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Hernandez murder case near conclusion

Jury given sentence discretion

• The victim's widow was upset by the defense's attempt to characterize her husband as prejudiced against Hispanics.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Jurors in the Steve Hernandez murder trial will be able to decide for themselves whether the Roswell man committed second degree murder, manslaughter or acted in self defense when he killed horse trainer Jim Hare during an argument fueled by beer and bruised pride in October 1996.

Although jurors never knew it, because discussions took place when they were out of the courtroom in Carrizozo, defense attorney Gary Mitchell tried to convince 12th Judicial District Judge Karen Parsons to direct them to consider only voluntary manslaughter or self defense, ruling out second degree murder.

He argued that Hernandez had been provoked by insults and injuries inflicted by the victim, and he contended the death occurred as the result of a sudden quarrel — both elements of manslaughter.

But Parsons said late Thursday that she will not eliminate second degree murder in jury deliberations.

Reading from case law provided by Assistant District Attorney Roxe Anne Matisse, Parsons said she based her decision on the precedent that "anger or the heat of passion without concurrent provocation" isn't sufficient to reduce a charge from second degree murder to manslaughter. Since there is testimony from other witnesses that Hernandez started the first fight and that later he may have approached Hare carrying a sledgehammer, prompting Hare to defend himself with a board, the question of provocation will be left up to the jury.

Hernandez, who was raised in Hondo Valley, but now lives in Roswell where he works for the Chaves County Road Department, has contended he struck the 34-year-old horse trainer with a sledgehammer to defend himself. He claimed on the stand Thursday that Hare hit him with a board as he walked toward his brother's pickup to leave.

Although in a previous interview with the state police, Hernandez said he only remembered striking Hare once, in court Thursday, he said he didn't remember striking Hare at all. He said he was disoriented from the first fight when the fatal blow was struck and that he didn't remember much detail.

Hare was struck twice with a sledgehammer, once on the back and once on the back of the head, a foren-



Jonathan Coleman, right, leaves the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo after testifying in the second-degree murder trial of Steve Hernandez. In back center talking to family members is Tami Hare, widow of Jim Hare, who was killed by Hernandez Oct. 5, 1996.

FORT STANTON

Buffalo soldiers served with honor



Buffalo Soldiers of the Ninth Cavalry were still on duty in New Mexico as the 19th Century was ending. These members of Troop H were stationed at Fort Wingate, near Gallup, in 1899 when a photographer named Phelps pictured them. (From "Buffalo Soldiers" by Monroe Lee Billington.)

Contributions of these soldiers recalled during Black History month

BY DREW GOMBER
 SPECIAL TO THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Shortages of manpower and equipment were common in the frontier army, but when the shortages happened to be black, the word shortages doesn't even begin to cover the problems they had to deal with: poor food, substandard equipment and mounds that were worn out at best.

This was the norm for these frontier stalwarts, the legendary Buffalo Soldiers.

The Ninth (black) Cavalry arrived in New Mexico in the late winter and early spring of 1875-76 and were ultimately to be stationed in nine different forts and one camp. They were under the command of Col. Edward Hatch. They were posted, among other places, at Fort Stanton in Lincoln County.

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Hondo hoop girls host Region D tourney for the first time ever

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Blues & Barbecue returns to Ruidoso's Convention Center tonight

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Municipal election polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 3 in:

- Ruidoso — the Convention Center
- Ruidoso Downs — the Senior Citizens Center
- Capitan — the County Fair Building
- Carrizozo — City Hall
- Corona — the Senior Citizens Center

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Partly cloudy today; snow showers on weekend

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Local ceremony recognizes more than 88 years of scouting



Cub Scout Den 8 members, left to right, Cody McMurray, Travis Romero and Cody Parker, get ready to blow out the candles at the Blue and Gold Ceremony Tuesday night. More than 100 scouts, their parents and den leaders gathered to celebrate the 88th birthday of Boy Scouts of America.

For a moment or two, the cafeteria at White Mountain Elementary went dark except from the glow of candles. The glow was from the birthday cakes at each table. But just as this was no ordinary birthday, the glow seemed to be anything but ordinary, too.

More than 100 Lincoln County Cub Scouts, along with their parents and den leaders, gathered Tuesday night to mark the 88th year of Boy Scouts of America.

The Boy Scouts started in 1907 in Great Britain. Two years later, William Boyce, a Chicago publisher traveling in London, became lost in a London fog. A young boy offered to help him and led Boyce to his destination. When Boyce thanked the boy for his help, the boy explained that as a Boy Scout, it was his duty to help others, and declined a tip.

Impressed with the boy's actions, Boyce met with Britain's Boy Scout founder, Lord Baden-Powell, and laid the groundwork to bring the Scouting program to the United States. With the help of Baden-Powell, Ernest Thompson, Daniel E. West, Boyce established the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910.

While the years have passed and times have changed, the mission of the Boy Scouts has not. The organization still strives to "instill values in young people and in other ways prepare them to make ethical choices over their lifetime in achieving their full potential."

This year marks 88 years that the Boy Scouts of America have been in existence.

The annual Blue and Gold banquet, sponsored by the First Christian Church, which was held Tuesday evening, featured plenty of food and fun, and plenty of recognition for the scouts.

Awards were awarded, and badges were bestowed to those scouts who completed their activities or advanced their skills.

Marlin Bates, the area commissioner responsible for Lincoln County Scouting, said the Boy Scouts are an important part of boys' lives. He hopes to generate enough interest to form a

new troop and an Explorers program.

Explorers is a program aimed at older boys, ages 11 to 17.

"Exploring for kids, is to learn about things," said Bates. "As much to find out what they don't want to do, as to find out what they do want to do."

Anyone interested in learning more about Scouting or the formation of an Explorers program can call Bates at 257-3478.

Yes, you're seeing black and white

Because of necessary press repairs, the Ruidoso News has had to print without color capability.

This newspaper takes pride in bringing color photos that reflect our community to our readership as well as provide the best product possible.

We intend to continue this service and regret any inconvenience.

RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY High ... 35
Low ... 13
Light Snow

SUNDAY High ... 45
Low ... 15
Mostly Cloudy

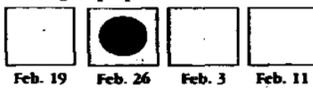
MONDAY High ... 48
Low ... 18
Partly Cloudy

WEATHER ALMANAC

Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	66	23	Trace
Wednesday	46	28	.00"
Thursday	41	23	.00"

Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	42	18	Flurries
El Paso, TX	49	22	Mostly Cloudy
Lubbock, TX	50	24	Mostly Cloudy
Midland, TX	52	25	Mostly Cloudy

Aug./Sept. phases of the moon



Orion and the Big Dipper are the two best-known star patterns. They have something else in common, too. Unlike most constellations, each is composed of stars that are actually grouped together in space. Most of Orion's brightest stars are about 1,500 light-years away. And most of the stars of the Big Dipper are traveling together in a group only about 80 light-years from Earth.

Two people die in highway collision

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Two people were killed and three others injured in a head-on collision west of Carrizozo on Wednesday afternoon.

The accident happened about 2:30 p.m. on U.S. Highway 380 at mile marker 53. According to New Mexico State Police reports, German E. Ibarra, 25, of Las Cruces, a passenger in a 1966 Ford truck,

and Ryan Creighton, 19, of Alamogordo, a passenger in a 1995 GMC truck, were killed when the two vehicles collided.

Ricky Montoya, 31, of Las Cruces, also a passenger in the Ford, was airlifted to the University of New Mexico Hospital. He was listed in critical condition Thursday.

The driver of the Ford, Margarito Rivera, 32, believed to be a New Mexico resident, and the driver of the GMC, David Munoz, 31, of Las

Cruces, were injured and taken to Lincoln County Medical Center for treatment.

According to state police, Munoz was released Wednesday night. Rivera's condition was unknown Thursday.

According to police reports, the accident happened when the westbound GMC drifted over the center line into the lane of the eastbound Ford. Rivera reportedly swerved and tried to miss the oncoming vehicle, but was unable to

avoid the collision. The trucks collided on the edge of the highway, coming to rest off the south side of the pavement.

Rivera was wearing a seat belt, Munoz was not; it is unclear whether Ibarra, Creighton and Montoya were wearing seat belts.

Alcohol was not a factor in the crash, according to state police. No citations have been issued.

SOLDIERS: three won Medals of Honor after one engagement

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In 1876, many troopers of the Ninth spent long hours in the saddle pursuing small raiding parties of hostile Indians, mostly Apaches. And, while the two, contrary to popular opinion, did not clash all that much, or even come in contact, the presence of the soldiers kept the raiders wary and more cautious.

Wile march, Col. Dudley fell off of his horse, undoubtedly due to the fact that he was drunk in the extreme. It is probably a safe guess that the Buffalo Soldiers were missing Ed Hatch rather acutely at that moment. No matter though, in the end they were soldiers, men who followed orders no matter what manner of fool issued them.

A trumpeter named John Rogers volunteered to go to Valois for aid and amid a hail-storm of bullets managed to get away unhurt.

However, when Valois attempted to flank the Apaches they responded with a volley that killed ten horses.

At that point, Burnett and the Buffalo Soldiers with him charged the Apaches. They fought their way to

command of troops, ordered Lt. G. W. Smith to march with a detachment of 46 men. For reasons that are not clear, Smith left with only 17 men. It would prove to be a fatal mistake.

Smith followed the trail into Gavilan Canyon (near the Mimbres) but then, fearing an ambush, he called a halt. Too late. They had hardly entered the canyon when a volley killed Smith.

When the Lincoln County War broke out in 1878, the army's official policy was non-involvement in civil disturbances, and had Col. Hatch still been in command of Fort Stanton, they may well have remained uninvolved.

However, on April 5 of that year, Hatch was relieved of command. His replacement was the bombastic, vainglorious and alcoholic Col. Nathan A.M. Dudley.

Dudley's actions were later examined rather closely (Susan McSween had him indicted for arson), but the actions of his men never came into question. As was nearly always the case on the frontier, the Buffalo Soldiers behaved honorably.

Valois and the reunited command fell back to stronger positions.

Unfortunately, during the melee, there were four troopers who did not hear the command to fall back. In two of the four cases it made no difference as the men were too severely wounded to move.

Some cowboys that had joined the troopers fled at the first shots, leaving the 17 Buffalo Soldiers to make do as best they could. Sgt. Brent Wood assumed command and managed to hold his ground until a detachment under the command of Sgt. Anderson arrived.

The combined command then put the Apaches to flight, with Anderson in pursuit "carrying his dead and wounded with him."

Dudley did manage to stay more or less uninvolved in the local strife, although his sympathies were obviously in the Murphy/Dolan camp.

On Aug. 16, 1881, a hysterical hispanic settler stumbled into the camp of Lt. Valois and I Company of the Ninth Cavalry near Cuchillo Negro to report that his family had been murdered by Nana and some of his men at a nearby ranch.

When the Apaches moved to cut these soldiers off, Lt. Burnett, Sgt. Williams and Pvt. Augustus Walley leaped to their feet and charged to the rescue. No orders were given; they just did it.

The stories of the courage of the Buffalo Soldiers are endless. It is only in the last few years that the American public has begun to acknowledge the contributions made and the debt that is owed to these brave men.

But all that changed in July.

During what has become known as the Five Day Battle in Lincoln, Dudley found a reason to enter the fray. A horseman from the fort sent as a messenger to town was fired on by the Regulators as he approached Lincoln.

Valois ordered Lt. George Burnett and a 15-man detachment to set out immediately for that place. Valois and the rest of I Company would follow.

When Burnett found the ranch he did indeed find the "horribly mutilated" bodies of a woman and three children.

It is a debt that can never be repaid.

(Editors note: Drew Gomber is the historian for the Lincoln Heritage Trust and a regular columnist for the Ruidoso News. Sources for this article include "New Mexico's Buffalo Soldiers: 1866-1900," by Monroe Lee Bullington, and "The Buffalo Soldiers: A Narrative of the Negro Cavalry in the West," by W. H. Leckie.

Despite the obvious fact that the distance involved tended to indicate that the Regulators could not have possibly known they were firing on a soldier, Dudley mobilized the Buffalo Soldiers for a march into Lincoln.

When Burnett attempted to flank the Apaches, he suddenly found himself about to be surrounded.

From there, Nana's trail led south. Col. Hatch, now back in

For more information about the Buffalo Soldiers, contact the Heritage Trust.



Queen family portrait, c. 1917. Bottom row, parents, Ed and May; children Don, Elyn and Lawrence.

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

White Oaks Eagle

Feb. 22, 1900

J. C. Lacey and wife were in the park yesterday from the Park.

S. M. Wharton, editor fo the Eagle, left Tuesday morning for El Paso, where he intends remaining for a week or ten days, partly for a rest, but principally on a business mission. During his absence John A.

Haley will conduct the publication of the Eagle.

The Gumm Co. has ceased operations on the South Homestake tailings, but have begun work on tailings at the mouth of the gulch coming down from the Old Abe.

On the next Sunday evening the pastor of the Congregational Church will speak on "what constitutes a christian."

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Canning received guests this evening and a pleasant time is anticipated at "Washington's Birthday" party.

John Shaw, wife and baby were in from capitan last week.

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Candidates talk water, tourism, cooperation

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Candidates for both Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs fielded questions Wednesday night at a forum sponsored by the Ruidoso News. About 100 people attended the event at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Two Downs trustee candidates attended the forum — another forum for the village was scheduled Thursday night at the Downs Senior Citizen Center — and two Downs candidates were ill Wednesday night.

One Ruidoso council candidate, incumbent Leon Eggleston, was out of town on business.

Here's a sampling of the statements made by candidates during the two-hour forum:

"I am here unopposed. But I do recall having been here four years ago having five people contesting the job, and I do say it's a great pleasure not to be in the shoes of the people here beside me." — *Michael Line, Ruidoso Municipal Judge candidate*

"We have three different methods of management, and that's what we want to give you the voters the choice of... my style of management is management by consensus." — *Bob Stenchi, Ruidoso Mayor candidate*

"You are going to hear a lot about communication from both of my opponents... I don't know of any previous council with as many public hearings or workshops (as the current term). I

agree we have to communicate. I hope we have done that." — *Jerry Shaw, Incumbent Ruidoso Mayor candidate*

"We must make the development, reconstruction and maintenance of our water system the priority. Our infrastructure must come first if we are to be good stewards of tax dollars... We must plan for the future we want or the future will be thrust upon us." — *Robert Donaldson, Ruidoso Mayor candidate*

"I think everybody knows Ruidoso Downs is in the very enviable position of anticipating some money... this money should be wisely spent and not used as seed money to encumber future debts for the Downs. My particular interest is in children and children's issues." — *Bonnie Richardson, Ruidoso Downs Trustee candidate*

"I would like to be a voice for the children of this town and I would like the two communities to combine efforts for the children. With the money coming into this town I would like to see a youth center built." — *Rebecca "Sebrina" Lundquist, Ruidoso Downs Trustee candidate*

"I have gotten involved in this simply because of tax rates. My property taxes went up \$542 this year and I became somewhat upset about that... The city of Ruidoso... has the third highest residential property taxes in the state of New Mexico." — *Alan Setles, Ruidoso Trustee candidate*

"One of my opponents alluded to



Six of seven candidates for the Ruidoso Village Council fielded questions for 100 people at a candidate forum Wednesday night sponsored by the Ruidoso News. One candidate, Leon Eggleston, was out of town on business. Earlier, three candidates for Ruidoso mayor and two of eight candidates for the Ruidoso Downs Village Council answered questions from audience members. Written questions from the audience were read to the candidates by moderator Bruce Eldredge.

the fact that we need to cut taxes. I disagree... I like being able to flush my toilet and never having to think about it again. I like having water in my facet. I like a well-trained police force. I like having well-trained fire protection... It ain't easy living here, is it folks? We are a complicated, complicated community." — *M. Ovella Estes, Ruidoso Trustee candidate*

"Growth must be linked to water availability — this is a limiting factor in our community. Cost of development, I believe, should be done by those who profit from it." — *Ross Dingman, Ruidoso Trustee candidate*

"My goals in running... are to make Ruidoso an affordable place to live for everyone. We have a lot of

people who come into the village to work, but they can't afford to live here. We do need to work to reduce property taxes..." — *Sue Patton, Ruidoso Trustee candidate*

"I would like to have plenty of water and none of it brown when it comes out of the tap... I would like to have no taxes and all the services anyone could dream possible. But some things are not possible, so we have to work with what we have." — *Ray Sharbutt, Ruidoso Trustee candidate*

"One of my pet peeves is to make ordinances and policies more user friendly and less cumbersome and to eliminate unnecessary governmental control." — *Bill Chance, Incumbent Ruidoso Trustee candidate*

Downs boy remains critical

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A 9-year-old Ruidoso Downs boy remained in critical condition Thursday at an Albuquerque hospital after being shot in the head almost a week earlier, hospital staff said.

Jeese James Del Rio was flown to University of New Mexico Hospital early Sunday morning after suffering a bullet wound to the temple, police said.

On Tuesday, the boy's condition was listed as serious, but was changed to critical on Wednesday and Thursday, hospital employees said.

Ruidoso Downs police continue to investigate the shooting, and as yet have reached no conclusions, said senior investigator Cpl. Christopher Condon.

An older brother found Del Rio at about 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, on the floor of a bedroom in the family's Ruidoso Downs home. Police and family members are unsure of the time of the shooting, Condon said.

Lying near the boy was a .22-caliber pistol, police said. The gun, which had turned over to Ruidoso police for evi-

dence processing, is now back with the Ruidoso Downs Police Department, Condon said.

Ruidoso Chief of Police Larry Maddox said his department, which has a history of assisting with Downs' investigations, does not have the expertise to process the gun for evidence. His department has advised Downs officers to send the gun to the state crime laboratory in Santa Fe.

Doctors reported that Del Rio, though unconscious, was responding to pain stimuli in the arms, Condon said. None of the physicians he talked to were willing to speculate about the boy's opportunities for recuperation.

An account has been set up at Ruidoso State Bank to assist Del Rio's family. The account, No. 000470813, was arranged by Joe Almager and Elodia Almager, the boy's grandparents, and Robert Richardson.

Creation of the account was announced at the San Jude's Church in San Patricio during the Ash Wednesday service. "We're praying for a miracle right now," Elodia Almager said. "He's a very sick boy."

Mescalero Lake at highest level in more than 10 years

• Tribal officials last week started controlled runoff into Carrizo Creek to lower the lake's level.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Water from Mescalero Lake is being released into the Carrizo Creek at a rate of 20 cubic feet per minute to lower the lake, a Mescalero tribal official said earlier this week.

Last week, the lake had reached its highest level since 1983, said Curtis Williams, with the Mescalero Office of Environmental Protection.

Runoff from this winter's excessive snowfall raised the water level to 8 inches from the

top of the spillway on Feb. 19.

As of Thursday, the water level had dropped 2 feet, 8 inches below the spillway because of the release into the creek, a village official said.

Williams announced news of the lake's level and the decision to open a runoff valve at a Monday meeting of the Lincoln County Local Emergency Planning Commission.

"It was serious on Thursday (of last week)," Williams said of the lake. "The meltdown of the snow is going to create conditions for the lake. That's why we are monitoring the weather conditions that are coming in from California."

Williams told village officials Thursday the lake's level is no

longer critical. The runoff valve will remain open through Monday, with the goal of dropping the level to 5 feet below the spillway.

Chet Southard, emergency planner for Ruidoso, commended Williams and tribal officials for their actions, especially for notifying both the state and village when the problem was discovered and for continuing to monitor the lake's level.

"Actually, I'm really tickled that they are doing it," Southard said. "Because if we get some runoff in the lake it will contain it safely."

Williams said the goal is to establish a buffer against heavy runoff. He said tribal officials are monitoring water levels 24

hours a day.

Some flooding could occur if water goes over the top of the spillway, and has been the cause of past flooding, Williams said. The spillway acts as a safety valve to keep water from going over the top of the dam, which would damage it and potentially set off a catastrophic flood, he said.

Water can be released from the spillway's runoff valve at a rate of up to 50 cubic feet per minute, but causes a vibration at that rate that may disturb dirt in the dam," he said.

Williams noticed the high water level on Feb. 19. On Feb. 20, he met with area and state officials, and a decision was made to increase the amount of

water being released into Carrizo Creek.

"We brought the creek up by almost 6 inches," Williams said.

He cautioned that lake's water level might again be a problem, based on the snow levels in three canyons whose runoff feeds into the lake. His department will soon measure the snow in the canyons to gauge future runoff, Williams said.

"We basically have got 6 feet of snow in the bottoms and 3 on the slopes," he said. "We get 6 inches of rain — we can do mathematical formulas to equate how much total runoff will occur and how long."

The purpose is to give

residents in the path of potential flooding a three-day advance warning, Williams said. The problem with a spillway overflow is that it cannot be controlled, he said.

"It could be a million gallons at one shot if it wants to, or it could be 50,000 or 60,000, 10,000 — whatever it takes."

The last time the spillway overflowed, in 1983, parts of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs were flooded, Williams said.

"What created that condition is we had heavy snowfall, like we do now. And warm rains came in and it all hit the lake at the same time," he said.

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OUR OPINION

Are you interested?

Only the interested will vote next Tuesday. On the face of it, that would seem to be a pretty sad commentary on American democracy. Seldom does a municipal election attract as many as half the total registered voters, despite the exhortations of office-seeking candidates and special-interest flacks and newspaper editorial writers. (Heck, somebody noted after the fact that President Clinton won with only 42 percent of the vote the last time around...and since less than 50 percent of registered voters took part, he truly was elected by a minority.) That indicates, in all likelihood, that a small minority of residents also will elect Ruidoso's next mayor and council members, and the odds are that the same will hold true in all the other municipalities in the county and across New Mexico.

It takes a major upset to jolt the typical American citizen out of civic apathy. And in tourist territory like Lincoln County, where so much of the population has roots somewhere else, stirring interest in local issues is even tougher. Not that lots of people aren't trying. Just about all the villages in the county will have had at least one candidate forum before election day; some more than one. In Ruidoso Downs, eight people (two of them incumbents) are seeking two open council seats. Capitan voters must choose two councilmen, a mayor and a municipal judge in contested races. Carrizozo's voters will choose a mayor and council members, all contested. In Ruidoso, three people (one incumbent) would like to be mayor and seven others (two incumbents) are seeking council seats. Only Municipal Judge Michael Line is unopposed.

On the Ruidoso ballot is a pair of questions that apparently focus on water but actually is a referendum on Ruidoso's future: Ruidoso can't continue to grow without an assured and adequate water supply. Maybe, after all, it's just as well that "only the interested will vote." The issue is getting enough interested to make a difference.

Cooperation footnote

Regretfully, we cite a letter to the editor on this page concerning a fire in Ruidoso Downs last Friday that raised some large questions about Ruidoso fire department communication, training and attitude. We accept that "a misunderstanding" left Downs firemen having to get help from Roswell instead of Ruidoso to get air tanks filled. We trust that never again will fire departments in Lincoln County decline to help each other.

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Lucky Ruidoso

They came, they spoke, and 100 people listened, and after it was over at about nine o'clock Wednesday at the Ruidoso Convention Center, it was clear that the citizens of our villages are pretty lucky. We're talking about the newspaper-sponsored municipal election candidate forum.

MOUNTAIN ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN
Ruidoso News

Not every candidate from Ruidoso and the Downs was present (a few sent regrets for illness or out of town-of-town travel). And Downs candidates had a Thursday night forum already scheduled.

Ruidoso's crop of mayoral and council candidates came through as decent, willing people who want to do right by the village they have made their home.

Two council candidates from the Downs acquitted themselves well, and got applause repeatedly as they focused on the need for cooperation between neighbors. The idea of a central youth recreation facility supported by both villages was endorsed by some of the Ruidoso candidates, too.

Bruce Eldredge, who works in the Downs and lives in Ruidoso, handled the role of moderator with aplomb, humor and enough firmness to get through a dozen candidates in two hours.

We consider that one sign of a successful event is whether people sit through the show and hang around afterward. That happened this time around, and the enthusiasm expressed by the audience was such that this newspaper hopes to sponsor another forum prior to the primary election in June.

We've sat through a good number of such forums in almost every corner of New Mexico over a good many years, and with rare exceptions there tended to be at least one or two candidates whose very presence on the ballot was an embarrassment.

Not so, Ruidoso. If there was an unusual element to us in the Wednesday night session it was the presence of a few relatively short-time residents; at the local political level, most New Mexico communities won't even consider a candidate who wasn't born there.

But Ruidoso's different, and properly so. Anybody with ideas gets a hearing.

And that's what makes Ruidoso people so lucky.

THE SILVER LINING

Remembering brother Joe

With the Birthday Month drawing to a close, we arrive at the birthday of our brother, Joe.



BY DAN STORM
COLUMNIST

Joseph Duffield Storm was born Feb. 28, 1913, in Denver, Colo., to Lynn Wippo Storm and Bertha Kennedy Storm.

He is named after Joseph Duffield, one of Washington's officers in the Revolutionary War.

With the family, he traveled twice to Alaska, and to Mexico where we stayed for a year.

From Mexico we came to El Paso, and then to Glencoe, in 1925. Here Joe spent some of the happiest days of his life, working for Jim Jackson in the cabbage fields that were where Dub and Kathryn Williams now live, and riding his horse,

Buttermilk, visiting his friends throughout Lincoln County. When we began going to Austin, Texas, Joe and his brothers John, Dan, Mark and Lynn attended the University of Texas.

Here Joe ran the mile on the track team and was co-captain his last year.

While attending the university, Joe became active on the school newspaper, *The Daily Texan*, and after graduation he became editor. Here, one of his helpers on the paper was Walter Cronkite. There is a photo here in the house of Joe and Walter taken in the office of *The Daily Texan*.

Later Joe became editor of three Texas newspapers, *The Sweetwater Reporter*, *The Wichita Falls Post* and the *San Angelo Standard Times*.

Still later he worked in the U. S. Department of Agriculture during the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Before entering the Army in World War II, Joe published

his own small crusading paper, *Spade*, in Washington, D. C.

At Christmas time, Joe, since childhood, was busy wrapping presents for everyone in the family, and made many home-made Christmas, Easter and Valentine's Day cards out of crayon and watercolor.

During childhood, Joe was an acolyte in the Episcopal church, and later a Lay Reader. In World War II, Joe was an intelligence scout in the Timberwolf Division, and often entertained fellow soldiers by playing the accordion.

He fell in battle in Germany on Feb. 25, 1945. His name is inscribed at Texas Memorial Stadium in Austin.

Today, on Feb. 24, there is a spirit of sacred joy here where Joe and all our family have spent so many happy days. And I feel the spirit of brother Joe fondly close as he visits me from Heaven.

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one runs out; therefore, no real effect on the everyday citizen.

Just look at your latest residence property tax bill, which is probably nearly double if not more. The property tax mill rates were set by the politicians to look good and the appraisal values went through the roof. The commercial property owners will feel this burden in 1998.

While a builder passes on the gross receipts tax to new home buyers, we continue to price ourselves out of the market. The highest gross receipts tax in the state is not an honor.

The village continues to spill more water than (it sells), month after month. They will

tell you that is exactly the reason they need the bond money. We have had a \$750 water meter fee for over 15 years and the village has always taken money from the water funds to pay for general fund items. About three years ago the village was spending a few thousand dollars on the water problem. Since then, they have had plenty of bond money and as usual not managed to solve the spill problem.

You vote the way you think; I'll vote "no" and change some people at City Hall with the council election, and hopefully city management.

W. A. (Bill) Blaney
Ruidoso

GUEST COMMENTARY

Good neighbors should cooperate

BY DON SMITH
RUIDOSO DOWNS FIRE DEPARTMENT

It has been said that good fences make good neighbors, however, a wall made of politics and ego could have deadly results.

It is time for someone, anyone in power, to stop this deadly game.

Case in point is documented by radio and telephone logs.

On Friday morning, Feb. 20, seven volunteer firefighters and Chief (Nick) Herrera responded to a two-story home fire in Ruidoso Downs. The second story was burning and the smoke was overwhelming. Four firefighters donned airpicks to attack the flames. An airpick is nothing more than pressurized fresh air, just like you are breathing right now.

The refillable bottle lasts only minutes and must be replaced by another.

After a period of time the entry team ran low on air as one bottle after another was depleted.

A call was placed from Ruidoso Downs Village Hall to the Ruidoso Fire Department.

That call was to request assistance by way of refilling our low air bottles. Our rescue unit was to transport bottles so there would be no inconvenience to Ruidoso Fire Department.

The officer in charge at Ruidoso Fire Department refused our request of nothing more than fresh air.

As this crisis was discussed on our fire department radio, the village of Capitan broke in and offered to send a unit with their air supply.

That gracious offer was con-

sidered but cautiously declined because that would have put Capitan at risk of the same dangerous situation that we were experiencing.

As these events unfolded, I watched from my assigned post on Ladder Truck 7 as my 24-year-old son and three of my best friends enter that house three more times, running out of air, attempting to save the home of a neighbor. Remember, we are volunteers.

As this event continues, Police Chief Hightower is loading our empty air bottles in a police unit and is en route to the Roswell Fire Department, which has offered to help.

That will be too late for this emergency but who can predict the next one? And yes, we saved most of the home.

Odd as it may be, another

volunteer fire department fought a house fire Saturday, Feb. 21. According to radio traffic to the sheriff's department, at 6:20 p.m. Saturday, that fire department was en route to Ruidoso Fire Department to refill air packs.

This is not a reflection on Ruidoso firefighters; they are fine men with the same goals as ours, to save lives and property. However, the Ruidoso village officials responsible are playing chess with the lives of human beings while hiding behind politics and ego!

Rest assured, if Ruidoso firefighters ever need our assistance we will respond and risk our lives as volunteer firefighters to protect your lives and property, side by side with your guys. At least until we run out of air.

Locked up for good



Julie Baxter/Ruidoso News
Mac McDougall and Linda Collins try to make bail Thursday as part of the Muscular Dystrophy Association Lock-Up. The national fundraiser is held annually to support MDA programs, clinics and services. In Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, the 25 "prisoners" raised \$6,100 for the cause. "Prisoners" were locked up for an hour or until they raised \$750, whichever came first.

Impact fees rejected by advisors

Ruidoso should not charge impact fees on development. That's the message sent Thursday to the Ruidoso Village Council by one of its advisory boards.

"We are opposed to the concept of impact fees," said Lee Griffin, chair of the Capital Improvement Plan Advisory Committee.

The vote against impact fees was 3-1, with member Ben Mason favoring fees.

The committee has studied the issue for months, and, at a January meeting with the Village Council, signaled that an anti-fee recommendation would be coming.

The official recommendation must concern the village's newly proposed capital improvement plan - submitted this week - and proposed fees, said Chay Rennick, a village attorney. The committee meets next on March 26.

Vincente Montes sentenced to 10 years for robbery

Vincente Montes, the 20-year-old son of Lincoln County Commissioner Monroy Montes, pleaded no contest Friday in Carrizozo to charges of armed robbery and conspiracy.

He was sentenced to a total of 10 years in prison and a mandatory two years of probation by 12th Judicial District Judge Karen Purdison. Montes was charged with robbing Ruidoso's First Savings Bank on Nov. 4, 1996.

Montes was accompanied by his attorney, Gary Mitchell. Assistant District Attorney Viola Rhodes represented the state.

Armed robbery, enhanced by the use of a firearm, is a second-degree felony. Conspiracy is a third-degree felony. In line

with a prearranged plea bargain, Parsons found Montes guilty of both charges.

She sentenced him to nine years on the robbery charge and one year for the firearm enhancement, to run consecutively. Montes was given three years on the conspiracy charge, to run concurrently with his sentence on the robbery charge.

Montes could be released in half the time for good behavior while in prison.

The Glencoe man also is charged with murder in connection with a traffic confrontation shooting in Albuquerque on Nov. 19, 1996. He is accused of killing 19-year-old Brian Salazar, a national kick boxing champion.

TRIAL: defendant claims the fatal fight was a result of provocation

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nsic pathologist testified Tuesday.

Hernandez detailed the injuries to his face, ribs and back from his fight with Hare. He said that during the initial confrontation he pulled Hare off a horse when the trainer was showing off his technique, that Hare fell on top of him and then punched him at least five times in the face. Hernandez said he just laid on the ground and didn't attempt to hit Hare.

He accused Hare of provoking the fight by insulting Hernandez' ethnic heritage and drew himself as a victim of Hare's aggression first in the fist fight and in the fatal battle moments later.

Hare's widow was fuming after listening to Hernandez' testimony.

"When does a person have to start taking responsibility for his actions," Tami Hare asked. "I'm

not asking for his death, just to take responsibility."

She especially resented Hernandez' claim that Hare insulted him by calling him "a Mexican SOB," when Hernandez grabbed the lead rope of the horse Hare was riding. He also testified that Hare asked whether Mexicans could train a horse as quickly and well as he had the 2-year-old filly. Those remarks and the way Hare was moving the horse toward him were sufficiently threatening to cause Hernandez to pull Hare off the horse, he testified.

"I feel like I'm not just defending my husband, but our way of life," Mrs. Hare said. "Jim was not a prejudiced person. My daughter is part Hispanic. If he was prejudiced, why would Ralph Montes (owner of the Espuela Roping

Arena where the incident occurred) be his best friend?"

"It's sad to get to a point where they have to throw in racial stuff, because they have nothing else."

To back up the defense claim that Hare acted improperly by bringing the horse too close to Hernandez while showing off his training technique, Mitchell brought James Sanchez, a rancher and former educator, to the stand.

Sanchez said such action would be dangerous and not good riding etiquette.

But Matisse took Sanchez a step further.

She asked what a person on foot should do if a horse is approaching. Sanchez paused and then said, "I would try to stay

away from him."

The remark tied into earlier cross examination of Hernandez when Matisse asked if he could have just walked away from Hare and the horse, if he was afraid. Hernandez responded, "yes."

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Limo owner rolls out Hollywood ride

Car of 'Desperado' fame ready to provide locals luxury transportation

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS BUSINESS WRITER

Christopher "Kip" Smith reverently rubs his jacket sleeve over an ever-so-slight dent on the roof of his gleaming black limousine.

"We didn't want to take that little feature out," Smith said.

Smith, manager of Ruidoso's new limousine service, considers his vehicle's slight imperfection a bonus since it occurred during the filming of "Desperado," a movie starring Antonio Banderas.

"We had it repainted, but if you look at the roof in just the right light, you can see the footprints from where one of the bad guys popped out of the sun-roof and hit the front of the car," he said.

"The car was used as the mob boss's luxury tank — if you want to call it that."

Smith, who also works as a master electrician at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, put the stretch limousine into service in Ruidoso two months ago. Execu-

tive Limousine is the first formalized limo service to be offered in Lincoln County in many years, he said.

The decision to buy the car and start the business came about, said Smith, when he and family members saw a deal too good to pass up. He, his wife Cynthia and his mother Jodelle Vaughn noticed the car for sale while they were driving through Alamogordo in November. The combination of a great price and movie background was irresistible, he said.

It has since been re-painted, re-upholstered and has had maintenance work done, Smith said.

In addition, Smith is capitalizing on his car's Hollywood ties. In the back of the luxurious 1984 Lincoln Towncar stretch limo is a small television with a VCR.

"And we have a copy of the movie 'Desperado' in the back," Smith said. "So it's a nice little selling point."

The limo has pinstripes on it in the movie, which disappeared when the car was repainted. Even so, it's very

recognizable as the car in the movie, Smith said.

"We haven't put the pinstripes back on yet because we are waiting for the paint to cure a little bit," he said. "You don't want to screw up a beautiful paint job like this."

The car doesn't have a CD player in it yet, but it will, he said. It does have a separate air conditioning for the rear compartment, a privacy panel between the driver and passengers, a sun roof, an ice bucket and a rack that holds six champagne glasses.

"By and large, it's a very luxurious car in the back and in the front," Smith said.

So far, most of his fares have been couples — Valentine's Day was a banner day for the business, he said. However, he has also escorted a group of boys around for a 15th birthday party.

"Our rates right now, it's a sliding scale, we will rent for a single hour for \$85, for two hours it's \$75 per hour and for three or more hours, it's \$65 per hour," Smith said.

"And we do have package rates to the airports — for up to six passengers."

Executive Limousine will drive people to Albuquerque, El



Christopher "Kip" Smith, owner of Executive Limousine, tips his hat from the driver's seat.

Toni K. Laxson/Ruidoso News

Paso, "any city they want to go to," he said. "And we'll quote a reduced rate for long hauls like that."

Ruidoso and Lincoln County is ready for a limousine service, he said. "We have come a long way culturally in the last few years. We have the Spencer Theater, we've got beautiful resort areas like the Inn of the Mountain Gods, we've got the

racetrack and we've got the Lodge in Cloudercroft," Smith said.

"What seems to be one of the most popular runs is a pick up here in town and run over to the lodge for either lunch or dinner."

Limousine's aren't just for the rich and famous, he said. "It's a fantastic perk for a wedding, a birthday, mother's day

... high school reunions, proms — we've already gotten calls about the high school prom.

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TO THE VOTERS OF RUIDOSO

This letter is the fifth and last in the series that constitutes my campaign for Village Councilor. This has probably not been the most efficient campaign run in Ruidoso, however there have been no empty campaign promises, nor can there be any doubt as to where I stand on the issues. It's all in print and there for anyone to read. Finally, as promised in last week's letter, I would like to do what I can to impress on you the vital importance of your vote. For those of you who always vote, or who have already decided to vote this time - please stay with me. I have a message for you too.

Everyone living here has it within their power to influence someone as regards voting. Some may reach only a few and others a larger number. No matter the number, it is vitally important that we all try. My letters have probably reached only a few hundred, and even if I have been successful in convincing most of them that a change is necessary before it is too late - the number is likely too small to get the job done. A very large voter turnout and the defeat of the bond issue will deliver a message that will be heard all throughout the county. This is important for many of the reasons I have tried to explain over the past several weeks. A bit of extra effort on our part can deliver dividends to us all for years to come. At this point, I sincerely believe that voting has transitioned from an option to an obligation. I suggest that the Ruidoso News would perform an invaluable public service if they obtained a list of those who voted from the Registrar of Voters and printed it after the election. Because they will be the ones who truly care about our community, the list ought to be printed on the front page, under a 5" banner headline saying, "THANK YOU". Let's hope the list is 4,995 names long.

In preparing the letters I've had published I have tried to be fair, even handed and above all I have tried to represent an accurate picture of what I believe has, and is about to, happen. The issues we face go significantly beyond the immediate issue of property and other taxes - it goes to the root of the quality of life here. Not only will there be a need to impose financial restraint and accountability relative to Village spending, but there will be much work to be done in correcting past mistakes. Should I be elected, one of the things I would like to see happen is the establishment of a monthly Town Hall type meeting with no fixed agenda - just an opportunity for the people who live in the Village to participate in a dialogue with elected officials. It's the best way I know of determining what people feel and think about the community in which they live. The isolation of the current Village Council agenda-driven meeting promotes disinterest and distrust among the residents. Everyone should have a say and an opportunity to say it - and not at the very end of a five hour Council meeting, either.

About the election, I promised not to engage in finger pointing and mud slinging and I feel I have lived up to the promise. I have told you the truth as I see it, and this might have placed some in an awkward position. I believe that to accomplish what needs to be done the Village needs a new Mayor. My views of what should have been done and what still must be done are diametrically opposed to Mayor Shaw's. I believe that either of the other two candidates for Mayor will provide more acceptable leadership over the next four years. The election of either Mr. Donaldson or Mr. Storch to the office of Mayor will vacate another council seat. This means that potentially we could have four new Council members. This, I feel, will work to the advantage of us all - not that those running for reelection are all bad, however setting goals and priorities with fresh ideas and thoughts brought by new members will probably work best.

I have spoken with some of the other candidates for council and I would like to recommend, for one, Ms. Carolyn "Sue" Patton to you all. She has a vision of Ruidoso that is very akin to mine. Reducing taxes and keeping them down is uppermost on her agenda. She has an impressive record in accounting that may not be well known. She too believes that it is past time to impose financial restraint in Village affairs. I am sure the other new candidates will, or have already, determined that this must take priority in the future.

Human nature is a constant. People seldom do anything that isn't what they perceive to be in their own best interest. I sincerely hope that I have been able to demonstrate that taking the time to do our part in the upcoming election is most certainly in our very best interest. The "spend yourself into prosperity" philosophy of the current Mayor and Council will, if allowed to continue, most certainly cost us dearly in the months and years to come. At this moment it is possible, even likely, you personally haven't yet felt the sting of increased property taxes, or the highest gross receipts tax in the State - but the day is coming unless we do something now. The best Village Council ever cannot do much if they reduce spending and pay off bond issues only to be blind-sided by the actions of the School District or, more likely, the County Commissioners which result in higher taxes. There must be cooperation between the various entities in working to make the County as well as Ruidoso a better place for us all to live. If we care at all, we can and must play a roll in making this happen. I was recently told by an El Paso homeowner that his property taxes on a reasonably modest house ran to \$800 a month. I don't know if this is true, but he had no reason to lie to me. Scary, isn't it - but that is the sort of thing that could become reality if all of the various factors at work here and in the county aren't brought under control. Now, we are the only controlling factor.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to read what I've had to say. I would like to again thank all of you who have called with comments, suggestions and advice. It has been most gratifying and is very much appreciated. On election day, weather permitting, I and Ms. Patton will both be available all day in the parking lot - at somewhat greater distance than prescribed by law - of the Civic Events Center, to answer any questions you might still have. I hope to see you at the polls.

Alan G. Settles

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Alan G. Settles

Motel 6 granted variance for smaller parking lot

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Developers of a Motel 6 in Ruidoso won't have to come up with more parking spaces, but they will have to cover the cost of some intersection improvements.

In a 5-1 vote last week, the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission took the recommendation of village staff and agreed that Hem-Ami Inc. had met the terms of an earlier conditional approval of a commercial site development and variance request.

Construction of the 54-room motel on the west side of Michelena's Italian Restaurant on Sudderth Drive is scheduled to be completed next October. Paaru Construction, an Albuquerque-based firm, will build the motel on a 1.2-acre lot at a cost of about \$2.3 million. The motel will feature an elevator and swimming pool and will be built in an "L" shape. About 10-15 people will be employed when the motel opens, according to Hemal Patel, part owner of the motel and president of Paaru Construction.

Staff planner Darrell Bremner wrote in his recommendation that at the time Patel's application was reviewed, parking standard called for 63 parking spaces, but the standard was lowered to 60 later for that size of development.

Patel will provide 56 parking spaces on site. Attempts to arrange for more spaces with other businesses or property owners in the area failed and he asked the commission to remove the condition.

"Staff recommends approval of the request believing a good faith effort was made to meet the condition," Bremner wrote.

However, he also recommended that the developers pay about \$2,250 to provide a new curb alignment to create better visibility, at the intersection of Chase Drive with Sudderth Drive.

"They will force people not to park too close to Chase on Sudderth," said commission member Ovella Estes.

She voted for approval for several reasons, including that arranging for more parking spaces across the street could endanger patrons.

"That's the reason I took the position I did," she said. "The only real burden for parking would occur if they had 100 percent capacity. The national average is 67 percent."

More likely, customers at Michelena's restaurant will end up using the motel parking lot instead of walking across the street, where many park now, Estes said.

However, commissioner member Bill Hirschfeld, who voted against the variance, said Friday the shortage of

parking along Ruidoso's main street is a problem that can't be ignored.

"I'm not against the project, just the variance," he said. "I wasn't satisfied with the parking requirements. With the density of use in that area and all of the variances granted over the years, it's real congested."

Unlike other zoning petitions, the commission's decisions on variances are final and are not recommendations sent to the village council for action.

In other action, the commission:

• Approved a setback variance for lot 111A, Block B Sleepy Hollow Subdivision, 107 Main Road, requested by Charles Craig.

The lot is zoned neighborhood commercial and is 1.19 acres with a motel, office and parking area. Craig wants to build a 336 square-foot carport and needed a variance of 10.07 feet or 40 percent from the standard 25-foot front setback and 6.83 feet or 68 percent from the standard 10-foot rear setback. The staff recommended against approval, saying the situation does not meet the standards for a variance.

"This is a motel in Upper Canyon and he just was asking for something that encroached a little," Hirschfeld explained.

"When we don't follow the staff recommendation, we usually tack on conditions that have been suggested by staff and did in this case."

• Approved a development variance on Lot 5A, Block 30 of Ponderosa Heights, Unit IV Subdivision, 109 South Candlewood Drive, requested by Lonnie Mathews.

The unimproved lot is zoned low density mobile home and is slightly larger than a quarter acre. Mathews wants to develop 26 percent of the lot, but the then existing Hillside Protection Ordinance allowed only 10 percent. Development would consist of 1,250 square feet and parking for two vehicles. The commission previously approved the replat of two lots to create this one. The lot exceeds the minimum width and area requirements. A newly adopted hillside ordinance now allows 65 percent of a lot to be developed. The staff recommended approval.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

World Discovery Travel changes owners, names

World Discovery Travel, 1009 Mechem Dr., in The Paddock, has changed owners and names. New owners Diana Flores, Susanne O'Malley, Dick Mound and Dale Murphy have changed the travel agency's name to Get-A-Way Travel Inc.

Flores and O'Malley have more than 18 years experience in the travel industry.

Get-A-Way will host an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, with a live remote broadcast from KBUY/KWES Radio from 10

a.m. to noon.

For more information, call 258-3838.

Big Brother, Big Sisters to hold garage sale

Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Lincoln County will have a garage sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 11 at the Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso campus.

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I was born in Clovis, NM, Jan. 6, 1933. I lived in Clovis until moving to Ruidoso in 1964. While in Clovis I was engaged in farming and construction most of my adult life. After moving to Ruidoso I was Superintendent for Western Constructors, Inc. in the paving and concrete business for 1 year. I then became a Building Inspector for the Mescalero Housing Authority until 1966. At that time I went into the Real Estate Business in Capitan until the present.

In March 1996 I was elected to the Capitan Board of Trustees for a 2 year term. After being elected I was appointed to the Eagle Creek Water Board. In the past 2 years we have completed the paving of streets in the core area of Capitan. We have received a grant for \$375,000 to build a 2,000,000 gallon water storage tank which will triple our storage capacity. This project is 80% completed at this time. We have also received 2 planning grants for \$25,000 each, \$70,000 Co-op money from the State for roads and \$25,000 State Appropriation money. The most recent grant we received is for \$268,000 to be used for an additional water well. Money left over will be used for fire hydrants and water line improvements. At this time we have an agreement with Ruidoso to dissolve Eagle Creek Intercommunity Water Supply Association. In this agreement Capitan will receive 1/2 the water rights amounting to 838 acre feet for Capitan. We have approval from the NM State Engineer to transfer 500 acres of our water rights to the Capitan well field upon completion of a hydrology study. Capitan will still own 338 acre feet which will be leased to Ruidoso for \$33,800 per year. Contrary to what you may have heard it was never the intention of the Board to sell any water rights to Ruidoso. Ruidoso will purchase the remaining assets of Eagle Creek Intercommunity Water Supply Association at the appraised price from Capitan. Our engineer projects we will have adequate water to the year 2040 based on projected growth.

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Alleged shoplifters keep police busy with 11 incidents in two days

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Keen observation by local grocery store employees and some police assistance netted 11 suspects in two days, all of which were connected to four shoplifting incidents.

Ruidoso police cited 11 people, including five minors, Saturday and Monday after shoplifting complaints came in from Ruidoso's two Furr's Supermarkets. The most popular item taken in those inci-

dents was alcohol.

Two 17-year-old Mescalero girls were cited Saturday after police responded to a shoplifting call at Furr's, 721 Mechem Drive. While store employees had detained one suspect inside the store, two other suspects had fled on foot. Officers gave chase and, while pursuing the two girls, watched a bottle of rum fall out of one of their backpacks. The girls were charged with shoplifting, resisting, evading or eluding a police officer, and

possessing alcohol.

In another alcohol-related theft, police responded to the Mechem Furr's location again at 12:55 p.m. Monday. An assistant store manager told Cpl. Luis Torres that two males had run out of the store with four cases of beer and fled in a maroon Nissan. As Torres was finishing his report at the Mechem Furr's, another shoplifting report came in from the Furr's at 205 W. Highway 70.

While on his way to the

other Furr's location, Torres passed a maroon Nissan turning out of a gas station on Sudderth Drive. Torres matched the license plate number to the one reported as seen on the fleeing car. With assistance from other Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs police officers, Torres stopped the vehicle.

The driver of the car, Hector Deleon, 18, and a passenger, Sandro Soto, 21, admitted to stealing the beer. Deleon told Torres the beer was in the trunk. Torres did find the beer

in the trunk, but one case was open and some cans were removed. Those missing cans were found inside the car, open.

Deleon and Soto were charged with shoplifting. Four other passengers in the car - Felix Portillo, 19, and three juveniles - were charged with possessing alcohol. The three juveniles were also charged with truancy.

In a separate incident Monday, Gordon N. Yahnahki, 20, of Mescalero, also was charged with shoplifting after taking a

case of beer and two bottles of Crown Royal whiskey from Furr's, 205 W. Highway 70.

In the fourth shoplifting incident that also occurred at the Furr's on Highway 70, Maria Cordova, 52, and Raphael Armendariz, 47, both of Ruidoso, were charged after store managers observed Cordova slipping food items into her purse as she traveled through the aisles. When police arrested them, Cordova and Armendariz had collected \$15.46 worth of food.

Snow disaster relief funds of some \$200,000 due soon

• The federal funds will help with costs incurred from December's heavy snowfall.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Disaster relief funds for December's snow storms should soon be on their way to both Lincoln County and Ruidoso, a county official said this week.

A total of almost \$200,000 in Federal Emergency Manage-

ment Agency money is expected, said Connie Hopper, emergency management coordinator, in a presentation Monday to a local emergency planning commis-

sion. "If we don't receive it this week we will be calling up to the state headquarters to find out where we stand," Hopper said.

The money is to compensate the county and village for expenditures during the excessive snow storms in late December, when about 3 feet of snow

fell on the area in less than four days.

On Dec. 30, Lincoln County commissioners declared the county a disaster area and filed for federal assistance along with six other counties in the state at the time. Because the total amount of damage attributed to the snow storms came to more than \$2 million, the applying governmental entities qualified for federal assistance, Hopper said.

This is the first time Hopper can recall the county receiving federal disaster relief. Though it was applied for in the summer of 1996 because of drought conditions, the declaration was turned down, she said.

"I don't remember the county ever being part of a federal disaster (before)," said Hopper in a later interview.

Lincoln County will receive the largest slice of the \$200,000 - about \$179,000 for snow chains, employee overtime, contractors, saws and more; and about \$41,000 for road repairs made necessary because of the storms, she said. The road repair compensation may turn out to be less when the check arrives, Hopper said.

Ruidoso Village Manager Gary Jackson said the village

expects to receive about \$72,000 for similar expenses. The village applied for \$80,000 to cover expenses incurred because of the storms, said Jackson, who also attended the Lincoln County Local Emergency Planning Commission meeting on Monday.

On Feb. 9, FEMA inspectors and state officials looked over county and village documentation of snow storm expenses, Hopper

said. Under its policy, the federal agency has two weeks from the inspection date to ask for an audit, Hopper said. Because no audit has been requested, Hopper anticipates that the checks will arrive soon.

Both the county and village improved their opportunities to receive federal assistance because of emergency management practices that require officials to document expenses, Hopper said.

The federal assistance will not cover damage to the Glencoe Rural Events Center from the snow storms, she said. Heavy snow collapsed one of the canopies on the south side of the building. The damage, estimated at about \$25,000, will be covered largely by insurance, Hopper said.

"If we don't receive it this week we will be calling..."

Connie Hopper,
county emergency
coordinator

RUIDOSO POLICE

KFC burglar turns self in

A burglar broke into Kentucky Fried Chicken, 331 Sudderth Dr., between midnight and 9:30 a.m., Saturday, causing damage to the restaurant's front doors and taking \$160.

But the burglar, Elmer Oroasco, 18, of Mescalero had a change of heart and returned to the restaurant Sunday and gave the money back.

Oroasco later turned himself in to Ruidoso Police and was charged with commercial burglary.

Assault charges pending against Ruidoso man

Charges are pending against 36-year-old Ruidoso man after a violent incident Saturday.

Patrick Sanchez allegedly hit another 36-year-old Ruidoso man in the face, threatened him with a rock, and threw a rock through the back window of the victim's 1985 Subaru Saturday, according to Ruidoso police reports.

The victim came to the police department Saturday morning to report the crime. No estimate was given on the damage to the car.

Rings, money taken in burglary

Burglars broke into a home in the 100 block of Hickory Road between Sunday and Thursday, taking two rings and \$1,000 cash.

A 50-year-old Ruidoso woman told police that the burglars took the two rings, which were sitting on a nightstand near her bed, and \$1,000, all in \$100 bills, which was hidden under her mattress. Police took the envelope the money was taken from to check it for fingerprints, but the case is pending further leads.

Eagle Creek cabin burns

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A summer home owned by a Clovis couple in the Upper Eagle Creek area of the Lincoln National Forest burned to the ground Saturday.

Jack Powell parked his four-wheel drive about 100 yards from the house, because of snow, said Bonito Fire Chief Chris Denne. To warm up the cabin quickly, the owners turned on all the electrical heating devices and the stove, then returned to the car to bring things packed for the weekend.

"By the time they returned, the cabin was in flames," Denne said. "Powell had a cellular phone and called the (Lincoln County) sheriff's office, which dispatched us at about 9:30 a.m."

"The closest we could get was 100 yards. We put the portable pump into Eagle Creek (for a water source), but there was no way to save it. The best we could do is keep the flames away from the garage. The structure was lost."

To reach the fire, the department had to use four-wheel drive and chains, and still had to leave one of its six

units behind.

"The structure was uninsulated and built out of cedar siding," Denne said. "I have no idea about the exact cause. It could have been the electrical wiring or something close to one of the heat sources that ignited"

Fourteen firefighters responded to the blaze.

Sam Tobias of the Smokey Bear Ranger District on the Lincoln forest said although the homes in that type of summer settlement are privately owned, they are built on forest land. The current agreement with the U.S. Forest Service will expire in the year 2011. At that time, the Service must decide whether to extend the agreement or close down the settlement.

"It looks like we have the latitude to approve the rebuilding of a cabin there, however they must meet all current federal and state standards now, such as building codes," Tobias said. "The owner has to determine whether it's worth that type of investment. I believe he acquired the cabin in 1990-or 1991, and he's spent time and effort fixing it up."

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Scoreboard

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25

Girls basketball - District 3AAA playoffs
Cobre 40, Ruidoso 37

TUESDAY, FEB. 24

Boys basketball - District 3A playoffs
Mountaineer 73, Carrizozo 40

District 5A playoffs
Mesilla Valley 63, Lake Arthur 48

SATURDAY, FEB. 21

A-AAA Wrestling Meet State Championships in Moriarty
FINAL TEAM RESULTS
Aztec 312, Cobre 209.5, Moriarty 138, Robertson 128, WWV Las Vegas 127.5, Academy 108, Silver 107.5, Bloomfield 101.5, Taos 96, St. Miles 85, Kirtland 68, St. Plus 63, Bernalillo 62.5, Los Alamos 60, Tohatchi 39, Shiprock 37, NIMMI 29, Ruidoso 25, Navajo Prep 20.5, Tucuman 18, Wingate 7, Newcombe 0.

RESULTS BY WEIGHT CLASS

103— Champ. Chris Gonzales, Rob, dec. Milan Sills, Azt, 3-2 OT; 3rd Paul Perea, Bern; 4th Jason Sanchez, Sil; 5th Paul Long, Toh; 6th Frankie Gonzales, Cobre.
112— Champ. Lionel Valdez, Azt, dec. David Salas, Bern, 3-1; 3rd Jason Miller, SM; 4th Pat Torres, Cob; 5th Joseph Darreras, Rob; 6th Nick Bauer, Acad.
119— Champ. Michael Baca, NIMMI, dec. David Cerrano, Azt, 5-3; 3rd Javier Peru, Cob; 4th Zach Sullivan, Blom; 5th A.J. Stephens, LA; 6th Art Martinez, Sil.
125— Champ. Randy Sanchez, Taos, dec. Casey Price, Azt, 5-4; 3rd Kerry Sheldon, Mor; 4th Jesse Otero, SP; 5th Kevin Salazar, SM; 6th Ryan Clark, Blom.
130— Champ. Ronnie Clark, Azt, dec. Freeborn Mondello, Sil, 7-2; 3rd Vidal Gonzales, Rob; 4th Steve Udero, Cob; 5th Matt Buckley, Mor; 6th Adam Otero, SP.

135— Champ. Rey Gallegos, WLV, maj. dec. Ben Olguin, Azt, 9-1; 3rd Danny Gilbert, Acad; 4th Lawrence Garcia, Cob; 5th Johnathan Dunham, SM; 6th Jeremiah Johnson, Ship.

140— Champ. Sam Meledrez, Rob, inj. defit.; 3rd Chris Latham, Mor; 4th Chris Padilla, NP; 5th Will Wing, LA; 6th Ohmid Mishadi, SP.

145— Champ. Ryan Altman, Acad, dec. Shawn Casaus, Blom, 11-8; 3rd Domingo Maynes, Cob; 4th J.J. Griego, Azt; 5th Garrison Spencer, Ship; 6th Jacob Tafuya, WLV.

152— Champ. Danny Parsons, Mor, dec. Victor Villa, WLV, 6-4 OT; 3rd Shane Bingham, Azt; 4th Terry Trujillo, Cob; 5th Eduardo Rivera, LA; 6th Seymour Bilsul, Toh.
160— Champ. Brian Robison, Azt, dec. Toby Konno, Rob, OT, 3-1; 3rd Gabe Maynes, Cob; 4th Marcus Gurule, WLV; 5th Jeremy Scholz, Tuc; 6th Jon Davey, Acad.

171— Champ. Daniel Jaquez, Azt, dec. Robin Kiska, Acad, 9-0; 3rd Chris Lopez, WLV; 4th Darian Platero, Kirt; 5th Chris Maynes, Cob; 6th Shane Cooley, Blom.
189— Champ. Nathan McLain, Azt, dec. Art Quintana, Cob, 9-3; 3rd Monte Clark, Kirt; 4th Justin Fernandez, Taos; 5th Adam Powell, SP; 6th Lucas Bachicha, WLV.

215— Champ. Charlie Yancey, Mor, dec. Mike Madrid, Cob, 11-4; 3rd Andy Chavez, SM; 4th Ryan Peters, Sil; 5th Jeremiah Martinez, Taos; 6th Donny Montgomery, Azt.
HVY— Champ. Mark Beltran, Cob, dec. Tim Wagner, Azt, 5-1; 3rd David Turrieta, Sil; 4th Matt Romero, Taos; 5th Eric Bilsul, Blom; 6th Brian Boyd, Win; 6th

Pecking Order

Boys District 3AAA Standings	District	Overall
Silver	5-1	7-12
Ruidoso	4-2	12-9
Cobre	3-3	10-9
Santa Teresa	2-5	9-12
Hot Springs	2-5	5-16

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TODAY
March Madness 5 on 5 Basketball Tournament

Deadline to enter and pay half the entry fee for the March Madness Basketball Tournament at Ruidoso Middle School. Divisions are women's open and men's 6-foot and under. Cost to enter the double elimination tournament is \$150. Call Abraham or Gina Chee at 257-6720 for more information.

SATURDAY, FEB. 28

Richard Golly Cross Country Ski Races
Ski Cloudcroft is hosting the Richard Golly Cross Country Ski Races Saturday. The races start at 10 a.m. Registration begins at 8 a.m. on race day. The \$10 entry fee includes a T-shirt. Classes for the race are novice, intermediate and expert. Trophies will be awarded to the first three place in each class. To preregister or for more information, call 682-2333 or 1-800-333-7542.

MARCH 7 AND 8

20th Men's Bowling Championships
The Lincoln County Men's Bowling Association will have its 20th tournament March 7 and 8 at Ruidoso Bowling Center for teams, singles and doubles. Entries are available at the Ruidoso Bowling Center and the Carrizozo Recreational Center.

► GIRLS REGION D TOURNAMENT

Eagles aim for a good first impression in regional

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Hondo girls basketball team is still buzzing after its upset of Hagerman for the District 5A title last Saturday, 65-64, in Hagerman.

And why not? The Eagles bumped the Bobcats when Jackie Sanchez rebounded a missed shot, scored, drew a foul and then hit the winning free throw with five ticks left on the clock.

The Bobcats are the same team that trounced the Eagles in a regular season

district game Feb. 6. And, the district crown represents the first for the Eagle girls. Today, they have a shot at their first trip to the Class A Girls State Basketball Tournament.

Hondo will try to come back to earth today when it hosts Lincoln County sister Corona in a 5 p.m. matchup with the Cardinals.

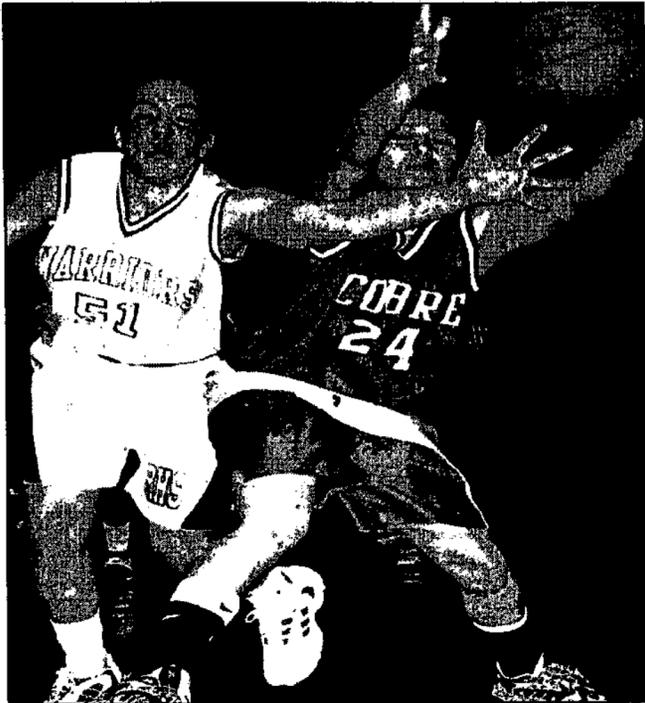
The last time the two teams met, Hondo rolled to a 46-27 victory over the Cardinals in Corona, Feb. 7.

A year ago, the Eagles won all of four games. Coach Julie Montoya, who also drives the bus for the school district, has

turned around the Eagles' fortunes. Hondo brings a 14-7 overall record to the table tonight.

Travis Lightfoot's Corona team is led by Sarah Stuart, who averages more than 15 points a game. The 10-11 Cardinals earned their trip to the regional tournament with a 52-46 victory over Vaughn in last week's district semifinals.

Some might contend that the regional championship game will be the evening's first matchup between Hagerman and Fort Sumner. Both teams have spent the entire season ranked in the Class A Top 10.



Mandi Lewallen fouls her Cobre opponent attempting to steal the ball. Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News

Season ends on frustrating note for coach and seniors

Same old song for Ruidoso girls

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The proverbial lid on the basket was screwed on tight Wednesday night for the Ruidoso girls basketball team.

The Warriors fell to visiting Cobre, 40-37, in a District 3AAA quarterfinal playoff game, ending the season for Ruidoso.

Cobre advances to tonight's game at No. 2-seed Hot Springs. The winner earns a state tournament berth and an inevitable date with the district's top seed, Silver on Saturday.

Dwayne Rogers' Warriors finish the season 8-15 overall — the best record in several years. The last time Ruidoso neared that mark came in 1993-94 when the Warriors were 7-16.

But despite that notable accomplishment, Rogers had a distinct feeling after Wednesday's game.

"More than anything else, it was just frustrating," Rogers said of the Warriors' shooting woes. "We tightened up initially. We put a lot of pressure on ourselves."

A poor night finding the absent was compounded by the range inside game from the Ruidoso post players.

"We just didn't hit the boards. We needed some second shot opportunities that just didn't happen. We didn't hit the boards the way we were supposed to," Rogers said.

The Warriors and Indians battled toe to toe throughout the game. Ruidoso pulled ahead late in the fourth quarter, forging a 37-32 lead with two minutes to go.

But that would be all Ruidoso could score.

The Indians tallied the last eight points of the game, then survived a number of Ruidoso shot attempts in the waning

► Region D tourney

The Region D Tournament semifinals will be played today in Hondo. The lineup:

- 5 p.m. Fort Sumner (23-5) vs. Hagerman (14-8)
- 6:45 p.m. Hondo (14-7) vs. Corona (10-11)

Winners meet at 5 p.m. Saturday in Hondo Valley for regional championship.

moments to hold on.

"We were literally in shock at the end of the ball game," Rogers said. "We prepared for Cobre. They found a way to answer everything."

► 3AAA PLAYOFFS

Ruidoso's performance this year has Rogers looking to the future.

"It has us thinking about the possibilities. In order to be considered a successful program we've got to win some tough games. We're not there yet, but we're coming along."

"We made some individual progress, but overall, in order to be a good basketball team, we have to make a much bigger commitment in the off season and even in the season. But we are gaining respect."

Concluding their careers for the Warriors were seniors Mandi Lewallen, Bailey Bishop, Denise Rodella, Jana Morris, Amanda Kakuska, Apryl Figueroa and Priscilla Rojas.

SPORTS SHORTS

Ruidoso named softball area of the year

In 1997, Ruidoso was the place in the state to play softball.

The New Mexico state association of the United States Sports Specific Association (USSSA) handed out its annual awards Saturday in Las Cruces, including "Area of the Year" to Ruidoso.

Area director Patsy Page accepted the award from USSSA state director Kevin Naegele. The award recognizes an area for its quality of tournaments and leagues. Ruidoso offers men's, women's, coed and girls youth leagues and sponsors a half dozen tournaments each summer and fall.

"By getting the area of the year, the program proves it has a positive impact for softball players in offering a great place to play," said Ruidoso Parks and Recreation director Rafael Salas. Also earning accolades was Dusty Cocchiola as Ruidoso Area Umpire of the Year.

Snowboarders score wins

Three Ruidoso area snowboarders brought home honors from the High Altitude Snowboard Races at Ski Cloudcroft Saturday.

Ruidoso's Jake Tetreault, 11, captured the 12-and-under division. Second to Tetreault was Mescalero's Ryan Montoya.

Steve Henry of Ruidoso was the fastest in the 17-29 division.

The first-time event drew about 40 entries, Ski Cloudcroft officials said.

"Overall they went good. We were just real pleased," said Lane Preslar, co-owner of Ski Cloudcroft. "It will become an annual event."

Tennis player selected for FCA award

Ruidoso senior Myra

Romero was one of 17 high school athletes named Athlete of the Year by the state association of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.



Myra Romero

Romero was selected for her accomplishments in sports and her religious faith. The Warrior tennis player's name will be engraved on a plaque, which will be mounted in the FCA Wall of Champions at the New Mexico Activities Association Hall of Honor.

Honorees of the FCA/John and Michele Wetteland Athlete of the Year were treated to a dinner at the Tanoan Country Club in Albuquerque Sunday.

Youth coaching class

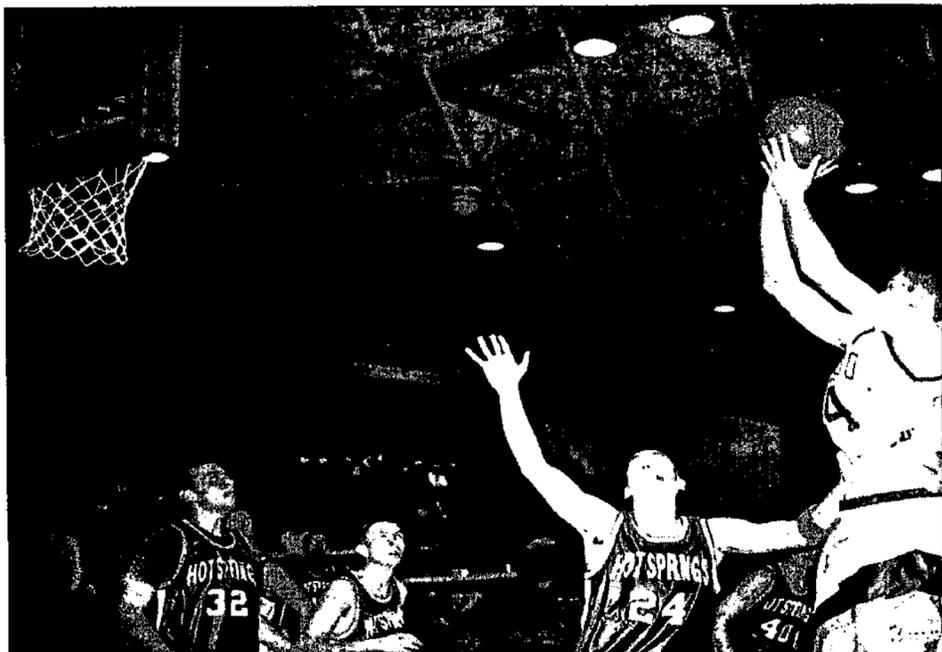
The Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department will offer a certification clinic for youth baseball coaches from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation office.

The National Youth Sports Coaches Association certifies the clinic, which costs \$20 and includes a \$500,000 liability insurance coverage.

The clinic is the first level of a three-level program that emphasizes the responsibilities of youth sport coaches. All youth sport coaches are encouraged to attend. The clinic covers such topics as: Coaching Philosophy, Physical Growth, Legal Liability, the Coach as a Role Model, Child Abuse, First Aid, Nutrition, Sportsmanship, Dealing with Parents, and Accommodating Children with Disabilities.

The second half of the first level will deal directly with baseball fundamentals and practice. Sport specific clinics in football, basketball and other activities will be offered at a later date at no extra cost. Second and third level clinics will be scheduled as well.

Shooting for two



Ruidoso's Tyler Cluff and his Warrior teammates shoot for a sweep this weekend in far western reaches of the District 3AAA. There, the Warriors take on Cobre in Bayard tonight, and then face district-leading Silver Saturday in Silver City. If coach Gary Grah's team wins both, then the Warriors will have the No. 1 seed in the 3AAA playoffs. Steve Bennett/Ruidoso News

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SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF BERNALILLO STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ANGELIQUE WELLS and FARMERS INSURANCE COMPANY OF ARIZONA

Plaintiffs,

v.

JANE ATWOOD

Defendant

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named (Defendants), GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff Angelique Wells and Farmers Insurance Company of Arizona have filed a suit against you in the above-named Court and cause, the general object thereof being to seek judgment for monies due for property damage and personal injuries.

That unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 15th of March, 1998, judgment by default will be entered against you;

Name and address of Plaintiff's attorney(s):

Daniel J. O'Brien, P.C.
6301 Indian School Road, Suite 800
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110
(505) 883-8181

WITNESS the Honorable W. Daniel Schmelter, District Judge of the Second Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Bernalillo County, this 20th day of January, 1998.

(SEAL)

THOMAS J. RUZ
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

by: ERIN DENNETTUM
Deputy

1397(2)6,13,20,27

LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a regular meeting on March 17, 1998 at Village Hall, 315 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case #PZ-98-009 a Variance request for the following described property:

Lot 2, Block 1, Ruidoso Pine Lodge Sd. Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

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/s/Cleatus R. Richards
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE OF NEW MEXICO

VICTORIA LEE BROTHERTON,

Petitioner,

vs.

G. BRADLEY BROTHERTON,

Respondent Cause No. DM-97-185 Division III

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: G. BRADLEY BROTHERTON:

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above styled and number cause of action has commenced and is pending in the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico. The general object of this suit is for Dissolution of Marriage.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that unless you file an answer or responsive pleading to the Petition, on or before April 13, 1998, judgment will be entered against you by default, and the Petitioner will apply to the Court for the relief sought herein.

The Petitioner's Attorney is H. John Lindemann, H. JOHN LINDEMANN, LTD., 1099 Mechem Drive, Suite 310, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on February 11th, 1998.

ALICE BACA BAXTER
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

/s/Elizabeth Luera
Deputy Clerk

1438 4T(2)20,27(2)6,13

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

WILLARD C. ANDERSON,

Petitioner,

vs.

DIVISION III

VIRGINIA A. ANDERSON,

Respondent,

AMENDED NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO: VIRGINIA A. ANDERSON

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, a certain cause of action wherein Willard C. Anderson is the Petitioner and you are the Respondent, the same being Cause No. DM-97-185, Division III.

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YOU ARE NOTIFIED that unless you enter your appearance or file the pleadings herein on or before April 28, 1998, the Petitioner will make application to the Court for a Decree by Default, and Decree by Default will be rendered against you as prayed for in the petition.

The name of the Petitioner's attorney is RICHARD A. HAWTHORNE, P.A., Richard A. Hawthorne, and whose address is 1221 Mechem, Suite 2, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico this 2nd day of February, 1998.

ALICE BACA BAXTER
DISTRICT COURT CLERK
LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

/s/Elizabeth Luera
Deputy Court Clerk

1408 4T(2)6,13,20,27

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LUCIENNE J. MOORE, Deceased,

No. PZ-97-61 Div. II

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will forever be barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address of his attorney, Don E. Dutton of the Dutton Firm, Ltd., 229 Rio Street, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, or filed with the Lincoln County District Court, P.O. Box 725, Cantozzo, New Mexico 88301.

Dated February 17, 1998.

/s/George A. Moore, Personal Representative of the Estate of Lucienne J. Moore, Deceased
P.O. Box 42
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1 Close in on, old-style

6 Pioneer Dadaist

9 Command in a western

13 Played

15 Sea duck

17 The king has drowned, in 33-Across?

18 Yarn

19 ——— whim

20 She, to Chanel

21 Spread

22 Stable fare, in 33-Across?

24 Bulbous glass vessel

27 Sports finales, for short

28 Gibraltar, e.g.: Abbr.

29 Statutory ———

30 Paddled

33 This puzzle's theme

39 Con men, in slang

40 Caulterize

41 Baths

44 Whisky 'Rebellion suppressor

45 Noted family of philanthropists

47 Drag Miss DuBois to dinner, in 33-Across?

51 Her cow set Chicago ablaze, 1871

52 Buggy

53 Cousin of a Comanche

56 Naturalists' study

57 Father finch, in 33-Across?

59 Seafood entree

60 Popular Christmas gift

61 "——— Bones Gwine ter Rise Again" (old song)

62 Psalms and Proverbs, e.g.: Abbr.

63 Copped

DOWN

1 First name in folk

2 Extra bright

3 Andean land: Abbr.

4 "Exodus" hero

5 Put the lid back on

6 Not straight

7 Newswoman Poussaint

8 A.S.A.P.

9 Hater

10 Confirmation and others

11 Aphrodite's amour

12 "You ——— kidding!"

14 "I haven't ———"

16 Mitch of 60's rock

21 No longer stocking

22 Inking

23 Orch. leaders

24 Gov. Landon

25 Russian for "peace"

26 Princess' tormentor

30 Fishing basket

31 Atmospheric: Prefix

32 Villa ———

34 Stand

35 Words on a freshness label

36 Revivalist, for short

37 Skyjark or Eagle, e.g.

38 Divs. of a day

41 Jeer

42 Wan

43 Anatomical ring

45 Ad salesmen have them: Abbr.

46 Eyeopeners

48 Weight allowances

49 Smart one

50 Bouquets, to wine connoisseurs

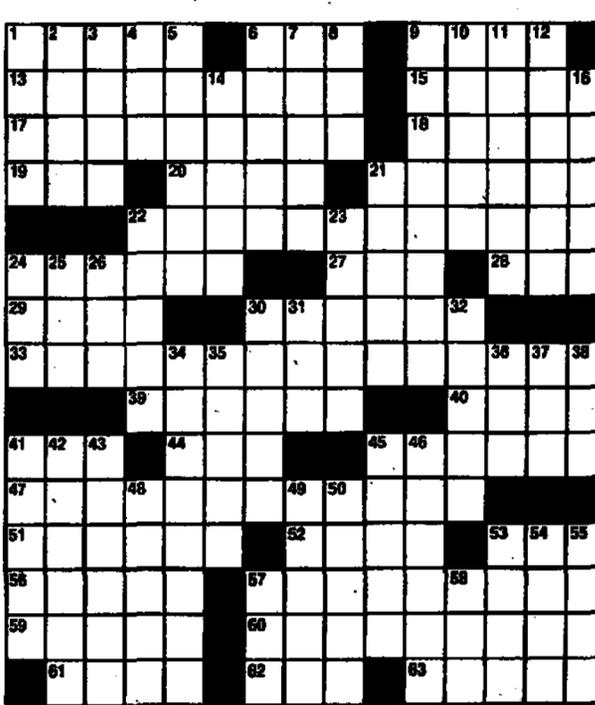
53 Doing, so to speak

54 Asian unit of weight

55 In ——— (actually)

57 Writing tip

58 Bother, with "at"



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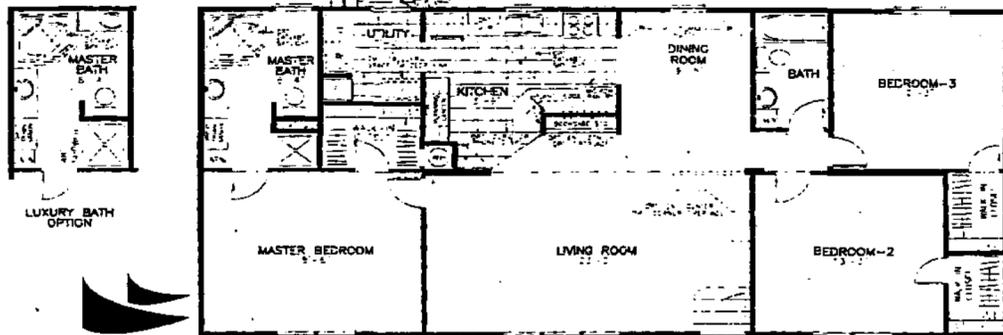
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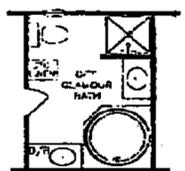
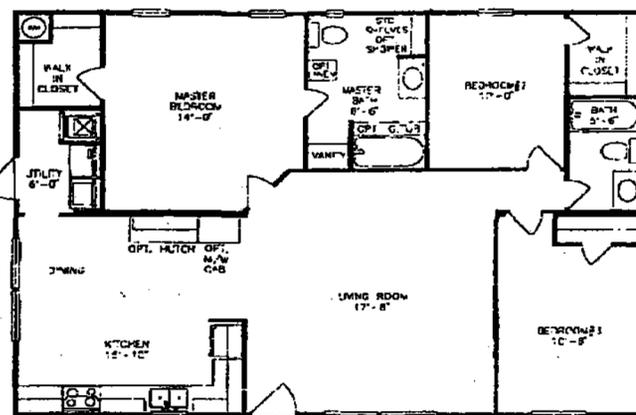


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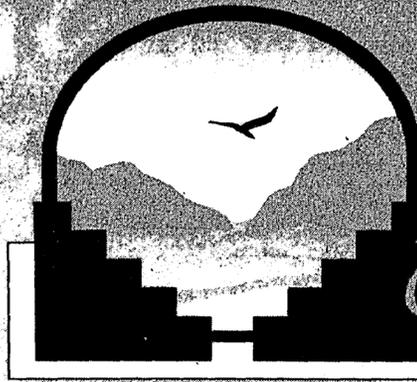
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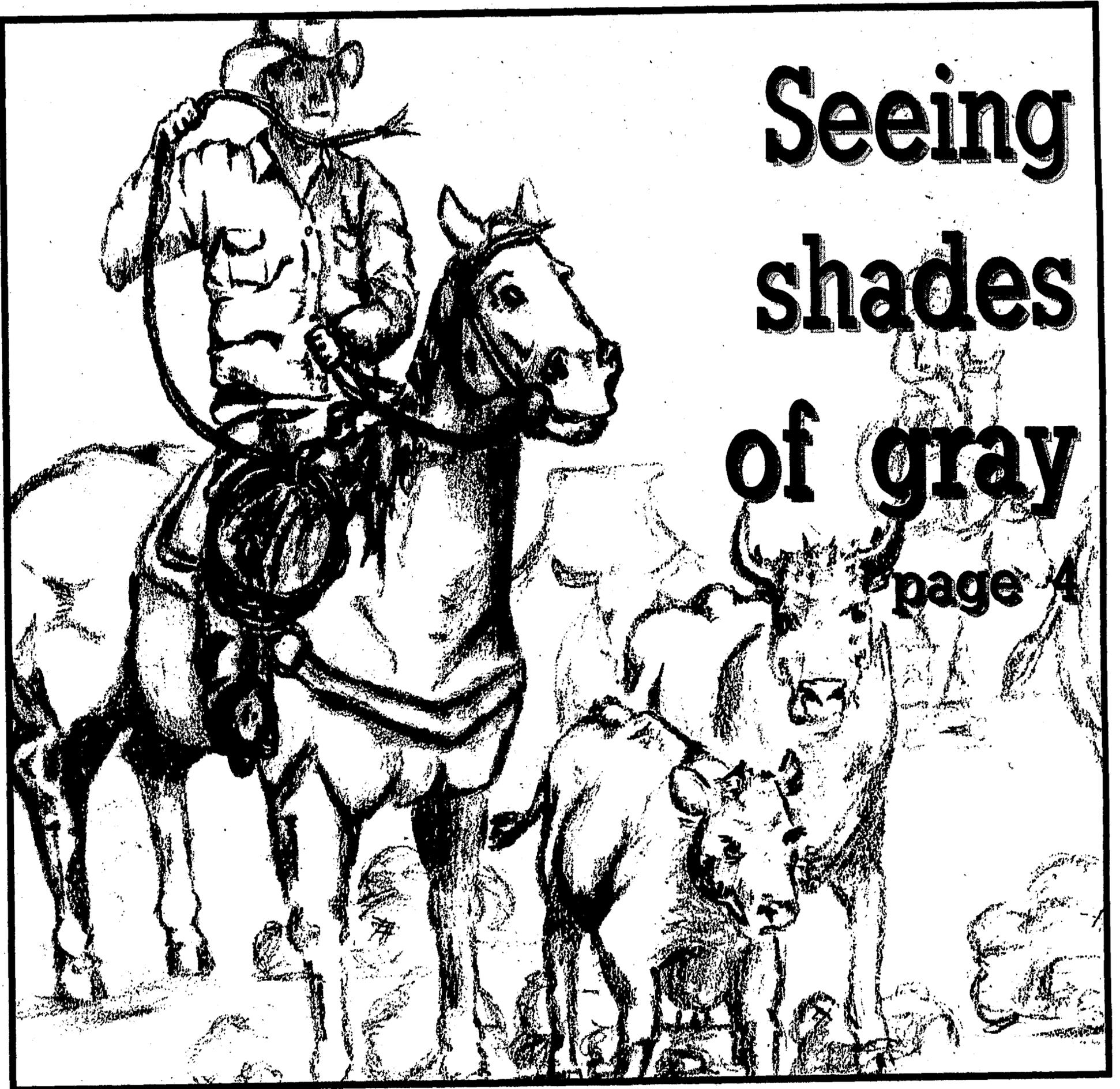
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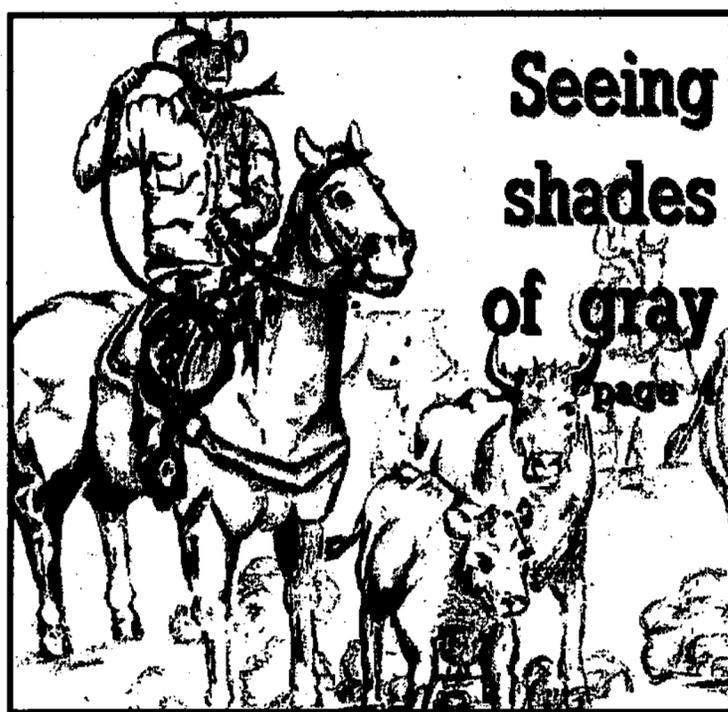
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Ruidoso High School ninth-grader Adam Delanda recently made the National Rifle Association's list of best wildlife artists, see page 4C

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Spring Canyon Gallery

The Gazebo Plance, 2117 Sudderth Dr.,
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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.

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SEEING SHADES OF GRAY

BY JULIE BAXTER VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

One large deer and a little bit of lead have shot Adam Delanda into the legions of National Rifle Association fame.

No, Delanda didn't kill the majestic creature. Instead he preserved it on paper. And Delanda's pencil portrait of the mighty buck won second place in the NRA's 10th annual Wildlife Art Contest.

The 14-year-old from Ruidoso Downs said he's been drawing so long he can't remember when or how he got started, but he can remember being out of the running in past NRA art contests. This year's deer, the largest deer Delanda said he's ever seen, was his third entry in the contest. In the past, the highest recognition he's received was honorable mention. His efforts this year earned second-place in the seventh- through ninth-grade category and a \$200 piece of art as a prize.

He shared the honor with youth from throughout the nation, and his drawing was selected as a prize winner from hundreds that poured in from across the country.

Delanda admits he was really hoping for first place and the \$300 cash award that went with it, but is proud of what he's done.

But the pride won't go to Delanda's head. This ninth-grader has his feet firmly on the ground and is dreaming of a career not in art, but in horses.

Inspired by cowboy art and artist Robert "Shufly" Shufelt, Delanda said the beauty and power of the genre have always left him in awe.

"It's the way of life, everything, it's just awesome," he said. "I like horses, I like tack, the imagery of it."

Of Shufelt's work, Delanda also said "awesome, awesome all the way around."

Comparing himself to "Shufly" and others is how Delanda gauged his own talent.

"I like comparing to a drawing I like and

trying to match that," he said. "If I get pretty close, I'm pretty happy."

Art isn't his career of choice, though. Delanda said he instead envisions a future of "something to do with horses. Maybe a mounted Forest Service officer or a mounted prison guard."

Horses have been another of Delanda's lifelong passions. His family has had horses since he was small and Adam has his own horse, Domingo, or "D." And in his art, Delanda has found a way to merge his passion and talent into a relaxing activity.

And the benefits of having a few of pieces sold, a few others on display and a few more given to friends as birthday and special occasion gifts are added bonuses. Delanda has sold three of his works, had a wire sculpture of a moose accepted for display at the University of New Mexico, and had a local doctor express interest in displaying yet more work at his office.

Giving his art as gifts can be a bit taxing for the young artist. Being his own worst critic, Delanda admits he's afraid his work won't live up to what the recipients expected. But his mom, Beverly, said no one judges his art the way he does, instead finding the gift from his heart touching.

Delanda also hopes to keep working with his pencils — his chosen medium — until he fulfills his dream of making the cover of Western Horseman magazine — again melding his horse sense and his artistic impulses.

Gershwin à la Roberts

George Gershwin came alive, with a '90s twist, last Saturday evening at the Spencer Theater. Marcus Roberts, whom I almost instantly renamed Mr. Velvet, is a brilliantly gifted pianist with a touch ranging from as gentle as a surgeon to as strong and powerful as a full orchestra.

Roberts' all-Gershwin program had audience members wanting to kick off their shoes and start dancing, me included. All this was brought on by Roberts' complex and engaging interpretation of the Old Master's great tunes: "The Man I Love," the classic "Summertime" from Porgy and Bess, "Someone to Watch Over Me," "I Got

IN REVIEW



Joel B. Carothers
Ruidoso News

strictly Roberts'. One of the features of Roberts' artistry that I enjoyed so much was his thumping slap-bass rhythms with his left hand countered with complex lead and harmony lines with his right hand.

One point about Gershwin, as Roberts' mentioned, was that he walked a fine line between jazz and classical. When listening to Roberts I definitely heard more jazz than classical but when I focused, even for a split second, great classical sounds abounded.

Roberts won the first Thelonious Monk International Jazz Competition in 1987. No surprise. Earlier, in 1982, he won the National Association of Jazz Educators competition and met Ellis Marsalis, patriarch of all the musical Marsalises. His son, Wynton the great trumpeter, heard Roberts play at the convention and arranged for Roberts and he to get together. As a result Roberts toured with Marsalis for six years. Marsalis was completely bowled over by Roberts; by the time Roberts joined the ensemble, he had learned its entire repertoire from tapes Marsalis had sent.

For you jazz buffs out there Roberts earned the distinction of being the first traditional jazz musician to have his first three recordings reach No. 1 on Billboard's charts. The selections for last Saturday's performance came from his "Portraits in Blue" CD, which was released almost simultaneously with "Time and Circumstance" - a collection of Roberts' own compositions. He has released seven CDs to date.

Roberts is bold and daring and the true voice of jazz piano for years to come. If you love jazz and are not yet the owner of one of Roberts' CDs, I urge you to make the purchase.

as well as medleys of some lesser-known works.

The evening's performance closed with a very emotional interpretation of Gershwin's most well-known work, "Rhapsody in Blue." While the original runs over 20 minutes, Roberts' version this evening was about eight minutes but encompassed every nuance Gershwin enclosed in his original. Each time I hear "Rhapsody" I get the feeling of being in Paris, in the '20s (having neither the experience of being in Paris nor alive in the '20s it's difficult to imagine how I come up with the feeling but it's there and it's real). I didn't miss the orchestra or band for an instant. By the way, this performance was entirely improvised.

Improvisation is actually Roberts' hallmark. His intent is to revive the piano to the position of prominence it once held. He does so by evolving and interpreting an original composer as a launch site for his own visions of the music.

Throughout this evening there was no doubt as to the Gershwin selection you were hearing at any given time but the changing rhythms, color and lyricism was

Broadway classic comes to Popejoy

"A Chorus Line," the first Broadway show to run for more than 6,000 performances is coming March 10 and 11, to Popejoy Hall in Albuquerque.

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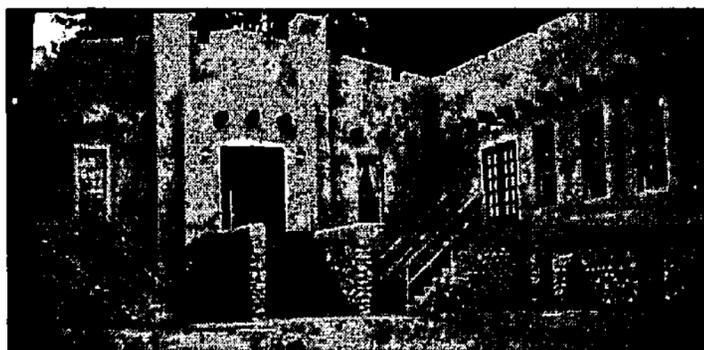
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Hours: Open seven days a week at 6 a.m.



Cafe Mescalero

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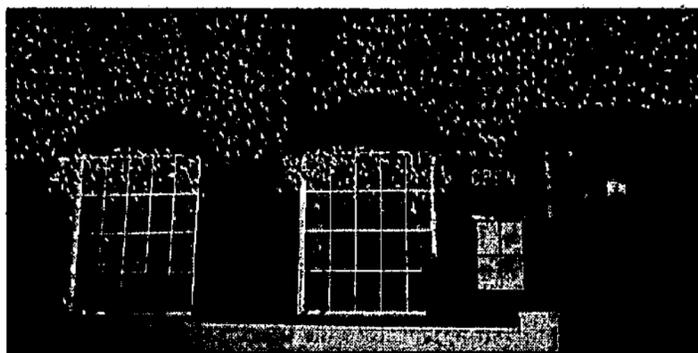
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Going out

music

Hitting yet another blue note

Ruidoso is in for some Memphis Rtales this weekend, well actually Memphis P. Tails.

The Albuquerque band, often billed as the hardest rocking and hardest working blues trio in the Southwest, will be the out-of-town attraction at tonight's Blues and Barbecue event at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

The P. Tails first hit the Albuquerque music scene in early 1993 with a win in the "Homegrown" music contest.

The win led to the inclusion of the P. Tails' original song "You Can't Win" on the regionally distributed "Homegrown" compact disc. In the years since, the band has been perfecting its blend of original and traditional blues with a steady schedule of gigs throughout New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona and Texas.

The roots of Memphis P. Tails run deep. Guitarist Darin P. Stone and bassist J.C. Brown have played together since their "Cat Daddy" days of late '89. Drummer "Uncle"

Bobby Tourville, a long-time friend and jamming buddy of Stone and Brown's joined the band in 1995. This long-running association gives the band a dynamic groove and improvisational sense that can only be developed through thousands of hours of playing together.

Some blues bands cast themselves in a "caretaker of the blues" role - striving for a sound that replicates the original masters. The P. Tails respect those roots, but they don't see the blues as a moment frozen in time. They bring rock, funk and swing elements into their personal interpretation of the blues, creating a rocking sound.

The Memphis P. Tails play original and cover tunes ranging from Stevie Ray Vaughn to Howling Wolf, from The Rolling Stones to Robin Trower. The musical focus of the band is Stone's singing and guitar playing. His tone and highly emotional style have made him an underground legend. Tourville and Brown view the bass and drums as

"one instrument - that takes two guys to play."

The fifth evening jam session sponsored by the Texas House Cafe and the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce will feature the local sound stylings of the KGB Blues Band and Lou Ellison & Cold Shot, along with the Tails. The fun begins at 6 p.m. and lasts until midnight, today.

The KGB has established itself as a local blues legend, with gutsy guitar, smoky vocals and the right amount of rhythm and bass to keep pulses pumping.

Lou Ellison & Cold Shot are also emerging on the Ruidoso blues scene. Together for about a year, the band's style has been described as swinging, Texas blues.

"Blues and Barbecue has turned into a really fun family event," said organizer Lisa Muhn. "You'll see kids of all ages out here enjoying the great music and good food."

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Rated R-G-13 Show times: 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 7 p.m. & 9:15 p.m.*
Plot: In this romantic comedy, Adam Sandler stars as the ultimate master of ceremonies who guarantees all a good time - until he gets left at the altar of his own wedding. This movie romps through the best and the worst of the 1980s, bringing back all those songs you love and all those songs you love to hate.

Great Expectations
Rated R Show times: 12:45 p.m.* and 6:45 p.m.
Plot: Loosely based on the Charles Dickens classic, "Great Expectations" is a sensual tale of a young man's unforgettable passage into manhood, and the three individuals who will undeniably change his life forever.

Finn's journey to adulthood begins suddenly with the shocking appearance of a dangerous convict who forces the boy to aid in his escape from prison. With this experience still freshly etched in his mind, Finn is summoned to the decaying mansion of Ms. Nora Dinsmoor, the richest woman in the gulf, who had lost her mind 30 years earlier when her fiance left her standing at the altar. There, Finn meets Dinsmoor's niece Estella, who, even at age 11, displays an upper class iciness toward the young, impoverished boy who instantly and hopelessly falls in love with her.

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Plot: The story of the Titanic and its ill-fated maiden voyage follows the romantic story of Rose and Jack, two star-crossed lovers whose destinies collide on the ship as the ship collides with an iceberg.

Q & A

The Memphis P. Tails will be appearing Friday at the Blues and Barbecue event starting at 6 p.m. today in the Ruidoso Convention Center and sponsored by the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and The Texas House Cafe. Bass guitarist J.C. Brown answered a few questions about the group.

Q: Who makes up the group, where do you all come from and where are you based?

A: The lead singer and guitar player, the musical genius of the group is Darin P. Stone, who's from Ada, Okla. Our drummer is Robert Tourville from Duluth, Minn. and I play bass. I'm originally from L.A., but have lived in New Mexico 20 years. We all met in Albuquerque and are based there.

Q: How long have you been playing together?

A: Darin and I have been playing together for about six years. This is the third band we've had together. This band was formed 4 1/2 years ago and Bobby joined two years ago.

Q: How much of your music is original?

A: It depends on the night. We're one of those bands that doesn't operate from a set list. We know a bunch of songs and we tend to play off the top of our heads whatever feels right for the crowd at the moment. On any given night, it may be different, but overall, it's about half and half.

Q: How would describe your musical style?

A: There's so many different shades of blues. We take a lot from the Texas Blues School - guys like Freddy King, Albert King and Stevie Ray Vaughn. Because we're a trio, things tend to be stripped down. Our approach to the blues is pretty much go for the throat. We try to play the parts that are really important.



Albuquerque's Memphis P. Tails Band

Q: Do you have day jobs or is this a full-time pursuit?

A: This has been our full-time pursuit for the past 4 1/2 years. It's really just about not giving up. There are a lot of hardship and obstacles, so finding people willing to commit to a life of hardships and obstacles can be really difficult. But for musicians, it's really more about compulsion. If you have to do it, you have to do it and nothing else matters.

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The bidding:

South West North East
1♦ Pass 3♦ 3♥
6♦

Opening lead — seven of hearts.

There is a certain amount of guess-work involved in the play of the cards. The expert dummy player, when confronted with a guess, somehow manages to score high in the guess department — far better than the circumstances would appear to warrant.

A distinguishing characteristic of the expert is that when a guess situation arises, he frequently solves the problem by avoiding the guess altogether.

That is precisely what South did in this deal where a heart loser was inevitable and the success of the slam appeared to depend upon guessing

which defender held the queen of clubs. The vital queen could be easily overcome by a finesse, provided it was known where the queen was located.

The heart lead was covered by the ten, queen and ace. After leading a trump to dummy, South played a low spade to the ace, the first step in a campaign to avoid the crucial club guess.

Dummy was entered with a trump in order to ruff another low spade. In the course of the spade leads from dummy, East followed with the ten and queen. The final step in South's meticulous plan was taken when he again crossed to dummy with a trump to lead the jack of spades.

East had to play his king, whereupon South discarded his heart loser. East, saddled with the lead, now had no choice but to lead a heart or a club.

A club return would automatically eliminate declarer's potential club loser, while a heart return was bound to be equally fatal. If the king of hearts was led, declarer would ruff, and dummy's jack would become a trick. And if East returned a low heart instead, South would simply discard a club and allow the jack in dummy to win the trick.

Guess situations are sometimes unavoidable. But as South so ably demonstrated, why guess when you don't have to?

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IN THE STARS

Horoscopes for the week of Feb. 23-March 1

Aries (March 21 to April 19) You could end up being the silent partner in an enterprise. Discord arises mid-week with a cantankerous co-worker. Ego considerations cause you to blunder into selfish behavior this weekend.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) Career objectives will be achieved, but it's better to work from behind the scenes than to engage in pitched battle. Keep peace on the home front. Some are just looking for an excuse to argue.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) The financial picture for you should be improving. In fact, you should be able to plan that special vacation trip you've anticipated. Family members are cooperative over the weekend.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) You'll get your career on the right track this week. Still, further planning is needed. The weekend is relaxing and invigorates you for the week to come.

Leo (July 23 to Aug. 22) Loved ones should have a good time together, although the accent this week falls on home-based activities later on. Some could be burning the midnight oil this weekend with additional work tasks.

Virgo (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You're ready to begin a new work push. However, you'll still be finishing up some matters left over from the recent past. The weekend highlights good times with friends.

Libra (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Although you have your eye on something you'd like to buy, continue with a sound fiscal policy. Concentrate on investments and savings programs. This frugality will be handsomely rewarded.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Make a point of getting good value for your money. A child accuses you of being inattentive. This weekend, it's best to be more aggressive with those who are overly dominant.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) More thinking is required before making a career move. You do not make a very good champion for your special cause because you're pushing too hard. This weekend, avoid raising controversial issues with loved ones.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Your spending habits are inconsistent this week, alternating between cheapness and extravagance. If you can't get what your heart is set on, you tend to become indiscriminate. Recognize this to prevent it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You'll be relieved that a recent problem is solved to your satisfaction. Alternative plans needn't be second best. This weekend, stick to your high standards and don't be swayed by an unscrupulous type.

Pisces (Feb. 19 to March 20) You could find yourself returning an item you purchased recently. Still, pleasure pursuits are accented toward the end of the week. Learn to handle guilt better by analyzing its source.

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VIDEORAMA

<p>Showtime Video's new releases for February and March.</p> <p>Feb. 24</p> <p>The Edge</p> <p>Ernest in the Army</p> <p>First-time Felon</p> <p>Mad City</p> <p>The Man Who Knew Too Little</p> <p>March 3</p> <p>Eve's Bayou</p> <p>Brylcreem Boys</p> <p>Dogwatch</p> <p>Myth of the Finger</p> <p>Peter Pan</p> <p>March 10</p> <p>The Peacemaker</p> <p>In & Out</p>	<p>The Full Monty</p> <p>March 17</p> <p>Mimic</p> <p>She's So Lovely</p> <p>Night and the Moment</p> <p>Body Count</p> <p>Fergully 2</p> <p>The Assignment</p> <p>Batman and Mr. Freeze</p> <p>March 24</p> <p>I Know What You Did Last Summer</p> <p>One Night Stand</p> <p>A Thousand Acres</p> <p>Ulee's Gold</p> <p>Kiss Me Guido</p> <p>Shall We Dance</p>	<p>March 31</p> <p>The Little Mermaid</p> <p>U-Turn</p> <p>Slappy and Stinkers</p> <p>Fairytale: A True Story</p> <p>Mr. Bean The Movie</p> <p>Twilight of the Golds</p> <p>Seawolf</p> <p>Showtime Video's Most Rented Videos for Feb. 20-25.</p> <p>The Edge</p> <p>Mad City</p> <p>The Man Who Knew Too Little</p> <p>Firsttime Felon</p>
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The other Davy Crockett

Most Americans with any knowledge of history, and particularly those of us who were alive during the 1950s, know who Davy Crockett was — the famous frontiersman and politician (how's *that* for a mixture?) who died at the Alamo in 1836.

During the 1950s there was a Disney-produced TV show all about "Davy Crockett, King of the Wild Frontier" that starred Fess Parker in the coonskin-cap wearing title role. Luckily for you, that is not what I have chosen to write about today. Rather, it is about Davy's grandson and namesake, who, if *he* had a show back in the '50s, it probably would have been called "Sleaze of the Wild Frontier."

PAST TENSE



Drew Gomber
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Like his famous grandfather, this Davy Crockett was also born in Tennessee. As a child, his family moved to Texas where they homesteaded on the Brazos River. By the mid-1870s, young Davy was running a small cattle ranch east of Cimarron. Among his neighbors was noted shootist Clay Allison.

For reasons that remain obscure, Crockett sold his ranch and began loitering around Cimarron with a hardcase named Gus Heffron. While the youthful Crockett, described as being tall and slender with blue eyes and brown hair, was well-liked in Cimarron, the surly Heffron was not.

The Turning Point

On the evening of March 24, 1876, the proverbial horse apples hit the fan. On that night, there was a troop of the famed "Buffalo Soldiers" from Fort Union camped at a barn in Cimarron.

Also on that night, Crockett, Heffron and a man named Henry Goodman had been attempting to consume all of the alcohol in Cimarron, and by all accounts, were off to a good start.

It was in Cimarron's famed St. James Hotel that the trouble started. Crockett and his two companions had entered the bar in that place to purchase a bottle of whiskey for the road. When they attempted to leave, Crockett, who was apparently the drunkest of the three, was in the lead.

When Davy went to open the door, he found that someone on the other side of it was pulling on it. To the vast amusement of the other patrons in the bar, this tug-of-war went on for a few moments until Crockett, in a rage, jerked it open. Standing on the other side was a trooper of the Ninth Cavalry — a Buffalo Soldier.

The enraged and drunken Crockett immediately pulled his pistol and shot the man dead. Without so much as a moment's hesitation, Crockett opened fire on three other troopers who happened to be standing in the bar. He killed two and wounded the third.

The frontier being what it was, Crockett was fined \$50 and court costs on a reduced charge of "carrying arms." In other words, he killed three men, wounded a fourth, and *walked*.

The Reign of Terror

Reduced charge or not, the gunfight seemed to trigger something in Crockett, and he embarked on a reign of terror in Cimarron. He and Heffron were liable, at any moment, to start galloping up and down the street, firing their pistols at anything and everything. One of their favorite things to do was drive locals into the saloons and force them, at gunpoint, to buy drinks.

At about that time, an unidentified citizen of Cimarron wrote a long letter to the Santa Fe New Mexican which stated in part:

"We have had quite a lively time in and around Cimarron for the last two weeks, caused by two men, Dave Crockett and Gus Heffron (sic), undertaking to 'run the town.'

During the past two days, these two men have defied arrest, threatening to kill anyone who should attempt it; have rode their horses into saloons, stores and offices, and with their double barreled shot guns cocked have compelled persons to comply with their demands no matter what they were.

On Saturday they halted the sheriff, and with their shot guns loaded, cocked and aimed at his breast told him he only lived at their pleasure, and politely informed him that when he made any attempt to arrest them to be sure to have 'the drop,' or his time on earth would be short. Things went on this way until no one was safe in town ... "

The letter went on, but that was pretty much the gist of it. The sheriff in question, I. Rinehart, was intimidated, and therefore, helpless.

The Worm Turns

When Crockett and Heffron discovered that the sheriff had sought assistance from a local rancher named Joseph Holbrook,



Cimarron's famed St. James Hotel.

but that Holbrook had declined, they began taunting the rancher, thinking he was intimidated by them like the sheriff. They were wrong, and it was an error that would prove to be fatal.

Holbrook took Crockett's abuse for a time, but his patience finally ran out. In the company of John McCullough, the local postmaster, Holbrook sought out Sheriff Rinehart, and offered both his and McCullough's services as special deputies for the expressed purpose of bringing Crockett and Heffron to justice.

First, the three lawmen investigated the situation and found that the two desperadoes were in the western part of town on that particular evening (September 30, 1876). Arming themselves with double-barreled shotguns, the trio posted themselves alongside the road that the two badmen would be taking when they left town. Holbrook concealed himself near a barn and Rinehart and McCullough hid behind a haystack.

A Tad Over-confident

At around 9 p.m., Crockett and Heffron were seen riding their horses at a walk out of town. As they drew abreast of the concealed lawmen, Holbrook stepped out in front of them. Levelling his shotgun at the two desperadoes, Holbrook commanded them to throw up their hands.

What happened next was rather incredible, at least to the three lawmen. Crockett, instead of throwing up his hands as commanded, laughed and actually invited Holbrook to "shoot."

Perhaps Crockett was drunk. Whatever the case, Holbrook certainly didn't need to be asked twice. He instantly fired one of the shotgun barrels into Crockett's body at point blank range. At the same time, Rinehart and McCullough rose up from their hiding place and opened fire at the

two surprised outlaws. Both of the desperadoes horses bolted and the three lawmen emptied their shotguns at the fleeing duo.

They watched as Crockett's horse splashed across the Cimarron River and then stopped on the opposite bank with Crockett still in the saddle. Heffron galloped on into the night.

When they reached Crockett, they found that he was dead in the saddle, with a death-grip on the saddle horn that had prevented him from slipping to the ground.

Heffron returned to Cimarron a few days later, surrendered and was jailed. He escaped on Halloween night and vanished into Colorado. He was never seen again.

Sheriff Rinehart and his two deputies, McCullough and Holbrook, were tried and acquitted in District Court in Taos for the murder of Davy Crockett.

Robert Crockett, father of the deceased, reportedly arrived in Cimarron from Texas a short time later to view the grave of his son. Finding that it's only marker was a crude wooden cross, Crockett removed it and told the local folks that he would be shipping a new stone marker to replace the one he had taken.

The marker never arrived, and as the years passed, fewer and fewer people could remember exactly where Davy Crockett's grave was located. Today it is anybody's guess.

One thing seems certain though — while the first Davy Crockett, according to most reports, died courageously at the Alamo, he did not set a family standard for glorious death.

His grandson was proof of that.

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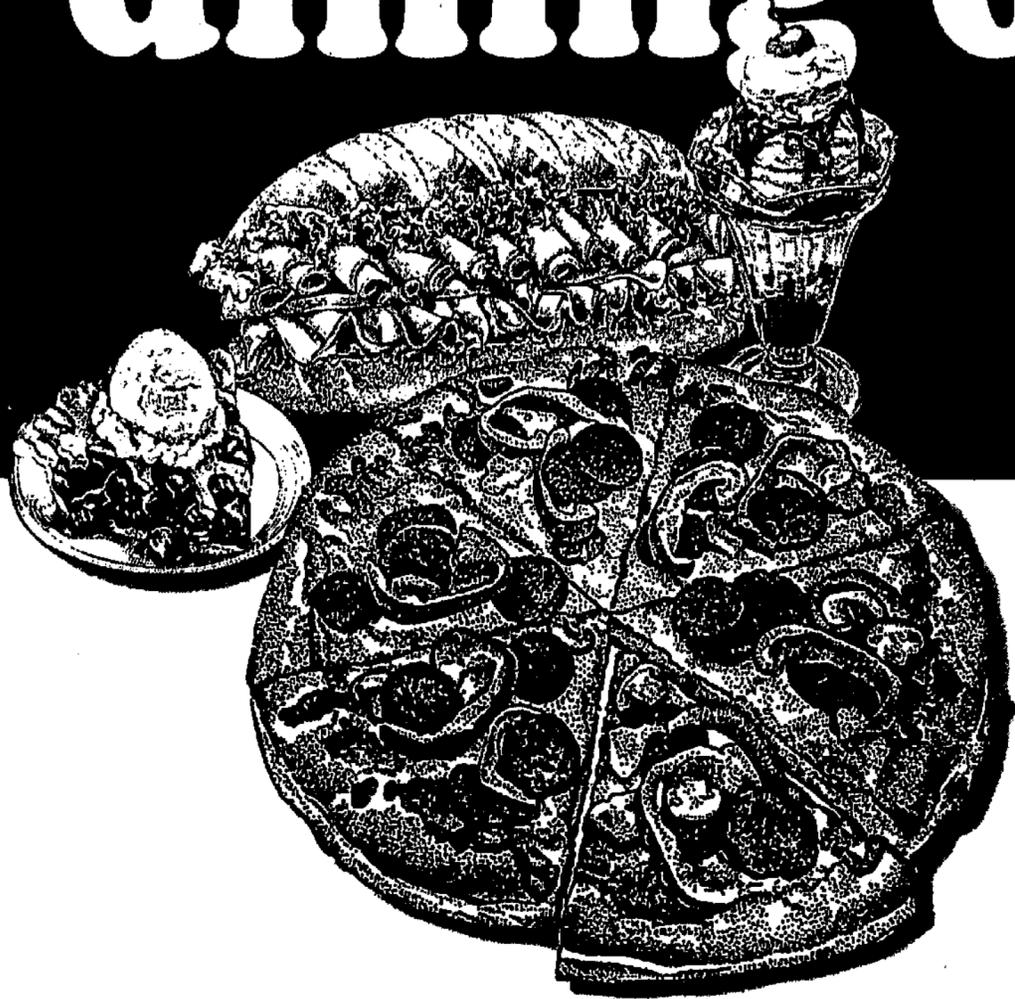


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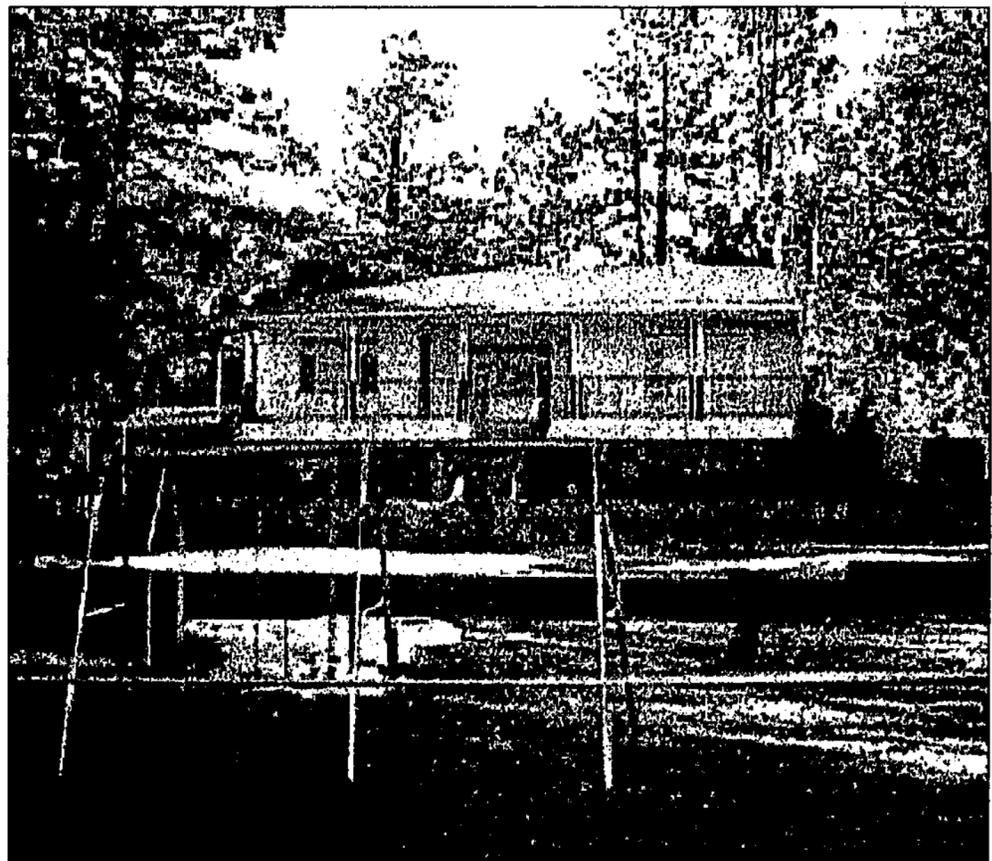
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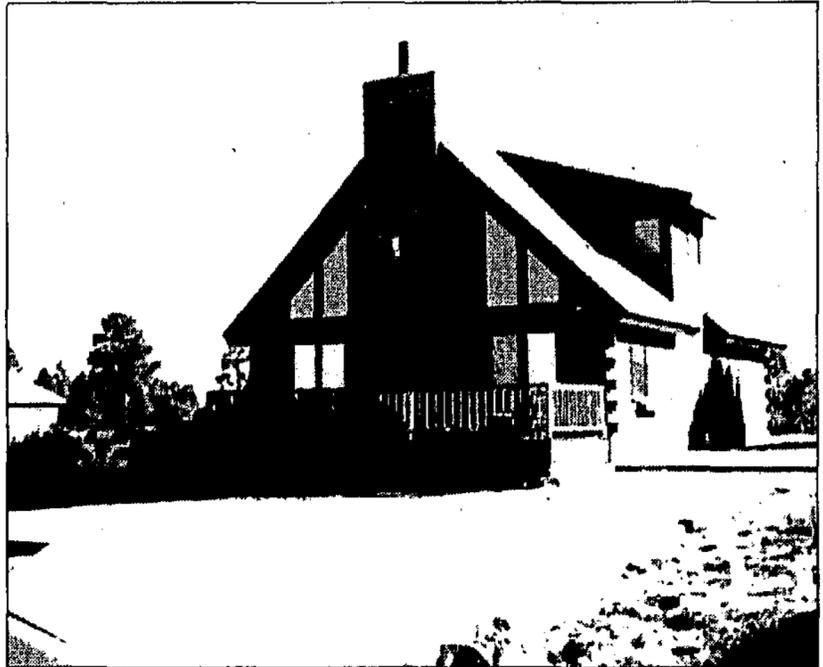


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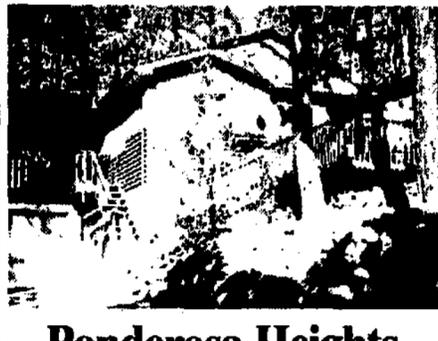
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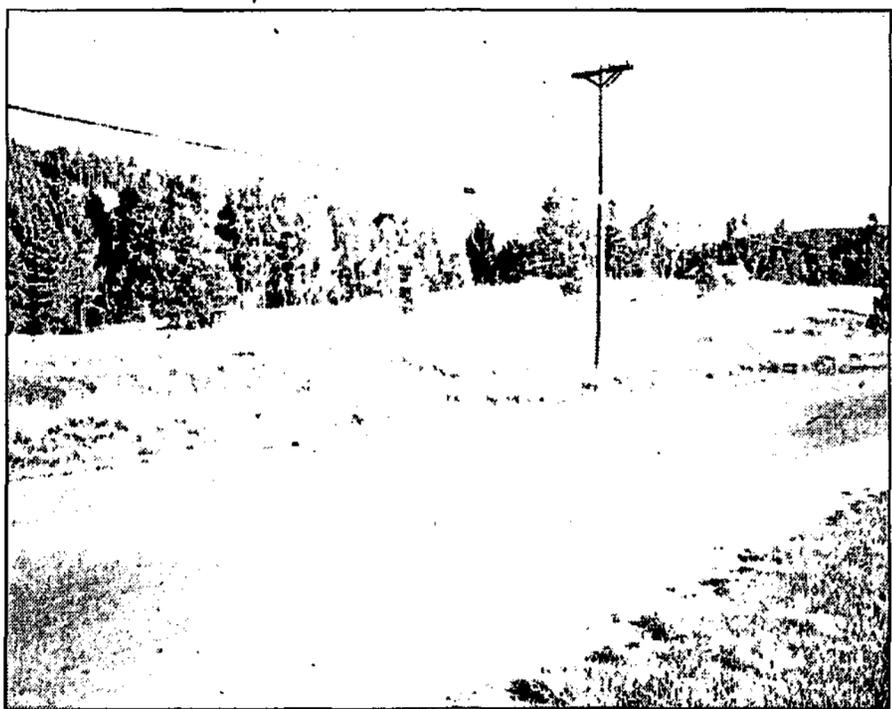
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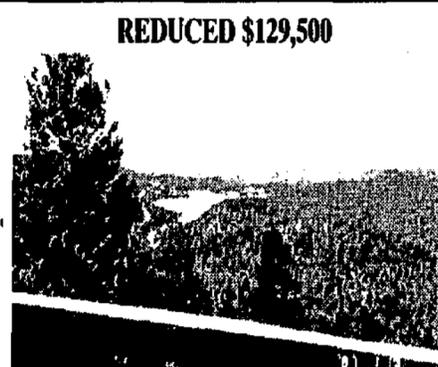
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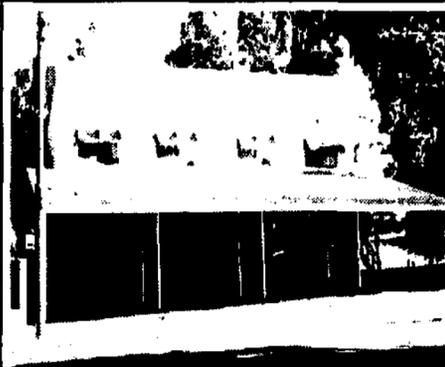
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bdrm, 1bath units. Just across from
Ruidoso Women's Club.

REDUCED TO \$164,000



Lake View Estates

Landsheft • \$169,500
#19 Excalibur Road
Outstanding Townhome with enormous views! 3 bdrm., 2 bath.

REDUCED TO \$159,500



Cree Meadows

Harris • \$169,500 • 135 Rowan
Bdrms 3, baths 2, fairway home. Fenced yard, well maintained.

AWESOME MOUNTAIN VIEWS!!



Cedar Creek

Duran • \$179,900 • N. Cedar Creek Rd.
Bedrooms 3, baths 2 1/2, jacuzzi tub, deck, on 1 acre. 2 car garage. Like new condition-motivated seller!



White Mt. Meadows

Halow • \$245,000 • 104 Pat Willingham Ct.
Three bedrooms, 2 baths, 2-car garage. Price includes an extra White Mt. Meadow lot! Rarely used, all light interior, all one level.

SOLD!!! SOLD!!! SOLD!!!



Cree Meadows

Daulton • \$259,900 • 306A Country Club Dr.
3 bdrms., 3 1/2 baths. The interior is styled like a log cabin home with hardwood floors! Creek frontage.

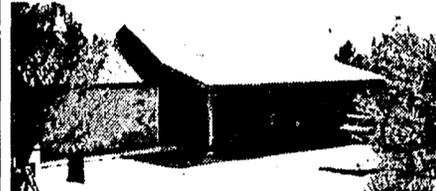
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River

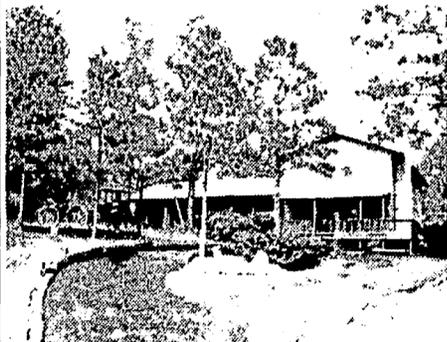
Watt • \$269,000 • 110 Bear Creek Trail
3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Upper Canyon on river. Two fireplaces.

FABULOUS NEW HOME WITH OUTSTANDING VIEWS



Highwood Addition

\$325,000 • 108 Lupine Loop
3 bdrm, gameroom, workshop. Must see! Jacuzzi tub, cherry wood cabinets, hard wood floors, operable remote sky lights, 2 car garage. Want to impress yourself ... check it out! INFO ON SIGN!



White Mtn. Estates

Siddens • \$329,000 • 105 Don Snyder Dr.
4/4.5 plus guest house. 3 car garage. Owner/agent.



Upper Canyon River Home

Robbins • \$399,900 • 619 Main
3 bdrms, 3 full baths. Plus guest apt. with private entry



Commercial

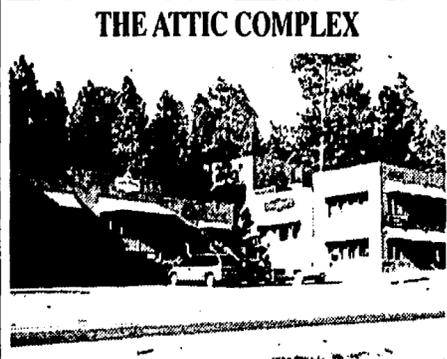
McMahon • \$62,500 ea. • 1121 Mechem Dr.
3 street-to-street commercial lots! Very buildable.

OWNER FINANCING!!!



Commercial

McMahon • \$178,000 • Jira Plaza
Last unit for sale - new - finished!



THE ATTIC COMPLEX

Commercial

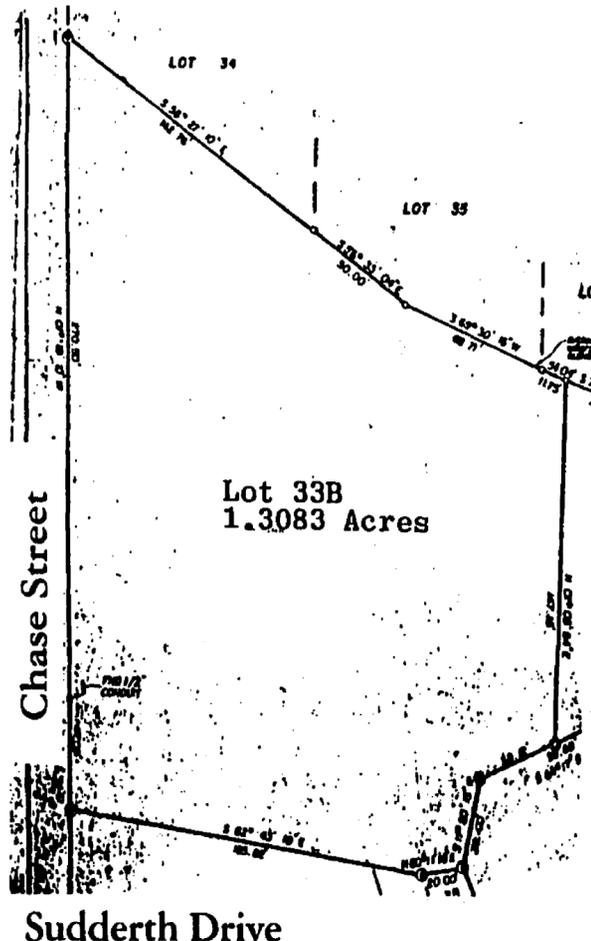
Now available in three separate parcels.
#1-\$125,000 #2-\$239,000 #3-\$299,000
Possible owner financing!



Chase Street Acreage! • \$169,500

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

Call Doug for details!



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