

Commission settles salary squabble

Wilton Howell stands alone in saying 'No'

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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An agreement approved Thursday between Lincoln County's other elected officials and the county commission will cost \$43,357, but will end a salary dispute that started in 1995.

The county's 10 elected officials will receive lump sum settlements for previously granted and rescinded 7 percent raises. From Feb. 1 forward those who took office on Jan. 1, 1997, will be entitled to the same 7 percent raise reinstated by a commission vote two months ago for those who took office Jan. 1, 1995.

The only county elected official who refused to sign the agreement and voted against the motion was Commissioner Wilton Howell. That means he will not receive \$1,058 as part of the lump sum settlement going to the other nine former or current officials, said County Attorney Alan Morel.

In return for the money, the officials agree not to sue the county over past raises that have been given and rescinded as the commission tried to reconcile state constitutional and statutory requirements.

The biggest settlements, more than \$4,000 each, went to County Clerk Martha Proctor and County Treasurer Joan Park. They also were among the elected officials who fought for reinstatement of 7 percent raises that were approved in 1994, and rescinded Jan. 1, 1995. The raises were reinstated Dec. 17, 1998, but County Assessor Patsy Serna and Sheriff Tom Sullivan saw their salaries reduced in that December action. The new agreement will remedy that situation, granting raises to all 10 elected officials.

Howell argued Thursday that the issue should have been discussed in open session, not behind closed doors in executive session.

The agreement is wrong on several points, he said.

"I think it's wrong to ask anybody to sign a document if it's for something already due to them," he said. "They're agreeing not to sue, but obviously no one (of the elected officials) would admit in public any intent to sue."

"Why offer the money if there is not intent to sue in the first place? I just want to go on record noting I'm against the resolution."

Proctor said she doesn't mind discussing the issue in public, because she's not ashamed of what she's done.

"We were given an increase (in salary) voted on by the commission (in 1994) and then after the first of

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Shirlene Roberts, post master at Ruidoso Downs, tours the new Post Office Wednesday. The office is located next to the Ruidoso Downs Village Hall.

New post office called 'Hilton' of Downs

Larger Alto Post Office also scheduled to open by the end of March

• Both Alto's and Ruidoso Downs' new post office buildings should be open by the end of March, a postal official said this week.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
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Ruidoso Downs has had three different post office buildings since Shirlene Roberts started working for the federal agency in 1976.

At the end of March she is to move into her fourth, and she has never been happier about it.

"Everybody is getting really excited. They have been calling it the Hilton of Ruidoso Downs. They are just really proud," Roberts said Wednesday afternoon, walking about the new U.S. Post Office in Ruidoso Downs off U.S. Highway 70. "I just love it ... And I want you to know that my (present) office is smaller than the bathrooms are here."

Besides Ruidoso Downs, a new U.S. Post Office in Alto is expected to be open and operating by the end of March, Al Provencio, a postal official in Albuquerque, said Wednesday.

"We are scheduled to have a final inspection on Alto and Ruidoso Downs on March 4," Provencio said. "So, if the buildings are accepted on that date, we should be authorizing the postmasters to occupy the buildings. And I would expect them to be in those buildings by the end of March."

The new buildings are as much as three times the size as the current facilities with roughly twice as many post office boxes. The Downs office, located next to Ruidoso Downs Village Hall, is 6,700 square feet compared to the current facility's 2,300 square feet. Instead of 1,840 boxes, it will have 3,000.

The 6,500-square-foot Alto post office is on 1.5 acres at the intersection of Sun Valley Road and State

"We have gone to some pretty extensive measures to work with the mayor, the community and the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Department."

Scott Martin,
postal service architect

"We try to minimize all the disruption," he said. "But invariably, there are some customers who will have larger boxes, some who will have smaller boxes, and some whose boxes will change."

If a post office box holder at the two offices didn't receive a notice, then it is unlikely their post office box is changing, he added.

In Ruidoso, work on a new U.S. Post Office next to the Ruidoso

Convention Center is roughly on schedule for a summer completion date, Scott Martin, an architect with the postal service, said Wednesday.

"It's starting to go vertical," Martin from his offices in Denver. "It's a little bit behind schedule, but it's expected to pick up in the next month. We are still on track for completion at the end of June or the beginning of July."

The new Ruidoso post office will be 19,000 square feet compared to the existing facility's 5,500 square feet.

One small hurdle in front of the Ruidoso facility is the fact that the elevation at the facility's entrance to Mechem Drive might have to be redesigned, Martin said. The actual

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Museum of American West opens its doors in Lincoln

• Now a part of the Hubbard Museum of the American West, the Lincoln collection will undergo refurbishing and a few structural changes.

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When the long-established museum in Lincoln reopens in March, it is unlikely the sign out front will reflect its significant operational changes.

"Because it's a historic district, everything has to be of historic code," said new curator Barbara Bertucio. "So, you can't just put a sign up. It has to be extremely well planned, and it has to go through the Historical District Board."

As of today, the museum is officially under the auspices of the Hubbard Museum of the American West, formerly the Museum of the Horse, said Scott Wells, museum

development director. However, chances are the sign will, at least for a while, identify the building as being managed by the now-defunct Lincoln County Heritage Trust.

The museum, whose collections document the colorful history of the Lincoln County War and its most infamous participant, Billy the Kid, is tentatively scheduled to re-open March 1, Wells said.

"That's what we are shooting for, but there are just a few little details to work out," he said. "It will be in the first week of March."

The Lincoln County Heritage Trust closed the museum Nov. 1 because of a lack of funds. The trust's board eventually dissolved after making an arrangement to pass the collection to the Hubbard Museum.

Hubbard Museum staff members

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Mississippi man accused of murdering friend will stand trial in state district court

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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The man accused of killing a hunting buddy to cover his own incest with a daughter, rolled into magistrate court Wednesday for his preliminary hearing in a wheelchair.

An hour and a half later, Harry Doyle Monk Jr. instructed his attorney, Gary Mitchell, to stop the court proceeding in mid-testimony by his son, who claims to have witnessed the November, 1996, shooting in the Capitan Mountains.

Mitchell said his client hadn't seen his family in two years and didn't want to put them through the difficult situation of testifying.

"He's willing to sign a waiver," Mitchell said. "This is just not a situation I would just agree to, but he doesn't want to put his family through this, especially his daughter."

The waiver allowed Magistrate Judge William Butts to send the case for the murder of Daniel Van Bemen to the 12th Judicial District Court in Carrizozo for trial.

Monk is charged with an open count of murder, one count of tampering with evidence and three counts of intimidation of a witness.

If found guilty of first degree murder, he could face life in prison, plus 18 months on each of the other charges, which are fourth degree felonies.

After the hearing, Mitchell left the courtroom briefly to speak to Monk's family and ask if anyone wanted to see the defendant, but no one took him up on the offer.

"His actions have shown he doesn't give a hoot about his family," said District Attorney Scot Key. "It was all for show. He was just jerking our chain, making the state pay the air fares to fly five people out here, and

then he waives."

Key also wasn't impressed by the wheelchair, referring to Monk's "illness of the day" as an attempt to put his competency to stand trial in question.

But Mitchell said his client spent much of the past 18 months either in the state hospital in Las Vegas for competency evaluation or in Estancia, where he is being treated for diabetes.

Although he can walk — as he did to exit the court building and enter the waiting transport van — he can only do it with great difficulty and that's why he uses a wheelchair, Mitchell said.

Before his testimony was cut short, Harry Doyle Monk III, who goes by Doyle Monk, told Butts he saw his father shoot Van Bemen without provocation. He said his father threatened his life if he went to

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RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SUNDAY

High ... 56
Low ... 17

Sunny

SATURDAY

High ... 54
Low ... 22

Sunny

MONDAY

High ... 60
Low ... 19

Partly cloudy

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Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	51	14	.00"
Wednesday	60	17	.00"
Thursday	59	26	.00"

Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	64	30	Partly cloudy
El Paso, TX	77	30	Partly cloudy
Lubbock, TX	73	29	Partly cloudy
Midland, TX	78	31	Partly cloudy



Feb./March phases of the moon



Feb. 8 Feb. 16 Feb. 23 March 2

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The Carrizozo Railroad Yard.

courtesy Johnson Stearns

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

White Oaks Eagle
Feb. 9, 1899

The entertainment given at Bonnell hall last Friday night for the benefit of the Congregational Church, brought forth a large and appreciative audience. The instrumental music furnished by Messrs. Parker and Reyes and Gumm and Hulbert was delightful. The recitations by

Misses Wilson and Tompkins were well delivered and received their due praise. The solos by Mr. and Mrs. McCourt and Miss Oehm were beautifully sung and enchanted the attention of the audience until the last note had died away.

Last, but not least came the "artist's dream of fair women," and the visage of fourteen "living pictures passing in review before the artist." The receipts for the evening, considering the small price of admission, were good, amounting to \$32.

Campos requests \$500,000 for Ruidoso hotel

BY TONI K. LAXSON
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State Sen. Pete Campos, D-Las Vegas, has put in a \$500,000 request before the Legislature to help Ruidoso land a resort hotel.

Campos, this area's Senate representative, was in legislative committee meetings Thursday and could not be reached for comment about the requests.

However, the Feb. 12 edition of the New Mexico Municipal League Legislative Bulletin lists a \$500,000 request from Campos to "plan, design, construct and equip the convention center hotel."

"That's not exactly correct. It's for our portion of the overall project, the common area (at the Ruidoso Convention Center)," Ruidoso Mayor

Robert Donaldson said Thursday. "Most of it would be used for the design and the construction of the foundation. We have to provide a buildable site."

Since late summer, the village has been negotiating with a Midwestern company to build a resort hotel next to the Ruidoso Convention Center. Two other development firms had considered the site at times in the last decade but always backed out.

Leisure Hotels LLC is now proposing to construct a \$7 million, amenity-filled hotel at a site on the north side of the convention center's parking area. Before construction starts, though, the lease agreement must come before the Ruidoso Village Council for a vote.

Previous lease agreements

for the hotel have always included the provision that the village provide a building site foundation, such as paying for required excavation and foundation piers, Donaldson said.

He estimated the building foundation would cost between \$125,000 and \$175,000.

If the state money comes through for the project, then any remainder would be spent constructing both a new parking area to the east of the convention center and a road joining the two, Donaldson said.

"We are not going to get \$500,000," he said. "My guess is we will get half of that. And, obviously, the most important thing we'll use that money for is the foundation. We have the responsibility to do those other things — and any other money we get will be great — but we have money set aside for the

other things."

That hotel lease agreement has been undergoing final revisions for about two months, and the council has twice postponed discussion of it in open council meetings.

Donaldson acknowledged the lease agreement seemed to be taking a long time coming to a public hearing and vote.

"But it will happen. And it won't be what has happened in the past where you get down to a certain point and it dies," he said.

"I mean they wanted to start construction next month," Donaldson said. "That, clearly isn't going to happen. But they desperately want to be open by, not this summer, but the following summer for the tourist season. So, it's clearly something we have to get wrapped up fairly quickly."

MURDER: Monk's on drew a map that led officers to the site and the body

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authorities about the killing.

With Key doing most of the questioning in an attempt to show Butts enough evidence existed that Monk may have committed the crime, Doyle Monk verbally recreated portions of the hunting trip that led up to the murder. His cheeks flushed deep red, the 17-year-old boy glanced briefly at his father as he walked to the front of the courtroom to testify.

He explained that he lived with his mother Peggy and his 16-year-old sister, Angel, in a house on seven acres in Meridian, Miss. His father, his second wife, Lucy, and their three children, including one half-sister, who also is 17, lived on the same acreage in a mobile home.

He hunted often with his father, including annual trips to New Mexico for mule deer, the boy said. In November, 1996, Van Bemen came to Mississippi, and the three of them drove in Monk's truck to New Mexico. Van Bemen had no weapons and planned on using one of Monk's rifles, the son said. In New Mexico, they were met by another hunting party of three of Monk's friends, including Larry Gentry, one of the people on the state's witness list.

They bought some equipment and supplies in Roswell and arrived at the hunting camp on Boy Scout Mountain off Pine Lodge Road too late to hunt the first day. The trip was supposed to last from Nov. 11 to Nov. 18, but after the third day, the other party left about 1 p.m. to return to their jobs, Doyle Monk testified.

The remaining threesome went hunting toward White Oaks, then to Capitan to buy some beer.

Van Bemen and Monk were both "pretty drunk," Doyle

Monk said. They argued briefly over little things such as Van Bemen shooting a gun out the window and later at the campsite, "playing" with the gasoline near the fire as he prepared the grill to cook dinner about midnight, the boy said.

"Daddy went into the camper a few minutes," Doyle Monk said. When he came out, he sat on the tailgate of the truck, which was backed up to the fire.

"Dan and I walked over and were talking (about four feet from his father). Dad stood up for about 30 seconds, pulled a gun out and shot Dan," he said. "I just stood there in shock and started crying and asked why. Dad said, 'I got my reasons.' He told me to calm down ... and sent me into the camper to sleep."

He could hear his father moving around outside for about 30 to 45 minutes. Then Monk came to the camper to tell his son to load up, because they were "getting out of there," the boy said.

He did not see the body when he was packing to leave, Doyle Monk said.

On the trip home, his father became angry because he wouldn't talk much, Doyle Monk said.

"He told me if I ever said anything, he'd kill me," the son said, adding that his father placed a bullet in his hand and said he could have one too if he said anything.

When they arrived home, Monk told his son to confirm to his second wife and 17-year-old daughter that he had killed Van Bemen.

Key and Mississippi law enforcement officials contend Monk intended to blame Van Bemen for his daughter's pregnancy and claim that he disappeared from the hunting party to avoid prosecution.

But while Monk was out of town and after Mississippi



Doyle Monk, right, leaves magistrate court after testifying against his father in a preliminary hearing. Gary Mitchell, center, is defending his father, Harry Doyle Monk Jr., who is charged with killing Daniel Van Bemen.

police were notified by Van Bemen's sister that he was missing, they questioned Doyle Monk, then 15. The boy drew a map for officers to find the campsite, which was entered into evidence Wednesday. He told them he had witnessed the shooting, Key told Butts.

Mitchell questioned Doyle Monk's recollection of the events that night in the Capitan Mountains.

He produced a transcript of a taped interrogation of Doyle Monk shortly after Bemen's death.

The document painted a slightly different picture. During that interview, Doyle Monk said his father was holding a gun and Van Bemen tried to pull it from him and Monk shot him, Mitchell said.

After reading that portion of the transcript, Doyle Monk disagreed, saying the transcript must have been typed wrong.

"I didn't say that," he said. Mitchell called for a break, returning to announce the signed waiver.

The first witness of the hearing was Richard Williams, the New Mexico State Police

officer, then stationed in Hobbs, who followed Doyle Monk's map with other officers and found Van Bemen's body in a dry stream bed.

"We found a mound of dirt with rocks around it and a human heel protruding from the east end and human hair from the west end," Williams said.

A consultant from the Office of Medical Investigator supervised the removal of the body, which was lying face down in a prone position without boots and socks, he said.

Doyle Monk testified that he saw Van Bemen's boots in his father's truck when they returned to Mississippi.

Officers found spent casings from 44 caliber bullets nearby and a pair of white socks near the campsite area, Williams testified.

The grave site was about 20 feet to 30 feet away from the camping area. The body was identified as Van Bemen using fingerprints, Williams said.

The autopsy showed the man died from one bullet from a .44 magnum pistol to the lower left chest.

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PROJECT "UPDATE 48"



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BEWARE OF WORKERS!

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Work on the lower 48 job has been limited to minor concrete paving along the side of the security wall at Innsbrook Village.

The remainder of the project is still on partial suspension for the winter months.

Look for weekly update of construction activities in every Friday's issue of the Ruidoso News. Any questions, please contact Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc. at 258-4400.

BENEFIT DANCE & SILENT AUCTION for Lloyd Hobbs

Son of Bobby & Cherie Hobbs
19 Year Old Spinal Cord Injury Accident Victim

When? February 27th
What Time? 8 pm - Midnight
Whose Playing? The Graham Brothers
Where? Ruidoso Convention Ctr.
How Much Does It Cost? \$6.00 per person
\$10.00 per couple
\$15.00 per family (maximum of 3 people)

Refreshments Available FREE Door Prize Drawing!

Sponsored by Friends & Family of Lloyd Hobbs
If you are unable to attend, but would like to help, please send your donation to the Ruidoso State Bank Attention: Lloyd Hobbs Benefit Account

Ex-judge new gaming arbitrator

The New Mexico Gaming Control Board has appointed Albuquerque attorney William F. Riordan to represent the board in the arbitration involving the Mescalero Apache Tribe, Taos Pueblo and Acoma Pueblo, according to a release this week from the board.

Riordan, who also has served as chief justice of the New Mexico Supreme Court, fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Fred Ragsdale. Ragsdale resigned citing health concerns, the length of the arbitration process and the possibility that litigation against him might result.

The state initiated arbitration last year because the tribes and pueblos failed to pay the full amount of revenue sharing and regulatory fees required in the compacts between gaming tribes and the state.

A preliminary hearing in

the arbitration has been scheduled for the last week in March.

Gaming Control Board issues first licenses

The New Mexico Gaming Control Board on Tuesday approved the first three gaming license applications submitted to the board in January of this year.

Following an investigation of the applicants, all three applications were approved. Two companies were awarded manufacturer licenses—Bally Gaming Inc. of Las Vegas, Nev.; and IGT of Reno, Nev.

A racetrack operator's license was approved for Nuevo Sol Turf Club Inc. of Sunland Park, across the New Mexico state line from El Paso, Texas.

In addition to the licensing actions, the board reviewed the agency's minimum internal

controls for gaming operators and gave final approval to the guidelines.

"We are very excited by the activities going on this week," Janice McCrary, board chairperson, said. "This is the culmination of many months of hard work, and we feel confident that a solid framework is in place for additional license actions in the near future."

To date, the board has received 12 gaming license applications, 56 key person applications and 109 work permit applications.

The board is expecting a report later this week from the private testing lab of Gaming Laboratories International on its testing of the state's central monitoring system for slot machines in casinos statewide. The company has indicated that the system meets all of the requirements established by the board.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Frankie C. Fry

The funeral for Frankie C. Fry, 96, was Saturday at LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso. Graveside services followed on Sunday at Twin Oaks Cemetery in Artesia.

Mrs. Fry died Thursday, Feb. 11, at the Ruidoso Care Center. Born Jan. 21, 1902, at Junction, Texas, she moved to Lincoln County in 1962 from Roswell and was a member of Capitan United Methodist Church.

She married Roy L. Fry on Aug. 31, 1922, at Carlsbad. He died on Dec. 2, 1961.

Survivors include four daughters, Clara Beck of Capitan, Dudene Puckett of Artesia, Holly Overleas of Las Cruces and Mittle Miespelt of Capitan; 12 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren. Relatives who preceded her in death were a grandson, David Clowe

II, a son-in-law, William Puckett and grand son-in-law, Chris Robinson.

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

Jack Kannady

Memorial services were on Monday, Feb. 15, for Hardy F. "Jack" Kannady, a former Ruidoso resident who died on Feb. 12 at his Carlsbad home at the age of 79. The service following cremation was at St. Peters Evangelical Lutheran Church in Carlsbad with the Rev. Dean DeSelms officiating.

Born Oct. 19, 1919, to T. H. and Pearl Altwine Kannady in Temple, Texas, Mr. Kannady was raised in Temple and graduated from Texas College of Mines, El Paso, with a mining engineering degree.

He married Evelyn Jones in 1940; she died in 1989.

Employed as a mining engineer in Arizona and New Mexi-

co, he established Kannady Engineering in Carlsbad, then moved the company to Ruidoso in 1957, where he lived for the next 21 years. Returning to Carlsbad in 1978, he became the Eddy County surveyor until retiring in 1996. He had been a member of the Lions Club and the Lutheran Church. He married Lola Enriquez in 1990.

Survivors include Mrs. Kannady, sons Jack Jr. of Ruidoso and Jerry of Ruidoso Downs, step-sons Manuel Enriquez of Springdale, Ark., and William Enriquez of Las Cruces; step-daughters Elizabeth Dail and Marta Duize, both of Dallas, Texas; 12 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions were suggested to the Carlsbad Boys & Girls Club, c/o Carlsbad Foundation, 116 South Canyon, Carlsbad, N.M. 88220.

Denton-Funchess Funeral Home of Carlsbad was in charge of arrangements.

RUIDOSO AGENDA

The Ruidoso Village Council is scheduled to convene at Village Hall at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday for the following agenda items:

CONSENT REGULAR ITEMS (passed in a single vote rather than separately)

- A change of policy regarding use of the Ruidoso Convention Center by state governmental entities. Instead of free room rental rates, which the governmental entities have received for the past six years, they will be charged the same rates as nonprofit groups.

- Award a contract to Ben Jenkins as auctioneer at a village auction of surplus village items. Jenkins submitted the highest rated proposal of three bidders, according to village information.

- Schedule a public hearing March 30 for a zoning request from Charles E. Craig for a lot at 110 Main Road. The lot is partially zoned for commercial use and partially for residential use. The change would make the entire lot zoned for commercial use.

- Schedule a public hearing March 30 for a zoning request from HBH Investments LLC for a 2.21-acre lot

next to Pepper Tree Place off of Racquet Place. If approved, the zoning would change from R-4 housing, such as apartments, to R-3 housing, such as condominiums.

REGULAR ITEMS (each item is voted on separately)

- Discussion and possible action to schedule a public hearing March 9 on a proposed amendment to the village's ordinance regulating signs. The proposed amendment would allow certain signs to be placed on or next to fences that enclose recreational areas. The signs would be for the benefit of the organization holding an event, as for a fund-raiser. The signs would stay up only for the event.

- Discussion and possible action to schedule a public hearing March 30 on a proposed amendment to the village's water ordinance. The amendment includes numerous changes including the addition of stand-by fees for vacant lots, how water deposits are refunded, who is responsible for delinquent bills on rental properties, changes to the village's water conservation plan and a clarification of fees for services not outlined in the original ordinance.

Tribal associate Fred Heckman dies in Albuquerque hospital; services, burial at Mescalero

Fred Heckman Jr., 82, who worked with the Mescalero Apache Tribe over three decades, died at Anna Kase-man Hospital in Albuquerque Wednesday after a brief illness.

Funeral services are scheduled at 11 a.m. Saturday at God's House Church, Wyoming and Menaul, Albuquerque.

The Mescalero Community Gymnasium will be the scene of a memorial service at 10 a.m. Monday, with burial to follow at the Blazers tract on the reservation.

"We lost a great friend and a man of vision with the passing of Fred Heckman," said Oliver Enjady, tribal vice-president.

He said Heckman had at various times served as a tribal development director and a grant-writer, and played a major role in the tribe's acquisition of what is now Ski Apache, the development of the Inn of the Mountain Gods, and a number of other tribal

enterprises.

He was a long-time associate of recently deceased Tribal President Wendell Chino.

Dave Parks of Ruidoso, a one-time business partner (along with Tony Perteet) said Heckman "was one of the best grant-writers I've ever known." Their Investment Associates firm developed condominiums, and later Hickman established his own real estate and consulting firm in Ruidoso.

He moved to Albuquerque in the mid-1980s and continued his real estate activities while carrying out projects for the Mescalero Apache Tribe.

French Mortuary of Albuquerque is in charge of arrangements.

DOWN AGENDA

The Ruidoso Downs Village Council will convene at 5:30 p.m. Monday to consider the following agenda items:

- A request from the Palo Verde Trailer Park for relief of \$254.92 on a sewer bill of more than \$900 because of a water leak.

- A request from GND Recreational Vehicle Park for relief of a \$100.12 sewer bill because of a water leak.

- A request from Fire Chief Nick Herrera to purchase wildland boots for firefighters at a total cost of about \$2,000. The money for the purchase, if approved, would come out of the village's firefighter fund.

- A request from Herrera to purchase a second four-wheel vehicle for his department at a cost of roughly \$20,000.

- A request from Hightower to purchase an additional

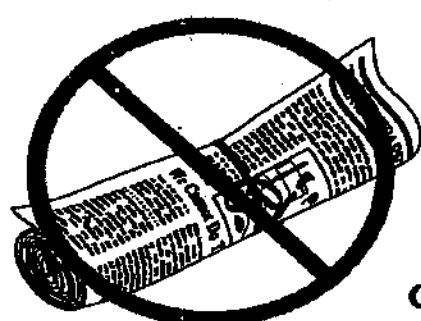
radar unit for the department.

- Schedule a date for the next Ruidoso Downs Planning and Zoning Committee meeting.

- A request from Police Chief David Hightower to approve an increase in the price for equipment used by the department to call in background checks on motorists' drivers licenses. Trustees in early January approved the equipment's purchase price of \$5,408 with an additional monthly charge of \$317.50 a month.

- A discussion regarding the Year 2000, or Y2K, problem. Trustees are expected to discuss sponsoring a town meeting or possibly a county-wide meeting on the subject, Weibrecht said. The goal is to inform as many people as possible about the issue and its potential problems, she said.

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OUR OPINION

As ye sow, so shall ye reap

The warp and weft (or is it wool) of politics makes one strange blanket in which we wrap ourselves during those annual legislative sessions in Santa Fe.

Here's a scenario: In the Fall, every lesser governmental entity in the state — from senior citizens groups to county and city governments — begins preparing a wish list of capital projects they would like the Legislature to finance for them. (Capital projects are those brick-and-mortar things that might be built, but don't require recurring funding like a new government service would.)

Then, when the Legislature convenes, each elected member of the House and Senate immediately dumps all those requests into the legislative hopper, making sure that all those expectant requesters back home know that in fact the request has been made.

Then most, like our own Rep. Dub Williams, start playing the endless tape that says "requests greatly exceed available funds, so don't get your hopes up."

That is reiterated as frequently as possible until the legislators go home. Then they bask in the glory of the few requests that were funded and spend the rest of the year apologizing for those projects for which there just wasn't enough money.

Then the other endless tape is played: "Maybe next year."

This year, says Representative Williams, statewide requests exceed the \$90 million available for divvying up by something like \$910 million—so far. That means less than 10 percent of the requests will get state money.

Presumably, the \$30 million each entity (House, Senate and Governor) will split will be distributed equitably throughout the state. But then we must remember the ongoing battle between Republican Gov. Gary Johnson and the legislative leadership, and the fact that Democrats control both chambers.

To that political brew we must add Lincoln County's long-time voting record — always Republican.

But that can be stirred with some extra spice: Representative Williams carried the governor's Indian gaming bill to a successful conclusion last year. The Democrats would, sometimes, like to make some inroads in Lincoln County. John Underwood, Ruidoso's paid lobbyist, on occasion has been quite effective with his fellow Democrats.

And so it goes in the recurring battle for "state money," which really is "our money." If we're lucky, this year the Legislature will send us enough to clean up that old cemetery at Fort Stanton — but don't set your hopes too high.



YOUR OPINION

Good intentions, awry

To the editor:

On Feb. 10 in an article in the *Ruidoso News* I pointed out that the 10-16-89 lease of the old airport land to Jim Colbert Golf had been a mistake. The council, of which I was a member, agreed that the golf operation would pay no lease money until the annual golf receipts would exceed \$1.5 million. Simple mathematics would show that in our haste to lease the land we goofed.

Thinking that the same situation now faces the council with reference to plans to build a hotel on the same airport land, I cautioned in my article that the present council, in an endeavor to build a hotel, not make the same mistake we had made in 1989.

A simple "thank you" would have been appreciated. Instead, the village mayor, in a scathing and personal answer in the *Ruidoso News* on Feb. 12, takes issue with what I considered a helpful suggestion. This appears to be the mayor's style of communication.

When I entered the scene in Ruidoso politics, many of my detractors were just graduating from high school. On July 1, 1998, an article in the *Ruidoso News* appeared relative to a severe situation regarding the fire danger. I wrote that article after

being turned down at a council meeting in which I attempted to point out that we were in the fire danger season with little or no publicity given this fact. In spite of the fact that I explained to the council that the situation was critical, I was not allowed to speak — then the mayor locked both doors in the village hall that served the various offices.

Ruidoso has a one-person administration—the mayor.

Communication-Cooperation-Compromise. All work very well in business. Why not give them a try in politics?

J. A. "Al" Junge
E. & O. E./Ruidoso

'That Place' is right on

To the editor:

I would like to congratulate all those involved in the development and opening of the new teen center, "That Place."

I have been a Ruidoso resident for 20-plus years and have long thought that this type of place, where teenagers had a safe place to go with their activities in mind, was much needed in the community for our youth.

I am just happy that a group of people had the initiative and dedication to follow through on this project. I know that many people were instrumental in making the teen center

a reality, but I especially want to thank Judy Stone and Michael Crouse for their hard work.

I certainly hope the community supports this teen center in whatever way they can. I have two teenagers, 17 and 13, and I know I will. Thank-you to all!

Darlene Hart
Ruidoso

Main Street madness

To the editor:

...(About) the "Main Street Madness" that is about to strike Ruidoso again — where there is no parking for residents, store owners or tourists in midtown as a result of Main Street and very poor planning. Are we to eliminate still more parking space as we go into Phase 2? Are we to plant still more trees on the sidewalk and replace others, which did not survive, as the mayor suggests? In our beautiful forest...do we need to "take sand to the beach?"

Do we need to spend \$180,000...to color the sidewalk cement brown? Grey is fine with me! If you would care to check the "new" sidewalk in front of my small gift shop at 2545 Sudderth, you will find it cracked and...rising...Who is going to redo my sidewalk mess? The sidewalk fairy?

Pat Adkins
Ruidoso

What price community?

A phenomenon of the 20th Century now-so near ending has been the breaking down of provincial barriers. When our century was young, people

might have thought of themselves as Americans and New Mexicans — but mostly their horizons ended at the edge of town, or perhaps the county line.

In the 19th Century, as the nation was filling in, county seats typically were established no more than a day's horseback ride from the farthest farmstead, for ease of communication.

They got to know their near neighbors very well, even if sometimes the far neighbors — those in the next county — were looked upon with considerable suspicion.

Nostalgically, we think of those as the "good old days."

Realistically, fast transportation and faster communication has been a boon that none of us would surrender without a fight.

But now communication has come full circle; the magic of the World Wide Web and electronic mail has created a community unshackled by time or distance.

And yet there is a way to keep those close ties between people, by creating our own community of interest right here in Lincoln County...a community that replaces the old "day's ride" rule by a very long country mile.

This newspaper is looking for ways for all the people of Lincoln County to join hands through communication. Naturally, the Internet is a key.

If you would like to talk about building some communication bridges between all the communities of Lincoln County, call me at 257-4001, or e-mail ruidosonews@zianet.com, or plan to attend the next *Ruidoso News* Community Update all-day conference at the Ruidoso Convention Center on Thursday, March 25.

Let's talk to each other.

MOUNTAIN ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN
RUIDOSO NEWS

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Mysterious roads lead to Chaco Canyon

More than a hundred miles east of Chaco Canyon, nestled in the "little hills" of Cerrillos, is a big hole in the ground. It is said to be the oldest mine in North America and is called Mount Chalchihuitl, the Aztec name for jade or turquoise.



BY MORROW
HALL
STIMULATED COMMUNITY

This mine was a source of wealth for the Anasazi people and may have given them the means to construct their impressive buildings.

Turquoise from Chalchihuitl has been found all over the Southwest, and lots of it found its way to the Toltec towns of central Mexico.

Just like contemporary diamond miners in South Africa, the Anasazi kept tight control over the turquoise that was produced from this mine. It allowed them to barter for food, clothing and other necessities, and there was always a surplus.

The trade that resulted eventually allowed the Anasazi

to build nine large "apartment complexes" in the Chaco Canyon area surrounded by some 2,500 smaller villages and individual dwellings. The larger buildings, called "great houses," were as tall as four stories and contained as many as 695 rooms.

The construction method used is called "core and veneer." Visitors today are amazed at the intricacy of the walls, which utilize everything from large slabs to tiny slivers of rock to create smooth, sloping surfaces. It is thought that the exterior surfaces were plastered, giving the huge structures unity of color and form.

Thousands of pine and fir logs were harvested in forests as far as 50 miles away and carried to Chaco Canyon for use as roof beams.

Pueblo Bonito, the largest of the great houses, was built in the shape of a horseshoe. A wall closed off the open end. The towering living areas with their many inhabitants surrounded a plaza with three large kivas, the round ceremonial chambers that are still central to the spiritual life of Pueblo Indians, and 33 smaller ones.

An elaborate system of roads was constructed throughout the area. These thoroughfares all were about 30 feet wide and almost perfectly straight. They had sharp angles instead

of curves. They were regularly maintained.

Although some of these roads extend as far as 50 miles from the population center, they form a pattern that is puzzling to archaeologists. Some of them seem to go from nowhere to nowhere. Some of them have large gaps that may be the result of erosion, but may also indicate that no road was ever built there.

A recent study found that the existing roads do not follow logical routes, based on terrain, from one community to another. This lends credence to the theory that the roads had a religious significance or served some purpose other than connecting economic centers.

Like so many other features of Chaco Canyon, the roads remain a mystery. We have many clues to consider, from the buildings and roads themselves to the many petroglyphs and petroglyphs (carved and painted rocks) to the tree rings that tell us what climates prevailed during the period of occupation.

But there is much more to learn. New scientific methods allow us to sift the dust these ancient dwellers left and find grains of pollen from the plants they used. Satellite imaging allows us to map their roadways and find previously undiscovered ruins. Biochemistry lets us compare the DNA from their

bones to that of Indians living today. Every day we learn some new, astonishing fact about these people.

We know much about how they lived, why they left, and where they went. But the mystery remains. Here, in the Four-Corners region, a seemingly inhospitable landscape, one of the great cultures of the ancient world arose, thrived, and moved on.

But their descendants are still here.

Next week: A monopoly is broken.

Write columnist Hall at P.O. Box 631, Estancia, NM 87016-0631, or e-mail:

morrowhall@aol.com.

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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 88355, attention of the editor.

YOUR OPINION

Now it's 'Schoolgate' right here in Ruidoso

To the editor:

We have Filegate, Watergate, Travelgate, and now we have experienced Schoolgate. It is our opinion that though well-meaning, Ruidoso primary education is falling far short of what we have come to expect of our youngsters' education.

Are you aware that some of Ruidoso's brightest students are now struggling with their beginning college years?

... We were privy to questioning a student's scholastic achievements recently, and became aware after a consultation with staff that the student was functioning not only one year behind, but two years in some subjects.

Remedial means "to remedy." Special educators, called new names such as support services or academia doublespeak, are still the same entity with a new name. But, how is the parent to know, if staff doesn't advise you, and you find out after an emergency that your child is in trouble academically?

This is inexcusable. Are we passing kids without proper achievement...? What message does that send? ...So, where did this start, and where will it end? In drop-outs in high school and college. ...You may shrug

and say this is endemic in all schools. Shall we let everybody be dumb? In many cases, the student cannot even fill out a job application, so how can they get a job?

...I have now started to interview parents, teachers and students. It is my belief we have a frightening problem, and I am struggling with ...the enormity. ...I am not a straight-A zealot, but I do believe that children deserve the best education possible; otherwise they lose their best shots in life.

Our politicians blather on about more teachers and smaller classrooms. Let us start addressing the honesty litmus test of where our children are in the Ruidoso school system...and how they got there...

Barbara Diehl-Westbrook
Ruidoso

"I am not a straight-A zealot"

Barbara Westbrook,
artist, opera singer, writer

Is it 'corporate welfare'?

To the editor:

Is it economic development or corporate welfare?

I've always thought that if a business is a good idea, it should stand on its own without artificial support from government largess. Fact is, when government officials trip over each other to give things away, it only increases the burden on everyone else. Corporate welfare on a nationwide basis costs every taxpayer the equivalent of two weeks' pay annually, with extremely

"...we are once again going to give away the store"

Glenn Remington,
correspondent

dubious results.

Of the jobs created by the giveaway of village property to Jim Colbert Golf, few are such that would support a family. While we are recalling the events of ten years ago, let's remember that the administration that gave away our prime mountain real estate was soundly defeated (by the biggest margin ever) in a subsequent election.

We don't know yet what is in the (Convention Center) hotel lease, but from the tone of the mayor's recent letter, it would seem we are once again going to give away the store.

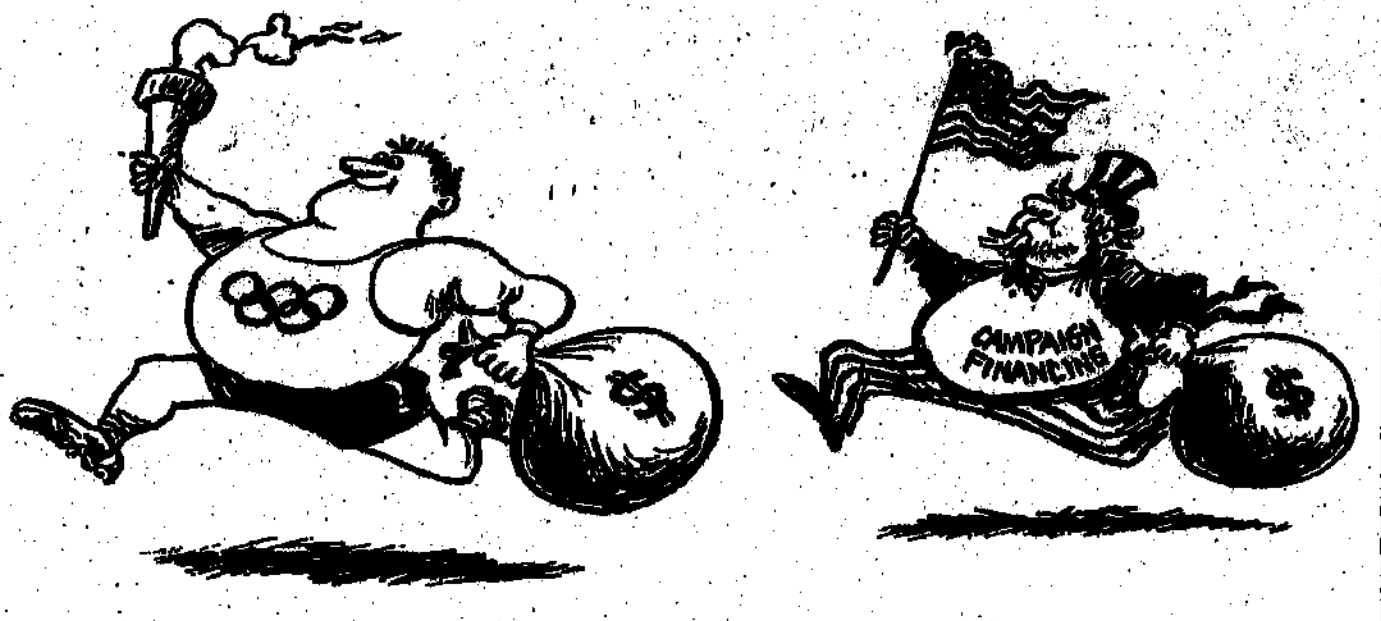
The impact fee alone, that everyone else now has to pay, on 100 (hotel) rooms) would be \$420,000. It will be interesting to see how they handle that one.

Actually, I very much resent only the biggest players benefitting from government giveaways. The backbone of the economy of this and every other community is the small business. It is grossly unfair that the small, sometimes struggling business has to pay full fare and these big boys get a free ride.

People we need to stay on top of this one.

Glenn Remington
Ruidoso

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Be careful when buying a baby crib

BY MARK S. MANDELL
AND JACOB G. VIGIL
U. S. & N. M. TRIAL LAWYERS ASSN.

What could be more benign than a new mother or father tucking an infant into a crib for an afternoon nap?

Unfortunately, this daily ritual experienced by millions of parents and children across America can turn tragic. Each year, about 50 babies suffocate or strangle due to defectively designed cribs and thousands more are injured, according to the U. S. Consumer Product Safety Com-

mission (CPSC).

Ann Brown, CPSC chairwoman, said more infant deaths are associated with cribs than any other nursery item.

...The CPSC and lawyers who represent injured consumers have warned for years about defectively designed cribs and playpens that can cause injury or death. Attorneys often are on the front lines in establishing a pattern of dangerous defects exists...

Consumer Reports recommends that parents stay away from cribs that have corner

posts that can snag clothing.

Buy a new crib only; stay away from used cribs, even if they have been in the family for a long time.

Stay away from cribs that have been hand-painted; the paint may have a lead base.

Mattresses should fit snugly...

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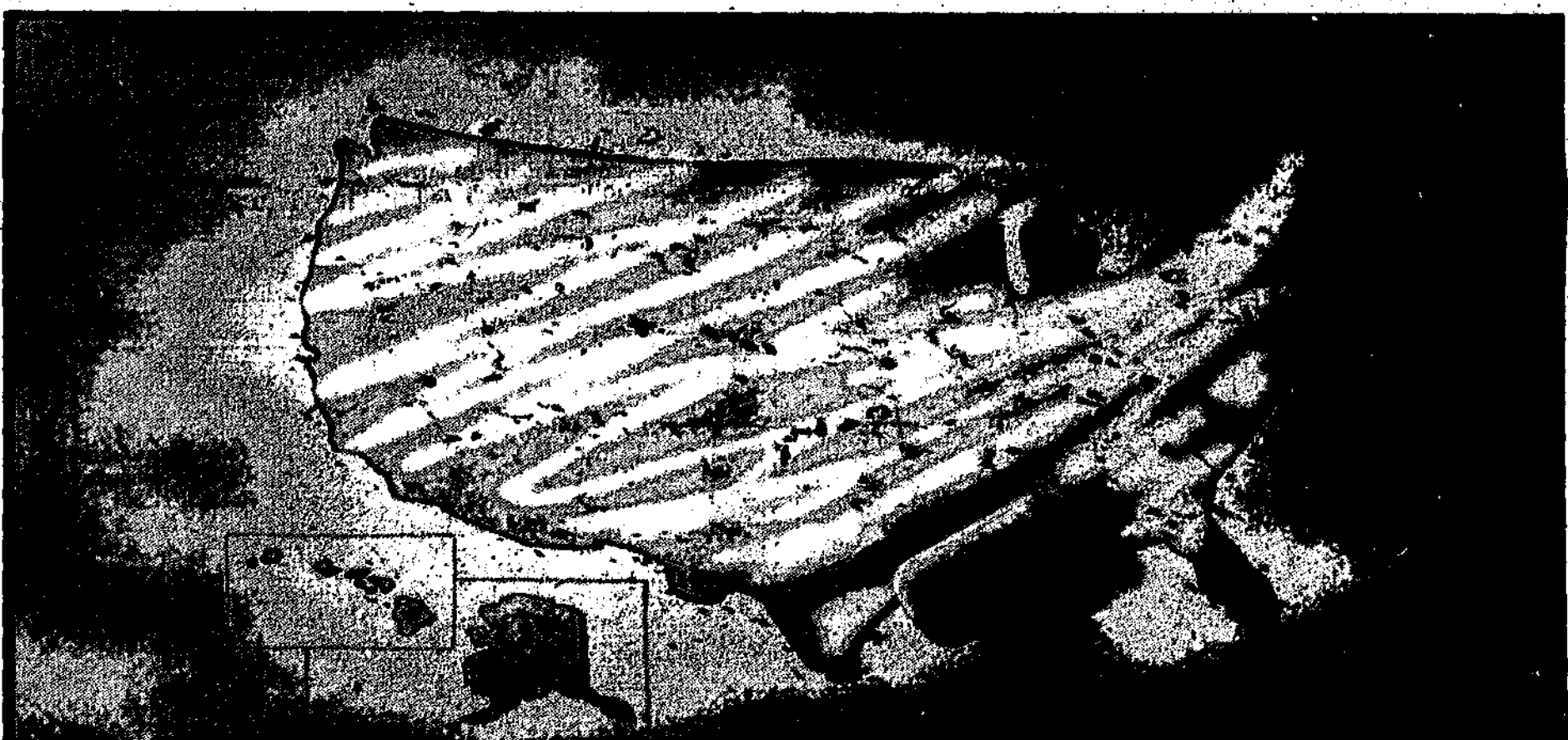
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MUSEUM: Tours will still be offered



The Historical Center sign still hangs in front of the museum.

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are refurbishing the museum and the other historic buildings formerly owned by the Trust as "Historic Lincoln."

"The addition of Historic Lincoln to our operation is very much in keeping with our name change," Bruce Eldredge, director of the Hubbard Museum, said in a prepared release. "The legends who at one time or another lived or did business in Lincoln comprise a major portion of the mythology of the American West. Lincoln is a living village which has survived in a world of dramatic change."

Tentative hours of operation for the museum will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week, Bertucio said. Walking tours will still be offered. An admission fee will be charged, but museum officials have not decided on an exact amount.

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she added.

Proposed structural changes at the museum include transforming the entrance area into a gift shop, Wells said.

Bertucio, who has a master's degree in museum science from Texas Tech University and is also curator at the Hubbard Museum, has completed an inventory of several hundred pages on the Lincoln museum's collections. Refurbishing of the exhibits has now begun.

"And that's going to be an on-going process," Wells said. "We've been under the gun just getting things inventoried, moved in and sort of rearranged so we could function. But the exhibits are going to be entirely updated and refurbished."

The Lincoln museum is going to be a challenge to Bertucio as a curator, she said.

"Taking on new work is always exciting and you don't always know what's around the corner," Bertucio said.

The Hubbard Museum intends to work with the New Mexico Monuments Division's office, which also oversees historical structures in Lincoln, Bertucio said.

"We are trying to maintain the relationship that historic Lincoln had — cooperative," she said.

Dance and auction to benefit injured RHS grad

A dance benefit and silent auction for Lloyd Hobbs and his family, who face increasing medical costs incurred from Lloyd's accident, will be held Feb. 27.

The dance will feature the Graham Brother Band and will be held at the Ruidoso Convention Center. The event will start at 8 p.m. and continue until midnight.

Lloyd Hobbs

Tickets are \$6 per person, \$10 per couple or \$15 per family with a maximum of five people.

Those who have items to donate or who want to help or for more information, can call Jackie Powell at 257-6171 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. She also can be reached during the evenings and at nights at 653-4072.

Hobbs, a 1998 graduate of Ruidoso High School and the son of Bobby and Cherie Hobbs, was seriously injured

in a 4-wheeler accident on a farm in San Patricio on Dec. 15, 1998.

On that morning, Hobbs was trying to locate some cows and horses that had wandered from the farm of Dr. Lynn Willard, a veterinarian. While crossing the Rio Ruidoso, the all-terrain vehicle he was riding flipped and pinned him waist deep in the freezing water.

He would remain pinned there for more than six hours.

When Hobbs did not return to the Ruidoso Animal Clinic, where he is employed, Willard began to worry.

By 4 p.m. that day, after several futile calls to the farm, Willard drove from the clinic in Ruidoso to San Patricio to look for Hobbs. After another 45 minutes, the vet started up the river bank when he saw the overturned 4-wheeler vehicle.

Willard yelled to Hobbs and Hobbs answered weakly that he was pinned and couldn't move. Racing into the cold waters, Willard discovered Hobbs barely conscious and blue.

After pulling Hobbs from the river, Willard immediately started treating Hobbs for hypothermia and shock. Willard called Hobbs' parents and they took him to Lincoln County Medical Center where he was diagnosed with a broken back and immediately flown to UNM Trauma Center in Albuquerque.

He remained in the trauma center for several days while his injuries were evaluated. The 12 vertebrae in his spine had been destroyed and Hobbs had to be operated on after the injury was stabilized.

The first of several operations was eight hours long. UNM doctors removed two ribs so they could combine the bone material with titanium rods and build a new vertebrae.

After the operation the doctors stated it could be possibly a year before Lloyd would be able to stand again. They were even more unsure of his chances of walking again.

With the continued help and support of friends and

family and physical therapy at St. Joseph's Rehab Center in Albuquerque, Hobbs' recovery has occurred much faster than first expected. He is now able to stand and take a few steps with a walker.

Hobbs and his family say they are "eternally grateful to Dr. Willard" who "is far more than a hero" to them.

It would have been a few more hours before Hobbs' parents would have known to start searching on their own, and doctors tell them that would have been too late.

But because of the mounting medical costs, family and friends are holding this benefit dance and silent auction to help pay for Hobbs' recovery.

An account at Ruidoso State Bank also has been established on Hobbs' behalf.

The hospital has agreed to release Hobbs so he can make an appearance at the dance and tell all of his well wishers thanks.

The family hopes that "Lincoln County shows up in force to celebrate with us."

NEWS BRIEFS

VA establishes info help line

ALBUQUERQUE — The Department of Veterans Affairs has a new toll-free telephone number for veterans and dependents to get the latest information on VA education benefits. By dialing 1-888-GI BILL.

(1-888-442-4551) veterans, dependents, school officials, veterans service officers and others can receive education benefits information, including detailed eligibility criteria and general background on VA programs, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

VA Under Secretary for Benefits Joe Thompson said "VA is committed to providing

the nation's veterans with the very best in customer service. This automated help-line will provide accessible and efficient information about these popular VA services and programs."

Veterans, reservists and National Guard members receiving education benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill also can obtain detailed infor-

mation on their personal benefits account through the new automated system.

Veterans and dependents seeking information on all VA benefits programs can call the department's general toll-free number, 1-800-827-1000, which will connect them to the nearest VA regional office.

OFFICE: The new post office in Ruidoso should open in June or July

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road's height is different from what had been indicated on drawings from the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department.

Landscaping plans for the Ruidoso facility have been changed to satisfy local concerns, Martin said.

"At the request of the mayor, we have redesigned our landscaping to include some land-

scaping around the golf course so we can make the (walking) path a nicer place," Martin said.

A combination of coniferous and deciduous trees will be used in the landscaping as well as ivy plants along the facility's 17-foot-high back retaining wall. In another change to the landscaping plans, the architect is using more xeriscaping plants that won't need a lot of water, he said.

"We have gone to some pret-

ty extensive measures to work with the mayor, the community and the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Department," he said.

Martin said the post office had an option to relocate the trees that had been on the lot at the very outset of the project, but decided against it because they were unlikely to survive the transplanting.

"And we did not wish to create a new facility and put in a bunch of dead trees," he said.

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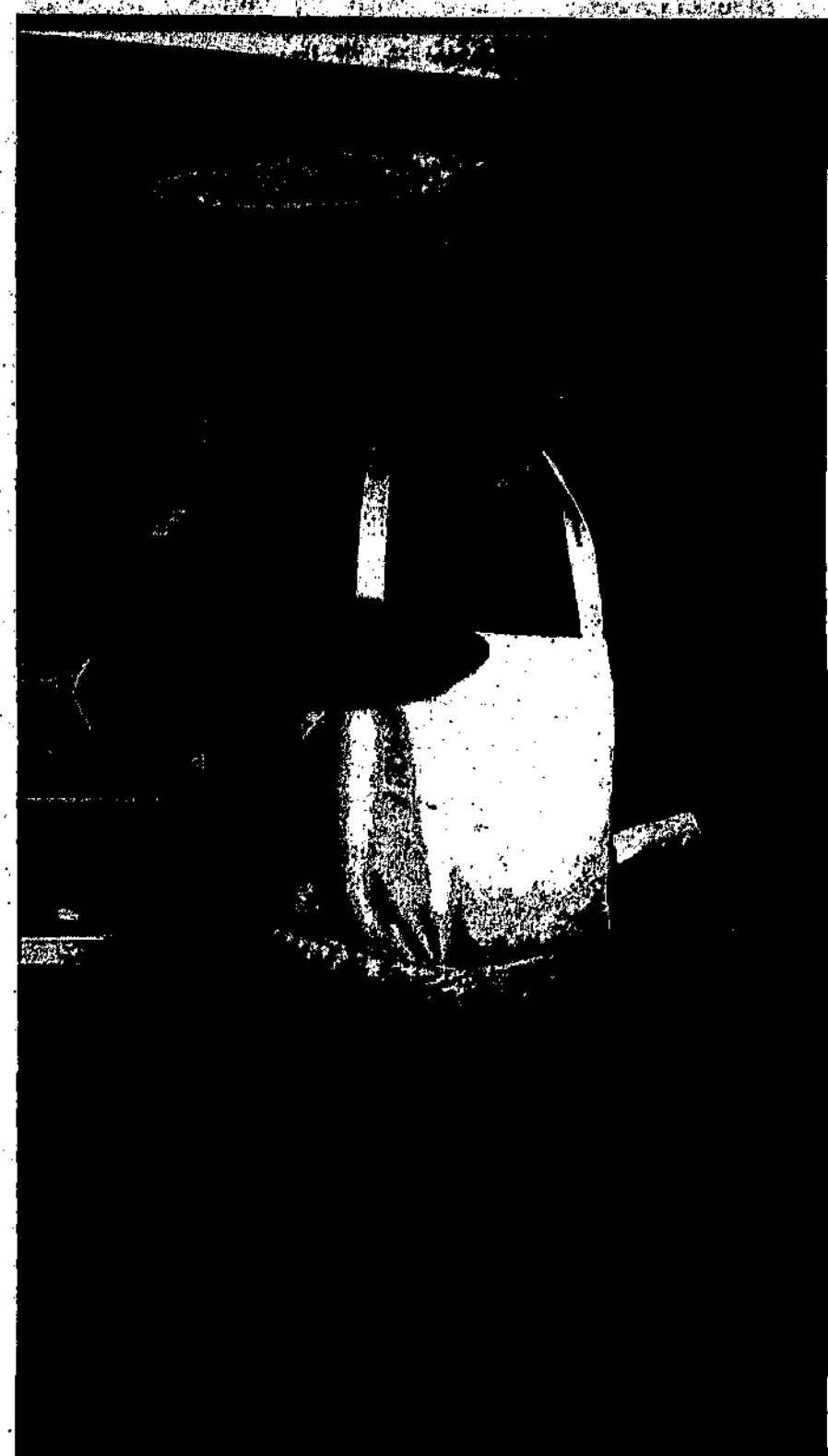
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However, home construction values increased by more than 100 percent — from about \$500,000 to more than \$1 million — and the total number of building permit applications increased by about 20 percent, according to a compilation of building permit statistics.

No new commercial construction projects were started in the village in January, according to village data.

County labor force increases slightly

Lincoln County's labor force increased from November to December by 48 people, from 7,579 to 7,627, according to the recent report by the New Mexico Labor Market Review.

Statewide, December's unemployment rate remained unchanged from November at 6 percent.

Luna County had the highest unemployment rate at 24.8 percent and Union County had the lowest at 2.8 percent.

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'Contract bundling' examined by SBA

The U.S. Small Business Administration recently published proposed regulations that will protect small businesses involved with federal government contracting.

Once adopted, the rules will establish definitions for the practice known as "contract bundling" and supply remedies to counter the negative impact that bundling has on small businesses.

The public has until March 15 to comment on the proposal before the agency starts to finalize the regulations, according to a press release from the administration.

"The SBA has proposed a set of regulations to ensure that 'contract bundling' doesn't shut the doors of opportunity for small businesses," SBA Administrator Aida Alvarez said. "It may be easier to lump together a number of small contracts, but it doesn't benefit the taxpayer if it means higher costs from decreased competition. And we must make sure we aren't harming the small business owner and his or her employees."

Written comments should be sent to the SBA's office of Government Contracting in Washington, D.C.

Free tax help available

Volunteers will help people with low- to middle-range incomes prepare their tax returns starting Feb. 4.

The American Association of Retired Persons Tax-Aide volunteers will provide the free service and answer tax questions at area senior citizen centers on the following schedule:

• Ruidoso — 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, from Feb. 4 to April 15
• Carrizozo — 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 3
• Capitan — 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 10
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• Corona — 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 24

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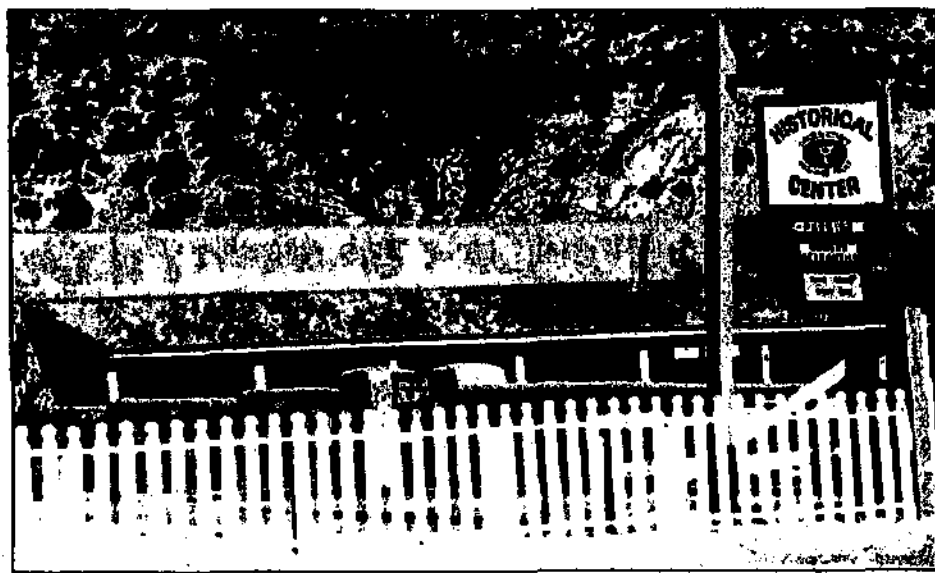
The U.S. Small Business Administration has provided the Small Business Classroom, a series of business courses, through the Internet, according to a news release from the administration.

The course is the first of its kind, according to the release, and uses the latest technology to bring easy-to-use, interactive electronic business courses to anyone with a standard Internet connection.

The courses take seven to 30 minutes each and are self-paced modules and include sections on Y2K preparedness issues, on preparing effective business plans, marketing and on raising business capital.

The courses are available at www.sba.gov.

MUSEUM: Tours will still be offered



The Historical Center sign still hangs in front of the museum.

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are refurbishing the museum and the other historic buildings formerly owned by the Trust as "Historic Lincoln."

"The addition of Historic Lincoln to our operation is very much in keeping with our name change," Bruce Eldredge, director of the Hubbard Museum, said in a prepared release. "The legends who at one time or another lived or did business in Lincoln comprise a major portion of the mythology of the American West. Lincoln is a living village which has survived in a world of dramatic change."

Tentative hours of operation for the museum will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week, Bertucio said. Walking tours will still be offered. An admission fee will be charged, but museum officials have not decided on an exact amount,

she added.

Proposed structural changes at the museum include transforming the entrance area into a gift shop, Wells said.

Bertucio, who has a master's degree in museum science from Texas Tech University and is also curator at the Hubbard Museum, has completed an inventory of several hundred pages on the Lincoln museum's collections. Refurbishing of the exhibits has now begun.

"And that's going to be an on-going process," Wells said. "We've been under the gun just getting things inventoried, moved in and sort of rearranged so we could function. But the exhibits are going to be entirely updated and refurbished."

The Lincoln museum is going to be a challenge to Bertucio as a curator, she said.

"Taking on new work is always exciting and you don't always know what's around the corner," Bertucio said.

The Hubbard Museum intends to work with the New Mexico Monuments Division's office, which also oversees historical structures in Lincoln, Bertucio said.

"We are trying to maintain the relationship that historic Lincoln had — cooperative," she said.

Dance and auction to benefit injured RHS grad

A dance benefit and silent auction for Lloyd Hobbs and his family, who face increasing medical costs incurred from Lloyd's accident, will be held Feb. 27.

The dance will feature the Graham Brother Band and will be held at the Ruidoso Convention Center. The event will start at 8 p.m. and continue until midnight.



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Tickets are \$6 per person, \$10 per couple or \$15 per family with a maximum of five people.

Those who have items to donate or who want to help or for more information, can call Jackie Powell at 257-6171 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. She also can be reached during the evenings and at nights at 653-4072.

Hobbs, a 1998 graduate of Ruidoso High School and the son of Bobby and Cherie Hobbs, was seriously injured

in a 4-wheeler accident on a farm in San Patricio on Dec. 15, 1998.

On that morning, Hobbs was trying to locate some cows and horses that had wandered from the farm of Dr. Lynn Willard, a veterinarian. While crossing the Rio Ruidoso, the all-terrain vehicle he was riding flipped and pinned him waist deep in the freezing water.

He would remain pinned there for more than six hours.

When Hobbs did not return to the Ruidoso Animal Clinic, where he is employed, Willard began to worry.

By 4 p.m. that day, after several futile calls to the farm, Willard drove from the clinic in Ruidoso to San Patricio to look for Hobbs. After another 45 minutes, the vet started up the river bank when he saw the overturned 4-wheeler vehicle.

Willard yelled to Hobbs and Hobbs answered weakly that he was pinned and couldn't move. Racing into the cold waters, Willard discovered Hobbs barely conscious and blue.

After pulling Hobbs from the river, Willard immediately started treating Hobbs for hypothermia and shock. Willard called Hobbs' parents and they took him to Lincoln County Medical Center where he was diagnosed with a broken back and immediately flown to UNM Trauma Center in Albuquerque.

He remained in the trauma center for several days while his injuries were evaluated. The 12 vertebrae in his spine had been destroyed and Hobbs had to be operated on after the injury was stabilized.

The first of several operations was eight hours long. UNM doctors removed two ribs so they could combine the bone material with titanium rods and build a new vertebrae.

After the operation the doctors stated it could be possible a year before Lloyd would be able to stand again. They were even more unsure of his chances of walking again.

With the continued help and support of friends and

family and physical therapy at St. Joseph's Rehab Center in Albuquerque, Hobbs' recovery has occurred much faster than first expected. He is now able to stand and take a few steps with a walker.

Hobbs and his family say they are "eternally grateful to Dr. Willard" who "is far more than a hero" to them.

It would have been a few more hours before Hobbs' parents would have known to start searching on their own, and doctors tell them that would have been too late.

But because of the mounting medical costs, family and friends are holding this benefit dance and silent auction to help pay for Hobbs' recovery.

An account at Ruidoso State Bank also has been established on Hobbs' behalf.

The hospital has agreed to release Hobbs so he can make an appearance at the dance and tell all of his well-wishers thanks.

The family hopes that "Lincoln County shows up in force to celebrate with us."

NEWS BRIEFS

VA establishes info help line

ALBUQUERQUE — The Department of Veterans Affairs has a new toll-free telephone number for veterans and dependents to get the latest information on VA education benefits. By dialing 1-888-GI BILL

(1-888-442-4551) veterans, dependents, school officials, veterans service officers and others can receive education benefits information, including detailed eligibility criteria and general background on VA programs, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

VA Under Secretary for Benefits, Joe Thompson said "VA is committed to providing

the nation's veterans with the very best in customer service. This automated help-line will provide accessible and efficient information about these popular VA services and programs."

Veterans, reservists and National Guard members receiving education benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill also can obtain detailed infor-

mation on their personal benefits account through the new automated system.

Veterans and dependents seeking information on all VA benefits programs can call the department's general toll-free number, 1-800-827-1000, which will connect them to the nearest VA regional office.

OFFICE: The new post office in Ruidoso should open in June or July

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road's height is different from what had been indicated on drawings from the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department.

Landscaping plans for the Ruidoso facility have been changed to satisfy local concerns, Martin said.

"At the request of the mayor, we have redesigned our landscaping to include some land-

scaping around the golf course so we can make the (walking) path a nicer place," Martin said.

A combination of coniferous and deciduous trees will be used in the landscaping as well as ivy plants along the facility's 17-foot-high back retaining wall. In another change to the landscaping plans, the architect is using more xeriscaping plants that won't need a lot of water, he said.

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Martin said the post office had an option to relocate the trees that had been on the lot at the very outset of the project, but decided against it because they were unlikely to survive the transplanting.

"And we did not wish to create a new facility and put in a bunch of dead trees," he said.

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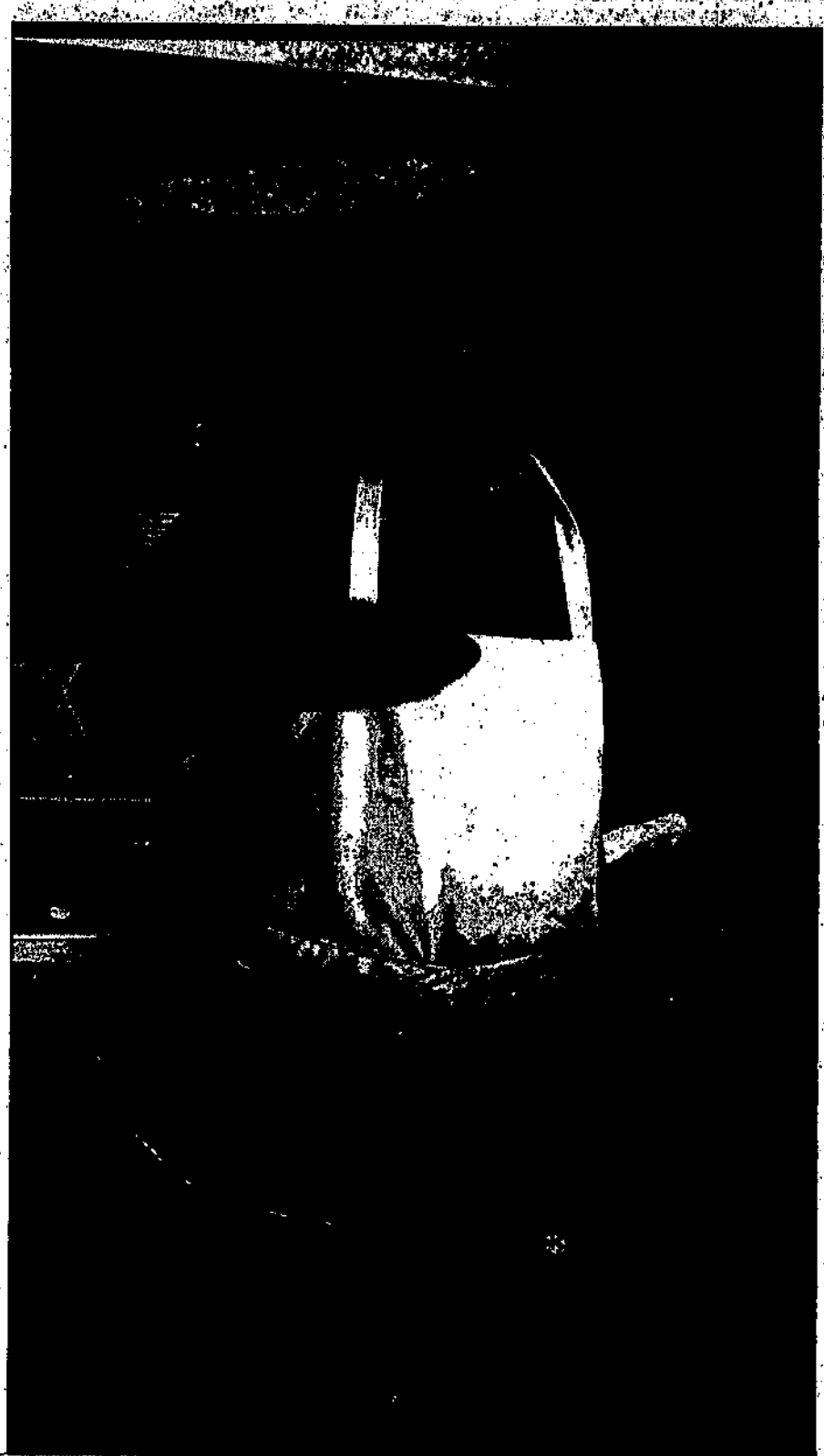
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Hart and her husband Paul have two children, Jennifer and Matthew, and have been Ruidoso residents for more than 20 years.

Construction values decline in January

Ruidoso's construction values as a whole dropped about 36 percent in January from the same month last year, according to information from the Ruidoso Planning Department.

However, home construction values increased by more than 100 percent — from about \$500,000 to more than \$1 million — and the total number of building permit applications increased by about 20 percent, according to a compilation of building permit statistics.

No new commercial construction projects were started in the village in January, according to village data.

County labor force increases slightly

Lincoln County's labor force increased from November to December by 48 people, from 7,579 to 7,627, according to the recent report by the New Mexico Labor Market Review.

Statewide, December's unemployment rate remained unchanged from November at 6 percent.

Luna County had the highest unemployment rate at 24.8 percent and Union County had the lowest at 2.8 percent.

Lincoln County's unemployment rate was 4.8 percent for December.

'Contract bundling' examined by SBA

The U.S. Small Business Administration recently published proposed regulations that will protect small businesses involved with federal government contracting.

Once adopted, the rules will establish definitions for the practice known as "contract bundling" and supply remedies to counter the negative impact that bundling has on small businesses.

The public has until March 15 to comment on the proposal before the agency starts to finalize the regulations, according to a press release from the administration.

"The SBA has proposed a set of regulations to ensure that 'contract bundling' doesn't shut the doors of opportunity for small businesses," SBA Administrator Aida Alvarez said. "It may be easier to lump together a number of small contracts, but it doesn't benefit the taxpayer if it means higher costs from decreased competition. And we must make sure we aren't harming the small business owner and his or her employees."

Written comments should be sent to the SBA's office of Government Contracting in Washington, D.C.

Free tax help available

Volunteers will help people with low- to middle-range incomes prepare their tax returns starting Feb. 4.

The American Association of Retired Persons Tax-Aide volunteers will provide the free service and answer tax questions at area senior citizen centers on the following schedule:

- Ruidoso — 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, from Feb. 4 to April 15
- Carrizozo — 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 3
- Capitan — 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 10
- San Patricio — 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 17
- Corona — 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 24

On-line classes offered for small biz owners

The U.S. Small Business Administration has provided the Small Business Classroom, a series of business courses, through the Internet, according to a news release from the administration.

The course is the first of its kind, according to the release, and uses the latest technology to bring easy-to-use, interactive electronic business courses to anyone with a standard Internet connection.

The courses take seven to 30 minutes each and are self-paced modules and include sections on Y2K preparedness issues, on preparing effective business plans, marketing and on raising business capital.

The courses are accessible at www.sba.gov.

Howell, commission clash over consent agenda

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

In an unprecedented move Thursday, four Lincoln County commissioners rejected a request by the fifth member of the board to remove an item from the consent agenda for discussion.

"I'm a little disappointed," Commissioner Wilton Howell said after he failed to gain support for his request. "In the six years I've been on the commission, we've never refused to remove an item (for discussion) requested by a commissioner. Any time a commissioner has asked, we've done it."

Commissioner William Schwettmann told Howell he

could follow the lead of other commissioners and discuss items on the consent agenda with the manager in private ahead of time.

"I have a problem doing the public's business in private," Howell said.

Consent agendas usually include items that are routine such as payroll accounts, the treasurer's report. They are voted on as a block in one motion. Howell wanted to pull a project status report submitted by County Manager Tom Stewart.

However, he managed to ask his questions even without taking the report off the consent agenda. As Commission Chairman Rex Wilson called for a motion and vote to

approve the nine items, Howell asked County Manager Tom Stewart why the county has overspent the money it set aside to buy base course for roads and the money budgeted to operate the jail. He also wanted to know why the county seems stalled on plans to build a new jail.

"We need to decide if the jail will be operated privately, the number of cells and types of programs," Howell said. "All we have is a site (the county seat of Carrizozo) and I'm OK with that choice."

Stewart said he has scheduled a presentation on design, construction and operation of the new jail for the commission's regular meeting March 18.

The county already has spent 167 percent of what it budgeted to operate the old jail in Carrizozo and 134 percent of the money set aside for prisoner health care, Howell pointed out.

Stewart said a mid-year budget adjustment will funnel enough money into those items to finish out the fiscal year that ends June 30.

After the meeting, Stewart explained that \$21,000 has been spent on inmate health care, although only \$17,000 was budgeted.

"We've been getting a lot of sick inmates and we're not capable of caring for them," he said. "When they come in, we send them to other facilities."

Carrizozo train caboose to open as visitors' center

Groups prepare for 100th-year celebration

CARRIZOZO — The old freight train caboose recently set up on Central Avenue in Carrizozo will open March 1 ready to serve this community as a visitors' center and a Chamber of Commerce office.

This announcement was the highlight of the Feb. 10 meeting of the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce. Rene Burton, Carrizozo Action Team chairperson, reported that furnishings, except for a display case, are in place.

Row Dow of the Carrizozo Lodgers Tax Committee announced the purchase of a computer for use at the center. A roster of volunteers is ready and the Carrizozo Action Team, the town of Carrizozo and the Chamber of Commerce are continuing to work jointly on the project.

The grand opening will be at a later date, according to the chamber.

Dolores Rue of Region IX Education invited the chamber, or anyone interested, to be a presenter or an exhibitor in the Third Annual Transition/Career Fair at the Ruidoso Convention Center on Feb. 26.

The fair provides information concerning job opportunities, post-high school options for students and adults, including those with special needs,

their families and educators.

The goal of the fair is to assist students and adults in job market transitioning and in becoming productive members of area communities.

For more information, call Region IX at 257-2368.

Chamber member and local locksmith Gary Stout presented the updated brochure listing lodgings, recreation and foods available in Carrizozo.

Stout emphasized the promotional possibilities. Carrizozo could have with a web site on the Internet.

The town's only promotional coverage on the Internet is part advertising in Southern New Mexico Magazine. Stout will bring more information and cost estimates for the next meeting.

Peter Wolfe, chamber president, again stressed the importance of community input regarding the coming Carrizozo Centennial in August.

Beautification is one priority; town council member Eileen Lovelace reported the town will plant and maintain flowers in McDonald Park. Ideas for celebrating the town's 100th birthday should be placed in a suggestion box at Carrizozo Hardware.

COMMISSION: Salaries for elected officials continue to be contentious

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the year, you illegally or unethically took it away," she said.

Commissioners rescinded the raises in 1995, because of an attorney general's opinion that raises given in mid-term for county elected officials are illegal under the state constitution. At the same time, a state law requires equity in pay for similar jobs.

In 1997, commissioners tried again, approving 10 percent raises, but in October, 1998, the state Supreme Court ruled in line with the attorney general that mid-term raises are illegal. The commission rescinded the raises.

When the sheriff, treasurer, assessor and Proctor sought legal advice last year, they were

told they couldn't use Morel, because he represents the commission, which sets the county budget. The four hired Ruidoso attorney David Stevens.

"I never said I intended to sue the county, but if the issue had not been settled satisfactory, I probably would have," Proctor said.

Howell said the commission had no choice in removing the raises, because they were illegal, according to the Supreme Court. However, many other counties that granted raises to their elected officials did not rescind them after the court decision.

After the meeting Thursday, Morel said a proposed constitutional amendment to remedy the situation was to be introduced in the state Legislature that day, the last time this ses-

sion for bills to be accepted.

When a person runs for office, they know what they'll be paid," Howell said. Raises shouldn't be necessary, he said, adding that the county could have avoided the problem by approving raises for everyone but commissioners. That way, commissioners would not have been voting themselves raises, whether or not they were in mid-term, Howell said.

"Why did you decrease (the salaries) in the first place?" Proctor asked. "Lincoln County officials are probably the lowest paid in the state."

"I don't think anyone seeks employment without the hope of a raise, much less to lose some salary."

Park said when she ran for office, she anticipated an

already approved raise that was suppose to kick in Jan. 1, 1995.

"Yes, I knew what I was going to make and I did on paper for five days, but I never saw the money," she said. "I believe I had an obligation to make sure you obey the law and to not allow you to lower a salary in mid-term (which also is against the constitution)."

"I guess we have a different interpretation of the law," Howell said. "It will take a constitutional amendment to change this."

LCMC BIRTHS

Dec. 3, 1998 — a son, Conner Elijah Davis, to Ellari and Justin Davis, 8 pounds, 7.8 ounces, 21 inches long.

Dec. 4, 1998 — a son, Avery Cord Stewart, to Amy and Flint Stewart, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, 20 and 1/2 inches long.

Dec. 4, 1998 — a son, Kamen Max Marquez, to Kendra and Angie Marquez, 8 pounds, 8 ounces, and 21 inches long.

Dec. 7, 1998 — a daughter, T'Khala Lynce Chavez, to Christine Bergeron, 7 pounds, 13.2 ounces, 21 and 1/4 inches long.

Dec. 8, 1998 — a daughter, Ashton Taylor Nunez, to Misty and Daniel Nunez, 6 pounds, 4.2 ounces, 19 inches long.

Dec. 9, 1998 — a daughter, Hunter Jade Christmas, to Chrystal and Timothy Christmas, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, 21 and 1/2 inches long.

Dec. 10, 1998 — a son, Jerime Allen Enjady, to Josephine Via, 6 pounds, 7.6 ounces, 20 inches long.

Dec. 10, 1998 — a son, Jerome Dominick Rocha, to Elaine Blake, 7 pounds, 11.6 ounces, 21 inches long.

Dec. 12, 1998 — a son, William Robert Meece, to Mary Mansfield, 7 pounds, 12.8 ounces, 20 inches long.

Dec. 12, 1998 — a daughter, Haley Michelle Randolph, to Michelle Gabaldon, 6 pounds, 11.6 ounces, 18 and 1/2 inches long.

Dec. 14, 1998 — a daughter, Leelah Mabel Schwartzberg, to Lisanne and Paul Schwartzberg, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, 19 and 1/2 inches long.

Dec. 15, 1998 — a daughter, Chloe Noel White, to Leslie and Michael White, 7 pounds, 2.6 ounces, 20 inches.

Dec. 21, 1998 — a daughter, Hosanna Judith Latrice Word, to Jennifer Word, 7 pounds, 10.8 ounces, 20 and 1/2 inches long.

Dec. 22, 1998 — a son, Rowan Sol Archuleta Allen, to Ted and Glenda Allen Jr., 8 pounds, 11.4 ounces, and 20 and 3/8 inches long.

Dec. 22, 1998 — a daughter, Mackenzie Ashton Blossom, to Tania and Chad Blossom, 6 pounds, 10.2 ounces, 20 and 1/4 inches long.

Dec. 27, 1998 — a daughter, Mariah Karen Lloyd, to Monica and Steve Lloyd, 9 pounds, 7 ounces, 22 inches long.

Dec. 27, 1998 — a daughter, Estrea Jade Barreras, to Monica Cuthair, 6 pounds, 8 ounces, 18 inches long.

Dec. 29, 1998 — a daughter, Faith Kittlynn Lyle, to Sabrina Lyle, 6 pounds, 14.4 ounces, 19 inches long.



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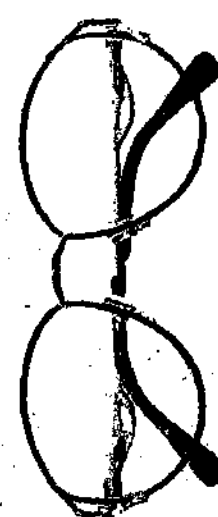
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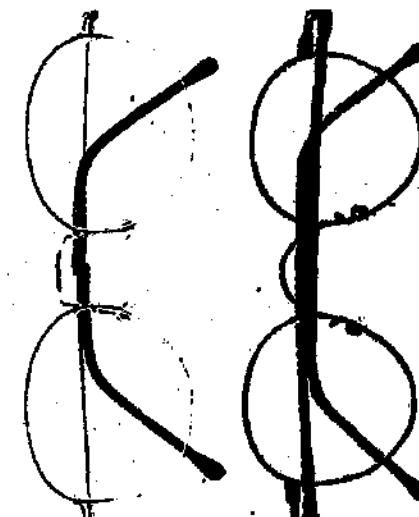
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For more information, call the RAC at 257-4900, or the health office at 258-3252.

Ski Report

Conditions at Ski Apache:

- Lifts open: 51 of 55
- Trails open: 10 of 11
- Snow depth on open trails: 34 inches
- Surface conditions: Machine groomed and variable
- Skiing conditions: Good, some upper mountain areas are fair
- Snowmaking: Yes, on nine trails
- Upcoming events: Saturday - Lubbock Cup, Wednesday - Cross Your Heart Cup, March 3 - Disabled Skiers' Race.

This week

TODAY

Boys basketball
Ruidoso vs. Hot Springs, 7:30 p.m.
Capitan vs. Tularosa, 7:30 p.m.
Carrizozo vs. Mesilla Valley, 7 p.m.

Wrestling

Ruidoso at Class A-AAA State Wrestling Championships, TBA

Saturday

Girls basketball
Winner of Tularosa/Dexter at Capitan for District 6AA Tournament Championship, 6 p.m.
Winner of Carrizozo/Corona at Hondo for District 3A Tournament Championship, 6 p.m.
Ruidoso vs. Hot Springs, TBA

Wrestling

Ruidoso at Class A-AAA State Wrestling Championships, TBA

Skiing

The Lubbock Cup, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., NASTAR Course, Ski Apache

Tuesday

Boys basketball
District 6AA Tournament first round games, TBA
District 3A Tournament first round games, TBA

Scoreboard

Tuesday

Girls basketball
District 3A playoffs
Corona 34, Mountainair 33
Carrizozo 59, Vaughn 57
Vaughn 10, 14, 19, 14, 15, 14, 21, 59
Carrizozo 9, 15, 14, 21, 59
Halftime score: Carrizozo 24, Vaughn 24.
Leading scorers: C - Renee Rael 30, V - Crystal Lesperance 25, Ava Gutierrez 14.
Records - Carrizozo 9-9, Vaughn 7-14.

District 5A
Mesilla Valley Christian 63, Mescalero 37

District 6AA playoffs
Tularosa 65, Cloudcroft 44
Boys basketball
Cobre 94, Santa Teresa 79
Hot Springs 76, Silver 65

Pecking Order

AP Boys Basketball Top 10
Class AAA
1. St. Pius (8) 14-4 98 2
2. St. Michael's (2) 12-6 87 1
3. Los Alamos 13-7 62 3
4. Taos 13-7 59 7
5. Shiprock 12-6 51 6
6. Thoreau 15-4 40 5
7. Robertson 11-7 38 4
8. Lovington 10-9 29 8
9. Academy 7-11 27 9
10. Wingate 11-8 22 10

Others receiving votes: Hot Springs 16, Silver 11, Kirtland Central 7, Artesia 1, Pojoaque 1, Bernalillo 1.

Boys District 3AAA Standings
Team Dist. Overall
Hot Springs 4-1 11-7
Silver 3-2 10-9
Cobre 3-2 10-10
Ruidoso 3-2 10-10
Santa Teresa 0-5 3-17

On deck

Senior Olympic Sports Training Clinic
New Mexico Senior Olympics will offer a sports training clinic for Ruidoso seniors interested in learning a new sport or refining current skills to help prepare them for their local senior Olympic games. The clinic is free of charge and will be Tuesday at Roswell High School and Yucca Youth Center. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. in the Roswell High School gym lobby. For more information, call (505) 623-5777.

March Madness basketball tourney
A "men's 6-foot and under plus one" basketball tournament is set for March 12-14 in Mescalero. A non-refundable deposit of \$75 is due by March 5. First 16 teams with deposit will play. Roster limited to 10 players. Entry fee is \$150. Individual and team awards for first through fourth places, plus MVP, all tournament, sportsmanship and more. For more information, call Abraham or Gina Chee at 257-7300 and leave a message.

Home court advantage on the line for Tigers

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Capitan assistant coach Chad Ghormley doesn't know if the Tigers' near-victory over No. 1-ranked Tularosa Feb. 5 is a good sign or a bad omen.

The Tigers dropped a 77-74 overtime decision to Johnnie May's Wildcats. Both teams were 2-0 in District 6AA at the time. Now the Wildcats are 22-0 and 5-0 in the 6AA, while Capitan is 9-11 and 3-2.

"It gave us confidence to know that we can play with the best in the state," Ghormley said. "But I also think it's like waking a sleeping bear. They're going to come down here ready to play. We have to be even more ready to play than we were the last time."

Today at 7:30 p.m. when the two teams play again this time in Capitan, the Wildcats will be out to prove the first

meeting was a fluke, while the Tigers must win to secure the district's runner-up spot.

"We were pretty fortunate to win that night," said May referring to the Feb. 5 game. "I'm sure our kids were a little flat."

But May didn't take anything away from the Tigers' efforts.

"They came ready to play and really played with a lot of energy," May said of Capitan.

Still, Tularosa made just nine-of-39 shots from three-point range in the first meeting, which allowed Capitan head coach Royce Brown to stay in a zone defense.

May said the Wildcats must shoot better to pull the Tigers out their zone. "If that's not happening then we have to take the ball inside to Josh King," he said.

King is the Wildcats' tallest player at 6-foot, 4-inches. But

their greatest threats are from outside in guards Cody May (14.6 points per game), David Prelo (12.5 ppg) and Sam Blazer (10 ppg).

Ghormley is most concerned with May who "can step across the halfcourt line and become an immediate threat."

"He can be three to five feet from the arc and still drain the shot," Ghormley said of May. "He stretches out the defense."

Coach May said his team isn't one-dimensional. On any given night, the Wildcats have as many as five players in double figures. He counts balance and depth as two of the Wildcats' strengths.

"This team is one of hardest working teams we've had in a long time," May said. "They play the game the way we think it should be played - with a lot of heart and with a lot of intensity."

Ghormley and Brown know

the Tigers will have to be on top of their game today.

Shooting will be a key for the Tigers, Ghormley said, from both the free-throw line and the field.

"We have to shoot well to keep up with the pace of the game," he said. "Tularosa is still a little more aggressive than we are. They have depth and they can keep coming after you."

Capitan's scoring burden falls on senior Garydon Silva and forward Kenny Stahl. Senior forward Raymond Harris, the Tigers' leading scorer and rebounder, is questionable for today's game.

A Capitan victory assures the Tigers of a home game in the District 6AA Tournament which begins Tuesday. A loss means Capitan will be seeded No. 3 and would have to travel for a semifinal game in Dexter Thursday.



Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News file photo
Tiger Kenny Stahl will be Capitan's main threat inside against No. 1 Tule.

Tiger girls to attempt 6AA sweep

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

To win their first District 6AA title outright, the Tiger girls will have to set aside the week's distractions and focus solely on their championship game Saturday, coach Bryan Massé said Thursday.

Capitan (12-9 overall) plays the winner of Dexter/Tularosa for the District 6AA Tournament Championship at 6 p.m. Saturday in Capitan. The winner advance to the Region G Tournament as the No. 1 seed.

Massé wouldn't specify what has distracted his club, only that he's trying to focus his Tigers on Saturday's game.

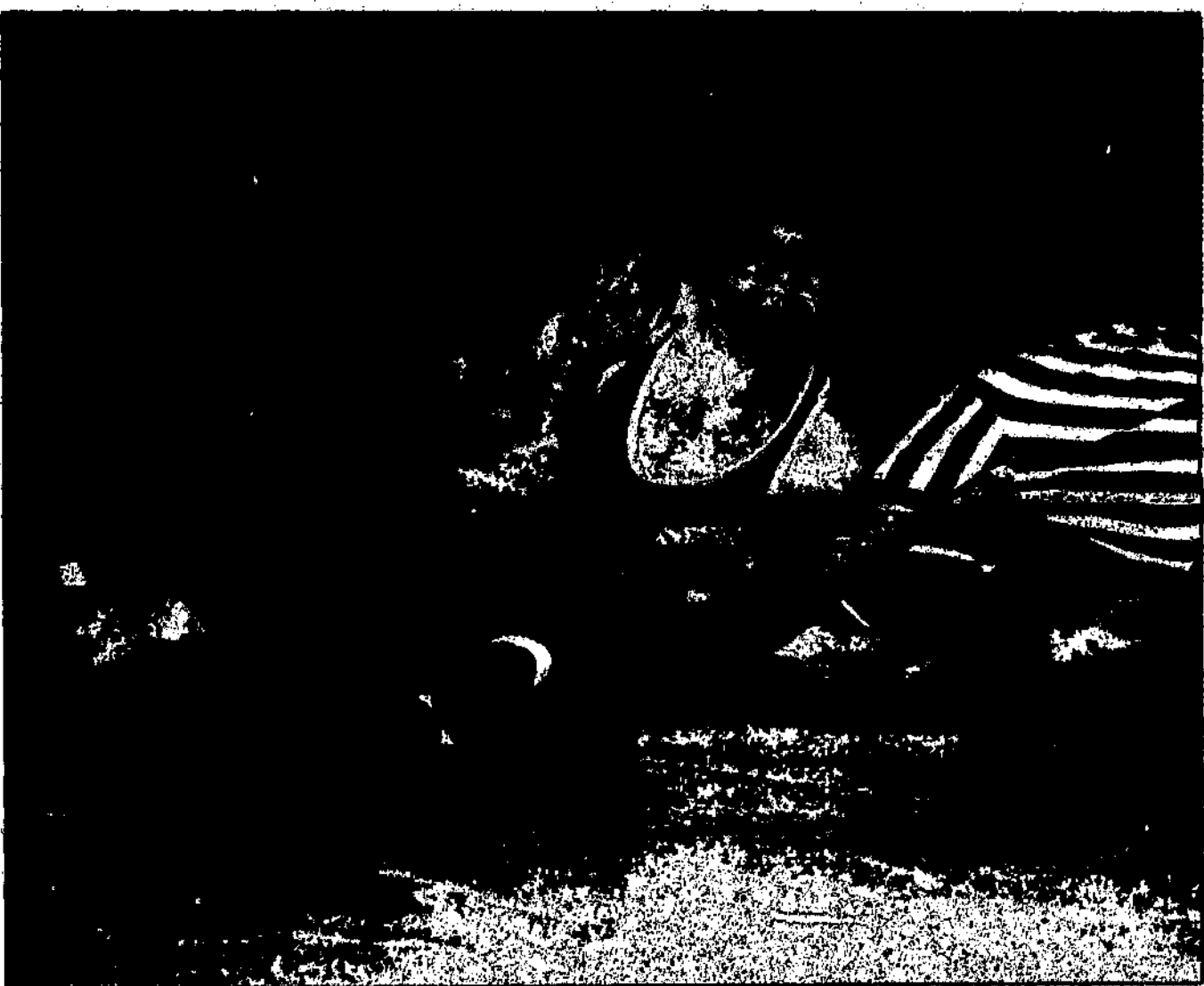
The Capitan coach said it doesn't matter who the Tigers play. Capitan is 1-1 against Dexter and 3-0 versus Tularosa.

"I think Tule is playing a little better ball right now," Massé said. "But Dexter is very competitive and physical. They believe they can win every ball game."

Hondo hosts 3A title game

In other playoff games, the Eagles host the winner of Corona/Carrizozo for the District 3A championship game at 6 p.m. Saturday. Hondo is 17-3 overall.

Going for the gold at state



Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News file photo
Senior Jason Leadingham and his Warrior teammates are competing at the Class A-AAA State Wrestling Championships hosted by Kirtland Central High School today and Saturday. Leadingham, who is the District 3AAA champion at 189 pounds, should be seeded in the top three for his weight division. He and fellow senior Richard Gray (145 pounds) lead a young Ruidoso squad seeking its best finish as a team at state. Wrestling begins later today and continues Saturday with medal rounds. Leadingham is pictured above recording a pin in Ruidoso's dual meet with Roswell earlier this season.

Last chance to see the RHS teams at home

The Ruidoso boys and girls basketball teams defend the home floor for the last time in the regular season today and Saturday, respectively.

The Warrior boys (10-10, 3-2) host District 3AAA-leading Hot Springs in a crucial game for both teams. Ruidoso must win to stay in the district hunt, while Hot Springs needs a victory to maintain its one-game lead over Silver, Cobre and the Warriors.

Tip off is 7:30 p.m. today. The Tigers are fresh off a 76-65 win over Silver Tuesday. The Warriors have won two in row, including their victory over Santa Teresa a week ago.

"We need to feed our inside people more and that will help open up our outside game," Ruidoso interim coach Billy Page said.

Girls take on Hot Springs

Jeannie Jackson's Warriors will try to snap a four-game losing streak. Ruidoso hasn't won in February and is 5-17 overall and 2-5 in District 3AAA. The visiting Tigers claimed the first meeting between the two schools, 71-51, on Jan. 30.

Game time Saturday for the girls is 7:30 p.m.

How to teach someone a lesson about Title IX

I missed my birthday beverage with buddies Norm and Mabel a couple of weeks ago, so we made up for last time the other night.

There we were, at our favorite establishment for "tonail paint" as fellow columnist Drew Gomber would say. Norm sipped up with a bucket of peanuts and Mabel wasn't far behind with their pitcher of Old Style.

FROM THE BENCH



BY LAURA CLYMER
SPORTS EDITOR

"Hey there, how ya doin', Laura?" Norm said. He was wearing a way-too-red Wisconsin Badgers sweat-shirt.

Mabel chimed in, "Happy belated birthday, Laura. How's it feel to be halfway through your 30s?"

"OK," I said. "How's feel to have your team lose to my Niners, to have Mike Holmgren leave town for Seattle and to be halfway through your 40s."

Mabel gave me a look of mock pain. "That good of a birthday, huh?" she asked.

I motioned them to sit down.

"So what's up with my two favorite cheeseheads? Have you forgiven the zebras in the state championship foot-

ball game, yet? Or are you two on the 'FBI Most Wanted' list?" I said.

With a completely straight face, Norm said, "We've forgiven them."

"Phew," I said. "I'm sure they are sleeping better knowing that."

"What do you know?" Mabel's eyes narrowed and I knew she was about to climb atop her soap-box.

"You know what I heard. I heard that the Warrior girls softball team is going to play its games at All American Park in Ruidoso Downs, doncha know," she said.

"Really? What happened to the Gavilan Canyon field?" I asked.

Norm looked at me incredulously. "You have been working hard. Those winds from a couple weeks ago blew down the dugouts."

"Bummer," I said. "Now little league baseball will have to rebuild those, too. Maybe the county will cough up another \$25,000 for the association like it did for the baseball concession stand."

Norm asked, "They have a concession stand there?"

"Well, no. They're supposed to - can't seem to get anyone to build the darn thing, even though they got all that money from the county."

"Anyway, Mabel, what were you saying? The girls have to play out at

All American Park."

She nodded emphatically.

"Have you seen it lately? There are rocks the size of softballs out there. There's no grass on the outfield. No place to go the bathroom. I can't believe Title IX is more than 25 years old, and our girls have to play under these conditions. Back home in Wisconsin, the girls even have their own ice hockey rink."

I nodded in agreement. "Yea, well, we seem to take the pedestrian approach to equal facilities for girls in Ruidoso."

Norm then made the mistake of asking, "What's wrong with that? I mean if the girls don't earn it, why give it to them?"

I reached across the table and stopped Mabel from picking up the pitcher and pouring it on him.

"Easy, cowgirl. Put it down. That's Old Style in there. It's not worth it," I said.

She glared at Norm.

"You're such a neanderthal, Norm. Where are you from? - Texas?" she spat.

Norm rolled his eyes and said, "Really though, what have the Ruidoso girls done lately. Yeah the volleyball team went to state this year and got slaughtered, but no other team has done much of anything. Jody Blanton

was the last girls coach to win a state championship in anything and that was a good eight or nine years ago ..."

Mabel cut him off with, "And how did we thank her? We fired her from coaching. No, I'm sorry, I didn't say that right. We didn't fire her; we let her go."

I chimed in, "Funny how history repeats itself around here."

Norm seized the moment. "Look, you gotta win before you get things like a new baseball diamond, or warm-ups, or navy and gold football uniforms."

"Maybe when you were in school, Norm, but that's not the norm now," Mabel said. "The girls deserve a decent, regulation-size field, qualified coaching, nice uniforms and the right equipment, like a pitching machine that works. Not just for softball, but all of the sports deserve equal treatment. Plus Title IX guarantees it."

Norm sighed, and said, "But they're just girls, honey."

"This time, I didn't stop Mabel. I joined in. Together, we drained that pitcher of Old Style - all over Norm's head."

"Come on, Mabel. Let's go get me a birthday drink," I said.

Ruidoso alum joins track's casino team

• Track's target date for casino opening pushed back to May 1.

RUIDOSO DOWNS — Keith Henson has returned to his old stomping grounds, this time as the director of slot operations for the Billy the Kid Casino at Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

Henson assumed his new job in early February. It marks his third tour of duty at Ruidoso Downs since graduating from Ruidoso High School in 1992. Henson worked as the track's announcer during the 1996 race meet, and in 1995, he split his time between working as a placing judge and as an assistant in the racing office.

"I'm excited about the opportunity and prospects for success here," Henson stated in a press release. "We've been waiting for this for quite awhile, and it's an opportunity to come back and give something back to the community."

Henson is part of the management team that will complete and operate the new Billy the Kid Casino, which is under construction at the east end of the race track's grandstand.

Ruidoso Downs Race Track general

manager Rick Baugh said he and track president Bruce Rimbo have moved the casino's opening day to May 1.

Henson graduated from the University of Arizona Racetrack Industry Program in May 1997 with a bachelor's of science degree. He then worked for Reno, Nevada's Boomtown Casino, which is owned by Hollywood Park, Inc. At Boomtown, Henson served as slot operations manager. He also was a management representative for the development, construction and opening of a new tribal casino in Yakima, Wash.

"We are very excited to have someone of Keith's caliber joining our team," said Bruce Rimbo, Ruidoso Downs Race Track president. "Keith brings a unique blend of knowing and understanding of the racing side of business, a knowledge of the slot machine side and experience in development, construction and the opening of a new casino."

Henson, a native of Colorado, moved to Ruidoso in 1982 when his father, Rick,



Keith Henson

accepted the position of Ruidoso Downs Race Track general manager.

AQHA offers summer internship

The American Quarter Horse Association has a 10-week summer internship open in its racing department. AQHA is looking for college students interested in pursuing a career in the racing industry and who are majoring in marketing, business or journalism.

The intern will assist members of the department with a variety of projects that involve research, marketing, simulcasting and the racing pages of the AQHA web sit. The intern will learn about the structure of the AQHA.

Those interested should send a letter of introduction along with a resume to: AQHA Senior Director of Racing, Don Fick, P.O. Box 200, Amarillo, TX, 79188. Deadline for submission is March 15. The intern will be chosen by April 15. For more information, call 806-376-4888, ext. 362.



Jack Brooks and G.R. Carter teamed up to win the 1998 All American Futurity.

Trainer adds elusive award to his resume

AMARILLO, Texas — Despite having won his seventh All American Futurity in 1998, trainer Jack Brooks was never voted American Quarter Horse Association Champion Trainer of the Year — until this year.

Brooks captured trainer of the year honors for his accomplishments in 1998. In addition to training 1998 All American Futurity winner Falling In Loveagain, Brooks also directed Dashin Is Easy to victories in the Remington Park Derby, Heritage Place Derby and Rainbow Derby.

Brooks-trained racehorses won more than \$2.2 million in earnings and finished in the money more than 45 percent of the time.

The AQHA announced late last month its 1998 racing champions and its champion horsemen at the Heritage Place Sale Company in Oklahoma City.

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- Champion 3-year-old and Champion 3-year-old Filly — Corona Cash
- Champion Aged Mare — Kool Kue Baby
- Champion Aged Stallion — Dean Miracle
- Distance Champion — Windville
- Canadian Champion — Im The Wind
- Broodmare of the Year — Artesia
- Champion Owner of the Year and Champion Breeder of the Year — Edward C. Allred
- Champion Trainer of the Year — Jack W. Brooks
- Champion Jockey of the Year — Joe Badilla, Jr.

THE WILD SIDE

BY MIKE HYMAN
OUTDOORS CORRESPONDENT

Mountain lions have taken a heavy toll on the state's population of desert bighorn sheep.

Game and fish department officials have collared 114 sheep with radio transmitters and tracked them between 1992 and 1998. Of that 114, officials confirmed 49 sheep dead, and in cases where the cause of death could be identified, lions killed 34 of 38 desert bighorn.

In the 1980s, efforts to restore desert bighorn in the San Andres Mountains were done in conjunction with the intense control of the mountain lion population. Despite the harvest of 60 lions, the herd continues to decline in the San Andres.

In short, these numbers mean the state is facing a major lion problem. Desert bighorn are not the only prey lions eat. The lion population statewide is exploding unimpeded. One adult lion can eat 52 deer a year.

Could this explain where the mule deer herd has disappeared to in the last decade?

Without some kind of cooperative action between game and fish and the ranching community, the lion problem will soon overflow to the livestock industry with even greater effects.

Lions are a precious predator and close to many people's hearts. The overpopulation will effect the lion the hardest, because of the eventual loss of lions from disease and starvation.

Roswell man pays \$1,400 fine for illegal mountain lion kill

Herbert W. Atkinson of Roswell was fined \$1,482 for illegally killing and transporting a mountain lion in Lincoln County.

Lincoln County Magistrate Jude Gerald Dean, Jr., fined Atkinson \$400 for illegally killing the cougar, \$1,000 for illegal transportation of the animal, and \$82 in court costs. Atkinson was sentenced to 364 days of unsupervised probation.

According to investigating conservation officers, Atkinson was hunting deer in Nov. 1996 on the Buckhorn Ranch, south of Picacho. When Atkinson was driving back to camp, he saw the cougar and shot it out of season. In Dec. 1996 Atkinson took the hide to a taxidermist

in Texas to have it mounted.

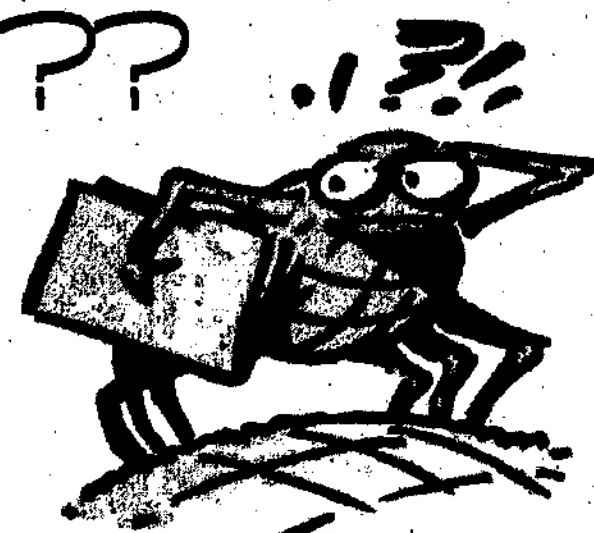
New hunting proclamations due out for 1999-2000

The 1999-2000 big game proclamations and applications became available at Department of Game and Fish offices statewide beginning Feb. 7. Vendors throughout the state will have them by mid-month.

Those applying should remember that social security numbers are required to ensure compliance with the Parental Responsibility Act. The state of New Mexico will not grant a professional or recreational license to anyone who fails to pay court-ordered child support. The Department of Game and Fish will not accept applications without the number or an explanation for not supplying one. Applications for the 1999-2000 year are due

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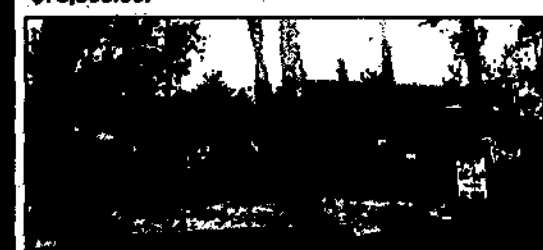
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Super Center 10625 Central NE, Albuquerque, NM

FOR SALE 1999 3BDRM/2BA Newly remodeled, 14X78 mobile, \$10,000. 257-3843, 430-6848.

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NEED A HOME! Bad Credit! Low Down! I can help! Johnny 1-877-832-2500, 1-505-489-0089.

ONE BEDROOM MOBILE home; furnished, clean, \$4,500. 2 bedroom, completely remodeled inside, very nice, \$7,500. 257-3839

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3BDRM/2BA HOUSE for rent on river, \$850 plus utilities. Available Saturday, February 13th, 11th Meander. Call Myra 257-4885 or 258-4127.

CUTE, CLEAN, SMALL TWO BEDROOM house; carpet, washer, dryer, appliances, just right for one or two people. References required. \$350/mo plus utilities, \$100/dep, 378-4336.

ONE BEDROOM HOUSE suitable for single or couple. No pets, \$425. month \$250. deposit, utilities paid. 378-4482

Ruidoso Properties
Better Homes & Gardens
257-4075

100 Montebello Ct. #13, 2BD, 1BA, \$550
506 Nevada, 1BD, 1BA, \$325
277 Paradise Canyon, 3BD, 1 1/2BA, \$625

COZY 2BDRM "A" FRAME Furnished or unfurnished, carpeted, wood burning stove, deck. \$675 plus utilities. 257-2262 or 800-515-8516.

2BDRM/1BA, SUNROOM with loft. Views of Sierra Blanca on quiet Cul-de-sac. Partially furnished, including appliances. Call Wayland 258-5833.

LARGE ONE BEDROOM; living room; kitchen, fireplace, patio, natural gas, easy access. \$385 per month. 378-4159

HAVE HOMES AND CONDOS for rent. Please call Kathy at Coldwell Banker SDC, Realtors, 336-8489.

REAL CUTE 3BDRM/2BA Mobile home. Fully furnished, washer & dryer. Nightly or weekly. Call 338-1360, 338-1332

1BDRM/1BA ADOBE HOME Commercial or residential. Great location in Capitán. \$400/month. Call Wayland at 258-5833.

TOWNHOME FOR RENT:
Two bedroom, 2 bath unfurnished townhome in quiet area, \$495 plus bills, water paid. We have others!
Call Pat at the Prudential Lela Easter Realtors 257-7313.

SMALL TWO BEDROOM; no pets, references required, off Cariz Canyon Rd., \$325 monthly. 257-4598

HOUSE SHOP COMBO: Commercial Zoning, EZ access, 3BDRM/2BA, 2-car Garage. Call Scott, Owner agent, 257-4075, Ruidoso Properties, Inc. Long term \$860/mo.

CABINS:
106 HIGH STREET Furnished 1BDR + loft, 3/4 bath cabin. \$650 per month, includes utilities. On market, month-to-month.

CONDOS:
LOOKOUT MANOR 1/2 Furnished 2BDR/1 1/2 BATH, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer/dryer. \$650 per month, includes utilities. NO PETS.

SPRINGS #19 Unfurnished 2BDR, 1 3/4 BA condo. All one level. Available March 1. \$575 (includes water) + utilities. On market month-to-month. NO PETS.

EAGLE CREEK WEST #103 Fully furnished, 2BDR, 2BATH. Reduced to \$1000 per month, includes utilities. Great for skiers, located on Ski Run Road.

Call Cindy Lic. #273529

GARY LYDCH REALTY
257-4011

FOR LEASE

• Cute! Efficiency apartment, perfect for one person. Easy access and a great buy at \$350 per month, utilities included. Call Donna at Tall Pines Realty, 257-7786

• Three bedroom, 2 bath furnished modular home on cul-de-sac. Private, very nicely furnished. No pets please. \$850.00 month plus utilities. Call Donna at Tall Pines Realty, 257-7786.

• Very clean 2 bedroom, 1 bath unfurnished home with washer & dryer, s/zillo tile floors, new carpet. Backs up to National Forest. \$600/month plus utilities. Call Mark at Tall Pines Realty, 257-7786.

Nightly Rentals also available! Please call Kathy at 257-7786

8 Apts. for Rent

IN CAPITAN: Large one bedroom \$285 month unfurnished, \$295 furnished. Water, sewer & garbage paid. 354-2008, 354-7014

NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS: 1, 2, 3 bedroom apartments on Crown Drive. Homes in White Mountain Meadows. Furn/turn, fireplace, level access, garage. 1-888-257-7577, 257-7577 CARRIE de Ruidoso

NIGHTLY OR LONG TERM rentals: 2bdrm/2ba Garden Home; in White Mountain Meadows. Furn/turn, fireplace, level access, garage. 1-888-257-7577, 257-7577 CARRIE de Ruidoso

FURNISHED 1 & 2 bedroom apartments; bills paid. No pets. Call 258-3111.

IN CAPITAN: Large 2 bedroom \$385 unfurnished, \$405 furnished. Water, sewer & garbage paid. 354-2008, 354-7014

NICEST TWO BEDROOM. One Bath Apartment in town. Cathedral ceilings, washer/dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator, stove included. Gas heat/hot water. LGV UTILITIES! 815-757-8043 for details.

HEAT PAID! Furnished, cute one bedroom apartment, small complex, paid laundry room, \$385/mo plus electric. Perfect for one. 101 Apache Dr. 4th fl. 257-7591 weekdays or 1-505-522-3989 weekdays.

GIMMARON CONDOS efficiency apts. available. \$325/Mo. Call after 2P. 378-4375.

LOS PINOS APARTMENTS 2 Bedroom units available, utilities paid. 257-2212, 257-6316

\$275.00 EFFICIENCY CABIN Mid-town. Utilities paid. Clean and cozy! 258-5877.

9 Mobiles for Rent

NICE SIZED 3BDRM/2BA in Ruidoso Downs. Large utility room, dining room, fireplace. No appliances, no bills paid. \$500/mo, \$250/dep. References required. 508-623-7377

2BDRM MOBILE HOME easy access, water furnished. Natural gas, cable available, near V. HUD welcome. \$285/mo. Also 3 BDRM/1 1/2 BA, \$425. 378-4488, 378-8305.

AVAILABLE MARCH 1ST 2BDRM Unfurnished trailer for rent. Smokey Bear Motel, 354-2253.

FURNISHED ONE Bedroom trailer. Air conditioner, fenced yard. \$325.00 month, plus utilities. 257-4856 or 420-2793.

FOR RENT 2BDRM/1BA MOBILE in the Downs. Appliances, \$375.00/mo. \$375.00/dep. 354-3014, leave message.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN Mobile home & RV Park. Mobile homes for rent and mobile homes for sale, owner financing. 378-8088

CAPITAN: 3BDRM, 1.5BA Trailer, washer, dryer, stove, frig, garden tub, fenced yard, 12 block from school. Small pets OK! 354-2065

ONE BEDROOM MOBILE home, furnished, in the Downs, \$275/mo., pet OK. Also extremely nice two bedroom, furnished on Sudderrth no pets, \$375/mo, 257-3839

CAPITAN #118 E. 2nd Large modern 2 1/2/2 kitchen island with many built-ins. Fenced, storage shed. 257-5381

FOR SALE BY OWNER: "Gavilan Mobile Home Park". 11 acres on river. Will cash flow pay out. Day (505) 257-2300, night (505) 257-5376.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY FOR SALE

• Complete microbrewery with 15 barrel system & recipes. 88 seat restaurant and stool bar. Fully equipped. Turnkey operation and great location with excellent visibility. \$585,000. Call Dick Weber at Tall Pines Realty for details. 257-7786.

• Cabin Operation: Seven cabins and seven RV spaces, approx. 22,000 sq. ft. available. Two bedrooms, 1 bath living quarters/office. Living quarters remodeled May 1998. Seller motivated! \$393,500. Call Pat Brown at 257-7786, Tall Pines Realty.

• Excellent commercial location on Sudderrth Dr. Approximately 5200 square feet completely rented with good cash flow. Call Johnny Mobley at 257-7786.

SEE US ABOUT ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

10 Condos for Rent

2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 2 car garage, \$650 per month. 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 car garage, \$700 per month. Pflifer & Associates. 378-7108

2B/2B, 2-CAR GARAGE/PORT sleeps 6, furnished or unfurnished, no dogs, ref., w/d, a/c, alarm or long term. Champions Run, 378-1163

LONG TERM RENTAL fantastic mountain view. Clean 2 bedroom, 2 living or 3 bedroom, 1 living, 2 1/2 baths. End unit. Good neighborhood. \$700 per month plus utilities. 338-4922.

VERY NICE 3 + 3 FULLY FURNISHED. Over 1800 sq. ft. multi level. \$750. plus electric & deposit. (808)285-3053.

2BDRM/2BA FOR RENT at Gateway Condos on Sudderrth Dr. New Construction, \$850/mo plus utilities. Call Doug 258-5833, 258-5874.

11 Cabins/Vacation

WATER FRONT: TEXAS HILL Country! Do you have a cabin in Ruidoso? I have a wonderful waterfront place in the Texas Hill Country-80 miles West of Austin. Lets trade time! Call 915-388-6842.

NIGHTLY OR LONG TERM rentals: 2bdrm/2ba Garden Home; in White Mountain Meadows. Furn/turn, fireplace, level access, garage. 1-888-257-7577, 257-7577 CARRIE de Ruidoso

19 Autos for Sale

12 Mobile Spaces/Rt

GAVILAN MOBILE HOME PARK. Available spaces. Accept mobile up to 80' long. 257-0276.

13 Room for Rent

ROOMMATE WANTED: To share three bedroom. Must be dependable and have steady job. Rent plus bills, approx \$175. Call 378-1226.

14 Want to Rent

LUBBOCK COUPLE, OWN

TALL PINES REALTY

2704 Sudderth • 257-7786 • 800-257-7786

Johnny Mobley 257-5485 Multi-Million Dollar Producer	Mark Mobley 257-3890 Multi-Million Dollar Producer	Pat Brown 257-7416 Multi-Million Dollar Producer	Rob Baldwin 258-5648 Multi-Million Dollar Producer
Charlene Marinick 257-3620 Multi-Million Dollar Producer	Kathy Jo Sollars 658-4253 Multi-Million Dollar Producer	Don Spencer 658-4253 Multi-Million Dollar Producer	Mary Lou York 336-9154 Over 20 Years Experience

Feature of the Week

LOVELY CEDAR HOME

Overlooking 16th tee box at the Links Golf Course. This 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home has 2 living areas, 2 fireplaces and a 2 car attached garage. Level entry & master bedroom & bath on level entry floor. Must see inside. \$249,000.

JOHN FUCHS PERSONAL HOME!! Less than 2 years old, single level 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car attached garage home. Tons of tile, lots of extra built-ins, gas fireplace, nice decks and good valley views. House is open & airy and has a fantastic master suite. A must see... \$158,500.

CUTE & CLEAN CABIN!! Two bedroom, 1 bath with easy access. Great weekend retreat and/or rental property with history. Only \$46,000.

VIEW OF THE CAPITANS on 3.3 acres of fully fenced land. Fairly new 3 bedroom, 2 bath doublewide with nice decks, fruit trees, and 2 storage sheds. \$114,900.

HUGE PRICE REDUCTION!! Was \$84,900, now \$69,500. Three bedroom, 2 bath unique dome home with nice decks and lots of storage. Owner is very motivated and will finance with closing costs down.

Se Habla Español

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATSY FAYE HARPER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

SARA E. HARPER, has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of PATSY FAYE HARPER, deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of the Notice of the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative c/o Don E. Dutton, 229 Rio Street, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

/s/Sara E. Harper
Personal Representative of the Estate of PATSY FAYE HARPER, deceased.
THE DUTTON FIRM, LTD.
/s/Don E. Dutton
Attorney for Personal Representative
229 Rio Street
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345
(505)257-2323
(505)257-9203 facsimile
2030 4T(2)10,12,17,19

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND SPECIAL BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to 22-9-10 NMSA, 1978 that the Board of Education of Ruidoso School District #3, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico will on Tuesday, March 2, 1999, 7:00 P.M., at the Ruidoso Schools Board Room present and publicly review an operational budget increase for the 1998-99 school year. This is a public hearing and all school patrons are invited to attend. Done at Ruidoso, New Mexico, this 17th day of February, 1999.

Ruidoso School Board of Education
James Paxton, President
2049 2T(2)19,26

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ALTO LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JOHN T. CROFT and DONNA G. CROFT,
Defendants.

husband and wife, REPUBLIC BANK LUBBOCK, N.A., and ROSE CAPITAL BANK, Cause No. CV-98-268 Division III Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: Republic Bank Lubbock, N.A.
Rose Capital Bank

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the pendency of the above styled matter and that the Plaintiff therein is seeking to obtain constructive service of process upon the defendants Republic Bank Lubbock, N.A. and Rose Capital Bank. This action is pending in the Twelfth Judicial District Court, County of Lincoln, the general nature of the action is to foreclose the Plaintiff's claim of lien against the following described real property:

Lot 21, Block 10 HIGH MESA SUBDIVISION, UNIT 2, Lincoln County, New Mexico

The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff is: **RICHARD A. HAWTHORNE, P.A.**

Richard A. Hawthorne
1221 Mechem Drive, Suite 2
Ruidoso, NM 88345

These Defendants are notified that unless they file a responsive pleading or motion within the time required, judgment or other appropriate relief will be rendered in the cause against these defendants by default.

District Court Clerk
By: /s/Eugenia Vega
2033 4T(2)12,19,26(3)5

Advertisement in the classifieds.
Call Suzanne 257-4001 • Ruidoso News

YARD SALES

MOVING SALE: FR/SAT/8Sun. 8AM-7 Enchanted Forest, Alto Dr. to 3rd house on left. (follow signs) Furniture, baby-items, household-items. Men stuff too! Don't miss this one!

GARAGE SALE: SAT 8am-4pm, 412 High Mesa, Alto. Furniture, tv's, ski equipment, misc.

5 FAMILY YARD SALE: Sat., 20th, 9am-3pm. Cherokee Mobile Village, space #104. 257-6124

INDOOR MOVING SALE. New mobile home doors, sinks, used carpeting, lots of other items. Magado Creek Hwy 37, mile marker 5, 354-4263, Saturday 9-5.

SPACE AVAILABLE FOR Your YARD SALE! \$10, per day. The Barn, 519 HWY 70 West, 257-5510.

MOVING SALE: SAT/SUN 8am-2pm. Computer stuff, craft/sewing supplies, tools, antiques, household items. Also have truck, 1/4 mile past mile marker #11, Route 48, turn right, Enchanted Forest Dr., follow signs.

TRASH & TREASURE CLOSET Locker sale! Sat. 8AM-4PM. Nicknacks, army-surplus, 100's of mens work jackets, windshirts & windbreakers. 2-3/4 mile from Alto Store at L&D Storage.

LEGAL DEADLINES

1 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's Paper
and 1 p.m.
Wednesday for Friday's Paper



After a hard days work, relax with a good television show.

Check out the Ruidoso News TV Guide listings in Wednesday's paper.

Used Car & Truck Center

0.9% on 1999 models



This Week's Specials

2 - '98 Jeep Grand Cherokees

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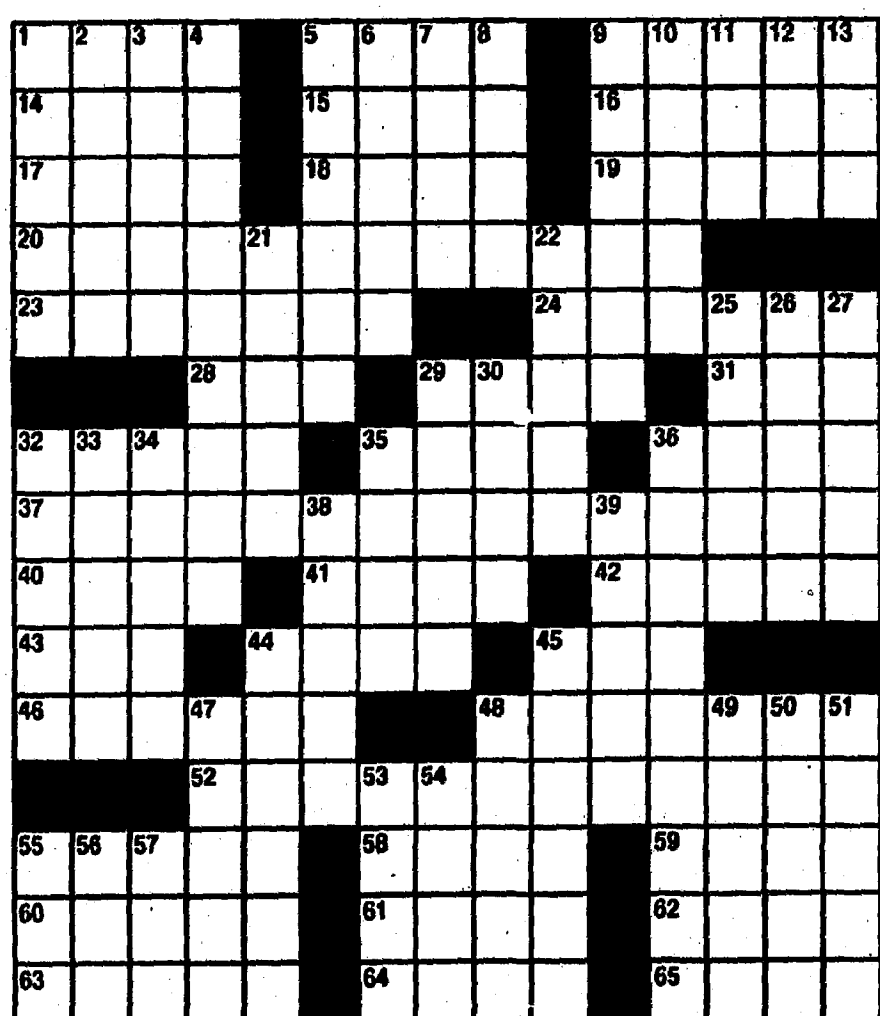
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Sandy Suggitt/Ruidoso News

PATTI BRIMBERRY is charged with mapping out the artistic direction of the Spencer Theater's Continental Harmony grant, an initiative sponsored by the American Composers Forum and the National Endowment for the Arts. To find out where Brimberry is going, see page 4C.

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104 Park Ave Ruidoso NM 88345

Art and Artifact

107 S. Lincoln Ave., Capitán, 354-2316.

A contemporary gallery featuring fine art and rare, unusual objects for collectors, housed in a 1896 bordello. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, or by appointment.

Benson Fine Art

Moving to San Patricio, 258-5113, 653-4081, or 653-4081.

Call for an appointment, 258-5113 or 653-4081.

Bonito Bronze

1204 Mechem Dr., Bldoso, 258-1313

Bronze sculptor Gaylon Gillem's works. Open Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

California Colors

201 Country Club Rd., Bldoso, 257-9538

Barbara Dell-Westbrook is the artist in residence of this 5,600 square-foot gallery of art. Call for more information.

Cabin Fever at Escudilla

Log Works

320 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitán, 354-4801

Handcrafted cabin furniture made from native woods as well as lamps, ironwork, stained glass, pottery and unique antique accessories. Open Monday through Saturday. Closed Sundays.

Chamber of Commerce

720 Suddarth Dr., Bldoso, 257-7395

Artist for February: John Hershey photographer. Hours are: Monday, 9-5; Tuesday through Thursday, 8:30-5; and Friday, 8:30-4:30.

Eagle Ranch Art Gallery

7223 Hwy. 34/70, Alamogordo, 1-800-432-0999.

German artist Beate Steinebach is featured in February. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily.

Gail's Frame of Mind

1204 Mechem, Bldoso, 258-9071.

An alternative gallery featuring originals by Gaylon Gillem, Denise Dorn, Iz, Mike & Georgia Lagg, Billie Long, Marcia Bizeau & Bears Tieves, Pam Topper, Jim Leasure, Rick Hall, Laurel Appel, Rand Harmon, Barbara Culler, Buddy Godinez, Bruce Chapman, Bernice Landrum, Falling Rock Pottery and Langley Tiffany Lamps. Open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Gary D. Garrett

2306 Suddarth Drive, Bldoso, 257-4977

The gallery features the acrylic paintings of artist Gary Garrett.

Handwoven Designs

102 Lincoln Ave., Capitán, 354-2008

Maggie Doyle is a nationally recognized, fourth-generation hand weaver with a working weavery in Capitán. She draws inspiration from the landscapes of her New Mexican home for her handwoven clothing. Using natural fibers, dyes, and hand-spun yarns, the garments are finished with

knitted trim and eclectic buttons. Call first.

Hubbard Museum of the American West

Hwy. 70, Bldoso Downs, 373-4142.

Winter hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery

Off Hwy. 70 in San Patricio, 653-4331.

Michael Hurd's latest works plus works by Peter Hurd, Henrietta Wyeth Hurd, Andrew Wyeth, 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

546 Suddarth, Bldoso by the traffic lights at Paradise Canyon, 257-4056.

Pottery and pastels by Kenyon Thomas, fine weavings by Marcia Thomas. Call for gallery hours.

Lorene & Larry's

268 Main St., Capitán, 354-3405

Original art and watercolor painting, Southwestern prints, custom design furniture by Larry.

Expressions in Bronze

2002 Suddarth, Bldoso, 257-3790

Dave McGary's facility features a finishing studio and a gallery which showcases a two-decade retrospective collection of his "Images in Bronze." Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

The Montañó Store

Hwy. 380, Lincoln, 653-4372.

Featuring the newly renovated store and temporary exhibits highlighting the Montañó family, Hispanic contributions to the area and adobe architecture. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday to Sunday. Admission fee included in the \$5 daily pass which can be purchased at the Court House.

Mtn. Arts Gallery & Framing

2330 Suddarth Dr., Bldoso, 257-9748

The gallery features originals and prints by local artist Teri Sodd. Prints by Bill Jaxon, Michael Atkinson, Judy Larson, Dale TerBush, Robert Carver and Suanne Wainsley. Artifacts, pottery, kachinas and rugs. Open seven days, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Nogal Store & Gallery

Highway 37, Nogal

Featuring the works of Nogal and Lincoln County area artists and craftsmen such as Tim Brazie, Mike and Georgia Lagg, Pam Topper, John West, Anne Buffington, Susan Weir-Ancker, Ivy Heyman, Leroy Anderson and Coleta Lively. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Red Rose Art Studio

County Rd. E016, Hondo, 653-4203.

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

Sacred Images, Angels & Icons

416 First St., Bldoso, 257-6627

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

Spring Canyon Gallery

2204 Suddarth Drive, Bldoso, 257-4561.

Artist Misha Malpica opens her Spring Canyon sculpturing studio to the public. Joining her is Jim Mauritsen and his works connecting stone and burwood. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, or by appointment call 257-1561 or 257-0205.

Stribling Fine Art

1031 Mechem Dr., Bldoso, 258-4892

Featuring contemporary Southwest paintings by New Mexico artist Stephen Stribling. Located in The Attic complex (upstairs in back). Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, or by appt.

The Tree's House

Nogal Canyon Road off Hwy. 37 between mile markers 9/10, Nogal, 354-4204.

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

Western Trails Gallery

320 East Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitán 354-4203.

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

White Mtn. Pottery Gallery

2328 Suddarth Dr., Bldoso, 257-3644.

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

White Oaks Pottery Studio and Gallery

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

From her adobe studio, potter Ivy Heyman makes functional porcelain, sculptures and lighting in the shadow of Patos Mountain. A one hour drive north from Bldoso. Open seven days, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

CALLSFOR ART

• The South Central Regional Selection Committee seeks to purchase a variety of two-dimensional or three-dimensional interior artworks for eight sites in Dona Ana, Lincoln and Otero Counties. The sites have project amounts ranging from \$500 to \$3,250 and totaling \$14,130.

Style, theme and scale are open. Open to all New Mexico residents, the deadline is February 26, 1999. Call or write: Art in Public Places, 228 E. Palace Ave, Santa Fe, NM 87501, 827-6490, or 800-879-4278.

• The Southwest Regional Selection Committee seeks to purchase a variety of two-dimensional or three-dimensional interior artworks for seven sites in Grant, Luna and Sierra Counties. The sites have project amounts ranging from \$1,750 to \$4,000.

Style, theme and scale are open. Open to all New Mexico residents, the deadline is March 19, 1999. Call or write: Art in Public Places, 228 E. Palace Ave, Santa Fe, NM 87501, 827-6490, or 800-879-4278.

CALLSFOR ENTRIES

Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta

Fiber artists from New Mexico and surrounding states are invited to submit entries to the Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta scheduled for May 27-29 at the New Mexico State Fairgrounds.

Nine New Mexico textile-related guilds have joined together to sponsor the second biennial Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta. The three-day show features juried exhibits of quilts, weavings, wearable art, garments, beadwork, embroidery, lacemaking, silk painting, and doll making. Last year's show drew more than the 2,500 viewers.

The Albuquerque Silk Painter's Guild and the Creative Doll Makers Society have joined the seven original sponsoring guilds - the New Mexico Quilter's Association, Las Aranas Spinners and Weavers, Thimbleweed Quilters, the Albuquerque Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, the Sandia Mountains Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America, the New Mexico Bead Society and the Enchanted Lacemakers.

Entries will be judged for quilting, beadmaking and embroidery. Entries will be accepted for the non-judged techniques such as

dollmaking, lacemaking, silk painting, weaving and spinning, mixed media and sewing.

The entry deadline is March 15, and a person may not submit more than three entries. For complete rules call Laura Sandison at 281-8568 or Pat Drennan at 881-3796, or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: AFAF '99 P.O. Box 16443 Albuquerque, NM 87191-6443 for an entry form.

New Mexico 2000

The Museum of Fine Arts in Santa Fe seeks entries for its New Mexico 2000 exhibit, which is slated for Oct. 8, 1999 through April 21, 2000.

The juried exhibition is open to all New Mexico artists who work with all media and in all traditions. Catalog awards. Jurors are curators of the Museum of Fine Arts. Entry forms are available locally from the Ruidoso Art Commission and at Ruidoso Village Hall. Those interested can send a self-addressed stamped envelope (6x9 with 55 cents postage) to: New Mexico 2000, Museum of Fine Arts, P.O. Box 2087, Santa Fe, NM 87504. Slide deadline is March 29, 1999, or call Stan Monks at 336-4896.

Silver City artists open doors for two days

The San Vicente Artist's Studio and Gallery Tour is slated for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday in Silver City.

Samples of artists' works will be on display throughout downtown Silver City, and in addition, several studios within a short drive will be open for visiting.

Free tour maps showing the location of artists' studios and galleries are available at the Silver City/Grant County Chamber of Commerce, 1103 N Hudson, Silver City, NM as well as the individual artists' studios.

Many new artists are partici-

pating this season as well as familiar favorites. Work presented ranges in styles from contemporary to traditional and includes two- and three-dimensional works in watercolor, acrylics, oils, leather, wood, metal, jewelry, ceramics, photography, natural materials and fiber art. Many of the galleries have redecorated and a number of new galleries have opened so there is plenty to experience this season.

The tour is free to the public. Guided tours for school and other community groups are available with advance notice. For more information call 538-5232.



MUSIC TEACHER Patricia Brimberry will serve as the artistic director of the July 4, 2000 performance at the Spencer Theater.

In harmony

Continental Harmony
A Musical Celebration of the New Millennium

story and photos by Sandy Suggitt
VAMOS STAFF WRITER

Imagine a July 4, 2000 performance at the Spencer Theater. It involves dozens of regional actors, musicians, dancers, visual artists, children, adults and teachers – a cultural representation of the area's past and its hopes for the future.

Imagine similar community productions happening in 49 other states on the same day.

Ruidoso musician and teacher Patricia Brimberry and Spencer outreach coordinator Margaret Lahey are in the midst of visualizing that local effort now.

On a national scope, the American Composers Forum and the National Endowment for the Arts will make it happen, with

support from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation.

Staff from American Composers Forum chose 50 local arts organizations – one in each state – to commission original musical works celebrating the new millennium.

The Spencer Theater was chosen as the host organization for New Mexico, and will organize a

task force to select a composer and gather community input for the new musical composition.

The composer will begin a one-year residency in July, and compose the music and work with musicians for the July 4, 2000 performance.

Brimberry envisions a modern myth about the three cultures that make up the southern part of New Mexico: Native American,



FROM HER HOME Brimberry discusses her goals for the project.

Hispanic and Anglo. She may include the Buffalo soldiers who were stationed at Ft. Stanton, she said. And she's researching and meeting with members of the Mescalero Apache tribe, as well as looking for information about the Chiricahuas.

The production will be a musically driven dramatic work about the area's unique cultural and ethnic heritage.

"I'm a typical Southwesterner," said Brimberry, who has Anglo, Spanish and Lipan Indian blood in her heritage. Her grandparents homesteaded in Tortolita Canyon by Nogal.

"We'll try to tell a different

story (about the area) than Billy the Kid, to represent accurately, with integrity, the history of these three peoples. Not the total history, but the representational history," Brimberry said.

She visualizes three one-act "operas," one for each culture. This would allow the acts to go on the road for presentations to schools and civic groups.

"This is a unique history and it hasn't been told in the arts," she said. "It's a worthy subject and would also help us to galvanize the arts community, to bring all of the arts together, have an opportunity to work on a single thing and show how all of the

arts feed on each other."

Weaving three cultures together is another dimension of the project that excites Brimberry and Lahey.

Lahey, whose major emphasis is arts education in the schools, said they will use a "storytelling mode." Lahey wants to involve school children by having them collect oral histories from their parents and grandparents. Some of these stories could be used in the musical drama.

"Our three cultures will get along better ... and appreciate each child's background more - by having the children go through this process," Lahey

said.

Lahey also said that the composer will go to community and regional schools and work with classes as part of the residency.

The project is still in the research-and-brainstorm phase. Lahey and Brimberry found out the grant application was accepted Dec. 17, 1998. Now they have less than 18 months to get the whole project ready for the July 4, 2000 performance.

"It makes you get your act together," Brimberry said. "I spend at least six hours a day related to this every day. It's going to take that of a lot of people to make this happen."

Which is another aspect that excites her, she said. The whole community can see what it takes to produce a major production like this, and also have a part in it.

"People don't realize that a final production at the Spencer takes years of preparation to come about," she said.

Brimberry hopes to have a "decent draft" ready by July so she and the composer can begin fitting the drama and the music together.

By the end of 1999, she said, they'll have a better draft of the whole composition and will begin workshops with the

actors, vocalists, and dancers.

"To the extent that we can," Brimberry said, "everybody involved will be local."

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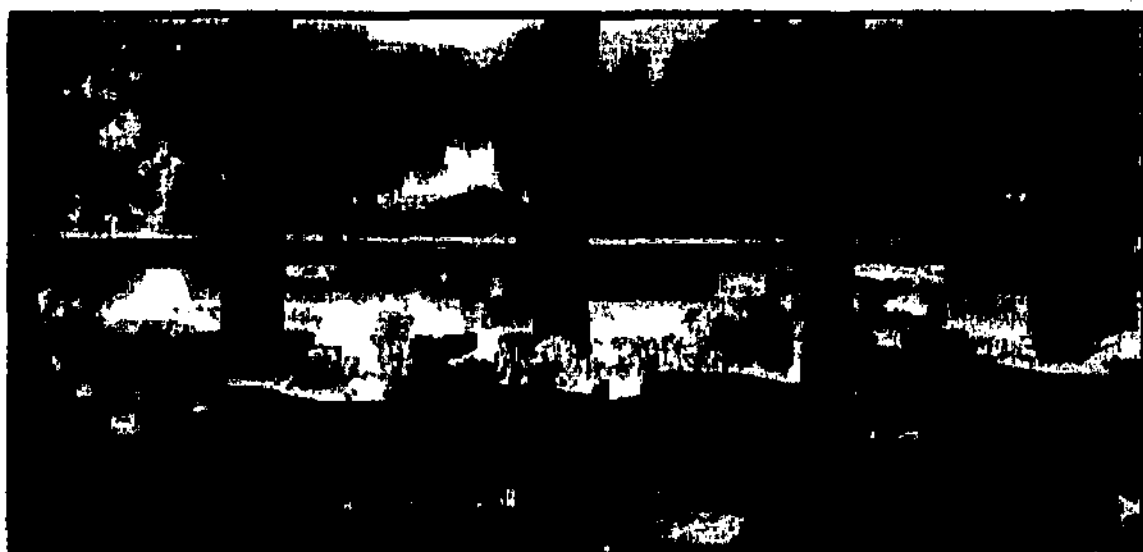
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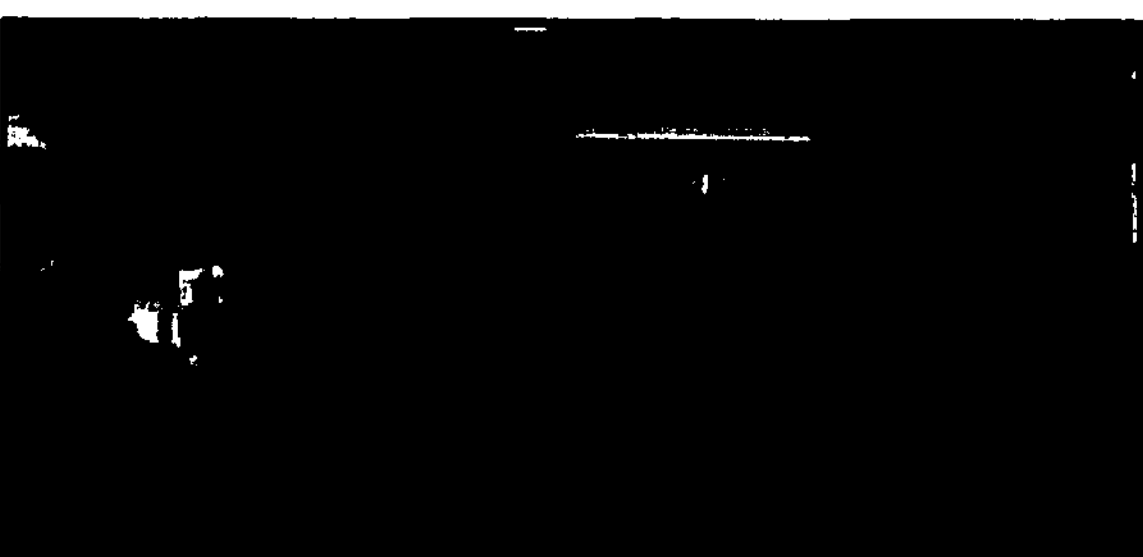
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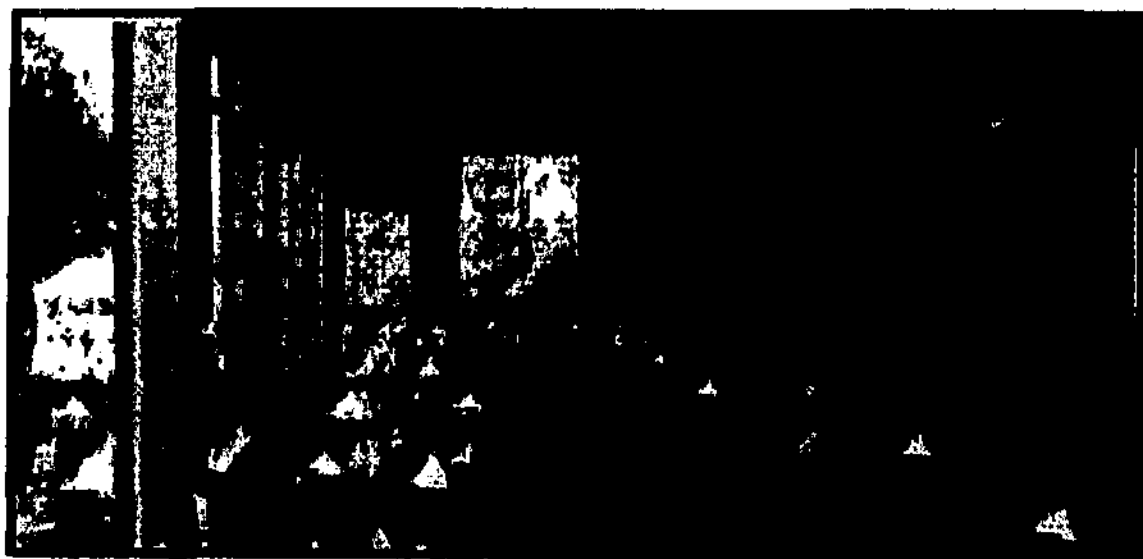
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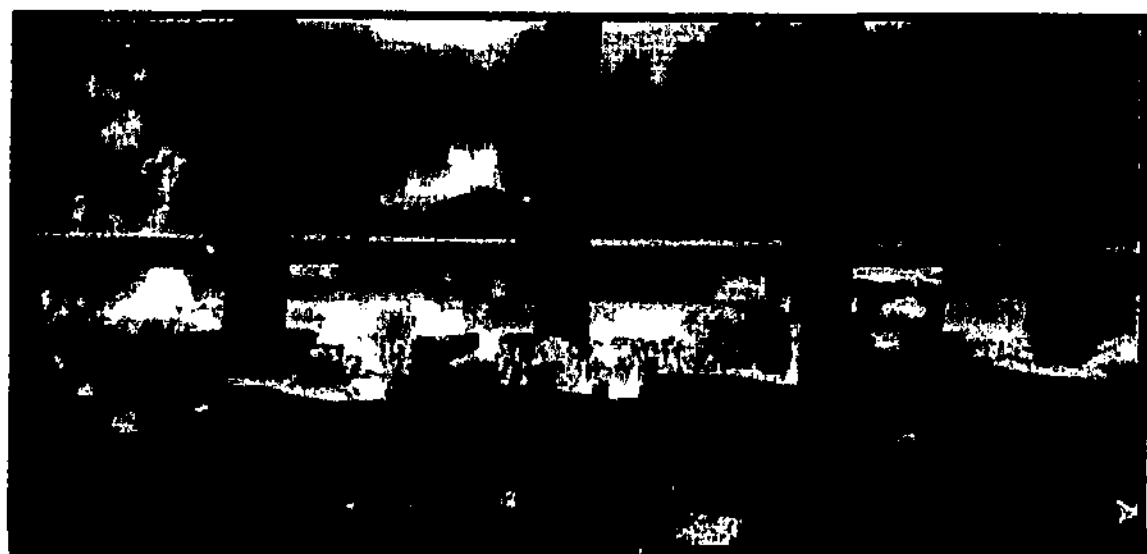
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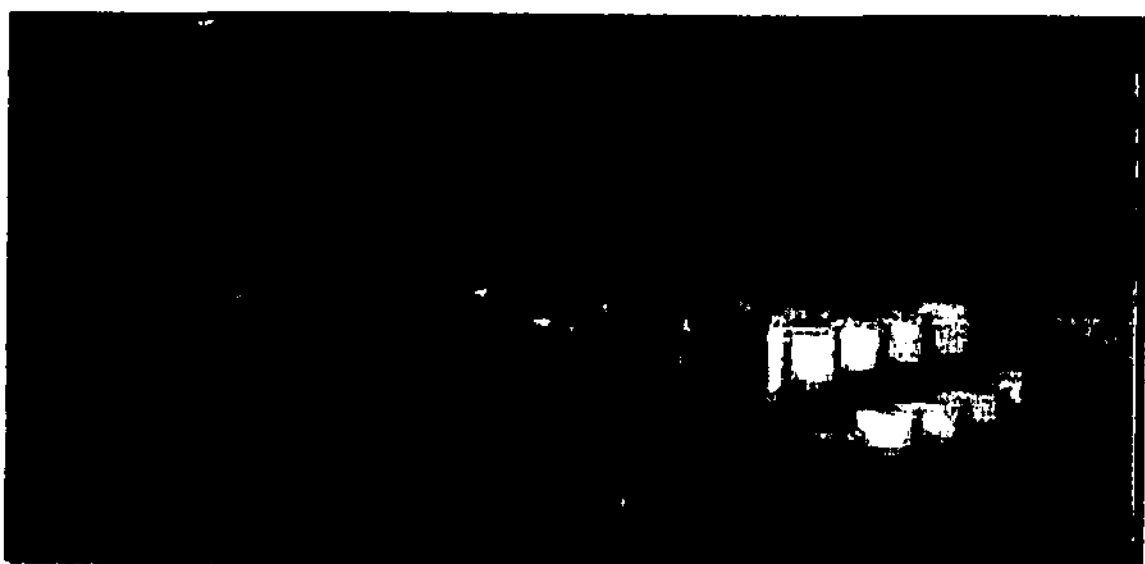
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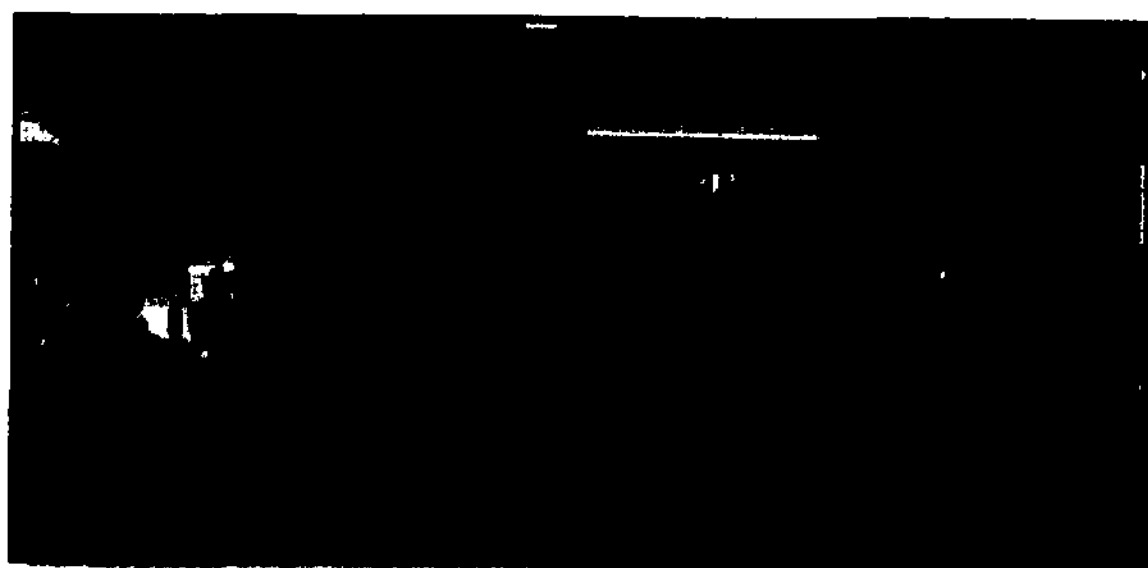
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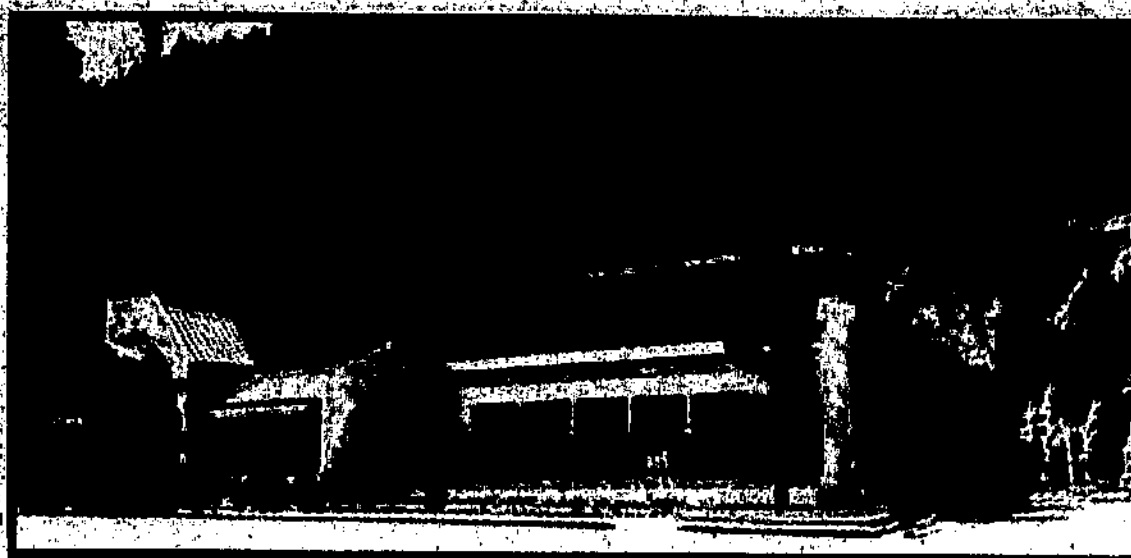
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Phone: 257-9355
Address: 657 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso
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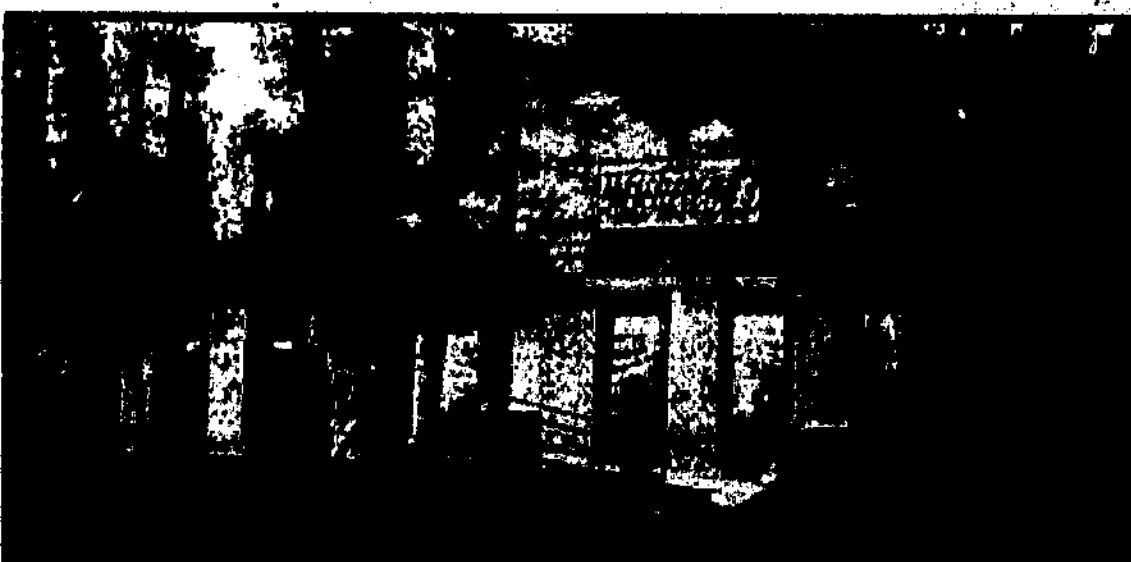
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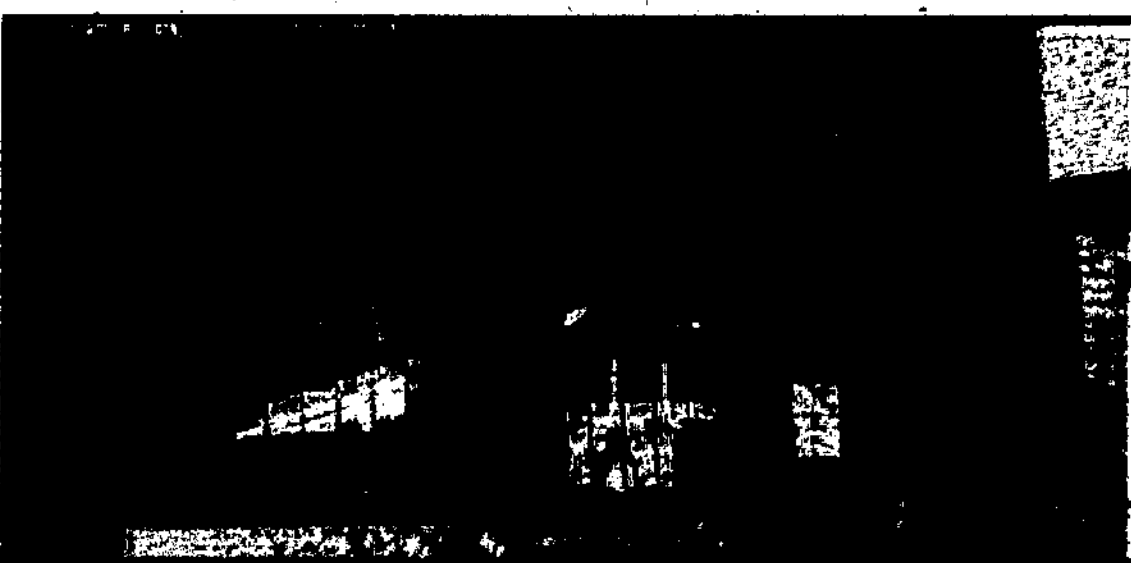
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dining guide

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

GOING Out

Q&A

Bob Einweck, singer and songwriter from Silver City, will perform at the Texas House from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. today and Saturday. Einweck, who currently is working on the release of his fourth album with Tucson-based One Bun Records, will present an up tempo mix of acoustic blues and variety. There is no cover charge.



Q. How did you first become interested in music?

A. I used to sing in church. I also have a brother who plays jazz piano and when I was a teenager I got interested in popular music.

Q. What are your inspirations when writing songs?

A. Mostly I'm looking for things that happen to people. I just observe the world around me.

Q. What do you strive for musically?

A. There's writing the perfect song and other musical aspirations, and also getting respect within the community.

Q. What do you consider your biggest musical accomplishment?

A. Putting out my fourth album and recording independently.

Q. How did you focus on blues?

A. So much music comes from a blues base. When you look at all other types of music blues is where they originated.

Q. What direction do you hope to take your music in the future?

A. I hope to keep improving and writing better songs.

Q. What's the most rewarding aspect of performing?

A. Being self-empowered.

Pat Garrett and Sadie Orchard ride again

The Museum of New Mexico celebrates its 90th anniversary this weekend. To honor the occasion the Lincoln State Monument will host two Chautauqua speakers who will perform at the San Juan Church in Lincoln.

Today from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Ron Grimes becomes "Patrick Floyd Garrett: From Buffalo Hunter to Man Hunter." Then, Jean Jordan will present "Sadie Orchard: Madame of the Virtue Avenue

Girls" Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m.

The presentations recreate the stories of two of the Old West's most famous figures with authentic 1880s costumes and the tales that became a legacy. Both speakers have performed the pieces extensively at conventions, schools, dude ranches and "cowboy campfires" throughout the Southwest. Admission and refreshments are free both evenings.

music

Win, Place & Show

Way Our West plays nightly at WPS, 2516 Sudderth Dr.

The Quarters

Lori Davison and the Intruders from Tucson play nightly. Karaoke on Mondays and Tuesdays at 2535 Sudderth Dr.

Cree Meadows Country Club

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The Texas House

Live entertainment Fridays and Saturdays. Open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursdays through Tuesdays. Closed Wednesday.

Galloping Tortoise

Live music every Sunday beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday blues jams at 7 p.m., featuring the musical talents of Geneva and Reggie, Cynthia Foster, Virgil Stephens, Greg Young, Michael Beyer, Suede Mills, Sam Dunnahoo and Michael Pyburn.

performances

Spencer cancels April 2 concert

The Spencer Theater has cancelled the 10 a.m., Friday, April 2 New Mexico Symphony Orchestra Youth Concert, a one-hour matinee performance for families.

The concert was cancelled because of a lack of ticket sales, said a Spencer Theater official.

Ticket holders who have not been notified by the box office should call the Spencer Theater box office at 336-4800 or 888-818-7872.

The next family event at the Spencer is the April 9 production of a contemporary version of "The Jungle Book" by New York's Theatre Works. Performance time is 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and \$15. For more information about Spencer Theater events, please contact the box office.

The Glass Menagerie

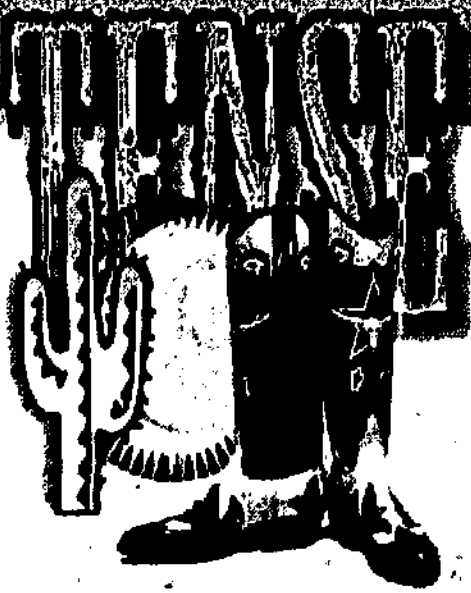
The ENMU Department of Theatre and Dance will present "The Glass Menagerie" at 8 p.m. Feb. 25-27 in Portales. Patrick Julian directs the three-day performance.

"I have a poet's weakness for symbols," said Tom Wingfield, narrator and main character in Tennessee Williams' timeless play.

One of the most treasured plays of the American theater, "The Glass Menagerie" presents a vivid portrait of hopeful aspiration followed by inevitable disappointment, and the tragic beauty of having dreams which are destroyed by the harsh realities of the world.

Tickets are \$7 general admission, \$6 senior citizens, \$5 pre-college and \$4 for ENMU students with a current activities sticker. For tickets or reservations, call the UTC box office at 562-2710. Box office hours are Monday through Friday noon to 6 p.m.

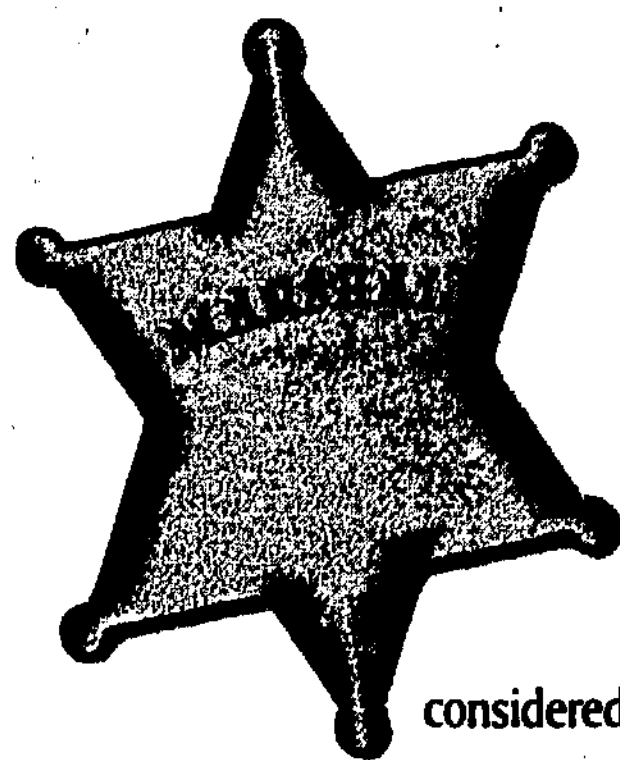
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The Legend of Henry Plummer

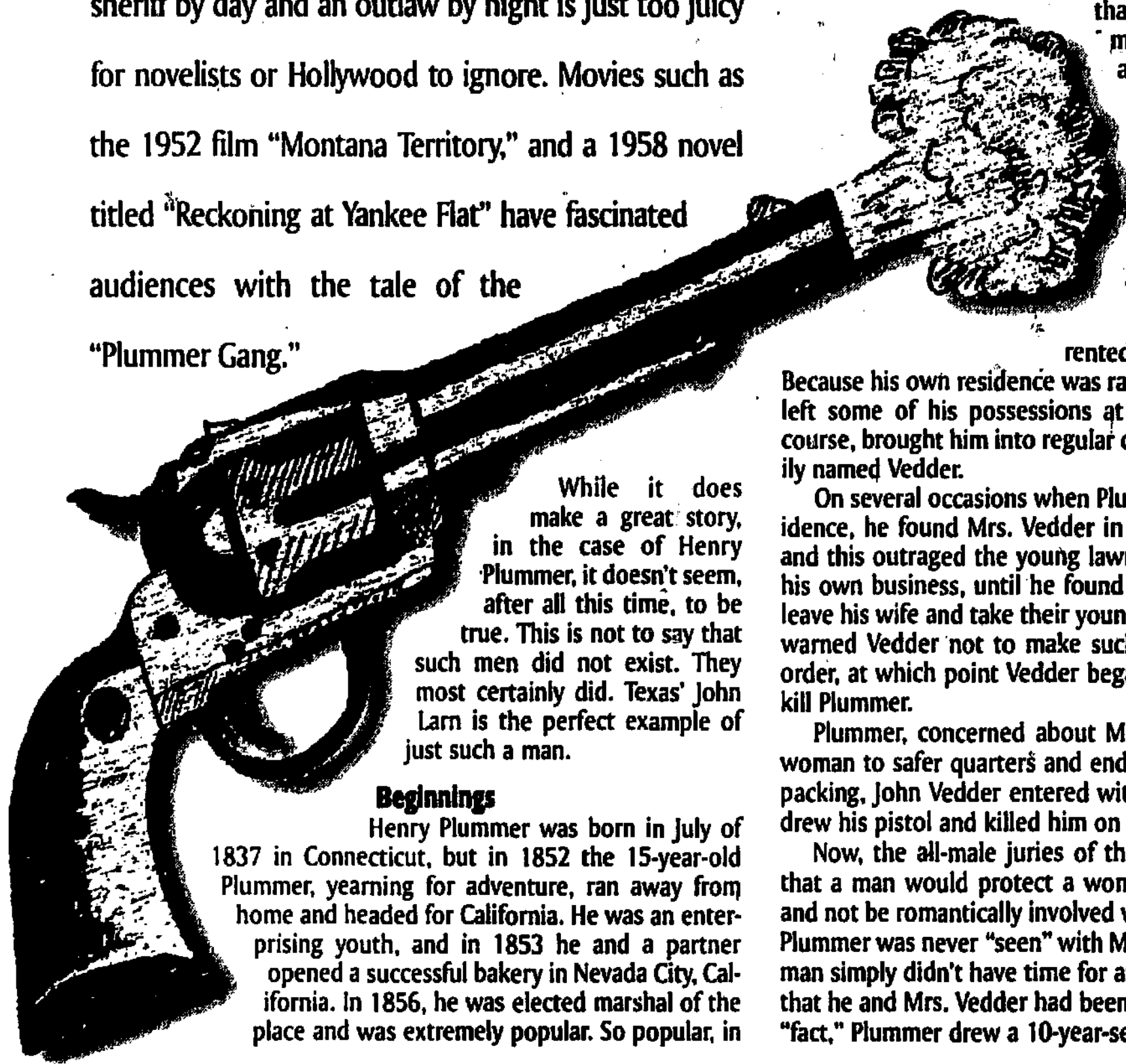


Drew Gamber
LINCOLN HISTORIAN



Six months later, Plummer walked out of San Quentin a free man. Not because of a conviction that was patently ridiculous, but because it was discovered that the young man had contracted consumption.

For more than a century, Henry Plummer has been considered the stereotypical "lawman gone bad." The concept of a man who works as a sheriff by day and an outlaw by night is just too juicy for novelists or Hollywood to ignore. Movies such as the 1952 film "Montana Territory," and a 1958 novel titled "Reckoning at Yankee Flat" have fascinated audiences with the tale of the "Plummer Gang."



While it does make a great story, in the case of Henry Plummer, it doesn't seem, after all this time, to be true. This is not to say that such men did not exist. They most certainly did. Texas' John Larn is the perfect example of just such a man.

Beginnings

Henry Plummer was born in July of 1837 in Connecticut, but in 1852 the 15-year-old Plummer, yearning for adventure, ran away from home and headed for California. He was an enterprising youth, and in 1853 he and a partner opened a successful bakery in Nevada City, California. In 1856, he was elected marshal of the place and was extremely popular. So popular, in

fact, that the Democratic party picked him to run for the state legislature.

This was not to be, though, because Plummer made the wrong enemies. A man named Squire Williams was a powerful politician in the area, and when his (by all accounts) incredibly obnoxious son accidentally shot the local sheriff, Marshal Plummer arrested Williams, an act that the Williams family felt disgraced the young man.

Fliers were distributed in what would become a successful attempt to discredit Plummer. They accused Plummer of being the representative of a foreign consortium that intended to steal all the mines in the area, which was the area's primary source of income. They even claimed that the young marshal was "for" early spring rains, which the miners were hoping against - water was an enemy of mining.

The Vedder killing

The enterprising marshal rented out a home that he owned. Because his own residence was rather small, Plummer habitually left some of his possessions at the rental property. This, of course, brought him into regular contact with his tenants, a family named Vedder.

On several occasions when Plummer came by the Vedder residence, he found Mrs. Vedder in a bruised and battered state, and this outraged the young lawman. Nevertheless, he minded his own business, until he found that John Vedder intended to leave his wife and take their young daughter with him. Plummer warned Vedder not to make such an attempt without a court order, at which point Vedder began going about threatening to kill Plummer.

Plummer, concerned about Mrs. Vedder, tried to move the woman to safer quarters and end the abuse, but while she was packing, John Vedder entered with a gun in his hand. Plummer drew his pistol and killed him on the spot.

Now, the all-male juries of the time found it inconceivable that a man would protect a woman under such circumstances and not be romantically involved with her. Despite the obvious - Plummer was never "seen" with Mrs. Vedder and the busy young man simply didn't have time for an illicit affair - it was assumed that he and Mrs. Vedder had been intimate. On the basis of that "fact," Plummer drew a 10-year-sentence.

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Consumption

Six months later, Plummer walked out of San Quentin a free man. Not because of a conviction that was patently ridiculous, but because it was discovered that the young man had contracted consumption, known today as tuberculosis. It was considered to be the equivalent of a death sentence.

Once he was out of prison, though, Plummer began to drink heavily and associate with the seedier element in Nevada City. When a gambler named John Riley attacked Plummer with a knife, inflicting a wound to his head, Plummer shot and killed him.

Even though it was a clear case of self-defense, Plummer's friends in the sheriff's department, who felt he had gotten a raw deal anyway, simply left Henry's cell unlocked one night. Plummer headed for Bannack, in what is now Montana.

He did not leave alone, though. Shortly after departing for safer climes, young Plummer met a man named Jack Cleveland, and the two decided to travel together, a decision that would ultimately have catastrophic effects.

One night toward the end of their journey, Plummer and Cleveland stopped at a ranch about 160 miles out of Bannack. It was there that Plummer met the love of his life, a young lady named Electa Bryan. Unfortunately, the beautiful Electa also attracted the attention of Cleveland, who felt that she was the love of his life.

When the two men rode away from the ranch, Plummer had made an enemy, but was not wholly aware of the fact — yet.

A gunfight

On January 14, 1863, Plummer was lounging in Bannack's Goodrich Saloon, where he had taken refuge from the cold. Suddenly a drunken Jack Cleveland staggered into the place and immediately began pestering a young man by the name of Perkins about a debt. Young Perkins insisted that he had already paid the debt and departed, at which point Cleveland noticed Plummer sitting at the back of the bar.

Cleveland has threatened Plummer publicly for quite some time, making dark and undoubtedly biased references to Plum-

mer's past. Plummer was known as a man who attempted to settle differences peaceably, but by this time, he had enough. When he got to his feet and said so, Cleveland went for his gun. Plummer did the same. Both men got off one shot and both men missed. Plummer's second shot was better directed though, and before Cleveland could get another round off, he went down with a bullet in the groin.

Cleveland, still conscious, asked Plummer if he would shoot a man when he was down. Plummer replied that he would not and held his fire, which apparently made Cleveland think that it would be OK for him to resume shooting at Plummer. When Cleveland came up with a gun in his hand, Plummer shot him three more times, killing him.

Unfortunately for Plummer, during his trial, a man named Hank Crawford was elected sheriff. Crawford and Cleveland had been friends, so Crawford had no problem selling Henry Plummer's guns to cover his campaign costs. Needless to say, when Plummer was acquitted, bad feelings between the two men arose and were nurtured by both men.

These feelings came to a head the day that Crawford came around the side of a building and attempted to shoot Plummer in the back. The bullet entered Plummer's arm and lodged in his wrist.

His assassination attempt a failure, Hank Crawford suddenly developed a longing to see his home state again. He departed for Wisconsin and was never heard from afterwards.

Despite all of this, Plummer was extremely popular in Bannack, and now that there was a vacancy in the sheriff's office, Plummer was elected. He also married his beloved Electa.

Sidney Edgerton

Sidney Edgerton was a politically ambitious man from Ohio. Edgerton, who was an intellectual and an elitist, knew that the popular Plummer would always be a thorn in his political side and began making plans for the removal of the sheriff.

Edgerton's plans called for a rumor campaign against Plummer. It met with only moderate success as most locals were quite pleased with Plummer's perfor-

mance. But Edgerton had a hidden card to play.

One day Edgerton presented a story to the public that he had supposedly heard from a 14-year-old boy named Henry Tilden. According to young Tilden, he had been robbed one day on the plains by Plummer and two other men. The boy identified the sheriff by the red lining of his coat, as all three "bandits" were masked. By a not-so-amazing coincidence, the youth was the ward of none other than Sidney Edgerton.

The vigilantes

A vigilante group was formed, and, as is often the case, the vigilantes list of known criminals grew to include virtually anyone that they didn't like. When the Tilden boy told his story, they announced that Henry Plummer was the ringleader of a gang of thieves and killers.

On the night of January 10, 1864, the vigilantes came to Henry Plummer's door. Plummer was bound and along with two of his deputies and marched to the gallows that he himself had built on the outskirts of town.

While his two deputies were "jerked to Jesus," Plummer remained calm. He asked for a trial and was told no. He asked for a chance to put his affairs in order and was again refused. They didn't even give him a chance to pray. In the end, all Henry Plummer did was quietly state that he was innocent. Then they hanged him.

After Plummer's death, Edgerton was elected governor of the newly formed Territory of Montana. He rapidly became extremely unpopular and finally returned to his native Ohio. Anyone foolish enough to criticize the vigilantes were themselves quickly strung up, so for years only the vigilante's side of the story was told.

Henry Plummer finally did receive an *in absentia* trial, but not until the latter part of the 20th century — just a few years ago.

And you know what? He was found "not guilty."

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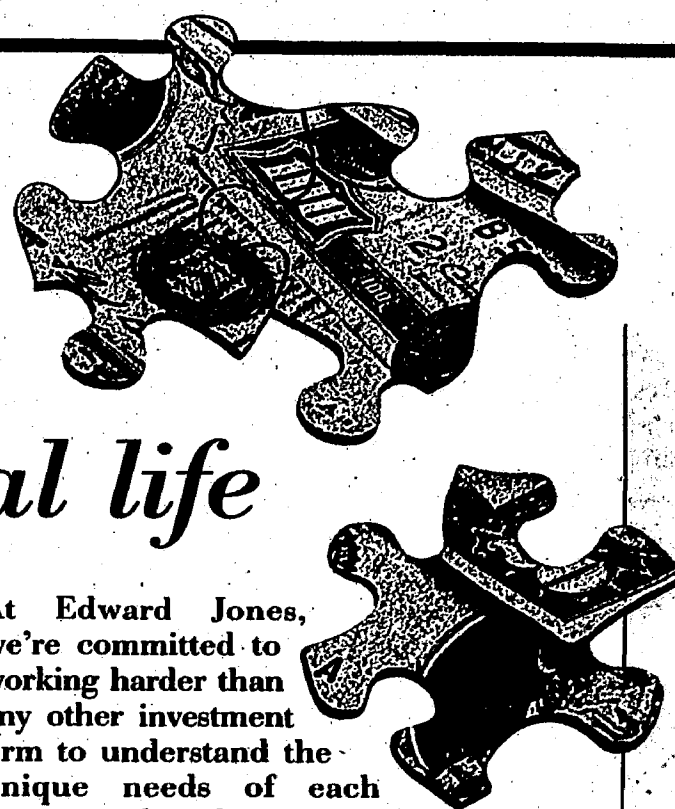
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'Let me clarify,' says the IRS

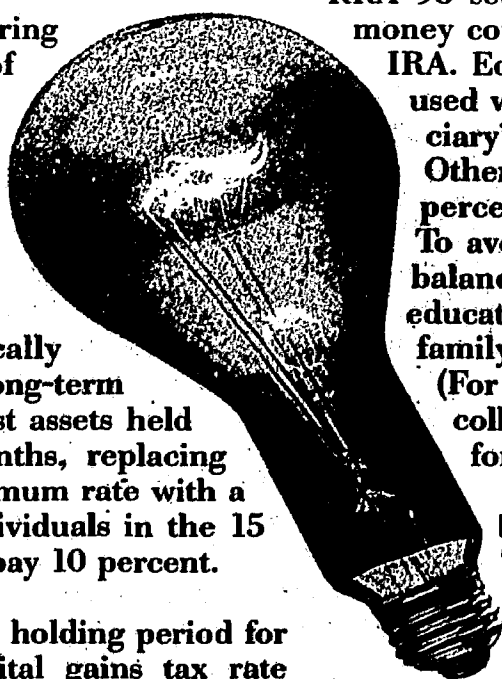
In 1997, taxpayers were given the largest tax cut in over a decade through the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (TRA 97). Capital gains taxes were reduced, new IRAs were introduced, and an old IRA was expanded (see "More Americans," page 3). Unfortunately, some of the IRS rules were a little unclear.

The IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 (RRA 98) clarifies some of the rules from TRA 97. Here are a few of the highlights:

Capital gains

TRA 97 dramatically reduced taxes on long-term capital gains for most assets held longer than 18 months, replacing the 28 percent maximum rate with a 20 percent rate. Individuals in the 15 percent tax bracket pay 10 percent.

RRA 98 reduced the holding period for the 20 percent capital gains tax rate from 18 months to 12 months retroactive to Jan. 1, 1998. So, those investing in stocks and mutual funds now would be wise to wait at least a year before making a change. Those who sell before one year will be taxed on gains at their ordinary income tax rate, which could be as high as 39.6 percent.



Education IRAs

TRA 97 created a new IRA, the education IRA, to allow families to save up to \$500 per year for higher education expenses. The money in an education IRA can be withdrawn tax- and penalty-free to pay for college.

RRA 98 set a time limit for how long money could remain in the education IRA. Education IRA funds must be used within 30 days of the beneficiary's 30th birthday or death. Otherwise, income taxes and a 10 percent penalty are imposed. To avoid the tax and penalty, the balance can be rolled into an education IRA set up for another family member under age 30. (For more tips on saving for college expenses, see "Paying for college," page 4.)

Roth IRAs

TRA 97 established a new way for people to save for retirement — the Roth IRA. Contributions to a Roth IRA are not tax-deductible, but withdrawals from the Roth IRA are tax-free if you meet certain requirements (see "Tax-free income for retirement," page 2).

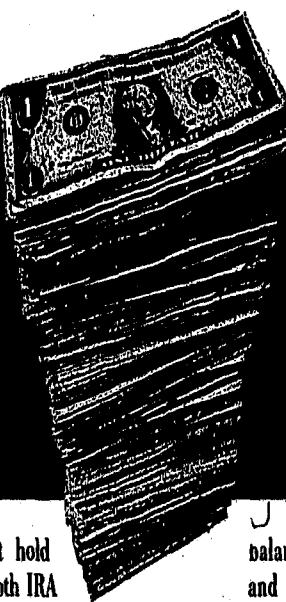
Clarifications under RRA 98 deal primarily with people who want to convert

a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. To be eligible to convert, your adjusted gross income must be under \$100,000. RRA 98 assures people close to that income limit that if they exceed the income limit unknowingly, they can undo the rollover by putting the money back into a traditional IRA before their tax-filing due date with no penalty.

RRA 98 also established a five-year holding period for Roth IRA funds. The five-year holding period begins with the year of the first contribution or conversion, whether or not you make subsequent contributions or conversions to the same account. Individuals may withdraw their contributed dollars without tax or penalty at any time and for any reason. Earnings, however, will be subject to tax and a penalty if they are withdrawn during the first five years. The penalty may not apply if one of the following exceptions occur: 1) attaining age 59-1/2, 2) death, 3) disability, 4) first-time home purchase, 5) higher education expenses, 6) substantially equal payments, 7) unemployment insurance premiums, or 8) unreimbursed medical expenses greater than 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income.

Your Edward Jones investment representative can help you develop an investment strategy that makes the most of the new tax and savings initiatives. You may also want to talk to your tax adviser.

Tax-free income for retirement!



Have you ever heard the expression, "I've got good news and bad news. Which would you like to hear first?" Well, this time, there's good news and good news!

The good news is a new way to save for retirement — the Roth IRA. And the other good news is tax-free income at retirement. With the dim outlook for Social Security, Americans saving for retirement need all the help they can get.

You do not receive a tax deduction when you contribute to a Roth IRA, but you can earn tax-free income if you follow a few simple

guidelines. You must hold the money in your Roth IRA for at least five years after the tax year of your first contribution and meet one of the following conditions: 1) attainment of age 59-1/2, 2) death, 3) disability, or 4) a first-time home purchase. You may withdraw your contribution at any time tax-and penalty-free.

For example, Joe makes his first Roth IRA contribution in 1998 when he is 40 years old. He makes subsequent contributions in the years 1999, 2000 and 2001. When Joe is age 59-1/2, he can withdraw his entire account

balance tax-free because it has been at least five years from his first contribution and he has reached the required age.

Tax-free income — you can't get much better than that. Incorporating the Roth IRA into your savings plan today can be a great benefit in the future. Your Edward Jones investment representative can help you determine if a Roth IRA makes sense for you.

Who can contribute to a Roth IRA?

Individuals may contribute up to \$2,000 to a Roth IRA if they have earned income and meet the following adjusted gross income (AGI) limits:

AGI Limits	Single Taxpayer	Married, Filing Jointly	Married, Filing Separately
A full contribution can be made	Less than \$95,000	Less than \$150,000	N/A
A partial contribution can be made	\$95,000 - \$110,000	\$150,000 - \$160,000	\$0 - \$10,000
No contribution can be made	More than \$110,000	More than \$160,000	More than \$10,000

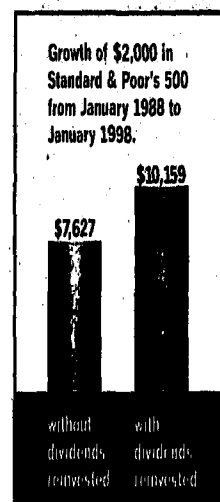
If you're eligible, you have until your tax-filing deadline to set up a Roth IRA for the 1998 tax year.

Make the most of your IRA

Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) are a great way to save for retirement. Your savings aren't taxed each year, so you have more money available to grow and compound.

You can make your IRA grow even more powerful through two time-tested strategies: reinvestment and dollar cost averaging.

The power of reinvestment. If you aren't eligible to take distributions from your IRA (you're under age 59-1/2 or if you haven't yet chosen to take distributions (not mandatory until age 70-1/2), why not make your dividends and interest work as hard as possible? Consider the following example:



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In this example, reinvesting added \$2,532 to a one-time \$2,000 contribution. Imagine the potential for added growth if you contribute and reinvest every year!

At Edward Jones, you can really put the power of reinvesting to work, because you can reinvest the income on all the investments in your IRA. Like other firms, we offer dividend reinvestment into stocks. But only at Edward Jones can you also choose to reinvest dividends, interest and principal payments into any of more than 350 mutual funds. That means more ways to keep your money working for you!

The power of dollar cost averaging. When you're investing for retirement, you want your money to grow, so investing in stocks and stock mutual funds makes sense. But fluctuation in the stock market is a fact of life for investors, and that may be a concern.

That's where dollar cost averaging comes in. You create a plan to invest a regular amount (\$100 or more) each month. Your money buys more shares when prices are lower and fewer shares when prices are higher. While this long-term strategy can't guarantee a profit or prevent a loss, it does ensure you won't invest all your money at the market high.

Edward Jones is one of the few places where you can dollar cost average into individual stocks. We also offer this service on more than 350 mutual funds.

Get the power. If you want to take advantage of these powerful strategies to compound your retirement

savings, contact your Edward Jones investment representative. If you didn't open your IRA at Edward Jones, don't worry. Transferring your IRA is easy, and there's no charge.



More Americans can deduct their IRA contribution

If you haven't been able to deduct your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) contribution in the past, you may be able to now. The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 increased the income limits that allow people to deduct their contribution, beginning with the 1998 tax year.

Let's start with a few basics. If you are under age 70-1/2 and have earned income, you can contribute to an IRA. In addition, if you, or you and your spouse, are not covered by an employer-sponsored retirement plan, you can deduct your IRA contribution. However, if you are covered by an employer-sponsored retirement plan, the deductibility of your

contribution depends on your adjusted gross income (AGI).

For example, a married couple covered by an employer-sponsored retirement plan and filing a joint return can fully deduct their IRA contributions if their combined AGI is less than \$50,000. They can take a partial deduction if their AGI falls between \$50,000 and \$60,000. If the couple's AGI is over \$60,000, they cannot take a deduction for their contribution. We refer to this as a phase-out range for deductibility. The chart below illustrates the old phase-out ranges vs. the new phase-out ranges.

Even if you aren't eligible to deduct your contribution, IRAs are still a great way to save for retirement, because your earnings aren't taxed until you withdraw money. The longer you delay paying taxes, the larger your retirement nest egg can grow.

IRAs can play an important part in your savings plan for retirement. To find out more about IRAs, or to see if you qualify for a deductible contribution, visit your Edward Jones investment representative.

Income Phase-out Ranges for Deductibility

	Individual Covered by Plan	Married Filing Jointly Both Spouses Covered by Plan	Married Filing Jointly One Spouse Covered by Plan	Married Filing Separately Covered by Plan
Old	\$25,000-\$35,000	\$40,000-\$50,000	\$40,000-\$50,000	\$0-\$10,000
New	\$30,000-\$40,000	\$50,000-\$60,000	\$150,000-\$160,000	\$0-\$10,000

Your retirement: Annuities stand the test of time



According to the American Society of Actuaries, a married couple aged 65 has a 55 percent chance of one spouse living to age 90.

With today's longer life spans, have you considered that you may spend as much time in retirement as you spend working? The idea of enjoying more time in retirement may seem like an exciting prospect... until you start thinking about how you're going to pay for all that leisure time.

If you're concerned about having enough income for a long, comfortable retirement, consider annuities.

Annuities have two tax features that make them a good choice for retirement investing. The first is tax deferral. While your money is accumulating, you don't pay taxes on the gains until you withdraw the earnings. The longer you delay paying taxes, the more your retirement savings can grow. We generally recommend you hold an annuity for seven to 10 years and wait until after age 59-1/2 before taking income.

The second tax benefit of annuities stems from annuitization. Annuitization refers to the length of the payout period. You can opt to receive a payment for a certain period of years or a payment you can't outlive. The annuitized payment is part gain and part principal. Since only the gain portion of your payment is taxed, you benefit from tax-free income from your payment of principal.

If retirement income is a concern, contact your Edward Jones investment representative to see if an annuity makes sense for you.

If any of the above apply, you're probably faced with a big decision: What should you do with the savings you've accumulated in your retirement plan?

In general, you have two options: 1) Take the money, or 2) Roll the money into another retirement account. If you decide to take the money, your employer will be required to withhold a portion of your distribution to pay taxes, and you'll need to make up the remaining taxes by your tax-filing deadline. Also, a 10 percent early withdrawal penalty may apply if you are under age 59-1/2. The following is an example of how this works.

Ken is 62 and just retired from XYZ Co. with \$100,000 accumulated in his 401(k). He decides to have the money paid directly to him. The company is required to withhold 20 percent from the distribution for federal income taxes. The distribution looks like this:

Amount of 401(k) distribution	\$ 100,000
20% withheld	\$ 20,000
Amount paid to Ken	\$ 80,000

If Ken is in the 28 percent tax bracket, he will owe a total of \$28,000 in taxes (\$100,000 x 28%). The \$20,000 XYZ Co. sent to Uncle Sam will count toward his total tax bill, so Ken will owe \$8,000 more in taxes. This leaves Ken only \$72,000 to invest after taxes. Fortunately, because Ken is over 59-1/2, he will not be subject to a penalty.

On the other hand, Ken could defer paying taxes by rolling his distribution into a retirement account, such as an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). In addition to deferring the taxes and possibly avoiding a penalty, he has the entire distribution to invest, and it will continue to grow tax-deferred. Let's look at the same example, but assume Ken has his employer send the distribution directly to an IRA.

In this case, Ken's employer will not have to withhold anything on the distribution. Therefore, the distribution will look like this:

Amount of 401(k) distribution	\$ 100,000
Amount withheld	\$ 0
Amount contributed to Ken's IRA	\$ 100,000

Ken has the entire \$100,000 to invest in his IRA. He also defers paying any taxes until he begins withdrawing money from the IRA. He controls when he pays taxes.

Rolling your company's retirement plan into another retirement account, such as an IRA, is the best option in most cases. However, because there are times when you would benefit from taking the distribution, you should seek the advice of your tax professional. The wrong decision can be costly. Your Edward Jones investment representative can help you and your tax professional determine which option is best for you.

Tax-free bonds: Even better than they look

Are you familiar with the expression, "There's more than meets the eye?" That's one way to describe tax-free municipal bonds. The interest rates on tax-free bonds are generally lower than those of comparable taxable bonds, such as corporate bonds. But take a closer look.

Because you pay no federal income tax (and sometimes no state or local taxes) on your interest, you can actually earn more spendable income from a tax-free bond than from a higher-paying taxable bond. For example, if you're married, in the 31 percent tax bracket and filing jointly, you'll actually

earn more spendable after-tax income from a tax-free bond paying 5 percent than a taxable bond paying 7 percent! In fact, you'd have to find a taxable bond paying 7.25 percent to earn as much after-tax income as you would from that 5 percent tax-free bond. Because they offer this important tax advantage, it's hard to find a time when tax-free bonds aren't attractive, but you should also be on the lookout for conditions that make them an even greater value.

Because they are issued to finance projects within the United States, municipal bond

yields aren't affected by turmoil in international markets. As we saw during 1998, that's not the case with U.S. Treasury bonds or some corporate bonds. In addition, under certain market conditions, the gap narrows between interest rates on tax-free bonds and

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	15	20	25	30	35	40
4.0%	4.71	5.56	6.49	7.51	8.62	9.82
5.0%	5.88	6.94	8.09	9.34	10.68	12.11
6.0%	7.06	8.33	9.70	11.16	12.71	14.36

Is your estate plan up-to-date?

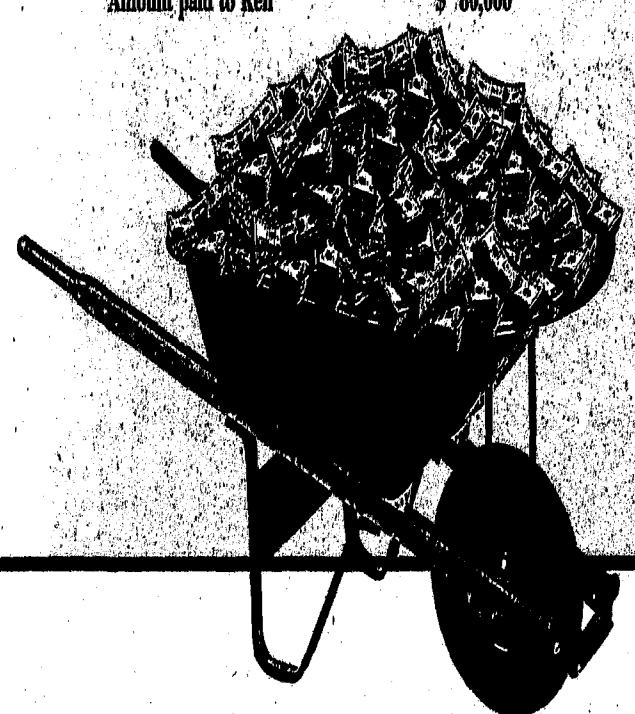
If you haven't reviewed your estate plan lately, you could be missing out on tax savings. Tax law changes enacted in August 1997 allow taxpayers to transfer more money to heirs without incurring federal gift and estate taxes.

Give a gift this year, and you can transfer up to \$650,000. Even better, the amount of the exemption, called the Unified Credit Equivalent, will increase to \$1 million by 2006 (see chart).

If you have an estate plan in place, it may have been drafted with specific references to the \$600,000

Year of gift/death	Amount of exemption
1997	\$650,000
2000	\$1,000,000
2006	\$1,000,000

exemption. Have your plan reviewed to make sure it accommodates changes to the estate and gift tax system. If you do not have an estate plan in place and the value of your estate is nearing or exceeds \$650,000, contact your Edward Jones investment representative for more information.



Surprised by your tax bill? Help is here!

If you're faced with an unexpected tax bill, don't assume you have to cash in your investments and savings. You can keep your money working for you by borrowing against the value of the securities (stocks, bonds, etc.) in your investment account through a line of credit or against the equity in your home through a home equity line.

Line of Credit
A line of credit is similar to a bank loan, but uses approved investments rather than property as collateral. Unlike a bank loan, where a loan officer determines your credit worthiness, your line of credit is based on the value of the investments in your account. The greater the value of your account, the larger your line of credit.

Edward Jones offers a line of credit to give you access to extra cash when you need it. Plus you enjoy a number of advantages:

Convenience and speed
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comparable taxable bonds, so you can get nearly all the yield of a taxable bond and still maintain the tax advantage offered by tax-free bonds. When those conditions arise, it's time to act.

At Edward Jones, we understand that most individual investors have more to do than track the bond markets. So let your local Edward Jones investment representative know you need tax-free income, and we'll make sure timely opportunities are brought to your attention. It's just one more advantage of working with someone who takes the time to understand your personal financial situation. If you need tax relief and regular income, why not get started today?

Paying for college: Successful tax strategies

Figuring out how to pay for your child's or grandchild's college education can be a daunting financial puzzle. Here are a few tax-saving strategies that can help you put some of the pieces together.

1 Invest in a custodial account

As you save funds for college, if you invest in your child's name, the investment earnings in that account will be taxed at your child's tax rate when he or she reaches age 14. For most families, the child's tax rate will be significantly lower than the parent's tax rate. Before the child reaches age 14, earnings above \$1,400 (in 1999) will be taxed at the parent's tax rate.

Two potential drawbacks with this strategy are that the child will assume complete control of the money when he or she reaches the age of majority in your state. Also, it could reduce eligibility for and the amount of financial aid in the future.

2 Invest in an education IRA

You can invest \$500 per year in an education IRA for a child. Earnings in the account accumulate tax-free and distributions from the account used to pay for higher education expenses are tax-free.

3 Use capital gains tax advantages

If you own appreciated securities and expect to liquidate them to fund your child's college costs, you'll be subject to a 20 percent federal capital gains tax when you sell the shares. If those same securities are transferred in a well-thought-out gifting program to a college-bound student and then sold, however, the gains are normally taxed at just 10 percent.

A potential drawback to this strategy is the impact on future financial aid.

4 Reposition assets

When you apply for financial aid, the amount you are expected to contribute toward your child's education is called the expected family contribution (EFC).

Wealthier parents may be subject to a higher EFC. To maximize financial aid eligibility, such families should look at their entire tax situation, family and business, and consider the following strategies:

-Contribute the maximum amount to retirement accounts. These assets are not listed on financial aid applications or included in determining EFC.

-Make any planned big-ticket purchases, such as a car, home or vacation house, during your children's high school years rather than their college years. If you do make any big-ticket purchases, consider using a home equity line of credit to pay for them. This is advantageous because it reduces your home equity, and most aid formulas include home equity in their aid calculations. In addition, the interest on the home equity loan is deductible.

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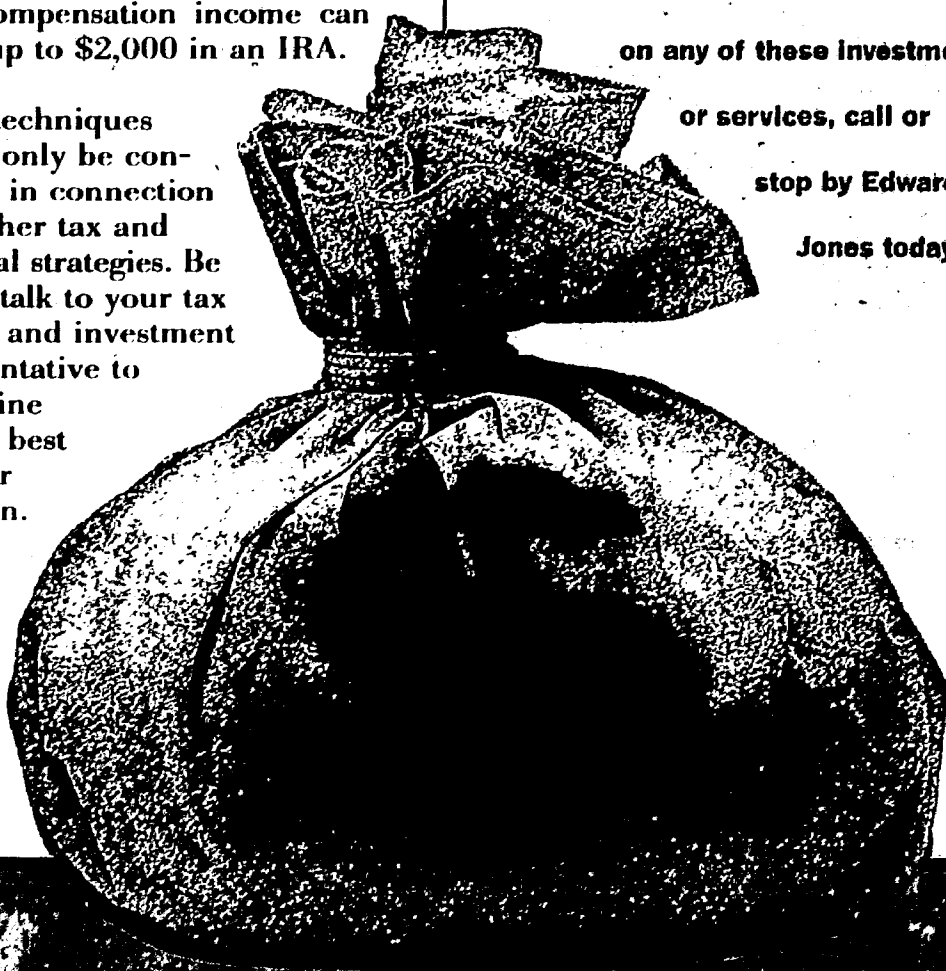
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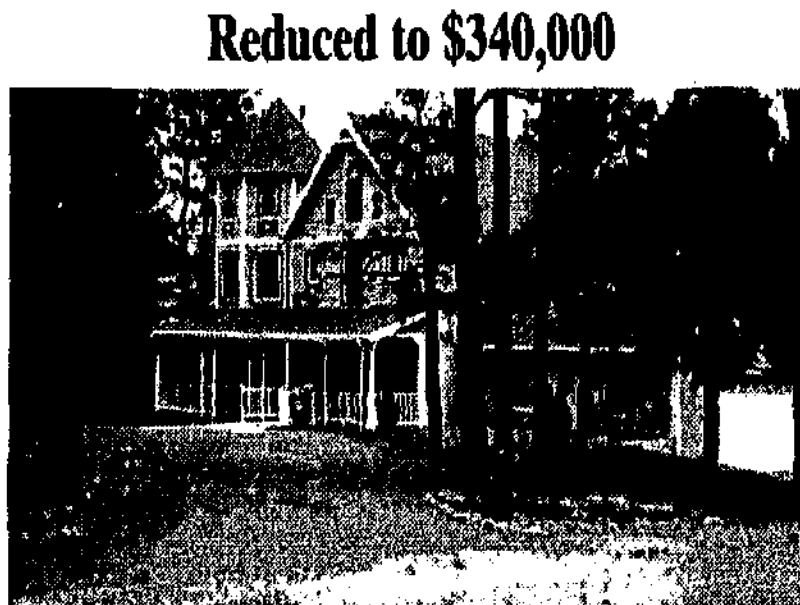
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Seidel • \$139,000 • 254 Sierra Blanca Dr.
Three bedrooms, 3 baths, furnished, full membership. Sierra Blanca view.



Alto

Reynolds • \$210,000 • 617 Mid Iron Drive
Three bedroom, 3 bath, split level. Full membership.



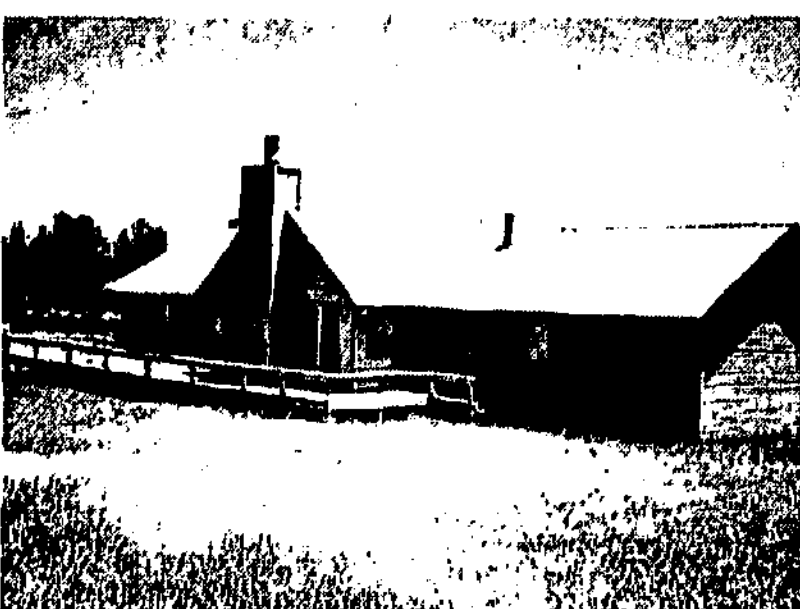
Alto

Brown • \$325,000 • 215 Broadmoor
Three bedroom, two and one half baths. Grand fairway view up #14. New sunroom, full membership.



Alto

Kruger • \$149,000 • 206 Sierra Blanca Dr.
3 bedroom, 2 bath, full golf membership. Great get-a-way with easy access!



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Alto Home • \$439,000 • 130 Forest Drive
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Three bedroom, 2 bath, full golf membership. Newly remodeled with southwest flair. Exceptional rock fireplace 1-car garage.

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Cree Meadows Townhome

Ellis • \$89,900 • 111 Nible Court
3/2 with 1 car garage. 1900 sq. ft.
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Commercial

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Last unit for sale - new - finished!



Devon Hills

Oxford • \$28,500 • 107 Jann Lane
Beautiful lot, all city utilities. Private
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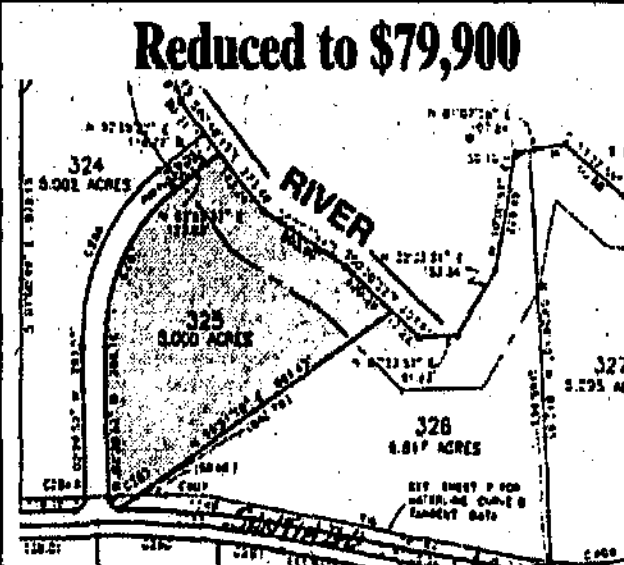
Navajo

Partee Townhomes • \$89,900 • 105 Keys Dr.
Two new townhomes. Both are end
units. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, refrigerated
air and new appliances. Great location.



The Alto Store

\$239,500 • Corner of Gavilan and Hwy 48
Land, building and successful business. Deli styled luncheons, convenience
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Upper Canyon

Hawkins • \$225,000 • 1038 Main Road

Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, 2-car garage. 9 foot ceilings, crown molding, wooden shutters, stained glass windows! A must see home.

Reduced to \$349,900



Upper Canyon

Robbins • \$399,900 • 619 Main

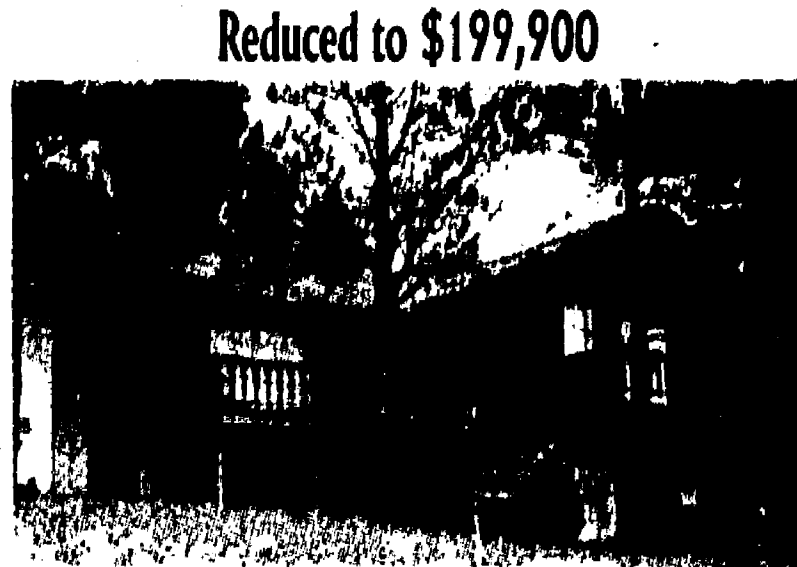
3 bdrms, 3 full baths. Plus guest apt. with private entry, on the river on 2 lots!



Black Forest

Sullivan • \$189,900 • 114 Black Forest Road

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Valley

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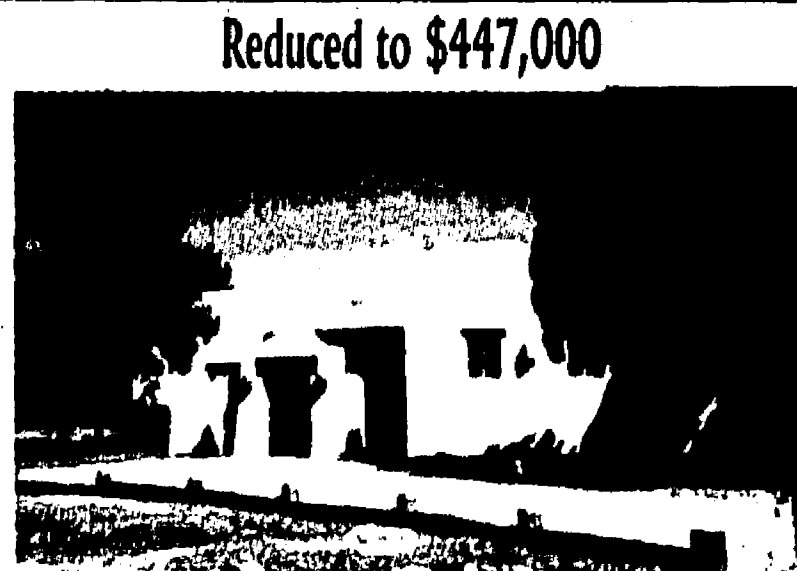
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Alto

Nichols • \$168,500 • #65 Deer Park Townhouse

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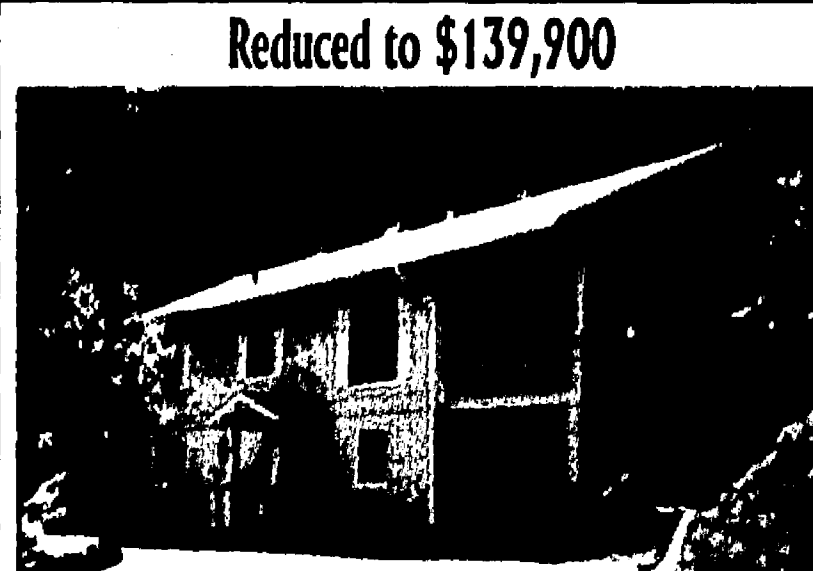


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Alto

Bennett • \$475,000 • 117 Quail Run

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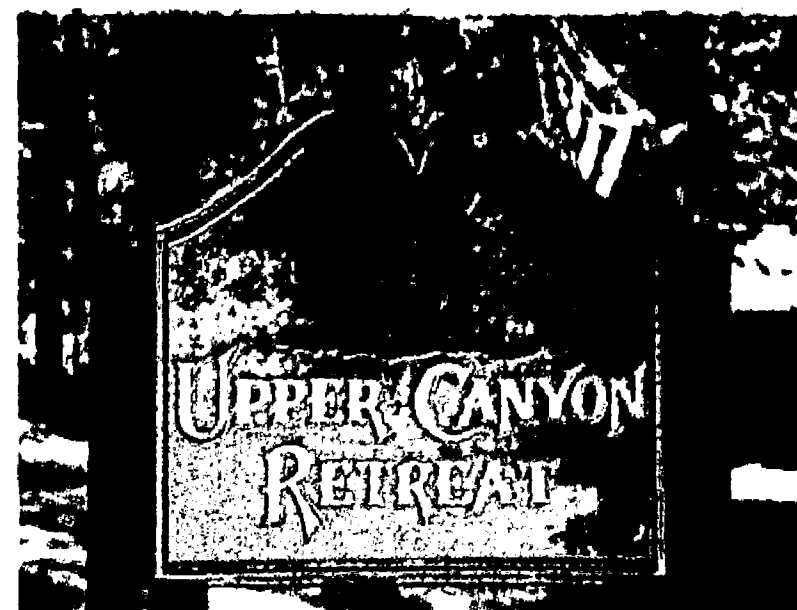
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Upper Canyon

Carzoli • \$149,500 • 213 Perk Canyon Dr.

Three bedrooms, 3 baths with decorator touches throughout. A great house for the price.

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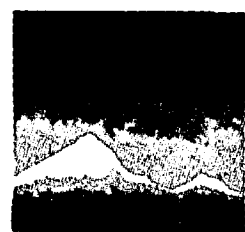


Upper Canyon

Burger • \$249,900 • 1042 Main Road

2 completely furnished 3 bedroom, 2 bath homes for 1 price adjacent to the river with beautiful river views!

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Commission settles salary squabble

Wilton Howell stands alone in saying 'No'

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

An agreement approved Thursday between Lincoln County's other elected officials and the county commission will cost \$43,357, but will end a salary dispute that started in 1995.

The county's 10 elected officials will receive lump sum settlements for previously granted and rescinded 7 percent raises. From Feb. 1 forward those who took office on Jan. 1, 1997, will be entitled to the same 7 percent raise reinstated by a commission vote two months ago for those who took office Jan. 1, 1995.

The only county elected official who refused to sign the agreement and voted against the motion was Commissioner Wilton Howell. That means he will not receive \$1,058 as part of the lump sum settlement going to the other nine former or current officials, said County Attorney Alan Morel.

In return for the money, the officials agree not to sue the county over past raises that have been given and rescinded as the commission tried to reconcile state constitutional and statutory requirements.

The biggest settlements, more than \$4,000 each, went to County Clerk Martha Proctor and County Treasurer Joan Park. They also were among the elected officials who fought for reinstatement of 7 percent raises that were approved in 1994, and rescinded Jan. 1, 1995. The raises were reinstated Dec. 17, 1998, but County Assessor Patsy Serna and Sheriff Tom Sullivan saw their salaries reduced in that December action. The new agreement will remedy that situation, granting raises to all 10 elected officials.

Howell argued Thursday that the issue should have been discussed in open session, not behind closed doors in executive session.

The agreement is wrong on several points, he said.

"I think it's wrong to ask anybody to sign a document if it's for something already due to them," he said. "They're agreeing not to sue, but obviously no one (of the elected officials) would admit in public any intent to sue."

"Why offer the money if there is not intent to sue in the first place? I just want to go on record noting I'm against the resolution."

Proctor said she doesn't mind discussing the issue in public, because she's not ashamed of what she's done.

"We were given an increase (in salary) voted on by the commission (in 1994) and then after the first of

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Shirlene Roberts, post master at Ruidoso Downs, tours the new Post Office Wednesday. The office is located next to the Ruidoso Downs Village Hall.

New post office called 'Hilton' of Downs

Larger Alto Post Office also scheduled to open by the end of March

• Both Alto's and Ruidoso Downs' new post office buildings should be open by the end of March, a postal official said this week.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso Downs has had three different post office buildings since Shirlene Roberts started working for the federal agency in 1976.

At the end of March she is to move into her fourth, and she has never been happier about it.

"Everybody is getting really excited. They have been calling it the Hilton of Ruidoso Downs. They are just really proud," Roberts said Wednesday afternoon, walking about the new U.S. Post Office in Ruidoso Downs off U.S. Highway 70. "I just love it ... And I want you to know that my (present) office is smaller than the bathrooms are here."

Besides Ruidoso Downs, a new U.S. Post Office in Alto is expected to be open and operating by the end of March, Al Provencio, a postal official in Albuquerque, said Wednesday.

"We are scheduled to have a final inspection on Alto and Ruidoso Downs on March 4," Provencio said. "So, if the buildings are accepted on that date, we should be authorizing the postmasters to occupy the buildings. And I would expect them to be in those buildings by the end of March."

The new buildings are as much as three times the size as the current facilities with roughly twice as many post office boxes. The Downs office, located next to Ruidoso Downs Village Hall, is 6,700 square feet compared to the current facility's 2,300 square feet. Instead of 1,840 boxes, it will have 3,000.

The 6,500-square-foot Alto post office is on 1.5 acres at the intersection of Sun Valley Road and State

"We have gone to some pretty extensive measures to work with the mayor, the community and the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Department."

Scott Martin,
postal service architect

"We try to minimize all the disruption," he said. "But invariably, there are some customers who will have larger boxes, some who will have smaller boxes, and some whose boxes will change."

If a post office box holder at the two offices didn't receive a notice, then it is unlikely their post office box is changing, he added.

In Ruidoso, work on a new U.S. Post Office next to the Ruidoso

Convention Center is roughly on schedule for a summer completion date, Scott Martin, an architect with the postal service, said Wednesday.

"It's starting to go vertical," Martin from his offices in Denver. "It's a little bit behind schedule, but it's expected to pick up in the next month. We are still on track for completion at the end of June or the beginning of July."

The new Ruidoso post office will be 19,000 square feet compared to the existing facility's 5,500 square feet.

One small hurdle in front of the Ruidoso facility is the fact that the elevation at the facility's entrance to Mechem Drive might have to be redesigned, Martin said. The actual

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Museum of American West opens its doors in Lincoln

• Now a part of the Hubbard Museum of the American West, the Lincoln collection will undergo refurbishing and a few structural changes.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

When the long-established museum in Lincoln reopens in March, it is unlikely the sign out front will reflect its significant operational changes.

"Because it's a historic district, everything has to be of historic code," said new curator Barbara Bertucio. "So, you can't just put a sign up. It has to be extremely well planned, and it has to go through the Historical District Board."

As of today, the museum is officially under the auspices of the Hubbard Museum of the American West, formerly the Museum of the Horse, said Scott Wells, museum

development director. However, chances are the sign will, at least for a while, identify the building as being managed by the now-defunct Lincoln County Heritage Trust.

The museum, whose collections document the colorful history of the Lincoln County War and its most infamous participant, Billy the Kid, is tentatively scheduled to re-open March 1, Wells said.

"That's what we are shooting for, but there are just a few little details to work out," he said. "It will be in the first week of March."

The Lincoln County Heritage Trust closed the museum Nov. 1 because of a lack of funds. The trust's board eventually dissolved after making an arrangement to pass the collection to the Hubbard Museum.

Hubbard Museum staff members

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Mississippi man accused of murdering friend will stand trial in state district court

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The man accused of killing a hunting buddy to cover his own incest with a daughter, rolled into magistrate court Wednesday for his preliminary hearing in a wheelchair.

An hour and a half later, Harry Doyle Monk Jr. instructed his attorney, Gary Mitchell, to stop the court proceeding in mid-testimony by his son, who claims to have witnessed the November, 1996, shooting in the Capitan Mountains.

Mitchell said his client hadn't seen his family in two years and didn't want to put them through the difficult situation of testifying.

"He's willing to sign a waiver," Mitchell said. "This is just not a situation I would just agree to, but he doesn't want to put his family through this, especially his daughter."

The waiver allowed Magistrate Judge William Butts to send the case for the murder of Daniel Van Bemen to the 12th Judicial District Court in Carrizozo for trial.

Monk is charged with an open count of murder, one count of tampering with evidence and three counts of intimidation of a witness.

If found guilty of first degree murder, he could face life in prison, plus 18 months on each of the other charges, which are fourth degree felonies.

After the hearing, Mitchell left the courtroom briefly to speak to Monk's family and ask if anyone wanted to see the defendant, but no one took him up on the offer.

"His actions have shown he doesn't give a hoot about his family," said District Attorney Scot Key. "It was all for show. He was just jerking our chain, making the state pay the air fares to fly five people out here, and

then he waives."

Key also wasn't impressed by the wheelchair, referring to Monk's "illness of the day" as an attempt to put his competency to stand trial in question.

But Mitchell said his client spent much of the past 18 months either in the state hospital in Las Vegas for competency evaluation or in Estancia, where he is being treated for diabetes.

Although he can walk — as he did to exit the court building and enter the waiting transport van — he can only do it with great difficulty and that's why he uses a wheelchair, Mitchell said.

Before his testimony was cut short, Harry Doyle Monk III, who goes by Doyle Monk, told Butts he saw his father shoot Van Bemen without provocation. He said his father threatened his life if he went to

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RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SUNDAY

High ... 56
Low ... 17

Sunny

SATURDAY

High ... 54
Low ... 22

Sunny

MONDAY

High ... 60
Low ... 19

Partly cloudy

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Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	51	14	.00"
Wednesday	60	17	.00"
Thursday	59	26	.00"

Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	64	30	Partly cloudy
El Paso, TX	77	30	Partly cloudy
Lubbock, TX	73	29	Partly cloudy
Midland, TX	78	31	Partly cloudy



Feb./March phases of the moon



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On February 19, as darkness falls, look for Venus, Jupiter, the crescent Moon, and Saturn extending upward from the western horizon. Venus and Jupiter are intensely bright, so they're easy to spot. Saturn isn't quite as bright, but it's closest to the Moon, so it should be easy to find, too.

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The Carrizozo Railroad Yard.

courtesy Johnson Stearns

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

White Oaks Eagle Feb. 9, 1899

The entertainment given at Bonnell hall last Friday night for the benefit of the Congregational Church, brought forth a large and appreciative audience. The instrumental music furnished by Messrs. Parker and Reyes and Gumm and Hulbert was delightful. The recitations by

Misses Wilson and Tompkins were well delivered and received their due praise. The solos by Mr. and Mrs. McCourt and Miss Oehm were beautifully sung and enchanted the attention of the audience until the last note had died away.

Last, but not least came the "artist's dream of fair women," and the visage of fourteen "living pictures passing in review before the artist." The receipts for the evening, considering the small price of admission, were good, amounting to \$32.

Campos requests \$500,000 for Ruidoso hotel

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

State Sen. Pete Campos, D-Las Vegas, has put in a \$500,000 request before the Legislature to help Ruidoso land a resort hotel.

Campos, this area's Senate representative, was in legislative committee meetings Thursday and could not be reached for comment about the requests.

However, the Feb. 12 edition of the New Mexico Municipal League Legislative Bulletin lists a \$500,000 request from Campos to "plan, design, construct and equip the convention center hotel."

"That's not exactly correct. It's for our portion of the overall project, the common area (at the Ruidoso Convention Center)," Ruidoso Mayor

Robert Donaldson said Thursday. "Most of it would be used for the design and the construction of the foundation. We have to provide a buildable site."

Since late summer, the village has been negotiating with a Midwestern company to build a resort hotel next to the Ruidoso Convention Center. Two other development firms had considered the site at times in the last decade but always backed out.

Leisure Hotels LLC is now proposing to construct a \$7 million, amenity-filled hotel at a site on the north side of the convention center's parking area. Before construction starts, though, the lease agreement must come before the Ruidoso Village Council for a vote.

Previous lease agreements

for the hotel have always included the provision that the village provide a building site foundation, such as paying for required excavation and foundation piers, Donaldson said.

He estimated the building foundation would cost between \$125,000 and \$175,000.

If the state money comes through for the project, then any remainder would be spent constructing both a new parking area to the east of the convention center and a road joining the two, Donaldson said.

"We are not going to get \$500,000," he said. "My guess is we will get half of that. And, obviously, the most important thing we'll use that money for is the foundation. We have the responsibility to do those other things — and any other money we get will be great — but we have money set aside for the

other things."

That hotel lease agreement has been undergoing final revisions for about two months, and the council has twice postponed discussion of it in open council meetings.

Donaldson acknowledged the lease agreement seemed to be taking a long time coming to a public hearing and vote.

"But it will happen. And it won't be what has happened in the past where you get down to a certain point and it dies," he said.

"I mean they wanted to start construction next month," Donaldson said. "That, clearly isn't going to happen. But they desperately want to be open by, not this summer, but the following summer for the tourist season. So, it's clearly something we have to get wrapped up fairly quickly."

MURDER: Monk's on drew a map that led officers to the site and the body

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authorities about the killing.

With Key doing most of the questioning in an attempt to show Butts enough evidence existed that Monk may have committed the crime, Doyle Monk verbally recreated portions of the hunting trip that led up to the murder. His cheeks flushed deep red, the 17-year-old boy glanced briefly at his father as he walked to the front of the courtroom to testify.

He explained that he lived with his mother Peggy and his 16-year-old sister, Angel, in a house on seven acres in Meridian, Miss. His father, his second wife, Lucy, and their three children, including one half-sister, who also is 17, lived on the same acreage in a mobile home.

He hunted often with his father, including annual trips to New Mexico for mule deer, the boy said. In November, 1996, Van Bemen came to Mississippi, and the three of them drove in Monk's truck to New Mexico. Van Bemen had no weapons and planned on using one of Monk's rifles, the son said. In New Mexico, they were met by another hunting party of three of Monk's friends, including Larry Gentry, one of the people on the state's witness list.

They bought some equipment and supplies in Roswell and arrived at the hunting camp on Boy Scout Mountain off Pine Lodge Road too late to hunt the first day. The trip was supposed to last from Nov. 11 to Nov. 18, but after the third day, the other party left about 1 p.m. to return to their jobs, Doyle Monk testified.

The remaining threesome went hunting toward White Oaks, then to Capitan to buy some beer.

Van Bemen and Monk were both "pretty drunk," Doyle

Monk said. They argued briefly over little things such as Van Bemen shooting a gun out the window and later at the campsite, "playing" with the gasoline near the fire as he prepared the grill to cook dinner about midnight, the boy said.

"Daddy went into the camper a few minutes," Doyle Monk said. When he came out, he sat on the tailgate of the truck, which was backed up to the fire.

"Dan and I walked over and were talking (about four feet from his father). Dad stood up for about 30 seconds, pulled a gun out and shot Dan," he said. "I just stood there in shock and started crying and asked why. Dad said, 'I got my reasons.' He told me to calm down ... and sent me into the camper to sleep."

He could hear his father moving around outside for about 30 to 45 minutes. Then Monk came to the camper to tell his son to load up, because they were "getting out of there," the boy said.

He did not see the body when he was packing to leave, Doyle Monk said.

On the trip home, his father became angry because he wouldn't talk much, Doyle Monk said.

"He told me if I ever said anything, he'd kill me," the son said, adding that his father placed a bullet in his hand and said he could have one too if he said anything.

When they arrived home, Monk told his son to confirm to his second wife and 17-year-old daughter that he had killed Van Bemen.

Key and Mississippi law enforcement officials contend Monk intended to blame Van Bemen for his daughter's pregnancy and claim that he disappeared from the hunting party to avoid prosecution.

But while Monk was out of town and after Mississippi



Doyle Monk, right, leaves magistrate court after testifying against his father in a preliminary hearing. Gary Mitchell, center, is defending his father, Harry Doyle Monk Jr., who is charged with killing Daniel Van Bemen.

police were notified by Van Bemen's sister that he was missing, they questioned Doyle Monk, then 15. The boy drew a map for officers to find the campsite, which was entered into evidence Wednesday. He told them he had witnessed the shooting, Key told Butts.

Mitchell questioned Doyle Monk's recollection of the events that night in the Capitan Mountains.

He produced a transcript of a taped interrogation of Doyle Monk shortly after Bemen's death.

The document painted a slightly different picture. During that interview, Doyle Monk said his father was holding a gun and Van Bemen tried to pull it from him and Monk shot him, Mitchell said.

After reading that portion of the transcript, Doyle Monk disagreed, saying the transcript must have been typed wrong.

"I didn't say that," he said. Mitchell called for a break, returning to announce the signed waiver.

The first witness of the hearing was Richard Williams, the New Mexico State Police

officer, then stationed in Hobbs, who followed Doyle Monk's map with other officers and found Van Bemen's body in a dry stream bed.

"We found a mound of dirt with rocks around it and a human heel protruding from the east end and human hair from the west end," Williams said.

A consultant from the Office of Medical Investigator supervised the removal of the body, which was lying face down in a prone position without boots and socks, he said.

Doyle Monk testified that he saw Van Bemen's boots in his father's truck when they returned to Mississippi.

Officers found spent casings from 44 caliber bullets nearby and a pair of white socks near the campsite area, Williams testified.

The grave site was about 20 feet to 30 feet away from the camping area. The body was identified as Van Bemen using fingerprints, Williams said.

The autopsy showed the man died from one bullet from a .44 magnum pistol to the lower left chest.

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PROJECT "UPDATE 48"



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Work on the lower 48 job has been limited to minor concrete paving along the side of the security wall at Innsbrook Village.

The remainder of the project is still on partial suspension for the winter months.

Look for weekly update of construction activities in every Friday's issue of the Ruidoso News. Any questions, please contact Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc. at 258-4400.

BENEFIT DANCE & SILENT AUCTION for Lloyd Hobbs

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Ex-judge new gaming arbitrator

The New Mexico Gaming Control Board has appointed Albuquerque attorney William F. Riordan to represent the board in the arbitration involving the Mescalero Apache Tribe, Taos Pueblo and Acoma Pueblo, according to a release this week from the board.

Riordan, who also has served as chief justice of the New Mexico Supreme Court, fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Fred Ragsdale. Ragsdale resigned citing health concerns, the length of the arbitration process and the possibility that litigation against him might result.

The state initiated arbitration last year because the tribes and pueblos failed to pay the full amount of revenue sharing and regulatory fees required in the compacts between gaming tribes and the state.

A preliminary hearing in

the arbitration has been scheduled for the last week in March.

Gaming Control Board issues first licenses

The New Mexico Gaming Control Board on Tuesday approved the first three gaming license applications submitted to the board in January of this year.

Following an investigation of the applicants, all three applications were approved. Two companies were awarded manufacturer licenses—Bally Gaming Inc. of Las Vegas, Nev.; and IGT of Reno, Nev.

A racetrack operator's license was approved for Nuevo Sol Turf Club Inc. of Sunland Park, across the New Mexico state line from El Paso, Texas.

In addition to the licensing actions, the board reviewed the agency's minimum internal

controls for gaming operators and gave final approval to the guidelines.

"We are very excited by the activities going on this week," Janice McCrary, board chairperson, said. "This is the culmination of many months of hard work, and we feel confident that a solid framework is in place for additional license actions in the near future."

To date, the board has received 12 gaming license applications, 56 key person applications and 109 work permit applications.

The board is expecting a report later this week from the private testing lab of Gaming Laboratories International on its testing of the state's central monitoring system for slot machines in casinos statewide. The company has indicated that the system meets all of the requirements established by the board.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Frankie C. Fry

The funeral for Frankie C. Fry, 96, was Saturday at LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso. Graveside services followed on Sunday at Twin Oaks Cemetery in Artesia.

Mrs. Fry died Thursday, Feb. 11, at the Ruidoso Care Center. Born Jan. 21, 1902, at Junction, Texas, she moved to Lincoln County in 1962 from Roswell and was a member of Capitan United Methodist Church.

She married Roy L. Fry on Aug. 31, 1922, at Carlsbad. He died on Dec. 2, 1961.

Survivors include four daughters, Clara Beck of Capitan, Dudene Puckett of Artesia, Holly Overleas of Las Cruces and Mittle Miespelt of Capitan; 12 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren. Relatives who preceded her in death were a grandson, David Clowe

II, a son-in-law, William Puckett and grand son-in-law, Chris Robinson.

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

Jack Kannady

Memorial services were on Monday, Feb. 15, for Hardy F. "Jack" Kannady, a former Ruidoso resident who died on Feb. 12 at his Carlsbad home at the age of 79. The service following cremation was at St. Peters Evangelical Lutheran Church in Carlsbad with the Rev. Dean DeSelms officiating.

Born Oct. 19, 1919, to T. H. and Pearl Altwine Kannady in Temple, Texas, Mr. Kannady was raised in Temple and graduated from Texas College of Mines, El Paso, with a mining engineering degree.

He married Evelyn Jones in 1940; she died in 1989.

Employed as a mining engineer in Arizona and New Mexi-

co, he established Kannady Engineering in Carlsbad, then moved the company to Ruidoso in 1957, where he lived for the next 21 years. Returning to Carlsbad in 1978, he became the Eddy County surveyor until retiring in 1996. He had been a member of the Lions Club and the Lutheran Church. He married Lola Enriquez in 1990.

Survivors include Mrs. Kannady, sons Jack Jr. of Ruidoso and Jerry of Ruidoso Downs, step-sons Manuel Enriquez of Springdale, Ark., and William Enriquez of Las Cruces; step-daughters Elizabeth Dail and Marta Duize, both of Dallas, Texas; 12 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions were suggested to the Carlsbad Boys & Girls Club, c/o Carlsbad Foundation, 116 South Canyon, Carlsbad, N.M. 88220.

Denton-Funchess Funeral Home of Carlsbad was in charge of arrangements.

RUIDOSO AGENDA

The Ruidoso Village Council is scheduled to convene at Village Hall at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday for the following agenda items:

CONSENT REGULAR ITEMS (passed in a single vote rather than separately)

- A change of policy regarding use of the Ruidoso Convention Center by state governmental entities. Instead of free room rental rates, which the governmental entities have received for the past six years, they will be charged the same rates as nonprofit groups.

- Award a contract to Ben Jenkins as auctioneer at a village auction of surplus village items. Jenkins submitted the highest rated proposal of three bidders, according to village information.

- Schedule a public hearing March 30 for a zoning request from Charles E. Craig for a lot at 110 Main Road. The lot is partially zoned for commercial use and partially for residential use. The change would make the entire lot zoned for commercial use.

- Schedule a public hearing March 30 for a zoning request from HBH Investments LLC for a 2.21-acre lot

next to Pepper Tree Place off of Racquet Place. If approved, the zoning would change from R-4 housing, such as apartments, to R-3 housing, such as condominiums.

REGULAR ITEMS (each item is voted on separately)

- Discussion and possible action to schedule a public hearing March 9 on a proposed amendment to the village's ordinance regulating signs. The proposed amendment would allow certain signs to be placed on or next to fences that enclose recreational areas. The signs would be for the benefit of the organization holding an event, as for a fund-raiser. The signs would stay up only for the event.

- Discussion and possible action to schedule a public hearing March 30 on a proposed amendment to the village's water ordinance. The amendment includes numerous changes including the addition of stand-by fees for vacant lots, how water deposits are refunded, who is responsible for delinquent bills on rental properties, changes to the village's water conservation plan and a clarification of fees for services not outlined in the original ordinance.

Tribal associate Fred Heckman dies in Albuquerque hospital; services, burial at Mescalero

Fred Heckman Jr., 82, who worked with the Mescalero Apache Tribe over three decades, died at Anna Kase-man Hospital in Albuquerque Wednesday after a brief illness.

Funeral services are scheduled at 11 a.m. Saturday at God's House Church, Wyoming and Menaul, Albuquerque.

The Mescalero Community Gymnasium will be the scene of a memorial service at 10 a.m. Monday, with burial to follow at the Blazers tract on the reservation.

"We lost a great friend and a man of vision with the passing of Fred Heckman," said Oliver Enjady, tribal vice-president.

He said Heckman had at various times served as a tribal development director and a grant-writer, and played a major role in the tribe's acquisition of what is now Ski Apache, the development of the Inn of the Mountain Gods, and a number of other tribal

enterprises.

He was a long-time associate of recently deceased Tribal President Wendell Chino.

Dave Parks of Ruidoso, a one-time business partner (along with Tony Perteet) said Heckman "was one of the best grant-writers I've ever known." Their Investment Associates firm developed condominiums, and later Hickman established his own real estate and consulting firm in Ruidoso.

He moved to Albuquerque in the mid-1980s and continued his real estate activities while carrying out projects for the Mescalero Apache Tribe.

French Mortuary of Albuquerque is in charge of arrangements.

DOWN AGENDA

The Ruidoso Downs Village Council will convene at 5:30 p.m. Monday to consider the following agenda items:

- A request from the Palo Verde Trailer Park for relief of \$254.92 on a sewer bill of more than \$900 because of a water leak.

- A request from GND Recreational Vehicle Park for relief of a \$100.12 sewer bill because of a water leak.

- A request from Fire Chief Nick Herrera to purchase wildland boots for firefighters at a total cost of about \$2,000. The money for the purchase, if approved, would come out of the village's firefighter fund.

- A request from Herrera to purchase a second four-wheel vehicle for his department at a cost of roughly \$20,000.

- A request from Hightower to purchase an additional

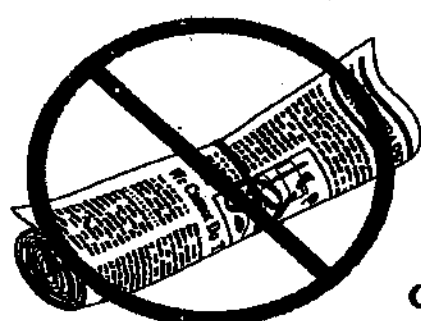
radar unit for the department.

- Schedule a date for the next Ruidoso Downs Planning and Zoning Committee meeting.

- A request from Police Chief David Hightower to approve an increase in the price for equipment used by the department to call in background checks on motorists' drivers licenses. Trustees in early January approved the equipment's purchase price of \$5,408 with an additional monthly charge of \$317.50 a month.

- A discussion regarding the Year 2000, or Y2K, problem. Trustees are expected to discuss sponsoring a town meeting or possibly a county-wide meeting on the subject, Weibrecht said. The goal is to inform as many people as possible about the issue and its potential problems, she said.

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OUR OPINION

As ye sow, so shall ye reap

The warp and weft (or is it wool) of politics makes one strange blanket in which we wrap ourselves during those annual legislative sessions in Santa Fe.

Here's a scenario: In the Fall, every lesser governmental entity in the state — from senior citizens groups to county and city governments — begins preparing a wish list of capital projects they would like the Legislature to finance for them. (Capital projects are those brick-and-mortar things that might be built, but don't require recurring funding like a new government service would.)

Then, when the Legislature convenes, each elected member of the House and Senate immediately dumps all those requests into the legislative hopper, making sure that all those expectant requesters back home know that in fact the request has been made.

Then most, like our own Rep. Dub Williams, start playing the endless tape that says "requests greatly exceed available funds, so don't get your hopes up."

That is reiterated as frequently as possible until the legislators go home. Then they bask in the glory of the few requests that were funded and spend the rest of the year apologizing for those projects for which there just wasn't enough money.

Then the other endless tape is played: "Maybe next year."

This year, says Representative Williams, statewide requests exceed the \$90 million available for divvying up by something like \$910 million—so far. That means less than 10 percent of the requests will get state money.

Presumably, the \$30 million each entity (House, Senate and Governor) will split will be distributed equitably throughout the state. But then we must remember the ongoing battle between Republican Gov. Gary Johnson and the legislative leadership, and the fact that Democrats control both chambers.

To that political brew we must add Lincoln County's long-time voting record — always Republican.

But that can be stirred with some extra spice: Representative Williams carried the governor's Indian gaming bill to a successful conclusion last year. The Democrats would, sometimes, like to make some inroads in Lincoln County. John Underwood, Ruidoso's paid lobbyist, on occasion has been quite effective with his fellow Democrats.

And so it goes in the recurring battle for "state money," which really is "our money." If we're lucky, this year the Legislature will send us enough to clean up that old cemetery at Fort Stanton — but don't set your hopes too high.



YOUR OPINION

Good intentions, awry

To the editor:

On Feb. 10 in an article in the *Ruidoso News* I pointed out that the 10-16-89 lease of the old airport land to Jim Colbert Golf had been a mistake. The council, of which I was a member, agreed that the golf operation would pay no lease money until the annual golf receipts would exceed \$1.5 million. Simple mathematics would show that in our haste to lease the land we goofed.

Thinking that the same situation now faces the council with reference to plans to build a hotel on the same airport land, I cautioned in my article that the present council, in an endeavor to build a hotel, not make the same mistake we had made in 1989.

A simple "thank you" would have been appreciated. Instead, the village mayor, in a scathing and personal answer in the *Ruidoso News* on Feb. 12, takes issue with what I considered a helpful suggestion. This appears to be the mayor's style of communication.

When I entered the scene in Ruidoso politics, many of my detractors were just graduating from high school. On July 1, 1998, an article in the *Ruidoso News* appeared relative to a severe situation regarding the fire danger. I wrote that article after

being turned down at a council meeting in which I attempted to point out that we were in the fire danger season with little or no publicity given this fact. In spite of the fact that I explained to the council that the situation was critical, I was not allowed to speak — then the mayor locked both doors in the village hall that served the various offices.

Ruidoso has a one-person administration—the mayor.

Communication-Cooperation-Compromise. All work very well in business. Why not give them a try in politics?

J. A. "Al" Junge
E. & O. E./Ruidoso

'That Place' is right on

To the editor:

I would like to congratulate all those involved in the development and opening of the new teen center, "That Place."

I have been a Ruidoso resident for 20-plus years and have long thought that this type of place, where teenagers had a safe place to go with their activities in mind, was much needed in the community for our youth.

I am just happy that a group of people had the initiative and dedication to follow through on this project. I know that many people were instrumental in making the teen center

a reality, but I especially want to thank Judy Stone and Michael Crouse for their hard work.

I certainly hope the community supports this teen center in whatever way they can. I have two teenagers, 17 and 13, and I know I will. Thank-you to all!

Darlene Hart
Ruidoso

Main Street madness

To the editor:

...(About) the "Main Street Madness" that is about to strike Ruidoso again — where there is no parking for residents, store owners or tourists in midtown as a result of Main Street and very poor planning. Are we to eliminate still more parking space as we go into Phase 2? Are we to plant still more trees on the sidewalk and replace others, which did not survive, as the mayor suggests? In our beautiful forest...do we need to "take sand to the beach?"

Do we need to spend \$180,000...to color the sidewalk cement brown? Grey is fine with me! If you would care to check the "new" sidewalk in front of my small gift shop at 2545 Sudderth, you will find it cracked and...rising...Who is going to redo my sidewalk mess? The sidewalk fairy?

Pat Adkins
Ruidoso

What price community?

A phenomenon of the 20th Century now-so near ending has been the breaking down of provincial barriers. When our century was young, people might have thought of themselves as Americans and New Mexicans — but mostly their horizons ended at the edge of town, or perhaps the county line.

In the 19th Century, as the nation was filling in, county seats typically were established no more than a day's horseback ride from the farthest farmstead, for ease of communication.

They got to know their near neighbors very well, even if sometimes the far neighbors — those in the next county — were looked upon with considerable suspicion.

Nostalgically, we think of those as the "good old days."

Realistically, fast transportation and faster communication has been a boon that none of us would surrender without a fight.

But now communication has come full circle; the magic of the World Wide Web and electronic mail has created a community unshackled by time or distance.

And yet there is a way to keep those close ties between people, by creating our own community of interest right here in Lincoln County...a county that creates the old "day's ride" rule by a very long country mile.

This newspaper is looking for ways for all the people of Lincoln County to join hands through communication. Naturally, the Internet is a key.

If you would like to talk about building some communication bridges between all the communities of Lincoln County, call me at 257-4001, or e-mail ruidosonews@zianet.com, or plan to attend the next *Ruidoso News* Community Update all-day conference at the Ruidoso Convention Center on Thursday, March 25.

Let's talk to each other.

MOUNTAIN ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN
RUIDOSO NEWS

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Mysterious roads lead to Chaco Canyon

More than a hundred miles east of Chaco Canyon, nestled in the "little hills" of Cerrillos, is a big hole in the ground. It is said to be the oldest mine in North America and is called Mount Chalchihuitl, the Aztec name for jade or turquoise.



BY MORROW
HALL
STYLIZED COURTESY

This mine was a source of wealth for the Anasazi people and may have given them the means to construct their impressive buildings.

Turquoise from Chalchihuitl has been found all over the Southwest, and lots of it found its way to the Toltec towns of central Mexico.

Just like contemporary diamond miners in South Africa, the Anasazi kept tight control over the turquoise that was produced from this mine. It allowed them to barter for food, clothing and other necessities, and there was always a surplus.

The trade that resulted eventually allowed the Anasazi

to build nine large "apartment complexes" in the Chaco Canyon area surrounded by some 2,500 smaller villages and individual dwellings. The larger buildings, called "great houses," were as tall as four stories and contained as many as 695 rooms.

The construction method used is called "core and veneer." Visitors today are amazed at the intricacy of the walls, which utilize everything from large slabs to tiny slivers of rock to create smooth, sloping surfaces. It is thought that the exterior surfaces were plastered, giving the huge structures unity of color and form.

Thousands of pine and fir logs were harvested in forests as far as 50 miles away and carried to Chaco Canyon for use as roof beams.

Pueblo Bonito, the largest of the great houses, was built in the shape of a horseshoe. A wall closed off the open end. The towering living areas with their many inhabitants surrounded a plaza with three large kivas, the round ceremonial chambers that are still central to the spiritual life of Pueblo Indians, and 33 smaller ones.

An elaborate system of roads was constructed throughout the area. These thoroughfares all were about 30 feet wide and almost perfectly straight. They had sharp angles instead

of curves. They were regularly maintained.

Although some of these roads extend as far as 50 miles from the population center, they form a pattern that is puzzling to archaeologists. Some of them seem to go from nowhere to nowhere. Some of them have large gaps that may be the result of erosion, but may also indicate that no road was ever built there.

A recent study found that the existing roads do not follow logical routes, based on terrain, from one community to another. This lends credence to the theory that the roads had a religious significance or served some purpose other than connecting economic centers.

Like so many other features of Chaco Canyon, the roads remain a mystery. We have many clues to consider, from the buildings and roads themselves to the many petroglyphs and petrographs (carved and painted rocks) to the tree rings that tell us what climates prevailed during the period of occupation.

But there is much more to learn. New scientific methods allow us to sift the dust these ancient dwellers left and find grains of pollen from the plants they used. Satellite imaging allows us to map their roadways and find previously undiscovered ruins. Biochemistry lets us compare the DNA from their

bones to that of Indians living today. Every day we learn some new, astonishing fact about these people.

We know much about how they lived, why they left, and where they went. But the mystery remains. Here, in the Four-Corners region, a seemingly inhospitable landscape, one of the great cultures of the ancient world arose, thrived, and moved on.

But their descendants are still here.

Next week: A monopoly is broken.

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YOUR OPINION

Now it's 'Schoolgate' right here in Ruidoso

To the editor:

We have Filegate, Watergate, Travelgate, and now we have experienced Schoolgate. It is our opinion that though well-meaning, Ruidoso primary education is falling far short of what we have come to expect of our youngsters' education.

Are you aware that some of Ruidoso's brightest students are now struggling with their beginning college years?

... We were privy to questioning a student's scholastic achievements recently, and became aware after a consultation with staff that the student was functioning not only one year behind, but two years in some subjects.

Remedial means "to remedy." Special educators, called new names such as support services or academia doublespeak, are still the same entity with a new name. But, how is the parent to know, if staff doesn't advise you, and you find out after an emergency that your child is in trouble academically?

This is inexcusable. Are we passing kids without proper achievement...? What message does that send? ...So, where did this start, and where will it end? In drop-outs in high school and college. ...You may shrug

and say this is endemic in all schools. Shall we let everybody be dumb? In many cases, the student cannot even fill out a job application, so how can they get a job?

...I have now started to interview parents, teachers and students. It is my belief we have a frightening problem, and I am struggling with ...the enormity. ...I am not a straight-A zealot, but I do believe that children deserve the best education possible; otherwise they lose their best shots in life.

Our politicians blather on about more teachers and smaller classrooms. Let us start addressing the honesty litmus test of where our children are in the Ruidoso school system...and how they got there...

Barbara Diehl-Westbrook
Ruidoso

"I am not a straight-A zealot"

Barbara Westbrook,
artist, opera singer, writer

Is it 'corporate welfare'?

To the editor:

Is it economic development or corporate welfare?

I've always thought that if a business is a good idea, it should stand on its own without artificial support from government largess. Fact is, when government officials trip over each other to give things away, it only increases the burden on everyone else. Corporate welfare on a nationwide basis costs every taxpayer the equivalent of two weeks' pay annually, with extremely

"...we are once again going to give away the store"

Glenn Remington,
correspondent

dubious results.

Of the jobs created by the giveaway of village property to Jim Colbert Golf, few are such that would support a family. While we are recalling the events of ten years ago, let's remember that the administration that gave away our prime mountain real estate was soundly defeated (by the biggest margin ever) in a subsequent election.

We don't know yet what is in the (Convention Center) hotel lease, but from the tone of the mayor's recent letter, it would seem we are once again going to give away the store.

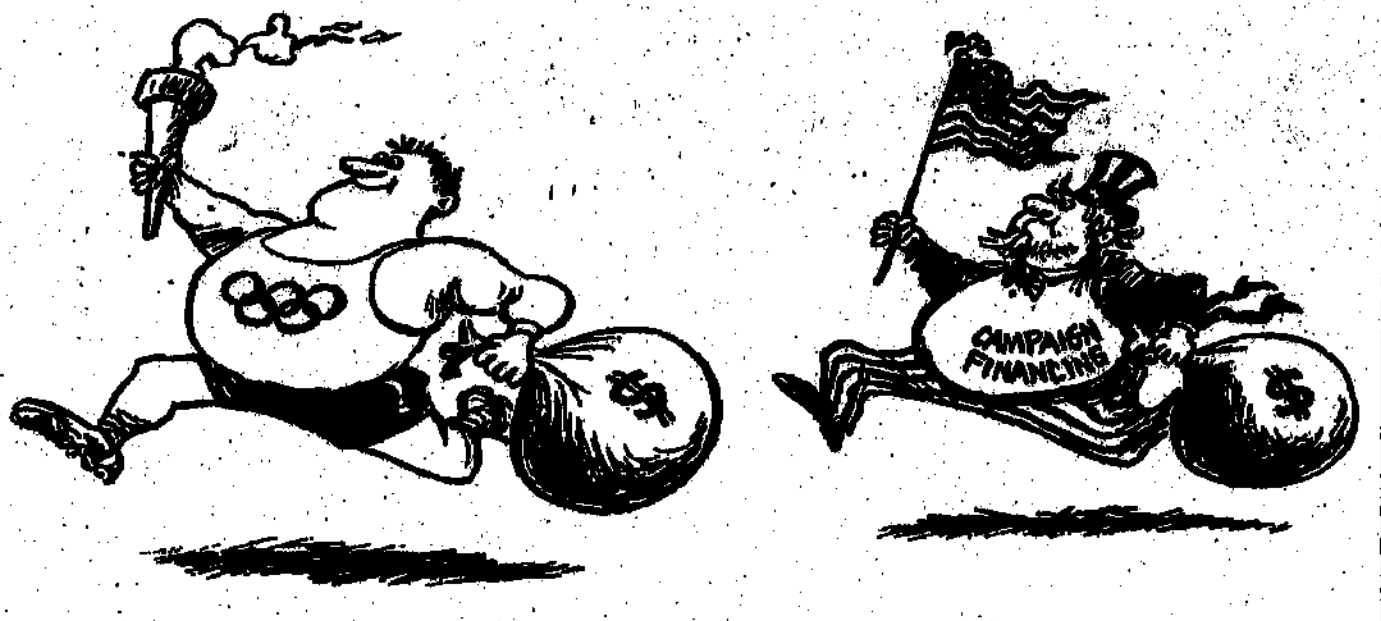
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Actually, I very much resent only the biggest players benefitting from government giveaways. The backbone of the economy of this and every other community is the small business. It is grossly unfair that the small, sometimes struggling business has to pay full fare and these big boys get a free ride.

People we need to stay on top of this one.

Glenn Remington
Ruidoso

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Be careful when buying a baby crib

BY MARK S. MANDELL
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U. S. & N. M. TRIAL LAWYERS ASSN.

What could be more benign than a new mother or father tucking an infant into a crib for an afternoon nap?

Unfortunately, this daily ritual experienced by millions of parents and children across America can turn tragic. Each year, about 50 babies suffocate or strangle due to defectively designed cribs and thousands more are injured, according to the U. S. Consumer Product Safety Com-

mission (CPSC).

Ann Brown, CPSC chairwoman, said more infant deaths are associated with cribs than any other nursery item.

...The CPSC and lawyers who represent injured consumers have warned for years about defectively designed cribs and playpens that can cause injury or death. Attorneys often are on the front lines in establishing a pattern of dangerous defects exists...

Consumer Reports recommends that parents stay away from cribs that have corner

posts that can snag clothing.

Buy a new crib only; stay away from used cribs, even if they have been in the family for a long time.

Stay away from cribs that have been hand-painted; the paint may have a lead base.

Mattresses should fit snugly...

A toll-free number, 800-638-2772, provides information on cribs by make and model; write CPSC, Washington, D. C., 20207.

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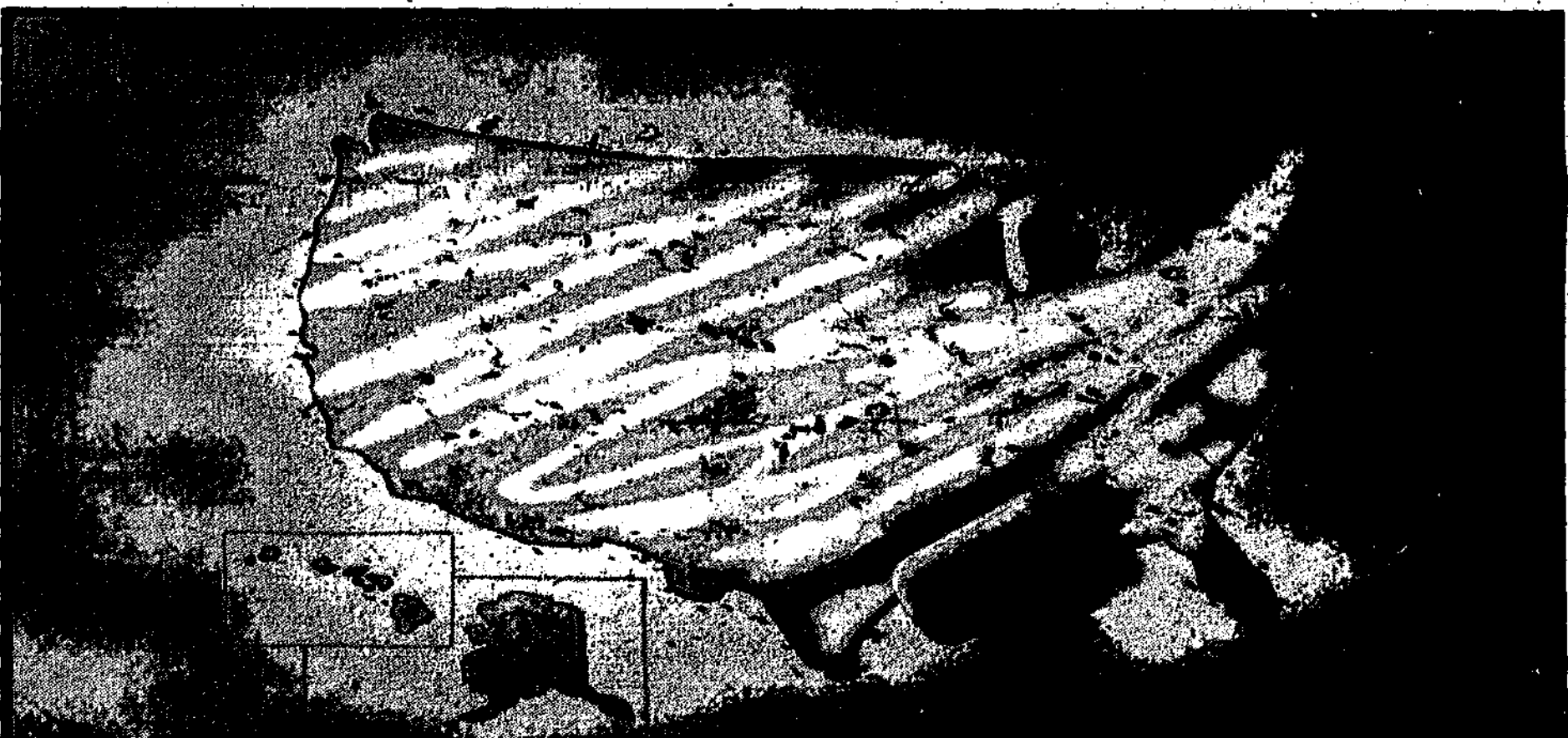
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But because of the mounting medical costs, family and friends are holding this benefit dance and silent auction to help pay for Hobbs' recovery.

An account at Ruidoso State Bank also has been established on Hobbs' behalf.

The hospital has agreed to release Hobbs so he can make an appearance at the dance and tell all of his well wishers thanks.

The family hopes that "Lincoln County shows up in force to celebrate with us."

NEWS BRIEFS

VA establishes info help line

ALBUQUERQUE — The Department of Veterans Affairs has a new toll-free telephone number for veterans and dependents to get the latest information on VA education benefits. By dialing 1-888-GI BILL

(1-888-442-4551) veterans, dependents, school officials, veterans service officers and others can receive education benefits information, including detailed eligibility criteria and general background on VA programs, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

VA Under Secretary for Benefits Joe Thompson said "VA is committed to providing

the nation's veterans with the very best in customer service. This automated help-line will provide accessible and efficient information about these popular VA services and programs."

Veterans, reservists and National Guard members receiving education benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill also can obtain detailed infor-

mation on their personal benefits account through the new automated system.

Veterans and dependents seeking information on all VA benefits programs can call the department's general toll-free number, 1-800-827-1000, which will connect them to the nearest VA regional office.

OFFICE: The new post office in Ruidoso should open in June or July

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road's height is different from what had been indicated on drawings from the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department.

Landscaping plans for the Ruidoso facility have been changed to satisfy local concerns, Martin said.

"At the request of the mayor, we have redesigned our landscaping to include some land-

scaping around the golf course so we can make the (walking) path a nicer place," Martin said.

A combination of coniferous and deciduous trees will be used in the landscaping as well as ivy plants along the facility's 17-foot-high back retaining wall. In another change to the landscaping plans, the architect is using more xeriscaping plants that won't need a lot of water, he said.

"We have gone to some pret-

ty extensive measures to work with the mayor, the community and the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Department," he said.

Martin said the post office had an option to relocate the trees that had been on the lot at the very outset of the project, but decided against it because they were unlikely to survive the transplanting.

"And we did not wish to create a new facility and put in a bunch of dead trees," he said.

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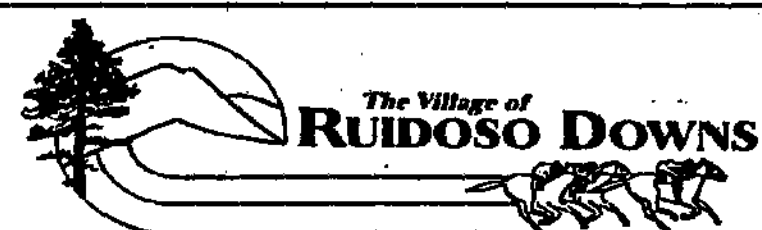
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Le Bistro!

Restaurant offers a flavor of French country food

• Richard and Donica Girot offer both casual and formal fare at their new restaurant.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Most Americans know that a bistro has something to do with food and the French, but that's about it.

"Nobody knows what a bistro is — it's casual and formal dining," said new restaurant owner Richard Girot. "And in my case, of course, it's French country food."

On Christmas Day, Girot and his wife Donica opened Le Bistro at 2800 Sudderth Drive, a former ski rental shop. They had spent the previous six months refitting and redecorating the circular building, turning it into a cozy restaurant with casual elegance.

Girot, a French native who has been in the restaurant business for 35 years, whips up menu items such as crepes, salads, quiche and beef bourguignon from a kitchen surrounded by windows facing Sierra Blanca.

"Have you ever seen a kitchen with a view like this?" Girot asked Wednesday while preparing a crepe from the

stove he brought from his former restaurant in Alamogordo. The restaurant is open for both lunch and dinner, with the entrees at night slightly fancier than those offered during the day.

Salads, crepes, sandwiches and quiche compose most of the luncheon menu and escargot, seafood casserole as well as the beef bourguignon are some of the dinner selections.

Girot, who has worked in or operated restaurants in the Ruidoso area for many years, guarantees luncheon items will be served within 15 minutes.

That quick turnaround is another aspect of the traditional French bistro, a word that, ironically, isn't even French, Girot said.

"It's Russian... In Russian, it means 'fast,' or 'hurry,'" he said.

Shortly after the turn of the century, the Russians emigrants who filled French restaurants were always telling their waiters, "bistro," or hurry, Girot said.

The bistro became what was basically a fast-food French restaurant.

In the decades since, the term has evolved into something along the lines of the

family-styled cafe on the corner, his wife said.

Their motto for the restaurant is "good food at a fair price," she said.

Some nights, Girot will create a special dish to offer his dinner patrons, such as a rack of lamb or roast tenderloin.

"And we have customers who will go duck hunting or fishing and Richard will prepare it for them," she added.

The couple has applied for a beer and wine license and hope to add a wine list to their menu by this summer.

They also intend to have outdoor seating under the restaurant's circular porch area by spring, Girot said.

He also has plans for a partial basement under the restaurant.

"I would like to open a jazz/blues club downstairs," Girot said, adding that he will need to make some changes to meet village codes, first.

Featured on the walls of the restaurant are the photographs of Ron Keller, a nationally award winning photographer as well as a friend of the couple.

Keller, also a fellow chef, helped the couple on week-

► New Business

- What: Le Bistro, a restaurant
- Who: Richard and Donica Girot
- Where: 2800 Sudderth Drive
- When: 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. seven days a week; 5:30-9 p.m. every day but Sunday
- Phone: 257-0132
- Prices: Lunch menu \$5.25 and under; dinner menu \$10.95 and under

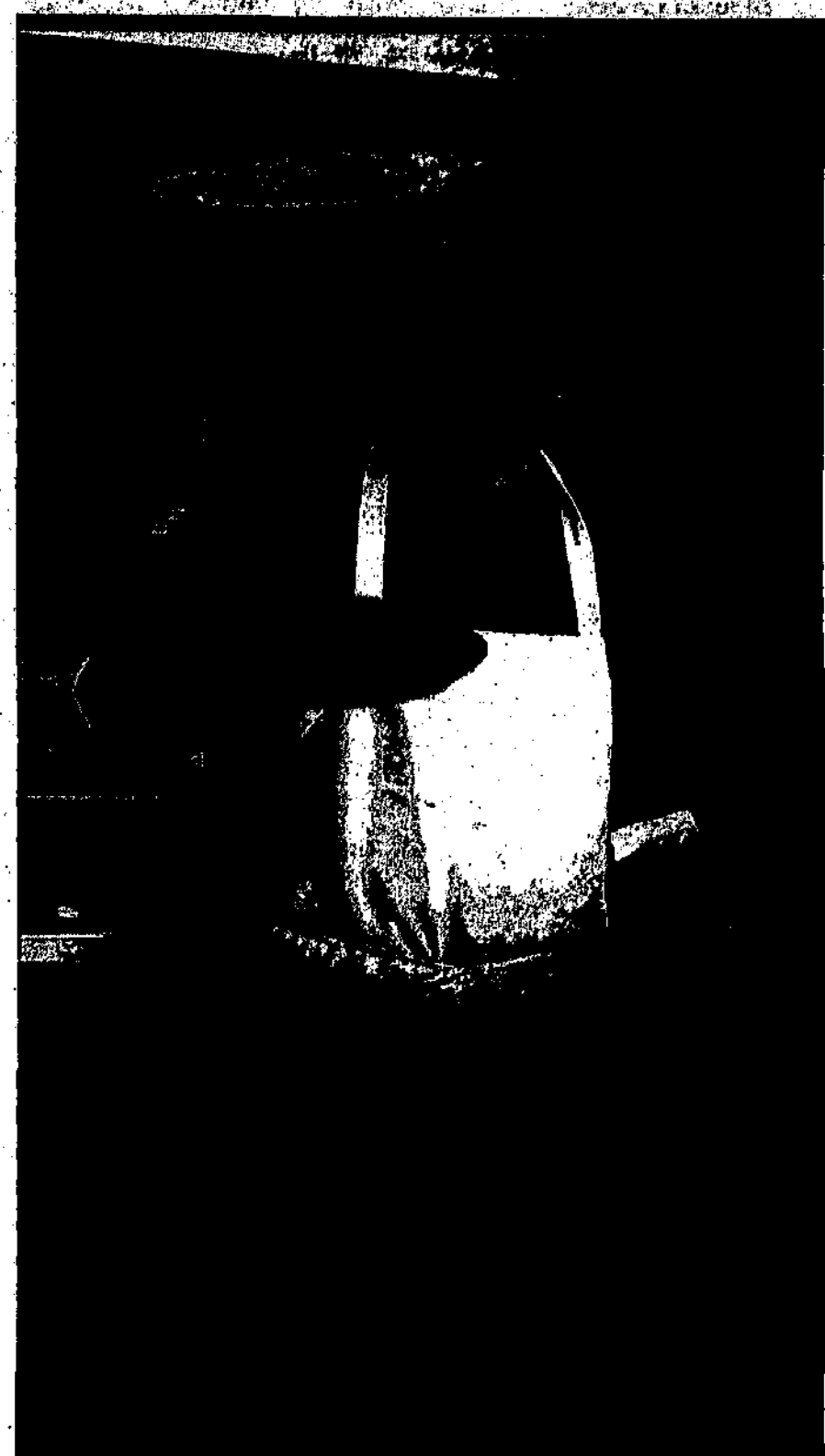
ends while they were transforming the former ski shop into a French restaurant.

The building, which they lease, has been through many transformations.

It has been a drive-through liquor store, then a video store, a butcher shop and, at one time, an office for llama tours, he said.

Despite never being a restaurant before, the building is ideal, Girot added.

"It's a prime location, there's lots of parking and it's an interesting shape," he said.



Richard Girot practices his trade at Le Bistro.

PLANNING AND ZONING

The Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission took the following actions Tuesday:

• Approved a zoning change request from Charles E. Craig for a lot at 110 Main Road in the Sleepy Hollow subdivision. Instead of being zoned partially for commercial use and partially for single-family homes, the lot would be zoned entirely for commercial use.

The zoning change still has to go before the Ruidoso Village Council for final approval.

• Approved variance requests and a conditional use request from Jack Walker for a lot at 207B Wingfield Street in the Midway Townsite subdivision. One variance allows the reconstruction and expansion of a deck on an existing home to follow the home's rear line.

The deck will be 6 feet, 2 inches from the rear lot line, a variance of 70 percent, or 14 feet.

Another variance request and the conditional use request allows a mobile home across the lot line while a fire-damaged house is being reconstructed. The mobile home is to be removed when the reconstruction is completed.

MARKET GLANCE

United States: The Sole Locomotive?

Strength in the United States economy continues to confound the experts. Nothing has yet been able to derail or even slow down this powerful locomotive. American consumers, workers and investors have all reaped the gains, but they may have become incognizant of how much pain the rest of the world is feeling. The imbalance between the United States and everyone else keeps widening. A now-modest forecast of 2.5 percent growth still leaves the United States as the world leader. Japan remains bedridden, the rest of Asia has merely stabilized, Latin America quickly faltered and Europhoria did not last long. Consumption in the United States is the primary force keeping the world economy from collapsing.

What are the likely consequences of this widening rift? There are plenty of potential political calamities lurking, from growing protectionism at home to defiant capital controls and careless defaults in emerging markets. But even absent any of these, riskier economic conditions could also bedevil the United States. Most likely, the trade deficit will renew the drastic widening it saw during the first half of 1998. Shipments to Latin America will certainly weaken further while Europeans will not be buying as much as they have. Meanwhile most every nation, to boost their economy, suddenly has cheaper goods they want to sell to the thriving United States.

Another possible outcome is that inflation will remain tame. With energy prices no longer falling, it is widely believed that the Consumer Price Index would bounce back above 2.0 percent, driven by relentless pressure on wages from a tight labor market. But with the world economy getting weaker by the month, commodities have shown no evidence of bottoming. Cheap imports exert continued price pressures on domestic manufacturers, which will offset to some degree rising service costs. Inflation may not get any lower, as it did the last two years, but it may refrain from rising as much as expected.

Renewed strength in the dollar would widen the trade deficit even further and assure subdued inflation. A strong economy relative to major trading partners usually means a stronger currency — and this certainly is why the dollar is rising against the Euro and most others. But the dollar-yen relationship defies underlying economic conditions. Until the yen reaches its fair value near 140 yen, trade will remain less of a drag on the economy and creeping inflation will be more likely. Both factors pressure interest rates higher.

Bonds: Bank of Japan Trumps the Fed

The strong U.S. economy has been the driving force behind rising yields, which reached their low point more than four months ago. Neither the long-feared Brazilian devaluation nor nervousness over internet stocks, nor a shrinking supply of treasuries has been able to attract funds to bonds.

The Fed, moreover, has had little effect on long-term interest rates. Its three rapid-fire easings last autumn actually raised rates. The additional liquidity simply flowed out of safe-haven treasuries and into equities, corporate bonds and municipals. With the Fed now inactive as far as the eye can see, yields will largely follow two leads — the course of the U.S. economy and Japanese markets.

Inaction at the Bank of Japan is having more effect than inaction at the Fed (or inaction at the European Central Bank). A trifling decrease in the call rate effectively does nothing to spur the moribund Japanese economy. The BOJ needs to buy the huge supply of Japanese bonds issued by the government. Otherwise spreads with U.S. treasuries will continue to narrow, making Japanese instruments increasingly attractive and pressuring U.S. rates upward — even beyond what a strong economy warrants.

This column was provided by Don Hilber, economist for Wells Fargo.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Darlene Hart chosen company vice president

First Mortgage Co. of Ruidoso has a new corporate vice president. The board of directors has elected Darlene Hart to the position.

She has been associated with First Mortgage since February of last year. She has extensive experience in the real estate lending industry.

Her previous experience includes being a branch manager/vice president of a local bank.

With almost 20 years experience in the real estate industry, Hart will play a major role in the financial leadership and development of First Mortgage Co., according to a company release.

Her primary responsibility will be loan origination and the qualified processing of real estate loans.

Hart and her husband Paul have two children, Jennifer and Matthew, and have been Ruidoso residents for more than 20 years.

Construction values decline in January

Ruidoso's construction values as a whole dropped about 36 percent in January from the same month last year, according to information from the Ruidoso Planning Department.

However, home construction values increased by more than 100 percent — from about \$500,000 to more than \$1 million — and the total number of building permit applications increased by about 20 percent, according to a compilation of building permit statistics.

No new commercial construction projects were started in the village in January, according to village data.

County labor force increases slightly

Lincoln County's labor force increased from November to December by 48 people, from 7,579 to 7,627, according to the recent report by the New Mexico Labor Market Review.

Statewide, December's unemployment rate remained unchanged from November at 6 percent.

Luna County had the highest unemployment rate at 24.8 percent and Union County had the lowest at 2.8 percent.

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'Contract bundling' examined by SBA

The U.S. Small Business Administration recently published proposed regulations that will protect small businesses involved with federal government contracting.

Once adopted, the rules will establish definitions for the practice known as "contract bundling" and supply remedies to counter the negative impact that bundling has on small businesses.

The public has until March 15 to comment on the proposal before the agency starts to finalize the regulations, according to a press release from the administration.

"The SBA has proposed a set of regulations to ensure that 'contract bundling' doesn't shut the doors of opportunity for small businesses," SBA Administrator Aida Alvarez said. "It may be easier to lump together a number of small contracts, but it doesn't benefit the taxpayer if it means higher costs from decreased competition. And we must make sure we aren't harming the small business owner and his or her employees."

Written comments should be sent to the SBA's office of Government Contracting in Washington, D.C.

Free tax help available

Volunteers will help people with low- to middle-range incomes prepare their tax returns starting Feb. 4.

The American Association of Retired Persons Tax-Aide volunteers will provide the free service and answer tax questions at area senior citizen centers on the following schedule:

- Ruidoso — 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, from Feb. 4 to April 15
- Carrizozo — 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 3
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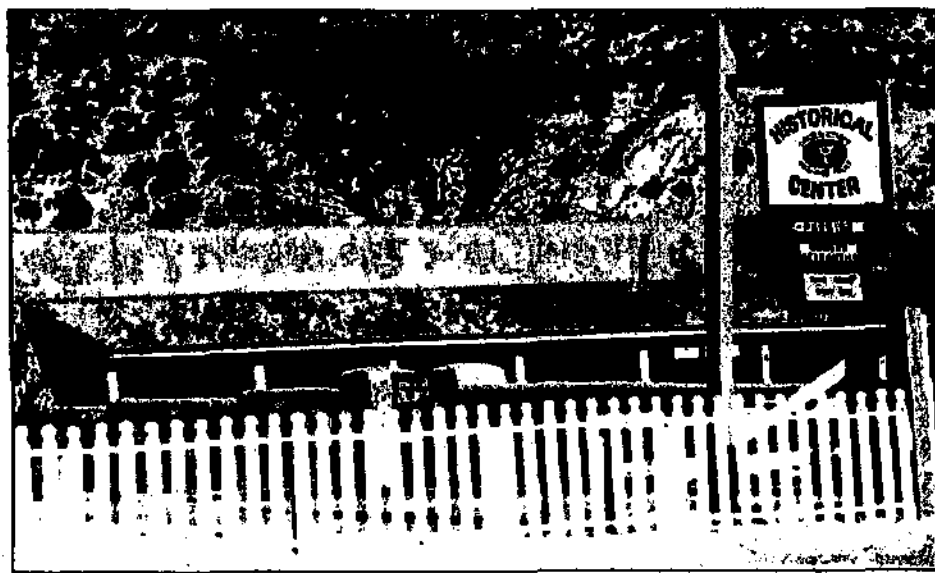
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It would have been a few more hours before Hobbs' parents would have known to start searching on their own, and doctors tell them that would have been too late.

But because of the mounting medical costs, family and friends are holding this benefit dance and silent auction to help pay for Hobbs' recovery.

An account at Ruidoso State Bank also has been established on Hobbs' behalf.

The hospital has agreed to release Hobbs so he can make an appearance at the dance and tell all of his well-wishers thanks.

The family hopes that "Lincoln County shows up in force to celebrate with us."

NEWS BRIEFS

VA establishes info help line

ALBUQUERQUE — The Department of Veterans Affairs has a new toll-free telephone number for veterans and dependents to get the latest information on VA education benefits. By dialing 1-888-GI BILL

(1-888-442-4551) veterans, dependents, school officials, veterans service officers and others can receive education benefits information, including detailed eligibility criteria and general background on VA programs, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

VA Under Secretary for Benefits, Joe Thompson said "VA is committed to providing

the nation's veterans with the very best in customer service. This automated help-line will provide accessible and efficient information about these popular VA services and programs."

Veterans, reservists and National Guard members receiving education benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill also can obtain detailed infor-

mation on their personal benefits account through the new automated system.

Veterans and dependents seeking information on all VA benefits programs can call the department's general toll-free number, 1-800-827-1000, which will connect them to the nearest VA regional office.

OFFICE: The new post office in Ruidoso should open in June or July

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road's height is different from what had been indicated on drawings from the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department.

Landscaping plans for the Ruidoso facility have been changed to satisfy local concerns, Martin said.

"At the request of the mayor, we have redesigned our landscaping to include some land-

scaping around the golf course so we can make the (walking) path a nicer place," Martin said.

A combination of coniferous and deciduous trees will be used in the landscaping as well as ivy plants along the facility's 17-foot-high back retaining wall. In another change to the landscaping plans, the architect is using more xeriscaping plants that won't need a lot of water, he said.

"We have gone to some pret-

ty extensive measures to work with the mayor, the community, and the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Department," he said.

Martin said the post office had an option to relocate the trees that had been on the lot at the very outset of the project, but decided against it because they were unlikely to survive the transplanting.

"And we did not wish to create a new facility and put in a bunch of dead trees," he said.

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Le Bistro!

Restaurant offers a flavor of French country food

• Richard and Donica Girot offer both casual and formal fare at their new restaurant.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Most Americans know that a bistro has something to do with food, and the French, but that's about it.

"Nobody knows what a bistro is — it's casual and formal dining," said new restaurant owner Richard Girot. "And in my case, of course, it's French country food."

On Christmas Day, Girot and his wife Donica opened Le Bistro at 2800 Sudderth Drive, a former ski rental shop. They had spent the previous six months refitting and redecorating the circular building, turning it into a cozy restaurant with casual elegance.

Girot, a French native who has been in the restaurant business for 35 years, whips up menu items such as crepes, salads, quiche and beef bourguignon from a kitchen surrounded by windows facing Sierra Blanca.

"Have you ever seen a kitchen with a view like this?" Girot asked Wednesday while preparing a crepe from the

stove he brought from his former restaurant in Alamogordo.

The restaurant is open for both lunch and dinner, with the entrees at night slightly fancier than those offered during the day.

Salads, crepes, sandwiches and quiche compose most of the luncheon menu and escargot, seafood casserole as well as the beef bourguignon are some of the dinner selections.

Girot, who has worked in or operated restaurants in the Ruidoso area for many years, guarantees luncheon items will be served within 15 minutes.

That quick turnaround is another aspect of the traditional French bistro, a word that, ironically, isn't even French, Girot said.

"It's Russian ... In Russian, it means 'fast,' or 'hurry,'" he said.

Shortly after the turn of the century, the Russians emigrants who filled French restaurants were always telling their waiters, "bistro," or hurry, Girot said.

The bistro became what was basically a fast-food French restaurant.

In the decades since, the term has evolved into something along the lines of the

family-styled cafe on the corner, his wife said.

Their motto for the restaurant is "good food at a fair price," she said.

Some nights, Girot will create a special dish to offer his dinner patrons, such as a rack of lamb or roast tenderloin.

"And we have customers who will go duck hunting or fishing and Richard will prepare it for them," she added.

The couple has applied for a beer and wine license and hope to add a wine list to their menu by this summer.

They also intend to have outdoor seating under the restaurant's circular porch area by spring, Girot said.

He also has plans for a partial basement under the restaurant.

"I would like to open a jazz/blues club downstairs," Girot said, adding that he will need to make some changes to meet village codes, first.

Featured on the walls of the restaurant are the photographs of Ron Keller, a nationally award winning photographer as well as a friend of the couple.

Keller, also a fellow chef, helped the couple on week-

► New Business

- What: Le Bistro, a restaurant
- Who: Richard and Donica Girot
- Where: 2800 Sudderth Drive
- When: 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. seven days a week; 5:30-9 p.m. every day but Sunday
- Phone: 257-0132
- Prices: lunch menu \$5.25 and under; dinner menu \$10.95 and under

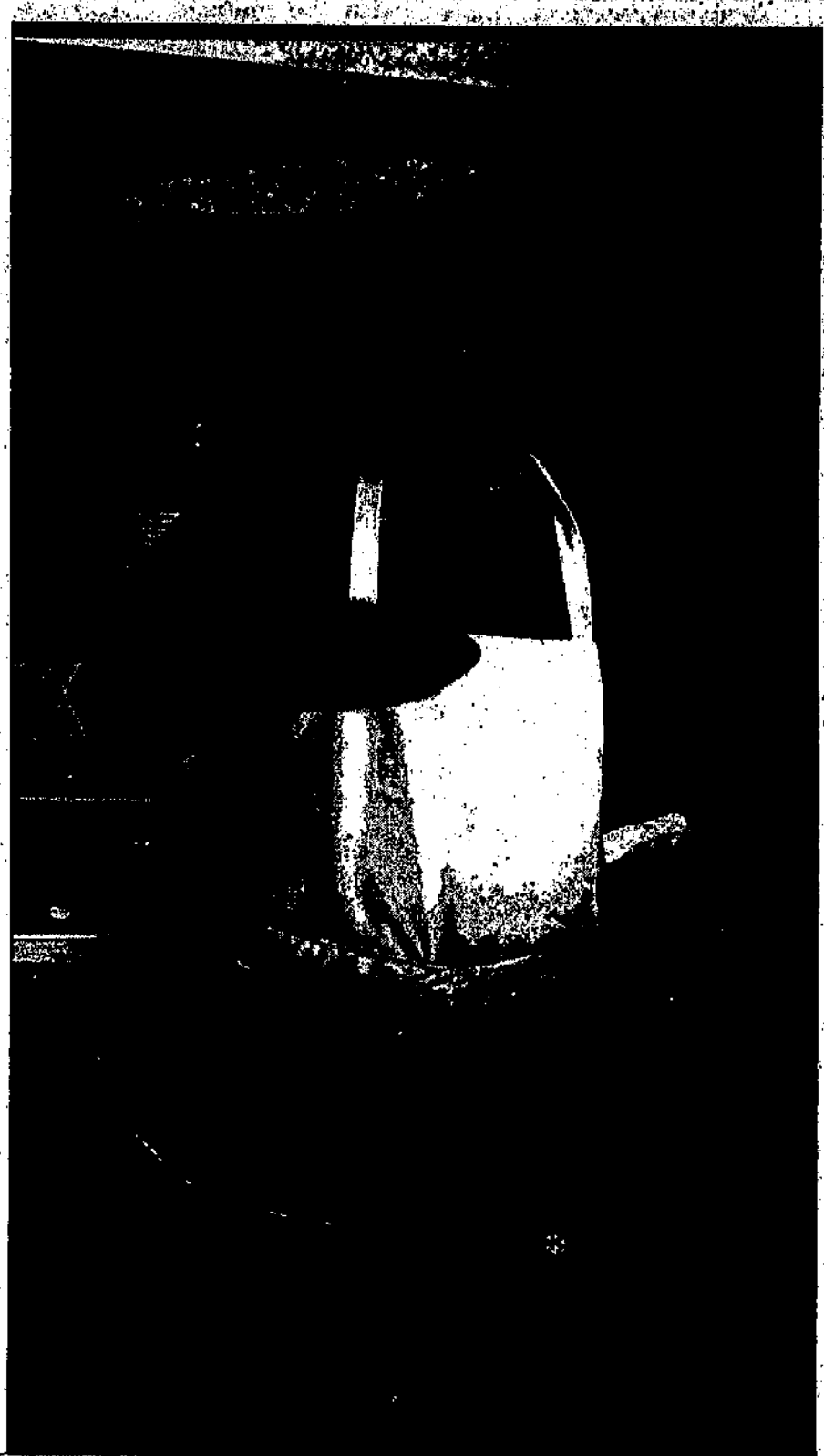
ends while they were transforming the former ski shop into a French restaurant.

The building, which they lease, has been through many transformations.

It has been a drive-through liquor store, then a video store, a butcher shop and, at one time, an office for llama tours, he said.

Despite never being a restaurant before, the building is ideal, Girot added.

"It's a prime location, there's lots of parking and it's an interesting shape," he said.



Richard Girot practices his trade at Le Bistro.

PLANNING AND ZONING

The Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission took the following actions Tuesday:

• Approved a zoning change request from Charles E. Craig for a lot at 110 Main Road in the Sleepy Hollow subdivision. Instead of being zoned partially for commercial use and partially for single-family homes, the lot would be zoned entirely for commercial use.

The zoning change still has to go before the Ruidoso Village Council for final approval.

• Approved variance requests and a conditional use request from Jack Walker for a lot at 207B Wingfield Street in the Midway Townsite subdivision. One variance allows the reconstruction and expansion of a deck on an existing home to follow the home's rear line.

The deck will be 6 feet, 2 inches from the rear lot line, a variance of 70 percent, or 14 feet.

Another variance request and the conditional use request allows a mobile home across the lot line while a fire-damaged house is being reconstructed. The mobile home is to be removed when the reconstruction is completed.

MARKET GLANCE

United States: The Sole Locomotive?

Strength in the United States economy continues to confound the experts. Nothing has yet been able to derail or even slow down this powerful locomotive. American consumers, workers and investors have all reaped the gains, but they may have become incognizant of how much pain the rest of the world is feeling. The imbalance between the United States and everyone else keeps widening. A now-modest forecast of 2.5 percent growth still leaves the United States as the world leader. Japan remains bedridden, the rest of Asia has merely stabilized, Latin America quickly faltered and Europhoria did not last long. Consumption in the United States is the primary force keeping the world economy from collapsing.

What are the likely consequences of this widening rift? There are plenty of potential political calamities lurking, from growing protectionism at home to defiant capital controls and careless defaults in emerging markets. But even absent any of these, riskier economic conditions could also bedevil the United States. Most likely, the trade deficit will renew the drastic widening it saw during the first half of 1998. Shipments to Latin America will certainly weaken further while Europeans will not be buying as much as they have. Meanwhile most every nation, to boost their economy, suddenly has cheaper goods they want to sell to the thriving United States.

Another possible outcome is that inflation will remain tame. With energy prices no longer falling, it is widely believed that the Consumer Price Index would bounce back above 2.0 percent, driven by relentless pressure on wages from a tight labor market. But with the world economy getting weaker by the month, commodities have shown no evidence of bottoming. Cheap imports exert continued price pressures on domestic manufacturers, which will offset to some degree rising service costs. Inflation may not get any lower, as it did the last two years, but it may refrain from rising as much as expected.

Renewed strength in the dollar would widen the trade deficit even further and assure subdued inflation. A strong economy relative to major trading partners usually means a stronger currency — and this certainly is why the dollar is rising against the Euro and most others. But the dollar-yen relationship defies underlying economic conditions. Until the yen reaches its fair value near 140 yen, trade will remain less of a drag on the economy and creeping inflation will be more likely. Both factors pressure interest rates higher.

Bonds: Bank of Japan Trumps the Fed

The strong U.S. economy has been the driving force behind rising yields, which reached their low point more than four months ago. Neither the long-feared Brazilian devaluation nor nervousness over internet stocks, nor a shrinking supply of treasuries has been able to attract funds to bonds.

The Fed, moreover, has had little effect on long-term interest rates. Its three rapid-fire easings last autumn actually raised rates. The additional liquidity simply flowed out of safe-haven treasuries and into equities, corporate bonds and municipals. With the Fed now inactive as far as the eye can see, yields will largely follow two leads — the course of the U.S. economy and Japanese markets.

Inaction at the Bank of Japan is having more effect than inaction at the Fed (or inaction at the European Central Bank). A trifling decrease in the call rate effectively does nothing to spur the moribund Japanese economy. The BOJ needs to buy the huge supply of Japanese bonds issued by the government. Otherwise spreads with U.S. treasuries will continue to narrow, making Japanese instruments increasingly attractive and pressuring U.S. rates upward — even beyond what a strong economy warrants.

This column was provided by Don Hilber, economist for Wells Fargo.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Darlene Hart chosen company vice president

First Mortgage Co. of Ruidoso has a new corporate vice president. The board of directors has elected Darlene Hart to the position.

She has been associated with First Mortgage since February of last year. She has extensive experience in the real estate lending industry.

Her previous experience includes being a branch manager/vice president of a local bank.

With almost 20 years experience in the real estate industry, Hart will play a major role in the financial leadership and development of First Mortgage Co., according to a company release.

Her primary responsibility will be loan origination and the qualified processing of real estate loans.

Hart and her husband Paul have two children, Jennifer and Matthew, and have been Ruidoso residents for more than 20 years.

Construction values decline in January

Ruidoso's construction values as a whole dropped about 36 percent in January from the same month last year, according to information from the Ruidoso Planning Department.

However, home construction values increased by more than 100 percent — from about \$500,000 to more than \$1 million — and the total number of building permit applications increased by about 20 percent, according to a compilation of building permit statistics.

No new commercial construction projects were started in the village in January, according to village data.

County labor force increases slightly

Lincoln County's labor force increased from November to December by 48 people, from 7,579 to 7,627, according to the recent report by the New Mexico Labor Market Review.

Statewide, December's unemployment rate remained unchanged from November at 6 percent.

Luna County had the highest unemployment rate at 24.8 percent and Union County had the lowest at 2.8 percent.

Lincoln County's unemployment rate was 4.8 percent for December.

'Contract bundling' examined by SBA

The U.S. Small Business Administration recently published proposed regulations that will protect small businesses involved with federal government contracting.

Once adopted, the rules will establish definitions for the practice known as "contract bundling" and supply remedies to counter the negative impact that bundling has on small businesses.

The public has until March 15 to comment on the proposal before the agency starts to finalize the regulations, according to a press release from the administration.

"The SBA has proposed a set of regulations to ensure that 'contract bundling' doesn't shut the doors of opportunity for small businesses," SBA Administrator Aida Alvarez said. "It may be easier to lump together a number of small contracts, but it doesn't benefit the taxpayer if it means higher costs from decreased competition. And we must make sure we aren't harming the small business owner and his or her employees."

Written comments should be sent to the SBA's office of Government Contracting in Washington, D.C.

Free tax help available

Volunteers will help people with low- to middle-range incomes prepare their tax returns starting Feb. 4.

The American Association of Retired Persons Tax-Aide volunteers will provide the free service and answer tax questions at area senior citizen centers on the following schedule:

- Ruidoso — 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, from Feb. 4 to April 15
- Carrizozo — 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 3
- Capitan — 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 10
- San Patricio — 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 17
- Corona — 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 24

On-line classes offered for small biz owners

The U.S. Small Business Administration has provided the Small Business Classroom, a series of business courses, through the Internet, according to a news release from the administration.

The course is the first of its kind, according to the release, and uses the latest technology to bring easy-to-use, interactive electronic business courses to anyone with a standard Internet connection.

The courses take seven to 30 minutes each and are self-paced modules and include sections on Y2K preparedness issues, on preparing effective business plans, marketing and on raising business capital.

The courses are accessible at www.sba.gov.

Howell, commission clash over consent agenda

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

In an unprecedented move Thursday, four Lincoln County commissioners rejected a request by the fifth member of the board to remove an item from the consent agenda for discussion.

"I'm a little disappointed," Commissioner Wilton Howell said after he failed to gain support for his request. "In the six years I've been on the commission, we've never refused to remove an item (for discussion) requested by a commissioner. Any time a commissioner has asked, we've done it."

Commissioner William Schwettmann told Howell he

could follow the lead of other commissioners and discuss items on the consent agenda with the manager in private ahead of time.

"I have a problem doing the public's business in private," Howell said.

Consent agendas usually include items that are routine such as payroll accounts, the treasurer's report. They are voted on as a block in one motion. Howell wanted to pull a project status report submitted by County Manager Tom Stewart.

However, he managed to ask his questions even without taking the report off the consent agenda. As Commission Chairman Rex Wilson called for a motion and vote to

approve the nine items, Howell asked County Manager Tom Stewart why the county has overspent the money it set aside to buy base course for roads and the money budgeted to operate the jail. He also wanted to know why the county seems stalled on plans to build a new jail.

"We need to decide if the jail will be operated privately, the number of cells and types of programs," Howell said. "All we have is a site (the county seat of Carrizozo) and I'm OK with that choice."

Stewart said he has scheduled a presentation on design, construction and operation of the new jail for the commission's regular meeting March 18.

The county already has spent 167 percent of what it budgeted to operate the old jail in Carrizozo and 134 percent of the money set aside for prisoner health care, Howell pointed out.

Stewart said a mid-year budget adjustment will funnel enough money into those items to finish out the fiscal year that ends June 30.

After the meeting, Stewart explained that \$21,000 has been spent on inmate health care, although only \$17,000 was budgeted.

"We've been getting a lot of sick inmates and we're not capable of caring for them," he said. "When they come in, we send them to other facilities."

Carrizozo train caboose to open as visitors' center

Groups prepare for 100th-year celebration

CARRIZOZO — The old freight train caboose recently set up on Central Avenue in Carrizozo will open March 1 ready to serve this community as a visitors' center and a Chamber of Commerce office.

This announcement was the highlight of the Feb. 10 meeting of the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce. Rene Burton, Carrizozo Action Team chairperson, reported that furnishings, except for a display case, are in place.

Row Dow of the Carrizozo Lodgers Tax Committee announced the purchase of a computer for use at the center. A roster of volunteers is ready and the Carrizozo Action Team, the town of Carrizozo and the Chamber of Commerce are continuing to work jointly on the project.

The grand opening will be at a later date, according to the chamber.

Dolores Rue of Region IX Education invited the chamber, or anyone interested, to be a presenter or an exhibitor in the Third Annual Transition/Career Fair at the Ruidoso Convention Center on Feb. 26.

The fair provides information concerning job opportunities, post-high school options for students and adults, including those with special needs,

their families and educators.

The goal of the fair is to assist students and adults in job market transitioning and in becoming productive members of area communities.

For more information, call Region IX at 257-2368.

Chamber member and local locksmith Gary Stout presented the updated brochure listing lodgings, recreation and foods available in Carrizozo.

Stout emphasized the promotional possibilities. Carrizozo could have with a web site on the Internet.

The town's only promotional coverage on the Internet is part advertising in Southern New Mexico Magazine. Stout will bring more information and cost estimates for the next meeting.

Peter Wolfe, chamber president, again stressed the importance of community input regarding the coming Carrizozo Centennial in August.

Beautification is one priority; town council member Eileen Lovelace reported the town will plant and maintain flowers in McDonald Park. Ideas for celebrating the town's 100th birthday should be placed in a suggestion box at Carrizozo Hardware.

COMMISSION: Salaries for elected officials continue to be contentious

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the year, you illegally or unethically took it away," she said.

Commissioners rescinded the raises in 1995, because of an attorney general's opinion that raises given in mid-term for county elected officials are illegal under the state constitution. At the same time, a state law requires equity in pay for similar jobs.

In 1997, commissioners tried again, approving 10 percent raises, but in October, 1998, the state Supreme Court ruled in line with the attorney general that mid-term raises are illegal. The commission rescinded the raises.

When the sheriff, treasurer, assessor and Proctor sought legal advice last year, they were

told they couldn't use Morel, because he represents the commission, which sets the county budget. The four hired Ruidoso attorney David Stevens.

"I never said I intended to sue the county, but if the issue had not been settled satisfactory, I probably would have," Proctor said.

Howell said the commission had no choice in removing the raises, because they were illegal, according to the Supreme Court. However, many other counties that granted raises to their elected officials did not rescind them after the court decision.

After the meeting Thursday, Morel said a proposed constitutional amendment to remedy the situation was to be introduced in the state Legislature that day, the last time this ses-

sion for bills to be accepted.

When a person runs for office, they know what they'll be paid," Howell said. Raises shouldn't be necessary, he said, adding that the county could have avoided the problem by approving raises for everyone but commissioners. That way, commissioners would not have been voting themselves raises, whether or not they were in mid-term, Howell said.

"Why did you decrease (the salaries) in the first place?" Proctor asked. "Lincoln County officials are probably the lowest paid in the state."

"I don't think anyone seeks employment without the hope of a raise, much less to lose some salary."

Park said when she ran for office, she anticipated an

already approved raise that was suppose to kick in Jan. 1, 1995.

"Yes, I knew what I was going to make and I did on paper for five days, but I never saw the money," she said. "I believe I had an obligation to make sure you obey the law and to not allow you to lower a salary in mid-term (which also is against the constitution)."

"I guess we have a different interpretation of the law," Howell said. "It will take a constitutional amendment to change this."

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Dec. 3, 1998 — a son, Conner Elijah Davis, to Ellari and Justin Davis, 8 pounds, 7.8 ounces, 21 inches long.

Dec. 4, 1998 — a son, Avery Cord Stewart, to Amy and Flint Stewart, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, 20 and 1/2 inches long.

Dec. 4, 1998 — a son, Kamen Max Marquez, to Kendra and Angie Marquez, 8 pounds, 8 ounces, and 21 inches long.

Dec. 7, 1998 — a daughter, T'Khala Lynce Chavez, to Christine Bergeron, 7 pounds, 13.2 ounces, 21 and 1/4 inches long.

Dec. 8, 1998 — a daughter, Ashton Taylor Nunez, to Misty and Daniel Nunez, 6 pounds, 4.2 ounces, 19 inches long.

Dec. 9, 1998 — a daughter, Hunter Jade Christmas, to Chrystal and Timothy Christmas, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, 21 and 1/2 inches long.

Dec. 10, 1998 — a son, Jerime Allen Enjady, to Josephine Via, 6 pounds, 7.6 ounces, 20 inches long.

Dec. 10, 1998 — a son, Jerome Dominick Rocha, to Elaine Blake, 7 pounds, 11.6 ounces, 21 inches long.

Dec. 12, 1998 — a son, William Robert Meece, to Mary Mansfield, 7 pounds, 12.8 ounces, 20 inches long.

Dec. 12, 1998 — a daughter, Haley Michelle Randolph, to Michelle Gabaldon, 6 pounds, 11.6 ounces, 18 and 1/2 inches long.

Dec. 14, 1998 — a daughter, Leelah Mabel Schwartzberg, to Lisanne and Paul Schwartzberg, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, 19 and 1/2 inches long.

Dec. 15, 1998 — a daughter, Chloe Noel White, to Leslie and Michael White, 7 pounds, 2.6 ounces, 20 inches.

Dec. 21, 1998 — a daughter, Hosanna Judith Latrice Word, to Jennifer Word, 7 pounds, 10.8 ounces, 20 and 1/2 inches long.

Dec. 22, 1998 — a son, Rowan Sol Archuleta Allen, to Ted and Glenda Allen Jr., 8 pounds, 11.4 ounces, and 20 and 3/8 inches long.

Dec. 22, 1998 — a daughter, Mackenzie Ashton Blossom, to Tania and Chad Blossom, 6 pounds, 10.2 ounces, 20 and 1/4 inches long.

Dec. 27, 1998 — a daughter, Mariah Kareen Lloyd, to Monica and Steve Lloyd, 9 pounds, 7 ounces, 22 inches long.

Dec. 27, 1998 — a daughter, Estrea Jade Barreras, to Monica Cuthair, 6 pounds, 8 ounces, 18 inches long.

Dec. 29, 1998 — a daughter, Faith Kittlynn Lyle, to Sabrina Lyle, 6 pounds, 14.4 ounces, 19 inches long.



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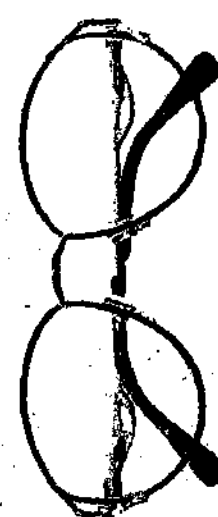
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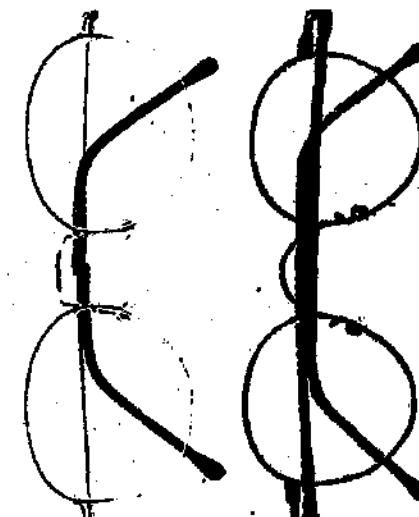
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Ski Report

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- Lifts open: 51 of 55
- Trails open: 10 of 11
- Snow depth on open trails: 34 inches
- Surface conditions: Machine groomed and variable
- Skiing conditions: Good, some upper mountain areas are fair
- Snowmaking: Yes, on nine trails
- Upcoming events: Saturday - Lubbock Cup, Wednesday - Cross Your Heart Cup, March 3 - Disabled Skiers' Race.

This week

TODAY

Boys basketball
Ruidoso vs. Hot Springs, 7:30 p.m.
Capitan vs. Tularosa, 7:30 p.m.
Carrizozo vs. Mesilla Valley, 7 p.m.

Wrestling

Ruidoso at Class A-AAA State Wrestling Championships, TBA

Saturday

Girls basketball
Winner of Tularosa/Dexter at Capitan for District 6AA Tournament Championship, 6 p.m.
Winner of Carrizozo/Corona at Hondo for District 3A Tournament Championship, 6 p.m.

Ruidoso vs. Hot Springs, TBA

Wrestling

Ruidoso at Class A-AAA State Wrestling Championships, TBA

Skiing

The Lubbock Cup, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., NASTAR Course, Ski Apache

Tuesday

Boys basketball
District 6AA Tournament first round games, TBA
District 3A Tournament first round games, TBA

Scoreboard

Tuesday

Girls basketball
District 3A playoffs
Corona 34, Mountainair 33
Carrizozo 59, Vaughn 57
Vaughn 10, 14, 19, 14, 57
Carrizozo 9, 15, 14, 21, 59
Halftime score: Carrizozo 24, Vaughn 24.
Leading scorers: C - Renee Rael 30, V - Crystal Lesperance 25, Ava Gutierrez 14.
Records - Carrizozo 9-9, Vaughn 7-14.

District 5A
Mesilla Valley Christian 63, Mescalero 37

District 6AA playoffs

Tularosa 65, Cloudcroft 44

Boys basketball

Cobre 94, Santa Teresa 79

Hot Springs 76, Silver 65

Pecking Order

AP Boys Basketball Top 10

Class AAA	Record	Pts	Pgs
1. St. Pius (8)	14-4	98	2
2. St. Michael's (2)	12-6	87	1
3. Los Alamos	13-7	62	3
4. Taos	13-7	59	7
5. Shiprock	12-6	51	6
6. Thoreau	15-4	40	5
7. Robertson	11-7	38	4
8. Lovington	10-9	29	8
9. Academy	7-11	27	9
10. Wingate	11-8	22	10

Others receiving votes: Hot Springs 16, Silver 11, Kirtland Central 7, Artesia 1, Pojoaque 1, Bernalillo 1.

Boys District 3AAA Standings

Team	Dist.	Overall
Hot Springs	4-1	11-7
Silver	3-2	10-10
Cobre	3-2	10-10
Ruidoso	3-2	10-10
Santa Teresa	0-5	3-17

On deck

Senior Olympic Sports Training Clinic
New Mexico Senior Olympics will offer a sports training clinic for Ruidoso seniors interested in learning a new sport or refining current skills to help prepare them for their local senior Olympic games. The clinic is free of charge and will be Tuesday at Roswell High School and Yucca Youth Center. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. in the Roswell High School gym lobby. For more information, call (505) 623-5777.

March Madness basketball tourney
A men's 6-foot and under plus one basketball tournament is set for March 12-14 in Mescalero. A non-refundable deposit of \$75 is due by March 5. First 16 teams with deposit will play. Roster limited to 10 players. Entry fee is \$150. Individual and team awards for first through fourth places, plus MVP, all tournament, sportsmanship and more. For more information, call Abraham or Gina Chee at 257-7300 and leave a message.

Home court advantage on the line for Tigers

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Capitan assistant coach Chad Ghormley doesn't know if the Tigers' near-victory over No. 1-ranked Tularosa Feb. 5 is a good sign or a bad omen.

The Tigers dropped a 77-74 overtime decision to Johnnie May's Wildcats. Both teams were 2-0 in District 6AA at the time. Now the Wildcats are 22-0 and 5-0 in the 6AA, while Capitan is 9-11 and 3-2.

"It gave us confidence to know that we can play with the best in the state," Ghormley said. "But I also think it's like waking a sleeping bear. They're going to come down here ready to play. We have to be even more ready to play than we were the last time."

Today at 7:30 p.m. when the two teams play again this time in Capitan, the Wildcats will be out to prove the first

meeting was a fluke, while the Tigers must win to secure the district's runner-up spot.

"We were pretty fortunate to win that night," said May referring to the Feb. 5 game. "I'm sure our kids were a little flat."

But May didn't take anything away from the Tigers' efforts.

"They came ready to play and really played with a lot of energy," May said of Capitan.

Still, Tularosa made just nine-of-39 shots from three-point range in the first meeting, which allowed Capitan head coach Royce Brown to stay in a zone defense.

May said the Wildcats must shoot better to pull the Tigers out their zone. "If that's not happening then we have to take the ball inside to Josh King," he said.

King is the Wildcats' tallest player at 6-foot, 4-inches. But

their greatest threats are from outside in guards Cody May (14.6 points per game), David Prelo (12.5 ppg) and Sam Blazer (10 ppg).

Ghormley is most concerned with May who "can step across the halfcourt line and become an immediate threat."

"He can be three to five feet from the arc and still drain the shot," Ghormley said of May. "He stretches out the defense."

Coach May said his team isn't one-dimensional. On any given night, the Wildcats have as many as five players in double figures. He counts balance and depth as two of the Wildcats' strengths.

"This team is one of hardest working teams we've had in a long time," May said. "They play the game the way we think it should be played - with a lot of heart and with a lot of intensity."

Ghormley and Brown know

the Tigers will have to be on top of their game today.

Shooting will be a key for the Tigers, Ghormley said, from both the free-throw line and the field.

"We have to shoot well to keep up with the pace of the game," he said. "Tularosa is still a little more aggressive than we are. They have depth and they can keep coming after you."

Capitan's scoring burden falls on senior Garydon Silva and forward Kenny Stahl. Senior forward Raymond Harris, the Tigers' leading scorer and rebounder, is questionable for today's game.

A Capitan victory assures the Tigers of a home game in the District 6AA Tournament which begins Tuesday. A loss means Capitan will be seeded No. 3 and would have to travel for a semifinal game in Dexter Thursday.



Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News file photo
Tiger Kenny Stahl will be Capitan's main threat inside against No. 1 Tule.

Tiger girls to attempt 6AA sweep

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

To win their first District 6AA title outright, the Tiger girls will have to set aside the week's distractions and focus solely on their championship game Saturday, coach Bryan Massé said Thursday.

Capitan (12-9 overall) plays the winner of Dexter/Tularosa for the District 6AA Tournament Championship at 6 p.m. Saturday in Capitan. The winner advance to the Region G Tournament as the No. 1 seed.

Massé wouldn't specify what has distracted his club, only that he's trying to focus his Tigers on Saturday's game.

The Capitan coach said it doesn't matter who the Tigers play. Capitan is 1-1 against Dexter and 3-0 versus Tularosa.

"I think Tule is playing a little better ball right now," Massé said. "But Dexter is very competitive and physical. They believe they can win every ball game."

Hondo hosts 3A title game

In other playoff games, the Eagles host the winner of Corona/Carrizozo for the District 3A championship game at 6 p.m. Saturday. Hondo is 17-3 overall.

Going for the gold at state



Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News file photo
Senior Jason Leadingham and his Warrior teammates are competing at the Class A-AAA State Wrestling Championships hosted by Kirtland Central High School today and Saturday. Leadingham, who is the District 3AAA champion at 189 pounds, should be seeded in the top three for his weight division. He and fellow senior Richard Gray (145 pounds) lead a young Ruidoso squad seeking its best finish as a team at state. Wrestling begins later today and continues Saturday with medal rounds. Leadingham is pictured above recording a pin in Ruidoso's dual meet with Roswell earlier this season.

Last chance to see the RHS teams at home

The Ruidoso boys and girls basketball teams defend the home floor for the last time in the regular season today and Saturday, respectively.

The Warrior boys (10-10, 3-2) host District 3AAA-leading Hot Springs in a crucial game for both teams. Ruidoso must win to stay in the district hunt, while Hot Springs needs a victory to maintain its one-game lead over Silver, Cobre and the Warriors.

Tip off is 7:30 p.m. today. The Tigers are fresh off a 76-65 win over Silver Tuesday. The Warriors have won two in row, including their victory over Santa Teresa a week ago.

"We need to feed our inside people more and that will help open up our outside game," Ruidoso interim coach Billy Page said.

Girls take on Hot Springs

Jeannie Jackson's Warriors will try to snap a four-game losing streak. Ruidoso hasn't won in February and is 5-17 overall and 2-5 in District 3AAA. The visiting Tigers claimed the first meeting between the two schools, 71-51, on Jan. 30.

Game time Saturday for the girls is 7:30 p.m.

How to teach someone a lesson about Title IX

I missed my birthday beverage with buddies Norm and Mabel a couple of weeks ago, so we made up for last time the other night.

There we were, at our favorite establishment for "tonail paint" as fellow columnist Drew Gumber would say. Norm sipped up with a bucket of peanuts and Mabel wasn't far behind with their pitcher of Old Style.

"Hey there, how ya doin', Laura?" Norm said. He was wearing a way-too-red Wisconsin Badgers sweat-shirt.

Mabel chimed in, "Happy belated birthday, Laura. How's it feel to be halfway through your 30s?"

"OK," I said. "How's feel to have your team lose to my Niners, to have Mike Holmgren leave town for Seattle and to be halfway through your 40s."

Mabel gave me a look of mock pain. "That good of a birthday, huh?" she asked.

I motioned them to sit down. "So what's up with my two favorite cheeseheads? Have you forgiven the zebras in the state championship foot-

ball game, yet? Or are you two on the 'FBI Most Wanted' list?" I said.

With a completely straight face, Norm said, "We've forgiven them."

"Phew," I said. "I'm sure they are sleeping better knowing that."

"What do you know?" Mabel's eyes narrowed and I knew she was about to climb atop her soap-box.

"You know what I heard. I heard that the Warrior girls softball team is going to play its games at All American Park in Ruidoso Downs, doncha know," she said.

"Really? What happened to the Gavilan Canyon field?" I asked.

Norm looked at me incredulously. "You have been working hard. Those winds from a couple weeks ago blew down the dugouts."

"Bummer," I said. "Now little league baseball will have to rebuild those, too. Maybe the county will cough up another \$25,000 for the association like it did for the baseball concession stand."

Norm asked, "They have a concession stand there?"

"Well, no. They're supposed to - can't seem to get anyone to build the darn thing, even though they got all that money from the county."

"Anyway, Mabel, what were you saying? The girls have to play out at

All American Park."

She nodded emphatically.

"Have you seen it lately? There are rocks the size of softballs out there. There's no grass on the outfield. No place to go the bathroom. I can't believe Title IX is more than 25 years old, and our girls have to play under these conditions. Back home in Wisconsin, the girls even have their own ice hockey rink."

I nodded in agreement. "Yea, well, we seem to take the pedestrian approach to equal facilities for girls in Ruidoso."

Norm then made the mistake of asking, "What's wrong with that? I mean if the girls don't earn it, why give it to them?"

I reached across the table and stopped Mabel from picking up the pitcher and pouring it on him. "Easy, cowgirl. Put it down. That's Old Style in there. It's not worth it," I said.

She glared at Norm. "You're such a neanderthal, Norm. Where are you from? - Texas?" she spat.

Norm rolled his eyes and said, "Really though, what have the Ruidoso girls done lately. Yeah the volleyball team went to state this year and got slaughtered, but no other team has done much of anything. Jody Blanton

was the last girls coach to win a state championship in anything and that was a good eight or nine years ago ..."

Mabel cut him off with, "And how did we thank her? We fired her from coaching. No, I'm sorry, I didn't say that right. We didn't fire her; we let her go."

I chimed in, "Funny how history repeats itself around here."

Norm seized the moment. "Look, you gotta win before you get things like a new baseball diamond, or warm-ups, or navy and gold football uniforms."

"Maybe when you were in school, Norm, but that's not the norm now," Mabel said. "The girls deserve a decent, regulation-size field, qualified coaching, nice uniforms and the right equipment, like a pitching machine that works. Not just for softball, but all of the sports deserve equal treatment. Plus Title IX guarantees it."

Norm sighed, and said, "But they're just girls, honey."

"This time, I didn't stop Mabel. I joined in. Together, we drained that pitcher of Old Style - all over Norm's head."

"Come on, Mabel. Let's go get me a birthday drink," I said.

Ruidoso alum joins track's casino team

• Track's target date for casino opening pushed back to May 1.

RUIDOSO DOWNS — Keith Henson has returned to his old stomping grounds, this time as the director of slot operations for the Billy the Kid Casino at Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

Henson assumed his new job in early February. It marks his third tour of duty at Ruidoso Downs since graduating from Ruidoso High School in 1992. Henson worked as the track's announcer during the 1996 race meet, and in 1995, he split his time between working as a placing judge and as an assistant in the racing office.

"I'm excited about the opportunity and prospects for success here," Henson stated in a press release. "We've been waiting for this for quite awhile, and it's an opportunity to come back and give something back to the community."

Henson is part of the management team that will complete and operate the new Billy the Kid Casino, which is under construction at the east end of the race track's grandstand.

Ruidoso Downs Race Track general

manager Rick Baugh said he and track president Bruce Rimbo have moved the casino's opening day to May 1.

Henson graduated from the University of Arizona Racetrack Industry Program in May 1997 with a bachelor's of science degree. He then worked for Reno, Nevada's Boomtown Casino, which is owned by Hollywood Park, Inc. At Boomtown, Henson served as slot operations manager. He also was a management representative for the development, construction and opening of a new tribal casino in Yakima, Wash.

"We are very excited to have someone of Keith's caliber joining our team," said Bruce Rimbo, Ruidoso Downs Race Track president. "Keith brings a unique blend of knowing and understanding of the racing side of business, a knowledge of the slot machine side and experience in development, construction and the opening of a new casino."

Henson, a native of Colorado, moved to Ruidoso in 1982 when his father, Rick,



Keith Henson

accepted the position of Ruidoso Downs Race Track general manager.

AQHA offers summer internship

The American Quarter Horse Association has a 10-week summer internship open in its racing department. AQHA is looking for college students interested in pursuing a career in the racing industry and who are majoring in marketing, business or journalism.

The intern will assist members of the department with a variety of projects that involve research, marketing, simulcasting and the racing pages of the AQHA web sit. The intern will learn about the structure of the AQHA.

Those interested should send a letter of introduction along with a resume to: AQHA Senior Director of Racing, Don Fick, P.O. Box 200, Amarillo, TX, 79188. Deadline for submission is March 15. The intern will be chosen by April 15. For more information, call 806-376-4888, ext. 362.



Jack Brooks and G.R. Carter teamed up to win the 1998 All American Futurity.

Trainer adds elusive award to his resume

AMARILLO, Texas — Despite having won his seventh All American Futurity in 1998, trainer Jack Brooks was never voted American Quarter Horse Association Champion Trainer of the Year — until this year.

Brooks captured trainer of the year honors for his accomplishments in 1998. In addition to training 1998 All American Futurity winner Falling In Loveagain, Brooks also directed Dashin Is Easy to victories in the Remington Park Derby, Heritage Place Derby and Rainbow Derby.

Brooks-trained racehorses won more than \$2.2 million in earnings and finished in the money more than 45 percent of the time.

The AQHA announced late last month its 1998 racing champions and its champion horsemen at the Heritage Place Sale Company in Oklahoma City.

Other winners were:
• World Champion, Aged Gelding — SLIM Big Daddy

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- Champion Aged Mare — Kool Kue Baby
- Champion Aged Stallion — Dean Miracle
- Distance Champion — Windville
- Canadian Champion — Im The Wind
- Broodmare of the Year — Artesia
- Champion Owner of the Year and Champion Breeder of the Year — Edward C. Allred
- Champion Trainer of the Year — Jack W. Brooks
- Champion Jockey of the Year — Joe Badilla, Jr.

THE WILD SIDE

BY MIKE HYMAN
OUTDOORS CORRESPONDENT

Mountain lions have taken a heavy toll on the state's population of desert bighorn sheep.

Game and fish department officials have collared 114 sheep with radio transmitters and tracked them between 1992 and 1998. Of that 114, officials confirmed 49 sheep dead, and in cases where the cause of death could be identified, lions killed 34 of 38 desert bighorn.

In the 1980s, efforts to restore desert bighorn in the San Andres Mountains were done in conjunction with the intense control of the mountain lion population. Despite the harvest of 60 lions, the herd continues to decline in the San Andres.

In short, these numbers mean the state is facing a major lion problem. Desert bighorn are not the only prey lions eat. The lion population statewide is exploding unimpeded. One adult lion can eat 52 deer a year.

Could this explain where the mule deer herd has disappeared to in the last decade?

Without some kind of cooperative action between game and fish and the ranching community, the lion problem will soon overflow to the livestock industry with even greater effects.

Lions are a precious predator and close to many people's hearts. The overpopulation will effect the lion the hardest, because of the eventual loss of lions from disease and starvation.

Roswell man pays \$1,400 fine for illegal mountain lion kill

Herbert W. Atkinson of Roswell was fined \$1,482 for illegally killing and transporting a mountain lion in Lincoln County.

Lincoln County Magistrate Jude Gerald Dean, Jr., fined Atkinson \$400 for illegally killing the cougar, \$1,000 for illegal transportation of the animal, and \$82 in court costs. Atkinson was sentenced to 364 days of unsupervised probation.

According to investigating conservation officers, Atkinson was hunting deer in Nov. 1996 on the Buckhorn Ranch, south of Picacho. When Atkinson was driving back to camp, he saw the cougar and shot it out of season. In Dec. 1996 Atkinson took the hide to a taxidermist

in Texas to have it mounted.

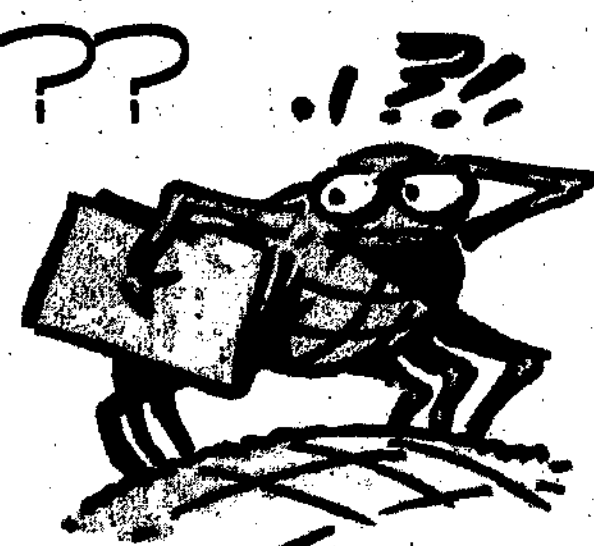
New hunting proclamations due out for 1999-2000

The 1999-2000 big game proclamations and applications became available at Department of Game and Fish offices statewide beginning Feb. 7. Vendors throughout the state will have them by mid-month.

Those applying should remember that social security numbers are required to ensure compliance with the Parental Responsibility Act. The state of New Mexico will not grant a professional or recreational license to anyone who fails to pay court-ordered child support. The Department of Game and Fish will not accept applications without the number or an explanation for not supplying one. Applications for the 1999-2000 year are due

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7 Houses for Rent

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3 BEDROOM, 1.5 BATH, one level, carport, easy access, on Meander Drive, \$650 plus bills. 258-4545

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CUTE, CLEAN, SMALL TWO BEDROOM house; carpet, washer, dryer, appliances, just right for one or two people. References required. \$350/mo plus utilities, \$100/dep, 378-4386.

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257-4075
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506 Nevada, 180, 1BA, \$325
277 Paradise Canyon, 350, 1 1/2BA, \$620

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2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 2 car garage, \$650 per month. 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 car garage, \$700 per month. Pflifer & Associates. 378-7108

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LONG TERM RENTAL fantastic mountain view. Clean 2 bedroom, 2 living or 3 bedroom, 1 living, 2 1/2 baths. End unit. Good neighborhood. \$700 per month plus utilities. 338-4922.

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2BDRM/2BA FOR RENT at Gateway Condos on Sudderth Dr. New Construction, \$850/mo plus utilities. Call Doug 258-5833, 258-5874.

11 Cabins/Vacation
WATER FRONT: TEXAS HILL Country! Do you have a cabin in Ruidoso? I have a wonderful waterfront place in the Texas Hill Country-80 miles West of Austin. Lets trade time! Call 915-388-6842.

NIGHTLY OR LONG TERM rentals: 2bdrm/2ba Garden Homes; in White Mountain Meadows. Furn/turn, fireplace, level access, garage. 1-888-257-7577, 257-7577 CARRIE de Ruidoso

12 Mobile Spaces/Rt
SAVILAN MOBILE HOME PARK. Available spaces. Accept mobile up to 80' long. 257-0276.

13 Room for Rent
ROOMMATE WANTED: To share three bedroom. Must be dependable and have steady job. Rent plus bills, approx \$175. Call 378-1226.

14 Want to Rent
LUBBOCK COUPLE, OWN RACEHORSES. Interested in leasing nice 3-4 bedroom house or condo from May 1-Sept. 7. Non-smokers, can share all rent up-front. References. (806)745-3075 or (806)748-7100.

15 Storage for Rent
AGI STORAGE UNITS: 601 Cantizo Canyon Rd. 10x10, 10x20; security gate, easy in, easy out. Reasonable, clean, electric available. 24 hour access. 257-8891, cell 420-2837

UPPER CANYON MINI Storage now renting. Call 257-8873 or 420-0850

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9 Mobiles for Rent
NICE SIZED 3BDRM/2BA in Ruidoso Downs. Large utility room, dining room, fireplace. No appliances, no bills paid. \$500/mo, \$250/dep. References required. 508-623-7377

2BDRM MOBILE HOME easy access, water furnished. Natural gas, cable available, near V. HUD welcome. \$285/mo. Also 3 BDRM/2BA. \$425. 378-4488, 378-8305.

AVAILABLE MARCH 1ST 2BDRM Unfurnished trailer for rent. Smokey Bear Motel, 354-2253.

FURNISHED ONE Bedroom trailer. Air conditioner, fenced yard. \$325.00 month, plus utilities. 257-4856 or 420-2793.

FOR RENT 2BDRM/1BA MOBILE in the Downs. Appliances. \$375.00/mo. \$375.00/dep. 354-3014, leave message.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN Mobile home & RV Park. Mobile homes for rent and mobile homes for sale, owner financing. 378-8088

CAPITAN: 3BDRM, 1.5BA Trailer, washer, dryer, stove, frig, garden tub, fenced yard, 12 block from school. Small pets OK! 354-2065

ONE BEDROOM MOBILE home, furnished, in the Downs, \$275/mo., pet OK. Also extremely nice two bedroom, furnished on Sudderth no pets, \$375/mo, 257-3839

CAPITAN #118 E. 2nd Large modern; 2 1/2; kitchen island with many built

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Feature of the Week

LOVELY CEDAR HOME

Overlooking 16th tee box at the Links Golf Course. This 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home has 2 living areas, 2 fireplaces and a 2 car attached garage. Level entry & master bedroom & bath on level entry floor. Must see inside. \$249,000.

JOHN FUCHS PERSONAL HOME!! Less than 2 years old, single level 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car attached garage home. Tons of tile, lots of extra built-ins, gas fireplace, nice decks and good valley views. House is open & airy and has a fantastic master suite. A must see... \$158,500.

CUTE & CLEAN CABIN!! Two bedroom, 1 bath with easy access. Great weekend retreat and/or rental property with history. Only \$46,000.

VIEW OF THE CAPITANS on 3.3 acres of fully fenced land. Fairly new 3 bedroom, 2 bath doublewide with nice decks, fruit trees, and 2 storage sheds. \$114,900.

HUGE PRICE REDUCTION!! Was \$84,900, now \$69,500. Three bedroom, 2 bath unique dome home with nice decks and lots of storage. Owner is very motivated and will finance with closing costs down.

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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATSY FAYE HARPER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

SARA E. HARPER, has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of PATSY FAYE HARPER, deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of the Notice of the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative c/o Don E. Dutton, 229 Rio Street, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

/s/Sara E. Harper
Personal Representative of the Estate of PATSY FAYE HARPER, deceased.
THE DUTTON FIRM, LTD.
/s/Don E. Dutton
Attorney for Personal Representative
229 Rio Street
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345
(505)257-2323
(505)257-9203 facsimile
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND SPECIAL BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to 22-9-10 NMSA, 1978 that the Board of Education of Ruidoso School District #3, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico will on Tuesday, March 2, 1999, 7:00 P.M., at the Ruidoso Schools Board Room present and publicly review an operational budget increase for the 1998-99 school year. This is a public hearing and all school patrons are invited to attend. Done at Ruidoso, New Mexico, this 17th day of February, 1999.

Ruidoso School Board of Education
James Paxton, President
2049 2T(2)19,26

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO ALTO LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN T. CROFT and DONNA G. CROFT, husband and wife, REPUBLIC BANK LUBBOCK, N.A., and ROSE CAPITAL BANK, Cause No. CV-98-268 Division III Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: Republic Bank Lubbock, N.A. and Rose Capital Bank.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the pendency of the above styled matter and that the Plaintiff therein is seeking to obtain constructive service of process upon the defendants Republic Bank Lubbock, N.A. and Rose Capital Bank. This action is pending in the Twelfth Judicial District Court, County of Lincoln, the general nature of the action is to foreclose the Plaintiff's claim of lien against the following described real property:

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The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff is: RICHARD A. HAWTHORNE, P.A. Richard A. Hawthorne 1221 Mechem Drive, Suite 2 Ruidoso, NM 88345

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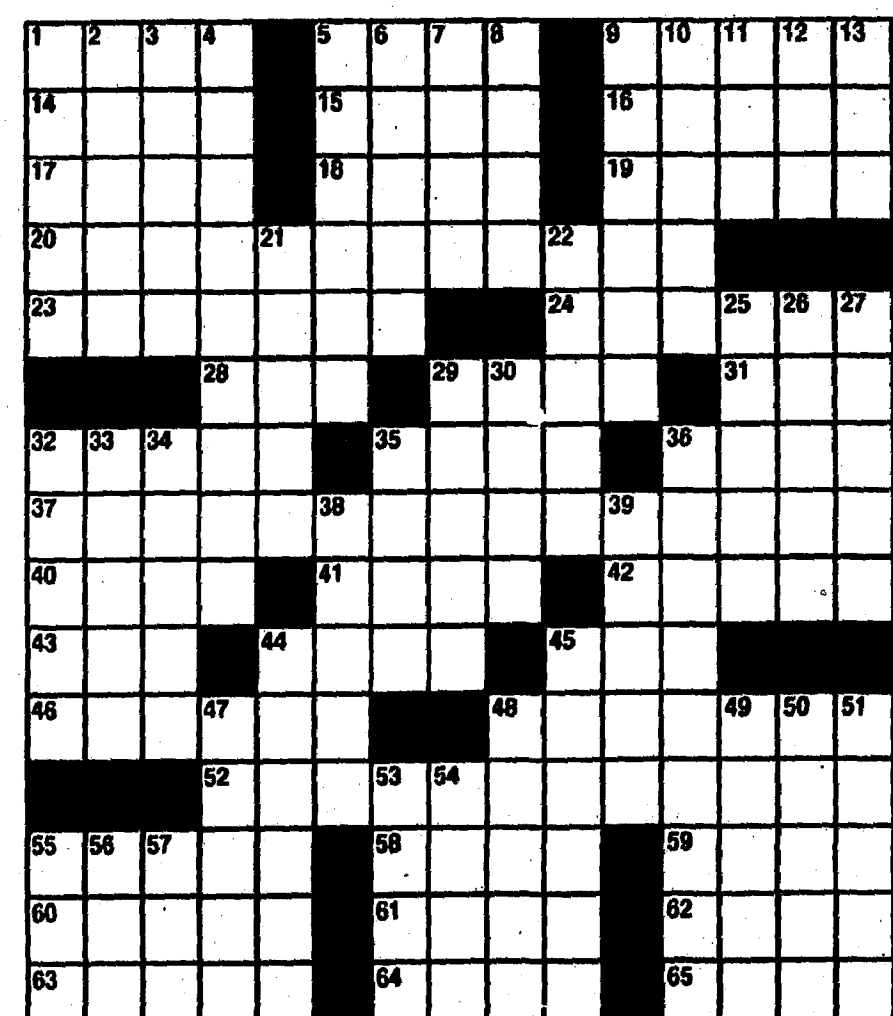
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Sandy Suggitt/Ruidoso News

PATTI BRIMBERRY is charged with mapping out the artistic direction of the Spencer Theater's Continental Harmony grant, an initiative sponsored by the American Composers Forum and the National Endowment for the Arts. To find out where Brimberry is going, see page 4C.

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720 Suddarth Dr., Bldg. 257-7395
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Eagle Ranch Art Gallery

7223 Hwy. 34/70, Alamogordo, 1-800-432-0999.
German artist Beate Steinebach is featured in February. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily.

Gail's Frame of Mind

1204 Mechem, Bldg. 258-9071.
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Hwy. 70, Bldg. Downs, 373-4142.
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Off Hwy. 70 in San Patricio, 653-4331.
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The Kenyon Thomas Gallery

546 Suddarth, Bldg. by the traffic lights at Paradise Canyon, 257-4056.
Pottery and pastels by Kenyon Thomas, fine weavings by Marcia Thomas. Call for gallery hours.

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268 Main St., Capitan, 354-3405
Original art and watercolor painting, Southwestern prints, custom design furniture by Larry.

Expressions in Bronze

2002 Suddarth, Bldg. 257-3790
Dave McGary's facility features a finishing studio and a gallery which showcases a two-decade retrospective collection of his "Images in Bronze." Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

The Montano Store

Hwy. 380, Lincoln, 653-4372.
Featuring the newly renovated store and temporary exhibits highlighting the Montano family, Hispanic contributions to the area and adobe architecture. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday to Sunday. Admission fee included in the \$5 daily pass which can be purchased at the Court House.

Mtn. Arts Gallery & Framing

2530 Suddarth Dr., Bldg. 257-9748
The gallery features originals and prints by local artist Teri Sodd. Prints by Bill Jaxon, Michael Atkinson, Judy Larson, Dale Terbusch, Robert Carver and Suanne Wainsley. Artifacts, pottery, kachinas and rugs. Open seven days, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Nogal Store & Gallery

Highway 37, Nogal
Featuring the works of Nogal and Lincoln County area artists and craftsmen such as Tim Brazie, Mike and Georgia Lagg, Pam Topper, John West, Anne Buffington, Susan Weir-Ancker, Ivy Heyman, Leroy Anderson and Coleta Lively. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Red Rose Art Studio

County Rd. E016, Hondo, 653-4203.
The studio of Hondo Valley artist Paula White features her works in oil, acrylic and porcelain in styles from impressionistic to abstract expression. Weekly classes are held on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for hours.

Sacred Images, Angels & Icons

416 First St., Bldg. 257-6627
New Orleans artist Jim Leasure specializes in portraits of clients' guardian angels. He also paints angelic themed school and church murals, ceilings and walls of private homes and businesses. His studio is open to the public by appointment.

Spring Canyon Gallery

2204 Suddarth Drive, Bldg. 257-4561.
Artist Misha Malpica opens her Spring Canyon sculpturing studio to the public. Joining her is Jim Mauritsen and his works connecting stone and burwood. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, or by appointment call 257-1561 or 257-0205.

Stribling Fine Art

1031 Mechem Dr., Bldg. 258-4892
Featuring contemporary Southwest paintings by New Mexico artist Stephen Stribling. Located in The Attic complex (upstairs in back). Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, or by appt.

The Tree's House

Nogal Canyon Road off Hwy. 37 between mile markers 9/10, Nogal, 354-4204.

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

Western Trails Gallery

320 East Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan 354-4203.
Original western oils, a collection of quality Indian jewelry and artifacts, unique ethnographic and regional crafts. Featured artist is Jai Wei Zhou whose oil paintings take a western/southwestern theme.

White Mtn. Pottery Gallery

2328 Suddarth Dr., Bldg. 257-3644.
Featuring Tim Wierwille's landscaped series, Will and Johana DeMay, Chris Heede, Larry Davidson, Vicki Conley, Ivy Heyman, Alan Buter and Bill Campbell. Call for gallery hours.

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From her adobe studio, potter Ivy Heyman makes functional porcelain, sculptures and lighting in the shadow of Patos Mountain. A one hour drive north from Ruidoso. Open seven days, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

CALLS FOR ART

• The South Central Regional Selection Committee seeks to purchase a variety of two-dimensional or three-dimensional interior artworks for eight sites in Dona Ana, Lincoln and Otero Counties. The sites have project amounts ranging from \$500 to \$3,250 and totaling \$14,130.

Style, theme and scale are open. Open to all New Mexico residents, the deadline is February 26, 1999. Call or write: Art in Public Places, 228 E. Palace Ave, Santa Fe, NM 87501, 827-6490, or 800-879-4278.

• The Southwest Regional Selection Committee seeks to purchase a variety of two-dimensional or three-dimensional interior artworks for seven sites in Grant, Luna and Sierra Counties. The sites have project amounts ranging from \$1,750 to \$4,000.

Style, theme and scale are open. Open to all New Mexico residents, the deadline is March 19, 1999. Call or write: Art in Public Places, 228 E. Palace Ave, Santa Fe, NM 87501, 827-6490, or 800-879-4278.

CALLS FOR ENTRIES

Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta

Fiber artists from New Mexico and surrounding states are invited to submit entries to the Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta scheduled for May 27-29 at the New Mexico State Fairgrounds.

Nine New Mexico textile-related guilds have joined together to sponsor the second biennial Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta. The three-day show features juried exhibits of quilts, weavings, wearable art, garments, beadwork, embroidery, lacework, silk painting, and doll making. Last year's show drew more than the 2,500 viewers.

The Albuquerque Silk Painter's Guild and the Creative Doll Makers Society have joined the seven original sponsoring guilds - the New Mexico Quilter's Association, Las Aranas Spinners and Weavers, Thimbleweed Quilters, the Albuquerque Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, the Sandia Mountains Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America, the New Mexico Bead Society and the Enchanted Lacemakers.

Entries will be judged for quilting, beadmaking and embroidery. Entries will be accepted for the non-judged techniques such as

dollmaking, lacemaking, silk painting, weaving and spinning, mixed media and sewing.

The entry deadline is March 15, and a person may not submit more than three entries. For complete rules call Laura Sandison at 281-8568 or Pat Drennan at 881-3796, or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: AFAF '99 P.O. Box 16443 Albuquerque, NM 87191-6443 for an entry form.

New Mexico 2000

The Museum of Fine Arts in Santa Fe seeks entries for its New Mexico 2000 exhibit, which is slated for Oct. 8, 1999 through April 21, 2000.

The juried exhibition is open to all New Mexico artists who work with all media and in all traditions. Catalog awards. Jurors are curators of the Museum of Fine Arts. Entry forms are available locally from the Ruidoso Art Commission and at Ruidoso Village Hall. Those interested can send a self-addressed stamped envelope (6x9 with 55 cents postage) to: New Mexico 2000, Museum of Fine Arts, P.O. Box 2087, Santa Fe, NM 87504. Slide deadline is March 29, 1999, or call Stan Monks at 336-4896.

Silver City artists open doors for two days

The San Vicente Artist's Studio and Gallery Tour is slated for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday in Silver City.

Samples of artists' works will be on display throughout downtown Silver City, and in addition, several studios within a short drive will be open for visiting.

Free tour maps showing the location of artists' studios and galleries are available at the Silver City/Grant County Chamber of Commerce, 1103 N Hudson, Silver City, NM as well as the individual artists' studios.

Many new artists are partici-

pating this season as well as familiar favorites. Work presented ranges in styles from contemporary to traditional and includes two- and three-dimensional works in watercolor, acrylics, oils, leather, wood, metal, jewelry, ceramics, photography, natural materials and fiber art. Many of the galleries have redecorated and a number of new galleries have opened so there is plenty to experience this season.

The tour is free to the public. Guided tours for school and other community groups are available with advance notice. For more information call 538-5232.



MUSIC TEACHER Patricia Brimberry will serve as the artistic director of the July 4, 2000 performance at the Spencer Theater.

In harmony

Continental Harmony
A Musical Celebration of the New Millennium

story and photos by Sandy Suggitt
VAMOS STAFF WRITER

Imagine a July 4, 2000 performance at the Spencer Theater. It involves dozens of regional actors, musicians, dancers, visual artists, children, adults and teachers – a cultural representation of the area's past and its hopes for the future.

Imagine similar community productions happening in 49 other states on the same day.

Ruidoso musician and teacher Patricia Brimberry and Spencer outreach coordinator Margaret Lahey are in the midst of visualizing that local effort now.

On a national scope, the American Composers Forum and the National Endowment for the Arts will make it happen, with

support from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation.

Staff from American Composers Forum chose 50 local arts organizations – one in each state – to commission original musical works celebrating the new millennium.

The Spencer Theater was chosen as the host organization for New Mexico, and will organize a

task force to select a composer and gather community input for the new musical composition.

The composer will begin a one-year residency in July, and compose the music and work with musicians for the July 4, 2000 performance.

Brimberry envisions a modern myth about the three cultures that make up the southern part of New Mexico: Native American,



FROM HER HOME Brimberry discusses her goals for the project.

Hispanic and Anglo. She may include the Buffalo soldiers who were stationed at Ft. Stanton, she said. And she's researching and meeting with members of the Mescalero Apache tribe, as well as looking for information about the Chiricahuas.

The production will be a musically driven dramatic work about the area's unique cultural and ethnic heritage.

"I'm a typical Southwesterner," said Brimberry, who has Anglo, Spanish and Lipan Indian blood in her heritage. Her grandparents homesteaded in Tortolita Canyon by Nogal.

"We'll try to tell a different

story (about the area) than Billy the Kid, to represent accurately, with integrity, the history of these three peoples. Not the total history, but the representational history," Brimberry said.

She visualizes three one-act "operas," one for each culture. This would allow the acts to go on the road for presentations to schools and civic groups.

"This is a unique history and it hasn't been told in the arts," she said. "It's a worthy subject and would also help us to galvanize the arts community, to bring all of the arts together, have an opportunity to work on a single thing and show how all of the

arts feed on each other."

Weaving three cultures together is another dimension of the project that excites Brimberry and Lahey.

Lahey, whose major emphasis is arts education in the schools, said they will use a "storytelling mode." Lahey wants to involve school children by having them collect oral histories from their parents and grandparents. Some of these stories could be used in the musical drama.

"Our three cultures will get along better ... and appreciate each child's background more - by having the children go through this process," Lahey

said.

Lahey also said that the composer will go to community and regional schools and work with classes as part of the residency.

The project is still in the research-and-brainstorm phase. Lahey and Brimberry found out the grant application was accepted Dec. 17, 1998. Now they have less than 18 months to get the whole project ready for the July 4, 2000 performance.

"It makes you get your act together," Brimberry said. "I spend at least six hours a day related to this every day. It's going to take that of a lot of people to make this happen."

Which is another aspect that excites her, she said. The whole community can see what it takes to produce a major production like this, and also have a part in it.

"People don't realize that a final production at the Spencer takes years of preparation to come about," she said.

Brimberry hopes to have a "decent draft" ready by July so she and the composer can begin fitting the drama and the music together.

By the end of 1999, she said, they'll have a better draft of the whole composition and will begin workshops with the

actors, vocalists, and dancers.

"To the extent that we can," Brimberry said, "everybody involved will be local."

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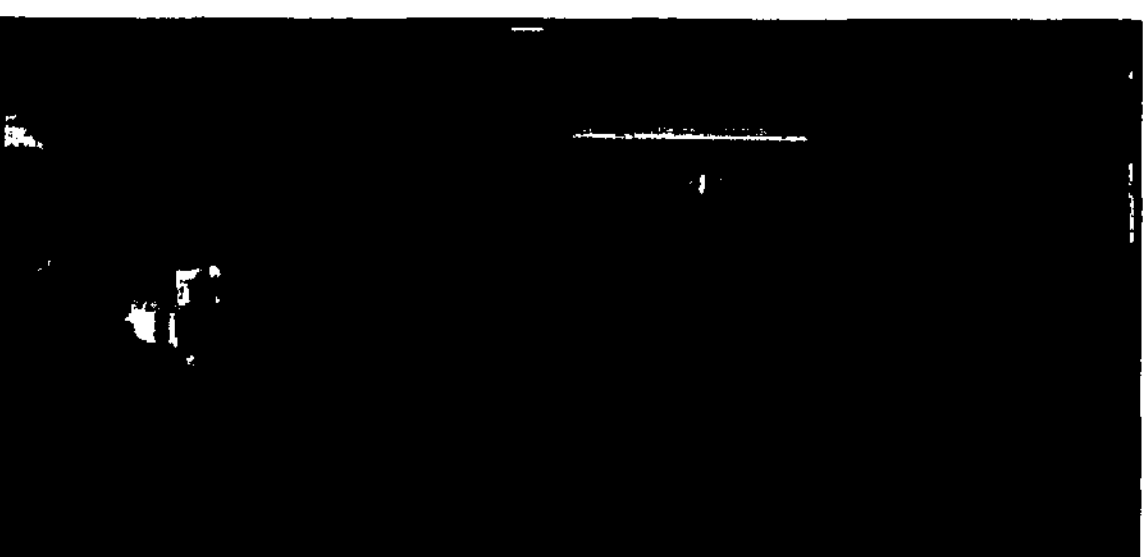
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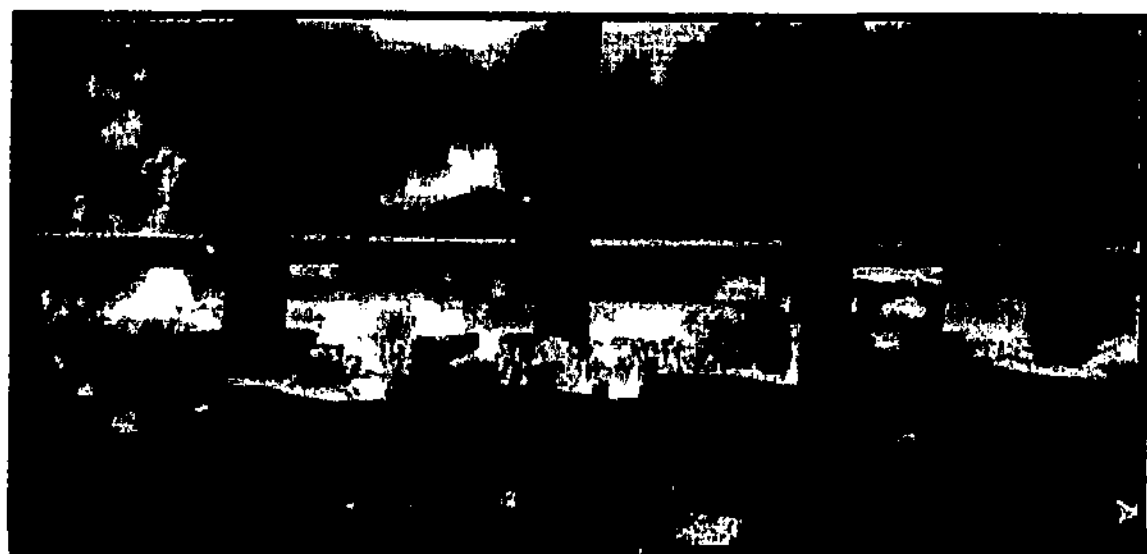
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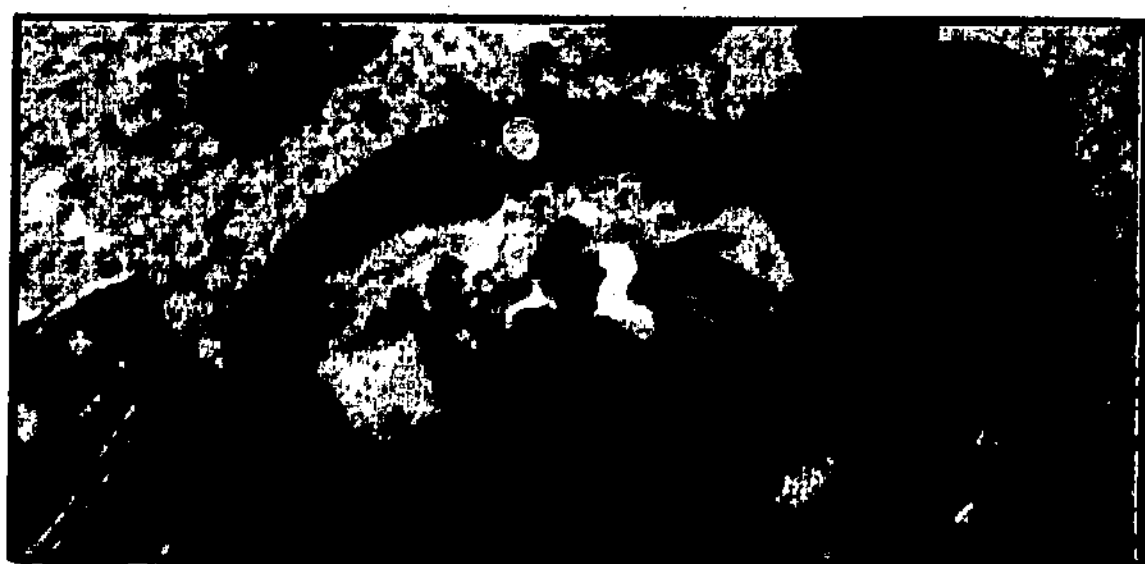
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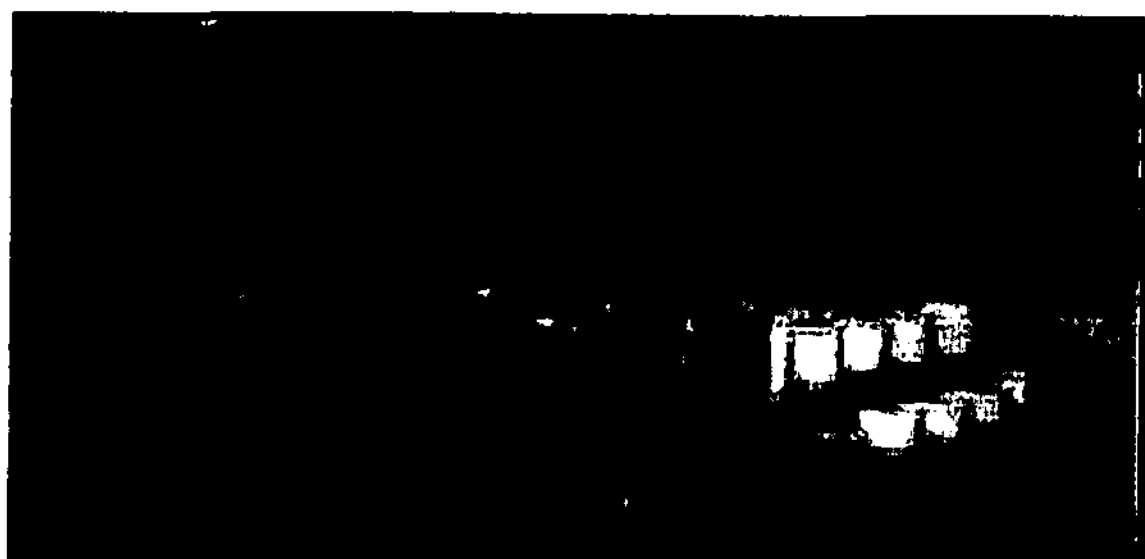
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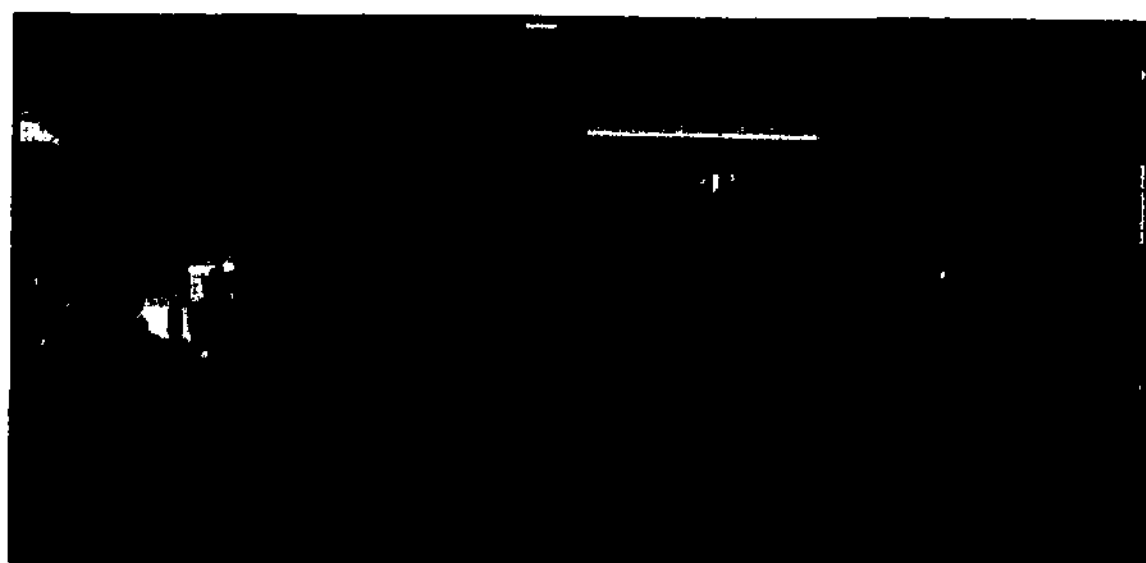
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Inn of the Mountain Gods
Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero
Hours: Dinner 5-9 p.m.
(Closed Mondays)



Dan Li Ka Dining Room

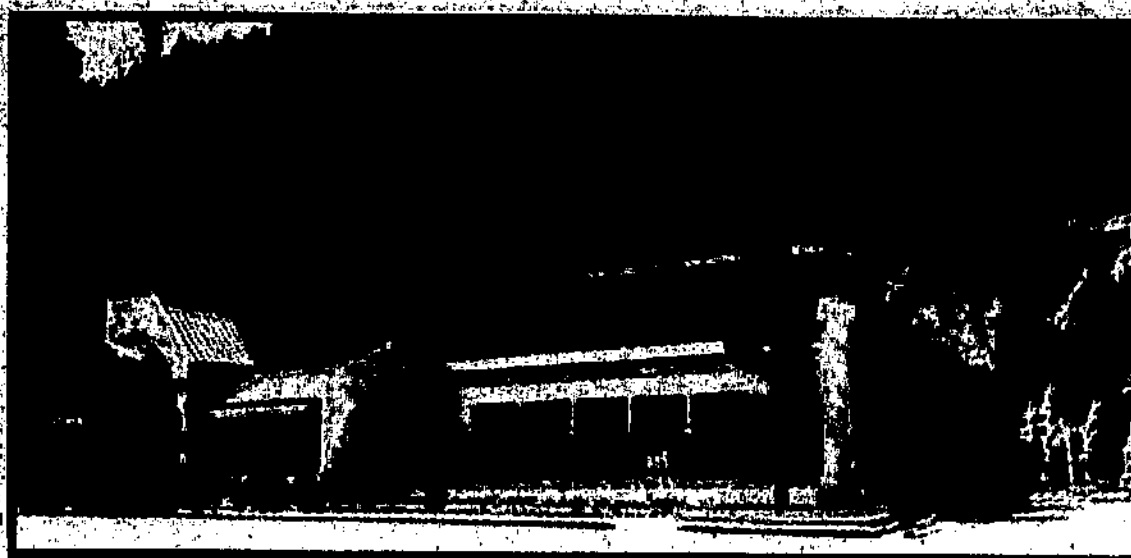
Elegant dining with fantastic views of Lake Mescalero provides the atmosphere at Dan Li Ka. The dining room also offers a Sunday brunch buffet and always has fine cuisine choices for lunch and dinner. And while at Dan Li Ka don't miss the decadent dessert and pastry menu.

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
Phone: 257-5141
Address: Inn of the Mountain Gods
Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero
Hours: ... Breakfast Mon.-Sat. 7-11 a.m.
Sunday Breakfast 7-9:30 a.m.
Sunday Brunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Lunch Mon. - Sat. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Dinner 6-9 p.m.

Cattle Baron

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

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
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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. 7 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.
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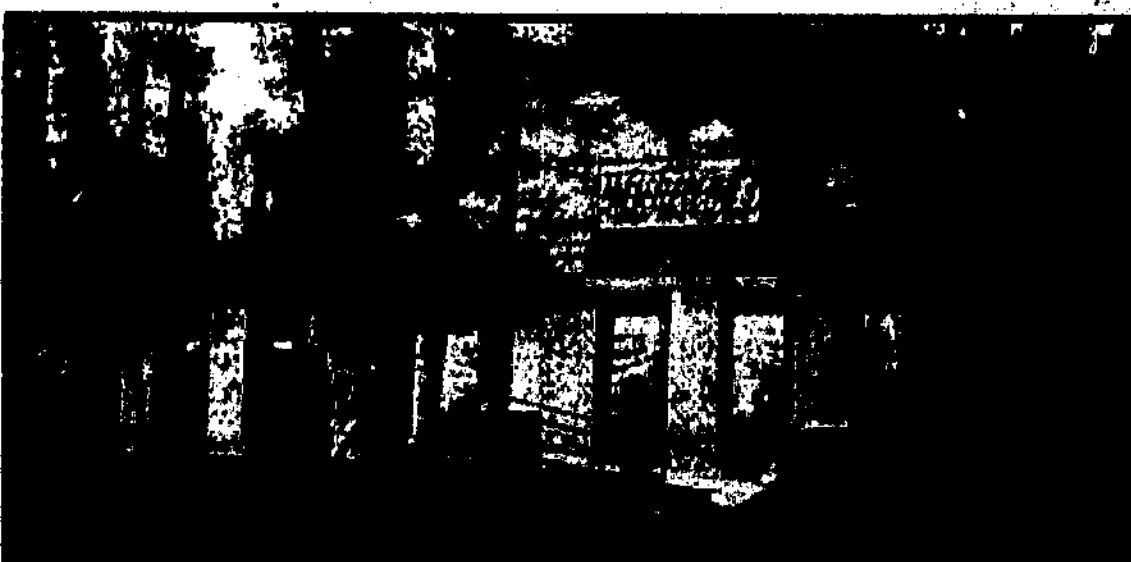
Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
Phone: 622-4818
Address: 2625 N. Main Street
Roswell
Hours: ... Sunday-Thursday 11a.m.-9p.m.
Friday-Saturday 11a.m.-10p.m.



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.

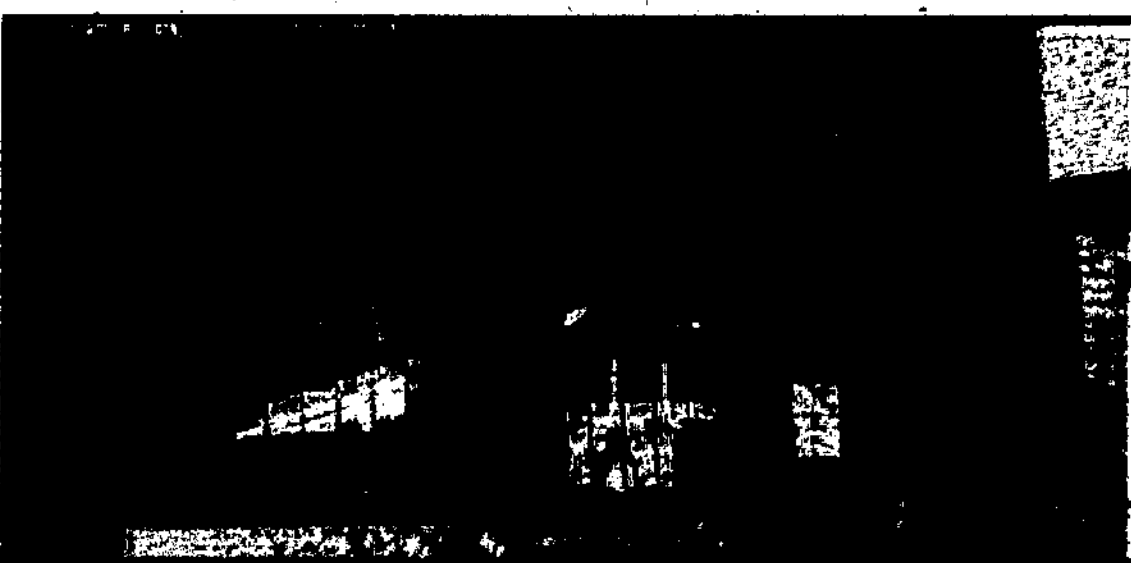
Price Range: \$-\$\$
Phone: 257-5753
Address: 2703 Sudderth Dr.
Midtown in Ruidoso
Hours: Open from 11:00 a.m.



La Lorraine

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

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
Phone: 257-2954
Address: 2523 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso
Hours: Lunch Tuesday-Saturday
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Dinner Monday- Thursday 5:30-9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday 5:30-9:30 p.m.



dining guide

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

GOING Out

Q&A

Bob Einweck, singer and songwriter from Silver City, will perform at the Texas House from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. today and Saturday. Einweck, who currently is working on the release of his fourth album with Tucson-based One Bun Records, will present an up tempo mix of acoustic blues and variety. There is no cover charge.



Q. How did you first become interested in music?

A. I used to sing in church. I also have a brother who plays jazz piano and when I was a teenager I got interested in popular music.

Q. What are your inspirations when writing songs?

A. Mostly I'm looking for things that happen to people. I just observe the world around me.

Q. What do you strive for musically?

A. There's writing the perfect song and other musical aspirations, and also getting respect within the community.

Q. What do you consider your biggest musical accomplishment?

A. Putting out my fourth album and recording independently.

Q. How did you focus on blues?

A. So much music comes from a blues base. When you look at all other types of music blues is where they originated.

Q. What direction do you hope to take your music in the future?

A. I hope to keep improving and writing better songs.

Q. What's the most rewarding aspect of performing?

A. Being self-empowered.

Pat Garrett and Sadie Orchard ride again

The Museum of New Mexico celebrates its 90th anniversary this weekend. To honor the occasion the Lincoln State Monument will host two Chautauqua speakers who will perform at the San Juan Church in Lincoln.

Today from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Ron Grimes becomes "Patrick Floyd Garrett: From Buffalo Hunter to Man Hunter." Then, Jean Jordan will present "Sadie Orchard: Madame of the Virtue Avenue

Girls" Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m.

The presentations recreate the stories of two of the Old West's most famous figures with authentic 1880s costumes and the tales that became a legacy. Both speakers have performed the pieces extensively at conventions, schools, dude ranches and "cowboy campfires" throughout the Southwest. Admission and refreshments are free both evenings.

music

Win, Place & Show

Way Our West plays nightly at WPS, 2516 Sudderth Dr.

The Quarters

Lori Davison and the Intruders from Tucson play nightly. Karaoke on Mondays and Tuesdays at 2535 Sudderth Dr.

Cree Meadows Country Club

Live music every night: piano from 5 p.m.-7 p.m., dancing Wednesday through Saturday, 7 p.m.-11 p.m.

The Texas House

Live entertainment Fridays and Saturdays. Open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursdays through Tuesdays. Closed Wednesday.

Galloping Tortoise

Live music every Sunday beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday blues jams at 7 p.m., featuring the musical talents of Geneva and Reggie, Cynthia Foster, Virgil Stephens, Greg Young, Michael Beyer, Suede Mills, Sam Dunnahoo and Michael Pyburn.

performances

Spencer cancels April 2 concert

The Spencer Theater has cancelled the 10 a.m., Friday, April 2 New Mexico Symphony Orchestra Youth Concert, a one-hour matinee performance for families.

The concert was cancelled because of a lack of ticket sales, said a Spencer Theater official.

Ticket holders who have not been notified by the box office should call the Spencer Theater box office at 336-4800 or 888-818-7872.

The next family event at the Spencer is the April 9 production of a contemporary version of "The Jungle Book" by New York's Theatre Works. Performance time is 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and \$15. For more information about Spencer Theater events, please contact the box office.

The Glass Menagerie

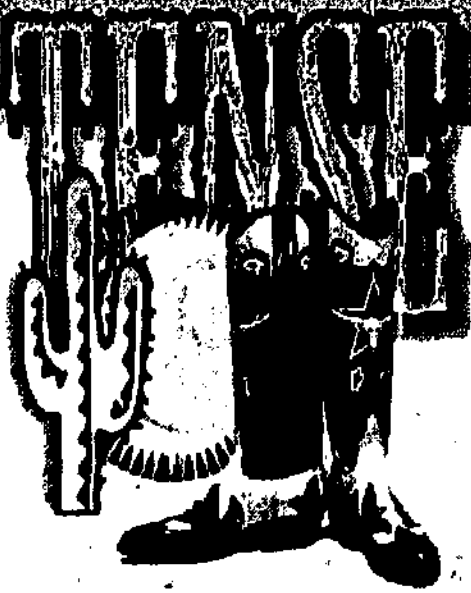
The ENMU Department of Theatre and Dance will present "The Glass Menagerie" at 8 p.m. Feb. 25-27 in Portales. Patrick Julian directs the three-day performance.

"I have a poet's weakness for symbols," said Tom Wingfield, narrator and main character in Tennessee Williams' timeless play.

One of the most treasured plays of the American theater, "The Glass Menagerie" presents a vivid portrait of hopeful aspiration followed by inevitable disappointment, and the tragic beauty of having dreams which are destroyed by the harsh realities of the world.

Tickets are \$7 general admission, \$6 senior citizens, \$5 pre-college and \$4 for ENMU students with a current activities sticker. For tickets or reservations, call the UTC box office at 562-2710. Box office hours are Monday through Friday noon to 6 p.m.

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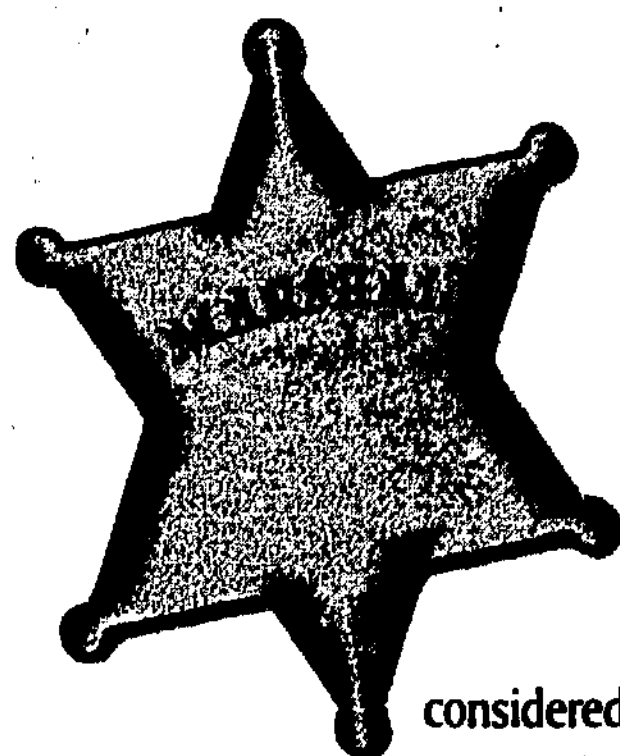


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The Legend of Henry Plummer

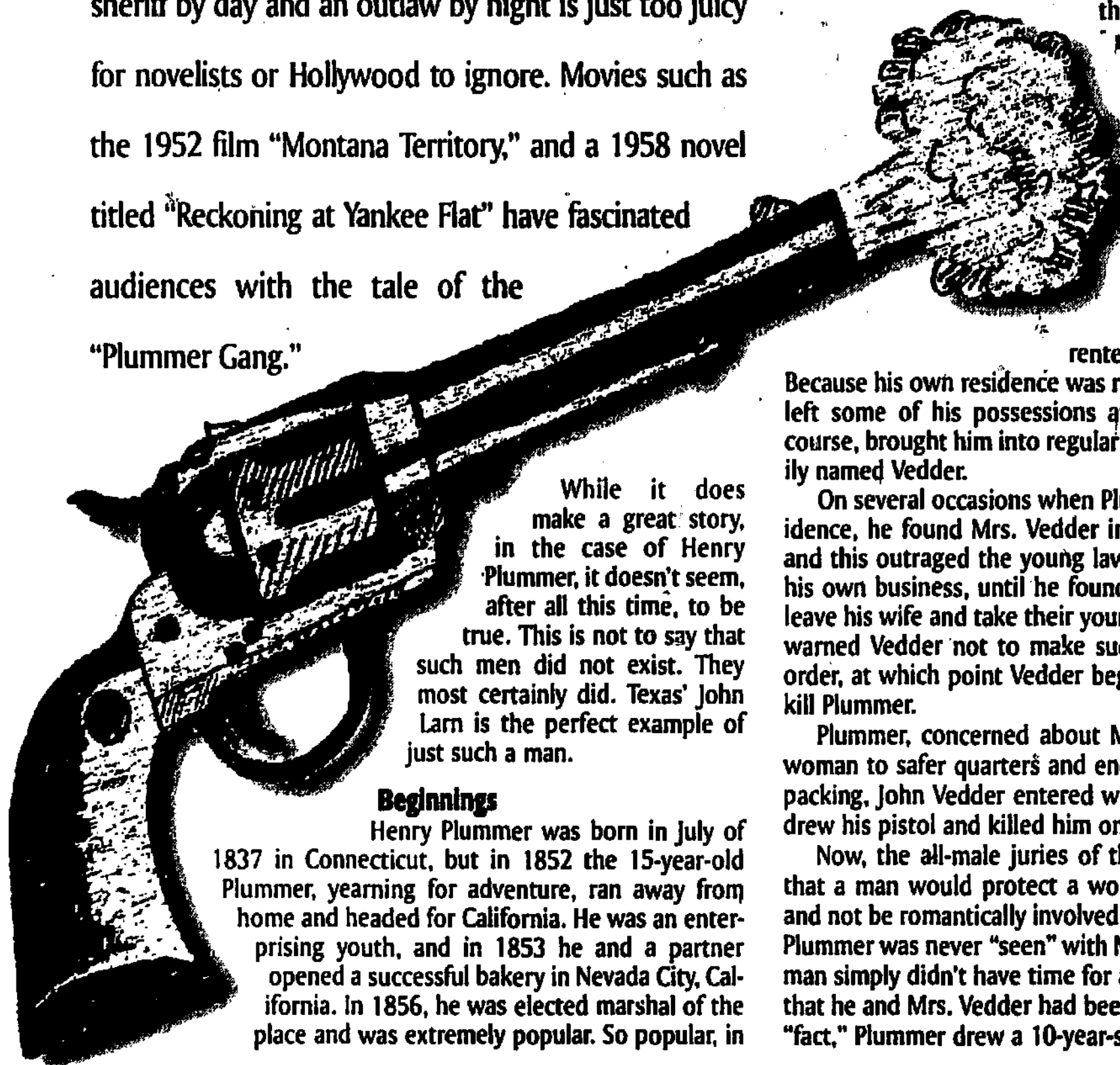


Drew Gamber
LINCOLN HISTORIAN



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For more than a century, Henry Plummer has been considered the stereotypical "lawman gone bad." The concept of a man who works as a sheriff by day and an outlaw by night is just too juicy for novelists or Hollywood to ignore. Movies such as the 1952 film "Montana Territory," and a 1958 novel titled "Reckoning at Yankee Flat" have fascinated audiences with the tale of the "Plummer Gang."



While it does make a great story, in the case of Henry Plummer, it doesn't seem, after all this time, to be true. This is not to say that such men did not exist. They most certainly did. Texas' John Larn is the perfect example of just such a man.

Beginnings

Henry Plummer was born in July of 1837 in Connecticut, but in 1852 the 15-year-old Plummer, yearning for adventure, ran away from home and headed for California. He was an enterprising youth, and in 1853 he and a partner opened a successful bakery in Nevada City, California. In 1856, he was elected marshal of the place and was extremely popular. So popular, in

fact, that the Democratic party picked him to run for the state legislature.

This was not to be, though, because Plummer made the wrong enemies. A man named Squire Williams was a powerful politician in the area, and when his (by all accounts) incredibly obnoxious son accidentally shot the local sheriff, Marshal Plummer arrested Williams, an act that the Williams family felt disgraced the young man.

Fliers were distributed in what would become a successful attempt to discredit Plummer. They accused Plummer of being the representative of a foreign consortium that intended to steal all the mines in the area, which was the area's primary source of income. They even claimed that the young marshal was "for" early spring rains, which the miners were hoping against - water was an enemy of mining.

The Vedder killing

The enterprising marshal rented out a home that he owned. Because his own residence was rather small, Plummer habitually left some of his possessions at the rental property. This, of course, brought him into regular contact with his tenants, a family named Vedder.

On several occasions when Plummer came by the Vedder residence, he found Mrs. Vedder in a bruised and battered state, and this outraged the young lawman. Nevertheless, he minded his own business, until he found that John Vedder intended to leave his wife and take their young daughter with him. Plummer warned Vedder not to make such an attempt without a court order, at which point Vedder began going about threatening to kill Plummer.

Plummer, concerned about Mrs. Vedder, tried to move the woman to safer quarters and end the abuse, but while she was packing, John Vedder entered with a gun in his hand. Plummer drew his pistol and killed him on the spot.

Now, the all-male juries of the time found it inconceivable that a man would protect a woman under such circumstances and not be romantically involved with her. Despite the obvious - Plummer was never "seen" with Mrs. Vedder and the busy young man simply didn't have time for an illicit affair - it was assumed that he and Mrs. Vedder had been intimate. On the basis of that "fact," Plummer drew a 10-year-sentence.

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Consumption

Six months later, Plummer walked out of San Quentin a free man. Not because of a conviction that was patently ridiculous, but because it was discovered that the young man had contracted consumption, known today as tuberculosis. It was considered to be the equivalent of a death sentence.

Once he was out of prison, though, Plummer began to drink heavily and associate with the seedier element in Nevada City. When a gambler named John Riley attacked Plummer with a knife, inflicting a wound to his head, Plummer shot and killed him.

Even though it was a clear case of self-defense, Plummer's friends in the sheriff's department, who felt he had gotten a raw deal anyway, simply left Henry's cell unlocked one night. Plummer headed for Bannack, in what is now Montana.

He did not leave alone, though. Shortly after departing for safer climes, young Plummer met a man named Jack Cleveland, and the two decided to travel together, a decision that would ultimately have catastrophic effects.

One night toward the end of their journey, Plummer and Cleveland stopped at a ranch about 160 miles out of Bannack. It was there that Plummer met the love of his life, a young lady named Electa Bryan. Unfortunately, the beautiful Electa also attracted the attention of Cleveland, who felt that she was the love of his life.

When the two men rode away from the ranch, Plummer had made an enemy, but was not wholly aware of the fact - yet.

A gunfight

On January 14, 1863, Plummer was lounging in Bannack's Goodrich Saloon, where he had taken refuge from the cold. Suddenly a drunken Jack Cleveland staggered into the place and immediately began pestering a young man by the name of Perkins about a debt. Young Perkins insisted that he had already paid the debt and departed, at which point Cleveland noticed Plummer sitting at the back of the bar.

Cleveland has threatened Plummer publicly for quite some time, making dark and undoubtedly biased references to Plum-

mer's past. Plummer was known as a man who attempted to settle differences peaceably, but by this time, he had enough. When he got to his feet and said so, Cleveland went for his gun. Plummer did the same. Both men got off one shot and both men missed. Plummer's second shot was better directed though, and before Cleveland could get another round off, he went down with a bullet in the groin.

Cleveland, still conscious, asked Plummer if he would shoot a man when he was down. Plummer replied that he would not and held his fire, which apparently made Cleveland think that it would be OK for him to resume shooting at Plummer. When Cleveland came up with a gun in his hand, Plummer shot him three more times, killing him.

Unfortunately for Plummer, during his trial, a man named Hank Crawford was elected sheriff. Crawford and Cleveland had been friends, so Crawford had no problem selling Henry Plummer's guns to cover his campaign costs. Needless to say, when Plummer was acquitted, bad feelings between the two men arose and were nurtured by both men.

These feelings came to a head the day that Crawford came around the side of a building and attempted to shoot Plummer in the back. The bullet entered Plummer's arm and lodged in his wrist.

His assassination attempt a failure, Hank Crawford suddenly developed a longing to see his home state again. He departed for Wisconsin and was never heard from afterwards.

Despite all of this, Plummer was extremely popular in Bannack, and now that there was a vacancy in the sheriff's office, Plummer was elected. He also married his beloved Electa.

Sidney Edgerton

Sidney Edgerton was a politically ambitious man from Ohio. Edgerton, who was an intellectual and an elitist, knew that the popular Plummer would always be a thorn in his political side and began making plans for the removal of the sheriff.

Edgerton's plans called for a rumor campaign against Plummer. It met with only moderate success as most locals were quite pleased with Plummer's perfor-

mance. But Edgerton had a hidden card to play.

One day Edgerton presented a story to the public that he had supposedly heard from a 14-year-old boy named Henry Tilden. According to young Tilden, he had been robbed one day on the plains by Plummer and two other men. The boy identified the sheriff by the red lining of his coat, as all three "bandits" were masked. By a not-so-amazing coincidence, the youth was the ward of none other than Sidney Edgerton.

The vigilantes

A vigilante group was formed, and, as is often the case, the vigilantes list of known criminals grew to include virtually anyone that they didn't like. When the Tilden boy told his story, they announced that Henry Plummer was the ringleader of a gang of thieves and killers.

On the night of January 10, 1864, the vigilantes came to Henry Plummer's door. Plummer was bound and along with two of his deputies and marched to the gallows that he himself had built on the outskirts of town.

While his two deputies were "jerked to Jesus," Plummer remained calm. He asked for a trial and was told no. He asked for a chance to put his affairs in order and was again refused. They didn't even give him a chance to pray. In the end, all Henry Plummer did was quietly state that he was innocent. Then they hanged him.

After Plummer's death, Edgerton was elected governor of the newly formed Territory of Montana. He rapidly became extremely unpopular and finally returned to his native Ohio. Anyone foolish enough to criticize the vigilantes were themselves quickly strung up, so for years only the vigilante's side of the story was told.

Henry Plummer finally did receive an *in absentia* trial, but not until the latter part of the 20th century - just a few years ago.

And you know what? He was found "not guilty."

Sources: "The Myth of the Plummer Gang" by David Curran; and "The Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters" by Bill O'Neal.



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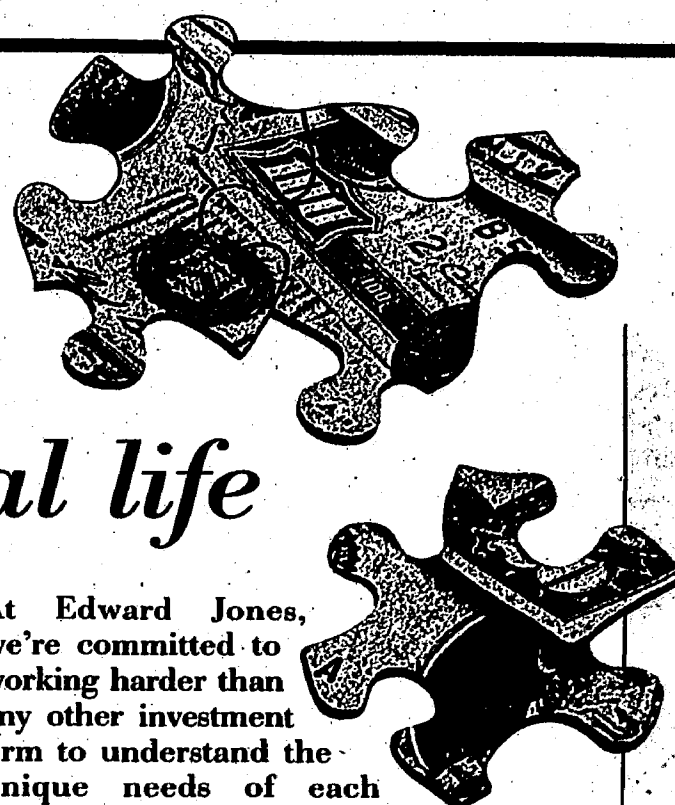
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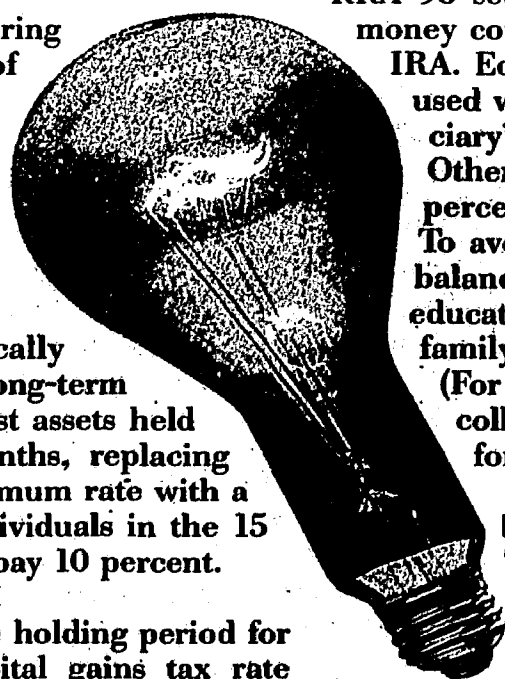
'Let me clarify,' says the IRS

In 1997, taxpayers were given the largest tax cut in over a decade through the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (TRA 97). Capital gains taxes were reduced, new IRAs were introduced, and an old IRA was expanded (see "More Americans," page 3). Unfortunately, some of the IRS rules were a little unclear.

The IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 (RRA 98) clarifies some of the rules from TRA 97. Here are a few of the highlights:

Capital gains
TRA 97 dramatically reduced taxes on long-term capital gains for most assets held longer than 18 months, replacing the 28 percent maximum rate with a 20 percent rate. Individuals in the 15 percent tax bracket pay 10 percent.

RRA 98 reduced the holding period for the 20 percent capital gains tax rate from 18 months to 12 months retroactive to Jan. 1, 1998. So, those investing in stocks and mutual funds now would be wise to wait at least a year before making a change. Those who sell before one year will be taxed on gains at their ordinary income tax rate, which could be as high as 39.6 percent.



Education IRAs
TRA 97 created a new IRA, the education IRA, to allow families to save up to \$500 per year for higher education expenses. The money in an education IRA can be withdrawn tax- and penalty-free to pay for college.

RRA 98 set a time limit for how long money could remain in the education IRA. Education IRA funds must be used within 30 days of the beneficiary's 30th birthday or death. Otherwise, income taxes and a 10 percent penalty are imposed. To avoid the tax and penalty, the balance can be rolled into an education IRA set up for another family member under age 30. (For more tips on saving for college expenses, see "Paying for college," page 4.)

Roth IRAs
TRA 97 established a new way for people to save for retirement — the Roth IRA. Contributions to a Roth IRA are not tax-deductible, but withdrawals from the Roth IRA are tax-free if you meet certain requirements (see "Tax-free income for retirement," page 2).

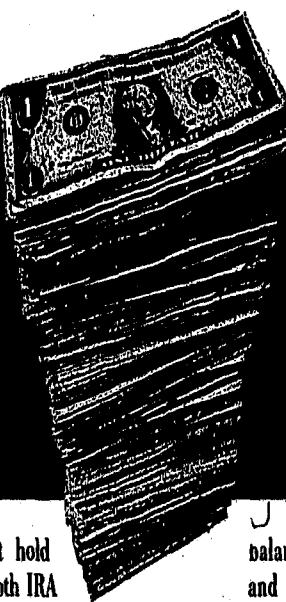
Clarifications under RRA 98 deal primarily with people who want to convert

a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. To be eligible to convert, your adjusted gross income must be under \$100,000. RRA 98 assures people close to that income limit that if they exceed the income limit unknowingly, they can undo the rollover by putting the money back into a traditional IRA before their tax-filing due date with no penalty.

RRA 98 also established a five-year holding period for Roth IRA funds. The five-year holding period begins with the year of the first contribution or conversion, whether or not you make subsequent contributions or conversions to the same account. Individuals may withdraw their contributed dollars without tax or penalty at any time and for any reason. Earnings, however, will be subject to tax and a penalty if they are withdrawn during the first five years. The penalty may not apply if one of the following exceptions occur: 1) attaining age 59-1/2, 2) death, 3) disability, 4) first-time home purchase, 5) higher education expenses, 6) substantially equal payments, 7) unemployment insurance premiums, or 8) unreimbursed medical expenses greater than 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income.

Your Edward Jones investment representative can help you develop an investment strategy that makes the most of the new tax and savings initiatives. You may also want to talk to your tax adviser.

Tax-free income for retirement!



Have you ever heard the expression, "I've got good news and bad news. Which would you like to hear first?" Well, this time, there's good news and good news!

The good news is a new way to save for retirement — the Roth IRA. And the other good news is tax-free income at retirement. With the dim outlook for Social Security, Americans saving for retirement need all the help they can get.

You do not receive a tax deduction when you contribute to a Roth IRA, but you can earn tax-free income if you follow a few simple

guidelines. You must hold the money in your Roth IRA for at least five years after the tax year of your first contribution and meet one of the following conditions: 1) attainment of age 59-1/2, 2) death, 3) disability, or 4) a first-time home purchase. You may withdraw your contribution at any time tax-and penalty-free.

For example, Joe makes his first Roth IRA contribution in 1998 when he is 40 years old. He makes subsequent contributions in the years 1999, 2000 and 2001. When Joe is age 59-1/2, he can withdraw his entire account

balance tax-free because it has been at least five years from his first contribution and he has reached the required age.

Tax-free income — you can't get much better than that. Incorporating the Roth IRA into your savings plan today can be a great benefit in the future. Your Edward Jones investment representative can help you determine if a Roth IRA makes sense for you.

Who can contribute to a Roth IRA?

Individuals may contribute up to \$2,000 to a Roth IRA if they have earned income and meet the following adjusted gross income (AGI) limits:

AGI Limits	Single Taxpayer	Married, Filing Jointly	Married, Filing Separately
A full contribution can be made	Less than \$95,000	Less than \$150,000	N/A
A partial contribution can be made	\$95,000 - \$110,000	\$150,000 - \$160,000	\$0 - \$10,000
No contribution can be made	More than \$110,000	More than \$160,000	More than \$10,000

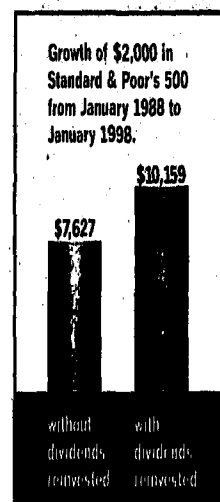
If you're eligible, you have until your tax-filing deadline to set up a Roth IRA for the 1998 tax year.

Make the most of your IRA

Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) are a great way to save for retirement. Your savings aren't taxed each year, so you have more money available to grow and compound.

You can make your IRA grow even more powerful through two time-tested strategies: reinvestment and dollar cost averaging.

The power of reinvestment. If you aren't eligible to take distributions from your IRA (you're under age 59-1/2 or if you haven't yet chosen to take distributions (not mandatory until age 70-1/2), why not make your dividends and interest work as hard as possible? Consider the following example:



The Standard & Poor's index is not a security in which one can invest; this is for illustrative purposes only. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

In this example, reinvesting added \$2,532 to a one-time \$2,000 contribution. Imagine the potential for added growth if you contribute and reinvest every year!

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The power of dollar cost averaging. When you're investing for retirement, you want your money to grow, so investing in stocks and stock mutual funds makes sense. But fluctuation in the stock market is a fact of life for investors, and that may be a concern.

That's where dollar cost averaging comes in. You create a plan to invest a regular amount (\$100 or more) each month. Your money buys more shares when prices are lower and fewer shares when prices are higher. While this long-term strategy can't guarantee a profit or prevent a loss, it does ensure you won't invest all your money at the market high.

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Get the power. If you want to take advantage of these powerful strategies to compound your retirement

savings, contact your Edward Jones investment representative. If you didn't open your IRA at Edward Jones, don't worry. Transferring your IRA is easy, and there's no charge.



More Americans can deduct their IRA contribution

If you haven't been able to deduct your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) contribution in the past, you may be able to now. The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 increased the income limits that allow people to deduct their contribution, beginning with the 1998 tax year.

Let's start with a few basics. If you are under age 70-1/2 and have earned income, you can contribute to an IRA. In addition, if you, or you and your spouse, are not covered by an employer-sponsored retirement plan, you can deduct your IRA contribution. However, if you are covered by an employer-sponsored retirement plan, the deductibility of your

contribution depends on your adjusted gross income (AGI).

For example, a married couple covered by an employer-sponsored retirement plan and filing a joint return can fully deduct their IRA contributions if their combined AGI is less than \$50,000. They can take a partial deduction if their AGI falls between \$50,000 and \$60,000. If the couple's AGI is over \$60,000, they cannot take a deduction for their contribution. We refer to this as a phase-out range for deductibility. The chart below illustrates the old phase-out ranges vs. the new phase-out ranges.

Even if you aren't eligible to deduct your contribution, IRAs are still a great way to save for retirement, because your earnings aren't taxed until you withdraw money. The longer you delay paying taxes, the larger your retirement nest egg can grow.

IRAs can play an important part in your savings plan for retirement. To find out more about IRAs, or to see if you qualify for a deductible contribution, visit your Edward Jones investment representative.

Income Phase-out Ranges for Deductibility

	Individual Covered by Plan	Married Filing Jointly Both Spouses Covered by Plan	Married Filing Jointly One Spouse Covered by Plan	Married Filing Separately Covered by Plan
Old	\$25,000-\$35,000	\$40,000-\$50,000	\$40,000-\$50,000	\$0-\$10,000
New	\$30,000-\$40,000	\$50,000-\$60,000	\$150,000-\$160,000	\$0-\$10,000

Your retirement: Annuities stand the test of time



According to the American Society of Actuaries, a married couple aged 65 has a 55 percent chance of one spouse living to age 90.

With today's longer life spans, have you considered that you may spend as much time in retirement as you spend working? The idea of enjoying more time in retirement may seem like an exciting prospect... until you start thinking about how you're going to pay for all that leisure time.

If you're concerned about having enough income for a long, comfortable retirement, consider annuities.

Annuities have two tax features that make them a good choice for retirement investing. The first is tax deferral. While your money is accumulating, you don't pay taxes on the gains until you withdraw the earnings. The longer you delay paying taxes, the more your retirement savings can grow. We generally recommend you hold an annuity for seven to 10 years and wait until after age 59-1/2 before taking income.

The second tax benefit of annuities stems from annuitization. Annuitization refers to the length of the payout period. You can opt to receive a payment for a certain period of years or a payment you can't outlive. The annuitized payment is part gain and part principal. Since only the gain portion of your payment is taxed, you benefit from tax-free income from your payment of principal.

If retirement income is a concern, contact your Edward Jones investment representative to see if an annuity makes sense for you.

If any of the above apply, you're probably faced with a big decision: What should you do with the savings you've accumulated in your retirement plan?

In general, you have two options: 1) Take the money, or 2) Roll the money into another retirement account. If you decide to take the money, your employer will be required to withhold a portion of your distribution to pay taxes, and you'll need to make up the remaining taxes by your tax-filing deadline. Also, a 10 percent early withdrawal penalty may apply if you are under age 59-1/2. The following is an example of how this works.

Ken is 62 and just retired from XYZ Co. with \$100,000 accumulated in his 401(k). He decides to have the money paid directly to him. The company is required to withhold 20 percent from the distribution for federal income taxes. The distribution looks like this:

Amount of 401(k) distribution	\$ 100,000
20% withheld	\$ 20,000
Amount paid to Ken	\$ 80,000

If Ken is in the 28 percent tax bracket, he will owe a total of \$28,000 in taxes (\$100,000 x 28%). The \$20,000 XYZ Co. sent to Uncle Sam will count toward his total tax bill, so Ken will owe \$8,000 more in taxes. This leaves Ken only \$72,000 to invest after taxes. Fortunately, because Ken is over 59-1/2, he will not be subject to a penalty.

On the other hand, Ken could defer paying taxes by rolling his distribution into a retirement account, such as an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). In addition to deferring the taxes and possibly avoiding a penalty, he has the entire distribution to invest, and it will continue to grow tax-deferred. Let's look at the same example, but assume Ken has his employer send the distribution directly to an IRA.

In this case, Ken's employer will not have to withhold anything on the distribution. Therefore, the distribution will look like this:

Amount of 401(k) distribution	\$ 100,000
Amount withheld	\$ 0
Amount contributed to Ken's IRA	\$ 100,000

Ken has the entire \$100,000 to invest in his IRA. He also defers paying any taxes until he begins withdrawing money from the IRA. He controls when he pays taxes.

Rolling your company's retirement plan into another retirement account, such as an IRA, is the best option in most cases. However, because there are times when you would benefit from taking the distribution, you should seek the advice of your tax professional. The wrong decision can be costly. Your Edward Jones investment representative can help you and your tax professional determine which option is best for you.

Tax-free bonds: Even better than they look

Are you familiar with the expression, "There's more than meets the eye?" That's one way to describe tax-free municipal bonds. The interest rates on tax-free bonds are generally lower than those of comparable taxable bonds, such as corporate bonds. But take a closer look.

Because you pay no federal income tax (and sometimes no state or local taxes) on your interest, you can actually earn more spendable income from a tax-free bond than from a higher-paying taxable bond. For example, if you're married, in the 31 percent tax bracket and filing jointly, you'll actually

earn more spendable after-tax income from a tax-free bond paying 5 percent than a taxable bond paying 7 percent! In fact, you'd have to find a taxable bond paying 7.25 percent to earn as much after-tax income as you would from that 5 percent tax-free bond. Because they offer this important tax advantage, it's hard to find a time when tax-free bonds aren't attractive, but you should also be on the lookout for conditions that make them an even greater value.

Because they are issued to finance projects within the United States, municipal bond

yields aren't affected by turmoil in international markets. As we saw during 1998, that's not the case with U.S. Treasury bonds or some corporate bonds. In addition, under certain market conditions, the gap narrows between interest rates on tax-free bonds and

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	15	20	25	30	35	40
4.0%	4.71	5.56	6.49	7.51	8.62	9.82
5.0%	5.88	6.94	8.09	9.34	10.68	12.11
6.0%	7.06	8.33	9.70	11.16	12.71	14.36

Is your estate plan up-to-date?

If you haven't reviewed your estate plan lately, you could be missing out on tax savings. Tax law changes enacted in August 1997 allow taxpayers to transfer more money to heirs without incurring federal gift and estate taxes.

Give a gift this year, and you can transfer up to \$650,000. Even better, the amount of the exemption, called the Unified Credit Equivalent, will increase to \$1 million by 2006 (see chart).

If you have an estate plan in place, it may have been drafted with specific references to the \$600,000

You or gift/death	Amount of exemption
\$500,000	\$500,000
\$550,000	\$550,000
\$600,000	\$600,000
\$650,000	\$650,000
\$700,000	\$700,000
\$750,000	\$750,000
\$800,000	\$800,000
\$850,000	\$850,000
\$900,000	\$900,000
\$950,000	\$950,000
\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

exemption. Have your plan reviewed to make sure it accommodates changes to the estate and gift tax system. If you do not have an estate plan in place and the value of your estate is nearing or exceeds \$650,000, contact your Edward Jones investment representative for more information.



Surprised by your tax bill? Help is here!

If you're faced with an unexpected tax bill, don't assume you have to cash in your investments and savings. You can keep your money working for you by borrowing against the value of the securities (stocks, bonds, etc.) in your investment account through a line of credit or against the equity in your home through a home equity line.

Line of Credit
A line of credit is similar to a bank loan, but uses approved investments rather than property as collateral. Unlike a bank loan, where a loan officer determines your credit worthiness, your line of credit is based on the value of the investments in your account. The greater the value of your account, the larger your line of credit.

Edward Jones offers a line of credit to give you access to extra cash when you need it. Plus you enjoy a number of advantages:

Convenience and speed
With an established Edward Jones Full Service Account, you only need to call your investment representative to access your line of credit. In most cases, you can have the

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comparable taxable bonds, so you can get nearly all the yield of a taxable bond and still maintain the tax advantage offered by tax-free bonds. When those conditions arise, it's time to act.

At Edward Jones, we understand that most individual investors have more to do than track the bond markets. So let your local Edward Jones investment representative know you need tax-free income, and we'll make sure timely opportunities are brought to your attention. It's just one more advantage of working with someone who takes the time to understand your personal financial situation. If you need tax relief and regular income, why not get started today?

Paying for college: Successful tax strategies

Figuring out how to pay for your child's or grandchild's college education can be a daunting financial puzzle. Here are a few tax-saving strategies that can help you put some of the pieces together.

1 Invest in a custodial account

As you save funds for college, if you invest in your child's name, the investment earnings in that account will be taxed at your child's tax rate when he or she reaches age 14. For most families, the child's tax rate will be significantly lower than the parent's tax rate. Before the child reaches age 14, earnings above \$1,400 (in 1999) will be taxed at the parent's tax rate.

Two potential drawbacks with this strategy are that the child will assume complete control of the money when he or she reaches the age of majority in your state. Also, it could reduce eligibility for and the amount of financial aid in the future.

2 Invest in an education IRA

You can invest \$500 per year in an education IRA for a child. Earnings in the account accumulate tax-free and distributions from the account used to pay for higher education expenses are tax-free.

3 Use capital gains tax advantages

If you own appreciated securities and expect to liquidate them to fund your child's college costs, you'll be subject to a 20 percent federal capital gains tax when you sell the shares. If those same securities are transferred in a well-thought-out gifting program to a college-bound student and then sold, however, the gains are normally taxed at just 10 percent.

A potential drawback to this strategy is the impact on future financial aid.

4 Reposition assets

When you apply for financial aid, the amount you are expected to contribute toward your child's education is called the expected family contribution (EFC).

Wealthier parents may be subject to a higher EFC. To maximize financial aid eligibility, such families should look at their entire tax situation, family and business, and consider the following strategies:

-Contribute the maximum amount to retirement accounts. These assets are not listed on financial aid applications or included in determining EFC.

-Make any planned big-ticket purchases, such as a car, home or vacation house, during your children's high school years rather than their college years. If you do make any big-ticket purchases, consider using a home equity line of credit to pay for them. This is advantageous because it reduces your home equity, and most aid formulas include home equity in their aid calculations. In addition, the interest on the home equity loan is deductible.

-If you have a family-owned business, consider hiring your older children as employees. This allows you to transfer your assets to them through reasonable compensation payments and thus reduce your taxes. Earned income is always taxable to the child at the child's tax rate. In addition, a child with compensation income can invest up to \$2,000 in an IRA.

These techniques should only be considered in connection with other tax and financial strategies. Be sure to talk to your tax adviser and investment representative to determine what is best for your situation.

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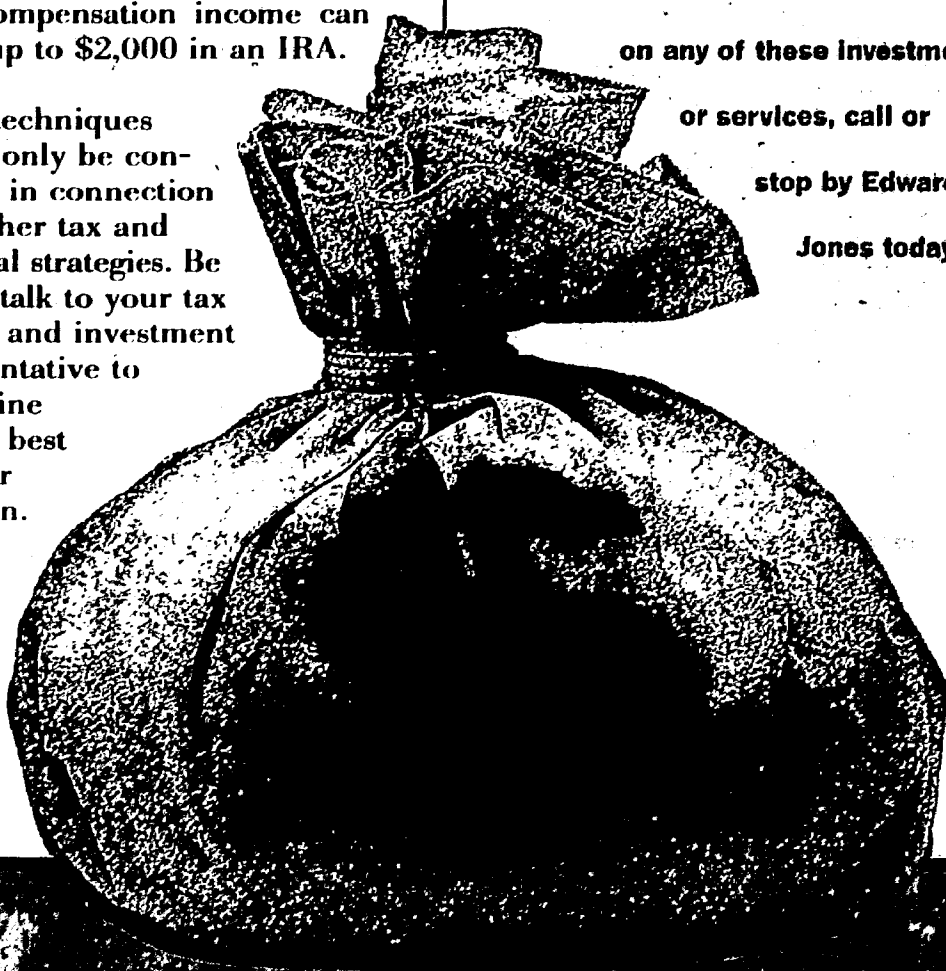
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**Allard (owner-agent)
\$223,500 • 113 Sunrise**

Four bedrooms, 3+ baths. Full golf membership, newly remodeled. Owner will provide home warranty.



Reduced to \$575,000



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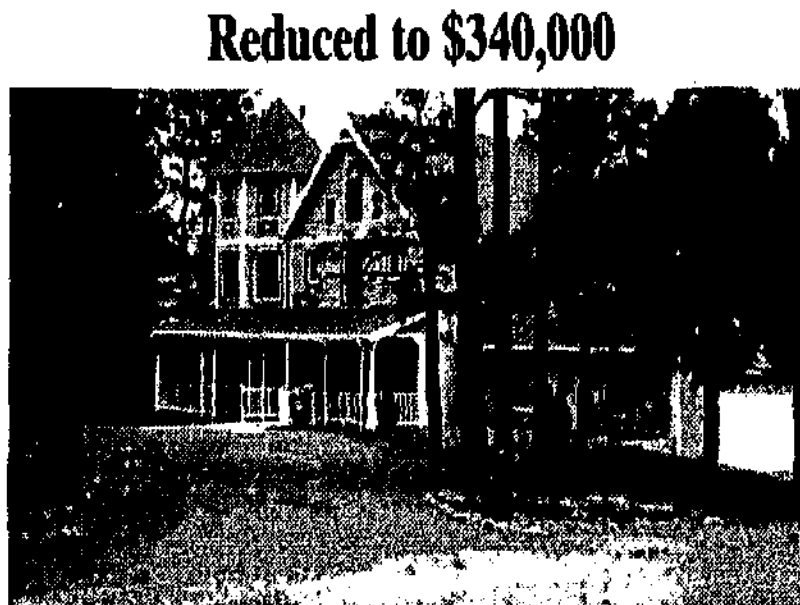
Weigel • \$695,000 • 106 Meadows Drive

Four bedrooms, 4 baths, full golf membership. Big Sierra Blanca view; large in style and grace. The colors of this home will embrace you!



Hamilton Terrace

Fletcher • \$249,000 • 454 Mechem Drive
Great location for all kinds of business or can be used as a super large home. 1.1205 acres of land, chain link fence on part of property. One large home and separate guest efficiency



Reduced to \$340,000

Alto

Lemaster • \$350,000 • 728 Deer Park Drive
3 bdrm, 3 bath. Fully furnished. Full Golf Membership. Total mountain appeal!



Alto

Monks • \$349,900 • 310 High Mesa Road
Four bedroom, 3 bath – new – cedar home. Huge family room, air conditioning, metal roof on 1 wooded acre. Full membership.



Alto

Seidel • \$139,000 • 254 Sierra Blanca Dr.
Three bedrooms, 3 baths, furnished, full membership. Sierra Blanca view.



Alto

Reynolds • \$210,000 • 617 Mid Iron Drive
Three bedroom, 3 bath, split level. Full membership.



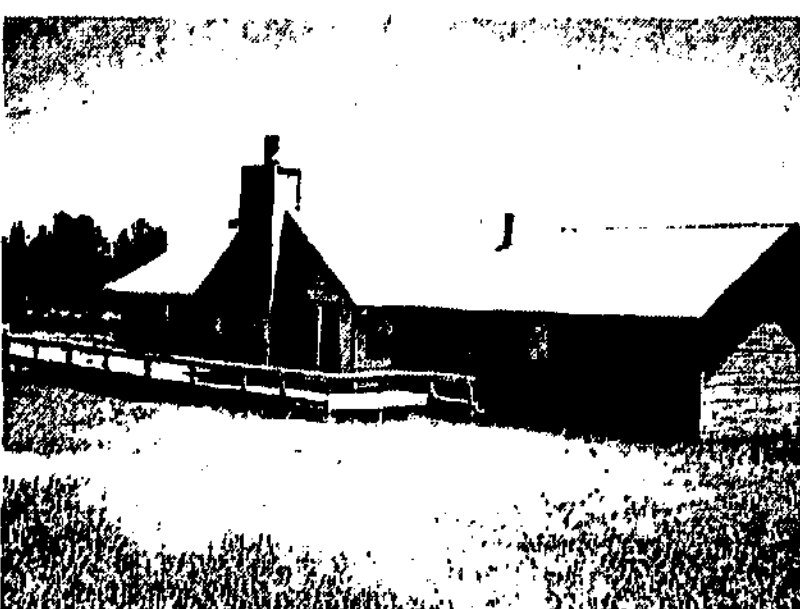
Alto

Brown • \$325,000 • 215 Broadmoor
Three bedroom, two and one half baths. Grand fairway view up #14. New sunroom, full membership.



Alto

Kruger • \$149,000 • 206 Sierra Blanca Dr.
3 bedroom, 2 bath, full golf membership. Great get-a-way with easy access!



Alto

Freiderich • \$225,000 • 1008 High Mesa Dr.
Gorgeous Sierra Blanca View gives this 4 bdrm., 3 bath home that added touch. Full golf membership.



Under Contract

Alto

Alto Home • \$439,000 • 130 Forest Drive
Four bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, On #11 green. Never before on market. Unique cedar home on 2 lots; massive living area. Possible Sierra Blanca view.



WOW! WHAT A FIREPLACE!

→ Reduced to \$225,000 ←

Alto

Warner • \$235,000
510 Lakeshore Drive
Three bedroom, 2 bath, full golf membership. Newly remodeled with southwest flair. Exceptional rock fireplace 1-car garage.

Reduced to \$81,000



Cree Meadows Townhome

Ellis • \$89,900 • 111 Nible Court
3/2 with 1 car garage. 1900 sq. ft.
(approximate). Views of golf course
and Sierra Blanca.



Commercial

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



Devon Hills

Oxford • \$28,500 • 107 Jann Lane
Beautiful lot, all city utilities. Private
cul-de-sac. Close to Texas Club.



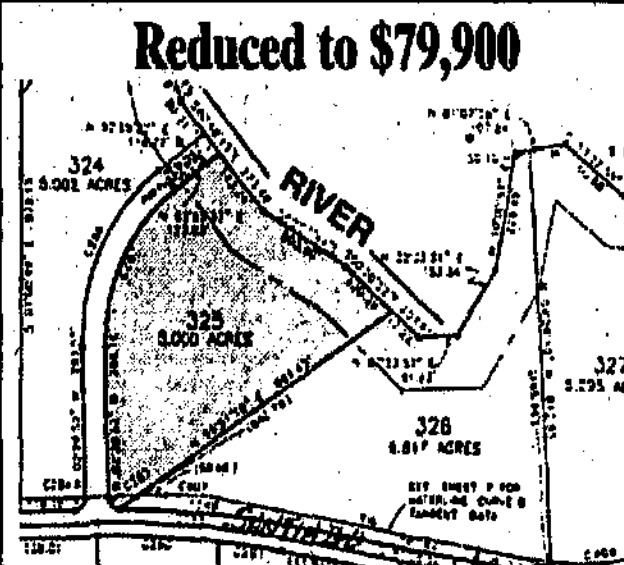
Navajo

Partee Townhomes • \$89,900 • 105 Keys Dr.
Two new townhomes. Both are end
units. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, refrigerated
air and new appliances. Great location.



The Alto Store

\$239,500 • Corner of Gavilan and Hwy 48
Land, building and successful business. Deli styled luncheons, convenience
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Ranches of Sonterra

VanAllen • \$84,500 • 325 Santiago Drive
Beautiful river tract.



Innsbrook Village

Garrity • \$105,000 • 212 Metz, Unit #225
Corner unit, 3 bedroom, 3.5 baths.
New carpet, paint and vinyl through-
out.



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Includes the plaza, which has 7 rental units other than the Deck House - the
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Provence • \$95,500 • 110 Di Paolo Street
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modular with beautiful views.



Green Meadows

Vestal • \$106,500 • 112 Clover Drive
Furnished with fenced back yard and
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living room and dining area.



Downtown Ruidoso

Canning • \$1,500,000 • Corner of Sudderth and Country Club
4.02 acres of prime commercial!



Tall Pines

Kopacka • \$98,000 • 101 Tall Pines Court
Three bedrooms, 2 bath, secluded
cabin with lots of charm. Sunny quiet
location.



Fort Stanton Ranchettes

Carter • \$399,900

Three bedroom, 3 bath lodge type home on 19.683 rolling acres
bordering National Forest. 36' x 120' barn - 36' x 60' stable. 90' x
200' piped arena. Gentleman's horse ranch deluxe. 2 bedroom/2
bath mobile. Sierra Blanca and Capitan views. Creek frontage.

Skyland Addition

Proctor • \$149,900 • 4-Plex

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New carpet and paint. All rented 1 bdrm, 1 bath
units. Just across from Ruidoso Women's Club.

Reduced to \$245,900



Alto

Howard • \$249,900 • 119 Reindeer Drive

5 bedroom, 3 bath on 6.6 acres w/social membership. Big Sierra Blanca view. This country style home is 3 years old. Hardwood floors and private master bedroom and bath. Vacant and easy to show!



Upper Canyon

Hawkins • \$225,000 • 1038 Main Road

Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, 2-car garage. 9 foot ceilings, crown molding, wooden shutters, stained glass windows! A must see home.

Reduced to \$349,900



Upper Canyon

Robbins • \$399,900 • 619 Main

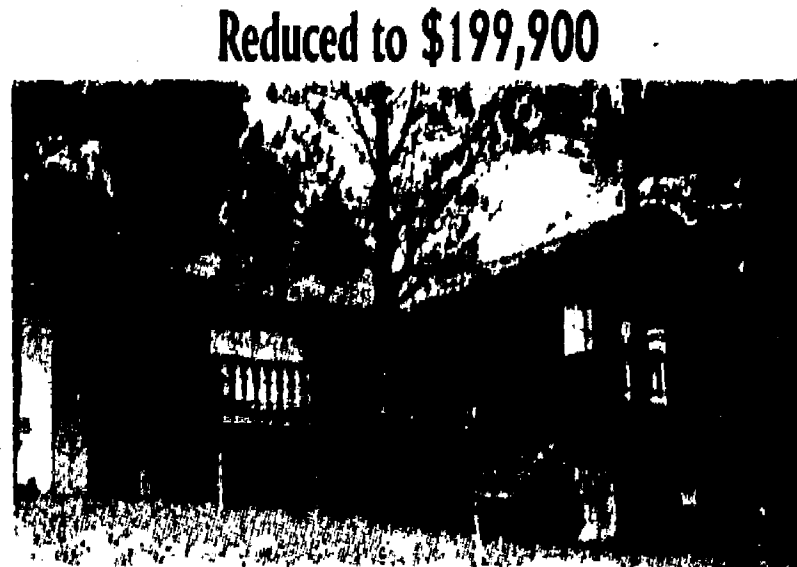
3 bdrms, 3 full baths. Plus guest apt. with private entry, on the river on 2 lots!



Black Forest

Sullivan • \$189,900 • 114 Black Forest Road

Four bedrooms, 3 and one half baths, 2 car garage. Year round stream. Decorated in greens and cranberry. Beautiful moss rock fireplace.



Reduced to \$199,900

White Mountain Estates

7 Rivers • \$209,900 • 809 Hull Road

This beautiful large split level home sits on an exceptional lot in White Mountain Estates. Living room plus a nice den. Long private drive. A must see!



Valley

Lewicki • \$1,200,000 • 11+ acres on the river

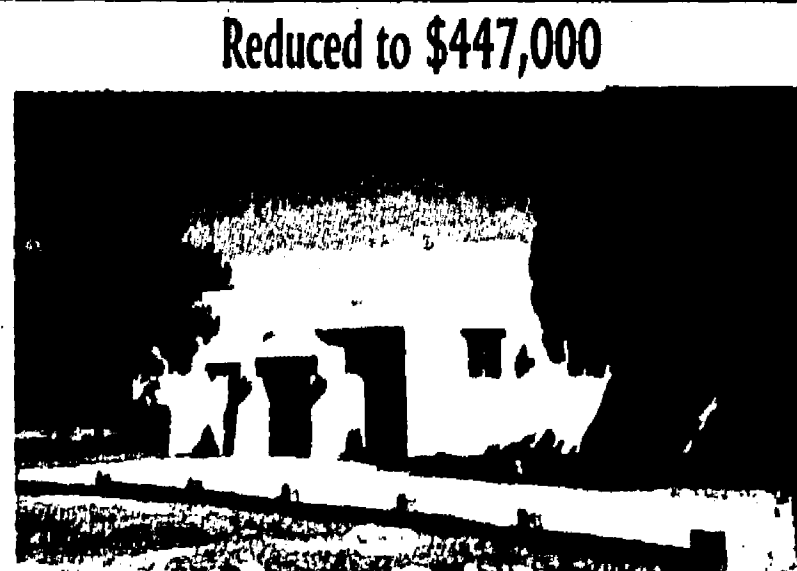
New 3,000 sq. ft. home. New 14 X 80 mobile with 2 car carport. New 1400 sq. ft. barn. This is a unique piece of property.



Alto

Nichols • \$168,500 • #65 Deer Park Townhouse

Nice 2 bedroom, 2 bath level townhouse in Deer Park Woods. Fully furnished, ready to move in. Full golf membership

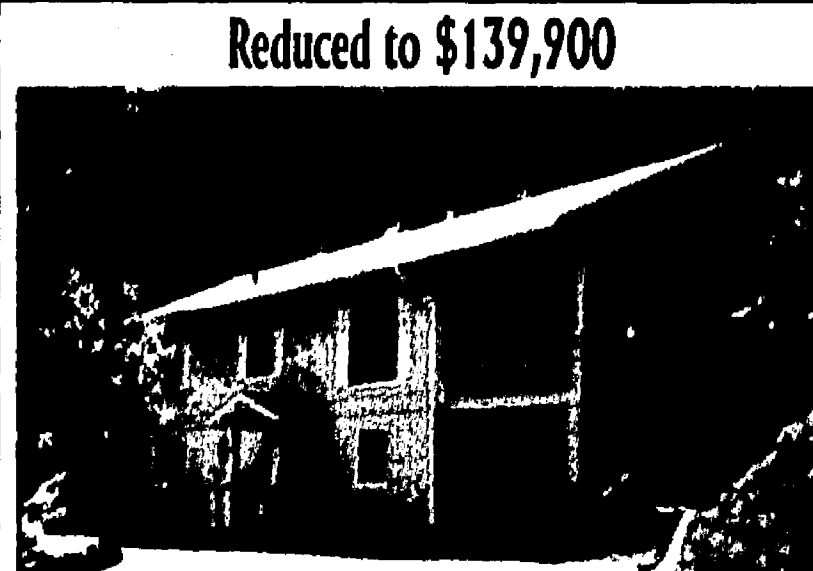


Reduced to \$447,000

Alto

Bennett • \$475,000 • 117 Quail Run

Four bedrooms, 4 baths, 2 car garage. Beautiful with 16 foot viga ceilings. Alto social membership. Each bedroom has its own bath. 2 private patios and an office. Alto full golf membership with acceptable offer.



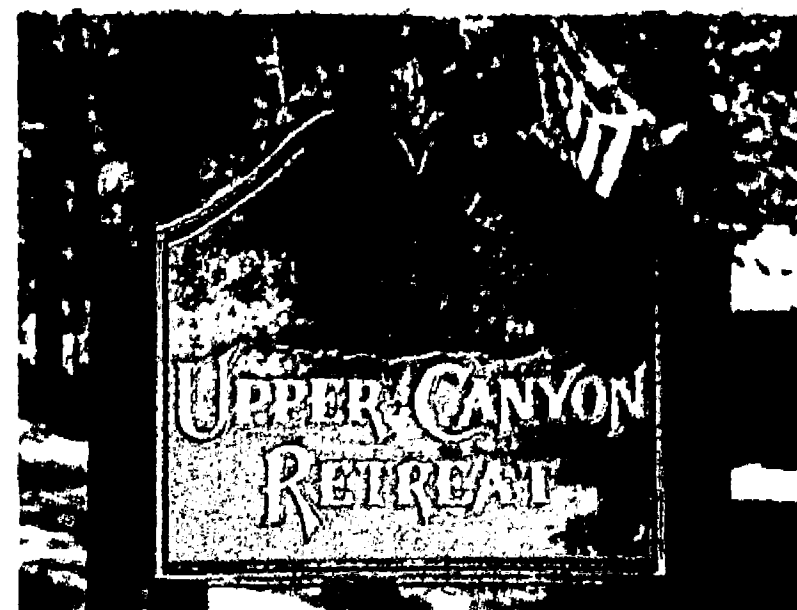
Reduced to \$139,900

Upper Canyon

Carzoli • \$149,500 • 213 Perk Canyon Dr.

Three bedrooms, 3 baths with decorator touches throughout. A great house for the price.

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Upper Canyon

Burger • \$249,900 • 1042 Main Road

2 completely furnished 3 bedroom, 2 bath homes for 1 price adjacent to the river with beautiful river views!

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