



Ruidoso Downs police sued again

• A female police dispatcher says her supervisors repeatedly told her women would not be hired as patrol officers.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
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Allegations of sexual discrimination and harassment are the basis of the third lawsuit filed this summer against the Ruidoso Downs Police Department.

In the lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in late July, a former police dispatcher says two of her supervisors conspired to keep her

from being promoted to a patrol officer, telling her male applicants would always be chosen before her.

"The most direct evidence is just what they said — 'We don't want women and we don't want you,'" said Randy Clark, the attorney representing Karen Denise Briggs.

Briggs, who was with the department from 1993 to 1996, states in her lawsuit that one supervisor, Dana

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Randy Clark,
attorney representing
Karen Denise Briggs

as talk about X-rated movies, according to the lawsuit.
Briggs' complaint joins two other

lawsuits and a pending lawsuit against the village regarding alleged actions by police officers. All three of the other complaints state that officers used excessive force in inappropriate situations.

The lawsuit names the village as a defendant as well as Chief David Hightower and Terlecky, the supervisor directly under Hightower.

Village Attorney Dan Bryant was out of town Thursday and unavailable to comment on the lawsuit. Clark said

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NEW MEXICO

Property tax cap revisited

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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If Lincoln County Commissioner Wilton Howell had any doubt he was on the right track promoting a constitutional amendment to allow a tax cap, it was wiped out Tuesday during a session of the New Mexico Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee in Ruidoso.



Wilton Howell

One of the reports assembled by the state Taxation and Revenue Department contained a chart showing the 1997 per capita net taxable values of all 33 counties.

Lincoln County ranked on top of the heap at \$18,086 per capita in residential taxes and \$26,442 in all properties. It was trailed in residential property taxes even by the pricey Santa Fe County at \$17,391 and Los Alamos with \$16,936.

Number two and three in all properties values were Harding County at \$24,332 and Eddy County at \$22,350. Lincoln County was fourth in nonresidential net taxable values, behind Catron County. Harding County and San Juan County.

After listening to about two hours of explanation on the impacts of a constitutional amendment that would allow the state Legislature to consider a change in the state's approach to property taxes, Howell gave his own input.

"I had their attention," he said. "The thing I tried to make clear to them was it doesn't make any difference whether you live in a \$25,000 home or a \$250,000 house, one doesn't strain the infrastructure more than the other in a county."

Approval of the constitutional amendment, which will be listed as the number one proposed amendment on the Nov. 3 ballot, would allow the legislature to consider a change. The legislation would be drafted by legislators and would have to be signed by the governor. As now written, the state is required to tax on a market value basis.

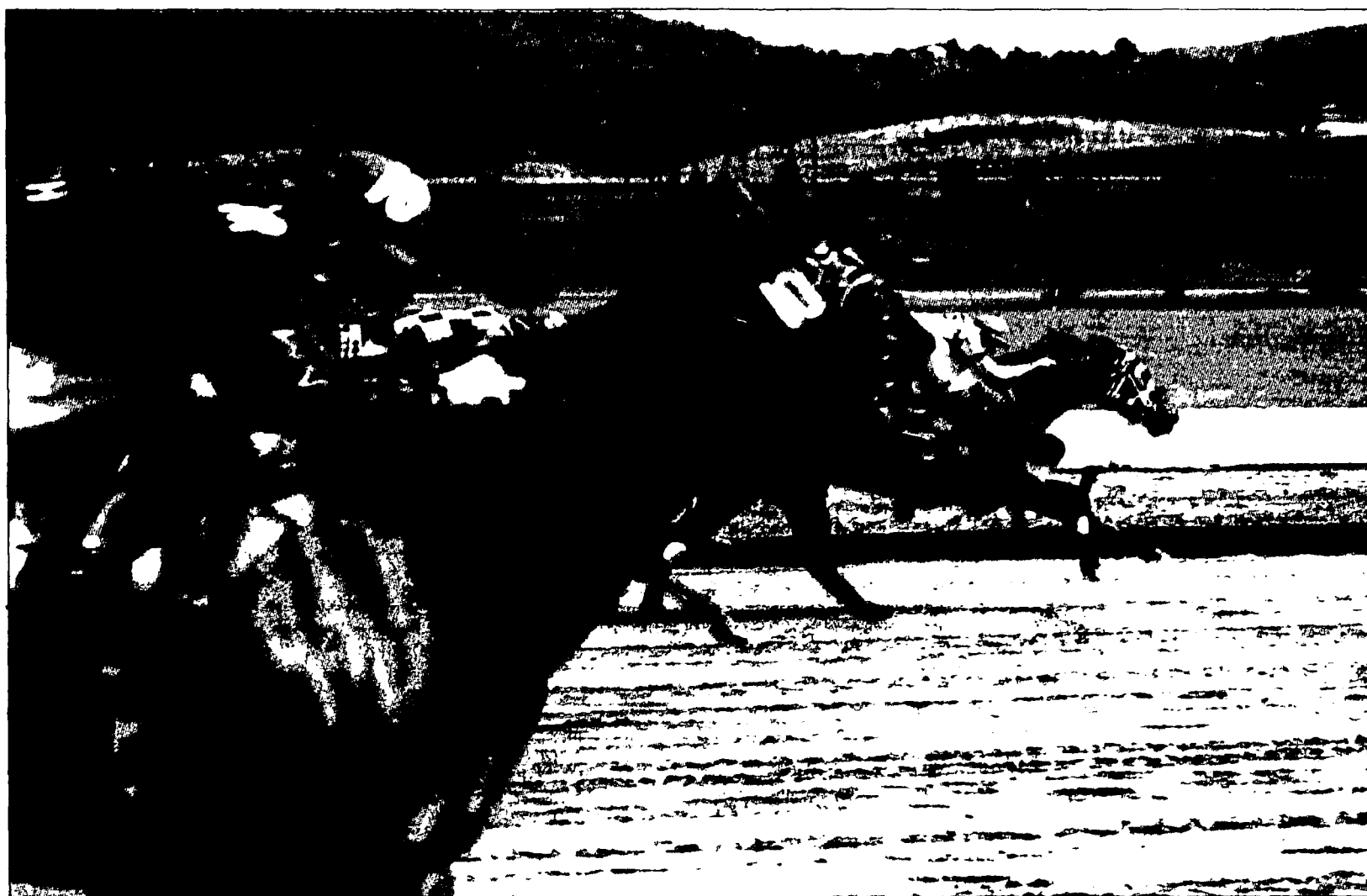
"Even when you haven't done anything to your home, if a neighbor improves his home or builds an expensive house next door, your taxes will go up," Howell said. "This amendment probably is the most important amendment we will vote on in my lifetime."

Based on prior legislation proposed by Democratic State Rep. Ben Lujan from Santa Fe, Howell is seeking a tax cap on increases in individual property as long as it remains in the hands of one owner or within that owner's family. When the property is sold, the new owners would face paying taxes based on a new valuation.

That type of system should

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A head above the rest



Rainbow Futurity winner, Hes My Dasher, dominated the 11th heat of the All American Futurity trials. He is the third-fastest qualifier for the Labor Day race. Complete story on the qualifiers on Page 1B.

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Housing project plans changed

Developer switches from affordable housing to apartments for seniors

• The La Tierra Senior Apartment Homes, a complex of 60 federally subsidized apartments, are proposed for a 10-acre plot off of Jack Little Drive

BY TONI K. LAXSON
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Stephen Crozier has resubmitted plans for an affordable housing development in the White Mountain subdivision that is designed to placate past opponents.

Instead of Tierra del Oso, a federally-subsidized apartment complex for low-income families, Crozier is proposing to build La Tierra Senior Apartment Homes, a subsidized 60-unit complex to be built on 10 acres off of Jack Little Drive.

"We have been negotiating with him, and if it is in line with what we have been talking about, we are very much in support of that," said Mark Clark, a member of the White Mountain Owners Association, which had organized against the development earlier.

"He has shown us some figures that Ruidoso really needs (senior citizen) housing and I think it could really do a lot of good for us."

Crozier, with Tierra Realty Trust, could not be reached at his Corrales office for comment on revisions to the \$3.9 million development, which is being built through a federal tax credit program.

Under the new proposal, residents

in the apartments would have to be 55 years old or older and have a low-income level. For example, a qualifying couple could have a combined income of as much as \$14,760, said Lynn Wehrli, an official with the state agency that oversees housing developments.

"This project has to maintain the standards under which it was approved for tax credits," said Wehrli, director of housing with the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority.

The federal government is offering corporate backers \$3.6 million in tax credits for their \$2.8 million investment in the development, an exchange of roughly 72 cents on the dollar, Wehrli said. Crozier's company already has received about \$400,000 in tax credit backing for the project.

In the new plans, the development will consist of 10 one- and two-story buildings including a clubhouse with amenities.

The neighborhood association asked Crozier to target senior citizens, as well as dedicate 1.6 acres of the land to a community park, rezone the unused back portion of the tract for single family homes and build only 10 apartments per acre, Clark said. Under village zoning laws, Crozier could build more than 200 apartments at the site.

The association, which has more than 300 members, organized against the original project earlier this year. In February, a spokesman told village councilors the development could harm the neighborhood by causing property values to drop and traffic to increase,

among other problems.

Crozier eventually pulled his development from the Planning and Zoning Commission's agenda, saying he intended to work with the association.

Crozier's revised plans now are being reviewed for compliance by the planning department, said Darrell Brenner, village planner. Next, the plans will again be put on the planning and zoning board's agenda.

Wehrli said her office occasionally sees proposed developments undergo revisions because of community opposition.

"People are sometimes resistant to having developments in their neighborhood," she said. "And I think part of the problem is the perception that these are public housing projects. You know, the ones by the old public housing authority where they weren't well maintained, where they would squeeze in very large numbers of low income families."

"This is really not that kind of project," she said. "And he's got a good site. I think he's going to make it a really lovely project."

Though Ruidoso has had a lack of affordable housing for some time, it's only become an issue in recent years, said Ruidoso Councilor Ron Anderson on Thursday.

"The people who work here need to live here," said Anderson, who declined to comment on the revised development until he could review it. "And I think we all need to be aware of the sensitivity of these projects. Where we put them — I don't know."

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Work to close Ski Run Road

• The road to Ski Apache is to be open during the Labor Day weekend whether or not the \$1 million repaving project is finished, officials said.

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After a couple of false starts, road crews will begin resurfacing Ski Run Road Monday, closing the road to Ski Apache to through traffic for an estimated two weeks, construction officials said this week.

Even if the \$1 million state highway project is not completed before Sept. 5, the road will be open and accessible during the coming holiday, said a project manager with Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc.

"All our projects are to stop on the Labor Day weekend," Bill Loomis said, referring to three other road construction projects — two on State

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RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY

High ... 77
Low ... 49

Partly cloudy

SUNDAY

High ... 80
Low ... 51

Partly cloudy

MONDAY

High ... 81
Low ... 52

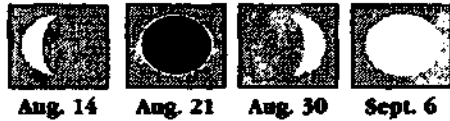
Thunderstorms

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Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	78	47	.25"
Wednesday	75	48	.34"
Thursday	73	48	trace
Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	89	59	Thunderstorms
El Paso, TX	93	68	Thunderstorms
Lubbock, TX	89	64	Partly cloudy
Midland, TX	90	65	Partly cloudy



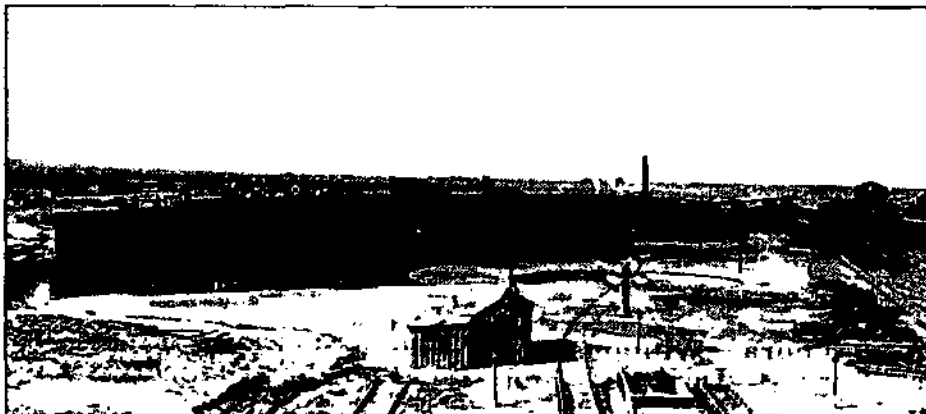
Aug./Sept. phases of the moon



STARDATE

An "annular" solar eclipse is visible across the Pacific today. During an annular eclipse, a bright ring of sunlight appears around the Moon as it passes in front of the Sun. The eclipse is not visible from the Americas.

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Carrizozo Roundhouse with turn table.

courtesy Johnson Stearns

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

White Oaks Eagle

Aug. 23, 1900

A man by the name of Barber borrowed a horse from A.J. Gilmore at Angus, stole a saddle from Walter Gray, of Capitan, and started toward El Paso. He was followed by Arthur May and Kindrick Hamilton, officers at Nogal, and was apprehended near

Alamogordo. The fugitive opened fire on the officers as soon as they came in sight. Hamilton was shot dead and May narrowly escaped the bullets of Barber, who evaded arrest.

Bert Rowland, deputy sheriff at Capitan, was here Monday after John Lenvigi Venette, who had jumped a merchandise account due the mercantile company at that place. A settlement was made here and Rowland went home in the afternoon.

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Commission to meet next week to discuss subdivision

Lincoln County Commissioners will meet back-to-back Tuesday and Wednesday.

In a special meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the county courthouse in Carrizozo, they will deal with a request for approval of a 15-lot subdivision east of Lincoln to be called Los Chozas.

Commissioners delayed action in two previous meetings and expect to hear from District Attorney Scot Key by Monday whether he plans to pursue criminal charges in reference to possible illegal lot sales in the development.

Commission Chairman L. Ray Nunley is on the

agenda to discuss the status of the county's DWI program, which seems stalled in a dispute between Ruidoso Magistrate Judge William Butts and the newly-hired program coordinator and his assistant.

Butts has asked the village of Ruidoso to take over the \$117,000 grant program. That request is scheduled to be discussed Tuesday during the village council meeting in Ruidoso.

The second county meeting, a hearing on possible projects for a Community Development Block grant, will begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Carrizozo.

Capitan fire allowed to burn

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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A wildfire, started by lightning is being allowed to burn in the Capitan Mountains and has consumed 60 acres.

The blaze was sparked Aug. 8, but Lincoln National Forest fire personnel, wilderness rangers and engine crews aren't fighting the flames in an area called Seven Cabins. They're only monitoring them.

The crews are following the direction of the approved forest plan, which is to allow the fire to burn naturally for resource benefit, according to Jerry Hawkes of the Smokey Bear Ranger District.

"The objective of this strategy is to allow fire back into the ecosystem to improve watershed

conditions and wildlife habitat," he said. "This fire will be allowed to burn naturally until rain extinguishes the flames or it is necessary for suppression to be authorized. Suppression will be necessary if either the flame

height exceeds three feet or the fire exceeds 5,000 acres."

The fire is being monitored by aerial flights, site visits and visual observations with the cooperation of private land owners in the general area, who

understand the objectives of this approach, Hawkes said.

The fire is progressing well and is meeting all of the objectives set forth, he said.

Those objectives are to clean up the underbrush to reduce fuel loading and to improve wildlife habitat and watershed conditions.

"This fire will be allowed to burn naturally."

Jerry Hawkes,
Smokey Bear Ranger
District

Citizens advisory council proposed in Downs

BY TONI K. LAXSON
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The flurry of recent litigation surrounding the village of Ruidoso Downs has prompted a resident to propose the creation of a citizens advisory board.

"I think there are too many lawsuits for a town this size. And I don't want to see our money spent in this manner," said Bonnie Richardson, co-owner of Ruidoso Wholesale

Foods and a former village council candidate.

On Monday, Richardson will present her proposal to the Ruidoso Downs Village Council. Though many aspects of the board will need to be developed, Richardson said her idea is for a five-member volunteer board that is able to think independently from the council on issues to improve the community.

The board would be active

in informing the public about village issues and meetings, Richardson said. Members could review village policies and safeguards as well as promote police officer accreditation and training. The board could build coalitions with similar groups from other cities, the county and the state, she said.

"I think the bottom line is to establish harmony between the village departments and

between the citizens of the village," Richardson said.

Currently, the village is involved in several lawsuits, including one the mayor filed against his council and three against the Downs Police Department with another pending.

Mayor Joe Hayhurst said Thursday he will back Richardson's proposal if it passes muster with Village Attorney Dan Bryant.

SUIT: The village has 20 days for the time it receives the suit to respond

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to his knowledge a response to the lawsuit has not yet been filed by Bryant's firm on behalf of the village.

The village has 20 days from the time it receives the lawsuit to file a response. Clark said the lawsuit was hand-delivered to the village on Aug. 11.

Terlecky, who was off duty Thursday, has an unlisted telephone number and could not be

reached for comment. Hightower also declined to respond to the allegations.

"It's a employee issue and I'm not going to comment about it," he said.

Mayor Joe Hayhurst is not named in the lawsuit. However, Clark said Hayhurst also made statements that a woman would not be hired as an officer for the village.

Hayhurst, who declined to comment on the lawsuit, said Thursday he never made that statement. "No, no, no no. I

said no such thing," Hayhurst said. "We have had some good female police officers."

Hightower said there have been two female police officers with the village during his 13 years with the department. Both were hired before he became police chief, Hightower said.

Briggs took the test for patrol officer four times and was a qualified candidate, her lawsuit states. However, Hightower and Terlecky did not follow established policies and

procedures during the tests and treated Briggs differently from the male candidates, according to the lawsuit. Twice, she states, test results were never posted.

On two occasions, Hightower told her "male candidates would be selected in preference to her," she said in the lawsuit.

"A couple of times, she actually got word of who was going to be hired before the testing," Clark said.

TAXES: A property tax cap would have major impacts for counties

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attract property buyers to the state, Howell said. They would know that as long as they owned the house they buy, they would face no giant jumps in taxes in a single year, he said. Local government also could budget more effectively, knowing that tax revenue could only increase by a maximum designated amount each year based on existing homes and lots.

Just as in the state's existing "yield control" formula that sets a limit on the overall tax revenue increase for a taxing entity in any one year, new construction would not be subject to the cap.

Committee members seem to lean toward a county option on the enactment of a tax cap, although some pointed out that counties and cities already have some control by limiting their budgets, Howell said. He also favors a local option.

"A cap would allow counties to function with a minimum amount of growth," Howell said. "New people strain services and those coming in should pay for that."

"With a cap, marginal programs funded by government entities will evaporate, but basic programs should function without any problem."

He was pleased to hear from Kelly Orick, executive director of the Association of Counties, that her organization would not oppose a tax cap as it did under her predecessor. However, she wanted association officials to be part of the process when the legislation is being written, if the amendment is approved by voters.

Al Maury and Jim O'Neill of the taxation department told state commission members that in the last five years, the taxes paid by New Mexicans jumped from \$420 million to \$600 million annually.

Maury also highlighted some of the major impacts of the proposed tax cap, saying:

- It would not freeze or decrease residential values

- It probably would not freeze taxes or limit tax increases in any dramatic sense, because rates could continue to be increased by many local governments as well as by voters for debt service purposes.

- It would shift the tax burden from individuals subject to the valuation increase limitation to owners of residences and businesses that are not.

- It is silent on the issue of yield control, so it would have no impact on the control statute.

- It would not sever, but it would weaken, the constitutional link between property value and taxes.

- It would probably not limit bonding capacity of state capital construction projects.

However, it may under certain circumstances limit the growth in bonding capacity by local governments. It also could increase it in some circumstances.

- The implementation legislation may create an acquisition valuation system in which properties are placed on the tax rolls at their sale prices, instead of being assessed in the traditional way by county appraisers. If the acquisition system were adopted, over time it would tend to evolve into a pure acquisition valuation system, because the fraction of property valued at acquisition prices would approach 100 percent after about 20 years.

- Howell said he was surprised to hear that property taxes are the most expensive taxes to collect in New Mexico, because of the different processes involved. The most expensive process is the appraisal, he said.

ROAD: Work on Ski Run Road will come to halt for the Labor Day weekend

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Road 48 and one on U.S. Highway 70.

The road will be closed above the entrance to the Eagle Creek Sports Complex, and should not impact traffic to that area, construction officials said.

The project to resurface Ski Run Road, also called State Road 532, had been scheduled to start in June but was delayed until Meadow Valley and state highway officials could agree on a proper mix of asphalt, construction officials said.

Road crews are to work from daylight until dark on the road to complete the job as soon as possible. Within the first few

days of the project, road crews are expected to have completed work on the lower part of the road where a small residential area is located.

The project may take longer than the estimated two weeks to complete depending on weather conditions, said Dennis Jackson, a Meadow Valley official.

Twenty-five massive trucks, called belly dump trucks, will be on the road during the project, making travel by other vehicles difficult and dangerous, Loomis said in an earlier interview.

In a statement, Meadow Valley officials asked that motorists who need to use the road either to access their homes or businesses during the project use extreme caution.

Roy Parker, manager at Ski Apache, said the project has been anticipated at the ski resort and, when finished, should result in an improvement of driving conditions.

One section of the road won't be repaved until after Sept. 1 because of federal restrictions regarding endangered species, officials said. The concern is that construction noise may disturb spotted owl nests. However, the nesting season is considered over after Sept. 1.

Four-way stop at Warrior and Hull

Four-way stop signs went up at the intersection of Warrior and Hull drives

Tuesday. Ruidoso Village Manager Alan Briley said the stop signs were at the intersection for safety reasons because of increased traffic congestion at the location and "a lot of near misses."

Ruidoso police do not intend to monitor the intersection as was done earlier when four-way stop signs went up at Cree Meadows and Heath drives, a department representative said. Because motorists were unaccustomed to the stop sign on Cree Meadows, officers initially handed out warnings to people who ran the stop signs.

Briley said no other four-way stop signs are planned in the near future inside the village.

Commissioner Montes pushes county's departure from Solid Waste Authority

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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It's time for Lincoln County to break away from a garbage collection coalition it helped create in 1991, says Lincoln County Commissioner Monroy Montes.

He's tried unsuccessfully for the last two months to win other commissioners to his way of thinking.

"I think the authority was ill conceived and badly managed," Montes said.

One of his main arguing points has been that the county is the only entity that generates more revenue than it costs for the service delivered. And he's been critical of the management of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority under general manager Jerry Wright, a former representative on the board from the village of Ruidoso.

But summaries of the revenues and expenses of the six different entities in the authority show that the villages of Capitán, Carrizozo and Ruidoso Downs are paying their own way, while the county in 1997 slid from the black into red ink.

Ruidoso traditionally has cost more to serve than revenues earned, but that village is dropping out of the authority's collection system to handle its own garbage and yard waste pick up. The village is due to separate from the authority Oct. 1 in all matters except the operation of a regional landfill south of Alamogordo.

While Ruidoso Downs posted \$38,697 excess revenue over expenses in 1997, Carrizozo \$16,940 and Capitán \$40,236, the county came up \$18,241 in the hole after deducting debt service and its share of capital outlay. In 1996, the county showed a \$30,764 excess.

Montes still believes the county can operate the service through its road department with the addition of three employees and the necessary equipment. The department would handle residential as well as commercial collection and special large container rentals. Part of his conclusion is based on a study of the authority's operation completed last year by consultants Gene Simmons and Jim Miller, administrator of Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso.

"Simmons actually did a business plan, audited the garbage flow and clearly showed the county was the only part making money," Montes said.

But if the county found it too difficult to pick up 80 different dumpsters, the number could be reduced to 50, he said, citing Arabela with three dumpsters that could be cut to one. If Corona, a small village at the county's northern border, needed help, it could be included with the county routes once a week, he said. The county could be broken into northern and southern sections, Montes said.

He was critical of the condition of authority equipment. "Only two out of five (trucks) are working," he said. "We have people sleeping on the job and not showing up. This isn't management."

Wright has pointed out that trying to work under an 11-person board, mostly elected or administrative officials, is difficult, especially when Ruidoso is preparing to leave and will take some equipment and employees with it.

"The authority will be a real marginal operation without Ruidoso and the county," he told commissioners last week. The service never was meant to be a moneymaker, he said.

But Montes said the only reason the authority has a cushion in the bank right now is because \$40,000 comes from an old grant and \$150,000 from a new grant. Other factors that make the operation look better than it is financially are that Ruidoso deferred a portion of its original equipment lease purchase to the authority and dropped the annual repayment from \$90,000 to \$60,000, Montes said. Ruidoso Downs and the county both deferred their \$10,000 annual payment for equipment purchased by the authority when it was first

"The authority will be a real marginal operation without Ruidoso and the county."

Jerry Wright
SWA general manager

formed. "I'm real concerned that I made a recommendation to the commission as their representative on the authority board (and no action has been taken)," he said. "I don't agree with Chairman (L.Ray) Nunley that it would overload the road department."

Last week, Nunley expressed that concern, although road supervisor Albert Hernandez said he thought he could handle it, "if I can get good help."

Montes said the authority cannot continue to subsidize a recycling program. Problems aren't being solved and employee morale is low, he said.

If the county stays in the authority, he said he would like to see inmate labor used to improve service and cut costs, as suggested by Commissioner Wilton Howell.

Cafe employees chase down suspect

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Three employees of Cafe Rio helped in the capture of an accused car stereo thief Aug. 9 after chasing the suspect through much of the center of Ruidoso.

Eric Gile, one of the employees, went out to get something out of his boss's wife's car and saw feet hanging out the window of a van, said Corey Courts, another Cafe Rio employee. Gile returned to the restaurant and told Cafe Rio owner Neal Germain, who called the police while Gile, Courts and a third employee, Kevin Jarrel, went out to try to

keep the man there until the police arrived.

"We went out back and we confronted that guy because by then he started getting out of the car," Courts said. "We asked him, 'Is this your van?' and he said, 'Yeah, it's my father's.' He started to leave and we said, 'We need you to stay here a little because the police are coming.'"

The suspect, later identified as Julio Martinez, took off running down Center Street with the three employees and their boss in pursuit. By this time the police were in the street and joined the chase, said Courts, heading toward the golf course.

The Cafe Rio employees

eventually caught up with Martinez near the Thriftway Supermarket (Germain returned to the restaurant after about 50 yards, he said). Gile was walking behind the suspected thief because he had a screwdriver in one hand and a rock in the other and was threatening him, Courts said. After a bit of rock throwing, Courts tackled him, was scratched with the screwdriver and he and Gile held him down until the police came.

Courts said he was eager to catch the thief because his own stereo equipment was stolen.

The man was arrested and

charged with one count each of breaking and entering, misdemeanor assault, aggravated assault, aggravated battery, eluding an officer, possession of burglary tools, and criminal damage to property. Biggs said there was an outstanding warrant for grand theft auto on the 18-year-old in Maricopa County, Ariz., and two other warrants in California. Police searched the residence of Martinez but did not find stolen stereos.

Lt. Wolf Born said he thought Martinez may have been behind other recent stereo thefts in the area.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Gary Thomas

Memorial services for Gary Thomas, 48, of Ruidoso, will be at 10:30 a.m. on Aug. 24 at 430 Carrizo Canyon Road, with Arthur Hoops and Clester Prichett officiating.

Mr. Thomas died Thursday, Aug. 13, 1998, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Albuquerque.

He was born Feb. 13, 1950, in Houston, Texas. He moved to Ruidoso from Midland, Texas and has been in the area 27 years.

Survivors include his mother, Lela Thomas; a sister, Paula Giarratano; brothers A.A. Thomas and Rue Thomas; daughters, Heather Vasquez and Jamie Thomas; a granddaughter, Hannah Vasquez, and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials are suggested to Casa Esperanza, P.O. Box 40472, Albuquerque, N.M. 87196-0472.

Clyde Williams

Funeral services for Clyde Williams, 72, took place in Roaring Springs, Texas, where he was buried.

Mr. Williams died Friday, Aug. 7, 1998 in Fort Worth, Texas, after succumbing to cancer.

He was born March 21, 1926, in Floydada, Texas. He was a retired groceryman and co-owner of Thrift Mart Food Stores.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Nona Kingery Williams of Granbury; sons and daughters-in-law Clyde "Bill" and Janet Williams of Granbury, Kerry and Vickie Williams of Tolar, Jamey and Carolyn Williams of Granbury, and Jerry Williams of Dallas; daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra Gossett of New York City, and Karen and Ronnie Davis of Matador; grandchildren, Renee Karmazyn of Haltom City, Sheryl Davis of Lubbock, Melissa and Kendra Williams of Granbury, Donny and Melanie Williams of Tolar, and Harlan and Logan Williams of Granbury; and great-grandson, Talor Karmazyn of Haltom City.

Memorials are suggested for the American Cancer Society, Happy Hills Farm or a charity of choice.

Charlie Samuel Turner

Masonic funeral services for Charlie Samuel Turner, age 93, were at Gadora Cemetery in Clay County, Fla., on Aug. 18, 1998.

Mr. Turner died Sunday, Aug. 16, 1998, at Five Oaks Nursing Home in Welaka, Fla.

Born in Island Grove, Fla., he moved to Crescent City, Fla. in 1972 from Borger, Texas. He worked for the Santa Fe Railroad system as a yard master. He was a member of Lake Lodge No. 72 A. F. and A. M. of Crescent City for 72 years. He also was a member of the Woodmen of the World.

Survivors include his wife, Theodora Turner of Welaka; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Wynell Turner of Tampa, Fla.; a sister, Ollie Turner of Ruidoso; five grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Clayton Frank and Sons Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Juanita N. Gomez

Funeral Mass for Juanita N. Gomez, 88, of Glencoe is scheduled at 9 a.m. today at St. Jude's Catholic Church with the Rev. Richard Catanach officiating. Burial will follow at St. Jude's Catholic Cemetery. Visitation was Thursday evening at St. Jude's.

Mrs. Gomez died Tuesday, Aug. 18, at her home.

She was born Jan. 10, 1910, in Tinnie. She lived in Lincoln County most of her life, also living in Roswell from 1942 until 1966. She was a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church.

She married Florencio Gomez on Aug. 26, 1926, in Roswell. He preceded her in death on Dec. 6, 1975.

Survivors include a son, Isidro V. Gomez of Denver, Colo.; daughters Vitalia Gomez of Albuquerque, Frances Saiz of Capitán, and Irene Sanchez of San Patricio; 11 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by sons Manuel and Leo Gomez; two grandchildren, Veronica Saiz and Jpe Esquibel; and a great grandson, Adidas Gonzales.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

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OUR OPINION

A test of our resolve

As a spectacular summer season winds down in the tourist-driven paradise called Ruidoso, a look at reflections in the crystal ball reveals a few near-certainties.

Thanks to a hot Texas summer, judicious advertising and an expanded and improved chamber web site (<http://www.ruidoso.net>) on the Internet, odds are that (God and weather willing) the winter season also can be extraordinary.

More people than usual came to Ruidoso this summer, and that means more will think about it as the winter recreation season starts. Ski Apache and the Sacramento Mountains remain the most accessible alpine sports area for a large swath of the Southwest and Mexico. The nation's economy is providing a stable environment that adds to discretionary income.

But there are few windfalls in this life. Road construction projects—a vast plus in the long run—will provide a challenge to everybody. State Road 48 from White Mountain Drive to Ski Run Road may be an obstacle course, complete with blasting. U. S. 70 near Ruidoso Downs will be another test.

So...a successful winter season in 1998-99 will be a triumph of resolve over circumstance. It won't be a winning winter for every business, by a long shot; but those who work at it will be able to take pride in *two consecutive* successful seasons in a resolute Ruidoso.

A little caution helps

Caution, it's been said, is the better part of valor. A couple of incidents this week gave more credence to that aphorism.

The decision to wait a while before taking over solid waste collection in Ruidoso might not please everybody, but in the long run, it's better to do it right than to dive in unprepared.

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) continues to do its job; cooperation continues as both entities prepare for an amicable separation—now targeted for Oct. 1. The village has yet to acquire necessary transportation equipment. Employees (including, probably, some former SWA workers), need to be in place and trained. It helps that the village has members on the SWA board.

Too bad the same caution wasn't exercised by county commissioners recently when a small tempest arose between L. Ray Nunley and Wilton Howell over the hiring of a new deputy by Sheriff Tom Sullivan.

That one had to be untangled by District Attorney Scot Key. His investigative report totally cleared Nunley, the commission chairman. What appeared to be left standing, unresolved, was the developing political enmity between the two elected commissioners representing Ruidoso.

And that serves no useful purpose for the people they represent.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

'To fix a river, first fix the mountain'

BY BEN MASON
RUIDOSO RIVER ASSOCIATION

Heavy rainfall last year tore out one of Ski Apache's runs and sent thousands of tons of silt down the North Fork of the Ruidoso River. A vast repair job was required, and all agencies involved agreed that it could be done and was the responsibility of the ski resort and the U.S. Forest Service to get on with it. The resort tells us that all now is fine, but it is not.

During any hard rain when the river has turned brown, drive up Main Road into the Reservation to the confluence of the South Fork and the North Fork of the Ruidoso River. Almost always, you will find the South Fork crystal clear; all of the sediment comes down the North Fork. Both tributaries got the same rainfall, traveled the same distance. The difference is the ski resort.

The Ruidoso River Association has just now commenced to invest a \$200,000 EPA grant and \$133,000 of our own time, sweat, money and materials to bring the river to the standard of a high quality cold water fishery. The village contributes sediment and turbidity and we know it. We are eager to pin down urban sources and control them, but that is impossible when the river enters the village already exceeding the turbidity standard by a factor of 30. This is happening in 1998, a year after the downpour of last August.

The association seeks common ground with ski run officials to discuss the silt problem. We have been on the site again and again and have conferred with the Forest Service and the environmental personnel of the

Mescalero Tribe. We know and approve the recommendations of the Forest Service, but we haven't found a working arrangement with the ski resort management to follow them up.

Whether the terrain maintenance was a factor in the silt discharge is now immaterial; that is now behind us; the problem now is repair and prevention, and it is being addressed half-heartedly by both responsible parties.

Last fall, the Forest Service recommended plantings, streambed check structures, terracing, piping, and ponds where necessary, plus filter material to stabilize the banks. Their hydrologist recommended design of a new and effective silt pond, a study of the parking lot, and especially runoff flow modeling. Modeling predicts the rate of runoff from a watershed at any given precipitation rate, an absolute essential in dam design. A visit on June 24 revealed that none of those recommendations had been followed. We are pleased to learn that mitigation work has been commenced in Deepfreeze Canyon but are disappointed that nothing has been done in the parking lot and holding pond.

We are apprehensive about pond dam design. The first of the two Ski Apache dams was built to pond water for snow-making. Although not designed as a sediment trap, it has become one, but the only way to clean it is through a bottom discharge into the river. Another dam was built last June of silt dredged from the upstream pond, then bulldozed into the river. This silt dam was breached and destroyed (by) the August

flood.

Dam design is a serious business. The spillway of the older dam on the North Fork was not large enough to handle the storm flow and was moreover located against the canyon wall. The August storm runoff made an end-run, taking out the canyon wall as well as most of the spillway. The lower dam had no spillway and was breached immediately. A new silt pond which can be bypassed for cleanout without dumping the trapped silt into the river is planned, but no progress has been made.

The village and the Association (as well as the Mescalero Apache Tribe) have a far greater stake in a clean, clear river than the ski resort has, hence it would be irresponsible for us not to pursue this matter. The village said it would be if we could do it together with Ski Apache management and the Forest Service each pulling their weight.

LETTERS POLICY

The Ruidoso News encourages letters to the editor, especially about local topics and issues. Each letter must be signed and must include the writer's daytime telephone number and address.

Letters should be 300 words or less in length, of public interest and avoid libelous language. The Ruidoso News reserves the right to reject letters, or to edit them, so long as viewpoints are not altered.

Letters may be hand-delivered to the office at 104 Park Avenue or mailed to P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso, NM 88345, attention of the editor.

Ben Lilly, hunter; but never on Sunday

One of the most peculiar characters in New Mexico history was Ben Lilly. He was born in 1856 in Alabama and died in 1938 near Silver City. In those 80 years, he became a classic example of a man time left behind.

They say young Ben Lilly could jump flat-footed out of a barrel; that he could hold an anvil by the horn with his arm straight out. He was tough, and he was a crack shot. He devoted his life to freeing the world from bears and mountain lions.

That was his full-time job for most of those 80 years—except on Sundays. He always observed the Sabbath, and the one time he lost track of the days, he took Monday off to make up for it. Even if he was hot on the trail of a bear or lion when the sun went down on

Saturday, he gave up the chase for his day of rest.

There were still bears and lions in the South when Ben was young, and he proceeded to eradicate them. He cleaned them out of the swamps and hills of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, then carried his crusade to southern Texas and northern Mexico. He finally ended up in what is now the Gila Wilderness of southwestern New Mexico.

Ben Lilly tried his hand at going to school, getting married, having children and working as a blacksmith, but he didn't do well at any of those conventional activities. He was happiest alone, with a few dogs, a pouch of dried corn, a knife and a rifle, following the fresh tracks of a bear or lion.

Ben tried using horses on occasion, but didn't get along with them as well as dogs. One time a horse shied and threw him from the saddle. Ben was still attached to the horse by one foot stuck in the stirrup. As the horse ran, dragging him, he pulled himself up by grabbing his own leg, then the stirrup, then higher up the saddle. But instead of crawling back

up, he managed to grab the butt of his rifle in its scabbard, pull it out and shoot the frightened horse.

He never had that kind of trouble with dogs. He always had several, and they were like his family.

In 1907, while he was hunting in Texas, he got a telegram from President Teddy Roosevelt asking him to scout for him on a bear hunt. The coterie of reporters covering the outing gave Ben a lot of publicity, but he was unimpressed with the safari.

In his later years in New Mexico, Ben got paid by ranchers and the government for the bears and lions he killed. He said he killed 47 bears and lions—about an equal number of each—in 1912, and 48 in 1913. He was in the Alamo district of New Mexico at the time. He claimed about a thousand kills in his lifetime.

"I have killed the largest and best tribes of animals," he wrote in 1928. "I have hunted them so close that it would take longer for 100 of them to accumulate again than it took me to kill 1,000."

And so it has. In retrospect,

Nagging notes

Miscellaneous items we finally deciphered from the dog-eared notebook we've been carrying around for a while:

1. With what's been going on in Washington involving the President, and the bombing of two American embassies in Africa, and Thursday's U. S. attack on terrorist strongholds in the Sudan and Afghanistan, why weren't we surprised when a reporter asked Defense Secretary William Cohen whether he had seen that recent movie called "Wag the Dog?"

2. What is the real name of the building that sits alongside the Links at Sierra Blanca? Sometimes it's called the Ruidoso Convention Center. But the name on the building is Ruidoso Civic Events Center.

So what is it, really?

3. Rakocy, again. Artist Bill Rakocy, who says he's from Ruidoso when he's not from El Paso, won the "best of show" award at the Arts International annual exhibit in El Paso recently. He did it with a painting called "The Death of Francisco Villa," and told an *El Paso Times* reporter that he received a great response for his piece: "People seem to be fascinated by Villa and the concept of death."

4. So one of these days, Ruidoso Downs Race Track officially will become Ruidoso Racetrack and Casino, by order of the owner. Maybe it's time to change, after 50 years-plus of another name. But it might be a bit confusing, especially when residents of Ruidoso Downs try to explain why the track is called Ruidoso Racetrack when it's actually in the village of...

Well, you get the idea.

Perhaps one way to unconfuse it would be for Ruidoso Racetrack and Casino to petition for annexation to the village of Ruidoso.

Heck, the whole village of Ruidoso Downs might even join in, bringing Wal-Mart along.

Ben Lilly's one-man war against "varmints" seems outrageous. By today's standards, he would be anything but "politically correct," but I imagine that back then, anyone who put in even a diffident word on the side of the bears and lions would have been hooted out of town.

Ben Lilly was definitely the last of the "mountain men." The fact that he ended his days (in senility, unfortunately) in the Gila is a testament to how wild and untamed that area was, and still is. His lifetime bridges a long gap between wilderness and civilization, and it is ironic that this man, who loved the wilderness, did his best to tame it for civilization, which he detested.

Next week: New Mexico's oldest medicine kit.

Elsewhere: In 1913, the year Ben Lilly killed 48 bears and lions, H. Geiger invented the alpha ray counter that bears his name.

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Four locals arrested in connection with the destruction of 27 mail boxes

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Two Ruidoso men have to make full restitution after destroying 27 mailboxes on Snowcap Court and L.I. Davis Drive on Aug. 14, according to a judge's order.

Zachary Carey, 18, and Jose Cordova, 18, pleaded guilty in municipal court to 27 counts of injury to public and private property and one count of larceny for stealing street signs that were returned, Judge Michael S. Line said.

On Wednesday the court

ordered that if the following conditions are met, there will be no record:

- that they commit no further offenses for one year;
- that they make full restitution on the damages to 27 victims within 60 days;
- that they write and mail 27 letters of apology and promises of restitution within ten days;
- that they each do 100 hours of community service within six months;
- and that they pay the court cost in the case.

In addition, Cordova was given back credit for 48 hours

served in jail and Carey was committed to jail for 24 hours on Wednesday.

The judge warned that if they fail to comply with these terms, they are each subject to 90 days in jail and a \$500

fine. Line said Carey faced some of the victims in open court and expressed an apology to them and a desire to make things right with them.

The judge said Cordova also was remorseful about his

conduct on Aug. 14.

Early that morning, Cordova and Carey were arrested, when police responded to a call that mailboxes were being shot on Snowcap Court.

They found a baseball bat

and several street signs in the vehicle the four were riding in.

The two juveniles arrested were referred to juvenile authorities and released to their parents.

THE SILVER LINING

Wild flowers all around, from here to Texas

I have read somewhere that of all the states, Texas has the greatest variety of wild flowers.

This is due, no doubt, to the great variety of climate—from the snowy cold of Amarillo to the orange groves of Brownsville, and from the sunny desert to the piney woods of East Texas.

In Lincoln County there are a wide variety of native flowers, including many long-time favorites in lands across the waters. Among these is the pink Wild Rose, which begins growing at

the foot of the mountain and down as far as the riverside, in the springtime.

On the sides of the mountain in the spring we see the violets (yellow, white and purple) along with the tiny light blue Forget-me-not close along the bank of the stream.

Later we see the Scotch Blue Bell, the English Buttercup, the Wild Iris and the Wild Wall Flower.

The Blue Bell grows on a stem so thin

that the bell seems to be ringing silently in mid-air. On account of this thin stem, this flower is sometimes called the Hair Bell.

Flowers of the valley

Beginning at the foot of the mountain, just about this time of year (especially after heavy rains) there appears many favorites throughout the western United States, blooming all down the valley to the riverside and beyond.

Among these are the vermilion Indian Paint-Brush, yellow Morning Primrose and pink Evening Primrose, the New Mexico Pink, an ancestor of the Carnation, Wild Snap Dragon, Wild Four O'clock, Rocky Mountain Gizia or Scarlet Trumpet, Wild Iris, Wild Onion, Wild Hollyhock and the purple Wild Verbena.

Flowers of the desert

After the summer rains, the desert does—as the Psalm says—"blossom as the rose."

Just west of El Paso, I can imagine the desert shining forth under blue skies—a vast carpet, an endless tapestry of continuous blending colors: The bright orange of the Salmon-Colored Mallow, small fields of

Purple Sand Verbena and solid patches of yellow Morning Primrose.

All this, of course, with cactus flowers of every hue, near and far, extending far and away.

Cactus in Lincoln County

Here in our mountain homeland where the flatlands extend up through the mesas, foothills and the mountains, we have our own cactus flowers, especially the sunlight yellow of the Prickly Pear and the scarlet of the Cliff Cactus. That cactus is like a round or oval-shaped cushion, from three to four feet across, growing on the sheer side of a rocky cliff.

The yucca

No mention of Lincoln County flowers would be complete without bringing in our official state flower, the Yucca.

A pearly-white cluster of blooms two feet tall and a foot wide on a stalk six to eight feet tall; these were called by the early arriving Spaniards "Las velas de dios," or "The candles of God."

DOWN'S AGENDA

The Ruidoso Downs Village Council is scheduled to meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday in Village Hall, and the following items are on the agenda:

- Consider a request from an Albuquerque business owner to sell adult toys and lingerie at a roadside vendor location during the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally. Village Clerk Leann Weibrecht said the request was filed by D'Lynn, the only name written on the application, who is owner of the firm, Tasteful Treasures by D'Lynn.
- Consider a request from Bonnie Richardson, co-owner of Ruidoso Wholesale Foods and a former candidate for village council, to establish a citizens advisory board. Richardson said Thursday her request was not prompted solely by the current number of lawsuits involving the village and the police department, but by a perceived need for improved harmony in village operations both inside and out-

side village hall.

- Consider purchasing four new police cars, all four-wheel sport utility vehicles, for about \$27,900 each from Sierra Blanca Motors, the only company to submit bids. A first round of bids were thrown out by the village earlier this month because the bids did not meet specifications.
- Consider purchasing a pavement roller for the street department from Caterpillar for \$1,096 a month, with no payment for the first five months because of a trade-in value, Weibrecht said.
- Consider a request from the New Mexico Regional Tourism Board for \$507 in lodgers tax revenue. The money will be used to buy advertisements that promote the area, Weibrecht said.
- Consider advertising for bids for repair work on DiPaolo Hill Drive.
- A closed session on the subject of pending litigation.

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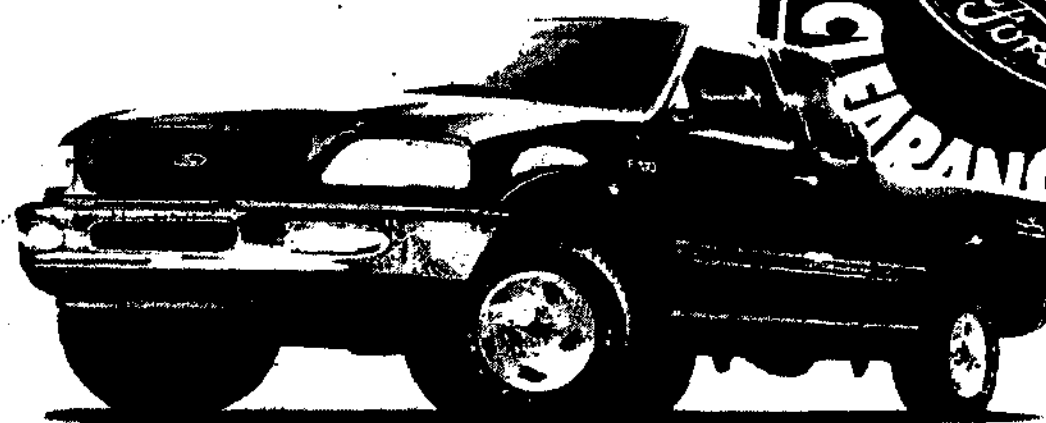
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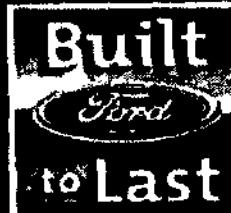
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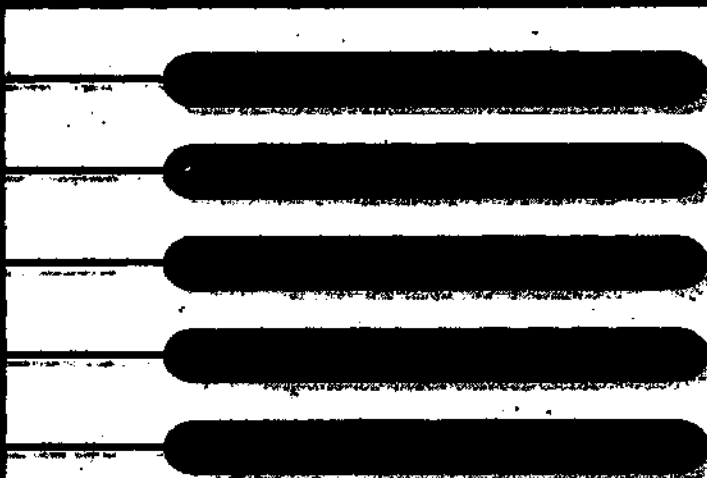
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Native American tech conference

Lockheed Martin Corporation is hosting a trade fair and conference Sept. 28 and 29 in Albuquerque for Native American technology, engineering and software businesses.

Admission to the Native American Trade Fair and Conference is free for exhibitors and participants. Exhibitors will be limited to small, disadvantaged businesses owned by Native Americans.

The businesses must be in the fields of high technology manufacturing, engineering/software services or value-added distributorships. They also must be doing business with the federal government or at least one of the nation's top prime contractors. For more information contact Jane Spriggs at (407) 306-6904.

Conflict resolution training offered

The Conflict Resolution Training Institute, a partnership between the South Plains Association of Governments Dispute Resolution Center and the Division of Extended Learning at Texas Tech University, is sponsoring a 40-hour Basic Mediation training in Ruidoso.

The training will be Sept. 21-25, and the cost is \$575 per person, according to a press release from the South Plains Association of Governments.

For more information or to register, call the center at (806) 762-8721 or (800) 858-1809. Registration may be charged to credit cards.

VIVA nominations being accepted

The Association of Commerce and Industry of New Mexico is accepting statewide nominations for the 1998 VIVA awards. The awards were established in order to recognize New Mexico businesses that demonstrate the qualities of vision, investment, vitality and action.

Eligible businesses must have five or more full-time New Mexico resident employees and have an established

physical presence in New Mexico for at least one year. Winners are selected from each geographic quadrant of the state.

Gov. Gary Johnson and David Buchholz, ACI's chairman of the board, will present the awards to the winners at the annual VIVA awards banquet in Albuquerque on Oct. 30.

All nominations must be received by Sept. 9. For more information or to receive a nomination form, contact Nancy Lunsford at (505) 842-0644.

Local company announces affiliation

First Mortgage Co. of Ruidoso recently announced an affiliation with Investments Trust.

Investments Trust is an independent, privately held trust with primary investments in real estate loans in New Mexico and Texas.

In addition to conventional loans, the affiliation allows the mortgage banking company to specialize in funding real estate loans not usually available through mortgage brokerage companies. Snell says the firm will place special emphasis on non-conforming/non-conventional loans and specialized loans requiring creative financing.

Upper Hondo Soil, Water District meeting

The deadline is August 28 to sign up for the annual Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District meeting and supervisors election.

The business meeting, meal and dancing is set to begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, at the Lincoln County Fair Building in Capitan.

Awards also will be presented and Lone Star Express will play. The menu is catered by Rustic Boots Catering Services and consists of barbecue brisket or spareribs, pinto beans, cheesy seasoned potatoes, dutch oven biscuits, salsa, campfire cobbler and coffee, tea or water.

For more information and reservations, call 354-2220.

► NEW BUSINESS

Restaurant features chef with a 'magic' touch

• Looks aren't everything at Jimmy's Restaurant.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Chef Jimmy Bradburn is a kitchen conjurer for more than one reason.

"He can make potatoes look like mushrooms and tomatoes look like roses," said Birgit Sawinski, one of the four business partners behind Jimmy's Restaurant, named after head chef and co-partner Bradburn.

With 21 years of experience, Bradburn knows the magic a great presentation can add to even the most delicious dishes,

his partners said. The food coming out of his kitchen reflects that philosophy as well as a willingness to offer a varied menu, ranging from chachupas to meatloaf, and from catfish and chips to Huevos Juarez, Sawinski said.

The restaurant at 310 Sudderth Drive throws

out an additional enticement to customers — the price is right. All of the entrees on the menu are under \$7.

"It's great food and great prices," Sawinski said. "Which makes a lot of people happy."

About a year ago, Bradburn was making people happy in Virginia Beach, Va., as executive chef of a large restaurant called Brewer's Inn, Sawinski said. He moved back to Ruidoso, his home town, to be near family.

For several months, he worked as a cook at the Cattle Baron Restaurant, Sawinski said. However, he wasn't content cooking other people's recipes and wanted an outlet for his creative culinary skills, she said.

It was faith in Bradburn's talents that prompted Sawinski, Dave Bradburn (brother to Jimmy and boyfriend to Sawinski) and Bill Hasenbuhler to leap into their first endeavor as restaurateurs.

Whe believed in his talents. And, having the

► New Business

• What: Jimmy's Restaurant

• Who: Bill Hasenbuhler, Jimmy Bradburn, Dave Bradburn, Birgit Sawinski

• Where: 310 Sudderth Drive

• When: 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 6 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday

PLANNING AND ZONING

The Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission took the following actions this week:

• Approved a variance request from Jerry Hansen for a carport to be built within 14 feet of the front lot line of a home at 102 S. Slope Court. The variance is 6 feet, or 30 percent, according to documents prepared by the planning department.

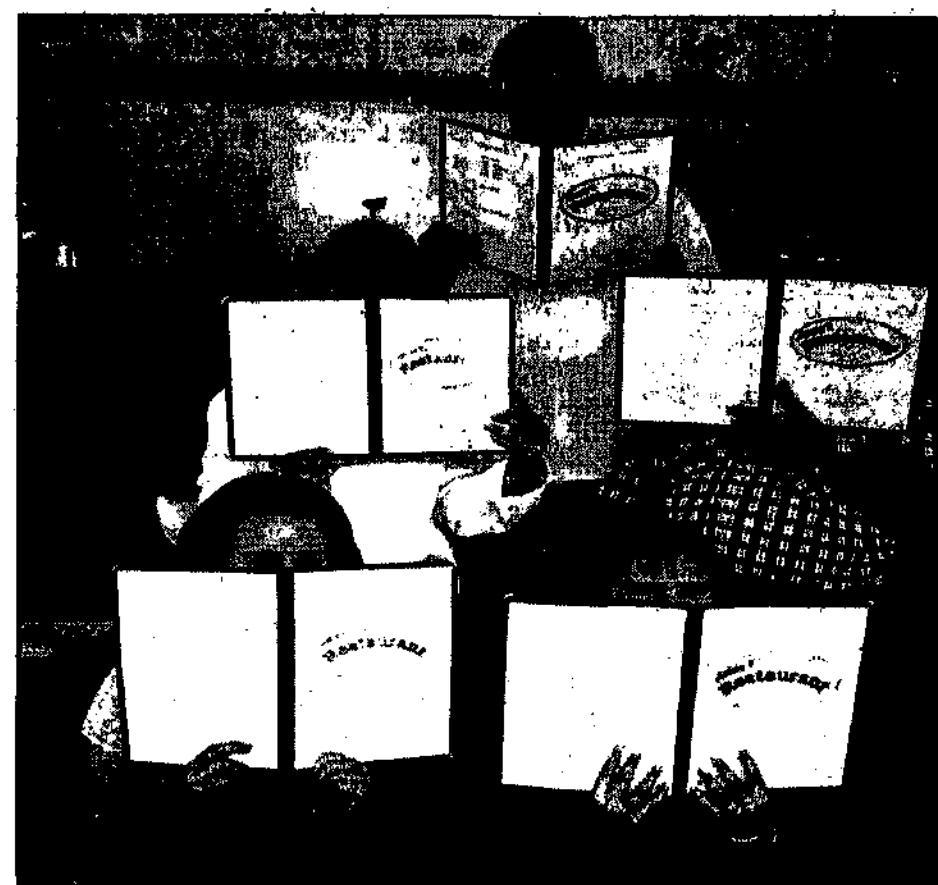
• Approved a conditional use permit request from Jimmy Hufstetler to allow a house at 104 Virginia Canyon Drive to be used as a day care licensed for 12 children at a time. The home will be owned and operated by Richard and Shaula Cull. Two

people opposed the permit at the meeting.

• Approved a request from Jimmy Hufstetler to allow four parking spaces to be created at the proposed day care.

• Approved a variance request from Donnie York to enclose a carport to within 9 inches of the side lot line of a home at 111 Amelia Lane. Standard setback is 10 feet, so the variance is 92.5 percent.

• Approved a variance request from Nathan Ziri to allow a 380-square-foot addition within 8.1 feet of the front lot line. The home is already 4 feet from the front lot line and is in



The staff at Jimmy's Restaurant hangs it up with the establishment's menus.

opportunity (to rent the restaurant space), and we got together with Bill, a friend of the family, and we all made this work," Sawinski said.

Open since June 11, the restaurant serves breakfast and lunch items seven days a week. Billed as serving cross-cultural cuisine in a family-style setting, Jimmy's Restaurant is making a go of it at a location that has not always had good luck in the past. Several restaurants have moved in and out of the location before Jimmy's, Sawinski said.

At first, the four business

partners put in long days to make sure they would stay open. Unfortunately, they initially did not have a large enough wait staff to handle the first waves of customers through their doors, Sawinski said.

"They (the customers) could not get the service we would have liked to provide," she said.

The problem has since been resolved, Sawinski said. And while other problems have cropped up, none of them are serious.

"A lot of it is just common sense," Sawinski said.

compliance because of a blanket setback for age. Standard front line setback for new construction is 20 feet, so the variance would be 11.9 feet or 59 percent, planning staff said.

• Approved a variance request from Dwayne Harper to allow a home at 109 Bradley and 107 Ralph to be 2 feet or less from the rear lot line, and 4.5 feet from the west side lot line.

• Approved a request from Lookout Estates for a license to use public right-of-way at the corner of Country Club and Lookout Drive. The license allows an existing sign to remain at the site. The request

will be sent on to the Ruidoso Village Council for final approval.

• Continued a request from Richard Weber to amend a village permit allowing a building at 441 Mechem Drive to be converted into a restaurant. A representative for Weber asked the commission to reduce the parking space requirements for the restaurant. However, because a site drawing of the parking lot had not been prepared by a registered surveyor, the commission decided to postpone a determination until an accurate drawing could be reviewed.

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COUNTY COMMISSION

Among actions taken at their meeting Aug. 11, Lincoln County Commissioners:

• Appointed Pete Gnatskowski to sit as the county's representative on the team preparing the Southwest Region Forest Service's environmental impact statement for a land and resource management plan specifically covering protection of federally listed and threatened endangered species.

• Delayed action for a second time on a request from the Lincoln Water Users Association to sell water rights acquired in the 1980s. Commissioners want an appraisal of the value and some said the county may want to hang onto the rights to give it standing in any future water rights cases. They said they will consider a lease of the rights. Association representatives said

they need the rights to serve customers waiting for water.

• Delayed rescinding a resolution directing county Treasurer Joan Park to put all delinquent revenue collected into designated funds (such as facilities and capital outlay) until a new resolution is drafted telling her to put the money into the general fund. Park said commissioners verbally instructed her to use the general fund, but one of her employees found a May 4, 1993, resolution specifically requiring her to put the money back into the fund for which it was designated.

• Despite objections by Chairman L. Ray Nunley and Commissioner William Schwettmann, the commission scheduled hearings to consider changes to several ordinances to consider an increase in county

lodgers tax and to impose a front yardage assessment for extraordinary road work. Nunley said he doesn't favor a road assessment and would rather see the commission look at revenue sources for a new jail and hospital expansion. No dollar figures were specified.

• In a 4-1 vote, extended for 30 days the contract of Mary Satonica of Better Days Treatment and Crisis Management to provide mental health services for the county detention center, on a motion by Commissioner Rex Wilson. Commissioners Monroy Montes voted against the motion and asked for some type of accountability and reports, because the contract price has increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year, yet the county may have to reduce its jail population to comply

with fire and life safety codes. Commissioner Wilton Howell questioned if the commission should seek requests for proposals for the service. If approved, the contract could run for up to four years. Nunley questioned why Satonica appears to have fallen out of favor with some commissioners, when "she was the fair-haired girl of the commission" not long ago.

• Accepted a \$216,233 grant from the state Department of Finance and Administration to finish the county's emergency 911 system by completing rural addressing. Montes voted against the motion, saying he would prefer first to advertise for requests for proposals by companies that handle addressing projects to see how much it will cost. If the grant falls short, the county must pay the difference.

Ruidoso man dead of gunshot

A couple walking their dog in the Cedar Creek group campground about 4:25 p.m. Friday noticed a man drive up to a picnic table and sit down. He appeared to be reading something, but his pickup truck blocked their view.

They heard a shot a moment later and found Bruce Berry, 23, lying on the ground dead from a .38 caliber bullet wound to the head. He left a note stating his life was "all messed up and this was the only way to straighten it out."

said Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan.

Berry was transferred a few months ago from Wal-Mart in McAlester, Okla. to be assistant manager at the super store in Ruidoso Downs.

Apparently something occurred that resulted in another transfer to Belen, Sullivan said.

The sheriff said Berry's note included the names of his parents, who live in McAlester, and his wife, Vanessa Berry.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Dispute resolution class gets under way

A criminal justice class on alternative methods of dispute resolution meets Thursdays at 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Ruidoso

High School in Room V201.

Sue B. Martinez, owner of mediation associates of Southern New Mexico, teaching the class.

To register, call 257-2120 or show up during class.

Ruidoso woman charged with embezzlement

A 60-year-old Ruidoso woman who had worked at a midtown store for almost two years has been arrested and charged with embezzlement after allegedly stealing more than \$250, a Ruidoso police officer said.

Mickey Cooper was arrested and charged with fourth-degree felony embezzlement on Aug. 4, after confessing to police that she took the money from the cash register at Misty Mountain Gourmet Shoppe, Lt. Wolf Born said.

The owners had installed a

concealed video recorder in the first few days of July and Cooper was observed on several occasions allegedly removing money from the cash register and putting it in her pockets and in a notebook, according to Born, who said he has viewed the videotapes.

Assistant District Attorney Scott Klundt, who will be prosecuting the case, said Cooper will appear in Judge William Butts' court Aug. 25 at 2:30 p.m. for a preliminary hearing. A fourth-degree felony embezzlement charge carries a possi-

ble sentence of up to 18 months and not less than a year and a fine of up to \$2,000.

"It's a terrible thing, she literally gave us a blood bath," said LaVeda Pettersen, owner of Misty Mountain Gourmet Shop. "I'm going to hire now by my instincts and not by the resumé. I just want the people to know, to be so careful. The only way I know is to put in one of these video tape recorders. We had to borrow money to keep the business going."

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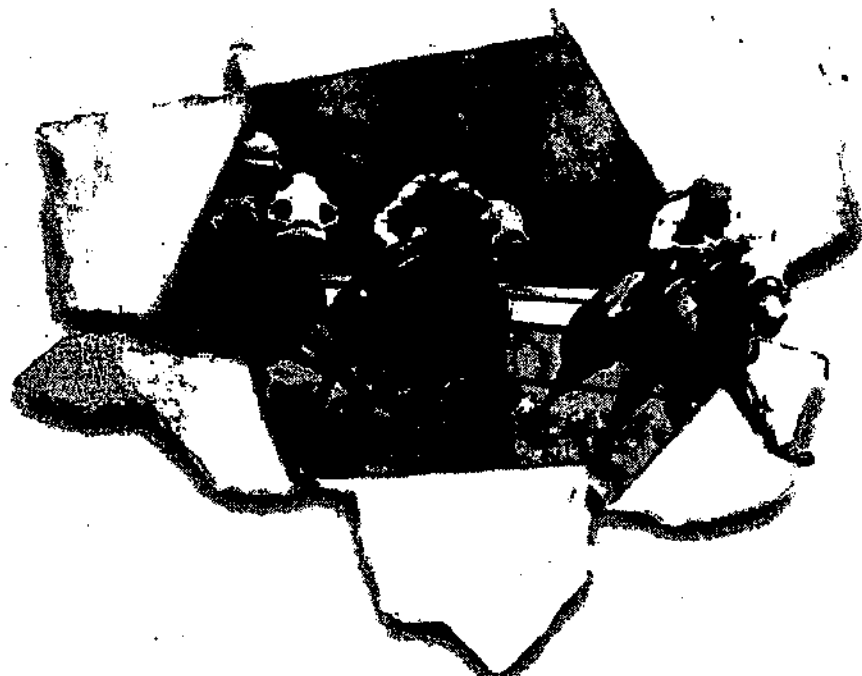
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'Texas fiddling' to take spotlight

BY SANDY SUGGETT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Texas-style contest fiddlin' isn't just fiddlin' around, and it's a heck of a lot more intricate and entertaining than mere performances, said the coordinator of the All American Fiddler's Championship.

And Texas-style fiddling is what will be judged Saturday at the Convention Center where fiddlers will compete for the Benny Thomasson Memorial Award—Benny being the granddaddy of Texas-style fiddling, Bart Trotter explained.

The contest will start with the fiddlers drawing for the order they'll play in each age division (0-17, 18-34, 35-59, and 60 and over). Then each player will have only six minutes to perform three songs: a breakdown (a song in 4-4 time), a waltz, and a tune of choice other than those two, such as a polka or a rag.

There are cash prizes for five place winners in each age division. Then the top two winners of each division will play off in the championship division for the Benny Thomasson Memorial Award. The first place winner will win \$400; his or her name will be placed on the bronze trophy sculpted by Benny's daughter, Pamela Gilbreath-Watkins.

The rules prohibit the easy-to-play crowd-pleasers like "Black Mountain Rag," "Orange Blossom Special," and "Listen to the Mockingbird." Judges Brian Fuller of Roswell, Bartow Riley of Childress, Texas, and Damon Boyd of Imperial, Texas will be looking for intricate fingering and bow strokes, different positions, and "really being into the playing," Trotter explained.

Between divisions and during the lunch break,

there will be entertainment provided by Trotter and Randy Jones of the Flying J Wranglers. Ricky Turpin, who won the Texas state championship just two weekends ago, also is expected to entertain.



Bart Trotter, coordinator, shows how it's done.

Registration of fiddlers will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the 0-17 age competition is to start at 9 a.m. A lunch break will be from noon to 1 p.m. and winners will be announced and the Benny Thomasson Memorial Award presented at around 6 p.m., depending on the number of contestants. To watch the contests, the cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children age 4 to 12, and under age 4 free. The entry fee for the contest is \$10.

This is the eighth year for the All American Fiddlers Championship.

Trotter said it is growing every year. It actually started two years before the All American Festival, when ideas were flying around about creating a special week around the Futurity. James Hobbs, owner of the Flying J Ranch Chuck Wagon Suppers and Western Show, where Trotter performs, came up with the idea and asked Trotter to organize it. He won the first two years and then was asked to emcee, he said.

Trotter, who has won five national championships and one world championship and was president of the Texas Old Time Fiddlers Association for two years, said contests like these are exciting because that they draw the best fiddling talent from the U.S. and sometimes Canada. All eight of the contestants in 1996 in the 18-34 age group were former world or national champions, he said.

Trotter is content to emcee and entertain: "I wouldn't want to judge; with that kind of talent, it is tough."



Ida Barbee, right, is prepared for bridge play on Monday.

'Bridge to friendship' Saturday

Ida Barbee learned to play bridge when she was a teen-ager. She's played off and on most of her life and will be one of the players Monday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center competing in a round of party bridge as part of the All American Festival celebration.

"Most of the bridge here is very friendly, although we do have some serious players," said Barbee, who has lived in Ruidoso eight years and was born in Hagerman. "I'm not one of them. Any time I take a game seriously, you'll know something happened to me. We have enough serious things in life."

Barbee cut her card-playing teeth on auction bridge in 1935 when a neighbor taught the game during noon break and on Saturdays.

"It was mostly different in the bidding," she said. "You kept going around the table bidding until everyone else

quit, sort of auctioning it off, and the count was different too. It was the predecessor of contract bridge."

Although she's lived in several places, such as Oregon and Kansas, Barbee said bridge always has been a great way to meet people and socialize, and it keeps her brain active.

Tournament players should arrive by 12:45 p.m. Monday to draw for their partners. Prizes will be awarded to first through third place and for the roving device. Participation costs \$2 per person, but the good companionship, brisk play and refreshments more than offset the charge, says Sandee Jourden, center director.

Play usually winds down by 4 p.m. Last year 32 people took up eight tables. This year, there's room for two more tables. For more information, call 257-4565.

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Coed softball league begins Wednesday

The Ruidoso adult coed softball season will begin Wednesday at Eagle Creek Sports Complex.

Six teams are signed up to compete in the league which runs through Oct. 7.

Games will be played at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday on field A and B.

Ruidoso grade schooler wins Hobbs tennis title

Heather McDougal captured the girls 12 and under singles championship at the Hobbs Open Junior Tennis Tournament, Aug. 7-9.

McDougal, 10, defeated Morgan Craig of Lovington, 6-2 and 6-1, and defeated Carrie Shinner of Hobbs, 6-1 and 6-1, en route to the title.

The event was sanctioned by the USTA and sponsored by the Hobbs Parks and Recreation Department.

Scoreboard

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Results from the 64-player field of the Member Tournament:

Championship Flight, Gross - 1. Susan Spence & Karen Petty, 145; 2. Betty Barrett & Alyce VanTussenbroek, 155; 3. Joyce Yapp & Jeanne Luce, 158. Net - 1. Sharon Adams & Monica Meyers, 129.34; 2. Madeline Mitchell & Sherron Carroll, 136; 3. Eve Bayless & Doris Meadow, 137.

First Flight, Gross - 1. Skeeter Fox & Sandra Davis, 166; 2. Linda Russell & Kim Preston, 167; 3. Nan Ellis & Norma Cash, 173. Net - 1. Earlene Neeley & Wanda Hopkins, 136.67; 2. Helen Covert & Karen Thomas, 138; 3. Audrey Foster & Donnie Carrell.

Second Flight, Gross - Rosemary Maupin & Marty DiSanto, 174; 2. Sharon Heaton & Bobbie Gaslin, 176; 3. Mary Bowden & Dorothy Burgess, 181. Net - 1. Mary Hays & Pat Herring, 133; 2. Pat Brown & Kathy Garber, 137; 3. Floyana Lane & Bette Hanson, 141.

This week

TODAY
• Horse Racing - Ruidoso Downs Race Track, post time 1 p.m., All American Derby Trials

SATURDAY
• Football - Preseason scrimmages for Ruidoso and Capitán. The Ruidoso Warriors travel to Bayard for a 2 p.m. scrimmage with the Indians. Capitán's Tigers will visit Albuquerque for a 10 a.m. scrimmage with Menaul High School and an afternoon scrimmage with Laguna-Acoma.

• Polo - Governor's Cup, San Patricio polo grounds.
• Horse racing - Ruidoso Downs Race Track, post time 1 p.m., Ruidoso Thoroughbred Derby Trials.

SUNDAY
• Polo - Governor's Cup, San Patricio polo grounds.
• Horse racing - Ruidoso Downs Race Track, post time 1 p.m., Ruidoso Oaks.

On deck

Chili Challenge
The final championship mountain bike race of the New Mexico Off Road Series will be Aug. 29-30 at Angel Fire Resort. The Chili Challenge features a 10- to 30-mile cross-country race, a downhill race and children's obstacle race. For more information, call 505-377-4237.

Boys to Men Open Basketball tourney
The Mesalero Apache Recreation Department is sponsoring a basketball tournament Sept. 11-13. Boys divisions are: 11 and under, 12-14 and 15-18. The men's division is 18 and up. Cost is \$100 for the 18 and over teams and \$125 for the 12 and under teams. Entry deadline is 5 p.m. Sept. 4. For more information call the Nate Raynor at 671-9212.

5K Run for the B.E.A.C.H.
The second annual 5-kilometer Run for the B.E.A.C.H. will be Saturday, Sept. 26. Cost to enter is \$15 before Sept. 15, \$18 thereafter, and includes a T-shirt. Awards and door prizes to participants. Proceeds will be used to defray costs and expenses for mammograms. Race applications available at the Village Buttery, or write to Run for the B.E.A.C.H., P.O. Box 271, Ruidoso, NM 88355.

Mescalero Women's Couch Potato Basketball Tournament
The Mescalero Recreation Department is sponsoring a women's basketball tournament Oct. 16-18. Players must be 21 or older. Teams can have a roster of up to 10 players. Entry fee is \$100 per team and is due by 5 p.m. Oct. 9. For more information call 671-9212.

Ongoing

Adult coed soccer
Every Tuesday, adults interested in playing coed soccer can meet at 5:30 p.m. at the White Mountain Recreation Complex soccer fields for pick-up soccer games.



Bonnie Vessels urges her horse, Old Habits, to victory in the 18th race of the All American Futurity Trials. The 2-year-old gelding is the fastest qualifier for the \$2 million All American Futurity, which will be Run Labor Day.

HORSE RACING

Futurity's fastest qualifier has an old habit of winning

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

They were easy to spot - and so was their horse.

They were the ones dressed in red, white and blue topped off with cardinal hats and buttons proclaiming "5% owner of Old Habits."

He was the one who scorched the field in the 18th and final race of the All American Futurity trials at Ruidoso Downs Race Track Thursday.

Old Habits, donning his natural chestnut color, which was darkened a bit by the intermittent rain, left his consortium whooping and hollering and hugging with his run of 21.55 seconds for the 440 yards.

The 2-year-old gelding under the steady hand of jockey Dusty Stimpson posted the fastest time of the day, and gave his owners, "The Girls," plenty to cheer about.

"All we wanted to do was make the show and we made the show," said Bonnie Vessels, one of "The Girls."

"The Girls," a syndicate of 10 women owners, broke into racing about four years ago when Vessels, Sue Hukari and Mary Thead bought their first racehorse together, a filly who "paid her way" and fortified the women's desire to own racehorses.

"We have had every up and every down (in racing)," said a giddy Vessels from the winner's circle after Thursday's race. "This is definitely the highest up."

Old Habits had no trouble on the somewhat muddy track, thundering down the Ruidoso strip from the No. 8 post position. His post position and the condition of the track concerned jockey Stimpson and

"All we wanted to do was make the show and we made the show."

Bonnie Vessels, co-owner of Old Habits

Vessels. "I noticed the outside (of the track) hadn't been too good all day," said Stimpson, who has ridden Old Habits in all five of his starts.

One trainer was overheard to say the outside and inside lanes were running "two lengths slower" than the rest of the positions.

Not so for Old Habits. Stimpson never once used his crop to urge Old Habits, who was racing the clock more than his opponents.

"He's the type of horse you've got to hand ride," Stimpson said.

The strength of his ride surprised even Stimpson.

"I never thought he was that fast," said Stimpson, noting he felt Old Habits slow up a bit at the wire.

SEE RELATED STORY FOR OTHER QUALIFIERS

Rainbow Futurity winner emerges from toughest heat

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Perhaps the toughest 2-year-old at this season's Ruidoso race meet just got tougher Thursday at the All American Futurity trials.

Hes My Dasher, winner of the Rainbow Futurity and four-for-four going into Thursday's trial heat, outdueled the nation's leading 2-year-old, Gol, to win his heat and earn a spot in the All American final.

Despite a rough start, Hes My Dasher recovered to finish strong in what many considered the most talent-laden of the trials.

The gutsy performance by the 2-year-old gelding surprised even his trainer, John Bassett.

"He showed me a great deal of composure and athletic ability to be able to

rebound and beat those two horses (Gol and Flying Dino)," Bassett said.

After stumbling out of the gate and then getting jostled several jumps away, Hes My Dasher pinned his ears back and settled down under jockey Joe Badilla, Jr.

"As soon as he seen that horse in front of him, he just took off after him," Bassett said.

Of his trip aboard Hes My Dasher, Badilla said, "He didn't get out super sharp. The five (Gol) got out really good."

Hes My Dasher also showed strength, driving to the finish of the 440-yard test.

"He's got a lot of power at the end of these races," Bassett said.

Now that his horse is in, what's Bassett's strategy for Labor Day?

"We're just concentrating on staying out of his way," he said.

A sentimental favorite to make the finals was Party Girl Affair, a filly owned

and trained by W.O. Bergeron of Port Allen, Louisiana. Race fans have to wind the clock back 24 years to 1974 to find the last time Bergeron had a horse in the All American.

He's got another one in Party Girl Affair. The 2-year-old filly was the only supplemental entry of seven to make the finals. She qualified out of the ninth race with a time of 21.75.

One of those supplemental entries that failed to make the cut was D. Wayne Lucas' Drop Your Sox. Lucas, one of thoroughbred racing's top trainers, returned to his quarter horse racing roots with the 2-year-old he claimed for \$10,000 at Los Alamitos.

Drop Your Sox won the 17th trial, but his time of 22.25 didn't even crack the top 20 times for the day.

Speed demons

The 10 qualifiers to the 1998 All American Futurity are (fastest time first):

- Old Habits, 21.555
- Chicks Infinity, 21.660
- Hes My Dasher, 21.664
- Special Advice, 21.720
- Militantee, 21.740
- Party Girl Affair, 21.755
- Lexan, 21.755
- Slipezy, 21.775
- Falling In Loveagain, 21.78
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Derby trials boast top 3-year-olds

Six trials to the Grade 1 All American Derby highlight today's race card at the Ruidoso Racetrack and Casino in Ruidoso Downs. Many of the 51 3-year-olds vying for a spot in the final are multiple stakes winners and returning 1997 All American Futurity finalists.

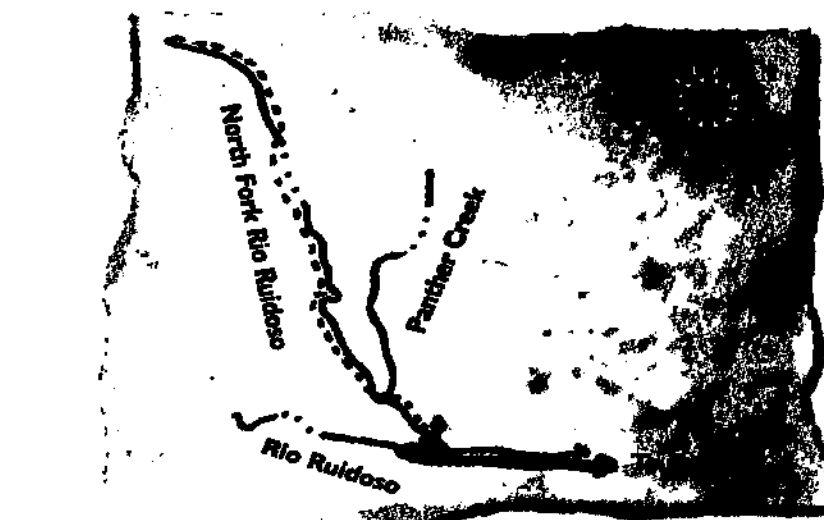
Also entered in the All American Derby trials are the top three finishers in the 1998 Rainbow Derby. Dashin Is Easy is undefeated in 1998, scoring six victories in six starts. His bragging rights include being the only horse this year to have three Grade 1 victories. Dashin Is Easy made easy work July 25 of his talented Rainbow Derby competitors as he cruised to a 1 1/2 length victory. He has earned \$297,200 in 1998.

Honor Ease finished second to Dashin Is Easy in the Rainbow. The gutsy filly captured the West Texas Derby at this spring at Sunland Park.

The Casanova always seems to be right there. He made an amazing late charge after a bad break in the Rainbow trials to qualify for the final. He finished third in the Rainbow Derby.

The Oklahoma invader, Casino Bully, will try to upset local favorites. He recently won the Retama Park Derby and has 11 victories and five seconds in 17 lifetime starts.

Other 1998 stakes winners chasing a spot in the derby finals include Runaway Fortune, Py Yui, Wicked Winner and Royal N Perfect.



As a child, trail guide loved the North Fork

North Fork Rio Ruidoso

The North Fork of the Rio Ruidoso is one of the most beautiful places in the Ruidoso region. The trail crosses the creek several times and during

the monsoon season, some of the crossings are knee-deep which tends to thwart a lot of potential hikers to the area. For those willing to navigate the stream crossings, this hike is rewarding.

The trail begins on the opposite side of the creek from the parking area. Cross the creek and head upstream. The trail is fairly distinguishable and doesn't climb significantly at any point.

Approximately 1/3 mile into the hike, Panther Creek can be seen coming down from the right. The trail crosses over to the left (west) side of the Rio

Ruidoso shortly after Panther Creek. Early in the day, deer and elk sightings are common in this area.

Over the next two miles the canyon is fairly restricted and timber is thick along the stream. At 2 1/2 miles the trail merges into an old road. About 1/4 mile later the old road crosses back to the east side of the creek and the canyon begins to open into large meadows. Shortly,

some old picnic tables appear and the old road heads up the slope toward Eagle Lakes in the Eagle Creek Drainage.

My dad used to take me up here to fish along this road some 20 years ago when you could drive over from Eagle



TRAIL TALK
BY JOHNNY HUGHES

Good hands



Under the watchful eye of head coach Les Carter, a Warrior practices his catching and running. Ruidoso scrimmage Coble Saturday in it first test against someone not dressed in blue and gold. Carter said he and his coaching staff will use the scrimmage to look at personnel. The practice begins at 2 p.m. in Bayard.

See NORTH FORK, page 2B

All American Flashback



An unprecedented four women jockeys rode in the 1997 All American Futurity, which was won by Tami Purcell (second from left). The female riders in that race were (from left): Tanya Laib, Purcell, Cammie Papineau and Nancy Summers.

The women's movement of 1997

BY TANYA LAIB-SHIPLEY
RUIDOSO DOWNS PUBLICITY

"Women have to work twice as hard as a man to be thought half as good. Luckily, this isn't difficult."

All American Futurity jockey, Ellen Cockey wrote this anonymous quote in the girls jockeys room years ago where it still graces the wall today.

Women have worked hard to break into the male-dominated industry of horse racing, they are beginning to chart more and more success and are proving that they are a force with which to be reckoned.

Last year was a record year for female jockeys in the All American Futurity. Nancy Summers, Tanya Laib, Cammie Papineau and Tami Purcell all qualified their mounts to the final.

Tami Purcell qualified two horses giving the women riders 50 percent of the qualifying field for the final.

Incidentally, all four of the women rode fillies. It would be the first time that more than one female has ever ridden in the big race at the same time.

The first woman to ever qualify for the final was Barbara Waters, who rode Jet Set to fourth in 1986. Ellen Cockey rode Contessa Cash in 1990. Summers and Purcell have both ridden in the world's richest quarter horse race twice.

Purcell would prevail over the others that Labor Day, and become the first woman not only to win the All American Futurity but also the first woman jockey ever to win a race with a seven-figure purse in the United States. Not even the famous thoroughbred rider Julie Krone has accomplished that feat.

The 1997 All American Futurity was not only won by a female jockey-filly team, but the winning filly was trained by Donna McArthur, making it 50 percent of the qualifying field for the final.

ond woman to train a All American winner and the third woman trainer to win a seven-figure race. Connie Hall was the first woman to train an All American winner when she saddled A Classic Dash in 1993.

The fillies have always done well. However, in 1959, the year of the first All American Futurity, a filly named Galahad was victorious over her competitors.

Ten fillies since then have captured the world's richest race, including last year's winner. This year, the 40th running of the prestigious All American Futurity, should be no exception as many of the women who have previously participated in the All American have returned to compete again.

NORTH FORK: Wildlife is abundant

Continued from page 1B

Lakes. This option is not available anymore. I always heard my dad refer to this area as "Potato Patch Pass" although I never hear that name anymore and have no idea how it came about.

The trail continues up the canyon for another 1/2 mile along the east bank of the creek. The trail then leads you down to the water's edge at the foot of a cliff and appears to end which in all reality it does. At this point look up at the cliff and underneath an overhang you will see some petroglyphs on the rock.

The most obvious symbol is a white sun with a zigzag arrow emanating from it pointing to the west. If you look at the map of the area, Sierra Blanca Peak lies due west of

North Fork Rio Ruidoso

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: An 8-mile round-trip hike into the North Fork Rio Ruidoso drainage on the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation.
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ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 6 hours.
DIFFICULTY: Moderate.
DIRECTIONS: Take the Upper Canyon road to the boundary of the Mescalero Apache Reservation. A \$7 fee per vehicle is required to enter the reservation. Continue into the reservation for 1 mile, cross the Rio Ruidoso and turn right at the abandoned cabin. Continue another 3/4 mile to the trailhead located at the end of the road.

this spot although you can't see it from the canyon bottom. Other obscure markings in red are present, but I couldn't make them out. I was told these markings are Mescalero Apache in origin but I have no idea of the timing.

I certainly hope that anyone with the moxie to hike up here and view these ancient

drawings would have enough character to take only pictures and leave them undisturbed for future generations to enjoy.

To continue up the canyon from here is difficult at best as the trail disappears and the timber brush choke the canyon. Retrace your route back to the trailhead and leave nothing but footprints.

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Museum of the Horse offers equine classes

Scott Wells, director of public relations for the Museum of the Horse, will conduct a free horse ownership seminar today in conjunction with the Ruidoso Thoroughbred Yearling Sale, according to a museum press release.

The seminar is free to the public. Those interested can meet at the Museum of the Horse at 5:30 p.m. After a brief introduction, the group will proceed down the hill to the sale area where about 100 thoroughbred yearlings will be auctioned.

Wells will instruct the group on auction procedures, how to read a sale catalog, and what to look for in a prospective race horse in the way of conformation and pedigree.

The seminar also will serve as the first class in the Basic Horsemanship class offered by the ENMU Ruidoso Center. The Museum of the Horse has been contracted to teach the class for the coming fall semester. Wells will be the instructor.

"Auctions are fun and

exciting, but they can be a little intimidating to the inexperienced," Wells said. "There are some definite 'dos' and 'don'ts' people should be aware of before getting caught up in the process of purchasing a horse at auction."

The Basic Horsemanship HPE155 class will meet on seven additional Saturdays from 8 a.m. through noon.

The class will meet for roll call at the Museum of the Horse and then proceed to Cowboy's Riding Stable for hands-on work with horses.

Included in the class syllabus are lessons on safety, basic care, equine ailments and remedies, ground handling, individualized riding instruction and lots of trail riding. Cost of the 8-week course is \$23 for Ruidoso area residents and \$27 for those who reside outside the district.

Those interested in taking the class can call ENMU at 257-2120.

Owners of fruit stand sue ETZ to do business

The operators of a fruit stand are suing the Lincoln County/Ruidoso Extraterritorial Zoning Authority over the right to do business on Gavilan Canyon Road.

Tommy and Suzanne Freeman have sold fruits and vegetables at a stand on State Road 48 for several summers, but highway construction work ruled out that site this year.

They found private property for their stand, but were advised by county planner Patsy Sanchez they needed a special use permit from the Extraterritorial Zoning Authority because the land lies

within a three mile district outside of Ruidoso, which is governed by the authority.

At a meeting June 1, the Extraterritorial Zoning Commission unanimously recommended to the authority to grant the permit. The couple's state in their suit filed July 8 in district court that authority member Robert Donaldson, mayor of Ruidoso, proposed the permit be limited to three summer months and that it not be renewed. The motion passed. However, later in the meeting after the Freemans had left, Monroy Montes, a Lincoln County Commissioner who

serves on the authority, asked that the vote be reconsidered at the July 15 authority meeting.

The Freemans contend that nothing in the law creating the authority provides a procedure for such reconsideration. Absent a compelling change of circumstance, no reason to reconsider exists, they state.

The couple said in the suit that Montes, who owns an orchard, and Commissioner Wilton Howell, the third authority member, have businesses that compete with the fruit stand. Howell operates a plant shop/nursery. The Free-

mans state they fear the two men will vote against the permit on some pretense.

Their attorney, J. Robert Beauvais, asked for a preliminary and permanent injunction from any action by the authority to revoke the permit. The injunction was granted.

Montes said Wednesday he asked to reconsider the motion, because he received new information.

"I had been led to believe certain things by applicants, but the information I was given was bad information," he said.

State extension service tours area raspberry, cherry fields

Officials from the New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service will tour the Serendip cherry orchard and raspberry fields of Hershel and Elaine Anderson today as part of a workshop on blackberry and raspberry production and marketing.

The workshop will begin at 10 a.m. at the orchard about 1.4 miles west of Lincoln on U.S. 380. Interested persons may attend free.

The Andersons will

explain how they've combined sweet and sour cherry production into their diverse fresh and processed fruit operation, Lincoln County Extension Agent Barry Herd said.

A retired accounting professor from North Texas State University, Anderson planted his first cherries in 1989 and his first raspberries two years later. The majority of his raspberry acreage is planted with "Ruby" and "Autumn Bliss," two ever-bearing raspberries

that primarily produce crops in late summer up until frost. Blackberry production began in 1995.

One of the demonstration trials to be viewed is a hedgerow of raspberries protected with a floating row cover early in the season to encourage early growth, resulting in a two week jump on other areas in the orchard, which means greater production and increased profits, Herd said.

Elaine Anderson will explain how parts of the berries are processed into jams, preserves and vinegars in a kitchen located at the farm, he said.

"Their unique label is part of the marketing process, ensuring the return of both local consumers and tourists," Herd said. For more information, contact Herd at (505) 648-2311.

COURT RECORDS

The following criminal cases were taken from Lincoln County District Court records in Carrizozo. They are identified by the date filed, the defendant, the charges and the docket number.

June 6 - Steven Leray Powell; residential burglary and conspiracy to commit residential burglary, criminal damage to property over \$1,000, conspiracy to commit damage to property over \$1,000, seven counts aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, six counts of conspiracy to commit aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; CR98-75.

June 16 - Rene Lerma; homicide by vehicle, careless driving, DWI, first

offense; CR98-77.

June 24 - Brenda Hill; accessory to burglary and conspiracy to commit burglary; CR98-78.

June 24 - David H. Calloway; commercial burglary and conspiracy to commit commercial burglary; CR98-79.

July 6 - Paul Hernandez; DWI, fourth offense, driving with suspended or revoked license, improper equipment; CR98-86.

July 6 - Marco Lopez; receiving or transfer of stolen vehicle, intimidation or retaliation against witness; CR98-87.

July 9 - Lance Villanova; burglary, criminal damage to property, three counts abandonment or abuse of a

child; CR98-88.

July 9 - Margaret Jones; aggravated assault against a household member, aggravated battery against a household member, battery on peace officer, resisting, evading or obstructing an officer, disorderly conduct; CR98-89.

July 27 - Pamela S. Hightower; abandonment or abuse of a child, DWI, second offense, careless driving, possession of alcohol in open container; CR98-91.

July 27 - Darlene Chino; four counts abandonment or abuse of a child, DWI, second offense, driving with suspended or revoked license and driving without proof of insurance; CR98-93.

July 27 - Humberto Baeza; DWI fourth offense, driving with suspended or revoked license and careless driving; CR98-94.

July 27 - Jeremy Richmond; commercial burglary, fourth-degree felony, and conspiracy to commit commercial burglary, fourth-degree felony; CR98-95.

July 27 - David Vega; child abuse (intentionally caused death or great bodily harm), child passenger restraint enforcement; CR98-97.

July 28 - Jennifer Vega; five counts of writing worthless check, special penalty felony, three counts fraud by worthless check, misdemeanor; CR98-98.

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Forest subcommittee formed

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A new subcommittee was formed this month by the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission to look at possible revisions in the village's forest protection ordinance and at how to educate the public on procedures.

"We had too strict an ordinance on tree removal at one time," said Glen Barrow, chairman of the Ruidoso zoning board. "People had to get a permit to remove anything over five inches (in diameter). Because our forest is overgrown, the ordinance was revised drastically so that without a permit, you could take out hazard and diseased trees. But the revision was unclear about what else you had to do."

"What's happened is they're not doing anything. There are a couple of areas where neighbors say they've just clear cut and hurt property values. We formed a

subcommittee to come up with some form of 'liberal' method to deal with that, but not to allow clear cutting."

The law contains a formula for calculating the number of trees that must be left on a piece of property for a healthy forest, but it's a bit complicated, Barrow said.

Based on a state forest management plan, the desired amount of tree trunk square footage is 40 per acre of land.

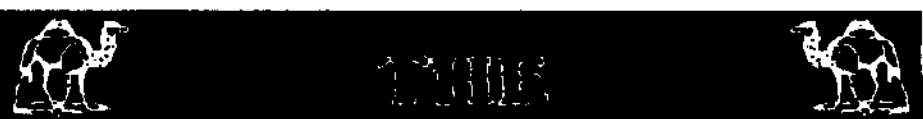
"As soon as we can, the subcommittee with Ross Dingman, chairman of the Forest Health Association, as its chairman, will try to come up with something to educate the public on what they can't do and what they need to do," said Barrow, who also serves on the subcommittee.

They also will try to track down some state and federal money to help with the public education process.

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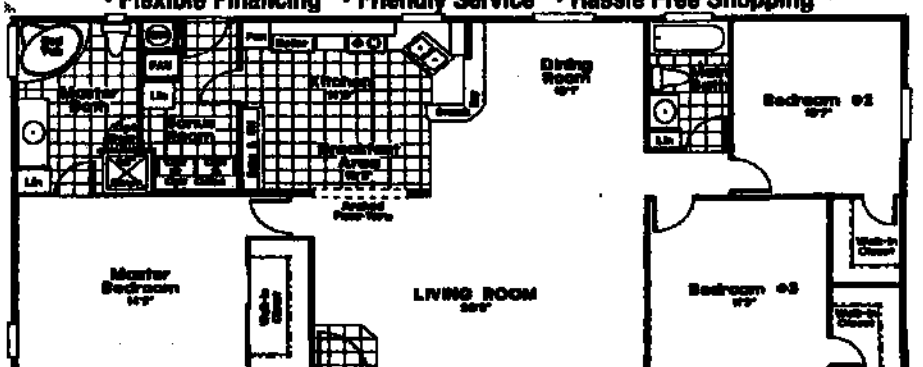
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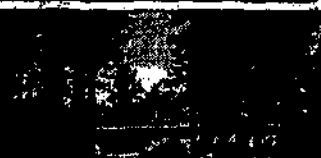
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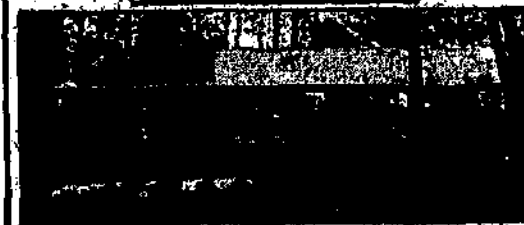
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17 Business Rentals

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21 Vans for Sale

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24 RV/Travel

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26 Farm Equipment

FARM TRAILER 8x20, no deck. Great for parade, float, or hayrides. \$280. call John 378-8178 evenings.

1989 FORD 1710 DIESEL Tractor, 28 HP, 3 Pt. hitch, low hours, excellent condition \$7,000. 257-1049

27 Feed & Grain

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29 Pets & Supplies

ONE REGISTERED, MINATURE PUPPY pup, 12 weeks old, male, \$350. 257-7447 or 338-6073.

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31 Household

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32 Music Instrument

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34 Arts

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35 Sporting Goods

CONNOLE ROAD BIKE, aluminum, 25" frame for tall rider, Campy equipped, \$750. 257-5797.

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36 Miscellaneous

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37 Wanted to Buy

WANTED FOR PARTS: Motorcycles, 4-wheelers, etc. Running or not, older cars, trucks. 338-8120 378-4416.

38 Help Wanted

HOUSEKEEPER APPLICATIONS are being accepted at the Super 8 Motel. Pay scale depends on performance. Apply in person. Interviews 8-10 am.

RETAIL CLERK NEEDED. Full-time, some evenings & weekends required. Apply in person at Longs Drug, 425 Mechem.

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QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: A Master's Degree in Education and Administration. Must provide proof of previous experience in supervising Special Education Program.
SALARY: Based on education and experience
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Position is part-time, 32 hours per week.
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You may pick up an application at 615 Sudduth, Suite J-10 in Ruidoso or 209 E. Hendricks in Roswell, or send resume to CCCAR Inc., P.O. Box 2346, Roswell, NM 88203.
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39 Work Wanted

SUCCESS DRIVEN - HUSBAND and wife looking to fulfill dream by managing or owning a cabin or lodge operation in Ruidoso area. Call 915-550-8848 for resume and references.

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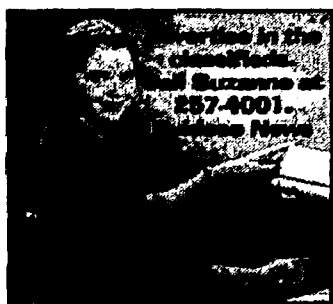
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM ROWAN EDWARDS, deceased.
PROBATE NO. PB-98-42
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at P.O. Box 880, Ruidoso, NM 88345, or to the attorney for the personal representative, Charles E. Hawthorne, 1096 Mechem Drive, Suite 302, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, or filed with the District Court of Bernalillo County.
Dated: July 2, 1998.
/s/ Billie Sue Edwards
Personal Representative of the Estate of Albert Emery Craft, Deceased.
P.O. Box 1545
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355
Attorney for Personal Representative
Charles E. Hawthorne
1096 Mechem Drive, Suite 302
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345
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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO
GENEVA CISNEROS, individually and as Parent and Next Friend of ISSAC CISNEROS, a minor, Plaintiff
vs.
ZACHERY SLATTERY and MICHAEL ZACHERY SPENCER, Defendants.
Cause No. CV-96-187
Division III
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION OR

PROCEEDING THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: MICHAEL ZACHERY SPENCER
GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY notified that GENEVA CISNEROS, individually and as Parent and Next Friend of Isaac Cisneros, a minor, Plaintiff, has filed a Complaint for Personal Injury against you in the above entitled court and cause, said court being the District Court of the County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, Twelfth Judicial District, sitting within and for the County of Lincoln, said cause numbered CV-96-187 on the civil docket of said court. The general object of said action is to obtain judgment against you for personal injuries on behalf of the Plaintiff. YOU ARE HEREBY notified that, unless you enter or cause to be entered, your appearance in said action on or before the 12th day of October, 1998, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Attorney for Plaintiffs:
GARY C. MITCHELL, P.C.
P.O. Box 2460
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345
Telephone (505) 257-3070
WITNESS the HONORABLE KAREN L. PARSONS, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and said seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, this 29th day of July, 1998, A.D.
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COWBOY SYMPOSIUM ASPEN FEST

on the cover



Photo by Laura Clymer

HARD TO BELIEVE, but true: painter Michael Hurd has never had a solo show at the Hurd-LaRinconada Gallery — the gallery he designed in part to showcase the works of his parents, Peter Hurd and Henriette Wyeth. Beginning this weekend, the spotlight is on Michael and his latest works — See *Page 4C*.

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Red Rose Art Studio

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The studio of Hondo Valley artist Paula White features her works in oil, acrylic and porcelain in styles from impressionistic to abstract expression. Weekly classes are held on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for hours.

Sacred Images, Angels & Icons

416 First St., Ruidoso, 257-6627

New Orleans artist Jim Leasure specializes in portraits of clients' guardian angels. He also paints angelic themed school and church murals, ceilings and walls of private homes and businesses. His studio is open to the public by appointment.

Spring Canyon Gallery

The Gazabo Place, 2117 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-1561.

Creating images of the Southwest in mixed media, acclaimed artist Misha Malpica opens her Spring Canyon studio to the public. Her sculptures are on display at the gallery. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, or by appointment call 257-1561 or 257-0205.

The Tree's House

Nogal Canyon Road off Hwy. 37 between mile markers 9/10, Nogal, 354-4306.

The Lags are woodworkers who design and create a variety of functional artworks, including doors, screens and lamps. Located in Nogal at Hwy. 37 and Nogal Canyon Road.

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Original western oils, a collection of quality Indian jewelry and artifacts, unique ethnographic and regional crafts. Featured artist is Jai Wei Zhou whose oil paintings take a western/southwestern theme.

White Mtn. Pottery Gallery

2328 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-3644.

Featuring Tim Wierwille's landscaped series, Will and Johana DeMay, Chris Heede, Larry Davidson, Vicki Conley, Ivy Heyman, Alan Butler and Bill Campbell. Call for gallery hours.

White Oaks Pottery Studio

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

From her hand-built adobe studio, potter Ivy Heyman throws mostly functional pieces in the shadow of Patos Mountain. The studio is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Call first to confirm.

EYE ON THE ARTS

Writer's group meets monthly at book store

The Ruidoso Writers Group meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at The Aspen Tree Bookstore, 2340 Sudderth. Bring your "works in progress" and other writing related ideas, etc. For more information call 257-9507.

Lodge art competition deadline extended

The Lodge at Cloudcroft has extended the deadline for the Centennial Art Competition to Oct. 15. The winning artistic depiction of the resort will receive \$500 and will be used on memorabilia during the Lodge's 1999 centennial celebration.

Artistic work should be designed in color on standard size

(8 1/2 by 11 inches) paper and be reproducible in any size. The work may be designed in any artistic medium, but should contain or depict The Lodge's history, the dates 1899-1999 and The Lodge at Cloudcroft's name. Entries must not contain magnetic or fluorescent colors.

Entries must be received by Oct. 15. Each entry should include artist's name, address and phone number. Send entries to: The Lodge's Design Contest, PO Box 497, Cloudcroft, NM 88317. For more information, call 682-2566. The winning design will be used throughout 1999 on all centennial items including souvenirs and printed materials. All entries become property of The Lodge.



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All are welcome!



MICHAEL HURD in his San Patricio studio.

Michael Hurd Steps into the spotlight

by Laura Clymer
VAMONOS EDITOR

Sporting a fresh sunburn from a weekend of polo, San Patricio artist Michael Hurd breezes into the Hurd-LaRinconada Gallery. He apologizes profusely for being late.

Hurd, dressed in a plain-black T-shirt and a pair of well worn jeans, tends quickly to some business and then searches for a place where he can talk about his first solo show at the gallery.

It's been a busy—very busy—last 18 months for Hurd. Since the death of his mother, Henriette Wyeth, in April 1997, Hurd has handled to the settlement of his mother's estate, has overseen operations at the gallery and guest houses located on the Sentinel Ranch, and all the while, has kept painting.

"My thought has always been to stay busy," says the 52-year-old Hurd, while sitting at a table on the back patio of the gallery.

He's had to produce works for income, plus he's in the midst of finishing his series titled "The Road West," works that chronicle Hurd's western odyssey to and from California. Hurd's inspiration for "The Road West" series was kindled in the early 1960s when he was a Stanford University student.

"My priorities have been my painting and adjusting the gallery and the guest houses," Hurd says.

Speaking of adjustments, Hurd can't escape the obvious: What has it been like without his mother around?

"It's kind of a reemergence in a way—it's obviously a new phase with my mother gone," Hurd says.



"SOUTH WINDOW AT POLO HOUSE"

THE ARTS

He describes the new phase as a feeling of "independence" because "I can't look at it as a negative."

"It's fun to work without a net — just kind of relying on myself," he adds.

Henriette Wyeth's influence on her son is without question. Hurd describes her as his "greatest constructive critic and teacher on all different levels."

He adds, "She was so good and so powerful in the things she said."

"She had a wonderful way of boiling something down critically, but still allowed you to keep the impulse."

Talk of her influence launches Hurd into a discourse about the evolution of his paintings. Often, it's important to keep a partial mistake and build from it.

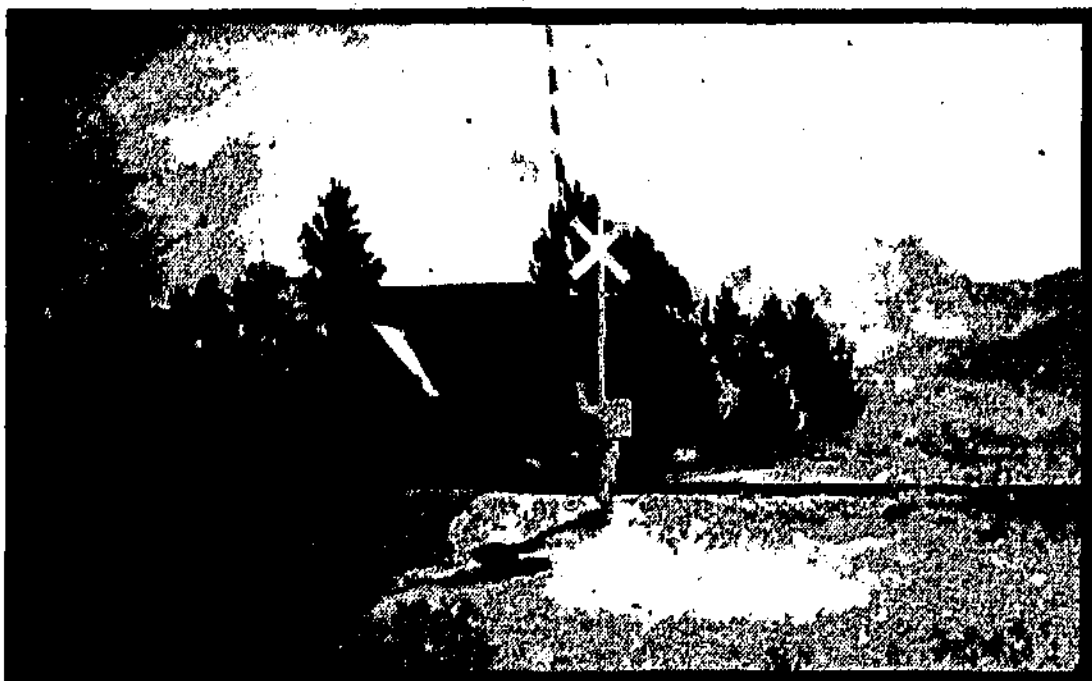
"You take an effect you like and it may be the point of departure for the next painting," Hurd says.

Hurd's first show at the gallery, which opens to the public Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., represents a departure of sorts from his self-described "lyrical landscapes" of the past.

"This is a hint of things to come," Hurd says.

The show doesn't turn its back on Hurd's past, featuring a smattering of everything he has done — charcoal and pencil drawings, watercolors and oils — and selected pieces from his new offerings.

There's a fresh mood to Hurd's latest watercolors, and he's been working with some new technical and conceptual ideas as well. The series of watercolors spotlight "colors couched in the shadows of dark." Hurd is also painting more nocturnals. Both emphasize the dramatic and poignant.



DETAIL of "Crossroads"

A recent work illustrating Hurd's point is a painting of an older man stepping into the shadows from the door of a neighborhood store. It's a real setting — the store is located in San Miguel — with a fictitious character.

"He's a likable guy enjoying the end of a long day," Hurd says of his subject. "He's just reflecting."

In another new work, Hurd used a real setting with some subjects from another time and place. It's evening outside a rural restaurant/bar (based on Chope's, south of Las Cruces) and in the parking lot is a old pickup with a dog in the back.

"I've just had the best time playing with shadows and a little bit of mystery," he says. "There's an element of whimsy (in these paintings) if you look at them, or an element of foreboding."

Hurd doesn't want to dictate what the observer sees. He leaves the interpretation up to each person.

"I see a painting as one frame in an implied movie," he says.

The mixing of scenes and subjects makes Hurd a chemist of moods, and it represents a new challenge to the artist.

"It's fun to take concrete things and use one of those figures in a painting," he says. His ultimate goal is "trying to create something that corresponds to an inner feeling" that relates somehow to all people.

"The most banal, kind of taken-for-granted experience can turn into the most fascinating — with the right perspective, curiosity," Hurd explains. "There's an inherent drama in every bit of life."

As evident in his recent works, contrast and conflict — whether with colors or subjects — seem to catch Hurd's eye.

"What really inspires me and interests me is a sense of the contrast and conflict between new and old," he says. "I'm interested in what a 50s Chevy looks like on an interstate."

The high tech and old world, United States and Mexico, new versus old, nature versus technology — these are the interesting contrasts Hurd juxtaposes in a painting.

The paintings are reflective of Hurd's point of view.

"I used to think I had the answers — I don't have that illusion anymore," he says. "Mom and my father (Peter Hurd) both gave me the tools for survival and constructive self-criticism."

So, who's his critic now?

With a smile he says, "Primarily Michael Hurd."

Dancing the Spencer nights away



Joel B. Carothers
IN REVIEW
FOR THE RUDOSO NEWS

Dance is such a wonderful human expression. It's as ancient as civilization and has always been one of the best avenues to entertain everyone; by telling stories, passing along myths and legends, expressing joy and giving vent to emotions. River North Dance Company, from Chicago, does all those things.

As dance companies go, River North is young but its accomplishments are many and great. I have no doubt that

River North is one of the primary reasons Chicago has seen so many companies springing to life the past two decades.

Dance is extremely physical and I often wonder how dancers can survive an evening's performance at our altitude but Sherry Dunker Dow, the founding Artistic Director, said that the company had more trouble with the altitude in Denver than here. Go figure.

The River North program was a dramatic shift from the performance of the Trinity Irish Dancers in that the moods, stories, costumes, and music were far more seductive and involving. I "watched" the Trinity Dancers but "lived" in the artistry and interpretations of River North.

Vent, the third piece, was choreographed by Ms. Dow. Sara Ayers and Stephanie Martinez performed it, to the music of Natalie Cole and Reba McIntire. The dance was seductive, angry and walked a provocative edge. It had the audience wondering whether the women were lovers, mirror images, or two women expressing the same frustration and anger with their men. After the performance Ms. Dow and Frank Chavez, co-Artistic Director, said that the piece was meant to walk the edge. It did it very well.

We were given a gift in the second half of the program. The Spencer Theater was selected for the premier of Captain Tenacity a new work by choreographer Ashley Roland. It was so much fun! Dressed in a Spiderman-like costume Mark Norris performed feats of derring do, most likely leaping buildings in a single bound, catching speeding bullets, etc. like his similarly costumed folk hero counterpart. The clever lighting saw the captain fly through the air and land against a 10-12 foot tall carpeted backdrop — and stick to it. The Velcro belt he wore held him in place. The positions he assumed really simulated flight positions and Norris' sense of comedy was well communicated.

It is actually difficult to condense such a wonderful, highly varied evening into a few words but there were 13 numbers performed in this production by 13 extremely talented dancers. They danced to a wide variety of music: Linda Ronstadt, Natalie Cole, Reba McIntire, Benny Goodman, Dave Grusin, Wagner, k.d. lang, the Eurythmics among others.

The second number of the evening, aptly entitled Perfidia, was hilarious. It began as a serious tango with the dancers locked in tango joy. Enter a second man who remains somehow unseen by the male lead, who is most likely lost in the passion of the tango and just never notices his rival. As the dance continues the second man leaves the stage, enter still another dance partner for the woman. He too remains unseen by her first partner. The tempo increases and all three men weave in and out of the dance gradually becoming more and more confused over who is dancing with whom and why. The woman is tossed and flipped and dragged across the floor, because the tango is that passionate of course.

At the end of the dance all four dancers are on the stage with the woman zig zagging from man-to-man.

As the original dance pair wrap back into a locked embrace, the two extra dance partners fall into one another's arms. We see a confused expression. The music stops. The theater becomes black. The audience erupts in laughter and applauds enthusiastically.

The company has performed in Santa Fe but, like so many other entertainers who have come to the Spencer, has never been in this part of the state. Everything, the fresh air, the beautiful sunsets, the beauty that surrounds us and the theater itself, impressed them. Mr. Chavez told me they wanted for nothing, from the size of the stage to the state-of-the-art lighting and sound systems. Ms. Dow said, if invited, they'd be back in an instant.

I, for one, second that notion.

A Bit O' the Irish

Last weekend the Trinity Irish Dance Company took the stage at the Spencer Theater and in the twinkling of an eye it was over — it felt it happened that quickly anyway.

Twenty-two young dancers, between the ages of 16 and 24, put on a spectacular performance for us. Their costumes were beautiful, ranging from eclectic to traditional and the speed at which these people move their feet was a bit like watching mosquitoes on steroids.

While dancing, their backs remain absolutely ramrod straight and arms, except for handholding in circular dances, remain flat against their sides. To me one of the most unusual concepts to comprehend when watching them move, is the seeming constraints they put on their bodies. They skitter and dance and tap and go on point and spin and fly across the stage, smiling all the while of course, while moving only from the waist down.

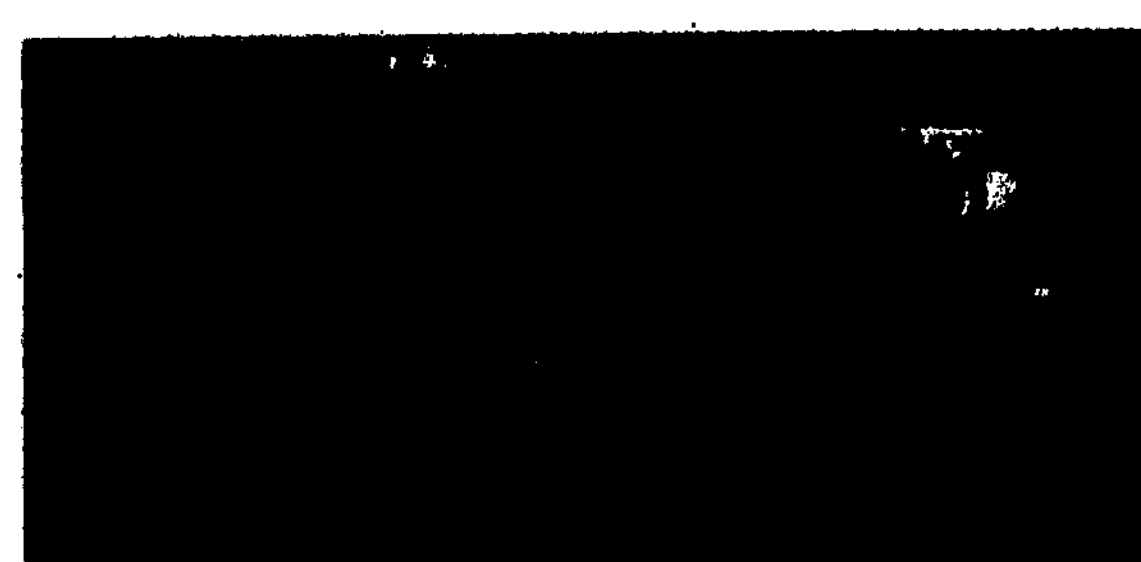
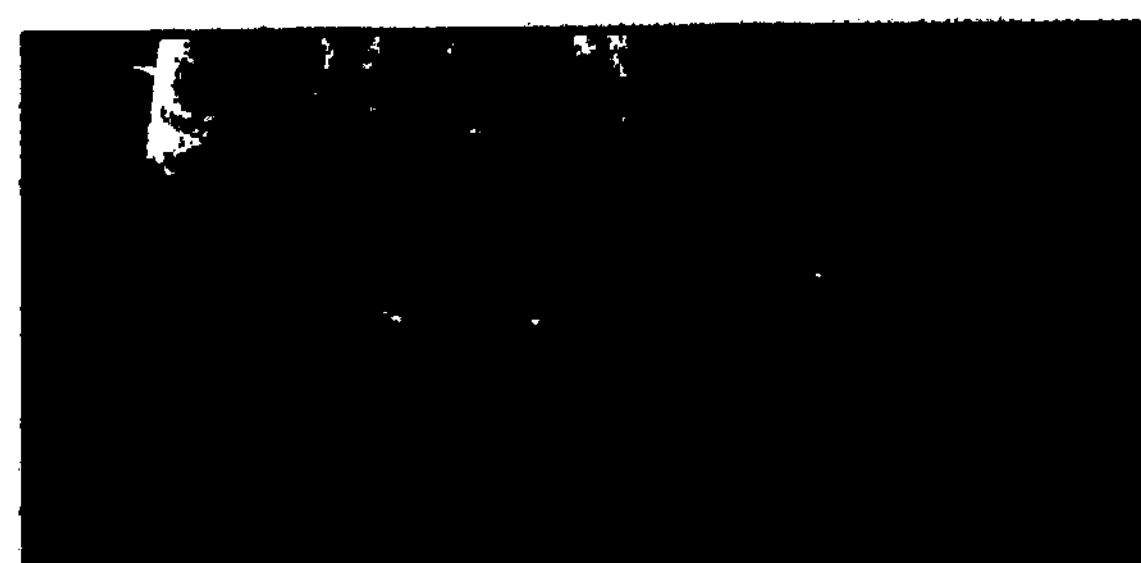
We have all seen the commercials for "Lord of the Dance" but before them was Trinity. "Lord of the Dance" and "Riverdance" came from Trinity and the Trinity Academy. What is so wonderful about Trinity is its history and dedication to Irish dance. Everything they perform is based on some piece of Irish history as well as Celtic legends and stories.

The first number, "Mist" was beautifully costumed and presented. We first saw the stage fill with deep mist. The music was haunting and inviting. Suddenly a foot rises from the mist, then another followed by gracefully moving hands — the mist so thick that viewing the entire body was impossible. Gradually, more arms, legs — whole bodies emerged from the all-consuming mist and the dancers began to move. It was a poetic piece, building and building and one could feel the collective "Oh my's!" from the audience at its conclusion.

That was the opener. The "Blackthorn" followed. Just five dancers took the stage for this dance and, in youthful parlance, "it rocked." The dancers beat incredible tattoos with their feet, which were moving so swiftly that they appeared as a blur, yet they were acoustically perfect with their stomps, slaps, taps and beat. It boggles the mind.

Three musicians accompanied the dancers, playing original, traditional and especially composed tunes. The musicians were as engrossed in the performance as were the rest of us and they offered encouraging, appreciative yips to the dancers throughout the evening.

To me the most moving piece was "The Mollies" which began the second half of the program. Dancers were costumed in work clothes; shirts, pants and hats from the period of the Great Irish Famine. The dance depicted the incredible difficulty the refugees from that famine faced when they reached Pennsylvania, looking for work and a new life.



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Address: Highway 48 North
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Hours: The bar opens daily at
3:30 p.m. with fine dining
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Phone: 378-4747
Address: West Highway 70,
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Fine dining in a casual atmosphere is what you'll find at Cafe Mescalero. Serving traditional Mexican food Southwest favorites for lunch and dinner.

Price Range: \$\$
Phone: 257-6693
Address: One mile south of the Inn of the Mountain Gods, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero
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Lunch 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Dinner 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sun. - Thur.
5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Fri. & Sat.

Dan Li Ka Dining Room

Elegant dining with fantastic views of Lake Mescalero provides the atmosphere at Dan Li Ka. The dining room also offers a Sunday brunch buffet and always has fine cuisine choices for lunch and dinner. And while at Dan Li Ka don't miss the decadent dessert and pastry menu.

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Sun. Brunch: 11-3 p.m.
Lunch: Mon. - Sat. 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Dinner: Mon. - Sun. 6-10 p.m.

Cattle Baron

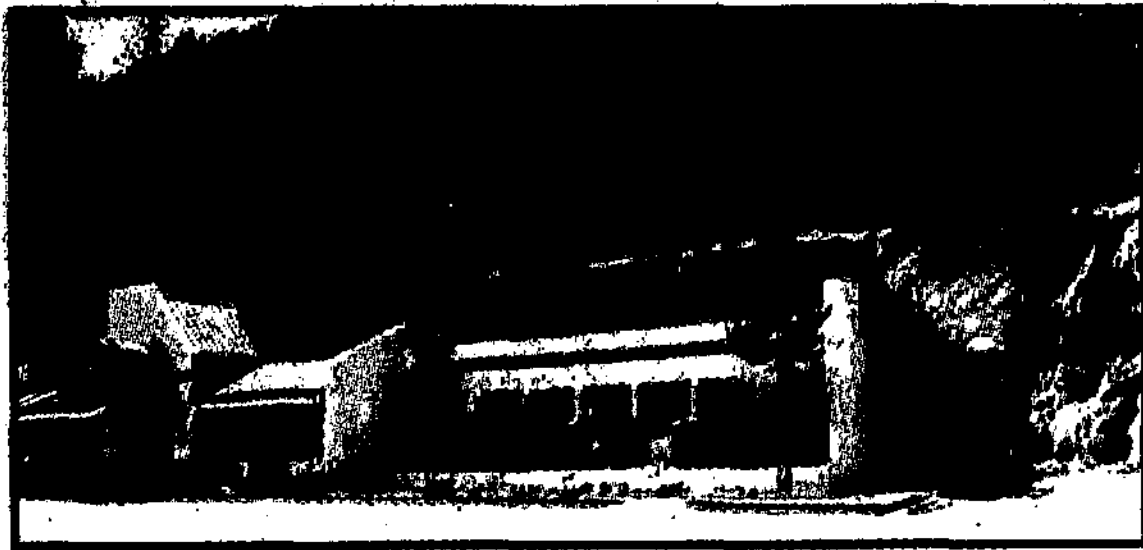
Sensational steaks, seafood and a 46-item salad bar are featured on Cattle Baron's menu. Fresh trout, catfish, Pacific snapper and King salmon and speciality dishes like filet mignon with green chili bearnaise sauce are also patron pleasers.

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

Phone: 257-9355

Address: 657 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso

Hours: 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sun.-
Thurs., 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
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Farley's Food Fun & Pub

Good food, food fun and good prices is what Farley's is all about. The atmosphere is light and fun and there are 16 domestic beers on tap. Cooks Pedro Bonilla and Nick Lawrence grill one of the best burgers around and you won't want to miss the wood-fired pizza.

Price Range: \$-\$\$

Phone: 258-5666

Address: 1200 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso

Hours: The restaurant opens at
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Texas Club Grill & Bar

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

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Phone: 258-3325

Address: 212 Metz Dr., in Innsbrook
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Hours: Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
Dinner 5 to 10 p.m.,
Closed Monday



Top of the Inn Deli & Pizza Parlor

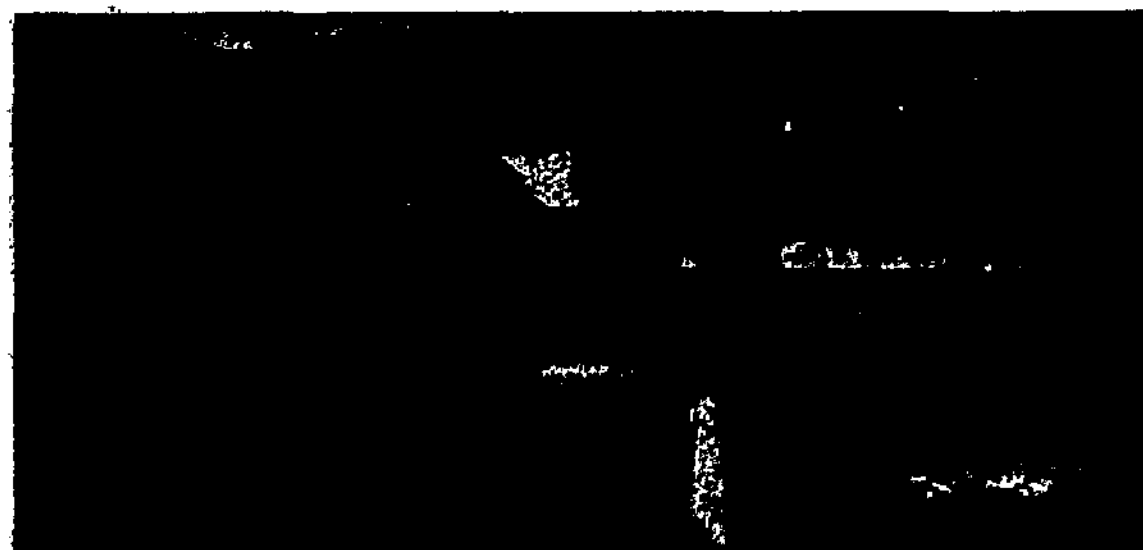
Fresh baked pizzas, large deli sandwiches, soups, ice cream and bakery goods. Gourmet coffees and cappuccinos are also available to satisfy your caffeine craving. Enjoy good food with a great view.

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Gds, Carrizo Canyon Road,
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Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wed., Thurs. & Sun.
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Michelena's Italian Restaurant

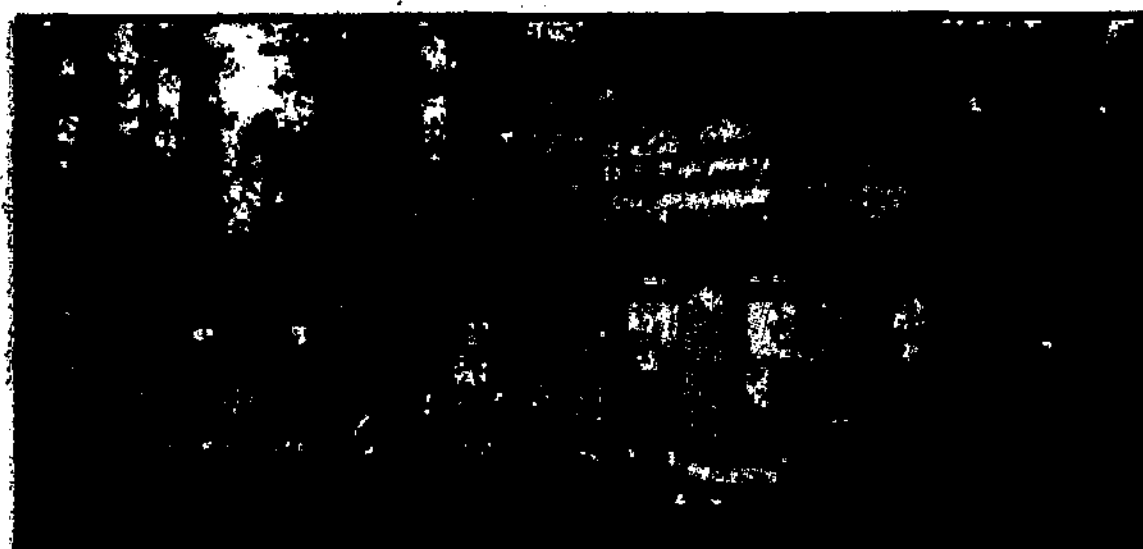
Family style dining at one of Ruidoso's favorite restaurants. A variety of Italian dishes such as ravioli, lasagna, manicotti and, of course, pizza. An excellent selection of fine wines and imported beers.

Price Range: \$-\$\$

Phone: 257-5753

Address: 2703 Sudderth Dr. - Midtown

Hours: Open 11:00 a.m.



La Lorraine

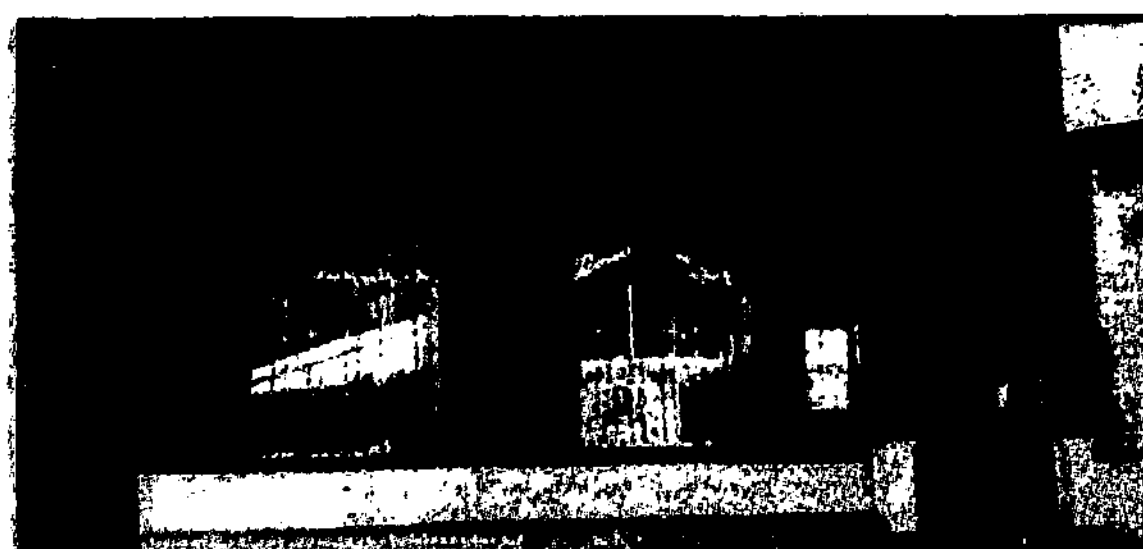
La Lorraine specializes in French and gourmet dining. Known for their pepper steak and creme brulee, they're bound to make your mouth water. Also featuring veal, lamb and seafood. Customers rave about the presentation of the food and the outstanding service at La Lorraine.

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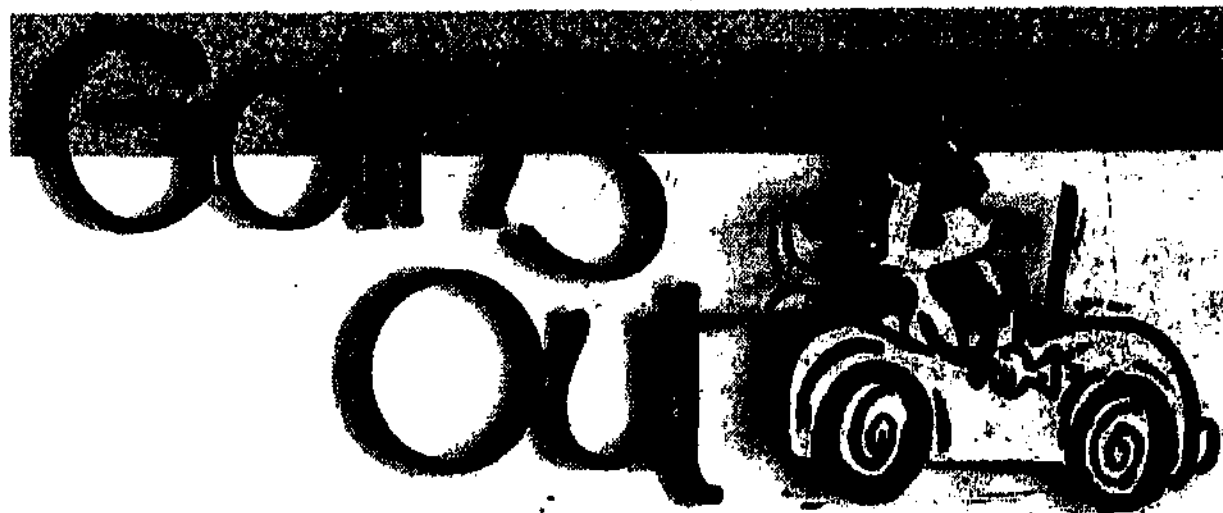
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Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tues.-Sat.,
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Improvisa- tional fun

by Sandy Suggitt
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

An evening with John Bayless – pianist, improviser, composer and recording artist – will be a musical story of his life. The way he began, at age 4, to play what he heard and felt – from hymns in church to music from movies at the drive-in in Borger, Texas.

His mother was his first piano teacher but he found learning to read notes boring. Why should he bother when he could play everything he heard, in the key it was played in, better than the original? He did learn, thanks to his mother's patience, but it was a long two years, Bayless said.

"I could play not only the things I heard," he said, "but I would make up pieces, I would be improvising – making music that is reflective of being sad or happy or lively."

His trademark is his ability to mix and match popular songs with different composers, in the grand piano tradition. He describes his particular style as "theatrical, grand, big, romantic, and entertaining as well, of course."

Don't expect a piano recital.

"This is entertainment, this is fun. It's music people recognize, it's music people know. They don't have to be well educated ... What I do is take them on this journey from my very early beginning experiences at the piano at the age of 4, and (through) the process of becoming who I am now and ...



JOHN BAYLESS

the music that was important to me, the people that were important to me growing up, my idols, Leonard Bernstein and Liberace."

The first act of the program begins with Bayless' interpretations of Gershwin and a tour of the movies through Bayless' piano. The second act features improvisations with the audience – something he does at every performance. He asks for a favorite song, and then he asks for a favorite composer. And then he plays them together. The program ends with Puccini-Bayless arias.

His recording, "The Puccini Album – Arias for Piano," reached No. 1 on Billboard Magazine's classical crossover chart for 18 weeks. "My label (Angel Records) approached me to do this recording because of ... the lyrical quality that I have playing a melody, and the passion and intensity.

"They had always wanted an instrumental recording of these gorgeous Puccini arias. ... And they got me all of the opera scores, and records of different performers, and I just started ... immersing myself in this whole world of gorgeous music. And I had the time of my life working on this; it was like eating a tremendous meal every day, hearing and working on this stuff."

Bayless tried to musically capture an entire scene of opera in a four or five minute

piano vignette, complete with orchestra and scenic designs.

He is currently working on an all-Italian, romantic recording with Neapolitan and contemporary songs – from baroque composer Marcello to contemporary composer Luzo Dalla. The San Francisco Boys' Choir and the San Francisco Ballet Orchestra will accompany him. He's recording at the Skywalker Ranch in Marin County, Calif., studio of George Lucas (of "Star Wars" fame). He expects the album to be released on Valentine's Day.

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Win, Place & Show

Eric Diamond and Playboys plays nightly at WPS, 2516 Sudderth Dr.

The Quarters

The Roadrunners play Wednesday through Sunday. Karaoke on Mondays and Tuesdays at 2535 Sudderth Dr.

Tajano Night

Every Thursday from 8 p.m. to midnight at Screaming Eagle Lounge in the Enchantment Inn.

The Texas House

Live entertainment Fridays and Saturdays, open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 24 hours Friday and Saturday and until 10 p.m. Sundays.

Galloping Tortoise

Live music every Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., featuring the country music talents of Randy Jones, Pat McCarthy, Luis Torres, Ken Arthur, Mark Reminton with Dave Jones singing. The Monday Blues, an open-mic blues jams from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. every Monday.

Seahorse Cafe & Marie LaVeaux's

Live rock 'n roll Friday and Saturday nights at Marie LaVeaux's next to Seahorse Cafe, 1214 Mechem, 258-3764.

Mescalero Nightclub

The Nightclub features DJ music every Friday and Saturday night. Dress code enforced: no cutoffs and no bare midriffs and hats off at the door. Open from 7 p.m.-1 a.m.

Cafe Mescalero

Singer Marcella Garcia performs songs in English and Spanish Fridays and Saturdays from 6-10 p.m. Garcia is slated to perform most weekends throughout the summer.

performances

Piano and violin recital

Violinist Patricia Brimberry and pianist Martha Dalager Davis will perform works by Shostakovich, Beethoven, Debussy and De Falla at a 4:30 p.m. recital Saturday at the First Christian Church, located at Hull and Gavilan Canyon roads. A donation of \$10 is suggested, but not required. Money raised will help pay for scholarships for Dancing Bear Music Studios students.

'Greater Time'

This one-act comedy about the inhabitants of the third smallest town in Texas stars Roger Sowder and Kimble Kearns. Performances are at 8 p.m. each Friday and Saturday through Sept. 4 and 5 at the Territorial Theatre in Capitan. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under at the door. The Territorial Theatre is located on Hwy 48 N. one block from the fairgrounds. For more information call 354-2316.

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Pianist John Bayless

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Spencer Theater

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SILVERSCREEN

Here's what is showing at Sierra Cinema For more information call 257-9444. * Indicates show times for Friday, Saturday and Sunday only.

There's Something About Mary

Rated: R
Show times: 12:30 p.m.*, 3 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9 p.m.*

Plot: Cameron Diaz stars as the woman who obsesses men. Vying for her attention are her high school classmate (Ben Stiller) and a sleazy private eye (Matt Dillon). A comedy by the Farrelly brothers, who gave us "Dumb and Dumber" and "Kingpin."

The Avengers

Rated: PG-13
Show times: 5 p.m., 9:25 p.m.*
Plot: London, the 1960s. A cultural revolution and London is the epicenter of the youthquake, mod fashion, the Beatles and "The Avengers." Now, in the 1990s, the city is once again a hotbed of activity. John Steed is reunited with Emma Peel, a master of jujitsu, a doctor in meteorological science and a body made for haute couture. Peel (Uma Thurman) and Steed (Ralph Fiennes) team up to save the world from evil tyrant Sir

August De Wynter (Sean Connery).

Saving Private Ryan

Rated: R
Show Times: Noon*, 3:05 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 9:50 p.m.*
Plot: During the chaos of D-Day a crack unit of troops is ordered to find Private James Ryan (Matt Damon). As the soldiers push deeper into enemy territory, moving from one danger to the next, Captain Miller (Tom Hanks) and his men find themselves questioning their orders. Why is one man worth risking the lives of eight, and why is Private Ryan's life worth more than their own?

Lethal Weapon 4

Rated: R
Show Times: 12:15 p.m.*, 2:40 p.m., 7 p.m.
Plot: Mel Gibson and Danny Glover return as the dynamic police detective duo to unravel a series of crimes involving immigrant smuggling and counterfeiting.

A 'big' start to the second season

Broadway musical launches national tour from Spencer

Spencer Theater's second winter season will get off to a big start in September when the touring company of the hit Broadway musical, "big," launches its 100-city tour from the theater on the Alto mesa north of Ruidoso.

The cast and crew of "big" will make Spencer their home for two weeks as they prepare for three performances, Sept. 16-18. "big's" premiere at the Spencer begins with a special sneak preview dress rehearsal Wednesday, Sept. 16. Tickets are \$20 and \$15. Then, the tour officially opens with a Thursday, Sept. 17 show followed by

Unexpectedly, his wish is granted, and to his astonishment, overnight finds himself trapped in the body of a grown-up.

Created by Richard Maltby, Jr. (lyrics), David Shire (music) and John Weldman (book), "big" enjoyed a six-month run on Broadway before setting out on a 32-city tour in September 1997. The current

tour is produced by NETworks and directed by Frank Lombardi.

The Broadway production of "big" was called "the ideal family musical" by USA Today, and a "bright, shiny, larger-than-life toy of a show" by the

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executive director

New York Times. The first national tour received rave reviews as well.

The September production will be the first Broadway musical to hit the Spencer Theater stage since the theater's opening in October 1997.

"We have a facility that is perfect for hosting a Broadway touring show, and we're excited about capturing the attention of agents and directors in New York," said Theta Smith, executive director of Spencer Theater. "This kind of show is what Spencer Theater was built for."

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The Wedding Singer
U.S. Marshalls
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Information courtesy of Showtime Video, 1715 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-2801.

Bluegrass festival set to jam Aug. 28-30

The Southwest Traditional & Bluegrass Music Association is sponsoring the 24th annual Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Festival at the Santa Fe Rodeo Grounds Aug. 28 through 30.


The festival will start with a western swing dance from 8-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, at the Santa Fe County Fair Building located east of the rodeo arena. Music is to be provided by local favorites South by Southwest. Admission is \$7.

Saturday and Sunday events will include feature concerts by The Byron Berline Band, Alan Munde & Joe Carr, and Albuquerque's Elliotts Ramblers; instrumental and vocal workshops; instrument, vocal and ensemble concerts; and the ever popular Band Scramble.

Covered performance tents assure continued events, rain or shine. Food and craft vendors will be present and free camping is allowed on the rodeo grounds (no open fires).

Workshop and contest events include Old Time and Bluegrass fiddle, banjo and mandolin, flatpick guitar, Spanish fiddle, songwriting, vocal performance, children's fiddle and Suzuki School performance, bluegrass & old-time band. First-place prize in all categories is a hand-cast bronze commemorative belt buckle.

Saturday events are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$15 Saturday, \$10 Sunday and \$10 for Sunday night concert only. For more information call 438-6230.



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Once Frank Canton's army of Texas gunmen had surrounded the cabin of Nick Ray and Nate Champion, they settled in to wait for their intended victims to show themselves.

At dawn, an old trapper named Ben Jones who, in the company of his partner, had spent the night with Champion and Ray, left the cabin to go and get a bucket of water. Canton quietly took Jones into custody and when Jones' partner emerged a half hour later, he too, was captured.

A short while later, Nick Ray, curious as to what had happened to his two guests, emerged from the cabin to have a look. Ray was not treated as civilly as his guests, and as he stepped through the door, he was cut down by a volley of rifle fire. Nate Champion instantly appeared in the doorway, six-gun blazing and, with his free hand, helped the writhing, mortally wounded Ray back into the cabin. The siege had begun.

The courage of Nate Champion

The siege dragged on through the morning and early afternoon, with the Texans peppering the little cabin with hundreds of bullets and Champion returning their fire as best he could.

At about 3 p.m., Jack Flagg, another small rancher lucky enough to be on Canton's dead list, happened to roll by in a spring wagon. Upon recognition, Canton gave the order to fire on Flagg, but the alert Flagg, abandoning his wagon and escaping on the horse that was pulling it, headed for Buffalo to spread the alarm among the other small ranchers.

Unfortunately for Nate Champion, the Texans put Flagg's wagon to use. Piling any combustible materials that they could find in it, they turned it into a fire wagon and sent it careening toward Champion and Ray's cabin.

Throughout the siege Nate Champion had actually been keeping a log of the event, so I'll let him tell it from here:

"Well, they have just got through shelling the house like hail. I heard them splitting wood. I guess they are going to fire the house to-night. I think I will make a break when night comes, if alive. Shooting again. It's not night yet. The house is all fired. Goodbye,

boys, if I never see you again."

He then carefully signed the log, "Nathan D. Champion."

Because of the fire, Champion could not wait for night to fall to give him at least a little cover. So, after making his last entry, he bolted from the blazing cabin, leaving the now-dead Nick Ray behind, and made a desperate bid for freedom.

He didn't get far. Firing with a pistol in each hand, Nate Champion was cut down by a least four bullets about 50 feet from the cabin. He was dead when he hit the ground.

But the delay that Champion caused proved to be crucial to the WSGA (and Frank Canton's) cause. While the army of Texans was busy trying to kill Champion, Jack Flagg had alerted the rest of the small ranchers who were already mobilizing to meet the invaders.

Battle at the TA Ranch

When Canton's Texas invaders were met by a large, heavily armed group of small ranchers under the leadership of Johnson County Sheriff W.E. "Red" Angus, they retreated in confusion to the TA Ranch and prepared to defend themselves. Suddenly, Canton and his men found themselves in exactly the same position that they had placed Nate Champion in mere hours before.

The difference was that Canton's army had more time to prepare than did Champion. They built fences and breastworks and turned the place into a virtual fort. By dawn the next day, the Texans could see their besiegers, in the distance digging rifle pits.

Once the shooting started, there was no quarter. Both sides fired on anything that moved, killing a number of horses and cattle. The WSGA army had, in effect, cut their own throats. Because they had cut all of the telegraph lines, it was now they who could not call for help. The worm had indeed turned.

Finally, they did manage to get a messenger past the now

approximately 300 ranchers who were determined to end this once and for all. A message was sent to President Benjamin Harrison requesting troops to "quell an insurrection." In the end, the little army of Texas invaders was rescued by the military.

Just as the small ranchers were preparing to do to the Texans exactly what the Texans had done to Champion and Ray (burn them



FRANK CANTON

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PAST TENSE

opt), the notes of a military bugle sounded in the distance, ala Hollywood, and the besieged gunmen were saved.

It was not until January of 1893 that the court cases against Canton and his gunmen were finally dropped. This was done primarily because the Johnson County Treasury had gone bust as a result of all the legal hula-baloos resulting from the Johnson County War.

Frank Lake returns

In May of 1894, Frank Canton received a call for help from the sheriff of a newly formed county in the Oklahoma Territory — a man named Frank Lake. That's right — the very same Frank Lake who rode with bank robber Joe Horner in Texas. It seemed that the now-reformed Lake's jurisdiction was overrun with outlaws and he needed help — desperately. So he called on the famous lawman Frank Canton for that help.

Upon his arrival at Pawnee in the Oklahoma Territory, Frank Canton was appointed under-sheriff as well as Deputy U.S. Marshal for the territory.

It wasn't long after his arrival in the Oklahoma Territory that Canton was called up to arrest an escaped murderer. Canton found the fugitive hiding in a livery stable owned by a local hardcase named Lon McCool and arrested him without incident. However, when McCool entered a few minutes later and saw what was happening, he began to argue with Canton, finally slapping his face and at the same time reaching toward his hip pocket.

Reacting quickly, Canton leapt back, kicked the keg he had been sitting on at McCool and drew a derringer. The bullet from Canton's pistol slammed into McCool just above the left eye and the liveryman dropped like a stone. Canton quite naturally assumed that McCool was dead, but found out later that he had survived. Canton immediately threw away his derringer in disgust.

A mystery solved

In July of 1894, Texas Governor James Hogg received a petition requesting a formal pardon for the crimes committed by Joe Horner some 20 years before. It was signed "Joe Horner, alias F. M. Canton." Joe Horner's mysterious disappearance had been solved at last.

Joe Horner and Frank Canton were the same man.

And, based on Canton's exemplary performance as a peace officer, Hogg granted the pardon.

Once the matter of his past had finally been settled, Frank Canton continued on as a peace officer. On November 6, 1896, Canton and outlaw Bee Dunn met for the classic western showdown in Pawnee.

Dunn was a member of a family of ne'er-do-wells who had worked on both sides of the law and had sworn to kill Canton on sight. On that day, Dunn suddenly confronted Canton on the wooden sidewalk in front of the Pawnee courthouse. "Frank Canton, goddamn you, I've got it in for you," Dunn said. His purpose would have been better served if he had started shooting instead of talking.

Canton, who happened to have both hands stuck in his trouser pockets when Dunn confronted him, instantly went for the .45 that protruded from his waistband and shot the surprised Dunn in the forehead. Dunn fell on his back, his unfired pistol falling from his hand, and Canton walked away. Eyewitnesses noted later that Dunn's trigger finger twitched convulsively for several moments before all life fled his body.

The declining years

In 1897, Frank Canton left Oklahoma for the gold fields of the Yukon, but luck was not with him, and two years later, in 1899, he returned to his old stomping grounds near Buffalo, Wyoming and became a bounty hunter. He engaged in this precarious line of work until 1901 when he once again became a deputy sheriff in Pawnee, Oklahoma and later worked as a cattle inspector.

When Oklahoma officially became a state in 1907, Frank Canton was appointed Adjutant General, commanding the Oklahoma National Guard. He served in this capacity under three governors, retiring in 1916 as a major general.

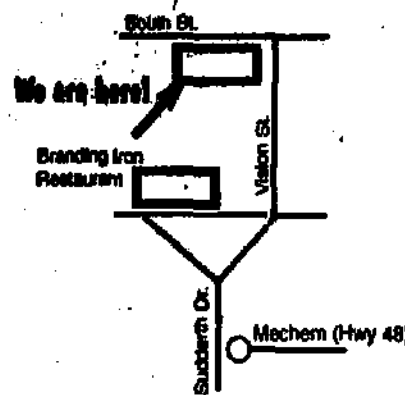
Frank Canton died September 27, 1927. He was buried with highest honors in Oklahoma City's Fairlawn Cemetery. And in all the testimonials and speeches made in his honor, not once was the name Joe Horner mentioned.

Sources: "Frontier Trails: The Autobiography of Frank M. Canton," by Frank M. Canton; "Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters," by Bill O'Neal and "Alias Frank Canton," by Robert K. DeArment.

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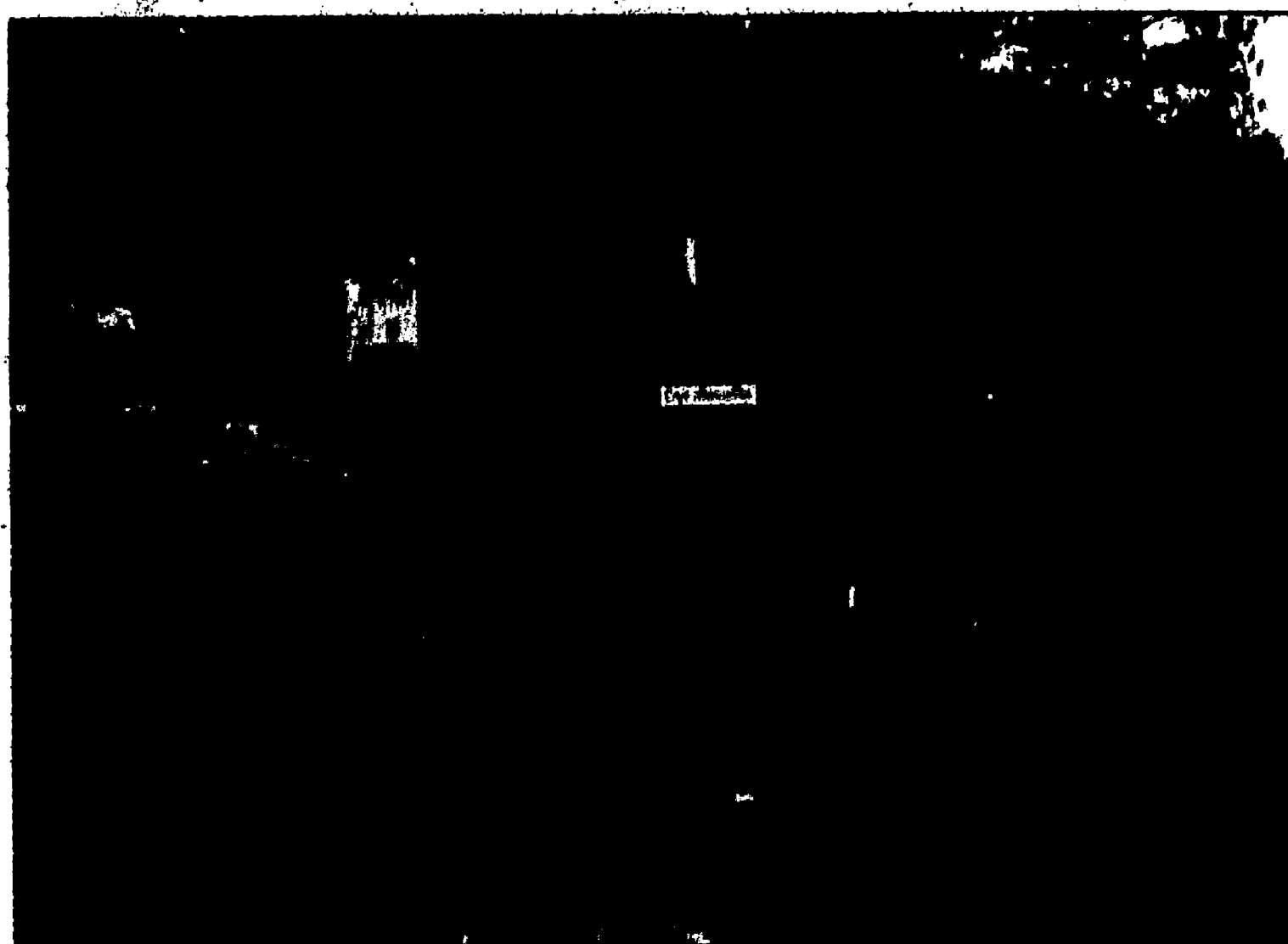
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