" perspective, of course, is the artist's means of gaining the appearance of depth and distance by making whatever is in the foreground bigger than things in the background.

Artists of an ancient Byzantium had a different idea. The picture of the king was big, all the other figures, small to tiny. Hence: Perspective expressed importance, not distance.

Now let's apply a little Byzantine perspective to the events of last weekend.

Hugely in the foreground, dominating everything for many local folks was the grand opening of the eight-story high, \$20 million Spencer Theater.

To a great number of people in a variety of support groups, Aspenfest occupied a pretty good chunk of foreground; not a one-of-a-kind happening, mind you; not the first ever, but a pretty big deal.

Another event took place last Saturday. No crowd of people will be writing home about it, as they might about the Spencer or Aspenfest.

Down Highway 70 at Glencoe, next to the entrance to the Rural Events Center, a new business called The Glencoe Store had its own grand opening. Owners Ray and Cathy Sanchez were happy indeed. So were their children, and a few friends who came by to wish them well and try some hot dogs, chocolate chip cookies and soft drinks.

Sitting on some filled land with easy highway access, The Glencoe Store sells livestock feed and a few groceries, and offers cold drinks and candy bars. Out front are newspaper racks and gas pumps awaiting a couple of above-ground gasoline storage tanks that Ray appreciates: "Underground, we'd have had to put up a \$10,000 deposit."

Cathy Sanchez is one of Lincoln County's valley girls; or was until Ray married her and took her off to Alamogordo for some 25 years. Then he retired from the trucking business, and naturally they came back to Cathy's valley. The store near her family home in the valley is something of a dream come true. Their daughters live in homes on the land, and they're thinking about building a house nearby.

A son will be the chief store operator, with family help. (Cathy, meanwhile, is keeping her day job in Ruidoso.)

Among friends on hand was Jim Tully, the Rio Ruidoso water expert whose memory goes back near the beginning of the century. He has been a friend of Cathy's family for generations.

And, to make the occasion official, and perhaps give the new store a bit of a competitive edge (if needed in a location that almost guarantees success), Father Coleman Heffern of the Pecos Benedictine Retreat down the valley at San Patricio, led some group singing, then walked through the building and grounds, blessing all the merchandise, the building and gas tanks, the people and all other things great and small to be affected by the new store.

Put in Byzantine perspective, the new store at Glencoe should tower at least eight stories high for Ray and Cathy Sanchez.

MOUNTAIN ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN
Ruidoso News

TRINITY: 'It looked like a giant magnesium flare ...'

Continued from page 1A

their 70-section ranch developed streaks of white hair on their coats. The streaks were never explained to the ranchers.

Scientists picked the remote site, because of its isolation and because the nearest communities were shielded on both sides by mountains, yet the area wasn't too far from Los Alamos, where a group of renowned scientists created the bomb.

Cloudy and windy weather caused the test to be rescheduled from 4 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. But top military officials refused to wait until a clearer day, because President Truman needed a powerful card for surrender negotiations with the Japanese.

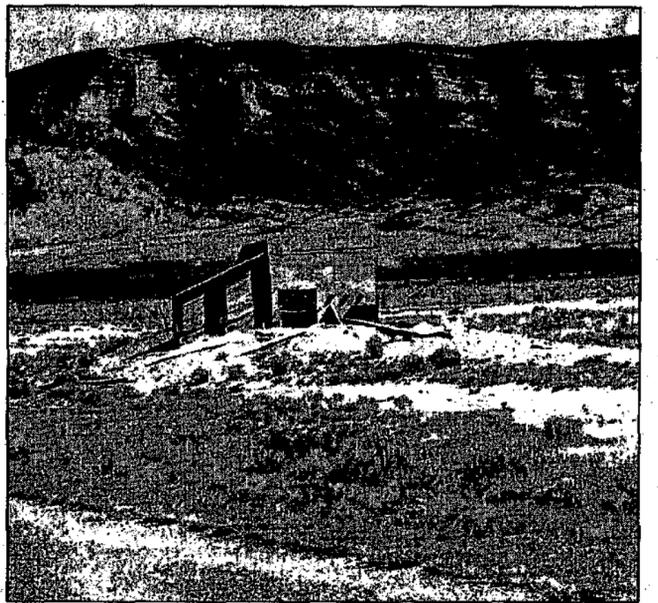
What was called The Manhattan Project started three years earlier when, in a race against the Germans, Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer and a group of scientists were given the task of developing the first atomic bomb.

The bomb's fury that July morning in 1945 vaporized the tower, leaving behind a small crater of green melted sand and not significantly damaging the McDonald farm house two miles away.

Some pieces of that glassy melt, called trinitite, still can be found scattered on the ground around the obelisk Trinity monument. The only



Visitors look at a model of Fat Man, the bomb that decimated Nagasaki, Japan, and helped end the war. Nearly 2,000 people visited the White Sands Missile Range last Saturday during its twice-a-year public viewing.



One of the underground bunkers scientists used to view the explosion July 16, 1945, still stands against the backdrop of the Oscura Mountains.

evidence of the tower is a cement footing that secured one corner.

Photographs along the fenced perimeter of the monument show second-by-second development of the mushroom cloud after detonation. According to information handed out at the gate, the shock from the bomb broke windows 120 miles away.

A booklet about the site

also given out at the Stallion gate to visitors twice a year when Trinity is open to the public, contains a few first-hand descriptions of the detonation.

Hans Bethe, one of the contributing scientists wrote, "It looked like a giant magnesium flare which kept on for what seemed a whole minute, but was actually one or two seconds.

"The white ball grew and

after a few seconds became clouded with dust whipped up by the explosion from the ground, and rose and left behind a black trail of dust particles."

Another scientist, Joe McKibben, said flood lights put up to film the event, were drowned out by the light from the explosion.

A military officer remembered the heat 10 miles away. "The heat was like open-

ing up an oven door," he said. To allay visitor fears of being exposed to radioactivity at the site today, volunteers demonstrate that the trinitite causes less of a reaction by a Geiger counter than Fiesta Ware dishes.

Fifty-two years after the first atomic blast, radiation at ground zero still is 10 times greater than the general background radiation of the region, but that's still not

much compared to the exposure an individual receives naturally in a year, White Sands experts contend.

"A one-hour visit results in a whole body exposure of one-half to one milliroentgen (unit of radioactivity)," a public information officer said. "A U.S. adult received an average of 90 of these a year from natural and medical sources."

Group plans seminars on restoring Ruidoso river as cold water fishery

Not the kind of people to sit around and wait while government agencies unstuck the red tape, members of the Ruidoso River Association are moving ahead with two workshops this month as first steps to restore the Rio Ruidoso.

The goal of the local grassroots organization is to win back the river's designation as a high quality cold water fishery. Some of the more ambitious and costly portions of the three-year project must wait until the association receives a \$200,000

grant award under the Clean Water Act. Meanwhile, the association has opened an office in The Adobe Plaza on Mechem Drive as part of the first phase of the project - one vital to its success - developing widespread local interest and support.

The first workshop, called Project WILD, is a two-day, 16-hour session in conjunction with Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso and the New Mexico Game and Fish Department.

The sessions are set for 5 to

9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Eastern instructional center off Mechem Drive next to Sierra Mall.

The workshop is designed to assist anyone who works with children to teach conservation and environmental education as a supplement to their system's curriculum.

The course can be taken for credit for \$23, if a person lives in the Ruidoso school district, and \$26 for out-of-district. If the class is not taken for credit, the

cost drops to \$5. Financial assistance is available from the association.

Participation is limited to 25 people.

The second seminar, "Organizing Watershed Activities," will offer a primer on all aspects of watershed-based resource management and will include a list of knowledgeable speakers.

Other sponsors include the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the New Mexico Envi-

ronment Department, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Western Network.

The seminar will run from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, at the Ruidoso Convention Center. The sponsors expect people from all over the state to attend. The registration deadline is Oct. 23 and the seminar is limited to 95 people.

Speakers will cover an overview of what is needed to carry out planning, locate funding entities, learn the basics of watershed management and

implementation, define partnership approaches and form local watershed coalitions, as well as go over common watershed land use issues, go on a field tour and participate in exercises.

The \$40 per person fee includes lunch, refreshments and a chauffeured field trip.

For information about the Project Wild workshop or to register, call 257-2120 and ask for Judi. For information about the watershed seminar, call Macario Herrera at (505) 425-9088.

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Friday, Oct. 10

Gates open at 8 a.m.
 8 a.m. Trail ride departs behind Lincoln Courthouse
 9 - 10:30 a.m. Open session (tent)
 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cowboy music (tent)
 Ranch life lectures (arena)
 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Cowboy music and poetry (main building)
 10 - 11:30 a.m. Craig Cameron the Gentle Horse Trainer (arena)
 11 a.m. Chuckwagon Cooking Demo (chuckwagon camp)
 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Bullwhip demonstration (arena)
 1-2 p.m. Team penning (arena)
 2-3 p.m. Sidesaddle demonstration (arena)
 3-4:30 p.m. Craig Cameron the Gentle Horse Trainer
 4:30-5:30 Team penning (arena)
 7:30-8 p.m. Craig Chambers/Time Warped Top Hands
 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Dance with the Playboys and Johnny Gimble

Saturday, Oct. 11

Gates open at 8 a.m.
 8 a.m. Trail ride departs from Glencoe Rural Events Center (Half-hour rides available Saturday)
 9-10:30 a.m. Open session (tent)
 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cowboy music (tent); ranch life lectures (arena)
 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Cowboy music and poetry (main building)

9-10 a.m. Sidesaddle demonstration (arena)
 10 a.m. - noon. Craig Cameron the Gentle Horse Trainer (arena)
 10 a.m. - Noon Saddle making demonstration (arena)
 Noon - 1 p.m. Bullwhip demonstration (arena)
 1-2 p.m. Team penning (arena)

1-2 p.m. Braiding demonstration (arena)
 2-3 p.m. Cutting horse demonstration (arena)
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 3-4 p.m. Craig Cameron the Gentle Horse Trainer (arena)
 3 p.m. Kide dummy roping contest (arena)

4:30-5:30 p.m. Team penning (arena)
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 2:30-3:30 p.m. Craig Cameron the Gentle Horse Trainer (arena)

Realtors elect board, honor top performers

The Ruidoso Board of Realtors honored outgoing officers and directors, installed new leaders, and named Linda Long the 1996-97 Realtor of the Year at an Oct. 1 luncheon at Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club.

Recognized for service during 1996-97 and presented with plaques by incoming President Marcia Guynes were Bill Hirschfeld, president; Nancy Lore, vice president; and Ovela Estes and James Paxton, who each served six months as 1996-97 secretary/treasurer. Warren Rouse, director, was not present.

Cindy Torres, of the Realtors Association of New Mexico, installed Guynes as 1997-98 president, Scott Miller as vice president, Wes Burk as secretary/treasurer and Ron Wright as 1997-2000 director. Mark Mobley is a director through September 1998 and Sandy Davidson is director through September 1999.

Long, of Prudential/Lela Easter Real Estate, as Realtor of the Year, was honored for her contributions to the board and the community, as well as for high principles and faithfulness to laws and regulations. Wayland Burk, 1995 Realtor of the Year, presented the award to Long.

Schedule of performances for individual musicians and poets at Glencoe

Main stage

FRIDAY

9:00 - Ray Reed
 9:15 - Jim Shelton
 9:30 - Carl Eppers
 9:45 - Guy Logsdon
 10:00 - Tater Paschall
 10:15 - Fiddlers Two
 10:30 - Curt Brummett
 10:45 - Craig Chambers
 11:00 - Sonny Hancock
 11:15 - Pete Laumbach
 11:30 - Larry McWhorter
 11:45 - Les Gilliam
 12:00 - Flying J Wranglers
 12:30 - Ross Knox
 12:45 - Patsy Knox
 1:00 - Buck Ramsey
 1:15 - Dan Willis
 1:30 - Howard Parker
 1:45 - Sam Davis
 2:00 - Graham Brothers
 2:15 - Tuffy Cooper
 2:30 - Ed Stabler
 2:45 - Dennis Flynn
 3:00 - Steve Sejoc
 3:15 - Biscuits O'Brien
 3:30 - Kent Rollins
 3:45 - Jean & Gary Prescott
 4:00 - Maggie Mae Sharp
 4:15 - Chuck Cusimano
 4:30 - Apache Adams

Top Hands

9:00 - The Playboys & Johnnie Gimble
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 4:45 - Apache Adams
 5:00 - Clay Lindley
 5:15 - Gil Prather
 5:30 - Texas Sand
 7:30 - Craig Chambers & the Time Warped Top Hands
 9:00 - The Playboys & Johnnie Gimble
 SUNDAY
 9:00 - The Graham Brothers
 9:15 - Biscuits O'Brien
 9:45 - The Graham Brothers
 10:00 - Surist Paul, Susie & Paul Luchsinger
 11:15 - Spanish Dancers
 11:45 - Mesclero Dancers
 12:15 - Ranch Kids
 12:45 - Dinner on the grounds
 1:30 - Living Proof
 2:30 - Ramsey Sisters
 3:00 - Sam Davis
 3:15 - McKinney Sisters
 3:30 - Living Proof

Tent

FRIDAY

9:00-10:30 - Open Sessions
 10:30 - Flying J Wranglers
 11:15 - Graham Brothers
 12:00 - Texas Sand
 12:30 - Norma & Friends
 1:00 - Craig Chambers
 1:30 - Fiddlers Two
 2:00 - Time Warped Cowhands - Tommy Morrell, Snuffy Elmore, Rich O'Brien, Buck Reams, Curly Hollingsworth, Tommy D. Thatcher, Mark Abbott
 3:00 - Fiddle Time - Johnny Gimble, Bobby Boatright, Curley Lewis, Frankie McWhorter, Snuffy Elmore, Austin Smith, Coleman Smith, Bart Trotter, Norma Springer, Tommy Allsup, Jim Benjamin, Lloyd Jordan
 3:30 - Big Band - Johnny Gimble, Bobby Boatright, Curley Lewis, Frankie McWhorter, Tommy Allsup, Bobby Koefer, Floyd Domino, Jim Benjamin, Lloyd Jordan, Dean & Evelyn Moore, Leon Rausch.
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The Tyson sisters, Morene, Billy Sue and Lorene, were the main speakers at the Lincoln County Achievement Day held in Capitan recently. They also showed African and Mid-East art.

CAPTAN - People never outgrow an old-fashioned session of show-and-tell.

Members of the Lincoln County FCE clubs, commonly called extension clubs, met here last week to do just that by sharing their achievements for the year.

They brought their crafts, photographs and memorabilia and spent hours reminiscing. Some of the members also celebrated their golden anniversaries.

All members brought their favorite salads and several entered them to be judged. The winners were Phyllis Schegal of Carrizozo in first place, Phyllis Zumwalt of Hondo and Jo Blazer of Capitan tied for second, and Lucia Vega of Carrizozo and Chuck Johnson of Capitan tied for third.

Judging the salads were

Capitan postmaster Mike Curran, Soil Conservation Service officer Gregg Haussler and Joe Ferrell.

After the salad luncheon, Billie Sue Tyson Abercrombie and her twin sisters Morene Tyson Short and Lorene Tyson of Roswell talked about experiences in Africa and Asia.

Abercrombie went with her husband, Frank, when he worked as range management advisor in the Republic of Somalia for the U.S. Agency for International Development. They stayed from 1959-61, and she also taught English conversation classes for Somalis and Italians. They were assigned two more times to Northern Nigeria and then Ethiopia and Kenya.

After three years in Washington D.C., they went back to Kenya. From 1961 to 1978, she

volunteered to teach sewing and cooking and became a certified Brailist, transcribing books from English into Braille for the university in Addis Abba, Ethiopia and a secondary school in Kenya.

Lorene Tyson was part of a team of National Education Association teachers that went to Kenya in 1967 to train primary teachers. After she retired from education in Artesia, she returned to Africa, this time to Tanzania with her twin sister as volunteers for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in 1985, 1989 and 1992.

Morene Tyson Short also traveled with her husband, who was on a U.S. A.I.D. contract with the Near East Foundation and taught agricultural school in Aliabad, Kamin near Shiaz in southern Iran.

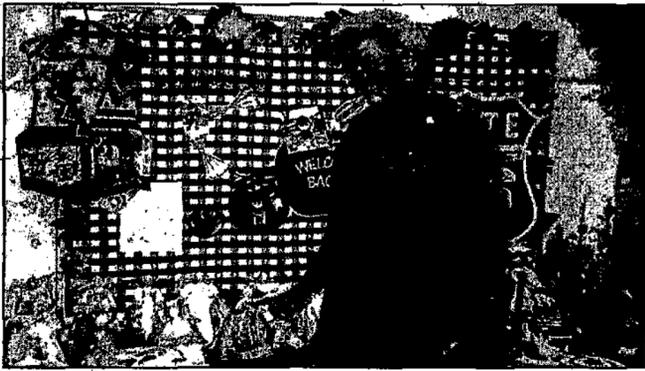
Most of her teaching years took place in New Mexico, but she also taught at the International Baptist Seminary at Arusha, Tanzania. After her husband's death, she was appointed a missionary associate and returned to Tanzania in 1980. She returned four more times in 1985, 1989, 1992, and 1996, the last trip with her sisters.

The three demonstrated at the extension club meeting how clothing of different regions was made and showed crafts from Nigeria, Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya and Tanzania.

All three sisters earned B.A. degrees from Eastern New Mexico University and Lorene Tyson has a master's from Texas Tech.



Rona Ross exhibited a quilt she made during the Achievement Day for FCE.



Angie Provine shows her "angels" at Achievement Day.

Halloween carnival slated in Carrizozo

BY ROSEMARY SHAFER
CARRIZOSO NEWSLETTER STAFF

CARRIZOSO - People for Kids (PFK) plans its annual Halloween carnival for Friday, Oct. 31, from 6 - 9 p.m. in the Carrizozo Old Gym.

This year, PFK strongly discourages those wearing costumes to the Carnival from dressing in a manner which portrays violence or extremely frightening characters.

Other types of costumes are welcome and encouraged. Applications for booth spaces will be available in the High School office by today, Oct. 10. All school as well as community organizations and individuals are being encouraged to participate.

Other business discussed during the late-September meeting included a report on a highly successful gift wrap project and plans for magazine subscription sales beginning in early November.

Winners in sales for the gift wrap program were: First Grade, 1st Kindergarten, 2nd Third Grade, 3rd. These classes will receive parties for their hard work.

The PFK appreciates the support from students, teachers and parents in these fundraising activities. Anyone wishing to volunteer assistance with these projects may call 648-2142 or 648-2417.

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Lincoln County Community Action Team members recently attended an accredited grant writing course at Mesa Technical College in Tucuman, taught by Don Udell of Oklahoma and sponsored by the South Central Mountain Resource Conservation & Development in Carrizozo. Team members will use their new skills by writing grants for projects in Lincoln County, focusing on bringing home from corporate and private foundations some of the \$25 billion expected to be allocated in 1998. From left are Phobe Taylor of Lincoln, Gene Green and Beverly Hammond of Hondo and J. Zane Walley of Lincoln.

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WAL-MART: New store in Downs will employ 320

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the selection. Neighbors said 320 employees will be working in the Super Center, nearly triple the 115 that earned their paychecks at the Ruidoso store. Of those 320, 70 percent will be full time, with the remaining 30 percent working part-time hours, said Keith Morris, Wal-Mart director of community affairs.

"We'll have more people in an area to assist you," Neighbors said.

New services to be found at the new Super Center will include an optical store, a branch of Northwest Bank, a Tire and Lube Express, a gas station, a National Hair Care center, a full grocery line, a bakery and a deli.

"We're ecstatic," Neighbors said. "We're very proud to be the first Super Center in the state."

Morris said being the first Super Center in the state is an honor that speaks highly of the employees and the customers of the Ruidoso Wal-Mart.

► Grand opening

The Wal-Mart Super Center grand opening starts with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 8 a.m. Wednesday.

Events throughout the day will include autograph sessions from Los Angeles Raiders players Mike Davis and Rod Martin and visits from Batman and Robin and Snow White.

"The main reason (Ruidoso Downs was selected as the site for the first Super Center) is the success of the current store," he said. "When we first entered the market (in 1986), we planned ahead to have an adequate store size to serve the community well into the future. We never could have predicted it would have been this successful."

"Only our most successful stores are even considered for the Super Center concept."

On the heels of the Ruidoso

Downs Super Center, two more Super Centers are slated to open in Belen and Las Cruces on Oct. 29 and five more Super Centers in Clovis, Espanola, Grants, Portales and Tijeras are proposed for opening in 1998.

Neighbors is hoping the store in Ruidoso Downs will draw shoppers from across the region and the state.

"We're hoping to pull people from everywhere - Roswell, Alamogordo, Carrizozo, Socorro," he said. "They can't find another Super Center anywhere else in the state."

The opening of the Super Center may also be good news for the village of Ruidoso Downs.

Although Village Clerk/Treasurer Leann Weibrecht said it's too soon to speculate how much revenue the village will earn from the boost in gross receipts tax the store will provide, she did say that the village is using the estimated revenue loss to Ruidoso as a starting number.

County to help fill Gavilan potholes

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Lincoln County's road department foreman has worked out a reciprocal agreement with the Ruidoso Street Department to patch potholes on Gavilan Canyon Road.

Foreman Albert Hernandez hopes the agreement has all the signatures in place before being reviewed by the County Commission on Oct. 17.

The item is on the agenda at the commission's regular meeting, which was moved from the usual Tuesday meeting time because of the Columbus Day Holiday. The meeting begins at 9 a.m. in the commission room of the county courthouse in Carrizozo.

"We're trying to get the village street department to trade (services with the county) like we do with the (state cooperative) projects," Hernandez said. "They would use their distribu-

tor and shoot fill on 1.5 miles of patching needed in various places.

"In exchange, they could use our belly dump trailer."

Commission Chairman Monty Montes signed off on the initial agreement that went to Ruidoso on Monday. If Mayor Jerry Shaw and other key village officials agree on their end, it will return to commissioners for review next Friday.

"The money for the work will have to come out of the general fund, because I don't have it in my budget," Hernandez said.

Commissioner Wilton Howell asked Hernandez to look at some type of cooperative agreement to fill the holes, because the county hasn't budgeted money for a full project and is reluctant to invest much in a road that may be torn up next year when it is used as a detour during construction on State Road 48.

Other agenda items:

A session with representatives of Triadic Enterprises over problems with new computer software that has caused delays in county financial accounting.

Preliminary approval of roads in Ranches of Sonterra subdivision, unit 3, for the beginning of the two-year test period.

A second request by Gary Lynch for a replat of the Ranches of Sonterra, unit five, into Tierra Encantada subdivision.

A discussion with Mohammed Moabed from the state Highway Department about state Road 48, requested by Montes.

A public hearing to consider a proposed comprehensive land use plan ordinance put together by the county Rural and Agricultural Affairs Committee.

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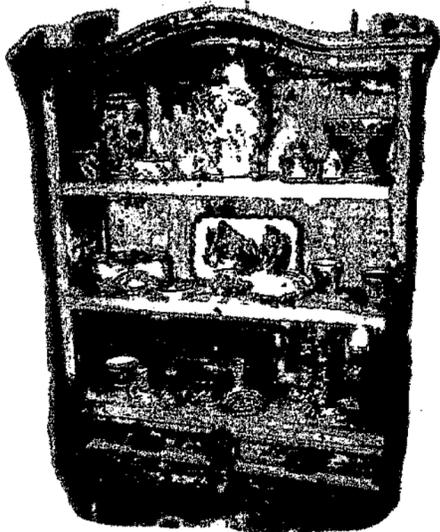
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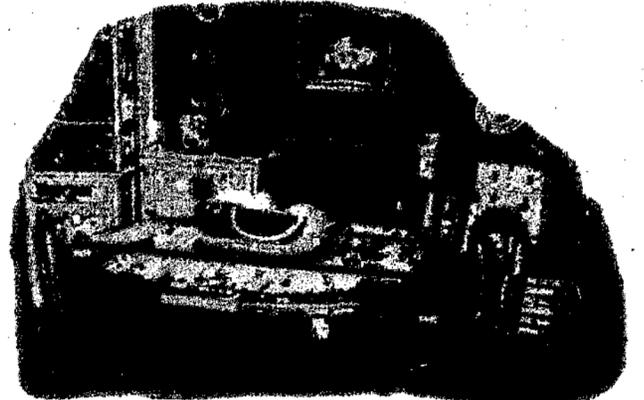
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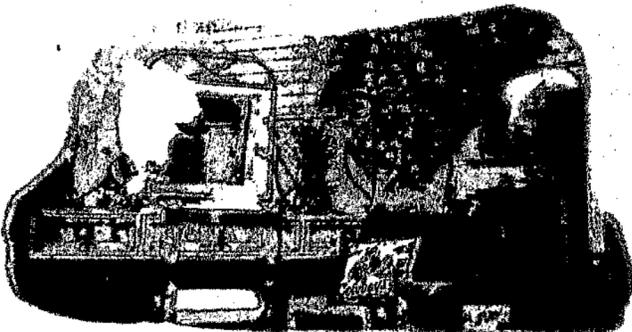
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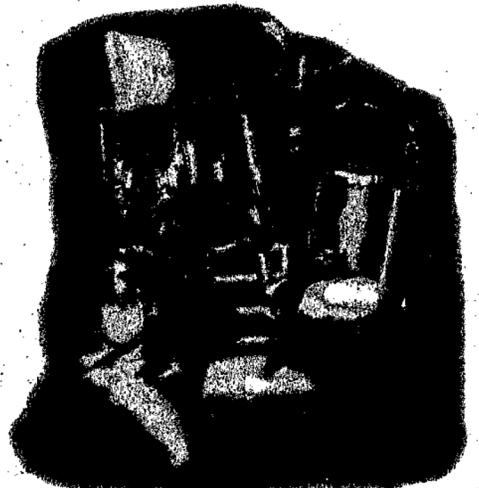
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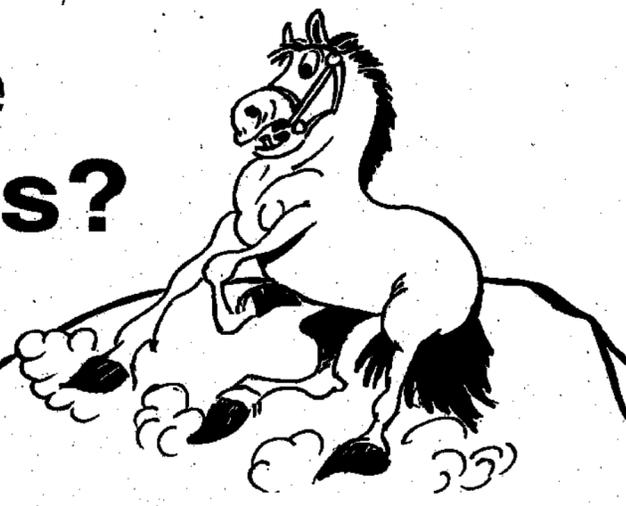
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Junior Corey Saenz hurts defenses in two ways: on the ground and in the air. The Warriors' quarterback has completed 62 percent of his passes this year, while rushing for a team high of 552 yards. Ruidoso opens district play in Anthony today against the Santa Teresa Desert Warriors.

Can anyone top the Colts?

Coaches say the district football race for second place is up for grabs



BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The "second season," as coaches like to call it, begins tonight with the opening of District 3AAA play. This is a time when teams can redeem themselves for their nondistrict record or ride the momentum from a successful pre-season. The hope: to earn a ticket to the Class AAA state playoffs.

In the 3AAA for the last several years, it's not been a battle for first, rather a battle for second place. Silver has dominated, winning the 3AAA title consecutively. And, in two of the last three years, Hot Springs and Ruidoso have met in the final game of the regular season to determine who would get to keep playing.

Will this year be any different?

Cobre Indians

Head coach: Brian Miller
Current record: 3-3, includes wins over Anthony (Texas), Mountain View and Deming. This week's game: at Artesia Saturday.

First-year head coach Brian Miller said his Indians are a hard-working group, but still are learning the Miller system.

"We feel like we're getting better every week," he said. "The kids have worked really hard. We still have long way to go."

Senior tailback Daniel Garcia leads the multiple set Cobre offense. He's rushed for more than 650 yards, averaging better than 100 yards a game, thanks to the Indians' offensive line.

"They're not real big. They're not real quick. They're just hard workers," Miller said of his front line.

A pair of seniors heads up the Cobre defense. Miller relies on safety Jason Allison and defensive lineman Mark Beltran. Junior noseguard Gabe Maynes is another Indian to watch defensively.

The Indians' success depends on playing more consistently and tackling, two areas where the team needs to improve.

Miller coached at Holbrook and White River in Arizona before taking the Cobre position, so he was hesitant to predict who might finish on top of the 3AAA pile.

"Being new, I really don't have much of a clue. I know Silver City is really good and Ruidoso is good. Hot Springs always plays to its ability," Miller said. After Silver and Ruidoso, "the rest are going to be scrapping around for what's left," he added.

Hot Springs Tigers

Head coach: Travis Lee

Current record: 2-4, includes victories over Anthony and Lordsburg. This week's game: at Silver today.

"We're a young football team," said longtime coach Travis Lee of his Tigers, who have just seven seniors on the roster.

Hot Springs has taken its lumps for the inexperience, but it bodes well for the future.

A sophomore paces the Tiger offensive attack. Running back Tracy Cumba has gained 100 or more yards on the ground in three of the Tigers' six games for close to 500 yards total. Junior back Bobby Allen complements Cumba, accounting for more than 300 yards rushing.

Defensively, a trio of juniors lead Hot Springs. They are linebacker Michael Gurule, safety Levi Sanchez and cornerback Lee Thatcher.

Like Cobre, Hot Springs is getting better with each game.

"We are improving every game. Another strength is that defensively we have some quickness," Lee said.

But the Tigers have trouble tackling and shedding blockers defensively. On the other side of the line, Hot Springs has to improve its offensive blocking as well.

So coach, who will win the 3AAA?

"The first one is easy. Silver," Lee said without hesitation. "They really ought to be quad-A. It's like everyone is playing for the runner-up spot."

Who stays the most healthy could determine the second-place team.

"Our situation and Ruidoso's and Cobre's are similar in that we don't have a whole lot of numbers ... so injuries can really hurt," Lee said.

Ruidoso Warriors

Head coach: Les Carter
Current record: 2-4, includes wins over Tularosa and Portales. This week's game: at Santa Teresa.

Don't be fooled by the Warriors' record. They've lost to three top teams in all Class AAA, and to Class AAAA Carlsbad.

Still, Ruidoso head coach Les Carter said teams are not giving his boys the credit.

"I think people are probably overlooking us a bit because of our record, and not who we have played. I think we'll surprise some people," Carter said.

The Warriors have a number of weapons, including junior quarterback Corey Saenz who has completed 62% of his passes and leads the team in rushing with 552 yards.

Receiver Josh Varnadore has given Saenz a legitimate threat to throw to. The junior has 24 catches for 536 yards, an average of 22.3 yards per reception.

When Saenz hands off, he has junior Adrian Herrera and senior Brett Meyer. The Warriors' veer offense has been potent of late because of the offense line.

"Our offensive line has been doing a good job," Carter said.

Defensively, it's a team effort for Ruidoso, but Meyer, Seth Bassett, Arthur Miller and Jason Leasingham usually lead the charge.

"Our front eight people do just a great job," said Carter, noting last week the Warriors held Carlsbad to 262 yards total offense.

Like the others, staying healthy will be a key to the Warriors' success in the district race.

"Everyone is playing well and things are starting to gel for us," Carter said.

Do the Warriors have a shot at knocking off Silver?

"Yes," answered Carter, without a doubt in his voice.

The district will find next Friday, Oct. 17, when the Colts pay Ruidoso a visit.

Santa Teresa Desert Warriors

Head coach: Celso Trujillo
Current record: 3-3, includes wins over San Elizario, NMMI and Mountain View. This week's game: home vs. Ruidoso.

The Desert Warriors return just two offensive starters from last year's team. Senior lineman Alex Guerrero not only anchors the Santa Teresa offensive line, but its defensive front also.

Senior running back Mark Aguon is the Desert Warriors' top rusher from the one-back set. Edward Anaya, a junior quarterback, directs the STHS offense. The Desert Warriors like to pass the ball around to several receivers.

"We try not to have 'tendencies.' We try to have the defense guess," Trujillo said. "We are young and they have to understand that they have to respond when the ball is thrown to them."

But district teams do know the Desert Warriors' tendency to favor the big play.

Trujillo likes his team's youth, and recognizes that it's both a strength and a weakness.

"We're young and most of them are going to come back next year," Trujillo said. "We're a young team. Basically we're not really a disappointment at 3-3. And so far there has been some great progress."

"The team to beat is Silver City. After that it could be anybody. There's no other solid team that could take second."

Silver Colts

Head coach: Henry Carrillo
Current record: 4-2, ranked No. 4 in Class AAA poll. Coach Carrillo did not return the reporter's phone call.

RHS aims to pull plug on big play

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The District 3AAA football season begins tonight in Anthony for the Ruidoso Warriors.

Coach Les Carter's 2-4 ballclub takes on a 3-3 Santa Teresa team. Kickoff is 7:30 p.m.

There is a certain confidence in Celso Trujillo's voice when he talks about his Santa Teresa football team.

The fifth-year coach has just two starters returning on offense, but still the Desert Warriors have fashioned a .500 record, which Trujillo described as "not a disappointment."

"It's just a matter of our young kids coming through really and executing their offensive skills," Trujillo said.

"They have a great one-back player in their quarterback (Corey Saenz) and two good receivers, and if we can understand some tendencies and stop those key players, then we'll do all right," Trujillo said Thursday.

And speaking of tendencies, Santa Teresa likes the big play. And Carter is keenly aware of it.

"They are the kind of team that will lull you to sleep and then break a 50- or 60-yarder on you," Carter said.

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have concentrated on staying focused, preventing the let-down.

"We have just got to play the kind of ball that we are capable of playing," Carter said.

Is Carter worried his team is looking beyond the Desert Warrior to a date with district favorite Silver, Oct. 17?

"I think that's something that always in their minds because that's the power of the district. But they understand that in the size of the district we have that you can't slip up and let somebody beat you," Carter said.

In other 3AAA play, Hot Springs visits Silver.

Wanted: some time, some space, some Plato and a really, fast typist

A couple of random thoughts and observations from around our world of sports and recreation and beyond.

Let's see, it's been a good six weeks into the school year and I've already received several phone calls from Ruidoso Middle School moms asking why I don't put the scores of the Braves in the paper. For that matter, why don't I put Little League scores in the paper?

They are good questions, and ones I get a dozen times a year.

My answer always is the same; it's a matter of time and a little bit of philosophy, too - OK, a lot of philosophy.

First, the time issue. It takes

time to catch coaches (who are teachers first) at the right time during their busy days. Not only are there games to prepare for, but more important, classes to teach.

Then, there's the time involved plugging the information into the computer so it will eventually end up in the newspaper.

I try to report about Ruidoso, Capitan and Carrizozo schools, and Hondo Valley, Mescalero and Corona schools when appropriate. Focusing on the first three, in any one season, I could be calling on as many as 10 coaches per week. Add six more middle school coaches and all we'll read about in the sports section is middle and high school sports. That's not even including the junior varsity and freshmen teams at the high schools.

Now, for the philosophical discussion. I'm kind of a believer in focusing on participation rather than just winning or losing at the middle school level and lower.

OK, I'm a real firm believer in

that. I know it's good to teach young children success, but success takes many forms and it's not always found on the scoreboard. I'm still trying to understand why the "just win, baby" attitude applies to our children. They'll get enough of that as an adult.

At the end of the season, middle school coaches Borde Williams and Robyn Johnson give me a team picture, results of the season, a roster of those who participated and comments about the season, and I put that information in the newspaper. That way, the kids who participated still get recognition.

I'm comfortable with that relationship, but I'm willing to reconsider it.

Any fast typists out there?

Any retorts out there?

The New Mexico Game and Fish Department is considering changing the deer regulations in this area. The department will keep the hunt struc-

ture the same with unlimited number of licenses available, but will consider shortening the hunt periods. The recommendations will be made to the state Game Commission for its consideration Oct. 27 and 28.

Local conservation officer Ron Moore says area sportsmen should voice their opinions on the issue at the commission meeting, which is open to the public.

At its September meeting, the commission elected not to use a draw system for issuing deer licenses. That would have reduced the numbers of deer hunters by more than 50 percent.

Hunters, load your ammunition and head to Santa Fe if you want your opinion heard.

Local heroes

Former Ruidoso High School soccer standout Cory Hood has found the mark at Culver-Stockton College. The sophomore Wildcat has helped the soccer team to a 6-0-3

overall record, Culver-Stockton's best start in the 10-year history of the program.

In Culver-Stockton's 4-1 win over Blackburn College Sept. 30, Hood recorded three assists. The former Warrior scored his first goal of the season Sept. 13 against St. Xavier at the St. Francis Tournament.

Mescalero's Loren Sago, a graduate of Tularosa High School, finished third at last June's National Junior College Athletic Association Marathon Championships.

Sago and his teammates captured the national title for Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute.

Sago earned All America honors for his third-place finish, covering the 26.2 mile course in 2 hours, 48 minutes, 42 seconds. It was his second All America honor as a freshman; Sago was All America in cross country as well.

If you know of any other former high school athletes making it in the college ranks, let me at 257-4001.

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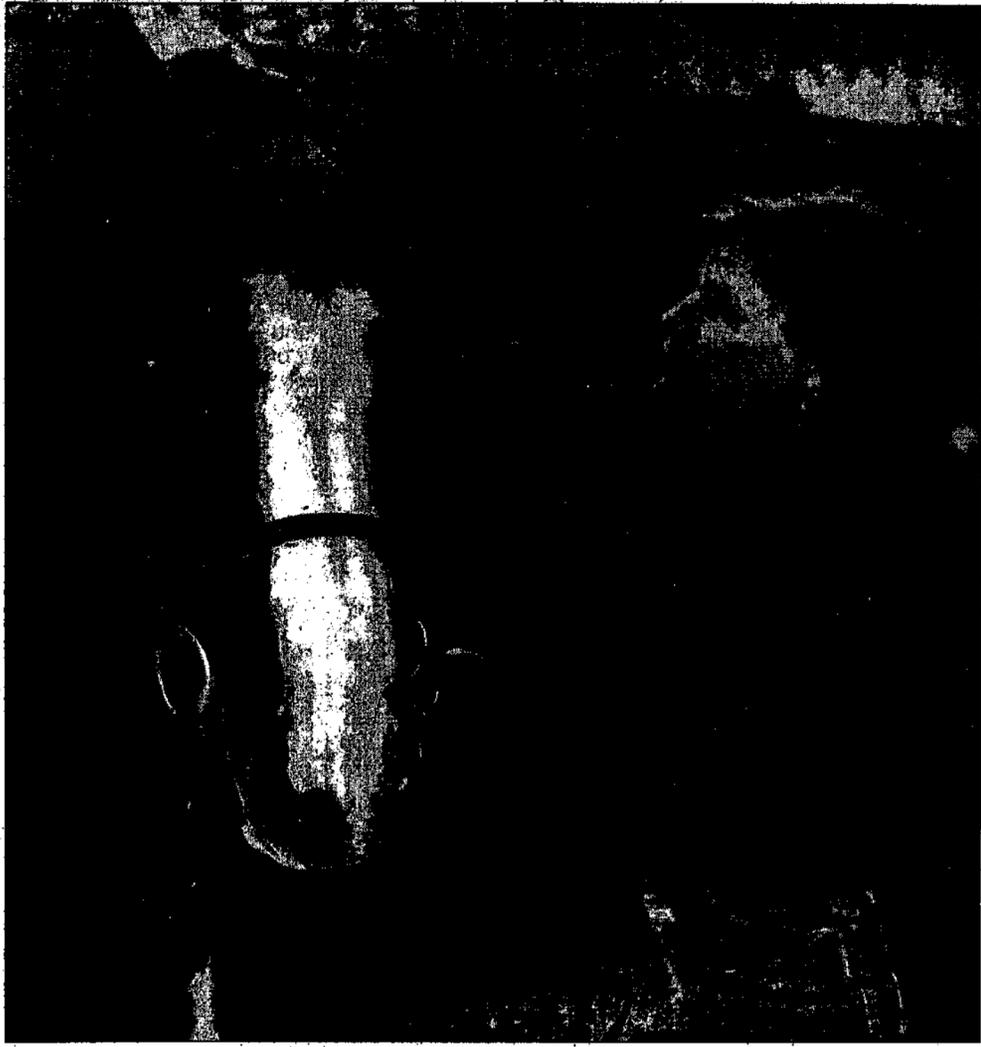
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Equibest offers riding and more to Ruidoso

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS BUSINESS WRITER

Sharon Stewart Wells has lived most of her life with an appreciation for horses. Now she's hoping to spread that appreciation in Ruidoso.

Stewart Wells, owner of the newly opened Equibest Equestrian Center on Sierra Blanca Airport Road, has been competing on jumpers and hunters since she was 13 and is convinced that time spent with the creatures can benefit everyone in some way.

"With kids, (riding) teaches them self-discipline, responsibility; they learn to compete, to win, to lose, to work as a team," Stewart Wells said of the benefits for young riders. "It gives them something to love and show feelings toward, and have the animal show feelings toward them."

For young people, Stewart Wells said riding can also help them set goals — a trait that carries over in other areas of life and for a lifetime.

"I try to teach them that they can do anything in life if they want it bad enough and work toward it," she said. "Even if they never ride again, I think it contributes later in their life."

Children aren't the only ones who can gain something from some time astride a stal-

lion or a mare, said Stewart Wells.

"Lots of adults are afraid. The fear comes from not knowing. Once they learn how to tell horses what to do, to control, they start to apply (that experience) to other fears," she said. "No matter how old you get, you have to set your goals; you have to have your dreams. Once you stop dreaming, it's over."

Physical fitness is also an advantage of riding. Stewart Wells said jockeys are often referred to as the most fit athletes, because riding uses every muscle in the body.

To help young and old achieve those goals, dreams and good health, and to see life from horseback, Stewart Wells is offering riding classes at Equibest for the horse shy to the horse savvy, and every skill level in between. Whether its a day or two on the ground just to learn horse etiquette and horse care, beginning riding lessons or advanced teachings to help students compete, Stewart Wells said, the classes cater to all skill levels. The lessons include English and Western riding, and are aimed at horse lovers, whether they own a horse or not.

Stewart Wells said she's currently enrolling students for lessons, which will be held once, twice or three times a week depending on the class.

Lessons aren't all Equibest has to offer, though. Stewart Wells also offers 24-hour horse care and boarding, and a place to ride seven days a week, year-round.

The care is something, Stewart Wells said horse owners are starting to appreciate. She said many owners scoffed at the idea at first, but soon learned that having their horses fed, watered and groomed by Equibest staff leaves more time for riding, while still leaving time for family and work.

And the riding at Equibest is second to none in Stewart Wells' opinion. With seven acres of grass and terrain, nestled among the cool pines and under the shadow of Sierra Blanca, she said the view can't be beat.

When the weather turns cold and the snow starts to fall, the riding doesn't have to stop — Equibest also features an indoor arena for wintertime equestrian enjoyment.

The riding facilities are open to any horsemen or horsewomen, and Stewart Wells urged everyone to give them a try.

"People can come and use the facility for a small fee," she said. "We don't want the electric gates (which guard the driveway to Equibest) to scare people away. They're mainly to keep the horses in (not to keep people out.)"

Inventor thinks he's flushed out the answer to an odor-free bathroom

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James Brazeal knows bathrooms aren't a topic many people want to talk about, but the inventor of the Sani-Vac thinks talking about them is long overdue.

Brazeal has been working on his vacuum system, which removes odors and germs from the toilet bowl before they circulate in the air, for about eight years now. And the Capitani resident said many people are embarrassed to mention just how smelly things can get behind a closed bathroom door. In his opinion, the embarrassment is just plain silly.

"We can talk about condos on TV, talk about Tampax on TV, but we can't talk about clean air," Brazeal said. "It's time to talk about it."

The Sani-Vac, short for Sanitary Vacuum Odorless Venting System, is Brazeal's answer to bathroom odor and germs. The odor-free venting system, with a motor smaller than a bread box and an in-toilet attachment about the size of a handball, pulls air from inside the bowl into a fan and then dispenses it into the atmosphere through a series of

pipes and vents.

"My theory is to pull the room into the bowl, not the bowl into the room," Brazeal said.

Eliminating odor isn't all his invention can do. He said that by removing the air in the bowl the Sani-Vac can also remove airborne germs and help people stay healthy.

The Sani-Vac also eliminates the need for double flushes, in turn saving water.

Brazeal said the average toilet flush uses about three to five gallons of water and when you flush twice you use as much as 10 gallons. To put that in perspective, if everyone in Ruidoso, with an estimated population of 8,000, saved one flush a day at five gallons a flush, for an entire year, it could add up to 14.6 million gallons of water.

"Now imagine if the whole state did it," Brazeal said.

He also said eliminating odors without air fresheners or "cover ups" can cut down on the amount of aerosol cans used, again protecting the environment.

"Sooner or later it's got to

help Mother Earth in some way," he said.

Brazeal got the inspiration for his patent-pending invention after years in the kitchen and bath business. He owned a kitchen and bath company in El Paso and spent several days a year traveling across the country to kitchen and bath conventions. At one convention, Brazeal said, he asked if there was anything to create an odorless bathroom. The answer? "No such product exists."

So Brazeal used the same adventurous spirit that pushed him to fly hang gliders, race motorcycles and train horses, to break new ground in toilets.

Brazeal acknowledged he's no engineer, but he knew he could make it work. He set up a workshop in back of his home, got a toilet and got busy. He compared the process to "making supper."

"It's like if somebody said 'James, that dinner would have been real good if it hadn't been so salty we couldn't eat it,'" Brazeal said.

So he tried and he erred

and he tried again.

The true test of the Sani-Vac came when he sat down in front of a panel of engineers from New Mexico State University. The scientists quizzed Brazeal on how he developed the idea and if it was in fact his.

"I told them I'm not a doctor of engineering and I don't have all their degrees ... but I've flown hang gliders and raced motorcycles professionally for four years. When we worked on the motorcycles, we created very, very fast things. The turbine of the Sani-Vac works on the same principles," he said.

Brazeal won over the professors from NMSU, and in turn they built the Sani-Vac prototype engines.

He's sold upwards of 150 or 200 of his inventions, has customers raving about how great the Sani-Vac is and has prospective investors lining up. He said satisfied customers include Sierra Glass, Ruidoso State Bank, and two professors from the University of Texas-El Paso.

"I think it's a must in all public places," Brazeal said. "Once you have one or use it, it just frights you to go into bathrooms without them."

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James Brazeal,
inventor of the Sani-Vac



James Brazeal, inventor of the Sani-Vac, shows off the small size of the odorless venting system. Brazeal said the small motor and the in-toilet vent are a must to keep any bathroom fresh smelling.

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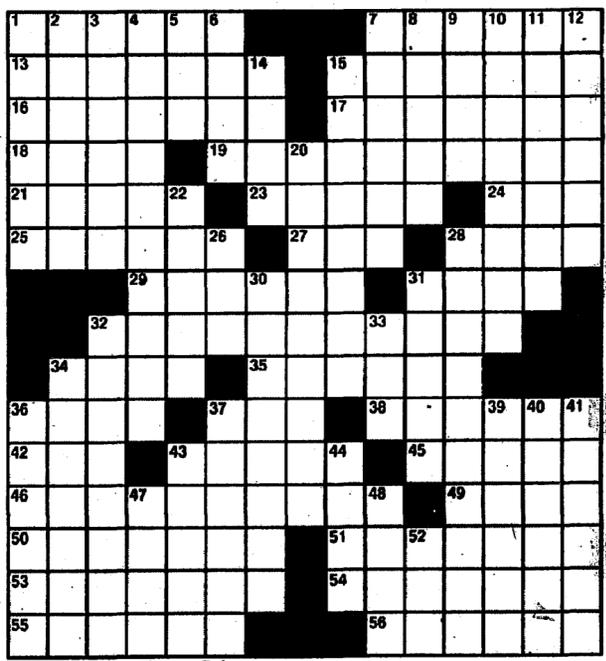
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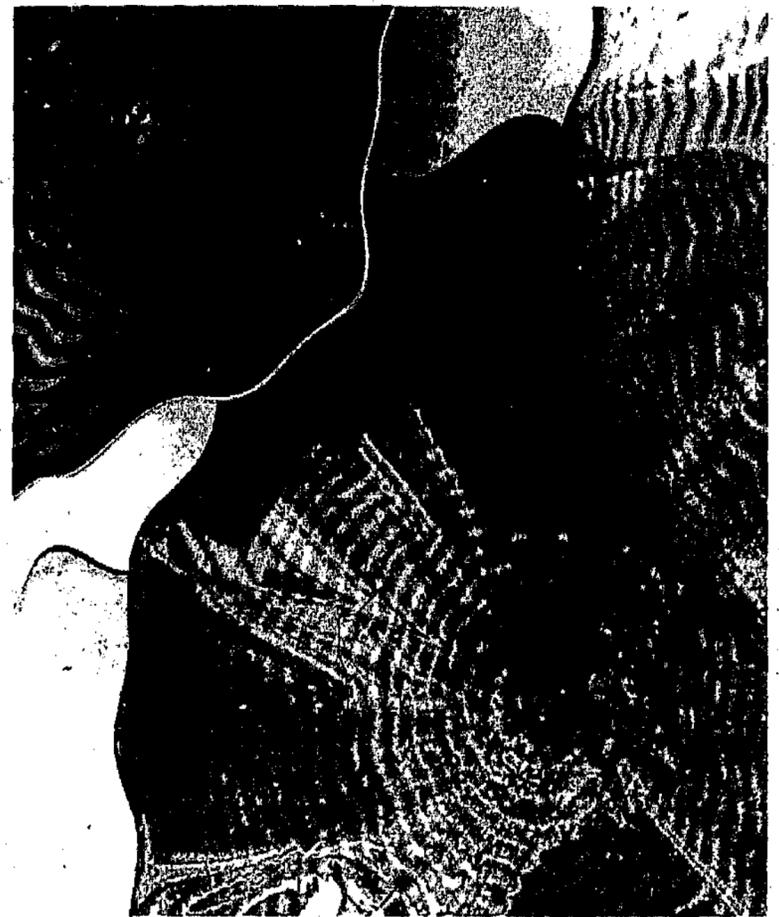


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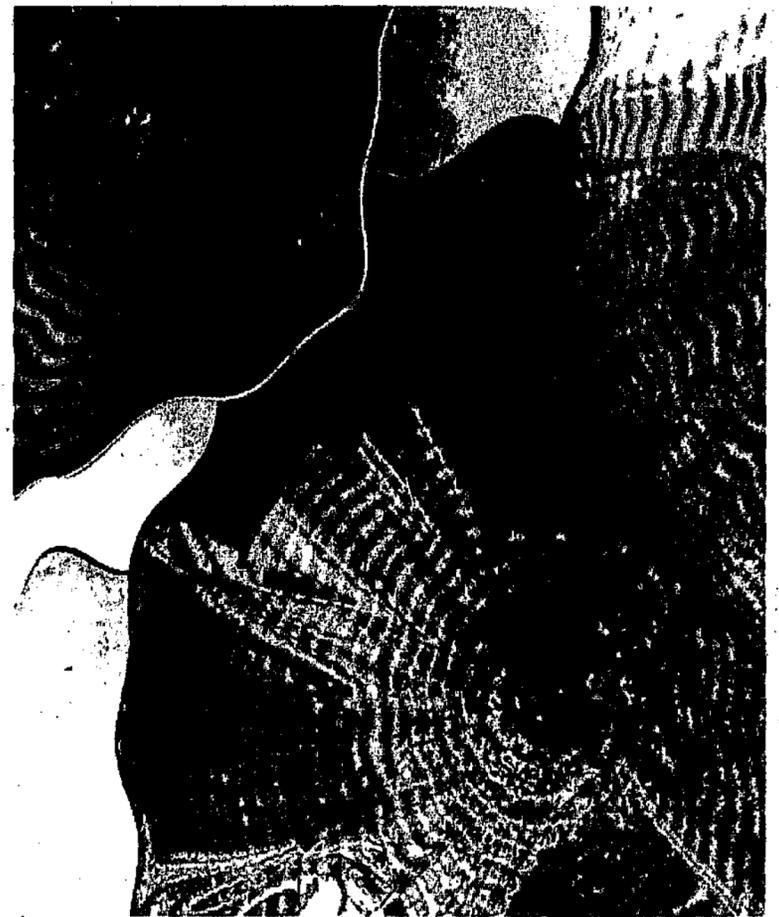


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The studio of post-impressionist representational artist John Duncan and the impressionist works of his wife (who paints under the name Palla) is the historic Taylor Home (1887) in this living ghost town and budding artist colony. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, as well as most week days. Call ahead to be sure.

Eagle Ranch Art Gallery

7288 Hwy. 54/70, Alamogordo, 1-800-432-0999.

Enchanted Quilters Guild of Alamogordo brings their hand quilted items to the gallery during October. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily.

Gail's Frame of Mind

1204 Mechem, White Mountain Plaza, Ruidoso 258-9071.

The gallery features a continual display of original art by Gaylon Gillem, Barbara Diehl Westbrook, Bernice Landrum, Billie Long, Bruce Chapman, Patti Mayes, Teresa Hughes, Flora Hatfield Buchanan, Red Moore, Marcia Bizeau, Buddy

Godinez, Monty and Barbara Jones, and Earthfolk clay pieces by Adrian Henry. Also showing antiques from various Texas and N.M. vendors. Open Tuesday through Saturday.

Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery

Off Hwy. 70 in San Patricio, (505) 653-4331.

The gallery exhibit includes works by Peter Hurd, Henriette Wyeth Hurd, Andrew Wyeth, Michael Hurd, Jamie Wyeth, Carol Hurd Rogers and Peter de la Fuente. Works can be viewed Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and by appointment on Sunday.

The Kenyon Thomas Gallery

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Hwy. 380, Lincoln, (505) 653-4372.

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or the Lincoln County Heritage Trust at either end of town.

Mt. Legends Gallery & Foundry

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

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Museum of the Horse

Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4142.

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McGary Studios and Expressions in Bronze Gallery

2002 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3790, 1-800-687-3424.

Dave McGary's combined facility features a finishing studio and a gallery which showcases a two-decade retrospective collection of his "Images in Bronze." Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday.

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Spanish Colonial New Mexican Retablos

Lincoln Heritage Trust, Lincoln (505) 653-4372.

Featuring local artist Polly E. Chavez of Carrizozo.

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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 mostly functional pieces in the shadow of Potos Mountain. The studio is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday through Sunday (and just about every other day of the week; call to confirm).

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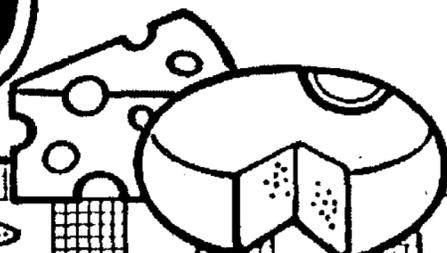
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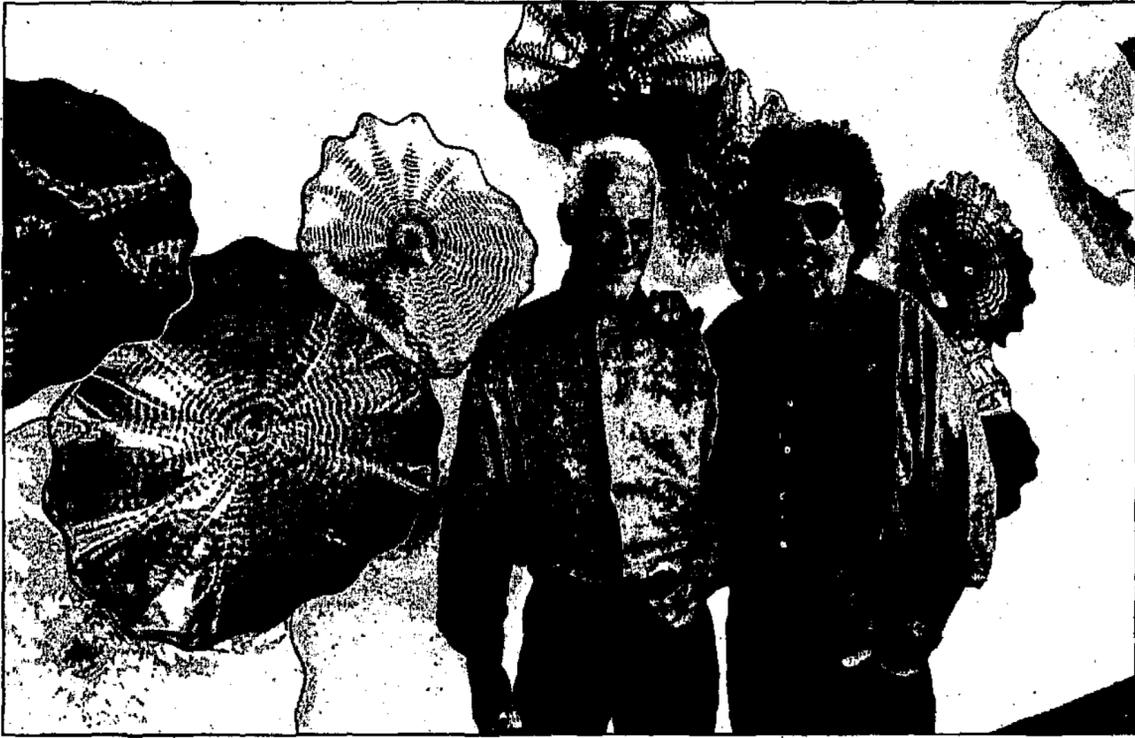
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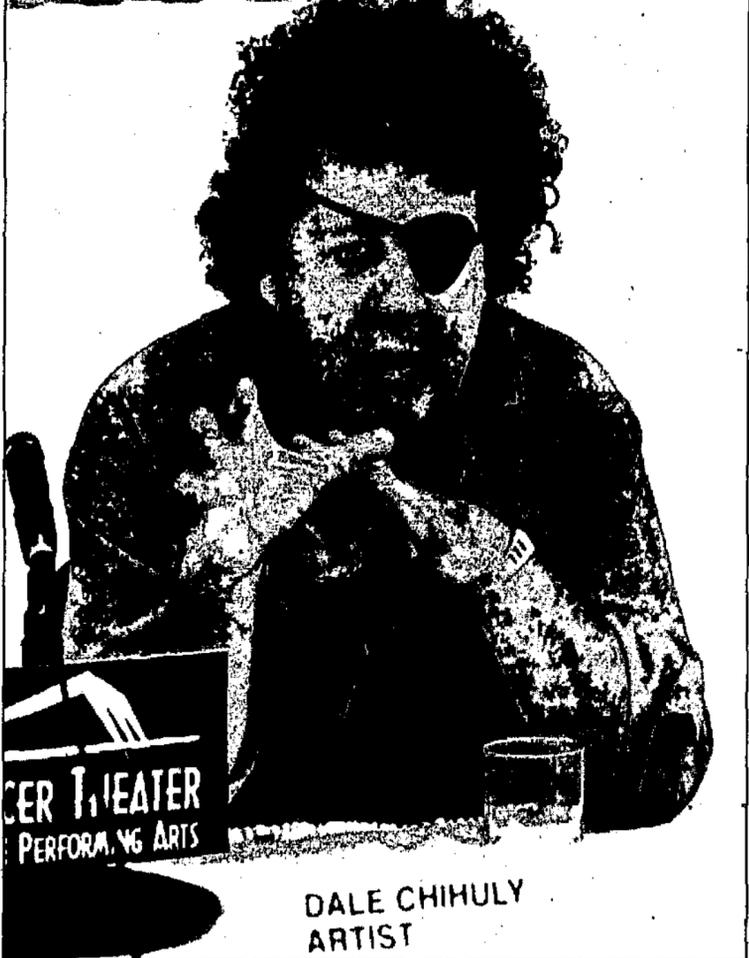




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Artist Dale Chihuly, right, with Spencer Theater architect Antoine Predock at "The Persian Wall."

His glass colors the world



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Chihuly describes his medium at a press conference.

Dale Chihuly's glass sculptures inject a multitude of colors into Spencer Theater

In addition to the opening of the Spencer Theater Oct. 3, three glass sculptures by Washington artist Dale Chihuly were unveiled at the theater. The three pieces are typical of Chihuly's work - brilliantly colored blown glass forms that seem to move or defy gravity.

Chihuly has more than 100 installations around the world in embassies and museums. The three at Spencer are the first Chihulys in New Mexico.

It's hard not to notice Chihuly. He has a playful grin, a short somewhat squatty physical stature, and an eye patch that warns of his mischievous nature.

What follows are Chihuly's reflections gleaned from a press conference at the theater Oct. 3.

On seeing his work completed and displayed:

"It's always exciting to come in and see it up."

On when he was contacted about Spencer:

"I was brought in kind of late. I was able to come and actually look at the building, to feel the spaces before beginning to design the glass work which a lot of artists prefer come in at the time the building is being designed and work with the architect. My preference is really to come in after because I'm not an architect. Looking at drawings and plans, I

can't get the same sense of the building that the designer, that the architect can. So when I see the physical building I can think about what I would like to do with it. Then I go from there."

On the three installations at Spencer:

"We're probably going to make some adjustments. I can change things and alter things a lot easier than you can change spaces."

"I think it's one of the most extraordinary projects that I've ever worked on."

"To have this unbelievable theater occur out here ... I've never worked on a project quite like this. I've done about 100 installations ... I've never had one quite so unique."

On his inspiration for "The Persian Wall" and "Indian Grass":

"Jackie (Spencer) had a lot to do with the inspiration of what she wanted. A lot of it had to do with wildflowers and the feeling of that, and I just sort of played off of that."

On what inspires him:

"A lot of work I do is nature inspired or looks like it might come from nature, but I don't look specifically at thing to make it. I just sort of have a natural feeling for using glass - trying to take



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Chihuly autographs a book of his works for Spencer Theater design consultant Ron Morgan of El Paso.

advantage of the color and transparency that glass offers and the ability to take this ancient material which is blown with human, this magical material."

On what he likes about his medium, glass:

"It's one of the most permanent materials there is. If you came back 100 years later, this glass that is in this building could be almost exactly the way it was when it went in. Most materials begin to disintegrate or change in some way, but glass never changes. The color never changes ... Someone invented 5,000 years ago and someone invented glass blowing 2,000 years ago."

They lit up the mesa



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Conductor Russell Gloyd, left, and jazz great Dave Brubeck acknowledge the appreciative Spencer Theater crowd.



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Bobby Militello jammed on the sax and the flute.



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Randy Jones made the most of his solo turns.



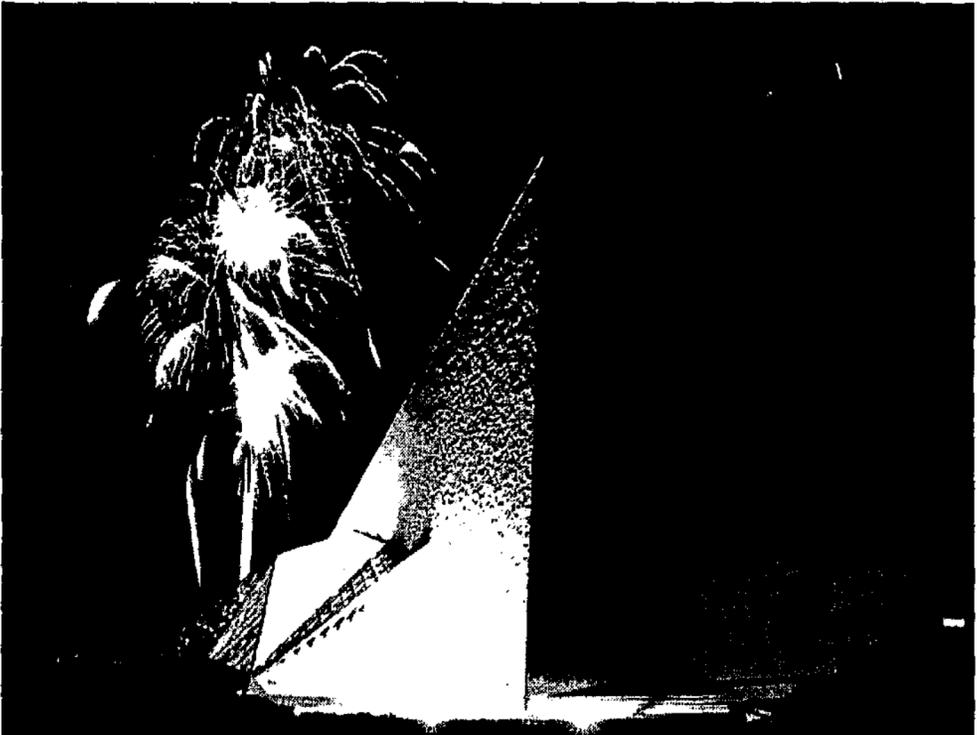
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Nadja Solerno-Sonnenberg strikes her familiar pose before putting bow to string.



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Bass player Jack Six works the strings.



Brian Kanof photo

More than 400 fireworks signaled the end of the opening night party.

Carrizozo hosts art festival Saturday

The Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce has gathered a group of outstanding artists and craftspeople for an Arts Festival from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday at the Carrizozo Recreation Center. The festival offers an opportunity to view and purchase unusual arts and crafts and to find early Christmas gifts.



Bob Reynlerson, one of the featured artists at the Carrizozo Art Festival.

A number of artists have moved to Lincoln County in recent years, attracted by the beautiful scenery, low cost of living and interesting people. Some of these artists only show their work in galleries or shows in large cities, and several artists are just beginning to offer their work to the public.

Exhibitors at the Arts Festival will include:

- Ivy Heymann of White Oaks Pottery, who is noted for her original black, blue and green glazes;
- Bob Reynlerson, whose paintings combine impressionistic and detailed work with unusual glazing techniques;
- Barbara Culler, who will be showing her detailed quilting and beaded jewelry;
- Santera Polly Chavez, who

will have new Retablos (mixed media paintings on wood) created for the festival.

Mike Gieb will show his chip-carved Celtic forest folk, and his wife, Jamie Gieb, will bring her wearable art. George and Barbara Rizzo will show their hand-painted furniture, Pam and John Williams of Roswell will bring their Southwest Indian relics, Jan and Ben Bradley will show their stained glass and Jalane Zamora will offer her porcelain dolls.

The Arts Festival will also include Colin Leslie of the Ruidoso Municipal Schools, who is also a candlemaker, and the Historical Society will be selling calendars and books about Lincoln County.

New Mexico houses featured

New Mexico's historic houses, as well as those representing the state's recent history, are featured in a newly published book "Houses in Time." The book, which includes 88 houses from 40 New Mexico communities, is the history of new Mexico as told by the way people built their homes.

"No landmark reveals its history better than a house. And nowhere is that more true than in New Mexico, whose very identity is defined by its architectural heritage," said the book's author Linda G. Harris. "There is always a reason a house looks the way it does."

Harris traveled throughout New Mexico, visiting towns from Aztec to Artesia and Las Vegas to Las Cruces, looking at houses and collecting their histories.

"I learned that Artesia built houses from manufactured stone because trees were scarce and shipping was expensive, and I learned that mining towns loved the Victorian look," Harris said.

She said she also discovered that New Mexico's Pueblo-style architecture proved enduring because it was both practical and adaptable. The Spanish Colonial style, for example, was simply Pueblo style improved upon with adobe bricks and pine timbers.

Harris and freelance writer and photographer Pamela Porter collaborated for three years to put together "Houses in Time," which includes individual essays on the history of each house, its owner or its community, plus a full-page duotone photograph of each house.

A non-mystery mystery

Anytime I see a flyleaf for a book on which the author's face is blanked out I think one of two things; either the author is writing under a pseudonym or they feel their work is so questionable they need anonymity. For *Murder in the New Age* by D.J.H. Jones and published by UNM Press, the latter made the former necessary.

The story is about a Yale professor who goes to Santa Fe to work on a book she is writing about Chaucer. Her friend will be gone for the summer so our main character gets the friend's bedroom in the home, which is shared by an assorted group of 60s-styled New Age hippies. All are relatively young people with large trust funds, scattered goals and objectives, and too much time on their hands.

UNM Press made a big mistake with this book, me thinks. Jones is a very good writer but the polar opposite as a story teller. She/he wastes hardly a page of this novel to bash everything she/he can think of, discover, conjure up about Santa Fe; its citizens, its architecture, its history and its attitude in the modern world. Actually, a reflection on the personality of a locale is a good element in story writing and would have been accepted by this reader had it been presented far less often and less disapproving.

Jones seems to be of the opinion that all people in Santa Fe are either too wealthy to notice that there is anyone else in that town

but them or so far gone on Ouija boards, crystals, and pseudo-Native American shamanistic rituals that they cannot function in the real world.

Murder in the New Age is a murder-mystery. This statement can actually be proven in the last six or so chapters when somebody finally gets killed. The mystery part still leaves a big question mark for me. To my way of thinking the ingredient that makes a murder

mystery mysterious is the build-up. The reader is usually presented with more than one likely suspect for the crime that has been committed or is about to be committed and then gets to sleuth and solve through the pages of the story.

Not so in this novel, except for a brief moment in one chapter. Too bad for New Mexico and too bad for this author.

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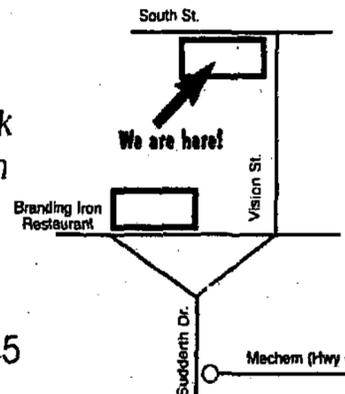


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Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$

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Price Range: \$\$

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Steaks, seafood, prime rib and the best salad bar in town await diners at K Bob's. Open since 1979, the steak house serves up some hearty country breakfasts and daily lunch and dinner specials, as well as catering for all occasions. Y'all come in.

Price Range: \$-\$\$
Phone: 378-4747
Address: West Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs
Hours: Open seven days a week at 6 a.m.

La Lorraine

Established in 1985, La Lorraine specializes in French and gourmet dining. Chef Rick Vashina's pepper steak and creme brulee are bound to make your mouth water. Customers rave about the presentation of the food and the outstanding service at La Lorraine.

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
Phone: 257-2954
Address: 2523 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso
Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tues.-Sat.; 5:30 to 9 p.m. Mon.-Thur.; 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Fri. and Sat.



Southern Accent

Emily White and crew are cooking up some home cooking at Southern Accent. White said her goal is to make her customers feel like they're having dinner at her house. Dine outdoors among the cool pines as the smell of the smokehouse wafts through the air.

Price Range: \$
Phone: 258-3856
Address: 1028 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso
Hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon.-Thurs; 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fri. and Sat., closed Sundays except holidays.

Texas Club Grill & Bar

Enjoy great charbroiled steaks and seafood, Texas-style chicken fried steak and fresh pasta in a casual Western atmosphere. The menu also features terrific coconut shrimp and fried catfish. Live music on weekends and cocktails are the perfect complement to a Texas Club meal.

Price Range: \$-\$\$
Phone: 258-3325
Address: 212 Metz Dr., in Innsbrook Village, Ruidoso
Hours: lunch 11:30 a.m to 5 p.m; dinner 5 to 10 p.m.; closed Tuesdays.



Top of the Inn Deli & Pizza Parlor

Fresh baked pizzas, large deli sandwiches, soups, ice cream and bakery goods seven days a week. Gourmet coffees and cappuccinos are also available to satisfy your caffeine craving. Enjoy good food with a great view.

Price Range: \$-\$\$
Phone: 257-5141
Address: the Inn of the Mountain Gods, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero
Hours: 10 a.m to 10 p.m. Sun-Thurs; 10 a.m to 1 a.m. Fri. and Sat.



Price range key: entrees priced \$7 and under = \$; entrees \$7 to \$15 = \$\$; entrees \$15 and over = \$\$\$



Going out

OUT AND ABOUT

Air Force 'Top Brass' returns to Alamo

The "Top Brass" ensemble of United States Air Force Air Education and Training Command's "Band of the West" is returning to Alamogordo. The "Top Brass" quintet led by Senior Airman Sean Walsh, will play for the 21st Annual International Space Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at 5 p.m., Oct. 18. The quintet played for the 18th and 20th annual inductions and was brought back by popular demand.

The dynamic group, considered one of the best brass quintets in the nation, will also have a concert at Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts at 7 p.m., Oct. 17.

Admission to the concert is free, but there is limited seating so tickets must be picked up in advance. Tickets may be picked up at the Flickinger Center, the reception desk at the International Space Hall of Fame and at the reception desk for the Clyde W. Tombaugh IMAX Dome Theater and Planetarium. For other ticket locations call the Flickinger Center at (505) 437-2202 or the Space Center at (505) 437-2840.

'A Flea in Her Ear' takes the ENMU stage

The Eastern New Mexico University-Portales Department of Theater and Dance will present "A Flea in her Ear," a play by Georges Feydeau, Oct. 23-25.

The classic French farce involves marital infidelity (both real and imagined), mistaken identity, secret meetings, revolving beds and a mysterious silver upper palate. Taking place in the turn of the century in Paris, the play involves a rich woman's distrust of her husband, whose impotence has led her to suspect an affair. When the two, along with their friends, a murderous Spaniard, a drunken German, the family doctor, the butler and the maid all end up at a brothel, things can't get any worse, at least until the long-lost twin appears ...

Performances will be held at 8 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinees. Tickets are \$7 for general admission, \$6 for senior citizens, \$5 for pre-college students and \$4 for ENMU students with a current activities sticker. For tickets and/or reservations call (505) 562-2710.

'Killjoy' opens at the Castle

So what do you do when you're sick of your ex-husband's "tor-torous behavior?" Simple. Plot to have him put in the family plot.

Ruidoso Little Theater's latest production is "Killjoy," an adult comedy thriller written by Jerry Mayer and directed by Steve Smith.

Katherine Sterling plays Carol, the plotting divorcee, and Harold Scheiner plays her ex-husband.

The play opened Thursday, Oct. 9, and continues through next weekend. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. with shows Friday, Saturday and Oct. 16, 17 and 18 at the Castle, Hwy 70.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. For more information, call the theater at 257-5190.



Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News

Disgruntled divorcee Carol (Katherine Sterling), left, plots the murder of her ex-husband Victor played by Harold Scheiner, who is about to give everything to his new bride, Claudia, played by Mary Maxon.

A star undimmed

BY SCOTT WELLS
Special to the Ruidoso News

In an aged but classic house tucked away in a pocket of magnolia trees in the small east-central Texas town of Mexia, Cindy Walker continues her life's work at an age at which most people are settled into retirement. One of this country's great songwriters, she bought the house sight-unseen in 1954 on the advice of her brother.

"He called me out in Hollywood and told me I ought to buy it. He said I needed to bring our Mama back home," Walker said.

Walker and her Mama, Oree Walker, had been on a 13-year adventure, writing songs in Hollywood and selling them to record companies, motion picture companies and performers from Nashville to New York City. Business-minded and persistent, Oree Walker realized early on that her daughter had a special talent and she was determined to see her develop and utilize that talent. It had begun when 12-year-old Cindy read about the plight of the Dust Bowl ranchers.

"That made me so sad," she sighs, "all those people losing their cattle and their horses and their land." So she wrote a song about it, and sang it for her grandfather. When she told him she'd written it

herself, he was astonished.

"Cindy that's a beautiful song. I don't care who wrote it," he told her.

It was five years later when that song, the classic "Dusty Skies," was recorded by Bob Wills. By then Cindy Walker had found her passion in life, and from that first heartfelt ballad, the passion has continued to find its way into her songs.

Few, if any, songwriters in American history have had their songs recorded by a more diverse group of performers.

A single Walker song, "You Don't Know Me," has been recorded by Elvis Presley, Bette Middler, Ray Charles, Floyd Cramer, Eddy Arnold, Vic Damone, Mickey Gilley, Bobby Goldsboro, Edye Gorme, Emmylou Harris, Anita Kerr, Kenny Loggins, Melissa Manchester, Henry Mancini, Don McLain, Carmen McCrae, Jim Nabors, Juice Newton, Roy Orbison, Patty Page, Boots Randolph, Tex Ritter, David Sanborn, Jerry Vale, Dottie West and Nancy Wilson.

As diverse as the artists are the songs themselves. Distinctly Western songs like "Cherokee Maiden," "You're From Texas," "Lone Star Trail," and "The Cowboy Blues" sharply contrast with "In the Misty Moonlight," "China Doll," "Distant Drums,"

and the Roy Orbison classic "Dream Baby (How Long Must I Dream?)." She has written more than 500 songs which have hit either the country or the popular charts.

"I just like music," Walker said. "I love Cole Porter songs and sacred songs and rock 'n' roll, as long as it's not that real hard rock. I just love music, that's all. Sometimes I'll hear a song someone else wrote and love it so much I feel like it's mine. Like 'Gentle On My Mind.' I think that's my all-time favorite country song."

Her favorite Cindy Walker song? "I like 'China Doll,' but my favorite ... I haven't written that one yet."

Though her maternal grandfather, F.L. Eiland, was a noted religious song composer, Walker learned her craft largely by herself. Her mother taught her a little piano and her paternal grandfather bought her a guitar when she was a small girl, but from the first Walker would use these instruments only as tools for her real talent.

"I envy those people like Chet Atkins or Roy Clark who can really play the guitar beautifully," she



Courtesy Photo

Cindy Walker

said. "But I can write songs without a guitar or a piano. The words and the music come to me together... When I was just a child, I'd have my pad and pencil and I'd go around writing and singing silly little songs. Then I got more serious about it. I truly believed that some of the big stars would record my songs."

Walker's father came from a ranching and cotton farming background, and the family sometimes traveled with him around the country as he worked as a cotton buyer. It was on such a trip that they were

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GOING OUT

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driving down Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood when Walker spotted the Crosby Building.

"Oh stop, Papa! Stop! Stop! I want to go sign one of my songs to Bing Crosby!"

"You're the silliest girl," he told her. "Bing Crosby's not in that building."

"Well, there must be somebody in there who knows him, or his name wouldn't be on the building."

Her father gave way, and Walker scampered up the steps and into her future. When the receptionist informed her that Bing Crosby was not there, but that his brother Larry was in, Walker urged her to tell him simply that someone from Texas was here to see him.

"He only had her send me in because he was there arguing about money with a man and wanted to get rid of him," she recalls. The man happened to be one of the songwriters who had been supplying songs during Crosby's rise to fame. When the 17-year-old beauty walked in and told Larry Crosby in a matter-of-fact fashion that she wanted Bing Crosby to sing one of her songs, Larry Crosby dismissed the man for the moment and smiled in amusement.

"Oh, is that what you are?" he said.

"Yes, that's what I am. I'm a songwriter. And I've got a song I want you to hear," she said.

"Well, I'll tell you what. I'll listen to one song," Crosby said.

Walker recalls that he led her to a piano. But Walker's skills on the piano are modest even now (she claims), so she begged him to wait. She raced back to the car and announced to her astonished parents that Mr. Crosby was willing to listen. Her mother at first she refused to play. Oree Walker was a very proper woman and did not feel she was appropriately dressed for such distinguished company.

"Besides," she told Walker, "I don't want him to know I've got such a crazy daughter."

"I won't tell him you're my mother then," Walker replied.

Finally the teen-ager and her anonymous accompanist returned to Crosby's office and Oree played as Cindy sang "Lone Star Trail."

"You know, it's kind of strange," Crosby said upon hearing the song. "Bing's been wanting to record a Western song and I think he might just do that song. Meet me here in the morning and I'll take you down to Paramount Studios and you can sing it for Bing."

So the next morning the wide-eyed girl was introduced to Bing Crosby between takes on a movie set and he agreed to record the song as soon as he heard Walker sing it. She was sent to Decca Records to record a demo, and the professionals fell in love with

Walker immediately and signed her to a recording contract. Soon she wrote and performed the hit song "Don't Talk to Me About Men" and soon found herself doing personal appearances and performing on top radio shows in the United States and Canada. Walker sang her song "Seven Beers With the Wrong Man" as she starred in the first music video ever recorded, initiating "soundies" - musical performances which were shown to motion picture audiences. These were the precursors of today's vast music video industry.

Walker soon found herself living the dream of most young women of her generation. She appeared with Gene Autry in the feature films "Trail to San Antonio" and "Ride Tenderfoot Ride."

At about that time, Bob Wills, the "King of Western Swing," had given Hollywood reason to take notice. A few years earlier, he had transformed his original group, The Light Crust Doughboys into the Texas Playboys, and their music had developed a huge following. Columbia Motion Pictures Studio had signed Wills to do a series of feature films which required dozens of new songs. Wills was struggling along well enough with the writers assigned to him by the studio when he received a call from Walker.

"I had seen this big white bus with his name on it, so I knew he was in town," Walker recalls. "So I started calling all the hotels."

Within a week of meeting her, Wills and the Texas Playboys had recorded five of Walker's songs. Soon he told the studio executives he wanted her to write his new material for the movies. She met that challenge and supplied all the material for Wills' series of eight Columbia pictures. In all, she wrote more than 50 songs recorded by Wills.

As word of Walker's prowess quickly spread, other performers began to take notice. Such artists as Gene Autry, Rex Allen, Tex Ritter and the Sons of the Pioneers found they need merely suggest a topic to Walker and she could write a tailor-made song for them. When many of those songs became hits for people other than Decca artists, company executives complained to Walker that if she were going to write hit songs, she ought to record them herself or at least have them for Decca artists. But greed was not a part of Walker's nature.

"Finally, I just decided to pass up all that recording stuff so I could do nothing but write songs. I like writing songs for everybody," she said.

Living with her mother, who played the piano for her demos once the songs were finished, Walker maintained an innocence.

"Everyone always talks about how corrupt things were in Hollywood. I'll tell you I never expe-

rienced that," Walker said. "People always treated me like family."

It remains easy to treat Walker like family; her demeanor is that of a wondrous and inventive child. Vivacious and eager, this diminutive woman is the only Western song writer to have written top-ten hits in five different decades (and counting). She was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 1970.

In the book "Finding Her Voice: The History of Women in Country Music" by Robert Oermann and Mary Bufwack, Walker is referred to as simply "the greatest female country composer in history."

When Walker did bring her Mama home to Texas in 1954, she continued to create music - the classic "You Don't Know Me" and many others. Though she lost her mentor, her accompanist and dearest friend when her mother died in 1991, Walker pushes on.

Working in a small upstairs room crowded with a piano, a guitar and racks of demo tapes, she is reluctant to discuss the honors bestowed upon her. Only when pressed will she pull a stack of awards from under the bed.

She rarely leaves Mexico these days, but did travel to Ruidoso Thursday to the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium for a tribute to her and Eldon Shamblin, the legendary guitarist and arranger who was one of the original Texas Playboys.

Larry Scott, a popular KVOO-Tulsa disc jockey and master of ceremonies at the event put it best when he said "Cindy Walker is a national treasure. She downplays her accomplishments because she's such a modest soul, but there's no denying her genius. Her songs come from the heart and they touch a place in the hearts of all of us."

The author, director of public relations for the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs, interviewed Walker at her Texas home early in the summer.

Quilts focus on fall at Eagle Ranch

This month, the Enchanted Quilters Guild of Alamogordo will bring its array of hand-quilted items to the art gallery at Eagle Ranch. A teaching guild, formed in 1989, the quilters represent beginners, intermediate and advanced artisans. The show is billed as a highlight at the gallery because of its dynamic designs, colors and superb workmanship. Wall hangings, ornaments, clothing, table tops and bedding are all part of the quilters' handiwork.

One of the projects of the guild

is making "Care Quilts" for the New Mexico State Police program. Members also assisted the Girl Scouts in making their quilt for the Viet Nam Moving Wall. Its "Holloman Air Force" block will be included in the 50th Anniversary Quilt for the U.S. Air Force.

The Eagle Ranch gallery is located at 7288 Highway 54/70 (the Tularosa highway), and is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week. For more information, call (505) 434-0035.



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SEVEN YEARS IN TIBET (PG-13)
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 ♥ A Q J
 ♦ 8 7 6 2
 ♣ K 6 4

WEST
 ♠ K 9 7 6
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 ♦ Q J 10 3
 ♣ Q 10 9 8

EAST
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 ♥ K 3
 ♦ 9 5 4
 ♣ A J 3

SOUTH
 ♠ 3
 ♥ 10 9 7 6 5 4 2
 ♦ A K
 ♣ 7 5 2

The bidding:
 West North East South
 Pass 1NT Pass 4H
 Open lead—queen of diamonds.

West dealer.
 Neither side vulnerable.

When declarer has a choice of different plays to make, the order in which he makes them is often

very important.

Here is a typical situation. South wins the diamond lead and has three different plays to consider. He can take a spade finesse, a heart finesse, or lead a club to the king.

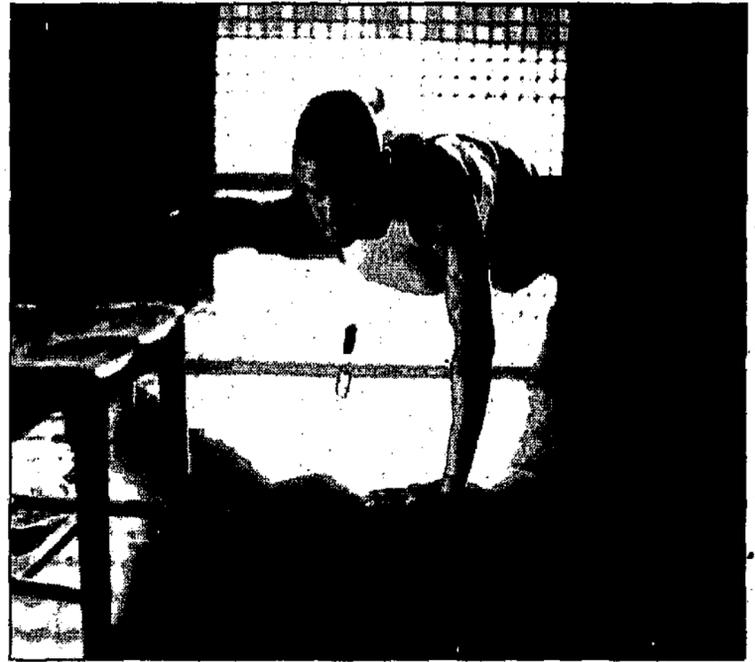
There is no urgency about leading spades or clubs, so South starts by taking a trump finesse. If West has the king, South's troubles are over. However, East wins dummy's jack with the king and returns a diamond. Declarer wins and plays a trump to the queen, after which he ruffs a diamond. South then leads a spade and finesses the queen, even though he has only a singleton spade.

In the actual deal, the spade finesse wins and so assures the contract, since South can now discard a club on the ace of spades. He later loses two club tricks, but winds up making four. Note that if

declarer tackles clubs ahead of spades, he goes down one.

There are good reasons for taking the spade finesse before leading clubs. One is that it costs nothing to try the finesse. If it is unsuccessful, declarer loses a spade trick unnecessarily, but he is sure to get the trick back because the ace of spades is still in dummy to take care of one of his club losers. The transaction amounts to an exchange of losers.

But the chief reason for playing spades first is that if the finesse fails, South retains his chance that West may have the ace of clubs, while if he tackles clubs first and the ace is wrong, he goes down with a club return by East. By tackling spades before clubs, South thus gives himself two chances to make the contract instead of just one.



Determined to beat the odds and achieve success as the first woman to train in the Navy SEALs covert operations unit, Lt. Jordan O'Neil (Demi Moore) is subjected to the most brutal and physical exercises of her life in Hollywood Picture's intense drama "G.I. Jane."

Determination, adventure hit Sierra Cinema screens

Let's check out what's showing on the silver screens of Sierra Cinema. Debuting today is "G.I. Jane" and "Seven Years in Tibet." For more information call 257-9444.

G.I. Jane

Rated R
 Show times: 1p.m.*, 3:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.*

Plot: Failure is not an option for Lt. Jordan O'Neil (Demi Moore) who sets a historic precedent when she is recruited as a test case to be the first woman allowed to train for the highly covert operations unit known as the Navy SEALs.

Selected for her courage, skills and level headedness, O'Neil is determined to succeed in the most demanding, most merciless and most honored fighting force in the world. O'Neil is put through weeks of physical and emotional hell, and is not expected to succeed. O'Neil perseveres. When the recruits' final training exercise is diverted to aid in extricating American troops in the Middle East, the Master Chief is critically wounded, and O'Neil must gather all her leadership experience and courage to save him and the mission.

Seven Years in Tibet

Rated PG-13
 Show times: 1:15 p.m.*, 3:45 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.*

Plot: In the autumn of 1939, Heinrich Harrer (Brad Pitt), the famous Austrian mountaineer and a team set out to climb Nanga Parbat—one of the highest peaks in the Himalayas. The self-centered Harrer, whose sole preoccupation

is the achievement of fame and glory, will experience an emotional awakening as he embarks on a fantastic journey that will take him from the excitement of the climb to the depths of internment in a British prisoner-of-war camp, then escape and a harrowing trek through the Himalayas to the mysterious, forbidden Tibetan city of Lhasa.

As stranger in a strange land, which few Westerners have ever visited, Harrer is befriended by the young Dalai Lama and becomes the religious leader's tutor in English, geography and the ways of the Western world. He will spend seven years in Tibet—during a period of tremendous political upheaval—graced with the friendship and spiritual enlightenment of the 11-year-old Dalai Lama.

The Edge

Rated R
 Show times: 1:30 p.m.*, 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:30 p.m.*

Plot: Anthony Hopkins, Alec Baldwin and Elle McPherson star in this thriller, which pits man against nature. Hopkins suspects Baldwin is having an affair with his wife (McPherson), when their plane crashes in a remote piece of wintertime wilderness the men are quickly at each other's throats. But the fight between the two of them is nothing compared to the battle they must wage against a fierce bear that seems to be stalking them with an unanimal-like intelligence.

* Show times for Friday and Saturday only.

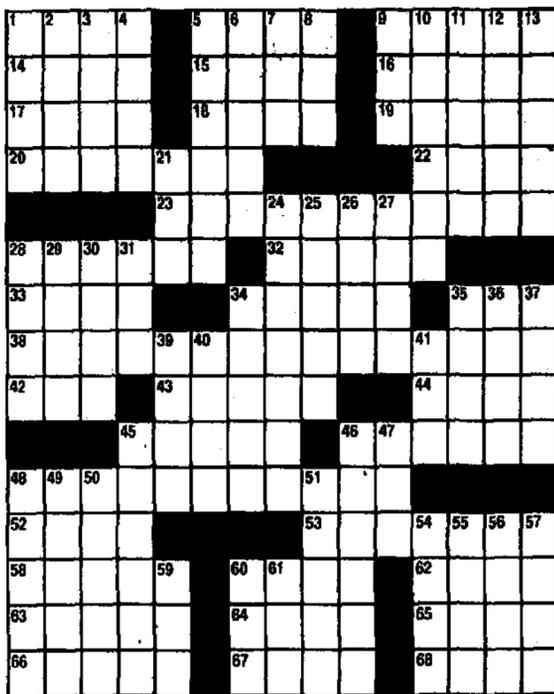
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Like The Citadel, now
 - 5 The Constitution, e.g.
 - 9 Wing it
 - 14 Fit
 - 15 Place for a pig
 - 16 Métier
 - 17 With 35-Down, a birth announcement
 - 18 Place to hold a banquet roast?
 - 19 Like some diseases
 - 20 Heavy-duty kitchen implement
 - 22 Rebound
 - 23 60's sitcom that had a whistled intro, with "The"
 - 28 Prepare to share
 - 32 Circumference
 - 33 Sheik's peer
 - 34 March V.I.P.
 - 35 N.O., e.g.
 - 38 What a "choosy mother" might pack for lunch
 - 42 Ninny
 - 43 Compuserve service
 - 44 Wit Bombeck
 - 45 Winter Palace residents
 - 46 Put on ice
 - 48 Unsavory MTV cartoon duo
 - 52 Chevy rival
 - 53 Familiar five-word phrase that means "Excuses are unacceptable!"
 - 58 Staffers
 - 60 Abominable Snowman
 - 62 Turnoff
 - 63 Reinstates
 - 64 Dark
 - 65 Southwestern sight
 - 66 Elliptical
 - 67 Crawl
 - 68 Black
- DOWN**
- 1 Smart
 - 2 Swear word
 - 3 Otherwise
 - 4 Sugar substitute?
 - 5 Mooch
 - 6 Remain in an uncertain state
 - 7 "Crusade in Europe" author, familiarly
 - 8 Place for a pig
 - 9 Recreational four-wheeler, for short
 - 10 Least sweet
 - 11 Durable wood
 - 12 Where Shoshone Falls falls
 - 13 Not on deck
 - 21 "The Spanish Tragedy" dramatist
 - 24 Rather stout
 - 25 Press on
 - 26 Alpine elevator
 - 27 Billboard listings
 - 28 — vu
 - 29 Troublemakers
 - 30 Struggles
 - 31 Stash for cash, briefly
 - 34 Maze word
 - 35 See 17-Across
 - 36 Tiptop
 - 37 Roe source
 - 39 40's theater director James
 - 40 Thurman et al.
 - 41 Cause of a fly's demise
 - 45 Idiot boxes
 - 46 The way and the path
 - 47 They might be zapped
 - 48 Crow
 - 49 Type of type
 - 50 Milk snake
 - 51 Keypad key
 - 54 This might be in for the long haul
 - 55 Farm team
 - 56 Put on the line
 - 57 Corset part
 - 59 Mariner's dir.
 - 60 Deviation at sea
 - 61 Psychology I



Puzzle by Isabel Walcott

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Hardin's violent demise came during a dice game

(This is the third in a three-part series about John Wesley Hardin.)

Perhaps the most distinctive thing about the career of John Wesley Hardin is that, unlike most other Western desperadoes, Hardin never robbed anyone.

He was a killer's killer, but never a thief. And, despite what happened in El Paso's Gem Saloon on the night of May 1, 1895, he never really was a thief.

PAST TENSE



Drew Gomber
Historian,
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Phil Baker, who was either trying to be funny or had some kind of death wish, referred to Hardin as "a jail rat."

Oops.

Baker instantly found himself looking down the business end of one of Hardin's pistols. "Since you are trying to be so cute, just hand over the money I have lost here" announced the angry gunman. Hardin picked up exactly what he had lost at Baker's table and strolled out of the place, humming the tune "And The Band Played Annie Laurie." No one was foolish enough to try to stop him.

The newspapers, who were clearly afraid of him, did not mention Hardin by name when they reported the incident. They referred to him as "a visitor to the city," or "the stranger."

Tough-talking ad

Of course, everyone, including Hardin, knew exactly who they were talking about. And John Wesley, undoubtedly to the horror of the editors at both the Times and the Herald, took out an ad in response to the charges. Hardin's reply is too lengthy to reprint here, so I will just print the pertinent parts:

"As to the Gem holdup on craps, after I had lost a considerable sum, I was grossly insulted by the dealer in a hurrah manner, hence, I told him he could not win my money and hurrah me too, and that as he had undertook to hurrah me he could deliver me the money I had played and you bet he did it. And when he had counted out the \$95 I said that is all I want, just my money and no more ... when I left the room and had gotten half way down the stairs, I returned, hearing words of condemnation to my play. I said to everyone in the house and connected with the play, I understand from the reflective remarks that some of you disapprove my play. Now if this be so, be men and get in line and show your manhood. ..."

Now, Hardin's words about "show your

manhood" was an invitation for any and all who disagreed with him to be prepared to put their lives on the line for their remarks. As one onlooker at the subsequent trial remarked, "nobody trotted out to show their manhood, so I guess they liked the play. ..." On the whole, El Paso treated the incident as a joke. In fact, there were many who were delighted that Hardin had put one of the dealers that everyone seemed to lose money to "in his place."

Whatever the case, the more Hardin drank and gambled, the less he even attempted to keep his law practice. Understandably so. He had almost no clients and had been reduced to going door to door offering his services to businesses as a notary public for \$1. Another attorney, Wyndam Kemp, who later became an El Paso judge, called Hardin's attempts to live respectably "heartbreaking." In the end, Hardin gave up his law practice.

An autobiography

All the while this was going on, Hardin was working feverishly trying to complete his autobiography — almost as if he knew his time was limited.

He was popular with the saloon crowd, though. Hardin had taken to shooting holes in playing cards, autographing them, and then passing them out to his drunken admirers. His relationship with Beulah had gone from bad to worse, and in the early summer she left El Paso, but returned when she told him that she had "felt he was in trouble." The reconciliation didn't last long, though. After Beulah was arrested for carrying a gun and turning the air blue with her language, she left El Paso for the last time. The arresting officer in the case was John Selman Jr., son of "Uncle John."

Louis Hubbard served as president of Texas Women's University in Denton, Texas, until 1950. But in the summer of 1895, he was a youth working as a delivery-boy for Western Union. Hubbard remembered Hardin well: "He loved nightlife and was a habitue of the all-night saloons and gambling houses." Hubbard stated that Hardin "kept in touch with the outside world pretty well. If the message came in the morning, I would take it to his room; but in the afternoon, when I thought he had gone out, I would head for the saloon area to locate him."

Hardin was drinking liquor from a large tumbler at the Acme Saloon on San Antonio Street (currently site of a Lerner's Dress Shop) when the pre-teen Hubbard located him on Aug. 19, 1895, the last day of Hardin's life. Hardin took the telegram, and then, looking from the boy to the tumbler of whiskey in his own hand, remarked, "Son, don't ever do this." Then he tipped Hubbard with a dime, which was a fairly substantial tip, especially for a young boy, in those days. But John Wesley Hardin, despite his many faults and deadly reputation, truly loved children.

One reporter later stated that Hardin confronted Selman in the afternoon of that day and began harassing "Uncle John" about his son's arrest of Beulah. Maybe. And then there was the controversy over the death of

Martin M'Rose. Perhaps the missing M'Rose money had something to do with the events that transpired later that evening. No one will ever know for sure.

A game of dice

In my personal opinion, Selman did what he did simply to add to his reputation.

On that night — Monday, August 19, 1895 — John Wesley Hardin, the deadliest gunman of all time, entered the Acme Saloon for the last time around 11 p.m. He had been making the rounds of all the local saloons for most of the day and had returned to the Acme, a favorite of his, possibly for a nightcap. There was no doubt that he was at least a little under the influence, but by all accounts, he was not drunk.

Spying a friend at the bar, local grocer Henry S. Brown, Hardin ambled over and challenged Brown to a game of dice. The game was strictly for entertainment — they were rolling for quarters. Hardin rolled the dice and then turned amiably to Brown. "Brown," he said, "you have four sixes to beat." They were his last words.

Suddenly, "Uncle John" Selman burst through the batwing doors with his single action Colt .45 in hand. Hardin was just beginning to turn when Selman's first bullet hit him in the back of the head. Selman fired twice more, hitting the fallen gunman in the chest and the arm. At about this time, "Uncle John's" son, John Selman Jr., rushed in and restrained his father. Henry Brown, the grocer, had exited through the back door at the approximate speed of light when the shooting started.

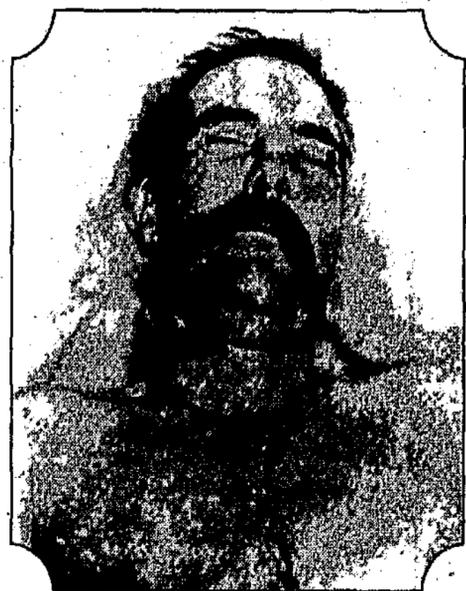
For the next four hours or so, nearly the entire town of El Paso filed past the fallen gunman to get a look at what most of them knew was the last of his kind. Afterwards, he was taken to the funeral parlor, cleaned up and displayed to the curious for a while longer. Everyone agreed that, except for being dead, Hardin appeared to be in good shape.

A fair fight?

John Selman later insisted that it was a fair fight, as Hardin had the chance to see him approaching in the mirror behind the bar. The bullet that killed the legendary gunman had entered the back of his head and exited through his left eye. Selman claimed that it was the other way around, that the bullet had entered Hardin's eye and exited through the back of his head.

At the inquest held later, one of the jurors remarked that "if he shot him in the eye, I'd say it was excellent marksmanship. If he shot him in the back of the head, I'd say it was excellent judgment."

Selman tried extremely hard to convince any and all that he had killed Hardin in a fair fight. Then, as now, no one believed him. Justice Howe, the coroner, said it best: "I was there when Hardin was killed. I held the inquest over Hardin, and committed Selman to jail" because it was "a cold-blooded murder, shooting a man that didn't have a chance."



Selman was released on bail, but the case never went to trial.

One night in April 1896, John Selman approached George Scarborough in the Wigwam Saloon with the avowed purpose of enlisting Scarborough's help in getting John Selman Jr. released from the Juarez jail. It seems that John Jr. had run off with an underage girl and had been arrested for "abduction" — the 19th century equivalent of statutory rape.

Scarborough was not overly anxious to help "Uncle John" and the discussion became more and more heated. Finally the two adjourned to the alley next to the place where Selman lost control of his temper. "You damned son of a bitch, I'm going to kill you!" shouted Selman, but Scarborough was ready for him.

George Scarborough shot Selman first in the head, and then three more times, just to be sure. Hearing the gunfire, people rushed to the sound of it just in time to see George Scarborough backing out of the alley, a smoking pistol in his hand.

John Selman died the next day, and George Scarborough became the man who killed the man who killed the men. Scarborough himself was killed several years later while pursuing outlaws in New Mexico.

Of the other principal players in the last days of John Wesley Hardin, there was Beulah M'Rose, who vanished into the mists of time and history and Jeff Milton, who lived until 1947, spending many of his last days being questioned by historians as to his role in the drama played out in El Paso back in 1895.

John Wesley Hardin, family man, cowboy, horse trader, saloon keeper, butcher, gunman and gambler, was buried the next day in El Paso's Concordia Cemetery.

As time passed, he went from being an embarrassment to the city of El Paso to being a tourist attraction. To this day, if you visit his grave, you are likely to find playing cards, poems and even bullets lying on it.

A small headstone was finally placed over his grave in 1965 by family members. It simply gives his birth and death dates and gives no clue as to the character of the man that lays beneath it.

Like most of us, John Wesley Hardin had good and bad traits, and at this late date, most of those traits are in the eye of the beholder.

But one thing is certain: He was the deadliest gunman who ever lived, and he was the last of his kind.

Perhaps it is for the best, but one thing is certain: We shall not see his like again.

PARTING SHOT



Linda Wallace captured this shot at the Bosque del Apache on a day that was "too hot for wildlife." To shoot the trees Wallace used a Nikon 400 with a 70-210mm lens and Tri-X black and white film. She shot the contrasting branches in the early morning.



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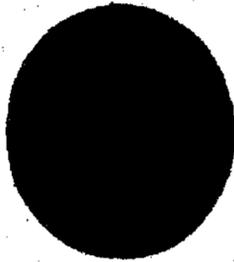
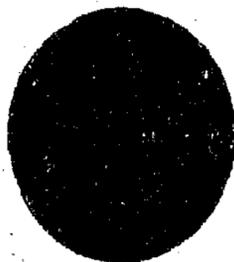
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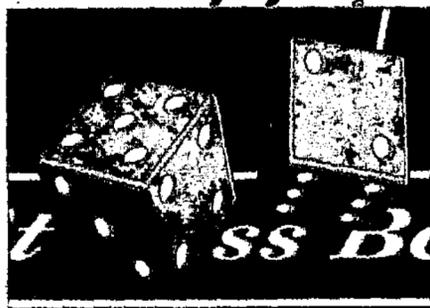
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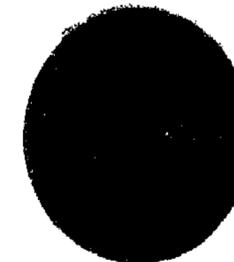
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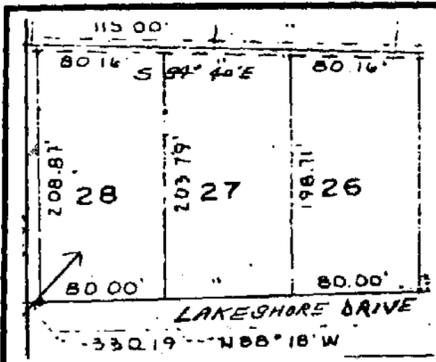


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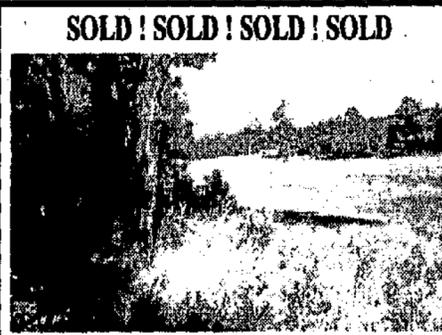
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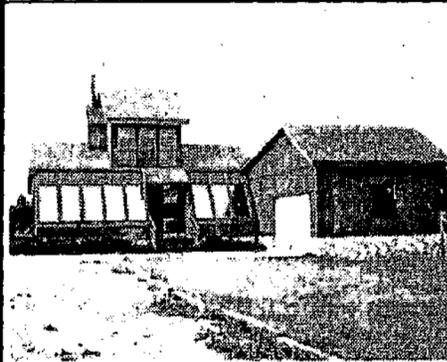
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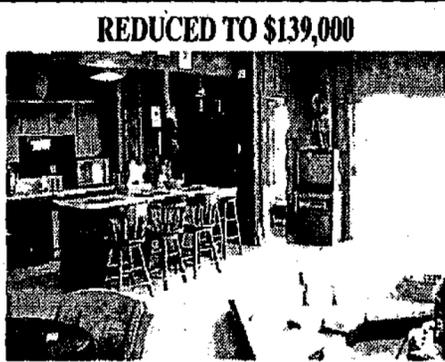
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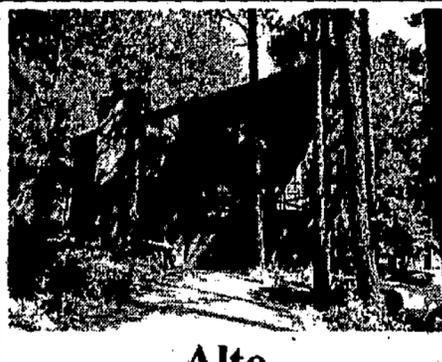
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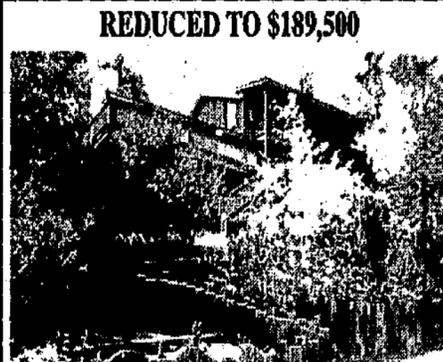
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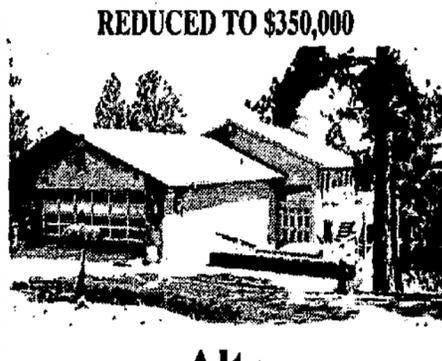
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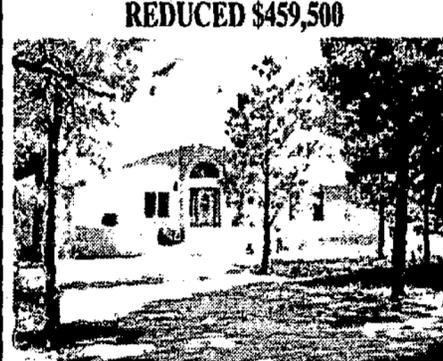
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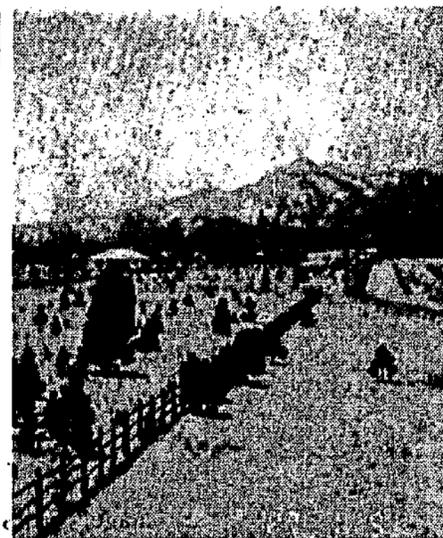
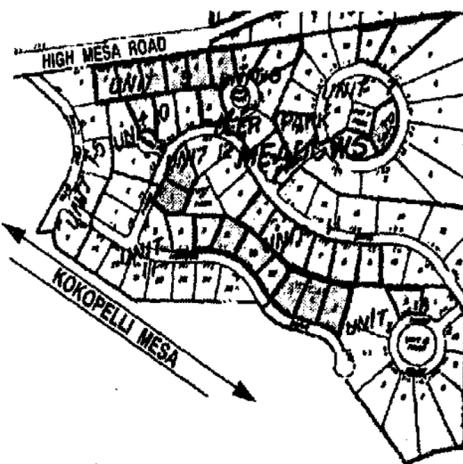
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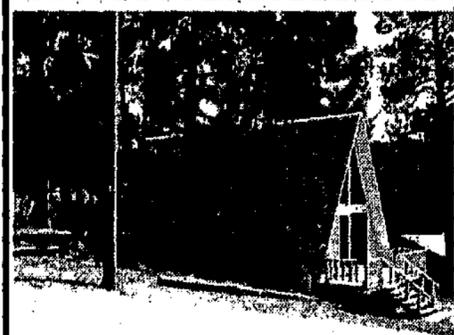
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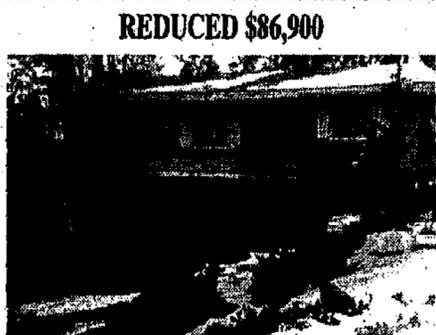
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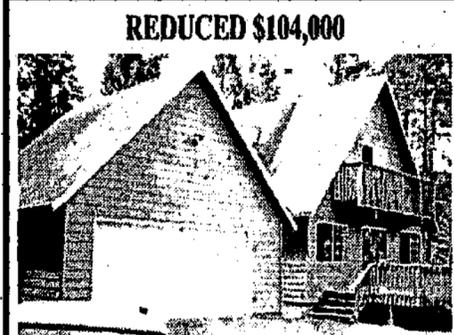
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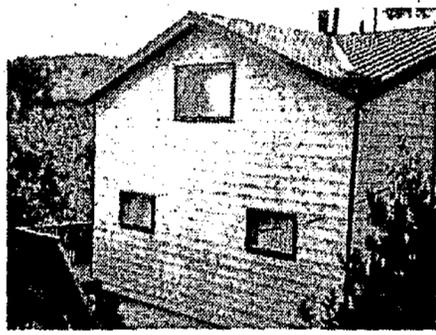
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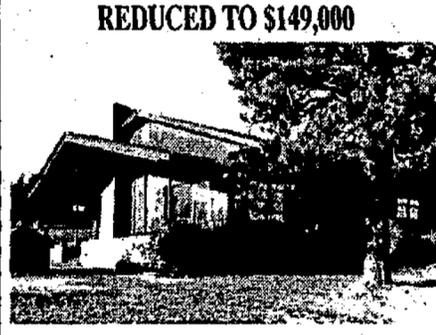
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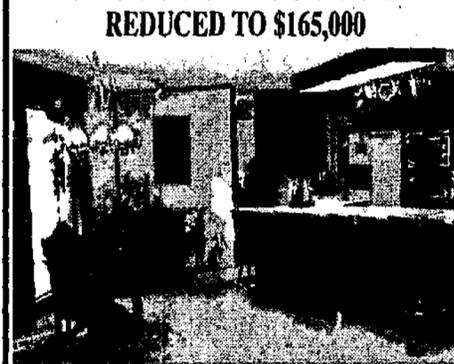
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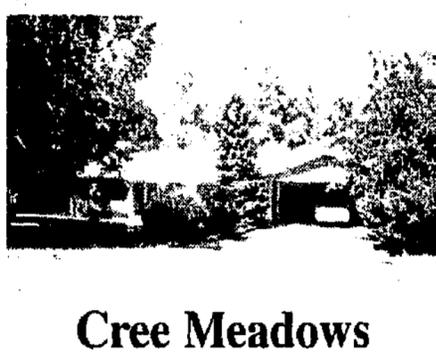
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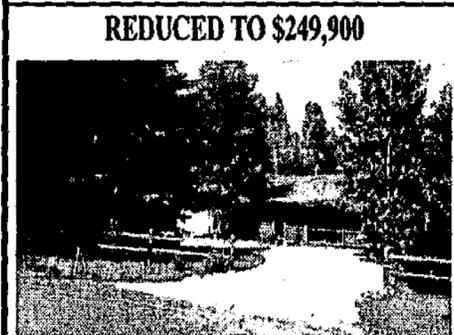
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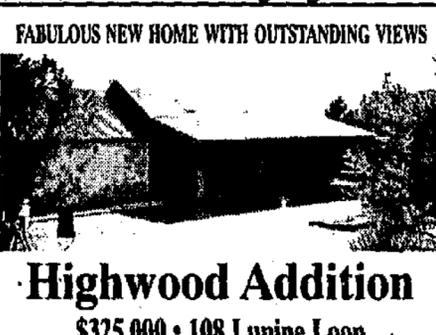
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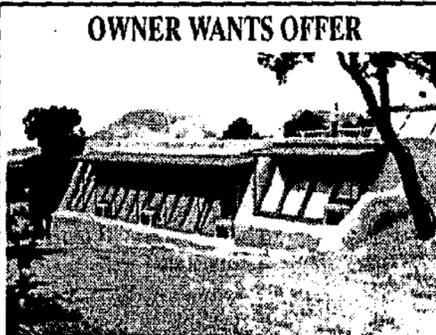
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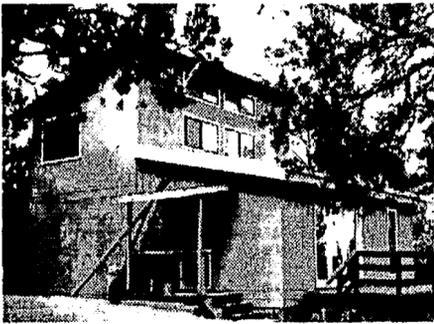
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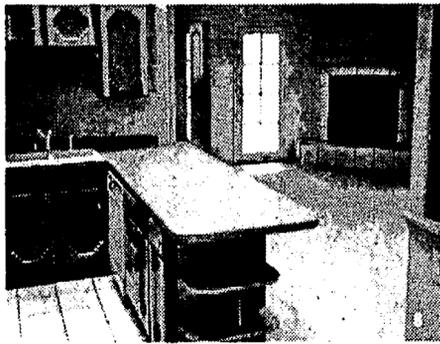
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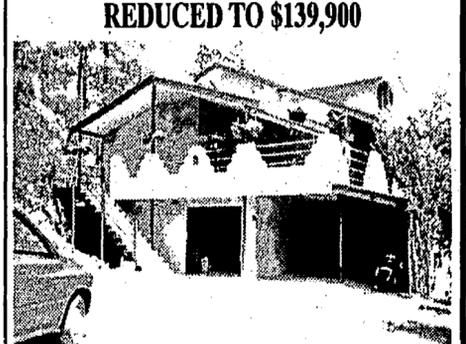
Lake View Estates

Gladstein • \$139,000 • 406 Excalibur #14
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Indian Hills

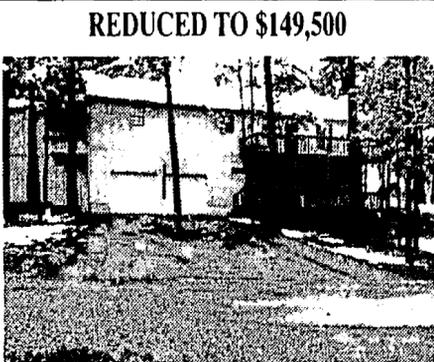
211 High Loop • \$149,500
3/3 appliances only. Very well kept home with Sierra Blanca View!



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Upper Canyon Area

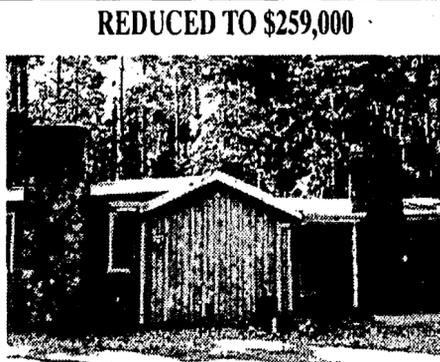
Bennett • \$149,000 • 215 Maple Dr.
3/2, 1-car garage + large workshop. Master shower. Wow!



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White Mt. Estates

Madera • \$170,000 • 220 White Mt. Meadows
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River

Watt • \$269,000 • 110 Bear Creek Trail
3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Upper Canyon on river.



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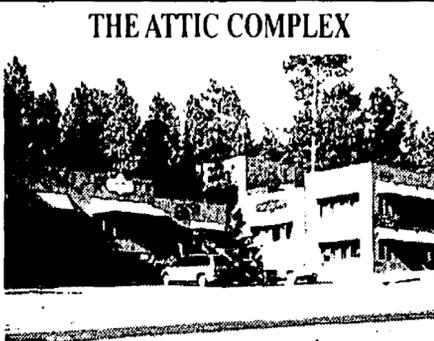
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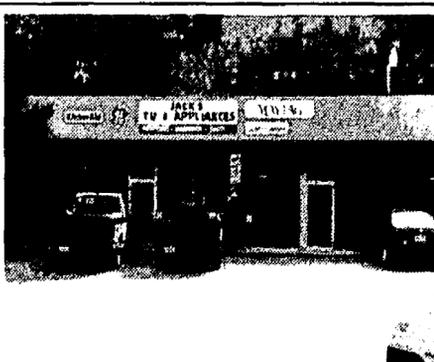
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Below appraisal - land - building - equipment.



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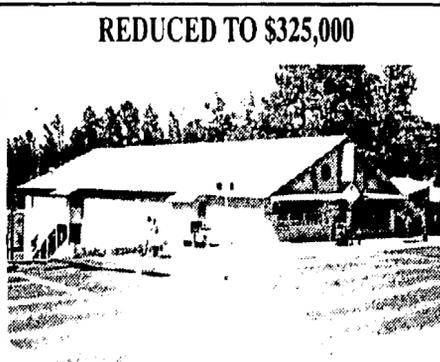
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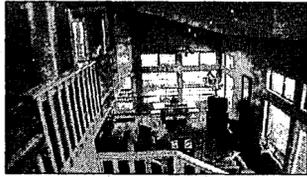
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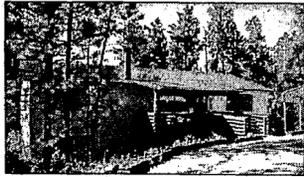
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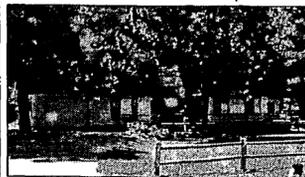
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GREAT BUY - Reduced to only \$110,000. Level paved access. 2 great lots. Underground utilities, new carpet - fireplace.

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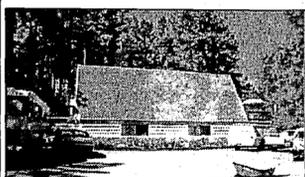
RUIDOSO ATMOSPHERE WITH HUGE PINES - Log sided 4 bedroom, 2 bath home on Buckner Drive. Big kitchen, workshop, attached garage, beautiful decks, large lot. \$139,500.

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ALTO - Newly remodeled 3 bedroom, 3 bath home in Alto. Gas log fireplace, Jenn-Air. 2 covered decks, attached 2-car garage, views of Sierra Blanca and Capitans. 2 year old roof. Only \$179,800.

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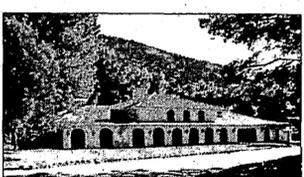
GREAT MOUNTAIN FEELING - Secluded but close to town. 3 bedroom, 3 bath home with 2 living areas and separate dining room. Fireplace, lots of storage, large decks. \$119,500.

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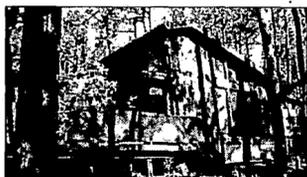
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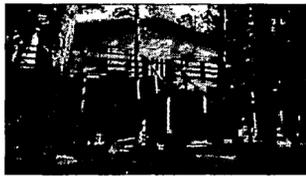


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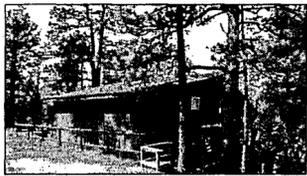
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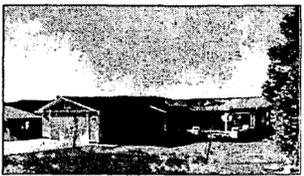
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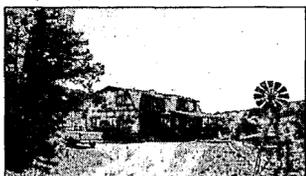
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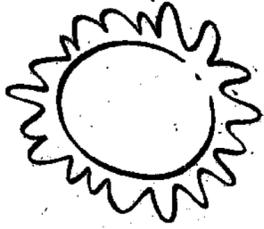


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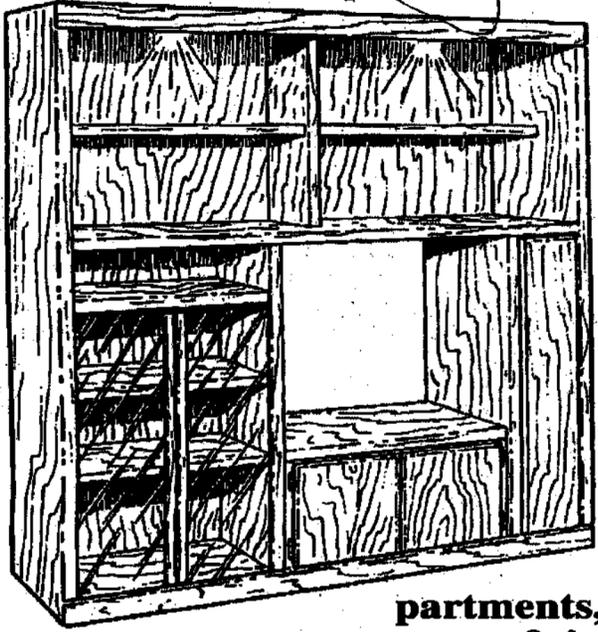
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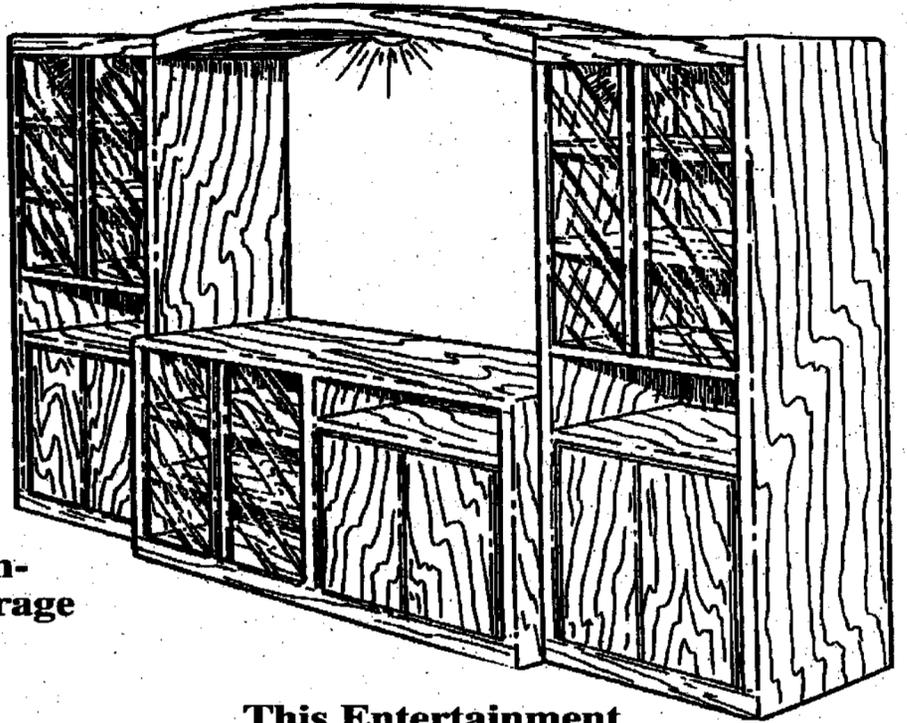
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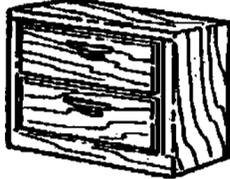
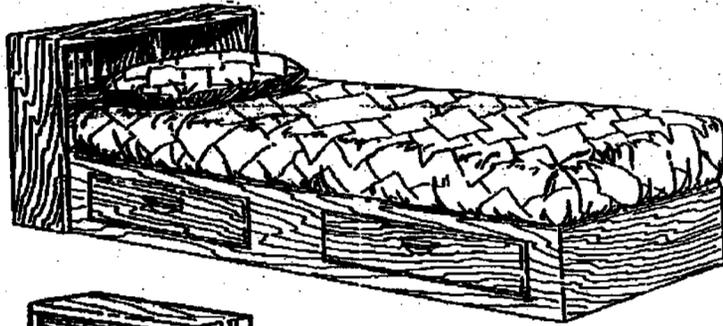
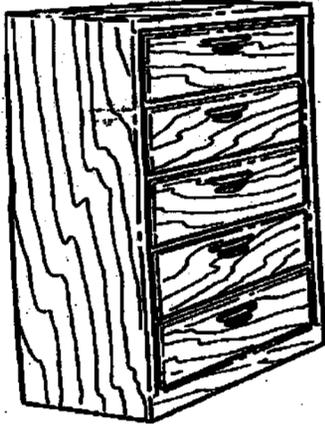
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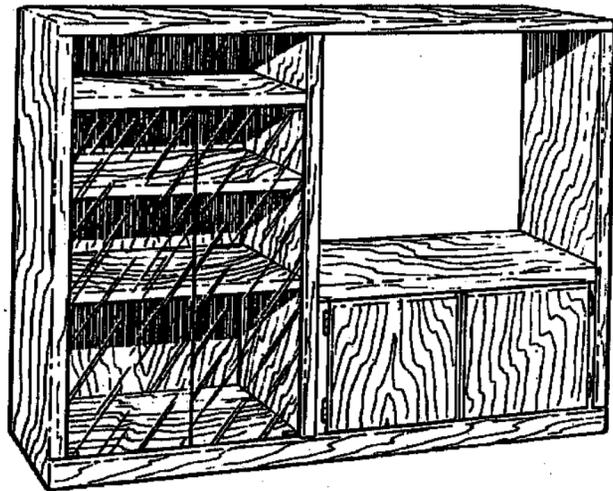
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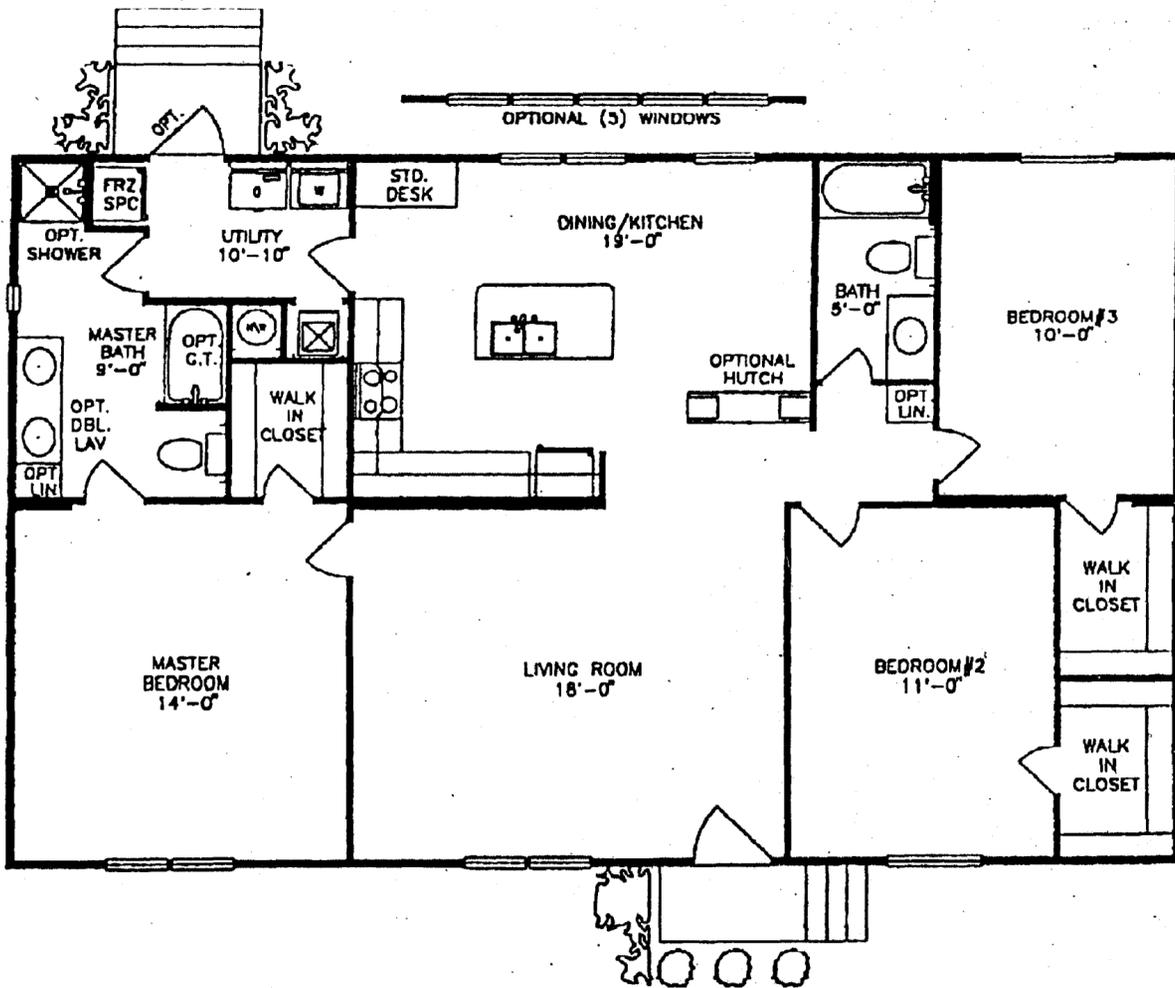


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