

Attacking fire danger at the source

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Chain saw in hand, Juli Apodaca moves toward a small tree targeted for removal in a forest thinning project around Grindstone Lake.

For her, cutting down the trees and underbrush is a logical extension of her work as a volunteer with the Fort Stanton Fire Department. Apodaca says she prefers to spend the time remaining on her sentence at the minimum security prison for women doing something outside that helps the community and may help her.

"It's challenging and a great opportunity," Apodaca said. "I've been thinking about continuing with it (forestry work) as a career."

Apodaca and more than a dozen other inmates lend their muscle and enthusiasm to a pilot project of the State Forestry Division of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department.

Under a three-way agreement among the division, the state



Juli Apodaca, an inmate at Fort Stanton minimum security prison for women, cuts into a tree marked for thinning in the forest at Grindstone Canyon. It is part of a pilot program. Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

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Gavilan Canyon blaze threatens three area homes

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Sparks from a blown power transformer ignited dry ground cover Wednesday, sending flames rushing up a hillside toward homes on Gavilan Canyon Road.

The same wind that damaged the transformer whipped the blaze into a scenario that fire fighters dread, said Matt Reidy, U.S. Forest Service fire administrator for the Smokey Bear Ranger District.

"These are the types of fires that are high risk right in the urban interface," he said. "The wind just compounded the problem."

The quick response of fire fighting units helped stop the flames just 50 feet from three structures, said Denise Ottaviano with the Forest Service in Alamogordo. One load of fire retardant also was dropped by a Forest Service air tanker based in Otero County.

Five privately-owned acres on the north side of Gavilan Canyon near State Road 48 were burned, she said.

The fire was reported about 11 a.m. and was under control by about 1:30 p.m., but crews stayed at the scene until mid-afternoon making sure everything was extinguished and the wind didn't start the flames again, Reidy said.

He estimated about 75 people and nine fire engines responded to the blaze from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Forest Service, the village of Ruidoso and from the Bonito Volunteer Fire Department. A crew of firefighters from Fort Stanton Women's Prison, working on a forest thinning project nearby, also joined the effort.

Emergency services conference here emphasizes fire rescue

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All over town this week, some 200 people have extricated other people from farm equipment, put out wild fires, dealt with hazardous materials and practiced saving lives.

About 200 emergency medical services (EMS) personnel from all over the state as well as from Texas and Colorado were here to attend refresher trainings as part of the pre-conference workshops for the Region III EMS Conference this weekend.

The conference starts Friday night at the Ruidoso Convention Center with the reception for about 60 vendors of EMS equipment, said Jim Stover, EMS director for Ruidoso and Lincoln County. Region III includes the eastern half of the

state.

"It's a full week of intensive trainings specifically dealing with fire rescue and EMS," Stover said, naming some of the workshops: EMT basic refresher programs, farm medic workshops, trauma nurse courses, canine search and rescue, and wildland fire training.

Some of the break-out sessions have such titles as: "My Partner's a Jerk," "That's the Way the Cranium Crumbles," "Eating Elephants: How to Manage Change," and "All Stressed Up and No Place to Go."

More than 600 people are expected for the weekend conference, with speakers coming from around the country. Besides the Region III Conference, the new state Public Regulatory Commission is meeting in Ruidoso Friday morning, and the Public Service Commission will meet to discuss regulations, Stover said.

The registration dinner is Friday from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m., said local paramedic David Grenados in charge. His job during the week has been to "feed the people" — totting refreshments to different workshop sites all over town from the Swiss Chalet to the Enchantment Inn, with the Convention Center, First Presbyterian Church, First Baptist Church, Ruidoso Fire Dept. District 2 and the Ruidoso Police Department in between.

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'Outfitters' premiere tonight

The prospect of seeing Lincoln County's countryside and its people should be enough to draw crowds to see "The Outfitters," when it premieres today at Sierra Cinema off Mechem Drive. But if that's not enough, moviegoers to the 7:30 p.m. showing also will have a chance to take home an autograph from Del Zamora (shown at right on the set), who plays one of the lead characters in the film shot in the county in 1997. Those wanting posters can sign up on a mailing list. Show times are 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. today and Saturday; the film will show for a week. The late show will be dropped Sunday through Thursday.



For more on the film, and Zamora, see the Vámonos section in today's newspaper.

Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

First hotel lease hearing 'amicable'

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David Thomsen, a local attorney, paused Thursday night to offer an opinion in the midst of enumerating his problems with a lease agreement between the village of Ruidoso and a hotel developer.

"I wonder if the village has been trying so hard for so long to get a hotel, that you haven't gone overboard," Thomsen told the Ruidoso Village Council.

Questions and criticisms far outweighed endorsements during the first two hours of a Thursday hearing on the village's controversial proposed contract with Leisure Hotels L.L.C. The Kansas-based firm is offering to build a \$7.6 million, 100-room Hawthorn Suites Golf Resort next to the Ruidoso Convention Center.

But that offer has been criticized because it is contingent on shared costs with the village as well as incentives that include the elimination of property taxes for 30 years.

Mayor Robert Donaldson has said

the village's partnership with the hotel firm is necessary to get the type of luxury hotel needed to bring in the larger conventions that currently skip over Ruidoso for other resort destinations.

"If this was just about putting a hotel in, I would be sitting over there with you," Donaldson told one lodge owner questioning him. "I think this is something greater than just another hotel — it's going to attract people who have never been attracted to Ruidoso before."

He and Councilor Bill Chance said the hotel would bring conventions that would level the "seasonality" of Ruidoso's tourism economy. And additional demands would spill over and benefit other lodgings.

Generally, the meeting appeared amicable.

Lodge owners, who represented a large portion of the 50 people attending the hearing, say they do not oppose the hotel being built — they oppose the use of tax dollars to help it be built.

"You are forcibly taking their

money so you can compete against them and help advance the hotel," said Thomsen, who represented the Ruidoso Hotel Association.

Two hours into the meeting, seven people had either posed questions about the lease agreement or expressed an opinion. Five of those opposed the contract, one favored it and another, Lincoln County Commissioner Wilton Howell, offered advice to village councilors. He did not want to see the council repeat the same mistake as the commission, who had "their minds made up" despite public input at hearings on locations for a new jail.

"The one thing I have learned is there is a reason God gave people two ears and one mouth, and that is we need to listen," Howell said.

Sarah Mayes, a retailer, supported the hotel lease, saying Ruidoso needs the tools with which to compete with other resort towns and that every business in town would benefit from it.

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RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY High ... 65
Low ... 36



Mostly sunny

SUNDAY High ... 68
Low ... 38



Mostly sunny

MONDAY High ... 70
Low ... 39



Sunny

WEATHER ALMANAC

Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	75	28	.00"
Wednesday	77	32	.00"
Thursday	78	40	.00"

Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	72	45	Mostly Sunny
El Paso, TX	85	56	Mostly Sunny
Lubbock, TX	86	58	Mostly Sunny
Midland, TX	89	59	Mostly Sunny

April phases of the moon



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Mars is putting on its best showing of the year right now. It is brightest for the year, outshining everything in the evening sky except Venus and the Moon. And it is visible all night long. It looks like a bright reddish-orange star, low in the east as darkness falls.

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Annual Mescalero pow-wow coming up

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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MESCALERO - With a flurry of brilliantly colored feathers and the jingle of decorative body chimes, the annual Southern Eagle Contest Pow-Wow will begin April 30 and run through May 2 in the Mescalero Apache gymnasium.

The contest is worth the drive and the time for visitors and residents, tribal organizers say. It's a chance to see dramatized traditional dances and elaborate garb, and hear the drum beats that have survived for centuries. All drums are welcome, says Freddie Kaydahzinne, one of the organizers of the event and head of tribal housing.

Participants will compete for more than \$24,000 in cash prizes.

But while competition is definitely part of the success equation, the other part is the socializing for members of various tribes who come to Mescalero from across the country, Kaydahzinne says.

"This pow-wow has been

happening in Mescalero for more than 25 years. It was originally started with the efforts of late Wheeler Gayton and I worked with him," Kaydahzinne said Monday. "We've been trying to promote the traditions and Indian culture among our people to maintain our identity. Even though the pow-wow is not exactly our type of traditional dance, it acts like a stepping stone. When they participate in pow-wows and dances and get together with other tribes, they are inspired and begin to think about their own traditions and cultures."

The dancing is a dramatization of traditional dances, he said. They don their best regalia, the most dramatic feathers and most intricate bead work, because the entire presentation is judged.

Some dancers travel many months out of the year, competing in pow-wows to earn their living, he said.

"Some just enjoy going to meet old friends and meet new ones," Kaydahzinne said. "It's a time when we socialize and get

away from the stress of our work and trying to live. Back in the old days, they did war dances to prepare for war time or as a victory dance. In today's time, it's a social activity and competitive dancing."

Visitors are welcome to watch the competition, he said.

"We like to invite the surrounding communities," Kaydahzinne said. "Come and enjoy the pow-wow and meet some of our people, and have a good time together."

Admission for spectators is free.

The Cozad Singers from Anadarko, Okla. are the host drums, along with High Noon from Hobbema, Alberta, Canada.

Head dancers will be picked daily, but Edmond "Tate" Nevaquaya from Apache, Okla., will start as the head gourd dancer. Corky Old Horn from Crow Agency in Montana is master of ceremonies and Wayne Perdasofpy from Window Rock, Ariz., is arena director.

Contest categories include Men's Golden Age, Women's

Traditional Buckskin, Women's Cloth, Women's Golden Age and competitions for juniors and tots.

Special \$1,000 prizes will be awarded in each of six categories; Men's Southern Straight, Men's Grass Dance, Men's Fancy, Men's Northern Traditional, Women's Jingle and Women's Fancy Shawl.

The pow-wow opens with registration and a gourd dance at 2 p.m., Friday, April 30, in the gymnasium in the rear of the administration complex off U.S. 70 in Mescalero. The grand entry and contest begin at 7 p.m. On Saturday, the gourd dance is at noon with the grand entry and contest at 1 p.m. and a gourd dance at 6 p.m. with another grand entry and contest at 7 p.m. Sunday, the gourd dance is at noon with the grand entry and contest at 1 p.m.

Space for art and craft booth still is available. The fee is \$50. Call Kaydahzinne at the tribal office, 671-4494.

HOTEL: Criticism opens hearing

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"I don't think we should be looking at this as just a hotel. We should be looking at this as convention dollars," Mayes said.

Concerns about the lease ranged from legal snags to why the village would build two tennis courts for shared use by the hotel and public, but would require advance reservations through the hotel.

Thomsen and Alan Morel, another attorney representing two local businessmen, questioned specifics in the legal document. Thomsen pointed out that the way the lease is written, the village's fees would be subordinate to debts to financiers if the hotel folds.

Thomsen questioned the requirement that the hotel pay the village 5 percent of the appraised value of the undeveloped 3.8-acre site for the duration of its funding.

"I think the village needs to consider what is an appropriate return on investment rather than the lowest amount allowed," he said.

Morel told the council he reviewed the lease agreement, but was not able to put any figure on the village's total contributions. He asked if anyone has tried to "put a pencil" on what the total cost of the contract will be to Ruidoso.

Donaldson said some costs were going to be spent whether the hotel builds or not, such as a \$200,000 "spillover" parking lot, a \$13,000 road to the parking lot and improvements to the common

► More hearings

Public hearings on the hotel lease agreement will continue on the following dates:

- 6:30 p.m. Monday
- 6:30 p.m. Thursday
- 7 p.m. May 4 for a presentation by Leisure Hotels' president, Steve Olson, to be followed by a possible vote.

area at the convention center.

The village also will spend \$95,000 making the hotel site buildable, Donaldson said. Village Manager Alan Briley, during a break in the hearing, said no amount has been established for the village's half of a new sign at the convention center or a covered walk-way from the center to the hotel.

Briley, in response to a question from Morel, said the hotel will not have to pay building fees to the village that would otherwise be \$5,000 to \$7,000.

Morel also questioned the other payment the hotel would make to the village when a break-even point, estimated by Donaldson to be \$2.6 million, is reached. He suggested that hotel costs could be adjusted, such as with administrator's salaries, to keep that break-even point from being reached.

Responding to Morel's question on property taxes, the hotel would not have to pay an estimated \$60,000 a year, Donaldson said.

INMATES: Cooperative effort having an impact in clearing the forest

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Department of Corrections and the village of Ruidoso, overgrown forests are being thinned to improve the health of the remaining trees and to cut down the fuel for wild fires.

"We met six or seven months ago with (division) officials, who kept telling us, 'You need to do this and that,'" said Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson, who turned out for a thinning demonstration Wednesday. "We said we are doing something (about the thick forest); it's time for the state to put up or shut up. Get a project and we'll do it."

The village will dispose of the material cut down by turning it into mulch with its chipping machine, said Charles P. Wicklund, Inmate Work Camp (IWC) program manager for the division.

The first IWC project was funded by the state Legislature in July 1997 with \$1.6 million, focusing on the Los Lunas area and the minimum security

prison inmates there, said Tony Delfin, bureau chief in the Santa Fe division office.

Eight crews work out of that prison, performing operations in the Cibola National Forest, for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, for New Mexico Game and Fish, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy and for the county and city of Socorro, Wicklund said.

"Since the inception of the program 17 months ago, we've generated \$1 million in work for the state," he said. The first of 50 projects completed was at the Bernardo Wildlife Management Area. Activities include wildlife habitat improvement, snow removal, fuel reduction, riparian restoration, seedling distribution and campground maintenance.

The new effort in Ruidoso, which started April 13, was proposed to see if establishing another work camp here would benefit the area, Delfin said.

Funding for the camp would be introduced as a bill in the next legislative session in January, 2000.

"This is a program that benefits everybody," he said in briefing State Rep. Dub Williams, a Republican from Glencoe, who came to learn about the project.

"It's something we can do on our own land and the feds can do on the national forest," Donaldson said. "I also think it's important for these women to be able to do something for a community and see the results. We thank them for that and respect their efforts."

The project around Grindstone is the first in the state using women inmates, Wicklund said. The thinning occurs from below with smaller trees and brush, protecting species living in the forest, as well as the health of the habitat, he said.

The training received by the inmates the past few weeks showed Wednesday as they

eliminate 1999 funding.

Domenici is seeking \$30 million for the four training partners of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium, which prepares firefighters, police officers, medical and emergency personnel to respond to potential acts of terrorism.

Republican meeting here

The New Mexico Federation of Republican Women's spring board meeting is set for Friday and Saturday, May 7-8, at Ruidoso's Enchantment Inn on U.S. 70.

State Rep. Dan Foley, a Republican who represents Chavez, Eddy and Roosevelt counties in District 57, will be the guest speaker May 8.

For more information, contact Martha Reiersen at (505) 443-1502.

TNP earnings falter

Texas-New Mexico Enterprises Inc. recently announced first quarter earnings for 1999 that were 23 cents below those of the same quarter last year. However, analysts expect those earnings to increase.

"We continue to anticipate having excess earnings in 1999, despite mild weather in the first quarter," said Kevern R. Joyce, TNP chairman, president and chief executive officer, said.

"Our transition plan allows a return on equity (ROE) of 11.25 percent in Texas. This level is well within our reach and, assuming normal weather for the remainder of the year, we anticipate exceeding the ROE cap for the full year."

moved from tree to tree, calling out "timber," as one after another crashed to the ground. All of them took an introductory course firefighters receive to qualify to fight fires in New Mexico. They also will have to pass a physical fitness test and have been briefed in the safe handling of chain saws.

The pilot project runs through the first week of May. Secretary Jennifer A. Salisbury said she anticipates it will be a success story.

"This is another example of how beneficial the IWC program has been to the state of New Mexico," she said. "Not only is it of benefit to our resource protection efforts, it also provides the inmates a practical work experience they can take with them after serving their sentences. I think the introduction of female inmates into the program is a very positive endeavor." Also on hand to watch the work was temporary Fort Stanton warden Lupe Martinez Marshall.



Courtesy Bill Rakocy, "Ghostown of White Oaks"

Miners once at the Henry Clay mine at White Oaks.

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

White Oaks Eagle April 20, 1899

Gray Gleanings from our regular correspondent - Wor at the coal mines is going on night and day ... The following persons have recently made filing on homesteads in this neighborhood: L. M. N. McReynolds, Mrs. Guyes, of Picacho; Mrs. Lesnet of Lincoln and Mary Skehan of

Gray ... Everyone rejoices to hear that Fort Stanton is again to be made use by the government, and all hope that the good work of repairing the buildings and putting the place in order may begin soon ... Mining timber is beginning to come in from the Capitans ... Mr. George Sligh and wife and children, from Nogal were guests at W. M. Reily's home on Sunday ... Judge Blanchard, of Fort Stanton and Frank Allison, foreman at the V.V. Ranch, were visitors on Sunday.

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Youth labor market could help Ruidoso

Local and state officials are working together to address a projected shortage of summer employees in Lincoln County by tapping into the youth labor market.

The Summer Workforce Program will try to identify and educate youth between the ages of 14 and 21 as potential summer employees.

On Saturday, May 8, students and employers are invited to a workshop at the Ruidoso High School for the program. Students will learn about the traits and skills employers consider when hiring. Employers will hear from Judith LaPointe, a specialist on child labor laws, and other

representatives from the Department of Labor.

"What makes this program especially attractive to employers is (House Bill) 236, which recently passed, and offers employers a tax credit in an amount equal to 50 percent of the gross wages paid to qualified students," said Gary Cozzens, local coordinator of the School to Work program.

"Because our area has shown the initiative to create this program so quickly, we have been approached by the New Mexico State School to Work office to help pilot this project," Cozzens said.

The program is being spon-

sored through a cooperative effort of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, the schools in Lincoln County, the New Mexico Department of Labor, the Region IX Education Cooperative and the School to Work program.

The chamber is sending letters about the project to local businesses. The letters start by pointing out the shared common challenge for local businesses — the ongoing need for an educated, trainable work force.

"It is apparent that with the onset of summer and with it the typical need to hire additional people coupled with the

addition of several new area businesses, we will have a shortfall in our labor pool," Joan Zagone, chamber executive director, wrote in the letter.

"Presently, Lincoln County has an unemployment rate of less than 5 percent, which is a 'positive' for our overall economy unless you are in need of employees."

She asks that employers in need of additional summer employees do two things — contact the chamber before April 29, and attend the May 8 workshop.

For more information, contact Joan Zagone, chamber executive director, at 257-7395.

RHS principal ousted

The Ruidoso School Board this week acted to refuse renewal of an employment contract for high school principal Ron Hodges.

Hodges was arrested for driving while intoxicated on April 10.

A brief press release from the office of Superintendent of Schools Mike Gladden stated, "The Board of Education of the Ruidoso Schools met in an emergency

meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 1999 at 4 p.m. in the Board Room at the Ruidoso Schools Central Administration Office. The Board voted to rescind the offer of re-employment to Ron Hodges for the 1999-2000 school year and to not renew his contract for the 1999-2000 school year."

Gladden had no further comment.

DWI funding released to counties state-wide

SANTA FE — Gov. Gary Johnson has announced the award of \$9.6 million in local driving while intoxicated (DWI) grant and distribution funds to 33 counties throughout New Mexico.

Awards were determined at the April 8 meeting of the seven member DWI Grant Council.

These funds will be used by counties, cities, Native American tribes and pueblos throughout the state for a wide range of activities including prevention, enforcement, screening, teen court, outpatient treatment, intensive supervision, coordination, planning, evaluation and alternative offender sentencing.

"These funds will go a long way toward reducing the incidence of DWI in New Mexico," Johnson said. "These programs, activities and services are locally driven by a local DWI planning council to fit the priorities and needs of each community."

The Department of Finance and Administration local government division, which administers the program, received requests from each of the counties for fund-

ing totaling more than \$12 million. Applications were reviewed for eligibility, rated and presented to the council for final action.

The state Legislature in 1993 created the DWI Grant Program in which more than \$43.5 million has been awarded to counties, cities and Native American tribes and pueblos for DWI reduction. During this time, fatalities from alcohol-related crashes dropped from 249 in 1993 to 185 in 1998.

Among the 33 counties awarded funding, Bernalillo County (Albuquerque) received the largest piece of funding at \$2.6 million. San Juan County received the next largest funding at \$930,000, with McKinley County, \$532,000, and Dona Ana County, \$593,000, following. Lincoln County received \$114,500.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Jeff Condrey, director, or David Hanna, bureau chief of the local government division, at (505) 827-4850 or (800) 432-7108.

The county fathers split on a decision, but support the idea Commission wouldn't include tax reform in special session

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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A letter urging Gov. Gary Johnson not to drop the issue of property tax reform will be sent with Lincoln County Commission approval, but board members balked at asking the governor to consider the issue in a special legislative session next month.

Commissioner Wilton Howell, who has championed changing the way taxable property values are established as a means of controlling tax increases, couldn't muster support for a motion to send Johnson a resolution calling for the issue to be part of the special session.

But Chairman Rex Wilson said he agrees it's an important subject that should be studied and that counties all over the state should have input.

State voters approved a constitutional amendment to allow a change of approach in establishing taxable property values.

The governor vetoed a bill submitted by State Rep. Ben Lujan, D-Albuquerque, to limit increases in taxable val-

ues each year by establishing a statewide housing value index. Opponents said more study is needed and that the bill would negatively impact more rural, economically static areas while favoring those in the path of growth.

Howell, as a supporter of the bill, said it is a way to ensure county commissioners are accountable if they increase the county budget, because increases in housing values would no longer offset increased spending. He said the bill or another proposal needs to be debated in a special session where it doesn't have to compete with 400 other bills.

But Commissioner L. Ray Nunley said a resolution is a demand and the county shouldn't approach the governor in that fashion. He broke down his own annual tax bill of \$1,049 and said he was comfortable with what he pays. The state receives 4.5 percent, the county gets 20.8 percent (\$239), the village of Ruidoso received 37.3 percent (\$428), the school through bonds

issues and special levies received 24.7 percent, \$283, the hospital is listed for \$66.65 and Eastern New Mexico University for \$60.11.

He voted for all of the special taxes and bonds. Those taxes are self-inflicted, Nunley said.

"I don't know where we can cut," he said. "We only have control over the county's operating budget and special projects."

Howell said many home owners outside of Ruidoso pay as little as \$280 per year in property taxes.

"But the size or value of the house doesn't affect the drain on services," he said.

He chided fellow commissioners, saying they spent a lot of time talking about raises for elected officials this year.

"They did a good job representing government, but not as good representing the people," Howell said.

Duane Williams, former chairman of the county Republican Party, said the state should have a simple tax

reform law, limiting property tax increases to 2.6 percent or less a year.

"This is a death spiral regarding taxes," he said. "New Mexico is third behind Alaska and Hawaii for total tax load on residents. New businesses look at that when they're starting new plants and creating new jobs."

Howell suggested establishing a tax cap and then requiring that a super majority (four out of five commissioners) to remove it.

But Wilson pointed out the constitutional amendment approve by voters last November referred to property values, not taxes.

"I don't argue that some sort of limit is needed," he said, suggesting a letter be written to the governor asking for some test runs of different systems and for counties to be allowed to give input. However, he contended the special session doesn't allow enough time to come up with a good alternative.

Join The GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP & Help Keep America Beautiful!



Great American Cleanup, Bank Challenge Cleanup & Riches to Ditches

April 24, 1999

Come out and support Keep Ruidoso Beautiful in a community litter cleanup campaign. Your help is needed!! Let's clean up the town. Let's pick up the roadways, neighborhoods, parks, lakes, your favorite spot. Be a part of the national litter cleanup effort sponsored by Keep America Beautiful. You could win \$100-\$5000 if you find the needle in the litter haystack. Donated by Country Magazine and Grindstone Graphics (Laura Doth, field editor)

EVENTS

Where: Schoolhouse Park
When: April 24, 1999
What time: 8:30 - 11:30
Registration: 8:00 - 8:30
T-Shirts to the first 200 registrants
REFRESHMENTS & PRIZES: Hotdogs, soft drinks, & door prizes at the end of cleanup.
Must register at Park to win!!

During April, Keep New Mexico Beautiful Month, people all across New Mexico will volunteer to help pick up litter and beautify streets, parks, public lands and water resources in their hometown.

If you or an organization to which you belong, your church group, your business, or your neighborhood, want to be part of the GREAT NEW MEXICO CLEANUP, call: 257-5030









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OUR OPINION

**Do your bit
for our beautiful village**

Our environment is what we make it. And everybody in Ruidoso will have an opportunity to demonstrate that they want that environment clean and beautiful on Saturday.

On tap, with all kinds of added incentives, is the Great American Clean Up, the Bank Challenge Clean Up and Riches to Ditches—the latter with a shot at winning \$5,000.

April is Keep Ruidoso Beautiful Month, according to the committee supporting it, and litter pick-up volunteers will gather at Schoolhouse Park at 8 a.m. to start their effort. The committee's tie in with "Country" magazine's "Needle-in-a-Haystack" campaign offers a cash pay-off. Laura Doth, the local field editor for "Country," says there are two needles out in a ditch somewhere worth \$100 each — and possibly \$5,000. This is the "Riches to Ditches" roadside clean up.

Chances are 1 in 124 of getting the big prize — pretty good, by lottery standards.

The first 200 people who register for the cleanup (8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.) will receive "Toss No Más" t-shirts. Afterwards comes the hotdogs, soft drinks and door prizes.

This is the first year for the Great American Cleanup, a campaign of Keep America Beautiful, of which Keep Ruidoso Beautiful is an affiliate. The committee will concentrate on some of the main arteries in Ruidoso — Paradise Canyon, Gavilan Canyon and Warrior Drive among them.

Susan Lutterman, chair of Keep Ruidoso Beautiful, has challenged local banks to come out and pick up litter as a competition. First National Bank, Ruidoso State Bank, Norwest Bank, First Federal Bank, Pioneer Bank, and Sierra Bank all have responded, and will be out to top the 500 bags of trash they picked up last year.

It can be an individual clean-up day, too; everybody is encouraged to use the day to clean up their own yards and neighborhoods.

Of course, if you miss participating Saturday, there's the Community River Cleanup on May 8 and Keep Ruidoso Beautiful Certification June 4-5.

And, people, our beautiful village is worth certifying.

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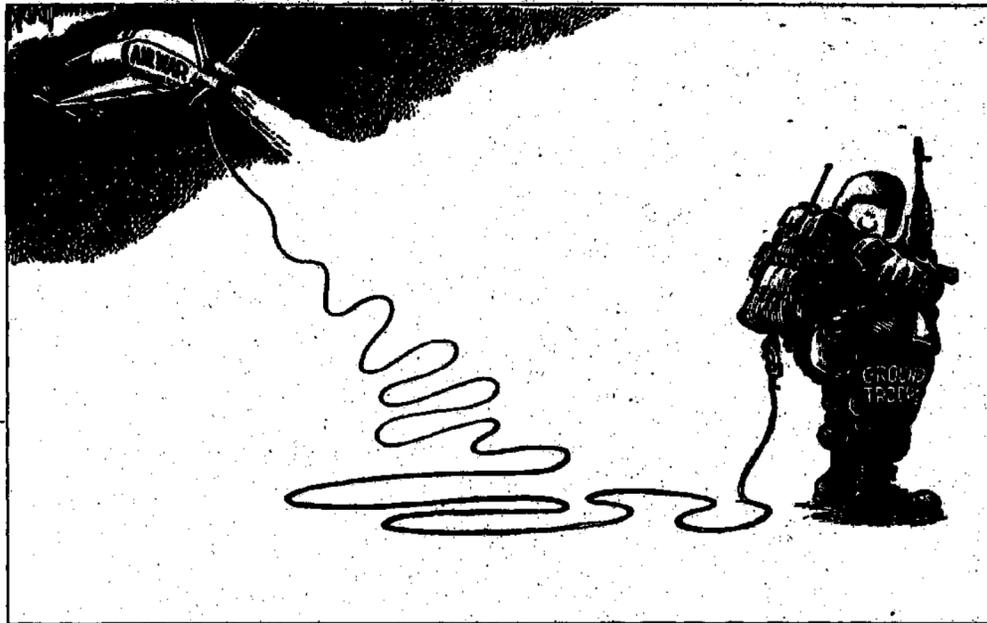
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GUEST COMMENTARY

A child's safety is beyond price

BY FRANK SILVA
CAPITAN SCHOOL BUS PROVIDER

In a few weeks, on May 11, the voters in the Capitan School District will...vote on an amended bond issue. As the school bus provider, I have a first-hand knowledge of a few of the issues. Some of the comments I heard during the last election were, "We don't need a parking lot or a bus lane," "I don't have any kids in school..." and "My taxes will go up too much."

I can tell you that every morning and every evening the bus drivers regularly experience situations of "near misses" or "close calls." These are children's lives we're talking about. We never know when that basketball that is rolling under our tires will be closely followed by a child running to catch it. Or children chasing each other into the path of vehicles will eventually lead to someone getting killed. If it were not for the watchful eyes of the staff and the extreme care of the drivers, we would already have been faced with a crisis. Until you

experience the horror of "almost" running over a child, you will not fully understand what we are faced with.

But the whole situation is easily solved! Yes, it involves some reconstruction and rerouting and I have a hard time believing not everyone wants children to be safe, even if they are not yours. Yes, your taxes will go up slightly. How much is a child's life worth to you? ...

I also know the dire need for additional classrooms. We can all find fault with any institution if we look hard enough, but denying the children the best we can offer is not the solution. I grew up in Capitan and am proud of the education I received. My belief is that we need to improve schools for future generations, not degrade them. Remember, these children, whether yours or not, will be the ones you will employ, share the roads and live with, and someday, they will pay taxes to benefit your children and grandchildren...

Just because I grew up with dirt roads doesn't mean

my children shouldn't have gravel or paved parking lots. It is important for children and the community to have pride in their school, including the facility. Yes, they probably could learn in tents, but studies have shown that among many factors influencing learning, is self esteem and comfort and availability of basic necessities. The plan is not extravagant and barely meets the needs of a growing school.

...The entire state is rapidly growing and like it or not, it is here and all we can do is cope with the problems it brings. Many of our students will not remain here, but will go out into the world. We need to give them the tools they need to be the best they can be in that world.

I urge you to vote for the bond issue, primarily for the safety of the students, but also for the facilities to provide a quality education. ... Aren't we blessed to live in a country where we have a choice of what we provide for our children?

Then as now, political groups had their names

Here's a New Mexico trivia question for you: What do Andrius A. Jones, Bronson M. Cutting, Octaviano A. Larrazolo, Dennis Chavez, Edwin L. Mechem, Joseph M. Montoya, Harrison "Jack" Schmitt and Jeff Bingaman have in common?

FOOLS AND NEWCOMERS



BY MORROW HALL
SINDICATED COLUMNIST

The answer is that they all followed Thomas Benton Catron as U.S. Senator from New Mexico. Catron was elected by the New Mexico Legislature (the 17th Amendment, requiring direct election of senators, was adopted in 1913) as one of the state's first two senators when statehood was finally granted, in 1912, and served through 1917. The position is, and will always be, known as the Catron seat.

(Pete V. Domenici holds what is called the Fall seat, named after the other first senator, Albert B. Fall.)

Tom Catron jumped into New Mexico politics almost as quickly as he entered New Mexico business. Although he was named after a famous Democratic senator, Thomas Hart Benton, and came from a strong Democrat family, Catron was a Republican. Even more ironic, the G.O.P. was the party of Abraham Lincoln, and Catron had served as a Confederate officer.

Still, when he came to this

state, Catron chose to be a Republican. Years later he was quoted as telling a friend that when he came to the territory the Republicans were in power.

"It seemed to me they were likely to remain in power for a good many years," he said. "The only thing left was for me to join them and run them the way I think they ought to be run, and that's what I'm doing."

He made a good choice. The Republicans were in power during most of Catron's career, and he did indeed essentially "run them" during that time.

The press in that era differed from the newspapers to which we are accustomed. There was no delusion of "objective" reporting, and editors didn't strive to become "news-papers of record." They were all fiercely subjective and partisan, and were unencumbered by effective libel laws.

The newspapers of the territorial era seem to have fallen into three categories: Republican, Democrat and bizarre. They must have been fun to read (and still are), and there's no doubt readers took them with copious amounts of salt.

To the Republican papers, Tom Catron was a bright, shining star of rectitude and benevolence. To the Democrat papers, he was right-hand man to the Antichrist. The truth lay far from either opinion.

Catron came to New Mexico in 1866, and he held many political offices before he became a senator. He was a district attorney, territorial attorney general, U.S. Attorney, territorial representative and ter-

ritorial delegate to Congress. He served as mayor of Santa Fe and was a founder and president of the New Mexico Bar Association, a very powerful group that had great influence on the legislature.

And during all those years, Catron was the primary leader of the Republican Party, and therefore perhaps the most powerful man in New Mexico.

Today people talk about the influence of "Manny and Ray" — Senate President Pro-Tem Manny Aragon and House Speaker Raymond Sanchez. A couple of decades ago, the "Mamma Lucy Gang," named after a restaurant in Las Vegas, where its members supposedly met, was in power.

But in territorial days, the power was ascribed to the "Santa Fe Ring." Coined perhaps by one of the Democratic newspapers of the day, this term had remarkable longevity.

**Requiem
for childhood**

And now another name enters our lexicon of infamy; Littleton, Colo., suddenly is up there with Jonestown and Chicago and other places where a few brains run rampant bring death to the innocent and tragedy to parents, brothers and sisters and everybody with any sense of right and wrong.

Psychologists now have something more to chew on. Why should two middle-class boys in a suburban paradise kind of community take it upon themselves to slaughter more than a dozen classmates with firearms and home-made bombs?

They're dead by their own hands, so we'll never know. But the inevitable question remains: How can we prevent it from happening in our state, our town, our school?

The American Psychological Association and the New Mexico Department of Health has some suggestions:

- Keep violence out of your home; violence teaches violence.
- Respond early to warning signs by seeking mental health counseling for the youth and the family.
- Give your children consistent love and affection.
- Make sure your children are supervised.
- Be consistent about rules and discipline.
- Try to keep your children from seeing too much violence in the media.
- Help your children recognize and stand up to violence.
- Secure firearms in locked containers and use trigger locks.

All of this is good common sense, isn't it?

But how many practice it?

MOUNTAIN ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN
RUIDOSO NEWS

LETTERS POLICY

The Ruidoso News encourages letters to the editor, especially about local topics and issues.

Each letter must be signed and must include the writer's daytime telephone number and address. The phone number and street or mailing address will not be printed; however, the author's hometown will be included. The telephone number will be used to verify authorship. No letter will be printed without the writer's name.

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The News reserves the right to reject any letter.

Workshop offers ways to build tourism with help from Uncle Sam

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A team of state and federal experts shared advice Thursday and today with Lincoln County residents on how to handle growth positively, especially with regard to tourism.

"If you plan for it enough in advance, then communities can retain the quality of life that is valued," said Dan Marriott, with the federal Rural Heritage Program. "You can have your cake and eat it, too."

Marriott was one of six state and federal authorities who, addressed a range of

development issues at the two-day seminar at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. Topics included how to increase tourism, retain an area's authenticity, plan for growth and tap into federal funding sources.

Coordinators invited local community leaders to the workshop, including Lincoln County commissioners, Ruidoso councilors and Ruidoso Downs trustees. However, few to none of the members of those entities were expected to attend.

Bruce Eldredge, museum director, on Thursday morning said several key community

people were expected at the workshop, titled "On the Byway to Heritage Tourism." Those participants, such as Bill Hirschfeld, chair of the Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway, are likely to carry information from the workshop to village and county leaders, Eldredge said.

Representatives from the historic town of Lincoln and from the Ruidoso Downs Race Track also were expected at the workshop.

Marriott said the workshop will emphasize the need for growing rural communities to take a close "look at who they

are, who they want to be and how to get there."

Communities also should carefully consider the burgeoning historical tourism industry, Marriott said. It is the fast-growing area of tourism, which is the state's biggest industry, he said. By retaining "authenticity," a community can better appeal to those tourists in search of attractions with historical and heritage significance.

As an example, Marriott painted a picture of the road to Lincoln if it were lined with fast-food restaurants and chain hotels. A tourism community

should emphasize the retention of its "historic landscape" when planning for growth, he said.

"We are trying to send a message that this is a special place, and I'm on my way to a very special place," Marriott said. "Don't let corporate America decide what your landscape is going to be."

Hank Dittmar, with the federal Surface Transportation Policy Project, also touched on how federal "funding pots" can be sought through the Transportation Enhancement Act and other avenues. Those funds may be used for a number of projects, such as the cre-

ation of bicycle and pedestrian paths, he said.

Dittmar said federal guidelines on highway construction give more flexibility than New Mexico as a state is using when designing roads through rural and tourism-based communities. The goal in these areas is not necessarily faster travel, which reduces the potential for pedestrian traffic and street parking.

"These communities are destinations," Dittmar said. "The lifeblood of these communities is people staying more (days), not just passing through."

Village manager's contract up for renewal

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The report card on Alan Briley is in, and Ruidoso's village manager of one year has received high marks.

"I'm extremely pleased — more than I ever expected to be," Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson said Thursday of Briley, who stepped into the position after six years as deputy village manager.

On Tuesday, Briley's contract with the village is up for renewal before the Ruidoso Village Council. Donaldson has recommended the contract with a few changes to Briley's total compensation package. The village will give him a vehicle for business use and double contri-

butions to his retirement plan.

Instead of giving him a \$5,400 gasoline stipend, the new contract adds that amount to Briley's salary, which will then total \$58,900. Funds going into his retirement plan will increase from 3 to 6 percent.

Donaldson said Briley, who replaced former village manager Gary Jackson on April 29, 1998, has done a good job for the village in both technical and personnel aspects of the job. Jackson, who left Ruidoso on very good terms, took a city manager's position in Texas.

Donaldson said he knew Briley, a certified civil engineer, would excel in the technical areas because of his background. "But he also is a person who is very concerned about the

employees," he added. Last fall, Briley increased the salaries of his department heads by as much as 34 percent to bring their compensation in-line with equivalent positions in the state.

Briley's own salary will still be about \$10,000 less than most of his counterparts. Even two years ago, several municipal managers had higher salaries, according to the New Mexico Municipal League, including the following: Taos, \$68,000; Alamogordo, \$75,000; Carlsbad, \$68,000; Hobbs, \$66,000; and Deming, \$61,000.

Power company passes Y2K readiness test

Texas-New Mexico Power (TNMP) Company, which serves the Ruidoso area, successfully tested its ability to communicate critical operational data during a recent simulated failure of telecommunication systems.

Company officials said the nationwide year 2000 (Y2K) readiness drill was organized by the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC).

"We've spent a great deal of time and energy ensuring that our systems will work effectively when the new year arrives," said Joe Ivy, TNMP engineering coordinator and one of the Y2K team members who developed the drill. "The drill met our objectives and proved our employees

knew how to handle a potentially adverse situation."

A news release stated that during the drill, about 35 TNMP employees in 15 locations communicated key operating information with backup voice systems, radios and cellular phones.

This drill demonstrated that TNMP and the other 200 utilities participating have backup communications procedures and facilities already in place to maintain reliable electric service even without access to all primary telecommunications systems. A second drill is planned for Sept. 8-9 to test administrative, operating, communications and contingency response readiness.

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Sandy Suggs/Ruidoso News

Firefighters and EMS personnel from all over New Mexico and some from Texas, Colorado and Arizona, learn from instructor Cy Stockhoff of the Albuquerque School of Medicine how to rip the top off a car to rescue people trapped inside. Modesto Chavez and three other firefighters and an EMT from the Hondo Valley Fire Department are getting their extrication tools at this conference and need to learn how to use them. This is a two-day extrication.

Commission gives officials' deputies a boost

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

CARRIZOZO - Chief deputies in the offices of elected Lincoln County officials will be paid 95 percent of their bosses' salaries.

If they want more, an increase will require financial justification and then approval by the county commission.

The cap was one of the changes approved last week by the commission to the personnel policies covering the county's 80 employees. Commissioners tabled action on a request to allow employees to decide in an election if they want to contribute more to their state retirement fund. Election results would be binding and if the amount increased from 7 percent to 9 percent, the commission would have to match it. That could be costly and com-

missioners want to know the bottom financial line, before they vote.

The issue of chief deputies' salaries was debated for months before commissioners temporarily decided in March to increase the amount from 87 percent to 95 percent, until revised personnel policies were available for review. Some of the elected officials wanted a range of percentages up to 110 percent, and Assessor Patsy Serna insisted her chief deputy be eligible for increment raises based on specific education and certifications he obtains.

Commissioners at the April 15 meeting agreed to increments and set the percentage.

If the chief deputies were paid more than their bosses, it would take away from the stature of the elected official, who ultimately is responsible for the operation of the office,

Serna said. Sheriff Tom Sullivan previously suggested more than 100 percent, because the undersheriff often works longer hours than the sheriff and does more of the daily duties of running the department.

Other changes in the personnel policies include:

- Employees may take sick leave to tend someone in their immediate family, even if the person doesn't live with them.

- A requirement that the employee is the only person available to tend a sick relative to be eligible for leave was deleted.

- All accrued leave must be used first before the Family Medical Leave Act kicks into effect.

- Supervisors will be able to decide if an employee should or should not be paid when they are responding to an emergency as a volunteer.

DOWN'S AGENDA

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

- Set a date for an educational workshop for councilors. Village Clerk/Treasurer Leann Weibrecht said the workshop will address issues such as putting together a five-year

- strategic plan for the village.
- Bids on the second phase of sewer line extensions in the Las Lomas subdivision. The project is funded with \$200,000 in federal grants and \$40,000 in village money.

- An agreement and resolution to renew a contract with the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development Council.

- Start searching for an accountant for the village's annual outside audit. The auditor will be sought through requests for proposals.

- Approval to purchase \$2,300 in computer software for the fire department, to allow the department to produce automatic reports.

- Closed session discussion regarding the acquisition of property.

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Schools honor volunteers for their help during the year

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso Municipal Schools administrators honored 87 people who volunteered in the schools at a banquet in the TeePee Lounge at the high school.

Volunteers read to children, listen to them read, sell popcorn, help in the playground, make copies, grade papers, or, as in the case of photographer Mark Jones, help out with the high school yearbook.

The volunteer program is in its third year, said Lisa Williams, coordinator for the schools. Each grade also has a coordinator who communicates with principals and teachers and contacts other volunteers who sign up to help out at the beginning of the school year.

The goal this year was to have a volunteer homeroom parent for each classroom,

Williams said. This has worked in the lower grades and has simplified filling the needs of the schools. The coordinator can call the homeroom parents who then call other volunteers.

"Our coordinators are good," she said. "They get on the phone and sometimes they do it themselves if they can't find someone. They make sure it's covered and keep in contact with the principal. It's a wonderful process."

Principal Frank Cannella expressed his appreciation for Trink Edmonds, a retired principal from New York who helped out at White Mountain Elementary School for more than 21 hours a week, and has even helped develop curriculum.

The luncheon was prepared and served by students in the TeePee Lounge. Afterwards, Joan Zagone, chamber of commerce executive director, introduced school principals,

who presented certificates and plaques to the volunteers.

Certificates were given to people who had volunteered two hours per month, 4 by 6-inch plaques to people who'd volunteered an hour a week, 5 by 7 plaques to those who'd volunteered three hours per week, and 8 by 10 plaques to those who'd volunteered at least four hours per week.

Principals at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center, Sierra Vista Primary, and White Mountain Elementary announced 14, 22 and 22 volunteers, respectively, that had donated at least two hours a month (although most of these volunteered between four and 12 hours a month).

The numbers of volunteers dropped off at White Mountain Intermediate School, which honored only three volunteers for two to four hours a month. Five were honored at the middle school, and only



Ann Barela looks modestly at her hands as Danny Flores, principal of Sierra Vista Primary, waxes eloquently with appreciation for her volunteering in the school for at least 10 hours a week.

two at the high school.

Williams did not comment on why the number of volunteers dropped off at the upper

grade levels, but said parents at the high school do "tons of extracurricular activities — raising money for the teams, sports, band, drama, choir. They don't get recognized because we're primarily in the classroom, and we don't have a sign-up sheet," she said. "My job has been hard," said Williams. "We're not supposed to force ourselves on anyone — just to help where we're wanted."

Williams said the greatest need is always for volunteers to listen to children read and to read to them, but volunteers are also needed around holiday times and for field trips, and there's probably something that every parent

or community member can do to help out at the schools.

Volunteer coordinators are:

Kindergarten, Lisa Porter; 1st grade, Laura Seeley; 3rd grade, Sandra Rue; 4th grade, Lilly Furphy; 5th grade, Patty Frey; 6th grade, Mary Austin; 7th grade, Claudia Garrett; 8th grade, Karen Line; no coordinators at the high school.

Volunteers who have helped out four or more hours per week were Lisa Porter, Martha LaCasse, Annetta Nolan, Ann Barela, Laura Seeley, Beatrice Yarbrough, Candace Valcarcel, Trink Edmonds, Jackie Branum and Mark Jones.

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Written comments will be accepted through May 28, 1999, and can be submitted to:

Major LeAnn Swieczowski
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For more information or a copy of the document, please call (404) 464-7311.

Choirs to fill Spencer with local voices Monday night

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Spring singing will fill the air at 7 p.m. Monday at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts - and all the voices will be local.

The 50-member Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) Community Choir and the 25-member show choir, the Ruidoso Chamber Chorale, are made up of local folks, said choir director Danny Flores.

The community choir will perform first and will offer a variety of music including soloist Ardis Hood singing "Deep River," a couple of Negro spir-

ituals, "Banquet Fugue," "A Prayer of St. Francis" and "A Red Red Rose."

The show choir will offer about 10 soloists, Flores said, and includes "All I Ask of You" from the Phantom of the Opera, a madrigal piece and 15 minutes or so of "Disney Medley."

"They come from all over the community, we have some wonderful talent," Flores said, adding that the furthest any member comes is from the other side of Carrizozo.

Waynta Wirth, the accompanist, has been playing for the choir for six or seven years, Flores said.

The performance is free to the public but tickets are required

because of limited seating at the theater, Flores said. Tickets can be picked up at Sierra Vista School, the ENMU office, the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce or from a choir member.

The community choir has been in existence for eight years - as long as Flores has been director. The show choir came into being about three years ago after many calls from various civic organizations to do performances.

"Fifty was too much," Flores said. "So we organized this little choir of 25 members. It was much easier to deal with. We sang at the Spencer for the Fourth (of July) last year, and have

done performances in Portales, for Chamber banquets, and at the Hurd Gallery."

The community choir is open to anyone - even those who can't sing in tune - but the show choir is by audition only, Flores said. Members of the choir are enrolled in the ENMU class and meet from 7:10 to 8:45 p.m. every Monday.

Directing the choirs is a "moonlight job" for Flores, whose day job is as principal at Sierra Vista Primary School.

"Two things I do for myself is teach music because I just love it. I play in the Roswell Symphony and

have played in it for 22 years," he said. "You can't take the music out of the boy."

Flores graduated with a bachelor's degree in education and a master's in music from ENMU-Portales, taught band and choir in Ruidoso for nine years, and moved to Portales to direct the high school band for two years. After that he moved into administration, becoming vice principal of Portales High School, then vice principal at Ruidoso High School for five years.

"Then I died and went to heaven - I became principal at Sierra Vista Primary," Flores said.

Barrow remains as P&Z chair

Zoning board approves plat for townhouse project

The Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission this week approved a request from Tim Hoyt for a preliminary plat approval of a .88-acre site for development of nine townhouses in an area north of White Mountain Drive.

The development is located between Racquet Drive and Granite Drive. Hoyt will present a final plat application to the commission before his request is sent on to the Ruidoso Village Council for final approval.

The commission also: Approved a variance request from Frank Thompson to build a carport 5 feet from the front lot line at 107 Lost Mountain Court. The standard set back from front lot lines is 20 feet. Staff planners said in a memo the request is reasonable because of the steepness of the lot.

Denied requests from Leo Martinez to place a mobile bear carving business at 135 W. U.S. Highway 70 between the All-sup's store and Chileo's restaurant. Commissioners unanimously denied the request on the basis that too much traffic - both pedestrian and vehicular - congests the site, especially with the current highway construction. Commissioner Leroy Nowell suggested that Martinez try applying again when the road construction is completed.

Approved a request from Delana Clements and Carmon Phillips for a commercial site development for a car rental business at 643 Sudderth Drive, next to the historical Old Mill. The business will use an existing building on the lot as an office.

Approved a request from Jennie Dorgan for the construction of a midtown commercial building at 2804 Sudderth Drive. Dorgan, following the meeting, said the 1,732-square-foot building will be leased to a gift shop retailer.

Approved a request from Ronald J. Bergeron for a license to use village right-of-way. Bergeron, whose property abuts county land, installed a drainage pipe on village land to pull away water draining onto his property at 103 Del Mar. Bergeron will pay the village about \$12 a year for use of the right-of-way plus an initial fee of \$50.

Approved a site development request from HBH Investments, a firm owned in part by racetrack owner R.D. Hubbard, for a condominium project off Racquet Drive called Rancho Vista Casitas.

Elected Glen Barrow to remain as chair of the commission with Phillis Barnett replacing Steve Roman as vice chair.

County's first prayer breakfast to feature coach here on May 6

The first Lincoln County Prayer Breakfast ever will be at the Ruidoso Convention Center at 7 a.m. on May 6.

Coach Les Carter of Ruidoso High School will be the featured speaker. A New Mexico native raised on a ranch in the Mimbres area near Silver City, he graduated from New Mexico State University with a degree in agriculture and education.

In addition to teaching

agriculture at Goddard High School in Roswell, he coached football and wrestling. He continued his career in Roswell as the administrator of a Christian school. He was in Los Lunas for 10 years as a science teacher. While there he coached wrestling, golf, track and was head football coach for six years.

Carter has been at Ruidoso High School for five years as athletic director, physical edu-

cation teacher, student advisor, girls' golf coach and head football coach.

Tom Battin, president of Ruidoso State Bank, will be master of ceremonies.

Other key program participants include: Lanny Maddox, Ruidoso chief of police; A. Paul Ortega, president, Mescalero Apache Tribe; Mescalero Apache Tribal Council members; Joan Parks, Lincoln County treasurer; Fred Gerth,

New York Life Insurance agent; Gary Hightower, rancher; Ronnie Hemphill, certified public accountant; Danny Flores, principal, Sierra Vista Primary School.

Tickets for the Prayer Breakfast are available at any Ruidoso bank for \$10. For more information, please contact Fred Gerth at 257-4651.

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Ruidoso at Artesia Inv., 3 p.m.
Capitan at Slade Relays, 3 p.m., Tularosa

Tennis
Ruidoso vs. Lovington, 3 p.m., municipal tennis courts
Baseball
Ruidoso vs. Silver, 3 p.m. & 5 p.m., White Mtn. Recreation Complex

Saturday, April 24
Softball
Ruidoso vs. Cobre, 10 a.m. and noon, All American Park, Ruidoso Downs

Scoreboard

Saturday, April 17
Baseball
Ruidoso 7 Cobre 11
Tennis
Boys - Ruidoso 5, Artesia 4
Girls - Artesia 6, Ruidoso 1
Softball
Ruidoso 4, Silver 14
Ruidoso 2, Ruidoso 13

Tuesday, April 20
Tennis
Ruidoso girls 0, Portales girls 9
Ruidoso boys 1, Portales boys 8

On deck

Big Brothers/Big Sister Golf Benefit Tournament, April 28
A golf tournament to benefit Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lincoln County is set to tee off at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at Cree Meadows Country Club. Golfers in teams of four, based on handicap, will tee-off in a shot gun start. The entry fee of \$60 per player includes greens fees, cart, door prizes and dinner at Farley's following play. Play is limited to the first 80 paid entrants. Awards to top teams and special awards for closest to pin and longest drive. Sponsoring the event are the Ruidoso Board of Realtors, Farley's and The Ruidoso News. For more information or for a registration form, call 257-4750.

Gray Hawk Invitational Softball Tournament, May 7-9
The Noisy Water Gray Hawks are sponsoring a Men's Class Open and D/E and Women's Equalizer softball tournament May 7-9 at the Eagle Creek Sports Complex. For more information, contact Ruidoso Area Director, Rafael Salas, at the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Office, 257-5030.

Fishing report

RIO RUIDOSO: The river is flowing at 7 CFS. Fish are scattered and very mobile this spring. Best patterns are pheasant tails, green rock worms, princes. Nymphs will be best producers. Expect flows to decrease rapidly until monsoon season - if it arrives.

BONITO CREEK: Above the lake, flows are 2 CFS. Flows below the lake are 1 CFS at best. Some spawning runs up from lake. Best patterns are same as the Ruidoso, and nymphs will be top producers here. Below the lake the creek is virtually unfishable.

ALTO LAKE: Unfishable. Deemed unsuitable for trout by Game and Fish Department. No stocking planned in the future.
GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR: Some surface feeding morning and evening. Good time of year to catch large browns. Best patterns are midges, pheasant tails, streamers and pistol pates. The lake level is now full.

BONITO LAKE: Lake level is almost full. Road construction on north side will hamper access, however allowances will be made for parking. The lake opened for fishing April 1st. Best patterns are beats, midges, golden stone, nymphs and dries both.

LAKE MESCALERO: Lake level is steady. Will be May 1st before boats are available. Good dry fly action mid-morning and late evening. Griffiths gnats, hornbergs and caddis are best choices. Silver Lake opened April 1st and has been fairly productive. All other waters on the reservation will open on May 1st.

Mike Hyman
Ruidoso River Association

Senior olympics

• Tennis - 9 a.m., April 23, Ruidoso City Courts
• Golf - 1 p.m., April 24, The Links
• Bowling - 1 p.m. April 29 and 30; 3 p.m. May 3; 1 p.m. May 4 (singles, doubles, mixed doubles and team), Ruidoso Bowling Center
• Dance and talent - 1 p.m., May 5, Ruidoso Senior Center
• Recreational events (Frisbee, soccer kick, basketball free throw) - 9 a.m., May 22, Ruidoso High School
• Track and Field (discus, javelin, softball throw, highjump, long jump, standing long jump, shot put, racewalking, 100 dash, 200 dash, 400 dash, 800 run, 1500 run 5K run) - 10 a.m., May 22, Ruidoso High School
• Horseshoes - 10 a.m., May 24, Carrizo County Club
• Swimming - 10 a.m., May 27, Ruidoso City Pool
For more information, contact Bart Young at 257-3193.
To participate in senior olympics, athletes must be 50 as of July 28. All doubles, mixed doubles and teams play down to the age of the youngest member. A \$5 registration fee entitles the individual to participate in all events offered.

THE LEROY GOOCH INVITATIONAL

Warriors finally win the whole shootin' match

BY KAREN BOEHLER
SPECIAL TO THE RUIDOSO NEWS

At the home-town Leroy Gooch Golf Invitational Monday and Tuesday, the Warrior boys golf team accomplished something it had never done before: took the overall team title.

"We beat everybody," said coach Ron Wall. "It was great. The first time we've ever done that."

In the past, Ruidoso has taken the A-AAA title, but there was always a AAAA team just a bit ahead of them. This year, the Warriors would have none of that.

Ruidoso blistered par-71 Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club on Monday and the par-72 Links at Sierra Blanca Course Tuesday for a two day score of 307-312-619. Socorro was hot on the heels of the Warriors with a two-day 318-315-633.

The closest AAAA team, Alamogordo, finished with a 323-312-635.

The Warriors were led by junior Ben Andrews, the defending A-AAA state champion, who took the individual title with a two-day score of 73-69-142. Miguel Griego of Socorro was second with a 147.

Michael McVay of Hobbs took the AAAA title with a 72-79-151.

Wall called Andrews' play "outstanding," but said everyone on the young team - two freshmen, two sophomores and a junior - contributed to the victory.

"Ben's score obviously anchors our team, but we got very steady golf from all our kids," the coach said.

The Ruidoso victory, coming less than a month away from the state tournament, this year set for the New Mexico State University golf course, put the Warriors in an enviable position.

"We have to be the team to beat," Wall said. "This obviously puts a little pressure on us come state tournament time."

Wall pointed out that perennial power Socorro finished only nine shots behind, with Ruidoso playing on its home course, which gives Socorro a strong incentive to play just a bit better at state.

"It was not much of a margin," Wall said. "They're obviously going to be very close."

He also said returning state champion Artesia, with a full roster of returning players, will be tough.

The Ruidoso girls didn't do as well, placing sixth in a 10-team field with a two day score of 419-390-809.

The girls played Monday at the par-71 Cree Meadows Country Club and Tuesday at the Links. Silver City took the team title, and Alyssa Otero of St. Michaels took the individual crown.

Results of the Leroy Gooch Invitational follow:

Boys, AAAA, team: 1, Alamogordo 323-312-635; 2, Carlsbad 325-312-637; 3, Hobbs 322-317-639; 4, Roswell Goddard 327-314-641; 5, Farmington 325-319-644; 6, Las Cruces 320-325-655; 7, Mayfield 328-331-660; 8, Clovis 330-332-662; 9, Oñate 340-344-684; 10, Deming 340-351-691; 11, Roswell 358-366-725; 12, Gadsden 424-397-821

AAAA, individual: 1, Michael McVay, Hobbs, 72-79-151; 2, John Meyers, Alamogordo, 78-76-152; 3, Gresham Chalyan, Oñate, 76-78-154; 4, Justin Bubbler, Carlsbad, 77-79-155; 5, Steven Caro, Las Cruces, 79-78-156; 6, Joey Walters, Goddard, 80-75-157; 7, Travis Funk, Hobbs, 79-78-158; 8, Matt Norton, Carlsbad, 79-77-156; 9, Billy Danson, Farmington, 79-77-156; 10, Derrick Hunter, Mayfield, 74-62-136

AAA, team: 1, Ruidoso 307-312-619; 2, Socorro 313-315-628; 3, Los Alamos 332-317-649; 4, Grants 337-325-662; 5, Artesia 330-336-666; 6, Raton 343-325-668; 7, Hot Springs 348-334-680; 8, Tucuman 348-334-682; 9, Las Vegas Robertson 358-329-687; 10, NMMI 364-340-704; 11, Portales, 354-351-705; 12, Taos 356-352-708

AAA, individual: 1, Ben Andrews, Ruidoso, 73-69-142; 2, Miguel Griego, Socorro, 72-75-147; 3, Kevin Crane, Portales, 73-78-151; 4, Chris Duncan, Ruidoso, 74-78-152; 5, Anthony Romero, Socorro, 75-79-154; 6, Kirk Schoch, Hot Springs, 80-79-159; 7, James McAtee, Los Alamos, 82-78-160; 8, David Backus, Los Alamos, 82-78-160; 9, Eric Sanderson, Raton, 83-77-160; 10, Craig Cooper, Tucuman, 82-78-160

Girls, AAAA, team: Carlsbad 354-370-724; 2, Farmington 370-366-726; 3, Las Cruces 372-372-744; Clovis 387-384-751; 5, Oñate 418-426-845; 6, Deming 420-439-859; 7, Gadsden 498-501-999

AAAA, individual: 1, Andrea Whitford, Las Cruces, 80-85-165; 2, Jaime Matchin, Las Cruces, 88-84-167; 3, Candace Sheffing, Farmington, 87-80-167; 4, Ricki Tully, Farmington, 91-85-176; 5, Vicki Dugger, Carlsbad, 86-81-177; 6, Lari Ann Lehman, Hobbs, 90-89-179; 7, Ryan Haile, Carlsbad, 90-80-180; 8, Jameen Dara, Carlsbad, 88-85-183; 9, Heather Goodwin, Hobbs, 95-88-188

A-AAA, team: 1, Silver City 365-381-746; 2, Taos 370-387-757; 3, St. Michael's 392-371-763; 4, Socorro 396-384-770; 5, Grants 382-401-783; 6, Ruidoso 419-390-809; 7, St. Pius 420-404-824; 8, Raton 419-437-856; 9, Lovington 441-427-868; 10, Portales 458-438-884

A-AAA, individual: 1, Alyssa Otero, St. Michaels, 82-76-159; 2, Kristen Kennedy, Silver City, 82-81-163; 3, Kim Siau, Portales, 84-87-178; 4, Leslie Griego, Socorro, 82-82-180; 5, Lily Rubin, Taos, 83-83-181; 6, Melissa Leyba, Grants, 80-82-182; 7, Deana Nazarett, St. Pius, 97-90-187; 8, Julia Kilroy, Taos, 80-89-188; 9, Melanie Fernandez, Grants, 97-92-189

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Rams make it a tough court stop for Ruidoso

BY KAREN BOEHLER
SPECIAL TO THE RUIDOSO NEWS

PORTALES - The Ruidoso tennis teams tried to pull into second place in district Tuesday, but had a tough time against Portales.

The Rams took all but one match in the dual meet, downing the boys 8-1 and the girls 9-0. Despite the losses, coach Dave Anderson was pleased with how his team played.

"Everyone on the team knew second place for district was on the line," he said. "They played their hearts out, but were unable to come up with the points needed."

On the boys side, Anderson said the "total score doesn't tell the story."

All the doubles matches and most of the singles were close, and could have gone either way.

Anderson said No. 3 Charles Flanary, the only winner for Ruidoso, played an outstanding match, winning 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Although they lost, Anderson was also pleased with the doubles play of Jesse Anderson and Bryant Davis.

On the girls side, the only close match was by the doubles team of Anna Maria Gutierrez and Angela Zagone.

"That was like a marathon," Anderson said. "Both girls played hard, but

were unable to capitalize in the end."

Results of the dual match vs. Portales follow:

Boys, singles - No. 1, Rustin Self, P, def. Jesse Anderson, R, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2, Matt Cox, P, def. Bryant Davis, R, 6-0, 6-2; No. 3, Charles Flanary, R, def. Caleb King, P, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; No. 4, Jeremy Jones, P, def. Jeremy Phillips, R, 6-3, 6-2; No. 5, Zach Palmer, P, vs. Paul Brown, R, 6-3, 6-4; No. 6, Ben Partin, P, def. Saras Sharma, R, 6-0, 6-0

Doubles - No. 1, Dodd/Jones, P, def. Anderson/Davis, R, 6-3, 6-7 (5-7), 6-4; No. 2, Palmer/King, P, def. Flanary/Phillips, R, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2); No. 3, Partin/Self, P, def. Brown/Sharma, R, 1-6, 6-1, 6-3

Girls, singles - No. 1, Janelle Prude, P, def. Deann Shade, R, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2, Rebecca Burns, P, def. Daniela Goés, R, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3, Tasha Riley, P, def. Fatima Espin, R, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4, Kristen Van Wattering, P, def. Jerinda Bennett, R, 6-3, 6-3; No. 5, Kambri Eichenborger, P, def. Anna Maria Gutierrez, R, 6-3, 6-3; No. 6, Sara Bulls, P, def. Angela Zagone, R, 6-2, 6-3

Doubles - No. 1, Prude/Burns, P, def. Goés/Espin, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2, Riley/Van Wattering, P, def. Shade/Bennett, R, 6-0, 6-2; No. 3, Jackson/King, P, def. Gutierrez/Zagone, R, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0



Chase Hill, a consistent junior high high jumper all season, came in second at the Roswell tournament. Courtesy photo

Junior High Braves in season wrap-up

Coaches Herman Fox, Jess Yaksich and Robyn Johnson wrapped up their Ruidoso Middle School track season at Hagerman Thursday evening, following a good showing at Roswell Sierra earlier in the week.

The girls blue 400 meter relay team of Heather Lee, Jennifer Lewicki, Kayci Brunell and Bethany Barnett came in third. In the 800, Heather Lee, Christi Colvin, Brunell and Bethany were second.

The boys blue squad's David Rice

took second in shot put and Chase Hill second in high jump.

The 400 relay team of Steven Stroup, Sterling Rel, Hill and Tyler Line came in third. Reli also was third in the 200 dash.

The season's best meet performance by RMS came on April 8 at home, when the girls came in first and the boys second. A week later, at Tularosa, the RMS boys were No. 1 and the girls No. 2.

Hagerman results were not available Thursday night.

Not a great trip to the southwest for Warrior diamond teams

BY KAREN BOEHLER
SPECIAL TO THE RUIDOSO NEWS

BAYARD - The Warrior baseball team is still in the hunt for a state tournament berth, despite last Saturday's 11-7 loss to the Cobre Indians.

"It's still a toss up," said coach Mike Morris. "This next week will tell."

Ruidoso is 3-5 in district with six games left. In order to finish with a chance of advancing, the Warriors need to win all their remaining games: doubleheaders against Silver Friday in Ruidoso, at Santa Teresa next week and at home against Hot Springs April 30.

In each of those games, the Warriors will have to play just a little bit better than they did Saturday.

For four innings at Rominger Field, "it was a very good game," Morris said.

The Warriors jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first,

but the Indians doubled that with four in the bottom of the stanza. Each run came off a Warrior error.

Each team tallied one run in the second inning, then the Warriors tied it at 5-5 in the top of the third.

Ruidoso held Cobre scoreless in the bottom of the stanza then failed to score themselves in the fourth. The Indians added one more in the bottom of the fourth to go up 6-5, then exploded in the bottom the fifth for five.

"We just let them in," Morris said.

The Warriors added a duo in the top of the sixth, but it was too little, too late.

Brad Davidson and Adrian Herrera homered for the Warriors.

On the mound, Harley Davidson went two innings. Scotty Martinez handled the middle four innings with Tristen Torres wrapping up the

final stanza. "The boys played good," Morris said. "They didn't give up."

Silver nails Warriors

SILVER CITY - The Silver Fighting Colts proved once again why they're three-time defending state softball champions.

Silver downed Ruidoso 14-4 and 13-2 Saturday in Silver City.

Ruidoso was in Bayard Thursday for a solo game against the Indians, then the two will square off in a doubleheader at home Saturday.

Baca thinks whoever comes out on top of that series will take second place in district.

"They did a great job at the plate," Ruidoso coach Brian Baca said after the Silver game. "They hit the ball well."

So did Ruidoso, but the Warriors just couldn't put the

hits together.

"We contacted their pitcher at lot better than we did the last time the teams met," Baca said. "Silver just made some great defensive plays."

At the plate for Ruidoso in game No. 1, Sarah Fromknecht was 1-for-2 and Julie Miller was 1-for-2 with a double. Cassie Bednorz, Aquilina Herrera, Fromknecht and Kathy Hightower scored the Warriors' runs.

On the mound, "Crystal Gheer pitched a real good game," Baca said.

Gheer struck out four Colts, only one less than Colt pitcher Julie Wooten, who struck out five Warriors.

"We did hit the ball," Baca said, explaining that most of the Warrior outs were in the field, not at the plate.

Ruidoso was in the game through the third inning, but then the sky fell in. Silver led 7-4 in the fourth when the

Colts put it all together, scoring six runs and ending the match under the 10-run mercy rule.

Baca called the second game a "mirror" of the first.

The fielding, especially early, was the Warriors' undoing. Ruidoso made errors on the first three Silver batters, allowing all three to score. Silver picked up six runs in the first that were more than enough.

Silver pitcher Rhiannon Houch also was a little tougher on the mound, striking out nine Warriors in five innings. Gheer went the full game again for Ruidoso.

Herrera and Fromknecht scored for the Warriors.

The losses leave Ruidoso at 2-3 in district, with all the losses coming against Silver. Baca knows the district is tough. "We can't count anyone out," he said - but thinks the second-place slot will come down to either Ruidoso or Cobre.

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ALTO: FULL MEMBERSHIP beautiful view, #14 Fairway; 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2 car garage, sunroom, hardwood floors. Must see! \$275,000. Call 338-9110.

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5 Condos for Sale
RUIDOSO'S FINEST CONDO! Professionally decorated! Wood floors, plantation shutters, custom touches. Views of Sierra Blanca, level entry. Two bedroom, 2.5 baths, furnished with high quality. Overlooks the Links Golf Course. \$81,500. Call Jennie at Stevens Real Estate 1-888-556-1349 505-630-9900

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14X80 3 BEDROOM, 2 bath in Alamogordo on large lot. Need not be moved, \$100 lot rent, \$7,500 negotiable. 257-3738, 434-2382

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7 Houses for Rent
3BDRM/2BA; GAMEROOM, all new appliances, no smoking, no pets, \$950/mo plus deposit. Call Paula Stimmer 258-5933, 257-7804, cell #420-3135.

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112 Randle - 3 BEDROOM, 1 bath, new carpet, \$475 month + utilities. Owner NM Real Estate Agent. Call CENTURY 21 Aspen Real Estate, James or Marilyn 257-8057.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH unfurnished; immediate occupancy, easy access, one level. \$875/mo. Deposit & references. 1-888-566-1349

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Feature of the Week!

PRICE REDUCED ON BEAUTIFUL HOME!

Overlooking the 16th tee box at the Links Golf Course. This home has 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 2 living areas, 2 fireplaces, 2-car attached garage and level entry. You must see inside. Now only \$239,900.

PERFECT FOR HOME OR BUSINESS! This 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1-car garage home is zoned C2 and would be great for a home or business, beauty shop, etc...Recently remodeled and really cute. Only \$79,500.

TAKE THE ELEVATOR TO THE DECK and enjoy the scenery. This 4 bedroom, 2 bath home has recently been remodeled and is light and open with high ceilings, new carpet, tile floors and paint. Sits on 2 lots and is all one level. A must see at \$139,900.

PERFECT VACATION RETREAT! Super view over Ruidoso. Completely furnished 2 bedroom, 1 bath with a wrap around deck. Owner may finance. \$62,500.

BEAUTIFUL NEW CONSTRUCTION BY TOM NICHOLS! This wonderful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home is located in beautiful White Mountain Meadows. Wood floors, vaulted ceiling, stucco exterior, metal roof, 2-car attached garage, 2 heating and cooling systems, view of Sierra Blanca and much more. \$269,900.

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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN ALBERT DEIBLER, deceased.

PROBATE NO. PB-99-20 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the estate of all persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at PO Box 4541, Ruidoso, NM 88345 or to the attorney for the personal representative, Charles E. Hawthorne, Drive Suite 302, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County.

Dated: March 30, 1999.
ANGELA D. DEIBLER
Personal Representative of the Estate of John Albert Deibler, Deceased
POB 4541
Ruidoso, NM 88345
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Charles E. Hawthorne
1096 Mechem Drive,
Suite 302
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345
(505)258-4487
2129 4T(4)9,16,23,30

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/s/Mike Gladden
Superintendent
Ruidoso Municipal Schools
2143 2T(4)14,23

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN HIGH SIERRA CONDOMINIUM OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., a New Mexico non-profit corporation, Plaintiff.

No. CV-99-56
Div. III
VICTOR CHAVEZ and UNKNOWN SPOUSE, ROSARIO C. CHAVEZ and UNKNOWN SPOUSE, CARMEN CAZARES and UNKNOWN SPOUSE, MICHAEL E. COCHRANE and ALEXANDRA A. COCHRANE, BILL DEMATIO and UNKNOWN SPOUSE, GILBERTO DUCKER, a/k/a GUILLERMO DUCKER and UNKNOWN SPOUSE, ALEJANDRA DUCKER and UNKNOWN SPOUSE, ELENA RODRIGUEZ and UNKNOWN SPOUSE, JOHN C. HARPER and DONNA K. HARPER, TIMOTHY M. HIPP and MARTINA L. HIPP, RONALD F. JACKSON and ROSA A. JACKSON, PAUL ANDREW JOHNSON and BETTY JANET JOHNSON, JAMES J. LANHAN and GABRIELE LANHAN, JARRAL A. LAYTON and BEVERLY LAYTON, RAYMOND B. MADRID and ALAMA L. MADRID, FRED MARTINEZ and ALICIA MARTINEZ, RODOLFO

LEGAL NOTICE

PEREZ CHAVEZ and AIDA MIREYA RIOS de PEREZ, CARMEN ALICIA MUELA UDA de FIVERA, MIGUEL A. ROMO and ALICIA ROMO, DONALD R. SEVERNS and IRIS M. SEVERNS; CLYDE P. WILSON and UNKNOWN SPOUSE;
Defendants.
SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT
THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: EACH AND EVERY DEFENDANT NAMED IN THE CAPTION OF THIS CAUSE: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above styled and numbered cause of action has commenced and is now pending in the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico. The general object of the action is Plaintiff's foreclosure of a Notice of Assessment of Lien against various unit weeks of real property at High Sierra Condominiums in Ruidoso, New Mexico, as more particularly described in the Complaint on file in this cause. You are further notified that unless you file an answer or responsive pleading to the Complaint, on or before May 13, 1999, judgment will be entered against you by default and Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The name and address of Plaintiff's attorney: Lee Griffin
LEGAL SERVICES INC., P.C.
1096 Mechem Drive, Suite 102
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345
WITNESS my hand and seal this 30th day of March, 1999.
ALICE BACA BAXTER
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By/s/ Eugenia Vega
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK
2116 4T(4)2,9,16,23

LEGAL NOTICE

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The Ruidoso Board of Education desires to receive bids for Small Office Machine Maintenance. Specifications are available in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Mike Gladden, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, N.M. 88345 or by telephone (505)257-4051. Bids must be received in the Superintendent's office by 4:00 P.M., May 11, 1999. BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND MARKED "BID FOR SMALL OFFICE MACHINE MAINTENANCE". Bids will be opened and read aloud at the regular board meeting on May 11, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. at the Ruidoso School Administration Office, Board Room. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive all technicalities.
Mike Gladden
Superintendent
Ruidoso Municipal Schools
2139 2T(4)14,23

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Public Sale To Whom It May Concern, Notice is hereby given that on April 24, 1999 at 12:00 P.M., a public sale will be held at 524 W. Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico to sell for cash the following storage to wit: THE CONTENTS OF SELF STORAGE UNIT #13 INCLUDING MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AND BOXES. Said storage is being held to secure an obligation arising under a lien held by All American Moving, Inc. dba Ruidoso Transfer and Storage as second part against Darwin Rasmussen of P.O. Box 7858, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345. Ruidoso Transfer and Storage reserves the right to bid at the sale. The storage is presently stored and may be seen April 23, 1999 between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 PM at The Feed Lot, East Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico. All American Moving, Inc.
2184 2T(4)21,22

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The Ruidoso Board of Education desires to receive bids for Copy Machine Maintenance year long contract. Specifications are available in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Mike Gladden, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, N.M. 88345 or telephone 257-4051. Bids must be received in the Superintendent's office by 4:00 P.M., May 11, 1999. BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND MARKED "BID FOR COPY MACHINE MAINTENANCE". Bids will be opened and read aloud at the regular board meeting on May 11, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ruidoso School Administration Office, Board Room, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, NM 88345. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive all technicalities.
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2141 2T(4)14,23

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The Ruidoso Board of Education wishes to receive bids for instructional supplies for the Ruidoso Municipal School District. Specifications are available at the Administration Office, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, NM 88345, or by calling (505)257-4051. Bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent on or before May 11, 1999 at 4:00 PM. Bids will be opened and read aloud at the regular Board Meeting on May 11, 1999, at 7:00 PM at the Administration Office, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345. Phone number 505-257-4051. Bids must be sealed and marked "BID FOR INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES". The instructional supplies for each school will be packaged and delivered directly to each school site by the vendor and checked off simultaneously by the vendor. Delivery must be made by August 5, 1999. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive all technicalities.
Mike Gladden
Superintendent
Ruidoso Municipal Schools
2142 2T(4)14,23

YARD SALES

ESTATE SALE: 9-5, April 22, 23 & 24, 537 2nd St. Oval rug, round kitchen table, antique rug, chairs, glass top table & chairs, bedroom furniture, table, lamps, patio furniture, chairs, love seat, sleeper sofa, pictures, mirror.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 9:00-8:00 The Mother Lode! Corner Apache Trail and Toos Trail. Nice corner lot, heater, beds, furniture, gas heater, tools, shotgun, knives, band saw, 1978 Dodge truck, collectibles and junk. Early birds will be sold into slavery!

MULTI-FAMILY MOVING SALE Chest freezer, two large wooden desks, large truck camper \$700; tools, lots more. Friday & Saturday, 9-4:00, 159 E Grandview, Capitlan, 354-2307.

OAK ENTERTAINMENT CENTER Queen to chairs, coroblain head/footboard, (2)old rattan swivel rockers, white antique dresser & writing table, clothing & more, 258-4887, 123 Torreon Loop c/o Old Lincoln Road. Fri. & Sat. 8-1p.m.

GARAGE SALE SAT ONLY Dining table, 6 chairs, bookcase, couch, lots of stuff. 103 Great Court, up from Farleys, off University. Watch for signs. All Day!

YARD SALE AT 244 SUNNY ST Saturday, April 24th at 9:00. No early birds! Very nice baby, maternity, women's clothing, queen size bed, new bicycle, teacher activity books and much more!

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Mike Gladden
Superintendent
Ruidoso Municipal Schools
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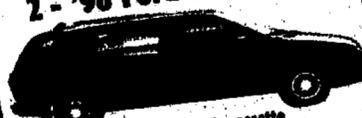
LEGAL NOTICE

The RUIDOSO BANK CORPORATION will hold an Annual Shareholders Meeting, April 28, 1999 at 8:00 A.M. at the Main Office of Ruidoso State Bank, 1710 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345.
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WINDSTAR

Spring DISCOUNTS

2 - '98 Ford Windstars



V-6, auto, dual A/C, cassette

0 Down \$269 mo.

'96 Ford F150



Edin Bauer, power windows/locks, A/C, cassette

0 Down \$219 mo.

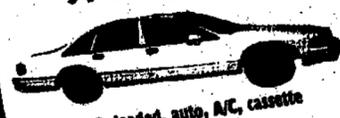
Two '97 Ford Explorers



V6, 4x4, XLT, loaded

0 Down \$359 mo.*

'94 Chevy Caprice



V-8, loaded, auto, A/C, cassette

0 Down \$199 mo.

'97 Ford F-150 4x4



Camper, running boards, V-8, auto, XLT, low miles

0 Down \$317 mo.

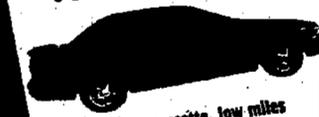
'95 Jeep Cherokee



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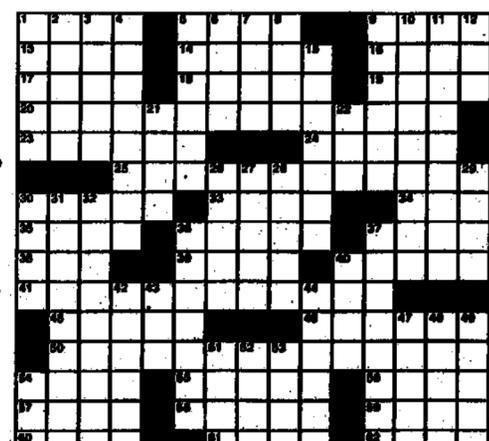
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Vet on the run for the love of it



Mary Racine/Ruidoso News
Another day, another job for Becky Washburn, Capitan's only veterinarian.

*A phone call, time on the road,
and a couple of mules — all part
of a woman's life
in rural Lincoln County*

BY MARTY RACINE
RUIDOSO NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The job called for a woman. As Capitan's sole veterinarian, Becky Washburn responded when a mule was to be castrated.

It was to be just another cutting.

Washburn averages three or four a week.

On a Monday afternoon she pulls up to Lee Hassler's new doublewide above the cemetery. Radar, a dark brown mule, is standing in his pen, eyeing the stranger crosswise.

Hassler greets her and suggests she check his other mule, Cocoa, who's just over a year old.

"Well, let's go look," says the vet.

They enter Radar's pen, and the mule ain't buying it.

"Whoa, whoa, whoa, easy boy," Hassler tries to soothe him.

"We're not gonna hurt you," Washburn fibs to Radar.

Then she sidles over to Cocoa and feels down yonder. "He's ready," she announces.

"He probably wishes he wasn't. We'll just do them both right now. I'll get the medicine."

It was career day at the high school and over to Becky's came a couple of girls who thought they might want to be veterinarians. Becky had several things planned for the occasion, including the spaying of a cat. As she began, one girl got dizzy and the other passed out.

"Nothing's ever really bothered me," Becky says, "although the smell of some things make me (ill)." Wash-

burn learned to care for animals while growing up on a ranch in Corona, where her family lived too far away for vet service. She was especially fond of the babies.

"Since I was little I raised lambs, pigs, calves, colts. We had a few mares that died and I had to raise the babies on a bottle. So, it's always what I wanted to do."

She studied biology at New Mexico State and attended vet school at Colorado State. She paid her tuition by racing horses on the weekends in Denver, Albuquerque and Ruidoso Downs.

Though she preferred to work with horses, after graduation she declined an offer to join an equine clinic in Texas. She did mobile work in Ruidoso for a year, then five years ago this spring she bought 12 acres in Capitan and began building her clinic, where she also treats small animals.

Though Capitan had no vet, she knew a woman had much to prove, especially among horsemen. "You're too tiny," she'd be told. Whatever that meant.

Her racing helped pay the bills. "I remember when I used to sit and just pray for a phone call in the middle of the night: 'I need an emergency.'"

Now the emergencies come all too frequently. This time of year she might work 18-hour days. "I'll get several calls at one time. Sadly enough, you have to prioritize and determine which one is the most critical."

Her practice ranges as far as Fort Sumner, where she'll spend a day on the ranches vaccinating heifers, doing fertility tests on bulls. She visits Alamogordo one day a week to see clients with too many animals to haul. Slowly, she and

her husband Tom, who trains cutting horses, are adding facilities. "Every time we get something paid off we build a new barn," she says.

She foals out mares during season and by next spring hopes to have a two-stall barn for neo-natal care, with rubber padding and a pulley system. And hopefully someday there will be a large-animal surgery facility; she's had to put down at least 10 horses with colic (a twisting of the intestines) when the owners elected not to haul them to Roswell or farther.

At her compound she keeps former racehorses, a useless bull that lies around all day and any number of dogs and riding horses. She gets very attached, she admits.

"It's silly, I know. Earlier this spring one of my mares had twins. I nursed them along for a week. One of them lived six days. I bawled and bawled, it was very heartbreaking."

From the back of her van Becky selects a few vials and hypodermics for Radar and Cocoa. One shot is a tranquilizer "that makes them a little woozy." That will be followed by an injection of ketamine, "that will lay them completely down on their side. And they'll take a little nap."

"This mule (Radar) will be two years old tomorrow," Hassler tells her.

"Really? This is his birthday present, huh?"

"Pretty good birthday present."

"Maybe for you, probably not for him. But in the end he'll be better for it."

A mule is castrated largely for reasons of temperament. "It's best for the owner,"

says Becky. "Mules can get quite ornery — well, they can get downright mean."

As Hassler grabs the halter, Becky slides the needle into Radar's neck and begins sweet-talking: "OK, baby, you're all right."

But the injection takes awhile; Radar is tense, and the muscles roll over the jugular vein.

After the ketamine, Radar is standing on Jello. "Yeah buddy, you're gettin' sleepy on us now," says Hassler. "Easy, boy."

"Let's ease him away from the fence," says Becky. "I don't want him to bonk his head when he lays down. Careful."

Thud. As a dog barks and a jet whooshes overhead, Radar dreams the dreams of mules and the vet makes an incision over a testicle. She reaches in and pulls it out. With a tool called an emasculator, which resembles a large pair of pliers, she simultaneously cuts the cord and crimps off the incision, which stanches the bleeding.

It takes but a few minutes. "He won't remember what happened," she says. "He'll wake up and be a new man."

"It'll take the meanness out of him," says Hassler. "I suppose he'll be sore for three or four days."

"Yes sir, and you need to exercise him if you can, trot him around the pen. If you can ride him, riding would be fine."

"Whenever I try to mount him, he runs. This would be a real good time to ride him. He won't feel like running."

As Radar lies there, bewildered, Becky lifts another syringe and turns to the tan mule. "Are you ready to take a siesta, Cocoa?"



Mary Racine/Ruidoso News
Always ready to go, and go she does, all over the region.

*"He'll wake up
and be a new
man," says the
veterinarian.*



Quickly and efficiently, the vet does her job with a little help from the mule's owner, Lee Hassler.

Mary Racine/Ruidoso News

Big splash from a little pond

New owners have converted the Rainbow Lake Park into a 'Hilton' RV resort

• Built back in the 1950s, Rainbow Lake has gone through extensive renovations and recently reopened as an RV park with all the amenities.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Doug Siddens, a real estate agent of 23 years, was selling the Rainbow Lake Park on Carrizo Canyon Road for the previous owner when he decided to become his own client.

Siddens had investigated what would be the best use for the decades-old fishing and boating fun park.

"And it came up time and time again as an RV park," he said.

Deciding it was really too good of a business opportunity to pass up, Siddens, his wife

Lanna and partners Kyle and Sarah Wickware decided in August to purchase the park and convert it into an RV paradise.

"We think it's probably the nicest addition to Ruidoso in a long, long time," Siddens said. "We put a lot of money into it. And you can see we put a lot of money in it."

Though he declined to reveal the exact amount, Siddens said he and his partners have invested upwards of \$500,000 in the Rainbow Lake RV Resort. And they do not hesitate a second in claiming it the nicest in the southern part of New Mexico, if not the entire Southwest.

Open as of April 9, the Rainbow Lake RV Resort has a staff of 12 maintaining it and the 73 full-service RV sites. And when Siddens and his partners say full service, they mean it. Besides electricity, city water and sewer, each site has telephone lines and cable television. The electricity goes up to 50 amps, which is enough to power the largest RVs, Siddens said.

Inside the park's lodge is the Lodge Restaurant, which opens daily for lunch, the Rui-

► New Business

What: Rainbow Lake RV Resort Inc. & the Lodge Cafe

Who: Doug and Lanna Siddens and Kyle and Sarah Wickware

Where: 806 Carrizo Canyon Road

When: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. for the park
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. for the restaurant

Phone: 630-2267

Menu Prices: \$7.95 for lunch

doso Jewelers and Clock Shop, private showers, a laundry room, a country store stocked with essentials, a seasonal fruit and vegetable market, a pool table and a living room for meetings and entertainment.

The resort's grounds feature the man-made lake, of course, which is no longer used as a fishing pond but more as an attraction. Siddens and his partners have stocked it with about 200 trout, half of which are rainbow and the other half "albino trout," which look like oversized gold fish. If people want to fish, then there is Carrizo Creek a few steps away, where German Brown trout swim.

Lanna Siddens operates the Lodge Cafe, where the kid's chicons are homemade and served in big portions. Capable of seating 31 people, the restaurant caters to local diners as well as those visiting the park. The four menu choices of fried chicken, baked chicken, steak fingers and pot roast each cost \$7.95 and come with mashed potatoes, green beans or corn, gravy and yeast rolls.

"We serve the best fried chicken in southern ... well, in New Mexico," Siddens said.



Doug Siddens relishes feeding time at the Rainbow Lake RV Resort, which he and his business partners opened April 9 after extensive renovations. The new owners intend to apply for historical status for the park, which is approaching its 50th birthday. Though no longer a fishing pond, the lake has about 200 gold, or albino, trout, and, of course, rainbow trout.

For an additional charge, restaurant patrons may sample one of Lanna Siddens' pies — buttermilk, pecan, apple, chocolate cream and more — which she makes herself every morning.

The lodge, restaurant and park are all geared to maintain the "mountain" charm that Siddens said seems to be missing from many new developments. In the lodge, the decor also includes symbols of this area's wild west history, including an authentic snow slay that has been converted into a

glass-topped table for the restaurant. Encased under the glass is a collection of western antiques.

Calls for reservations at the park have already started pouring in, and largely based on word-of-mouth marketing, Siddens said. Residents have noticed the renovated park and contacted their RV friends and relatives about it, he said.

"And we are the Hilton of RV parks," Siddens added.

The cost of renting an RV site ranges from \$22.95 to \$28.95 a night.

Cooperative program seeks students to fill need for summer jobs

Local and state officials are working together to address a projected shortage of summer employees in Lincoln County by tapping into the youth labor market.

The Summer Workforce Program will try to identify and educate youth between the ages of 14 and 21 as potential summer employees.

On Saturday, May 8, students and employers are invited to a workshop at the Ruidoso High School for the program. Students will learn about the traits and skills employers consider when hiring. Employers will hear from Judith LaPointe, a specialist on child labor laws,

and other representatives from the Department of Labor.

"What makes this program especially attractive to employers is (House Bill) 236, which recently passed in Santa Fe, and offers employers a tax credit in an amount equal to 50 percent of the gross wages paid to qualified students," Gary Cozzens, local coordinator of the School to Work program.

"Because our area has shown the initiative to create this program so quickly, we have been approached by the New Mexico State School to Work office to help pilot this project," Cozzens said.

The program is being spon-

sored through a cooperative effort of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, the schools in Lincoln County, the New Mexico Department of Labor, the Region IX Education Cooperative and the School to Work program.

The chamber is sending letters about the project to local businesses. The letters start by pointing out the shared common challenge for local businesses — the ongoing need for an educated, trainable work force.

"It is apparent that with the onset of summer and with it the typical need to hire additional people coupled with the

addition of several new area businesses, we will have a shortfall in our labor pool," Joan Zagone, chamber executive director, wrote in the letter.

"Presently, Lincoln County has an unemployment rate of less than 5 percent, which is a 'positive' for our overall economy unless you are in need of employees."

She asks that employers in need of summer employees contact the chamber before April 29, and attend the May 8 workshop.

Contact Joan Zagone at 257-7395 for more information.

MARKET GLANCE

Financial Market Strategies — Economy 1999: More of the Same

DON HILBER
WELLS FARGO ECONOMICS

The United States economy remains the envy of the world. Japan is mired in a long recession, the rest of East Asia is only now starting to claw its way back from a steep contraction and Latin America will face a tough year. Europe is struggling to maintain enough growth so its sky-high unemployment rates can come down. But despite a record trade deficit, the United States economy continues to grow fast, powered mainly by rabid consumers. With jobs plentiful, interest rates low and net

worth skyrocketing, it is no wonder they keep buying. What is more amazing is that inflation has remained benign.

The two-year global financial crisis has largely passed. As long as the rest of the world takes time to recover from their doldrums, inflation and interest rates will remain in check. This will enable consumers to keep purchasing and businesses to keep investing. But a sharp increase in inflation from too strong global demand would upset the current balance. It could also wreak havoc on an already highly valued stock market, amplifying any decline.

When times are good, as they now are, recessions seem years away. Theories about "new paradigms" and "end to cycles" run rampant. But this is precisely the time to start vigilantly monitoring the best signals of impending contraction. Together they show that a downturn in 2000 is unlikely, but plausible.

1. Trade: In a large, domestically driven economy like the United States, weak exports rarely is the factor that causes a downturn. Trade acts more as a safety valve, curbing too-strong demand as cheaper goods are imported from overseas, taking pres-

sure off capacity. In fact, it is only after the trade balance has improved for some time that a recession usually materializes. With the dollar holding its value, that time is distant.

2. Durable Goods: A weakening of big-ticket item purchases invariably leads to a contraction. American consumers will stop buying them if interest rates rise. Businesses will do likewise if their return on investment suffers, and foreigners will buy them from others if they become too expensive. Durable goods production is still holding up.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

State tourism to host training session here

The New Mexico Department of Tourism, NMDOT, will host five cooperative-advertising training sessions statewide in late April, NMDOT Secretary Janet Green said recently.

One of the two-hour sessions will be at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs at 1 p.m. Tuesday.

The purpose of the sessions is to educate and train prospective tourism applicants about the application, review and evaluation process for NMDOT's Cooperative Advertising Program.

The state agency currently is soliciting proposals for administering an as-yet undetermined amount of cooperative advertising funds in fiscal year 1999-2000, which begins July 1. NMDOT distributed \$1,354,200 in cooperative advertising funds among a record 108 applicants last fiscal year. NMDOT's deadline for receiving proposals for the next fiscal year is 4 p.m. May 28.

Cooperative advertising, which has been approved by the state Legislature every year since 1976, has been administered by NMDOT each year to reimburse the net cost of tourism applicants' advertising production and placement costs (including information kiosks), printing, web site development, mailing list purchases, promotional videos, trade show registration and booth rental fees, and billboard rentals.

For more information, contact Mona Medina at (800) 546-2070.

Welfare reform plan

The Otero and Lincoln County Welfare Reform Community Council announced recently the availability of its Plan for Welfare Reform in Otero and Lincoln counties.

Council members developed the plan to assist the Human Services Department and the Department of Labor in their efforts to implement welfare reform throughout the state.

Copies of the plan may be picked up at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce at 720 Sudderth Drive.

Top real estate agents

Richard Loverin, Janis Loverin and Nancy Lore of Coldwell Banker SDC recently were ranked in the top 10 sales associates for the fourth quarter of 1998 for New Mexico offices of the Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corp.

The Loverins and Lore exemplify the standards of excellence for which Coldwell Banker sales associates are known. Dot Hurston, managing broker, said.

The Ruidoso office of Coldwell Banker also was ranked the top fifth in the state for same-sized offices for the fourth quarter in buyer controlled sales, closed revenue units, gross commission income and listings sold in the state.

The local Coldwell Banker office also ranked in the top 10 offices in the western region in all categories.

Economic development officials tour state

Members of the New Mexico Economic Development Department's community development team will travel the state extensively this spring to listen to community problems and work with local leaders and economic developers.

"This is one way we can reach out even to the most rural areas of the state to offer assistance," Economic Development Department Secretary John Garcia said.

"We expect our community liaisons to be the eyes and ears of the department," added Alan

Richardson, economic development division director.

The liaisons are assigned to specific areas of the state. The liaison for Lincoln County is Rosemary Thompson, who has worked with communities all over New Mexico on the cooperative advertising program and on the Small Business Advocacy Program.

She will be the department representative for communities that need specific assistance with a project. Part of her job will be to contact communities that are ready to begin shaping their own futures and work with them on their long-term needs.

Thompson also will share information about department programs as they meet with public officials, local economic development representatives and the business community.

"This is our effort to reach out to those communities who need assistance in taking control of their future development," Community Development Team Leader Elmo Baca said.

County unemployment continues to stay low

Lincoln County's unemployment rate for the month of February declined from January, dropping from 4.9 to 4.3 percent, according to a recent report by the New Mexico Labor Market Review.

For the same month last year, the county's unemployment rate was 5.4 percent.

Statewide, the average unemployment rate for February was 6.2 percent, with Luna County having the highest rate at 36.7 percent and Union County the lowest at 2.6 percent.

Nationwide, the unemployment rate for February was 4.1 percent, according to the report. New Mexico had the third highest unemployment rate in the country, following the District of Columbia and Alaska. Minnesota had the lowest rate at 2.3 percent unemployed.

In Lincoln County, the February work force consisted of 7,500 people, with 7,178 employed and 322 unemployed. The work force increased by about 300 people from the same month last year, according to the report.

Balloon Fiesta accepting student applications

New Mexico students will have the opportunity to participate in the 1999 Kodak Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta Academy. Those selected will participate in a mentorship program to learn the skills needed to conduct the world's largest balloon event, scheduled this year for Oct. 2-10.

Four students will be selected from New Mexico, and four others from the four quadrants of the United States. All nominations must be submitted by midnight June 1. Any balloon club, individual balloonist or interested adult may nominate a youth whose age will be 12-14 as of Sept. 30.

An application and details about the selection criteria can be obtained by calling the Balloon Fiesta offices or visiting the Balloon Fiesta web site at <http://www.balloonfiesta.com/visitors/academy.html>. Cadets will be selected and notified June 7.

The students, called cadets, will work side by side with last year's cadets, who return as junior staff, and members of the fiesta board. The tasks include learning about safety, registration and the launching of more than 800 hot air balloons in mass ascensions. Tasks also include fueling and launching of the balloons in the Gordon Bennett Gas Balloon Race. Cadets will attend all the media and social events during the first three days of the 1999 Balloon Fiesta.

Commissioner, in new role, finds road equipment problems

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

CARRIZOZO - Equipment in Lincoln County's Road Department will be inventoried and inspected by Commissioner Rick Simpson.

Certified by the state as an equipment inspector, Simpson asked other commissioners Thursday for permission to survey the equipment and return with a list of items that need to be replaced ranked for priority.

"I saw a few in the road yard the other day," Simpson. "One was completely unsafe. If (the state Highway and Transportation Department) ever stopped it, they'd write a string of tickets."

Some of the items were purchased 10 years ago when he was commissioner in another term, he said.

"We should replace what we can afford and then keep moving them up

on the list," he said. "We also should have a wish list for what we'd like to have."

Commission Chairman Rex Wilson said as new people move into the county, their expectations for county roads increase.

"It's our major responsibility," Simpson agreed.

In other action, commissioners:
• Heard from County Manager Tom Stewart that warning lights for Gavilan Canyon near the baseball field should be installed in another week.

• Discussed the poor condition of a fire engine transferred from the Nogal Volunteer Fire Department to the new Arabela department and noted that Capitan also has an engine to offer the fledgling fire fighting group.

• Approved an employment agreement with Sue Stearns as a county

contract employee. Portions of the salary for Stearns, who works with Upper Hondo and the Carrizozo soil and water conservation districts, as well as with resource conservation development, is paid by the various agencies.

• Postponed action again on the Glencoe Rural Events Center management contract with the Hondo School Board. The board was worried about an indemnity provision for the county. County Attorney Alan Morel said the county must not be liable for activities at the center, because it no longer is handling the scheduling. County insurance on the building does not cover rodeos and whoever manages the center on U.S. 70 must ensure that adequate coverage has been arranged by the groups using the arena and other facilities.

• Approved an ordinance creating a five-member Glencoe Rural Events

Board to provide assistance to whoever manages the center, but no longer to function as an advisory board.

• Heard that 13 inmates in county jail are studying for their GEDs, alternate high school graduation diplomas, through a program at Eastern New Mexico University instructional center in Ruidoso.

Commissioners L. Ray Nunley pointed out that inmates with high school degrees are less likely to return to jail.

• Accepted streets in Agua Fria subdivision for a two-year wear test period before the county assumes maintenance responsibilities.

• Passed a resolution establishing an amateur ham radio volunteer system to operate in times of emergency.

• Appointed James Sanchez to a vacancy on the county planning commission, by Simpson's nomination, and reappointed Commissioner

William Schwettmann to represent the county on the New Mexico Association of Counties. He currently is chairman of the commission affiliate.

• Although both bids were more than amounts budgeted for the projects, approved bids from Ruidoso Paving to resurface Eagle Creek Road for \$51,626 (\$48,399 was budgeted) and roads in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates for \$58,080 (\$52,800 was budgeted).

• Despite statements that the service is urgently needed at the county jail, tabled action to award a mental health counseling contract to low bidder Ann New of White Oaks, until they have more information on her background.

She bid \$30 per hour and the Counseling Center in Alamogordo bid \$50. Stewart was told to find temporary counseling services for the jail until a contract is signed.

Carrizozo chamber gets own web site, with much volunteer help

BY PHYLLIS SCHLEGEL
RUIDOSO NEWS CORRESPONDENT

CARRIZOZO - The Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce has a Web site, thanks to many volunteer hours by Gary Stout, of Stout Lock-N-Key. A member of the Chamber, Stout reported at the April 14 meeting that the site has a verified site address which is:

townofcarrizozo.click2site.com.

The site's yellow pages has business listings and phone numbers of all chamber members. Home pages can be linked up when the information is made available to Stout.

Roy Dow donated the use of his computer and the

hours on the Internet for Stout to prepare the site. Dow, also is a chamber member and owns the Gift Gallery on S. Central; he advertises 'old-fashioned atmosphere and soda fountain' retained from the old Paden Drugstore.

The Annual Spring Concert for the ENMU-Ruidoso Community Choir and Show Choir on Monday will begin at 7 p.m. at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. The time was in error in the last report.

Free tickets for the concert are available from Virginia Burd, Suzi Ferm, Betty McCreight and Phyllis Schlegel in Carrizozo. In Ruidoso, they can be picked up at the Chamber of Com-

merce, ENMU-Ruidoso Center, Sierra Vista School or from choir members.

Historical Society meets Saturday in community

Dr. David Townsend, noted historian, will speak on "Alamogordo's First 100" Saturday, April 24, for the meeting of the Lincoln County Historical Society. The time is from 2 to 5 p.m., at the Carrizozo Woman's Club building. A reception will follow Dr. Townsend's presentation.

This event is open to the public.

After four years of serving as president of the Carrizozo Historical Society, Ann Buffington has resigned because of other commitments. The chapter

is now under the umbrella of the Lincoln County Historical Society. (It has retained, however, the committee to work on the Carrizozo Museum at the old Ice Plant site.)

The LCHS archives are now housed in the first floor of the Masonic Building on E Avenue, in Carrizozo, and the office is open every Monday.

A railroad spike makes a souvenir paperweight

A most appropriate souvenir for Carrizozo, a railroad spike. Local ranch woman Mozelle Harkey donated spikes for use as paperweights at the Caboose Visitors Center.

The volunteer on duty

that day asked Harkey if she would paint some with the town's Centennial dates, 1899-1999, on them, which she did, and donated them also to the chamber.

Pastor for Trinity United church introduced

Peter Wolfe, chamber president and owner of Carrizozo Hardware, presided at the meeting attended by 25 members. Wolfe introduced guest Tom Woodward, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, who was appointed in late February by the bishop to serve both the Carrizozo and Capitan churches.

Game, Fish department names new supervisor

A new division chief will head the southeastern portion of New Mexico for the state Game and Fish Department.

Roy Hayes, former Silver City district supervisor, is the new chief of the Roswell office, which includes coverage of Lincoln County.

Hayes graduated from New Mexico State University in 1979 and joined the Colorado Division of Wildlife. He was hired by New Mexico Game and Fish in 1984 and received his training in Albuquerque. He spent four years as district conservation officer in Santa Rosa and Ruidoso before being assigned the Silver City position, where he served for 11 years.

During his time in that area, Hayes worked closely with landowners and permittees on the Gila National Forest. As district supervisor, Hayes also worked with the U.S. Forest Service.



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Sewing up the competition



photo by Sandy Suggit

Winners of the New Mexico Chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild show, above from left to right. People's Choice and blue ribbon in the charted design category: "Puzzle" by Betty White from Artesia. Best of Show: "Cabin in Woods" by Eva Ann Witcher of Artesia, in the charted design category. Blue ribbon in the originals category: "Turned Wooden Box", by Maxine Fullton of Littleton, Colorado. Blue ribbon in the class project category: "Trilogy Act II" by Margaret Smith from Lovington. Blue ribbon in the painted design category: "The Policeman" also by Eva Ann Witcher.

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Yesterday's talent gives today's students inspiration

by Sandy Suggitt
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

The judges suffered "greatly picking "winners" at the school art show last week.

"I agonized, it was so close," said Franci Bergner from LIVING, who judged the high school's juried art show at the Henriette Wyeth Memorial School Art Festival at the Hubbard Museum of the American West April 18.

All afternoon April 16 she and Brenda Kingsolving, from Tatum, began judging the 1,583 pieces of art made by students from Carrizozo, Capitan, Corona, Hondo, Mescalero, Tularosa, Cloudercroft and Ruidoso. They looked at art for five hours without coming to a decision, and returned the next day for another four hours of looking.

"It's really a very difficult decision to make," Bergner said. She had to pick out the first three place-winners among high school students. "Thank goodness for 10 honorable mentions."

First place - and \$100 went to Jerrod Stierwalt, a 10th-grader at Capitan High School. Second place and \$50 went to Lem Bartley, also a 10th grader at Capitan. Jacob Lujan, a 9th grade Ruidoso High School student, took third place and \$25.

Artist Michael Hurd, son of Henriette Wyeth, was present to hand out prizes and congratulate the winners at the opening reception April 18.

"This is one of the best school shows I've ever seen," Hurd said. "Such a variety of interesting material and very competent technically - really original in style and a real

color sense."

Hurd said the students' work shows a sustained effort to work toward an artistic statement and "Henriette would've been fascinated by a lot of these" because although she appreciated imagination in the arts, she also believed in developing the basis for a craft - knowing drawing, painting and designing techniques.

"A lot of this stuff is terrific," Hurd said, "especially some in the young kids' section." He particularly liked the totem poles, which showed coordination and consistency, were well-crafted, imaginative and showed humor.

Curator of education for the museum Ray Barela said this is the third year of the school art show, whose purpose is to honor Henriette Wyeth and to encourage young people pursuing the arts in school.

Hurd said the annual show is important because the arts are the first area to get the cuts in education funding when there are budget problems - a mistake because the benefits of arts programs show up in quality of life and development in other disciplines.

"It's important in this community because we're seeing an expanded role and relevance in the arts whether it's the Spencer Theater, more galleries, more painters, writers, musicians," Hurd said. "It's an interesting and viable expansion from Santa Fe and Taos and other cultural traditions in the state."

Most of the work in this year's show is flat work, but there are also sculptures, stone art, masks, weavings and Easter egg baskets.

"We're excited. The art work looks wonderful," Barela said. "It's amazing how great these aspiring young artists are."

The show will be up through May 8.



JACOB LUJAN, a freshman at Ruidoso High School, placed third out of 1,583 art works submitted by area students.

by Lee Walstad
VAMONOS INTERN

The Third Annual Henriette Wyeth Memorial School Art Festival opened Sunday the 18th at The Museum of the Horse. On display were the best works of art in grades Kindergarten through 12 from Capitan, Carrizozo, Mescalero, and Ruidoso students. On sight students with entries in the fair, as well as parents, and just those who just love art.

One acknowledged quality of the show is its exposure of young artists to the public in such a quality atmosphere. Errick Kimbrell, a sophomore at Ruidoso High School, said, "I like the exhibit. For one, because it presents the work of my fellow students with a very professional and viewable manner."

When asked what it was like to have pieces of his artwork on display at the exhibit, Ruidoso High sophomore Evan Remington replied, "It's exciting! I love seeing people here I know and saying, 'look this one's mine!'" Being a student with an entry in the show, I can only agree.

Younger artists weren't without their achievements either. "That knocks my socks off," said Louise Thomas in regard to a first grade yarn weave. The elementary section of artwork covered everything from interlocking "Escher" style patterns, to collages of cutout construction paper. One piece of particular interest was a colorful class landscape made of fluffy tissue paper. The exhibit was "really neat and fun" according to fourth grade Capitan student Charlotte

Pawlak.

Sunday's big winner in the high school category was 10th grade Jerrod Stierwalt, also from Capitan. His entrance was an oil pastel of Autumn trees. "I am both proud and glad to be the first place winner. As far as the rest of the exhibit, it's fantastic," said Stierwalt who received a check for \$100. When asked jokingly if his art teacher Mr. Rice would get any of the award, the concise answer was "No."

This year's student art festival saw a host of different students with the best of their artwork on display. The visitors who attended this time could be left only with an anticipation for next year.



SECOND PLACE in the Henriette Wyeth Memorial School Art Festival went to Capitan sophomore Lem Bartley.

New artists get into the Art Loop Tour

by *Dianne Stallings*
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Expect a whirlwind of ideas and exquisite execution when visiting Dee Wescott's studio during the annual Lincoln County Art Loop, July 10-11.

She's one of eight new artists added to the self-guided tour list this year, bringing the total to 21 artists from Carrizozo, to Nogal, Capitán, Lincoln, Hondo and Glencoe.

Each has prepared a special line or work for visitors to purchase, appealing to different buyers. They'll also display a good sampler of their show stoppers.

Wescott's studio is as full of varied concepts as its owners, sheltering containers of brushes, drawers of photographs to spark her memory of scenes that caught her eye while traveling. Paintings in watercolor, oil, traditional and liquid acrylic hang throughout her house in Glencoe down the road near Tully's barn, a local landmark. The Art Loop will publish a map before the event with telephone numbers to ensure no one gets lost.

Wescott, featured in two books on watercolorists, is a consistent winner at juried art competitions, gathering 25 awards since 1994. No wonder. Her style is elusive, but dominant, no matter what type of medium she chooses - a certain

thoroughbreds and dogs.

That diversity in life is reflected in her work. She accuses herself of not being focused enough, but anyone watching Wescott soon dismisses that charge. She obviously can focus intensively when necessary. But when not necessary, she lets her mind thumb through the ideas stored in her memory to come up with a new challenge.

Many of her paintings are biographical, such as "Border Images: Family," a mixed media collage using photographs of Wescott and other family members. But others are just a treat to be enjoyed, to let eyes wallow in color and suggested or stated form. She is undaunted by any subject. Her work includes landscapes, architecture, human figures, abstract forms and even script.

Wescott usually sells in markets outside Lincoln County. The Art Loop is a chance to enjoy her work and possibly to take one home.

Living in Nogal in a sprawling adobe home surrounded by terrific scenery and 13 pet cats, Sue Moeller, another artist new to the Art Loop this year, says life is just about perfect.

Before discovering Lincoln County, the artist and her husband, Bob, enjoyed their visits to Santa Fe and New Mexico's artistic climate, but feared they'd feel landlocked. Then Moeller bumped into



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News
SUSAN MOELLER makes her first appearance on the Art Loop Tour.

school art classes were hard to access, but by 10th grade she was admitted to some good ones, going on to earn a bachelor's in fine art from the University of Akron. She taught for seven years and then went into advertising and newspaper illustration and graphic art work.

Although she paints mainly in acrylic and described her style as impressionistic, Moeller said she enjoys mixed media - ink, pastels, watercolor, stained glass, even wood carving. She plans on adding pottery to the list as soon as she moves in a kiln and throwing table for clay. Her painting subjects are equally as varied, including flowers, landscapes and children.

It isn't just her new home Moeller enjoys. The artist said she also likes the feeling of kinship among local artists.

"In Ohio fine arts, we didn't seem to work together like we do here," Moeller said. "We drop in and see what everyone is doing and we have a creative connection. I love it here. I wake up every day and pinch myself."

For the loop, Moeller will have lithographs and original works starting at \$30, note cards, jewelry with glass and semi-precious stones, small wood pins and carvings.

"They'll be lots of variety for people," she said. "Who knows what I will produce."

Moeller lives at Paz de Nogal, a former country inn on State Highway 37 east of its intersection with U.S. 380.

Weather permitting, Moeller plans on centering the Art Loop visit in her courtyard, but allowing visitors to wander through portions of the unusual home, which includes her gallery and two studios.



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News
DEE WESCOTT works in her home studio. Wescott will join 20 other artists for the annual Lincoln County Art Loop July 10 and 11.

light touch that catches the essence, plays with color and dotes on composition.

A former Carlsbad resident, Wescott lives with her husband Lee in a 3,000-square-foot home on a ranch next to the Rio Ruidoso. Her first studio there was a 200-year-old adobe that she still uses as a framing area and guest house. Besides her art, Wescott and husband Lee, raise quarter horses,

a Ruidoso man at an Ohio market, who told her about the streams and the wide open spaces, and invited the Moellers to visit.

"I was doing the fine arts circuit in Ohio, but I can bring my canopy with me anywhere," Moeller said.

Born in Akron, Moeller remembers playing with her cousin when she was a child as both fashioned figures out of mud. High

Who's atop the leader board?

Coffee competition update

The Ruidoso Roastery and Vámonos invite you to participate in the Coffee Cup Challenge. If you think you drink a lot of coffee, come prove it at the Ruidoso Roastery from April 9 through April 30. A board will be posted showing participant names and scores so you can keep track of your competitors.

There are two categories: Latte/Cappuccino drinkers and Coffee/Espresso drinkers. Points earned are as follows: one point per shot for the latte/cappuccino class, and one point for each cup or shot for the coffee/espresso class. Points accumulate when the drink is consumed, not for advance purchases. Points are not added for refills, only for each cup purchased.

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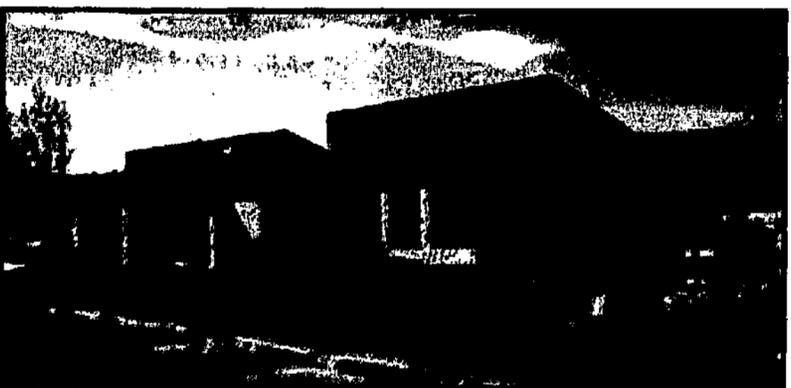
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Rustling up a star for 'The Outfitters' local premiere

by Dianne Stallings
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

For Del Zamora, attending the premiere of "The Outfitters" today, will feel like coming home, because the New Mexico native grew up in nearby Roswell.

He'll be the standard bearer for the cast and crew of the motion picture that was filmed entirely in Lincoln County in the fall of 1997. Producer/director Reverage Anselmo is busy filming his second movie, this time in Prague. Danny Nucci, who made his mark as Leonardo DiCaprio's friend in "Titanic," and Dana Delany, who earned fame as the lead nurse in the television series "China Beach," are working on other projects.

But Zamora won't be alone. Relatives from other parts of the state will descend on Ruidoso to help him celebrate, including his uncle, who was state auditor in the 1960s and '70s, he said. He also expects to see some familiar faces of local residents who appear as extras or in small parts in the movie.

Although "The Outfitters" first outing was at the Sundance Film festival in Park City, Utah, Anselmo arranged with Sierra Cinema owner Barbara Marcum to commercially premiere the movie in Ruidoso. A distributor is on line for the European market and Anselmo is closing a deal for direct video distribution in the United States.

"I really believe in this movie," Zamora said from his home in California. "I was surprised at

how well it came out, because it was shot so quickly. I remember at the end of the day, Danny Nucci and I would look at each other and say, 'What did we do members create a stage wound today.'

"I always hoped it would be good and it turned out to be a real audience pleaser (at Sundance)."

Zamora will be on hand to sign autographs, probably at the Friday evening showings. The times were not firm at press time.

Zamora didn't just fall into his career. He studied with Stella Adler in New York for 14 months before enrolling at the UCLA film school in Los Angeles. But he said he knew acting would be his career after seeing "The Elephant Man" and "Taxi Driver," which "floored" him.

He methodically mapped out the path to his goal and followed it, even though for three years, he lived in his van with his dog.

A good role in the movie "Repo Man," sparked an upturn in his fortunes, but at first, he didn't trust the indicators and stayed in his van. Roles in "Robocop," "The Fabulous Baker Boys," "Tequila Sunrise" and "White Men Can't Jump" followed.

He's appeared in more than 60 films, 50 television shows and 68 plays. He recently finished filming "Town and Country," a star-filled



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

Del Zamora, who stars in "The Outfitters" waits while crew members create a stage wound.

picture with Warren Beatty, Goldie Hawn and Diane Keaton.

"I started with just three scenes," Zamora said. "The director liked my work and gave me nine or 10 instead."

He plays the boyfriend of the maid of a wealthy family. The comedy is being compared to "Four Weddings and a Funeral." It gives Zamora another chance to shine in a character part just as he does playing the A.J. Mitjans, the hapless part owner of a run-down ranch, in "The Outfitters." The film follows the attempts of Mitjans and his brother, played by Nucci, to change their futures.

Since completing the film in New Mexico, Zamora also has appeared in television shows, including a second role in "NYPD Blue." He's lent his voice to cartoons - "a fun thing to do," Zamora said. He's also one of the creators of a television comedy called "Channel Zero," he hopes will make it to a pilot episode.

Show times for "The Outfitters" today and Saturday are 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, the late show will be dropped.

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performances

Bobby Vee

Tickets are available for two performances of Bobby Vee at 7 and 10 p.m. April 30 at the Inn of the Mountain Gods West Conference Center. Ticket information is available from Guest Services at 257-5141 ext. 7250.

Navah Perlman

Concert pianist Navah Perlman will host a free musical conversation from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, April 30 at the Spencer Theater. Call 336-0010 for more details.

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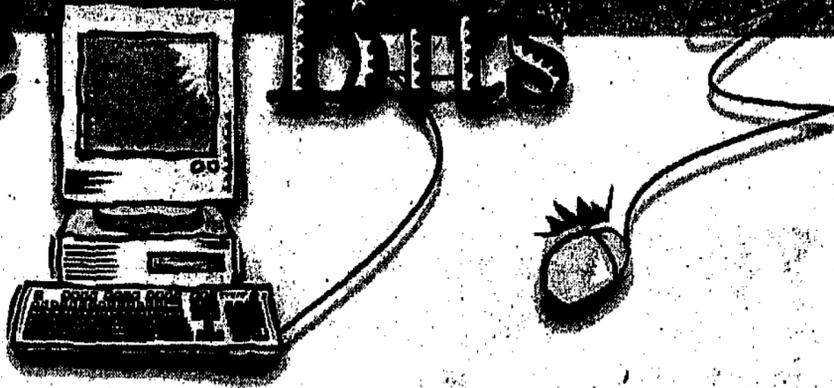
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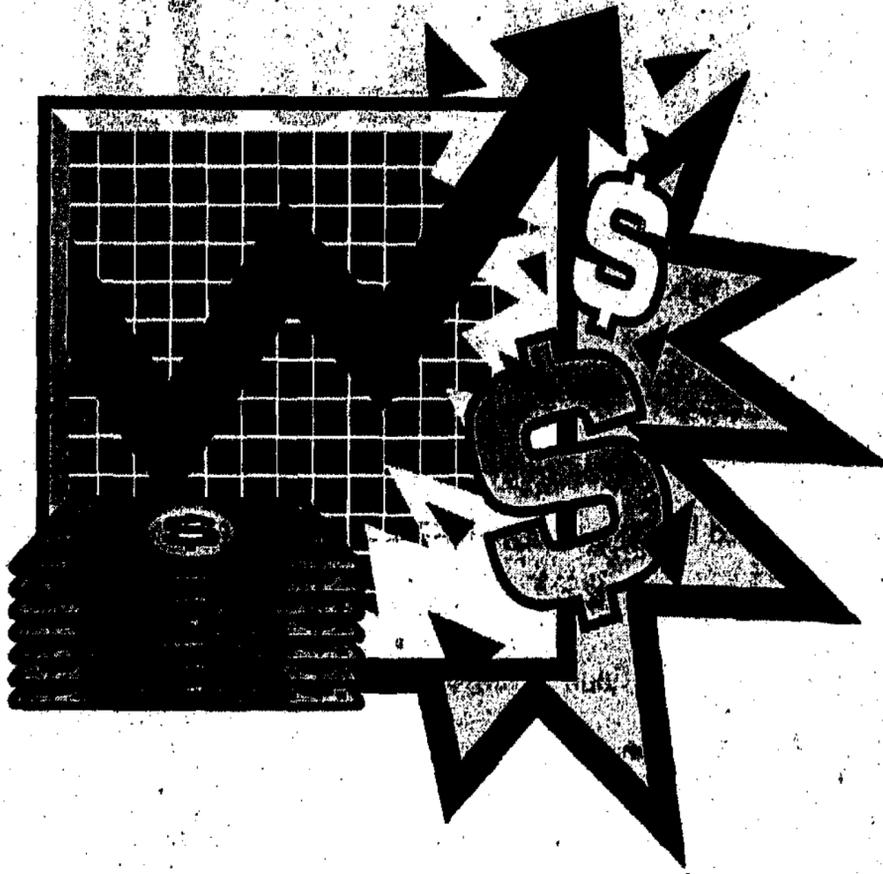
FAQS

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There are many advantages to having a web presence, especially in a remote area like Lincoln County.

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E-COMMERCE or doing business on the web is thriving, and determining whether or not you need a web page has never been easier. The answer is simple, if you sell goods or services you need a web site.

There are many advantages to having a web presence, especially in a remote area like Lincoln County. It can enhance your company's image, help you reach new customers, share up-to-date information faster and more affordably and build customer relationships in the comfort of their own home. A web site can be a powerful addition to your current marketing efforts.

More importantly, web sites have become a common staple for businesses, and if you don't have one you're behind the times (and possibly your competition). This is especially important in Ruidoso, where we derive much of our income from the influx of tourists who

visit this beautiful area.

Judging by the thousands of hits the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce site receives each month, the Internet is an essential tool for today's tourist.

While interviewing a potential site designer, you want to look for a few important things. First, what does their own web site look like? Is it organized and informative, well designed and up to date? It is worth taking a look! Second, who are some of their clients and how do their sites fit their overall marketing scheme? Pricing, though important, should come after these two considerations. Do they offer published, up-front

pricing so you know you're getting the same fair deal that someone else would? Just as you have a professional design your brochures and business cards, you should take the same care in hiring a web site designer.

If you're feeling a bit intimidated, you're not alone. But be encouraged, there are some great resources to help you get started. Classes are offered at our local ENMU Instruction Center, some business organizations offer help to their members, and there are other companies who have successfully made the jump to the web who may be willing to offer suggestions.

HOT SITES

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delhistory.net Focuses primarily on US history, making viewing the past more than educational, it's fun!



The saga of Jim Levy

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He [Levy] was a classic example of an old-time gunman and one of the few that actually participated in a gunfight that Hollywood would have loved.

If one were to go by popular mythology (i.e.: Hollywood), one would think that virtually all of the people who participated in gun battles and other violent sports in the Old West were Anglos. And that is patently ridiculous. In the Lincoln County War, for example, a large percentage of the participants were Hispanic, but if you go to the movies, you would think that the only Hispanics in the area were poverty-stricken illiterates who wanted only to be left alone. And anyone familiar with the Lincoln County War will tell you that Jose Chavez y Chavez, for instance, was anything but quiet and peace-loving.

A nice Jewish boy from Ireland

James H. Levy was born in Ireland in 1842. Little is known of his early years other than the fact that his parents brought him to this country as a youth. The young Levy appears to have followed the traditional path of the Irish immigrants of the time as opposed to that of the Jewish immigrants. This is to say that by the time he was 29, when he first enters the ken of history, Levy, like many other Irishmen, was working as a miner in Pioche, Nevada.

And it was there, in Pioche, on May 30, 1871, that the turning point in Jim Levy's life occurred. It was on that day that Levy witnessed an argument escalate into a gun battle. One of the two men involved in the dispute was Tom Gossan, a casual friend of Levy's. Whatever it was that Gossan was arguing about with a man named Mike Casey has been lost to history.

Nevertheless, one thing that everyone present at the incident remembered was that before he died of his wounds, Gossan made an impromptu last will and testament. Gossan stated that whoever avenged his death would be the recipient of the \$5,000 that comprised his entire estate. And that really got the attention of Jim Levy.

Provocation

When Mike Casey began explaining to the author-

ities that he had shot Gossan in self-defense, Levy loudly and publicly called him a liar, stating that the deceased had no chance and that Casey had fired first, without the slightest provocation. If this was a tactic on Levy's part to provoke Casey into violence, it worked like a charm.

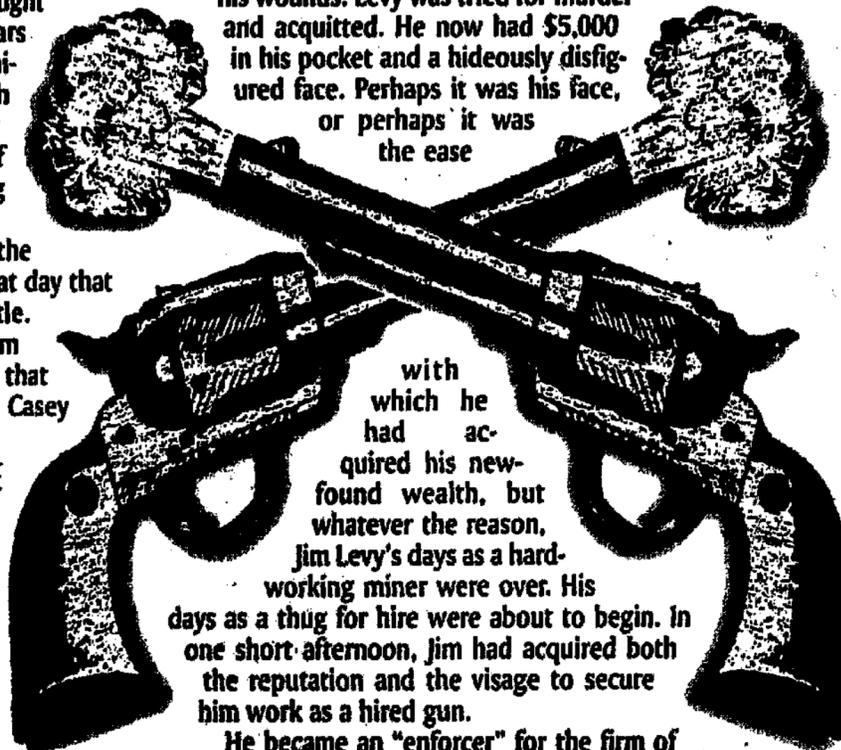
A short while later, Casey confronted Levy in a local store and proceeded to tell him exactly what he thought of him and at the same time challenged him to a duel. Levy immediately agreed, with the provision that he be permitted to go and arm himself first. Casey found this proviso acceptable, and the two men agreed to meet in the alley behind the store.

It was only a few minutes later when Levy strode into the alley to find Casey waiting for him, gun in hand. Levy wasted no time. First he called out to Casey, then he immediately opened fire. Levy's first shot grazed Casey's skull, the only real effect being to enrage the already angry Casey, who charged Levy like some sort of demented bull. As he did so, Levy fired again. This time, the bullet lodged in Casey's neck, wounding him severely. Casey continued to lunge forward, except that now it was more gravity carrying him along than anything else. As the dazed Casey reached his antagonist, Levy took a step back and then slammed the barrel of his revolver "up side" of Casey's head.

But the fight was not quite over yet. Suddenly another shot rang out and a bullet passed through both of Levy's cheeks, fracturing his jaw. The bullet had come from a gun in the hand of Dave Neagle, who had been serving as Casey's second in the matter. Seeing that Levy did not go down, Neagle decided that it might be a good time to leave and did so at the approximate speed of sound.

A face to match his personality

Mike Casey lingered for several days before succumbing to his wounds. Levy was tried for murder and acquitted. He now had \$5,000 in his pocket and a hideously disfigured face. Perhaps it was his face, or perhaps it was the ease



with which he had acquired his newfound wealth, but whatever the reason, Jim Levy's days as a hard-working miner were over. His days as a thug for hire were about to begin. In one short afternoon, Jim had acquired both the reputation and the visage to secure him work as a hired gun. He became an "enforcer" for the firm of

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Raymond and Eli Mining Co., with his job description beginning with intimidation and ending with murder. In January of 1873, in the company of other "enforcers" for the same firm, Levy squared off against hired guns from another mining company. When the gunsmoke cleared, one of the opposition lay dead and the "credit" for his death went to Jim Levy.

The Gambler

The year 1876 found Jim working as a gambler in Leadville, South Dakota. He managed to stay out of trouble until the following year when he got into the altercation for which history remembers him.

It wasn't exactly a new scenario. Levy and another card player by the name of Charlie Harrison got into a loud discussion concerning the honesty or lack of it—possessed by both men. The argument came to a head when Harrison made a loud announcement that he despised Irishmen—especially Jewish Irishmen.

Well, that did it. As Levy began to go for his gun, Harrison pointed out that he was unarmed, but if Levy didn't mind waiting, he (Harrison) would go and arm himself and be back in two shakes of a lamb's tail. Levy didn't mind waiting, and Harrison rushed off to arm himself.

This turn of events was extremely convenient for the other men in the saloon, as it gave them time to place bets on the upcoming shoot-out. Little was known of Levy's abilities with a gun, but all present were aware that Charlie Harrison was a pretty fair hand with a gun. Most of the money was on Harrison.

The shootout

What happened next was one of those rare occasions where reality actually was close to the way Hollywood would later portray gunfights in the Old West. When Harrison stepped out of the Senate Saloon where he had procured a weapon, he spied Levy standing on a street corner about 30 feet away. Harrison immediately jerked his pistol and began blazing away at Levy, who, in stark contrast to his opponent, slowly and carefully took aim. Levy sent his bullet into the center of the cloud of gunsmoke that had formed around Harrison as he unleashed his barrage. Not one of Harrison's bullets took affect, but when the smoke finally cleared, Harrison was stretched out on his back. Noting that Harrison's wound did not

appear to be fatal, Levy rushed forward and gave him another wound that was fatal. Even so, Harrison lingered for another two weeks.

Well, with that little errand out of the way, Jim realized that he was simply famished and strolled around the corner to have a bite to eat. He was still dining when City Marshal Bat Carr walked in and arrested him.

After Harrison's demise, the incarcerated Levy was tried for murder, but everyone agreed that it was pretty much of a fair fight and Jim was acquitted once again.

Travels with Jim

For the next several years, Jim Levy traveled about the West. Legend claims that he got himself involved in some 16 shoot-outs from Leadville to Tombstone, but documentation is lacking.

His final activities, however, are quite well documented. May of 1882 found Levy in Tucson, A.T., and it was there, in Eli Gifford's saloon, that Jim Levy got into his final argument. It was with a card dealer named John Murphy. While the subject of the argument is lost to history, it doesn't matter, because nothing spectacular came of it ... then. The only thing that came of it at the time was a large amount of bad blood between the two men.

On June 5, 1882, a brooding and-somewhat drunk Levy came into Gifford's and seated himself across the faro table from John Murphy. The two men became embroiled in a verbal exchange with Levy calling Murphy a cheat and Murphy calling Levy a liar. After this went on for some time, both men decided that the time for talking was over.

Levy was not armed at the time, and friends who wanted to keep him out of trouble refused to lend him a pistol. One of those friends who refused was George Duncan, who had been a friend of Levy's for years. Advising his enraged friend to go back to his hotel room and calm down, Duncan was trying to save Levy's life.

As it worked out, it would have been better if Duncan had loaned Levy the weapon. When Levy, who decided to take his friend's well-meaning advice, headed back to his hotel, he was unaware that Murphy, in the company of two friends, was already out on the streets looking for him.

As Jim Levy started to enter the Palace Hotel a barrage of

shots rang out and the still unarmed Levy slumped to the floor. It was later discovered that of the five bullets that had struck him, four of them would have been fatal.

Murphy and his friends never came to trial. Shortly after they

were arrested, they overpowered a guard and escaped.

And so, the story of Jim Levy came to an end. He was a classic example of an old-time gunman and one of the few that actually participated in a gunfight that Hollywood would have loved. He

may also have been the only gun-fighter of Jewish descent that the Old West ever produced.

Sources: "Jim Levy - A Not-So-Nice Jewish Boy" by Edmond Sheldon; The files of the Tombstone Epitaph.

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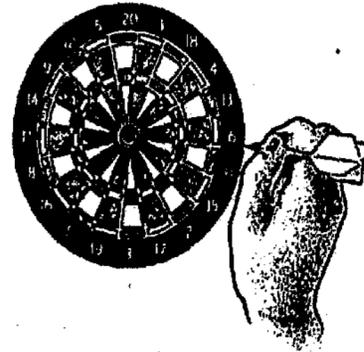
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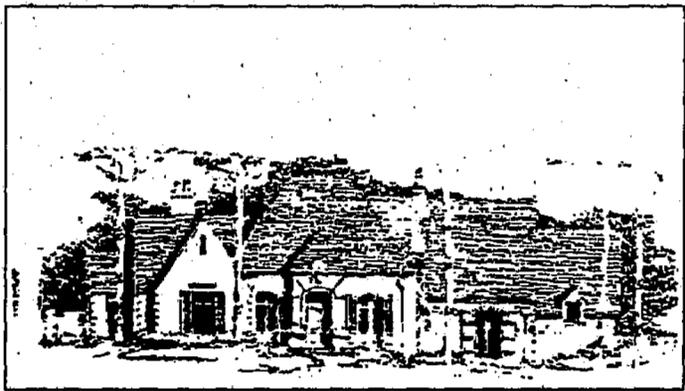
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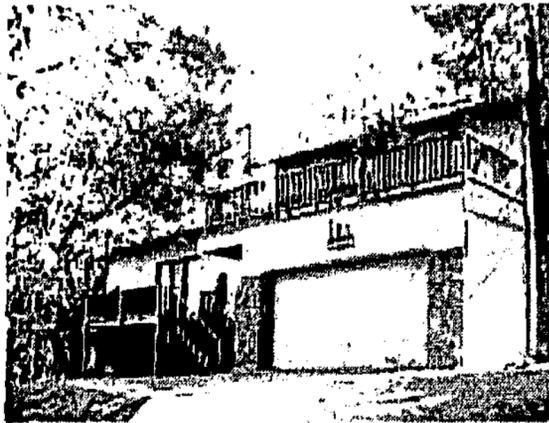
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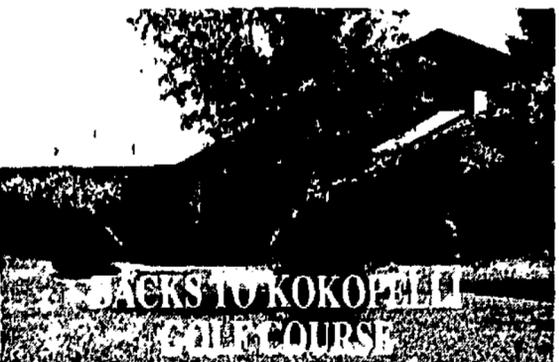
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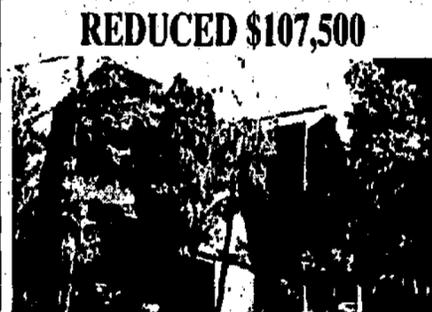
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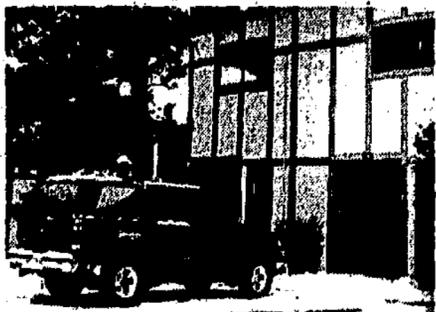
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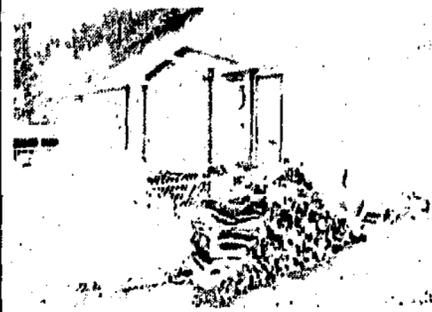
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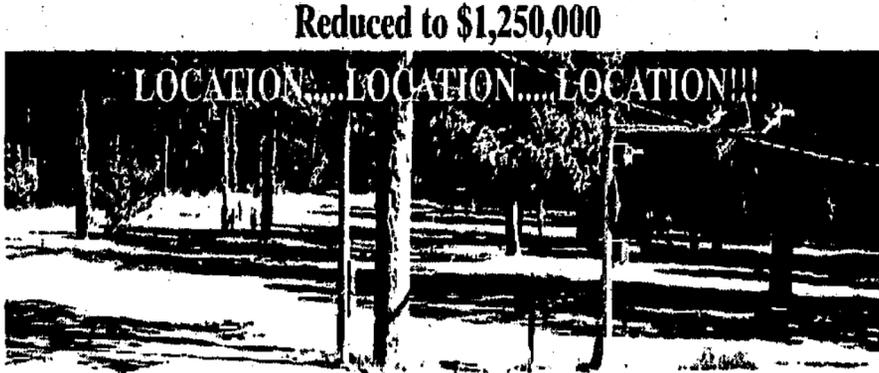
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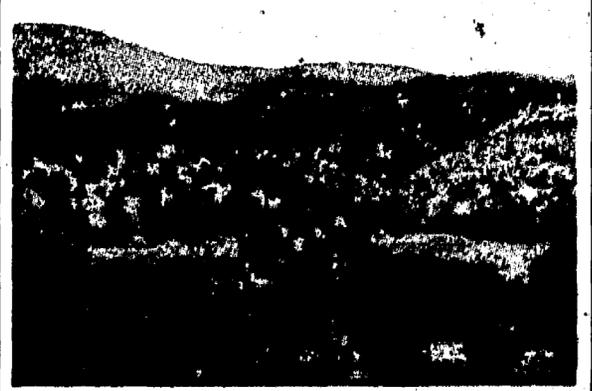
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Upper Canyon

Carzoli • \$149,500 • 213 Perk Canyon Dr.

Three bedrooms, 3 baths with decorator touches throughout. A great house for the price.



Alto

Hensley • \$420,000 • 805 Deer Park Drive

Four bedroom, 4 bath. Beautiful new Santa Fe styled home in Deer Park Woods with full membership.

Reduced to \$575,000



Alto

Weigel • ~~\$695,000~~ • 106 Meadows Drive

Four bedrooms, 4 baths, full golf membership. Big Sierra Blanca view; large in style and grace. The colors of this home will embrace you!

Reduced to \$219,500



Alto

Allard (owner-agent) • ~~\$223,500~~ • 113 Sunrise

Four bedrooms, 3+ baths. Full golf membership, newly remodeled. Owner will provide home warranty.