

County manager fired by commission for 'inefficiencies'

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Three months after offering Frank Potter a \$4,000 raise, the Lincoln County Commission fired him as county manager.

In a 3-2 vote Tuesday, commissioners terminated Potter, citing "inefficiencies" in his management, but offering no specifics.

Voting for dismissal were Commissioners Monroy Montes and Wilton Howell and Chairman L. Ray Nunley. Voting against the motion by Montes were Commissioners Rex Wilson and William Schwettmann.

While commissioners moved ahead with other agenda items, Potter returned to his office to pack up his personal items. He

declined to comment on the vote, saying, "They didn't want anybody to talk."

Potter was referring to Nunley's decision not to allow public input on the motion.

The county manager serves at the will of the commission and can be dismissed with or without cause at any time, Nunley pointed out.

Montes said he put the item on the agenda, because "there continues to be inefficiencies in the manager's office and the buck stops at his desk."

More issues are involved than the remark by Montes, Nunley said.

"Some things could be said that might be

hurtful to Frank," Nunley said. "I don't want to cause him any personal harm. I have much respect for Frank. We're close personal friends. This is not very pleasant."

Charles Rennick, chairman of the county planning commission and a candidate for a commission seat in the November election, questioned how Potter was given a good evaluation a few months ago, if he was so inefficient. "What's changed?" he asked, requesting more information.

"The county manager serves at the direction of the commission, not the public," Montes said.

"And you serve at our pleasure," said Capitan resident Kathleen Hellman.

"It seems if there are inefficiencies, the buck stops at the commission," Rennick said.

"Exactly right," Montes responded.

Schwettmann also asked for more information about Potter's deficiencies. But Nunley refused to elaborate.

"It's not my intent to hurt Mr. Potter," he said.

As commissioners moved on to other items, Potter was surrounded in the lobby by county employees expressing their disappointment in the vote outcome. Potter has been county manager for nearly three years.

"This isn't his first break with a government board.

He served for more than two decades in Ruidoso municipal government. Potter was removed as acting village manager when a new mayor and several new council members were elected.



Potter

'Great eggspectations'



Elsie Hobbs/Ruidoso News

Children in Natalie Rushing's and Tammy Riser's Nob Hill Early Childhood Center classes had an Easter party last week. Other celebrations included an Easter egg hunt in the Cedar Creek recreation area on Saturday (see Page 8A).

Village council appoints manager, new councilor

• Alan Briley will become Ruidoso village manager on April 29; Ron Anderson assumed his duties as village councilor Tuesday night.

BY TONI K. LANSON
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No surprises upset Mayor Robert Donaldson's proposed appointments of Ruidoso's new village manager and new village councilor Tuesday night.

On April 29, Ruidoso's current Deputy Manager Alan Briley will step into the role of village manager, left vacant by out-going Village Manager Gary Jackson.

Ron Anderson, Ruidoso's newest village councilor, took his place on the council Tuesday immediately after his appointment was confirmed, and he was sworn in by Ruidoso Clerk Tammie Maddox.

Prior to Anderson's appointment, councilors Bob Sterchi and Bill Chance asked questions of the

Ruidoso business owner. "Where do you stand on impact fees?" Sterchi asked Anderson.

While answering that some form of fees were needed to pay for infrastructure costs, Anderson did not say that an impact fee based on new development was the only answer.

"We do need to collect more dollars from the people who come to town," he said, adding that he wanted to study the issue at more depth. Chance asked Anderson to explain how his decision-making process.

"If we can make a decision (quickly), then I'm for it, snap, do it right away. If not -- it has to be studied," Anderson said.

Sterchi, before asking Anderson about his stand on impact fees, said he wanted to clarify that the appointment decision was entirely in the hands of Donaldson, who went

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County renews jail contract

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Because they need more time to negotiate contract points, Lincoln County commissioners Tuesday postponed action on a proposal by Correctional Systems Inc. to operate the county jail.

Instead, they approved a third extension of a CSI emergency contract under which the jail has operated since the beginning of the year. On a motion by Commissioner Monroy Montes, the company agreed to charge \$225 a day and manage the jail through June 30 for a total of \$17,100.

CSI was the only company that responded to an advertised request for proposals to manage the jail in Carrizozo while the county decides where and how to build a new detention center. The jail often is crowded and the county has farmed out some inmates to jails in other counties. A radio monitoring program was started for some offender to allow them to stay at home and work. Commissioners learned

recently they also will need a new site to take care of juvenile offenders.

County Attorney Alan Morel explained that the company submitted three different options detailing costs from one to three years. They are:

- To supply the jail commander and backup from the corporate staff, but the county would retain control of employees and operational costs. The first year cost would be \$82,249.

- To also take jail employees under CSI with the county responsible for all other costs. The first year cost would be \$487,356.

- For CSI to take responsibility for the entire facility, employees and serving meals to inmates for a first year cost of \$592,848. The staff level would stay at 14.5 employees.

Commissioners did not seem completely sold on the CSI proposal and did express some concern, including benefits for employees.

CSI representatives said they do provide insurance but do not offer a retirement plan.

Let's pray for justice but not hatred

Elizabeth Ballard remembered

BY ELSIE HOBBS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

More than 85 family members and friends filled Christ Church in the Downs to celebrate the memory of murder victim Elizabeth Lankhorst Ballard Tuesday morning.



Ballard with her son, Kyle

The memorial service was conducted by Lankhorst Ballard's father, Pastor Jack Lankhorst of Flagstaff, Ariz., after a remembrance from Christ Church Pastor Al Lane.

Elizabeth Nora Lankhorst Ballard was born Aug. 19, 1970, in Denver. She is survived by her husband, Brett Ballard, her son, Kyle, her mother, Sharon Ashley, her father and his wife, Jack and Jane Lankhorst, sisters Andrea and Jacquelyn, grandmothers Bette Dennison, Tillie Lankhorst and Marsha Ballard, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Jack Lankhorst said that although he had to work through feelings of anger against those who were responsible for his daughter's death, to those who came to the service he said, "As a father, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. Let's pray for justice but not hatred."

He said people came to the service from, among other places, Florida, Arizona, Missouri and Colorado.

Friends and family members were asked to share their memories of Lankhorst Ballard after a musical tribute, and many did. Her father said that she was someone who never did anything halfway and that although she had gone through some troubled times and had not always made the right choices, she was unstinting in caring for others.

A friend said that she always had a way of making people feel good, bringing them out of bad times. A family member related how she enjoyed making family members laugh.

A former boyfriend and another man are now in custody and have been arraigned and charged with first degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder in Lankhorst Ballard's death. They pleaded not guilty at their arraignment.

At the end of the service, Jack Lankhorst said his daughter was "an intense person who came in and affected many people's lives and then pressed on. I ask you to transform the hatred for the two men or whoever did it, and forgive them."

A memorial fund has been set up by a friend. To make a donation, go to the First National Bank of Ruidoso and ask about the Elizabeth Lankhorst Ballard Memorial Fund.

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Skiers hit Ski Apache slopes in numbers not seen in years

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RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

WEDNESDAY High ... 57
Low ... 29
Mostly sunny

THURSDAY High ... 52
Low ... 21
Partly cloudy

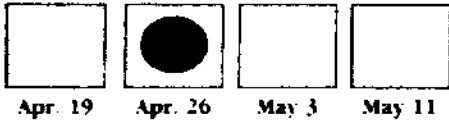
FRIDAY High ... 54
Low ... 20
Partly cloudy

WEATHER ALMANAC

Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Friday	70	22	.00"
Saturday	71	26	.00"
Sunday	66	29	.00"
Monday	64	26	.00"

Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	61	32	Mostly sunny
El Paso, TX	70	40	Mostly sunny
Lubbock, TX	72	43	Mostly sunny
Midland, TX	74	44	Mostly sunny

April-May phases of the moon



STARDATE

On April 18 Mercury is stationary against the background of stars. On April 21 The Lyrid meteor shower peaks. The moon is two days past last quarter, so it rises well after midnight. Even after it pops into view, its light should allow skywatchers to see the brightest Lyrids.

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April 19, 1900

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The Methodist and Congregational Churches joined

in union services at the Congregational Church on Easter Sunday. The house was crowded both morning and evening, and the splendid musical program which was rendered was greatly enjoyed.

Chas. Smith has been the victim of an attack of La Grippe for several days.

I. F. March, Supt. of the Old Abe Coal Mine is laid up with a cold.

Green Rivers is the official whiskey used in all hospitals of the United States for sale at the Little Casino.—Adv.

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COUNCIL: Donaldson says Briley is what Ruidoso needs at this time

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from being a councilor to mayor following the March 3 election.

"It's strictly up to the mayor," Sterchi said of the appointments, adding that he had been questioned by several people about factors regarding the appointment.

The council must confirm the appointments before they become effective.

Donaldson said he had not



Briley

received any written questions to be asked of Anderson before the council's confirmation. Donaldson previously said he would ask any questions of Anderson provided they were submitted in writing before the meeting.

Briley steps in as village manager with six years experience as Ruidoso's deputy village manager. Last month, Donaldson announced his intention to not conduct a search for a village manager



Anderson

and to appoint Briley as Jackson's replacement.

Briley, who has considerable knowledge about Ruidoso's infrastructure and its needs, is what Ruidoso needs at this time, Donaldson said at the time.

Jackson has accepted the position of city manager in Leander, Texas, about 20 miles from Austin. He is staying until April 28 to provide the village with a completed preliminary budget for the 1998-99 fiscal year.

Briley has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from New Mexico State University, and is certified as a New Mexico registered profes-

sional engineer.

He has been in municipal government since 1983 minus one year, in 1990 and 1991, when he worked as a field consultant engineer. He worked with Roswell, Las Cruces and Tucumcari before becoming Ruidoso deputy manager in 1992.

Anderson is co-owner of three local businesses and is board president of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. He is also on the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Commission, the Ruidoso Visioning Committee and chairman of the Mountain Summit marketing committee.

Ruidoso village council proposal would bypass advisory board

BY TONI K. LAXSON
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Expertise about planning issues would go untapped if the Ruidoso Village Council cuts an advisory board out of the loop when reviewing ordinances, say at least two board members.

Two Planning and Zoning commissioners Tuesday said the council could be losing valuable insight to the issues if they didn't refer to the commission.

"I still think it ought to go

back to Planning and Zoning," said Glen Barrow, newly elected chair of the commission. "We're the ones who hear mountains of data on the issues. And very often all of that information doesn't get to the council ... I mean, we hear all the sides of the story."

The change would apply only to ordinances being reviewed by the council in public hearings, and only those passed originally within 18 months of the review.

"We are on the front line and the council probably needs our comments," echoed commission member Bill Hirschfeld. "Because that's our job — we know what we are doing."

But "it's silly to send it back; that's just a waste of bureaucratic time," said Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson, who asked the village staff to draft the new law at the March 31 council session.

All the ordinances reviewed have gone through the Planning and Zoning

Commission at some point, Donaldson said, adding that the Village Council legally has the right to bypass the commission entirely.

"Planning and Zoning has its function, and we need to make sure that we don't step on their toes," Donaldson said. But, "ultimately, it's the council's responsibility."

The proposal to change village law is to go before the council on May 12. The amendment basically would allow the Village Council to make changes to laws during scheduled reviews without first asking the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission for recommendations.

The proposed amendment would not apply to the process for passing new ordinances. Councilors may reject or change recommended ordinances sent to them by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The only change proposed is in regard to those ordinances up for review.

For example, when the contentious sign law came up for

its 6-month review before the council, three changes were suggested during a public hearing.

Instead of enacting those changes at that time, the council is required to send the proposed amendments back to the commission for review and recommendation.

The commission is to hold a public hearing and discussion about the proposed sign law changes. The commission will then send its recommendation back to the council, which will set another public hearing before enacting the amended ordinance.

Hirschfeld said the council should at least ask a member of the advisory board to offer suggestions before changes are enacted.

He added that the council has so many areas under its jurisdiction to consider and study, its members don't have the time to dedicate to planning issues alone, as does the commission.

CORRECTIONS

A story last week about Salud!, the state managed health care program for Medicaid patients, should have said Lincoln County Medical Center under the program will allow Medicaid patients a 60-day buffer after June 1 before they are referred to a physician for non-emergency conditions.

The attorney for Zia Natural Gas is Mercedes Fernandez-Wells. A story published last week contained an incorrect spelling.

The Fifth Annual Rio Ruidoso River Cleanup is scheduled for May 16 at Schoolhouse Park by the old public library building from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The date was printed incorrectly last week.

Lions Foundation sponsors free vision screening

Free vision screening will be available Thursday at the Lions Eye Foundation screening van.

From 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center, local technicians and/or doctors of optometry will conduct the

screenings that take about 15 minutes. They will be given on a first come-first served basis.

Home Health Services of Lincoln County and Frontier Medical also will conduct diabetes testing and blood pressure screenings.

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Downs residents surveyed about possible rec center

DOWN NEWS

A teen representative has invited the Ruidoso Downs Village Council to a youth summit scheduled April 27.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
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Ruidoso Downs residents should be prepared to hear a knock on their door Saturday.

Surveyors are asking residents what they want in a recreation center and how often they would use it, said Virginia Armstrong, one of a six-member committee appointed by the Ruidoso Downs Village Council to study the issue.

The construction of a community recreation center has been a hot topic in both Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs lately — especially in the Downs where recent plans for an indoor basketball center at

the All American Park have slowed down considerably in the face of concerns that more investigation is warranted.

The issue of a recreation center also is expected to be the primary topic at a teen-organized youth summit meeting at 7 p.m. April 27 in the Ruidoso Convention Center.

A teen representative for the youth meeting on Monday invited Downs village trustees to the summit, which she said was to start an exchange of communication between adults and teens.

"The ultimate goal we are striving for is a community center. Not a teen center but a community center," said Myra Romero, a Ruidoso High School student and a member of YES (Youth Empowered for Success).

People from all over Lin-

coln County, especially young people, are being asked to attend the summit, Romero said. The group of teen coordinators seeks participation from senior citizens on what they want in a community center, she said. Additionally, they are asking local governmental bodies to attend.

"We are just asking that you come listen to us," Romero told the council. "And (offer) any kind of suggestions."

The council's next session is scheduled at the same time as the summit. Several trustees indicated that they would attend the youth meeting after the council session concluded.

One of the reasons the council appointed the recreation center committee was to discover what Downs youth wanted out of a proposed facil-

ity. Village trustees gave the committee three other assignments:

- Find out whether federal or state money is available for the center;
- Find out when that money, if any, could be accessed; and
- Find out if there are other viable locations for a recreation center besides All American Park.

"We're going to go door-to-door," Armstrong said recently of the committee's effort to gather community input. "We're not going to get to every door, because we just don't have the people."

Surveyors will be out from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, she said. Some homes were canvassed last Saturday.

Copies of the survey have been left at the Ruidoso Downs U.S. Post Office, Arm-

strong said.

Survey forms may be obtained by calling Bonnie Richardson, another committee member, at 378-4661.

Questions on the survey, which is estimated to take about five minutes to complete, include what types of activities should be offered at a recreational center.

Sixteen activities are listed, and residents will be asked which they prefer.

"And how often they would use it," she added. "We are trying to make it a multi-purpose recreation center."

The Ruidoso Downs council appointed the committee on March 23.

Besides Armstrong and Richardson, members are Mike Warren, Tommy Hood and Gladys Dillard.

The Ruidoso Downs Village Council took action Monday on the following agenda items:

- Approved a resolution to accept \$30,000 from the state to offset the village's contribution for a grant to improve the water system.
- Approved seeking requests for proposals for an auditor.
- Approved seeking bids for ball field lights at the All American Park.
- Heard a report from Gladys Dillard on progress by the committee appointed to study a possible recreation center in the village.
- Approved two requests from residents for adjustments to their sewer bills because of damage to the lines.
- Proclaimed this week as Veterans' Appreciation Week.
- Set a preliminary budget workshop session for 5:30 p.m. on April 22.

DEATHS FUNERALS

Michael "Tweety" Gallerito

A prayer service for Michael "Tweety" Gallerito Sr., 44, was held Tuesday at the Mescalero Assembly of God Church where the funeral will be today at 10 a.m. Officiating will be the Rev. Donald Pettey. Burial will be at the Mescalero Cemetery.

Mr. Gallerito died Sunday at St. Joseph's Hospital in Albuquerque.

He was born July 3, 1953, at Mescalero and had lived there all of his life. He was a member of the Mescalero Assembly of God Church and was a carpenter.

Mr. Gallerito is survived by sons, Michael John Gallerito Jr., Eustace Valentino Gallerito and Adrian Jason Gallerito, all of Mescalero; his father, John Gallerito of Mescalero; his brothers and sisters, Micha Rodriguez, Sharlene Glossop, Wade Torres, Dalton Hamilton, Franklin Gallerito and Wendell Gallerito, all of Mescalero;

and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lavina Gallerito on March 9, 1998.

Arrangements are by LaGrone Funeral Chapel.

J. Paul Reynolds

Memorial services for Dr. J. Paul Reynolds, 92, will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Roswell.

Dr. Reynolds died April 8 at his home.

He was born in Unionville, Mo., March 24, 1906, to William Douglas Reynolds and Zeddie Haynes Reynolds.

The Reynolds family moved to Montana in 1916 where Mr. Reynolds attended public schools. After graduation from high school, he entered Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, graduating in 1931. After graduation, he practiced in Harlowton, Mont., for two years. In 1932, he married Ina Catherine Lodmell; and in 1933, at

the urging of Dr. Seaman Rouse, they came to Roswell. He was in practice until 1976.

He was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, a life member of the American Osteopathic Association and past president and life member of the New Mexico Osteopathic Association.

For 12 years he was president and board member of the New Mexico Osteopathic board of examiners.

Dr. Reynolds was instrumental in founding the Roswell Osteopathic Clinic and the Roswell Osteopathic Hospital.

He was a past exalted ruler and life member of Roswell Elks Lodge No. 969 and past president and 40-year member of the Downtown Lions Club.

Dr. Reynolds was preceded in death by his first wife, Ina Reynolds, in 1973, a son, J. Paul Reynolds Jr.; brothers,

Fred K. Reynolds and Claude Reynolds of Montana; sister, Naomi Jackson of Oregon; and a granddaughter.

He is survived by his wife, Laura Hedgcoxe Adams; daughters, Gerda White of Ruidoso, Karen Harris of Farmington, N.M., and Doris Thomas of El Paso, Texas; son, Carl Ober Reynolds of Phoenix, Ariz.; sister, Grace Warren of Orlando, Fla.; brother, W.O. Reynolds, and his wife, Betty, of Alamogordo, N.M.; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 505 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Roswell, N.M., 88201, or Roswell Hospice, 600 N. Richardson Ave., Roswell, N.M., 88201.

Arrangements are by Ballard Funeral Home.

County artists get funding for directory from foundation

Backing from one of the area's most prominent philanthropic foundations is expected to attract more support for an on-going endeavor to produce a directory of Lincoln County artists, supporters say.

"I received information today (April 9) that funding would be available from the Hubbard Foundation," said Rick Rotert, a member of the Lincoln County Arts Council.

Rotert did not reveal how much the gift would be from the foundation, established by R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard, but he described the amount as "extremely generous."

Hubbard is owner of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

About 100 artists will be featured in the first printing of the directory, Rotert said

Thursday in a presentation to the Ruidoso Arts Commission.

"And we want to produce at least 2,000 (copies)," he said. "If we are able to get additional funds, we will publish more ... Our target date is July 1 to get this done."

The directory has been the primary goal of the fledgling council, which recently received official status as a non-profit organization.

The total printing cost of the directory, which has been developed largely by volunteer efforts, is expected to be about \$15,000, Rotert said.

He or other representatives of the council are expected to seek additional funding from local governmental entities.

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OUR OPINION

400 and counting

So how important is a 400th anniversary, other than the sheer roundness of the number?

Very important, in New Mexico, and for reasons more cultural than historical. Yes, Don Juan de Onate did bring a group of European settlers for the first into what is now New Mexico in 1598; and, as has been well reviewed in a series of articles by Morrow Hall on these pages over the past month, that effort wasn't very satisfactory in the context of modern political correctness.

But it was part of the history of this state and nation and cannot be ignored. Those who came north with Onate suffered, and fought, and built homes and churches. They wanted land and a better life, and (as people were then and always have been) there were many more good people than bad ones.

Nor can we ignore the fact that the Spanish crown governed *Nuevo Mexico* more than 200 years (with time out for the 12 years the Pueblo Indians returned to their old ways after the revolt of 1680 until Don Diego de Vargas marched back into Santa Fe in 1692). Mexico ran things for another 25 years beginning in 1821.

It was only when Gen. Stephen Watts Kearny annexed New Mexico during the Mexican-American War in 1846 that anyone other than people of Hispanic origin controlled our state. (An effort by the new Republic of Texas to take over everything east of the Rio Grande was a notable failure in 1841.)

So...bottom line: Hispanic control, 224 years. United States control, 152 years.

Such are the numbers. However, numbers never have told the whole story. New Mexico's Hispanic background inculcates every phase of culture, from folk tales to *curanderas* to architecture. The Spanish brought horses to the continent, and thereby created very mobile Indian warriors, not to mention *vaqueros* and cowboys.

(And while gringo traders were traveling the trail from Kansas City to Santa Fe in the 1830s, people from the Rio Grande valley were finding their way eastward to settle in the Hondo Valley, and no doubt enjoying the cool pines of the Rio Ruidoso when summer arrived.)

So we who are relative latecomers to Ruidoso have every reason imaginable to welcome dignitaries from Spain, Mexico and the United States as they visit the Museum of the Horse this Sunday as part of the commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the Onate expedition.

Call it the Onate *cuatrocentennial* or the quadricentennial or the 400th anniversary, it remains one of those benchmarks that we recognize as part of the pageant of history that has made New Mexico what it is today.

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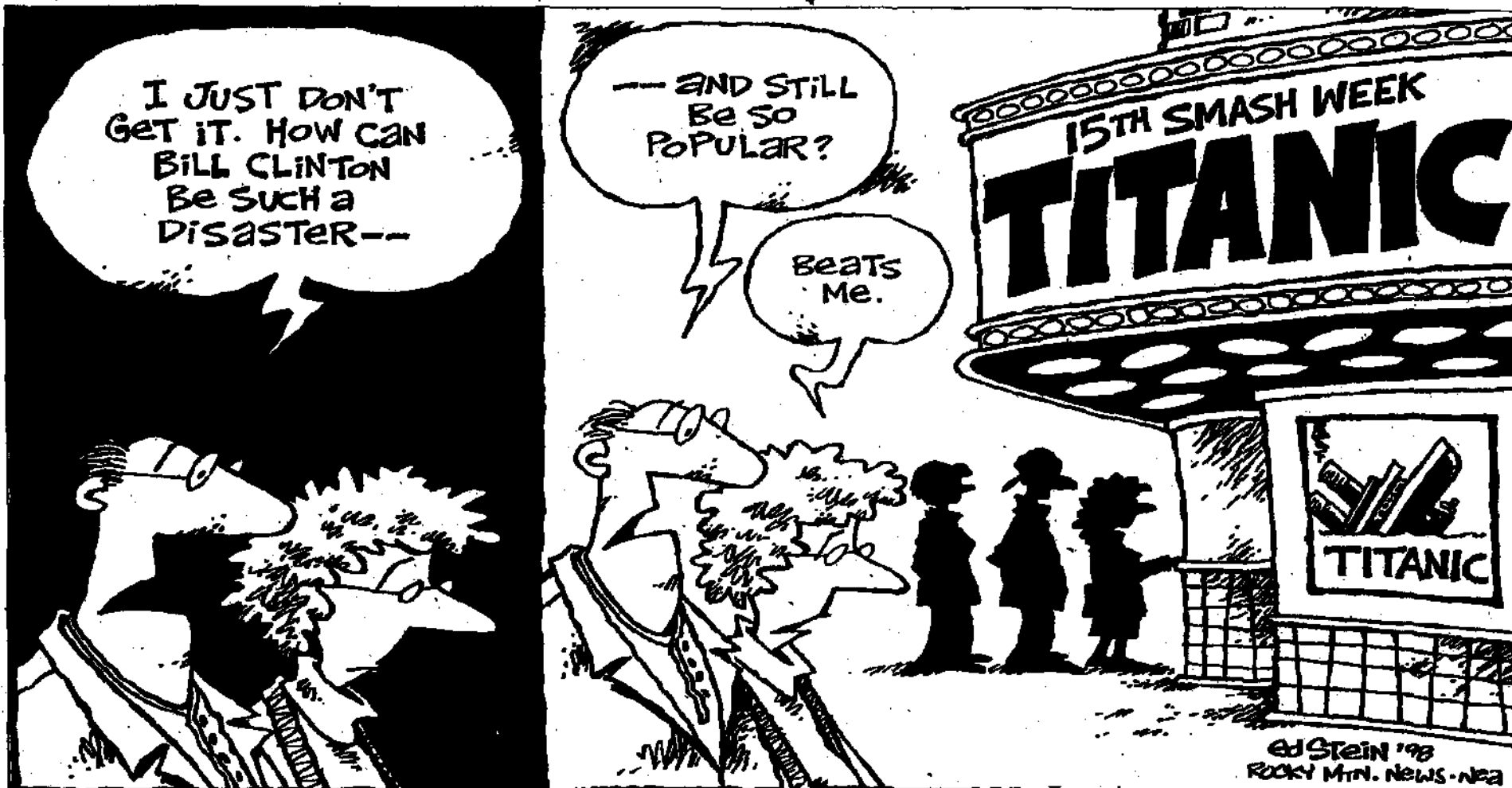
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OTHER VIEWS

Outrageous breakdown of law enforcement

In recent days, a number of raids by state officials have shut off illegal gambling in Hobbs, Roswell, Artesia and Socorro. Here, as a history reminder, is an editorial published in the Albuquerque Journal on June 29, 1949

The open and flagrant gambling at the resort of Ruidoso and the utter breakdown there of law and order generally brand our law enforcement machinery as sinking to a new low. Officers are wholly disregarding their sacred oaths of office.

One must see, rather than be told, the extent of this lawlessness that exists in Ruidoso and other resort spots in New Mexico.

Ruidoso gets the current limelight because the law violations in that community have reached an almost unbeliev-

able and fantastic status.

One clique in Ruidoso now boasts that it harbors the most elaborate and extensive gambling house in all New Mexico. This clique tells the truth. Just outside this hall of roulette, poker, dice and practically all other games of chance a curb sign says "reserved for police." A police car is usually parked in this space.

Just inside the door of this elaborate establishment consisting of a huge bar, restaurant, dance hall and gambling room often stands an officer of the law dressed in slick boots, rich cowboy hat and fancy strapped-on gun. He's a sight for sore eastern eyes. But somehow he never seems to take the few steps that would carry him into the midst of the wide-open, noisy, and often-crowded-to-capacity gaming department where the take for the house seems heavy and the outgo to the deluded customers small.

At times this gambling hall

is so crowded that one cannot find a post at which to plunk down his dollars and, of course, forthwith lose them.

This establishment is the key or "mother of them all" in Ruidoso. There are dozens of others just as open but not quite so large. Once upon a time it required a card or some sort of phony club membership to get into these Ruidoso gambling places. But that "precaution" has passed on. Now everybody is admitted. They are as open as the corner grocery or drug store.

Slot machines? Ha. There are so many of them they hardly count. There are hundreds and hundreds of them ranging in the playing price from 5 cents to \$1. Little cafes have them. Medium cafes and joints have them galore. The big places stack 'em in by the dozens.

Just as nauseating and repulsive to ordinary decency in Ruidoso is the complete disregard of the liquor laws. The

bars sell the same on Sunday as they do on a weekday. In some places it is necessary to go to a side door or even a back door but once inside—no card or password is needed—the bar is wide open.

Ruidoso flaunts our liquor laws in a manner that if kept up will eventually see a return of prohibition sentiment so strong that it well could sweep the state back into the category of a so-called dry commonwealth.

As usual come state law enforcement officials ... to declare they are without knowledge of law violation in Ruidoso and other hot spots...

The non-enforcement over the state of the liquor and gambling laws is now a major scandal.

... Comes a day when the people no longer will tolerate such alibis as Governor (Thomas J.) Mabry and his henchmen are now giving out.

What, Mr. Mabry, do you intend to do about it?

Our old friend — the courthouse

BY JOHNSON STERN'S
BORN IN CARRIZOZO IN 1917

Roughly a century ago, Gov. Lew Wallace said "every calculation based on experience elsewhere, fails in New Mexico." Gov. Toney Anaya called New Mexico a

COMMENT



BY JOHNSON STERN'S
CARRIZOZO NATIVE

"Banana Republic" because New Mexico is closer in its culture, politics and development to the Third World south of us, than it is to our neighboring states.

Gov. Ed Mecham said "we are lucky that we don't get all the government we pay for." And then we hear "one of our fifty is missing."

But it is truly the "Land of Enchantment" and for many years our license plates carried this logo.

Here in Lincoln County it is again the season to change the location of the courthouse and jail from Carrizozo to Ruidoso. The old courthouse was my good friend and, because in other times it was the only block in town with a sidewalk all the way around, many a pair of skates were worn leading up to the main entrance.

Also there was a cement tank on the south side about 20 by 20 that was kept full of water and was deep enough to swim a few dog paddles to the other side. You could sneak into it

after everyone at the courthouse had gone home except the jailer — he wasn't too big of a bother; most of the time he had a only a few or no prisoners — and could holler out the window to get out of there and went back to his lonely vigil.

In 1909 it was taken down to make way for a more modern facility and where there used to be 10 or maybe 15 people working there, it became a major source of employment that we sorely need besides the money that comes into town from tax collections, court, land trades and the miscellaneous other activities usually connected to a courthouse.

In 1909 the territorial voters decided that the county seat and courthouse should be in Carrizozo where the railroad was located and the town's future was very promising. But at Lincoln it was a mortal blow and all of the citizens in that area hotly contested the change — to no avail — even going so far as taking all of the books from the courthouse and removing them to the hills in a wagon to where they couldn't be found. But then, realizing this was the way it was going to be, brought them back and turned them over to the authorities to transport to Carrizozo.

Now 89 years later thoughts are being given to moving the courthouse and jail closer to where the action is.

Probably many of the part-time and full-time citizens up in that area could care less that it is not there. Many of them know a drive through our beautiful mountains and down to Carrizo-

zo to pay their taxes, attend court, get a divorce, or whatever, makes it a less painful experience.

The original general contractor who put the mountains, valleys, streams, trees, wildflowers, clear blue skies and clean air up there for the people to enjoy did one heck of a job. Ruidoso and all of the beautiful country surrounding it is being recognized worldwide as the ideal place to live.

Having the courthouse and jail would only add to the traffic and confusion. Why not leave it right where it is; the cost of moving would be gigantic and the county doesn't need that expense, and the amount of savings compared to the expense isn't that big of a deal. Our county officials have a big job nowadays and lots of pressure is being exerted on them to make a change, but I don't think the pressure is coming from the majority of folks scattered across Lincoln County. The biggest thing most of us do connected with the court-

house is to pay property taxes, and you can mail the treasurer a check for that.

Our country has steadily become more a part of our lives that won't go away and the promises are no different than they were in the last century when they told the Indians "this treaty is for ever, as long as the grass grows and the water flows," but then when oil was discovered on Indian lands, the government said the treaties didn't say anything about oil and started making moves to get in on the oil action. The Great White Father in Washington is still the same good old boys.

Change is constant in all of our lives but that doesn't mean they are all for the good; sometimes changes have no substance and this particular one we are talking about is such a change.

Good luck to Lincoln county, New Mexico, the greatest piece of real estate in the good old U. S. A.

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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Spencer Theater will showcase area's students during April, May

BY ELAINE HOBBS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Eight hundred and 30 school children will appear on stage at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts as part of Student Performing Arts Month. Margaret Lahey, outreach coordinator for the theater, quoted Jackie Spencer, co-founder with Dr. A.N. Spencer, as saying "one of the main things I have always

wanted to do is to have the kids out there on stage because it could really make a difference in their lives."

The theater is being offered to the schools this month free of charge. The normal fee would run about \$2600 for the whole facility, Lahey said. Every student in each class has the chance to perform in these presentations.

School performances are

scheduled to begin April 16 with "A Night of Fantasy" presented by the White Mountain Intermediate School 6th grade drama class at the theater at 7 p.m. A school performance at 9:30 a.m. that day also is scheduled for the 5th and 6th grade. Lahey described the performance as "sort of fractured fairy tales."

Included will be versions of "Cinderella," "Hansel and Gretel," and "Sleeping Beauty." Tick-

ets may be obtained at the school office, through ProTix, or at the box office of the theater at 336-4800. The contact at the school is Waynta Wirth at 258-4150.

Performances are planned from different schools through May 12. The next is "Spring Music Fling" on Monday, April 20, at 7 p.m. by the White Mountain Elementary School 4th grade with 185 students performing. The "Spring Music

Fling II" will be performed by the White Mountain 3rd grade on April 21 at 7 p.m. Contact for both performances is Sue Vinant at 258-4220.

On April 23 there will be a Mescalero cultural presentation by the Mescalero Apache Schools students. It is especially for the people of Ruidoso and will begin at 7 p.m., with 55 students performing traditional scenes of a village at night. An Apache war dance will open the evening. The students also will tell the story of the Cradle Board. A matinee for Mescalero students will be at 1 p.m. The contact is Jane Nobles at 671-4431. Tickets for this performance will be available at both Furr's supermarkets beginning April 16.

Performance of "Bye Bye Birdie" will be presented April 30, May 1 and 2 at 8 p.m. by the Ruidoso High School Drama Department, grades 9 through 12. The cast will include 55 students. The contact is Cathi McIntosh at 258-4910.

The schools' spring band

concert and spring choir concert will be performed in May because both groups have contests scheduled for April. The band concert takes place May 5 at 7 p.m. with students from Ruidoso High School, Ruidoso Middle School and White Mountain Intermediate School, grades 6 through 12, performing. The contact is Robert Stevens at 258-4910, and tickets may be obtained from band students.

The choir concert will be performed May 12 at 7:30 p.m. by the Ruidoso High School, Middle School and White Mountain Intermediate students, grades 6 through 12. The contact is Dan Hood at 258-4910. Choir members will be selling tickets.

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Award winners

Annual honors have been handed out at White Mountain Elementary School, to cheers from all. The Principal's Award was prized for its status. And there were winners of bicycles from among those on the honor roll.



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Winners of bicycles donated by Wal-Mart and awarded at random to students who qualified for the honor roll are Heather McDougal (left) and Emma Sowell. Winners of \$50 savings bonds donated by Norwest Bank of Ruidoso and Pioneer Savings Bank are MacKenzie Mobley, Jaime Wirth, Rachel Negrete, Georgia Thompson, Nathan Trey and Morgan Ingram. (not pictured).

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Wyeth Art Festival continues at museum

The Second Annual Henriette Wyeth School Art Festival opened at the Museum of the Horse April 4 and continues through April 26 with an exhibition of 1700 works by students. G.W. H. Salas, a painter and sculptor, was the juror for the exhibition, which began with an open house at the museum.

First place was awarded to J.J. Garcia, a 9th grader at Ruidoso High School. Second place went to Christie Brown, a 12th grader from Cloudcroft, and Jesus Figueroa, a 10th grader at Ruidoso High School, took third place.

All three winners were awarded cash prizes, and 22 honorable mention certificates were issued. All participants received a certificate for entering. In addition, each participating teacher will receive \$100 for art supplies.

The museum invites the entire community to see the exhibition. A free day-long metal sculpting demonstration will be given by the juror of the show, G.W. H. Salas, on April 18 at the museum. For more information, call the Museum of the Horse at 378-4142.

Lincoln bar group sponsors essay contest

Lincoln County Bar Association is inviting Lincoln County high school students, grades 9-12, to enter its 1998 Law Day Essay Contest. First prize is \$100, and runner-up will receive \$50.

Law Day was designated as May 1 by former President Dwight D. Eisenhower to celebrate freedom. It was meant to contrast the society of the Unit-

ed States to those of the communist countries that celebrated May 1 as May Day with parades of tanks, missiles and soldiers displaying the force that controlled their countries.

This year's theme for Law Day is "Celebrate Your Freedom." All essays must be written on this year's theme.

Contestants are asked to neatly print or type (double spaced) a two-page essay on 8 1/2" x 11" paper and deliver it to the law office of Gary C. Mitchell, P.C., 443 Mechem Drive, or mail it to P.O. Box 2460, Ruidoso, N.M. 88355.

Entries must be received by April 24 at 5 p.m. Participants may enter only once. Place your name, grade, school and telephone number on the back of your entry. All entries become the property of the Lincoln County Bar Association which will pick the winners. Other prizes may be awarded.

Winners will be announced May 1, and all decisions are final.

African-American reunion due at ENMU

The first reunion of Eastern New Mexico University African-American students will be held at the Portales campus April 23-26. The theme will be Our Past Educating Our Future.

The event will begin with a reception on April 23 at 7 p.m. Events on April 24 will include an alumni and administration meeting, tours of the campus, an open forum for students and alumni and a disco dance.

A green and silver football game will kick off on April 25, and a banquet that evening will feature Leon Grauer as guest speaker.



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Recipients of the Principal's Award in third grade are, top, from left, Ashley Cosgray, Andy Mancha, Nathaniel Mays, Cheyenne Pertaeet, Connor Reveley, Lauren Sportsman, Liza Martinez; middle, Love Najjar, Alyson Rapier, Jacob Chadwick, Cristina Guthrie, Joshua Meade; front, Gabriel Chavez and Shalane Duquette. Not present was Lindsey Blake.



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More Principal's Award winners in third grade are, top, from left, Kelly Hodges, Ashlee Kelley, Dustin Poolaw, Nadine Bigmouth, Stephen Bryant, Ashlee Stella, Alisha Westmacott; front row, Manny Herrera, Joe Lynch, Emma Sowell, Guillermo Ambriz, Rachel Negrete, and Priscilla Torres.



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Fourth Grade Principal's Award winners are, top, from left, Heather Johnson, April Labrecque, Fabian Olvera, Starnes Reveley, Ashley Comanche, Tiffany Tinker; middle row, Louise Glossop, Shaubrey Metts, Robert Herrera, Tyler Brunetta, Sashay Mills, Katelynne Wenner; front row, Sarah Mowdy, Rosie Perales and Mallo-ry Thomson. Absent was David Esquibel.



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More recipients of Principal's Award in fourth grade are Jamie Valenzuela, Rachel Adaza, Ricardo Herrera, Jenny Rogers, Carmen Sanchez, middle row, Jennifer Brown, Zach Hamilton, Heather McDougal, Chezara Chavez; front row, Nicole Doth, Erica Linares.

Nob Hill Early Childhood Center's Good Citizens for March



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Nob Hill Early Childhood Center March Good Citizens, morning classes, back row left to right: Madison Bremer, Aaron Griewahn, A.J. Peralta, Dasha Mays, Lindsey Norvell, and Sarah Huber; front row left to right, Cassandra Cordova, Priscilla Mountain, Dillon Bormar, Nicholas Smith, Lee Ann Richardson and (not pictured) Savanna Webb.



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Nob Hill Early Childhood Center afternoon classes Good Citizens are back row left to right, Jacob Gardea, Daisy Magana, Matthew Kaydahzinne, Norman Chee and Stephen Chino; front row, Aaron Gallegos, Emily Woods, Kristen Clawson, Roxanne Holder, James Culhane and Kerstyn Rapier.

Planning and Zoning to hold meeting on housing project

The Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission has scheduled a meeting at 2 p.m. Tuesday (April 21) in the Ruidoso Convention Center to discuss a subsidized housing project planned for the White Mountain Estates subdivision.

The project, called Tierra del Oso, would provide 60 apartments for low-income families and individuals. Opponents say the apartments would lower property values and burden the neighborhood's infrastructure in addition to other problems.

Proponents say Ruidoso needs affordable housing.

In other actions last week, the commission:

- Elected new officers and inducted new members. Glen Barrow is chair, Steve Roman is vice chair and Phillis Barnett is the commission's representative

to the Extra-Territorial Planning and Zoning Commission. New members of the commission are Ross Dingman and Rick Silva.

- Scheduled a public hearing on May 4 to consider changes to Ruidoso's ordinance regulating signs. Three proposed amendments include:

- A change to allow licensed signs on or over public property.

- A change to the application deadline for across-the-street banners, from 120 days prior to an event to 90 days.

- A change to increase the size of off-premise and directional signs from 20 square feet to 32 square feet.

- Delayed a decision on a variance request from Dean Gunstream to build a home in the Golf Course Estates, at 405

Barcus Road, about 14 feet from the front lot line. The standard set back is 20 feet. Gunstream said the variance is needed for a handicap accessible ramp at the home. The commission postponed a decision on the request until a special session April 23.

- Approved a commercial development request from Jim Trolinder to construct an office building at 1121 Mechem Drive between a car wash and a ski rental shop. The building would require additional village permits prior to construction.

- Approved both a variance request and a commercial site amendment request for the Lincoln County Grill, 2717 Sudderth. Owner Paul Martin intends to build a 180-square-foot addition for two handicap accessible restrooms. The existing restrooms are being

removed to allow a kitchen expansion. The new restrooms would be 6 feet 4 inches from the west lot line. Standard set back is 10 feet.

- Approved a past commercial site development request from Orval Blankenship for an addition to the Aspen Pawnshop, 624 Sudderth.

Blankenship, whose variance request was approved by the commission last month, needed to submit both a drainage study and plans to increase his parking lot before obtaining approval of the amended commercial site development.

His revised parking lot plan provides 22 spaces, including two that are handicapped accessible.

Spontaneous combustion blamed for Capitan blaze

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Spontaneous combustion is being blamed for a fire that ignited 300 hay bales being stored off Pine Ridge Road outside Capitan last week.

The fire was reported by owner Herbert Morris.

The Capitan Fire Department handled the initial response, but because the fire was outside the village limits,

Fire Chief Dave Cummins requested the firefighting unit of the State Forestry Division take over.

Forestry official Bill Rogge said it took most of the day to bring the fire under control.

At one point, the division had to release some of its firefighters to handle a grass fire at Fort Stanton, about four miles east, that started during a military exercise on the Bureau of Land Management

tract. The division needed some help to ensure the hay bale fire was out, Rogge said.

"We rented some heavy equipment to break up the bales or they could have smoldered and burned for days," he said. "We left people on site, because of the heavy wind, which pushed the fire into wild land and took about three-quarters of an acre."

Rogge said when sponta-

neous combustion first was proposed as the cause of the fire, he was skeptical, although he is aware of the heat that can be generated by microorganisms in the middle of hay stacks as mold is produced.

He became more receptive to the possibility after talking to a fireman who had inserted his hand into a bale and it was so hot in the center he had to remove it immediately.

RUIDOSO POLICE

House burglary

A burglary was reported on Chaves Road April 5 when a home was apparently entered through a dog door.

Nana Cheng left her home at 11 a.m. and returned at 1 p.m., noticing that 20 to 25 bottles of liquor were missing from a shelf in the living room.

A dog access door at the side of the house about 12 inches by 18 inches was the only apparent entry, police said.

The back door was found to be unlocked, and police said that was the probable exit taken by the burglar(s).

No other property was taken according to the report. Several items of value such as a 19" color television and a VCR were reportedly left untouched in the living room.

Bottle burglary

A break-in April 5 at a

home on Fern Trail was reported.

The reporting party said she periodically checks the house for her friend and noticed the front door was open.

Nothing appeared to be missing, but it was apparent that someone entered through a window and, had possibly been sleeping there, police said. The owner told police that no valuable property was kept there because of prior break-ins.

Liquor truck larceny

A liquor truck was broken into April 7 at Furr's Supermarket on Highway 70.

Police said Jose E. Benavides was delivering liquor from a truck belonging to Joe G. Maloof Company of Roswell to Furr's when someone took two cases of beer and a digital order machine from his truck. Benavides reportedly was inside the store about 15 min-

utes fixing displays while the theft occurred. Value of the liquor was \$34.33, and the digital ordering machine was reported to be worth \$2400.

Ruidoso Police focus on child restraint

Superblitz has ended, but traffic law enforcement goes on. Ruidoso Police Department will continue its fight against traffic crash deaths and injuries by strictly enforcing DWI, seat belt and speed law throughout Ruidoso.

But the special emphasis this month is on child safety. A statewide child restraint enforcement blitz is planned for April 17 through April 26.

"Officers will be out in force making sure children travel safely, buckled up in car seats or seat belts," Cpl. Dewayne Goar said. "We will issue citations to parents who don't make the time to take care of

their kids by buckling them up, preferably in the back seat."

Goar went on to say the child restraint blitz is part of the overall focus on youth this spring. As the weather warms up and the school year draws to a close, officers will be preparing for the prom, and, later, graduation by directing their DWI enforcement toward teens and young adults. Youthful drivers are urged to remember the slogan "Do the Right Thing! Buckle up. Don't Drink and Drive. It's Your Future!"

SCHOOL MENUS

Capitan Schools

Monday, April 20 - Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Fish nuggets, macaroni & cheese, veg sticks, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, April 21 - Breakfast: Toast, cereal, jelly, juice, milk. Lunch: Red enchiladas, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes, crackers, milk.

Wednesday, April 22 - Breakfast: Waffles, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Nachos Supreme, salad, fruit, cake, milk.

Thursday, April 23 - Breakfast: Toast, jelly, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, roll, milk.

Friday, April 24 - Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: BBQ on a bun, French fries, pickle spears, fruit, milk.

Sierra Vista School

Monday, April 20 - Breakfast: Cereal, milk, juice. Lunch: Red beans and cornbread, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, April 21 - Breakfast: Turnover, milk, fruit. Lunch: Baked corn dog with dipping sauce, green beans, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, April 22 - Breakfast: Cereal, fruit, milk. Lunch: Spaghetti, corn, garlic bread, fruit, milk.

Thursday, April 23 - Breakfast: Donut, milk, fruit. Lunch: Sloppy Joe, with Fritos, pork-n-beans, fruit, milk.

Friday, April 24 - Breakfast: Cereal, milk, juice. Lunch: Warrior Burger, oven fries, hamburger trimmings, fruit, milk.

White Mountain School

Monday, April 20 - Breakfast: Cereal, milk, juice. Lunch: Red beans and cornbread or beef tacos, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, April 21 - Breakfast: Donut, milk, fruit. Lunch: Baked corn dog with dipping sauce or beef enchiladas, green beans, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, April 22 - Breakfast: Churro, milk, fruit. Lunch: Spaghetti or chili cheese baked potato, corn, garlic bread, fruit, milk.

Thursday, April 23 - Breakfast: Churro, milk, fruit. Lunch: Sloppy Joe with Fritos or Frito pie, pork-n-beans, fruit, milk.

Friday, April 24 - Breakfast: Cereal, milk, juice. Lunch: Taco Bell Fiesta Burrito, nacho rounds, salad, fruit, milk.

Ruidoso Middle School

Monday, April 20 - Breakfast: Cereal, Milk, juice. Lunch: Chicken pot pie, mixed vegetables, rolls, fruit.

Tuesday, April 21 - Breakfast: Churro, milk, juice. Lunch: Lasagna, tossed salad, corn, garlic bread, cherry cobbler.

Wednesday, April 22 - Breakfast: Donut, milk, fruit. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, fruit.

Thursday, April 23 - Breakfast: Fruit muffin, milk, fruit. Lunch: Green chili stew, cornbread, salad, fruit.

Friday, April 24 - Breakfast: Cereal, milk, juice. Cheese enchiladas, spicy pinto beans, tossed salad, fruit.

Ruidoso High School

Monday, April 20 - Cereal, milk, juice. Lunch: Turkey pot pie, mixed vegetables, roll, fruit.

Tuesday, April 21 - Breakfast: Donut, milk, fruit. Lunch: Lasagna, tossed salad, corn, garlic bread, cherry cobbler.

Wednesday, April 22 - Fruit muffin, milk, fruit. Lunch: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, tossed salad, fruit.

Thursday, April 23 - Breakfast: French toast sticks, milk, fruit. Lunch: BBQ Chicken on a bun, potato salad, tossed salad, fruit.

Friday, April - Breakfast: Cereal, milk, juice. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll, fruit.

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A good last run puts final touches on a great season

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Thanks to near-record setting snowfall, Ski Apache shut down the lifts on one of its most successful ski seasons in years Easter Sunday. Just where the 1997-98 season ranks in the ski area's 37-year history won't be determined until general manager Roy Parker returns from a well-earned vacation next week and crunches the numbers.

But Ski Apache official Riker Davis said Tuesday that the area had over 239,000 skier days for 1997-98. Those "healthy numbers" can be attributed to 322 inches of natural snowfall. Davis said the season snowfall numbers ranks in the top three.

Ski Apache averages 183 inches of snow a season.

"It was a wonderful season. There's nothing like getting a lot of natural snow," Davis said.

As expected, the final weekend was boosted by visiting Mexican Nationals, who were up for the Holy Week vacation.

"I think we had our biggest attendance for closing day in Ski Apache history," said Davis, noting that despite windy conditions, more than 500 skiers took the slopes Easter Sunday.

"It peaked on Friday on Saturday," Davis said. "We had well over 1,000 on each of those days, and over 60% were Mexican Nationals."

Ski shop owner Mike Steed anticipated bigger crowds last week.

"It was a whole lot less for Holy Week than we expected," Steed said. "The peso is just not that good."

Still, the overall season was strong for Steed.

"It turned out good. We were up somewhere around 40% for the season," said Steed, who added that this will be the first time in four years that he has been out of debt to the ski industry at the end of the ski season.

"Let's just hope next year is La Niña," Steed added.

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Mike Steed,
ski shop owner

With so much snow, were ski officials tempted to keep the mountain open past Easter?

"There is enough snow on the mountain to ski several more weeks, but we've learned our lesson over the years — you don't end up selling enough tickets to pay your payroll," Davis said.

"People are focused on spring and summer activities. It's hard to compete with spring mentality."

The 1997-98 season started off well. The ski area opened as scheduled on Thanksgiving. Then several major snowfalls in December built a solid base. The Apache Bowl opened Dec. 13, and just in time for Christmas, 100 percent of Ski Apache was available. It stayed that way for the remainder of the season, as skiers had access to 55 of 55 trails.

Warrior golfers try playing through their adversities

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ron Wall's Ruidoso boys golf team is qualified to play in the Class A-AAA State Championships hosted by the New Mexico Military Institute May 11 and 12.

But Wall won't be taking the same team that earned that qualification come May.

Two athletic code violations and another ineligibility claimed three Warrior senior golfers a couple of weeks ago.

The Ruidoso coach got his first look at his new team in Thursday's Great Eight Invitational. The Warriors finished third overall in the team standings, just 10 strokes off the winner, Socorro.

"From the standpoint of losing those three seniors ... I can't be all that disappointed," Wall said of his team's performance.

Still, Wall expected his Warriors to shoot a qualifying score, in part because the Warriors were on a home course, the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

"We just need to regroup for the Leroy (Gooch Invitational), and every time we get these young guys playing a tournament they get more experience," Wall said.

Ruidoso's No. 1 golfer, sophomore Ben Andrews, now leads the Warriors, along with freshman Chris Duncan, a sophomore who plays No. 2.

Fortunately for Wall, Andrews appears up to the challenge.

"He's steady as a rock. He's just a solid performer," Wall said of Andrews.

Battling for the remaining varsity spots are senior Ryan Edwards, junior Doug Siddons, sophomore Frizzell Frizzell, freshman Todd Schrader, and eighth-graders Hayden Gaston and Danny Schard.

Twenty-four teams in class A to AAAA will compete in the two-day Leroy Gooch Invitational which starts Monday.



James Stephens for the Ruidoso News
Sophomore Monica Keyes tees off during Thursday's Great Eight Invitational at The Links of Sierra Blanca.

tional which starts Monday.

Wall listed Los Alamos, Socorro, Artesia and Academy as favorites, as well as his own team.

"I would be disappointed if we didn't win the triple-A side of it because we're on our home course," Wall said.

The boys teams will play Alto Lakes on Monday and The Links of Sierra Blanca on Tuesday. The girls teams will play Cree Meadows both days.

Girls finish second

The Warrior girls missed the top spot of the Great Eight Invitational by three strokes to Socorro.

Devon Lowe's 91 paced the Warriors, and was good enough for third-place individually.

Senior teammate Heather Stephens finished one stroke back at 92 in fourth place.

SEE SCOREBOARD FOR TEAM FINISHES AND TOP FIVE INDIVIDUAL FINISHERS OF THE GREAT EIGHT

Scoreboard

Thursday, April 9
Baseball - Santa Teresa 7, Ruidoso 3
Golf - Great Eight Invitational
• Boys team scores: 1) Socorro 334, 2) Los Alamos 338, 3) Ruidoso 344, 4) Albuquerque Academy 346, 5) NMMI 351, 6) Lovington 360, 7) Artesia 364. • Boys individual scores (top 5): 1) Paul Kindsfather, Los Alamos, 77; 2) Marc Alongi, Academy, 77; 3) Ben Andrews, Ruidoso, 78; 4) Miguel Greigo, Socorro, 79; 5) Anthony Romero, Socorro, 80.
• Girls team scores: 1) Socorro 380, 2) Ruidoso 383, 3) Albuquerque Academy 422.
• Girls individual scores (top 5): 1) January Romero, Academy, 82; 2) Leslie Greigo, Socorro, 87; 3) Devon Lowe, Ruidoso, 91; 4) Heather Stephens, Ruidoso, 92; 5) Brandi Gonzales, Socorro, 94.

On deck

SATURDAY
Track - Ruidoso Invitational, 10:30 a.m.
Baseball - Ruidoso at Cobre, noon
Softball - Silver at Ruidoso (DH), 1 p.m., Eagle Creek Sports Complex
Tennis - Artesia at Ruidoso, 3 p.m., Ruidoso Municipal Tennis Courts

APRIL 21
Adult slo-pitch softball league
The deadline to enter men's and women's adult softball teams for the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation summer league season is April 21.
Cost to enter a team is \$375 and is due by 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 21. The season begins Monday, April 27 for the women's league and Tuesday, April 28 for the men's league.
Format for the league is triple round robin with a post-season tournament. For more information, call Parks and Recreation at 257-5030.

Fishing report

Ruidoso River increase in temperatures daily are increasing turbidity in stream. Flow is high and stable. Best fishing is in reverse currents and side pockets. The regular nymph selections are working well.

Bonito Lake has been off and on. Varied flies producing well at times.

Bonito River flows are excellent. Fishing has been sporadic on the following flies: baetis and caddis nymphs and some dries.
Grindstone Reservoir is exceptionally high. Calm evenings have been productive, with dry flies. Varied patterns, temperature indicative of insect hatch.
Hurd Ranch flows are good, but muddier now than before. Some streamers and egg patterns may produce.
Lake Mescalero level has dropped considerably. The release has been stopped for the time being. No boats yet. Evening risers increasing daily.
Closed waters include: Eagle Lakes, Silver Lake and Upper Canyon (reservation).

Mike Hyman
Ruidoso River Association



Courtesy photo
The 1997-98 Ruidoso Middle School eighth-grade girls basketball team (from left) - front row: manager Allison Oxford; second row: Monica Maldonado, Mara Justus, Noelle Owen, LeAnne Gibson and Stephanie Lott; back row: coach Jeanne Jackson, Rachel Kingrey, Esther Salas, Carrie Line, Bethany Rogge and Nicole Rodella. Not pictured is manager Kelsey Cobb and Kazz Kendrick.



Courtesy photo
The 1997-98 Ruidoso Middle School seventh-grade girls basketball team pictured from left - front row: manager Alyx Neilsen, Susannah Anchondo, Nicole Dolan, Jaclyn Castanon, Kayci Brunell, Jolene Sanchez, Jennifer Cannella; second row: coach Jess Yaksich, Melissa Fierro, Timea Eckerdt, Gina Magoosh, Rachel Smithey, Simona Ramos, Sarah Williamson and Jessica Kampskey.

Middle school girls basketball teams post winning records

The Ruidoso Middle School Braves girls basketball teams achieved back-to-back winning seasons. The eighth-grade Braves finished 11-4 under first-year coach Jeanne Jackson. Jess Yaksich's seventh-graders posted an 8-2 overall mark.

Coach Jackson said the Braves jelled as the season progressed.

"The girls came together by the end of the season, and were playing well," Jackson said.

At the girls basketball banquet, awards went to Nicole Rodella for Most Improved, LeAnne Gibson for Lady Brave, and Carrie Line for Most Valuable Player.

Coach Yaksich will hand a disciplined group of basketball players to Jackson next year.

"Through their positive attitudes and superior discipline, they were able to beat powerhouse teams such as Artesia and Portales," coach Yaksich said. "It was a joyful season because I had great girls. They were absolutely outstanding in every way."

Season-ending awards went to Jaclyn Castanon for Defensive Specialist, Simona Ramos for Best Offensive Player, Rachel Smithey for Most Improved and Timea Eckerdt earned the Lady Brave award.

In 1996-97, the eighth-grade Braves finished 14-4, while the seventh-grade girls basketball team posted a 10-3 mark in its first year of middle school play.

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Crews from the village of Ruidoso and Pioneer Savings Bank, including the Pioneer Savings Big Bunny, team up for an Easter Egg hunt.

Village and Pioneer Savings hop into Easter egg hunt

The village of Ruidoso had a very successful annual Easter egg hunt at the Cedar Creek recreation area on Saturday. Village employees hid 6,000 eggs for the event. This year was the first time Pioneer Savings Bank joined hands with the village to help out with the hunt. The hunt featured four different age groups. The special event attracted Smokey Bear from the Ranger Station and the Easter Bunny from Pioneer Savings Bank to help celebrate with the children. Mary Becker also participated with the "Moon Walk" for the children. In addition to the numerous prizes given by the village of Ruidoso, Pioneer Savings Bank also had a drawing for a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond, a \$25 savings account and a large Easter basket. The winners of the prizes were Hector Aragon of Las Cruces, Brittany Rue of Ruidoso and Shayla Avila of Ruidoso Downs, respectively. The sponsors of the hunt want to thank all the volunteers who worked to make the event a success.

New Mexico auto dealerships say no to air bag switches

The majority of New Mexico auto dealerships are unwilling to install the government approved air bag on-off switches, according to an informal survey conducted by AAA New Mexico.

The results indicate that of the 41 dealerships in Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Las Cruces areas that were surveyed, only 27 percent of them are willing to install switches, 44 percent will not install the on-off switches, and 29 percent are still undecided.

Motorists in Las Cruces in particular may have a difficult time getting the switches installed; four of the six surveyed dealerships are unwilling to install the switches and

two remain undecided.

Though the federal government recently passed a law to allow motorists at risk from air-bag deployment to install switches that temporarily disable air bags, the switches should only be used to deactivate air bags in very limited situations.

"The overwhelming majority of motorists should never deactivate their air bags," said Brenda Yager, manager of public and government affairs for AAA New Mexico. "When drivers and passengers are properly positioned and restrained with seat belts, air bags save lives."

Before switches can be installed, motorists must com-

plete an application and receive written approval from the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration.

To get governmental approval for switch installation, motorists must pledge that they:

- can't avoid placing rear-facing infant seat in the front passenger seat.
- have a medical condition that places them at specific risk.
- can't adjust their position to keep back approximately 10 inches from bag.
- can't avoid situations - such as a car pool - that require a child 12 or under to ride in the front seat.

AAA reminds motorists to

check the status of the air bag every time they ride in a vehicle equipped with on-off switches.

Those not at risk from air bag deployment should always ensure that the switch is in the "on" position.

Brochures explaining air bag safety and the on-off switch authorization forms are available at all AAA New Mexico offices.

AAA New Mexico is not for-profit auto club providing members with roadside assistance, a full-service travel agency, diagnostic center, trip planning help, traffic safety programs, legislative advocacy, insurance and financial products and programs.

NEWS BRIEFS

Respite assistance for Alzheimer's caregivers

One of the great needs of family caregivers of Alzheimer's patients is respite or short-term relief from their on-going, 24-hour a day task.

The New Mexico Alzheimer's Association has limited funding to help provide respite.

Respite funds are made available through a voucher system, initiated by writing or calling the New Mexico Alzheimer's Association at (800) 777-8155 for an application.

A \$100 one-time renewable voucher permits family caregivers to hire whomever they wish to provide such services, whether it be a professional service provider, friend or relative.

After respite services have been performed and certified, the caregiver's voucher is redeemed, supplying funds to pay the service provider or reimburse the family caregiver for payments already made.

For information call Barbara Michels, Patient and Family Services chairperson, New Mexico Alzheimer's Association at (505) 266-4473.

Summer jobs program begins

The New Mexico Department of Labor announces its Summer Jobs Program for Lincoln County.

Pre-applications can be obtained for the Summer Youth Employment Training Program at Carrizozo High School, Capitan High School, Hondo School, and Ruidoso High School.

To be eligible for the program, an individual must be 14 to 21 years old, and meet eligibility criteria, such as being a resident of New Mexico, a U.S.

citizen or legal resident, and have a social security card.

Anyone meeting the requirements who would like to work in a structured environment for training in the job market are encouraged to apply.

The Summer Youth Employment Training Program offers work experience and life skills for a period of seven weeks from June 1, 1998, to July 24, 1998.

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The deadline to apply, to be considered for the program is May 28, 1998.

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Baptism close to home

On Saturday, April 11, which is Holy Saturday, at Saint Anne's Chapel, Glencoe, the Rev. Anna Gaddy presided over the baptism of her grandson, Travis Henry Vinyard, aged 1 year, son of Randy and Jennifer Vinyard.

The Old Testament lesson from the prophet Ezekiel was read by Dan Storm: "And ye shall dwell in the land I gave your fathers, and ye shall be my people and I shall be your God."

Mary Cooper read from the Second Epistle of the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things have passed away; behold all things are become new. And all things are of God who hath reconciled himself to us by Jesus Christ and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation."

Janet Thompson led in the recitation of Psalm No. 84: "Happy are the people whose strength is in you, Oh Lord; whose hearts are set on the pilgrim's way. For the Lord is both sun and shield. He will give you grace and glory."

The Rev. Anna Gaddy read from the Gospel according to Saint Mark:

"Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, whoever shall not enter the kingdom of God as a little child, she shall not enter therein."

Nellie Ruth Jones read the prayer for Travis Henry Vinyard:

"Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. Open his heart to Your grace and truth. Fill him with Your holy and life-giving spirit. Help him in the faith and communion of your holy church. Teach him to love others in the power of the spirit. Send him into the world in witness of your love. Bring him to the fullness of Your peace and glory."

God-parents were Randolph Gaddy, Marion Force and Stephen Force.

Others present included Travis' brother Kyle, age 3, Tony and Janet Thompson, cousins of Reverend Gaddy, Jenni Fris Mather, Barbara Greenburg and her brother Bob, John Cooper, Sandi Thomas, the Rev. Cindy Worthington and Sue and Jenny Rank.

It brought a great blessing to all of us to be present at the baptism of Travis Henry Vinyard.

Brother John's birthday

This is being sent to you April 12, Easter Day, and will reach you on April 15, birthday of brother John, eldest of the Storm brothers.

John Whippo Storm was born April 15, 1907 in Denver, to Lynn Whippo Storm and Bertha Kennedy Storm.

He is named after his grandfather, John Calvin Kennedy, captain in the 12th Illinois Cavalry in the Civil war.

With the family, John traveled twice to Alaska, and later to Oregon, California and Mexico.

In Mexico he learned to read, write and speak Spanish. Later at the University of Texas he studied architecture and English composition and engineering.

Today I remember my guardian brother especially fondly as I look forward to his birthday and feel his spirit visiting me from Heaven.

A Lion who keeps his vision in focus

Bill Allen's service to Ruidoso measured in years of dedication

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Calling soft-spoken and even-tempered Bill Allen "Mr. Lion" may seem a misnomer.

But to members of the Ruidoso Noon Lions and the statewide Lions organization, Allen, president of the local club, deserves the special appellation for his years of dedication to the Lions organization, its sight conservation projects and to his community.

The latest project involves arranging for a vision screening van to visit Ruidoso from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center.

The first Lions project started 33 years earlier.

But even before Allen joined the club, he was a busy man.

Amarillo native

Born in Amarillo, Texas, Allen graduated from high school in 1947, joined the U.S. Navy and arrived in Pearl Harbor in time to see the end of World War II. After eight months in China, he was discharged and returned to the United States, to enter the hardware business.

During the four years he worked for the Amarillo Hardware Co., he met his wife, Verna.

From hardware, Allen stepped up to wholesale building materials sales, where he stayed until 1966. During that period, he moved several times around Texas, including Irving and El Paso. When he left the building supply company, he joined Bankers Life and Casualty Co. in Amarillo.

By that time, the Allens had three children, two sons and a daughter, and had purchased three lots in the Brady Canyon area of Ruidoso and built a second home.

The Allens traveled through the area on the way to El Paso, Amarillo and to Verna's parents' home in Clayton.

"My company transferred me as a sales manager to Roswell in 1968," Allen said. Three and a half years later, he went back into field work as an insurance agent until he retired in 1990. His territory included Ruidoso.

"While we were in Roswell,



Allen and his many chuckwagon cooking pots, not to mention Dutch ovens.

Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

we took on the franchise for a log home company and built 28," Allen said. "All but four were built here."

"I'd always been fascinated with log homes. They're so warm and livable. They just grow on you."

"I'd get the prospects and have them ready for him to talk to," Verna said.

By 1980, the family was living in Ruidoso full time.

Allen first joined the Lions in 1966 in Amarillo, when a friend invited him to a club

lunch and what he heard about the organization's sight conservation program and other services appealed to him.

Except for a three-year period in Roswell when he was training other insurance agents, Allen has been a steady and dedicated member. When he began serving the Ruidoso area as an insurance field agent, the club's meeting at noon Tuesday coordinated well with his traveling schedule. At the invitation of one of his clients, Don Dale, he joined the Ruidoso group in 1972.

Lions Club service

In 1984, he was elected president of the club for the first time and was instrumental in starting an anti-drug program called Quest in the middle school. That involved training 30 teachers, who taught the curriculum daily.

"We also started it in Alamogordo schools," Allen said. "The last program was in 1989 or 1990 and we trained teachers at the new high school."

Some of Allen's other Lions highlights include:

- Being a director on the New Mexico Lions Eye Bank in Albuquerque three times and serving as president of the eye

bank in 1994-95.

- Affiliating the eye bank with Tissue Banks International of Baltimore, Md., which eliminated a waiting period for recipients of corneal transplants.

- Receiving the Melvin Jones Fellowship International award last year for his service, being named Lion of the Year three times and receiving the Hap Beyers Scroll of Honor, the highest Lions award in the state

- Acting as State Convention Chairman in 1994-95, bringing the convention to Ruidoso for the first time since 1968, and holding district office in southern New Mexico three times as drug awareness chairman, sight conservation chairman and zone chairman

- Helping to bring to Lincoln County a photo scanner that uses Polaroid film and can diagnose in non-verbal persons six different vision problems that, if undetected, could lead to blindness. The club will be screening all preschoolers in the county and Mescalero in one of the most ambitious projects members have undertaken.

- Working on a Lions Antique Show as part of the annual All American celebration each August.

In connection with the show,

Allen and his wife don turn-of-the-century garb, haul out their family caste iron Dutch ovens and skillets and, with the help of other Lions, cook breakfast for the show participants. Last year, they cooked up nine dozen scrambled eggs, 31 pounds of sausage and about 100 biscuits.

That brings up another of the Allens' interests — chuckwagon cooking.

"I always enjoyed cooking outdoors and had collected a lot of Dutch ovens from my family and my wife's," Allen said.

When the couple attended the Second Annual Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium chuckwagon cookout, they were sold.

They bought a chuckwagon from a man in Dalhart, Texas, that had been used on the old XII Ranch — at one time, the largest ranch in the nation with nearly three million acres. Allen worked for two weeks to convert the wagon for the competition.

"I had enough of the old utensils we'd collected over the years," he said. "We competed three years and enjoyed it, but it was too labor intensive for the two of us."

In 1995, before they sold the chuckwagon, they fed 1,000 people, including 45 recreational vehicle executives eight consecutive meals on a ranch in Wilcox, Ariz. The twosome also catered weddings, trail rides, family reunions and attended other competitions in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado.

Chuckwagon cook

They were invited as one of two chuckwagons to demonstrate the special cooking art at the National Festival of West Scottsdale, Ariz. In 1995, they were asked to feed 125 sponsors at the county symposium using a chuckwagon owned by actor Richard Farnsworth. They ended up scraping the bottom of their pots when 200 people showed up.

Creating an authentic mood was never a problem for the Allens, since they had collected many pieces from family members, including her grandfather's saddle blanket and a caste iron pot that's been in his family since the 1850s. They also use a pot that went over the Oregon Trail and ended up in Roswell at the turn-of-the-century as part of the Huff Jewelry family.

"I love to collect authentic pieces," Allen said. The kitchen wall is used as a backdrop for many of the items that all are nearly 100 years old.

Mission for Billy

Although they don't compete anymore, the Allens stay busy cooking outdoors for various functions and are active in the Billy the Kid Outlaw Gang organization, which stages an annual cookout in Lincoln County.

"We're picking up a lot of members from the Internet," Allen said. The organization's mission is to separate fact from fiction surrounding the young gunman.

The couple seems to have found a pastime that fits their approach to life and the motto that attracted Allen to the Lions in the first place, "We Serve."



Bill Allen, right, receives a Golden Lion from immediate Past President Bill Woolley. The award is a constant reminder that the "Boss Lion" never sits down.

Mother joins daughter on Navy vessel cruise

BY RICH HENSON
U. S. NAVY JOURNALIST

After deploying overseas for six months, sailors and Marines aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Comstock invited family members and friends to sail on the last leg of their journey — from Hawaii to San Diego.

Alto's Marcey L. Britt asked her mother to come along for the ride and experience life aboard a Navy ship.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Britt, the daughter of

George and Laura Schryer of Alto, enjoyed having her mother aboard for the last week of the deployment.

"The Tiger Cruise was good. There was someone else to talk to and show around the ship," said Britt, a 1992 graduate of Captain High School. She is a supply clerk on the ship.

"Tigers" are the guests of the ship's crew members that ride from the last port-of-call to the ship's home port. The Tigers boarded the 16,000-ton Comstock at Pearl Harbor to

make the 3,000-mile trip back to Southern California.

Britt's mother, Laura, summed up her experience like this: "I enjoyed the cruise and all the crew members were very helpful. It was a lot of fun."

The 340 officers and sailors of Comstock, along with a 450-man Marine battalion had returned from the Arabian Gulf after helping enforce U. N. sanctions against Iraq.

The fondest memory the Tiger Cruise, said Laura, "was being with my daughter."



Petty Officer Marcey Britt, left, and her mother, Laura Schryer of Alto, aboard the USS Comstock.

U.S. Navy photo

Especially for kids and their families

The Mini Page

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By BETTY DEBNAM

The Newbery Winner

Meet Karen Hesse

Each year the National Library Association gives the Newbery Medal to the author of the most outstanding children's book. This year Karen Hesse won for her book "Out of the Dust."



"I was totally surprised by the (news of the) Newbery," she said. "If I'd had a bad heart it would have killed me."

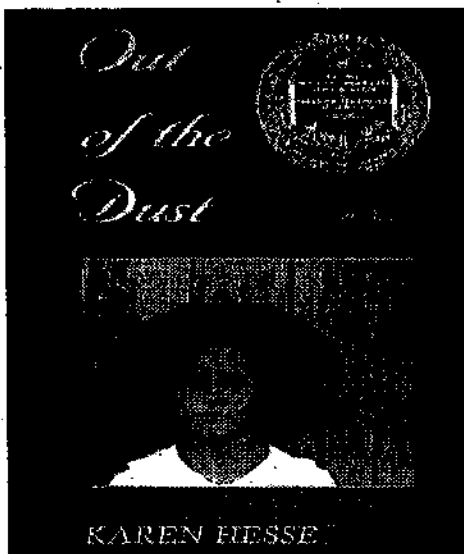


Karen Hesse, 45, has written 10 books for children. "I probably go over each page hundreds of times," she said.

Advice to young writers

"Read as much as you can, not only books you're interested in and think you're going to love, but books you might not be so interested in. When you read books about something you don't particularly like, you'll notice how the books are put together."

"Write as much as possible, even just a letter, or e-mail, or in a journal."



"Out of the Dust" tells of a brave 14-year-old girl living in Oklahoma during the 1930s. At this time, terrible dust storms swept through the middle of the United States, destroying thousands of homes and farms. The area hit worst was known as the Dust Bowl.

The winning book

Karen Hesse wrote "Out of the Dust" in free verse* because she could tell the story with few words. This fit the lifestyle of the family in the book.

"Farm families work very hard and have very little time left over for excess words or action. Only the most essential things are said."

She did research for this book for six to nine months before she began writing it. Many of the events in her book were based on newspaper stories from Oklahoma in the 1930s.

*Free verse is a kind of poetry that doesn't rhyme.

This year National Library Week is April 19-25. Its theme is: "Kids Connect @ the Library."

Personal life

Husband: Randy Hesse, a woodworker, remodeled their home in southeastern Vermont. Before he fixed up the house, it was in such bad shape that goats were living in it.

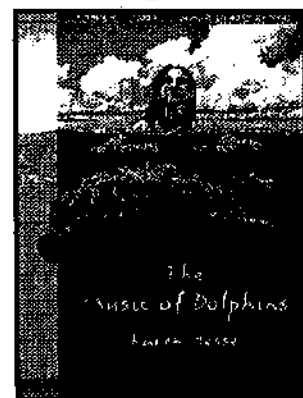
Daughters: Kate, 18, Rachel, 15
Pets: Sasha, a black lab mongrel; and Sophie, a soft, gray kitty



The book "Sable" is based on the Hesses' dog, Sasha. It tells of a 10-year-old girl's struggle to keep a starving mutt that appears one day on her doorstep.

Some favorite things

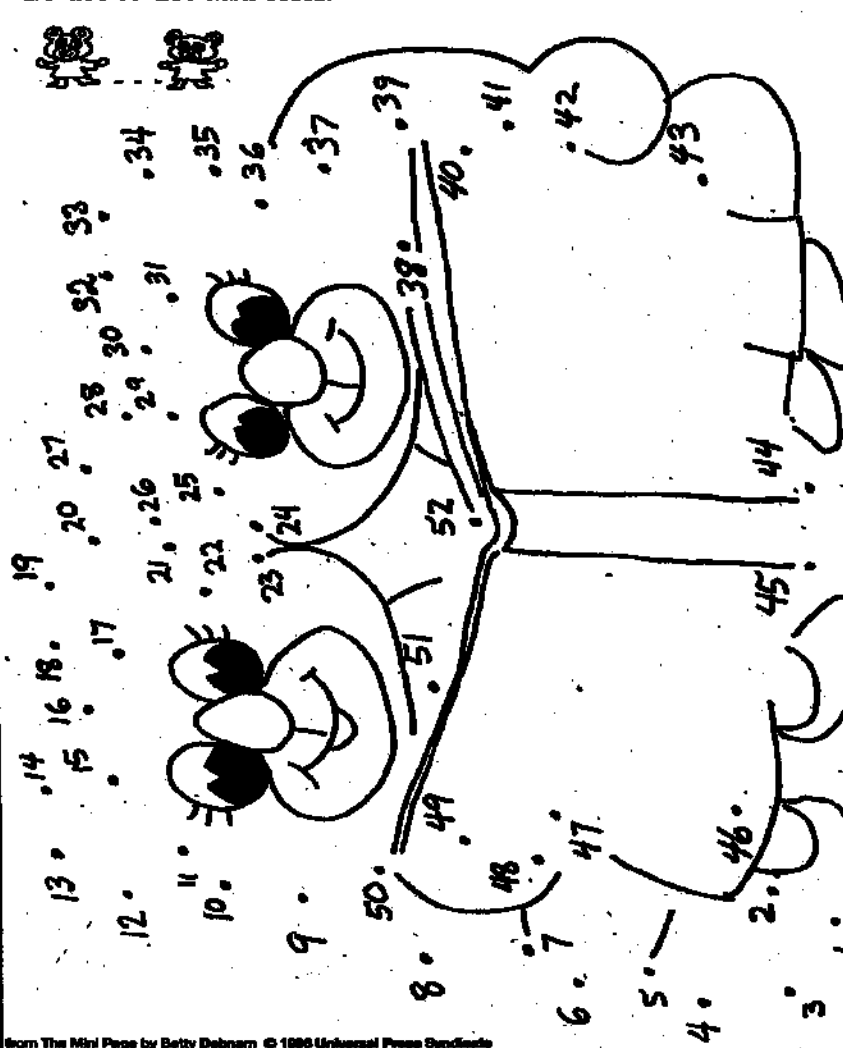
- Foods:** chocolate
- Sports:** hiking
- Music:** classical, especially Mozart
- Time to read:** anytime
- TV shows:** "I love documentaries because they give me a chance to find out something I know nothing about."



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WHAT DO YOU CALL THE DISEASE IN WHICH SHEEP HAVE LOST THEIR MEMORY?

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(sent in by Richard Perry)

Q: How do kittens measure when cooking?

A: In cups and pounces!
(sent in by Christina Frederick)

Q: Who invented blue jeans?

A: A jean-ius!
(sent in by Jessie Pelasara)

BASSET BROWN THE NEWS HOUND'S DUST BOWL TRY 'N FIND

Words about the Dust Bowl are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: DUST, BOWL, OKLAHOMA, STORMS, DROUGHT, SOIL, ENVIRONMENT, MIGRANT, BLOW, WHEAT, BLIZZARDS, GRASSES, DAMAGE, FARMERS, CROPS, MOVING, SUN, PLAINS, HEAT.

DUST BOWL TIMES WERE MIGHTY HARD!

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are enjoying reading outdoors on a beautiful day. See if you can find:

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- mushroom
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Dust Bowl Nightmare

In 1934, gigantic dust storms blew through the Plains states. These storms were especially awesome in western Kansas and Oklahoma, and parts of Texas, New Mexico and Colorado. This area came to be known as the Dust Bowl.

For more than six years, these "black blizzards" blocked out the sun and made life a misery.

The worst-hit area, the Dust Bowl, covered about 50 million acres in the southern mid-section (striped area). Dust storms also hit other areas of North Dakota, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas (spotted area).

Causes

Before the 1930s, people did not realize how easy it was to harm the environment. Since the 1800s, farmers had been plowing up the long grasses that kept the soil from blowing away. Cattle also ate the grass and their hooves dug up the soil.

To meet the needs of World War I, farmers grew more wheat. Millions of acres were plowed up.

In 1934, an especially severe drought struck and winds blew away the soil. Some moisture fell in the next six years, but it was often in the form of fierce storms such as tornadoes or blizzards. These storms caused even more damage.

Protecting the environment

In 1935 farmers learned how to:

- plant special grasses and beans;
- plow along the shape of the land;
- plant trees to serve as windbreaks;
- move cattle so they don't overgraze.

Dreadful times

During the "Dirty Thirties," tons of soil were blown away from Dust Bowl farms. Thousands of families lost their homes. They often did not have enough to eat.

Many were forced to become migrant workers, often moving to California to seek work. More than 3 1/2 million people moved away from the Bowl area in the 1930s.

Dust suffocated farm animals, and sometimes killed people.

When dust storms hit, drivers could not see the road. Train engineers could not see stations and could not tell where they were supposed to stop.

People tried to keep out the dust by blocking up cracks by doors and windows. In 1936, record heat blasted the area, reaching 120 degrees in spots. Homes were dangerously stuffy and hot.

Author Karen Hesse said, "When you went to sleep at night, you were breathing the dust, and you had to have a wet washcloth over your mouth. Your tears had mud in them. When you got out of bed, your outline was set in your sheets. The only white part was where your head was. Anything you ate always had that gritty dust in it." People turned their dishes upside down so dust didn't fill them.

Dust could drift higher than people's heads. People who went out had to cover their mouths and noses with cloth. Many wore protective goggles. This machinery is buried in dust on a South Dakota farm in 1936.

The Mini Page thanks the Cimarron Heritage Center, Boise City, Okla., for help with this issue. For more information see their Web site: www.ptsl.net/user/museum/dustbowl.htm

Next week The Mini Page celebrates Earth Day with a look at bulbs.

Look through your newspaper for stories about how people change the environment or are affected by it.

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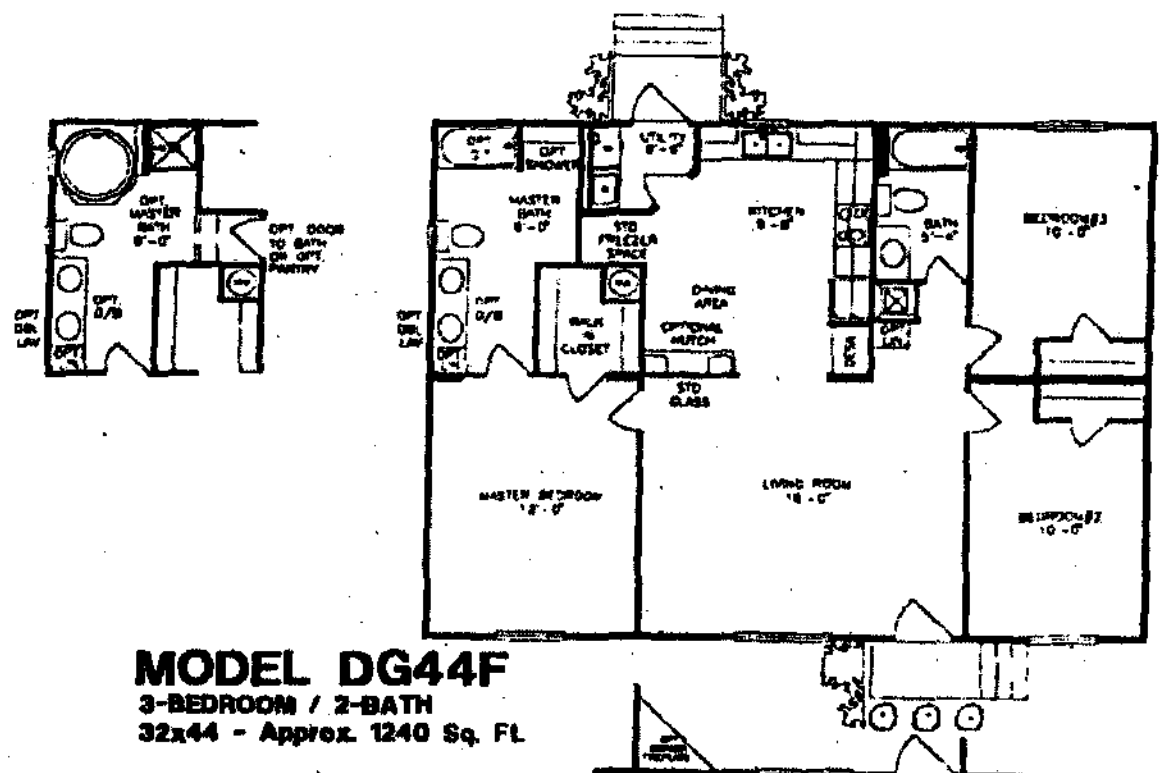
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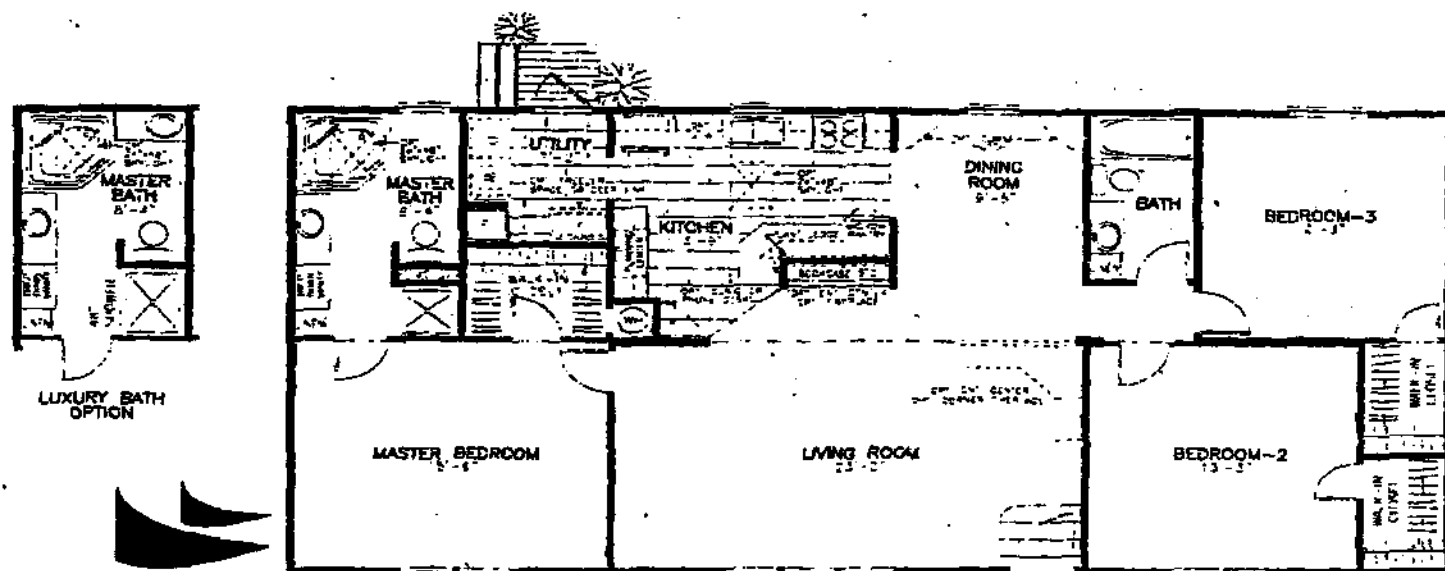
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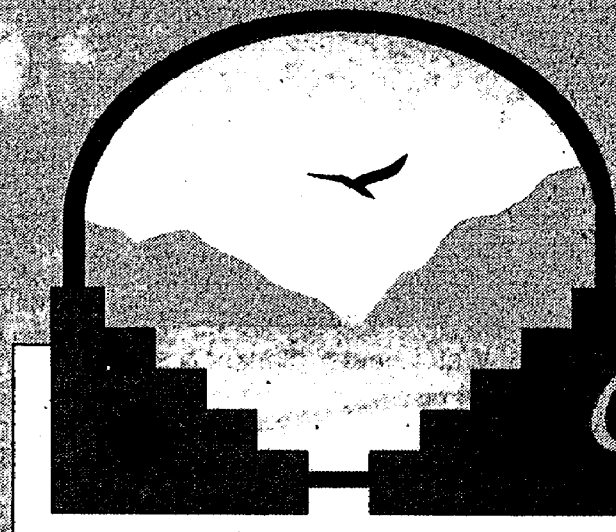
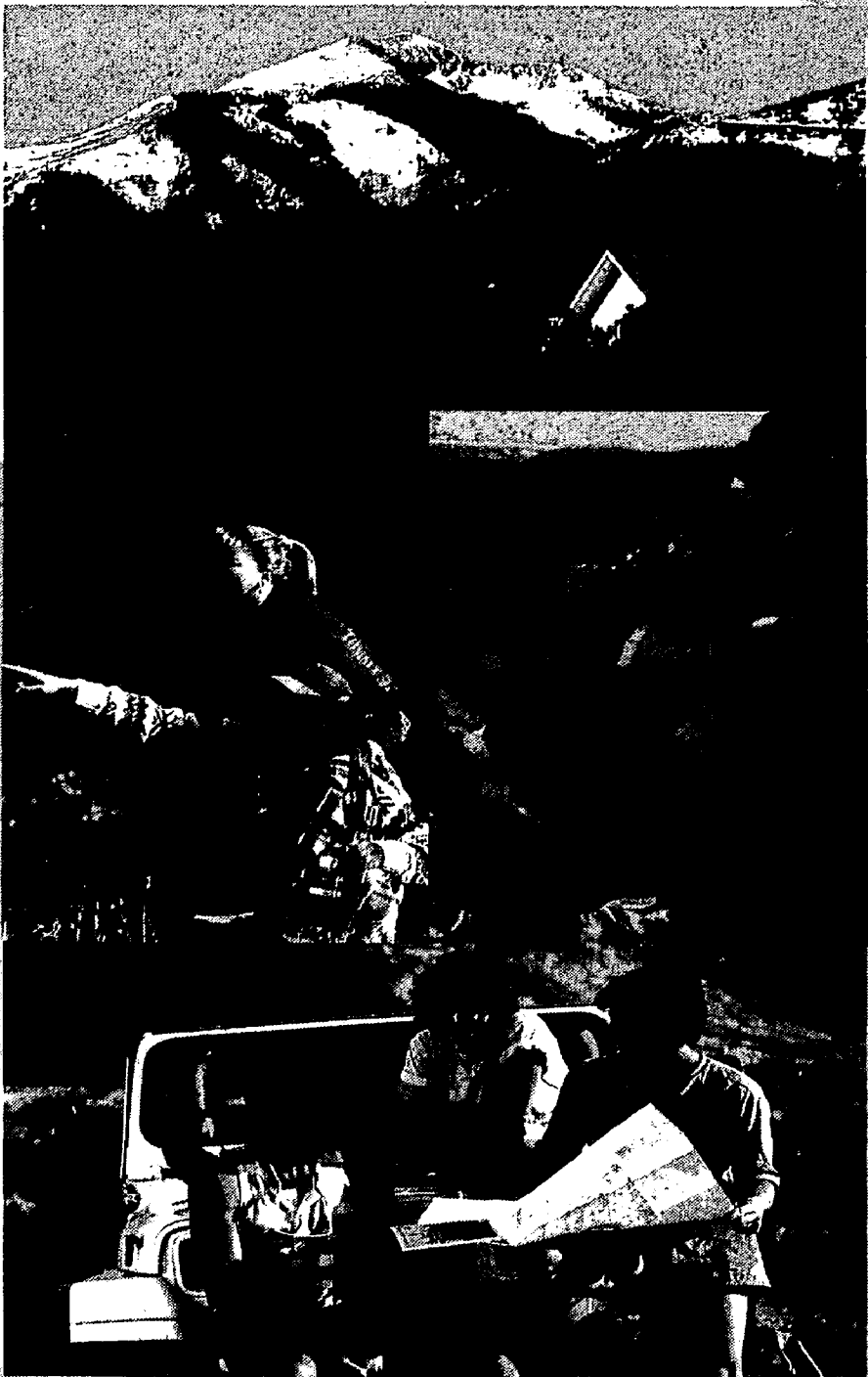
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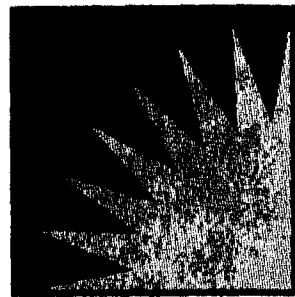
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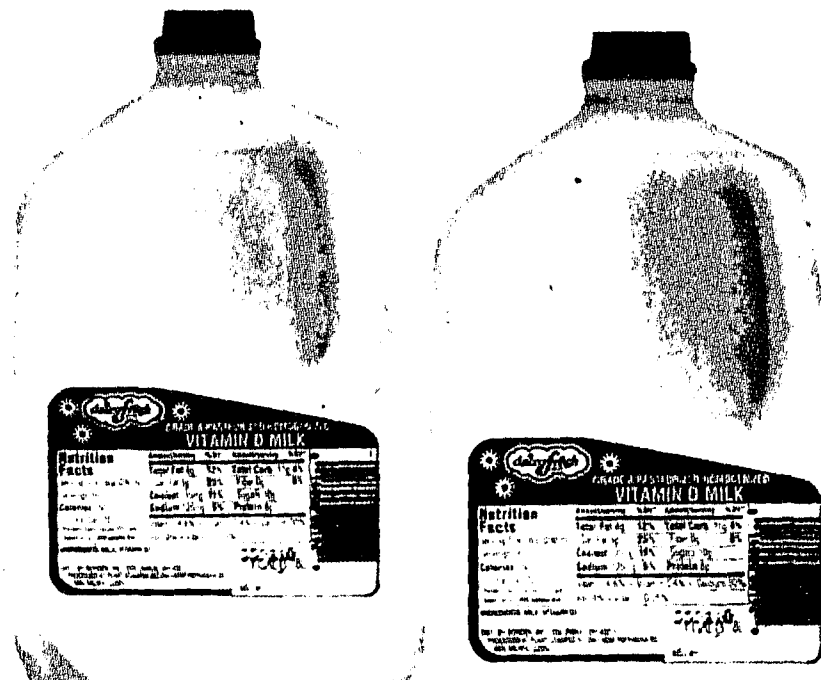
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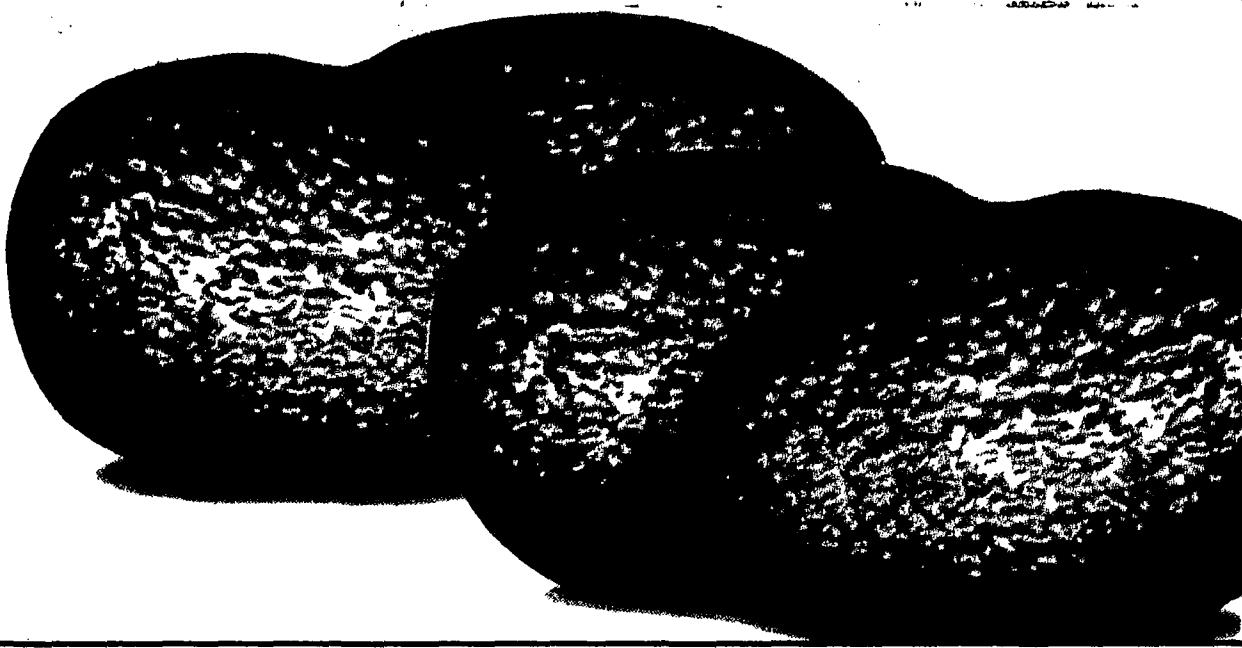
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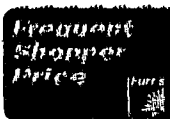
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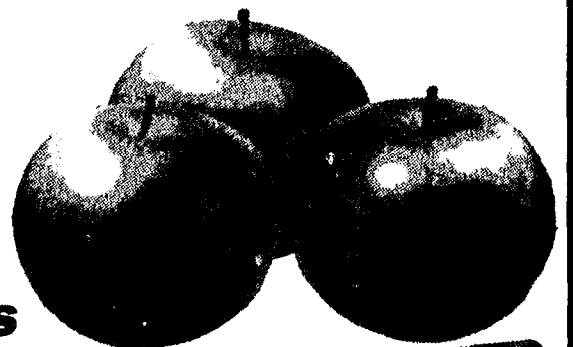
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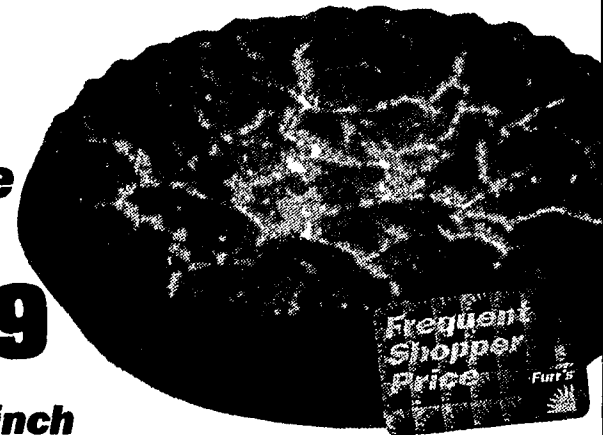
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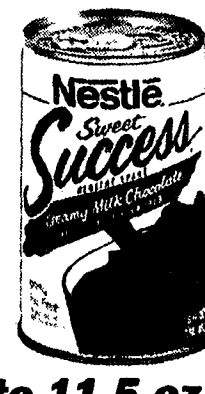
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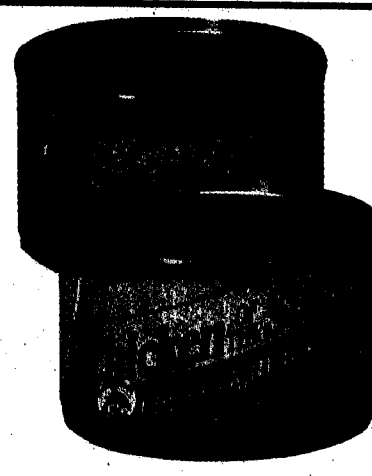
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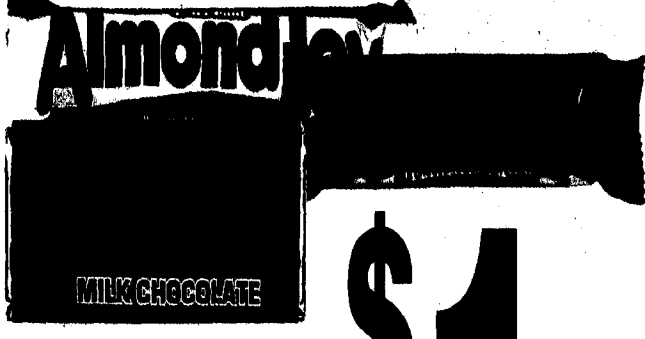
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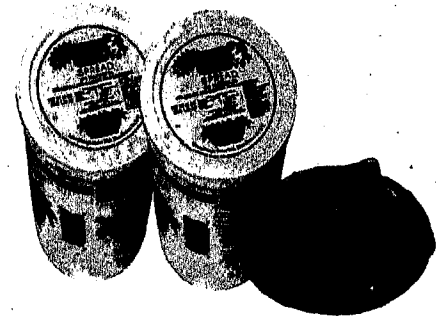
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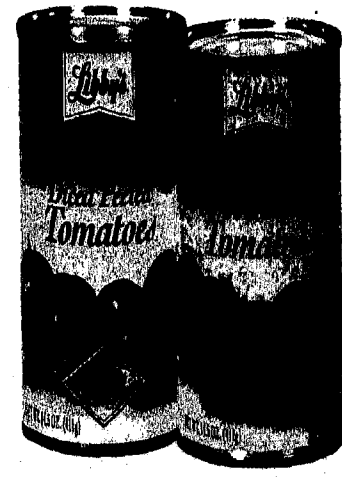


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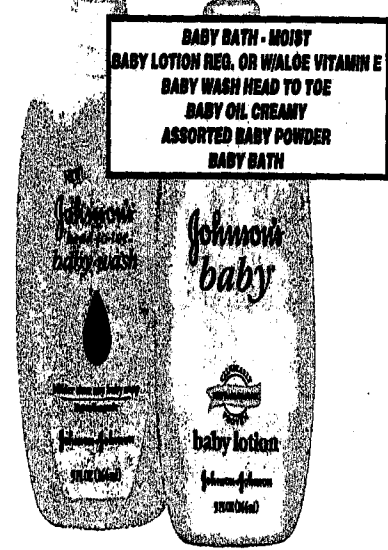
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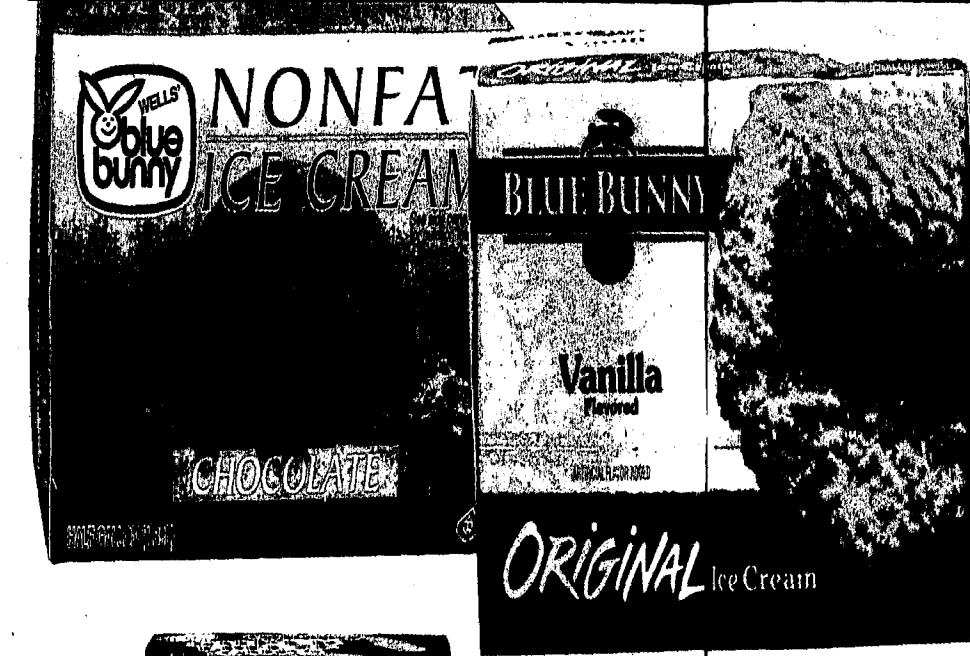
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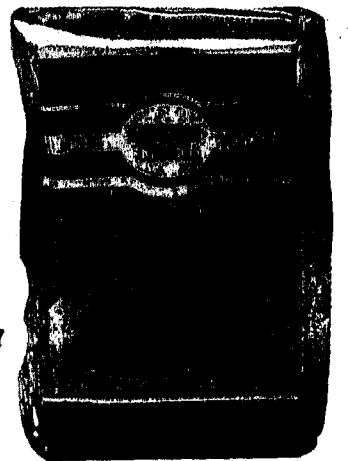
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10.6 OZ.

89¢



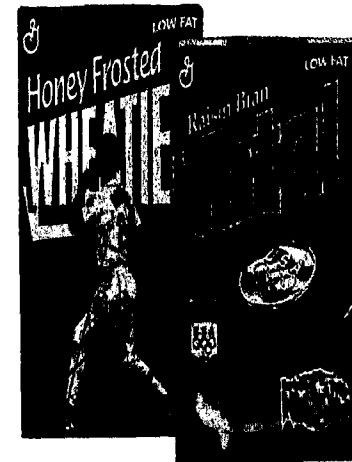
PURINA DOG FOOD
Mainstay
17.6 LB.

4.49



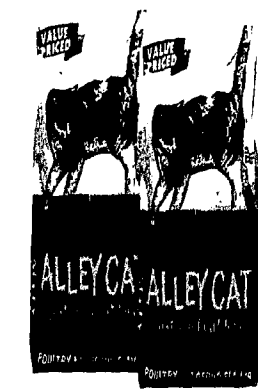
LEMON, STRAWBERRY
OR CHERRY
Blue Bunny
Super Freeze
4 PK./8 OZ.

2.49



19.25 OZ. OATMEAL CRISP WHEATIES
16.25 OZ. BASIC 4
13 OZ. KIX CORN
12 OZ. TOTAL
14.75 OZ. HONEY FROSTED WHEATIES
14.5 OZ. RAISIN HUT BRAN
18 OZ. TOTAL RAISIN BRAN
GENERAL MILLS
Cereal
YOUR CHOICE

2.29



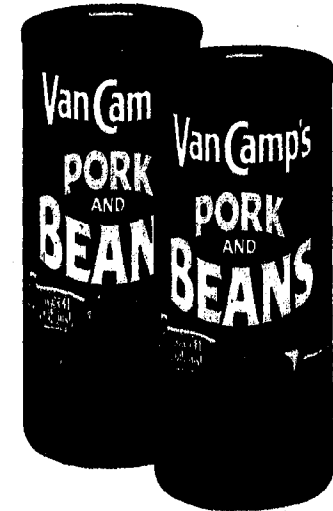
PURINA FISH OR POULTRY
Alley Cat
3.5 LB.

1.69



ASSORTED BANQUET
Pot Pies
7 OZ.

2 for \$1



REGULAR OR SMOKED HAM
VAN CAMP'S
Pork & Beans
15 OZ.

2.69 for

SAVE WITH THRIFTWAY'S...

Key Buys!

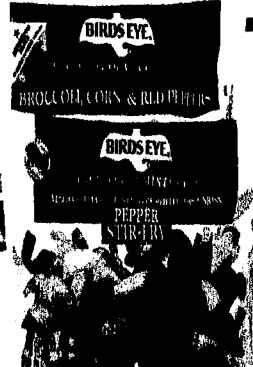


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ASSORTED TROPICANA
Orange
Juice
64 OZ.

1.69



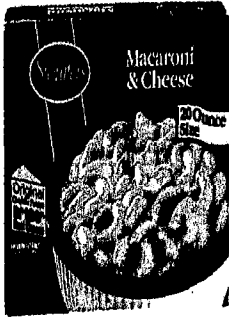
ASSORTED BIRD'S EYE
Vegetable
Blends
16 OZ.

1.59



PET NITZ PEEF DISH
Pie:
Shells
2 PK./12 OZ.

1.79



SELECT GROUP
Stouffer's
Entrees
7.5-20 OZ.

2.39



VAN DE KAMP'S REG. FISH
FILLETS OR LIGHT & CRISPY
Fish Fillets
or Sticks
11-13 OZ.

2.99



QUAKER MASA
Harina
Preparada
4 LB.

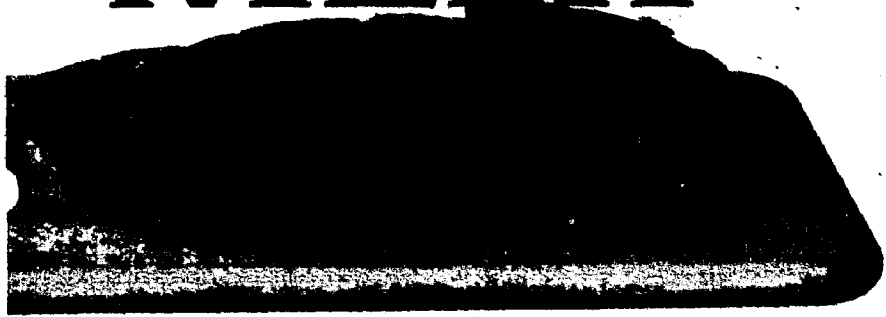
1.99



SELECT GROUP
CHEF BOYARDEE
Meat
Pasta
15 OZ.

99¢

MEAT



FAMILY PACK
PREFERRED

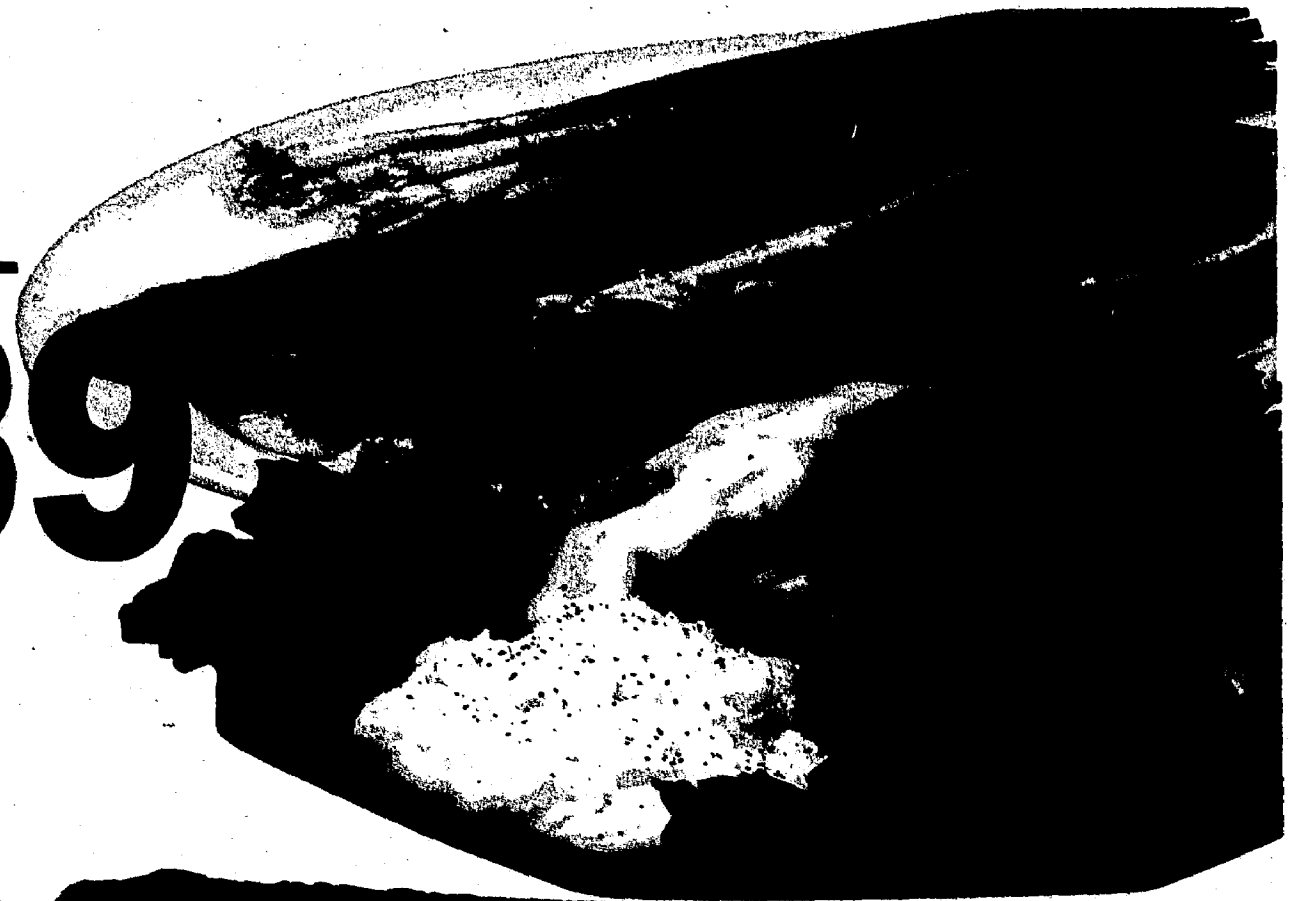
Ground Beef

99¢
LB.

PREFERRED TRIM FAMILY
PACK BONELESS BEEF

Round Steak

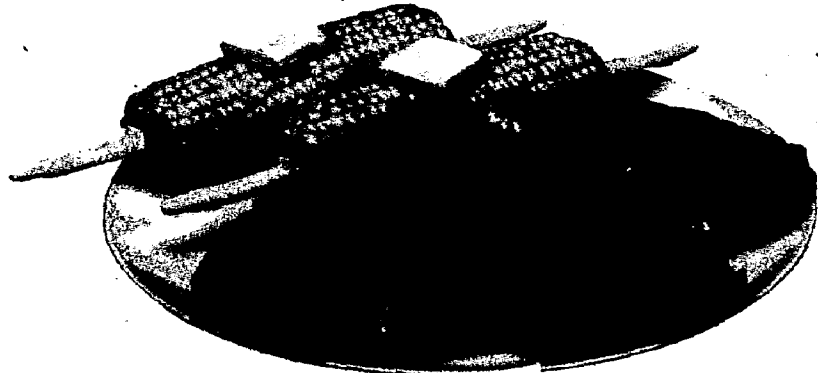
139
LB.



PILGRIM'S PRIDE
JUMBO PACK

**Split Fryer
Breasts**

99¢
LB.



FRESH PORK
Spare Ribs

139
LB.



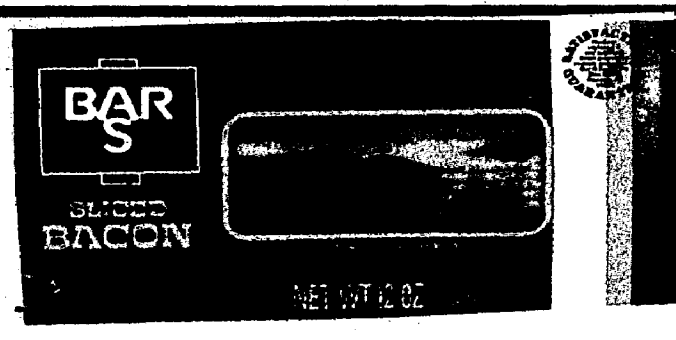
BAR S
**Meat
Franks**

299¢
12 OZ.



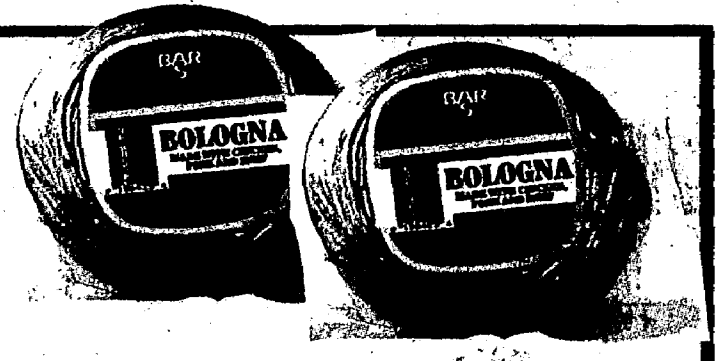
BAR S
**Golden Country
Singles**

99¢
10.7 OZ.



BAR S
**Sliced
Bacon**

99¢
12 OZ.



BAR S REG. OR THICK
**Meat
Bologna**

99¢
1 LB.

PRODUCE



COLORADO
RUSSET
Potatoes
10 LB. BAG

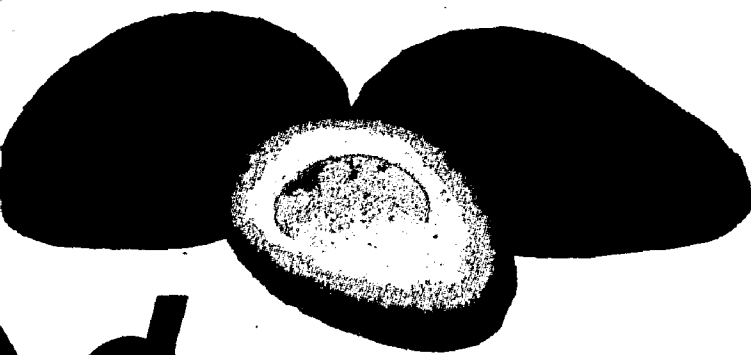
89¢



JUICY
Grapefruit

5 LB. BAG

99¢



FRESH JUICY
Oranges

5 LB. BAG

99¢



CALIFORNIA HASS
Avocados

\$1
3 for

RED RIPE ROMA
Tomatoes

\$1
8 for

ALL TYPES

**Coca
Cola**



6 PK. 12 OZ. CANS

\$169

3 Liter Btl. \$1.79
6 Pk. 20 Oz. \$2.99

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MOORE'S THRIFTWAY - PADUCAH, TX

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