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County plan calls for more deputies

Commission examines \$10 million budget

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Law enforcement in Lincoln County squeaked by the first 1998-99 county budget review with few cuts. If it survives the next budget session, a new deputy, a new drug agent and a full time animal control officer/process server will be on the job in July.

Commissioners adopted a wait and see attitude instead of a cut-and-slash stance Wednesday during their initial look at the county's \$10 million budget.

They cut about \$282,163 from the general and road funds in an all-day session. That left general fund requests at \$3.2 million and the road fund at \$1,095,543—still too high to leave enough money to cover the state-recommended reserves, said County Finance Officer Charlene Schlarb.

"We have to do some more cutting," she said.

The next budget review is set for 9 a.m. Tuesday (April 28).

Last year, the county started with a \$4.9 million cash balance. This year it's down to \$3.3 million. Anticipated revenue is down from \$9 million to \$8.1 million, because the commission depleted its capital improvement fund by putting \$1 million aside for expansion of the county-owned hospital in Ruidoso. Expenditures were about \$300,000 less than the 1997-98 budget after the first run-through by commissioners.

After becoming bogged down in debates over the number of uniforms deputies should be provided and other points in the sheriff's \$1,046,261 budget, commissioners finally agreed that their approach for elected officials will be to grant the amount of money the budget can support and leave it up to each official to decide how the money should be spent within their departments.

"It's not our job to tell another elected official how to run a department," said Commissioner Wilton Howell.

However, commissioners said with the addition of a deputy, they expect to see less overtime in the sheriff's office. Sullivan had requested two new deputies.

"I'm not keen on overtime, said Chairman L. Ray Nunley. "I think (adding) full time employees would be more productive."

"Didn't we have an agreement last

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For monumental service



Nick Garcia, general manager of the Mescalero Apache Metal Fabrication Plant, guides an 8,000-pound steel monument depicting Red Hat firefighters onto a trailer that will take it to the Reservation Ceremonial Grounds for a celebration honoring members of the elite fire fighting group Saturday starting at 10 a.m.

Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

Construction on Mechem resumes

State officials and the contractor reach an agreement on job specifications

BY TONI K. LAXSON
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Road crews were due back at work today on Mechem Drive.

For about a week, state highway officials put the \$8.3 million project to widen 4 miles of Mechem on hold until the contractor could bring testing equipment up to specified requirements.

The contractor, Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc., this week finished modifications to a mobile testing laboratory to comply with state standards. Another lab, the one specified by the state, is to be delivered by the manufacturer later this month.

The labs are used to ensure the

strength of concrete used in the project as well as soil compaction.

With that done and state approval received, road crews have resumed reconstructing the intersection of Mechem and Sudderth, the first phase of the project.

Dennis Jackson, project superintendent for Meadow Valley, said the company was still aiming for a fall completion date for the entire project.

"We hope to. We are going to try our very best," Jackson said.

The company still is awaiting approval from the New Mexico Highway and Transportation Department for a concrete design mix to be used in the intersection.

Steve Turner, project manager for the state, said the company's first pro-

posed concrete design had been rejected, though the company's proposal for a different concrete — to be used for sidewalks, curbs and gutters — had been approved.

At a weekly meeting on the highway project, Jackson on Wednesday updated the project's status and answered questions from members of the community liaison committee appointed by the Ruidoso Village Council.

Responding to a question from Mayor Robert Donaldson, Jackson said he thought road crews would be finished with the intersection by June.

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Council bolsters employees

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In the Ruidoso Downs preliminary 1998-99 fiscal year budget are raises for two administrators and a 3-percent across-the-board raise.

At the council's first budget workshop, trustees and Mayor Joe Hayhurst on Wednesday also decided the village would pay 100 percent of employees health insurance premiums, and pay off all village debts.

The village's proposed 1998-99 budget, at about \$1.5 million, is roughly 60 percent larger than the current fiscal year's budget, not including federal and state grants. The proposed budget, based on revenues, is about twice that of the 1996-97, which was \$782,000.

The village's huge budget increase can be attributed to the Wal-Mart Super Center that opened in the Downs in October, moving east along

U.S. 70 from Ruidoso.

Village revenue from gross receipts taxes had been expected to boost the Down's budget by \$900,000, based on earlier estimates from the state. That projected increase would have basically doubled the village's total annual revenues. Downs officials have said they believe the state estimate is too high.

Village Clerk/Treasurer Leann Weibrecht said Wednesday an action by the state Legislature will cut back on the village's revenues from Wal-Mart by almost 30 percent. Under the legislation, pharmacy sales will no longer be subject to gross receipts taxes. Weibrecht estimated the drop in revenues at \$180,000 because of the new legislation.

Village trustees decided on 3-percent raises for all employees with two

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Ray Mauldin (foreground left) watches archaeologist Fred Almaraz (center) clean off more of a tusk belonging to a 9,500-year-old Columbian mammoth skeleton being excavated near Nogal

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Keeping kids out of trouble in a dirty way

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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When Jeff Leach and Ray Mauldin formed the non-profit Center for Indigenous Research, the idea was to create a chance to excavate projects they might otherwise not be able to do, and to involve children who are at risk of dropping out of school and getting into trouble.

Many of those children will be working for the next month at the excavation site of a 9,500-year-old mammoth near Nogal, about 20 miles northwest of Ruidoso.

Leach's affinity for children in distress and his conviction that the right exposure could turn them around comes from personal experience.

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RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY High ... 65
Low ... 38

Partly cloudy

SUNDAY High ... 61
Low ... 31

Partly cloudy

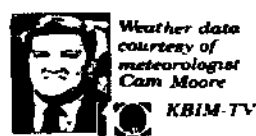
MONDAY High ... 62
Low ... 30

Partly cloudy

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Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	61	24	.00"
Wednesday	66	28	.00"
Thursday	74	29	.00"

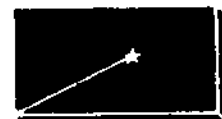
Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	79	50	Partly cloudy
El Paso, TX	87	51	Partly cloudy
Lubbock, TX	89	53	Partly cloudy
Midland, TX	90	54	Partly cloudy



Aug./Sept. phases of the moon



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On April 24, Mercury stands just below a thin crescent Moon, very low in the east, just before sunrise. Mercury looks like a moderately bright star, but is difficult to find in the twilight. Look for it below and to the left of the Moon, which is just two days from its new phase. On the 25th, the Moon is at perigee.

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

BUDGET: not short of money

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year, if (Sheriff Tom Sullivan) hired one more deputy, it would take care of overtime," asked Commissioner Monroy Montes. "Now I see it didn't and he's asking for two more deputies."

Undersheriff Rick Virden said two deputies are out with injuries. Overtime is inevitable when coordinating vacations and sick leave, he said.

"It's a necessity and can't be anticipated," he said. Sullivan budgeted \$40,000 for overtime. His budget, a 14 percent increase from \$321,294 for 1997-98, also includes moving part time animal control officer/process server Ray Merritt to a full time position and adding two four-wheel drive and one sedan to his fleet of vehicles. Commissioners agreed last year to add three cars annually as replacement to aging units.

Commissioners were not as tolerant in the capital outlay sections of budgets reviewed and said they would flag any costs that seem out of balance.

Treasurer Joan Park pointed out that in the major county offices, the telephone bill runs about \$76,000 a year. Add in the road department, emergency services and detention, and the total goes up to nearly \$100,000. In her office, 71 percent of phone expenses is the base charge for equipment and service, she said.

Commissioner William Schwettmann commented that the county has \$1 million less in revenue than expenses, and Chairman L. Ray Nunley took exception.

"I don't want the public to

think we're \$1 million short because of comments from this table," Nunley said. "It's not true."

The county could pull money from its cash reserve to make up any difference by the time commissioners are finished cutting. But that would leave about \$1.4 million in the projected ending cash balance compared to the \$3.7 million balance anticipated in the 1997-98 budget.

On recommendation from Sullivan and Virden, commissioners created a separate item for care and transportation of juvenile offenders. Previously, part of the cost fell under the detention center budget and part under the sheriff's office. The change will allow commissioners to track the expense better.

Mike Borrego, jail administrator on contract with Correctional Systems Inc., requested an increase of 3.5 full time positions in line with recommendations from the county's insurance company.

Commissioners pointed out that CSI, in bidding for a contract to operate the jail for the next year, stated 14.5 employees were enough, but Borrego said he hadn't consulted the company. Overall, Borrego asked for about double the budget submitted last April. With projected revenue of \$118,000, he proposed a budget of \$632,925 compared to \$334,609 in the 1997-98 budget. During the past year, the county has contracted for management and plans to build a new jail because of crowded conditions and nonconformance with state and federal stan-

Youth Summit set for Monday

Students, parents, teachers and community members are all invited to participate in the Youth Summit at 7 p.m. on Monday at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center. The goal is to develop a community action plan to improve the quality of life for Lincoln County youth and all county citizens. High school leaders will be facilitating discussions about critical youth issues.

The summit was announced by three Ruidoso High School students at a Community Update meeting held March 31.

The students, Adrian Wallen, Myra Romero and Katie Lukens, emphasized the need for more interaction between the community and young people in Ruidoso. They have solicited ideas and suggestions to work toward that objective and the ultimate goal of an inter-generational community center.

Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson, in direct response to the presentation by those students, has appointed a youth committee to discuss the issues facing the younger residents of the area.

dards.

Commissioners were brought into the budget process a step earlier than usual, Treasurer Joan Park said. Former county manager Frank Potter was putting the budget together when he was fired earlier this month.

In other budget action, commissioners:

- Discussed putting all of the county's Zia Senior Citizen Centers on lap top computers to keep better track of money. One is being examined because about \$1,000 is unaccounted for, Park said.

- Cut most special program requests to 1997-98 figures, saying groups like counseling centers, after-school care, animal damage control and search and rescue, should present their arguments for increases next Tuesday.

- At the request of Glencoe Rural Events Center manager Linda Wallace, cut a part-time position to help clean up after events to a \$4,450 allocation to be

used as needed.

- Agreed to review a personnel policy that took effect Thursday granting insurance benefits to part-time employees. Commissioners said they intended the decision to benefit only a few employees who had worked for the county a long time, not every new part-time worker.

- Did much of their cutting in capital items, including most furniture requests.

- Questioned Frank Hooper, head of the Lincoln County Narcotics Unit, about a \$5,000 raise he included for himself in his budget, which primarily is funded through grants. Raises, other than those built into the county's graduated salary structure, aren't included in the overall county budget. Montes said Hooper is the only county employee with the ability to give himself a raise and circumvent the regular process controlled by the commission.

- Hooper's budget request increased from \$121,297 in 1997-98 to \$245,573 this year and includes keeping on board a new drug agent added earlier this year.

EXCAVATION: children focus on old bones, not troublesome escapades

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Born in Austin, Texas, Leach said at one point in his youth he was "a big thug."

"I've been to the dark side and back," he said. "I got into a lot of trouble growing up. A lot was just being a kid and some was being a bad kid."

Eventually, he enrolled in college as a geology student. But after volunteering to go out with the Travis County Archaeological Society on an excavation, "I couldn't believe someone got paid to do this," he said.

"I got around positive people, who didn't just drink beer and get into trouble," Leach said. "I found out you could have long hair, be articulate, have a college degree and be cool."

"I knew this was the job for me." He and Mauldin are hoping it will be the right experience for the children coming from various programs in Lincoln County and the El Paso area.

"There's not another for-

mat that could be more exciting than archaeology," Leach said. "I knew if I'd had this opportunity, I would have jumped at it."

The first group arrived earlier this week from El Paso.

Some of them had never seen a pine tree, Leach said. They are assigned jobs and put on a schedule, giving structure to a life that may not have much structure at home, he said.

Participants will receive certificates acknowledging their work, T-shirts—and, Leach hopes, a sense of accomplishment. Their photographs also will be put on the Internet.

Although at-risk children participate on the excavation, the site is being opened to school children from districts in Lincoln County and elsewhere to watch the action.

"A site like this is sexy and gives an opportunity to involve young people in archaeology and paleontology, and try to create stewards of prehistory," Leach said. "If they appreciate things like this, it spills over

into everything they do.

The other aspect of the work is preservation, to ensure a record is kept.

Mauldin and Leach spend most of their time working on Spanish Colonial federally funded excavations and some Native American projects.

"We work on a number of Paleo-Indian sites and publish a lot on that time period," Leach said. "It falls within our research area of interest."

Pamela Hahn, who broke away from clerical work in her 40s to earn her degree in archaeology, now finds herself back in front of a computer, handling the questions coming in from schools and individuals throughout the nation and internationally.

One of the inquiries last week came from a girl in El Salvador, who asked the crew how it felt "to dig up your great, great, great grandmother's pet?"

Each day, Hahn uses photographs from the site, using photos from a digital camera and notes from the crew.

Some of the new informa-

tion last Sunday was the uncovering of a mandible, probably from a whitetail deer, said Johanna Hunziker, a center archaeologist. Judging from the wear on the teeth, he was an old deer when he died in what was then a marsh or bog, but is now the point of convergence of two gullies near Nogal.

Students also can access one of three curriculums, based on their grade level. They can download the information or just read it. It took Hunziker three months developing the curriculum and three weeks for computer technicians to load it, Leach said.

The information includes migration routes for mammoths, their average weight and what they liked to eat. The mammoth being excavated at Nogal probably is a Columbian Mammoth and full grown when it died. Based on the bone material uncovered to date, the animal stood 10 feet to 12 feet at the shoulder, was a male and weighed about 10 tons, Leach said.

The preliminary steps aren't as time consuming as the next step — allowing the poured concrete to "cure" for at least seven days, Jackson said.

"And I think a lot of that is going to depend on our temperature up here. Even though we will be covering it with blankets at night, you never know."

Here is a list of contacts and telephone numbers for more information about the project, or to express concerns:

- The Ruidoso Water Department, 257-2386

- Meadow Valley Contractors, 258-4400

- New Mexico Highway and Transportation Department:

- Ruidoso office - 257-1182
- Steve Turner, project manager - 585-2090

- Virginia Lorenz, district manager - 624-3300

- Ruidoso village contact:

- Alan Briley, deputy village manager - 258-4343

- Ruidoso Liaison Committee members, including:

- Robert Donaldson - 257-2443

- Cynthia Clayton - 258-5200

- Truman Barnett - 257-5555

CONSTRUCTION: much of the progress will depend on the weather

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Jackson said curb and gutter work would be done this week and next at the intersection. Workers also will begin replacing water lines along Mechem, he said. Jackson said there may be a three- or four-hour water outage in the area of the intersection early next week when crews tie the new lines into the main water line.

Traffic moving east from the Upper Canyon on Sudderth will still be prohibited from making left-hand turns onto Mechem, project coordinators said. Motorists are either ignoring the universal signs indicating no left-hand turn or they are driving past the intersection and turn-

ing around further down Sudderth.

To prevent people from making the illegal left-hand turn, Donaldson suggested the use of more signs other than the universal symbol, which is a circle with a line through it over the action that is being restricted.

"People just don't read universal signs," Donaldson said.

Alternatives to the restricted left-hand turn are still being investigated, project coordinators said.

Other signs will be put up along construction areas that tell motorists to "expect delays," coordinators said.

Jackson said he hopes the signs will encourage motorists to use other streets to get to their destinations.

"We could ask people to use alternate routes, if at all possible, and stay out of the area," he said. "There's got to be more ways than one to every place around here."

Alan Briley, Ruidoso deputy village manager, responded by saying the village government could not ask people to use alternate routes around the areas of construction.

"That was talked about in the public meetings (held several years ago regarding the

project's design)," Briley said. "We don't want to encourage people to get off (the main roads) because of the business owners. That was one of their main complaints — staying open and making sure that we didn't have detours around the town."

During this week's update meeting, Jackson said the public has very little knowledge about the steps and extent of work necessary in road construction.

"In order to start your curb and gutter, your paving — anything that you start in the construction end of this — has steps you have to follow all the way through," Jackson said. "For instance, the excavation has to happen first, then you have your sub-grade prep, then your open-graded, treated base course goes in that intersection ..."

Translating those terms, Jackson said a sub-grade prep is when the top 6 inches of the existing soil are compacted solidly. The open-graded, treated base course is an oiled aggregate, he said.

"It's going to be used as a drain underneath the concrete, which will run into some leach lines that will run across and tie into the main storm sewer," Jackson said.



Old White Oaks.

courtesy Bill Rakocy's "Ghosttown of White Oaks"

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

White Oaks Eagle
April 26, 1900

P. G. Peters of Angus has secured the contract to furnish poles for the telephone from White Oaks to Carrizozo.

The White Oaks Eagle in its last issue contained several columns of testimonials from the responsible men who have used White Oaks coal, as to the

quality of that coal. To those who have used this coal the testimonials will not offer anything new, but they should have a good effect on people who have not used it and also serve as a contradiction to the damaging statements made by certain parties in reference to this coal.

Governor Roosevelt has informed President McKinley that he absolutely will not accept the nomination for the vice presidency under any circumstances. Roosevelt is too big a man to play second to McKinley.

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Medicaid patients have until Tuesday to choose a doctor

If Medicaid patients don't make the choice by then, the choice will be made for them

• *Salud!*, the state's Medicaid health care plan, soon will assign health care providers to Medicaid patients if they don't choose their own.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
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Tuesday is the last day for Medicaid patients to sign up for a doctor and other health care providers of their choice.

After that, *Salud!*, the state's new health care program for Medicaid, will start assigning health care providers — which could have significant repercussions for patients, one local health care provider said.

"The inconvenience or the access issue if they don't make a choice could be critical," said Maureen Coleman, a co-administrator with Home Health Services.

About 20 percent of Coleman's company's patients are on Medicaid, the state health care assistance program for low-income families and individuals.

Coleman said April 28 is the deadline to sign up for a primary care physician, as well as a hospital, drug store, taxi service (if one is required), home health care, and medical services such as oxygen.

Patients who are randomly assigned to a physician and other health care providers will be required to use those

providers, even if it means traveling to a different city, Coleman said.

Changes can be made after the assignments are made, but those changes would entail a lot of red tape and a lengthy waiting period, Coleman said.

To sign up, Medicaid patients are being asked to attend a state-sponsored enrollment fair from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Or, they may call toll-free (888) 997-2583.

Coleman said Medicaid patients who attend the fair should first do some homework and assess the medical needs of their entire family.

Their choices for health care providers should be based on that research because different providers will be needed for different services, she said.

"The notion of functioning with Medicaid as kind of a blanket coverage is history," Coleman said.

As of June 1, Medicaid patients who seek non-emergency medical attention at hospital emergency rooms will be told they should be going to their assigned physician.

Lincoln County Medical Center has started informing its Medicaid patients about the change. Administrator Valerie Miller said the hospital will allow a 60-day buffer from June 1 before actually sending Med-

icaid patients to their assigned physicians for non-emergency care.

The goal of *Salud!*, enacted by the Legislature several years ago, is to reduce soaring Medicaid costs.

Most of those costs are from Medicaid patients receiving non-emergency care at hospital emergency rooms.

Under *Salud!*, hospitals will no longer be reimbursed for non-emergency treatment of Medicaid patients, Miller said.

Medicaid patients are being urged to act before the deadline and before they need medical care.

They are being asked to sign up for a health plan offered by one of three state-designated managed care companies — Loveless, Cimarron or Presbyterian.

Coleman repeatedly brought up the need for Medicaid patients to investigate what providers Medicaid patients think they will need and to make their choices on that basis.

For example, "If you know you have home health care needs, and are signed on with Loveless, you may be getting your oxygen out of Las Cruces. It may be very difficult for you to get your health services," Coleman said.

"And I'm being hypothetical here; I don't know who contracts with whom. I'm just trying to

delineate that some coverage is better in this area than others. And if they don't make a conscious choice, they will be randomly assigned. It could be critical."

The plan does not apply to patients who are covered by both Medicaid and Medicare, the federal health care assistance program for the elderly, Coleman said.

► Salud!

The enrollment fair

- **Who:** Medicaid patients.
- **What:** A state-sponsored fair to learn more about *Salud!* as well as sign up for health care providers, such as family physicians.
- **Where:** Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive off of Mechem Drive.
- **When:** 4-7 p.m. Tuesday
- **Those who cannot attend can call toll free (888) 997-2583**

DEATHS FUNERALS

Frederick Caton Stewart

Services for Frederick Caton Stewart, 81, of Roswell, are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. today at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Father Bob Williams of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will conduct the services, assisted by Father Steve Birdwell. Burial will follow at 3:30 p.m. at Forest Law Cemetery in Ruidoso, with Father John Penn officiating.

Mr. Stewart died April 20 at Eastern New Mexico Medical Center.

He was born to Dr. Richard Augustus and Berta L. Stewart on Dec. 8, 1916, in Canyon, Texas. He lived in various west Texas towns where his father was pastor of Methodist churches.

He graduated Valedictorian from Vernon High School in Vernon, Texas, where he played center on the football team.

He graduated from Southwestern University, where he was Salutatorian of his college class. He also was co-publisher of a Southwestern University magazine and president of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

He attended the University of Texas Law School and went into the Army where he served in World War II as a captain in the Headquarters Special Troops of the Third and Fourth Infantry.

Later, he served as major and aide to the commanding general.

After the war, Mr. Stewart worked in Pecos, Texas, as supervisor of the west Texas region of the Sweetwater Cotton Oil Company. He was president of the Pecos Valley Country Club, a member of the Pecos Rotary Club and was greatly involved with St. Mark's Episcopal Church, where he served numerous times as senior warden and diocesan delegate.

While living in Pecos, Mr. Stewart met and married his wife, Betsy Dixon Morrison, of Roswell. She survives him at

the family home. The Stewarts enjoyed much time at their home in Ruidoso where Mr. Stewart was an enthusiastic supporter of the Ruidoso Jockey Club and served as a director on that board.

The two moved to Roswell in 1982 where he was a member of the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, the Rotary Club, the Wednesday Luncheon Group and the Roswell County Club.

Other survivors include a daughter, Carol Wicker and her husband, Harold, of San Rafael, Calif., and a son, George Sessions Morrison, Jr., and his wife, Susan, of Alamogordo, N.M. He also is survived by seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He also is survived by a sister, Virginia Stewart Thomas of Navesota, Texas.

Stella Velma

Hodges Barrow

Services for Stella Velma Hodges Barrow, 96, of Clovis, will be held Saturday at Stead-Todd Chapel in Clovis. Officiating will be Dr. Herbert Bergstrom and burial will follow at Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Barrow died April 21. She married Ralph Barrow in November of 1919 in Maud, Okla. They moved to New Mexico in 1929 where they farmed and ranched in the Ranchvale community until Mr. Barrow retired and they moved to Clovis in 1966.

She is survived by her children, Burnis Barrow of Ruidoso, Leo L. Barrow of Tucson, Ariz., Jane Kirkpatrick and her husband, Fred, of Austin, Texas, Nina Barrow of Clovis, Ben Barrow and his wife, Vicki, of Clovis, a sister, Ila Northam of Wichita Falls, Texas, a half-brother, Jack Hodges of Brownfield, Texas; 19 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Area high school prom nights promise memories set to music

BY ELAINE HOBBS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Prom night for Ruidoso High School students will be Saturday at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The theme is "One Enchanted Evening," and dress is formal, black tie. There will be hors d'oeuvres served, and a DJ from Albuquerque will host the

evening.

The coronation of the king and queen will take place at 10:30 p.m. Tickets have been sold to 250 students for the event.

Carrizozo High School prom also is Saturday night with a catered dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing from 8 p.m. until midnight.

The theme for the evening is "Visions of Love," and the song

for the night is the movie theme from "Titanic," "My Heart Will Go On." Dress is formal, and there will be a DJ from Capitan.

The Hondo High School prom is scheduled for May 1 at the high school, from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Dress will be semi-formal, and the theme for the evening is "Kiss From a Rose." Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served, and a DJ will host the evening.

Coronation of the king and queen will be at 10 p.m.

Prom night for Corona High School will be May 2 beginning at 6 p.m. in the Corona Schools Recreation Room.

Dress will be semi-formal, and the prom theme is "Enchanted Evening" with decorations in black, silver and purple. A banquet will be served by the 8th grade students and parents before the dance.

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OUR OPINION

Adios, Gary

One of the good guys is leaving, and he will be missed.

That sums up the comments of many people in recent days, as Gary Jackson started cleaning out his manager's desk at Village Hall and prepared to head back to Texas to take up similar duties in a rapidly growing community of Leander, not far from Austin (and the University of Texas).

At his first budget workshop before the Ruidoso Village council in 1994, Jackson said "Remember, mayor and council, the focus should be infrastructure, infrastructure, infrastructure."

Such has been the case during most of Jackson's tenure, and it will be for some time to come, as Ruidoso continues to grow and pressure on basic public utility services—water and sewer—continues to mount.

With Jackson's help, the village council has addressed many infrastructure concerns. In the early '90s, not a great deal of attention was paid to the infrastructure. Grindstone Dam had been built in the 1980s, but it had not been a part of the water system.

Grindstone in those days was a nice fishing hole, Jackson has noted, but provided no water to Ruidoso, a village that desperately needed additional water—even as it does today.

Getting Grindstone water into the municipal water system became a priority.

Things began to change starting in 1994 with the first phase of the water treatment plant. The cost eventually came in at upwards of \$11 million, and the water supply is far from solved, but it's nearer than ever before.

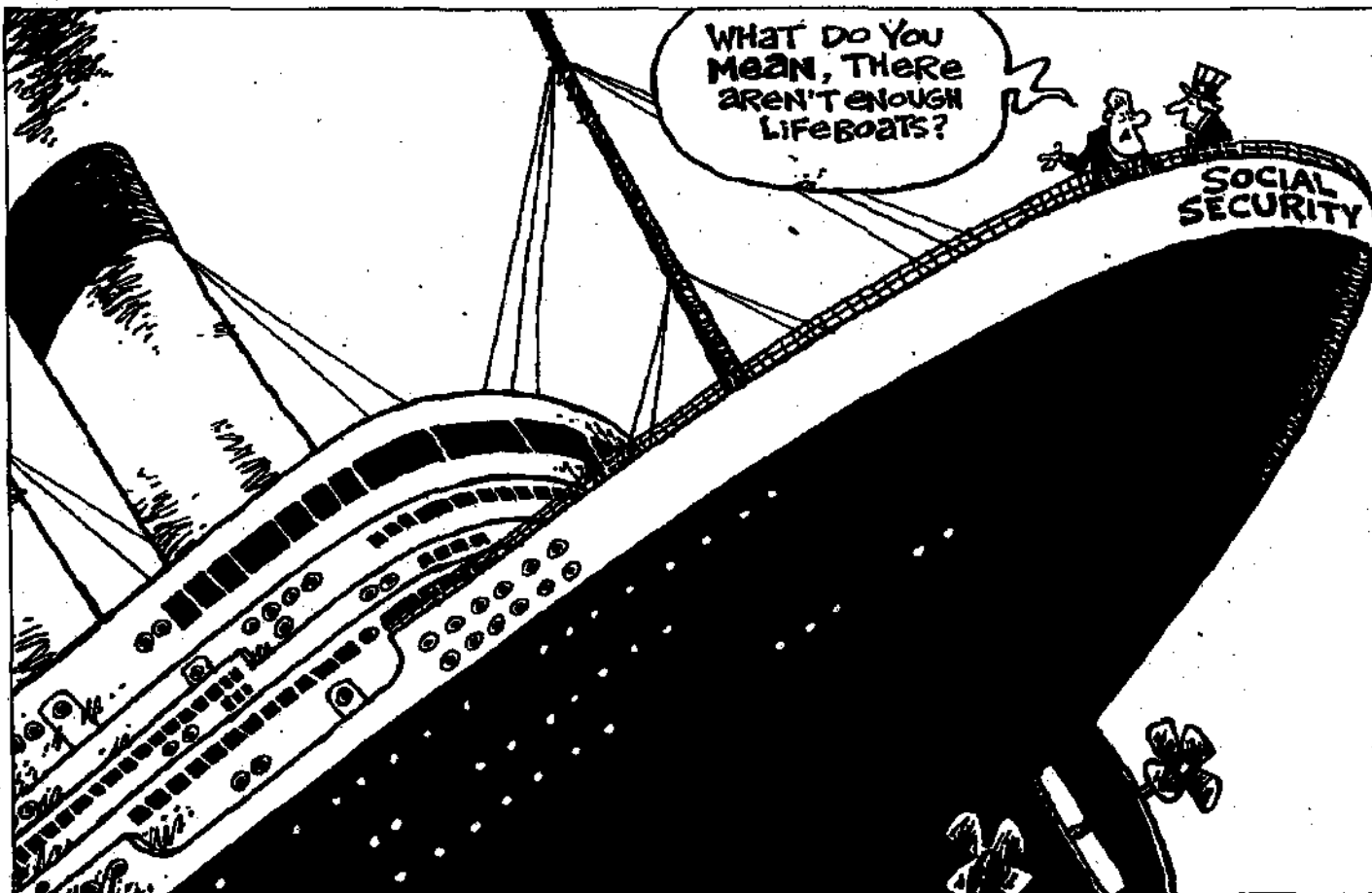
It would be much nearer had voters on March 3 bought into an extension of a portion of gross receipts taxes to cover a bond issue for water line improvements. (The bonds were approved, but the tax extension wasn't; both were necessary under state law to become effective.)

That has to be one of Jackson's disappointments during his Ruidoso days; but, as has been his style, he continued to look at other avenues. Alan Briley, Jackson's long-time assistant who will take over as manager on April 29, believes a heightened sales effort will make a difference next time—and there will be a next time, because more water is critical if Ruidoso is to continue to grow.

Jackson also takes some pride in effectively dealing with the legislature on the community's behalf, in financing the infrastructure.

Next Tuesday will be Jackson's last as village manager. On Wednesday, fellow employees will pitch in for a potluck luncheon in his honor at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

It will be an appropriate send-off for a professional, from the team of professionals he put together.



YOUR OPINION

Should county judge be a target for MADD?

To the editor:

I saw where (the) DWI rate in New Mexico was one of the highest in the U. S. and Lincoln County is the third-highest county of New Mexico.

Well, if you look in the Ruidoso newspaper at the court cases that Judge (using the word loosely) Butts rules on it is very easy to understand; he never sends anyone to jail.

He always says time served, probably one night. A fine of \$200-\$300, and all but a few dollars of that suspended. Now that is what I call real punishment. And it sure should make drunks shake in their boots.

Why not have a system where a person is put in jail for the first offense for at least 30 days. A fine of at least \$200, suspension of driving license for at least 3 months, and they stay in jail until the \$200 fine is paid; and if they are caught driving during the 3 months' suspension, they will be put in jail for at least 3-6 months. Second offense at least double the above. Third offense, they would be sent to state prison for at least a year.

When one looks at the record of Judge (using the word very loosely) Butts it makes one

wonder how he ever got re-elected.

What I can't figure is why MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) doesn't campaign very hard against a judge like him.

K. M. Bearden
Ruidoso

Sometimes cartoons are over-reaching satire

To the editor:

The satiric suggestion of political cartoonist Benson that the evil deeds of Mussolini, Hitler and Castro should be remembered is certainly correct, if not original. As Mark Antony said in eulogizing Caesar, "The evil that men do lives after them, the good is oft interred with their bones." So be it with those three.

But Benson's comparison of those men to Presidents Nixon and Clinton is a bit much. Nixon engaged in overreaching, and compromised the Constitution to some extent. But to lump him with some of the worst genocidal tyrants in history is to exhibit the highest degree of disrespect.

As for President Clinton, his crime, if any, is personal excess, coupled with poor judgment in

trying to keep it personal, but neither of which involve politics or government.

If Mr. Benson is interested in malfeasance, he might question why the American people are being saddled with an investigation that cost more than that of Presidents Nixon, Reagan and all others combined, and which threatens both the basic American right of privacy and our government's ability to stay focused on the people's business.

Lionel W. Lippmann
Capitan

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The view from White Oaks

Occasionally we have to do a double-take (as no doubt does everybody after they've been living in Ruidoso for a while) and remind ourselves that we actually, truly, really are living in this beautiful place.

Then we glimpse another corner of Lincoln County for the first time and realize that we in Ruidoso don't have a total lock on perfection.

MOUNTAIN ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN
Ruidoso News

Last weekend during the fifth annual White Oaks art tour, we stood on Michael New's front porch and looked south across the valley that cradles the remnants of what once was the county's biggest metropolis (about 2500 people in the late 1880s), and quickly understood why it's becoming home to more and more people—and especially those struggling to succeed as painters, potters, photographers...

So much inspiration, right outside the door, with the great upthrust of Carrizo Mountain for a backdrop and people of like mind ready to lend encouragement, and a helping hand.

Michael New is a woodworker; a few miles east, Ivy Heymann has survived a long, hard winter and makes beautiful pottery being sold all over; Bob Reyniersen, in his tiny gallery a few yards from Grady and Betty Stewart's White Oaks Social Club and Saloon, shows off a series of paintings that illustrate the day-to-day life, and people, of White Oaks in the 1990s.

Other painters and a most notable saddle maker, Harlan Webb, are doing their thing in White Oaks quite well, thank you.

And now, with a \$7,000 planning grant, New and some of the others are in the initial stages of constructing a study and work retreat for artists of all kinds right in White Oaks.

Look out, Ruidoso; White Oaks is on the move.

FOOLS AND NEWCOMERS

The first scientist in New Mexico

BY MORROW HALL
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

Adolph Francis Alphonse Bandler was born Aug. 6, 1840, in Switzerland, to a prosperous banking family. Like most residents of that landlocked country, he soon became fluent in its two neighboring languages, French and German. (He preferred to speak German but pronounced his last name the French way: "Bahn-del-yay.")

When Adolph was eight years old, his family moved to Highland, Ill., where a Swiss-American colony was thriving, and where his father and two other prominent men founded a bank.

Most of Adolph's education was gained at home; his family could afford private tutors and they did their job well: the young man seems to have been well versed in the liberal arts and the sciences, and he was soon fluent if not eloquent in English.

But banking, the family business, bored him completely. To enrich his life he began studying the Spanish conquest of the Americas, and soon he added Spanish to his collection of languages. In 1873, Bandler met Lewis Henry Morgan, who has been called the father of modern anthropology. Morgan, of New York, had developed a theory of the develop-

ment of societies based on his studies of Indians in the eastern United States. Bandler found this theory plausible and later applied it to native cultures he studied in New Mexico and elsewhere.

Bandler wrote his first monographs in 1877 about the ancient Mexicans. Soon his studies were interfering with his banking duties and he took the plunge into full-time scholarship.

His output of papers and books, written in several languages, was large, because his livelihood depended on it. It doesn't appear that he ever acquired even moderate wealth from writing, but he was apparently quite happy doing it.

In 1880, when he was 40 years old, Adolph Bandler finally got to see some of the places he had been writing about. The Archaeological Institute of America offered him a stipend to go to New Mexico "to gather information on the living Indians and their history and to investigate the ruins..." Scholars have since been grateful that he did so.

Bandler's first sight of the ancient Indian culture here was a view of Pecos Pueblo from the train going to Santa Fe in 1880. He returned immediately and spent ten days there, only 42 years after the pueblo had been abandoned.

With that visit Bandler

began his constant practice of taking field notes of every aspect of what he saw. Today, archaeologists and anthropologists specialize in their studies, but Bandler had no such limits. Today's specialists in those fields and others find his notebooks full of priceless, relevant material.

Bandler always wore a suit, as he had done as a gentleman banker and scholar back in Illinois. But now, beginning in middle age, he was visiting places he had only read about before, and often he was exposed to severe impediments to his comfort caused by the climate and terrain of New Mexico and places to the south.

The hardships don't seem to have bothered him at all.

After Pecos, Bandler visited many other sites, such as San Gabriel del Yungue and Acoma, and talked to many Indians to learn their customs. His studies of the ruins in the Pijoles Canyon area, near present-day Los Llamas, led to a novel, "The Delight Makers," in 1890.

This novel, which he first wrote in German, has been praised as the first attempt to recreate the lives of prehistoric Pueblo Indians, but it didn't succeed in making the money Bandler hoped it would.

Bandler's best-known work about our part of the world was published in four

parts—from 1890 to 1892 under the unwieldy title, "Final Report of Investigations among the Indians of the Southwestern United States, Carried on Mainly in the Years from 1880 to 1885." It has since been the starting point for most scientific studies of the region.

His explorations were not limited to the southwestern United States. He made significant studies of Mexico, Peru and Bolivia, and when he died, on March 18, 1914, he was in Seville, Spain, reading the many reports that had been sent there by the priests who accompanied and outlasted the conquistadors.

The written history of New Mexico is close to 500 years old, but its scientific history began only in 1880, when Bandler visited Pecos.

Elsewhere: In 1880, the year Bandler became a field anthropologist, Joel Chandler Harris published "Uncle Remus" and Rodin completed his sculpture "The Thinker."

Next week: Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

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THE SILVER LINING

Life's
bursting
out all
over

Years ago a young cow came down from the hills with her first calf, one so tiny I called it "chiquita," Spanish for "very small."

She became a great pet, and I fed her extra feed in the corral. She would be waiting at the corral ready to be locked in while she ate, without being disturbed by the other cows. Chiquita grew up to be the only cow on the place with horns. This made it a little risky when she became playful at butting as she was in her calf days.

Through the years she has brought in several fine calves, and she has not outgrown her habit of waiting for extra feed.

Faithfully during the last couple of weeks, she arrives in the early morning and late evening for extra rations. This morning, April 21, she did not show up, and something told me to go up to the Knoll, the meadow at the foot of Storm Mountain.

Here, out in the center of the field, lay the two youngest calves, easter Lily and Juanita, all by themselves while their mothers grazed at the edge of the Knoll.

At the very east end of the field I caught a glimpse of red and white cow colors amidst the cedars.

Sure enough, there was Chiquita, and beside her, curled up next to a cedar bush out of the wind, lay a calf a few hours old, looming up calmly with bright golden-brown eyes shining from her white face, the very picture of God's miracle of new life.

Arbor Day

Arbor Day was established by the folks in Nebraska on April 10, 1873, to encourage people to plant tree wind-breaks on the wind-swept prairies.

April 10 is the date for most of the northern states, while many states have their own Arbor Day. I think New Mexico's was in late March.

There is an old saying that you can plant a tree in any month that has an "R" in it. That leaves out May, June, July and August. We are talking here about bare-root trees. You can get trees in containers at Conley's Nursery that you can plant any time. When it comes to planting trees, remember the advice that a Scotsman gave to his neighbor: "Jock, if ye hae naething else tae do, ye might well be aye sticking in a tree. It will be growing, Jock, while ye're sleeping."

The leaf parade

Speaking of trees brings up the leaf parade, which already has begun while the blossom parade is rolling into its prime with the arrival of the apple blooms.

Blue Bird Meadow

The Blue Bird Meadow slopes gently up southward from the house, so-called because of the blue bird tree which forms a triangle with the large apricot tree and the flag pole.

One of these days we will have a little something about these two trees and the flag pole.

Let us thank our Lord for spring, the season of new life.



BY DAN STORM
COLUMNIST

Ruidoso council to consider maintaining its own garbage collection service

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Rather than looking for a contractor to provide garbage collection services, the Ruidoso Village Council on Tuesday may decide operate the service from within the village, Ruidoso Deputy Village Manager Alan Briley said Thursday.

By doing so, Ruidoso could move more quickly to a separate collection service from the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, Briley said, adding that the process to review contractor's proposals could take months

and even then may not be the choice of the council.

"If we realistically think that we are going to do it anyway, then why go out for RFPs (requests for proposals)?" Briley said.

Ruidoso initiated a break from the authority, a consortium of local governments, last year after considerable complaints about the collection service and maintenance of the garbage transfer station.

On Tuesday, other member representatives of the authority questioned why Ruidoso was moving so slowly toward a sepa-

ration of services.

Under the separation agreement, Ruidoso will re-assume operation and maintenance of the Gavilan Canyon transfer station. The transfer station, is where garbage from about the county is taken before being hauled to the landfill.

Ruidoso, on Tuesday, is expected to be the last member of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority to approve a measure to dissolve the current authority and create two new agreements. One agreement would reform the remaining governmental entities into

another solid waste authority with the exclusion of Ruidoso. The other would form a joint powers agreement between Ruidoso and the other governmental entities for use of the Lincoln/Otero Landfill.

As of today, the Capitan Village Council is the only other entity other than Ruidoso to have not passed the agreements. Capitan is expected to pass the new agreements on Monday.

Briley said if the council does decide to incorporate garbage collection services into village government instead of searching for a contractor, then

loan applications for equipment such as garbage trucks could be started almost immediately.

Ruidoso Village Manager Gary Jackson said earlier that village staff is preparing an operations budget for garbage collection for the council to consider.

Based on preliminary numbers from that budget, Jackson said the village of Ruidoso could provide garbage collection services, with the exclusion of yard waste collection, at the same cost paid now to the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority

VILLAGE NEWS

Animal control law

A revision to Ruidoso's animal control ordinance will change how pet owners allow their animals to be contained, a village administrator said.

Currently, dog owners may allow their pets to roam their own property without any restrictions.

Under the revision, pet owners would need to have their pets on a leash not longer than 8 feet when not on their own property.

Pets also would need to be kept inside an enclosure when on the owner's property, according to the ordinance revision.

The ordinance also somewhat unclearly specifies that pets in an enclosed area also "may be tethered" on a line not less than 12 feet or of sufficient length to keep the animal on the owner's property.

The village council requested the ordinance revision on March 11 after a home owner told councilors nothing under the current regulations protected her from an unfriendly dog next door.

Jordan Cameron told the council she was scared to walk from her house to the car because the dog would try to attack her. Yet, when animal control officers came out to her

house, they could do nothing because the dog was back on its owner's property.

New hearing policies for council

Several new policies regarding how the Ruidoso Village Council conducts its sessions and public hearings will be considered Tuesday.

The new policies were developed during a Saturday workshop.

One proposal would eliminate the village's current policy of allowing anyone on the council agenda because they request it. Instead village staff will try to handle residents' concerns by directing them to the appropriate village board or department head.

If the situation is not remedied, then the resident would be put on the council agenda.

Speakers will be asked to keep their presentations to the council to 10 minutes and details of their presentations will be requested.

The council agenda will be closed at noon on Wednesdays before council sessions instead of at noon on Thursdays.

During public hearings, people wishing to speak will be asked to submit their names on a card along with their address

and what they want to address.

Ruidoso residents, property owners and business owners will be the only people allowed to talk during public hearings.

People wishing to talk during a public hearing will be asked to keep their comments to five minutes.

Also, the manager's reports will be moved from the end of council sessions to the beginning.

Curfew hours up for revision

Ruidoso's curfew for minors, anyone under 18, would change from 10 p.m. to midnight on summer weekdays, based on an ordinance revision recommended by Police Chief Larry Maddox.

The new curfew hours, which are up for approval Tuesday by the Ruidoso Village Council following a public hearing, would apply only during the summer break from Memorial Day until Labor Day.

Currently, curfew hours for minors are 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Sundays through Thursdays, and midnight to 5 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

The curfew does not apply to any minors accompanied by an adult.

Village Deputy Manager

Alan Briley said the last time the curfew hours were changed was in January of 1995.

Maddox recommended the change, in part, because of a decrease in juvenile crime, according to the ordinance.

Board term limits reconsidered

A three-term limitation for Ruidoso's board and commission members may be tossed out by the Ruidoso Village Council Tuesday following a public hearing.

Mayor Robert Donaldson said earlier the council's decision last year to create the term limits may have been too hasty.

"I believe we may have been in error by doing that," he said at a past council session. "There are a number of people with very fine qualifications who would be pushed out."

The vote will follow a public hearing on the issue.

1998-99 Budget

A preliminary budget for Ruidoso's 1998-99 fiscal year will be distributed to councilors Tuesday night by Village Manager Gary Jackson.

Alan Briley, who will assume Jackson's job on Wednesday, said the new budget

differs only a little in amount from the 1997-98 budget, though it appears inflated because of several capital improvement projects funded with federal and state grants.

The council has scheduled several budget workshops, all of which are open to the public. The first is at 4 p.m. on Monday, May 4. The next is 4 p.m. on May 11. A third workshop is set for Thursday, May 14.

Mayoral youth committee

About five teens met Tuesday night with members of the Ruidoso Mayoral Youth Commission to discuss the possibilities of building a recreational center in the Ruidoso area, said one commission member.

Margie Morales, who also is a Ruidoso Downs village trustee, said four teens and one from Capitan discussed youth-oriented issues — predominantly the recreation center, Morales said.

The commission, formed recently by Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson, include Lincoln County Commissioner Wilton Howell and Ruidoso Councilor Ron Anderson.

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'Neither storm, nor spilled gasoline nor dark of night...'

Wayne Bradley was recognized recently by the U.S. Postal Service for pulling gasoline-soaked mail from an overturned mail truck.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Post office workers are expected to sort, deliver and send mail.

They aren't expected to get out of bed at 1 a.m., crawl through the window of an overturned mail truck and retrieve gasoline-soaked mail — then spend 16 hours delivering through special-handling procedures.

But Wayne Bradley did exactly that.

In recognition of his efforts beyond his normal duties, Bradley, an employee at the Ruidoso Downs Post Office, has received a special achievement award from the U.S. Postal Service's district environmental coordinator.

"Wayne doesn't just do his job. He does his job and much more," said Shirlene Roberts, Downs postmaster.

This is the first special achievement award handed out at the Downs post office since Roberts herself received one in 1968, she said.

On Saturday morning, April 17, Bradley received his award and a check for \$200 from Steven Steed, district

environmental coordinator. The award was presented during an open house at the post office. The open house, billed as a reception to honor all the employees, was in fact a surprise gathering for Bradley, Roberts said.

Bradley, who has been a postal employee for 18 years and with the Downs office for about 10 years, said he suspected the open house was a ruse.

"Well, when you know they want everyone here at a certain time you know something is up," Bradley said.

Roberts said Bradley doesn't take credit for doing anything unusual on Feb. 11, when he received a call at about midnight that a mail truck had overturned on U.S. Highway 70.

"It was all just routine procedure," said Bradley, who had won special achievement award when he worked at the Lubbock, Texas, Post Office.

Roberts was out of town on Feb. 11 when Bradley was awakened and told a mail truck on its way to Las Cruces from Roswell had run off the road and overturned.

By about 1 a.m., Bradley was at the Downs post office trying to figure out how to retrieve mail from the truck, whose doors were jammed because of the wreck.

"They (Bradley and the



Wayne Bradley, a Ruidoso Downs postal employee, receives a special achievement award from Steven Steed, U.S. Postal Service district environmental coordinator.

driver) had to crawl in and out of the windows to get the mail out," Roberts said. "In the meantime, there was some gas that had spilled on the mail, which made it an environmental issue."

Gas cans inside the mail truck spilled during the accident, Bradley said.

He had to call the Albuquerque post office to learn the proper handling procedures for gasoline-soaked

mail, Roberts said. Part of that special handling required the placement of plastic sleeves on hundreds of pieces of mail.

"He was there all that night and all the next day," Roberts said.

He is willing to do whatever is needed when the job demands it, she said, adding "he's also probably the most pleasant and courteous person you'll ever meet."



Park

Joan Park to head group treasurer's unit

Joan Park, Lincoln County treasurer, is the new chairman of the New Mexico Association of Counties Treasurer's Affiliate.

Since 1968, the association has been the statewide voice for all counties in New Mexico, as an umbrella organization of county elected offi-

cials and employees.

The association creates opportunities for county elected officials to act together to solve problems and advance county government in the state.

The treasurer's affiliate is a subsection of the association that concentrates on the specialized professional areas involved in the office. The affiliate meets at a midwinter conference in January and an annual conference in June, with workshops and training sessions during the year.

The chair prepares and conducts meeting at each conference, workshop and training session. Park will serve on the advisory council and present resolutions and legislative proposals adopted by the affiliate to the board of directors.

Park was appointed county deputy treasurer in June, 1992, by then treasurer Janice Silva and took office as treasurer in January, 1995, after winning the election in November of 1994.

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DOWNS: raises, paying off debts get council's priority consideration

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exceptions.

Weihbrecht, who currently makes \$30,780, will have her salary raised to \$33,500 under the proposed budget. Hayhurst said the raise was appropriate so that Weihbrecht, chief village administrator, would be the highest paid village staff member. Currently, Ruidoso Downs Police Chief David

Hightower has a higher salary, at \$31,680, than Weihbrecht.

Fire Chief Nick Herrera also would be given a significant raise under the proposed budget — from \$19,316 to \$22,000, trustees said Wednesday. Weihbrecht suggested a higher raise for Herrera, saying he was being paid less than a police dispatcher.

Hayhurst said the village would give Herrera another raise next year.

Weihbrecht urged the council to cover 100 percent of employee health care insurance costs, which were to increase more than \$100 a month for employees with families. The cost would be too much for many employees, she said. The insurance coverage will include health, dental and vision benefits, she said.

Hayhurst said the village could pay off several debts, provided the money was available.

Items such as street paving equipment possibly could be paid off in one year rather than over several years with annual payments, he said.

"And then we would be ought of debt," Hayhurst said.

Four new police vehicles also are budgeted for the upcoming year at a cost of \$120,000.

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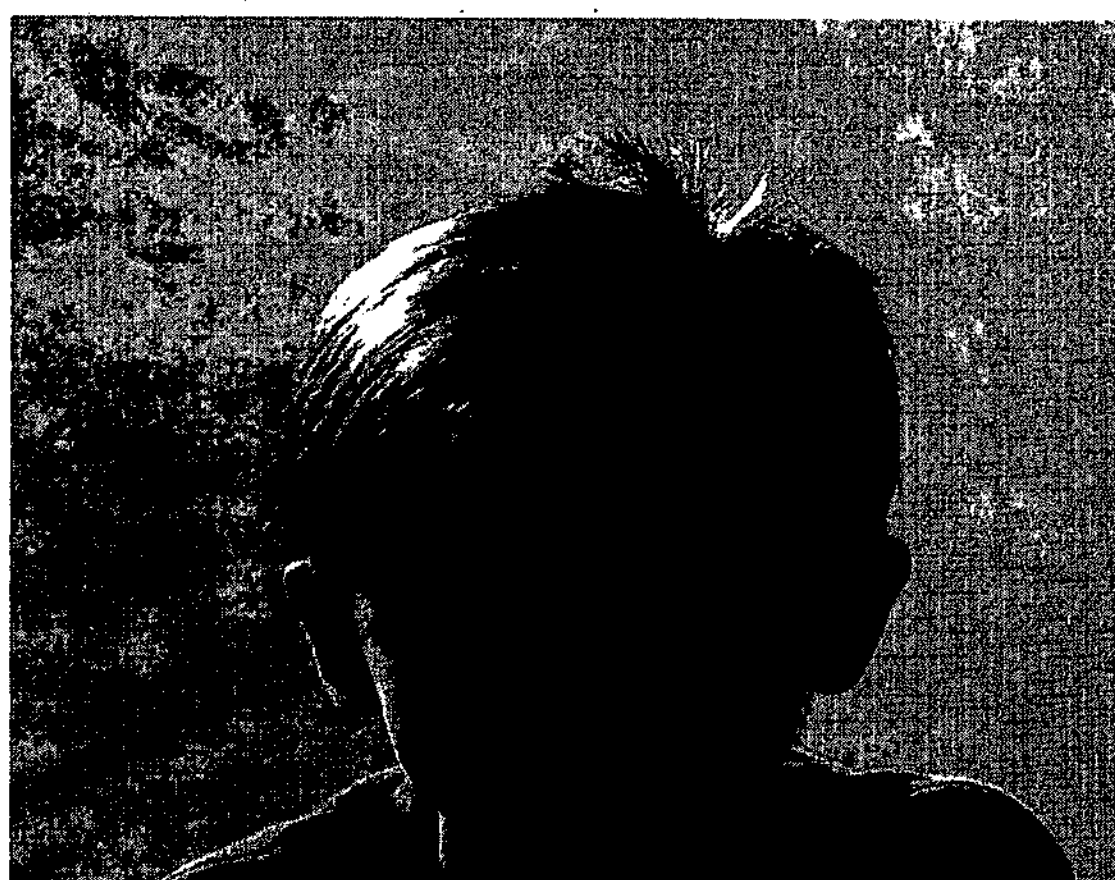


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ENMU-Ruidoso orchestra to debut on Tuesday

BY ELAINE HOBBS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The debut of the Eastern New Mexico University Ruidoso Community Orchestra conducted by Ugo DiDio will be April 28 at 7:30 p.m.

The concert will be performed at the First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road, and admission is free.

DiDio has been active in virtually every area of musical composition, and his compositions have been performed in concert halls, on television and radio.

He has composed songs, choral works, orchestral works, piano compositions and chamber works, and his conducting career has taken him to Europe, Canada and throughout the United States, including Carnegie Hall.

He came to Ruidoso after living all his life in New York City and then a short interim in El Paso. DiDio said some how he never quite got along with El Paso.

"I told my wife I had heard of a little place in New Mexico that I would like to visit. We visited Ruidoso, and I fell in love with it."

He was planning to retire here, and "live a life of leisure" when he happened to

see an ad in the newspaper saying the university was looking for a conductor.

"I had never thought of doing this, but after seeing the ad, I thought, 'well, I'm here, and it would be nice to conduct an orchestra here.'"

DiDio said the orchestra has 22 members, and it is an eclectic group of students and community members, some of whom have previously played in orchestras, others who have played only in ensembles, and still others who have never played in any group before.

There are even five people who drive up from Alamogordo each week to rehearse with the orchestra.

They began rehearsing in September of 1997, and DiDio said he has transcribed every work they are performing in the concert because the orchestra is still small, and therefore has limited instrumentation.

"I had no idea it was going to be so extensive, but it has been a lot of fun," DiDio said.

He is hoping it will grow as more people become aware of its existence and give their support.

He says it is open to any instrumentalist who would like to join.

Tuesday night's concert



A younger Ugo DiDio conducts during a recording session at Radio City, N.Y. courtesy photo

will open with a march from the opera, "Iphigenia in Aulis" by Gluck and arranged by Jurey.

It will be followed by the "Chorale No. 1 in G Major" by Bach, transcribed for brass quartet; a transcription of an 18th Century song for strings

titled "Nina"; the "Chorale No. 317" by Bach transcribed for strings; the Chopin "Prelude in C Minor" transcribed for orchestra; and Schubert's "Waltz for Piano" transcribed for orchestra.

School students in Ruidoso gear up for Cinco de Mayo

BY ELAINE HOBBS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The fourth annual Cinco de Mayo celebration of the Ruidoso Schools starts on May 5 with a performance at the Ruidoso High School gymnasium at 6:30 p.m.

Performers will be from kindergarten through 12th grade. There will be singers from the high school and middle school, and each school will perform a Hispanic dance. Los Tres Romanticos, a mariachi group from Alamogordo, will perform traditional music, and there will also be solo guitar performances.

There will be assemblies May 6 at the different Ruidoso schools with their own students performing.

Nob Hill students will perform at the Nob Hill Early Childhood Center at 10:30 a.m. and at 2 p.m. on May 7.

On May 8, White Mountain Elementary students will perform at 10 a.m., Sierra Vista students at 12:30 p.m. and White Mountain Intermediate students at 2 p.m.

All three of these performances will take place at the White Mountain Intermediate School.

The Cinco de Mayo celebration started when Frank Canel-

la, principal at White Mountain Elementary and Delores Rue, work study supervisor and transition coordinator for Region IX, got together to create a celebration that would share the Hispanic culture with everyone and help preserve it for the Hispanic members of the community.

Ruidoso Schools had set a goal of teaching all its children to speak Spanish by the year 2000, and this seemed to be another way to encourage involvement with the Hispanic culture of the area.

They started with what Rue called "a small performance of 150 kids" and more and more people have asked to participate each year. She said Hondo has been a big influence with its Hispanic dances, and groups from Hondo and Roswell really helped the celebration get started.

Last year about 400 children participated, and this year there will be about 300.

The students performed for New Mexico state legislators in September, and at the Special Olympics. May 3 they are scheduled to perform at the Tularosa Rose Parade.

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Texas-New Mexico Power Co. reminds area residents of electrical safety

Texas/New Mexico Power recognizes electrical safety month with home safety hints.

The month of May is national electrical safety month. Texas-New Mexico Power Company offers safety precautions to help heighten awareness of potential electrical hazards and make the most of spring and summer activities.

"Some of the safety advice we provide may sound like

common sense, yet every year, people are injured because they didn't use these simple measures," Jim Bassett, customer relations coordinator for the utility in Ruidoso, said. "The basic rule of thumb is to treat every power line as if it's energized, even if it's a downed line that you think is dead."

Texas/New Mexico Power Company recommends avoiding any contact with power lines and to follow these safety

basics:

- Never climb power poles or trees that are in the vicinity of power lines.

- Never thrust objects into power lines. Even a kite or string, if it contacts a power line, can produce serious shock to the person of the earth holding the kite or string. The same applies to model planes and ropes.

- Call the local Texas-New

Mexico Power office if branches are growing around power lines. Both aluminum and wooden ladders can be conductors, so leave the tree trimming to the professionals.

- Practice extra precaution when using electrical lawn mowers and weed eaters so as not to cut power cords.

- Don't attempt to rescue cats that are climbing near utility lines. They will come

home when hungry. If the pet is injured, call the local Texas-New Mexico Power office.

- Never let a sailboat sail into an electric line and never raise the mast of a sailboat under an electric power line.

- Know the location of underground power lines near your home and never dig close to them.

The advent of spring also brings storms. These storms,

as well as some car wrecks and other accidents, can damage electrical distribution systems and leave energized power lines lying on the ground. The lines are extremely dangerous and should be avoided. Contact the nearest Texas New Mexico Power office of a local law enforcement officer in the event of a downed power line.

For more information call 258-5511 or, after hours, call 258-5342.

IRS offers extra help

The Las Cruces IRS office will conduct a problem-solving day on Tuesday from noon to 8 p.m. at the Lorette Town Center, Suite 149, at 505 S. Main.

For those who have problems with their federal taxes, the IRS is providing an opportunity to meet to resolve them. IRS people can cut through the red tape and help fix problems such as payments posted to the wrong account, missing refund checks and other unresolved tax issues.

"(The day) is an effort by the IRS to help taxpayers resolve problems and promote the use of the Taxpayer Advocate who can help with tax issues," District Director Jack B. Cheskaty said.

May named 'Hummingbird Month'

At a recent Village Council meeting, Mayor Robert Donaldson proclaimed May as "Hummingbird Month" in Ruidoso.

The village and Lincoln County host six species of hummingbirds from the end of March until the end of September. Most common and the earliest arrivals are Broad-tailed Hummingbirds.

The males of this species are easily identified by the whirring sound made when flying and the brilliant color of their throats. One of the other common hummingbirds, arriving later, is the Rufous Hummingbird. The males, recognized by their smaller size and brilliant copper color, tend to be terrors of the feeders, driving off the other species.

Other hummingbirds who visit the area include Black-chinned (common), Calliope (smallest and uncommon), Blue-throated (uncommon) and Magnificent.

Most of these hummingbirds are easily attracted to feeders. If you feed, use the mixture of one cup sugar to four cups water and no red food coloring. The food coloring is not needed and may not be good for the birds. Food should be replaced on a regular basis and feeders kept clean.

CAPITAN BRIEFS

Update session near

The Village of Capitan will present a community update and celebrate Smokey Bear's birthday with a dinner and program from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 9, in the Capitan High School Cafeteria.

The event is sponsored by Friends of Smokey Inc.

Debra Ingle, chairman of Friends, will open the program, followed by a statement of purpose by Mayor Norman Renfro and presentations by Capitan School Superintendent Diana Billingsley, school board members and the Lincoln County Fair Association.

The dinner will begin at 6 p.m. The charge is \$6.50 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

From 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m., presentations will be given by

representatives of the Capitan Planning Commission, Smokey Bear Historical Park, the South Central Mountain Recreation, Conservation and Development Council and the Lincoln County Center for the Arts.

Ingle will summarize the session at 8:45 p.m. and everyone will celebrate with the cutting of Smokey Bear's birthday cake. The dinner is optional; admission to the update meeting is free.

Schools seeking help

The Capitan School Board is asking for help from the community to plan for the growth of its student enrollment.

The first community meeting is set for 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday (April 28) in the school cafeteria.

School Superintendent Diana Billingsley said the meet-

ing will be an opportunity for residents to hear the facts and to help come up with solutions for a 10 year period.

"We have grown more than 33 percent since 1991," she wrote in a letter to parents and other Capitan residents. "After the 1998-99 school year, we will not have any more classrooms for our students. Capitan always has prided itself on supporting its students and providing a quality education. We need to continue that dedication for the future."

Alternatives discussed include building a new high school or constructing additions to existing schools.

Call is out for Lincoln County Fair Queen candidates

The time to select a new Lincoln County Fair Queen is coming and May Dell Jones and Connie Whipple, who are coordinating the event, want to make sure area residents know the contest is county-wide.

To compete, girls must be between the ages of 17 and 23 and live in Lincoln County.

The local contest is judged

50 percent on horsemanship and 50 percent on personality.

An orientation clinic has been set for 7 p.m. May 6 at the Smokey Bear Restaurant in Capitan. All interested candidates are encouraged to attend.

Jones and Whipple will discuss rules and regulations concerning the contest. Applications and horsemanship

patterns will be handed out during this meeting.

The deadline for entries is midnight May 20.

The contest will be held at 5 p.m. June 3 at the Lincoln County Fair Grounds in Capitan.

The new 1998 Fair Queen will be crowned by reigning queen, Courtney May, during the third performance of the

Smokey Bear Stampede Rodeo on July 4.

The new queen will preside over the remaining rodeo performances during the July 4 weekend.

For more information on the Lincoln County Fair Queen contest and related events, contact Jones at (505) 354-4253 or Whipple at (505) 354-2005.

Regional high school team cleans up in environmental contest

The 200-mile traveling distance and long hours of research and planning for the High School Environmental Design Contest paid off for Corona, Fort Sumner, and Tatum students.

The southeastern New Mexico team won overall first place (\$9,000) in the competition at New Mexico State University held in Las Cruces, April 14 through April 17. They also won best oral presentation and were awarded \$2,250. The awards were presented during a banquet ceremony on April 17.

Corona, Fort Sumner and Tatum were required to develop solutions for reclaiming metals, such as copper and silver, and finding a cost-effective way to transport and relocate them. The task, which was sponsored by Phelps Dodge Corporation in Hurley, N.M., focused on a typical mine tailing remediation, relocation and reclamation situation, said Abbas Ghassemi, contest director, and WERC research director. Ghassemi said the potential solutions from this contest could have a tremendous effect for local and regional areas

where mining is an issue.

During the week, the team delivered an oral presentation to a team of judges representing academia, government and industry. They addressed the regulatory, economical, health and public relations issues, and answered questions from the judges regarding their design and implementation. The team designed a comprehensive process for recovery of copper oxides and safe transportation of the tailing to a new lined impoundment.

The team competed against a southern New Mexi-

co team (Las Cruces and Mayfield High School) and an El Paso team (Burgess and Health Magnet High School). The Las Cruces and El Paso teams tied for second place.

Southeastern team members included Brandon Foster of Fort Sumner, Dustin Gay and Charley Tully of Corona, and Obie Gillispie, Rana Jones, Tyler Denning, Zack Jones, Daniel "Slick" Lamb, and Royce Mussman of Tatum. Advisors included Patti Scott of Fort Sumner, Rhonda Tully of Corona and Rondal Nauert and Melissa Nelson of Tatum.

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Young Tigers triumph

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ask the Capitan track coaches how they would describe their teams and both could answer with 'impressive.'

The Tiger boys were impressive in their domination of District 6AA foes Cloudford, Dexter and Tularosa at Tuesday's Capitan Invitational. Capitan beat second-place Tulie by 50 points for the overall team title, while adding three events to the state qualification ranks.

"We were pleased with the overall performance," Tiger coach Ed Davis said Thursday. "Naturally, they all ran extremely well. We were only shut out in two events, the 400-meter run and the javelin."

The same held true for the Tigers girls, who, despite only 16 competitors, broke a school record, set a meet record and qualified for the state meet in three more events.

Bryan Massé praised his small, but talented troops.

"The thing is, our good kids are good in just about any class," Massé said. "With our top kids we can compete with big schools. We just don't have enough depth."

To illustrate his point, Massé noted that Tularosa has more than 30 runners, jumpers and throwers in its ranks. The Wildcats beat Capitan by 9 1/2 points in the team standings, benefitting from 27 points scored in the hurdle events to Capitan's 0 points.

"They just have too many kids that are dragging third, fourth and fifth places," Massé said.

The Capitan boys have the depth and talent to defend their District 6AA title.

The Tigers qualified two more relays — the 800 and 1600 — for the state meet. James Tacey, Joey Saiz, Raymond Harris and Nathan Thomas met the standard in the 800 with a time of 1:35. Then, Tacey, Harris, Thomas and Patrick Kennedy ran a 3:39 mile relay to earn a trip to the state meet in that event. In all, the Tigers have three of four

relays qualified.

Don't expect Davis to tinker with his relays.

"I'm tickled to death with the relays. I don't have any gripes. They've got good attitudes," Davis said. "They are having fun, which allows us to have fun."

Massé isn't complaining either.

"The longer the races are, the better we are," said the girls coach. "We've got quarter-milers and half-milers."

The Tiger girls set their second school record of the season with a 4:31.92 performance in the medley relay. Stephanie Midgely, Erin Autrey, Krin Autrey and Jessica Castenada are just two seconds off the state meet record in that event.

"I'm really excited about that relay because of that time," Massé said. "We can run a 4:25 if we keep working hard and get some decent weather up at state — even if it's cool, as long as the wind isn't blowing a 100 miles an hour."



See CAPITAN, page 2B

Capitan anchor leg Nathan Thomas receives the baton and heads for the tape during 400-meter relay.

ADULT SOFTBALL

Teams poised for first pitch

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Nine women's teams and 10 men's teams, respectively, begin their bids for the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Adult Softball League titles Monday and Tuesday.

The women's league starts Monday with more teams this season than in the last several summers. Men's league action starts Tuesday with six games.

League managers decided at an April meeting to limit games to one hour. Games for women's and men's leagues are scheduled for 7 p.m., 8 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Rafael Salas, director of parks and recreation, said the women's league will play about 2-1/2 times through a round robin format. The season ends with a double elimination league tournament just before the women's state tournament, scheduled July 25-26 in Hobbs.

With the nine women's teams, Salas had to schedule women's games on Wednesday and Thursday nights as well. In all, six Thursdays will be used for women's play. Most women's teams are scheduled to play Monday and Wednesday through May.

The men's league will work its way 2-2/3 times through a round robin format. Men's games will be played on the traditional Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Other changes

Salas also said Thursday that scorekeepers will not be provided by the league. Such expense was not budgeted prior to the season.

"We really didn't have the money budgeted out for that," Salas said.

The village will supply 10 softballs per team, however. Previously, parks and rec officials said the league wouldn't be furnishing the softballs.

All teams must use a .47 core, USSSA-approved softball in league play. That was voted in by league managers and coaches at the April 6 meeting.

One rule change of note is the grandfathering of stamped bats. Softball bats won't need the BPF 1.20 stamp until the year 2000. Bats cannot exceed a BPF 1.20. A complete list of illegal bats will be posted in the concession stand at Eagle Creek Sports Complex.

The men's and women's league all-star games have been set tentatively for July 1.

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Taking a stab at it



Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News

The Ruidoso tennis teams have found the going tough of late in the District 2AAA. The Warrior girls and boys have lost their last two district contests, Saturday against Artesia and Tuesday in Portales. A bright spot for RHS, was the play of Jesse Anderson (above) who beat Jake Hill of Artesia 7-5 and 6-1, and then lost a heartbreaker to Zach Palmer of Portales, 6-3, 6-7, 6-4.

County employer unit to sponsor May 4 event

Workplace sexual harassment issue subject of local seminar

"Sexual harassment in the workplace" will be the subject of a seminar in Ruidoso on Monday, May 4, sponsored by the Lincoln County Job Service Employer Council (JSEC).

Presenting the seminar will be Charles Marquez, human rights specialist of the New Mexico Department of Labor (DOL), and Donna Ann Brown, director of human resources for Eagle Distributing of New Mexico.

Marquez, former state senator and foreign services officer, will outline the chronology of the sexual harassment issue from its inception through the Civil Rights Act of 1991, which, he said, "put teeth into the law." Marquez said the focus of his talk will be "preventative rather than remedial."

Brown, with 20 years' experience in the human resources field, has been with Eagle Distributing for four years. Her presentation will include citations of actual sexual harassment cases and their legal outcome.

The 3-hour seminar at the

Cree Meadows Restaurant will begin at 8 a.m. The \$20 per person fee includes a breakfast buffet. Registration information is available from Ann Green, NMDOL, Ruidoso, at 257-9296.

The registration deadline is Tuesday, April 28.

(The 1991 Civil Rights Act) "put teeth in the law."

Charles Marquez, NMDOL presenter

The Lincoln County JSEC was organized last June, and since then the group has sponsored workshops

on targeted jobs tax credit and tax reform, interviewing and hiring, and internet use for the small business owner.

The council is made up of local employers who work in partnership with the NMDOL to increase cooperation between employers, employees and the labor department; to implement awareness programs to meet employers' needs; and to provide improved service by the NMDOL.

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(The Ruidoso News will publish loan interest rates from any institutions if figures are provided. For more information call Toni K. Laxson or Terrance Vestal at 257-4001.)

Bed-and-breakfast lodging expansion considered by P&Z in areas zoned single-family residential

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Bed-and-breakfast lodging may soon be allowed in residentially zoned areas of Ruidoso, pending a proposed change to zoning codes, village staff said.

The Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on the issue on May 19. If the change is approved by the commission, it will be passed on to the Ruidoso Village Council for final action.

Currently, "B&Bs" are allowed by the village in commercially zoned areas. The proposal would allow them as conditional use in residential, single-family home zoned areas. Requests for conditional use require approval from the planning and zoning commission, staff members say.

Under the proposal, bed-and-breakfasts would be allowed only on properties with frontage on arterial or collector streets and with a minimum lot area of one half acre.

Prompting the zone text amendment were two letters from Ruidoso property owners asking for bed and breakfasts in residential areas — one on Main Road and another in the Cree Meadows subdivision.

The definition of a bed and breakfast home stay is stated as "a private, owner occupied residence with one to five guest rooms, where lodging and morning meal is provided for compensation on a daily rate basis with length of stay not to exceed 14 consecutive days."

Other proposed requirements for B&Bs would be adequate parking (one space per guest room plus two spaces for resident owner/operator), architecture compatible with the neighborhood and business signs that are not more than 6 square feet in area or more than 6 feet in height.

Additionally, the property must have frontage on arterial or collector streets as shown on the functional street classification system of the Ruidoso Transportation Master Plan.

Variance request granted for mobile home

The Commission on Tuesday granted a variance request from Phil and Violent Borron to allow the placement of a mobile home on Rainer Road.

The home will be placed within 7.2 feet of the lot line. Standard setback is 10 feet, making the variance request 2.8 feet, or 28 percent.

The Borrons said in their request for the variance that their lot with too steeply sloped and of too solid rock to allow placement of the home within the standard 10-foot setback.

Commercial site development approved

Ricky and Mary Riddle received approval from the

Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission Tuesday for a commercial site development at 2336 and 2334 Sudderth Drive. The couple intends to build a 3,100-square-foot building on the site.

The couple will need to landscape the front of the site before receiving a certificate of occupancy as well as provide a drainage study.

Requests dropped

Don Chubb dropped two previous requests before the Commission for a variance and a commercial site development for a site in the Palmer Gateway subdivision. Chubb sold the property.

The two requests had been tabled or postponed for months.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

The New Image adds nail technician, table

Aggie Figueroa, a hair stylist and nail technician, has joined the staff at The New Image in the Sierra Mall on Mechem Drive.

Patty Goodwin, owner, opened the full-service salon for men and women about a year ago. She added a manicure table with the arrival of Figueroa, an El Paso transplant who has seven years experience in hair and nail styling.

The manicure table features odor-free technology, in which a fan built into the table pulls odors from nail care products into a vent that runs to the roof of the building, Goodwin said.

'Hawaiian Oasis' new midtown coffee shop

The Hawaiian Oasis has opened at 2701 Sudderth Drive. Owners Pete and Donna Anthony, recent residents of the island off Oahu, are offering customers a selection of coffee products and food items.

Sidewalk tables will be set up as the weather becomes warmer, the couple said.

The shop's hours are 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., six days a

week, and closed on Wednesday.

Minimum wage posting 'must' in all businesses

U.S. Labor Law posting regulation requires employers, even those with just one employee, to display notices of the new minimum wage of \$5.15 per hour, a poster company release stated.

There are federal fines imposed on companies that don't display the notices.

Furniture store opens

Casa Elegante, a furniture store, has opened in Tularosa, and features imported furniture and accessories.

The store, located at 1550 Central, is owned by Randy and Peggy May. Their store's slogan is "We promise unique."

New farm supply

Hughes Farm and Ranch Supply, a new business in Tularosa, sells hay, grain, tack, vet supplies, pet food and building materials.

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About the interior: approximately 3,900 luxurious square feet of living area includes a master suite, with a large walk-in closet. The master bath includes his and her separate vanities, jacuzzi tub, glassed-in shower, and separate water closet room. The jacuzzi deck, vanity tops and shower are all finished in travertine marble. Featured in this floor plan are three additional bedrooms, 2.5 additional bathrooms, study/music room, large utility room with sink and built-in ironing board, family room with fireplace, living room with fireplace, breakfast nook, formal dining room and kitchen. The kitchen includes a smooth-surface electric cook top, double oven (convection/thermal), trash compactor, dishwasher, disposal and built-in microwave, and reverse osmosis water system. A large walk-in pantry is flanked by birch cabinets with tile counter tops and with a work island in the middle of this well-arranged kitchen. The two gas fireplaces are custom designed to each be one-of-a-kind. Ten-foot-high ceilings are accented with graceful ellipsed arches in the entry, formal dining room and living room. The floor finishes are ceramic tile, multi-textured cable plush carpet and hardwood floors. Accent lighting is achieved with recessed lighting both inside and out. The closets and pantry are customized European "Classy Closets". A security system will add peace of mind to ownership of this home.

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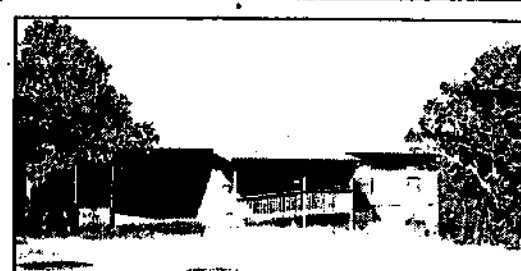
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Time: 8:00 a.m.
Place: Gateway Texaco
392 Sudderth, Ruidoso, NM

**FOR SALE TO SATISFY
DEBT OF: \$149.80**
1983 Ford LTD, wrecked
Place: Gateway Texaco
392 Sudderth, Ruidoso
Date: 07-17-98
Time: 8:00 a.m.

**FOR SALE TO SATISFY
DEBT OF: \$98.98**
1988 Buick Skylark
Date of sale: 07-17-98.
Place: Gateway Texaco
392 Sudderth, Ruidoso,
Time: 8:00 a.m.

**FOR SALE TO SATISFY
DEBT OF: \$141.78**
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Date of sale: 07-17-98
Place: Gateway Texaco
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Time: 8:00 a.m.

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Public Hearing
Pursuant to Article 20 as 3-20-1 et seq. and Article 21 as 3-21-1 et seq. NMSA 1978 Comp. Notice is hereby given that the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso in conjunction with the regular meeting will hold a Public Hearing on May 19, 1998 at 2:00 P.M. to consider adoption of TABS-001 amending Chapter 10 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Ruidoso relating to Zoning Regulations including amendments to Bed and Breakfast in R-1 Zone District.

Copies of all proposed Amendments are on file in the office of the Planning Administrator of the Village of Ruidoso and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

The public hearing will be held at the Ruidoso Administration Center, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

By order of the Planning & Zoning Commission

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LEGAL NOTICE

CALL FOR BIDS
The Ruidoso Board of Education wishes to receive bids for maintenance and custodial supplies. Specifications are available in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Mike Gladden, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, N.M. 88345 or telephone (505)257-4001.

Bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent by 4:00 P.M., May 19, 1998. BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND MARKED "BID FOR MAINTENANCE AND CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES". Bids will be opened and read at the regular meeting on May 19, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Administration Office, Board Room. Bidders must be delivered by June 3, 1998.

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The Ruidoso Valley Public School District is accepting bids for an annual audit of the district. The sealed bid must be received by 2:00 p.m. May 14, 1998.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to 3-21-1 et seq. NMSA 1978 Comp., NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a public hearing on May 19, 1998 at 2:00 P.M. in the Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive in the Village of Ruidoso. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider amendment of the zoning district map for the following described property:

Lots 8 & 9 and Vacated Right of Way Block E, Ruidoso Springs, Sd Ruidoso NM.

The above described Lots are now zoned R-1 Single Family Residential District and will be considered for rezoning to C-3, Mid-Town Commercial District.

By order of the Planning & Zoning Commission Village of Ruidoso, N.M.

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Public Hearing
Pursuant to Article 20 as 3-20-1 et seq. and Article 21 as 3-21-1 et seq. NMSA 1978 Comp. Notice is hereby given that the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso in conjunction with the regular meeting will hold a Public Hearing on May 19, 1998 at 2:00 P.M. to consider adoption of TABS-002 amending Chapter 10 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Ruidoso relating to Zoning Regulations including amendments to Sign Regulations.

Copies of all proposed Amendments are on file in the office of the Planning Administrator of the Village of Ruidoso and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

By order of the Planning & Zoning Commission

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The Ruidoso Board of Education wishes to receive bids for Computer and Copy Machine Paper. Specifications are available in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Mike Gladden, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, N.M. 88345 or telephone (505)257-4001.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a regular meeting on May 19, 1998 at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case #98-017. A variance request for the following described property:

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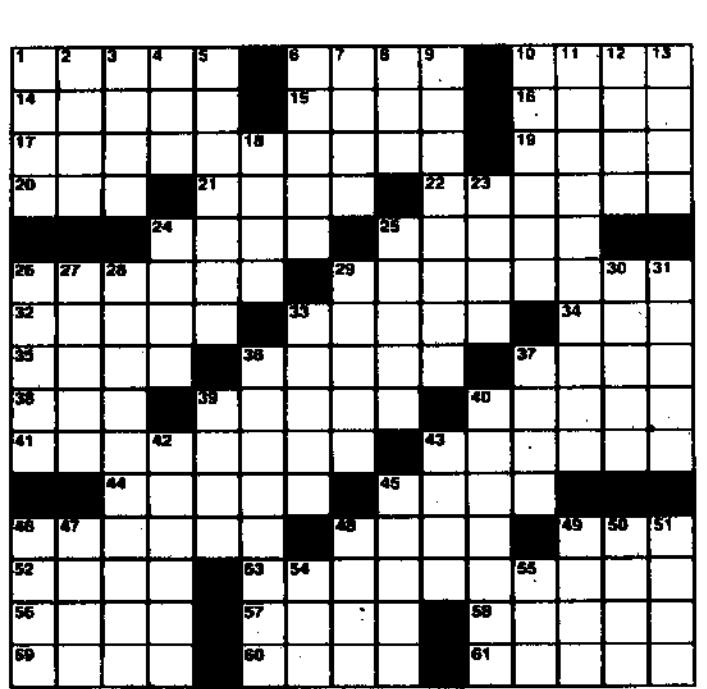
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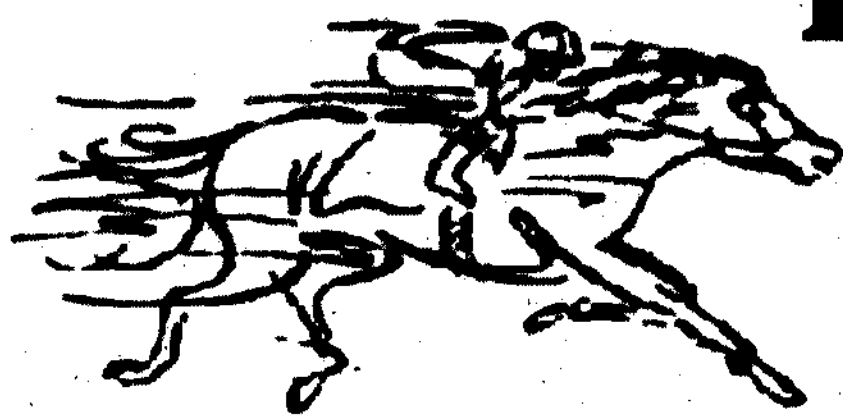
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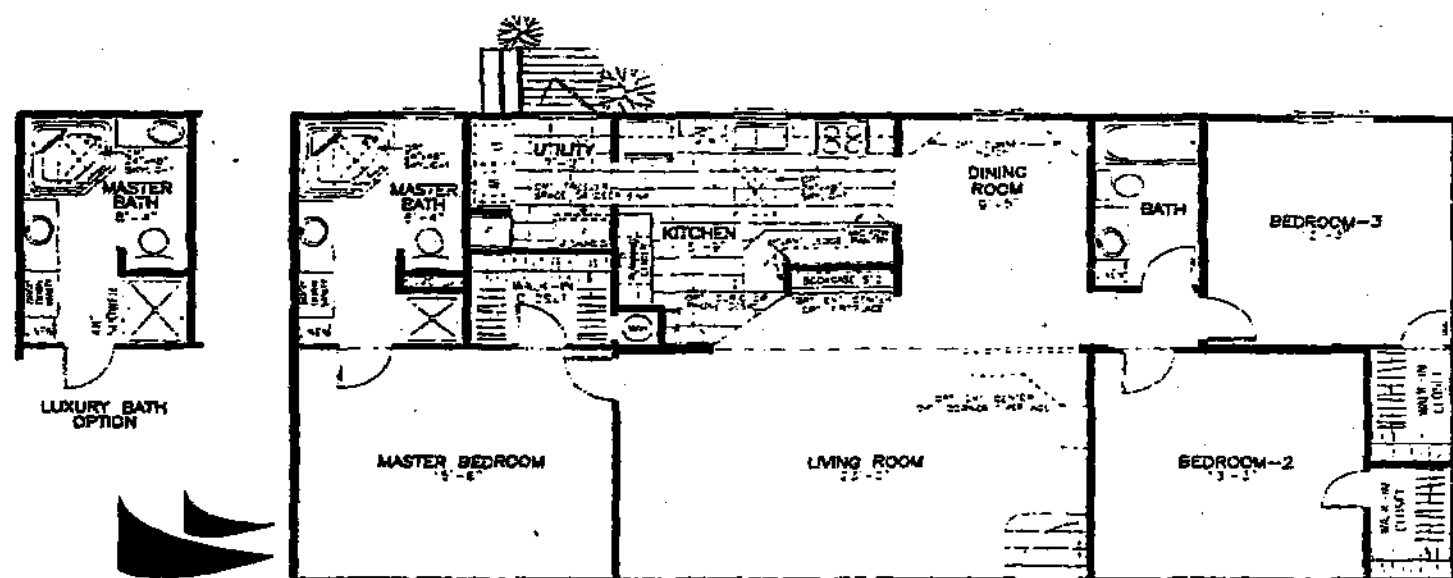


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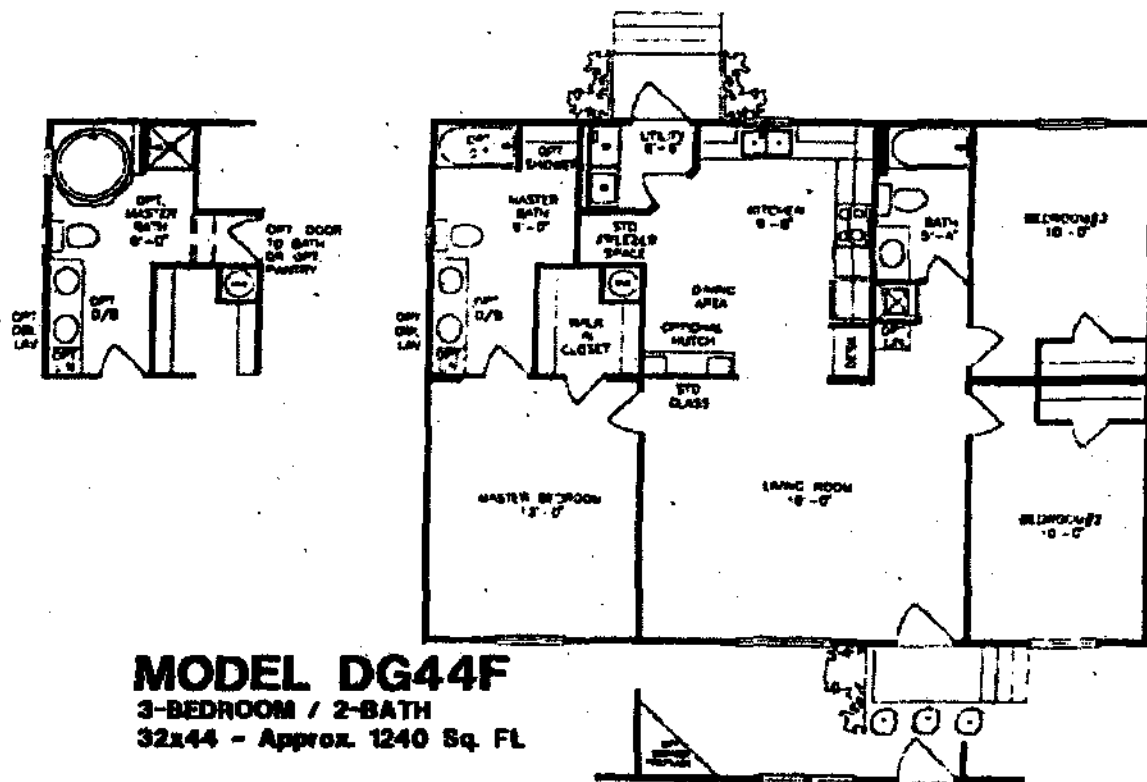
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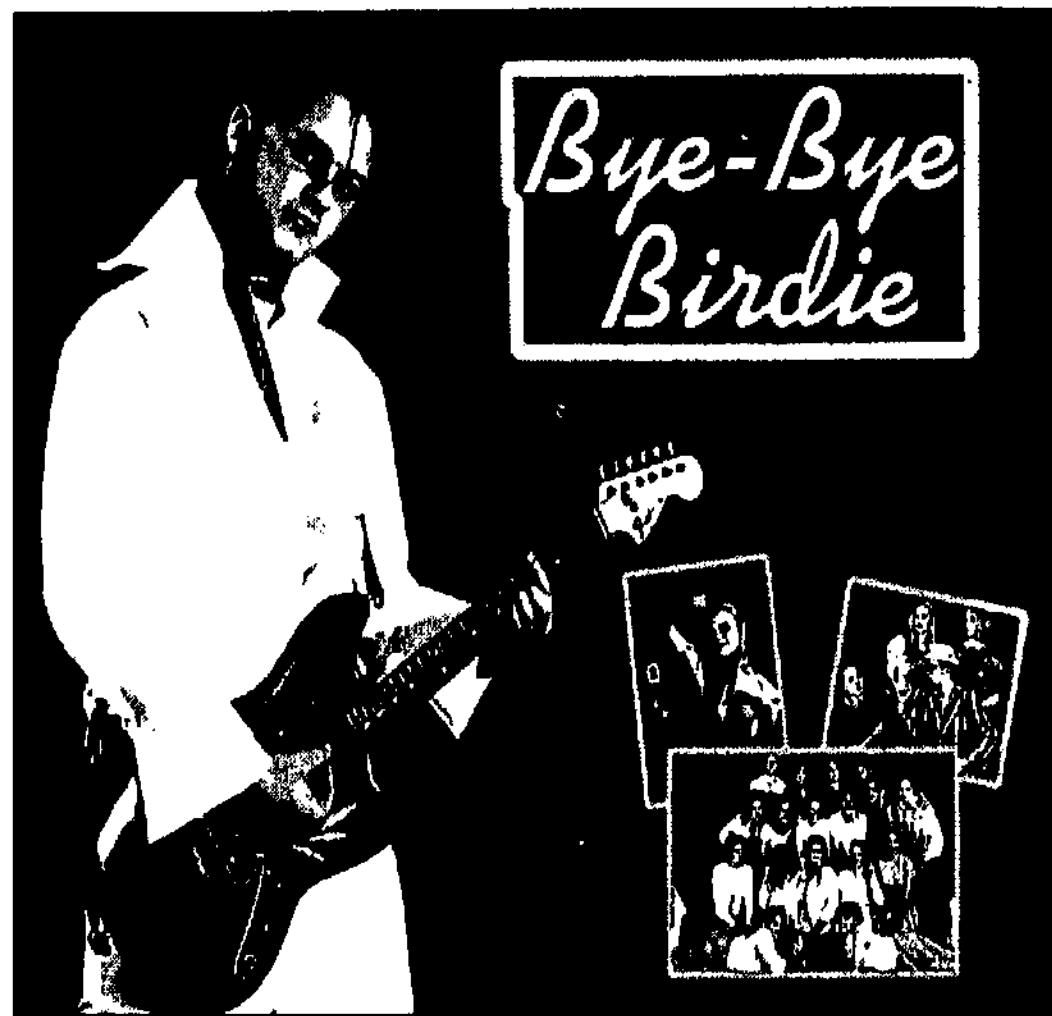
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Ruidoso High School's fourth musical play will be "Bye, Bye Birdie" – a spoof which offers the audience a comedic look back at the birth of rock 'n' roll and the rise of its first superstar, see Page 8C.

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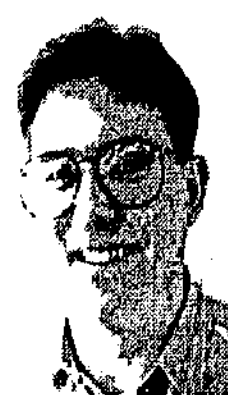
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Keeping his cool ...

DIRECTOR REMAINS CALM ABOUT PREMIERE OF 'THE OUTFITTERS'

STORY & PHOTO BY DIANNE STALLINGS, RUIDOSO NEWS

Not a trace of excitement comes across as Reverage Anselmo talks about the premiere at the New York International Independent Film and Video Festival Thursday of a movie he filmed in Lincoln County.

Although he enjoys movie-making, Anselmo said it takes a great deal more than a premiere to churn his blood.

"I'm calm," he said. "It takes too much to get me excited. There just aren't many of those things anymore, except battle field conditions (he is an ex-Marine who was stationed in Lebanon). I now am doing the day to day things for 'The Outfitters,' but I'm not thinking about that film."

He's already in pre-production on a second film, "The Passion Spenders," that he wrote and will film in Europe.

The film entrepreneur has been buoyed by the results of his first venture, which he wrote, directed and bankrolled.

The reception of "The Outfitters," by distributors has been enthusiastic, he said.

Billed as a "quirky Western comedy," the movie was shot last summer around the county with action centered on two ranches - near Carrizozo and Pine Lodge - and at The Rodeo Bar, a now defunct rough and tumble hangout near Capitan.

When the editing was finished and the music was factored in, Anselmo said he thought the end result was "terrific."

"It was exactly what I wanted," he said Monday. "I think this was one of the few instances where you don't have to compromise, because I wrote it from what I knew was there. So the animals did what they were suppose to do and the locations were exactly what I wrote them to be and the actors did what I told them to do."

Attending the premiere with Anselmo will be the leads, Danny Nucci, most recently in "Titanic," Dana Delany of "China Beach" television fame, Del Zamora, Sarah Lassez and Paul LeMat.

Local classical guitarist Tomàs Vigil, who

played some of the music for the soundtrack, and other musicians survived the cuts and appear in the final footage, Anselmo said.

Music sets the mood in the movie, he said. Diverse artists include Ennio Morricone, Squirrel Nut Zippers and Tommy James and The Shondells.

The movie was cut by award-winning editor Garth Craven of "My Best Friend's Wedding" and his son, Sam Craven. It was produced by New Skivvies Film, headed by Anselmo.

"Whether you take it as a buddy comedy, a love story or adventures in the cow trade, 'The Outfitters' scores," he said. "When I see the movie reaching audiences with any of these themes, I feel my mission as a director was done."

At some point, "The Outfitters" will debut in Ruidoso.

"I hope a distributor will bring it to New Mexico, but in the worst scenario, if no one ever took it, I would do a deal with (the owner of the local theater) without question," Anselmo said.

But he's optimistic the film will be picked up by a distributor.

In two previous screenings in Los Angeles last month strictly for distributors and friends, 20th Century Fox representatives were interested enough to call back the next morning and ask for a screening for their executives before anyone else saw the film.

Others also have expressed an interest, including an international distributor.

What's been unusual is that even distributors who can't take the film have called him personally to compliment him on the movie, Anselmo said.

Two festival screenings were scheduled in New York, one Thursday and one tonight.

Anselmo said he plans to stop in Lincoln County, where he owns property and has many friends, on the way from New York back to Los Angeles. Although he was raised in New York and worked in international business in Latin America and Europe, he hasn't lost his sense of local identity.

"When I introduce the movie to the audience, I say, 'Hi. I'm Reverage Anselmo and I own The Rodeo Bar.'"

• SEE A RELATED STORY ABOUT TOMÀS VIGIL, ON PAGE 5

Director Reverage Anselmo on the set of his first movie, "The Outfitters," filmed in Lincoln County late last fall.

A classic touch

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Tomàs Vigil strokes his guitar as his fingertips coax from its strings a haunting mazurka to demonstrate what distinguished classical guitar.

Vigil, an accomplished musician who has studied guitar for two decades, shares his talent through teaching and his appearances at local restaurants, performance centers and functions. He also created some of the music for "The Outfitters," a movie by Revere Anselmo filmed last summer in Lincoln County, which premieres at the New York Independent Film and Video Festival this week.

By operating his own computer and software consulting business, Vigil has time for his avocation — playing the guitar in any application — pop, rock, classical or mariachi from the traditional Mexican street bands.

Vigil grew up in Albuquerque. His father loved music and at one time played the guitar and saxophone, but they were gone by the time Vigil became interested. His older brother taught him to play basic guitar when he was about 5 years old, but at that age, he preferred being outside to strumming or picking a guitar.

When he was 11, his brother gave him an old guitar and Vigil took the leap from a sideline to obsession. He began reading about guitar, listening to records and playing in local bands. At that point, the orientation was more rock or folk guitar influenced by Neil Young. He performed with school marching and stage bands, as well as private groups.

During one of his stints with a band called "Yes," Vigil learned a classical guitar solo in a piece called "Round-About."

"I started to notice there was a lot more to classical music and that it was more challenging than rock and roll," Vigil said. His parents gave him lessons for a Christmas present when he was a high school senior. His ability to pick up classical compositions opened doors for his future and he soon was studying music at the University of New Mexico.

That's where he met his mentor, Cuban guitarist Hector Garcia.

"He'd give me a cup of Espresso on a Sunday afternoon and we'd stay up until midnight and he'd tell me stories about the guitar and his life," Vigil said. "He knew Fidel Castro before the revolution and he studied with one of the world's greatest guitarist and composer, Emilio Pujol."

Vigil studied musical education at the university from 1976-80, then went into computers and digital electronics, piling up enough hours of special study and training over the years to equal a master's degree, he said.

"I see many correlations between the two (music and computers tech-

nology)," Vigil said.

Classical guitar is not chording. "It's playing two melodies at one time," Vigil said. "Instead of strumming, which is the vibration of six strings, harmonic and associated with folk music, it's a melody being supported by other notes."

For the first 11 years of his marriage, guitar took a temporary back seat to establishing his career in computers, but in 1989, while in California, he began playing guitar again casually and his wife encouraged him to rededicate his time to the instrument. He played restaurants in Old Town and in 1990, went with Garcia to Lerida, Spain for a master class commemorating the 25th anniversary of the International Classical Guitar Course of Pujol. He performed in four concerts while there, including Bach duets with Japanese guitarist Shinji Yanagi.

Vigil, who plays without nails in the tradition of Pujol, said it was refreshing to see how the Spanish honored music.

The concerts continued in Albuquerque and others sites in New Mexico when Garcia and Vigil returned home. Some involved Antonio Vivaldi compositions using three guitars; a Requinto tuned in A taking violin parts, a guitar taking viola parts and something brand new — a lower guitar tuned in B taking the cello parts. Garcia took the idea from Francisco Tarrega, a famous guitarist from the late 1800s.

When Garcia left Albuquerque, Vigil was teaching mariachi in the continuing education division of the university and performed with the famous Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlan. But after a visit with relatives in Ruidoso, Vigil, his wife and two children moved to Lincoln County in the fall of 1994.

He's been playing and teaching ever since.

"When people in restaurants see me, their first request may be for something from the 1970s, but I tell them I'll play a real oldie — one from 1546," Vigil said. "They get fascinated with the music. That's what happens to me too. I get their attention and they don't think anymore about Willie Nelson."

He often accents his music with the story behind its composition.

Vigil's expertise with the guitar extends beyond the more delicate classical type with its "gut" strings and wider neck, and includes the steel guitar he's had for 28 years and the thick-bodied mariachi guitar with its brass and nylon strings.

Vigil said the foundation for his music comes from Pujol, who said, "What's more important to impress or entertain? Music that doesn't honor God or better the thoughts of man has defeated its own purpose."

"My hope is to pursue both," Vigil said.

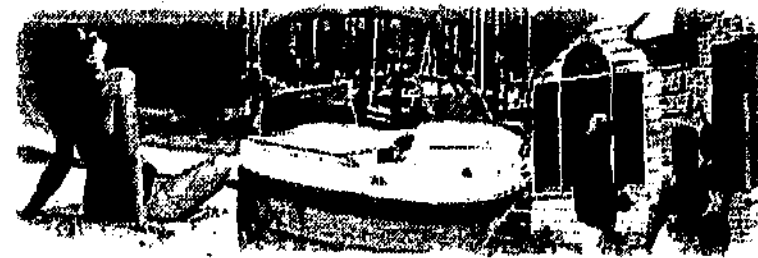


Classical guitarist Thomàs Vigil

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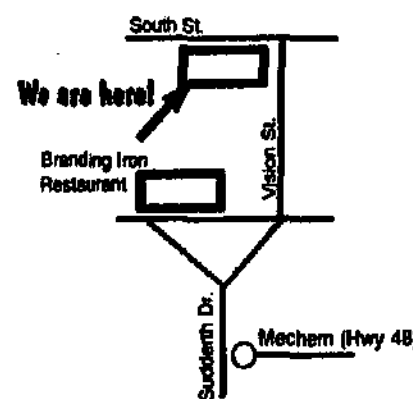


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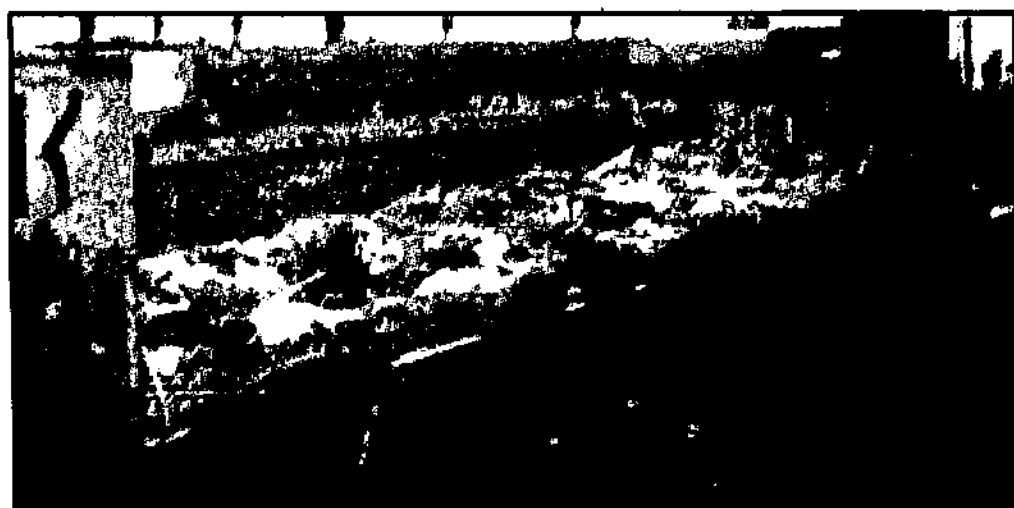
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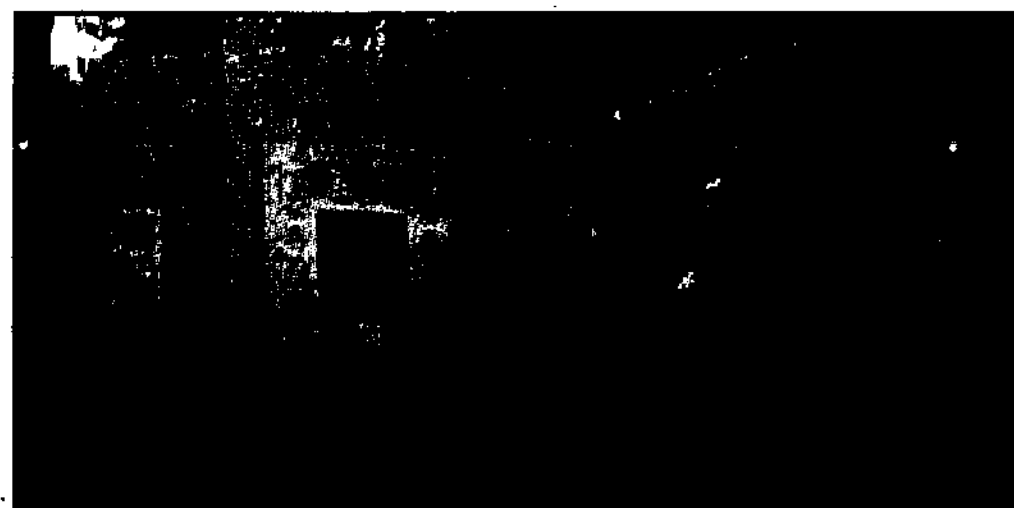
Steaks, seafood, prime rib and the best salad wagon in town await diners at K Bob's. Open since 1979, the steak house serves up some hearty country breakfasts and daily lunch and dinner specials, as well as catering for all occasions. Y'all come in.

Price Range: \$-\$\$

Phone: 378-4747

Address: West Highway 70,
Ruidoso Downs

Hours: Open seven days a week at 6 a.m.



Cafe Mescalero

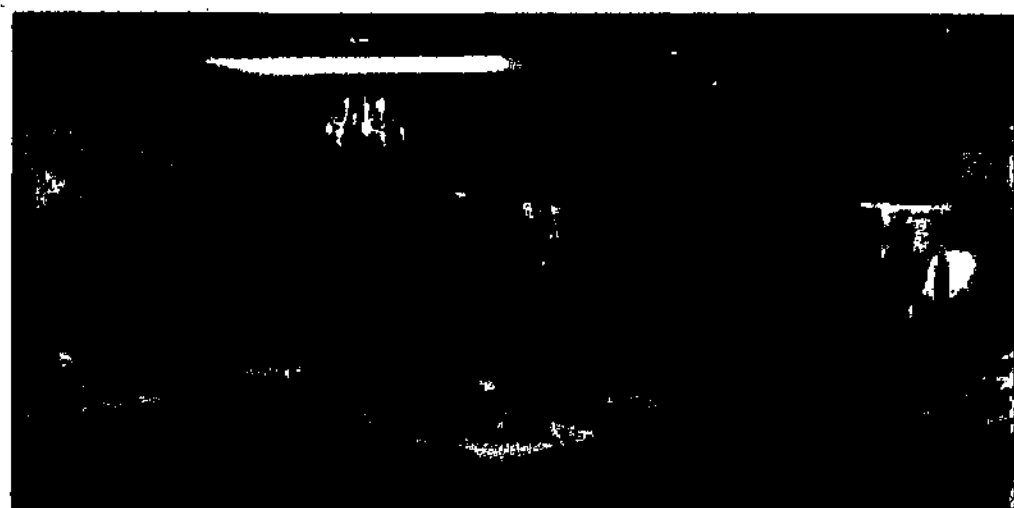
Fine dining in a casual atmosphere is what you'll find at Cafe Mescalero. Serving traditional Mexican food with a Southwestern flare, the Cafe has "edible art" by chef Anthony Carpenter for lunch and dinner.

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Dan Li Ka Dining Room

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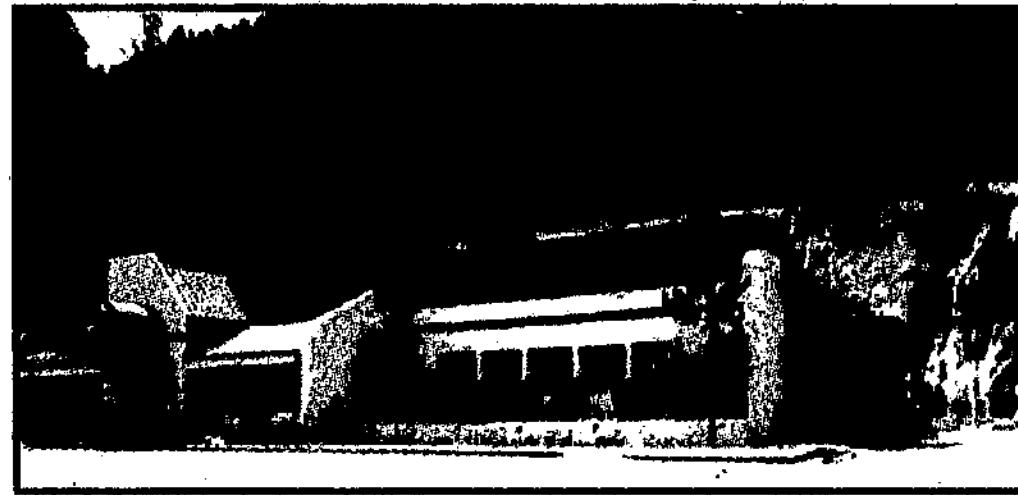
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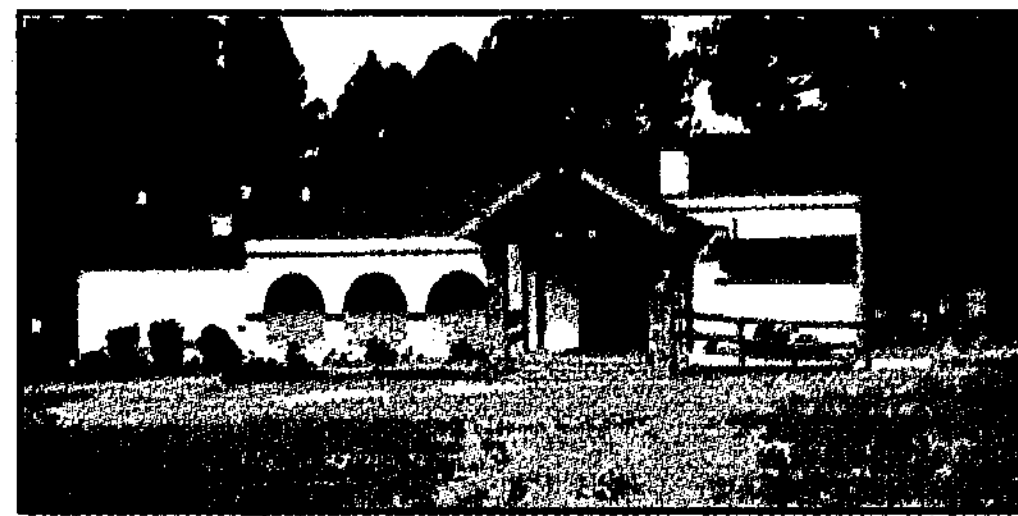
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Phone: 258-5676
Address: 1200 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso
Hours: The restaurant opens at
11:30 a.m. seven days
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Texas Club Grill & Bar

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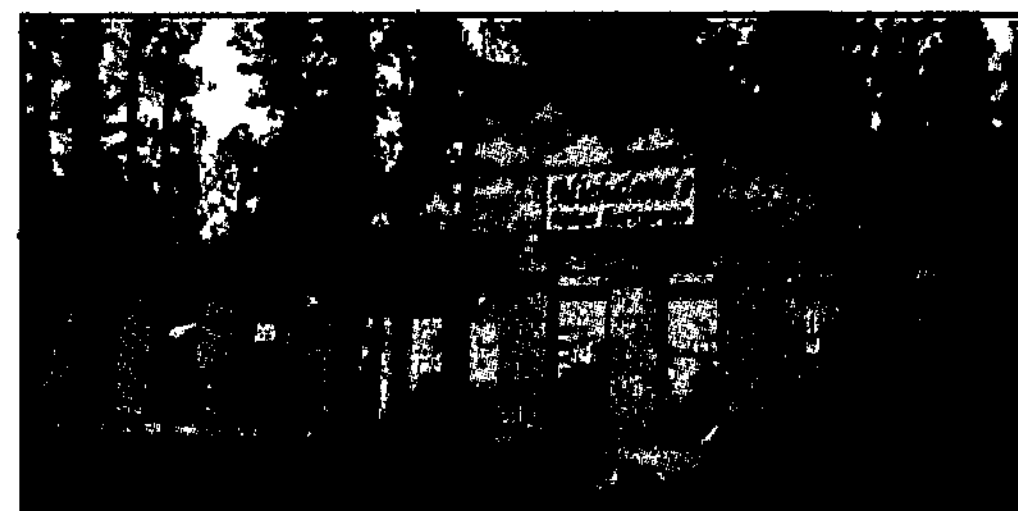
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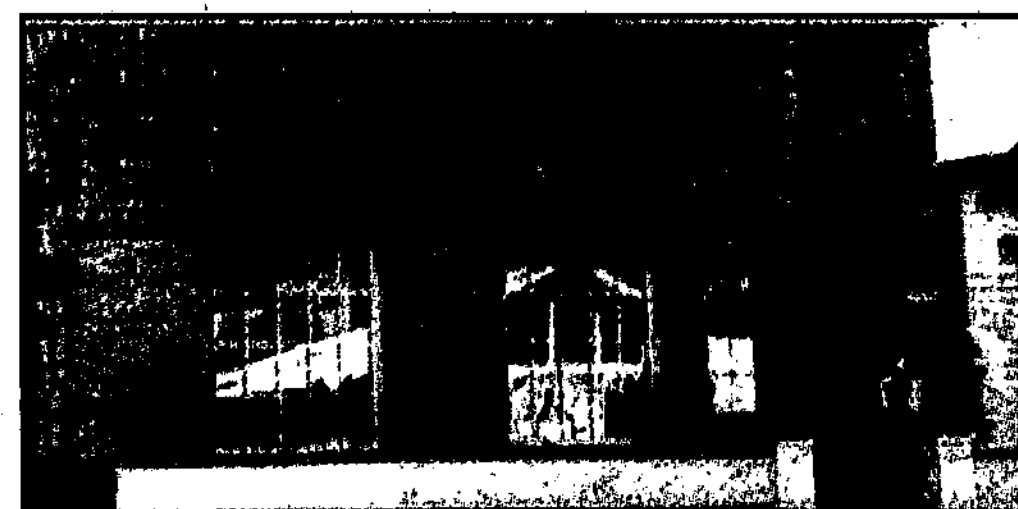
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GOING Out

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music

Elvis spoof becomes next RHS musical

BY LAURA CLYMER
Vámonos editor

In choosing which musical for her Ruidoso High School drama class, instructor Cathi McIntosh keeps one criterion in mind: pick a play with which teen-agers can relate.

"I like to choose things that fit teen-agers and are fun for kids to do," McIntosh said. "I picked 'Grease' (a couple of years ago) because it's about teen-agers. They can relate. It can be turned into a modern-day version."

Such is the case with McIntosh's selection this year as well. "Bye Bye Birdie" is a satire about a rock 'n' roll superstar, his rise to fame and the romance between his agent and the agent's secretary.

"Bye Bye Birdie" was first a Broadway hit in 1960. It was written by Michael Stewart with music and lyrics by Charles Stone and Lee Adams, respectively. Then the 1963 movie version featured Ann-Margret, Dick Van Dyke, Janet Leigh, Paul Lynde and Bobby Rydell.

Elvis fans will recognize some of the trials

and tribulations of one of the lead characters, Conrad Birdie, a rock 'n' roll who is about to leave for the Army.

Micah Ensor plays the hunk of burning love, Birdie. Portraying Birdie's manager, Albert Peterson, is Denis Butler, while Audrey Moore plays Rosie, Peterson's girl Friday and love interest.

This spring's production has been a labor of love for McIntosh, the cast of 50 and all those with supporting roles behind the curtain, in the orchestra pit, and in the lights and sound booth. The musical was cast before Christmas, and work officially started in January. Students will play in the orchestra and handle sound and lighting duties.

McIntosh received help from many adults in the community as well. Little theater veteran Larry Wimbrow is the show's stage manager. Shop teacher Mike Gaines' classes built the 16 sets used in the two-act play.

"This is the biggest set design production I've ever done," McIntosh said.

Other help has come from Nan Wierwille

(costumes), Robby Stephens (conductor), Kathy Barnett (publicity), Danny Flores (choral director), Randall Graham (choreography), Jan Eldredge (props) and many more.

Plus, this marks the first RHS production in Spencer Theater.

"It's absolutely wonderful to have a real theater," McIntosh said.

"They feel the awe of the theater — what's it's like to be on a real stage."

THE SKINNY

WHAT:

'Bye Bye Birdie'

WHERE:

Spencer Theater

WHEN:

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COST:

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Local favorite the KGB Blues Band opens the Blues & BBQ concert.

THE SKINNY

WHAT:
Blues & BBQ

WHERE:
Museum of the Horse

WHEN:
7 p.m. to Midnight Saturday

COST:
At the door \$6 for adults,
\$2.50 for children 12 & under

New venue for the blues and barbecue series

BY ELAINE HOBBS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Blues and BBQ moves to a new venue for its sixth concert in its blues music series.

Host of the April concert is the Museum of the Horse, which will be transformed into a sound stage and dance floor for Saturday night's event.

The Texas House will serve up the barbecue beginning at 7 p.m., followed by blues dished out by the KGB Blues Band and the Bad News Blues Band at 7:30 p.m. The music won't stop until midnight.

Scott Wells, director of publicity and development for the museum, said this will be the first time the museum will host the event. It will take a little work logistically to prepare for the event, Wells said. A crew of 20 people will spend about 2 1/2 hours clearing the museum's floor of all the carriages, saddles and other museum paraphernalia. The acoustics at the museum will surprise music fans, Wells added, and the concert goes well like they are a part of a big crowd.

Southern New Mexico's KGB Blues Band brings the sounds of the Mississippi to the southwest, already making a name for itself in the Ruidoso area. KGB has been

instrumental — well, let's say one of the main movers — in bringing the blues to Ruidoso. Known for attention-grabbing keyboards and vocals, KGB also brings some original songs and sweet guitar tones to the stage. Gary Stamper plays lead guitar, Kathy Stamper is on keyboards and vocals, Steve Sandy handles bass and Tami Foor is on drums.

The award-winning Bad News Blues Band comes to Ruidoso from Tucson, and is back for a second engagement at Blues and BBQ. Bad News Blues Band is known for its showmanship and accomplished songwriting. Members of the band are "Johnny Guitar" Blommer, Alex "The Rev" Vegas on tenor sax, Mike Blommer, Sr. on trumpet, Jeff Masterson on bass and Glen Velardi.

The Blues and BBQ Series was started with two objectives in mind: provide a variety of music for blues fans in the Ruidoso area and raise a some money for the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce's Two Rivers Project. The Two Rivers Project is a plan to develop the small park area across the river from the chamber offices into a town square.



One of Arizona's best, Bad News Blues Band, performs Saturday.

Cafe Mescalero

Singer Marcella Garcia performs songs in English and Spanish every Friday and Saturday from 6-10 p.m. at Cafe Mescalero. Garcia is slated to perform every weekend in May and most weekends in June.

Tejano Night

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Blues at The Texas House

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Odd Couple II

Rated PG-13

Show times: 1:30 p.m.*, 4 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:15 p.m.*

Plot: Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau return as that famous couple, Felix and Oscar — they clash like oil and water but are inexplicably drawn together. This time, they are thrown together for the impending marriage of their children, which will make Ungar and Madison in-laws.

City of Angels

Rated PG-13

Show times: 2 p.m.*, 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m. and 9 p.m.*

Plot: Nicolas Cage and Meg Ryan star in this romantic drama about what happens when two souls, one mortal and one celestial, must struggle with their willingness to — and finally their need — to sacrifice everything familiar for the sake of love.

The Big Hit

Rated R

Show times: 1:15 p.m.*, 3:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m., and 9:30 p.m.*

Plot: When four foolish guns-for-hire kidnap a beautiful Japanese heiress with ties to the mob, they have committed one crime too many. Now the hit is out on them. Stars Mark Wahlberg, Lou Diamond Phillips, Antonio Sabato Jr., and Bookeem Woodbine.

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There is a danger at this point that

you might mechanically continue with a third round of hearts. But if you're on the ball, you stop to analyze the situation carefully before proceeding.

If declarer's bidding is to be believed, he is virtually certain to have the A-K of spades and ace of hearts for his leap to three notrump. Translating that into tricks, South is sure to score a minimum of nine tricks — four diamonds, at least three spades, a heart and a club — if you return a heart at trick three.

Faced with this prospect, you revise your thoughts and arrive at the conclusion that the only chance of defeating the contract lies in finding partner with the queen of clubs. So, at trick three, you shift to the seven of clubs!

Bingo! Declarer cannot cope with this deadly switch. The combination of your heart lead at trick one and your club shift at trick three renders him helpless. You are sure to score two hearts, two clubs and a diamond before he can take nine tricks — and there is nothing he can do about it at any juncture.

It is often said that defense is by far the most difficult part of the game. Undoubtedly it is, but as this deal illustrates so well, it is mostly a step-by-step process. However, you do have to be willing to expend the bit of extra effort required to achieve the desired result.

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IN THE STARS

• **ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) It's certainly a good week for socializing, although there could be some concern over a domestic matter. Luck is with you, but remember to exercise initiative. Your ideas and intuition are good.

• **TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Financial negotiations could get bogged down. Don't let anyone take unfair advantage. With business partners, it's a question of give and take this week.

• **GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A family member doesn't particularly care for a friend of yours. It's not the best week for household guests. However, socializing is accented by week's end. Get out and about.

• **CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Happiness comes through romance. Despite one pressing family obligation, it's a favorable week for you. Enjoy the companionship of friends and loved ones over the weekend.

• **LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Your attitude toward money fluctuates. Try to avoid the extremes of extravagance and stinginess. Business and pleasure mix to your advantage this weekend.

• **VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Do what you have to do for your career, but don't argue about it. Although company could drop by, you needn't change your plans for going out somewhere special this weekend. Socializing is a plus.

• **LIBRA** (September 23 to October

22) A last-minute idea is a good one career-wise. Partners agree about the joint use of funds. Family is uppermost in your thoughts as the week comes to a close.

• **SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Entertainment is accented, but toward the weekend, your interest turns to career endeavors. Don't squabble with a loved one over money. It's just not worth causing hard feelings.

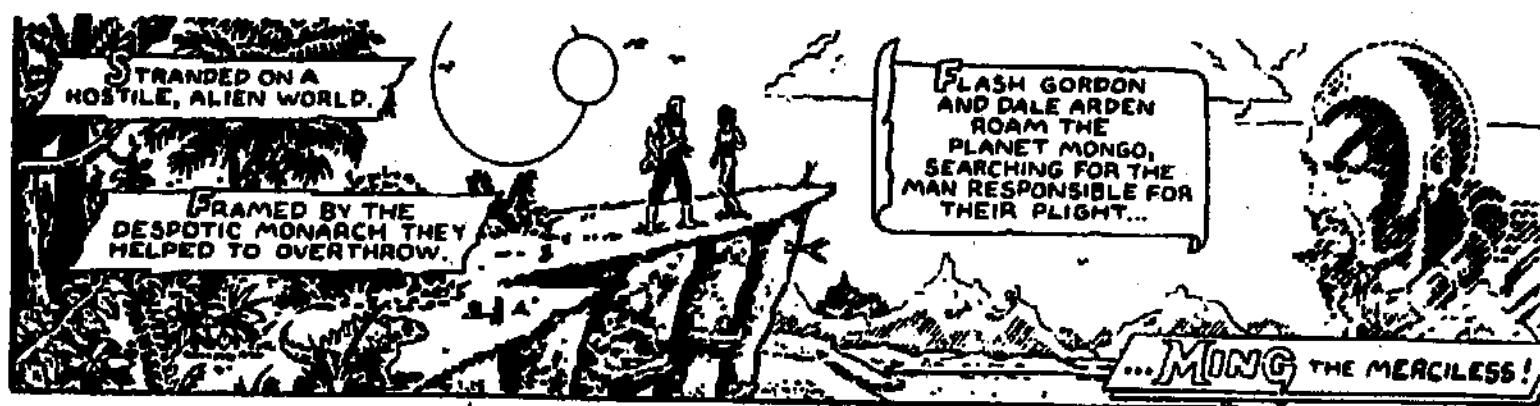
• **SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) There's nothing wrong with the way you express your ideas, but some people aren't listening. Your time is best spent with people you can relate to on an intellectual level in order to avoid frustration.

• **CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Keep your financial plans to yourself. The less others know about your business, the better. Tact and diplomacy are necessary qualities this week.

• **AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Concentrate on making money rather than spending it. You could come up with some good profit-making ideas. Fad-like purchases should be avoided over the weekend.

• **PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) The beginning of the week is best for continuing with that work project or for making business calls. Guard against unnecessary expenditures. Something comes up at home this weekend that requires your attention.

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The original 'Batman'

Bat Masterson was a famous man in his own time as well as ours. He had the (mostly undeserved) reputation as a deadly gunfighter while still in his early 20s. He was an efficient and effective lawman in one of the toughest towns ever to appear in the West – Dodge City, Kansas.

Born in Canada on Nov. 26, 1853, the man who was known as Bat Masterson on the American frontier (and everywhere

else) was never particularly fond of his given name: Bartholomew. To rectify this, he simply renamed himself William Barclay Masterson.

Nevertheless, there are some situations that we just can't escape, and thanks to his childhood inability to pronounce the name Bartholomew he was known throughout his life as "Bat."

Well, it *does* have a ring to it.

The Masterson family traveled quite a bit, journeying from Canada to New York, Illinois, Missouri, and finally settling in Sedgewick County, Kansas in 1871 when Bat was 18.

That fall, in the company of his older brother Ed, Bat left home to become a buffalo hunter.

Respect

In the summer of 1872, the brothers Masterson, Bat and Ed, contracted to grade a section of land for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad near Dodge City. The subcontractor defaulted on the brothers, apparently intending to skip town without paying them. Bat hunted the fellow down and cornered him in a railroad car. Informing the man that he could either pay him and his brother off or be paid off himself in lead, Bat received the money without so much as a moment's hesitation.

It was a move that did not go unnoticed by the tougher element in Dodge City. It was clear that young Masterson was not a man with whom to trifle.

Bat's legend first began to grow at a place in the Texas Panhandle called Adobe Walls. It was there, on June 27, 1874 that Bat, in the company of 27 other buffalo hunters and one woman, held off an attack by what some sources claim were several hundred Comanches. This attack was led by the last of the great Comanche war chiefs: Quanah Parker.

A little more than a month later, Bat

accepted a job with the army as a civilian scout under General Nelson Miles. He served in this capacity throughout the rest of 1874 and most of 1875. By January of 1876, Bat was still working for the army, but as a teamster. It was also in January of 1876 that Bat got into the gunfight that would firmly cement his reputation as a dangerous man.

Melvin and Mollie

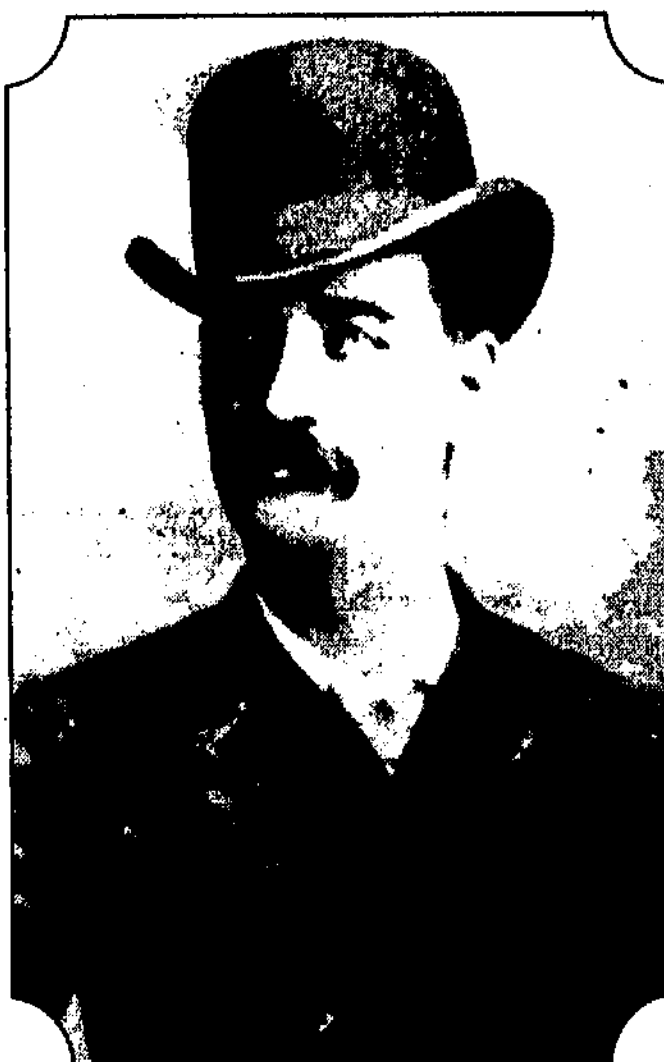
On Jan. 24, Masterson ran afoul of a soldier named Melvin King. Both Melvin and Bat were sweet on a young lady named Mollie Brennan, who was, by all accounts, a charming and beautiful young woman not known for her virtue. The two men confronted each other, in Mollie's presence, in a saloon in Sweetwater (now Mobeetie), Texas.

When the gunsmoke cleared, all three principals in this little drama lay in a heap. King had managed to shoot both Mollie and Bat before receiving a fatal wound from Bat's pistol. Though seriously wounded, Bat turned out to be the only survivor. The wound would cause him to use a cane for most of the rest of his life – and that cane became something of a trademark for him.

By the summer of 1876 Bat was employed, for the first time, as a lawman in Dodge City. Another deputy on the police force that summer was Wyatt Earp, and it was during this period that the two forged a friendship that would last all their lives. Masterson was so efficient and well-liked that Ford County Sheriff Charlie Bassett appointed him undersheriff at Dodge. And in November of the following year, Bat, still shy of his 24th birthday, was elected sheriff of Ford County. His big brother Ed became city marshal.

In January of 1878, just three days after taking the oath of office, Bat was called on to prove himself. Within a few days of their attempting to rob a train, Sheriff Masterson captured two bandits, one of whom was the hulking, murderous Dave Rudabaugh. Rudabaugh was later to become a compatriot of Billy the Kid, and was said to be the one man who made Billy nervous. Actually, Rudabaugh would have made *anyone* nervous – he was as nasty a customer as ever there was.

Things were looking up. Both Ed and Bat Masterson were enormously popular



Known for his efficiency, Bat Masterson made a name for himself in the wild and woolly Dodge City.

in Dodge City, as well as the rest of Ford County. It pleased the population in general that they were performing their duties with maximum efficiency and a minimum of expenditure, a topic always close to the hearts of the city fathers. But then, on April 9, 1878, tragedy struck.

The death of Ed Masterson

On that night, two cowboys, Alf Walker and Jack Wagner, both in a highly inebriated condition, were confronted by Marshal Ed Masterson who demanded that they surrender their firearms. They chose, instead, to open fire on him.

In later years, Bat would testify twice (under oath) that he avenged his brother's death by shooting both Walker and Wagner. There is, however, considerable evidence that it was Ed himself who dropped the two drunken miscreants before collapsing from the mortal wound that he received during the gunfight. This shootout took place at such close range that Ed's shirt was set afire by the muzzle flash from one of the cowboys' pistols. At this late date, it will probably never be known with certainty who shot whom, but in the end, both Ed Masterson and Jack Wagner took up residence at Boot Hill.

In October of the same year, Sheriff Bat Masterson led a posse that included such famous lawmen as Bill Tjilghman, Charlie Bassett and Wyatt Earp. They were after a young man named Jim Kennedy. Kennedy, the son of a wealthy Texas cattleman, had, for reasons of his own, taken a dislike in the extreme to

Dodge City Mayor Jim "Dog" Kelley. Riding past Kelley's home on the night of Oct. 5, Kennedy opened fire on the house, firing into what he knew to be the mayor's bedroom.

Unfortunately for Kennedy, the mayor was not at home that night. An extremely popular vaudeville performer named Dora Hand had (supposedly) rented the place from Kelley and was asleep in the mayor's bed at the time of the attack. One of Kennedy's bullets struck and killed her.

Kennedy, unaware that he was shooting at anyone but the mayor, galloped out of town. Shortly thereafter, Masterson's grim posse took off in pursuit. When it came within sight of young Kennedy, Bat dismounted, took careful aim and shot the young Texan right out of his saddle.

Kennedy survived, and when he was informed that had killed Dora Hand and not the mayor, became as distraught and sorrowful as the rest of the people in Dodge.

Bat's army

In March of 1879, Bat took leave from his duties as sheriff to lead an army of mercenaries to Colorado. They had been recruited by the Atchison, Topeka and Rio Grande for the right of way in Colorado's Royal Gorge. Among the men he recruited was John Henry "Doc" Holliday, another friend of Wyatt Earp's. Despite their mutual friend, Bat and Doc never got along, but apparently tolerated each other because of Wyatt.

No lives were lost in what became known as the Royal Gorge War, despite a number of edgy confrontations. This little foray, while undoubtedly lucrative for Masterson, backfired on him. The citizens of Ford County didn't take kindly to their sheriff running off to be a mercenary soldier – for the hated railroads, no less – and in November of 1879, Bat was defeated in his bid for a second term as Ford County's chief lawman.

At this point in Bat's life, domesticity (of a sort) seems to have raised its ugly head. The 1880 census at Dodge City listed Bat as a "laborer." Well, not exactly. What he was really doing was honing his skills as a professional gambler. The census also stated that he was living with 19-year-old Annie Ladue, a "concubine."

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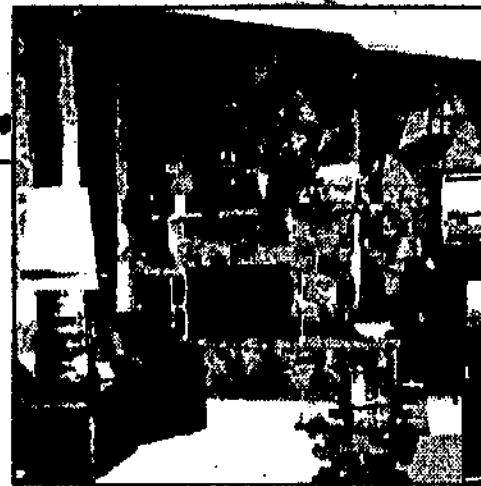
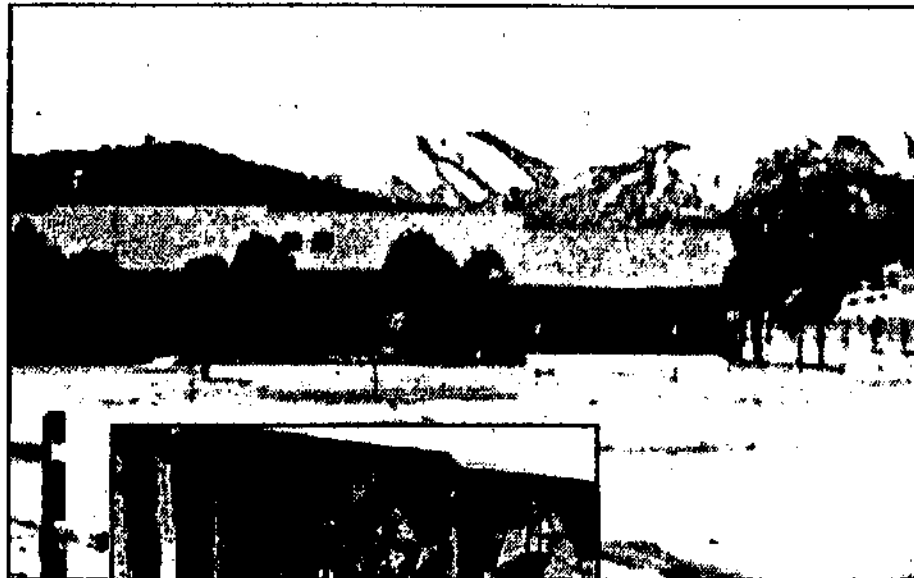
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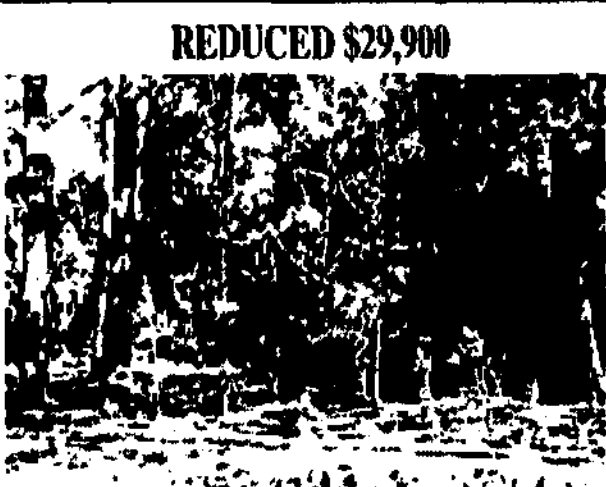
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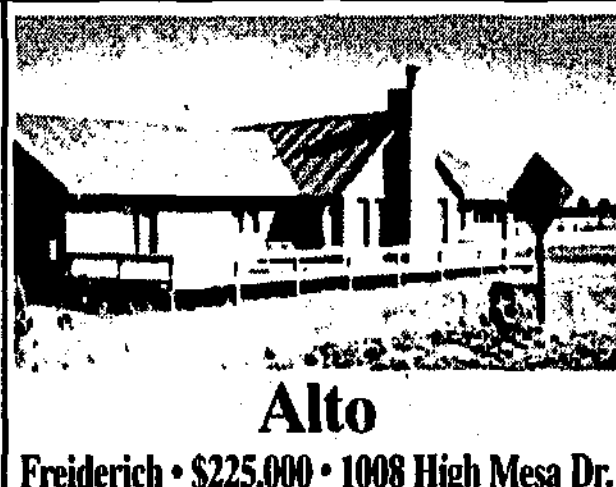
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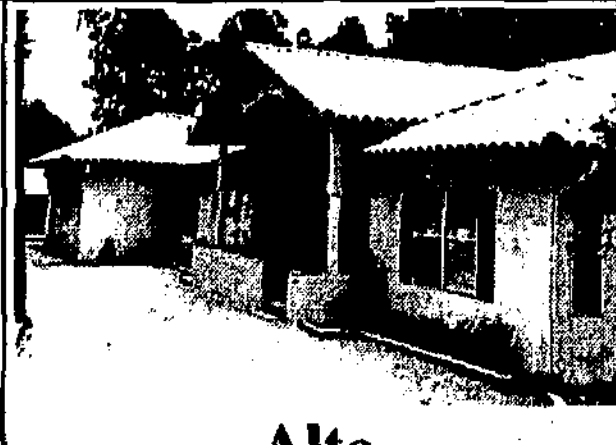
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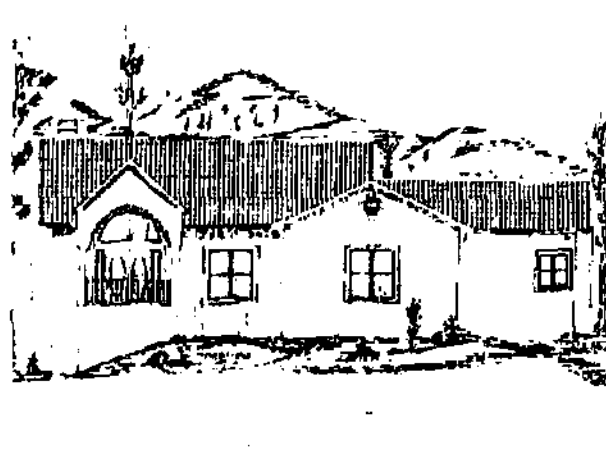
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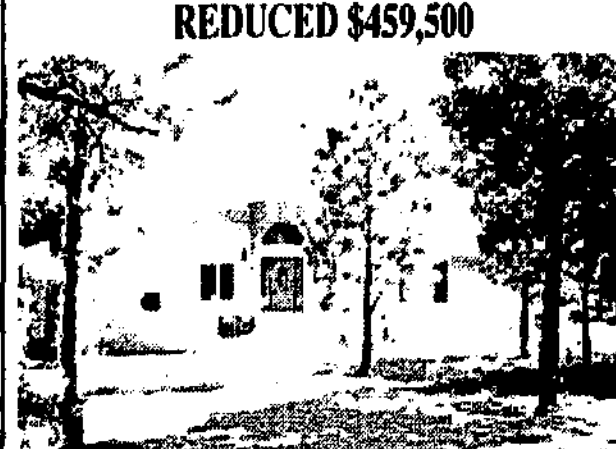
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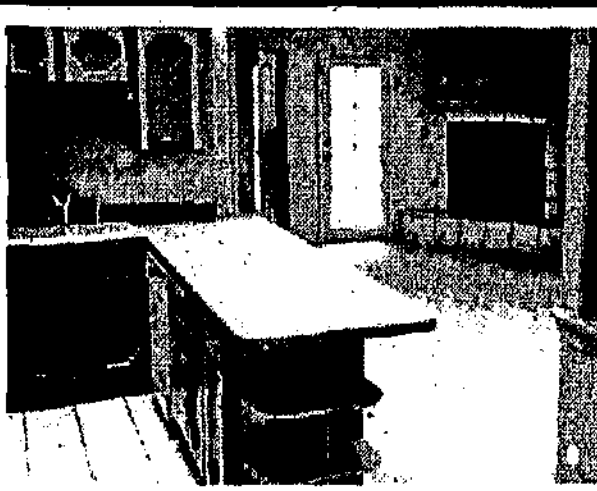
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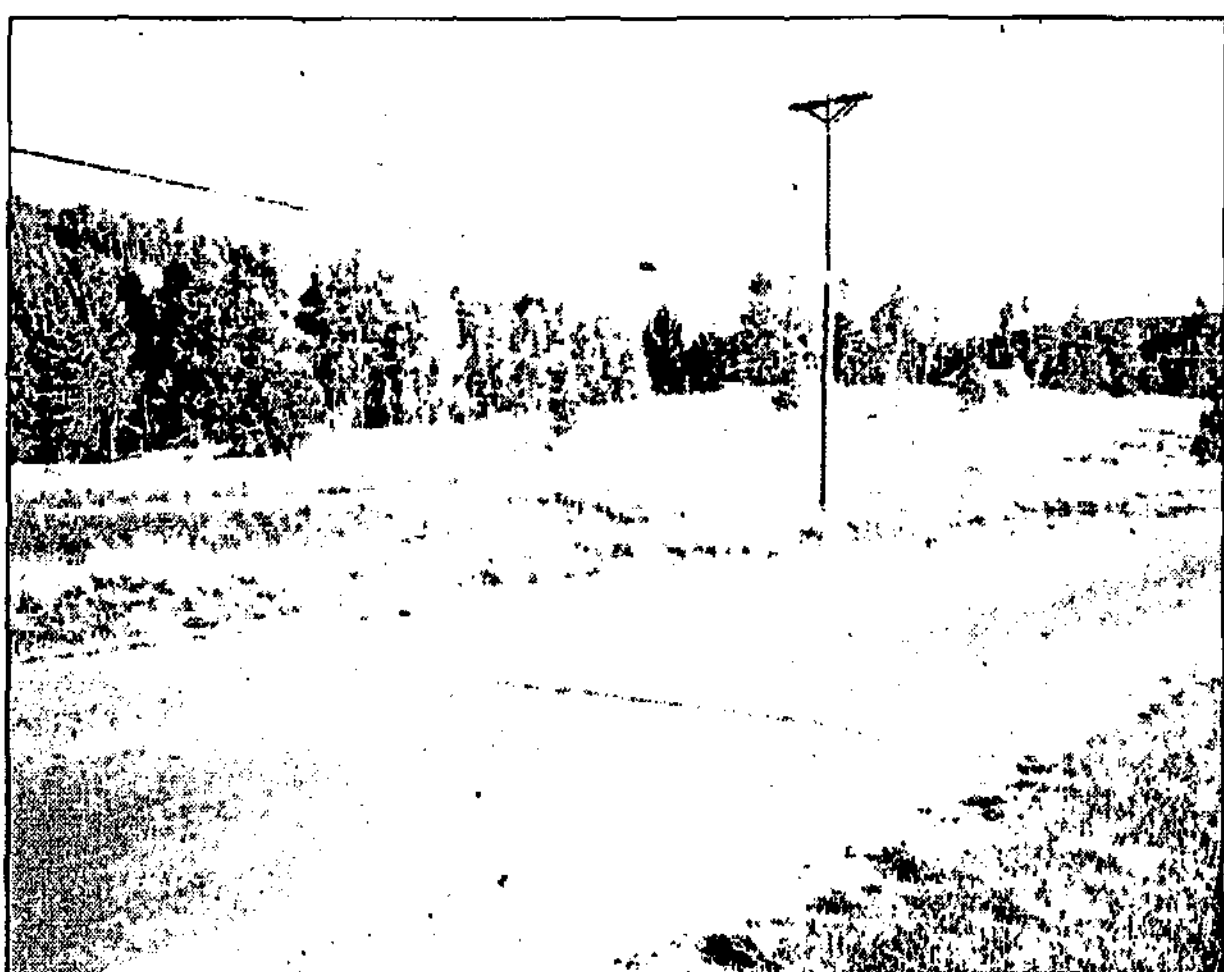
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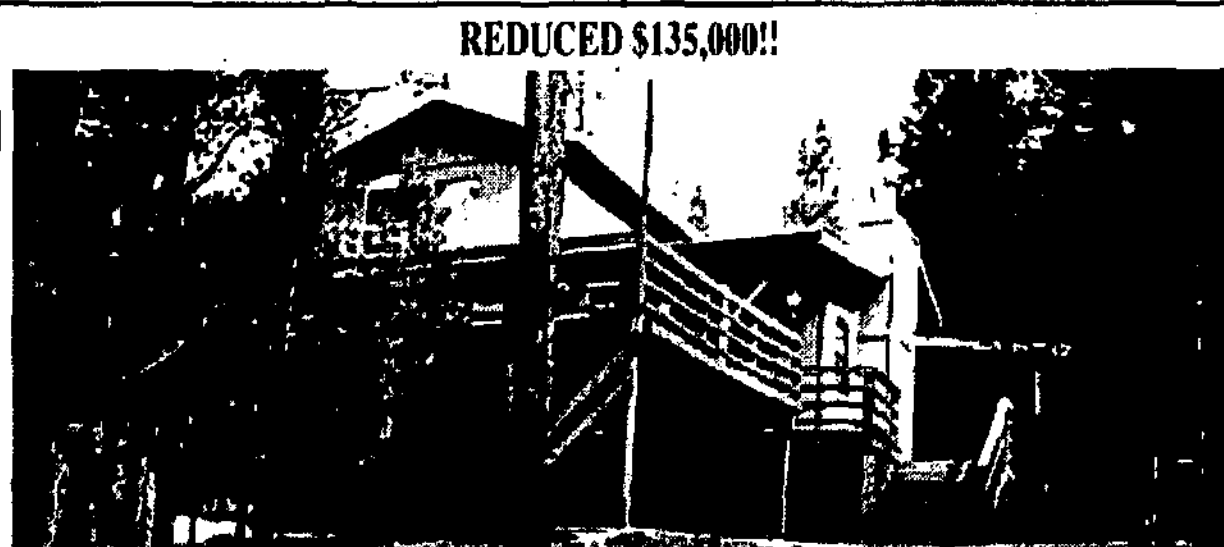
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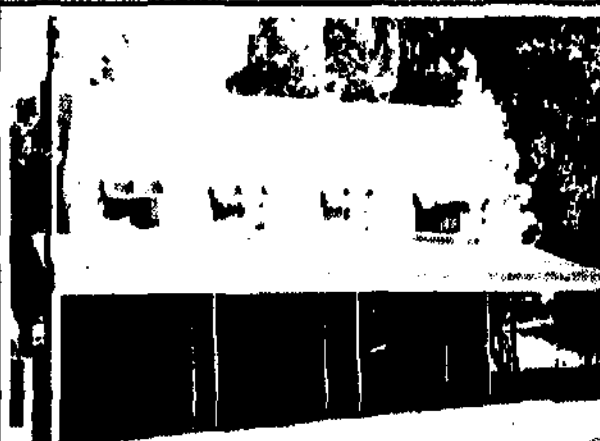
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4/4.5 plus guest house. 3 car garage. Owner/agent.



Upper Canyon River Home

Robbins • \$399,900 • 619 Main

3 bdrms, 3 full baths. Plus guest apt. with private entry

ONLY ONE LEFT!



Commercial

McMahon • \$62,500 ea. • 1121 Mechem Dr.

3 street-to-street commercial lots! Very buildable.

OWNER FINANCING!!!



Commercial

McMahon • \$178,000 • Jira Plaza

Last unit for sale - new - finished!

THE ATTIC COMPLEX



Commercial

Now available in three separate parcels. #1-\$125,000 #2-\$239,000 #3-\$299,000 Possible owner financing!



Chase Street Acreage! • \$169,500

Zoned C-2 this great commercial property is located just across from where the new proposed Motel 6 is going to be built. This 1.308 acres has easy access, all city utilities and high visibility!

Call Doug for details!



Hamilton Terrace

Fletcher • \$249,000 • 454 Mechem Drive

Great location for all kinds of business or can be used as a super large home. 1.1205 acres of land, chain link fence on part of property. One large home and separate guest efficiency!