

Tribal members pare down list today

► Election results

Results of the Mescalero Apache Tribe's primary election will be posted on the *Ruidoso News* website as soon as they become available from the tribal election office.

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Complete coverage of the election and reaction to it will be in the July 14 edition of the paper.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Mescalero Apache voters head to the reservation's only polling place today to mark their paper ballots and select the final four candidates for temporary president and vice president of the tribe.

The two with the highest number of votes in each race will face each other in a special general election Aug. 9. The entire process

of primary and general election then will be repeated in the fall for full two-year terms.

Former vice president Oliver Enjady's name will not be on the ballot for the post of president. Although Enjady filed a request for an injunction to delay the election until the issue of his candidacy was settled, the tribal court rejected the petition, saying it had no jurisdiction. Enjady's attorney Marc

Prelo said Thursday.

"They said the election code takes preference and it states that the court has no jurisdiction until after the election board first takes action (on a protest), but we didn't have time to go first to the election board," Prelo said. "I guess the election will go forward. It will be up to Oliver if he wants to run in the regular election."

In his petition, Enjady cited minutes of a tribal council meeting in which a

5-2 vote confirmed that his removal by the council from the vice president's post didn't preclude him running for elective office in the future. Along with former president Paul Ortega, Enjady was accused of overspending the tribal budget — a charge he disputes — and spending without council approval. He also contends that he was removed without being present to

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Merchants question pedestrians' street safety

• Some Mid-town retailers expressed concern Thursday about the removal of crosswalks in a shopping district divided by a state highway

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Some local retailers say they do not understand why the Village of Ruidoso has removed crosswalks in the Mid-town shopping district.

Some said they thought the removal of crosswalks from Sudderth Drive represented a danger to pedestrians.

"I think in a tourist town like this you need to have crosswalks," Jessie Crawford, owner of Faith Mountain, said.

Yet all of those questioned Thursday about the missing Mid-town crosswalks also echoed many of the reasons village leaders have given about why crosswalks on a state highway do not work.

"People walk up to a crosswalk and say, 'Hey, I'm safe,'" Cy Siano, owner of Hano's, said.

Just before the Fourth of July weekend, Ruidoso village crews burned off all but two of the crosswalk lines in the Mid-town shopping area. In addition, between 60 and 70 signs have been posted in Mid-town urging pedestrians to use caution and to watch for cars.

One crosswalk remains at the intersection of Eagle Drive, where the only Mid-town stoplight is located, and another at Center Street,

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Songs to sing



Children who attended the week-long music classes in Lincoln this week will perform a final concert at 3:30 p.m. today in the outdoor amphitheater, or, in case of rain, at Earthly Greens Pottery Factory. About 20 children between fifth- and 10th-grades learned to play guitar, dulcimer, drums, and to use their bodies as musical instruments, said Marcella Elmer-Garcia, one of the instructors.

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Scott Wells says he's going back to his true love — horse racing — with his new job overseeing the return of racing to a track in Mexico City.

Wells lends expertise to Mexican track

Longtime horseman will keep his ties to museum's race horse Hall of Fame

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Scott Wells, the curator of the Hall of Fame at the Hubbard Museum of the American West, is returning to what he describes as the overriding passion of his life, the horse racing industry.

The 49-year-old journalist, author, commentator and horse trainer will be in charge of setting up and overseeing the return of horse racing to Mexico City.

The Hipodromo de las Americas, which was built in the 1930s, but closed three years ago to racing amid an investigation by the government, is being reopened.

"A big national competition was conducted to get the interconnection to operate the track, and C. I. E. InterAmerican Corporation for Entertainment, based in Mexico City, but with bases in Brazil, Argentina and Spain, was selected," Wells said. "They put on concerts all over the world and produce movies. This will be a

\$200 million project that will have a concert hall, two hotels, a cultural theme park, a shopping mall, a sports theater and a hall of fame — all built around the racetrack. This will be a major tourist destination."

Wells was picked through his long-term association with Corey Johnson, general manager of Lone Star track in Grand Prairie, Texas. Officials with C. I. E. contacted Lone Star for its expertise in setting up racetracks. Wells worked as a consultant with Johnson on Lone Star prior to its opening three years ago and previously at Remington Park in Oklahoma.

Originally from Oklahoma, Wells moved to Ruidoso in 1960 when he was 10 and considers himself a New Mexican.

"We were lured to Ruidoso by the All American Futurity, because my father was a horse trainer," he said. They won the futurity in 1965 while racing on the Ruidoso-Sunland Park-Texas circuit.

"I began training at 21," he said, stay-

ing at Ruidoso Downs 17 years, including two years as general manager, and working as an assistant to Dean Lukas, who won more money than any other trainer, and to Jack Van Berg, who won more races.

"I know racing from both sides of the fence," Wells said. "I get along with the horsemen, but I know what it takes to make the hard decisions."

Along the way, Wells was assistant general manager at Hollywood Park in California, he was a color commentator for ESPN, has been a racing journalist since 1969 and has authored four books with a fifth in progress.

His first was published in 1983. The titles include "The Nicodemus Era," a biography of jockey Jerry Nicodemus, and his most recent, a book on audiotape, called "True Confessions of a Loose Horse."

Wells will be far too busy for the next

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RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY

High ... 85
Low ... 49

Partly cloudy

SUNDAY

High ... 85
Low ... 50

Partly cloudy

MONDAY

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Low ... 51

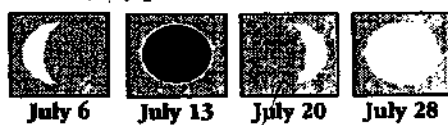
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Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	94	66	Partly cloudy
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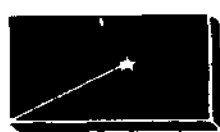


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offer a defense.

Ortega signed up to run for vice president and his name also was removed by the tribal election board.

That leaves 11 candidates vying for the two seats.

For president, the candidates are:

— Sara Misquez, a council member and former administrative assistant to the late Wendell Chino

— Harlyn Geronimo, a current and former council member and community activist who has stated that Enjady should have a chance to run based on the council's previous vote.

— Arthur "Butch" Blazer, who serves on the council and works for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and with the tribe's cattle growers association

— Pete Kazhe, who owned the Big Chief tribal store and is husband of former Inn of the Mountain Gods official Jo Kazhe

— Ben Martinez, who recently returned to the reservation.

Running for vice president are:

— Freddie Kaydahzine, an artist and director of tribal housing

— Joseph Geronimo, a court representative, alcohol and drug counselor and opponent of the now-defunct nuclear waste storage project

— Frederick Chino Sr., who serves on the tribal council

— Donalyn Torres, who was active with the administration during its exploration of the nuclear waste storage project

— Dorene E. Fernando, daughter of Bunch Enjady, who previously lived on the Laguna Pueblo where her husband was governor.

No explanation was offered by the interim administration or the election board for the return to paper ballots.

When Ortega and Enjady were challenged shortly after they took over

leadership of the tribe, they used electronic voting machines in a referendum asking tribal members if a special election was needed to select a successor to the late Wendell Chino. When the results came back against an election, Ortega, who was Chino's vice president, stayed in the top spot and Enjady, who was a council member and named by other members to the second-in-command position, continued in the role of vice president.

They two were removed in May by vote of the council, but individual members emphasized that neither was being accused of any personal gain.

Enjady, who is an artist, said Thursday that he has no idea if he will make a run for the presidency in the November election.

"This has been a hard battle and a long process," he said. "I just don't understand politics. It's not my thing. My thing is to do something for the people. I have no way of fighting back against the dirty things done to me. I have tried to lay out what's happening by turning to the people through the newspaper. I have no other financial means."

Because the council voted that he could run, he expected that to be the case. When the election board removed his name he was stunned, Enjady said. He cannot ask the interim president for a pardon to run for office, because that would be saying he is guilty — "and I'm not," he said.

"I hope the people take their vote seriously and I wish the new president lots of luck. He's going to need it," Enjady said.

"I hope the people will speak out more and that things we started — like finding money for a new school and center for the elderly — will continue. I also hope the courts realize they're part of the government and have a say in the way it is run."

Candidate charges VP foe is ineligible

A protest letter asking that Frederick Chino Sr. be removed from the list of candidates for vice president of the Mescalero Apache tribe was sent to the tribal election board earlier this week by Joseph Geronimo.

In the letter, Geronimo, who also is a candidate for the vice president's seat, cites a section of the tribal constitution prohibiting anyone from running who has been convicted or "any felony or other serious offense," unless the person is pardoned by the president of the tribe "in conformity with applicable ordinances and procedures prescribed by the tribal council."

Norman D. Bloom Jr. was the district attorney for Otero and Lincoln counties in 1972 when Frederick Chino was charged in the shooting death of Esqupuliá Montoya in Ruidoso.

"I convicted him," Bloom said Wednesday from his office in Albuquerque, where his firm, Fettingler, Bloom and Quinlan represents the Mescalero Tribe.

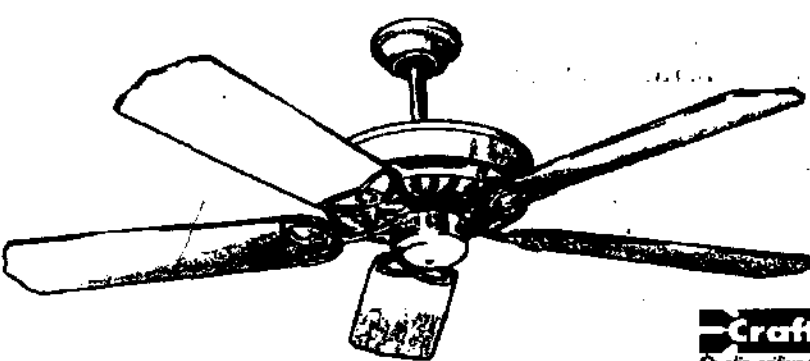
Records were not available, but Bloom recalls the conviction being for involuntary manslaughter.

"He didn't serve much time," Bloom said. "I don't know if he was pardoned by (the late tribal president Wendell Chino)."

A tribal spokesman said Frederick Chino has stated he was pardoned, but none of the tribal officials contacted through their offices responded to a request to verify a pardon is on file. However, he won a seat on the tribal council while Wendell Chino was president.

Frederick Chino could not be reached for comment Thursday. His telephone number is unpublished and tribal administrative office provided no other way to contact him. The chairman of the tribal election board could not be reached for comment.

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A number of single races will follow the sweepstake. A grand ball and supper will be given in the city at night and a good time is promised with Nogal people.

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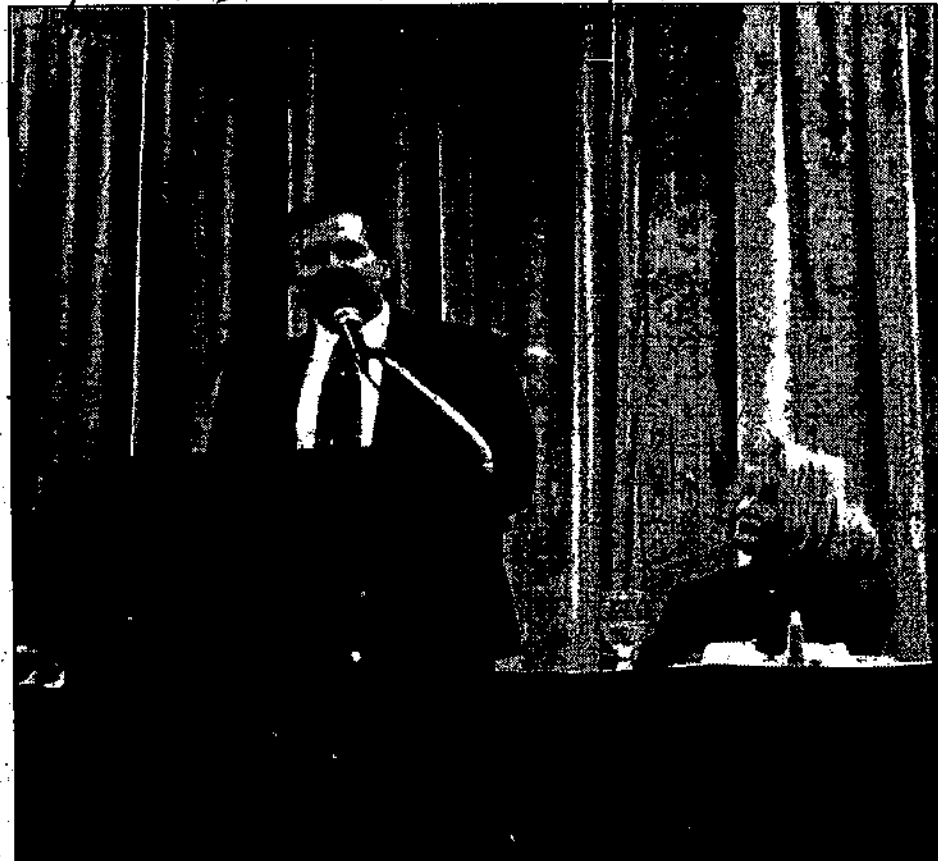
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Scott Wells amused attendees at this year's Community Update Forum with his poetic way with words.

WELLS: Horseman takes a break from museum, writing

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year to write another book. "My duties will be to set up and to oversee the track and everything connected to racing during the start-up period, including marketing, the stables and the track itself," he said.

"The time line is tight. Our first season begins Oct. 16, but we also anticipate a \$200,000 quarter horse futurity on Sept. 24," Wells said. "Our goal is to make the race-track one of the finest and most beautiful in the world. The Hipodromo has a wonderful and rich history. It's a beautiful old place with marble floors and a botanical garden."

"The Mexican people love horse racing and it's only appropriate to have a track in

the second largest city in the world with a population of 21.6 million."

Wells will continue his association with the Hubbard Museum and will maintain the showcase home he shares with wife, Mellyn, in Nogal. Initially, he will be in Mexico a great deal, but that will taper off after a while and he will be able to handle much of his business by computer and telephone, he said.

"I love the museum and dedicated four years of my life there," Wells said. "I will continue to be an ambassador and in my position as curator of the Hall of Fame. I want to assure those people who have items on loan about that. I also appreciate the Hubbard Foundation allowing me the flexibility to do this."

CROSSWALKS: Decision not because of lawsuit

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where a stoplight will be placed after the Labor Day weekend.

For more than a year, Mayor Robert Donaldson has said crosswalks without stoplights give pedestrians a false sense of security. People assume cars will stop. However, cars sometimes don't stop, which was the case last spring when a Roswell woman was killed while crossing Sudderth Drive.

"They are dangerous," Donaldson said Thursday. "As we have said all along, those crosswalks are dangerous."

Donaldson in the past has said people are safer jaywalking, because they are watching for cars and crossing defensively.

For more than a year, he and village administrators have struggled with state bureaucracy trying to get permission for two more stoplights in Mid-town. State permission is needed, even though the village pays for the stoplights at a cost of more than \$200,000, because Sudderth Drive is a state highway.

The village recently received that permission for a stoplight at Center. Donaldson has said he will continue pursuing another light at Country Club.

The decision to black out, or burn out, crosswalks in Mid-town was not determined by a lawsuit filed last month against the village as well as the state highway department and Lincoln County, Donaldson said.

"It had nothing to do with the lawsuit," Donaldson said. "It was just that the Fourth of July was coming up and they were still there ... And people seem to be getting around there fine."

In the lawsuit, the family of the Roswell woman contends that Deborah Jean Jones died because of, among other



Pedestrians now have two crosswalks to choose from when in Mid-town.

things, the defendants' failure to warn people about the dangers of the crosswalks and the lack of traffic control devices.

Siano said many of the summer visitors driving through the Mid-town are from Texas and unaccustomed to crosswalks, and therefore not alert to pedestrians crossing the street.

"But all these little signs help, the signs that say, 'Caution,'" Siano said of the recently posted notices.

Carol Arreola, co-owner of Casa Bonita International, said the real problem is not the crosswalks, but the speed at which motorists pass through the Mid-town

shopping district despite a posted 25 mph speed limit and radar monitors.

"And people never stop when somebody wants to cross the street," Arreola said.

Crawford said Thursday she believes the burned out crosswalks will be even more dangerous.

"The cars weren't even stopping when they (the crosswalks) were marked," she said.

Crawford said she understood how the crosswalks could create a false sense of security. "But now you have people crossing everywhere."

Water well tests free of e. coli contamination

Test results came back Thursday showing the water well at the Sports Theater next to Ruidoso Downs Race Track free of a previous e. coli contamination, a racetrack official said.

Glen Barrow, director of facilities at the track, said a new, state-of-the-art system has been installed on the well.

Water samples taken Wednesday from the well came back clean Thursday, Barrow said.

Notices of the contamination were first posted June 23 after fecal coliform/e. coli bacteria were found in water samples taken two days earlier, a state environmental official said last week.

Symptoms of e. coli infection

include diarrhea, cramps, nausea, possible jaundice, headaches and fatigue.

The contamination was limited to the water well at the Sports Theater, which is on a separate well system from the nearby Billy the Kid Casino and main racetrack complex.

No infections from the contamination were reported.

according to hospital, track and state officials.

For more information about the contamination, contact Becky Crown of the Drinking Water Bureau of the New Mexico Environmental Department at 258-3272, or call the Drinking Water Bureau toll-free at (877) 654-2700.

Construction zone notice

Village of Ruidoso water department crews are replacing waterlines on Bluebird Lane from Cliff Drive to Lark Drive and Monjeau Drive from Tanager Drive to Glade Drive.

Traffic will be restricted to one lane as a result. On occasion, the intersections could be subject to temporary closure for short periods of time. Construction should be completed by September.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Mariah-Rose Sharon-Ann Blake

Graveside services for infant Mariah-Rose Sharon-Ann Blake of Mescalero will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 10, at the Mescalero Cemetery.

Mariah-Rose died Wednesday, July 7, 1999 in Albuquerque. Survivors include her mother, Alice Tahito, and her father, Francis Blake Jr., both of Mescalero.

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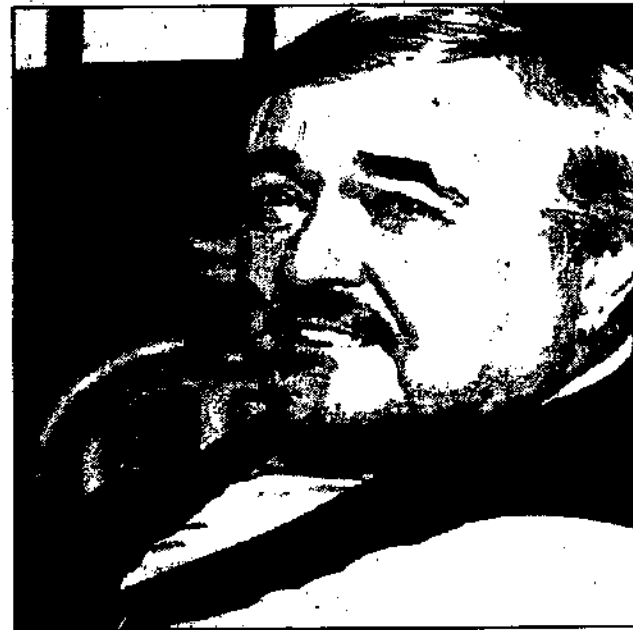
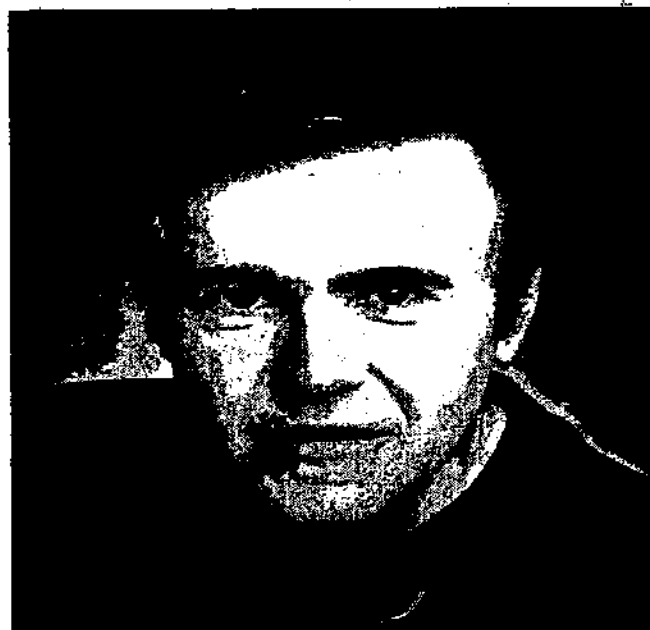
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OUR OPINION

Fateful days, then and now

Little can be said by anyone not a member of the Mescalero Apache tribe about the throes tribal members are undergoing now in seeking the right way to govern themselves.

But, following a holiday we call Independence Day, or the Fourth of July, perhaps some parallels might be drawn.

In the fateful summer of 1776, in Philadelphia, a few men sweltered in the heat and sought to find a way to help themselves. They had unresolved grievances against a monarch who did not understand them. They were fearful of separation from that monarch, and almost equally fearful of the consequences should they take that step.

Yes, but...

But that was then, when prosperous provincials could dare to beard the lion because they were thousands of miles away, and in distance was a certain safety.

Had they delayed signing the Declaration of Independence by even a few days, historians say, they might not have found the nerve. Just weeks after the signing, British troops by the tens of thousands landed on Staten Island, prepared to do battle. Those of us living in a technology dominated era find it hard to conceive of a time when communication was only as fast as a horse could move, and it was much easier to cross an ocean than a continent. The Continental Congress just didn't know the British were coming as they debated their future.

Far be it from seeking to compare what's happening on the Mescalero Apache Reservation these days with our nation's past, but we can argue that these are fateful days for the Mescalero Apache people. Their decisions about self-government in coming days and months could in large measure determine the future of the tribe.

If the Mescalero Apache people were moving toward democratic self-government after the passing of longtime president Wendell Chino, recent events have cast a large shadow.

Barring last-minute intervention by the tribal court, voting members will go to the polls today to elect another president and vice president to serve until another election in November.

How that election turns out is almost beside the point, because the whole process has lost credibility.

And yet, we can pray that those good Apache people who value themselves and their heritage will find a way to create a future that indeed does provide for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

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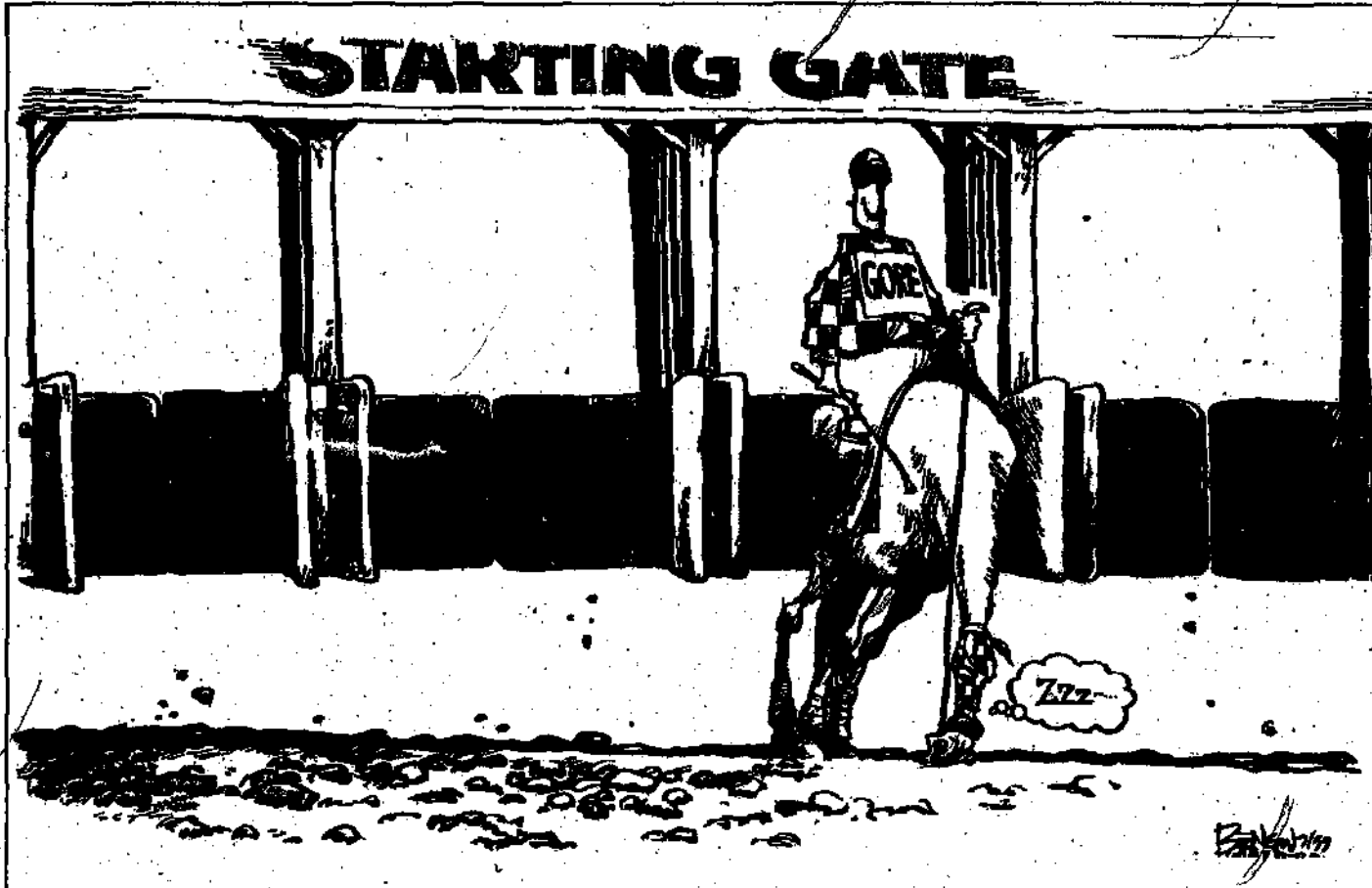
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YOUR OPINION

'Disgruntled employees' aren't the problem

To the editor:

After reading Bob Farmer's letter...if I didn't know better, I'd believe he was an employee of the Ruidoso Police Department. I myself am a former employee, having worked for 10 years with three chiefs of police. And yes, there are some serious problems within that department.

Meetings were held about three months ago between police department employees and other village workers. All agreed that treatment towards them, both collectively and... personally, was not always equitable treatment.

At one meeting Alan Briley, village manager, was invited and did attend. He heard from many employees of the problems that needed to be confronted. He assured us all that he would visit our departments and speak to us individually... He met with several and then blew the whole thing off. He never made it to the Ruidoso Police Department at all.

Truth? Regarding the firing of certain people and simple administrative leaves for others...Perhaps the "lucky" ones never bucked the system? Never disagreed with

(Chief Lanny) Maddox's autocratic views? Never chose to befriend anyone Maddox made clear he disliked?

Equality? I have seen approximately 25 people leave the department in the past two years... Many left because of the disorganization...and inequitable treatment.

Was Maddox's remark about "spring cleaning" referring to those very people? The ones who do voice their legitimate complaints? They're labeled as "troublemakers" or that sorry standby, "disgruntled employees." (That's an awful lot of disgruntled people.)

Freedom? Complaints are brushed aside by him and obviously City Hall as well. So who do the employees turn to? ...

And I agree...the people of Ruidoso do deserve better, much better. The question is, will they stand up and demand such or will apathy reign, as seems to be the pattern so often.

Cindy Green
 Ruidoso

Pine needle pickup always part of Ruidoso

To the editor:

In the July 2 issue of the *Ruidoso News*, in an article concerning the village mayor's

plan to study the problem of pine needles, the following comment appears:

"The \$2 charge started last fall when the village separated from the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority and started its own solid waste department. Before then there had never been any service in the village for the collection of yard waste."

Yard waste has always been picked up in Ruidoso.

The pickup of yard waste by the LCSWA was not satisfactory, however; Ruidoso was represented by five members of the LCSWA board who continually sat on the seat of their pants and did nothing to improve service.

All garbage, pine needles, slash, etc., has always been picked up in Ruidoso — at the time Ruidoso handled the job, and later the LCSWA.

The statement that only now will yard waste be picked up is false and misleading and deserves a correction in the *Ruidoso News*.

The problem with our solid waste collection is not money, but, but management.

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

The naming game

It appears now that the state is about to name a new piece of highway after an old politician — well, at least a longtime politician.

The four-lane highway, all of 8.8 miles long, will connect Interstate 10 in Texas with the New Mexico port of entry to Mexico at Santa Teresa.

Sen. Pete Domenici will see his name attached because he pushed for federal money to create that permanent port of entry at Santa Teresa, along with some other border road projects.

So, in politics as at a barn dance, we're obligated to "dance with them as bring us."

So Pete will get his reward today in a dedication ceremony at the Dona Ana County Airport. But, please note, his name graces only that portion in New Mexico, not in Texas. That's just too much dancing.

Come to think about it, most roads with names (not numbers) are named for powers-that-be. Gov. Jack M. Campbell, lately deceased, has a stretch of highway on U.S. 64 named after him; it crosses the 650-foot-high Rio Grande Gorge Bridge. But Campbell had to wait some 30 years to get that small highway honor.

We in Ruidoso know all about how road politics work. After all, Methem Drive (a.k.a., State Road 48) was named for a New Mexico governor, Edwin L. Mechem.

And Sudderth Drive, even more pointedly, was named for John Sudderth, a one-time State Highway Commissioner for this district.

Oh, yes, ex-Gov. Bruce King has some state office buildings with his name on them around the state. And we recall a nice short-cut road to Santa Fe through Torrance County (and King's ranch) was greatly improved during his last administration.

Is that the next road-name candidate?

MOUNTAIN ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN
 RUIDOSO NEWS

From ill health, illustrious architecture

Until antibiotics were developed to fight it, tuberculosis (or "consumption," as it used to be called) was a killer. Especially in humid climates, getting tuberculosis was tantamount to receiving a death sentence.

There was nothing medical science could do except prescribe healthy air, and New Mexico's air was considered especially healthy.

Many people came to this part of the world at the beginning of this century expecting to die here but hoping they wouldn't. There were "sanitariums" across the state with screened-in porches and bedrooms to allow the salubrious air to circulate. For many, it was truly a cure.

One of those who came here with hopes of recovering his health was John Gaw Meem. Not only was he cured, he became New Mexico's foremost architect. The many buildings he created include some of the most enchanting enclosed spaces in the state, and that's saying a lot.

I first met Mr. Meem in the late 1960s, about the time he

retired. I knew he was an architect, but it has taken me 30 years to realize the immense contribution he made to New Mexico with his work.

The son of an Episcopal missionary, John Gaw Meem, IV, was born in 1894 in Brazil, where he learned Portuguese as well as English. When he was 16, he came to the United States to study at Virginia Military Institute, following a family tradition. His college training was in civil engineering.

As a second lieutenant in the Reserves, John was activated during World War I, which he spent at a training camp in Iowa. There, during the awful year of 1918, like so many others he contracted influenza — a particularly vicious strain that killed hundreds of thousands in this country and elsewhere around the world, carried from one port to another by the peregrinations of the Great War.

After the war, John took a job with a New York bank. Because of his fluency in Portuguese, he was sent to Rio de Janeiro as a credit manager, but his career there was short. Either he hadn't fully recovered from the flu, or it had weakened him, and he developed tuberculosis.

Back in New York, his doctors gave him the bad news and could suggest only rest and deep breathing at one of the many sanitariums in healthier parts of the country. A brochure

from the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway led him to choose Santa Fe.

Meem came to Sunmount Sanitarium on the southeast side of Santa Fe in the early 1920s. He stayed there, off and on, for several years, regaining his health and getting to know the people who lived in the City Different, which at the time boasted a population of about 10,000.

After the initial onslaught of "Back East" architecture that followed the railroads in the 1880s, Santa Fe was experiencing a backlash against the many efforts to "modernize" the town. There was even a move to demolish the Palace of the Governors in 1909.

A core of artists, scientists and others joined together in the face of this threat and established a political force to preserve the old architecture and make sure new construction was compatible with it. Their efforts continue to this day, and they have been very influential in the evolution of Santa Fe.

John Gaw Meem was only a civil engineer by training, but he found himself on the side of preservation in this struggle and came to love the buildings that the Indians and Spaniards had built. His interest in architecture grew.

In 1922, Meem left the sanitarium to take a job with an architectural firm in Den-

ver. He worked there during the day and took classes at night. He stayed for 15 months, winning a national prize in the meantime, before his health worsened and he had to return to the healthy air of Sunmount Sanitarium.

This period of a little more than a year was all the formal training in architecture John Gaw Meem was to receive beyond his engineering degree, but it was obviously enough.

Next week: "Old forms for new buildings."

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

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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.

Employees fear loss of benefits when Fort Stanton shuts doors

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

When the state Corrections Department closes its women's prison operation at Fort Stanton on Aug. 31, some employees won't be transferring to other jobs within the state structure.

They will have chosen their homes in Lincoln County where a state pay check somewhere else. But at least a few are worried about accrued sick leave and vacation they will lose, because the prison was too short-handed to be able to take the time off.

"They were so short-staffed, they worked our b---a off," said one employee who produced a copy of state policy on sick leave, and asked not to be identified for fear of repercussions. "You couldn't even call in to take sick leave. There are some with a lot more than me. The state is staying tough. You didn't call in sick and abuse the

system, so you lose it."

Employees aren't going to call in sick during the 1 1/2 months before the closing just to use up the time, the person said.

"Even though we're being essentially fired, we still feel a responsibility to the state, to the women and to the public," the employee said.

One woman who has worked in multiple capacities at the prison said she has accrued in excess of 100 hours of sick leave and won't be paid a penny for the time, according to state policy.

"I really feel put upon, but I'm still trying to do the job until I'm terminated," she said, adding that not paying for accrued sick leave isn't fair.

"They're closing our facility. I'm not quitting for a better job."

But Geroges Scott, information officer for Corrections Secretary Rob Perry, said Wednesday that some accrued sick leave may be reimbursed by

the state for those employees who decide not to shift to another state job.

"They'll get some financial compensation, perhaps not all," Scott said. "If they decide to leave and stay in state government, their sick leave will follow them."

For those who stay in Lincoln County, Perry will try to find jobs for them within state government in this area, Scott said.

Letters from employees declaring what they plan to do are due this week, he said.

"Our intention is not to fire or lay off," Scott said.

The employees said they're also irritated that they may lose a personal leave holiday — because of tight staffing — and a second holiday that normally would be taken Feb. 12 for Presidents Day, but was moved back to extend the Thanksgiving holiday break.

County seeks proposals for new jail

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Requests for proposals for an architect to design Lincoln County's new jail were mailed to 38 firms that expressed interest in the project.

County Manager Tom Stewart said Thursday a pre-proposal conference is set for July 22. Proposals will be opened Aug. 9. The 75- to 100-bed jail is to be built on a 6-acre tract in the Carrizozo Industrial Park.

The county commission will hear a report on the progress of the project Thursday from Stewart during the monthly meeting that starts at 9 a.m. in the county courthouse in Carrizozo. The manager said he intends to ask commis-

sioners to set a hearing to consider levying a 1/8th of a cent gross receipts tax to pay for construction of the jail.

The existing county jail at the back of the county courthouse in Carrizozo is filled to the maximum capacity established by the state fire marshal, who allowed the county to keep the detention center open while building a new jail, if commissioners met a list of basic requirements. Those included reducing the jail population. The county farms out some inmates to other jails and uses radio monitoring devices on others.

Heaters also are set to discuss levying a 1/8th of a cent gross receipts tax to pay for the care of the medically indigent in the county and to narrow

down possible projects for a Community Development Block Grant application.

Good news for commissioners is the signing of the agreement for the Hondo School system to manage the county rural events center on U.S. 70 in Glencoe. Stewart said the county is scheduled to turn over that responsibility on July 13.

The annex to the county jail should be completed by Aug. 1, Stewart said. It will be used to house trustees and other special low-risk inmates. He found surplus items to furnish the annex, Stewart said.

Commissioner Rick Simpson will report on his survey of county road equipment and offer recommendations for disposal, exchange and purchases.

A new queen of the county



Lincoln's Kay Christensen (right) passed the Lincoln County Fair Queen crown to Carrizozo's Krystal Winfield Saturday during the 44th Smokey Bear Stampede. Winfield, 18, is the daughter of Kelly and Gary Joe Lovelace. She will attend New Mexico State University in the fall. The crowning ceremony was just one of the highlights during the July Fourth celebration, organizers said. As many as 20,000 people visited Carrizozo over the four days of festivities. Craig Whipple, co-organizer of the rodeo events, said the rodeo drew record entries, such as 17 teams for the ranch rodeo and more than 60 ropers in special events like the senior pro and super senior pro steer tiedown.

RUIDOSO SCHOOLS

The Ruidoso Municipal School Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday for an update about the Kennedy Center Partnership with the Hubbard Museum, the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts and the Ruidoso schools to enhance art opportunities in the schools and refine the arts curriculum.

The school board will open bids for sod for the baseball and softball fields and call for bids for paving at Ruidoso Middle School, said Superintendent of Schools Mike Gladden. The State Highway Department will help with the funding of the paving project by providing about \$35,000, Gladden said.

The board will vote on a budget adjustment request to increase the district's operating budget based on the final funding amount allocated by the state Legislature.

School start-up schedules and activities, status of board goals for the 1998/1999 school year are on the agenda, along with resignations and recommendations for employment.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING JULY 12, 1999 6 p.m. Village of Capitan

The Village of Capitan invites you to attend a public hearing on July 12, 1999, 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall Council Chambers, 114 Lincoln, Capitan, New Mexico. The purpose of the public hearing will be to discuss the 2000 Small Cities Community Development Block (CDBG) Program — to advise citizens of the program objectives, range to activities that can be applied for and provide other pertinent information; to obtain the view of citizens on community development and housing needs to include the needs of low and moderate income people. The CDBG program is designed to meet activities which will address one to three state and national objectives:

1. Benefit principal low-moderate income families
2. Aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight
3. Meet other community development needs of recent origin which pose a serious and immediate threats to the health and welfare of the community.

All counties and incorporated municipalities under 50,000 population are eligible to apply. Applicants may apply for funding assistance under categories including Community Infrastructure, Housing, Public Service Capital Outlay, Economic Development, Emergency, Planning and Colonias.

Complete information concerning this program can be obtained at the public hearing along with information on how to receive technical assistance on preparing a proposal for consideration. For information, contact:

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► COMMUNICATIONS

Billion dollar spending spree gobbled up local cable group

• Besides the Ruidoso area cable system, Charter Communications of St. Louis, Mo., is acquiring the systems in Carrizozo, Capitan, Tularosa, Alamogordo and Truth or Consequences.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

When the sale of Cablevision is finalized in September, it will be the second change of ownership for the Ruidoso cable service in less than a year.

No operational changes occurred with the first sale, and none are expected to happen immediately in the second, when Cablevision's ownership will switch from Interlink Communications Partners to Charter Communications, an Interlink executive said recently.

Dale Wagner is with Rifkin & Associates Inc., a Colorado-based company that manages Interlink. Wagner said his company is selling about 200 systems, with a total of about 450,000 customers, to Charter

Communications.

Wagner said the two changes in ownership in rapid succession is not uncommon, based on current activity in the industry.

"I think if you look at what has happened, if you look at the market, there has been a lot of consolidation (of cable systems) lately," Wagner said.

His own firm consolidated cable systems earlier this year when Cablevision and many other satellite companies managed by Rifkin & Associates were placed under Interlink. In January, when the pending sale of Cablevision to Interlink was announced, Wagner said the purpose was to merge cable systems under the Rifkin & Associates' umbrella to enhance the company's financial leverage.

One month later, in mid-February, negotiations began on the sale to Charter Communications.

Paul Allen, co-founder of Microsoft, is the majority owner of Charter Communications, which he bought about seven months ago.

Allen, said to be the third wealthiest person in the U.S., is in the process of spending more than \$14 billion within a year acquiring cable systems across the country, Anita Lamont, a spokesperson for Charter Communications, said recently. With the purchases, Charter will become the fourth-largest owner of cable systems in the country.

Wagner declined to say what portion of that \$14 billion his company's cable systems, including those in Ruidoso, Capitan, Tularosa, Carrizozo and Alamogordo, will cost Charter.

Lamont said Allen intends to provide "wired to the world" services such as Internet access and possibly telephone services.

Paul Crown, who oversees Cablevision in the Ruidoso area, said he has not been told when those services may become available locally.

Wagner, reached at his office in Colorado, said his firm will continue to manage cable systems for Charter, which is based in St. Louis, Mo. His firm is in the process of obtaining

300 consents for the ownership change from local governments holding franchise agreements. Last month, both Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs village councils approved the ownership transfer.

Lamont said Allen spent \$4.5 billion alone to purchase Charter Communications, the sale of which was final at the end of 1998.

"Actually, it was in February when he started his (spending) spree. And it is a spree. We have acquired, or will be acquiring, 10 cable companies since February," Lamont said. "And this was all sort of in a strategic plan when he bought his first cable company — to kind of getting this wired world."

Charter is a 6-year-old company that has grown rapidly by acquisition. Last year, before Allen's acquisition of it, Charter was named among the top 10 fastest growing companies in the country by the business media, Lamont said.

"I think if you look at what has happened, if you look at the market, there has been a lot of consolidation (of cable systems) lately."

Dale Wagner,
cable systems manager

Though Charter executives had planned technological advances before the company's purchase by Allen, the computer pioneer has the resources to make those advances happen sooner, she said. Allen's wealth has been estimated at \$30 billion, Lamont said.

Engineers for Charter are currently evaluating systems in the process of being purchased to determine which will be targeted first for technological improvements.

"The engineers will come in and evaluate what type of plant is there," she said. "There's no set formula — we just have to see what's there."

"Traditionally, we have not come in and made sweeping changes," Lamont added. "Corporate Charter is really just a support to the regional level, and they leave the management at the regional and local level."

Bookstore's clock goes back in time

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Time is running backwards at the Aspen Tree bookstore in Mid-town Ruidoso.

Dorinda Reum, who owns and operates the shop with her husband, Peter, thinks it appropriate that an alarm clock behind the cash register keeps counterclockwise time. After all, she said, the shop has an old-fashioned style in the way customers linger to talk and personal service is extended.

"It's good because I think we're backwards," she said from behind the store's counter.

"Let's not say backwards. Let's say 'retro,'" suggested husband, half reclining in a small office area behind his wife.

The clock's time shift started last week after a thunderstorm knocked out power for



Toni K. Laxson/Ruidoso News
The clock's second hand sweeps backward.

10 seconds. When it came back on, the clock inexplicably was running backwards.

"It's the darnedest thing. I even tried unplugging it and plugging it back in to make it go forward," Dorinda Reum said.

"I don't think it's going to go forward. I think, for whatever

reason, its polarity has been reversed," her husband added. "I'm afraid it's a permanently dyslexic clock."

Though there was some discussion with a customer about marketing it as the new Neiman Marcus gift for the man who has everything, the Reums have made a decision about their counter clock.

"We are going to keep it — another one of our Aspen Tree oddities," Dorinda Reum said. "I thought: 'That's right. We need to keep it because that's who we are' ... At least that's who I am."

Bald eagle makes flying comeback

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Independence Day weekend was marked by President Bill Clinton as the culmination of a three-decade effort to protect and recover the nation's symbol of freedom and courage — the bald eagle.

Clinton announced a proposal to remove the bird from the list of threatened and endangered species.

"The American bald eagle is now back from the brink of extinction, thriving in virtually every state of the union," the president said. "I can think of no better way to honor the birth of our nation than by celebrating the rebirth of our proudest living symbol."

Although no nesting pairs of bald eagles are known locally, according to

Ben Hanson of the state Department of Game and Fish, the birds migrate through the state, stopping to rest and fish along major waterways and reservoirs.

"You mainly see them in New Mexico during the winter as they migrate south," he said. "We don't have the nesting habitat requirements. They like large trees along the sides of big rivers. Cold water reservoirs don't provide enough feed base."

But if you're looking next winter, the most likely places to find bald eagles is along the San Juan River, the Canadian River and the Rio Grande.

"We have about 500 to 600 that winter here and that number has been on the increase in recent years," Hanson said. "They like it where they're aren't many

people. An area like the Bosque del Apache (near Socorro) just isn't a major drainage area with enough fish to attract them."

The bald eagle once ranged throughout every state in the Union, except Hawaii. By 1963, only 417 nesting pairs were found in the lower 48 states. Today the number has increased to an estimated 5,748 nesting pairs.

If the bald eagle is removed from the list, the bird still would be protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty, which prohibits the taking, killing, possession, transportation and importation of migratory birds, their eggs and nests, unless authorized by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

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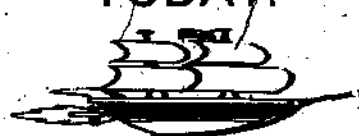
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Bilingual storyteller Sarah Malone brings "Animal Tricksters, Large and Small, from All Around the World" — stories that celebrate the human spirit — to Capitan and Ruidoso Monday.

Storyteller shares her tales Monday

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Animal tricksters will visit the Capitan and Ruidoso libraries Monday to entertain children and adults with stories from around the world.

Bilingual storyteller Sarah Malone of Cedar Crest will have children participating actively and playing the musical instruments that are part of her storytelling.

At least two of the stories will be bilingual, and children will learn Spanish words, but she translates everything, so no one will get lost.

"I use a lot of rhythm, so it's very interesting listening even if you don't understand. I use a lot of gesture and I'm dynamic," Malone said.

Last year Malone, who lived in Spain for five years and has a master's degree in Spanish, studied Spanish children's literature at the University of Madrid through a schol-

arship from the University of New Mexico Spanish Resource Center and the Embassy of Spain. Monday she'll be sharing some of the stories she learned there.

The performance will include stories from Africa, Central America, Thailand and Native American sources.

She started out telling stories 10 years ago as a parent volunteer when her son was in preschool, and she continued with that class for six years, learning stories in the process. Malone said she wanted to do volunteer work that was different from her work as a clinical social worker with children in schools.

"I really believe we have lost the relationship aspect between children and the teller," Malone said. "We have television, we have video games, and we have movies that pretty much tell children the legends and give them all the pictures ready-made, whereas storytelling is a relationship-based art, so the pic-

tures are unique and individual."

Malone continued telling stories and exploring therapeutic uses of storytelling with children, as well as writing and telling stories for adults. She tells regularly on KUNM, a National Public Radio affiliate in Albuquerque, through the University of New Mexico on a program called "Women's Focus" one Saturday a month. In addition, she tells stories at conferences, conventions, workshops, schools, museums, churches and private parties.

"I think it's a very precious art form that we shouldn't lose," Malone said.

This free performance for young and old is part of the Roadrunner Summer Reading Club program and one of three selected for statewide tour by the New Mexico State Library. Malone will perform at the Capitan Library at 10 a.m. and at the Ruidoso Library at 2 p.m. Monday.

RUIDOSO AGENDA

The Ruidoso Village Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday for the following agenda items:

CONSENT REGULAR ITEMS (approved by the council in an umbrella vote)

- Approval of the joint powers agreement with the New Mexico Department of Public Safety for a receptionist/secretary position at the Ruidoso Police Department.

- Approval of the 1999-2000 cooperative advertising agreements with the New Mexico Tourism Department for advertising the village of Ruidoso, the Billy the Kid Country and the Billy the Kid Scenic Byway.

REGULAR ITEMS:

- Preliminary and final plat approval for a 4-acre site off of U.S. Highway 70 for development of an 83-room Motel 6.

CLOSED SESSION:

- Discussion pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the village of Ruidoso is or may become a participant, and discussion of the purchase, acquisition and/or disposal of real property and/or water rights by the village of Ruidoso.

Any action taken as a result of the closed session will be taken in an open meeting.

RUIDOSO DOWNS

The Ruidoso Downs Village Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday for the following agenda items:

- Consider a resident's request to drop \$38.99 off of a sewer bill to the village because of a water leak.

- Consider a request from Dennis Riddle, head of village maintenance and street department, to attend a Santa Fe auction of street equipment by the New Mexico Highway and Transportation Department.

- Consider a request from Fire Chief Nick Herrera for a new firetruck at a cost of about \$159,000. Village Clerk/Treasurer Leann Weinhrecht said the village now has two firetrucks and a ladder truck. However, one of the trucks, purchased new by the village in 1992, is showing stress on its welds — possibly a fault in its manufacture, she said.

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'Futuristic' Motel 6 to be newest lodge

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Construction is to start Aug. 15 and finish the first of April next year on what is being billed as a multi-million dollar, upscale Motel 6 in Ruidoso.

"It's going to be very, very nice — elevator, indoor swimming pool/spa ... there will be suites," Ron J. Hyden, one of two owners of the franchised Motel 6, said Tuesday.

The three-story hotel will have 83 rooms, 17 employees and will be built in what Hyden called the Year 2000 design, which includes a three-story glass/lattice design in the front of the hotel.

"It's just very futuristic looking," said Hyden, who declined to give the hotel's construction cost other than to say it will be a multi-million dollar facility.

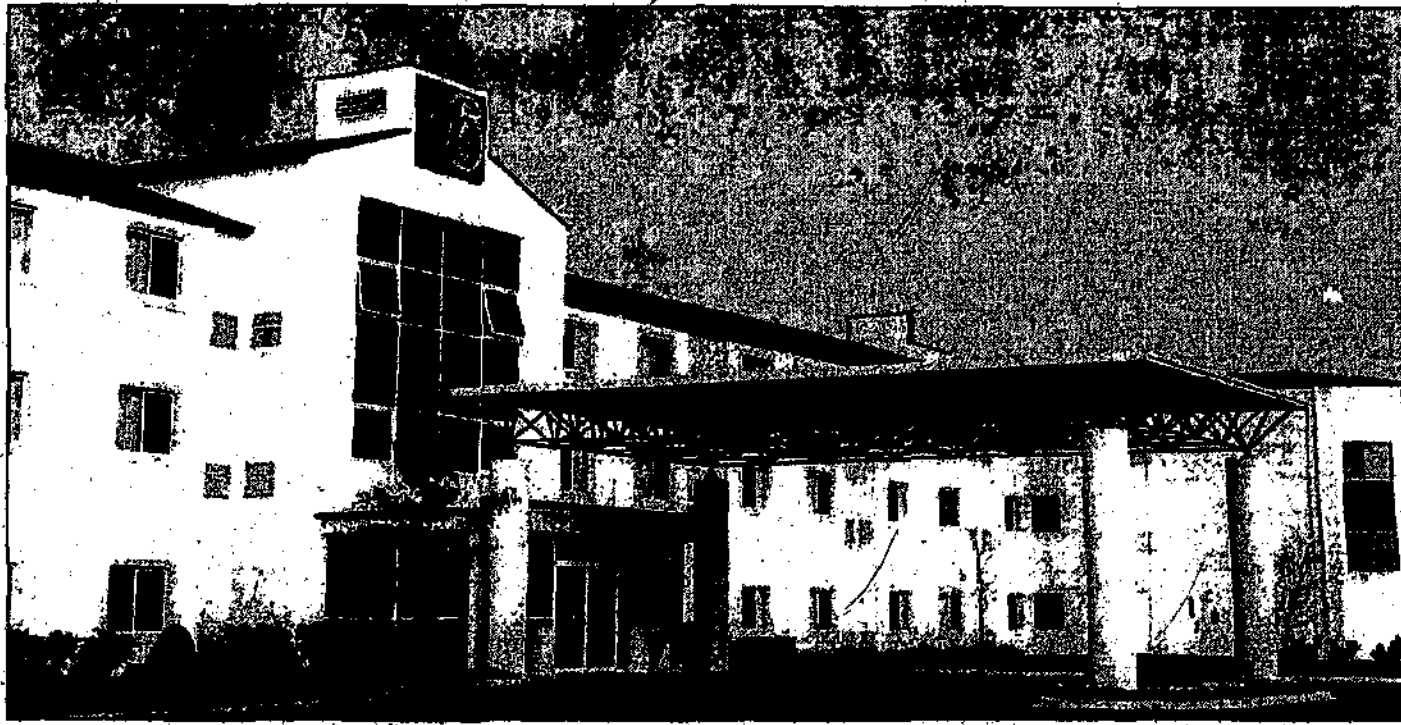
The 35,000-square-foot hotel will be located just west of the U.S. Post Office Hollywood station and to the east of Bennett's Gift Shop on the highway.

Hyden, who also has a Motel 6 franchise in Roswell, will own the Ruidoso hotel with Novanit "Andy" Bhakta. Their company is called "786 5 Corporate, DBA Motel 6 of Ruidoso," Hyden said. Between them, they own six to eight hotels across the country, including Days Inn, Hampton Inn and Super 8 franchises.

The company has considered a hotel in the Ruidoso area for about three years, Hyden said.

Construction work on the hotel will be overseen by a general contractor from Albuquerque, Hyden said, adding that local workers will be hired.

"We intend to use as many



A photograph of Motel 6's Year 2000 prototype. Construction of a Motel 6 in Ruidoso will begin Aug. 15.

local subs (subcontractors) as possible — and will be using many, many subs," Hyden said. "We are very pleased and excited about being part of Ruidoso."

The company has an annexation request before the Ruidoso Village Council on July 27. Because a part of the land slated for the motel is outside of Ruidoso village limits, the company has asked that about three acres of the four-acre site be annexed.

On Tuesday, Hyden received approval from the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission for plat approval and commercial site development. The plat request is to go before the Ruidoso Village Council Tuesday for final approval.

In other action, the commission:

- Approved requests from Ron J. Hyden and Novanit Bhakta for preliminary and final plats and a commercial site development for a 4-acre tract off of U.S. Highway 70. They intend to build a Motel 6 franchise at the site.

- Approved a variance request from the Christian Living Trust for an addition to a home at 105 Dipsdale Drive. A proposed 416-square-foot bedroom addition would come within 3 feet and 7 inches of the side lot line, which has a standard setback of 10 feet. Staff recommended approval of the variance based on the lot's steepness and odd shape.

- Approved a variance request from David Don Clark to allow a mobile home to remain as positioned on a lot at 137 N. Candlewood. The home is 7.5 feet from the west side lot line. Standard setback is 10 feet. Staff recommended approval of the variance based on the applicant complying with three conditions.

- Approved a variance request from Linda L. Morris to allow an addition to a home at 100 Pippin St. The 336-square-foot addition would be about 8 feet from the east side lot line. Standard setback is 10 feet. Staff had recommended against the variance, saying the variance would not be needed if the addition was reduced from 14 feet in width to 12 feet.

- Approved requests from from Cassandra McClellan for both a conditional use permit and an amended site development for a bed and breakfast establishment at 110 Paradise Canyon Road. The home with the deck and garage has about 11,000 square feet, and it sits on a lot of about 1 acre. The home is currently undergoing some renovation for five guest bedrooms.

- Approved a request from Marc R. Smith for an amendment to a commercial site development at 112 Lower Terrace. A 30-foot by 24-foot garage is to be added to the rental cabin business at the site.

- Took no action to schedule two public hearings on proposed amendments to planning and zoning regulations until staff had more time to research the subjects. One proposal concerns variances and the other hill-side protection.

- Withdrew a previously filed variance request from Henry Baray because neither the applicant nor an agent for the applicant appeared in three commission meetings.

County receives \$50,000 grant to fight drug trafficking

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Lincoln County is one of 13 counties in New Mexico slated to receive money from a federal High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area grant program.

Sheriff Tom Sullivan says he hopes for at least \$50,000 to be used toward fighting distribution of illegal drugs. New Mexico received \$6.8 million this year.

"This is brand new money and will be used in connection with our Criminal Justice Council Grant, all directed toward drug enforcement," he said Wednesday. "To be eligible you must submit information on why the county should be considered."

In his grant application, Sullivan listed that the county contains a resort area and that U.S. 54 starts at the Mexican border and goes north to the Canadian border, crossing every major east-west highway in the country.

"A lot of stuff is being moved on that road," he said.

The money also will be used to send an officer from the drug enforcement unit to courses that focus on what to look for on the highways, Sullivan said.

"We finally got approval to participate two to three months ago," he said. "I was really happy to get Lincoln County approved."

The department bought a \$3,500 drug-sniffing dog that is being trained at the Border Patrol Canine Training Center in El Paso.

"They called after he went through the preliminary tests and said this one is exceptional," the sheriff said. "They even wanted to buy him, but we said no — this one is ours."

A cross between a German shepherd and a malamute, the dog was purchased in Louisiana. The officer who will work with the animal as trainer starts his own training in August. Sullivan said the certified officer replaces Alex Hinson on the drug enforcement unit and the sheriff preferred not to identify him.

U.S. Senators Pete Domenici, R-NM, and Jeff Bingaman, D-NM, both released information that \$188.3 million was approved for the program, a \$3.3 million increase over the 1999 level, as part of the FY2000 Treasury and General Government Appropriations Bill passed by the Senate last week.

The HIDTA program aims at stopping the flow of drugs through New Mexico, Texas, Arizona and California. Other counties participating are Bernalillo, Chaves, Doña Ana, Eddy, Grant, Hidalgo, Lea, Luna, Otero, Rio Arriba and San Juan.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Would-be burglar arrested

The accused would-be burglar of Funtrackers was arrested at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, police report.

Doug Reinecke, 40, of Dexter, was charged with one count of commercial burglary with intent to commit a felony, a fourth-degree felony, one count of possession of burglary tools, a fourth-degree felony, one count of larceny under \$250 and more than \$100, a misdemeanor, and one count of criminal damage to property, a misdemeanor.

The glass was broken on the front entry door of Funtrackers, 101 Carrizo Canyon Road, between 4 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. July 6. An alarm went off at that point and the would-be burglar apparently fled, leaving behind a trash bag filled with candy bars, spray paint and other things taken from the storage building, a set of burglary tools and a pair of pants with the pant-legs tied, ostensibly to carry coins from the arcade machines.

"He said something to the effect that he had the munchies," said Det. Robert Layher, explaining the attempted theft of candy bars and fruit juice. Layher said he couldn't find any prior criminal history for Reinecke. The suspect bonded out Wednesday for 10 percent of \$10,000 bond, Layher said.

Embezzlement

Ruidoso police pressed embezzlement charges July 7 against Joseph Reginald Paysinger, 45, currently jailed at the Lincoln County Detention Center for issuance of worthless checks, and a June 2 charge of refusal to return leased property to Pioneer Savings Bank of Ruidoso.

Det. Jim Biggs of the Ruidoso Police Department had arrested Paysinger in Safe Harbor Marina in Key West, Fla. May 5 on an outstanding bench warrant for failure to appear and make restitution for issuing worthless checks. The defendant was extradited to the Lincoln County Detention Center in Carrizozo.

On June 2 Paysinger was charged with fraudulent

refusal to return a leased credit-card machine to Pioneer Savings Bank, 1095 Mechem Drive.

On July 7, Vernon Keith, owner of 50 Million B.C., 2309 Sudderth Drive, filed charges against Paysinger for embezzlement and fraud of \$5,325 in semi-precious stones when the defendant took over his store in the Timbers Mall and he moved to a larger store, leaving some of his merchandise for Paysinger to sell and reimburse him for when the lease was up in August, 1998. He never did and left town.

Other people were listed in the police report who allege that Paysinger defrauded them of money for custom jewelry or work that he never completed.

Donation jar taken

About \$70 of donations were taken from a collection jar at Allsup's Convenience Store at 311 Sudderth Drive between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. July 4. The money was collected to help another employee who has breast cancer and no insurance, said manager Debbie O'Reilly.

Assault, drug charges

Police arrested Eliu Chavarria, 30, of Roswell at 1:27 a.m. July 8 and charged him with assault and possession of drug paraphernalia, according to reports.

Damage total \$500

About \$500 of damage was done to four ornamental yard lights in the 100 block of Lucille Drive between April 14 and July 7, police report.

Battery alleged

Mario Polaco Montalvo, 31, Ruidoso, was arrested for battery against a household member at 5 a.m. July 4, according to the Ruidoso Police Department. Montalvo was arrested at Win Place and Show, 2516 Sudderth Drive.

Felony assault charged

Police arrested Jared Cunningham, 27, of Ruidoso in the Cedar Creek Campground at

6:15 a.m. Thursday and charged him with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a fourth-degree felony. A cash bond was set for \$25,000.

Criminal damage

A suspect threw a large stone through windows of a car July 5 in the 100 block of Grant Drive, causing about \$800 of damage to the front and rear windows. Police are investigating the case.

Ruidoso man extradited

A former resident of Ruidoso was arrested June 29 in Guatemala for a bank robbery in Alamogordo June 27, 1998.

William Floyd Kenny II, 39, of San Juan Road in Ruidoso, was arrested in Guatemala by FBI agents, according to a release from the Albuquerque office. Kenny was charged with robbing the First National Bank June 27, 1998.

A Federal Grand Jury indicted Kenny Sept. 17, 1998, charging him with one count of armed bank robbery and one count of carrying or using a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence.

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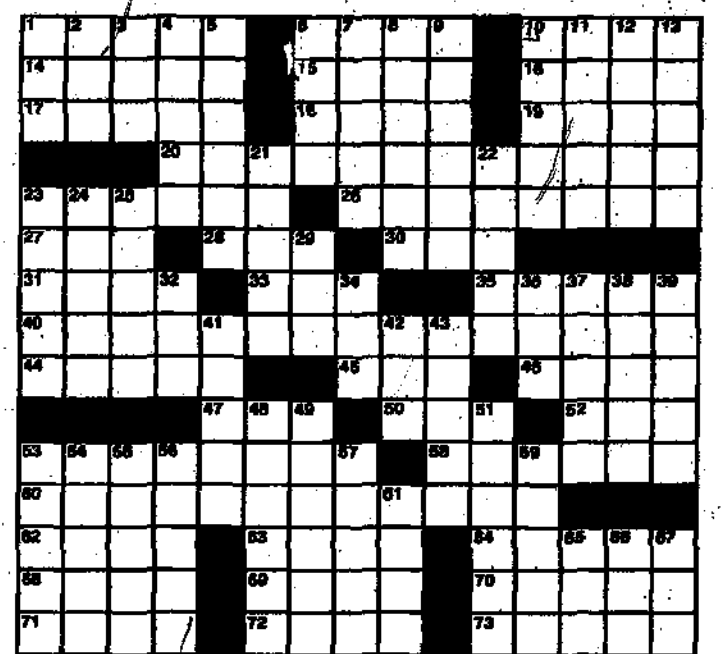
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Saturday

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Sunday

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Pecking order

Ruidoso Parks and Recreation

Team	W	L	Pct.
Flamingos	11	0	1.000
Overflow	9	2	.800
Casino Apache	7	4	.600
Blue Angels	3	8	.300
Good Times	3	7	.222
Lady Merchants	0	11	.000

Adult Men's Softball League

Team	W	L	Pct.
Omega SW	13	3	.812
Extreme	14	4	.777
Bear Mtn. Bombers	13	5	.722
Merchants	11	6	.647
Grizzlies	11	6	.647
Nads	11	7	.611
Riff Raff	10	9	.526
Homeboys	11	8	.578
Los Amigos	6	12	.333
Apache Warriors	3	15	.167
Mesc. Indians	2	14	.125
Outlaws	1	15	.063

July 1 results
Merchants 17, Outlaws 1
Omega SW 19, Merchants 18
Homeboys 24, Bear Mtn. Bombers 14
Nads 18, Extreme 3

July 6 results
Mesc. Indians 21, Apache Warriors 17
Extreme 25, Grizzlies 10
Homeboys 30, Merchants 26
Bear Mtn. Bombers 18, Riff Raff 10
Los Amigos 19, Outlaws 4
Nads 16, Omega SW 2

On deck

Youth tennis lessons, July 19-29

The Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department is offering two sessions of tennis lessons for children 9 to 15. The first session is July 19-22 and the second session is July 26-29. Ages 9 to 11 will meet from 8:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday, while Ages 12 to 15 will take the court from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Cost is \$15 per session. Sessions are limited to 12 participants. Call parks and rec at 257-5030 for more information.

Warrior Pride Youth Football Camp, July 19-21

The Ruidoso Warrior football staff is hosting a camp from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. July 19-21. Cost is \$25 for camper and includes a camp T-shirt. Guest clinic instructor will be Dean Campbell from Texas Tech University. For camp registration form, call 258-4910.

Ruidoso Volleyball Camp, July 19-23

A volleyball camp, sponsored by the Ruidoso High School coaches and the Lobo Volleyball coaches, will be July 19-23. Cost is \$120. Instruction by University of New Mexico volleyball coaches. For more information, call 378-8502 (during July).

British Soccer Camp, Aug. 9-13

The Lincoln County Youth Soccer League will host the British Soccer Camp, Aug. 9-13. Cost is \$79. Early sign-up through June 25 is \$74. Call John for more information at 257-7830.

Fishing report

The following area reports are much the same as last week. We have seen lots of tricos hatching and buzzing around the water ways, however, the fish have not yet jumped at the spinner falls associated with the Trico spinner falls.

For fly fishing

RIO RUIDOSO: Fishing is very spotty because of the low water. Check out the larger pockets of holding waters. The best patterns are pheasant tails, green rock worms and prince nymphs. Late afternoons until dusk are producing scattered dry fly action along the vegetation lines of the riverbanks. The best dries have been parachute adams, blue wing olives and hendricksons. Upper Canyon on the reservation has been fishing well, along with the scenic hike.

BONITO CREEK: Above the lake, scattered catches of rainbows have been steady for the hard-core fisherman. Take your camera and watch for great nature shows along the waterway. Not any change from last week, just less water. Toss what you brought, the fish above here are usually hungry. The water flow below Bonito is virtually non-existent and unfishable. Above Bonito on the South Fork, fishing has been good with numerous small native fish.

BONITO LAKE: Water level is good with reports of early and late fishing good on dry flies. Best reported patterns are blue wing olives, hendricksons and light cahills. The spin caster will do well with bubble rig and a propeller fly tied on the business end. The hot propeller flies last week and this seems to be one with a red body and white hackle or the double renegade.

GRINDSTONE LAKE: Late evening fishing will produce the best fishing here. Take advantage of midge and damselfly hatches. Several evenings this past week dry flies such as light cahills, parachute adams and griffin's gnats have provided numerous surface takes.

LAKE MESCALERO: The lake level is good. Shoreline and boat fishing have been producing nice fish in the evening hours. Dry flies that have been working are parachute adams, hendricksons, mosquitoes and midges.

Jim Shoop, Fly's Etc.

For a complete fishing report and weekly race results, log on to www.ruidosonews.com

ALL-STAR GAMES

American men use long ball to prevail

BY LAURA CLYMER

RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

On a perfect night for softball, Ruidoso's adult slow-pitch softball players put league team loyalties aside and fought for bragging rights to this year's all-star game.

The National League all-star won the women's game and the American League took the men's game, which ended in a tie in regulation and was settled in an extra inning.

In the first game of the all-star doubleheader, the National League women broke open a 2-0 game in the third inning with six runs. They built that lead to 13-4 and held off an American League rally in the bottom of the seventh inning to win 13-10.

The free-swinging men's game turned into a home-run derby of sorts with the National League eventually winning a 31-30 slugfest. In men's league play, only one home run hitter is allowed. But for the all-star game, parks and recreation sports coordinator Claudia Brannum opened up the game for the men, allowing unlimited home runs.

"We were subbing freely with 12 players, and since it was an all-star game, I decided to go for the open rules so we could have some fun," Brannum said. "That way, the guys could just go and play and not worry about it. I just wanted to let them have some fun and enjoy the evening out."

It started with a bang. The American League's second hitter, Reny Reidhead of Omega Southwest, hit a two-run homer to start the fireworks. One out later, teammate Tino Gallegos sent a solo shot over the fence.



Reny Reidhead receives high fives for his first inning homer in Wednesday's men's all-star game.

The National League responded when lead-off hitter Beau Jarvis of the Nads launched a homer, the first of his three for the night.

The two teams combined for 21 homers. Jarvis and National teammate George Olivas knocked three each over, while the American League was led by Gallegos with four homers on five-for-six hitting.

But the most excitement of the evening came in the seventh inning when the American League rallied from 12 runs down, 27-15, to tie the game and sent it into the eighth inning.

In the top of the eighth, the Nationals scored three runs for a 30-27 lead. The Americans responded with home runs from Jarvis and Bobby Snowden. Rudy Saiz of the Bear Mountain Bombers knocked home Lance LaMay of the Merchants for the game-winner.

"Exciting" described Snowden about the game.

"To come back from 12 down in the last inning. That open-type of play was a lot of fun," he said.

ADULT SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL

MEN'S LEAGUE

The race is tight at the top

BY LAURA CLYMER

RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

As the men's adult softball league heads home, just three games separate the first-place Omega SW Momma's Boys from fourth-place teams, the Merchants and the Grizzlies.

Add in Extreme nipping at the heels of the Momma's Boys along with the third-place Bear Mountain Bombers and you've got one of the best men's league chase for first place in years.

With 2 1/2 weeks of play left, any of five, even six, teams could win it.

Bobby Snowden of the Merchants gives the nod to experience and Extreme.

"I think Extreme is going to end up winning it all. I really think they are. Then probably the Bombers and Omega SW. We and the Grizzlies will sneak in behind them," Snowden said. "We have just been beat up lately and it's cost us."

Credit another experienced team, the Nads, with making the race interesting. The Nads, longtime league stalwarts, have been giant-killers of late. Their most recent victim was the Momma's Boys, whom they pounded, 16-2, July 1.

"The Nads are playing better than anybody right now, but they got too far behind early on," Snowden said.

Extreme and Momma's Boys meet for back-to-back games, July 15 and July 20.

"In order to take it, we'll have to take both," said Extreme's John Ramos. "There are nights that we play that we can beat just about anybody and then there are nights when we have trouble with the weaker teams."

Regardless, Snowden said, "I think it's going to be a big finish."

The league concludes regular season play July 22 with three make-up games.



The victorious National League women in blue congratulate themselves and their foe after their 13-10 victory in Wednesday's all-star women's game.

Gracing the grounds with his presence

BY LAURA L. FLYNN
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

They come and go with each race meet. In one town for three or four months, then out to another.

Living and working in the racetrack industry creates a microcosm of society with its own unusual twists and turns that are different yet, similar to town life.

This transient life makes it difficult for people in the racing industry to form strong church ties. And that's where Ruidoso Downs Race Track Chaplain Gary Stinson steps in to fill the void.

"The biggest difference between what I do and a church pastoral situation, is that I work with my congregation on a day-to-day basis. Most pastors see the majority of their congregations only on Sundays," Stinson said. "I see mine every day of the week. It's a unique setting, and I feel blessed to be here."

Stinson came to the ministry from the world he preaches to — horse racing. The Dallas native grew up on his father's thoroughbred farm.

His family raced horses all over, including Ruidoso. "And I just learned as a young boy to really love horse racing. I really enjoyed the animals. I enjoyed seeing them as athletes, but I really enjoyed the stable area even more. I enjoyed the variety of



Gary Stinson, racetrack chaplain, says racetrack people have "no pretense."

people," he said. After high school, Stinson joined the Navy and moved away from his native racing world.

"It was while I was in the Navy, in Pensacola, Florida that I got into church. I was

unhappy with the way my life was going, so I went to the nearest church I could find and sought help," Stinson said.

After 10 years as an assistant pastor, an article about racetrack chaplains in



the Dallas Morning News convinced Stinson to take a leap of faith — eventually.

"One night about six months later God really spoke to my heart. I was sitting at home on the couch, it wasn't audible, but it might as well have been, he said I want you to resign your church and leave immediately," Stinson recalled.

And he did just that and landed in a racetrack chaplaincy program.

"I was able to look back at all my training, pastoring, everything that I'd ever done, was in preparation for this. It was pretty amazing. So, I didn't have a choice, I had to do it," he said.

Since then Stinson has worked at racetracks in Kansas, Arkansas, Texas and New Mexico including Ruidoso and Sunland. One of his summers he spent at Hollywood Park reorganizing the

chaplaincy there.

His days start early, as the track does, at 7 a.m. Stinson wanders around the barn area, visiting with his congregation made up of jockeys, stable boys, trainers, owners and others working at the track.

On race days about 40 minutes before post time, Stinson meets with a dozen or so jockeys in the jock's room for a 10-minute devotional. He shares an anecdote or two and then leads the group in prayer. It's a laid-back devotional which spawns conversations.

The chaplaincy is the "right place" for Stinson.

"I've been lucky I haven't had to struggle real hard. Yeah, we live out of a suitcase, we don't own a home, I don't have a retirement, no benefits, but what a joy it's been to see the hand of God in people's lives."

Stinson delivers a pre-race day devotional in the jockey's room. Each day, Stinson makes the rounds of the track's backside to serve his congregation.

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46 Lost & Found

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LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE 99-4
THE Village of Capitán Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on July 19, 1999 at 8:00 p.m. at the Village Hall Building for the purpose of discussing adding a section to Ordinance 99-1, Utilities, The Section of Ordinance 99-1 to be added to fall under Article 1, Water Department, entitled "WATER CONNECTION REQUIRED", 3-3-17. Ordinance 99-4 will be considered for adoption at the regular meeting on August 9, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall building. The public is encouraged to attend.
/s/ Kathryn Griffin
Deputy Clerk
Village of Capitán
2267 3T(7)9,14,16

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
No. CV 99-67
CONTINGENT FEE CORPORATION
Plaintiff,

vs.
TIM ROCHFORD and RENE K. ROCHFORD, husband and wife, and **THE PADDOCK PARTNERS, and ALPINE VILLAGE SANITATION DISTRICT**,
Defendants(s).

PENDENCY OF SUIT: STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant(s), GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 119 Big Bear Road, in the City of Ruidoso, County of Lincoln, New Mexico, more particularly described in the Complaint in said cause.

That unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before August 25, 1999, judgment by default will be entered against you; Name and address of Plaintiff's attorney: Gear & Little, P.A., Post Office Box 25685, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87125.
WITNESS the Honorable **KAREN L. PARSONS**, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, this 2nd day of July, 1999.
ALICE BACA BAXTER
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: /s/Elizabeth Lueras
Deputy
2269 4T(7)9,16,23,30

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF NEW MEXICO
CYZ INTERNATIONAL, INC.,
a Texas corporation,
Plaintiff,

vs.
Cause No. CV-99-120
DONALD A. STROBEL and JEAN E. STROBEL, husband and wife, and **DOUGLAS S. KAIP and CHERYL C. KAIP**, husband and wife,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO: **DONALD A. STROBEL AND JEAN E. STROBEL AND DOUGLAS S. KAIP AND CHERYL C. KAIP AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS**
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, a certain cause of action wherein CYZ INTERNATIONAL, INC. is the Plaintiff and you are the Defendants, the same being Cause No. CV-99-120.

The object and purpose of the said suit is to foreclose a mortgage and maintenance fee lien against the following described real property: Timeshare No. 403-32, TRIPLE CROWN CONDOMINIUMS, pursuant to the Condominium Declaration recorded at Book 99 at pages 539 through 581, Miscellaneous Records of Lincoln County, New Mexico, and the Supplemental Declaration of Timeshare Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, recorded at Book 100 pages 19 through 34, Miscellaneous Records of Lincoln County, New Mexico, and the Amended and Restated Condominium Declaration for Champion's Run Condominiums recorded in Book 199-13, at pages 537 through 605 of the Lincoln County Clerk's records; ("the Stobal Timeshare"); and Timeshare No. 403-31, TRIPLE CROWN CONDOMINIUMS, pursuant to the Condominium Declaration recorded at Book 99 at pages 539 through 581, Miscellaneous Records of Lincoln County, New Mexico, and the Supplemental Declaration of Timeshare Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, recorded at Book 100 pages 19 through 34, Miscellaneous Records of Lincoln County, New Mexico, and the Amended and Restated Condominium Declaration for Champion's Run Condominiums recorded in Book 199-13, at pages 537 through 605 of the Lincoln County Clerk's records; ("the Kaip Timeshare").

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that unless you enter your appearance or file pleadings herein on or before July 20, 1999, the Plaintiff will make application to the Court for a Decree by Default, and Decree by Default will be rendered against you as prayed for in the complaint.

The name of the Plaintiff's attorney is **Charles E. Hawthorne**, and whose address is 1006 McChern, Suite 309, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345.
WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico this 15th day of June, 1999.
ALICE BACA BAXTER
DISTRICT COURT CLERK
LINCOLN COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO
By: /s/Elizabeth Lueras
Deputy
2239 4T(5)18,25(7)2,9

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Notice is hereby given that Alpine Village Sanitation District will review its proposed 1999-2000 budget in public meeting at the ENMU-Ruidoso Conference Room, Ruidoso, NM on Monday July 12th, 1999 at 8:00 A.M.
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INVITATION TO BID
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Bids will be opened publicly, read aloud at Bid Opening. All Bids must comply with the instructions to Bidders. In accordance with the Instructions to Bidders, Contract Documents may be obtained by depositing the sum of \$25.00 for each set of documents at Albuquerque Regional Office, 4716 McLeod, NE Albuquerque, NM (505)884-0862. Any questions in regard to these documents may be directed to the Architect, Russell W. Golightly at Gregory T. Hicks & Associates, P.C., (505)243-7492. Any bona fide bidder upon returning the documents in good condition within ten (10) days following the bid opening will be returned that deposit.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the Office below:
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Bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. The Bidder's attention is directed to the Requirements of the Contract Documents for adherence to applicable federal, state and local statutes, regulations and ordinances, payment of minimum wages and payment of taxes. There will be a pre-bid meeting and walk-through on July 22, 1999 at 10:00 A.M. at the Conference Room of Capitán Municipal Schools Administration Building. All Prime Contractors are encouraged to be there.
2268 4T(7)9,14,16,21

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS
NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Sun Valley Sanitation District, Lincoln County, New Mexico, calls for sealed bids on one 60,000 gallon steel, welded water storage reservoir. Interested bidders may secure a copy of the specifications from O.E. Smith, P.O. Box 151, Alto, New Mexico or by calling (505)336-8179. Sealed bids must be received by Chairman Smith no later than August 9, 1999 at 10:00 A.M. local time, at which time the bids will be opened at the Bonito Fire Station. Any bids received after closing time will be returned unopened.

Sun Valley Sanitation District reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive all informalities as allowed by the State of New Mexico procurement code. By order of the Board of Directors
/s/O STEELE
SECRETARY
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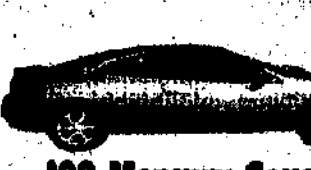
LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning and Zoning Board will hold a meeting on July 14, 1999, at 7:00 pm in the Village Council Room in the Village of Ruidoso Downs. Topic(s) will be: Request for a variance of the Redman Club into a stable to supplement quality horse boarding requirements of the track, indoor arena for activities i.e., Polo, Dressage, western Pleasure and Shows, and winter sports complex for skating and hockey. All citizens will have the opportunity to make written and/or verbal comment. Diane Carpenter, Planning/Zoning Secretary
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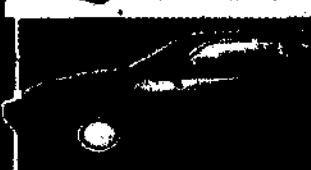
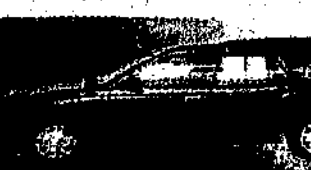
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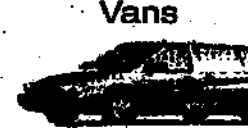



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NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND SPECIAL BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to 22-8-10 NMSA, 1978 that the Board of Education of Ruidoso School District #3, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico will on Tuesday, July 13, 1999, 7:00 P.M. at the Ruidoso Schools Board Room present and publicly review an operational budget increase for the 1999-00 school year. This is a public hearing and all school patrons are invited to attend. Done at Ruidoso, New Mexico this 14th day of June, 1999.
Ruidoso School Board of Education
James Paxton, President
2240 4T(6)18,25(7)2,9

LEGAL NOTICE

LINCOLN HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD REGULAR MEETING

NOTICE OF MEETING
NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 1999, at 7:00 p.m., to be held at the Community Church in Lincoln, New Mexico. Copies of the agenda for the July 20, 1999 meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting. Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.
MARTHA GUEVARA
ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER
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CARPET SALE: 104 Shadow Lane, off Grindstone. Saturday 10th, 9am-3pm. Clothes, collector records, leather, beads, stones, crafts, plumbing supplies & more.

PORCH SALE: 513 Grindstone Canyon Road. All must go! Camper shell, baby clothes, kids clothes, shoes, Nintendo stuff and much more. Sat. July 10th, 7am-7.

RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE: Community United Methodist Fellowship Hall; Corner of Thomas & Junction Roads. Sat. July 10, 8am-2pm.

MOVING SALE: July 9th & 10th, 8am-4pm, 608 Colorado Lane, Ruidoso Downs.

GARAGE SALE: SUN ONLY 9am-2pm, 407 McChern. Wedding dress, furniture, etc.

SAT & SUN 9AM-4PM Treadmill, sofa/sleeper, display case, bar stools, used cabinet, lots of misc household items. 206 Canyon Rd. Agua Fria, E. Hwy 70, turn at Dale's Furniture.

407 MECHEM: Former Sterlite Cabins; stoves, refrigerators, b & w TVs, beds, furniture, etc. and all unsold linen sale items from A-1 Mini Storage. Saturday 9:00 a.m. and Sunday.

GARAGE SALE: 107 BUCKNER, off McChern. Fri & Sat. 8-3. Kids clothes, infant supplies, furniture, ladies plus sizes, lots of great misc. stuff. Come see!

YARD SALE 349 COUNTRY CLUB: Sat & Sun, July 10th & 11th. 9 a.m.

GARAGE SALE: 115B Metz, Sat. July 10th, 8am-7pm. Just moved, cleaned out storage shed. Large variety of items.

GARAGE SALE: SAT ONLY, July 10th. Lots of misc items. 8 a.m. 116 Cree Meadows Drive.

GARAGE SALE SUN 10-4 Washer/dryer \$75; electric range w/vent \$75 OBO; light fixture \$10; electric baseboard heaters \$25-\$50. 111 Valencia, (above Bonnet Carpet, off Mary) 258-5804

YARD SALE! If you want it, we probably have it. Old or like new - antiques, collectibles, etc. Sat. July 10th, 101 Pippin, above St. Eleanor church.

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A scene familiar to nearly every rodeo fan, everywhere where the broncs and steers roam.
Marty Racine



What is so grand as the Fourth of July in a friendly little town?

When everybody gets involved, a holiday weekend turns into a new world — of challenge, color, high drama and maybe a touch of comedy.

BY MARTY RACINE
RUIDOSO NEWS CORRESPONDENT

CAPTAN — A big weekend in a little town begins innocently enough. Strings of red, white and blue plastic pennants sway over the main street. Strangers wave more than usual. A few establishments are hatching plans to remain open late, or not to open at all. Horse trailers begin rumbling in, pastel-colored out-of-state license plates sit next to the yellow-and-red, a few are over at the rodeo grounds, idle firecrackers pop off, and tourists wearing fanny packs mill downtown pointing this way and that.

Capitan doesn't get many opportunities to be the place to be. It is, for its 1,500 residents, a place to be nobody, to be nowhere, to live simply enough as one asks of this world on a mountaintop where the news and pop culture don't often strike.

But Fourth of July weekend taps into a vitality that transforms the village and offers it a glance in the mirror, without vanity, without pretense.

Sure, we're patriots. But on the Fourth we are neighbors. Norman Rockwell's small-town America is more than a myth. It is a mythology. Mythology defines us, defines a simple yearning to belong. In the lost rural corners of a nation fixated on its sprawling metropolitan, the Fourth allows a town to be neighborly, to see its children looking a year older and inches taller, to salute its old-timers who made their mark and put their sweat to the task, to greet its newcomers who arrive with fresh talents and a desire to contribute in ways they could not in the cities they left behind in that massive, faceless America.

The Fourth means that in a town where issues divide these neighbors and where some folks may consider some folks halfway to crazy, the parade marches and honks its horn for everybody. It means differences can be postponed or debated upon another stage at another time, when the future matters — for it will matter in a town defined by its past. On a big weekend only today matters.

In a town without a plaza or promenade the Fourth allows us to people-watch in discrete and civilized terms. It's an opportunity to root for a hometown cowboy riding a bull into that eight-second eternity of dirt and sky, a chance to savor the haunting dulcimer playing of a woman who lives just down the street, to taste the peanut butter cookies of a library volunteer who you often see walking the back gravel roads at sunrise, to see what the local craftsmen are up to and what's new in the shops.

A big weekend in a small town is



A holiday celebration isn't all fun, glamour and excitement.

what it's all about.

On Friday night a rainbow arched over the eastern flank at sundown and appeared to connect Capitan all the way to Lincoln as contestants sought a pot of gold in the soil of the rodeo arena. The rainbow slanted through a thunderhead, launched its image and intensified, the colors more brilliant than a pair of new-wave electric riding chaps.

Then a downdraft thundered across the mesa and kicked out power to the village, making it understood once again that even on Independence Day Nature provides the fireworks, the awesome beauty and the terrible reckoning.

A rodeo in this setting, with the mountains and ragged clouds silhouetted against the fading light, is, as someone remarked, as real and good as being at a minor league baseball game, where sport unfolds in the wind on grass and dirt. At such a rodeo, in contrast to, say, the major league Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo held inside an air-conditioned dome, you belong to the action. You belong to the smell of horses and dirt and juniper smoke.

Out in the parking lot you dodge puddles in the horseshoe-pocked mud and make way for lariat-tossing horsemen next to bumper stickers that read Real Men Love Jesus, God Made Ranchers, and Beef - It's What You Want. You climb bleachers that creak just a bit and sit next to real cowboys, or real drugstore cowboys in their Old West finery. Rambunctious little boys in spurs go clakkety-clacking down the aluminum runways.

You don't care who wins the barrel race or tie-down competition, so you pick some cowboy named Dusty or Cody from Carlsbad because it's your wife's hometown, or you root for them all, for Man and animal straining against the electronic clock ticking off the fractions in the cool, Western evening.

On Saturday night, the big night of the big weekend, pageantry colored the rodeo, and the queens of past and present and the handsome, straight-backed daughters of New Mexico flashed across the track atop great steeds saluting the crowd or ferrying flags that rippled past in a blur and set your heart racing.



Beauty, music and cheering for the home team all have a place in a Fourth of July parade.

"Say, is Willie Nelson supposed to be playing this weekend?" a tourist inquired about the Capitan Music Festival.

No, no Red Headed Stranger shall grace the stage in the livestock arena this or any other year. But contrary to bigger festivals elsewhere this one didn't stoop to big-name has-beens. Honorably, correctly, the third annual Capitan Music Festival presented local and regional talent.

This can present a dilemma. No-names often attract no crowds, and at times on Friday or Saturday it seemed the only listeners were the horses and J.D. Garrison mixing up a pot of beans behind the Fletcher Hall Arena.

Still, the musicians pressed on, and the intimate, sawdust-covered setting yielded fresh, spontaneous performances.

Give it time and promotion. For, while the blues came from the Mississippi Delta and bluegrass came from Kentucky and rock 'n' roll from Memphis, it's all just American music now, in the hands of artists residing in our back yard.

But everyone loves a dance. After the rodeo a most capable bar band, Back 16 Back, played some tight, guitar-squalling country-rockin' dance tunes inside a packed Fletcher Hall Arena, where couples went boot-scootin' across the dance-floor into the arms of Saturday night.

The parade was over, and Ben Leslie sat in the shade on Lincoln Ave., sweating, his left arm bandaged. He wore an orange Capitan Tigers football jersey, No. 54, replete with shoulder pads, and he looked pretty beat.

For good reason. Ben Leslie is 77 years old next week and he graduated from Capitan High in 1941, back before the subdivisions, before there was ever a Smokey Bear Stampede in Capitan, New Mexico.

Minutes before this year's parade, Ben Leslie climbed up on his float with his mannequin cheerleader and as the car got in line it took off a little too fast and ole Ben and his mannequin tumbled to the ground, hurting his back and shoulder.

"I couldn't lift my arm no more than that. My buddy tried to get me to just get out of it and go on home. I said hell no that's what I got into it for. I'm gonna go through with it."

On a big weekend, that's what you do.

In search of the sweet scent of success in the candle business

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The glass jar candles at Belle's Candle Factory may catch the uninitiated shopper off guard with their powerful scents.

But those aromas are created intentionally, say Lee and Bob Fanning, owners of the new shop in Ruidoso Downs.

"We overdose our candles with scent," Lee Fanning said. "And it kind of knocks your lights out at first, but when you burn it, the fragrance is very good."

The former Oklahoma couple opened Belle's Candle Factory July 1 next to the Scarlet's Nest. Though highway construction is in full swing in front, the Fannings say some customers have managed to find a way there. Hours of operation at the shop are still in flux until the access to the candle store improves. When that happens, the factory will open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturdays.

Besides retail sales, the Fannings have a growing wholesale business. Candles are made in a back shop. Already, they have retail shops in Arizona and Texas selling Belle's candles. Their plan is to have candles in stores across the country.

Formerly in the vending machine

► New business

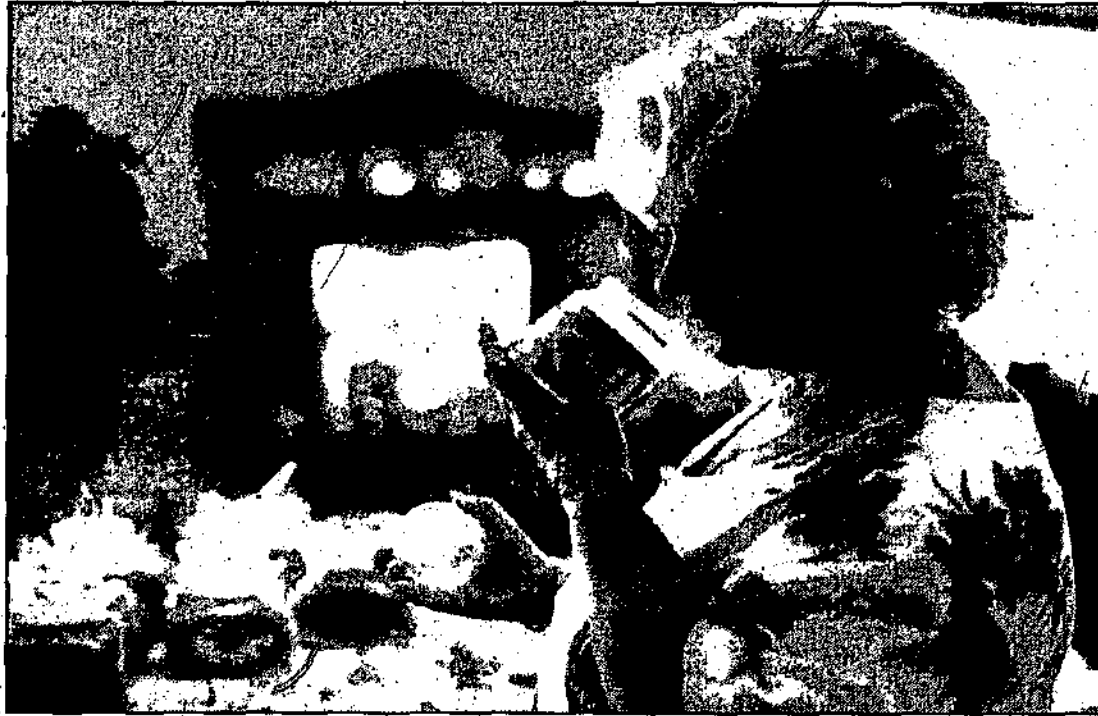
- What: Belle's Candle Factory
- Who: Bob and Lee Fanning
- Where: 524 E. U.S. Highway 70, next to the Scarlet's Nest
- When: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday (Hours will vary until road construction is finished.)
- Phone: 378-1195

business in Oklahoma, the couple came to Ruidoso about three years ago on a vacation and decided to stay. They became the owners of the Rio Trading Company, a Mid-town shop that they sold a couple months ago.

Their decision to become candle makers has been in the works for quite a while, Bob Fanning said.

"We have watched the candle business for the last few years and in particular watched a few companies that have gone into it and done really well at it," he said.

The couple lined up their own suppliers. They purchase huge quantities of paraffin wax at a time from an oil refinery. Another supplier sends them glass jars, and yet another the range of scents used for the candles.



Lee Fanning tests the aroma of one of the candles made at Belle's Candle Factory.

Though Lee Fanning describes the process as fun, candle making is

much more complicated than most people realize, the couple said. Variables such as humidity and temperatures have to be accounted for and a proper mix includes not only wax, scent and color, but also other additives that effect the candles' consistency, they said.

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The Fannings mix colors and scents to their own satisfaction and then hand-pour the candles into different sizes and shapes of glass jars. The candles are labeled and displayed in clusters organized by scent in the shop's front room. Prices range from \$1 for a votive to \$14.95.

Slightly more than 20 scents are available, including the more popular aromas such as mulberry, magnolia, peach, gardenia and, several types of vanilla. More scents are added by the couple every week, Lee Fanning said. Some they are considering include pomegranate and one called "flower garden," a favorite already with Lee.

Expansion plans are already in the works. The couple's son and daughter-in-law, Shawn and Angel Ware, are moving to Ruidoso to help out and others may be hired as well, Bob Fanning said.

Though they are still working out the details, the couple intends to offer "refills" at the shop. People will be able to bring empty candle jars back to the store for refills at a reduced cost, the Fannings said.

They enjoy scented candles and use them in their home in Alto. Though no longer purchased as a light source, candles provide the aroma and ambience that people want at home, they say.

► TRENDS

Residential pattern seen changing in area

BY MESHA SMITH
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

More and more people are taking up permanent residence in their Ruidoso vacation homes, according to several Ruidoso realtors.

"A lot of people have been buying homes here because the interest rates are so low right now. They use it as a second home and then they retire here," says Kathy Osborne, vice president of the Ruidoso Board of Realtors, which operates a multiple listing service in Lincoln County. She's also an associate with Prudential Lela Easter Realtors.

Board president Nancy Lore said, "Back in 1986, just 25 percent of buyers were permanent residents, the rest second-home buyers. Within the last three or four years it has become probably more like half and half."

Osborne said that people often take their retirement needs into consideration when buying their homes in Ruidoso.

Ron Wright, a director on the board and the broker at Professional Property Management, said that in his experience the majority of people who buy a Ruidoso vacation

home and then move here permanently after they retire are Texans.

Wright also said that many people who have had their property in the rental pool for years, suddenly decide that they want to move here.

One thing contributing to this trend, he believes, is technology: the internet, e-mail, and faxes that give people the mobility to conduct business from just about anywhere.

"I think our secret's out," Osborne said. "Ruidoso has become a very attractive place to live year round."

Wright added, "I see Ruidoso with more and more permanent residents and fewer vacation home owners."

James and Sarah Doran, owners of the Silver Mine Gift Shop in Mid-town, have, within the past year, moved permanently into their Ruidoso vacation home from El Paso, Texas.

"We wanted to get out of the city life," James Doran said. "We've always wanted to open up our own business and we just finally decided to take the plunge and move. I like it a lot better here, I'd never go back."

Realtor Osborne has seen growth happening across the board, in all types of homes.

The market has changed so drastically, according to Lore, because people are drawn to the small town life, lower taxes, the mountain scenery, and getting away from crime and pollution.

"I see Ruidoso doing nothing but growing in the future," Lore said.

"We are having a very stable real estate market right now," Jan Eldredge, executive officer for the Ruidoso Board of Realtors, said.

Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson, who also owns Sun Country Mortgage, said that he sees second homes bought with the intention of becoming permanent homes eventually. More and more often, however, second homes are sold to others as their primary residence, Donaldson said.

"There are a lot of hidden costs when a second home converts to a permanent residence," Donaldson said.

He said that the revenue from water, sewage and solid waste fees remains basically the same, while costs go up for the village, because of increased use of the services and the larger stream of trash that is produced when a home becomes a primary residence.

"My production is up about

35 percent from last year," Linda Flack, owner of Mortgage Pro, said. "And the important part is that that's in new sales, not in refinancing."

Flack said that most of the people she's dealt with are buying a full-time residence or a second home with the intent of retiring to Ruidoso in the future.

"Our economy is now more based on people who are looking at long-term residence," Flack said.

"My personal opinion is that it's tied to the baby boomers. We now have a larger influx of people who are all looking at retirement within the next few years." She said the second homes being bought are tending to be larger because people are no longer just looking for a little cabin in the mountains, they're buying with the intent of moving here permanently in the future.

And Truman Barnett, owner of The Title Company, notes: "Our office is up close to 30 percent over last year at this time."



Bill Long is the latest champion in the customer service competition. Chamber Executive Director Joan Zagone presented him a trophy to keep a month.

Customer service champ named

Bill Long, owner of Long's United Drug in Sierra Vista Mall and a pharmacist, is the latest recipient of a new "Champions of Customer Service" award and will display the trophy for the next month...until a new winner is selected by customers.

Sponsored by the Ruidoso News, the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Ruidoso Valley Greeters, the project was established to encourage better customer service in stores throughout the Ruidoso-Ruidoso Downs area.

Customers of area businesses are encouraged to nominate

employees who in their view do an extraordinary job in dealing with their customers.

Nomination forms for the monthly contest may be picked up at the chamber, the newspaper, or the business offices of the villages of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs.

Among criteria to rate nominated employees:

- Were you acknowledged quickly?
- Was the employee friendly and helpful?
- Was the employee confident and competent?

Mail nominations to Box 698, Ruidoso.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Trail rides added

Elite Outfitters has expanded its offerings to include horseback trail rides during the summer months, owner Johnny Hughes said.

The company during the fall and winter months offers guided hunting trips for big game. Until September, though, the stables will be geared toward trail rides through the White Mountain Wilderness.

Elite offers two-hour (\$25 per person), half-day (\$45 per person) and full-day (\$80 per person) trail rides. The company also will pack equipment into the wilderness for campers.

The stable is located at 516 Carrizo Canyon Road, and can be reached at (505) 257-5379.

Employer savings

New Mexico employers paid \$6.5 million less in the first quarter of 1999 in unemployment taxes compared to figures paid the first quarter of

1998, according to a release from the New Mexico Department of Labor.

Legislation signed by Gov. Gary Johnson during the 1998 legislative session reduced the rate of unemployment compensation taxes paid by employers to insure workers against unemployment. Employers are paying less in unemployment insurance this year, according to Johnson.

"The Department of Labor's projections for reductions in the employers' contributions to the unemployment insurance trust fund appear to be accurate and right on track," Johnson said in a prepared release.

"We will continue to monitor our state unemployment trust fund very closely. I am very optimistic that we can come back to the Legislature in another year for approval to continue these low unemployment tax rates for employers, without loss of unemployment insurance benefits to workers who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own."

BY SUNG WON SOHN
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

Chairman Alan Greenspan of the Federal Reserve may have added fuel to the red-hot economy with last week's action. Without the fear of rising interest rates stocks will continue to sizzle, contributing to the consumer spending spree, which accounted for 106 percent of economic growth during the first quarter. The strength in domestic demand combined with an improving global economic backdrop makes inflation, not deflation, more of a concern.

The slow motion monetary policy has raised the probability of higher interest rates in the future. Given the heightened inflation psychology, the upcoming crop of economic statistics will have added importance as the Aug. 24 FOMC meeting approaches.

Euro: What comes after 1:1?

Across the Atlantic, Germany and Italy, which are half

of the Euro zone's economy, are struggling.

Investors worry that loose monetary policy and fiscal stimulus could usher in more inflation, hurting Europe's international competitiveness.

Both bond yields and the value of the Euro are going in the wrong direction. In Europe, stiffifying government regulations and laws as well as different cultures and languages prevent labor mobility, resulting in misallocation of resources. Germany, for example, has some of the highest labor costs in the world. In addition, taxes are relatively high. No wonder businesses are investing heavily in labor-saving technology and relocating plants overseas, keeping jobless rates high. There are very few business startups in Europe, limiting employment growth.

As long as politicians refuse to bite the bullet on structural reforms, Europe will not benefit from new innovations which create high paying jobs and will lag behind the United States. Cutting interest rates and loosening the "Stability Pact" are counterproductive. The value of the Euro could fall below 1 to 1.

► MARKET GLANCE

Yen's strength a dream
When it comes to resource allocation, Japan trails behind Europe. Often, government bureaucrats have prevented the invisible hand of market mechanisms from efficiently allocating resources. Too many investments have been made in capital-intensive industries such as auto, paper, steel, shipbuilding, etc., instead of telecommunications, interest applications, software, etc., which are growing industries.

Unfortunately, the same bureaucratic elite continue to rule Japan. At the micro level, corporate management has been inflexible as well. Instead of viewing scarce resources as something to be used as efficiently as possible, "engineering excellence" ruled. Japanese factories use the latest technology and produce quality goods, but the investments have not been necessarily related to demand. The net result has been a banking crisis and 10 years of economic malaise.

Instead of structural changes, Japan has been trying to fix the economic problem by throwing the highest stimulus among industrialized nations. Once the stimulative effects from the government wear out, economic doldrums will return. In fact, the massive deficits could hurt the economy. Japanese consumers worry that eventually taxes may have to rise to service the debt, depressing confidence and spending. Investors are spooked, pushing up bond yields and hurting economic growth. Under the circumstances, it is difficult to see a strong yen.

CHURCHES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Apache Indian Assembly of God
Mescalero, 671-4747. Donald
Petty, pastor. Sunday School: 9:45
a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.;
7 p.m.; Wednesday services: 7 p.m.

First Assembly of God
El Paso Road, Ruidoso, Rev. Bill
Lenard, Pastor. Sunday School:
9:30 a.m.; Sunday morning worship:
10:45 a.m. (includes children's
church); Sunday evening praise: 6
p.m.; Wednesday family night: 7 p.m.

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church
Carrizozo, Hayden Smith, Pastor.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday
worship: 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.; Church
training: 6:30 p.m. Sunday

First Baptist Church
420 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, N.M.
85445. (505) 257-2081. Tim Gilliland,
Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.;
Sunday worship: 11 a.m.; Wednesday
praise and worship service:
7:15 a.m.; Continental Breakfast:
9:45 a.m.; Sunday School/Bible Study:
11 a.m.; Worship Service:
6 p.m.; Prayer/Worship Service, and
St. High School Fellowship. Monday:
Noon - Ladies' Bible Study and
Fellowship. Tuesday: 6 p.m.; St. High
School Bible Study and Fellowship.
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.; K-5th COWIT;
Jr. High School Fellowship and Bible
Study; and Adult Bible Study and
Prayer.

First Baptist Church
Ruidoso Downs. David Jordan, Pastor.
Sunday: Worship hour (11 a.m.);
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.; Evening
worship: 6 p.m.; Wednesday: Prayer
meeting: 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Tinnie. Bill Jones, Pastor. Sunday
School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship:
11 a.m.

Iglesia Bautista Vida Eterna
Hwy. 70 Ruidoso Downs. Ramon
Robledo, Pastor. Domingos: Escuela
Dominical (10 a.m.); Culto de Predica-
cion, 11 a.m.; Culto de Predica-
cion, 6 p.m.; Miércoles: Estudio Bíblico 7 p.m.

Mescalero Baptist Mission
Mescalero, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.;
Worship: 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.;
Training Union: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday
services: 6:30 p.m.

Ruidoso Baptist Church
126 Church Drive, Palmer Gateway.
Wayne Joyce, Pastor. Sunday School:
9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45
a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study:
7 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church
Capitan (on Highway 48), 354-
2925. Rex Beresford, Pastor. Sunday
School: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship:
11 a.m.

BAHAI FAITH

Bahai Faith
Meeting in members' homes. 257-
2987 or 336-7739

CATHOLIC

St. Eleanor Catholic Church
Ruidoso, 257-2330. Reverend Richard
Cetrach. Sacrament of Penance: Sat.
4:30 p.m., or by appointment; Satur-
day Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 10
a.m. (English), 11:30 a.m. (Bilingual);
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 4:30
p.m. Sunday Mass: St. Jude Thaddeus,
San Patricio: 8 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Capitan, 354-9102. Saturday Mass: 5
p.m.; Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.; Monday

Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

Santa Rita Catholic Church
Carrizozo, 648-2853. Father Dave
Bergs, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6:30
p.m.; Sunday Mass: 11 a.m.; Tuesday
Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

St. Theresa Catholic Church
Corona, Sunday Mass: 6 p.m.

St. Joseph Apache Mission
Mescalero. Father Tom Herbst, Pastor.
Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Bent. Father Tom Herbst, Pastor.
Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass:
8 a.m.

CHRISTIAN

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Hull and Gavilan Canyon Road.
Rev. James M. Smith, Pastor. Sunday
School: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday
Worship: 10:45 a.m.; Chancel
Choir: Wednesday 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ
Capitan - Highway 48. Las En-
ward, Minister. Sunday Bible study:
10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 6
p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

Gateway Church of Christ
415 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-4381.
Jimmy Sportsman, Minister. Sunday
Bible study: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday wor-
ship: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday
Bible study: 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS
CHRIST LDS

Church of Jesus Christ LDS
Ruidoso Branch, North on Hwy. 48,
between mile markers 14/15, 336-
4359 or 257-9691. Sunday: Sacra-
ment meeting 10 a.m.; Sunday
School 11:10 a.m.; Priesthood Relief
Soc. 12:10 p.m.; Primary/Young
Women: 11:10 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ LDS
Mescalero Branch, 671-4630. Wray
Schlindtner, President, 671-9506.
Sunday: Sacrament meeting 10 a.m.;
Sunday School and Primary 11:20
a.m.; Priesthood Relief Soc. & Young
Women, 12:10 a.m.

EPISCOPAL

Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount
121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso, Father
John W. Penn, Rector. Sunday
Eucharist: 8 & 10:30 a.m.; Wednes-
day: Daughters of King: noon; Eucharist
& healing: 5:30 p.m.; Choir
practice: 7 p.m.

Episcopal Chapel of San Juan
Lincoln, Sunday: Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m.

St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel
Glencoe, Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9 a.m.

St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel
Carrizozo, 6th & E Street. Sunday:
Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

FOURSQUARE

Capitan Foursquare Church
Highway 48, Capitan. Harold W.
Perry, Pastor. Sunday School: 10
a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7
p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

FULL GOSPEL

Mission Fountain of Living Water
San Patricio, Sunday School: 10 a.m.;
Evening services: 7:30 p.m. Sunday,
Tuesday and Friday.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall
106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659,
157-3871. Sunday: Public Talk 1:30
p.m.; Watchtower: 2:30 p.m. Mon-
day: Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Thursday:
Ministry School 7:30 p.m.; Service
Meet 8:20 p.m.

Congregacion Hispana de los Testigos de Jehova
106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659,
336-7076. Dom.: Reunion Publica
10 a.m.; Estudio de la Atalaya 10:50
a.m. Mart: Escuela del Ministerio
Teocratico 7 p.m.; Reunion de servi-
do 7:50 p.m.; Juev. Estudio de libro
7:00 p.m.

LUTHERAN MO. SYNOD

Shepherd of the Hills
1120 Hull Road, 258-4191, 257-
5296. Kevin L. Krohn, Pastor. Sun-
day: Worship 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.;
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
9:30 a.m. Third Sunday Evening
Bible Study, 5:30 p.m., call for loca-
tion.

METHODIST

Community United Methodist Church
Junction Road, behind Daylight
Donuts. Harry Riser, Pastor. Sunday
School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship:
8:30 a.m., 10:55 a.m.

Capitan United Methodist Church
Pastor Tom Woodward and the con-
gregation of Capitan United
Methodist Church welcome Lincoln
County residents and visitors alike to
attend Bible study Sunday morning at
8:30, followed by worship service at
9:10. Communion is offered during
worship on the first Sunday of every
month, and a potluck luncheon is
served the third Sunday at 12:30.
White Oaks and Third in Capitan.
505-648-2846.

United Methodist Church Parish
Tinnie - Carrizozo, Tom Woodward,
pastor. Sunday school 10:00 a.m.;
Sunday worship 11:10 a.m.

PENTECOSTAL

Spirit of Life Apostolic/Pentecostal Tabernacle
Lincoln Ave., Capitan, 257-6864.
Allan M. Miller, Pastor. Sunday
School: 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening
Services: 6 p.m.; Tuesday Bible
Study: 7 p.m.

NAZARENE

Angus Church of the Nazarene
Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on
Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Charles Hall,
Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.;
Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.; and
6:00 p.m.; Wed. fellowship: 6:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church
101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso,
257-2220. Vernon Edmondson,
Pastor. Sunday: Church school
9:45 a.m.; worship 11 a.m. Potluck
fellowship after worship the third
Sunday of every month.

Mountain Ministry Parish Community United Presbyterian Church
Archo, Sunday worship: 9 a.m.; Sun-
day School: 10 a.m.

Corona Presbyterian Church
Worship 11 a.m.

Nogal Presbyterian Church
Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.; wor-
ship 11 a.m.

REFORMED CHURCH

Mescalero Reformed
Mescalero. Bob Schut, Pastor. Sun-
day: Church school 9:30 a.m.; wor-
ship 10:30 a.m. Mon.: junior high
youth 6:30 p.m. Wed.: high school
meeting 7 p.m. Thur.: Kids Club
(grades 1-5) 3:30.

SEVENTH DAY
ADVENTIST

Seventh Day Adventist
207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso
Downs, 378-4161. Pastor Rick Lyde
443-1904. Assoc. Pastor Wilburn
Morrow 622-1206. Saturday: Sab-
bath school 9:30 a.m.; Church ser-
vice: 11 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer
meeting 7 p.m.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Abundant Life Family Church
2810 Sudderth Drive, Suite 210,
257-1188. Mark Greiner, pastor.
Sunday worship 6 p.m. Thursday
Bible study 7 p.m.

American Missionary Fellowship
Griggs House, 354-2307. Monday:
Ruidoso men's Bible study noon at
Pizza Hut, Mechem Drive; Women's
Bible study 6:30 p.m. Wednesday:
Capitan youth group 7 p.m. at the
fair building. Thursday: Adult Bible
Study 6:30 p.m.

Calvary Chapel
333 Sudderth Drive in the Gateway
Center, 257-5915. Pastor John
Marshall. Sunday worship 10:30
a.m.; Wednesday: Mid-week bible
study 7 p.m.

Centro Cristiano Casa de Oracion
(en Gateway Center) 415 Sudderth,
Ruidoso, 630-0066. Pastor Carlos
Carreon. Reunion General Jueves
6:00 p.m.; Sabados 6:00 p.m. Club
Amistad 19:00 a.m. (niños).

Christ Church in the Downs
Ruidoso Downs, 378-8464. Al and
Marty Lane, Pastors. Sunday: Chil-
dren's ministries concurrent with
Sunday Services, 9:30 a.m.; worship
8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.; Thursday:
services 7 p.m.

Christ Community Fellowship
Capitan. Highway 380 West,
354-2458. Ed Vinson, Pastor. Sunday
school: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship,
10:30 a.m.

Cornerstone Church
Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth
Drive, 257-9265. B.A. Thurman,
Pastor. Sunday services: Adult and
children's Church; 10:30 a.m.; Bible
Study Adult and Youth; Wednesday:
7 p.m.

Cowboy Church
Neon Sundays at the Glencoe Rural
Events Center. Everyone welcome.
Preacher Buster Reed of Amarillo.
Call 378-4840 for more info.

Living Word Church
441 Mechem, 257-3470. Pastors: Terry
and Suzanne Lewis. Sunday: Renewal
services Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Wednesday: Interspersed prayer floor;
mid-week services 7 p.m.

Peace Chapel
Interdenominational (ULC)
Alto North, 336-7075. Jeannine
Pritch. Pastor. Morning chapel: 6:50
a.m. (Sept. - June); Sunday Service:
11 a.m.

Trinity Mountain Fellowship
Gavilan Canyon Road, 336-4213.
Sunday: morning prayer 8:30 a.m.;
Sunday school 9 a.m.; service 10 a.m.
Thursday: home Bible study 7 p.m.

CLUBS

All American Duplicate Bridge Club
7 p.m. Thursday in the Ruidoso
Senior Citizens Center for weekly
open and novice games. For more
information call 257-9228.

AL-ANON of Ruidoso
Meets every Tuesday from 8-9 p.m.
at the Gateway Center, 439 Sud-
derth, Ruidoso, 257-7124

Alcoholics Anonymous
Meets at noon and 8 p.m. every day
at the Gateway Center, 439 Sud-
derth, Ruidoso, 257-9397

Alto Women's Association
Meets 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the Alto
Club House for lunch at noon and
cards at 1 p.m. Business meeting the
first Tuesday of every month.

Altruus Club
Meets 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of
every month for program and at
noon the third Tuesday of every
month for lunch at the Episcopal
Church of the Holy Mount, 121
Mescalero Trail, 258-4851

Altruus Monthly Support Group
Meets the first Tuesday of each
month at 7-9 p.m. at Ruidoso Care
Center, 257-9071

American Cancer Society of Lincoln County
Breast cancer "Reach to Recovery"
program. Jan Yowell R.N. Memorial
donations to American Cancer Soci-
ety.

American Legion
Robert J. Hagos, Post 70
Meets 7 p.m. the third Wednesday in
the American Legion Building at U.S.
Highway 70 and Spring Road in Rui-
doso Downs. 257-5776

American Sewing Guild of NM
Neighborhood group meeting: 258-
3896

B.R.O. No. 2086
Meets 7:30 p.m. the first and third
Tuesdays of every month in the
B.R.O. Lodge Building, Hwy. 70.

B.R.O. Dues
Meets 7:30 p.m. the second and
fourth Tuesdays of every month in
the B.R.O. Lodge Building, Hwy. 70.

Boy Scouts of America
Boy Scout Troop 59 meets at 7-8:30
p.m. Mondays at the Episcopal
Church of the Holy Mount, 121-1487

Children's Team/Disabilities
Program
6:50-7:45 p.m. every Wednesday
at the Episcopal Church of the Holy
Mount, 121-1487

Choir Group
Meets 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays at 1089 El
Paso Road, Las Cruces. Possible car-
pool. 258-5621

Christian Homecare Association
536-134. Phone 59 meets at 7-8:30
p.m. Mondays at the Episcopal
Church of the Holy Mount, 121-1487

Co-Dependents Anonymous
Step study meeting 7 p.m. first Tues-
day of the month, topic meeting all
other weeks at Texas-New Mexico
Power Company.

Community Friends of the Veterans
Meets at 6 p.m. the first Monday of
each month at the VFW Post 7686
Auxiliary Hall, 700 Hwy. 70 West,
Alamogordo.

Daughters of the American Revolution
Meets on the second Thursday of the
month 2 p.m. through May. For more
information call 258-5875 or 258-
3622.

Disabled American Veterans Coe-Curry Chapter 23
Meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of
every month in the American Legion
Hall at Hwy. 70 and Spring Road,
Ruidoso Downs. 257-5796

Domestic Violence Victims Support Group
Meets noon Tuesdays at the office of
Diane Harmon, LSW, RN, Lincoln
Tower, 2nd floor suites, Conference
Room. 258-4708.

Family Crisis Center
24-hour crisis line 257-7365

Fraternity Order of Police Lodge #28
Meets at K-Bob's Steak House
Restaurant at noon every Thursday.

Friends of the Library
Meets at 4 p.m. the first Monday of

every month at the Ruidoso Public
Library.

Friends of Smokey-Capitan, Inc.
12:30 p.m. at the Smokey Bear Sale
in Capitan. The public is welcome to
attend all meetings and events.

Gambler's Anonymous
Meets at 3 p.m. every Sunday at the
Gateway Church of Christ, 415 Sud-
derth Drive, Ruidoso (near en-
trance). For more information call
257-9289.

Golden Age Club
Meets at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens
Center at noon the first and third
Wednesdays of every month for
covered dish lunch and games.

HIV+ Support Group
Meets the second Monday of every
month. Loving Others Support
Group for friends and family of
HIV+ meets the third Tuesday of
every month. 257-2236

Humane Society of Lincoln County
Meets at 10 a.m. the third Saturday
of every month at the Alto Country
Club.

Kids Club
Meets Saturdays at 11 a.m. at the
Gateway Church at 415 Sudderth.
257-4381 or 378-1113

Kwanis Club
Meets noon every Tuesday at K-
Bob's restaurant on Hwy. 70. Visiting
Kwanis members are always wel-
come.

Knight's of Columbus
Father E. Dotan Council
Meets in the parish hall at St.
Eleanor's Catholic Church at 7 p.m.
the second and fourth Tuesdays of
every month. William F. Studer,
grand knight.

La Junta R.C.E.
Meets at San Patricio Senior Citizens
building at 10:45 a.m. the third
Wednesday of every month. (505)
653-4912

Libertarian Party of Lincoln County
Meets 7 p.m. on the second Thurs-
day of every month at the Texas
New Mexico Power Building. The
public is welcome.

Lincoln County Adult Singles Group
Meets every Thursday for social
time or varied program. Additional
activities are also planned for week-
ends. Adult singles of all ages are
welcome. For more information call
locations, call 258-3201 or 354-
2635. www.ncsl.com/casg

Lincoln County Bird Club
The Lincoln County Bird Club meets
once a month. 257-5352

Lincoln County Democratic Party
Meets once a month. 257-9090

Lincoln County Food Bank
In St. Eleanor's Catholic Church. Board
meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday
of every month. Food bank hours are
noon-4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and
Friday. 257-4624

Lincoln County Homebuilders
Meets at the Texas Club the first
Tuesday of each month. Board of
Directors meeting at 6 p.m. and gen-
eral meeting at 7 p.m. 257-9090

Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary
Meets 9:30 a.m. the first Tuesday of
every month in the hospital confer-
ence room.

Lincoln County Pride
Lincoln County's gay, lesbian and bi-
sexual groups meets at various times
throughout the year. Call 257-0135
for more information.

Lincoln County Resources Exchange
Meets at noon the second Thursday
of every month at Pizza Hut, 1201
Mechem, Ruidoso. 258-3252.

Lincoln County Sheriff's posse
Meets 2 p.m. the first Sunday of
every month at the Lincoln County
Fair Building in Capitan. 354-1263

Lincoln County Youth
Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second
Thursday of the month at Shepherd
of the Hills Lutheran Church.

Lions International
Serving Lions Club
Meets in the Lions Hut on Skyland
behind Mountain Laundry on Tues-
day for supper.

Masonic Lodge #73
Meets in the Masonic Family Building
at the corner of Mescalero Trail and

Nob Hill Drive, for dinner at 6:30
p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m. on
the first Monday (second Monday if
first is a holiday) of every month.
257-9604

Model Rocket Association
The association meets the first
Thursday of every month at the
Space Center's Hubbard Space Sci-
ence Education Building. Call Bob
Turner at 437-2840 days, 434-0405
evening. Outside Alamogordo area
call Turner at 800-545-4021.

Narcotics Anonymous
Meets 8 p.m. Tuesday and 1:30 p.m.
Sunday at Gateway Church, 415
Sudderth, entrance behind church.
378-5365; HCR 46, Box 655, Rui-
doso Downs, NM 88346.

National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter #59
Meets 10 a.m. the second Tuesday
of every month at the Ruidoso Senior
Citizens Center. 258-3493 or 378-
4669.

New Mexico Christian Horsemen's Association
Trail rides, Bar-B-Que's, fellowship
activities, Christian programs. For more
information on membership and vol-
unteer positions for the 1998 summer
please call 505-336-4675.

Nifty Waters Systems Club
5:30 p.m. every second Wednesday
of the month at K-Bob's. For more
information call Evelyn Shaw at
257-3479.

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth)
Meets at noon every Tuesday at
Cree Meadows Country Club. New
members always welcome. For
more information call Elizabeth
Jones 258-9969 or Vera Wood 258-
9216.

Order of the Eastern Star
Ruidoso Chapter #65
Meets 7:30 the second Thursday of
every month in the Masonic Family
Building, 144 Nob Hill Rd., Ruidoso.

R.E.O. Chapter Ar Meetings
Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays during
the winter months—September thru
May. 257-1465

Photographic Society of Lincoln Co.
Meets 7:00 p.m. the third Thursday
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School. 258-4063

Pine Top Road & Custom Car Club
Meets 7:00 p.m. the second Wednes-
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Power Building, Ruidoso. 257-4451

Prepared Childbirth Classes
Eight-week sessions meet 7 p.m.
Mondays, at the Church of the Holy
Mount, 121-1487. 257-5038

The Party Bridge Group
Meets 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday
at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Cen-
ter. Anyone wanting to play call Mrs.
Ellis at 257-2590.

Thursday Bridge
11 a.m. Thursdays at Cree Meadows.
258-9186

United We Stand
For meeting time, call 257-6600

VFW Post 7072 and Auxiliary
James D. Goss, Post 7072 and its
women's auxiliary meet 7 p.m. the second
Monday of every month at the Ameri-
can Legion Hall, Hwy. 70 and Spring
Road, Ruidoso Downs. 257-5796

Women in Recovery @ Step Meeting
Meets every Monday 6:45 p.m. at
Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth. 378-
8391 or 257-2560

White Mountain Search & Rescue
Meets 7 p.m. the third Monday at the
public meeting room at Texas-NM
Power. 258-4759

Women's Night Out Community Chorus
Meets at 7 p.m. the third Monday of
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Meets on the third Wednesday of
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Zia Girl Scout Council
Meets 6 p.m. the first Thursday of
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of the Holy Mount. Contact

Summer driving requires preparation

New Mexico motorists will find little relief from the summer heat as they begin vacation traveling. While summer heat can bring discomfort and fatigue for vacationers, it also drives up auto breakdowns and brings an increase in roadside emergency service requests.

"The long, hot summer in 1998 was hard on motorists and their cars, resulting in a substantial increase in demand for AAA emergency road service," said Brenda Yager, public affairs manager for AAA New Mexico. "With high temperatures predicted for this summer we expect a similar volume of emergency requests."

AAA responded to 29.9 million calls nationwide from stranded motorists last year, up 1 million from 1997. "Normally winter weather is to blame for large service increases," said Yager.

"But last year it was the heat factor that increased

call volume."

Before you start out on your summer vacation, take a look at the problems motorists had last year that resulted in record-breaking calls for emergency road service.

Dead battery or electrical system failure: 22 percent of the calls were motorists who were unable to start their vehicle, usually the result of a dead battery or electrical system failure.

Lockout: 16 percent of calls were a result of motorists being locked out of their vehicle.

Flat tire: 11 percent of calls were from flat tires.

Out-of-fuel: 1.5 percent of the calls were a result of running out of gas.

Miscellaneous problems accounted for the remaining 5 percent of calls.

Of the 29.9 million motorists stranded last year, 44.5 percent of calls resulted in a tow, with the rest of the stranded motorists being

returned to the road with AAA's assistance. AAA provides emergency road service to members through a network of nearly 13,000 service contractors who operate more than 38,000 service vehicles - the largest such fleet in North America.

AAA also operates the Approved Auto Repair program that identifies repair facilities that have met AAA's stringent criteria for customer satisfaction, equipment and training. There are more than 4,400 AAA approved stops in 32 states and the District of Columbia.

Pre-vacation maintenance inspection should follow the severe driving routine as noted in your owner's manual. Whether you or your mechanic performs this inspection, make sure the engine is off and cool to the touch.

Take care at home before taking a trip

"Home burglaries are generally high during the peak travel months," said Cher Kuffrey, district sales manager for AAA New Mexico, who offers the following tips to help keep your home safe while you're vacationing:

- Double-check all doors and window locks, and invest in slide lock protection for sliding glass doors, a frequent point of entry for burglars. Garage windows and doors should also be secured.
- Consider installing an alarm system that can serve as protection and may qualify you for a discount on your homeowner's insurance.
- Temporarily cancel newspaper subscriptions.
- Ask a close neighbor or friend to pick up your daily delivery of mail. If that is not an option, have the postal service hold your mail.
- Engrave your name on large valuables. It makes them less attractive to burglars, and assists with quicker identification if they are stolen and recovered.
- Move expensive electronic equipment away from the windows where it is easily visible.
- Arrange for lawn service if your trip will be longer than one week.
- Consider parking your second vehicle in your driveway while you are away - if it has burglar alarm protection.
- Transfer valuables to a safety deposit box.

- Turn down the volume on your phone and answering machine so they cannot be heard outside. Make sure answering machine or voice mail messages do not say you are on vacation.

- Don't give your house a "closed-down" look by completely shutting blinds and drapes.

- Ask a trusted friend to stop by your home while you are away, or to be a house sitter. Ask them to turn on lights at night, or buy a light timer set for every evening. Radio timers are also a good idea.

- Never leave spare keys "hidden" under doormats or anywhere else outside the house.

- Don't broadcast your trip regardless of how delighted you are about the vacation.

- If you're departing from a local airport, don't expose personal addresses on your luggage tags. Use a business address instead.

- Double check insurance coverage before leaving home to make certain your homeowners insurance is paid and the policy suits your current needs. Also check your travel insurance. Loss of possessions while traveling is not covered by all policies.

- When traveling, safety awareness is also important. Remember that crime can happen anywhere at any time. When you are away from home, take all necessary precautions.

CARRIZOZO NEWS

Record crowd sees fireworks display

BY PHYLLIS SCHLEGEL
RUIDOSO NEWS CORRESPONDENT

According to Fire Chief Leeroy Zamora, Sr., a record crowd last weekend viewed the annual fireworks exhibit by the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department.

"We had at least 600 persons in and surrounding the lake/park area and along Highway 380 east, enjoying our display. We want to stress that there is no charge to view our fireworks," Zamora said.

Many parents and children with their own fireworks were supervised by the volunteer firemen. No accidents were reported from this event.

Fire Department fundraisers are ongoing for the fireworks and for Santa's visit. The annual display of 10,000 luminarias on Christmas Eve is prepared and housed in the Fire Department's building, but is a community-wide program.

The barbecue dinner preceding the fireworks was served by Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce volunteers. Chairperson Suzi Fern reported no specific numbers, but said, "We served until we began running out of food." That sounds like another success story to me!

Thanks to both these civic minded organizations for this celebration and to you, the public, for supporting them.

A luau for soccer

A luau banquet at the end of the season for Carrizozo Pee Wee Soccer was enjoyed by 33 soccer players and their fans.

Each player in this 3- to 6-year age group was awarded a soccer frame with their name engraved on it and their picture in it.

Organizer Gwen Huston describes the evening by say-

ing, "We all wore Hawaiian leis, had party umbrellas in our punch, decorations of real pineapples, and beautiful flowers." Each coach was applauded and recognized for dedicated work and time spent. A thank you was given each of the following sponsors for their money donations to the Pee Wee Soccer program: Carrizozo Texaco, Monte Vista Auto & Body, Carrizozo Ready Mix and the Lincoln County News.

The Ball and Coach Pitch Baseball programs are now under way with 40 players total; 22 in the 3 to 5 age group, and 18 in the 6 and 7 age group. These games conclude July 15, but more sport for youngsters is planned when Bitty Basketball begins in the Fall.

Huston launched and organized these programs in Carrizozo in the Spring of 1998. Her interest continues and infects others, thus the 1999 season progresses successfully.

A family in Spain

"Most young ladies are pencil slim, wear no hose or socks and it seems most everyone smokes," tells Frances Boling upon returning from a recent visit to Spain, "but men dress much as they do here in the United States."

Boling, a Carrizozo resident, daughter Terri and a son Mike, met in Spain to enjoy a vacation together. Spain is second only to France as the most visited country in the world, she said.

Terri planned the itinerary with visits to Madrid, Toledo, Cordoba, Granada and Seville. Their modes of travel were by bus, speed train and in the cities, by subway.

"One wastes no time in getting on the subway or you will be left behind," she noted.

Included in many landscapes were nearly 50 miles of olive trees and many, many fields of corn.

Paella, a yellow rice dish,

is often a main dish with bits of chicken and fish added. *Horchuta* is a milk drink. "A soft boiled egg for breakfast is often served in a little cup, and you scoop it out with a spoon. A lemon sorbet was served in a frozen scooped out lemon. Very good!"

The Bolings saw 20 rooms of a 2,200-room palace. They were full of wall-hung tapestries, intricately carved ceilings, and marble floors. In the surroundings were old fortresses and lovely gardens.

Boling said, "The most interesting place to me was the tapestry factory, begun in the 1200s. The people still are weaving the large hangings and rugs by hand on the loom."

"It was a fun trip. People began clapping when the plane touched down in the USA. I felt like shouting. How great to live in this country!"

Bernice Wilson passes

Bernice Keyman Wilson, 69, of Carrizozo, died in the Memorial Medical Center, Las Cruces, June 9, 1999. She was born Oct. 3, 1929, in Detroit, Mich.

She was a homemaker, attended and enjoyed the Zia Senior Citizen Center and First Baptist Church in Carrizozo.

She was the mother of Maurício Ruben Wilson of Missouri, and Esther Doerges of Corona, Calif., and grandmother of Crystal and Holly Doerges. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

It was Mrs. Wilson's request that cremation take place and no services be held.

Arrangements were by Baca's Funeral Chapels and Baca's Mimbres Crematory of Las Cruces.

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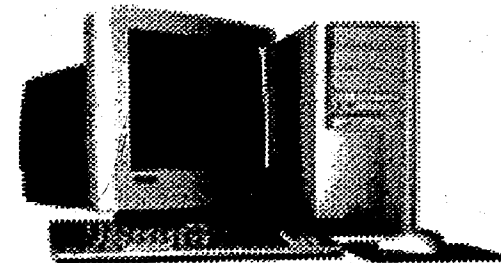
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JULIO 12, 1999 6 p.m.
El Ciudad de Capitan

El Ciudad de Capitan, Nuevo Mexico, tendra una junta publica el dia 12 de Julio, 1999, a las 6:00 p.m. de la tarde, en el ayuntamiento, situado en 114 Lincoln, Capitan, Nuevo Mexico. El proposito de la junta publica sera para discutir la prgrama de Desarrollo en la Comunidad del conjunto de Donacion en Nuevo Mexico (CDBG) y para avisar a los ciudadanos de las metas del programa, la escala de actividades elegibles y otra informacion pertinente. Tambien es para obtener las opiniones de los ciudadanos sobre el desarrollo de la comunidad y necesidades de habitacion, particularmente las necesidades de gente con ingresos bajos y moderados. Este año el estado tendrá aproximadamente \$15,000,000 que sera asignado estatalmente basado en un proceso competencia.

Los objetos estatales y nacionales del programa de CDBG requieren que las actividades del proyecto se cumplan con por lo menos uno de los siguientes requerimientos: Beneficio para las familias de ingresos bajos y moderados; ayuda en la prevencion o eliminacion de barrios desafortunados y insubiores, inmediatamente a la salud y bienestar de la comunidad y cuando otros recursos no están disponibles para cumplir con esas necesidades.

Las categorias de fondos públicos elegibles incluyen infraestructura para la comunidad; Rehabilitación de Casa; Desembolso de Capital para Servicio Público; Planificación, Emergencia, y Colonias. Todos los grupos interesados están invitados a asistir y entregar sus ideas para proyectos y datos que apoya a su testimonio.

Con un minimo de tres dias de notificación en avanzdo, ayudo, ayudo auxiliar estará proporcionada y así estar en cumplimiento con el Acto de Americanos Incapacitados. También con suficiente notificación, un traductor estará proporcionado para los residentes que no hablen inglés.

Los residentes que no pueden atender la junta podrán enviar sus comentarios a

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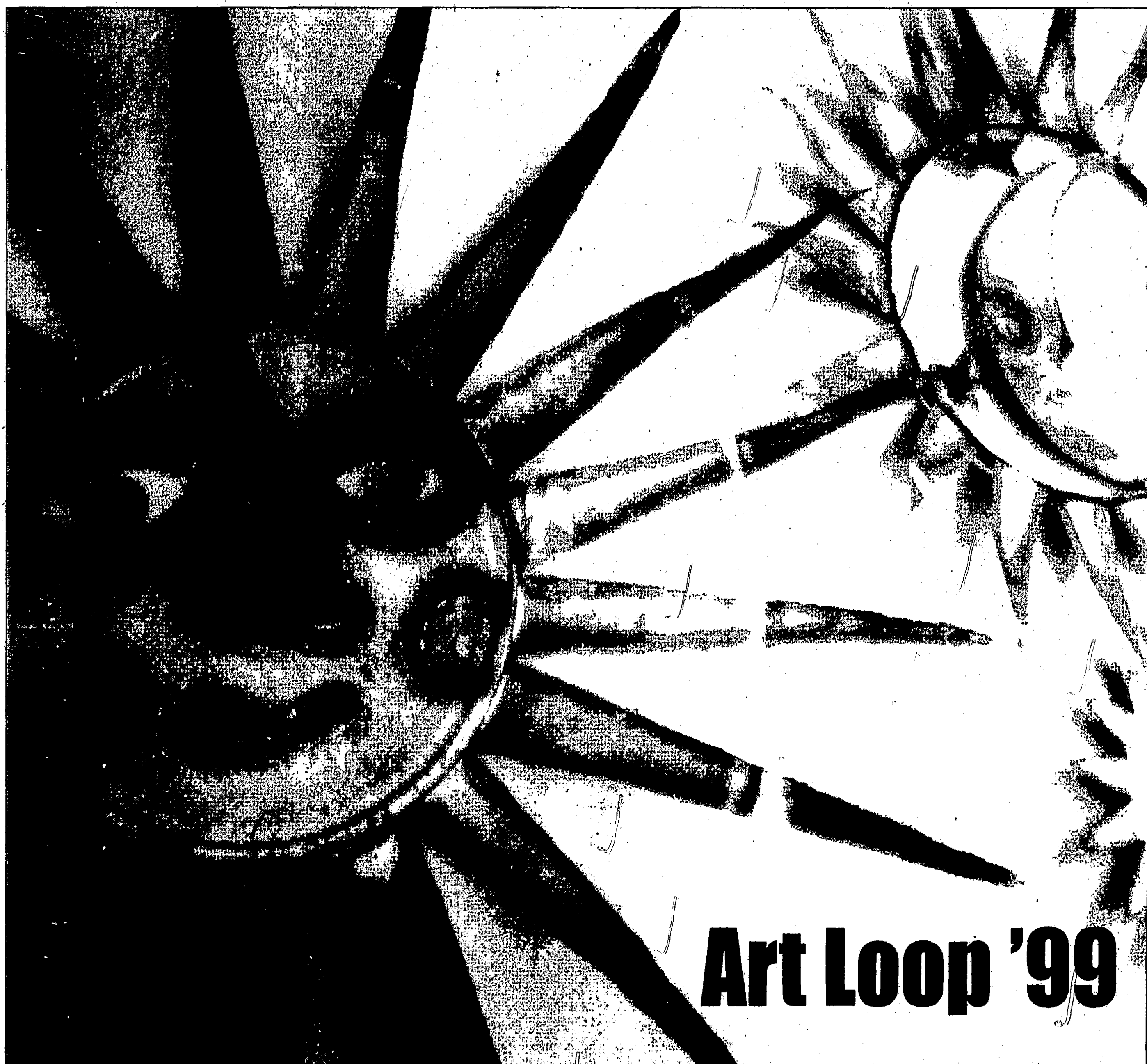
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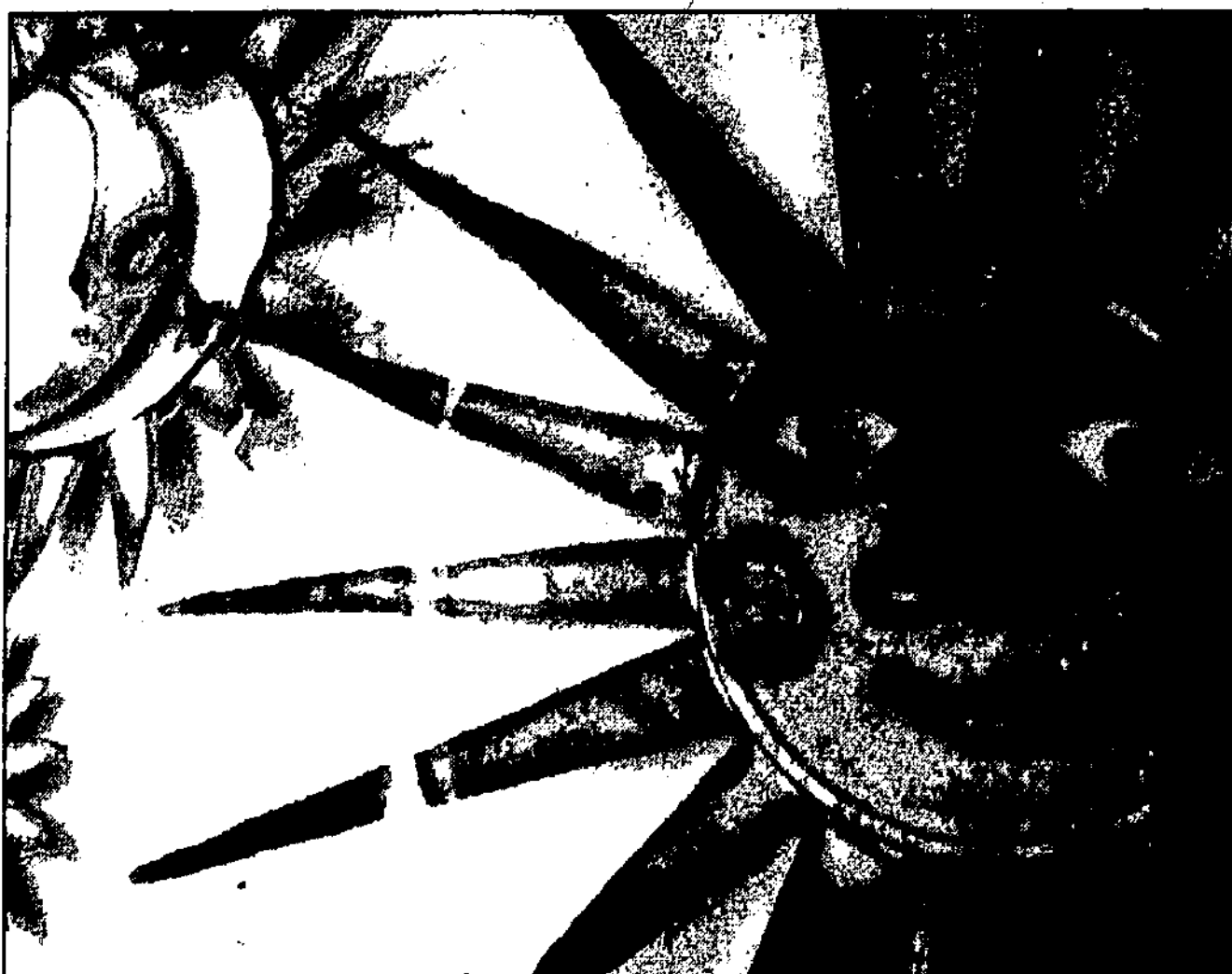
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Dianne Stallings

ART LOOP '99 will commence Saturday and Sunday as 21 Lincoln County artists open their studios to the public. The Art Loop is a free self-guided tour that offers a rare peek into the artist's environment. The tour follows a scenic route from Carrizozo to Hondo. For details and a map, please see page 4D.

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1204 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso, 258-833

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

California Colors

701 Country Club Rd., Ruidoso, 257-9518

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

Chamber of Commerce

720 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-7395

Patty Blasdel's watercolors, pastels and drawings along with Elaine Armstrong's rakued sculptural pieces are featured this month at the public art space of the chamber of commerce. Hours are: Monday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Eagle Ranch Art Gallery

7288 Hwy. 54/70, Alamogordo, 1-800-432-0999.

Featured in July: Jerry Rice's paintings. Gallery hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

Gail's Frame of Mind

1204 Mechem, Ruidoso, 258-9071.

An alternative gallery featuring Lincoln County Artists. Originals by Gaylon Gillem, Denise Dorn, Isz, Billie Long, Marcia Bizeau & Bears Tiew, Jim Leasure, Laurel Appel, Barbara Culler, Bruce Chapman, Bernice Landrum, Marty Lane, Falling Rock Pottery, T.R. Fussell and Crystallis Glass sculptures by Anaya Lynn. Open Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Gary D. Garrett

2306 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-6977

The gallery features the acrylic paintings of artist Gary Garrett.

Handwoven Designs

102 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, 354-2008

Maggie Doyle is a nationally recognized, fourth-generation hand weaver with a working weavery in Capitan. 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. Open Thursday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hubbard Museum of the American West

Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4142.

'Reflections of a Journey,' the engravings of

Karl Bodmer and his trip across the West in the 1830s, plus the art exhibit for the Connoisseur Classic Southwest Wine competition. Summer hours: 9 a.m. to 5:30 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, Henriette Wyeth Hurd, Andrew Wyeth, Jamie Wyeth, Carol Hurd Rogers and Peter de la Fuente. Works can be viewed Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment on Sunday.

The Kenyon Thomas Gallery

546 Sudderth, Ruidoso 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 Frame & Art

268 Main Rd., Capitan, 354-2605

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

Expressions in Bronze

2002 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 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. to 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. to 5 p.m. Friday to Sunday. Admission fee included in the \$7 daily pass which can be purchased at the Court House.

Mtn. Arts Gallery & Framing

2330 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 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, Suanne Wamsley and more. Handmade artifacts, pottery, kachinas and rugs. Open seven days, 10 a.m. to 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.

Rio Street Gallery

Located in Midtown at Ill Rio St., Ruidoso, 257-6844

Original fine art in a variety of media by nationally acclaimed artists. Gallery hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday - Monday. Tuesday, Wednesday by appointment.

Sacred Images, Angels & Icons

416 First St., Ruidoso, 257-6627

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

Spring Canyon Gallery

2206 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-1561.

Artist Misha Malpica opens her Spring Canyon sculpturing studio to the public, where you can meet the artist and watch as a creation unfolds before your eyes. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday - Sunday.

Stribling Fine Art

1031 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso, 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 - Sunday, or by appt.

The Tree's House

Nogal Canyon Road off Hwy. 37 between mile markers 9/10, Nogal, 354-4206.

The Laggas 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.

Three of Cups Antiques

Ill Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan, 354-4801

Primitive antiques and rustic accessories for cabin living. Open Monday - Saturday.

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 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-3644.

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

White Oaks Pottery Studio 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 Pappas Mountain. A one hour drive north from Ruidoso. Open seven days, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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THE PASTELS of Jerry Rice are showing at Eagle Ranch.

Capitan teacher/artist featured

Jerry Rice, best known for pastel, "Hot Lips the Purple Heifer," will show his delightful art at Eagle Ranch Art Gallery this month. Rice, who teaches art at Capitan High School, has lived in the area for more than 16 years.

This versatile artist has experimented in many different media, sometimes working in acrylics, watercolors or pastels, as well as sculpting bronze.

His latest works represent a departure from past references and subject matter. They include pastel landscapes and skyscapes, influenced by Southwest traditions, aesthetics, environment

and audience.

Rice has a bachelor's degree in art from Southeastern Oklahoma State University, and post-graduate work in Colorado and New Mexico. Previously, he has lived on the Navajo Reservation near Gallup where he taught art for six years.

Rice spends his time painting and teaching with few other distractions.

His show runs through the month. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week. Eagle Ranch is located at 7288 Highway 54/70, in between Tularosa and Alamogordo.

McGary chosen as finalist for Washington D.C. bronze

Ruidoso artist Dave McGary is one of five western sculptor finalists vying for the opportunity to create a bronze of Chief Washakie, which will stand in the Statuary Hall of the United States Capital in Washington D.C.

The other finalists are: Bruce Contway of Whitehall, Mont.; Dan Garrett of Cheyenne, Wyo.; Pete Fillerup of Heber City, Utah; and Bud Boller of Dubois, Wyo.

Chief Washakie, a Shoshone warrior, leader, statesman and peace-maker was selected by the Wyoming Legislature and Governor Jim Geringer as the second Wyoming figure of historical significance.

Georgia O'Keeffe: The Poetry of Things

This exhibit focusing on O'Keeffe's portrayal of objects will open at 10:00 am, Friday, August 6, at the Georgia O'Keeffe museum in Santa Fe. Co-organized by The Phillips Collection in Washington, DC, and the Dallas Museum of Art, the exhibition of 64 paintings/drawings is \$5 for adults, free for children, and \$1 on Sunday.

Fall American photo contest seeks entries

Entries are sought for the Hubbard Museum of the American West's Fall American photographic competition, which opens October 23 at the museum in Ruidoso Downs.

The exhibition was founded to "encourage excellence in photography and reward museum quality work." Seven \$250 prizes will be issued as well as six \$100. The deadline for pros and amateurs to submit their work in categories of Landscape, People, Architecture, Open, Public Service, and Transportation is October 13th. Call the Hubbard Museum of the American West for more information, 378-4142.



Art Loop '99:

Successful studio tour marks its fourth year

story and photographs by *Dianne Stallings*
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Editor's note: This is the last in a series of feature stories about the artists participating in the 1999 Lincoln County Art Loop Tour.

On Saturday and Sunday,

21 Lincoln County artists will open their studio/homes to the public.

Four years ago, artists Todd Shelby and Molly Hart decided to try a new approach to bridge the gap between artist and buyer in Lincoln County by providing a chance for the public to watch the creative process.

They came up with the annual Art Loop Tour, this year set for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

"We were both newcomers, but we had seen the studio tour idea used in other places and it's a great way to let the public know we're here and to get to know us and to see how art is made."

"Being able to go into the studio is key. It lessens the mystery. It shows people that art is just a lot of hard work to a large degree. The Tour is a chance to feel comfortable in an artist's home with a group."

Stops will include studios from Carrizozo to Capitan, through Nogal and from Lincoln to Hondo. Twenty-one artists were selected for the tour this year.

"The first year, Molly (who now lives in Santa Fe) and I hoped to find 10 artists," Shelby said. "We invited 15 and 14 said 'yes.' It was very successful even though it was in the winter. When we'd have a tour in summer, the attendance always tripled and eventually we decided just to do the tour in summer, because visitors don't have to contend with bad weather with all of the driving and we didn't want to

wear out our welcome in the community."

Artists prepare for months before the tour, creating items they think will fit the pocketbook of tour participants and to show their best work.

"We all put our hearts into this," Shelby said. "We decided at one point to limit the number of artists to between 15 to 20. We wanted to be able to jury the work to ensure we continue to attract the clientele we've built who come from as far away as El Paso and Albuquerque for the tour. We want it to be worth their effort."

"Of course, we've broken out our own rule this year."

Helping organize the art loop this year were metal artist Suzanne Donazetti-Payne and weaver Georgia Van Pelt, who pitched in her time and effort even though she's not part of the tour.

Shelby and wife and fellow potter/artist Karen Pritchett have expanded their offerings this year from their distinct platters, cups, teapots and other items decorated with wild reptiles, erratic cats and bold patterns. Their bizarre crea-

tures crawled off the pottery and metamorphed into garden sculptures by Pritchett, while Shelby is trying large decorative metalwork and figures.

The two met at Berea College in Kentucky, where they traded work for tuition while studying art. They both ended up making stoneware pottery. Pritchett subsequently went to work for another potter where she learned a new surface treatment technique and how to control color. Nine years ago, the couple went into the business of creating wildly imaginative pottery full time.

After doing some shows in the area, they moved from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Capitan about four years ago and set up their Animalia business on State Road 48 at the entrance to town. They still do about 14 shows out of town a year.

"But we love being at home and our goal in the future is to reduce the number of shows," Shelby said.

But one show they plan to sick with is the art loop. This year, the other artists participating are:

- Dee Wescott, an award-winning contemporary abstract painter of nature and the human figure, in San Patricio.
- Judy Benson, creator of woven and interwoven neck pieces embellished with beads and other materials, in San Patricio.
- Earthly Greens & Pottery, showcasing the fun and funky

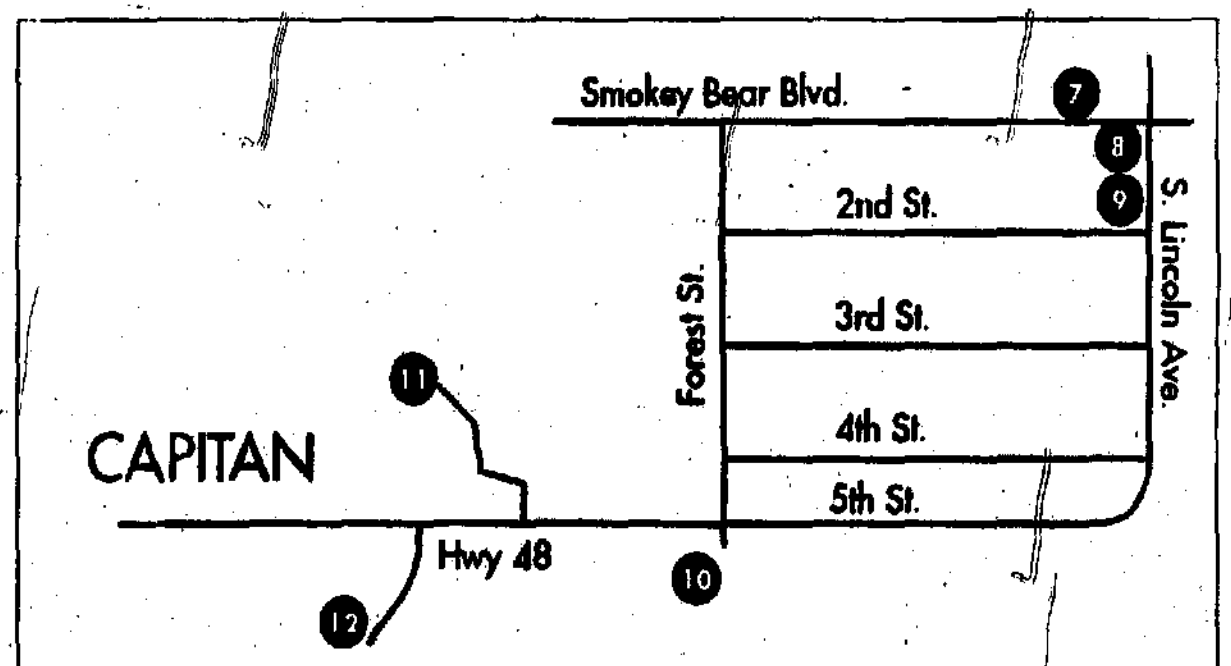
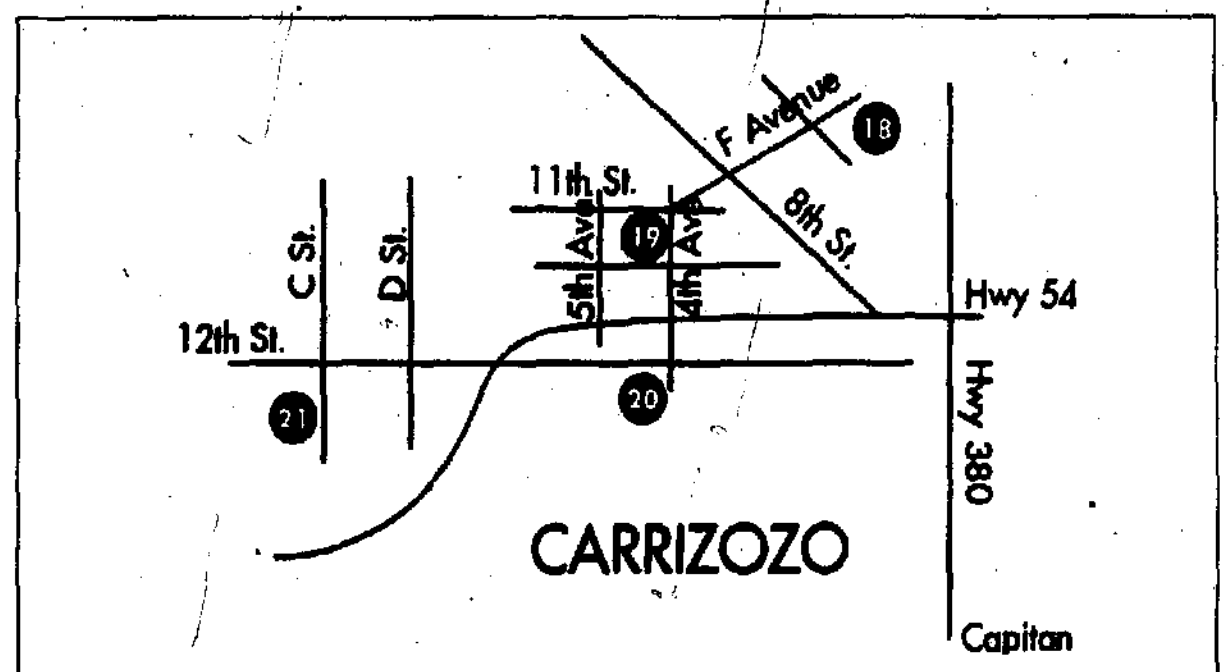
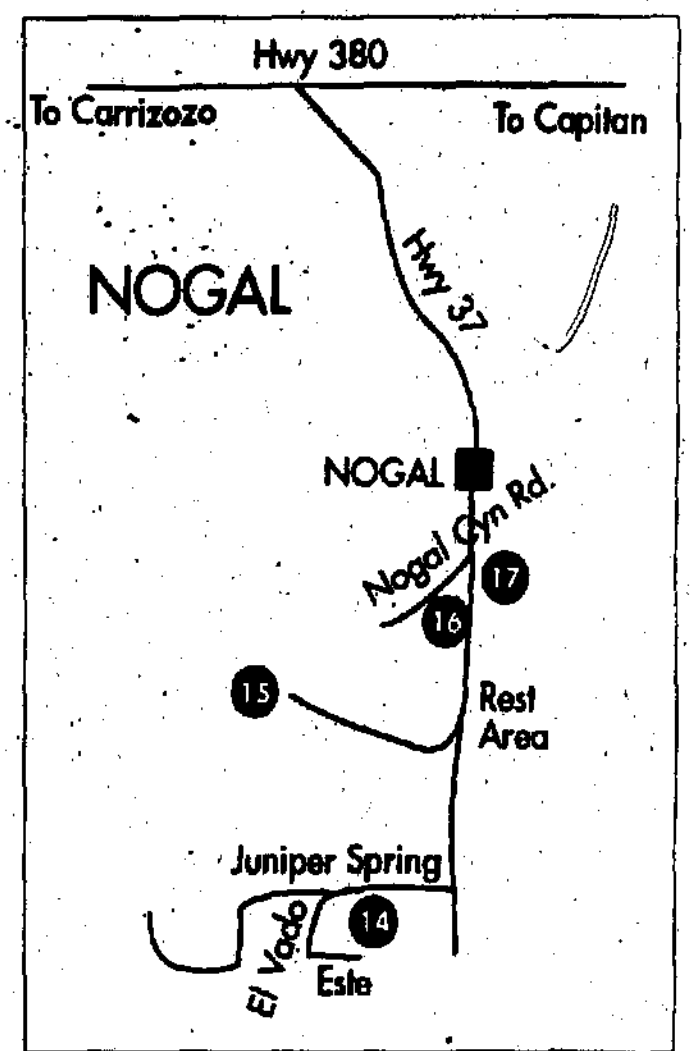
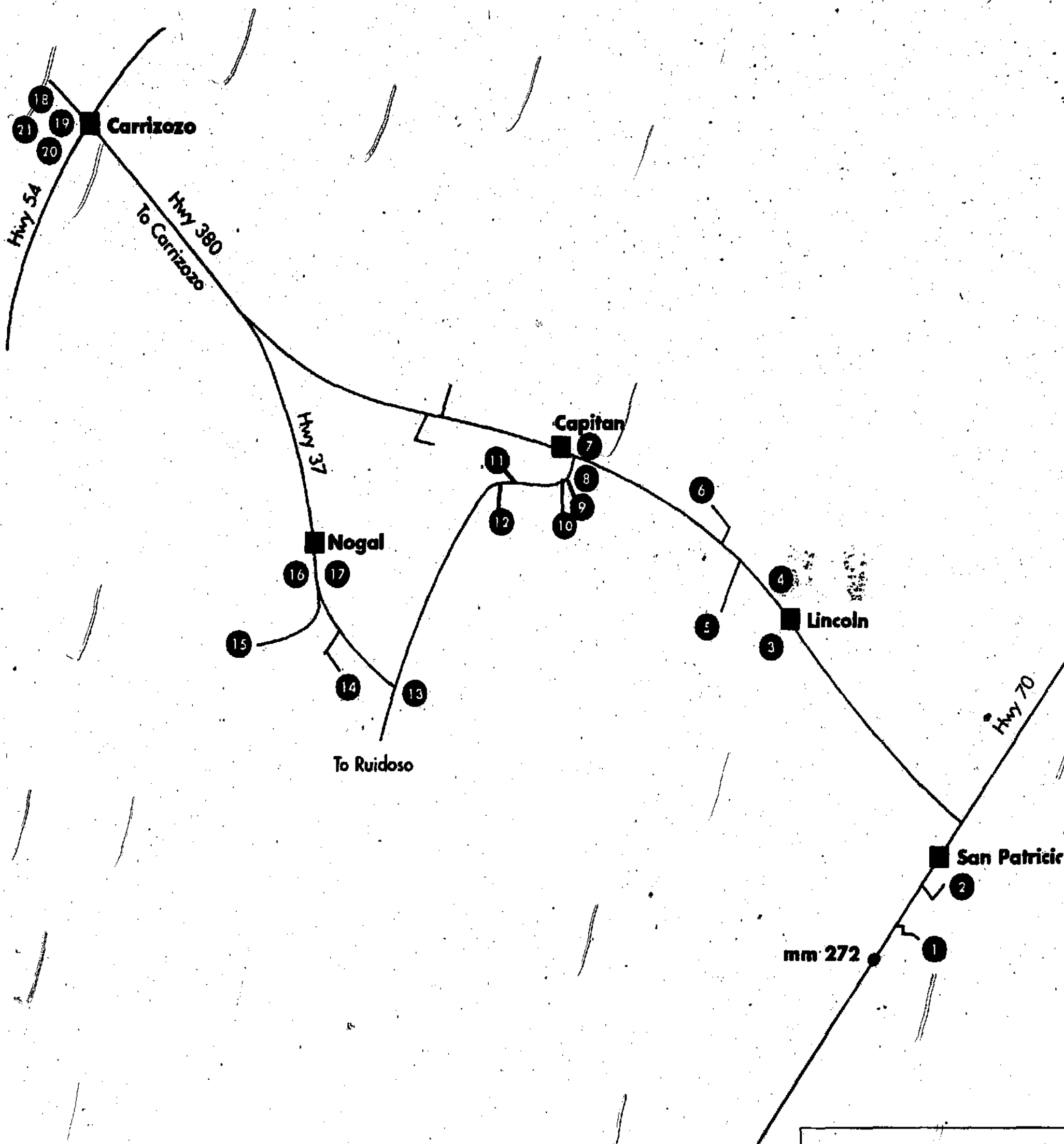


Dianne Stallings

TODD SHELBY, left, and his wife Karen Pritchett of Animalia Pottery.

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17. Susan Moeller *Painting*
18. Polly E. Chavez *Retablos*
19. Bill Kerr *Hand Painted Porcelain*
20. Palla *Painting*
21. Freefall Designs *Sculpture and Metalwork*

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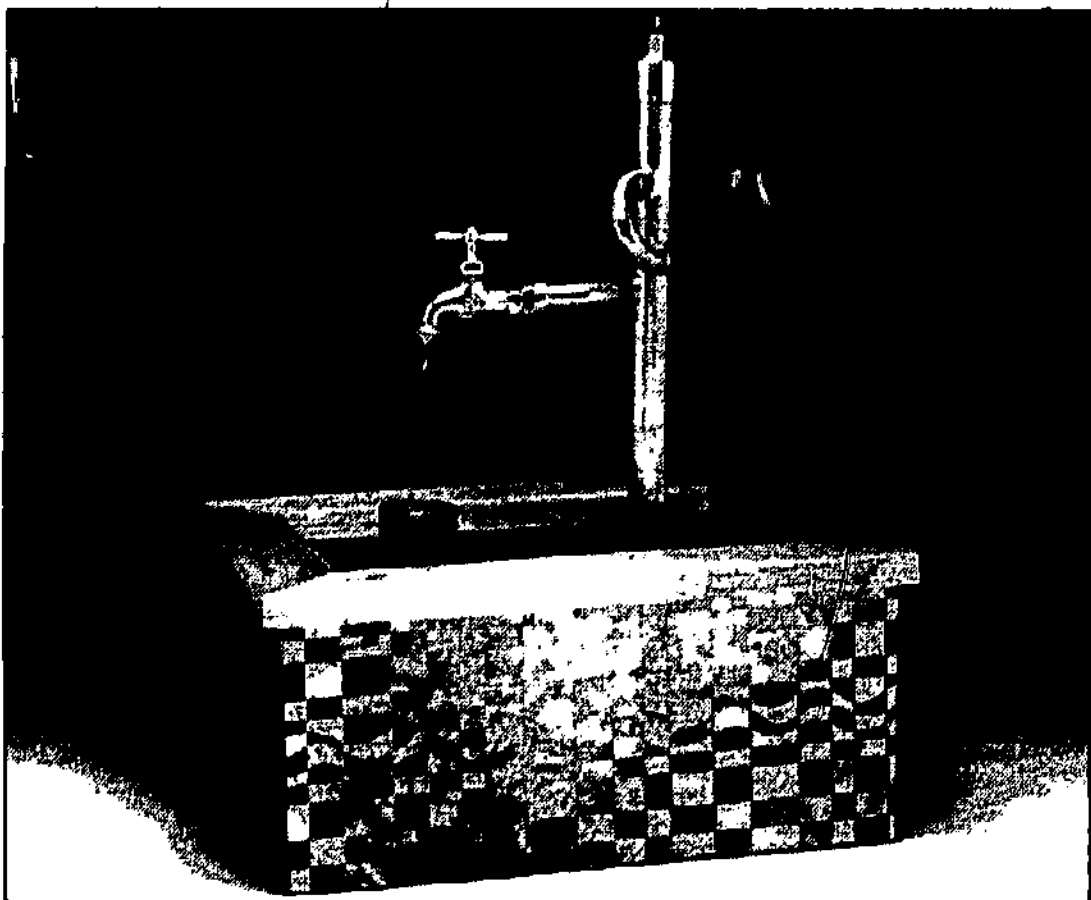
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- terra cotta tableware of Ronda Dougherty, in Lincoln.
- Rose Tree Pottery, showcasing the hand built stoneware and unusual glazes of Marchele Hise in Lincoln.
- SWAN Ceramic Studio, with the high-fired lyrical and serious ceramics of Susan Weir-Ancker in Lincoln.
- Fruit of the Tree Paper Products, where visitors can select handmade paper and journals from the team of Beverly and Paula Wilson in Lincoln.
- Jake Wolfhart Leather Co.,



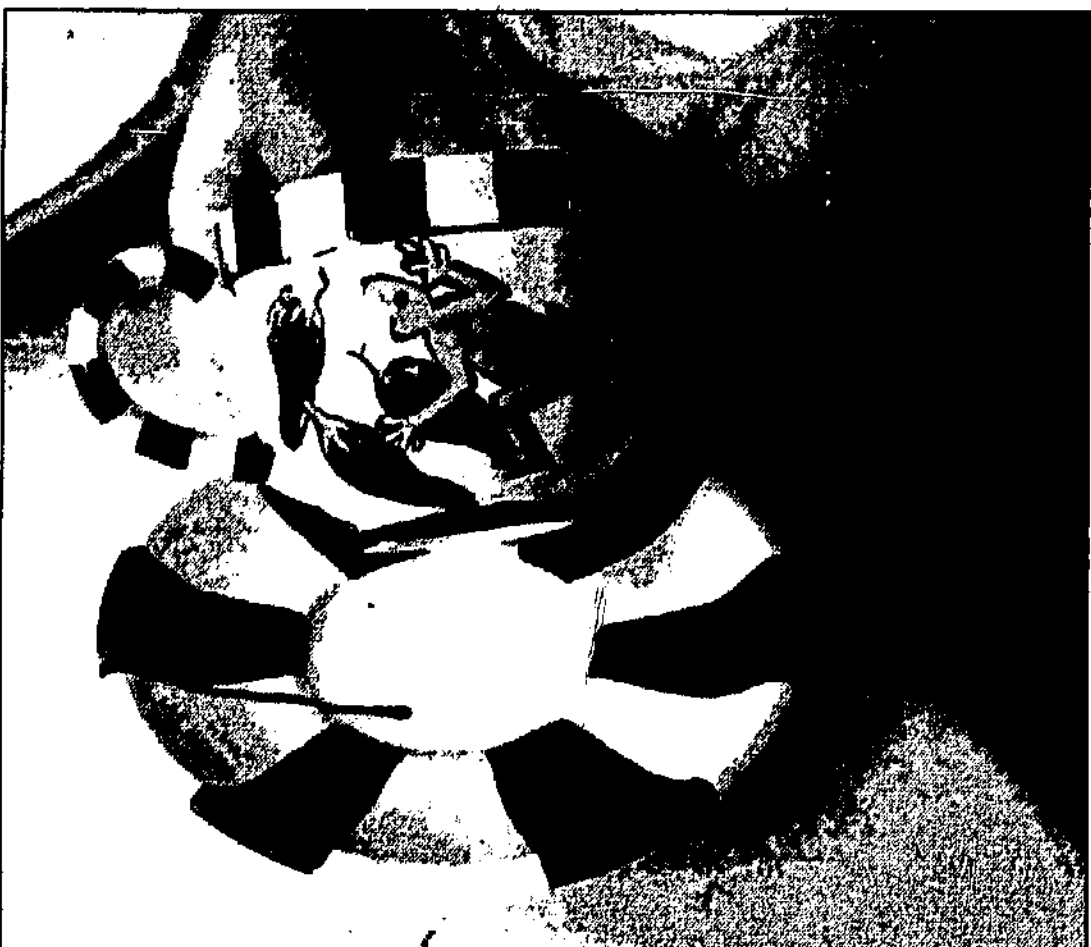
Blake

A PHOTOGRAPH by Blake.



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A WOVEN COPPER fountain by Suzanne Donazetti.



Dianne Stallings

FUN TABLEWARE by Rhonda Dougherty.

showing accessories of finely sewn leather and European tapestry in Capitan.

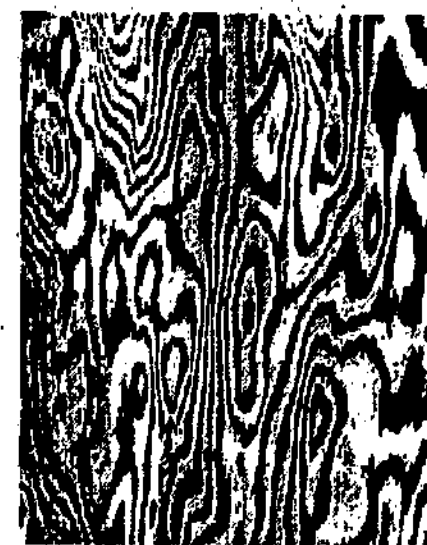
- Handwoven Designs, featuring the weaving of Maggie Doyle who has new designs and colors on tap for visitors in Capitan.
- Blake, whose outdoor, environmental and documentary photography will be displayed at his studio in Capitan.
- Rockin' Q Ranch Stained Glass Studio, where visitors will get a double treat of experiencing an energy efficient home built into a hill and see the candle holders, mobiles, jewelry and other work of Marilyn Quinell in Capitan.
- The Seventh Direction, the fetishes and sculptures of artist Jane Terrel in Capitan.
- Zoe de Negri, whose jewelry mixing semi-precious stones, sterling silver and other metal into imaginative abstract forms or the familiar, are a must-see stop at the intersection of State Road 48 and State Highway 37.
- Pamela Topper, whose figurative and abstract sculpture in stone, steel and mixed media is showcased at her Mountain Topper Sculpture Studio in Nogal.
- Sandy Hartley, who creates both innovative fiber art and stained glass at her unusual home in Nogal.
- The Tree's House, the fascinating abode in Nogal of Georgia and Michael Lagg, woodworkers who design functional and non-functional artwork including doors and furnishings inspired by nature.
- Susan Moeller, whose impressionistic and folk art with prints and cards will be for sale at her studio/home in Nogal.
- Polly E. Chavez, who paints traditional as well as contemporary retablos, Spanish colonial religious art, on wooden panels at her home in Carrizozo.
- Bill Kerr and his hand painted floral and fruit design porcelain will be joining the tour at his home by the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.
- Palla, a plain air painter of impressionistic oils capturing the essence of southern New Mexico, at her studio in Carrizozo.
- Freefall Designs, featuring two

artists for one stop in Carrizozo with the sculpture metalwork of Suzanne Donazetti-Payne and the intriguing boxes and photography of Kenneth Payne.

A flier about the tour and including a detailed map with instructions on how to find the studios are available at the Ruidoso and Carrizozo chambers of commerce, at Ruidoso State Bank, Spanky's, Gail's Frame of Mind, The Rainbow Inn, The Sands Motel, The Ellis Store, Benson Fine Art or the Nogal Store and Gallery.

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Finding 'rapp'ture writing movie scripts

Daughter of Ruidoso woman penned 'Cookie's Fortune' screenplay

by Meredith Keaton
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

Suzy Rapp of Ruidoso never dreamed her daughter Anne would find her "fortune" writing movie scripts.

Growing up on a cotton farm in the Texas panhandle, Suzy, Anne and their family took annual vacations to Ruidoso to see the horse races.

"We would get a one week vacation, and I just loved the races. I would take my two dollars up to the window and bet it and it felt like a fortune," Anne said.

After college Anne landed in Los Angeles where she began working in the movie business.

"I was on the set working with technical details," Anne said in telephone interview earlier this summer. "And being around it for so long just made me want to try writing."

Anne's first script to make its way to the big screen is "Cookie's Fortune." Suzy, a Ruidoso resident, is surprised and elated with her daughter's almost immediate success since she changed her interest from script supervising to writing about

two years ago.

"Anne had been a script editor for about 15 years before and then decided to try her hand at writing. I didn't even know she was interested in writing," Suzy said.

In almost two years, Rapp's credits include an episode for the TV series "Gun," which aired, and Cookie's Fortune, which was produced by Robert Altman and stars Glenn Close, Julianne Moore, Liv Tyler, Chris O'Donnell, Charles Dutton and Patricia Neal. Both of Rapp's successful scripts have been comedies. Another Rapp film with Altman is in the works, and will probably start filming early next year.

Having worked on both sides of the script, Anne sees the advantages and disadvantages to being a writer.

"You still wake up every day and see the same horizon. It's just thrown me into a different arena. Writing is so much more solitary and I don't travel as much, but the success of it makes me want to keep doing it," Anne said.

"Cookie's Fortune" opened

in New York City and Los Angeles April 2 and has received praised from major newspaper movie critics across the country. Rapp's script is the basis for an all-star performance by recognized actors and has been labeled a "gem among Altman's ensemble" by the New York Times.

"Cookie's Fortune" is the story of a trouble-causing spinster who makes her aunt's suicide look like a murder so it won't cast a negative light on the Easter pageant she is directing. Set in the actual Mississippi town of Holly Springs, Cookie's Fortune treats serious matters with humor and has been praised as the "Utterly distinctive work of one of America's finest filmmakers," and "A Southern charmer full of good humor, and mature wisdom" by the Los Angeles Times.

"Ruidoso is a great place to vacation. I love to get away from Hollywood and this rat race," she said.

The Rapps owned a vacation cabin in Ruidoso before Suzy relocated here permanently 16 years ago.



courtesy photo

PATSY BLASDEL prefers to interpret nature, not copy it.

Pair of Lincoln County artists deck the halls at the chamber

Elaine Armstrong's rakued clay sculptural pieces and Patsy Blasdel's watercolors, pastels, and drawings are featured at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce Art Gallery Area during the month of July.

Elaine Armstrong is a self-taught artist who loves to play with clay and fire. She is a high voltage, intuitive sculptor whose work reflects that energy. Armstrong imprints her soul in the clay, believing that excellence resonates with each of us.

Armstrong is a native New Mexican born in Roswell. She lives on a ranch in Lincoln County with her husband and two of their five children.

Armstrong has shown her work in New Mexico for the past five years. It can now be seen at Studio W in El Paso, Linda Lundeen's in Las Cruces, Gallery 15 in Clovis and San Acacia Gallery in San Acacia, New Mexico.

Blasdel expresses her artistic vision in watercolor, pastel, and drawing.

"Through art I convey my interpretation of nature rather than attempting to copy it. Arbitrarily chosen color allows for a lyrical expression of how the world appears through my eyes," Blasdel said. Energy and an optimistic attitude come alive in her art. Blasdel and her husband live in Ruidoso.

Gallery representation includes Studio W in El Paso, Linda Lundeen's in Las Cruces, and Gallery 15 in Clovis.

Both artists' work will be on display at the chamber through the month of July.

Local resident signs newest novel Saturday

Lincoln County resident S.J. Reidhead will celebrate the publication of her novel, "Dust Devil," from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Aspen Tree bookstore. The public is invited to attend.

"Dust Devil" is a novel set in Lincoln County in 1881 and 1882. The cast of characters includes historical area figures such as Wyatt Earp and Pat Garrett. While


"Dust Devil" is a work of fiction, the novel contains many new revelations about the lives of the great lawmen.

Reidhead's interest in the "wild west," coupled with her status as a research historian, paints a realistic picture of the social customs of the day and life on a large range in the 1800s. She relied on local Lincoln County sources to

assist in authenticity of the novel.

A freelance writer, Reidhead's works have appeared in Wild West, True West, Family Chronicle Magazine, Cowboys & Indians, Sandlapper, and the WOLA Quarterly.

She has lived in Glencoe for one year and is active president of the Noisy Water Sertoma Club.



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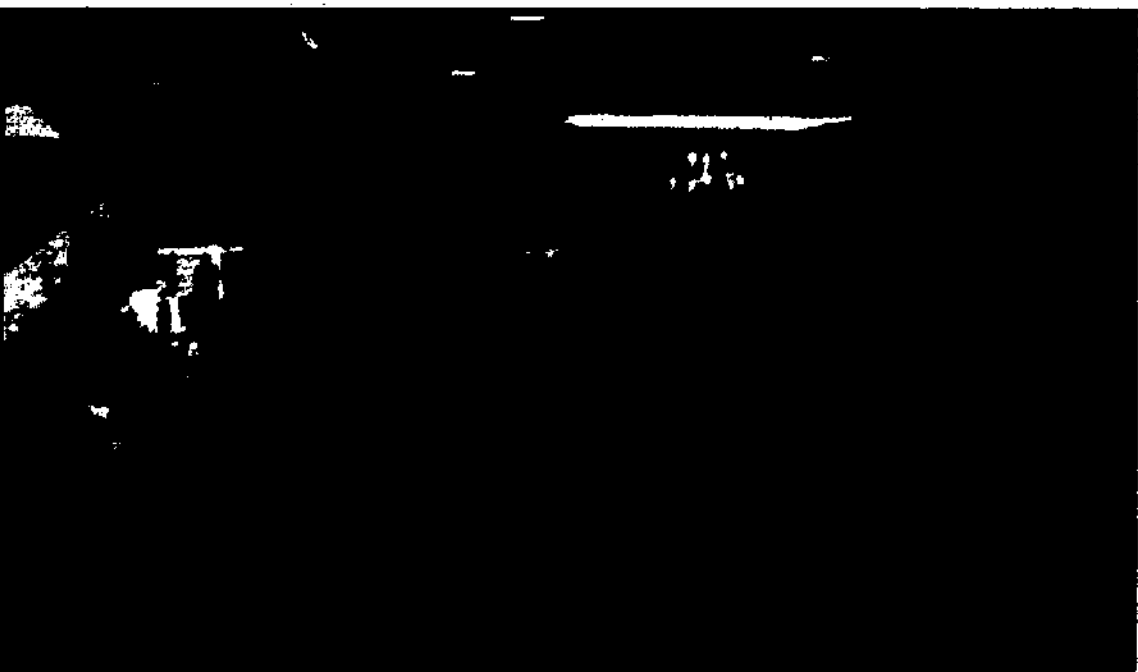
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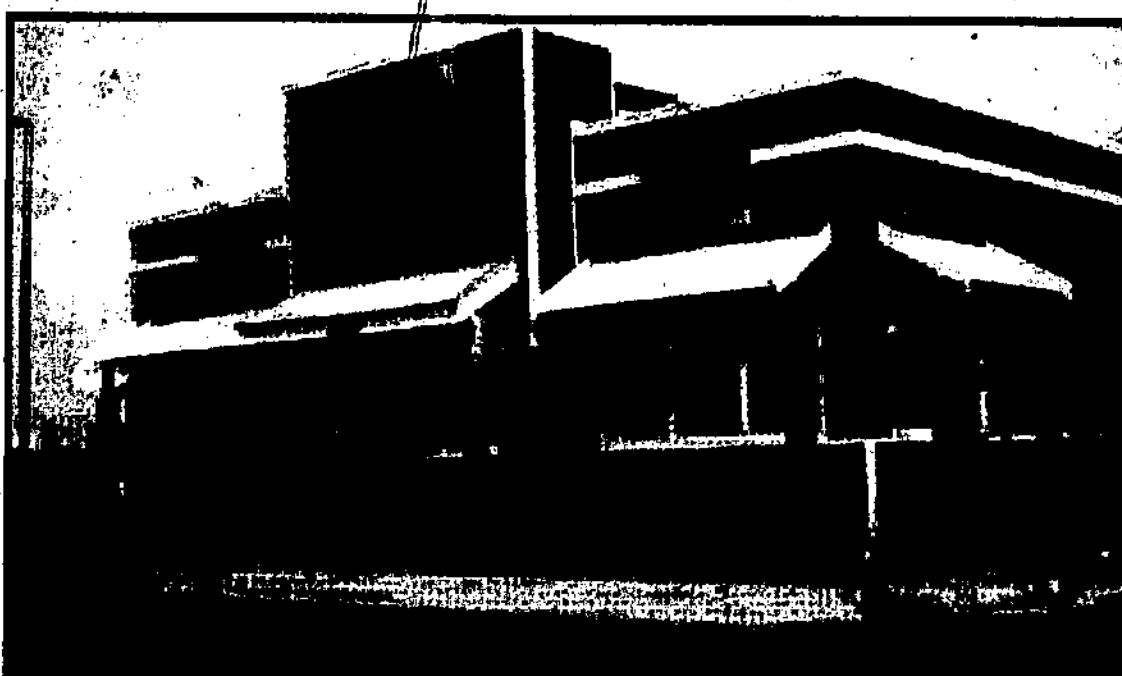
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performances

The Wiz of the West
Missoula Children's Theater with the help of nearly 50 local children presents a westernized version of the musical classic. Show times are 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Call 336-4800.

Gary Puckett
Gary Puckett will perform two shows at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, July 16, at the West Conference Center at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. Tickets are \$20 each and are available at the door. For more information, call guest services at 630-7520 or 257-5141.

Willie Nelson
Tickets for Willie Nelson's 8 p.m. Aug. 15 concert are on sale from the ticket window at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack and Casino and from the gift shop in the casino. Tickets are \$20 for grandstand seating and \$25 for turf club seating, \$25 and \$30 the day of the show. To order by phone call, 378-4140. The racetrack ticket window is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week.

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Wiz! Bang! it's show time

by Sandy Suggitt
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

Dotty, Mooch, Scared Crow and Hawknoze Halley meet Dr. Ozzy and the Much Kins: maybe not the Oz most remember, but "The Wiz of the West" is sure to be a memorable return for the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT).

About 48 local children will perform the hilarious "wild West" version of "The Wizard of Oz" at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts Saturday at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., after rehearsing for just one week.

Director/actor Brian R. Engelmeyer said the process gives him a different outlook on life, to watch the children progress quickly from auditions to the final performance.

"You see the seed at the beginning," he said, "and you see the tree at the end."

Nicole Erlenborn, the other MCT director/actor, said it's amazing how quickly children can learn their parts.

"Adults couldn't do it," she said. "It took us (directors) two weeks to learn, but they want to be here and do it."

The children are learning about acting and theater, but they're learning how to be confident, too, Erlenborn pointed out, something applicable to other areas of life, such as how to give the book report better and how to keep going no matter what happens. They're learning what to do if the set falls



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REHEARSING are (from left): Aaron Cooper, 10, who plays Mooch; Emily White as Dotty; and Munch Kin April LeBrecque, 11.

on Nicole — that happened — and how to prompt each other with questions when someone forgets a line.

"I'm really impressed with these two people," said Spencer outreach coordinator Margaret Lahey. "They're great with the kids and they all seem to be having a lot of fun."

Some of the children came to auditions with no theater experience, and others brought previous experience — some with MCT.

The lead role of Dotty (the westernization of "Dorothy") is played by Emily White, 15, of Alamogordo, who's had experience with community theater there and with a school performance of "The Sound of Music."

"I love this play. I think this theater company (MCT) is a wonderful experience," White said. It would take the cast 2 1/2 months to rehearse for a play in

Alamogordo, she said. "Here you have to learn it yesterday."

White said the two directors are teaching acting, as well as preparing them for the performance on Saturday, so it's like a class.



ON THE SET of 'Wiz of the West.'

THE SKINNY

WHAT:
"The Wiz of the West"
WHERE:
Spencer Theater
WHEN:
3 p.m. & 7 p.m. Saturday
TICKETS:
Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and are available by calling ProTix at 800-955-3355

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GOING OUT

WIZ OF THE WEST

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Mary Dolan, a mother from Dallas who happened to be visiting her parents in Ruidoso at the right time for her daughter Lindsay, 9, to participate, agrees.

"The directors have an impressive way of handling and teaching these kids," Dolan said. "They're giving good lessons in acting — as good as any acting class the kids could take for a week in the summer, and the script is well done for managing the kids."

Megan Smith, 9, of Ruidoso, who plays a buzzard (transformed from a flying monkey in the original "Oz"), has performed in "The Wizard of Oz," "The Nutcracker," "Snow White," and, last year with MCT, "Cinderella." She plans to pursue acting as a career, she said and, although she likes the original "Wizard of Oz," she likes the characters of McGill's adaptation.

Erlenborn, who made her professional debut in the summer of 1998 with Blatt's Dinner Theater in Pennsylvania and earned a bachelor's degree in theater from Millikin University in Decatur, Ill., wants to go to graduate school after this year with MCT and to continue performing and teaching.

"This is the best job in the world," she said. "We get to play with kids four hours a day."

Engelmeyer got his degree in theater and mass communication from Lindenwood University and is debuting with MCT before going to graduate school.

Erlenborn and Engelmeyer have already taken "The Wiz of the West" through performances in Raton, Cave Creek, Ariz., Gallop and Socorro, and after the Spencer, their next stop is Las

Cruces. Their contract with MCT is through May 26, 2000.

This performance is sponsored by the Spencer Theater and Ruidoso Lincoln, Ford, Mercury. "The Wiz of the West" is an original production of the MCT conceived and written by Michael McGill. Nearly 48,000 young people will participate as performers in this season's international tour project involving over 800 communities in 49 states, four provinces in Canada and Japan. MCT founder Jim Caron and artistic director Don Kukla and McGill, music director, supervise 23 tour-teams (of actor/directors) training and, since 1970, have created six original musicals.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

Cast list for Wiz of the West

Dotty: Emily White
Mooch: Aaron Cooper
Scared Crow: Seth Adcock
Lionel: Chris Thorp
Dr. Ozzy: Lindsay Dolan
Hawknose Halley: Allison Hendrix
Top Dog: Amber Long
Mad Dog: David Barnett
Bad Dog: Lauren Lahey
Cyclone Sal: Nicole Erlenborn
Tinhorn: Brian Engelmeyer

Munch Kins:
Ryan Thorp
Shelli Jensen
Brianna Deutsch
Claire Bogle
Sarah White
April LaBrecque
Melody LaBrecque
Ashlee Hendrix

Buzzards:
Taylor Davidson
Megan Smith
Calvin Branch
Morgan McMakin
Kirstie Trotter



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TOUR DIRECTOR Brian Engelmeyer shows the Buzzards how it's done.

Nicole Doth
Aleah Topper
Courtney Lawson
Shawnda White
Jayna Johns
Amanda Gardner
Elisa Vigil

Tarantulas:
Lexie Doth
Robbin Goss
Joshua Jerrell
Scott Thompson
Drew Goss
Joshua Vigil
Hannah Kashmar
Ella Tate
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Rated: PG 13

Show times: 10:45 a.m.*, 1:30 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

Plot: Special agent James West (Will Smith), long on charm and wit, and special agent Artemus Gordon (Kevin Kline), a master of disguises and a brilliant inventor of gadgets, are each sent to track the diabolical Dr. Arliss Loveless (Kenneth Branagh). Loveless is plotting to assassinate the President of the United States with the aid of his huge walking weapon, the Tarantula. West and Gordon begin as competitors but soon pool their talents to become a wily team of operatives who trust each other — most of the time, that is.

The General's Daughter

Rated: R

Show times: 11 a.m.* 1:20 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m., and 8:30 p.m.

Plot: In a world where nobody asks and nobody tells, where the Army likes to keep its secrets buried and its dirty laundry unaired, the daughter of a popular general

is found brutally murdered and no one wants to touch the case. But certain secrets cannot remain hidden forever when a tenacious investigator begins digging for answers only to find more than he bargained for. Stars John Travolta as warrant officer Paul Brenner along with James Woods and Madeline Stowe.

Tarzan

Rated: PG

Show times: 11:15 a.m.* 1:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 8:45 p.m.

Plot: Disney Pictures' animated adventure, "Tarzan," is an innovative and entertaining exploration of the classic tale by Edgar Rice Burroughs. Tarzan traces the story of a human baby who is orphaned in the African jungle and lovingly raised by a family of apes. Tarzan's peaceful and sheltered world is turned upside down by the arrival of a human expedition and the revelation that he is one of "them." As he struggles to decide which family he belongs with, his dilemma is further complicated by his feelings for a beautiful young woman named Jane and the discovery that a trusted member of his new human family is plotting to harm the apes. With music by Grammy-Award winning singer Phil Collins, Tarzan captures the fantasy of this literary favorite as never before.

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THE MUNICIPAL POOL is the hot place to cool off during the summer in Ruidoso.

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Kid's play

• where to take the children •

Fun places for the young and the young at heart abound in Ruidoso. Here's a list of places to take the kids.

• **FUNTRACKERS**, located at 101 Carrizo Canyon Road (257-3275), is an amusement park that offers bumper boat rides (children 7 or older), three tracks for go-carts (children 14 and up only on the "pro" track), 18 holes of miniature golf, video arcade, and a snack bar.

Bumper boats, go-carts and miniature golf cost \$4 each; the "pro" track costs riders \$4.

Funtrackers is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

• **MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL** is where families can cool off with a dip in the village swimming pool at Schoolhouse Park, 501 Sudderth Drive (257-2795). The pool, which is operated by the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department, is open until middle August.

Swimming fees are \$2.25 per swim or \$50 for a season pass. Hours of operation are 11:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. daily.

It costs \$6 for swimmers who want to use the slide, or \$80 for a swim and slide season pass. Lap swims cost \$2.25 per person or \$30 for a season pass.

An adult lap swim is scheduled for 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Family passes are available as well for a cost of \$75, or \$150 for swim and slide.

Also on tap at the pool are two teen pool parties scheduled. The

fun starts at 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Cost is \$4 per teen-ager, ages 13-16. Call for dates, 257-2795.

• **PLAYGROUNDS AND PARKS** Also at Schoolhouse Park is a playground. It features 15 different play equipment, some of which are accessible to wheelchair-bound children. The play equipment includes a slide and jungle gym. Four, lighted tennis courts, picnic tables, three pavilions and restroom facilities are available as well.

A short jaunt west on Sudderth takes you to Two Rivers Park, located behind the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. Carrizo Creek meets the Rio Ruidoso at Two Rivers Park, which offers a playground with swings, a slide and circular ride and picnic pavilion area. The park closes at nightfall.

Skateboarders and roller bladers can skate, jump and hot-dog to their hearts content at Northpark, another relatively new village addition. Northpark is next to Fire Station No. 2 on White Mountain Drive. It's open from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. A parent or legal guardian is required to be in attendance at all times with children under 13 years of age.

For a more structured program, parents can enroll their children (ages 7 to 12) in the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation's Wilderness Camp. Wilderness Camp, which begins in early June and runs through the summer, offers participants outdoor activities such as

hiking, fishing, archery, canoeing, arts and crafts, swimming, field trips and nature studies designed just for children.

For program prices and more information, call the Parks and Recreation Office at 257-5030.

• **THAT PLACE**, a teen center, is located at 1214 Mechem, Ruidoso. Summer hours are noon to 11:30 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. There is no admission charge. Dances, DJ and live music are on weekends, plus video games and a snack bar. Call 258-4415 for more information.

In Alamogordo

The Space Center, located at the top of New Mexico Highway 2001 in Alamogordo, has expanded its hours for the summer. The International Space Hall of Fame and the John P. Stapp Air and Space Park will open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily through Sept. 5.

From now through June 30, the IMAX Dome Theater and Planetarium will show "Whales" daily at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. The theater will show "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. daily through Sept. 5.

Skywatch, the free monthly update on the changing night sky, will continue throughout the summer. The program is presented in the Tombaugh Planetarium at 9 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month.

VIDEORAMA

JULY VIDEO RELEASES:

July 6

Murder of Crows
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Kidnapped in Paradise
Affliction
Supreme Sanction

July 13

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Simon Birch (PG) is a sweet, moving story about a little boy with big, big faith. Simon Birch, the smallest delivery ever recorded in Gravestown Memorial Hospital, doesn't allow his size to limit his belief that one day, God will make him a hero. This is a touching story about friendship, love and loyalty. It's not maudlin, but it will tug on your heart strings. Solid performances by the two child stars, Ian Michael Smith and Joseph Mazzello. Based on John Irving's best-selling novel, "A Prayer for Owen Meany." Women, grab the tissue box for you and your husband.

PLOT: Ever since his miraculous birth, Simon Birch has been quick to remind anyone who forgets. Simon is certain he's going to be a hero ... he's just not sure how yet. In the meantime, he argues about faith with his tyrannical Sunday school teacher, pals around with best friend, Joe, and plays baseball whenever he can. When fate takes an unexpected turn, the destinies of Simon and Joe become linked together forever.

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The last days of Billy the Kid

On April 28, 1881, Billy the Kid made what is probably the most spectacular jailbreak in the history of the Old West. After killing both of the guards that Sheriff Pat Garrett had left on duty, the Kid hung around Lincoln for about an hour, and finally left town riding at a leisurely pace in a westerly direction.

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romantically linked with
the young outlaw?

About 2 1/2 months later, Pat Garrett and the Kid had their final confrontation in Fort Sumner. But what about that period? We know that the Kid spent a good deal of his time in sheep camps around Fort Sumner run by his many friends and that Garrett was informed of Billy's whereabouts by a "tip."

But what of the details of that period? And, for that matter, the mysterious tip?

Leaving Lincoln

The Kid's escape from the courthouse in Lincoln raised him up to legendary status virtually overnight. The *Santa Fe New Mexican*, a newspaper that always supported the corrupt Santa Fe Ring whenever it could, and therefore did not have much good to say about anything done by a former Tunstall/McSween man, had this to say after printing an account of Billy's escape:

"The above is the record of as bold a deed as those versed in the annals of crime can recall. It surpasses anything of which the Kid had been guilty, so far that his past offenses lose much of their heinousness in comparison with it, and it effectually settles the question of whether the Kid is a cowardly cut-throat or a thoroughly reckless and fearless man. Never before as he faced death boldly or run any great risk in the perpetration of his bloody deeds. (Obviously the New Mexican knew nothing of the Kid's daring escape from the McSween house nearly three years previous.) Bob Olinger used to say that he was a ~~cow~~, and that every man he had killed had been murdered in cold blood and without the slightest chance of defending himself. The Kid displayed no disposition to correct this until this last act of his when he taught Olinger by bitter experience that his theory was anything but correct."

It is a good bet that the Kid enjoyed his now national notoriety, as he had

always been a fan of the "dime novels." Now, he himself had become a character in those very publications. He had named a favorite horse, "Dandy Dick" after a character in a dime novel, and it is difficult not to imagine him grinning hugely when he first saw his own name in what, essentially, were the comic books of the time.

The whys and wherefores of it

Historians have always had a hard time figuring out why Billy didn't simply high-tail it to Mexico as soon as he broke out of jail. One theory is that Billy was unable or unwilling to leave his inamorata Paulita Maxwell. Or was it Celsa Gutierrez? Or various others who had been romantically linked with the young outlaw?

Actually, it probably was for that, as well as more run of the mill reasons. When his friend, John Meadows asked him point blank why he didn't light out for points south — far south — the Kid replied, "I haven't any money. What would I do in Old Mexico without any money? I'll have to go back (to Fort Sumner) and get a little before I go." Meadows responded that, "As sure as you do, Garrett will get you."

Billy disagreed. He said, "I've got too many friends up there, and I don't believe



THE KID

he'll get me, and I can stay there a while and get money enough and then go to Mexico."

You can almost see Meadows shaking his head in disagreement when he replied, "You'd better get while the going is good, you go back up there and you will get killed or Garrett."

The Kid ignored Meadows' prophetic words and headed for the Fort Sumner

PAST TENSE

area.

The informant

Billy was right about his having many friends in Fort Sumner, but Pat Garrett had connections there, too. Unfortunately for history, Pat Garrett and John Poe, two of the men who were present at Fort Sumner on the Kid's last night on earth, had two different versions of the informant story. (Kip McKinney, the third man in the Garrett posse, never set down his story of that fateful night.)

Garrett, in his version of the events, was very careful not to divulge the name of his informant, but it could have been one, or more, of several individuals: there was Barney Mason, Pat's brother-in-law; there was Emanuel Brazil, and while there is no solid evidence, it is a good bet that there was also Pete Maxwell, big brother of Paulita, who was not exactly ecstatic about the Kid's relationship with his sister. There was also Sabal Gutierrez, who couldn't have been overly pleased about the Kid's relationship with his wife, either.

John Poe was more specific. He said that he was approached in White Oaks by a man he had known back in Texas who informed the former buffalo hunter that he (the Texan) had been sleeping in a room at the Dedrick and West Livery Stable (the Dedricks were close friends of the Kid's) and had overheard a conversation between the two owners of the stable that the Kid was hanging around the Fort Sumner area and had, in fact, been in White Oaks twice since his escape.

According to Poe, he then hot-footed it back to Lincoln, where he gave the news to a disbelieving Garrett.

(Note: There was also a story extant that Billy had put in an appearance at a Chisum cow camp on the Pecos. He had engineered a temporary trade of his .45 Peacemaker with the cook there, Cherokee Davis, for Davis' brand new .41 Colt Thunderer. Of course, the way things worked out, the trade turned out to be permanent. The point I am trying to make here is that the Kid sure seemed to be traveling about a lot, didn't he?)

Personally, I have always felt that it was Pete Maxwell who betrayed the Kid.

The posse's journey

First, Poe and the less-than-convinced Garrett went to Roswell where they picked up McKinney. Then, the three lawmen took the less-traveled

paths, mostly by night, to Fort Sumner, arriving there on the evening of the 13th of July, according to Garrett. According to Poe, it was the 14th. In the words of master historian Frederick Nolan, who points out that Poe's recollections were made later in life, "Old folks forget, sometimes on purpose."

Camping outside Fort Sumner, Garrett sent Poe, who was unknown there, into town to reconnoiter. Poe found the locals, most of whom were Kid's friends, to be less than communicative. He then proceeded to the ranch of a man named Milnor Rudolph, who according to Poe, was too frightened to say anything.

Finally, when Poe rejoined his fellow lawmen, the trio made their way to the house of Pete Maxwell, who had already retired for the evening. Before arriving there, however, they paused in a peach orchard. The sound of their voices startled two young lovers who were dallying in the tall grass. The lawmen watched as the young man arose from the ground, vault the fence and vanish.

It was the Kid.

Midnight in Fort Sumner

At this point, the Poe and Garrett versions finally converge. According to both men, they arrived at the Maxwell house and Garrett, leaving his two deputies on the porch, went inside to confer with Maxwell. The midnight hour was approaching.

Almost as soon as Garrett had entered the dwelling, Poe saw a figure approaching. He saw that the man had no shoes and appeared to be hitching up his pants. Poe said the figure also had a knife in his hand. (The Kid was hungry. He was going to cut himself a piece of meat from a side of beef hanging on the Maxwell porch.)

As Poe saw the figure turn into the Maxwell yard, he arose and approached the man. What happened then happened very, very fast. Poe estimated it took no more than 30 seconds. When the man saw Poe approaching, he suddenly jerked a concealed six-shooter, saying "Quien es?" (who is it) several times before backing away from Poe, who was advancing on him with assurances that would not be hurt.

The Kid backed into Maxwell's bedroom, Garrett's pistol roared twice, and the most famous desperado in the history of the United States was dead. And that was that. Or was it?

Discrepancies

There was also a story extant

at the time that the killing of the Kid didn't happen that way at all. According to this other version, Garrett and his deputies had gone to the Maxwell house all right, but it was not Pete's bedroom they sought. It was Paulita's, the Kid's querida. After gagging the girl, the trio waited for the Kid to enter. When he did, they unceremoniously gunned him down. Then they invented a story to protect the pregnant girl's reputation. It was, remember, the Victorian era.

Of course, this is not the accepted version of the events of that night, but there are some discrepancies with the other story that do tend to lend credence to this one.

Those discrepancies are:

1. What if the world was an experienced lawman like Poe doing advancing on a man that was supposed to be pointing a pistol at him, assuring the fellow that he would not be hurt?

2. According to Poe, the young man was hitching up his pants with one hand and holding a knife with the other. Where did the gun come from? It could not have been in the waistband of the man's pants, if they were so loose he was having to hitch them up. And for that matter,

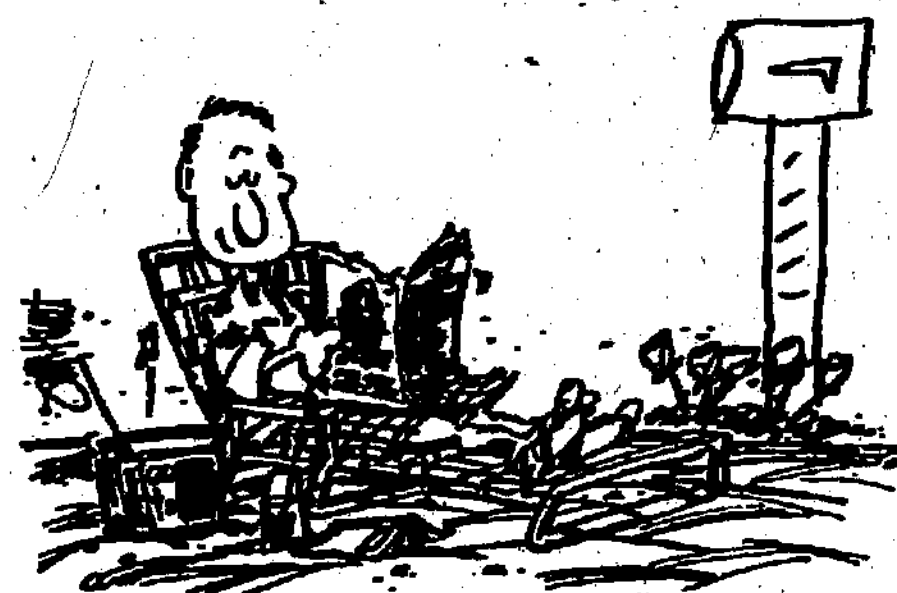
3. Where did the gun go? Garrett had the business acumen to hang onto the gun that killed the Kid. Why did not keep the gun that was supposedly in the fallen outlaw's hand?

Chances are we will never know what really happened that sultry July evening, and in the end it makes no difference. However he managed it, Garrett did, in fact, kill the Kid that night just before midnight.

There is one amusing aside to the deadly goings-on of that evening. Prior to the Kid's death, Pete Maxwell was locally referred to as "Don Pedro" — a sign of respect. But after Garrett told his story, which included an account of his deputies nearly gunning down a terrified Maxwell in the dark, Pete became known as "Don Chootme."

Sources: "High Noon in Lincoln," by Robert Utley; "A Documentary History of the Lincoln County War," by Frederick Nolan; "The West of Billy the Kid," by Frederick Nolan and "The Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters," by Bill O'Neal.

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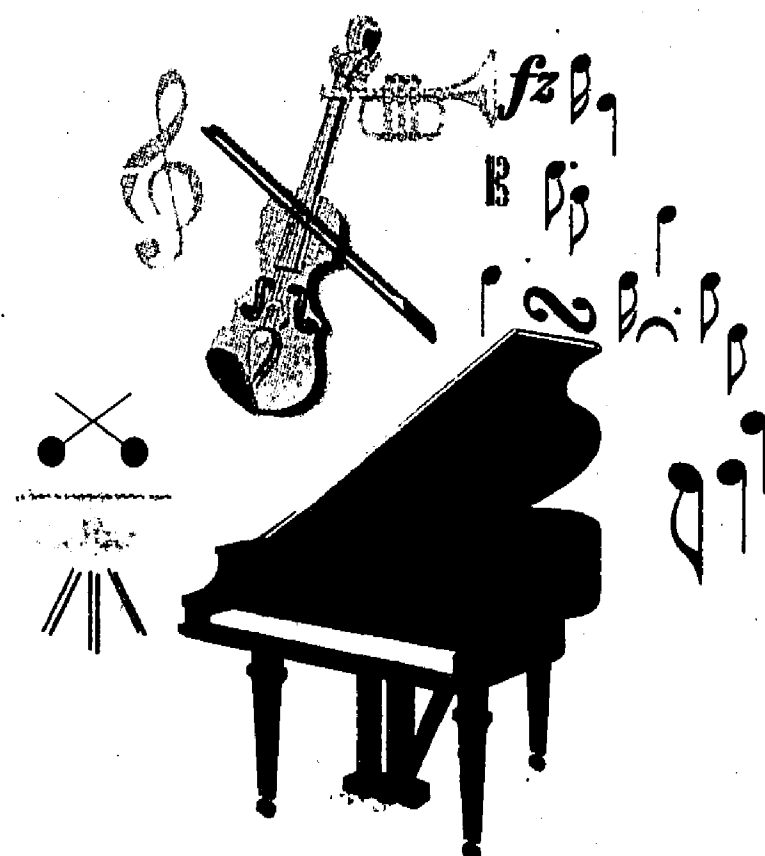
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