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Stacks of knowledge



Volunteer Mary Young on Thursday places books on shelves at the new Ruidoso Public Library, scheduled to open for the first time on Monday. The \$1.6 million facility won't hold its official grand opening until May, said director Nancy Osterberg. *Toni K. Laxson/Ruidoso News*

Legislative funding for Lincoln County could be slashed

Governor Johnson to review budget

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Although communities in Lincoln County are designated by the state Legislature to receive \$901,000 in new capital outlay money next fiscal year, many of the government officials who requested financial help may be disappointed because they were turned down or received less than requested.

"... the money is not in the bank yet"

Tony Elias,
Southeastern New
Mexico Economic
Development

But Tony Elias, executive director of the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District, who tracks the counties within his district, said the counties and cities may receive even less before Gov. Gary Johnson is through with the New Mexico Legislature.

Johnson announced Tuesday he will call a special session and tell legislators to take another look at the budget.

"So the money is not in the bank yet," Elias said. "House Bill 9 has not been signed by the governor, but this is all the capital outlay that made it through both the House and the Senate, it's a lot less than all the requests, but it's what's survived so far."

At this point, allocations approved by both the House and the Senate for Lincoln County communities for the 1998-99 fiscal year starting July 1 are:

- Lincoln County Fairgrounds

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► COUNTY COMMISSION

Commission to address jail, roads, buildings

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Lincoln County Commission's commitment to maintaining and improving its roads, jail and other county buildings will be tested several times during the County Commission's regular meeting Tuesday.

On the agenda is a discussion of whether to remodel the existing crowded and outdated jail in Carrizozo or to build a new one, capital improvements for the Glencoe Rural Events Center; and how to handle county roads in the future, including the possible privatization of some road operations.

The meeting begins at 9 a.m. in the county courthouse in Carrizozo.

The commission will hear reports from Corrections Systems Inc., the firm that has been operating the jail for the past two months, which will continue through the commission's meeting in April and from a jail committee appointed by commissioners to look at different financing options and

what would be needed in a new jail. Suggestions include imposing a gross receipts tax or approving a bond issue.

But Commissioner Wilton Howell says he may have a plan to solve the jail and road problems in the county. If the commission insists that subdivisions pay for maintenance or road construction projects that cost more than the lots generate in county property taxes for the road department, the money now being used to subsidize the department could be used toward a new jail, he said.

His proposal will come up during a hearing at 1 p.m. on proposed changes to the county's subdivision regulations, including tougher road construction requirements and a reduction in the size of lots required to allow septic tanks.

Howell is preparing a report looking at how much subdivisions in the county contribute toward the maintenance of roads and how much more is needed to do necessary maintenance

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Man pleads no contest to vandalism

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A local man has pleaded no contest to the vandalism of dumpsters and street and election signs in a smear campaign waged against outgoing Ruidoso Mayor Jerry Shaw.

In an agreement arranged by Ruidoso Police Lt. Wolf Born and attorney Cindy Turcotte, Henry

Doucet pleaded no contest to one count of criminal damage to property under \$1,000. Doucet, 52, of Ruidoso, entered the plea Wednesday in Ruidoso Magistrate Court.

In exchange for his plea, Doucet was sentenced to six months probation and ordered to pay \$434.50 in restitution to Shaw, the Village of Ruidoso and Lincoln County Solid Waste.

The no contest plea is not an

admission of guilt to defacing or writing the disparaging messages on the signs and dumpsters, Born said.

Graffiti, including some vulgarity, was spray painted on 15 dumpsters, three highway signs and two of Shaw's campaign signs.

Shaw said she was relieved to see the case closed.

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Work on regional airport runway about to take off

• Ruidoso is to receive \$1.8 million federal grant for project.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Initial work on a new runway at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport is expected to begin this spring, an airport official said this week.

"I'm hoping we can start turning dirt in May," said Tim Morris, airport director.

Funding 90 percent of the project's first phase is a \$1,777,000 grant from the Federal Aviation Administration. The village of Ruidoso and the state are to jointly provide the other 10 percent of the funding, Morris said.

"So, we are looking at an overall starting project of \$1.9 million," he said.

If money is left over, it could possibly be used to start actual construction of the runway, he said.

The total cost of the crosswind runway, designed to reduce the effect

of strong winds on landing and departing planes, has been projected at \$8 million.

The village of Ruidoso, which owns the airport, is slated to receive additional FAA funding next year to complete the runway, Morris said.

"We are programmed into the coming fiscal (FAA budget) year at \$3 million," he said. With the state and village contributions added to that, the project would be funded at a total of \$3.5 million.

"We keep hoping the project will

come in under these funds," Morris said. "But our engineer says it will probably take another \$1.5 to \$2 million."

Morris anticipates that the runway will be completed in two years, though that timeline depends on favorable weather conditions, he added.

In the past two years, five planes either landing or taking off from the airport have been affected by high crosswinds, resulting in what Morris classifies as aircraft incidents.

Once the crosswind runway is finished, planes could take off and land more safely by using whichever runway that offers headwinds, Morris said.

"There's a lot of Ruidoso customers (people who use the airport) that are really, really excited about the crosswinds runway," Morris said.

During the summertime, as many as 100 private planes either take off or

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RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

FRIDAY High ... 56
Low ... 30

Mostly cloudy

SATURDAY High ... 44
Low ... 25

Rain/snow

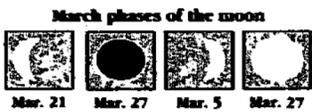
SUNDAY High ... 50
Low ... 19

Partly cloudy

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Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Friday	62	13	.00"
Saturday	64	22	.00"
Sunday	62	25	.00"

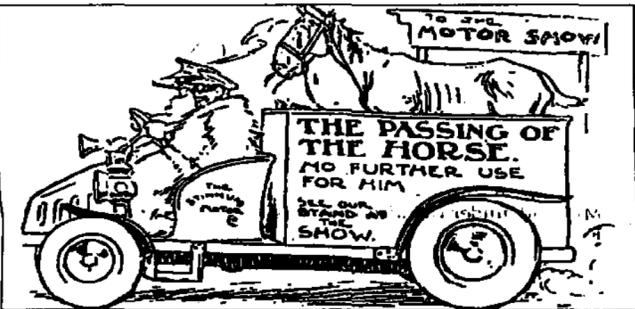
Regional Friday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	59	35	Mostly cloudy
El Paso, TX	68	48	Mostly cloudy
Lubbock, TX	63	37	Mostly cloudy
Midland, TX	71	42	Mostly cloudy



STARDATE

On March 10, Mars and Mercury stand side by side, very low in the west, at sunset. Mars is to the left, Mercury to the right. Mercury is by far the brighter of the two. They set just over an hour after sunset.

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A time of transition at the dawn of the 20th Century.

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

White Oaks Eagle
March 8, 1900

After an absence of six weeks in the Oscura mining fields, Dr. Lane has returned to White Oaks, having discovered and located a deposit of copper (88 percent copper) for George E. Slight and Allen Lane. This ore is identical with Neimyer's of the San Andres Mts., so says Capt. Roberts and C. B. Moore

of Nogal (who have seen both ores). We are informed Neimyer has refused a cash offer of \$30,000 for an 18-inch vein of this ore and that he is clearing \$1,000 per car on same shipped to El Paso via E. P & N. E. railroad.

All the stock in the telephone line to Carrizozo has been taken, and as soon as the stockholder — some of which are absent — can be gotten together, the contract for its construction will be let. The telephone line is a go.

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COMMISSION: will also look at subdivision road problems in the county

and rehabilitation projects. "Let's take Alpine Village for example," he said Wednesday. "That subdivision has 6.32 miles of roads and generates \$11,410 a year total property taxes for county operations. About 20 percent of that or \$2,282, goes to the road department."

"Albert (Hernandez, county road manager) says that all of the base course is about gone on those roads and we're going to have to install about 12,132 yards of base course six inches deep to last for five year."

Hernandez estimated the project cost of labor and materials at \$113,900. The subdivision also requires about \$26,600 a year to maintain roads, including snow removal and mowing, Howell said.

"And we're trying to do all that for \$2,282 a year," Howell said. "You can easily see this 30-year-old subdivision has been subsidized by the county for that long. It's a good example of why we should have an

ordinance that doesn't saddle the county with maintenance until a certain percentage of the subdivision is built out.

"Even an old subdivision could have a front foot assessment to generate enough revenue to cover the maintenance we're doing. With this money, we can stop subsidizing the road department at a rate of \$375,000 per year. That will allow us to free up \$375,000 to put toward a detention facility."

Howell has figures for 10 subdivisions in the county to give other commissioners a good overview, he said.

"It's my opinion if someone is receiving the service, they should be paying for it, not someone in another part of the county," he said, adding that he considers any maintenance or road work that costs more than the taxes generated by a subdivision to be "extraordinary," a requirement for a front foot assessment.

The county will be facing a major project in two years in Phase One of Ranches of Sonterra, Howell said. Based on Hernandez' estimate, he said it will cost the county \$135,000 to resurface 7.7 miles in that phase of the three phase development along Sierra Blanca Airport Road.

Representatives of Ranches have disputed that the roads have any unusual problems and have pointed out that they were built in conformance with county requirements.

The county spends about \$11,200 a year for snow removal and maintenance in the development now, he said. The county has not accepted 3.04 miles of road in Phase Two or 8.06 miles in Phase Three, Howell said.

"As a result of not charging just user fees in these programs, other areas of county government are suffering and the detention center is one," Howell said.

In other agenda items, Jim Miller, head of the Eastern New Mexico University Instruction Center in Ruidoso, will present a feasibility study on establishing an area vocational school as a project of school districts and Region IX Cooperative Education.

The county has set aside \$50,000 to help develop a vocational education program locally.

County Commissioner Monroy Montes is scheduled to update commissioners on how the county fared financially at the recent session of the state Legislature.

He also wants to talk about an emergency plan for the road department and securing a tractor for the county Rural Events Center on U.S. 70.

A report also is on the agenda from Connie Hopper, county emergency services coordinator, about federal disaster relief money for the road department, because of heavy snow last year.

DUMPSTERS: Doucet will have to pay to have all dumpsters cleaned

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"I'm just happy to have it over with," she said. "It was stressful for me."

Shaw said she and Doucet had been friends and neighbors for about a year, and that she has no idea why he would have taken such action.

"I had no falling out with him," she said. "I have no idea what would cause anyone to do that. I don't usually have fallings out with people. The main thing is I'm glad to close that chapter."

Doucet said he and Shaw had been friends for about eight months and vehemently denies that he had anything to do with the vandalism.

"We were very good friends," he said. "We lived practically next door to each other. I decorated her house, we did a lot of things together. We were, I thought, really good friends."

Born said talks with Shaw about who could be painting the messages eventually led to Doucet.

As part of the investigation, Born said police compared handwriting samples on a post

card Doucet had sent to Shaw, with the writing on the dumpsters and signs. The preliminary comparison led to a court order for Doucet to submit handwriting samples.

Doucet said the summons to the police department was a shock to say the least.

"It sounded funny," he said. "I'm 52-years-old; I'm a little old for this. I'd never even been to a police station until the other day. At first I thought it was funny, then I realized he was dead serious."

Born said it was his opinion that Doucet was trying to disguise his handwriting when the sample was given. Doucet said he never made any attempt to disguise his writing, but was simply copying what he had been instructed to copy.

Turcotte stressed that at no time did she or Doucet admit he was guilty of defacing the property. Turcotte said the no contest plea means Doucet isn't admitting to committing any crime, but if it were to go to trial, the state would most likely win a conviction against him.

Doucet said pleading no contest was really the only option he felt was available to him.

"The reason I took the plea of no contest is because I can't afford to go through the entire process to the point of trial," he said.

"It's a very expensive process. It's already cost me a fortune and I haven't done anything. Anyone can accuse anyone of anything and it's up to you to defend yourself. Defending yourself costs money. My lawyer said Hank, if you take this to court, you could win, but it will cost you."

Criminal damage to property under \$1,000, the charge to which Doucet pleaded no contest, is a petty misdemeanor and can carry a maximum fine of \$500 and a maximum jail sentence of six months.

In exchange for Doucet's plea, Born said he brokered the deal to include no fine and no jail time, but to include that restitution was paid to clean or replace all the signs and dumpsters which had been spray painted.

Doucet's six month probation sentence is considered a deferred sentence. Turcotte said the deferred sentence, when the six-month time frame is expired with no other arrests, will not show on

Doucet's permanent record as a conviction.

Born said all the parties involved agreed to the arrangement, but said that Judge William Butts would have liked to see a stiffer sentence.

Butts said it was the nature of the graffiti that concerned him, and that usually on a case like this, he would impose jail time.

"I'm very strict and I usually impose more of a sentence on graffiti, especially when it uses such vulgar language," Butts said.

Out of respect for Shaw, who Butts said did not want to see Doucet serve jail time, and for the deal arranged by Born and Turcotte, Butts said accepted the terms of the agreement.

He also stressed that he is not angry with anyone involved in making the deal, instead he praised Born for his police work.

"They have the prerogative to try and reach a plea agreement and make recommendations to the court," he said. "I'm not upset with anybody. I think Lt. Born is an excellent detective and certainly an asset to the community."



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Dressed in their latest firefighting gear and aided by breathing apparatus, volunteers with the Bonito Fire Department conducted a training session simulation of a fire at the \$20 million Spencer Theater complex on Sierra Blanca Airport Road.

Bonito firemen practice at the Spencer

Volunteers with the Bonito Fire Department recently tried out the special firefighting techniques and equipment needed to battle a fire at the \$20 million Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts.

With the cooperation of the theater staff, a half-day training session was conducted in the main stage area of the building on Sierra Blanca Airport Road.

The training focused on firefighting, rescue and gaining a working familiarity with the layout of the theater and its water systems.

The theater falls within the Bonito Department's district coverage. Department officials plan to build a new fire station on property contributed by Ranches of Son-

terra Subdivision, which also will be protected by the volunteers.

Under the supervision of Fire Chief Chris Denne and Training Officer Bill Fischer, nine firefighters attended the exercise at the Spencer theater. Using breathing apparatus and bunker gear, teams of three firefighters at a time entered the darkened, smoke-filled building to participate in the training.

The simulated search and rescue is part of the department's effort to meet its expanding responsibility, department officials said. The theater presents a unique possibility of more than 500 people having to be evacuated from a building at one time during a fire.



The simulation included entering a smoke-filled theater.

Runway: a bid will be awarded later

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land at the airport, he said.

The crosswind runway will be 6,500 feet long and 75 feet wide, compared to the existing runway, which is 8,100 feet long and 100 feet wide.

Some preliminary work for the runway is finished, including a federally mandated environmental study, Morris said. An endangered species of plant, Kuenzler's Hedgehog Cactus, is known to grow in the vicinity of the airport. The study confirmed that none of the plants were growing in the area designated for the runway, Morris said.

The runway's design, by the engineering firm of Leedshill Herkenhoff & Assoc. of Albuquerque, is finished and has been reviewed by indepen-

dent engineer Joe Shane, Morris said. Both the design and review have been submitted to the FAA office in Fort Worth.

"I'm probably looking at a timeframe of about two weeks," before he receives approval to open the project to bids, Morris said. Notice of the work will be published in a local newspaper, in the *Albuquerque Journal* as well as a construction journal called the Dodge Report, Morris said. He anticipates a bid being awarded in April.

The FAA also recently notified the village that a \$100,000 grant is in the works for work on a off-directional beacon at the airport. The beacon is used by planes to get directional information. Morris said the FAA will be taking over the beacon, its operation and its maintenance.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage license information was taken from Lincoln County Clerk records in Carrizozo. Listed are the license issuance date, the names of the bride and groom, their dates of birth and the dates the license was executed and filed with the county.

Feb. 2 - Eugene Hendrix, 22, and Beverly Alexander, 36, married and license filed Feb. 2.

Feb. 2 - Christopher A. Mydock, 36, and Della L. Joiner, 27, married Feb. 14 and filed Feb. 17.

Feb. 5 - Jerry Lee Aguirri,

38, and Sandra Renee Degray, 36, married Feb. 5 and filed Feb. 16.

Feb. 11 - Jimmy Dean Sweatfield, 46, and Cecilia Ann Neff, 38, married and filed Feb. 11.

Feb. 11 - Junior Sager, 24, and Vanessa M. Garza, 25, married Feb. 14 and filed Feb. 19.

Feb. 13 - Daniel Brian Yarbrough, 19, and Michele Tinker, 35.

Feb. 16 - John William Hanlon, 32, and Katherine Louis Elkins, 33.

DEATHS FUNERALS

Ellabeth Jeffreys

Funeral services are scheduled at 11 a.m. today (Friday) at First United Methodist Church in Midland, Texas, for Ellabeth Jeffreys, who taught gifted children in Ruidoso and Midland for 30 years.

Burial was to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park, Midland, under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. The Rev. Molly Krueger officiated at all services.

Mrs. Jeffreys died at a Midland hospital on Tuesday. She had retired from teaching in 1995.

Survivors include her husband, Darryl, whom she married in 1976; sisters Nancy Pfanner of Dallas and Marylene Strom of San Angelo; step-daughter, Jana Jeffreys of Midland; mother-in-law, Sybil Jeffery of Midland; and a number of nieces and nephews.

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OUR OPINION

What's in the numbers

Congratulations to the winners in Lincoln County's five municipal elections last Tuesday.

Condolences to the losers.

And a rap on the knuckles for the vast majority of registered voters who didn't bother to cast votes. Only Carrizozo's 68 percent participation can be considered respectable as a measure of civic responsibility. Newly elected mayor Manuel Hernandez (who's occupied the seat before) has won a mandate — a clear call for change. Corona replaced trustee Gilbert Stewart with Bob Burroughs in a 47 percent voter turnout election with an incumbent mayor. Burroughs got 27 votes, winning by 2.

The 38 percent turnout in Capitan (with the mayor unopposed) saw challengers Debra Ingle and Bennie Coker (a former mayor) take over from incumbents. Municipal Judge (and former state policeman) Jack Johnson won reelection, overcoming Barbara Sanchez's decent showing.

In Ruidoso Downs, barely 20 percent of those registered bothered to vote, despite a large field of candidates for two council seats. And the incumbents got their seats back, one by a single vote. (Proof again that one vote can make a difference.)

It was little better in Ruidoso, where 28 percent of registered voters took time to express choices among three candidates for mayor and seven candidates for three council seats. Robert Donaldson's 724 votes to win the mayoral election represented 51 percent of the 1433 votes cast — a very clear majority in a three-way race. Yet his total represents just over 14 percent of registered voters.

Incumbents Bill Chance and Leon Eggleston were handy winners, and long-time resident Ovella Estes' 846 votes topped all candidates to take the seat vacated by Joe Gomez. He didn't seek reelection. Ross Dingman, who mounted an active campaign, was a strong fourth and no doubt will continue to be active in civic affairs.

How to evaluate such a result? Those few Ruidoso residents who gave a damn decided they wanted a new mayor; the vast majority obviously didn't care.

So why our hand-wringing over what amounts to marginal interest in the 1998 municipal elections? Well, if you're a political junky you have to consider what this might indicate about the primary and general elections to come later this year. If people aren't interested in what's going on in their own backyard, what does that foretell about their interest in more distant county, district, state and federal offices?

What grabs us, though, is the indisputable calendar — people elected this year will have a place in history books as the ones who led their people into the Third Millennium. We hope they really are the people's choice.

Jack Johnson, in Capitan, said it best: "I want to thank the voters for coming out, but I wish more had."

So do we.



THE SILVER LINING

A breath of spring in late winter

After several cold mornings of 12, 14 and 16 degrees, early this morning on March 4, it was only 36 degrees, and now at 10 o'clock in mid-morning it is 74 out by the cedar tree at the gate.



BY DAN STORM
COLUMNIST

The sun came up at 7:35, way to the east of Sunrise Mountain, flooding the vale with early sunshine and mountain shadow.

On the small apricot tree the round fruit buds are cherry red, beginning to swell, showing the first pale white of the blossom petals inside.

This reminds me of the lines from a poem by a Mexican poet:

*"Tu has despertad en mi.
El sentimiento de el boton
En el momento que realiza
Que va ser flor."*

*(You have awakened in me
The emotion of the bud
In the moment it realizes
That it is going to be a
flower.)*

A lone bee scout came buzzing and bumbling all

around the door, testing the weather, the conditions of blossoms or any source of food.

I put out a half-spoon full of honey, but he is gone now, carrying his message back to the hollow oak tree by the river that this long winter is still with us.

What he was doing was checking on the apricot fruit buds.

Though it very seldom makes fruit this side of the mountain (the apricot country is over at Tularosa), the apricot tree is a wonderful friend in need to the bees, as it is the first tree of the year to bear fruit blossoms.

With the first apricot blooms the bees whirl in from every direction.

In full bloom, the apricot tree is something to behold, the very living picture of spring-time glory, with gold-striped bees working among the snow white blossoms singing joyful work songs, harmonizing with a continuous, dreamy spring-time drone all throughout the day.

The year of late blooms

The handwriting is on the wall for a good fruit crop, what with the apricot trees already two to three weeks late and the

other trees nowhere near looming, and frost damage less likely.

The order of blossoming in spring is apricot, plum, pie cherry, sweet cherry, peach pear and apple.

The first apple blossoms appear around Riverside and Hondo in late April and early May, and later in the mid valley, Ruidoso and upper Bonito.

Chipper Joe and the birds

Chipper Joe, the young chipmunk, did not run his grub route on the inside window sill of the sun room today. He had rather be eating the bird seed out on the pathway, along with the snow birds, cottontail rabbits and scrub jays.

He seems to prefer the bird chuk over the oatmeal, apple, raisin, peanut butter, cracker, vanilla wafers on the cafeteria spread out on the window sill.

Once in a while he runs out to his winter home in the wood pile.

Now he is on the outside of the screen door looking in, much as to say: "Come on out, the weather's fine."

Let us thank the Lord for this little breath of spring here in the late winter, and all our many blessings.

YOUR OPINION

It's not the weather

To the editor:

Please don't blame the condition of our roads and highways on the weather. The technology is available to build roads that last without any potholes. You just have to pay more initially. However, it saves money in the long run...

Roberta James
Ruidoso

The 1998 art festival

To the editor:

I have a few problems with the forthcoming Art Festival of Ruidoso... July 1998. I think it can be upgraded...

As a past artist, curator and gallery manager (in Ruidoso), I feel the rules for the art festival need to go back to the drawing board.

As a painter-teacher for about 50 years in 8 or 10 states and a few foreign countries, I see some problems that could be a social and legal hazard to the planners.

1. A "jury fee" is charged upon the booth fee price — and the insult is that the judges are unknown and unannounced... as just advised to me in a phone call to the chamber office.

2. The mild outrage is that the work should be judged at all! Don't our fine tourists and art lovers have taste, opinions and grey matter worthy of use and involvement?

3. As a past curator for 20

years, I organized dozens of art shows and always announced the judges 'way ahead of time; artists' knowing a top judge is involved would thereby send the best work, no?... and have respect for the exhibition.

4. Mild insult No. 3. If one would buy the jury concept and pay his \$20 judging fee, he then should have a crack at winning a cash prize. This is not the case as I understand it for the chamber art fair for Ruidoso.

5. The chamber fine arts committee needs to get better input if Ruidoso is to grow to be a fine arts center. I have seen how these "bad rules shows" propagate: (Somebody) borrows rules from an Odessa art show, or the "Kermagaar in El Paso" or the "Sun & Fun Show" at Scottsdale, Ariz. Most are designed to "work" the artist-craftsmen and not really help him or her — and sadly not do much for Ruidoso and its art. It makes me rather furious to see artists "used."

Robert Henri would quake in his grave.

Bill Rakocy, M. F. A.
El Paso, Texas

The road to Ruidoso

To the editor:

... While living in San Diego, I was trying to sell a collector auto and had put an ad in a national magazine. I received a call from a gentleman... in Ruidoso with an interesting offer to trade a lot for my car. After cor-

responding for a few weeks... my wife and I decided to check out the area and do a possible trade. Prior to our arrival in the spring of 1993, our impression of New Mexico was of a vast desert wasteland. You can imagine our surprise while driving on Highway 70 past Mesalero. Long story short, we traded the auto for the lot.

After accepting an early retirement... we decided to make the transition to Ruidoso in the late winter of 1997. After completing our home, a few things impressed and a few are quite disturbing to us.

New Mexico's litter control and highway maintenance is non-existent... Defensive driving means, simply, watch for rough roads. On the bright side, Highway 70 east and west of the "Y," Highway 48 from the Bonito Lake turnoff, and even Ski Run Road will be greatly improved this year. What about Ruidoso proper? When they made the decision to pave Sudderth, they simply graded and paved with no thought of water run-off. With culverts to direct water under Sudderth to the Rio Ruidoso, we would not be faced with the mess of melting snow and summer rains... Road maintenance or lack of it and litter control here in Ruidoso is in keeping with the standards of the state, poor.

I enjoy a morning walk each day. But I now have to take a garbage bag along to pick up the trash thrown from passing cars so our area has that pris-

Snake story on the web

Somewhere on the World Wide Web, Dennis and Peggy Chopin have a problem.

They've passed the word to Lisa Muhn at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce by e-mail that they're most puzzled by a news story, presumably from the Ruidoso News (circa 1972) that has been making the rounds in their office to considerable amazement and no little disbelief.

MOUNTAIN ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN
RUIDOSO NEWS

The story reports on the killing of what was purported to be the world's largest rattlesnake.

That snake, says the article (which they attached to their e-mail to the Chamber) was killed by Juan Baca about 10 miles northeast of Carrizozo, near the malpais, in the presence of Mike Gonzales, and they subsequently told the story to Vic Lamb and Bill Hart at this newspaper.

It apparently got considerable attention.

Lamb (who owned the paper for a good many years) was quoted as saying "I don't believe it but I saw it... It's a Diamondback."

He also said the snake's skin was about 18 or 20 inches wide at the widest place.

Baca and Gonzales described it as about like a telephone pole in diameter and length, weighing more than 300 pounds, its head the diameter of a car steering wheel, its tongue a yard long, its fangs the size of a man's fingers. There were eight rattles, one the size of a baseball...

They didn't bring it to town in one piece because they couldn't carry it.

Asked why they didn't capture it alive, they had a simple response: "How?"

Well... this item arrived at our desk on deadline, so we haven't had time to check the files, but we will...

Meanwhile, who else out there can confirm or refute this "biggest snake" story?

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

Study reveals it's who you know that wins elections in smaller towns

While national and state politicians clamor for television news coverage to win elections, candidates for local office in small communities without TV stations find that the "friends and neighbors" approach is a powerful vote-getter.

"There is a strong association that the more clubs and organizations one belongs to, the better the odds of winning a mayor's race," Sean McCleneghan, professor and former head of journalism at New Mexico State University, said.

McCleneghan and Ruth

Ann Ragland, mass communications program director at Texas Woman's University in Denton, analyzed eight years of local elections in 15 communities to identify what mayoral candidates do to get elected. Information on elections from 1986 to 1994 was gathered from newspaper coverage and questionnaires.

The communities, which range in population from 4,066 to 82,512, were Ruidoso, Artesia, Belen, Carlsbad, Deming, Espanola, Gallup, Grants, Las Vegas, Socorro, Rio Rancho, Silver City, Sycamore, Taos and Tucumcari. None

is home to a local television station but all have a daily or weekly newspaper and one or more radio stations.

"Television political advertising and TV news coverage were not under consideration in this study," Ragland said. "We wanted to look at other influences on voters in community politics."

The researchers statistically evaluated 21 variables and identified eight as collectively important to winning a small-town New Mexico mayor's race.

"The most powerful, as expected, was incumbency,"

McCleneghan said. "The common political wisdom that 'it's hard to defeat an incumbent' proved true. If voters feel represented by their local officials, they tend to keep them."

The second most statistically significant finding was that candidates who are members of more than one organization in a community have strong influence throughout the community.

"These 'friends and neighbors' business and service clubs are the ones to which community leaders belong," Ragland said. "Candidates in small communities have fre-

quent opportunity over long periods of time to make friends and attract votes."

Other findings of the study included that winning candidates spent more money on their mayoral campaigns than their opponents, belonged to a church, lived in a city where a small daily newspaper is published, received positive newspaper election coverage, were older than their opponents, and had previous experience in an elected position.

The researchers cautioned against applying their findings to all mayoral elections

because the sample of communities studied was small and limited to one state.

However, McCleneghan said, "Some effect is always operating in some election at some time during a political campaign. Something is always working on the potential voter's decision to finally cast a ballot for someone."

The McCleneghan and Ragland study is published in the Southwestern Mass Communication Journal, a publication of the Southwest Education Council for Journalism and Mass Communication.

Is anybody listening?

To the editor:

Dear Mr. President, Speaker of the House, the Senate and members of Congress.

My wife and I both live on Social Security and depend on Medicare. If we handled our budget like you all run the government, we would be broke in a few months.

So please, stop the giveaways, the waste and uncontrollable spending. Collect the foreign debts owed to the U.S. Cut down on the perks, run the government like a profitable business. Please leave Social Security alone; it will pay its own way.

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Thank you all for lowering Medicare premiums. So gentlemen, you all must learn to compromise. Develop a great attitude. Also, do a lot of praying.

Mr. and Mrs.
Victor Brooks
Glencoe

Thanks for the forum

To the Editor:

I want to congratulate you and the Ruidoso News for the very successful candidates' forum you presented on Wednesday, Feb. 25. The format was good, the time schedule was maintained, and all candidates had an equal chance to present their views.

I thought the attendance was spectacular, especially for our village, and hope it encouraged a good voter turnout.

Ross E. Dingman
Ruidoso

To the editor:

The Ruidoso News should be commended in hosting the very informative "meet the candidates" night. Well done!

Ernest R. Powell
Ruidoso

Excellent care at home

To the editor:

Recently our husband and father, Robert Lee Smith, was a patient at the Lincoln County Medical Center during his final illness. He had been treated at home by Home Health of Lincoln County for seven months prior to his hospitalization.

Both of these local health care organizations treated him with the most extraordinarily professional and compassionate care. He was treated during his illness at major hospitals and by home at major care in Lubbock and Albuquerque with wonderful care.

However, that care was in no way superior to the care he (and we, his family) received in our own community of Ruidoso.

Our enormous gratitude goes to Nurses Jennifer Chadwick, Maury St. John, Lindsey Valiant, Mickey Davidson, George Romeyn, Miriam Hoahwah, Diane Spear, Raymond Davis, Norma Baldridge and Geri Collins; Doctors Chris Robinson, Donald Wolfel and Barbara McAnery; and EMTs Chris LaCount and Lance Hill.

All of them helped him and us immensely with their compassion and expertise.

And, very importantly, we want to thank the administration and support staff of Home Health and of Lincoln County and LCMC. We are very fortunate and comforted to live in a community with such superior health care.

Lucile Smith, Sandy Etigson, David Smith, Karla Gilliland, Robin Boedeker
Ruidoso

Impact fees are proper

To the editor:

Well, I read in the paper where the Capital Improvement Plan Advisory Committee, known hereafter as CIPAC, has voted 3 to 1 to reject impact fees.

What happened to the other guy? Last time it was 4 to 1. Looks like the people (that's plain common folks like us) are gaining a little.

CIPAC includes the fellow who wants to jack up your water bills to pay the impact fee for the guy from California who wants to move here because he lost his

house in the mud and can't find it with both hands; and also he hates water.

CIPAC is mandated by the state to have 40 percent of the members from the real estate community. Would you believe, Mr. Editor, that there is 4 out of 5. Isn't that 80 percent?

You gotta admire that one guy. He just keeps hanging in there. He must feel like the Lone Ranger with no Pinto. He doesn't want to pay the impact fee for the fellow from California or anybody else for that matter.

Let the "impactor" pay it; it's the right thing to do. I hope the cavalry gets here on time.

I tried to vote for somebody that might favor it. Hope you did too.

Bill Woolley
Ruidoso

Cable TV costs

To the editor:

Re: Cable costs. Contrary to popular belief, cable is still under FCC control regarding costs to consumers. In a 1996 ... bill Congress set an expiration date of March 31, 1999. The

rationale was that competition from cable, local telephone and long distance companies would control pricing. But widespread competition hasn't occurred, nor will it prior to March, 1999.

Because of this, representatives from Massachusetts and Connecticut, along with 21 other legislators, have introduced a bill which would repeal the March, 1999, expiration date. It would continue regulation until more than one company is providing cable service in a local market. Despite regulation, the FCC has said that cable rates have increased 8.5 percent from 1996 to 1997. The average monthly rate was \$28.83 as of July 1, 1997.

In Ruidoso, cable rates have increased 18 percent to \$32.58 for basic service in less than two years - April '96-Jan. '98.

I urge everyone to contact your Congressman and ask support for this bill.

Jim Gardiner
Ruidoso

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Lions Club rose sale

Roses are being sold by the Ruidoso Evening Lion's Club for delivery on April 3.

A dozen long-stemmed red roses may be purchased for \$15 for either home or business delivery. Orders must be placed with Rachel Howell at 378-4336 by March 27.

The club uses money from the rose sale, now in its fifth year, to purchase eyeglasses for the indigent and to provide high school seniors with scholarships.

New positions, employees at Spencer

Brad Cooper has been named director of marketing at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, replacing Barb Sparkman who recently resigned to pursue other interests.

Cooper moves up from the position of publicist at the theater, a position he has held since April of last year. Prior to that he was president of deBruyn Cooper Maldonado Advertising in El Paso. An Ohio University graduate with a degree in journalism, Cooper is an award-winning graphic artist, writer and photographer.

Moving into the publicist position is Pamela Cromwell, who had been a part-time marketing assistant at the theater. Cromwell joined the theater's staff last year. She is a former reporter for the Ruidoso News and holds a degree in English and rhetoric from St. Edwards University in Austin, Texas.

Katherine Finley Slocum has joined the marketing staff at the performing arts center in a newly-created position as development officer. She will be responsible for all fund-raising activities for the theater, as well as liaison to the theater's 520-plus charter members. She and her husband, Scott, own La Junta Guest Ranch where they reside with their 4-year-old daughter Taylor.

Joining the staff as administrative assistant to the executive director is Kim Finley. Finley and her husband, Robert S. Finley III, moved to Ruidoso four years ago from Dallas. Finley fills a slot left vacant when Cindy Clay-Schumpert resigned to spend more time with her family.

Grindstone Graphics hires new associate

Grindstone Graphics, a full-service graphic design and marketing agency, has hired Barb Sparkman.

Sparkman served as assistant marketing director at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts and was part of the management team that opened the theater. She joins owners Mark and Laura Doth as part of Grindstone's creative team.

Sparkman has 15 years of experience in marketing, publicity and graphic design, working in performing arts and entertainment, and with various corporate clients in New Mexico and Texas. She is

a nationally recognized, award-winning illustrator and graphic designer, and a marketing strategist.

Sparkman

An award-winning design firm, Grindstone Graphics was started by the Doths in 1994 to provide graphic design, website development, and advertising, marketing and publicity services for businesses in Lincoln County and Southern New Mexico. Among its clients are the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Museum of the Horse, the Glencoe Rural Events Center, Eagle Ranch Pistachio Groves, the Spencer Theater, the Links at Sierra Blanca and more.

Employers, workers get boost from HB223

Employers will be paying less in taxes to insure workers against unemployment beginning Jan. 1, 1999.

Before the session ended, the Senate passed a bill that will give a tax reduction to New Mexico employers who pay unemployment compensation. The bill passed both the House and the Senate without any dissenting votes. The Legislature approved the tax reduction, which will save employers about \$42 million over two years, and \$4 to \$6 million each year thereafter, according to a press release from the New Mexico Department of Labor.

Employees will benefit from the bill, too. Beginning in 1999, workers who lose their jobs through no fault of their own will receive an increase of 3 to 5 percent of the current maximum weekly benefit of \$224.

The bill was made possible due to the excellent financial status of the state's unemployment insurance trust fund, the release stated. The fund balance as of Dec. 31, 1997, was \$412 million.

Fortune ranks Norwest nation's 'most admired'

Fortune magazine, in its 16th annual Corporate Reputation survey, ranked Norwest the nation's "Most Admired" super regional bank. Norwest also ranks 42nd among all 476 companies in 55 industries in the Fortune survey.

State Bar Association offers free pamphlets

The State Bar of New Mexico has a series of information pamphlets on issues and individual rights available at no cost.

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For more information on where to obtain the pamphlets, call (505) 797-6031.

Commercial flights still possible for Ruidoso

Subsidies sought to attract air service for Sierra Blanca Regional Airport

• Officials are pursuing a never-before-used federal law to bring air service back to Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Local backing in conjunction with an obscure federal law may bring Aspen Mountain Air back to Ruidoso as soon as this summer, an airport official said.

"The mechanism is there. The law is there. But nobody has tried to take advantage of that," said Tim Morris, director at the Sierra Blanca Airport, referring to a clause in federal guidelines defining essential air service.

Once an area receives essential air service designation, then federal subsidies become available. However, Ruidoso is not eligible under the standard clause of the essential air service law because the airport didn't exist in 1973, when the guidelines were written, Morris said.

But when reading through the law, Morris found a section for non-eligible places which allows federal support of a commercial airline carrier. Federal subsidies would pay half of the losses incurred, provided that the community's private sector chips in the

other half.

Morris said he has been talking with a possible backer for the community's portion, but only during the summer tourist season. No agreement has been confirmed. The backer will be announced if an arrangement is reached, he said.

Morris is already pursuing another avenue as well. He is to meet next week with airport directors statewide.

"We are trying to enact legislation with the state to provide the additional 50 percent funding," Morris said. "So, it may not be this summer, but next summer before we have that in place."

Furthermore, Morris is to talk soon with New Mexico's U.S. Congressman Joe Skeen and U.S. senators Jeff Bingaman and Pete Domenici. The purpose of that meeting is to smooth the village's way in applying for the federal subsidy under the non-eligible places clause. The goal is to develop "support on the federal side of the equation," Morris said.

Since the airport opened in 1988, three different carriers have pulled out of Sierra Blanca Airport because of operating losses. Aspen Mountain Air, which discontinued flights to Ruidoso in early December, is "still very much in the pic-

"Air service is very, very much a part of the total economic impact picture — for any area."

Tim Morris
Airport Director



Tim Morris, director of the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, stands on the existing runway where a crosswind runway will intersect. The \$8 million crosswind runway, to be built in the next two years, will allow planes to land and takeoff more safely. Though commercial flights stopped in early December, the airport still sees as many as 100 landings and takeoffs a day in the summer.

ture," Morris said. The company would be willing to resume Ruidoso flights if subsidies were provided, he said. If that funding arrives one way or another, the route may not start from Dallas as it has in the past, Morris said.

"We are exploring the possibility of flights out of El Paso," Morris said. Flights could feed into El Paso from the west, east as well as from Mexico, he said. And the flight

would be only 27 minutes as compared to the two-hour Dallas flight.

Air service is a necessary component of a growing economy, especially if that economy is tourism-based, Morris said. Additionally, the lack of air service might deter company executives or firms considering an office in the Ruidoso area.

"Air service is very, very much a part of the total economic impact picture — for any area," Morris said.

State legislator seeks state money for promotion of tourism industry

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Whether or not state money is available to promote New Mexico tourism depends on the actions of Gov. Gary Johnson next week.

Legislators included \$2 million in House Bill 2 for tourism. It is the first tourism budget of substance for the state in four years, said Sen. Roman Maes, D-Santa Fe, a proponent of the tourism dollars.

However, on Tuesday, Johnson said he would be calling a special session because the Legislature exceeded its budget by \$45 million, said Diane Kinderwater, Johnson's press secretary.

"He'll either have them redo the whole thing or he'll line item \$45 million," Kinderwater said Thursday. If he uses a line-item veto, then appropriations are simply eliminated rather than reduced — the governor does not have appropriation powers, Kinderwater said.

The governor is expected to make a decision next week, she said.

Maes believes tourism dollars are important and would bring significant benefits to the state's economy.

"I think this is the key — advertising is magic," Maes said in a recent interview.

For every dollar spent on advertising, \$47 dollars are

gained, he said. "Tourism hires about 60,000 people (in the state) and presently bring in \$365 million in federal, state and local taxes," he said.

Neighboring states spend millions to promote tourism — Texas spent \$14.7 million in 1997, based on industry information. In comparison, New Mexico had a tourism budget of \$1.5 million five years ago. It has since been cut down tremendously, he said.

Now, "In New Mexico, tourism is clearly flat," Maes said.

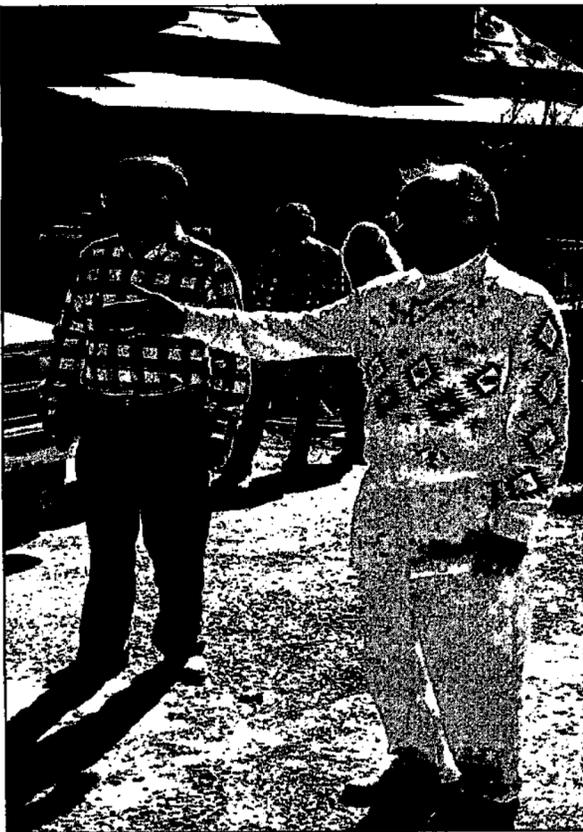
In the past three years, tourism in the state dropped dramatically — by 30 percent — based on gross tax receipts, Maes added.

He originally requested a tourism budget of \$3.6 million in Senate Bill 7. That amount was whittled to \$2 million in House Bill 2.

Of the \$2 million, \$1.5 million would be dispersed among municipalities for national and international advertising, Maes said. The remaining \$500,000 would be used for promotion of the state as a whole.

Joan Bailey, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, also is a proponent of a state tourism budget. Ruidoso has a history of being one of the top five recipients of state tourism dollars, she said.

Official tour



Mark Weidner, right, secretary of the New Mexico Environment Department, stopped in Ruidoso Thursday to look over the construction site where an innovative septic system will be installed.

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Ruidoso Downs village council may pull the plug on blues festival

• Past complaints about noise levels were made last year as far as the racetrack, officials say.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Proponents of weekly blues concerts in Ruidoso Downs have until March 23 to mount a defense against their business license being taken away.

Past complaints about music sound levels prompted the Ruidoso Downs Village Council at its past meeting to consider revoking the license for Cheryl Mark and Pete Blanchard, coordinators of outdoor blues concerts at the Hill Top Park, located across U.S. Highway 70 from the Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

"I think they should be told who complained so they can talk to them," Trustee Judy Miller said.

Trustee Margie Morales echoed Miller, saying that Mark and Blanchard should be given two weeks to talk to residents and businesses near the park.

The council unanimously

agreed to postpone its decision.

Mark and Blanchard, who also own the Texas House Restaurant, started the concerts last summer on Sunday afternoons and had intended to continue them this summer.

They renewed their business license with the village on Jan. 21, a village employee said.

At the time, the couple changed the business's description on the license from the Mountain Village, a flea market/arts and crafts fair with food and music to simply the Hill Top Music Park.

Blanchard said they already have \$13,000 worth of contracts with national and regional music acts.

They also have spent \$450 to remove a crane from the park to meet village code requirements, he said.

Even so, Mayor Joe Hayhurst said the license should be revoked based on complaints last year from people in the neighborhoods near the park as well as at the racetrack.

"I was personally sitting in the Turf Club (at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track) and I couldn't talk to the person sitting right next to me — it was that loud," Hayhurst told the council.

Blanchard, saying he had been in the music business for a long time, commented that he found it hard to believe conversations in the Turf Club were interrupted.

"Well, the racetrack brings in a lot of money to the village," Hayhurst responded. "And when people say they aren't going to go to the track because of the music ... I would just like to see you take it someplace else where it's not going to bother the people."

Leann Weibrecht, village clerk/treasurer, said she could hear the music from her home in the Heights subdivision, and that other village employ-

ees had heard it as well from their homes.

"Mister Jim Stoddard just asked me last week to please not renew this contract," Hayhurst added.

Stoddard is executive director of the Hubbard Foundation, which is the benevolence organization founded by race-track owner R.D. Hubbard.

"Why weren't we made aware of the complaints?" asked Mark. "The only one we heard about was at the racetrack."

Weibrecht said the complaints were not passed along because they were not entered with the village as written complaints.

Nor could the village provide Blanchard with a list of the complainants, she said, because most were called in by people who did not identify themselves.

She suggested they ask

"... I would just like to see you take it someplace else where it's not going to bother the people."

Joe Hayhurst,
mayor,
Ruidoso Downs

VILLAGE NEWS

Homeowners protest planned apartments

A group of about 25 homeowners showed up at Village Hall recently to oppose to a proposed affordable housing project in the White Mountain area.

At the past council meeting, Mayor Jerry Shaw cautioned the residents that the proper time to address the project would be, according to state law, during public hearings before both the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission and the Ruidoso Village Council.

John Morton, speaking for

the homeowners, said the subsidized apartments would affect the area's quality of life by increasing traffic, dropping property values, reducing water pressure and by creating smog.

He also questioned whether the project's proposed southwestern architecture would be compatible with homes in the area.

Money for transfer station

Ruidoso will get \$200,000 in state money to fix up the solid waste transfer station on Gavilan Canyon Road.

The New Mexico Environment Department recently awarded Ruidoso the money.

With the funds, the village may purchase new equipment for the transfer station, and possibly change the system of collection from a compactor to one of two other systems, both of which are reportedly more efficient, said Ruidoso Village Manager Gary Jackson.

One system uses a "tipper" at the landfill and the other is categorized as a "moving floor" system, he said.

The village is to resume ownership of the transfer station from the Lincoln County Waste Authority, some

time after July 1, the soonest date that the village may split from the consortium.

Officials sworn in Monday

Robert Donaldson, Ruidoso's new mayor, will be sworn into office at 6 p.m. Monday along with three recently elected councilors. The swearing in will be at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

Councilors to be sworn in are Leon Eggleston, Bill Chance and Ovella Estes.

During the special council meeting, Donaldson is expected to make some comments regarding

his office and to ask other elected officials for remarks. At the council's regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, council is expected to schedule a workshop for discussing council policies.

State economic director in Ruidoso Tuesday

Roberto Rios, director of the New Mexico Economic Development Department, is expected to make a presentation to the Ruidoso Village Council at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Also scheduled for the Tuesday session, held at Village Hall, are the following agenda items:

• Discussion about the pending construction on State Road 48, and the possible creation of a village liaison committee between the State Highway and Transportation Department and residents.

• A complaint regarding animal control from Jordan Cameron.

• A possible bid award for renovation work on the Ruidoso Senior Citizens building, formerly the Ruidoso Public Library.

• A possible joint powers agreement with the Ruidoso Municipal Schools for improvements to the Gavilan Canyon playing fields.

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Ruidoso area snowpack continues to promise a healthy spring run-off

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The snow depth on the mountains above Ruidoso looks promising for a healthy run-off this spring, says the man who has tracked local snowfall data for the past nine years.

"The average snow depth was 55.65 inches and the water content was 16.85 inches, up 5.55 inches in 28 days," since the last measurement February 1, said Keith Kessler, who manages the Bonito Lake Reservoir and recreation area for the city of

Alamogordo. That places the water content at 132 percent of the average of 12.74 inches in the last 10 years, according to data from the Natural Resources Conservation Service. But Kessler would like to

see all those inches of snow translate to a greater density factor, indicating slower melt-down. His measurements Monday along a 10,280-foot ridge that separates the drainage of the Rio Bonito and Rio Ruidoso came up with a factor of 30 percent.

deepest was 68 inches, he said. "We had quite a bit of snow during February," Kessler said. "I remember getting a little smidgen down here and they got 14 inches (at Ski Apache). On Friday (Feb. 27), they received five inches."

That isn't the situation this year. "The ground still isn't frozen," Kessler said. "It's damp, but it's not nearly as wet as it was Feb. 1. It's dried out a bit, but I think that's because it was a little cold in February and melting off didn't occur as much as it did in January."

FUNDING: may be revised in a special legislative session

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- Improvements, \$50,000
- Gavilan Road project for Lincoln County, \$45,000
- Glencoe Rural Events Center, \$25,000
- Ruidoso schools recreation complex lighting, \$25,000
- To move the Tom Jones Fire Station in Ruidoso, \$100,000
- Ruidoso Youth Center Complex, reauthorization of bill from last year, \$150,000 (not new money)
- Ruidoso water system, \$50,000
- Ruidoso Downs water lines, \$30,000
- Capitan schools technology, \$18,000
- Corona schools gymnasium, \$125,000

- Corona schools technology, \$18,000
 - Corona for streets, \$15,000
 - Corona water system, \$15,000
 - Carrizozo heavy equipment, \$25,000
 - Carrizozo for streets, \$75,000
 - Carrizozo library/multi-purpose room, \$50,000
 - Hondo Valley schools medical equipment for a new health center, \$75,000
 - Hondo Valley schools playground equipment, \$10,000
 - Refurbishing Fort Stanton, reauthorization from last year, dollars not specified.
- Other funding proposals also were passed in special projects bills. While the session was mainly focused on the budget,

legislators did have a chance to pass other issue-oriented bills that the governor also will consider.

Lawmakers passed the Corrections Population Control bill, that would reduce the amount of "good time" that could be earned by inmates convicted of violent crimes to just 15 percent of the length of their sentences. Currently, all inmates can cut their sentences in half by earning time off for good behavior.

Legislation also was passed that would prohibit managed care organizations from coercing enrolled doctors into denying care to a patient only to save money.

"That's not as dense as I thought the snowpack would be," he said. "I thought it would be up around 35 or 36 percent, so it's a little bit loose."

That didn't make it any easier getting back onto the ridge where he measures the snow depth and water content at 10-foot intervals on the first day of February, March and April.

"The first mile from the paved road at the ski area was tough," Kessler said.

He snowshoed Monday to the ridge with his 11-year-old son Brandon and Dr. Vincent Straley, a Ruidoso dentist.

"There was no remnant of a road and it was real slick," Kessler said.

The shallowest depth measurement along the snow course was 45 inches and the

"There was no remnant of a road and it was real slick"

Keith Kessler, Bonito Lake Reservoir

29 percent. That puts the Sierra Blanca run-off area above average this year in both categories.

"It's not bad," Kessler said.

However, the density factor in 1991 with a lower water content of 15.8 inches, was 35 percent. In 1992, at 18.4 inches of water content, the factor was 36 percent, Kessler said.

"But at those times, the ground was frozen," he said.

The average snow depth for the ridge on March 1 is 49.9 inches and the average density factor is

The fewest inches of water recorded in the snow March 1 over the full 11 years of tracking was 4.60 inches in 1994 and the highest number of inches was 24.20 in 1993. Last year's reading was 14.50 inches.

Unlike the some of the leaner years, the snowpack is solid on the southern facing exposures too, Kessler said.

"Where the sun is hitting, that top layer is solid crust and pretty deep too, about four to five inches thick," Kessler said. "The streams are up. I'm wasting (allowing water to escape the reservoir to lower its level) water below Bonito dam, dropping four or five feet below the spillway waiting for the runoff that's going to be happening pretty quick."

REGIONAL BRIEFS

Children's Hospital gets ready to saddle up in Capitan

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has announced that plans are being made for the April 25 Saddle Up for St. Jude Trail Ride. Brenda Pope of Capitan will serve as coordinator of the event and encourages all residents to support this important community effort.

As America's leading childhood cancer research center, founded by the late entertainer,

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tors around the world to ensure that children everywhere will benefit from the work being done at St. Jude Hospital. Funds to support this battle against childhood catastrophic disease come primarily from public donations through events like the Saddle Up for St. Jude. If you are interested in making a contribution or participating in this worthwhile cause, contact Pope at (505) 354-2616.

Feral Horse adoption

Horse enthusiasts have an

opportunity to adopt feral horses from White Sands. Missile Range on March 14.

The adoptions will take place on the missile range. The horses will be made available to people who apply to the missile range and are approved in advance.

The horses are a mix of quarter horse, thoroughbred and draft horse blood. The have been captured from the heart of the missile range.

Persons interested in adopting horses should call the missile range Public Affairs Office at (505) 678-1134 as soon

as possible to request an application.

When missile range officials receive the completed paperwork, it will be reviewed. If all criteria are met, the applicant will be called with the details about the time and location of the adoption.

Applicants must prove their ability to humanely house or pasture undomesticated horses. Adopted horses must be kept for at least a year before being sold. They cannot be used for commercial purposes, such as rodeo bucking stock. The missile range reserves the

right to deny application.

There is a \$125 fee per horse. Adopters must provide transportation for their animals from the adoption site. A road worthy, covered trailer that holds at least four horses is required, even if only one horse is being adopted.

At the adoption site, a lottery system will determine the order in which adopters may select their horse or horses.

A coggins negative certificate will be provided for each animal. Each horse has received its initial series of vaccinations.

COURT RECORDS

The following domestic relations cases were taken from Lincoln County District Court records in Carrizozo. They are identified by the date filed, the plaintiff and defendant, the type of action and the docket number.

- Feb. 10 - Robert and Melissa Tobman vs. Ralph R. Ruah; petition to prohibit domestic violence; DV98-09.
- Feb. 16 - Robert Stephen Dickerson vs. Robin Rubino Dickerson; divorce; DM98-21.
- Feb. 16 - Kellie Jackson vs. Wesley Jackson; divorce; DM98-22.
- Feb. 18 - Bart W. Trotter vs. Marilyn D. Trotter; divorce; DM98-23.
- Feb. 19 - Mayra Collazo vs. Jesse Najer; divorce; DM98-24.
- Feb. 19 - Jessica James vs. Daniel James; domestic violence petition; DV98-10.
- Feb. 20 - Lewis A. Benjamin vs. Leslie E. Benjamin; divorce; DM98-25.
- Feb. 19 - Belinda Wright vs. Vernon Wright; domestic violence petition; DV98-11.
- Feb. 24 - Rebecca AuroraZina vs. Patricia Almager; DV98-12.
- Feb. 24 - Amy Porter vs. Gaylon D. Porter; domestic violence petition; DV98-13.
- Feb. 24 - Tonia A. Granados vs. David Granados; divorce; DM98-26.

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

- Feb. 18 - Pete Esquibel; notice of appeal; CR98-19.
- Feb. 19 - Frederick Chino; unlawful taking of a motor vehicle, 4th-degree felony; CR98-20.
- Feb. 19 - Cynthia Mitchell; 13 counts of fraud by worthless check, 4th-degree felony; CR98-21.
- Feb. 19 - Christine G. Watson; theft of a credit card by taking or retaining possession of a card taken, 4th-degree felony; CR98-22.
- Feb. 19 - Kenneth J. Gabaldon; abandonment of dependent, 4th-degree felony; CR98-23.
- Feb. 25 - Noel Franco; bind over order on two counts of trafficking controlled substance, cocaine, 2nd-degree felony; CR98-25.

The following civil cases were taken from Lincoln County District Court records in Carrizozo. They are identified by the date filed, the plaintiff and defendant, the type of action and the docket number.

- Feb. 17 - L.M. Ray Trust vs. J.R. Hatton Trust; declaratory judgment; CV98-29.

Feb. 23 - Pearl Barela vs. Corona Public Schools, Corona School Board and Earl McKinley, individually and in his official capacity; CV98-31.

Feb. 23 James William Caldwell vs. Michael Purdy, warden of a federal correction institution at Three Rivers, Texas, and the attorney general of New Mexico; petition for writ of habeas corpus; CV98-32.

Feb. 18 - Richard A. Cothrun, executor of the estate of Cecil Cothrun, deceased, vs. Arthur Glasgow and Jane Glasgow; foreclosure of mortgage; CV98-30.

Feb. 25 - Elaine Parrish and Glenn Parrish vs. R.N.M. Int., a New Mexico corporation; recover damages for personal injury and loss of consortium; CV98-33.

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Scoreboard

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4
Boys basketball - District 3AAA quarterfinals
Santa Teresa 63, Ruidoso 54
Girls basketball - Class A State quarterfinals
Melrose 66, Hondo Valley 25
LCU Indoor Track Meet
Individual results of the Ruidoso Warriors at the Feb. 21 LCU track meet:
55 meter dash - T. Shiele, 7.38; P. Russell, 7.31. 200 meter dash - T. Shiele, 25.85; P. Russell, 26.25. 400 meter dash - E. Romero, 1:09.08. 500 meter dash - R. Hough, 1:20.66; S. Ehwel, 1:34.59. 800 meter run - R. Hough, 2:21.11; Cody May 2:35.38; E. Romero, 2:43.92; S. Ehwel, 2:55.06; F. Frizzell, 3:01.27. 1600 meter run - Col. May, 5:03.55; D. Comanche, 5:15.06; Cody May, 5:54.89; F. Frizzell, 6:43.45. 3200 meter run - C. May 10:45.98, D. Comanche, 10:47.42.

On deck

TODAY
Region D boys basketball semifinals at Fort Sumner
Hagerman vs. Vaughn 6 p.m.
Hondo vs. Fort Sumner 7:45 p.m.
SATURDAY
20th Men's Bowling Championships
The Lincoln County Men's Bowling Association will have its 20th tournament Saturday and Sunday at Ruidoso Bowling Center for teams, singles and doubles.
SUNDAY, MARCH 8
Nestle's Hot Chocolate Cup
Members of the Ski Apache children's ski club will race against the clock as they carve up the course on east of Easy Street.
TUESDAY, MARCH 10
Little League Baseball
Sign-up Little League Baseball and Girls Youth Softball for boys and girls, ages 5-15, will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 10 at Sierra Vista Primary School. Late sign-up from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 24 at Sierra Vista Primary as well.

MARCH 14-15
Board Fest '98 at Angel Fire
Angel Fire Resort will host its first annual Board Fest '98 Saturday and Sunday, March 14 and 15. Cost to enter is \$10 if paid by Tuesday, March 10, or \$15 after that date. Two events make up Board Fest '98: a giant slalom race Saturday and a freestyle competition Sunday. Participants can register for either event in one of seven age categories. On-site registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 9:30 a.m. on the day of the competitions. For more information, call (800) 633-7463.

MARCH 21
Salamander Slam 3 on 3 Basketball
The Diamonds Salts host this two-day, 3-on-3 basketball tournament at Ruidoso Middle School. Prizes to the top three finishers in five divisions: men's open, women's open, boys high school, girls school and middle school. Up to four players allowed on each roster. Each team is guaranteed three games. Cost is \$50 per team if entered by 5 p.m. Friday, March 20, or \$60 on the morning of March 21. Call Laura for more information at 257-4001 (days) for more information.

Pecos Valley Stampede
Roswell's spring racing event, the Pecos Valley Stampede, is Saturday, March 21, at Cahoon Park. Event races are: half marathon, 10-kilometer run, two-mile run and two-mile walk. Entry fee is \$15 if received before Tuesday, March 10, and \$20 thereafter. Awards, medals, ribbons and post-race door prizes will be awarded. For more information, call Bob Edwards at (505)627-5507.

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

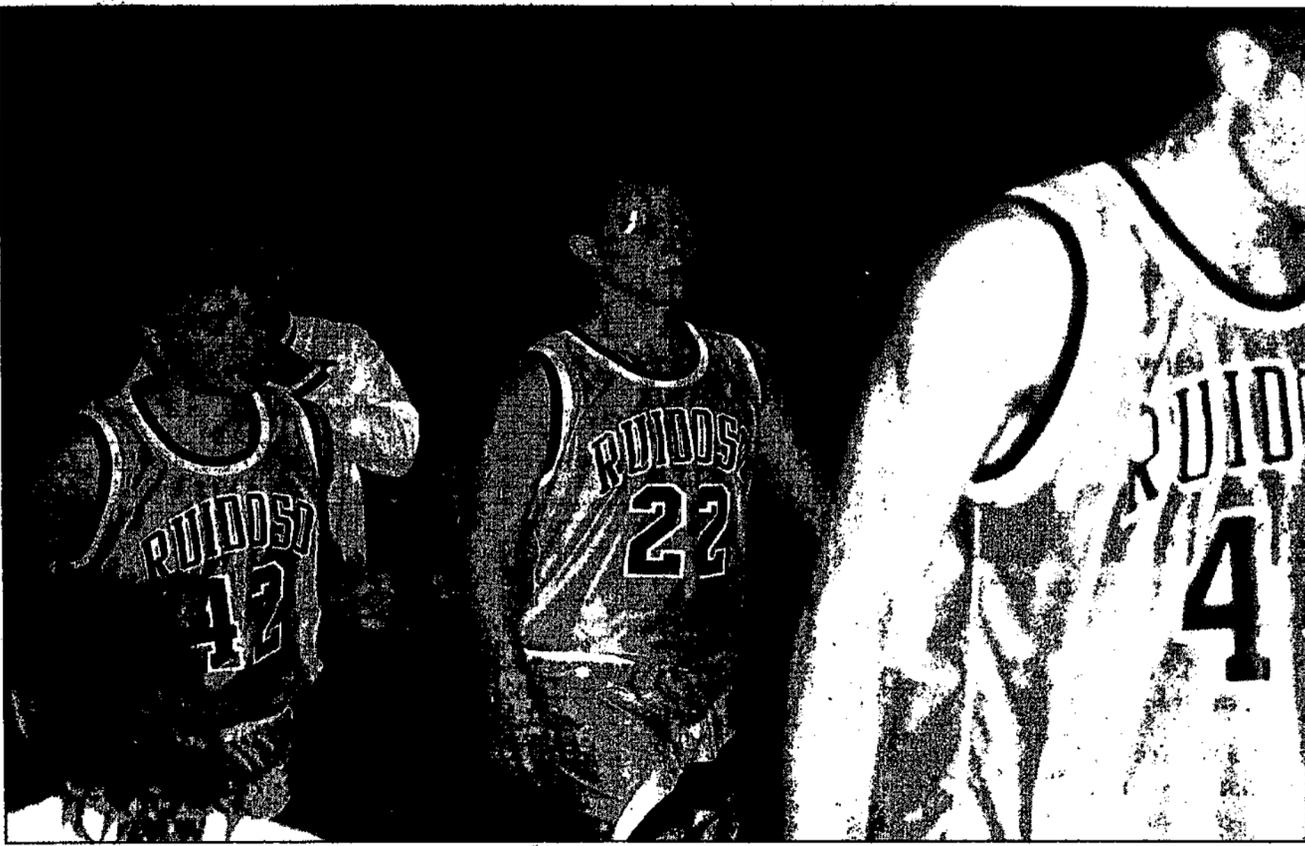
Fishing report

Ruidoso River some increase in runoff is to be expected in the following weeks. As of Tuesday, the flow from the Chamber down was normal. Pre-runnoff release from Lake Mescalero was successful, and Carrizo Creek is now at normal flow. Fly selections have varied greatly with nymphs producing best. Grindstone Reservoir is still considerably low, although water temperature is expected to rise in the future, which will improve fishing. Look for mid-day dries and nymphs. Hurd Ranch is anticipating runoff and is regularly murky with increased irrigation, but still good for a few fish. Fly selections should be some streamers, nymphs and possible dries in the mid-day. Lake Mescalero expect the lake to be five feet lower after pre-runnoff preparations. Bank fishing only. Dries at mid-day and some evening risers, Adam's, caddis and midges with nymphs and streamers also.

Mike Hyman
Ruidoso River Association

BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

Santa Teresa's speed burns the Warriors



Dejected Warriors head off the court for the last time after Ruidoso's loss to Santa Teresa in the District 3AAA playoffs. From left, Arthur Miller and Scott Sebastian, who is wearing a bandage of battle, close out their careers on the Warrior hardwood.

Coach preps for next year

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Less than 12 hours after Santa Teresa eliminated the Warriors in the District 3AAA playoffs, Ruidoso basketball coach Gary Grahn did the only thing he could think of doing - prepare for the next season.

"We got back to work on our program as a whole, today," Grahn said Thursday.

The first-year boys basketball coach was busy putting into motion the off-season program for the Warriors - such as strength conditioning and shooting programs, summer basketball leagues and team camps.

"We want to establish not a basketball season, but a basketball program," Grahn said. "We want to establish a basketball season, but a basketball program," said Grahn, whose first edition of Warrior basketball posted a 12-12 record.

Grahn said his six seniors - Matt Blank, Andy Schrader, Adam Windham, Arthur Miller, Adam Windham and Tyler Cluff - set the stage for the future of the program.

"The seniors started something good and got a really important tide turned a little bit," he added. The Warriors didn't accomplish one of Grahn's top goals - a winning season. But it wasn't a losing season, either.

Most important, Grahn said, the Warriors learned losing wasn't acceptable.

"They showed a lot of heart. They showed they would not lie down," he said.

Grahn already has sketched out the next six months for the Warrior hoopers. They will hit the weight room in a week for a long, intensive strength conditioning program. Then, it's two months of shooting, shooting and more shooting, or as Grahn put it, "spend two months knocking the bottoms out of the nets."

The summer will bring Ruidoso's own version of summer leagues and then some team camps - all for the ultimate goal of achieving statewide recognition, Grahn said.

The Warriors return a solid nucleus of players for the 1998-99 season. Freshman guards Mike Rogers and Solomon Barnett return, as will junior Corey Saenz, one of the district's most exciting players. Saenz missed the second semester of this year's season because he violated the high school athletic code.

But Saenz's "sentence has been served," Grahn said, and the Ruidoso coach expects the point guard to return to the fold.

Three junior post players will be back as well in Garvin Grant, Aaron Gillespie and Josh Varnadore. Plus, Grahn has his choice of players from a successful junior varsity team and a freshman team that posted a 16-3 mark in the regular season.

Grahn will beef up the Warriors' schedule next year with the addition of a tournament in Artesia and a reformatting of Ruidoso's own invitational. Grahn wants to split the High Country Shootout into two divisions - one for the Class A schools of the county and one for the Class AAA.

"We have a serious approach to basketball," Grahn said. "The interest is what I'm most pleased with right now."

Quick-starting visitors eliminate Ruidoso

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Santa Teresa delivered a one-two punch that knocked the Ruidoso boys basketball team out of the District 3AAA playoffs Wednesday, 63-54.

The Desert Warriors built an early lead they never lost with crowd-silencing three-pointers and a swarming zone defense.

The win advances Santa Teresa to the district semifinals today against Cobre.

Ruidoso finishes the season at 12-12 - the most wins in a season since the 1980-81 Warriors finished 19-8 and fourth in the state tournament.

"I was very disappointed in the game last night, but not disappointed in the kids," said first-year Ruidoso coach Gary Grahn. "Santa Teresa did what they had to do to win."

Just what did the Desert Warriors do?

They played a 2-3 zone defense that caused Ruidoso to commit unforced errors aplenty and allowed the sneaker-blurring Desert Warriors to pick off passes and pick the pockets of the Ruidoso guards.

Santa Teresa coach Donald Dotson saw no other alternative heading into Wednesday's game.

"The last time we played man to man, and they are so good with what they do offensively," Dotson said of Ruidoso's execution.

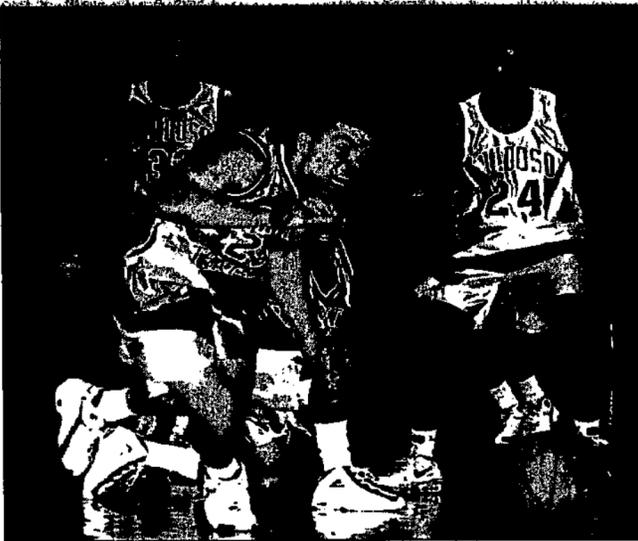
It's a defense that the Desert Warriors wear well.

"We're real aggressive with it. We want to put pressure out front," Dotson said.

The strategy paid off. Ruidoso came up empty on its first half dozen possessions from either missed shots or miscues.

Meanwhile, the Desert Warriors scorched the nets, building an 8-0 lead before Ruidoso even got on the board.

Santa Teresa buried four of its six three-pointers in the first eight minutes of the game, forging a 20-10 lead. As expected, junior guard Edward Anaya hit a pair of bombs and Andy Archuleta cashed in a three-pointer as well. But Grahn and the Warriors didn't expect Jerry Spears to find the mark from



Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News

Whenever there was a loose ball Wednesday night, it seemed the Desert Warriors had the jump on it. Santa Teresa defeated Ruidoso for the third time in four tries this season. The Desert Warriors advance to the District 3AAA semifinals in Bayard where they take on Cobre today.

long range.

Ruidoso focused its defensive attention on Santa Teresa's outstanding post player, Erick Rojas. The Warriors did their job on Rojas, limiting him to eight points for the evening.

"We were going to double team him, but after the second quarter we didn't," Ruidoso coach Grahn explained. "Rojas wasn't hurting us as bad as the total team effort."

Scott Sebastian and Mike Rogers led a Ruidoso surge in the closing minutes of the first half to give the Warriors and their fans some hope. Rogers

hit a three-pointer and another bucket, while Sebastian hit two free throws and assisted Rogers. That trimmed the Santa Teresa lead to nine at halftime, 36-27.

Ruidoso started its run at the visitors in the third quarter. Suddenly the Warrior defense turned up the intensity while the offense found the open player for easy buckets. Senior Adam Windham had two put-backs to cut the Santa Teresa lead to 43-39 with less than a minute to go in the third period.

The Ruidoso effort woke up

the crowd and Ruidoso Middle School teacher Borde Williams whipped the frenzied enthusiasm for the start of the fourth quarter.

The Warriors responded. Rogers opened the final frame with an old-fashioned three-pointer that pulled Ruidoso within one, 43-42.

It was as close as Ruidoso would get.

Santa Teresa battled back, running off six straight points.

"A game is made up of surges. The way it works is whoever make the last run, wins," Grahn said.

That turned out to be the last run for either team. Unable to get the ball back from Santa Teresa's solid ball-handling guards, the Warriors never mounted another surge.

The Desert Warriors hit 12 of 14 free throws down the stretch to seal the Ruidoso coffin.

"What brought us through was our free-throw shooting," said Dotson, Santa Teresa's fifth-year coach. "I thought Ruidoso was real patient ... That was a good ball team we beat tonight."

It's little solace for Grahn and the Warriors who were left with looking at the future.

"These seniors have really turned the corner. We have a lot of enthusiasm," Grahn said. "There's some excitement in the program overall. I think they will always be remembered for what they did for us."

Leading scorers:
Ruidoso - Matt Blank, 13 points; Mike Rogers, 12 points; Adam Windham, 11 points.
Santa Teresa - Edward Anaya, 14; Andy Archuleta, 12.

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Four Hondo seniors face their last chance to get to the big dance today in Fort Sumner.

The Eagles, 17-5 overall, have been to the regional semifinals each of the last two years, losing both times and falling one win short of making the Class A State Boys Basketball Tournament.

Starting point guard Adam Herrera said today's Region D semifinal against Fort Sumner means "the world" to him and senior starters Jeffrey Sanchez, Jason Candeleria and Kevin Slocum.

"It's a lot different playing away than playing at home. The home team has an advan-

tage. If we can keep their crowd quiet and get ours into it right away, that will help a lot," Herrera said.

The Eagles are led in scoring by junior Josh Candeleria (17 points per game).

Hondo coach Michael Booty said the Eagles are ready mentally.

"We know that they play a pretty tough man-to-man and a press," Booty said of his team's opponent.

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Legal Notice

**LINCOLN HISTORIC
PRESERVATION BOARD**
REGULAR MEETING
March 17, 1998 - 7:00 P.M.

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 1998, at 7:00 p.m., at the Lincoln Volunteer Fire Department Building, Lincoln, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the March 17, 1998, meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting.

Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 646-2395 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

MARTHA GUEVARA
ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER
1457 1T(3)8

LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATION OF THE COSTS OF PRODUCTION OF ELECTRICITY AND POLICIES OF ZIA NATURAL GAS COMPANY, A DIVISION OF NATURAL GAS PROCESSING CO.,

ZIA NATURAL GAS COMPANY, a division of Natural Gas Processing Co.,
Respondent.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that: The New Mexico Public Utility Commission ("Commission" or "NMPUC") has docketed an inquiry into the gas production practices and policies of Zia Natural Gas Company ("Zia") and has expanded the scope of this proceeding to encompass the requirements of purchase of gas adjustment clause ("PGAC") continuation filing pursuant to NMPUC Rule 640.5 and ordered Zia to file a PGAC continuation filing on or before January 22, 1998. Zia filed a Gas Production and Supply Report, a Request for Variance and direct testimony.

The Commission has appointed Peter E. Springer as Hearing Examiner in this case, who has held a pre-hearing conference and issued a Procedural Order on March 2, 1998.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (NMPUC Rule 110) apply to this case except as modified by Order. A copy of the Rules may be obtained at the Commission's office.

The current procedural schedule for this case is as follows:

A. A public hearing will be held beginning at 10:00 a.m. on July 9, 1998, at the Commission's offices, Meier Hall, 226 East Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico, for the purpose of hearing and receiving evidence, arguments and any other appropriate matters in order to conduct the gas production practices and policies and determine whether the Commission should authorize the use of a PGAC pursuant to NMPUC Rule 640.5.

B. Any person who desires to intervene to become a party to this case must file a Motion to Intervene, in accordance with NMPUC Rule 110.55, on or before March 30, 1998.

C. The Commission Staff and any intervenors will file any direct testimony on or before May 1, 1998.

D. Any rebuttal testimony will be filed on or before May 29, 1998.

Interested persons should contact the Commission at the hearing and submit a copy of their direct testimony to the address and telephone numbers.

Interested persons may appear at the time and place of hearing and give a written or oral statement pursuant to NMPUC Rule 110.51, without becoming an intervenor. Such comments will not be considered an evidence.

Interested persons may examine Zia's filings at the Commission's offices, 226 East Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, telephone: (505)272-6940 or at Zia's offices, 707 North 1st Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico, telephone: (505)378-4277. All case has been docketed as NMPUC 88-0128. No further inquiries should refer to that number.

Anyone filing pleadings, documents or testimony in this case will serve copies on all parties of record and the Commission Advocacy Staff.

Any person whose testimony has been filed will attend the hearing and submit to examination under oath.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Zia or the Commission at the above address and telephone numbers.

Any person with a disability requiring special assistance in order to participate in this proceeding should contact the office of the Commission at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the hearing.

ISSUED at Santa Fe, New Mexico this 2nd day of March, 1998.

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
PETER E. SPRINGER
Hearing Examiner
1458 1T(3)8

LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Lincoln County Senior Citizens Olympic Committee for (1) member to serve on the Board. Nominations must be submitted and registered to vote within Lincoln County.

Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Lincoln County Senior Citizens Olympic Committee.

Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 A.M., April 7, 1998.

Martha Guevara
Assistant County Manager
1448 1T(3)8

LEGAL NOTICE

CALL FOR BIDS

The Honda Valley Public Schools is receiving bids for the sale of two Konica copier machines model SN464208915. The sealed bid must be received by 10:00 a.m. on March 10, 1998, and be opened by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted, including minor technicalities.

ALICE BACA BAXTER
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
Deputy Clerk
1446 4T(2)20,27(3)8,13

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the County of Lincoln hereby requests bids for the replacement of approximately 4,000 sq. ft. of metal roofing at the Glencoe Rural Center, which was damaged during the heavy snows in December.

Inspection of the site is recommended in order that all bidders be advised of the necessary labor, insurance, bonds, taxes and materials to retain the building for 180 days. Conditions: Should the bidder wish to include the Public Works Project definitions, the bidder must include the minimum wages determined by the Labor and Industrial Division of the State of New Mexico.

The following is an itemized list of replacement parts to perform the necessary repairs. Should the list be insufficient, the bidder shall include the additional items and include them in the bid.

- 2 each Main Trusses (80 ft x 8 ft steel)
- 5 each C-rail (Drops support truss)
- 4,000 sq. ft. Metal Roof Covering
- 4,000 sq. ft. Roof insulation with re-moist support
- 12 each Electrical Outlets (in conduit)
- 60 ft. Roof Flashing to Main Building
- 4 each Storm Uprights (4x4 steel) Match Existing Pairs

Contractor and sub-contractors shall be licensed, bonded, and insured to perform the necessary work.

Interested firms should submit their bids to the Lincoln County Manager at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711 (300 Central Avenue), Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 1998, at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Any bids received after the above date and time will be retained unopened.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review and make their final determination during their regular commission meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 14, 1998.

All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope as follows: BID NO. 97-98-012 ROOF REPAIR.

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interest of Lincoln County.

Martha Guevara
Assistant County Manager
1447 1T(3)8

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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

No. PB-97-61 DIVM

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative of the Estate, Burroughs & Rhodes, P.O. Drawer N, Alamogordo, New Mexico 88311, or to the District Court, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

DATED this 28th day of February, 1998

GEORGE A. MOORE, Personal Representative of the Estate of Lucienne J. Moore, Deceased
P.O. Box 100
Pisazo, New Mexico 88545
1442 2T(2)27(3)8

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY 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 17th, 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 Underwood, H. JOHN UNDERWOOD, LTD., 1066 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
Deputy Clerk
1446 4T(2)20,27(3)8,13

LEGAL NOTICE

PROJECT NAME:
Village of Captain
Water System Improvements
CONTRACTING AGENCY:
Village of Captain
P.O. Box 246
Captain, NM 88316
(505)354-2247
March 2, 1998

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Qualifications-based competitive sealed proposals for design professional services will be received by the Contracting Agency, Village of Captain, P.O. Box 246, Captain, NM 88316 for RFP No. A-001.

The Contracting Agency is requesting proposals for professional engineering services for Water System Improvements. Proposals must be received by the Contracting Agency, Village of Captain, P.O. Box 246, Captain, NM 88316 until March 23, 1998, 2:00 p.m.

Copies of the Request for Proposals are available at the office of the Village Clerk, Treasurer at 114 Lincoln Ave., Captain, NM 88316 or will be mailed or telephone request to Deborah Cummins at (505)354-2247.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on March 11, 1998 at Village Hall, 114 Lincoln Ave. 9:00 a.m.

PURCHASING AGENT
Deborah Cummins,
Client-Treasurer, CMC
Date: March 2, 1998

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
A new well will be drilled at approximately 500-1000 feet, using 12" casing. Five additional line hydrants will be installed and connected to existing water lines. Water signage will be installed on all existing water lines, water valves.

2. SCOPE OF WORK:
The Offeror shall perform the following professional services:
2.1 Provide standard Basic Design Services, consisting of:
Preliminary Design Phase
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Bidding and Negotiations Phase
Construction Phase
2.2 Periodic on-site observation during construction.

1458 3T(3)6,11,13

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN

No. PB-98-17

IN THE DISTRICT COURT TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DIVISION 3

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEE PHILIP ONSRUD, deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative of the Estate, Burroughs & Rhodes, P.O. Drawer N, Alamogordo, New Mexico 88311, or to the District Court, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

DATED this 28th day of February, 1998

MELOISE HELMS ONSRUD
Personal Representative
1455 2T(3)6,13

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the County of Lincoln hereby requests bids for a 1500 sq. ft. metal building. The building must meet or exceed all requirements of the International Building Code as adopted by the State of New Mexico, including ADA and be designed in accordance with AISI. The building shall be designed and fabricated and erection of Structural Steel for Building and AISI Specifications for the Design of Light Cold Formed Steel Structural Member as required.

The building system design and drawings must be certified and sealed by an Engineer in the State of New Mexico.

Contractor and sub-contractor shall be licensed, bonded, and insured to perform the necessary work.

Bid Specifications are available at the Office of the County Manager, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico. Bids may be obtained by calling Martha Guevara at 505-648-2385.

Interested firms should submit their bids to the Lincoln County Manager at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711 (300 Central Avenue), Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 1, 1998, at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Any bids received after the above date and time will be retained unopened.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review and make their final determination during their regular commission meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 14, 1998.

All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope as follows: BID NO. 97-98-013 Metal Building.

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interest of Lincoln County.

Martha Guevara
Assistant County Manager
1446 1T(3)8

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Commission for the Blind is holding a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment and input for the development of its State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation Services and Supported Employment Services, and its Strategic Plan. Before the development of these plans, the Commission is soliciting comments from interested groups, organizations and individuals. The Commission is interested in soliciting comments on the Agency's Order of Selection, including the definition of Most Severely Disabled and the Agency's use of a financial means test for eligible services. Any comments or other topics relating to the New Mexico Commission for the Blind programs are also welcomed. The public hearing will be held at the following location:
March 20, 1998 - Postales - Eastman New Mexico University, Campus Union Building, Sandia Room. The meeting will be held from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon.

For current information on the topics listed above, or for additional information, please contact Ms. Evelyn Bar 827-4470. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, interpreter, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in the meeting, please contact Ms. Blair at 827-4470 by March 10, 1998. Public documents, including the agenda, can be provided in various accessible forms. Please contact Ms. Blair if another type of accessible form is needed. Comments may be given at the public hearings or through telephone at 827-4470, or by FAX at 827-4470. Written comments may be submitted to the Commission for the Blind, PERA Building, Room 583, Santa Fe, NM 87503. The deadline for all comments is 5:00 P.M., March 20, 1998.

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Every Lincoln County municipal board, school board and the Mescalero Apache Tribe, along with the County Commission, has been invited to participate.

Admission is free and a lunch catered by the Village Buttery will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets for lunch can be purchased for \$16 at the Ruidoso News by stopping in or calling 257-4001.

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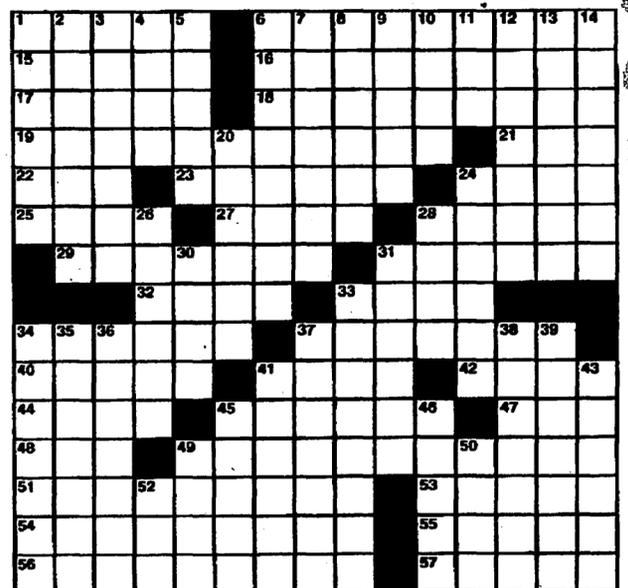
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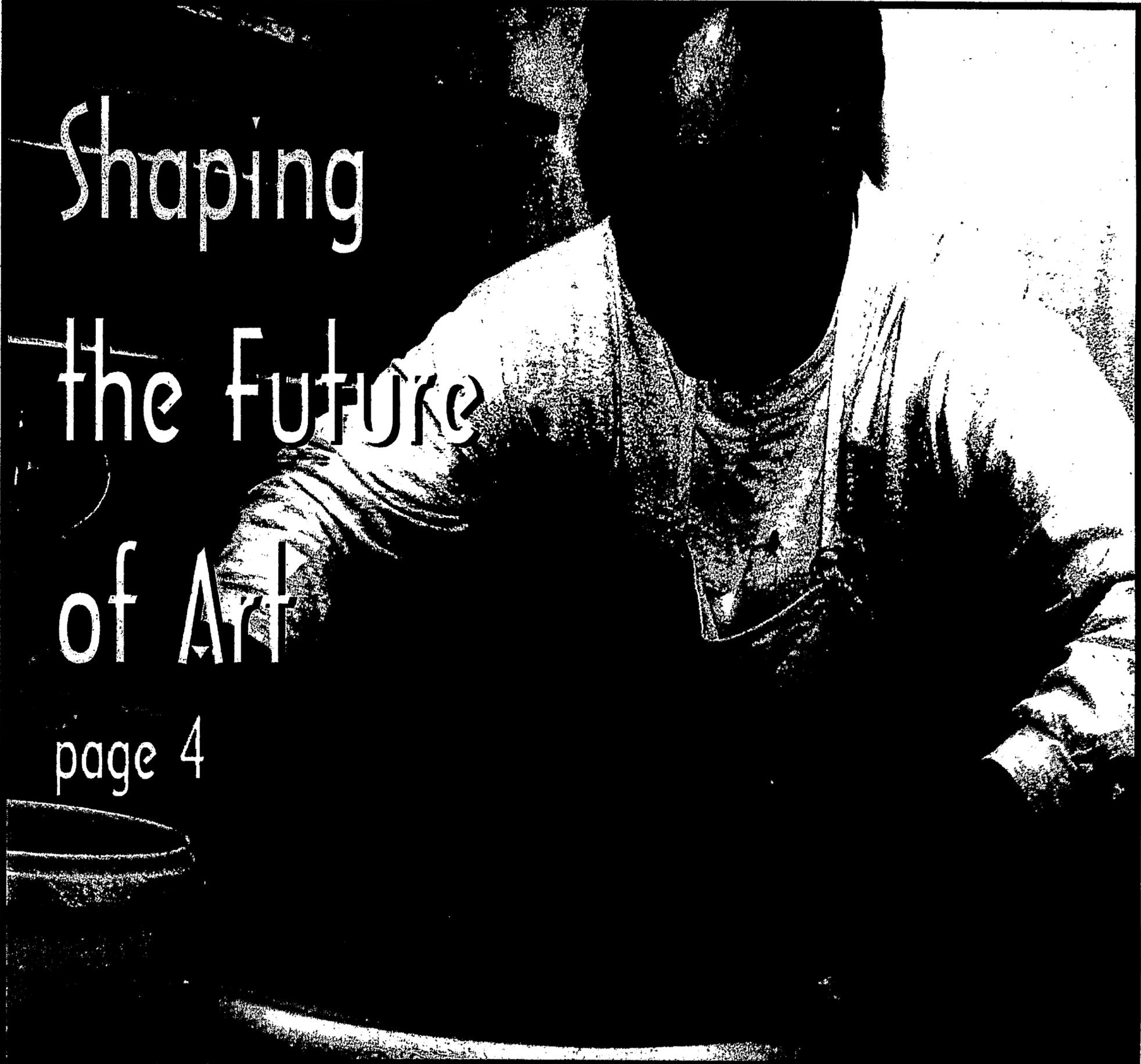
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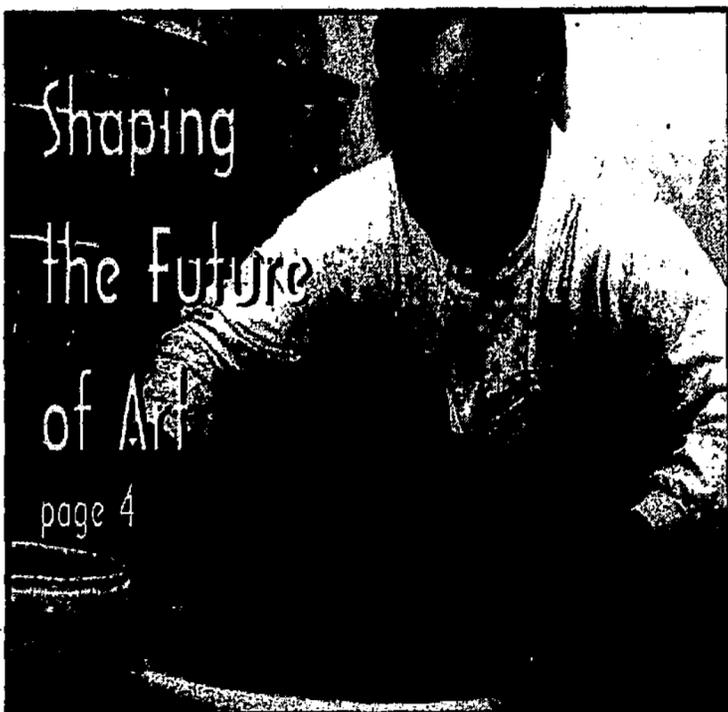
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The gallery features original art by Denise Dorn, Gaylon Gillem, Patti Mayes, Rand Harmon, Barbara Culler, Buddy Godinez, Barbara Delhl Westbrook, Marcia Bizeau, Bruce Chapman, Bernice Landrum Billie Long, Monty & Barbara Jones, Fred Moore, Teresa Hughes, John Langley, and Virgil Stephens. Open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

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

The Kenyon Thomas Gallery

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Ken Dixon's "Order and Disorder: Famous and Legendary Horses of West Texas" opened Jan. 31. The Museum of the Horse is offering free admission for March to people with a military ID. Of interest to military personnel is the continuing exhibition of Peter Hurd's wartime sketches, which will close March 29. The exhibit captures World War II through the eyes of war correspondent Peter Hurd, who worked for Life magazine and the U.S. Army Air Corps. Museum hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

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2415 Sudderth Dr., #3, Ruidoso, 257-5743.

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Red Rose Art Studio

County Rd. E016, Hondo, (505) 653-4203.

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

Spring Canyon Gallery

The Gazebo Place, 2117 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, (505) 257-1561.

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

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White Oaks Pottery Studio

3 1/2 miles NE of White Oaks, (505) 648-2985.

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

To have your studio listed in "Bellas Artes" submit the studio name, address, phone number and artist information to:

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Arts council gathers information for artists directory

The Lincoln County Arts Council is compiling the first directory of visual and performing artists and writers, as well as an index of services in Lincoln County.

An information packet for the Lincoln County Arts Directory was available Feb. 15. Those artists interested in the directory should contact Virginia Jones at 354-2316.

The directory will serve in the arts community in a number of ways. Among the benefits are:

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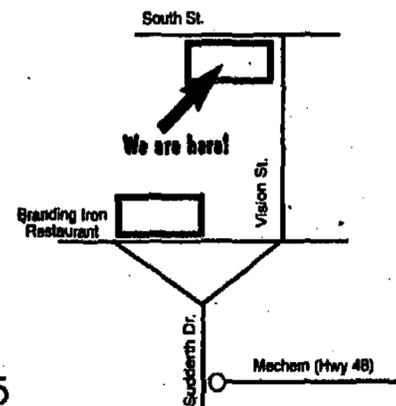


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BY JULIE BAXTER VAMONOS STAFF WRITER



Stone and Woodcarver - Jim Mauritsen

Painter - Maureen Quemada

Sculptor - Michelle Malpica

A collection of local artists have drawn up an idea – an idea many say whose time has come.

It's time for an association for working artists in Ruidoso.

"The time just hasn't been right before," said potter and owner of White Mountain Pottery Tim Wierwille. "Now is the time."

The Ruidoso Art Gallery Association was formed in February to focus on artists who both display and work in their galleries/studios. Prompted by sculptor Michelle Malpica, who moved to Ruidoso in September, artists have joined forces for their own collective good.

"I was very curious why there was no organization of artists here in town, people who work in their studios," said Malpica, who displays her work in her Spring Canyon Gallery. "It was just a matter of getting everyone together."

Wierwille said the recent boom of artists in the Lincoln County area, added to the success of other efforts like the Lincoln County Art Loop and the formation of the Lincoln County Arts Council, made the timing right for the group's creation.

"More artists have moved to Lincoln County in the past five years than in the previous 15 to 18 years," said Wierwille, who has been spinning his pottery wheel in Ruidoso for 23 years. "It finally has enough backing and enough people who realize the potential economics of art. It seems to be finally jelling together."

Malpica said being organized can provide much needed support and resources for artists. Networking through the association, she said, allows artists to pool their resources for promotions, advertising and events. The network can also add to the appeal for art buyers and collectors. She said a lot of collectors visit her studio to watch her work, and ask where they can find other types of art.

"People don't only ask, 'Where's a good place to eat?'" she said.

Painter Maureen Quemada said she was frequently asked last summer where people could find other small galleries.

"I didn't know what to tell them," she said. "With something like this starting up, I can send them that way because they're going to ask again."

Jim Mauritsen, the stylist behind the works at Freestyle Studio, said the promotion effort is overdue. Mauritsen has been crafting his stone and wood sculptures and functional pieces in Ruidoso for four years, and said he has never received much exposure.

"People find me by accident," he said.

By contrast, he said the association and its plans for a map of all the members' studios and studio tours, will provide the exposure he's been lacking.

"I believe this is a Ruidoso thing, for all the working artists in town," Mauritsen said. "I think we can work together for all of us."

Working together is key, Malpica said. Mauritsen agreed. He said sometimes being a full-time artist can be a scary thing, especially in the lean months when no pieces have sold and rent is almost due. He points to a stone sculpture, "Leap of Faith," which he describes as a self-portrait. Admitting that it can be scary, hasn't stilled his passion, though. That's part of the appeal of the association, too – that all the members are kindred spirits of a sort, working to make a living without sacrificing what they love to do.

Association members also hope to share their love of art with younger generations. The first step will be the Chaos for Kidz Art Show May 23 and 24 for Ruidoso area students.

"With cuts in funding to arts programs in schools, it's important for artists to share with kids. That's our future," Malpica said. "If you can spark interest in just one who says 'Wow, that's cool. I'd like to do that.' That's our future."

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Brothers treat audience to classical guitar wizardry

Before reviewing last Friday evening's performance of the Assad brothers, I want to thank everyone for their letters, email messages, phone calls and in-person comments regarding the "applause" critique made in this

IN REVIEW



Joel B. Carothers
Ruidoso News

column two weeks ago. The subject stirred up enough discussion at the Spencer Theater that management was considering addressing the issue with the audience before Friday evening's performance. The Assad brothers chose to provide, through their performance, a means of coaching the audience. They did so by shortening the times between movements and by standing and taking their bows at each piece's conclusion. We thank them.

Many of the same people who have commented on the applause article have also asked me, (frequently enough that I am now addressing it), to discuss *talking* during a performance.

I don't want to be seen as the person holding the clipboard on theatre decorum, but this column is a helpful (hopefully) means of dealing with these issues.

Therefore: In a theatre as acoustically perfect as the Spencer, human noises such as conversation (even whispered conversation), coughing, sneezing, throat clearings, candy wrappers or late arrivals, prove to be disturbing to the audience and the performers.

Performers in particular are frequently in a highly focused state

while on stage. Abrupt and loud noises can cause them great consternation and loss of concentration because they simply are not expecting it.

So I ask, on behalf of myself, other audience members, and performers; please do not talk or even whisper during a performance unless it's necessary. And, if someone seated near you asks you to refrain from talking, please acquiesce to his or her request because chances are you are disturbing others as well.

Don't explain, in lengthy detail to your date or partner or spouse, the complicated details of guitar playing for example. Wait to do that until the conclusion of the performance or the intermission.

Please cover your mouth when you cough and your nose when you sneeze. If you are a smoker and prone to coughing please bring a Hall's with you (they are wrapped in a noiseless waxed paper ... or a cough drop.

Everything you do to create the best possible environment for the performer and fellow audience members is always greatly appreciated.

With regard to latecomers, I believe the Spencer Theater could adopt the same policy held by all the major halls in the world: "Latecomers will be seated at the conclusion of the first piece." This notice could be placed on placard stands in the lobby at the entrance for all to see, especially latecomers.

The last item up for discussion is the wearing of fragrances. The theatre is small and intimate and many people have allergies to fragrances. Please refrain from wearing them (completely would be wonderful) or, if you must, use a very small amount. Thank you.

Enough said on decorum. Let's

get to the wonderful performance by the Assads.

Brazilian by birth, the brothers Sergio and Odair would take turns playing the one guitar in the household, a feat they accomplished in their encore piece with Sergio seated and Odair leaning over his shoulders. It was amazing!

The brothers play with such singular clarity and precision that it was difficult to determine who was playing what at times. Each brother, seemingly mesmerized by the music itself, would play perfect harmony or lead to the other without the need to check with his partner. They appeared to be solo performers - this artistic duo.

The Assad brothers have traveled throughout the world playing not only the traditional classical performance pieces as were the

Guiliani, Scarlatti and Milhau, but more Brazilian-flavored pieces as well. Their concluding number, "Rhapsody in Blue" was different from the same Marcus Roberts' concluding piece of a week before.

The Assad's version more closely approached true classical style. How nice it was to have been able to hear both styles of the same work, and it's my guess that there isn't anything these men cannot play on their guitars.

There were several things throughout the evening that captured my attention completely. For example, during the Giuliani piece the sounds emanating from those guitars had me totally convinced I was listening to a harpsichord. Or the blur created by the movement of their fingering hands. I couldn't believe the amount of notes they

were producing ... in perfect rhythm and harmony with one another. Or the changes in mood they created by their brilliant artistry and stylization of the compositions they chose to perform.

The Assads are recognized as the premier duo-guitarists in the world, something that is not at all difficult to understand. Making their home in France they perform widely in Europe. They have, to date, produced 10 CDs, among them an acclaimed Baroque CD. They have performed with Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg, Yo-Yo Ma, Dawn Upshaw, Gidon Kremer and have been featured on CBS Sunday Morning.

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RUIDOSO ARTS COMMISSION

An arts consultant will brief the Ruidoso Arts Commission about art in public places Thursday, March 12.

Rand Harmon, former executive director of the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts as well as a former commission member, will include in his report studies of how other municipalities handle the issue.

He was contracted in January by the commission to do the work after Lara Morrow, a former director of New Mexico Arts, notified the commission she would be unable to complete the report. Harmon is working with Morrow and will pay for her contributions from his \$1,000 contract with the commission. Harmon resigned

from the commission in December.

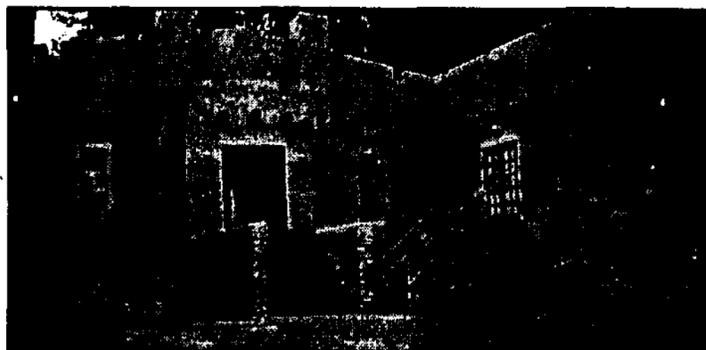
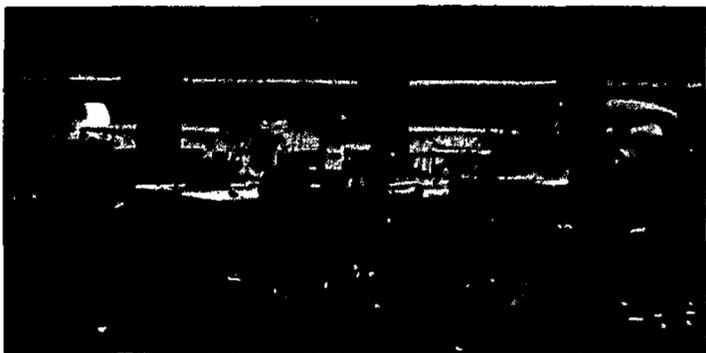
For months, the commission has discussed setting out guidelines for placing art works in public buildings such as the Ruidoso Public Library, Ruidoso Village Hall and the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

In other news, the commission reported that "The Outfitters," a film shot this past fall in Lincoln County, spent \$700,000 in the area, according to the film's accounting department.

Based on an economic multiplying factor, the local benefit from the film production was \$2 million for the area, primarily in Capitan and Ruidoso, commission members said.



A Guide To The Finest



Apache Tee Cafe

Looking for a meal with some atmosphere, take the short drive to Apache Tee. Serving up steaks, seafood and daily specials created by chef Brendon Gochenhour and drinks from the full-service bar, the Apache Tee has the best view and the friendliest staff around.

Price Range: \$\$
Phone: 257-5141
Address: at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero
Hours: 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sun.-Thurs., 7 a.m. - 11 p.m. Fri. and Sat.

The InnCredible

For 30 years, The InnCredible has been treating diners to specials like Crabby Monday and Wednesday lobster, not to mention fresh fish, steaks, chicken, pasta, barbecue and more. In this business you're either great or you're history - InnCredible is both.

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
Phone: 336-4312
Address: Highway 48 North at Alto Village.
Hours: the bar opens daily at 3:30 p.m. with fine dining starting at 5:30 p.m.

K Bob's Steak House

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

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

Cafe Mescalero

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

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

Che Bella

Take a tasteful trip to Northern Italy at Che Bella with its selection of pastas, gourmet pizza, veal, poultry, steaks and fish. And once you've finished your meal, stay a while in the cigar and martini bar for a cosmopolitan way to cap off your evening.

Price Range: \$\$
Phone: 257-7540
Address: 2823 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso
Hours: Fri., Sat. & Sun.
 Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2p.m.,
 Dinner Wed.-Mon. 5 p.m.-10 p.m.,
 Bella Bar 4:30 p.m. - Midnight.
 Closed Tues.

Dan Li Ka Dining Room

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

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
Phone: 257-5141
Address: Inn of the Mountain Gods, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero
Hours: Breakfast: Sat. 7-11 a.m. Sun. 7-10 a.m.
 Brunch: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Lunch: Mon. - Sat. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Dinner: Mon. - Sun. 6-10 p.m.

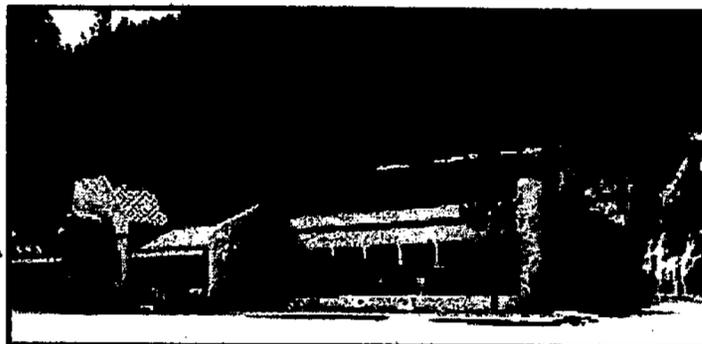
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Restaurants In The Area

Cattle Baron

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

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
 Phone: 257-9355
 Address: 657 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso
 Hours: 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sun.-
 Thurs., 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
 Fri. and Sat.



Farley's Food Fun & Pub

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

Price Range: \$-\$\$
 Phone: 258-5676
 Address: 1200 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso
 Hours: The restaurant opens at
 11:30 a.m. seven days
 a week.



Texas Club Grill & Bar

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

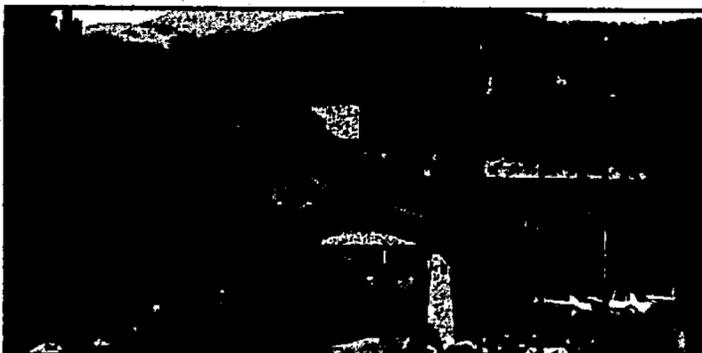
Price Range: \$-\$\$
 Phone: 258-3325
 Address: 212 Metz Dr., in Innsbrook
 Village, Ruidoso
 Hours: Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
 Dinner 5 to 10 p.m.,
 Closed Tuesdays.



Top of the Inn Deli & Pizza Parlor

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

Price Range: \$-\$\$
 Phone: 257-5141
 Address: the Inn of the Mountain
 Gods, Carrizo Canyon Road,
 Mescalero
 Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tue.-Thurs,
 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. Fri. and Sat.



Michelena's Italian Restaurant

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

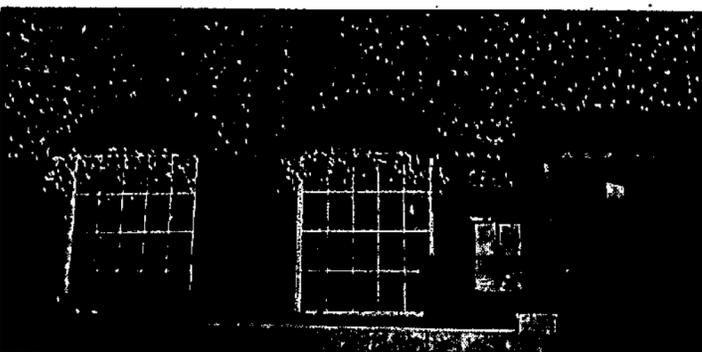
Price Range: \$-\$\$
 Phone: 257-5753
 Address: 2703 Sudderth Dr. - Midtown
 Hours: Open 11:00 a.m.



La Lorraine

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

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



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



Going out

music

March music madness and mischief

March is roaring into Ruidoso with a lion's share of entertainment options.

Music, humor and dance will all grace local stages this month, whisking in spring on a song, a few steps and some snickers.

• Bill Schustik

One highlight is the return of modern American troubadour Bill Schustik to the Ruidoso Community Concert series at 7:30 p.m., March 17. The show will be at the First Christian Church at the corner of Hull and Gavilan Canyon roads.

The singer, musician and storyteller plays the guitar, banjo, harmonica, dulcimer and concertina while singing, yodeling and narrating. His repertoire includes Civil War songs and legends, Salty Tales and Misty Legends, Prairie Winds and Mountain Fever, Tales of the American Revolution, The Troubadour's Songbag, and Dust Bowls and Dangers.

A well-known performer, Schustik has performed across the country delighting audiences that have included U.S. Presidents, television viewers and ballet patrons. His list of accomplishments is long and varied, making Schustik a past Community Concert's favorite. Charlotte Rowe, publicity chairperson for the Ruidoso Community Concert Association, said Schustik is returning to the series by popular demand and is sure to be a crowd pleaser.

For more information or tickets, call 258-5526 or 257-6974.

Other hot tickets awaiting local audiences this month are:

• Mingus Big Band

The sounds of late composer-bassist Charles Mingus will set the stage at Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts swinging March 14. Assembled in 1991 by Mingus' widow, Sue, the band keeps the legendary composer's music alive

playing the huge volume of work he left behind. The Mingus Big Band has received critical acclaim, being called a well-oiled world class band, swinging through Mingus' musical legacy with "an ease that masks the pieces' difficulty."

• Altan

In the true spirit of St. Patrick's Day, Altan will bring its traditional Irish jigs, reels, hornpipes and songs to the Spencer March 20. Altan is one of Ireland's most acclaimed traditional bands, crossing the boundaries between folk, world music and rock.

• Spalding Gray

World actor and stage performer Spalding Gray, known for his monologues "The Killing Fields" and "Swimming in Cambodia" brings his narcissistic brand of humor to the Spencer stage March 27.

This time the target of his wit is



Bill Schustik is the next performer in the community concert series, March 17.

a monologue on learning to ski - inspired by the sudden urge to take up skiing at the age of 52. Although "monologue" may sound a bit dull, Gray's theatrical and literary senses, as well as his humor, make his one-man show more interesting than listening in on one of Woody Allen's therapy sessions.

For ticket information on any of the Spencer shows, call the box office at 336-0023.

Singin' the blues

BY GARY STAMPER

While it is generally agreed that Blind Lemon Jefferson was the creator of Texas blues, and Charley Patton was the originator of the Delta blues, history is noncommittal as to who started the East Coast or Piedmont style of blues.

The Piedmont Blues was influenced by a variety of musical styles, such as ragtime and Appalachian folk music, and tended to be more complex than Delta or East Texas Blues.

Consequently the Piedmont guitar players had a better grasp of their instruments, on the whole, than their contemporaries in the other styles.

Three of the most well-known practitioners were Blind Blake (Arthur Phelps), Blind Boy Fuller (Fulton Allen), and Blind Willie McTell (William McTear).

Blind Blake (1890-1932)

Little is known of Blake's early life. He became a regional favorite on the East Coast before being signed by Paramount Records in 1926. In all, he recorded 81 cuts from 1926 to 1932. He was so accomplished on guitar that many people wondered how he could play the way he did. He was so good that he was the first call guitar player for Paramount in the late 1920s. Blake mysteriously disappeared in 1932 and was never heard from again.

Blind Boy Fuller (1908-1941)

Fuller learned guitar at an early age

and after losing his sight in the 1920s, turned to music as his only means of income. He was one of the most popular recording artists in the 1930s, recording 135 songs for the American Record Company between 1935 and 1940. Fuller was also considered a master of the guitar. He died in 1941 of blood poisoning caused by a kidney ailment.

Blind Willie McTell (1901-1959)

McTell was born into a musical family. His mother and father both played guitar. He attended schools for the blind when he was young, learning braille and also picking up formal musical training. After his mother died, he went on the road with traveling medicine shows and carnivals. His recording career spanned three decades, 1927-1956. During this time he recorded many songs for a number of labels using his name along with several pseudonyms. Playing primarily a 12-string guitar, his technique was so advanced that many believed they were listening to two guitarists instead of one when they heard him play. After his last recording session he became the pastor of a local church in Georgia. In 1959 he died of a brain hemorrhage.

There may not be an answer to the question of who is the "father" of the Piedmont Blues, but certainly any of these musicians would be an excellent choice.

Stop or I'll shoot!



Tommy Lee Jones resumes his role as U.S. Marshal Sam Gerard and takes aim at a new fugitive, in "U.S. Marshals." Jones and his crack team of deputies chase down Wesley Snipes this weekend at Sierra Cinema.

Celebration series continues

The Flickinger Center for Performing Arts continues its Celebration series with the BYU International Folk Dance Ensemble March 19, and the Side Street Strutters Jazz Band April 2.

The BYU International Folk Dance Ensemble is a group of 36 dancers from the Brigham Young University dance department. Its diverse program will include dances from Mexico, eastern and

western Europe, the Middle East, Asia and America.

The Side Street Strutter Jazz Band takes audiences on a musical journey to the roots of jazz, and audiences are asked to expect the unexpected in both music and choreography.

Tickets are available at Flickinger Center, 1110 New York Ave. in Alamogordo, or by calling (505) 437-2202, or by e-mailing flickin@wazoo.com.

Neil Davies at Gos Kan Lounge
Austin, Texas performer Neil Davies play blues, soul, rock 'n' roll, big band and even Jimmy Buffett in the Gos Kan Lounge at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, and 7-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, through March 22.

Elkhorn Philharmonic

Gary Meyer and a group of musicians take center stage at the Elkhorn Pub every Wednesday evening and at the Lincoln County Mercantile in Capitan at 1 p.m. Sundays.

Blues At The Texas House

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

Randy Jones At Screaming Eagle

Randy Jones performing at Screaming Eagle Lounge in the Enchantment Inn every Friday and Saturday night. 8 p.m. to midnight.

movies

Sierra Cinema

Opening today is "U.S. Marshals." For more information call 257-9444.

U.S. Marshals

Rated PG-13
Show times: 12:45 p.m.*, 3:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.*
Plot: Tommy Lee Jones, in a reprise of his Oscar-winning performance as U.S. Marshal Sam Gerard (from "Fugitive" fame) is back in another chase, joined by his crack team of Deputy Marshals.

A ruthless and mysterious assassin (Wesley Snipes) is on the run from the law while trying to discover who implicated him in two murders in New York City. The fugitive, deceptive and cunning, vows never to be caught. The U.S. Marshal, obsessive in his commitment, promises to bring his prey to justice. And the chase begins again.

The Wedding Singer

Rated PG-13
Show times: 1:30 p.m.*, 3:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 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 transforms him into a newlyweds' worst nightmare - an entertainer who can do nothing but destroy what is supposed to be the perfect day. Luckily, beautiful waitress Julia (Drew Barrymore) is there to put him back on track. This movie romps through the 1980s, bringing back all those songs you love and all those songs you love to hate.

Titanic

Rated PG-13
Show times: 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
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.

BRIDGETACTICS

FAMOUS HAND

North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ A Q J 8 7 6 5
 ♥ 6
 ♦ —
 ♣ J 10 9 6 4

EAST
 ♠ 10 3 2
 ♥ K 10 9 4
 ♦ 8 7 6 2
 ♣ K Q

SOUTH
 ♠ 9 4
 ♥ 8 5 3 2
 ♦ K Q J 10 9 5 4
 ♣ —

The bidding:
 North East South West
 Pass Pass 1♠ Dble
 6♠ Pass Pass Dble
 Redble Pass 7♠ Dble
 7♠ Pass Pass Dble
 Opening lead — ace of clubs.

There is an old adage that says if you bid like a hippopotamus and play the dummy like a duck-billed platypus, you will still do well if your opponents defend just as badly as you bid or play.

Consider this deal from a high-stake rubber bridge game played in Holland. North was Bob Slavenburg, gifted Dutch expert whose hair-raising adventures have been recounted in this column before.

Most experts would probably open his hand as dealer with four spades, which offers many advan-

tages. But in the actual case, Slavenburg chose to pass. After East also passed, South, obviously a member of the same school Slavenburg had graduated from, decided to open the bidding with one spade!

West doubled and Slavenburg, holding moderate trump support, raised his partner to six. West fearlessly doubled again, and this naturally caused Slavenburg to redouble.

At this point, South couldn't stand the heat anymore and ran to seven diamonds, his real suit. However, this didn't sit well with Slavenburg, who retreated to seven spades — again doubled by West.

West had no clear-cut opening lead, and unfortunately (for him) selected the ace of clubs as his opening salvo. The play of the hand did not prove difficult from then on. Declarer ruffed the club and led the nine of diamonds. When West followed low, South discarded dummy's singleton heart and the nine won the trick.

Next came a heart ruff in dummy followed by another club ruff, establishing the J-10-9 as tricks. It was then a simple matter to trump a red card in dummy, cash the A-Q-J of trumps, and so bring the grand slam home!

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IN THE STARS

Horoscopes for the week of March 9-15

Aries (March 21 to April 19) The week is perfect for good times, just don't spend it foolishly. A small irritation with a family member could develop into something bigger if you let it. Remember, holding grudges has resulted in trouble in the past.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) You'll be happy about the week's career developments. Although financial gain is possible, make sure that money that comes in doesn't go out just as quickly. Plan a budget and be sure to stick to it.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) You receive an honor or recognition, but you still need to exercise diplomacy with a co-worker. Make sure a family member is made to feel special as well. You need to exercise more sensitivity and compassion.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) You don't end up dealing with the problem you intended to solve at this time since something else captures your attention. Home matters could be under some stress. However, you are able to sort everything out satisfactorily.

Leo (July 23 to Aug. 22) It's best to have an alternative in mind, just in case plans are changed. Watch a tendency to exaggerate while socializing during the weekend. This could get you into some trouble with a friend.

Virgo (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) If one career plan doesn't take shape, don't rush pell mell into another. Give yourself enough time to examine your ambitions in perspective. Then you

can plan accordingly.

Libra (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) There's a tendency to have a double standard. While you insist upon your own freedom, you don't give others room to breathe. This doesn't go unnoticed by friends and family alike.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Although you see both sides of a question, you still have to take a difficult stand with family members. Your first instinct is the correct one. However, some grinding and gnashing of teeth is bound to occur.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A major household project could get underway. However, you experience some trouble in making a very personal decision. Don't be too proud to turn to someone for advice.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Luck is with you in matters of your career. Your efforts pay off handsomely with both recognition and increased chances for success. You end the week on a very relaxed and easygoing note.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Interests of the heart are favored. Later in the week, romance and familial togetherness are accented. Those who are students receive good news about an educational endeavor.

Pisces (Feb. 19 to March 20) Friends in high places are favorably disposed toward you. Charm and optimism reign supreme and others are magnetically drawn to you. Make those important phone calls and social visits over the weekend.

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VIDEORAMA

Showtime Video's new releases for March.

- March 3
- Eve's Bayou
- Brylcreem Boys
- Dogwatch
- Myth of the Finger
- Peter Pan
- March 10
- The Peacemaker
- In & Out
- The Full Monty
- March 17
- Mimic

She's So Lovely

- Night and the Moment
- Body Count
- Fergully 2
- The Assignment
- Batman and Mr. Freeze

March 24

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- I Know What You Did Last Summer
- One Night Stand
- A Thousand Acres
- Ulee's Gold
- Kiss Me Guido
- Shall We Dance

March 31

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- The Little Mermaid
- U-Turn
- Slappy and Stinkers
- Fairytale: A True Story
- Mr. Bean The Movie
- Twilight of the Golds
- Seawolf
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- Showtime Video's Most Rented Videos for Feb. 24 to March 6
- Eve's Bayou
- The Edge
- Mad City
- The Man Who Knew Too Little

The prince of pistoleers

In the course of his life, he was employed in many capacities: teamster, hunter, stage driver, army scout, spy, Wild West show performer, gambler, and last, but certainly not least, as a law officer. His name was James Butler Hickok, but he was and is universally known as "Wild Bill."

The fourth of six children, James Butler Hickok was born to a couple from Vermont in Troy Grove, Ill., in 1837. His father ran a general store as well as a farm and was clandestinely involved in the Underground Railroad; on frequent occasions, young James was required to help save fugitive slaves from their pursuers in the south.

By the time he was in his teens, Hickok

was considered to be one of the best shots in northern Illinois. But it was his dexterity with his fists that got him into trouble in 1855 when he was 18. In that year, Hickok was working as a teamster. While on the job, the teen-ager had somehow incurred the wrath of another, older teamster named Charlie Hudson. Harsh words led to blows and in no time Hudson was sprawled unconscious.



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Hickok had beaten Hudson so badly that it was feared the latter might not live, and so the youngster fled to St. Louis and from there into Kansas. At the time, it was known as "Bleeding Kansas."

A man of many trades

In March of 1858, the 21-year-old Hickok was elected constable of Monticello township in Johnson County. It was his first taste of law enforcement, and it proved to be a peaceful one.

After that, Hickok drove a stagecoach on the Santa Fe Trail and in 1860 he was employed as a wagon master for freight trains. It was in this capacity that Hickok led a wagon train through Raton Pass in New Mexico and on that trip, he was attacked by a bear. Hickok had no rifle with him, but did manage to dispatch the beast with his pistols and knife – but not before he was badly mauled.

Hickok's employers sent him first to Santa Fe and then to Kansas City for medical treatment. He was then assigned light duties at a place called Rock Creek Station on the Oregon Trail in Nebraska.

It was at Rock Creek that the legend of Wild Bill first began to grow.

The fight at Rock Creek Station

Dave McCandles was, by all accounts, an overbearing man. Prior to Hickok's arrival, McCandles had financial difficulties with

Russell, Majors and Waddell, the firm that employed Hickok. Consequently, feelings between the employees at the station and McCandles, who lived just across the creek, had become strained.

But the real reason for the violence that was to come was named Sarah Shull. Sarah had been McCandles' mistress until the arrival of the disabled Hickok, who apparently was not as much of an invalid as everyone thought. In no time at all Hickok and Miss Shull were engaged in a torrid affair practically under the nose of McCandles, who soon put two and two together.

"Duck Bill"

The jilted McCandles began to childishly taunt Hickok, calling him such misnomers as "Duck Bill" and "hermaphrodite," a reference to Hickok's preference for long hair. (Curiously, in the only existing photo of McCandles, he is looking rather shaggy).

Such behavior couldn't go on long on the frontier without some sort of repercussion – and it wasn't long in coming, either.

On the afternoon of July 12, 1861, McCandles, in the company of his cousin, James Woods, an employee named James Gordon, and McCandles' 12-year-old son Monroe approached the station house at Rock Creek.

Besides Hickok, the station was run by a man named Horace Wellman, his common-law wife and a stable hand named Doc Brink.

McCandles first approached Mrs. Wellman outside the station. While engaged in conversation with Mrs. Wellman on the outside, McCandles spotted Hickok lurking inside the station house. Brushing past Mrs. Wellman, McCandles stepped up on to the porch and shouted to Hickok to "Come out and fight fair."

When Hickok stepped behind a curtain partition, McCandles announced that if Hickok didn't come out right away, he would come in and drag him out. Hickok responded that "There will be one less son-of-a-bitch when you try that."

With that, McCandles stepped inside and Hickok opened fire – some say with a buffalo gun, others with a pistol. *Whatever* he used, the bullet crashed through McCandles' heart, sending him instantaneously to the Promised Land – or perhaps elsewhere.

Poor Monroe McCandles, forced to witness his father's untimely demise, ran and cradled McCandles' head in his arms. James Woods ran to the kitchen door and James



Wild Bill Hickok

Gordon approached the front door. When Hickok saw Woods at the kitchen door, he instantly shot him twice, then whirled and put another bullet into Gordon at the front door.

Both Woods and Gordon tried to flee, but to no avail. Station master Wellman easily caught up with Woods and hacked him to death with a hoe, while Brink caught Gordon and finished him off with a shotgun.

The legend begins

Almost immediately, the legend of Wild Bill began to grow. And, as was invariably the case in such matters, the facts were blown out of all proportion. People began to talk of how Hickok had single-handedly dispatched five members of the "McCandles Gang." Others, upon hearing the story, would correct the story teller, informing him that the actual number of victims was really *nine*.

During the Civil War, Hickok became even more famous as a scout and spy on the Kansas border. He fought in the battle of Pea Ridge in Arkansas, and was reportedly in and out of one dangerous situation after another throughout the war.

After the war, Hickok drifted to Springfield, Mo., where he became a professional gambler. While there, Hickok had a falling out with a friend named Dave Tutt over yet another lady named Susanna Moore.

On the night of July 20, 1865, the conflict was terminally aggravated by Tutt, who took Hickok's prize watch from him during a card game in the Lyon House. Hickok informed Tutt that if he (Hickok) were to see Tutt carrying his watch, there would be fatal consequences. Tutt ignored Hickok's threat and paraded around Springfield the next day with Hickok's

watch prominently displayed. As Tutt was to discover, Hickok's threats were not idle.

A Hollywood-style gunfight

At about 6 p.m. on July 21, 1865, Hickok and Tutt confronted each other in the town square in front of a large crowd of onlookers. The two men began to approach each other in much the same way that Matt Dillon approached the unidentified man in black that he killed every week during the opening credits of the TV series "Gunsmoke."

At a distance of approximately 75 yards, Hickok shouted either "Don't do it Dave!" or "Don't come any closer Dave!" Whatever Hickok's command, Tutt ignored it, pulled his pistol and squeezed one off. Hickok steadied his revolver with his left forearm and fired a shot squarely into Tutt's chest, killing him instantly.

Wild Bill immediately surrendered to the authorities, stood trial and was acquitted.

Fort Riley

Fort Riley, Kansas was a jumping-off place for emigrants on their way west. It was also a base for a large number of underpaid soldiers of the frontier army, many of whom were dissatisfied in the extreme with their lots. In other words, Fort Riley was a volatile place. Hickok arrived there in early 1866 and was hired as a guide with the additional responsibility of "hunting up Government property." Legend also tells us that Hickok was also appointed as a deputy U.S. Marshal at this time, but available records do not support this assertion. It was in December of 1866 that a new Calvary regiment – the Seventh – was formed at Fort Riley. Its commanding officer was George Armstrong Custer, celebrated as "The Boy General" during the Civil War.

Both Custer and his wife, Libby, were immensely impressed with Hickok – they both spoke glowingly of him in their respective memoirs. It was also about this time that Hickok was approached by journalist Henry M. Stanley for an interview. Stanley would himself achieve lasting fame as the man who went to Africa and found the missing Dr. Livingstone.

While Stanley may have been an intrepid explorer, he also appears to have been a gullible one. When Stanley asked Hickok how many men he had killed, Hickok replied "I would be willing to take my oath on the Bible tomorrow that I have killed over a hundred." Now, that's a pretty impressive figure, but it didn't bother Stanley a bit – he repeated it word for word in his newspaper article.

He apparently failed to notice that Wild Bill's tongue was stuck firmly in his cheek.

Sources: "The West of Wild Bill Hickok" by Joseph G. Rosa and "Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters" by Bill O'Neal

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1. The Street Lawyer- John Grisham
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5. The Cat Who Sang For The Birds- Lillian Jackson Braun
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10. Conversations With God- Neale Donald Walsch

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1. The Street Lawyer- John Grisham
2. Paradise- Toni Morrison
3. Cold Mountain- Charles Frazier
4. Black And Blue- Anna Quindlen
5. The Cat Who Sang For The Birds- Lillian Jackson Braun
6. Fear Nothing- Dean Koontz
7. Birthday Letters- Ted Hughes
8. Memoirs of a Geisha- Arthur Golden
9. A Certain Justice- P.D. James
10. The Winner- David Baldacci

Bestselling Nonfiction Paperback

1. James Cameron's Titanic- Ed W. Marsh
2. A Night To Remember- Walter Lord
3. Leonardo DiCaprio: Modern- Day Romeo- Grace Catalano
4. Under The Tuscan Sun- Frances Mayes
5. The Color Of Water- James McBride
6. A Child Called "It"- Dave Pelzer
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BILLBOARD'S BEST

Billboard's Top 10 Albums

1. Soundtrack - Titanic
2. Celine Dion - Let's Talk About Love
3. Silk the Shocker - Charge It 2 Da Game
4. Savage Garden - Savage Garden
5. Pearl Jam - Yield
6. Backstreet Boyz - Backstreet Boyz
7. Usher - My Way
8. Spice Girls - Spiceworld
9. Soundtrack - The Wedding Singer
10. Matchbox 20 - Yourself Or Someone Like You

Billboard Hot Albums

- The Billboard 200**
Titanic - Soundtrack
- Blues**
Blues Brothers 2000
- Country**
Garth Brooks - Sevens
- Gospel**
God's Property - God's Property From Kirk Franklin's NU Nation
- Heatseekers**
Billie Myers - Growing Pains
- Kid Audio**
Disney Children's Favorite Songs Volume 1
- The Billboard Latin 50**
Ricky Martin - Vuelve
- Pop Catalog**
Metallica - Metallica
- R & B**
Brian McKnight - Anytime
- Reggae**
Beenie Man - Many Moods Of Moses
- World Music**
Loreena McKennitt - The Book Of Secrets

Billboard Top 10 Singles

1. Celine Dion - My Heart Will Go On
2. Will Smith - Gettin' Jiggy Wit It
3. Usher - Nice & Slow
4. Janet - Together Again
5. Savage Garden - Truly Madly Deeply
6. Destiny's Child - No, No, No
7. K.P. & Envy - Swing My Way
8. Uncle Sam - I Don't Ever Want To See You Again
9. Mase (featuring Total) - What You Want
10. Leann Rimes - How Do I Live

Billboard Hot Singles

- The Hot 100**
Celine Dion - My Heart Will Go On
- Adult Contemporary**
Celine Dion - My Heart Will Go On
- Adult Top 40**
Matchbox 20 - 3 a.m.
- Country**
Anita Cochran - What If I Said
- Dance/ Club Play**
Hannah Jones - You Only Have To Say You Love Me
- Dance/ Maxi Singles**
DMX - Get At Me Dog
- Latin**
Ricky Martin - Vuelve
- R & B**
Usher - Nice & Slow
- Rap**
Will Smith - Gettin' Jiggy Wit It
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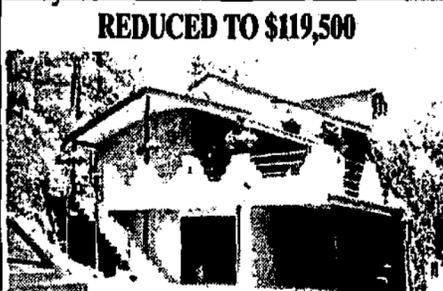
Thomason • \$109,900 • 103 S Candlewood
Three bedrooms, 2 full baths, 1-car
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Western Hills

Adams • \$109,900 • 112 Bridle Dr.
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Upper Canyon Area

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Master shower. Wow!



Green Meadows

Vestal • \$113,900 • 112 Clover Dr.
3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage. All
one level. Nice fenced yard.



Apache Hills Subdivision

Jaeger • \$116,000 • 125 Apache Hills Dr.
Four bedrooms, 3 baths. Very
secluded feeling yet right in town
Very nice - no step entry!



On The River

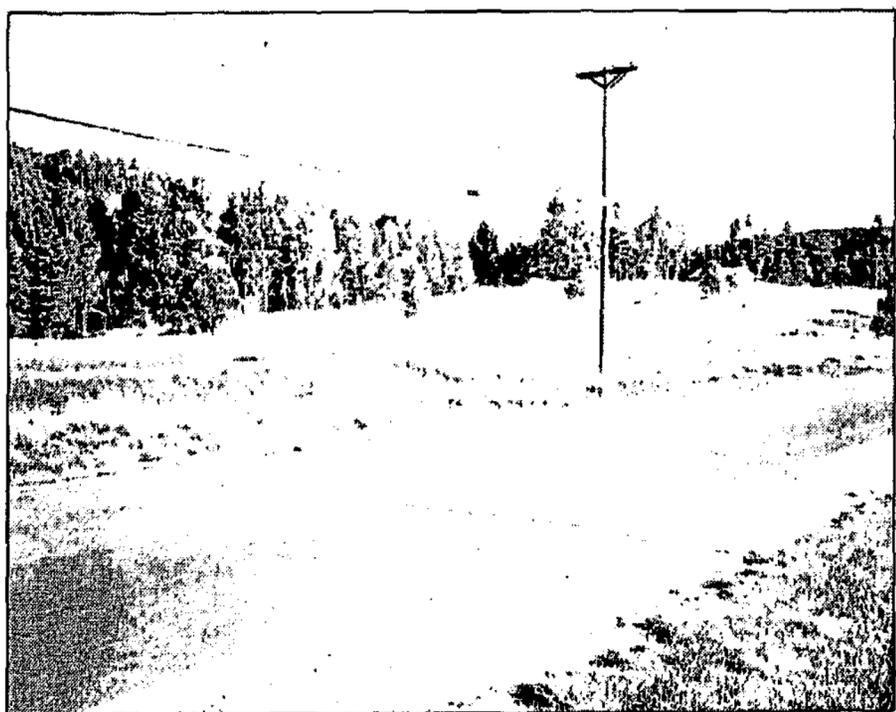
Valliant • \$125,000 • 142 Meander Dr.
3 bdrm., 1.5 baths. Cute older cabin on
1/2 acre river lot. Awesome yard!



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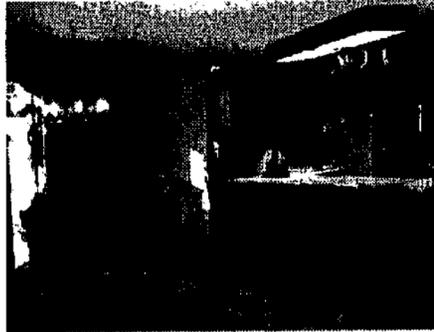


Lake View Estates

Landsheft • \$169,500
#19 Excalibur Road

Outstanding Townhome with enormous views! 3 bdrm., 2 bath.

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Cree Meadows

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Price includes an extra White Mt. Meadow lot! Rarely used, all light interior, all one level.



River

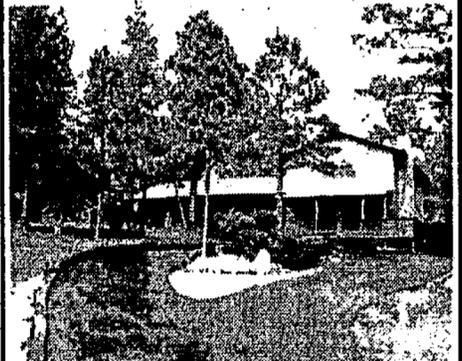
Watt • \$269,000 • 110 Bear Creek Trail
3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Upper Canyon on river. Two fireplaces.

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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

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end was I
born, and for
this cause
came I into
the world,
that I should
bear witness
unto the
truth. Every
one that is of
the truth
heareth my
voice."

John 18:37

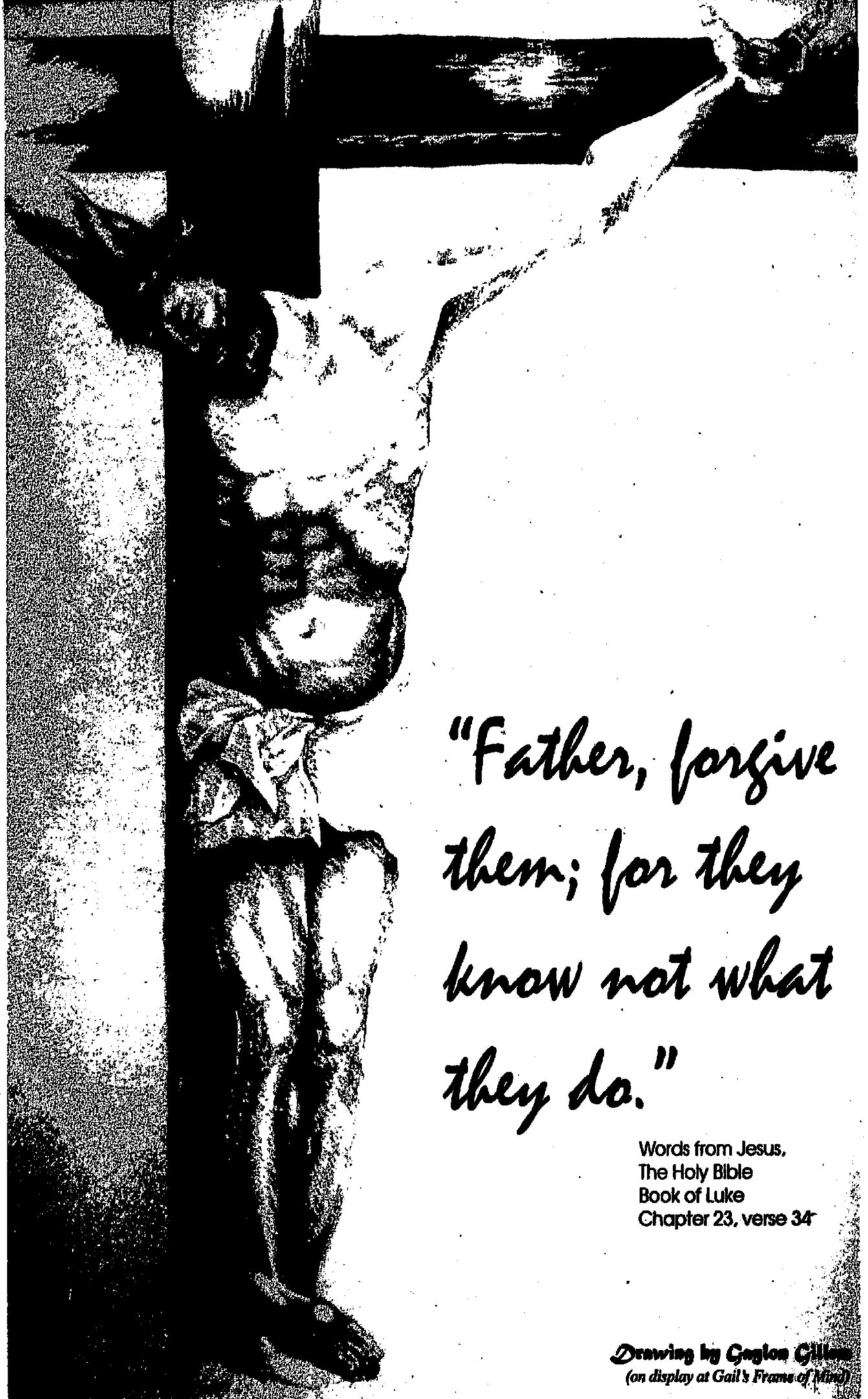
(Jesus' answer to Pilate when
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EARLY MORNING:

12:00 MUSIC THROUGH THE NIGHT with Mike Kellogg
:28 Family News in Focus
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
1:55 USA RADIO NEWS
2:28 Concert of Prayer Today - David Bryant
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
4:00 OUR DAILY BREAD - Les Lamborn
:10 Guidelines - Dr. Harold Sala
:15 Family News in Focus
:30 USA NEWS UPDATE
:31 A Word With You - Ron Hutchcraft
:40 Radio School of the Bible
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
5:00 TURNING POINT - Dr. David Jeremiah
:30 USA NEWS UPDATE
:31 USA SPORTS
:33 Today In The Word - Mike Kellogg
:40 Climbing Higher - Dr. George Sweeting
:55 USA RADIO NEWS

MORNING

6:00 FOCUS ON THE FAMILY - Dr. James Dobson
:30 USA NEWS UPDATE
:31 Christian Working Woman - Mary Whelchel
:34 Music
:40 Radio Bible Class Daily - Martin DeHaan
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
7:00 IN TOUCH - Dr. Charles Stanley
:25 Joni & Friends - Joni Eareckson Tada
:30 USA NEWS UPDATE
:31 USA SPORTS
:33 Music
:40 Running to Win - Dr. Erwin Lutzer
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
8:00 IN SIGHT FOR LIVING - Dr. Charles Swindoll
:30 Alternative - Dr. Anthony Evans
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
9:00 CONFERENCE ECHOES
:45 Music
:40 Renewal - Dr. Gene Getz
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
11:00 MIDDAY CONNECTION
:30 USA NEWS UPDATE
:55 USA RADIO NEWS

AFTERNOON:

12:00 Music (Community Issues-Wed. only)
:28 Family News in Focus
:30 USA NEWS UPDATE
:31 Music
:40 Creation Moments - Dr. Paul Bartz
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
1:00 STORIES OF GREAT CHRISTIANS
:15 Gateway To Joy - Elizabeth Elliott

:30 Money Matters - Larry Burkett
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
2:00 ADVENTURES - BOOKSHELF
:15 Music
:29 A WORD WITH YOU - Ron Hutchcraft
:30- USA NEWS UPDATE
:31 Music
:53 Think About It - Bob Featherstone
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
3:00 PRIME TIME AMERICA II
:13 Marketplace Voices
:25 A Word With You - Ron Hutchcraft
:28 Family News In Focus
:30 USA NEWS UPDATE
:45 Men Of action - Promise Keepers
:53 Mission Network News
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
4:00 PRIME TIME AMERICA III
:15 Freedom Under Fire - John Whitehead
:27 USA BUSINESS NEWS
:30 USA NEWS UPDATE
:31 Key Life - Dr. Steve Brown
:45 Probe - Kirby Anderson
:50 How to Manage Your Money- Larry Burkett
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
5:00 FOCUS ON THE FAMILY - Dr. James Dobson
:29 Adventures In Odyssey
:55 USA RADIO NEWS

EVENING

6:00 LOVE WORTH FINDING - Dr. Adrian Rogers
:30 USA NEWS UPDATE
:31 Music
:40 Two Minute Seminary
:42 Music
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
7:00 OPEN LINE - Chris Fabry or Don Cole
:28 Today in the Word - Mike Kellogg
:30 USA NEWS UPDATE
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
8:00 GRACE TO YOU - Dr. John McArthur
:30 Music
:40 My Utmost for His Highest
:45 Music
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
9:00 SOUND OF MAJESTY - Greg Wheatly
:30 CONCERT OF PRAYER TODAY - David Bryant
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
10:00 HAVEN OF REST - Ray Ortland
:40 Living Word - Don & Naomi Cole
:55 USA NEWS
11:00 MUSIC THROUGH THE NIGHT with Mike Kellogg
:28 Getting the Message - Lud Golz
:55 USA RADIO NEWS

SATURDAY

EARLY MORNING:

12:00 MUSIC THROUGH THE NIGHT with Mike Kellogg
:28 Our Daily Bread - Les Lamborn
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
1:55 USA RADIO NEWS
:28 Concert of Prayer Today - David Bryant
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
3:28 Think About It - Bob Featherstone
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
4:00 LOVE WORTH FINDING - Dr. Adrian Rogers
:26 Music
:55 USA NEWS
5:00 MUSIC FOR SATURDAY MORNING I
:28 Today In The Word
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
6:00 MUSIC FOR SATURDAY MORNING II
:27 USA SPORTS WEEKLY REVIEW
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
7:00 RANGER BILL
:30 Storybook Room - Bob Devine
:45 Music For Children
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
8:00 CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR
:30 We Kids
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
9:00 ADVENTURES IN ODYSSEY
:30 Jungle Jam
:55 USA NEWS
10:00 SPORTS SPECTRUM - Chuck Swirsky
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
11:00 JOSH McDOWELL RADIO
:28 Pacific Report
:40 Christian Working Woman - Mary Whelchel
:55 USA RADIO NEWS

AFTERNOON:

12:00 MUSIC FOR SATURDAY with Donna Leland
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
1:28 Our Daily Bread - Les Lamborn
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
2:28 Today in the Word
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
3:27 USA SPORTS
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
5:00 FOCUS ON THE FAMILY - WEEKEND
:55 USA RADIO NEWS

EVENING

6:00 UNSHACKLED
:30 Let My People Think - Dr. Ravi Zacharias
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
7:00 MBN SATURDAY NIGHT I
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
8:00 ALIVE! - Ron Hutchcraft
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
9:00 MBN SATURDAY NIGHT II
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
10:00 MBN SATURDAY NIGHT III
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
11:00 MUSIC THROUGH THE NIGHT I - Mike Kellogg
:28 Getting the Message - Lud Golz
:55 USA RADIO NEWS

EARLY MORNING:

12:00 MUSIC THROUGH THE NIGHT with Mike Kellogg
:28 Our Daily Bread - Les Lamborn

SUNDAY

:55 USA RADIO NEWS
1:55 USA RADIO NEWS
2:28 Concert of Prayer Today - David Bryant
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
3:28 Think About It - Bob Featherstone
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
4:00 SHOW ME THY GLORY - Miron Canaday
:15 A New Song - Burt Kettinger
:30 Hour of Decision - Dr. Billy Graham
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
5:00 SUNDAY PRAISE I - Gary Leonard
:28 Today in the Word
:55 USA RADIO NEWS

MORNING:

6:00 SUNDAY PRAISE II
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
7:00 MOODY PRESENTS - Dr. Joseph Stowell
:30 SUNDAY PRAISE III
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
8:00 SUNDAY PRAISE IV
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
9:00 MOODY CHURCH HOUR - Dr. Erwin Lutzer
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
10:00 REFLECTIONS - Aimee Lilly
:28 Pacific Report
:55 USA NEWS
11:00 FOCUS ON THE FAMILY
:55 USA RADIO NEWS

AFTERNOON:

12:00 MUSIC FOR SUNDAY I - Phil Shappard
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
1:00 MUSIC FOR SUNDAY II - Phil Shappard
:28 Our Daily Bread - Les Lamborn
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
2:00 MUSIC FOR SUNDAY III - Phil Shappard
:28 Today in the Word
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
3:00 MUSIC FOR SUNDAY IV - Phil Shappard
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
4:00 MUSIC FOR SUNDAY V - Phil Shappard
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
5:00 RADIO BIBLE CLASS - Martin DeHaan
:30 Hour of Decision - Dr. Billy Graham
:55 USA RADIO NEWS

EVENING

6:00 IN TOUCH - Dr. Charles Stanley
:25 Music
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
7:00 MOODY PRESENTS - Dr. Joseph Stowell
:30 Music
:55 USA RADIO NEWS
8:00 HEARTSONG - Frank Boggs

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20 Day Bible Study for Youths

The Books of Philippians & Colossians, Prepared for High School and Junior High

Students

Week 1:

Day 1 — Philippians 1:1-11

- Say a prayer of thanksgiving today for your Christian friends. Pray for them by name.
- God is working on you every day. What area of your life do you see Him working on right now?
- Pray Paul's prayer from verses 9 - 11. Pray this out loud for yourself and your family.

Day 2 — Philippians 1:12-30

- Paul is writing this letter from prison and he is there because he is a Christian. Would you go to jail for your faith? Would you die for your faith?
- Think of some ways that you have suffered because you are a Christian. Thank God that you have the chance to be persecuted for the name of Jesus.

Day 3 — Philippians 2:1-11

- Find a private place to bow on your knees today and confess (again or for the first time) that Jesus is Lord of your life.

Day 4 — Philippians 2:12-18

- Be careful not to let one word of complaint come out of your mouth today about anything.

Day 5 — Philippians 2:19-30

- Find a way to honor someone this weekend who has pointed you toward Christ (parents, teacher, coach, friend, etc.) Give them a hug or write them a note of thanks.

WEEK 2:

Day 1 — Philippians 3:1-11

- Paul says that every good thing he's ever done and everything he owns is "rubbish"

compared to knowing Jesus. That's what this whole Christianity thing is about: KNOWING Jesus. Do something today to express your love for Jesus. Spend some time talking to Him right now. Sing a love sent to Him. Listen to him. Dance with him. Write Him a poem. Reach your hands to the sky and hug Him.

Day 2 — Philippians 3:12 - 4:1

- Where is our citizenship?
- Find out what the word "maranatha" means. Then go outside, look up to the sky and yell "maranatha".

Day 3 — Philippians 4:2-7

- Are you worried about anything? Try the formula in verse 6...pray about it, thank God for it, and give it to Him. (Why do you think He would want us to thank Him for things we feel worried about?)

Day 4 — Philippians 4:8-9

- Get a piece of paper and pen. Write your three favorite movies and your three favorite music groups.
- Then write these words: true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, praiseworthy.
- Do the words match with your favorite movies and music? Think about it.

Day 5 — Philippians 4:10-20

- Give someone a gift this weekend (it doesn't have to be big, just from your heart).
- Memorize verse 13.

WEEK 3:

Day 1 — Philippians 4:21-23

- Greet every Christian you see today in a special way. (Smile, hug, hand shake, high five, etc.)

Day 2 — Colossians 1:1-14

- Who taught the Colossians about Jesus? Who is one person you hope to teach about Jesus?
- "For He has _____ us from the dominion of _____ and brought us into the _____ of the _____ He loves, in whom we have _____, the _____ of sins."

Day 3 — Colossians 1:15-23

- Jesus is the image of the _____. He is first born over _____. He is before _____. He is the head _____. He is the firstborn from among _____. He made peace through _____.

Day 4 — Colossians 1:24 - 2:5

- What is the mystery?

Day 5 — Colossians 2:6-7

- Have you "received Christ Jesus as Lord"? If you haven't, talk to a Christian and ask them to explain what this means and consider the possibility of beginning your relationship with Jesus today.
- "Overflow with thankfulness" this weekend. Say "thank you" to everyone so often that they think you might just be weird.

WEEK 4:

Day 1 — Colossians 2:8-23

- Which of these verses is most meaningful to you? Once you have picked one, write the verse out on a piece of paper and then write why you like this verse.

Day 2 — Colossians 3:1-17

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart through this text. Read it twice and then sit still for five minutes and listen to what God is trying to say to you today.

Day 3 — Colossians 3:18-4:1

- Read verse 23 again. "Whatever you _____, work at it with _____ of your _____, as working for the _____, not for _____".
- Today when you go to school and listen to the teacher...who are you doing that for?
- Today when you do your chores at home...who are you doing that for?
- Today when you do your homework or go to your job or practice a sport...who are you doing that for?

Day 4 — Colossians 4:2-6

- Pray for an opportunity to be a good influence on someone who is not a Christian today.
- What does it mean for your conversation to be "full of grace and seasoned with salt"?

Day 5 — Colossians 4:7-15

- What does it mean to "wrestle in prayer" for someone?
- Paul lists several Christians here and writes about them. Make a list of five Christians that you know and write something good about each one of them beside their name. "Wrestle for them in prayer" this weekend.

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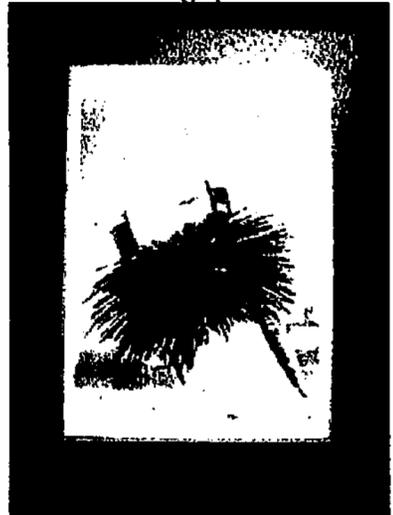


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My name is Ingrid and I am a very grateful recovering/recovered alcoholic. Recovered, healed, and set free from: the craving, compulsion, need and want to drink; but still and always recovering from the consequences, my co-dependency, and the sin nature within me.

I would like to share with you how God did for me what I could not do for myself. I don't know exactly when I crossed the line from social to alcoholic drinking. I do know that for at least the last 10 years I had lost control, had lost my choice, had to drink. I needed my "medicine" to survive. The disease had taken over.

ALCOHOLISM: SIN OR SICKNESS?

I believe both concepts are true! Anything that: 1) Keeps me from God and 2) Damages my mind and my body, the temple of God, is sin! Alcohol certainly did that!

The disease factor was found by researchers in the process of studying heroin addicts. They found the same highly addictive substance called Tetrahydroisoquinoline (THIQ) for short) produced in the brain of a heroin addict also produced in the alcoholic brain, but oddly not found in the brain of a normal social drinker. This very addictive substance never leaves the brain. The predisposition toward THIQ is inherited. Only abstinence can control it and help me live a whole and healthy life. Hence, the saying, "Once an alcoholic, always an alcoholic".

The Bible says, "For lack of knowledge my people perish". (Hosea 4:6). Well, I was perishing. There was no hope left in my life—couldn't live and couldn't die. It felt like "hell on earth". I knew alcohol was killing me, but not fast enough. I couldn't quit, but I also didn't have the courage (or cowardice) for suicide. I was 50 years old and wanted to die, but God had another plan for me. (Jeremiah 29:11) He used an old friend of mine to talk me into watching the 700 Club, a program on the Christian TV station. Reluctantly I gave in. Though I certainly didn't like it, I was drawn back to it like a magnet. They kept talking about me and telling my story — "reading my mail". For the first time in many, many years I felt a glimmer of hope. Was it possible that there was help for someone like me?

Finally, in desperation I said, "Well, I've tried everything else (and I had!!), I might as well try this." I got on my knees and surrendered. In my Christian faith this surrender is called "being saved or born again". In my program of recovery it is addressed in the 3rd step by "turning my will and my life over to the care of God as I understand Him". Well, having spent all of my adult life in the Lutheran Church, the God of my understanding had always been Jesus Christ. I had just never asked Him to come and live in my heart. I had lived a life of religion rather than living in a relationship with Him. But now, as I surrendered, I gave Him permission to intervene in my life. And He did just that! I believe in a tough-love God, one who will do whatever it takes to bring us out of the darkness into His light. In my case, that meant slipping into the bathtub and severely breaking my ankle, which landed me in the emergency room at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque, NM. There, God had a doctor waiting for me, who not only dealt with my injury but also confronted my alcoholism. No one can convince me that God doesn't have a sense of humor — this doctor's name was Dr. Grace. ("By grace are you saved through faith." Ephesians 22:8) He asked me whether I needed help and only God knew how badly I did! So after a 3 hour surgery and a week stay on the surgical floor, I ended up in the Chemical Dependency ward for 28 days. This is where my recovery began. God used this place and these people to help start my healing process. It was the most painful time in all of my life. But then, "going through fire" and being shown your sin is never easy! I walked away from there into a new world I had never really seen before, scared, but determined to pick up the tools I had received to learn a new way of life. With the help of God, my two support systems (my church and my recovery family), who have kept me accountable, I have never had to go back into the darkness of alcoholism.

It has now been over 13 years. I believe that I will never have to return to this way of life as long as I stay connected and accountable to my support system and do as God tells me to do in Micah 6:8, "And what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, to love kindness, and walk humbly with your God".

I hated my life. Now I love it. I hated myself. Now I love myself and consequently others. My life is good—full of peace and serenity. It is not always easy, but productive and full. I am able to help others who live, or lived, the life I once did and I've learned that "the more I give, the more I get". I walk in an "attitude of gratitude" to my God and all the people He used to help me. "It is well with my soul." Thank you, Jesus!

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"REDEMPTION"

Reading Acts 3:19-20, we are told to repent and be converted: that your sins may be blotted out when times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus Christ which before was preached unto you.

But what does redemption mean? It means to buy or get back; to recover; to ransom; to deliver from sin; to make amends of, atone for. God gave us His son, Jesus Christ (John 3:16), our redemption... In Galatians 3:33, we are reminded of the promise by faith of Jesus Christ; we, who believe, will be redeemed.

We must seek repentance: a change of mind; and have a new mind about God. Read Matthew 3:2 and II Corinthians 5:17.

Then we are adopted in Christ. We have a change of family; a new relationship toward God. Revelation 1:5-6. And there is a conversion. A change of life; new life for God. Romans 12:1-2. We receive a regeneration: a change of nature; a new heart for God. Titus 3:5.

The process of regeneration begins with our spirit. God's Spirit dwells in us. His Spirit, our nature; what we are through justification, a change of state; a new standing for God. (The price of justification was paid in full by Christ, at the Cross.) We are emancipated, or set free; we are free from old restraints. We are saved from sin, penalty, death. Titus 2:11; Hebrews 9:25-26.

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Forgiveness



One of the most difficult things God commands us to do is forgive people who have harmed us. When we are betrayed, when someone damages us financially or even physically, when someone we trust says things that wound us, it sometimes seems impossible to set aside the pain we are experiencing and follow the example of our Lord set for us as He died. "Father, forgive them," He cried, "for they do not know what they are doing."

If we are to consistently overcome the tendency we all demonstrate toward resentment and unforgiveness, two truths must be embraced.

First of all, we must accept the unpleasant fact that God has left us no alternative. If our sins are to be forgiven, if we are to enjoy God's goodness and blessings in our own lives, we are required to forgive others the wrongs they have committed.

In Matthew 6:14, 15, Jesus very plainly sets forth the severity of God's demands upon us.

(14) For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

(15) But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. (NIV)

If we truly grasped the terrible implications of an absolutely righteous, all-powerful God refusing to forgive us our offenses, we would be much less likely to hold others responsible for their wrongdoing. The petty resentments we find so irresistible, as well as the mean-spirited acts of retaliation that seem to satisfy our perverted sense of personal justice would, I think, be revealed as dubious luxuries we cannot afford.

Jesus told a parable which even more stringently refuses us any alternative but to forgive. He told of a king and two of his servants. One servant owed the king an enormous amount of money. At the servant's request, the king forgave the debt. This same servant had one of his fellow servants thrown into prison for defaulting on a small amount of money he owed. When the king heard of the man's unforgiveness, he reimposed the huge obligation he had originally forgiven and threw the man into prison to suffer until the debt was satisfied. Following the telling of this parable, we find in Matthew 18:35 one of the most ominous warnings in the entire Bible. Jesus said to His hearers, and through the scriptures to you and I, "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."

(NIV) The first step in coming successfully to grips with the issue of forgiveness is to realize the inflexibility of God's commandment to forgive.

Secondly, we need to know that God enables us to be obedient in this matter by providing us an example to follow. In Acts, chapter seven, as Stephen, a deacon in the early church and its first martyr, was being cruelly stoned to death for his Christian testimony, he forgave with his last breath those who were murdering him. In the words he spoke, we find the key to forgiving people who sin against us.

"Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep." Acts 7:60 (NIV)

Our emotions constitute the most powerful obstacle to our yielding to the Spirit of Christ and forgiving our enemies. Our pain and grief, our rage and hatred compel us toward words and acts of vengeance rather than love. Even when we are able to suppress our emotions, we sometimes harbor gnawing resentments for years rather than release others from responsibility for what they have done to us.

But notice, the scriptures, in the passage cited above, say nothing of Stephen's emotions. We might assume he was experiencing feelings of love and compassion toward the men who were taking his life, but because the text is silent here, we might just as well assume he was filled with a sense of indignation and hatred.

We don't know how he felt. We do know what he said. And in love for our Lord, we can say, as an act of our will, of those who have wronged us just what Stephen said; "Lord, do not hold this sin against them."

We have discussed in previous issues of *Miracle Monthly*, the biblical assurance that God answers prayer. When you make this request of Him, He grants it. Whatever feelings you may experience as you pray, whatever emotions may tempt or attack later on, when you sincerely pray the prayer Stephen prayed, you have obeyed your Lord's command. You will continue to enjoy God's grace and forgiveness, your relationship with Him unsullied, His continued blessing flowing in your life.



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Puede TU vida torcida enderzarse?

Muchas veces nos preguntamos acerca de este punto, puedo realmente cambiar? Puedo ser diferente? A caso hay solución para mi vida?

Cuantas veces nos hemos sentido frustrados por esto! Todo lo que esta a nuestro alrededor nos muestra que nunca vamos a poder cambiar. Hay un dicho mexicano muy interesante que dice: "Aunque lo mona se vista de seda mona se queda." ¿Lo has escuchado? ¿Alguien te lo a dicho? ó "arbol que nace torcido jamás enderza sus ramas."

¿Sabes esto es una realidad! Tu nunca vas a poder cambiar, Nunca vas a ser diferente, porque no hay fuerza humana que pueda transformar el interior del hombre, ni toda la psicología del mundo o programas pueden cambiar el interior humano.

¿Sin embargo no te desanimes, hay una verdadera solución! ¿Cuando compramos un coche nuevo en la FORD y despues de usarlo un tiempo empezamos a ver desperfectos, que hacemos? ¿No lo llevas a un taller, ni mucho menos te atrevez a tratar de arreglarlo tu mismo, que hacemos? ¿Lo llevamos a la FORD a que lo reparen, porque ellos lo contruyeron, verdad que esto es cierto? Ellos tienen el conocimiento de como funciona, las partes necesarias que le hacen falta, el plano de todo el auto, ellos son los indicados para reparar nuestro coche.

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Pon mucha atención, quien nos construyo dice en su Palabra:

"De modo que si alguno está en Cristo NUEVA CRIATURA ES, las COSA VIEJAS PASARON, TODAS SON HECHAS NUEVAS."

¿Esto es realmente para torcidos y sobre todo para valientes. Estas dispuesto a cambiar? Tienes que estar dispuesto a seguir estos pasos, si eres valiente o un verdadero hombre vas a poder seguirlos:

#1 Reconoce que tu no puedes hacer NADA, ni siquiera cambiar tu mismo.

#2 Reconoce que tienes necesidad de un cambio, que todo lo que esta en ti esta mal.

#3 Reconoce que solo Cristo puede cambiar tu interior.

#4 Has una pequeña oración donde simplemente le digas a Jesús: Perdoname todos mis pecados (es de valientes y de verdaderos hombres pedir perdón). Reconozco que te necesito. Ven a mi corazón para que tu vivas en el.

Si puedes ser realmente una persona valiente o un verdadero hombre, vas a empezar a ver cambios sorprendentes en tu vida, si estabas con una vida desecha, destruida y sin motivación, empezaras a vivir una vida distinta.

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¿Has pensado alguna vez que todo lo que a ti te afecta me afecta a mi tambien? Porque "El que os toca, toca la niña de mi ojo? (Zaca. 2:8). Tu eres de gran estima a mis ojos (Isaias 43:4) Por tanto, mi gozo especial es el educarte.

Quiero que aprendas cuando las tentaciones te asaltan y el—"Enemigo aparece como una inundacion", que esto procede de mi, que tu debilidad necesita mi poder, y tu salvacion esta en dejarme que luche en tu lugar.

¿Te encuentras en circunstancias dificiles, rodeado de personas que no te comprenden, que nunca te piden tu parecer, que te colocan en el ultimo lugar? Esta cosa de mi procede. Yo soy el Dios de las circunstancias, tu no estas en ese lugar por casualidad es el lugar que Dios quiso para ti.

¿No has pedido el ser hecho humilde? Yo te he colocado precisamente en la escuela donde se enseña esa leccion; La atmosfera—que te rodea y tus compañeros solamente estan haciendo mi voluntad.

¿Te encuentras con dificultades de dinero? Esto proviene de Mi, poque yo soy el portador de tu bolsa y tu dependes de mi, mis provisiones no tienen limites (Filip. 4:19) quiero probarte mis—promesas, no permitas que se diga acerca de ti "en esta cosa no—Creiste en el Señor tu Dios". (Deut. 1:32)

¿Estas atravesando una noche de tribulacion? Esta cosa procede Mi, yo soy el varon de dolores, y estoy familiarizado con afliccion. He permitido que fracasen los consuelos terrenales para que volviendote a mi, puedas obtener un consuelo eterno (2 Tesalonicenses 2:16, 17) ¿Has anhelado hacer algun gran trabajo para Mi, y en vez de esto te has visto obligado a guardar cama y sufrir grande—mente? Esta cosa procede de Me, no pude llamar tu atencion cuando estabas tan ocupado con tus quehaceres y yo deseo enseñarte mis—lecciones mas profundas.

"Tambien sirven aquellos que solamente permanecen de pie y esperan," algunos de mis mejores trabajadores son los que se encuentran parados en el servicio activo, para que pueden aprender a empuñar el arma a toda oración.

Hoy coloco en tus manos esta vasija de aceite bendito, utiliza libremente, hijo mio. Unge con este aceite todas las circunstancias que se te presenten, cualquier palabra que te hiera, cualquier interrupcion que te impaciente, cualquier revelacion de tus debilidades. El aguijon desaparecera a medida que aprendas a verme en todas las cosas.

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Moments before Jesus ascended into heaven, He spoke these last words of instruction to His disciples; "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." (Mark 16:17-18)

These instructions were not given just to a handful of Jesus' disciples, but in a much broader sense to all who

would follow Him, and "believe" in His Name. Jesus said, "And these signs will follow those who believe..." Since you and I "believe", shouldn't these signs follow us? Many today would say to us that these signs were for His disciples only, and when they died or were martyred, that "these signs" went to the grave with them. I'd sure like to have chapter and verse on that, wouldn't you? Where in the Word of God does it say that *these signs* have been done away with?

As I study the Word of God, I constantly keep bumping in to verses like; "Most assuredly, I say to you, (Jesus is speaking here) he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father." (John 14:12) and; "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up..." (James 5:14-15)



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Modern Molech Worship by David

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One of the abominations ancient Israel sometimes copied from their heathen neighbors was the practice of molechism. From what I have been able to gather*, it was a large idol, half-man and half-bull, with a hollow abdomen. Under the enlarged genitals of the bull part of the image, a fire burned until the hollow abdomen glowed with heat.

The ancient idolaters danced and performed various types of sexual activity with several partners in front of this false god. The revelling continued until a small child, a son or daughter of one of the orgy participants, was thrown alive into the red hot abdominal cavity. The child was seared to death—its shrieks and cries only inciting greater mass hys-

teria. The burnt remains were removed from the other side of Molech the following day, after the idol had cooled. As shocking as it may sound, God's ancient people, Israel, who had experienced the one and true God through His covenant with the Patriarchs, sometimes backslid into Molech worship! Such a base form of idolatry may be partially understood in the ignorant heathen unto whom the Living God was not revealed. What is difficult to comprehend is how a people who had seen the wondrous acts of Yahweh could be so greatly deceived! In either case, the conscience was seared because basic morality teaches man to care for his young.

Israel was further without excuse because God Himself warned them specifically through His servant Moses before they entered Canaan:

"There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire... For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD; and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee" (Deuteronomy, 18:10,12)

When the psalmist was recounting these sad lapses in Israel's history, he plainly said the sacrificing of children was demon worship. The children who were thus killed were innocent, and the blood-polluted land cried out for God's judgement. As a result, Israel found themselves in shame and impoverishment, taken over by their enemies. Note carefully this passage, and see if you can find a modern parallel in our "civilized" nation:

"Yes, they even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons. They shed innocent blood...till the land was polluted with blood...therefore the Lord's anger burned against His people...He turned them over to the control of the nations. Those who hated them ruled over them." (Psalm 106:37-41, *Berkely*).

The observance of Molech worship was an idolatrous practice which brought swift and terrible judgement on Israel. As already stated, the Molech idolaters performed various types of sexual activity in front of their false god as a

prelude to sacrificing their innocent children. IN PRINCIPLE OUR NATION IS DOING EXACTLY THE SAME THING! Unrestrained sex in the name of "liberation" has resulted in a large proportion of the unwanted aborted pregnancies. An updated version of Molech worship is alive in our present day as millions engage in unbridled promiscuity. The children so conceived are killed in the abdomens of modern idolaters as they throw their

children on the fire plate of Molech in worship to the god of sex! Molech worship is indeed alive today across our land, as this word from Ezekiel clearly shows:

"The LORD said moreover unto me: Son of man, wilt thou judge Aholah and Aholibah? Yea, declare unto them their abominations: They that have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery, and have also caused their sons, whom they bare unto Me, to pass for them through the fire to devour them...Thus saith the Lord GOD: I will bring up a company upon them, and will give them to be removed and spoiled" (Ezekiel 23:36-37, 46).

If America falls and ceases as a nation, I am persuaded of the Lord that it will be due to moral rather than military weakness. The erosion of America's founding values will result in barrenness and desolation. America's only hope is a deep and sincere repentance. Otherwise our great land, for whom I weep, will not be healed. Judgment is coming! There are many parallels between ancient Israel and modern America.

"If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land...But if ye turn away, and forsake My statutes and My commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them; Then will I pluck them up by the roots...everyone that passeth by it...shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land? ...And it shall be answered. BECAUSE THEY FORSOOK THE LORD GOD OF THEIR FATHERS...and laid hold on other gods..." (2 Chronicles 7:14; 19-22).

Wake up, America! Your gods have deceived you and are leading you down the road to unrelenting judgement from the hand of Almighty God who established this great nation for our fathers who trusted in Him.

One of the greatest abominations of these United States is the multitudinous slaughter of the unborn. Our society condones and even encourages the offering of the fruit of our bodies because of the sin in our souls (see Micah 6:7). God is not mocked: whatever a man or a nation sows will ultimately be reaped (see Galatians 6:7-8). All the nations who forget God will be judged more severely than those who have never known Him (see Psalm 9:16-17; Luke 12:47-48).

Listen, America, to the eternal Word of God:

"AND THOU SHALT NOT GIVE ANY OF THY SEED TO MAKE THEM PASS THROUGH THE FIRE TO MOLECH; NEITHER SHALT THOU PROFANE THE NAME OF THY GOD: I AM JEHOVAH" (Leviticus 18:21. *American Standard Version*).

*The Moabites and Ammonites (who were despised by godly Israelites for their ungodly lifestyle) were devoted worshippers of Molech, or "Chemosh" as it was known by the Moabites. "Molech" means "king" and was named "Amuna-Ra" in Egypt which means "king of the gods." Some scholars think a large plate of polished metal in front of the idol's hideous countenance was heated onto which worshippers threw their children alive following unspeakable immoralities. See *Dake's Annotated Reference Bible and Wilson's Old Testament Word Studies* for more information. Especially notice the following scriptures: Numbers 25:1-3; 1 Kings 14:22-24; 2 Kings 16:3-4; 2 Chronicles 28:3-4; Jeremiah 19:4-5; Ezekiel 16:20-22).



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In the first letter of Paul the Apostle to the church in Corinth, he lists the spiritual gifts that the Holy Spirit imparts to the church (1 Cor. 12: 1-11) and he states, "to another, faith by the same Spirit, to another, gifts of healing by the same Spirit, to another, gifts of healing by the same Spirit, to another, the working of miracles..." (1 Cor. 12:9-10). As I survey the world around me, I see that multiple-millions of people are sick, diseased, and prematurely dying. I see hospitals and sanitariums filled to overflowing and I see many of God's people huddled in their churches trying to close the door of fear behind them.

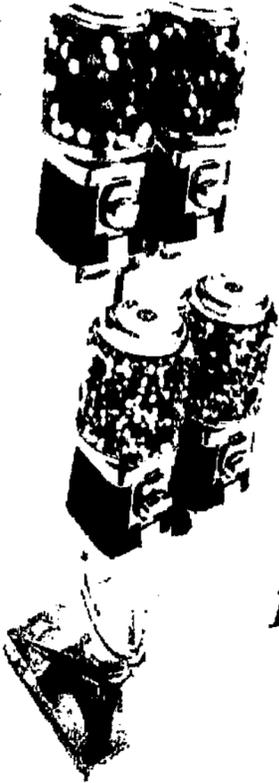
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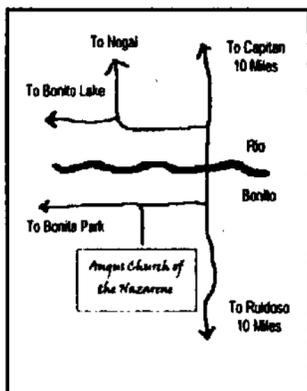
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LENT

Lent, from the Anglo-Saxon "lencten", means springtime. The season lasts from Ash Wednesday to Holy Week. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Saturday's Easter Vigil form the core of the Church Year, sometimes called the Paschal Triduum.

DAILY READINGS

The following selections help us relive most of Jesus' ministry by reading through Luke's Gospel. At weeks end we pause to listen to the prophet, Isaiah. On Sundays a Psalm sings to us the centuries-long story of God's love and frustration, a struggle resolved through his suffering servant.

Ash Wednesday	Luke 3:1-9
Thursday	Luke 3:15-22
Friday	Luke 4:1-13
Saturday	Isaiah 42:1-9
First Sunday	Psalm 51
Monday	Luke 4:14-30
Tuesday	Luke 4:31-44
Wednesday	Luke 5:1-16
Thursday	Luke 5:17-39
Friday	Luke 6:1-16
2nd Sunday	Psalm 105
Monday	Luke 6:17-49
Tuesday	Luke 7:1-35
Wednesday	Luke 7:36-50
Thursday	Luke 8:1-21
Friday	Luke 8:22-56
Saturday	Isaiah 65:17-25
3rd Sunday	Psalm 107
Monday	Luke 9:1-17
Tuesday	Luke 9:18-36
Wednesday	Luke 10:1-24
Thursday	Luke 11:1-13
Friday	Luke 11:29-54
Saturday	Isaiah 60:1-5
4th Sunday	Psalm 103
Monday	Luke 12:1-12, 22-34
Tuesday	Luke 12:35-59
Wednesday	Luke 13:10-35
Thursday	Luke 14
Friday	Luke 15
Saturday	Isaiah 11:1-5
5th Sunday	Psalm 22
Monday	Luke 16:19-17:10
Tuesday	Luke 17:22-37
Wednesday	Luke 18:1-17
Thursday	Luke 18:18-34
Friday	Luke 18:35-19:10
Saturday	Isaiah 61
Palm Sunday	Luke 19:38-44
Monday	Luke 19:45 - 20:19
Tuesday	Luke 20:45-21:19
Wednesday	Luke 21:20-38
Maundy Thursday	Luke 22:1-65
Good Friday	Luke 22:66-23:56
Holy Saturday	Isaiah 53
Easter Sunday	Luke 24

Job 42:5-6 is another excellent reference.

The 40 Days of Lent are a time of self-denial and preparation, patterned after Jesus' retreat in to the wilderness before his 3-year ministry.

Palms were an ancient Jewish and Roman symbol of victory, used in triumphal processions and for decoration.

Crown of thorns: Like the cross itself, Jesus' painful crown is a sign both of his humiliation on our behalf as well as his kingship.

Lent is the Church's "springtime." Out of the darkness of sin's winter emerges a people—the Church—reborn in their Lord's resurrection.

Easter is the oldest Christian season. The observance of Lent first appeared between 200-300 A.D. Lent was a time of preparation for persons being instructed in the Christian faith before their baptism. Following the model of Jesus' time in the wilderness, new adult converts practiced Lenten penance and prayer for 40 days, waiting to receive their baptism, confirmation and first Lord's Supper at the Easter vigil.

Today Lent calls us to look back on the impact of our baptism on our lives. How are we doing, we who have died to sin and come alive to new life in Christ? In repentance, we ask our Lord to clear our lives of sin.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday's repentance and leads us to Holy Week's bitter story and Easter's joy.

These 40 days (excluding Sundays) are the first half of a larger rainbow arch. The other half includes the Easter season's 50 days in which we celebrate our baptismal rebirth in Christ. The celebration continues in the Church Year—every Sunday is a "little Easter."

FACTS ABOUT LENT

Did you know:

1. The original period of Lent was forty hours spent in fasting to commemorate the suffering of Jesus.
2. The eventual forty days of Lent correspond to Christ's forty days in the wilderness.
3. The word "Lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon (Old English) word for Spring: lencten.
4. Lent was first observed somewhere between 200-300 A.D.
5. Lent was a time of preparation for persons being instructed in the Christian faith before their baptism.

These facts about Lent are interesting but they're not as important as the reason for the season: Jesus died and rose again so that your sins are forgiven and you might have the absolute sureness of eternal life. This is a fact so beautiful in its simplicity, so wonderful in its telling, that it seems impossible to believe. Yet, we do believe it: that is why we observe Lent. We set aside forty days to reflect and meditate upon Christ's death and what it means.

Lent and the approaching Easter season can be a beautiful time in your life. Spend them with your Lord and He shall renew your faith so that you may continue to serve Him.



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It's a Mystery to Me!

by Mark Gentry

Not too long ago, television was the leading edge of technology. With television came Mystery Theatre and several

other "who-dunit" dramas which held their audiences in suspense from week to week. Television brought these stories to the "small-screen", but prior to television and the modern cinema there was theatre. Acting companies would bring the mystery writer's thoughts to life on stages around the world. And, if you couldn't go to the theatre, you could always read the book. *Everyone loves a good mystery!*

Until it comes to a particular book, which for many people reads like an "unsolved" mystery. In fact, this book was thought so mysterious that people were encouraged not to read it for fear it would cause the reader to go "crazy"! This book is *the Bible*.

The Bible is God's word to man, recorded by men who were moved by the Holy Spirit.

(2 Pet. 1:21 KJV) For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

The Bible is the Word of God, and not the word of men. The power, the authority, and *mystery* of the Bible originate with God, who inspired each word which was penned.

(2 Tim. 3:16 KJV) All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

God *gave* us His word in order that we might understand Him, His ways, and the ways of His Kingdom. Why would God give us something we couldn't understand, especially when Jesus (God's Son) makes a statement like the following . . .

(Mark 4:11 KJV) And he (Jesus) said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:

Jesus said *it has been given to know the mystery of the Kingdom of God*. But, to whom has it been given to know this mystery? Jesus identifies two groups: *you* and *them*. Which group do you fit in?

When speaking of *you*,

Jesus was talking

about those who believed upon Him;

and when He

said *them*, He

was referring to

those who

would not believe

upon Him. For

all men can believe,

if they have heard the

gospel of Christ. *Hearing*

is not believing, but you

cannot believe without hearing!

(Rom. 10:11-17 KJV) For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed. {12} For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek:

for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him. {13} For whosoever shall call upon the name of

the Lord shall be saved. {14} How then shall they call

on Him in whom they have not believed? And how

shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?

And how shall they hear without a preacher? {15} And

how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is

written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach

the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! {16} But they have not all obeyed the gospel.

For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? {17} So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by

the word of God.

There are two essentials we must have in order

to know the mystery of the Kingdom of God.

First, you must be a member of the Kingdom.

The previous scripture explains how we believe

in Jesus Christ as our Saviour; and the result of

this act of faith is that we are translated in to the

Kingdom of Light, God's Kingdom.

(Col. 1:12-13 KJV) Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us need to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: {13} Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son:

Second, we must invoke the work of the Holy Spirit in our life. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Revelation, and a part of His work on the earth is to enlighten us to the mystery of the kingdom.

(1 Cor. 2:7,9,10,12,14 KJV) But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world

unto our glory: . . . {9} But as it is written,

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither

have entered into the heart of man, the

things which God hath prepared for them

that love Him. {10} But God hath revealed

them unto us by His Spirit: . . . {12} Now

we have received, not the spirit of the

world, but the spirit which is of God; that

we might know the things that are freely

given to us of God . . . {14} But the natural

man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of

God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

It is impossible to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God without the help of the Holy Spirit.

There are always clues given to those watching a good mystery to help them solve the riddle.

When you read the Bible, ask the Holy Spirit to give the clues. If you're a member of the Kingdom, HE WILL!

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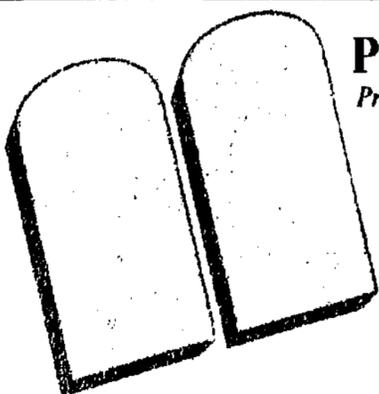
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PROVERBS on WISDOM . . .

Proverbs 2:1-6

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding,

and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

A Sinner's Prayer To Receive Jesus as Savior

Dear Heavenly Father,
I come to You in the Name of Jesus.
Your Word says, "... him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).
So I know You won't cast me out, but You take me in. And I thank You for it.

You said in Your Word, "... if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, THOU SHALT BE SAVED... For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:9,13).
I believe in my heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. I believe He was raised from the dead for my justification.
I am calling upon His Name—the Name of Jesus— so I know, Father, that You save me now.

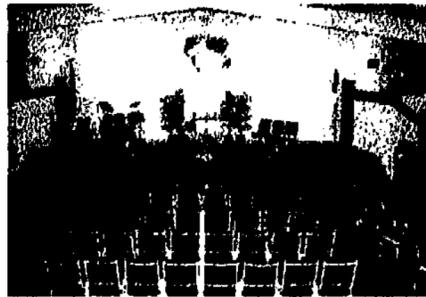
Your Word says, "...with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:10).
I do believe with my heart, and I confess Jesus now as my Lord. Therefore I am saved!
Thank You, Father!
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1	Matthew 21:23-46	1	Mark 8:22-38	1	Luke 8:1-21
2	22:1-22	2	9:1-29	2	8:22-56
3	23:1-46	3	9:30-50	3	9:1-56
4	23:1-22	4	10:1-31	4	9:37-62
5	23:23-39	5	10:32-52	5	10:1-34
6	24:1-22	6	11:1-19	6	10:25-42
7	24:23-51	7	11:20-33	7	11:1-28
8	25:1-30	8	12:1-27	8	11:29-54
9	25:31-46	9	12:28-44	9	12:1-34
10	26:1-19	10	13:1-13	10	12:35-59
11	26:20-54	11	13:14-37	11	13:1-21
12	26:55-75	12	14:1-25	12	13:22-35
13	27:1-31	13	14:26-50	13	14:1-34
14	27:32-66	14	14:51-72	14	14:25-35
15	28:1-20	15	15:1-16	15	15:1-10
16	Mark 1:1-22	16	15:27-47	16	15:11-32
17	1:23-45	17	16	17	16:1-18
18	2	18	Luke 1:1-23	18	16:19-31
19	3:1-21	19	1:24-36	19	17:1-19
20	3:22-35	20	1:37-50	20	17:20-37
21	4:1-20	21	2:1-24	21	18:1-17
22	4:21-41	22	2:25-32	22	18:18-43
23	5:1-20	23	3	23	19:1-28
24	5:21-43	24	4:1-32	24	19:29-48
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The Death of Jesus

Mark 15:33-39 (NIV)

At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"—which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah."
One man ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said.
With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.
The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

A Living Hope

The apostles were absolutely sure of the fact of the resurrection because they had seen Jesus, risen and alive. They were equally sure that he would come back again, to bring to an end the evil age of this world and to establish his own eternal kingdom. They were sure of this because Jesus himself had promised to return. Paul pictures the return of Jesus happening with a great blast on a trumpet! That trumpet sends its notes back through time to the life of Christians in the present.

A note of encouragement. The knowledge that Jesus would return was a great comfort for the bereaved, and it still is. Paul pointed this out to Christian believers at Thessalonica who mourned for Christians who had died. The return of Jesus is also used to strengthen those who face persecution - which is the major purpose of the Book of Revelation.

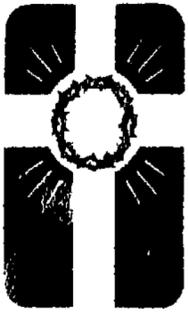
A note of urgency. The New Testament writers take the line: 'Since we believe Jesus will return, let's make sure we live as he wants us to.' Jesus had made the same point in some

of his parables. There is an emphasis on taking life seriously, and getting on with the work God has given us. We are told to remember that the time available to us is limited. We don't want to be ashamed at having to face Jesus when he returns.

A note of joy. When Paul and others speak of hope, they do not mean a fragile wish that may be disappointed, but the certainty of faith that Jesus will keep his promise. And so this hope is always accompanied by exuberant joy. The Christian's joy is indestructible, because his past is wiped clean by God's forgiveness, his present is filled with God's presence, and his future means seeing Jesus for himself. No wonder Peter called it 'a great and glorious joy which words cannot express!'

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The Season of Lent

Leading to Easter

For Christians, these upcoming weeks leading to Easter hold significance. Sure, the spring flowers are beginning to bloom and yes, the leaves on trees are budding, and even the days are getting longer too. But the importance of Easter Sunday and its meaning to us should not be cast aside with the colored eggs and Easter bunny costumes. We celebrate Easter because Christ, who was crucified — nailed on a rough, wooden cross to die — OUR SAVIOR, our Redeemer, whose purpose by the grace of God was to be born for us and to die for us so that we may live anew and who, after His dead body was sealed in a tomb, rose again!

Yes, we celebrate Easter. We celebrate Christ's resurrection!

But what about His death? What about His life? Do we celebrate these events? We celebrate His birth at Christmas. Do we attend church the rest of the year and honor His life in our lives daily?

These weeks leading up to Easter are referred to as the Lenten season which began on Ash Wednesday, February 25th of this year. The season of Lent should also remind Christians to repent. Repent of old habits, old ways.

Prior to Jesus' death, He knew He would not be with His apostles much longer. He also knew He was going to be betrayed by one of His apostles (Judas). Following His Passover meal (the Last Supper), He went out and prayed to God from the Mount of Olives. His disciples followed Him. In this time, He specifically told His disciples to *Pray that you will not fall into temptation* (Luke 22:40).

We also should pray daily that we do not fall into temptation. Temptation of sin, temptation to turn from the Word of God, temptation to leave behind our church, temptation to let the ways of the world (power, money, TV, sports, social activities, etc. that could take us away from our focus as Christians) overcome us. Pray that we accept our Lord with our whole hearts and awake each day to do His deeds. Pray that we can meet other Christians in our world around us. Pray that we will attend our churches and celebrate His Life in our lives each week, not just the festive Christian holidays! And furthermore, pray that we can remain faithful to serve Him joyfully!

—Laura Reynolds

It is with deep regret that Laura Reynolds will no longer be with Miracle Monthly Publications. She will continue to pursue Christian publishing with her business, Write Designs, Ltd.. Write Designs, Ltd. is a private distribution publisher serving the small poet press market and continuing to assist Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church with their newsletter, Shepherd's Watch.

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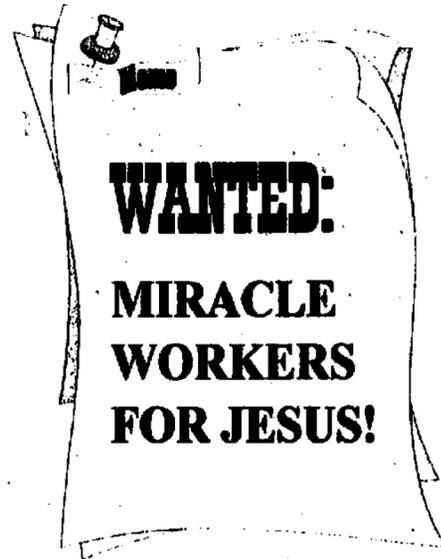
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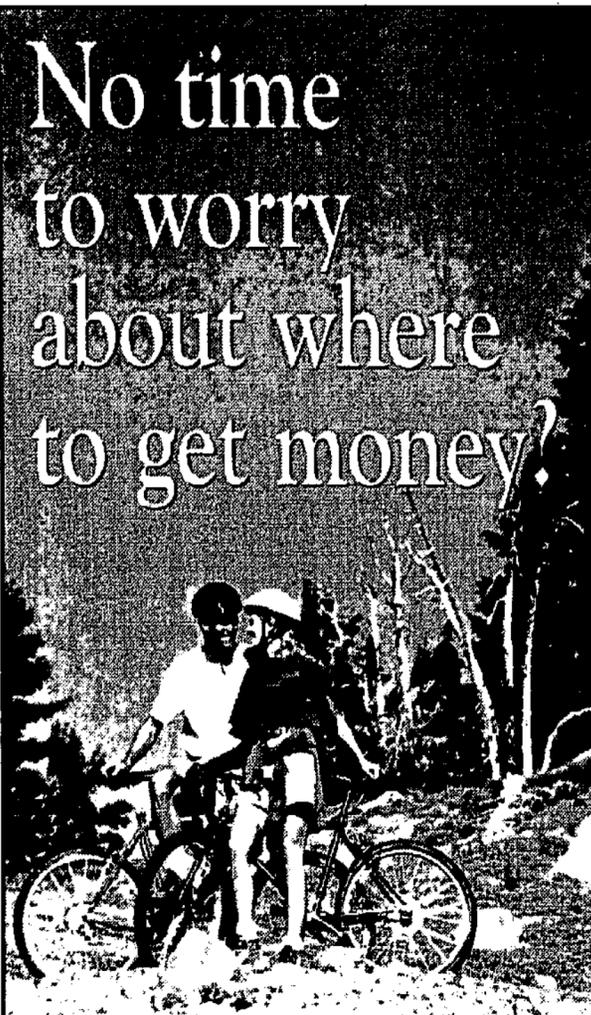
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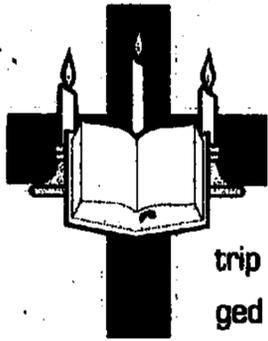
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The cross is a symbol of triumph, victory and death. So often we as Christians seldom take a

trip to Calvary's old rugged cross. We, like the on-lookers, on that day

when Jesus was crucified, see a cross with little meaning. Never really grasping what our Saviour had done in our behalf. It seems that today's Christian is more concerned with the triumph of the grave than the death of the cross. If it were not for the death on the cross we would have no victory in the grave. We no longer hear preaching on the cross. We hear preaching on *prosperity, faith*, how important it is to have *vision*, but without the old rugged cross, my friend, we would have none of the above. That means in order for us to *enjoy prosperity, faith, hope, love...* we must die the death to *self* and put ourselves on the cross. We must *not carry our cross* but *deny our "self"* and plant our cross to be like Jesus and pray "not my will but Your will be done."

We run around trying to gain victory for someone else in life, but can't get victory over our own fleshy desires. When we pray for someone else's victory, we often find our own self wanting the glory. Until we decide to crucify our own selfish desires, we will never experience victory in greater measure.

Kathryn Khulman, a tremendous woman of God, said, "I die a thousand deaths before I

ever take a platform."

May I dare ask, "How many times do we die before doing service for God?" When I look into the cross, I see our Saviour faithful all the way to death. It began in the garden, struggling with questions, maybe even doubts. Remember, Jesus could have called 10,000 angels for help, but we were on His mind. If you want to talk about *vision*, let's begin there in the garden. Our Saviour envisioned *you* and *me* to redeem us from every curse. **Glory to God!** From every shortcoming, every fear, every failure.

In the garden, Jesus struggled and that's where we struggle. You see, the victory was in the garden, the death was on the cross, and the triumph was in the grave. It's a process. Philippians 2:8 tells us He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. You see, He humbled Himself. That's what we must do—humble ourself. That only happens in the garden of our prayer life. He became obedient unto death. That's what we must strive for.

I believe many Christians have at one time or another humbled themselves, but were not obedient to the death of our cross.

We placed ourselves on the cross, but decided it was uncomfortable and we decided to take ourselves off our cross and therefore have not experienced an *explosion of triumph* in our graves (or should I say the triumph over our old nature). Once we place ourselves on the cross He has called us to bare, not wear, but die on it, we will experience the triumph of the Holy Ghost—overcoming power in every area of life. **Glory to God!**

Remember, when you are dead, you do not feel a thing. People may talk about your failures, friends may turn their back on you. Don't take yourself off the cross, the foundation of Christ. For you will soon have a triumphant resurrection.

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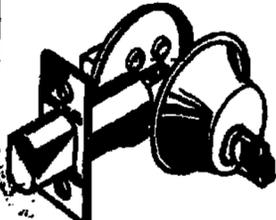
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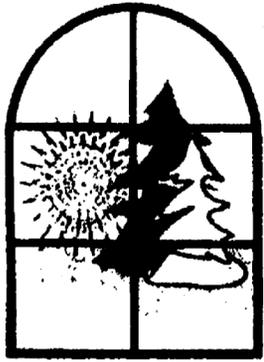
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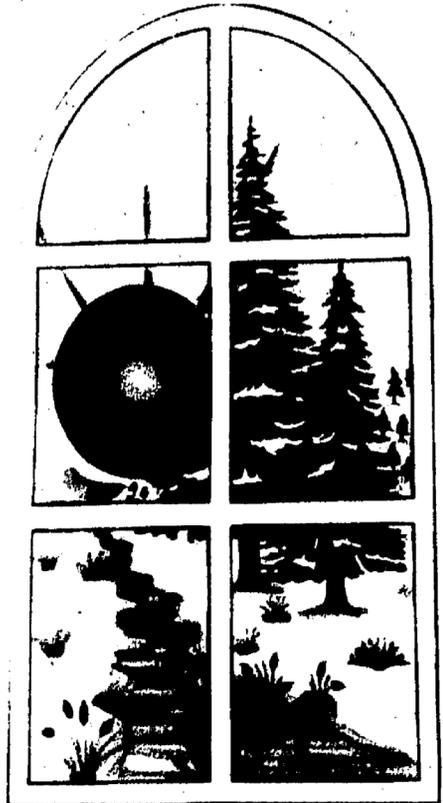


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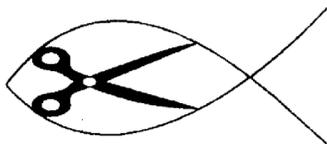
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