



Mescalero gets new school

Plans call for new \$30 million complex with elementary, middle and high schools

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Construction of a \$30 million school complex that will accommodate 1,600 children was announced Friday by Mescalero Apache President Sara Misquez during a 25-year birthday celebration for the tribe's Inn of the Mountain Gods resort.

U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, R-NM, fresh from a flight over the thousands of acres torched by the Cree Fire and Scott Able fires in the Lincoln National Forest in May, was on hand for the announcement.

State Rep. Robert Burpo, R-Bernalillo, of First American Financial Advisors, and tribal attorney Greg Quinlan unveiled a model and architectural rendering of the 210,000-square-foot complex for pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade students.

Designed by Schenkel Schultz Architecture, based in Wisconsin, the complex is slated to be completed by March 2002 on the reservation that abuts Ruidoso, according

to Burpo.

It will be built on a 100-acre site across U.S. Highway 70 from the new housing area, said School Superintendent Ray Swinney.

In announcing the new school, a project sought by the tribe for more than 10 years after another school burned to the ground and children were moved to portable units, Misquez said the complex would provide laboratories, sports facilities, classrooms, and educational tools that are state-of-the-art.

The majority of the tribal council voted for the project, Misquez said.

The fenced complex of block construction with metal roofs will consist of separate buildings for elementary, middle school and high school students, and for administration, Swinney said Monday.

An auditorium and two gymnasiums are planned, as well as a weight room, a soccer/football practice field, a playing field, a cafeteria, tennis courts, outdoor basketball

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Ray Swinney,
Mescalero School
superintendent

courts, and fields for softball and baseball.

"We hope to break ground sometime this month and work may begin in September," Swinney said. "We'll feel like we've died and gone to heaven after having lived in the facilities we have now."

Without offering specifics, Domenici said Misquez has come up with an "ingenious" approach to financing the project.

Many Indian groups don't have that same vision, he said. They wait their turn for help on a government list that grows longer each year.

Although funding for Indian educational construction increased four-fold this year, "you're not waiting around," he said to Misquez. "You came out with this ingenious plan to complete this."

Misquez is bonding tribal revenues to pay for the school, he said.

"The Mescalero have become the envy of those who wonder just how they do it on the mountain," Domenici said.



Terry Chavez waited for the rain to stop to down around at the 25th anniversary of the Inn of the Mountain Gods in the Mescalero Apache Tribe reservation. But there was a serious celebration Friday with the announcement of a new school complex.

Ruidoso village eases outdoor residential water limits

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Ample rains in June and the beginning of July prompted the Ruidoso Village Council Tuesday to ease outdoor watering restrictions.

The action, which places village water system customers in the least restrictive phase of the water conservation ordinance, will allow outdoor watering of lawns based on an odd/even address and day of the month schedule. Lawn watering had been totally off limits since April.

"The drought is basically over for us," Mayor Robert Donaldson said at the council meeting. "We've also made water a priority and we're seeing results," the mayor said of increased spending on the water system and water rights pursuits.

Alan Briley, the village's manager, said

Grindstone Reservoir, a potential two-year storage impound, has gained about 10 feet in depth since June 1.

"Alto Lake is full and running past the lake to lower Eagle Creek," Briley said. "The (Rio Ruidoso) river meter showed 46 cubic feet per second this afternoon. We're diverting up to five to six cubic feet per second." The diversion is fed into Grindstone Reservoir.

"We're going to get there pretty quickly," Donaldson said of plans to top Grindstone to a new level, the lake's spillway. That would represent a 776 day supply of water for the village, he said.

But Donaldson said conservation must always play a part of the southwest's water picture. In addition to residential attention of water use, the mayor said replacing old, sometimes leaky water lines, will continue to be a village priority.

"Our loss (through water system leaks) the last two months is 12 percent, and that's due to line replacements. That's down from 18 percent last year," Donaldson said.

The village has recently moved to less reliance on Hollywood well water, a source of highly mineralized water, because of increase surface water availability, officials said.

A rain gauge at village hall registered 7.13 inches of precipitation in June and 1.2 inches so far in July, Briley said.

"Just because it's raining doesn't mean we're going to stop looking at conservation measures," Donaldson said.

Ruidoso's water conservation ordinance was amended at mid May, replacing a four phased outdoor water restriction plan with three phases.

It changed a requirement that limited watering of plants to hand-carried buckets during

more restrictive phases to permitting the use of a hand-held hose in any phase.

The normal conditions, or phase one, allows outdoor watering based on street address and day of the month.

The odd/even criteria allows watering at even addressed properties on days with even numbers, and odd numbered addresses on odd numbered days.

Outdoor watering is prohibited in any of the three phases between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Phase two, also called drought conditions, limits outdoor watering to only Tuesdays. Again, watering is not allowed between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Severe drought conditions, or phase three, disallows all outdoor watering.

In any phase, hand-held hose watering of gardens, potted plants and tree wells is permitted.

County manager applies for new job at Doña Ana

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Two familiar names are among the six finalists being considered for the post of new Doña Ana County manager.

Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart, retired from the Pentagon before taking over in the county in late 1998, and Gary Jackson, former Ruidoso village manager, were scheduled to be interviewed earlier this week.

Jess Williams, Doña Ana County public information officer, said Monday he expected a decision soon. But commissioners met Tuesday afternoon and took no action. Their next regular meeting is July 27, but Williams said commissioners could call a special meeting before then, if necessary.

Also under consideration for

the position that pays from \$75,000 to \$90,000 annually are state Rep. Jon "Andy" Kissner (R-Las Cruces), Don Brooks, human resource director for the city of Las Cruces, Luna County Manager Scott Vinson and Malcolm Williams, budget director for El Paso Community College.

Fernando Macias' last day as Doña Ana County manager was Friday. He resigned after three years to take a higher paying job as general manager of the Border Environmental Cooperation Commission, Williams said. The county began advertising for a new manager June 26.

Stewart said he notified commission Chairman Rex Wilson that he applied for the job.

"I'm up for a challenge," Stewart said. "You have to weigh these

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Domenici calls for forest management laws

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After viewing burned areas from the Cree and Scott Able forest fires, New Mexico's U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici said he would push legislation to control unhealthy forests near communities.

Domenici, in the Ruidoso area Friday, said federal land management policies, especially where communities like Ruidoso and Cloudcroft interface with national forests, need to be improved. He chided the Clinton administration for derailing such an effort earlier this month.

"For whatever the reason, the influence of environmental special interests on this White House, or the administration's own land management priorities, the situation cries out for a national remedy," Domenici said.

Legislation was nixed that Domenici said would have allowed the U.S.D.A. Forest Service and the Department of Interior to remove fuels on federal lands that interface with communities.



Following a briefing on the Cree and Scott Able fires, U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici boards a helicopter for a birds-eye view of the burned areas.

The Republican said a chance to include the legislation as part of an emer-

gency funding package ended when the Clinton administration issued a veto threat over the fuels removal program.

"We have presented a good program that gives public land managers the ability to begin the desperately needed work in the forests," Domenici said. "I will keep working to get the administration to see that this is an environmentally sound plan and not a logging free-for-all."

The "Healthy Forest" initiative also would require identification of all urban-wildland interfaces communities at risk from wildfire.

At the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, before a helicopter tour of the burned areas, Domenici was told by Forest Service officials of the fires and efforts to improve the urban-wildland interface.

"We've done some 1,300 acres of (fuel) clean-up around Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs," said Brian L. Power, a fire management officer with the Forest Service. "Most of it has been with nine-

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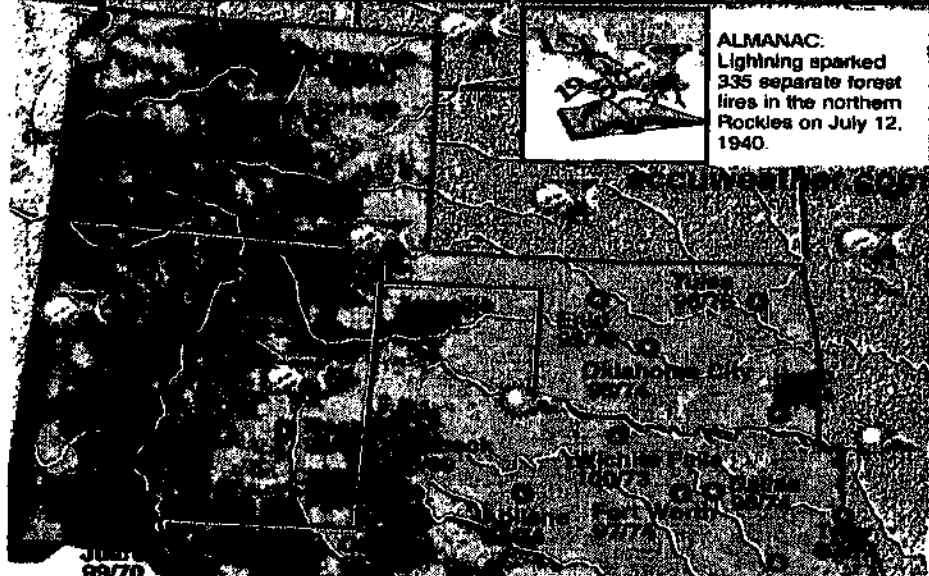
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SUN AND MOON

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Wed	6:02 a.m.	8:14 p.m.
Thu	6:03 a.m.	8:14 p.m.
Fri	6:04 a.m.	8:13 p.m.
Sat	6:04 a.m.	8:13 p.m.
Sun	6:05 a.m.	8:12 p.m.

MOONRISE

	Moonrise	Moonset
Wed	5:12 p.m.	3:07 a.m.
Thu	6:05 p.m.	3:46 a.m.
Fri	6:57 p.m.	4:20 a.m.
Sat	7:46 p.m.	5:15 a.m.
Sun	8:31 p.m.	6:05 a.m.

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The drug store of Carrizozo had it all.

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

White Oaks Eagle

July 12, 1900
The telephone from White Oaks to Carrizozo station is up and in use. White Oaks had the report of the proceedings of the Kansas City convention just as readily as any railroad town in the country.

J.A. Eddy and party spent the Fourth at Nogal.

The Carrizozo round-up was two miles east of town Tuesday night.

Silas May, of Capitan, has leased the Fauvet building on White Oaks Avenue and will open a saloon in same about the first of the month.

Dr. W.B. Henwood, dentist, permanently located in Alamogordo will visit White Oaks July 12, 20 and 21.

Juveniles involved in Cree Fire referred to probation office

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
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The three juveniles suspected of being among four people involved in the start of the Cree Fire have been referred to the Juvenile Probation and Parole office in Ruidoso.

The 12th Judicial District prosecutors' office made the referral Monday, said Roxanne Matise, an assistant district attorney.

No action had been filed as of Tuesday against an adult in the case, the prosecutor said.

The four people had admitted involvement in the origin of the fire, Lanny G. Maddox, Ruidoso's police chief said in mid May. Two of the four allegedly had been smoking marijuana at a cave or abandoned mine on Lincoln National Forest land im-

mediately east of Ruidoso's village limits. A makeshift torch, to illuminate the cave, reportedly started ground cover ablaze outside the opening, Maddox said. Interviews with the four "confessions," said the individual interviews corroborated.

A federal investigator in the case called the actions of the suspects "negligent" and an "accident."

With the referral, a preliminary inquiry will be scheduled with juvenile authorities, said William Cordova, chief of the Juvenile Probation and Parole office at Alamogordo.

"We will bring in the children and their parents or guardians to go over police reports and talk to the family about what's going on," Cordova said. Following the preliminary inquiry a juvenile probation offi-

cer will decide if the case should be presented to the District Attorney's office for prosecution. If the allegations consist of felony charges, the case must be referred to the District Attorney's office. Initial recommendations by a juvenile probation officer would also be delivered to the prosecutor's office.

If prosecution is decided, the District Attorney's office would file what is called in the juvenile system a petition. Cordova said that is similar to a criminal complaint, listing charges. A first appearance in District Court would be the next step. The proceeding is likened to an arraignment hearing, where a plea of guilt or innocence is entered. A not guilty plea would establish an adjudication hearing, similar to an adult trial. The adjudication hearing outcome could be

decided by a jury or a judge. A conviction would lead to a final disposition hearing, where a sentence is handed down by the judge.

The juvenile probation officer can make recommendations to the court at the final disposition hearing," Cordova said.

Once begun, the juvenile prosecution process must move to the adjudication hearing stage within 90 days, Cordova said.

The fire, which burned out of control for more than a week, consumed 6,500 acres of mostly federal lands. Two structures and a home under construction were destroyed when a firestorm swept through a part of Eagle Creek canyon. As many as 1,100 firefighters and command post personnel addressed the wildfire.

Murder trial starts for man accused of killing his hunting buddy

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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One of his three ex-wives, two of his children and his close friend took the stand against Harry Doyle Monk Jr. Tuesday in the first day of testimony in his trial for first-degree murder.

Other than Monk's mother and step-father sitting at the back of the courtroom and two defense attorneys seated at his side, Monk faced the Lincoln County jury alone as witnesses

described a home life of abuse and fear, and a murder that prosecutors say was committed in 1996 to cover up incest with his then 16-year-old daughter.

His son, Doyle Monk III, described watching his father shoot Daniel Van Bemen in the Capitan Mountains on November 15, 1996, at point blank range with a .44 caliber single action pistol.

His friend, Larry Gentry, related that later Monk, who lived in Mississippi, confessed the

killing after returning to New Mexico to check the body he's accused of burying in a dry stream.

Monk, 50, claimed he killed Van Bemen because Van Bemen raped his daughter, Gentry said.

But the daughter, Shannon Wilkinson, testified that Van Bemen never touched her. She said her father was the only man with whom she'd had a sexual relationship when she discovered she was pregnant — something that her father may

have suspected when he left on a hunting trip to the Capitan Mountains with Van Bemen Nov. 11, 1996.

District Attorney Scott Key told 12th Judicial District Judge James Waylon Counts he expects to complete the state's case late Wednesday. Defense attorney Henry Sand said he plans to call about five witnesses Thursday, which may include his client. The jury is slated to begin deliberating on a verdict Friday.

MANAGER: The position would mean a substantial raise in pay for Stewart

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things and check them out.

"I won't leave the county in the lurch for sure. I have advised the chairman. He's been in the loop. Let the chips fall where they may."

"Tom is a tremendous asset to our county," Wilson said Mon-

day. "We knew when we hired him he was capable far beyond what we had to offer. It would be a tremendous loss, but he has such more potential - to go to the second largest county in the state would be a step up the ladder."

"If you look at his career, he's always gone on to better and bigger things. I hope he

will stay, but in any case, I wish him the best. We can't pay him what he's worth."

Stewart is paid \$40,000 a year.

Commissioner Leo Martinez said Stewart is highly qualified and "should be somewhere where his commissioners will listen to him."

Jackson was assistant

Ruidoso village manager from August 1991 to August 1992, then left to become a village manager in Texas.

Jackson returned to Ruidoso in January 1994 as village manager.

He stayed more than four years until April 1998, when he took a similar position with a city in Texas.

FOREST: The senator said existing land management methods are not working

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inch or less trees, to keep a fire from climbing up and becoming a crown fire."

Jose Martinez, the supervisor for the Lincoln National Forest, said \$2.8 million has been requested to deal with the southern New Mexico forest interface with communities.

Domenici said that federal funding request was "whacked."

The alternative, suggested Martinez,

was spending federal dollars for fire suppression and rehabilitation after the fire. He said \$1.5 million has been spent so far on Cree Fire rehabilitation. "And still it rains and sits all over. On the Scott Able fire, it's been \$600,000 for rehabilitation."

The cost of fighting the fires adds \$1 million more. Two homes were destroyed by the Cree Fire and 64 structures were burned in the Scott Able Fire.

"There is a growing realization that the existing land management situation puts

families and communities in the untenable position of being at a greater risk for disaster," Domenici said. "For too many families in southern New Mexico this is a hard lesson already learned."

Power described two phases to easing the forest wildfire threat to communities.

"Phase one, create a 600-foot strip around the urban area," he said. "Phase two is going out further and feathering the density of trees. We'd like to see 80 to 120 trees per acre."

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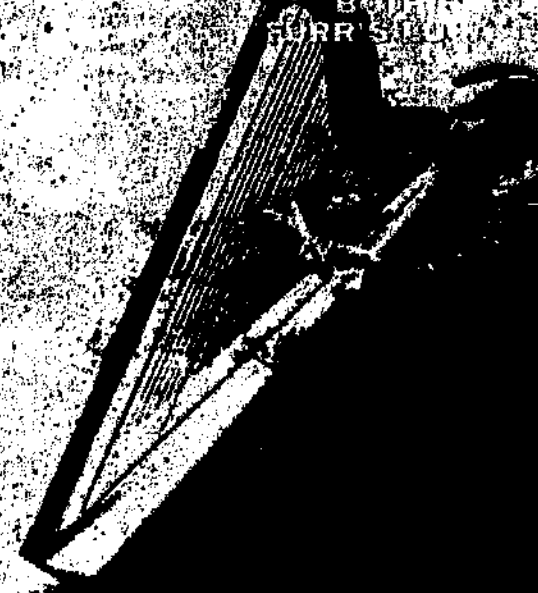
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OUR OPINION

Is it a vision, or is it a mirror?

Back in the depths of the last century, ca. 1997-98, Ruidoso people were asked to look deep into their hearts and – by something called a "Visioning" process – determine what they wanted for our community. A survey, and any number of public hearings, sought to find out what people here really want.

Now we are being asked to take another look and see what we still want.

Alan Briley, Ruidoso's village manager (and assistant village manager at the time of the visioning), made some perceptive comments last week as the village prepared to mail 6,912 questionnaires to as many residences:

"From those public hearings we got lists and lists and lists of questions. But as time changes, growth changes and priorities change. We really need to have updates every two to three years."

It's all perfectly good planning in principal; after all, you don't want to spend a lot of time and effort to sell the public on a recreation center if the public doesn't want it, do you?

The village ponied up \$6,000 to an Arizona firm (the one that wrote a comprehensive plan for us 12 years ago) to draft the questionnaire and do the return-postage-paid mailing. The survey will raise some, many multiple-choice questions, about quality of life (parks, recreation, arts, culture), public facilities and infrastructure, public services and administrative services, land use and the environment, economic development (including business and tourism). The answers will be tabulated and reported.

Great. But Briley rightly noted that people tend to respond to what's uppermost in their minds at the moment. Like most construction, that can skew the planning. Newcomers lack historical perspective; that, too, can skew the view.

And that raises another thought:

If we update the comprehensive plan every two or three years, and the plan keeps changing, how can anything get done beyond making more surveys?

That's the \$6,000 question.

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'Brave Old World'; or, Huxley, go away

To the editor:

One Austin Hursh (*Ruidoso News* 7-5-00) has labeled me a "radical fundamentalist." This is flattering, but "radical" goes with "liberal," not "fundamental." Of course, we should not be quibbling over such an enormously important problem as the social decadence characterizing the USA today. Our country cries for help—a solution to the senseless violence of murder, torture, rape and lawlessness which continues to grow year after year.

Reform must begin by agreeing something in our culture isn't working. We have never been more affluent or technically competent, and at the same time more debased. This is a new, tragic phenomenon and if reform is not in the picture it will destroy us. Ideology is irrelevant here. If the liberals can solve the problem we must support them.

But they won't—because decadence in America is their child. From Dr. Benjamin Spock, the kiddie guru of the '50s and '60s, to the consummate radical, Bill Clinton, we have disassembled the building blocks of a refined society and substituted a liberal hodge podge of unproven concepts that don't work.

Without discipline and punishment for wrong-doing,

the naked ape doesn't do too well. Permissiveness is the ticket to regression back to our natural pre-civilization format, when we gathered roots and fruits and killed everything in sight and ate it.

This is our heritage. Regression is natural and should not be surprising. It is refinement that is unnatural. And that is why permissiveness cannot work. The liberal experiment, absolutely, is now a proven failure. There is no thoughtful alternative to "managing by objectives."

The socialists have had their day, and they failed. It's time to go back to the future. Pragmatic analysis holds the key to solution, not blind obedience to counter-productive policy.

Russ Majesty
Ruidoso

'Uninformed' voters

To the editor:

Re: Mr. Franklin Boren's letter to the editor (7/5/00) concerning voters having to pick the "lesser of two or more evils." Many voters have become fed up with being totally shut out of the presidential selection process. The major party candidates for president four years ago are just as underwhelming as their candidates are this year.

Andy Rooney (CBS 60 minutes) points out when two

losers are running for office and one is elected, we still have elected a loser to represent us. Carla Howell, Libertarian candidate opposing Sen. Ted Kennedy, noted that electing the lesser of two evils is still electing evil.

All of which brings up the "wasted vote" controversy. Is voting your conscience a wasted vote? Is voting a straight party ticket a wasted vote? In view of the scandals which have infested the current presidency, were the votes cast for him wasted votes?

The last question may lead to an obvious conclusion—the uninformed vote is a wasted vote. Our choice no longer has to be the lesser of two evils; there are other options on the ballot. Remember, "if you always do what you always did, you'll always get what you always got."

Bonnie Richardson
Ruidoso Downs

Congratulations, son

To the editor:

I would like to congratulate my son Justin Hunt, who recently won three of four awards at the New Mexico Broadcasters awards dinner. I was very proud when Justin won several awards at the age of 19, the youngest newsmen in the country.

This time, he won "newsman of the year" general

news of the year" and "feature story of the year." The latter being twice as important because it was a story done by my husband, Joey, who works as a counselor and art teacher at Camp Sierra Blanca.

Justin is the news manager and weekly evening anchor for Channel 8 in Roswell. I am very proud of my son, my husband, and where I live.

Linda Boutte
Ranchos of Ruidoso

Rescued on safari

To the editor:

On a recent hunting trip to Africa, I almost lost my ability to walk and climb. Fortunately, I was with four fine young men from the Ruidoso area who helped me greatly—giving me the preference of the first shot, the best shooting position, loading my hunting gear, etc. Without their special care my trip could have been very disappointing.

These caring young men made my trip a precious memory. In the field, they were gentlemen of the highest caliber.

It is very gratifying to know that here in New Mexico we have some of the world's greatest people. My special thanks to Joe Graham, Dennis Nosker, Ed Nichols, and Dan Letcher.

Joe Canon
Roswell

GUEST COMMENTARY

Taxing an American dream to death

BY BOB ELLISON

AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

Colorado farmer Robert Sakata came home to the farm to run the family business. But death taxes could take the family off of the farm and out of the business.

Sakata Farms is a manifestation of the American dream. Robert's father, Bob, came to Colorado shortly after World War II to work as a sharecropper. Today he is the patriarch of a 4000-acre family vegetable farm and packing facility just north of Denver. Sakata farms not only provides a living for the Sakatas, but also for their employees, who are regarded as family and are involved in the decision-making needed to run the farm.

The Sakata farm has prospered and changed over the years, as has the area surrounding it. A Wal-Mart store and a line of convenience stores border one field while a housing development borders another. The Sakata farm's productivity is not threatened by the development, but its economic survival may be because the surrounding growth has boosted land values. Robert Sakata says the death tax may be so high on

this valuable property that he may have to sell half of the farm when the day comes to pay the tax. He says selling off land would affect more than just his life. He says selling half of the farm would mean letting go more than half of his employees. "We have third generation people that are working for us," Sakata says. "I've grown up with them. Our production manager is more like an uncle than an employee."

The American Farm Bureau's Pat Wolff says the Sakatas' predicament is not unique. "Farmers are property rich," Wolff says. "They own land, they own equipment, but they don't have large reserves of cash. The government won't take your cow, they want cash." Wolff says farmers in this situation are forced to sell the things that make a farm work. "So what happens are forced to do is sell their built-up assets to come up with the cash to pay the government."

Congress has taken steps to help farmers like Robert Sakata. In 1997 Congress raised the death tax exemption so that it gradually increased until reaching \$1 million in

2006. This year, the House passed a bill to phase out the death tax completely by 2010. The Senate could take up the measure before the end of June.

President Clinton, however, is threatening a veto and phase-out opponents are backing him, saying killing the death tax is simply a gift to the very rich. Phasing out the death tax would help rich people as it would people like Robert Sakata, who have much

more invested in their farms and businesses than money. "Farming is in my blood," Sakata says. "I really enjoy it. I feel good about what I'm doing, and it gives me the opportunity to be a part of the community and do something positive."

Positive as in feeding the rest of us who don't farm.

Bob Ellison is the assistant director of broadcast services for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

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Special to the Ruidoso News

Walking into Wal-Mart, a customer might notice yellow smiling faces whistling through the air, knocking prices down with their catchy tunes and at the same time turning frowns upside down.

Yes, that's right, Ruidoso Downs Wal-Mart Super Center is just like the commercials, except there may not be an actual cartoon character soaring through the air or customers laughing at the mere sight of a yellow smiley face. But employees are just as cheerful and prices are still being knocked down all over the place. Wal-Mart first came to Ruidoso in the late '80s and moved to Ruidoso Downs on Highway 70 in 1997 after the transformation into a Wal-Mart Super Center.

Three years later, Super Wal-Mart is a much more refined program now compared to when it first opened. Our Super Wal-Mart is a medium-sized location, measuring 149,000 square feet. It lacks being a larger center by 51,000 square feet and beats smaller super centers out because of its size and it has a bakery. Including departments in automotive care, hair care, vision center, grocery, and deli, the

Ruidoso Downs, not only to draw more business to the area, but to not inconvenience the busier parts of town by making them more busy adding traffic and messing up the unique architecture.

The man behind the curtain is lovingly called "Mr. Ed" by many of the associates. Ed Gonzales is the manager of the Wal-Mart Super Center and has been for nearly two years. Coming from the super center in Belen, Mr. Ed is a seasoned boss. Wal-Mart employs 250-325 people and has never been fully staffed for the two years that Ed has been manager. There is always room for more staff at the Ruidoso Downs Wal-Mart.

Employees at Wal-Mart establishments are not referred to as such, but as associates. Called associates because associates are a part of a company and that's how Wal-Mart wants employees to feel, like they're a part of the company.

Stop for a snack in the deli dept. between your shopping



The bakery inside the Ruidoso Downs Wal-Mart Super Center offers delicious treats for any time of day.

Ruidoso Downs Super Wal-Mart has it all and then some.

Wal-Mart was set in

"There is no feeling of 'My job is better than your job,'" comments Ed. "It's just a different job function."

Wal-Mart prides itself in customer service, Ed revealed. In Ed's office there is a sign that reads, "Say 'Hello,' and ask, 'How is your day going?'" Associates are also asked to follow the "Ten Foot Rule." The rule states that if

staff members get within ten feet of a customer they must acknowledge him/her.

"Wal-Mart is a great place to work," Ed said. "There is a niche for all age groups in the store and they all work together and basically can go as far as they want."

"One thing that we really push in the super center is to really integrate ourselves with the customers and the community," Ed continued.

In the ten day period that the Cree fire was raging in Ruidoso, Wal-Mart donated \$41,000 in food and drink products, blankets, and donations.

Besides keeping area fire departments happy, the Ruidoso Downs Super Wal-Mart sends plastic and aluminum products to Arkansas every week to be recycled.

Wal-Mart also participates in an Adopt-a-School program. Adopting Nob Hill School

in Ruidoso and Carrizozo Municipal Schools, Ed gets at least one call a week from either of the schools requesting objects or revenue that they might need. Whether the schools are asking for products needed for parties, or prizes that are to be given away in a contest, ninety percent of the requested items are provided. Wal-Mart is also on-line. Within the next six months, among other things, customers will be able to log onto www.wal-mart.com and special order products that the local Wal-Mart store may not have and send the items to themselves or the local store. There is even a way to return products if they are faulty.

Ed is also able to special order products and look into the Wal-Mart computer network and see if other Wal-Marts throughout the network have the product that they are lacking. Ed can ship in products from Wal-Marts all over New Mexico.

A Wal-Mart credit card is also offered. There is no fee and the interest rates are low. Ed says that it is also easier to qualify for a Wal-Mart credit card than others.

Wal-Mart has so many products to choose from and a Super Wal-Mart has even more. "Wal-Mart tries to refine what has made them successful and tried to make that better," Ed concluded. "The main idea of the super center is one-stop shopping."

So put on a happy face and get on down to the Ruidoso Downs Wal-Mart Super Center on Highway 70 for your local one-stop shopping needs.



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Motel 6 corporate vice-president David O'Shaughnessy addresses the crowd at Tuesday's grand-opening of the U.S. Highway 70 lodging. The new Ruidoso motel is the company's 100th franchise location.

Motel 6 opens its doors in Ruidoso

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

With the official ribbon-cutting Tuesday, Ruidoso became home to the 100th franchised Motel 6.

Four years ago the motel chain began awarding franchises to add to the more than 800 corporate-owned and operated motels.

"The milestone is 100," said David O'Shaughnessy, executive vice president of Dallas-based Accor Economy Lodging, the parent company of Motel 6. "We turned down over 3,000 others that wanted to be a Motel 6."

The 83-room Ruidoso Motel 6 is owned by Ron Hyden and Nafanit "Andy" Bhatka, under the name Compadre Properties of Carlsbad.

"There were 200 locations when I started," said Tom Bodett, a spokesperson for the motel chain who telephonically addressed the scores of local officials and motel construction subcontractors at the ribbon-cutting. "Congratulations to Ron and Andy for being the 100th (franchised) one."

Explaining the Ruidoso area to Bodett, and the fact that Compadre Properties has a Motel 6 franchise in Roswell, and another planned for Weatherford, Texas, Hyden said Roswell was the site of an alien craft, Ruidoso, in the cool pines has the world's richest quarter horse race, and Weatherford is known for its cowboys.

"I think you should do a commercial with an alien sitting on a race horse wearing a

cowboy hat," Hyden told Bodett.

"Ron, you leave the light on for me in Ruidoso, OK?" Bodett closed the phone conversation.

The new addition to the lodging industry in Ruidoso, at 412 U.S. Highway 70, was presented as "special in several ways," by Hyden.

The three-story motel features an indoor pool and spa, outdoor picnic and playground area, and a security system for guests.

Addressing Hyden and Nafanit, Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson said competition in the lodging business helps bring out the best.

"This is one of the unique places in the world," Donaldson told the two owners. "And I think you're going to be happy here."

Ruidoso Downs reviews CDBG funds

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The village of Ruidoso Downs may pursue a Community Development Block Grant, perhaps for a community center or other recreational endeavor.

Village trustees were presented with a rundown of the CDBG program Monday by Tony Elias, executive director of the Southeast New Mexico Economic Development District.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funds are delivered to states for distribution to local governments, Elias said.

"They're to do major projects in communities," he told trustees. "It's usually in communities that cannot afford a project on their own."

Since the CDBG program began in 1983, nearly \$76 million has been provided to local governments in the five south-

eastern New Mexico counties that SENMEDD represents, Elias said.

"The funding is targeted principally to low to moderate income areas," Elias said. "To qualify an area has to be at the 51 percent low to moderate income threshold. Ruidoso Downs does not qualify."

The 1990 U.S. Census placed Ruidoso Downs at the 48.6 percent mark. Elias said the village could survey the community to see if it now reaches the 51 percent level.

Some projects, particularly those that address senior citizen needs, qualify regardless of income levels.

Seven categories qualify for CDBG funding, including infrastructure improvements, public service projects, economic development and planning issues.

Maximum grants amounts are \$400,000, except planning initiatives, which are limited to \$25,000.

Because Ruidoso Downs'

population is under 3,000, the village's cash share for a CDBG project would be five percent.

"But you'll have to come up with more than five percent," Elias said. "It's the threshold, and you increase your points (chances of being awarded funding) if you increase your local share."

Elias' review was the first of several public hearings Ruidoso Downs must hold before submitting a funding application.

"It seems to me like we're so close to that 51 percent," Judy Miller, a village trustee, said. "We would like to see a community type recreation, family center."

The final decision on the type of project would need to be decided by the village council, Elias told trustees.

He said three to four public hearings to gauge wants of residents also must precede CDBG funding requests, which are normally submitted to the state in November.

Aspen Leaf Dance students honored

Randall Graham handed out attendance certificates to class members who completed the first intensive summer workshops in June at Ballet New Mexico's Aspen Leaf School of Dance.

Students had perfect attendance at classes stressing advancing techniques of ballet that enabled them to participate in the recent production, "Keepers of the Land," at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts in Alto.

Second summer classes began Monday, July 10, with classes in ballet, tap, jazz, Appalachian clogging and Hispanic dancing.

For more information, call 336-7010 or 258-1946.



The summer class at Aspen Leaf School of Dance show off attendance certificates.

New camp opens to serve disabled children

Apple Dumplin' Camp has announced the opening of its camp for handicapped children. Campers will have the opportunity to experience life as it was more than 100 years ago. Trail rides, chuck wagon roundups, barn dances, chapel, archery and various other activities are included at Apple Dumplin' Camp. No fees will be charged for children to attend the camp, which is located in Lincoln County.

The first week of camp is scheduled to begin at noon on July 31 for ages 7-13. The second week begins Aug. 7 for ages 14-19.

Camp is open to most children with physical disabilities. Each session will be limited to 25 children and activities will be tailored to meet the needs and capabilities of each individual.

Rachael Broadus, Apple Dumplin' Camp director, said, "We're excited to share this announcement. Securing a location and dates for camp to be held this summer will be a blessing not only to the children who will attend, but also

to those individuals who volunteer to help staff the camps. Now that we have our location secured, we have two major goals to accomplish."

Broadus said these goals include "reaching the children that will benefit from our camp program, and our second goal is to find enough volunteers who have the desire to work with handicapped children."

"We also need additional volunteers to help with setup, meals, teaching crafts and/or wood projects," Broadus said.

Apple Dumplin' Camp is a project of Arise and Walk Ministries of New Mexico, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that is solely supported by contribu-

tions from the general public. It is expected that most children will come from the Southwest, but it is open to all who can arrange transportation to the camp.

The staff would like to invite local area businesses, service organizations and ranch owners to help feed the children and staff at camp through the "sponsor a meal" program.

Those who know of a child that would like to attend camp, or to volunteer, may contact the office at (505) 648-2040 or toll free at 1 (877) 94APPLE.

Information is also available on the Internet at www.appledumplingcamp.org.

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RUIDOSO DOWNS

At the Monday meeting of the Ruidoso Downs Board of Trustees:

• Voted down a request to allow the installation of a 1964 mobile home at 229 Sierra Lane.

The vote followed a report from the Ruidoso Downs Planning and Zoning Committee. Planning and Zoning Committee member Paul Van Gulick said the mobile home had aluminum wiring, a fire concern, and would be located in a dense tree area. He also said there had been public opposition to the variance request.

Village code requires mobile homes more than 10 years old receive a variance.

The council did approve, in harmony with committee recommendations, two other mobile homes that are more than 10 years old.

A 1971 mobile home was approved for placement at 826 Turkey Canyon Lane. A 1978 double-wide was approved for 8386 Turkey Canyon Lane. Van Gulick said those appeared consistent with land use in the neighborhood.

The village council took no action on a Planning and Zoning Committee ordinance request that owners of adjoining property and those within 100 feet be notified of requests presented to the committee.

The ordinance request would have required the requester to provide the names and address of those to be notified. Village attorney Dan Bryant said there was a problem with the applicant undertaking the notification process.

He recommended such action be done by the village. Bryant also said the ordinance request was not an action item at Monday's meeting.

Guilty pleas rendered in federal methamphetamine traffic case

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A pair of Ruidoso residents, arrested earlier this year for manufacturing methamphetamine, has been convicted in federal court.

Dustin Bentley, 31, and Christine Martinez, 30, both entered guilty pleas July 8 in U.S. District Court in Las Cruces.

The guilty pleas were in response to a charge of manufacturing more than five grams of methamphetamine.

The pair had originally been charged with conspiracy to manufacture more than 50 grams of methamphetamine, manufacture of more than five grams, and possession with intent to distribute more than five grams of the drug made in a clandestine lab.

Bentley and Martinez were

arrested on Jan. 4, during a raid conducted by the Lincoln County Narcotics Enforcement Unit, Ruidoso police and state and federal law enforcement agents. A criminal complaint stated items consistent with the manufacture of methamphetamine were seized in the raid.

Items indicating drug trafficking were also discovered during the execution of a search warrant, drug enforcement officers had said.

Police said, at the time, that Bentley and Martinez had been making the illegal drug for two to three months.

A sentencing date has not been scheduled.

Each faces a mandatory minimum prison term of five years and a maximum of 40 years.

The maximum fine is \$2 million.

Downs buys land to 'protect our watershed'

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Municipal-owned property in Ruidoso Downs has grown by 80 acres to protect a watershed for a key component of the village's water supply.

The village council approved the purchase, which Mayor Bob Miller had signed closing papers in late June.

Eighty acres were bought

for \$60,000. The land is adjacent to a natural spring, immediately south of the village.

"Water is the most important resource there is right now," Miller said. "We've got to protect our water and its sources. We've got to protect our watershed."

The 80 acres had a listed price of \$75,000, said Miller, who also sells real estate. He credited negotiations for a

reduced sale price.

The property had been listed as an ideal location for a subdivision or recreational vehicle park.

"That's our main source of water out of that artesian spring," Miller said.

The mayor envisions the land becoming both an educational and nature experience location, limited to foot traffic. He said a proposal is being

looked at that would create an outdoor classroom for the Ruidoso Municipal School District and Eastern New Mexico University at Ruidoso.

The property is bordered on three sides by Lincoln National Forest lands.

Another 10 adjacent acres have been purchased for \$38,500. These acres also will be used a buffer against development.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Church burglarized

A Ruidoso church was broken into between 5:30 p.m. June 29 and 9:30 a.m. the next day. Officials with the First Presbyterian Church told police they found a window broken out and a bracelet and pair of sunglasses, from their lost and found, missing. The items believed taken in the felony burglary and misdemeanor larceny and criminal damage to property incident were valued at \$50.

Brochure racks stolen

The owner of the Lincoln County Gold Mining Co., on Sudderth Drive, told police someone has taken his brochures and literature holders from at least six different locations in Ruidoso.

The materials were itemized as worth \$279. The case is considered misdemeanor larceny.

Home damaged

A Willie Horton Drive home owner told police he discovered damage had been done to his

residence between June 23 and June 28. The criminal damage to property incident involved a guest bathroom, which, according to police reports, included a hole in a wall, hole in the floor, door trim damage and a cabinet door broken off.

Criminal trespass

Ruidoso police were called June 29 regarding a charge of criminal trespass.

The owner of a Country Club Drive home said a man had trespassed on her property a number of times, trying to move survey markers.

Store door damaged

An employee of Ruidoso Ice and Water Co. discovered the front glass door to the business shattered on July 4. Ruidoso police determined there had been no entry to the Sudderth Drive business and no other property damage was found.

The value of the broken glass door was estimated at \$500, according to a criminal

damage to property report at the Ruidoso Police Department.

Battery reported

Two people were arrested by Ruidoso police on July 3, each charged with misdemeanor battery against a household member. Delfina S. King, 38, and Cresanso Torres, 42, both from Ruidoso, were arrested, after officers said each showed signs of being in a fight. Police were called at about 3 p.m. to an Evergreen Drive location on a report of a man pinning a woman to the ground. Initially Torres reportedly told officers there was no woman around, though he had scratch marks on his face, according to police reports. King, discovered inside the residence, told police there was a little fight. She had scratches and red marks on her neck.

Domestic violence

A Glencoe man was taken into custody by police, following an alleged domestic violence

incident at a residence at the Camelot Apartments. Chris J. Gearhardt, 23, was charged July 3 with battery against a household member. A woman at the residence told police there was an argument and Gearhardt allegedly broke a chair and other items. She also said she was kicked in the chin.

Gearhardt had reportedly left the location before police arrived. He was arrested by state police after being stopped on U.S. Highway 70 west of Ruidoso. Officers took Gearhardt to the Ruidoso Police Department, where he was booked.

Vehicle reported stolen

A vehicle involved in an early morning June 28 accident on U.S. Highway 70 was later reported to police as stolen. Initially Ruidoso police said the driver of one of the vehicle in the accident fled on foot.

Later that afternoon Michael Shreve, 39, told police his vehicle had been stolen. Shreve said he had left his keys in the car.

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Blaze	9	2	.818
Ruidoso Merchants	9	2	.818
Raze	7	2	.778
Hornbys	9	3	.750
KR/Chad Murty Auto Group	8	3	.667
Bray Gray	5	6	.455
Grizzlies	4	5	.444
Serra Blanca Brewers	4	7	.364
Buzzards	3	8	.273
Mescalero Indians	2	8	.200
Lumberjacks	2	8	.200
Apache Warriors	1	10	.091
Hammerheads	0	10	.000

Results for July 6
Rained out. Rescheduled for July 13.

Games for July 13
6:30 p.m. — Blaze vs. Hammerheads;
Brew Crew vs. Lumberjacks
7:30 p.m. — Grizzlies vs. Hammerheads;
Raze vs. Hornbys
8:30 p.m. — Lumberjacks vs. Mescalero
Indians; Raze vs. Hornbys

Women's Adult Softball League
Standings through July 11

Team	W	L	Pct.
Fanningo Softball Club	9	0	1.000
Loaners	8	2	.800
Thunder & Lightning	7	2	.778
Cashio Apache	4	5	.444
Lady Merchants	3	6	.333
Wells Fargo Goodtimes	2	6	.250
Blue Angels	2	8	.200
Michelenas	1	7	.125

Results for July 10
Loaners 12, Blue Angels 3
Cashio Apache 37, Michelenas 3
Thunder & Lightning 13, Blue Angels 0
Fanningos 19, Cashio Apache 8
Thunder & Lightning 16, Lady Merchants 15
Fanningos 17, Wells Fargo 6

Games for July 12
6:30 p.m. — Wells Fargo vs. Loaners;
Fanningos vs. Lady Merchants
7:30 p.m. — Fanningos vs. Wells Fargo;
Lady Merchants vs. Thunder & Lightning
8:30 p.m. — Blue Angels vs. Cashio
Apache; Thunder & Lightning vs. Michelenas

On Deck

Tennis tournament
The Portales Open Tennis Tournament will run Friday through Sunday at the Eastern New Mexico State Tennis Courts. Entrants are limited to three events. Junior who wish to play in the adult events will be eligible for three events in addition to the juniors. Entry deadline is Friday at 8 p.m. Fees are \$8 for junior singles and \$12 for junior doubles; \$10 for adult singles and \$20 for adult doubles. Trophies will be awarded for first and second place winners. The first 100 entrants who check in and pay entry fees will receive a T-shirt. All junior events will be played Friday beginning at 8 a.m. Adult events begin Saturday at 8 a.m. For more information, call Bill or Shirley Welman at (505) 356-6747 or Beverly Johnson at (505) 278-8227.

Medication Committee to meet
The Medication Committee of the New Mexico Racing Commission will conduct a seminar in the Sports Theater at 2:30 p.m. July 18 at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino. Attendees will include the official state racing chemist and the director of the contract testing laboratory. A quorum of the Commission may attend the seminar but there will be no official business conducted. The Medication Committee will convene in regular session immediately following the seminar for more information, contact the Commission at (505) 841-9400.

Racing Commission to meet
The New Mexico Racing Commission will meet in regular session July 18 and 19 at the Hubert Museum of the American West. Executive session will be at 12:30 p.m. July 18. Appeals will be at 8:30 a.m. and the public session at 10:30 a.m. July 19. For more information, contact the Commission at (505) 841-9400.

Soccer camp set
The Lincoln County Youth Soccer League, in conjunction with British Soccer, will host a soccer camp August 7-11 for boys and girls ages 4-16. Sessions are from 9 a.m. to noon and 4:30-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$31 per session, which includes a ball and T-shirt. For more information, call John Quemada at 257-7830.

Shirts on sale
Shirts are offering season passes at a highly discounted rate during a limited summer sale. Five different pass categories will be sold at a 30 percent discount off the regular rate. The sale ends Aug. 8. Only 100 passes will be sold in each category. The day pass passes are good for any day of the 2000-2001 season, including holidays. They are available for seniors (62 years old or older) for \$150, children (12 years old or younger) for \$100, teens (13-19 years old) for \$225, and adults for \$450. Weekday Only passes are good for use on any weekday except for holidays. They are available to individuals of any age for \$195. Each early pass purchase will include three winter ski passes on the individual or a coupon that will be good for the first ski lift ticket at Ski Apache. Pass bookings will be accepted during normal business hours at the Ski Apache business office, in person or by telephone, at 336-4354.

Correction

Captain Stomped
In the team pecking order of the Ruidoso Blaze, Captain Stomped was the second best player in the team with a time of 1:48.25. Captain Stomped, who finished second in the team pecking order, was from Ruidoso.

Blaze solid at state softball tourney

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

ALAMOGORDO — A first-year softball team from Ruidoso put up with injuries, steaming temperatures and unbeaten opponents to finish third in the USSSA New Mexico 12- and under state tournament.

After an uncharacteristic loss dropped them into the losers bracket Saturday, Blaze fought back Sunday, winning against All That from Alamogordo and the Lady Braves of Hobbs before finally falling 12-8 to Sparks of Clovis in the semifinal game.

Blaze came into the game against Sparks knowing they had to win to advance to the championship game against the Panthers of Alamogordo — the only team that had beaten Blaze during the regular season.

Blaze also knew they had to play better than they had Saturday night, when Sparks — an unbeaten squad from Clovis — took an easy 8-2 win.

"The first time we played against them we just didn't show up," said head coach JV Cadena. "It was too big of a break in between games and they took advantage of some mistakes we had. We didn't show them our true selves."

They did Sunday.

Blaze took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning on a single by Christine Brown, triple by Samantha Serna and single by Jeanette Zagone. Sparks tied the game in the bottom of the stanza and went ahead in the second 4-2. But Blaze came back in the third, tallying three runs on a triple by Serna, single by Stacie Cadena and triple by Zagone.

Then Serna, who'd pitched the entire tournament for Blaze, had a rough inning. That and errors in the field put Sparks up 10-5. But the Ruidoso squad wasn't about to quit.

Erica Rangle led off with a single. Amanda Gardner walked, putting runners on second and third, then Michelle Raven hit into a fielder's choice that proved disastrous for Blaze. The Sparks third baseman tagged Rangle high and hard as she slid into third, and Rangle went down. She didn't get up, causing a delay while the coaches tended to her injuries. She finally had to be carried off, complaining of lower back pains, and an ambulance was called.

Blaze scored three runs while Rangle was tended to in the dugout. But then the ambulance arrived, and home plate umpire Matt Clark made a decision that had the coaches, players and fans upset.



Blaze Melanie Guerra crosses the plate during an early morning game Sunday against All That of Alamogordo while the rest of the team and the fans cheer.

While the emergency medical technicians worked on Rangle in the dugout, the ump called, "Play ball."

Ruidoso's players were forced to sit in the hot sun, and couldn't even go in the dugout to get their equipment.

"Injuries are unfortunately part of the game, but for the umpire not to give us a break, get these girls refocused, we were at a disadvantage," coach Cadena said. "I wasn't asking

for anything other than fair play."

"It really distracted the team, and the umpires didn't call the game so we were all distracted watching her," Serna said. "We had to get out of the dugout."

"We lost our focus," Cadena said. "It's an 8-10 ballgame, two runs, and you're in the middle of an inning and you just lose focus. The girls are worried. They're not thinking

softball. They're thinking about their teammate. How she's doing and everything like that."

Rangle was taken to Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital, but returned in time for the awards ceremony at the end of the tournament. Cadena said the hard tag caused back and neck spasms and Rangle hyper-ventilated and was suffering

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Young riders show their stuff

BY KAREN BOEHLER
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CAPTAIN — Adults were in the rodeo spotlight this Fourth of July weekend, but it was the younger contestants' turn Saturday as the Lincoln County Rodeo Club held its fourth rodeo of the season at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds.

Young cowboys and cowgirls, ranging in age from 3 to 19, showed their stuff in roping, riding and timed events.

Josh Higgins of Ruidoso Downs and Jessica Silva of Tularosa won the all-around titles in the 9-12 year old age group, taking home a breast collar for their horses. The top awards came down to the final event — goat tying — with Silva getting the top time in that event and Higgins second. It was good enough to give both the titles.

Both agreed "hard work" led them to the wins.

"I knew they were going to give away a breast collar, so I worked hard and I practiced all week," Higgins said. "I came and got tough and tried to win it."

Although she's from outside the county, Silva is a member of the Lincoln County club. She said she was "proud" to



Jerilyn Lovelace tries to get her goat in position to tie it during the goat tying competition at the Lincoln County Rodeo Club rodeo.

earn the award, and vowed to be back again.

The younger age groups earned their all-around awards during rodeos earlier in the season, while the 13-15 and 16-19 year olds will get their chances to compete for the titles in the final two rodeos of the season, July 22 and August 5.

Results of the Lincoln County Rodeo Club Rodeo follow.

Boys calf riding
Little Britches — 1, Levi Silva, 58; 2, Gearen Hale, 57

Junior steer riding
9-12 years old — 1, Chon Miranda, 63; 2, Jed Sisk, 61
Senior steer riding
13-15 years old — 1, Casey Sisk, 75; 2, Kaland Salazar, 69; 3, Truett Chico, 64

Bull riding
16-19 years old — 1, Coy Dickson, 79
Steer stopping
9-12 years old — 1, J.R. Shaffer, 11.09; 2, Chad Williams, 13.73

Breakaway roping
9-12 years old — 1, Jed Sisk, 15.52
13-15 years old — 1, Trevor Sanders, 4.02; 2, Keith Shaffer, 6.26
16-19 years old — 1, Brad Huddleston, 3.64; 2, Patrick Hightower, 4.93

Ribbon roping
13-15 years old — 1, Keith Shaffer, 11.41;

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Fields set for Rainbow Futurity, Derby

Sweet Lily Rose, a Ruidoso Select Yearling Sales graduate, out ran 155 horses to be the fastest qualifier in the Rainbow Futurity Trials Thursday. The \$743,000 Rainbow Futurity Finals and Consolation will be held July 28.

Sweet Lily Rose is the 2-year-old filly owned by J B B Racing and trained by Kerry Reed. Sweet Lily Rose, ridden by Jimmy Brooks, won the fifth race three lengths ahead of the field of 10 in a time of 19.843.

First Achiever was the first out of three to qualify out of the 14th race with the time of 19.932. First Achiever, a \$50,000 supplement, is trained by Timothy Williams and owned by James Burgess of Russellville, Ark. and ridden by Jacky Martin. First Achiever has won his last two outs, both recorded at Ruidoso Downs.

Wholesaling who crossed the finish in 19.981 seconds securing the third place and becoming the second qualifier of Race 14. Jose Badilla, Jr. rode Wholesaling, owned by Jim Geiler and Eda Kinsinger and trained by John Bassett. Wholesaling also qualified in the Ruidoso Quarter Horse Futurity and placed eighth.

The remaining qualifiers were The Way You Want Me, ridden by Roy Baldille, Fast

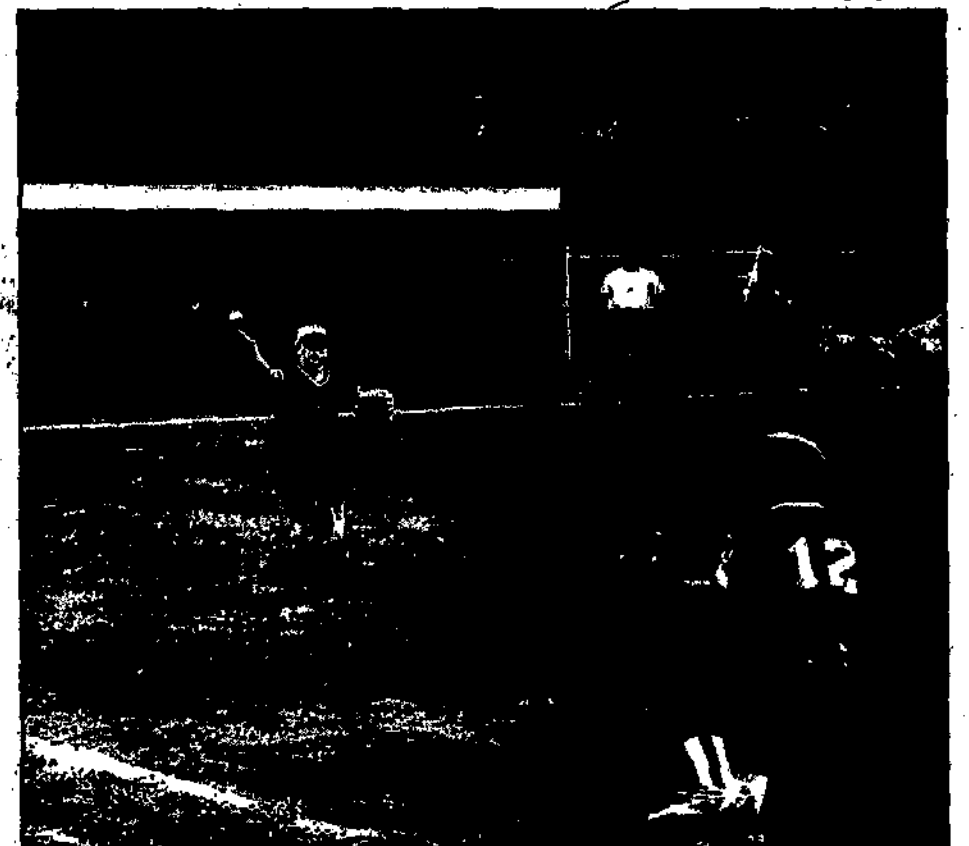
And Strate, owned by Charles and Desire Dunn of Lubbock, Texas, and trained by G. Blane Wood, Six Moon Memories, ridden by Roy Baldille, Heza Motor Scooter, trained by James McArthur and ridden by Sam Thompson, Dust Em Dusty, Fightin Jane, and Feature Mr Jess.

Horses finishing with qualifying positions of 11 through 20 will be eligible for the Rainbow Futurity Consolation also scheduled for July 28. Following are the top 20 qualifiers from the July 6 trials:

Rainbow Futurity Qualifiers
1, Sweet Lily Rose, 19.843; 2, First Achiever, 19.932; 3, Wholesaling, 19.981; 4, The Way You Want Me, 19.996; 5, Fast And Strate, 20.039; 6, Six Moon Memories, 20.144; 7, Heza Motor Scooter, 20.145; 8, Dust Em Dusty, 20.158; 9, Fightin Jane, 20.202; 10, Feature Mr Jess, 20.206
Consolation
11, Ima Royal Winner, 20.218; 12, The Calyx Chick, 20.249; 13, Tiny First Effort, 20.254; 14, Stof, 20.278; 15, Carrion My Cash, 20.282; 16, Fast Favorite, 20.301; 17, The Buzz, 20.302; 18, Eye Opener Joann, 20.303; 19, Moon Maiden, 20.323; 20, No Easy Task, 20.328

Rainbow Derby qualifier
Last year's All American Winner, A Delightful Dasher, made its 2000 debut to qualify for the \$200,000 Rainbow Derby

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Ruidoso All Star Thomas Austin tosses to first baseman Jeremy "Bubba" Woods during the team's opening game against Tularosa.

Little Leaguers do their best on the home field

BY WENDY WIDENER
AND KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS

Lincoln County Little League teams gave it their all in the New Mexico District II 9 and 10 year old division tournament in Ruidoso this weekend, but in the end, teams from bigger towns knocked the home-town favorites out of the tourney.

Mother Nature tried to stop the tournament early, sending a downpour onto the field 35 minutes after opening ceremonies, but quick work by local organizers and some Quick Dry restarted play a half hour later.

Unfortunately for Capitán, the delay didn't help their chances, and they fell to Alamogordo 6-3.

Ruidoso was next up, but Tularosa took advantage of a shaky performance by the Ruidoso pitcher to take a 12-4 victory.

"That was my fault, for letting the pitcher, having a bad day, go a little bit to far," said manager Carl Springfels.

But dropping into the loser's bracket wasn't going to be a problem, Springfels said. "We're planning for that."

he said. "The kids want to play that many games. It'll take eight games to go through the losers bracket, but they're up for it. They'll do it."

And for a while, it looked like they just might.

Ruidoso stomped Artesia Saturday. The teams were neck and neck until the fifth inning when Ruidoso scored seven runs, leaving Artesia six runs behind.

Ruidoso pitcher Kamron Whitley, who relieved Martin Morales, only allowed one more run from Artesia, leaving the score 17-12, Ruidoso.

In the top of the second inning, Ruidoso's Thomas Austin was hit in the side with a teammate's bat as he was coming out of the batting cage. The parents jumped from their seats at the slightest hint of the injury.

"It was a good hurt," said manager Carl Springfels. "But it was more like a shock."

Austin came out two batters later after scoring two runs with a double to left field.

One more upset interrupted the game as an umpire paused the game at the sight of

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SOFTBALL: Blaze shows true sportsmanship at tournament

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from heat exhaustion. But she recovered enough to celebrate the third-place finish.

"These girls played with so much heart and dedication," Cadena said. "This is their first year playing together. We have some real young talent and we have some veteran talent. The veterans came through and played tough, and the young ones just stepped it up and played a tough, tough game."

The team did earn one special honor, the sportsmanship award.

"So many people from teams we didn't even play came and told us what a great attitude and sportsmanship we had," coach Cadena said.

Pitcher Serna and first baseman Brown were nominated for defensive MVP of the game, and Stacie Cadena offensive MVP. Although they didn't win, coach Cadena said he was pleased with their effort.

"Sam shows tremendous leadership on the team," he

said. "Christine Brown and Stacie (Cadena) and Jeannette Zagone, our older girls, really stepped up. Showed tremendous team leadership."

Coach Cadena also said while he had other pitchers, Serna was his mainstay.

"I told my pitcher before this tournament started she's going to be pitching until her arm falls off and then once her arm falls off, she still has a glove hand, so she'll be on first base matching the catcher."

Four other Ruidoso squads competed in the tournament, but none got beyond Saturday's games.

In 16U, The Mountain Maniacs defeated the Vipers of Hobbs, fell to Taz from Alamogordo then, in a rematch with the Vipers, lost in a one-run, nine inning game.

Both Diamond Pride and Fire and Ice, 14U teams, lost their first-round games, won their second but fell in the third round.

The Little Lady Warriors, 10 and under, lost their opening two games.

RAINBOW: Places set for Rio Grande

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Finals. And last year's top three All American Futurity finishers, A Delightful Dasher, Chicks Call Me and Significant Speed, all qualified for the Rainbow Derby Finals which will be held July 22.

Miss Taylors Cash, the top qualifier, lead the pack in the ninth race, which qualified four horses to the Rainbow Derby.

Miss Taylors Cash, with jockey Dennis Means, qualified for the Derby with the fastest time of 21.575 and a speed index of 96, beating the favorite, A Delightful Dasher, by a nose.

A Delightful Dasher, last year's Rainbow Futurity and All American Winner, qualified second with the time of 21.579 for trainer John Bassett and owner Gwendolyn Eaves.

Third place in the ninth and third on the qualifying list was Showboat Six and jockey Roy Baldillez.

The remaining finishers were Eye For the Sixes with a time of 21.672, Southern Beduino, Significant Speed, Exclusive Form, Awesome

Form, Snap Some Cash and Chicks Call Me.

Rio Grande Futurity Twenty-seven horses battled for a place in the \$65,000 Rio Grande Futurity Friday. The top three finishers of the four Rio Grande Futurity Trials will move on to the finals July 22.

In the first trial, Getusumoney, owned by S.M. S. Racing, won impressively, finishing 4 lengths ahead of Canadian Pass, owned by Shirley Floyd of Dolores, Colo.

Frannie Nannie took the second trial by a neck over Fancy Runmore. Frannie Nannie, ridden by Carlos Rivas, is owned by Mary Bowen of Alto and trained by J. Michael Welch.

Third to qualify in the race by 3 lengths was Talk O' The Night, owned by Marva Cox of El Paso.

Trainer Johnie Jamison won the third trial with Wampus Who edging Rhythm Running by a length.

Other qualifiers included Rhythm Running, A M Looker, I'm Not Bluffin, who won by a length over Einharcardo and Fritzies Prospect.

RODEO: Lincoln County youth ride and rope

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2. Casey Sisk, 12.84
16-19 years old — 1. Brandon Martin, 13.25; 2. Chase Montes, 16.44

Steady
9-12 years old — 1. Jake Eldridge, 8.24; 2. Josh Sisk, 20.74

Calf roping
13-15 years old — 1. Chance Huddleston, 25.33; 2. Casey Sisk, 35.73

16-19 years old — 1. Chase Montes, 33.25; 2. Brad Huddleston, 48.93

Barrel racing
Little brutes — 1. Zane Reynolds, 22.67; 2. Tracker Bowen, 33.74

6-8 years old — 1. Levi Silva, 21.30; 2. Skylar Evans, 23.74

9-12 years old — 1. Cody Anderson, 20.40; 2. Chase Montes, 21.61

13-15 years old — 1. Chance Huddleston, 19.59; 2. Casey Sisk, 21.63

Flag race
Little brutes — 1. Zane Reynolds, 10.22; 2. Tracker Bowen, 16.74

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Goat ribbon pull
Little brutes — 1. Zane Reynolds, 11.66; 2. Tracker Bowen, 14.79

Goat tying
6-8 years old — 1. Levi Silva, 10.86; 2. Matthew Silva, 36.19

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13-15 years old — 1. Chance Huddleston, 16.01; 2. Casey Sisk, 19.22

16-19 years old — 1. Brandon Martin, 16.76; 2. Brad Huddleston, 18.19

Girls
Starer stopping
9-12 years old — 1. Staci Spanbrouh, 15.90

Breakaway roping
13-15 years old — 1. Ashley Anderson, 6.76

Ribbon roping
13-15 years old — 1. Josephine Gutierrez, 18.44; 2. Cheyenne Underwood, 29.51

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All-Abilities at Gateway
8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Gateway Center, 409 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-7124.

Alzheimer's Association
Noon and 6 p.m. every day at the Gateway Center, 409 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-9992.

Alzheimer's Association
11 a.m. every Tuesday at the Gateway Center for lunch at noon and 1 p.m. Business meeting the first Tuesday of every month.

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

Alzheimer's Monthly Support Group
7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at Ruidoso Care Center, 257-9471.

American Legion
Robert E. House, Post 79
7 p.m. the third Wednesday in the American Legion Building at U.S. Highway 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs, 257-5796.

Angus Wood Carvers
5 p.m.-8 p.m. every Monday night at the Nazarene Church Camp, Hwy. 48 and Hwy. 37, 336-9161.

Big Brothers Big Sisters
1056 Mesacero, Suite 201 - Lincoln Tower, 258-4185.

B.S.O.E. No. 2086
7:30 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of every month in the Elk's Lodge Building, Hwy. 70.

B.S.O.E. Dues
7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of every month in the Elk's Lodge Building, Hwy. 70.

Boy Scouts of America Troop 59
7-8:30 p.m. Mondays at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 409-1487.

Children's Hospice
6:30-7:45 a.m. every Wednesday (Sept.-May) at the First Baptist Church (420 Mesacero). For children 4 years-old grade.

Choir Group
6:45 p.m. Tuesdays at 1089 E. Paso Road, Las Cruces. Possible carpool, 258-5621.

Christian Women's Association
336-1341, pho@lookingglass.net, www.christianwomen.org

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

Daughters of the American Revolution
Second Thursday of the month Sept. through March. For more information call 258-5675 or 258-3622.

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

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

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter #893
7 p.m. fourth Monday of every month in Rosehill. For location call 378-8532.

Family Circle Center
24-hour crisis line 257-7345.

Freemasons Order of Police Lodge #24
Meets at Lee Castle Co. Grille Restaurant at noon every Thursday.

Friends of the Library
4 p.m. the first Monday of every month at the Ruidoso Public Library.

Friends of the Smoky Mountain
12:30 p.m. at the Smoky Mountain Cafe in Capital. The public is welcome to attend all meetings and events. (mode 149 5 28 9115)

Gay Men's Association
3 p.m. every Sunday at the Gateway Church of Christ, 415 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso (near entrance), 257-9289.

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

Healthcare Support Group
7 p.m. the last Friday of every month at the Lincoln Center Medical Center Conference Room, 258-3352.

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

2236

Hummer Society of Lincoln County
10 a.m. the third Saturday of every month at the All-American Club.

Interfaith
8:30-4:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday; 4-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501A Sudderth Drive, 257-3786.

Irish Club
11 a.m. every Saturday at the Gateway Church at 415 Sudderth, 257-4381 or 378-1113.

Knights Club
Noon every Tuesday at Lee Castle Co. Grille on Hwy. 70. Visiting Knights members are always welcome.

Knights of Columbus
Robert E. House Chapter
7 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the parish hall at St. Eleanor's Catholic Church, William E. Studer, grand knight.

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

League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)
Lincoln County Chapter
7 p.m. the last Thursday of every month in the Texas New Mexico Power Company offices, 1100 Mesacero Dr. 258-2212 or 257-2932.

Libertarian Party of Lincoln County
7 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month. Call 257-2186 for location.

Lincoln County Adult Singles Group
Meets every Thursday, 354-2653 or 378-8025. For newsletter visit: <http://www.nogal.com/casg>

Lincoln County Bar Club
Meets once a month. 257-5352.

Lincoln County Democratic Party
6 p.m. the third Thursday of every month. 258-9096.

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

Lincoln County Health Resource Exchange
Noon the second Thursday of every month at Lee Castle Co. Grille on Highway 70, 630-8181 or 378-7197.

Lincoln County Home Builders
7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the Lincoln County Fair Building in Lincoln County, 257-4624.

Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary
9:30 a.m. first Tuesday of every month at the LCMC conference room.

Lincoln County Pledge
Lincoln County's gay, lesbian and bisexual groups meets at various times throughout the year. 257-0135.

Lincoln County Rural Economic Development Through Tourism
10 a.m. the second Monday of each month. 505-648-2311.

Lincoln County Sheriff's posse
2 p.m. the first Sunday of every month at the Lincoln County Fair Building in Lincoln County, 257-6767.

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

Lions International Evening Lions Club
Meets in the Lions Eye on Skyland behind Mountain Laundry for supper.

Lincoln County Rural Economic Development Through Tourism
10 a.m. the second Monday of every month at the Nopal Store & Gallery, mile marker 10.2 in Nopal. Meetings are open to the public. Call Patricia Brazier at 354-2778 for information.

Masonic Lodge #73
6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. meeting on the first Monday (second Monday if first is a holiday) of every month in the Masonic Family Building at the corner of Mesacero Trail and Nob Hill. City, 257-3604.

Masonic Lodge #73
First Thursday of every month at the Space Center's Hubbard Space Science Education Building, 800-545-4021.

Mom's Night Out
6:30 p.m. first Tuesday of each month at various local restaurants. 648-5501.

Musicians Anonymous
Meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Gateway Church, 415 Sudderth, entrance behind church, 378-5621, P.O. Box 1943, Ruidoso Downs NM 88346.

National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1379
10 a.m. the second Tuesday of every month at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center, 258-3493 or

378-4469

New Mexico Christian Women's Association
First rides, B.S.O.-Chap, fellowship activities, Christian programs. 505-336-4675.

Nogal Waters Sports Club
5:30 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at Lee Castle Co. Grille. For more information call Evelyn Shaw at 257-3479.

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth)
Noon every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. New members always welcome. 259-5969 or 258-9218.

Order of the Eastern Star
Buddha Chapter #681
7:30 the second Thursday of every month in the Masonic Family Building, 144 Nob Hill Rd., Ruidoso.

Party Bridge
1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday. We have a very good group playing 2-5 tables. Come join us. 354-6050.

R.R.C. Chapter Air Meetings
2nd and 4th Tuesdays September thru May, 257-1465.

Photographic Society of Lincoln County
7:00 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the Public Meeting Room, 1st floor at the Ruidoso High School, 258-4003.

Pine Top Red & Cream Car Club
2:00 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month in the meeting room at the Texas-New Mexico Power Building, Ruidoso, 257-4451.

Prepared Childbirth Classes
7 p.m. Mondays at the Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mesacero Trail, Ruidoso. Eight week sessions with qualified instructors. 257-7381 (ask for OB dept.)

Republican Party of Lincoln County
6 p.m. the first Monday of each month. 354-4230 or 258-4780.

Republican Women of Lincoln County
11:30 a.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month. Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. 257-9351 or 258-9109.

Scout International
Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club
Noon on Tuesdays at the Swiss Chalet Inn.

Ruidoso Book Review and Discussion Group
10 a.m. the first Wednesday of every month at First Christian Church (211) Hill Road. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Ruidoso Care Center Auxiliary
11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of every month in the Ruidoso Care Center dining room for free lunch with 24-hour advance reservations. 1:15 program for residents and guests.

Ruidoso Open Club
6:00 p.m. Thursdays at Cree Meadows Country Club. New players and all levels welcome. 336-4219, 258-4757, 354-8036.

Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary
7 p.m. the first Monday of every month in the Auxiliary Building, 123 Downs Avenue, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4184 or 378-4766.

Ruidoso Duplicate Bridge Club
1 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday and 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center, 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Ruidoso Federated Women's Club
1:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month Sept. through May in the Women's Club Building, 116 Evergreen Road, Ruidoso, 258-1239.

Ruidoso Garden Club
10 a.m. the third Tuesday of every month at various locations, 258-5509 or 257-7157.

Ruidoso Gun Club
7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at the Church of the Holy Mount, Mesacero Trail, Ruidoso.

Ruidoso Picnicking Club
7 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month. 257-2446 or 336-8064.

Ruidoso Public Library Board
Noon the second Wednesday of every month at the Ruidoso Public Library.

Ruidoso Senior Club
6:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month at Cree Meadows Restaurant, 257-3062.

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club
Meets 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club, 258-9169.

Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club
9 a.m. every Saturday. Location to be announced on 146.920 MHz after 8 a.m. 257-2135.

Sierra Blanca Swingers
8 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month at Nob Hill Elementary for basic and mainstream square dancing. 257-3193; 336-4808.

Spinning Bee
Meets most 3rd Saturday mornings in Lincoln. 354-7040 or 258-4679.

Stress Management Group
4 p.m. Mondays at The Counseling Center, 206 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso. This group is free and open to the public. 257-5038.

The Party Bridge Group
1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center, 257-2590.

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

Traumatic Brain Injury Group
6:30 p.m. every Thursday at Rainbow Lake RV Resort on Carro Canyon Road. Provides support and information for traumatic head injury victims and their families. 257-7854.

United We Stand
For meeting time, call 257-6600.

VFW Post 7022 and Auxiliary
Groom Ben Klein Post and its women's auxiliary
7 p.m. the second Monday of every month at American Legion Hall, Hwy. 70 and Spring Road, Ruidoso Downs, 257-5796.

Women in Recovery 12 Step Meeting
6:45 p.m. every Monday at Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, 378-9391 or 257-2560.

White Mountain Health Resource Network
10 a.m.-3 p.m. first Wednesday of the month Open House at High Mesa Healing Center offers a variety of holistic health care to the public. Lunch at Lee Castle Co. Grille the third Wednesday and no meeting second and fourth Wednesday. 336-7777 or 336-4808.

White Mountain Search & Rescue
7 p.m. third Monday of the month in the conference room at Texas-New Mexico Power Co. 258-3835.

Women's Night Out Community Group
7 p.m. third Monday of the month in the meeting room of Texas-New Mexico Power, 336-9489 or 258-1158.

YSA 19th Street Council
6 p.m. third Thursday of each month at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Leaders encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in Girl Scouts may attend. 505/437-2921.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Church presents African speaker

Abundant Life Family Church, located at 2814 Sudderth Drive/Finetree Square, will host speaker Joseph Koomson, national director of Victory International Bible Training School, Burkina Faso, West Africa, on Thursday at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Christmas in July set for Saturday

Saturday, July 15, is Christmas in July in Ruidoso. The annual event raises thousands of dollars to help needy people in Ruidoso and Lincoln County. For more than 12 years, St. Anne's Guild at the Episcopal Church in Lincoln County has sponsored Christmas in July at the Church of the Holy Mount at 121 Mesacero Trail. The church is located on the hill above Holiday Inn Express a block from U. S. Highway 70. Mopey raised at Christmas in

July goes to fund such Lincoln County ministries as the Food Bank, the Ministerial Alliance Transient Ministry, and the CHM Discretionary Fund. Other beneficiaries include the Assurance Home in Roswell and Grace House in Carlsbad — both homes for abused and neglected youth.

The "Gigantic Garage Sale" starts at 8 a.m. The bazaar featuring baked goods, candies, a variety of edibles, and a wide range of craft items begins at 9 a.m. Tickets for the midday luncheon are available at the door. Seating begins at 11:30 a.m. The main course will be ham roll-ups accompanied by a salad, dessert and beverage.

Raffle winners can receive a Pinon Pottery serving platter and baking dish in Vicki Conley's Christmas pattern; a Hummel figure, "the Artist", a night for two at the Inn of the Mountain Gods; or dinner for two at the InnCredible and two tickets for the Aug. 26 performance of the All-American Boys Choir at the Spencer Theater.

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People thought this was so amazing that they named the new instrument the "soft loud," or "pianoforte" in Italian. Over time, people shortened pianoforte to piano.



Bartolomeo Cristofori (1655-1732)



Composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) was one of history's most brilliant piano players. By the time he was 4, he was already giving concerts for European royalty. Here he is playing a duet with his sister, Nannerl. Their father, Leopold, is holding the violin.

The popular piano

By the end of the 1700s, the piano was an important status symbol in Europe and the American Colonies. At that time a skilled worker would have to give up almost a whole year's salary to buy a grand piano. It was a luxury only the wealthy could afford.

Fifty years later, the price had dropped enough so that more and more people could afford one. It became quite fashionable for middle-class homes to have a piano.

This issue is based on the exhibit: "PIANO 300: Celebrating Three Centuries of People and Piano" at the Smithsonian International Gallery in Washington, D.C. It will run until June 3, 2001.

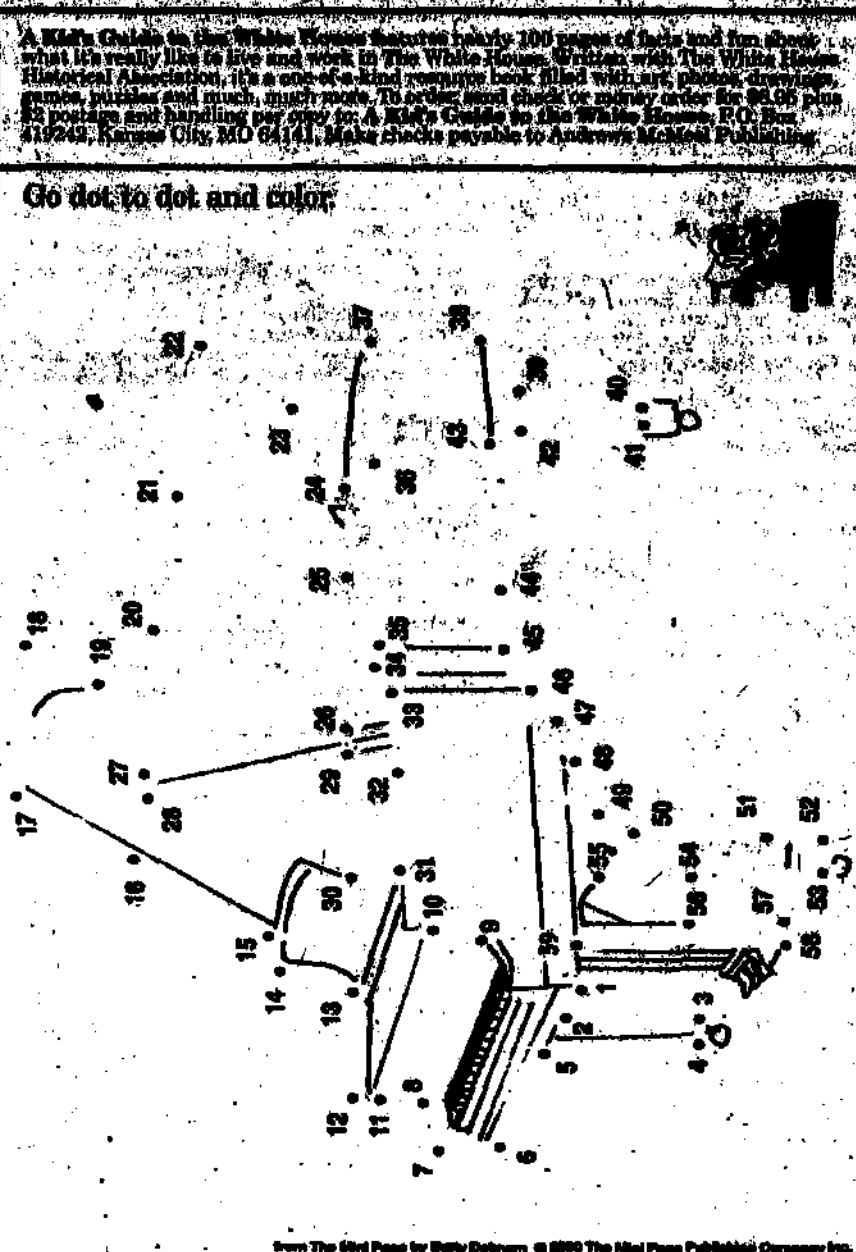
The ladies' instrument

In the mid-1800s, family life centered around the piano in the parlor. Although some men played, it was usually women who played in the home.



People expected every well-bred girl to play the piano. Some young women used it to attract a husband, and then, after the wedding, never touched a piano again.

Many others played all their lives, at churches, social gatherings, and for their own pleasure. Advice books in the 1800s said an educated woman must be good at music, dance, needlework, drawing and manners.



Go dot to dot and color.

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MIGHTY FUNNY'S Funny Phonics

It's fun to learn phonics, or the sounds that letters make. This week's target sound is the letter V, as in vase.

Anne: I lost my bird when I was cleaning his cage.
Alan: How?
Anne: I used a vacuum cleaner!

Q: What is the best thing for hives?
A: Bees!

Q: How do you send a letter to a Viking?
A: Use Norse code!

Go on a V letter hunt. What other words with the V sound can you find? What sound do you hear?

BASSET BROWN THE NEWS HOUND'S PIANO TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of the piano are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: PIANO, STRINGS, HAMMER, CONCERT, PLAYER, LISZT, MOZART, ELTON, PALACE, LOUD, SOFT, PEDALS, BLACK, WHITE, KEYS, STAGE, JAZZ, PLAY, SOUND.

MUSIC MAKES PEOPLE HAPPY!

A O I P Y Z Z A J Q B T V W P
B P P A Z J R U H L S S ' L L
C Q A E L L N S V A A T O I A
L O U D D A A D R M C A U S Y
K E Y S F A Y C B M K G N Z E
E T I H W X L U E E C E D T R
P I A N O I V S F R T F O S P
J W E L T O N G S G N I R T S
K C O N C E R T X T R A Z O M

Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy is playing the piano at a recital. See if you can find:

• word MINI
• watermelon
• slice
• carrot
• pencil
• ruler
• duck
• spoon
• cat
• mitten
• fork
• chicken
• knife
• heart

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300 Years of the Piano

Pianos for everyone

By the late 1800s, there were hundreds of piano-making companies across America. They were able to lower the costs of manufacturing by using ready-made parts.

Pianos became so inexpensive that almost every household could afford one. People could even order them from catalogs.

After the Civil War, the piano became an important part of African-American life. Black musicians created new styles of music using different rhythms—jazz, gospel music and ragtime, which is a lively dance music, all grew up around the piano.

Playing with style

Pianos have come in many shapes and sizes. Here are a few:

This grand piano, made from 1800-1811, was designed to take up little space. It had six pedals, which could produce different sound effects such as bells or drums.

The sewing table piano, built from 1825 to 1840, was designed for the educated woman. It had a soft-playing piano keyboard, a mirror and compartments for scissors and other sewing tools.

Technology brings changes

Until the early 1900s, the piano was the main source of musical entertainment. But new inventions such as the phonograph, radio and movies allowed people to hear music more easily.

In order to compete, inventors created the player piano. When someone put a coded paper roll into this piano, it would play the music automatically. People didn't have to learn to play in order to make music.

In 1942, Harold Rhodes designed a special piano to help servicemen injured in World War II. These pianos were small enough to be played in bed by wounded airmen recovering in hospitals. He used parts from wrecked airplanes to make his "Air Corps Piano."

Later, he and guitar maker Leo Fender invented an electric piano. By the 1960s, this was a favorite instrument for many rock musicians. With today's electronic pianos, musicians can just press a key and get a variety of sounds.

With digital pianos there are no hammers striking the strings. When a musician touches the keys, pre-recorded notes are played.

Computer discs have replaced paper rolls in today's player pianos. Musicians can even put discs in the piano and record their own playing.

Some superstars

Frank List (pronounced LIST) was the first musician to play a solo piano concert. He played more than 600 pieces on the piano.

Clara Wieck Schumann had to overcome much prejudice in her concert career. In the 1800s, the public believed women who played on stage had bad character. People also thought a woman could never play as well as a man. But she was so talented that people had to accept her.

When List (1811-1885) played the piano, people wept and fainted. Women threw flowers and jewelry onto the stage, and collected his finger buttons.

Rock star Elton John has been one of the world's most successful musicians for more than 20 years. He is known for his piano playing.

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Liberman (1875-1957) was famous for his amazing concerts. This piano is covered with 125 pounds of rhinestones.

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Write to see: www.piano300.org

Look through your newspaper for ads about artists or CDs. Are any of these musicians playing the piano?

What week The Mini Page is about Death Valley.

110 CABINS/VACATION RENTALS

RUSTIC LOG CABIN, furnished, all bills paid, cable hook-up, suitable for single or couple. White Mtn. Cabins, 113 Upper Canyon. 257-2823.

UNFURNISHED 2 bedroom, study, 3/4 bath, 2-level, \$500/mo, \$200 C&D deposit, bills paid, lease, references. 102 Atwood. 257-6944.

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FURNISHED STUDIO in barn; quiet horse farm on river, large bath, \$300/mo plus deposit. 378-8163.

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170 BUSINESS RENTALS

FOR LEASE: Commercial/light industrial space; (2) 20'x50' bays with 16' walls and 14' doors. One or both. Under construction. 378-8434.

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FRI & SAT, 8-7 Fun Yard Sale! Cedar Creek Road. Great bargains from closed antique & gift shop, 2 homes & art studio.

MOVING SALE: Saturday 120 Ponderosa Lane. Alto Country Club (off Lakeshore) 8:00am - 3:00pm. Books, framed art, rowers, bookcases, room divider, desk, furniture, etc. 430-8281

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THREE FAMILY YARD SALE: 323 River Lane, July 8, 8-4, fishing gear, weed eaters, vacuum, ice cream freezer, stationary bike, children's bicycles, glass and antiques, garage sale prices.

THURS, FRI, SAT, 9-5PM 110 Matsuda, Upper Canyon behind White Pine Lodge. Beautiful sweaters, blouses, evening dresses, ties, all kinds of material, feather pillows, dishes, cookware, Vita-Mix machine and more.

TWO FAMILY SALE: clothing, kitchenware, furniture, many more items. 330 Downs Dr. above the Village Hall in Ruidoso Downs. Friday, Saturday and Sunday 8am-2pm

WEEKEND FLEA MARKET: Hwy 82, mile marker 30. Fri Sat Sun, 8am-5pm. Cool Pines RV Park, Clovis. 662-3200

YARD SALE-103 CLOVER Drive Saturday July 8th 8am-12pm. Everything must go! Lot of misc. items. Baby clothes, stroller, etc.

YARD SALE: Saturday, July 15, 8am-5pm 100 Antelope Valley. Furniture, dishes, tools, electronics, appliances, clothes, etc. No Early Birds, please!

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No. 0829

ACROSS

- 1 Pursuing
4 Part of a Midwest name
9 Blackphie's quill
12 Truman biographer
13 Atomic bits
16 Start of a quip
18 Blackmore heroine
20 Sticking spot?
21 Epistolary concern
22 Event where one stands for a spell
24 Actress Dickinson
26 Quip with Jean
27 Quip, part 2

DOWN

- 2 MASH procedure
3 Land (play variation)
5 12th-century philosopher
6 Telecomm. company letters
7 One-winning dramatist David
8 1992 Michener epic
9 Out of focus
10 Quip, part 3
11 Give the heave-ho
12 Quip stuffing
13 "Hotel"
14 They make contact in "Contact"
15 Professional runner?

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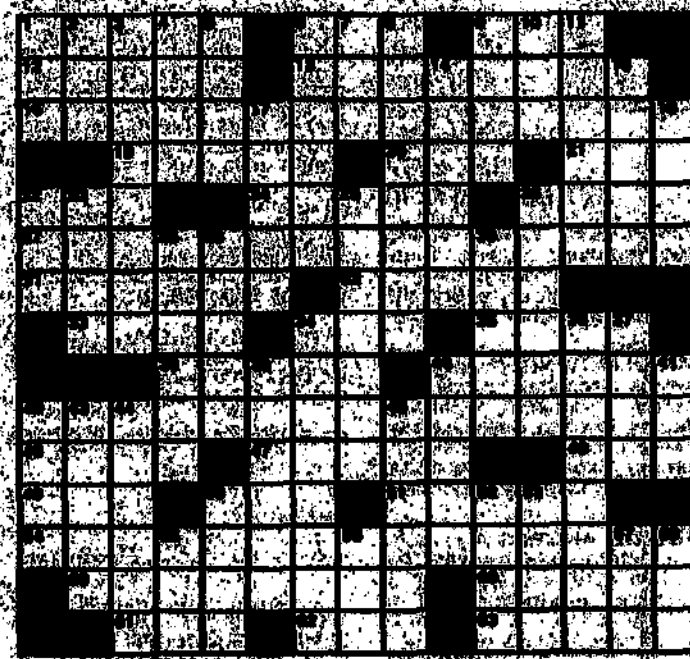
- 31 Foreign leaves of steel
32 End of the quip
33 Latin extension
34 Beeline
35 Brook
36 London to London
37 End of star

DOWN

- 1 Qip with a cadaver
2 Shot dead, e.g.
3 Sheds at a car lot
4 One who's ticked
5 Start again from scratch
6 More over a hill
7 Egg
8 Fuel for the body
9 Desert mount
10 Veterans Day
11 Tiredness
12 Coy
13 Bird decoy
14 Without substance
15 It comes from a pen
16 Dark order
17 Where hating originated
18 Like Mitch Miller, e.g.
19 Horror novelist Poe

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

LEE LAST MINUTE
ALL ASTRONOMERS
BYD CHRISTMAS
THOR EATERS FAR
WEREA YOYO YETI
ORALS INS LEEZA
HOD PINE MAL
DROHNG RAILFUL
LAK 1850 ALA
GLACE ONE TIRE
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ONA ECLAIR DERN
UNDERHANDED TTA
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LAST THEORY ONE



38 St. Paul's
39 Memphis
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61 Pacing theater

62 Nobel Prize
63 Singer Madonna
64 Third-century date
65 1-Down
66 Members
67 Nile
68 State on the Alt.

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BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Hummingbird history, behavior and favorite plants are the focus of the Spring 2000 edition of "Wild Neighbor News" published by the Humane Society of the United States.

Several bits of information were news to me and others were just interesting, such as:

- Brazilians call hummingbirds "beija-flor," which in Portuguese means "kissing flower."
- Hummingbirds are not found in Asia, Africa or Europe. They are confined to the Western Hemisphere and mostly in the American tropics from Mexico to Peru and Brazil.
- More than 320 species of hummingbird are known.
- The species that appear in North America only come to visit and breed. They migrate north in the spring, nest and return south in late summer or early fall.
- The visiting humming-

birds are the smallest of the migratory birds with the most common to the United States weighing only three to four grams.

- About 26 hummingbird species have been spotted north of Mexico. In the East, bird watchers are likely to see only one, the ruby-throated, on its migratory 500 mile journey from Central America across the Gulf of Mexico.
- The West has more species including the black-chinned, broad-tailed, calliope and rufous in the mountains. The Allen's, Anna's and Costa's are found with blue-throated and the magnificent hummingbird in the Southwest, the region of the United States that sees the greatest diversity of hummingbird species.

Ruidoso seems to span the mountain and Southwest distribution.

- The bird's coloring comes not from pigmentation, but from prism-like cells within the top layers of the feathers. When light hits the cells, it is broken apart into wavelengths that reflect back to the viewer. By shifting position, a muted-looking bird suddenly will become a fiery red or vivid green.
- The hummingbird is one of the few bird species that become "torpid" with an overnight drop in body temperature from 20 to 30 degrees at times, and a slowing of the heart rate.
- That helps the bird counterbalance the energy it expends while awake.
- They must eat at least half their body weight in insects and nectar each day.
- Favorite plants include bee balm, butterfly bush, cardinal flower, columbine, flowering crabapple, four-o'clock, foxglove, fuchsia, impatiens, lantana, philox, salvia, trumpet creeper, zinnia and honeysuckle.
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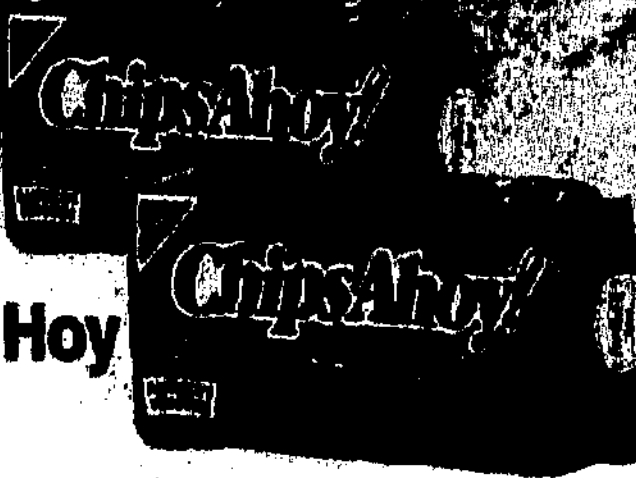
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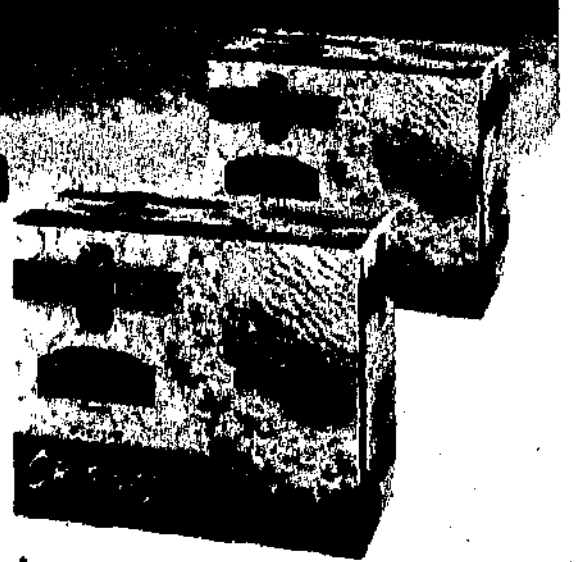
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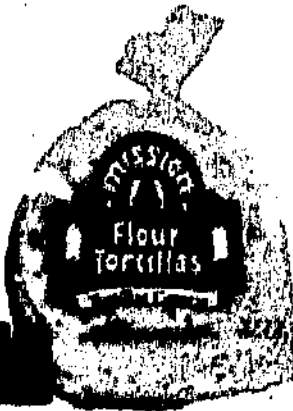
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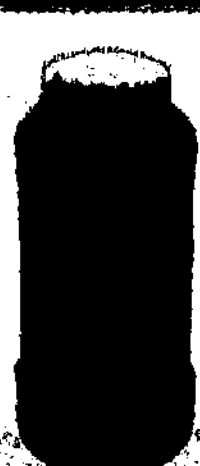
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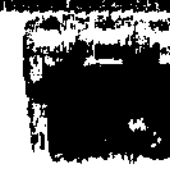
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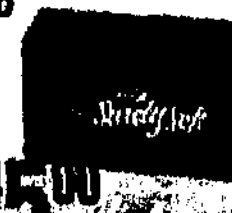
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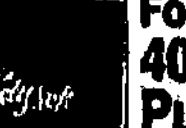


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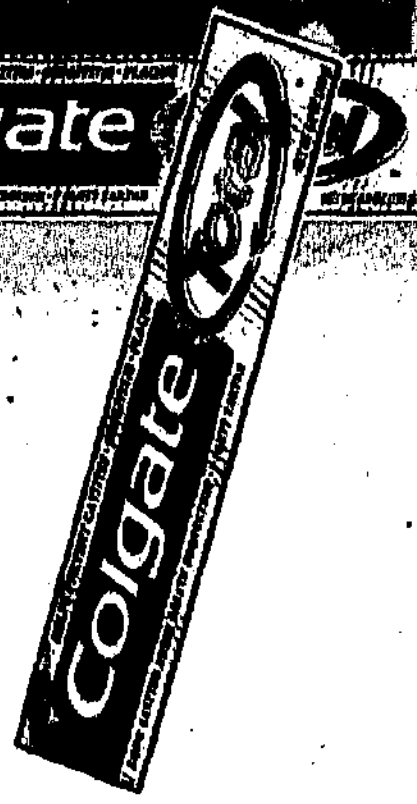


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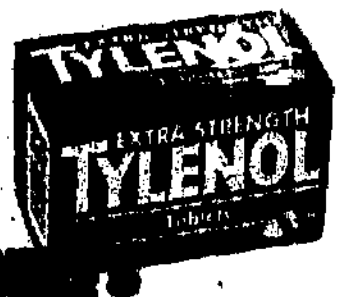
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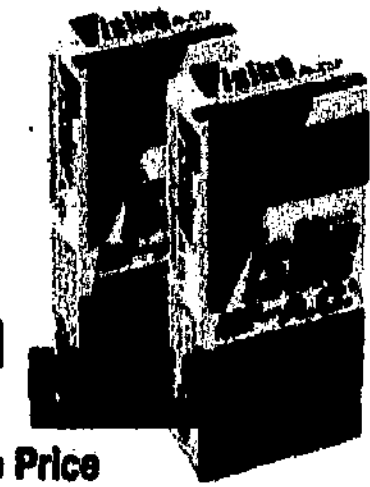


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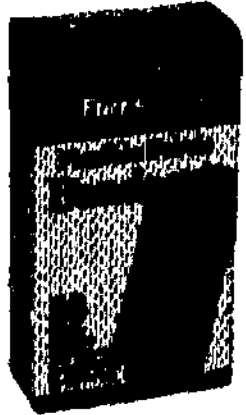
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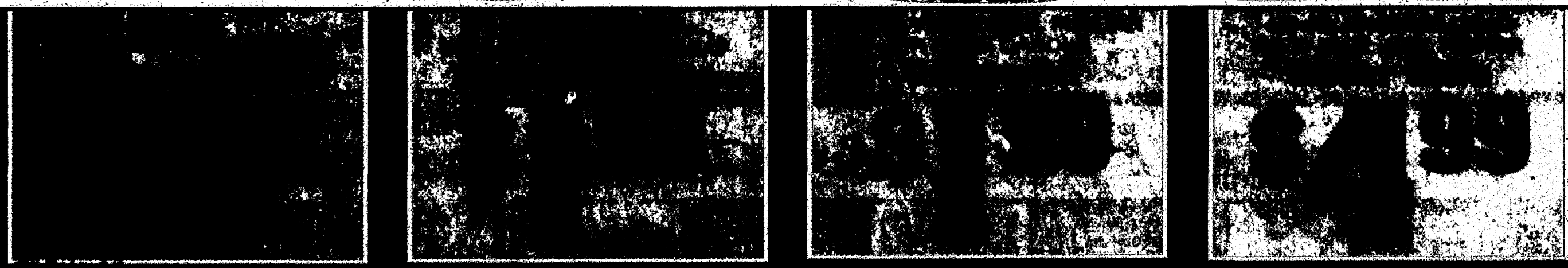
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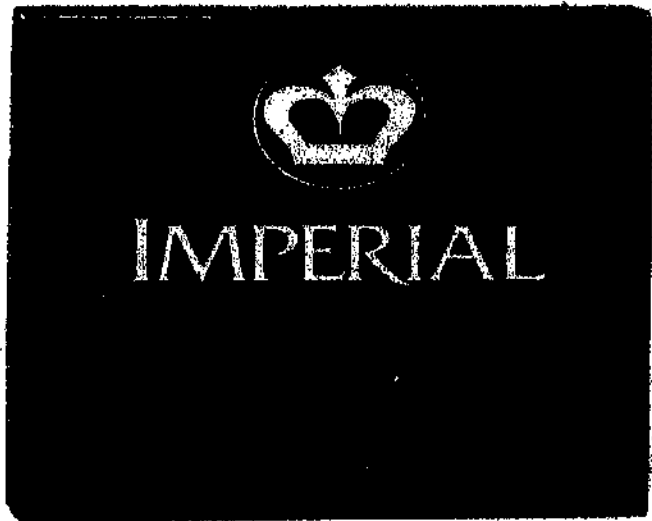
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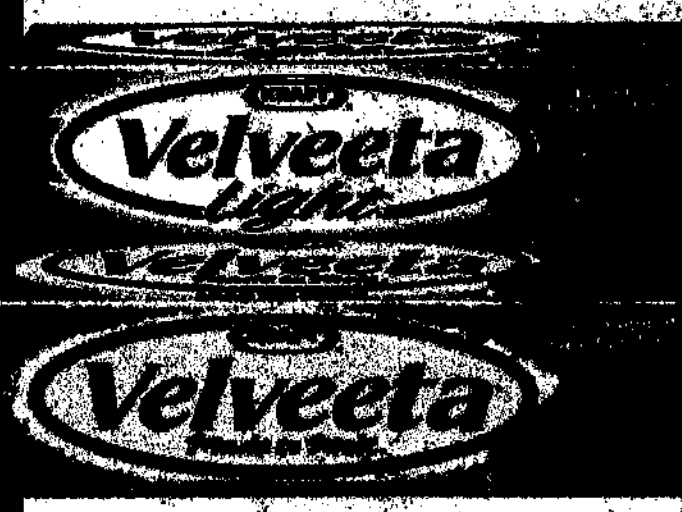
16 OZ.

2 \$3



IMPERIAL QUARTERS
Margarine
16 OZ.

289¢
FOR



KRAFT
REGULAR OR LIGHT
Velveeta Spread
32 OZ.

\$3.99



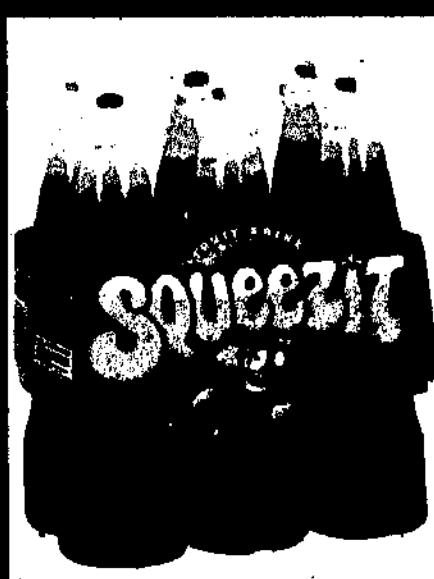
SELECT VARIETIES
CITRUS PUNCH
Sunny Delight
64 OZ.

99¢



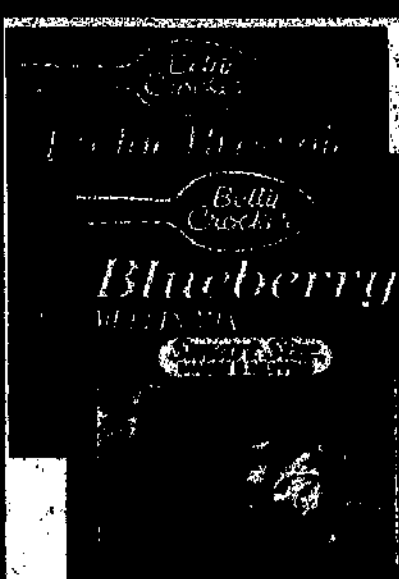
BANQUET ASSORTED
Pot Pies
7 OZ.

39¢



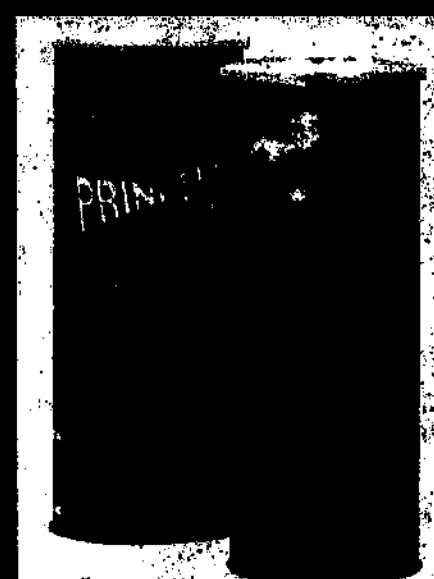
ASSORTED
**Squeezit
Flavored
Drinks**
6 PACK

99¢



BETTY CROCKER
10 OZ.
BROWNIE MIX : 6.5 OZ.
**Blueberry
Muffin
Mix**
MIX OR MATCH

2 \$1
FOR



ASSORTED
**Pringles
Potato
Crisps**
6-7 OZ.

99¢



HORTENSIA
BATHROOM
Tissue
4 ROLL

69¢



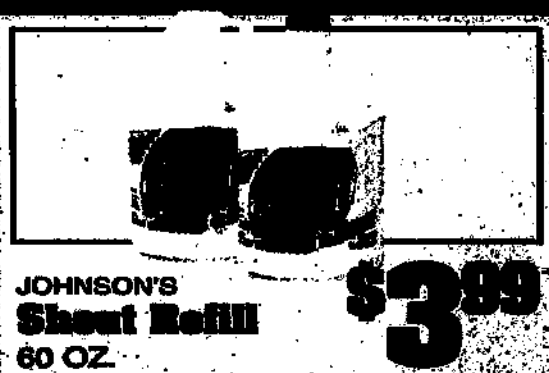
JOHNSON'S TRIGGER
Shout Liquid
22 OZ.

2 \$5
FOR



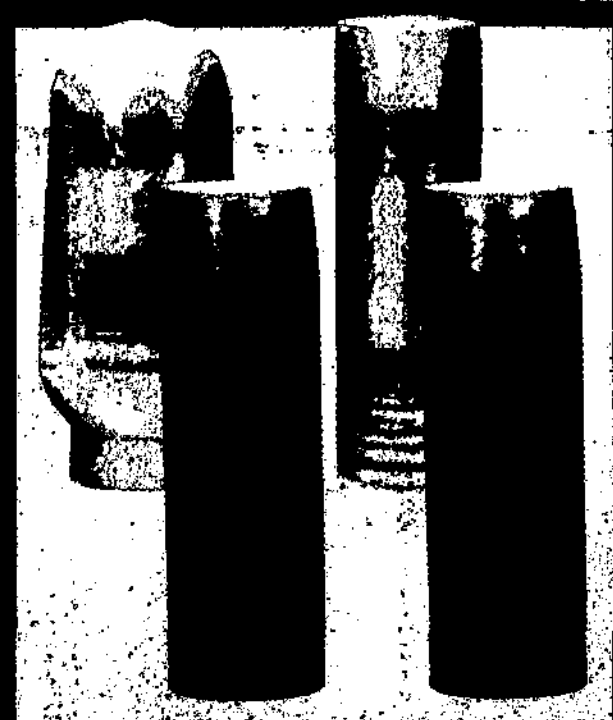
ASSORTED VARIETIES
PLUG-INS
Glade Refills
3 CT.

2 \$5
FOR



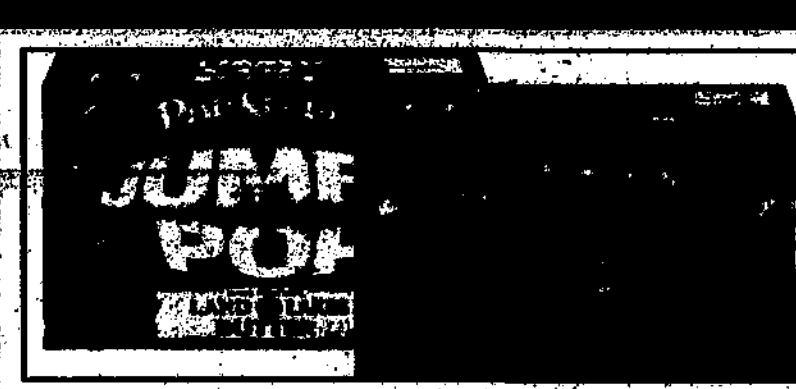
JOHNSON'S
Shout Refill
60 OZ.

\$3.99

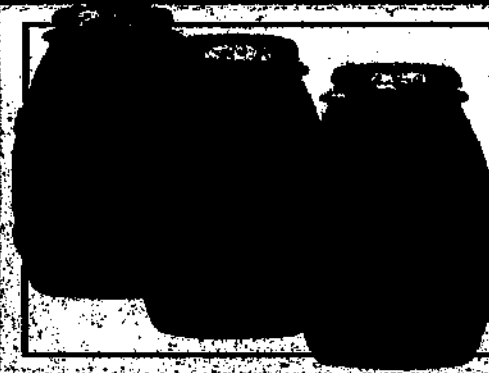


ASSORTED
SHAMPOO OR CONDITIONER
Pantene Pro-V
10.2-13 OZ.

\$2.99



BETTY CROCKER
ASSORTED
Pot Pie
3 PACK



ASSORTED
INDIVIDUAL
Little Hugs
8 OZ.

10 \$1
FOR



PLAIN OR IODIZED
**Morton
Salt**
26 OZ.

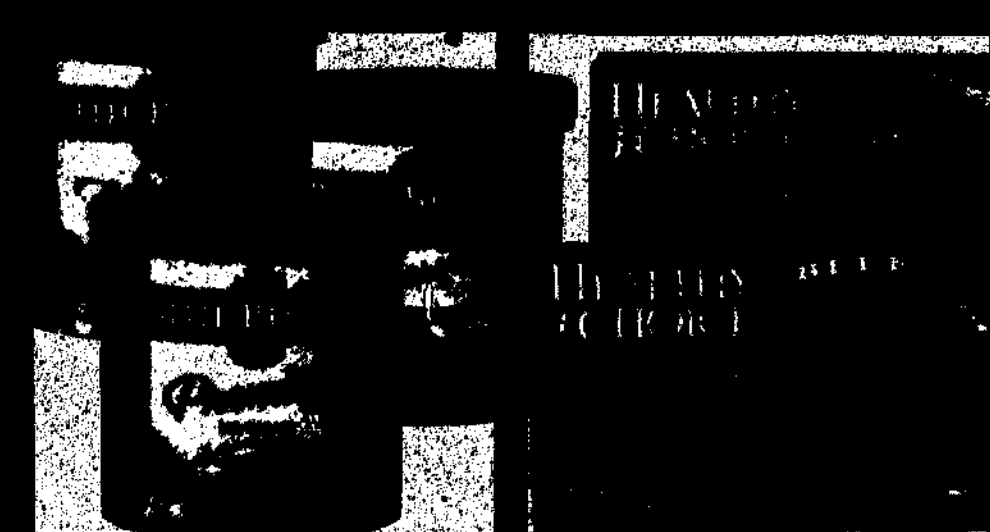
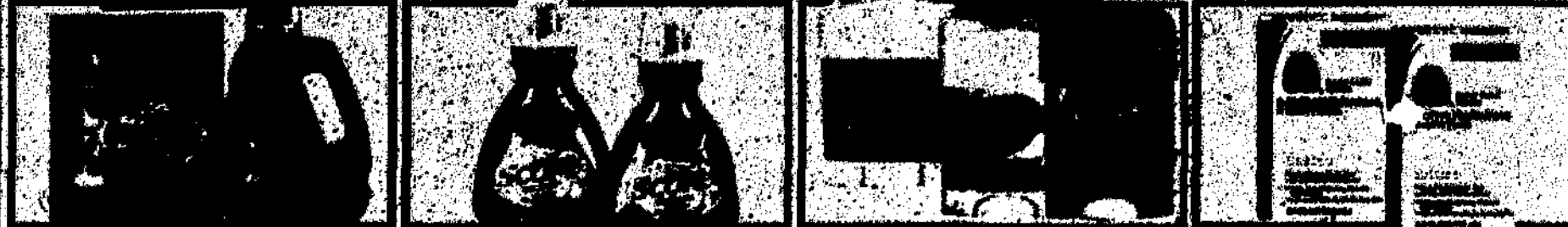
3 \$1
FOR



SANTA FE 14 OZ.
SEASONED / 20 OZ. REG.
Tortilla Chips
YOUR CHOICE

\$2.29

Procter & Gamble



PROCTER & GAMBLE
REG. U.S. PAT. & TM. OFF.
**Blue Bunny
Ice Cream**

2 \$6

SELECT GROUP
NATURAL FLAVORS
**Healthy
Choice**

2 \$4

KRAFT LONGHORN CHEDDAR,
COLBY OR COLBY JACK

**Halfmoon
Cheese**

10 OZ.

DOES NOT
INCLUDE
SHARP OR
FAT FREE

\$1.99

KRAFT OR VELVEETA
SELECT GROUP CUBE OR

**Shredded
Cheese**

7.5-8 OZ.

\$1.99

SELECT GROUP

**Kraft
Singles**

12 OZ.

2 \$5
FOR

KRAFT REGULAR OR
EXTRA THICK

**Sliced
Velveeta**

12 OZ.

\$1.99

**Oscar
Mayer**

KRAFT

SUPER SUB SANDWICH

(PREP TIME-10 MINUTES)

1/4 Cup MIRACLE WHIP Salad Dressing or KRAFT MAYO: Real or Light Mayonnaise
1/4 Cup KRAFT Zesty Italian Dressing
1 Loaf French Bread cut in half lengthwise
1 pkg. (9 oz.) OSCAR MAYER VARIETY PAK Ham & Turkey
6 KRAFT Singles Process Cheese Food

SERVE WITH SUGGESTIONS-ORANGE CAPRISUN
& HANDI SNACKS GELS

MIX Dressings
BRUSH cut surfaces of bread with
dressing mixture. Fill bread with
meat and Singles. Top with tomato
slices, green pepper slices and
shredded lettuce. If desired. Cut into
4 pieces. Makes 4 servings.

OSCAR MAYER ALL VARIETIES

Meat Wieners

1 LB. PKG.

2 \$3
FOR

OSCAR MAYER ALL VARIETIES

Beef Franks

1 LB. PKG.

2 \$4
FOR

OSCAR MAYER MEAT COTTO
SALAMI OR RED RIND

**Meat
Bologna**

1 LB. PKGS.

2 \$3
FOR

OSCAR MAYER ROASTED WHITE
TURKEY, CHOPPED HAM OR

**Ham &
Cheese**

1 LB. PKG.

\$2.49

OSCAR MAYER
**Variety
Pak**


8-9 OZ. PKG.

\$1.99

OSCAR MAYER
**Fun Pack
Lunchables**

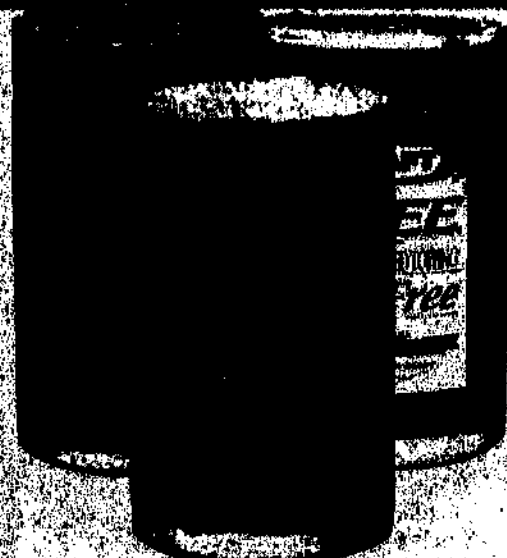
10.8-13.1 OZ. PKG.

\$1.89



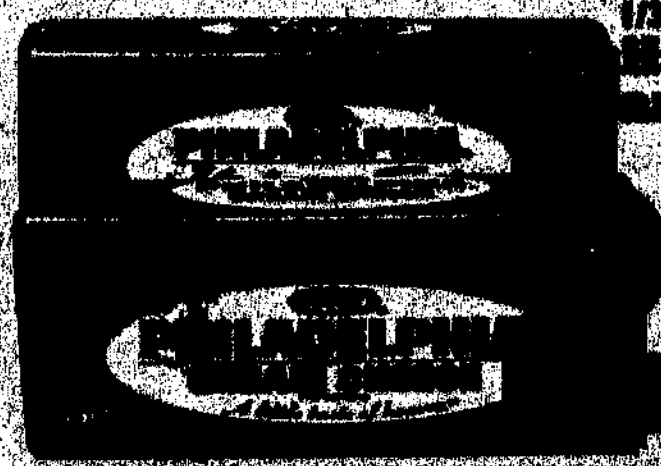
KRAFT
REGULAR OR 3 CHEESE
**Shredded
Parmesan**
7 OZ.

\$2.99



SELECT GROUP
Kraft Grated
Parmesan
8 OZ.

\$3.49



KRAFT REGULAR OR
1/3 LESS FAT
**Philadelphia
Cream Cheese**
8 OZ.

\$3
FOR








KRAFT

SELECT GROUP
**Kraft
Dips**
6-8 OZ.

99¢

REGULAR, JALAPENO
OR MILD SALSA
**Kraft
Cheez Whiz**
8 OZ.

\$1.99





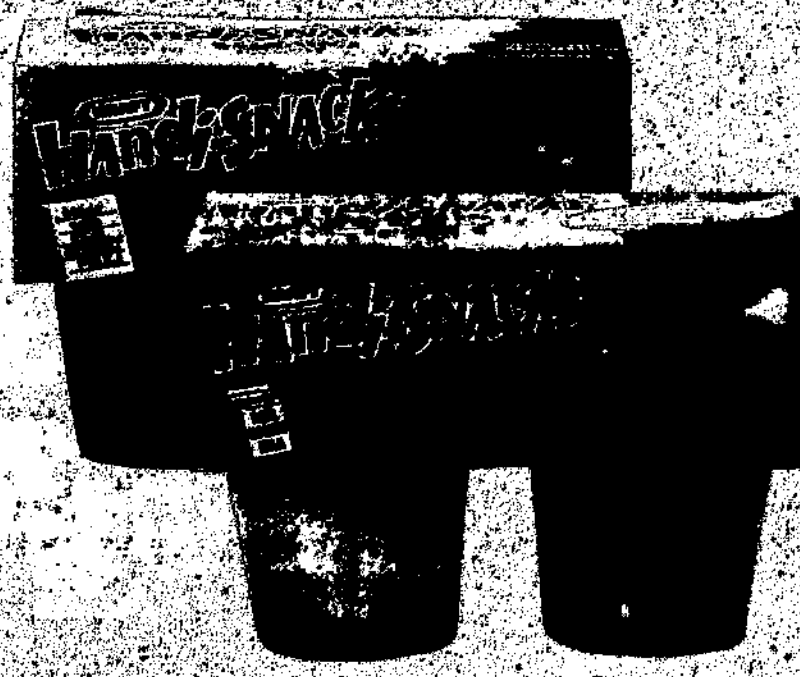


SELECT GROUP
SUGAR SWEETENED
**Kool-Aid
Drinks**
MAKES 8 QTS.

2 \$5
FOR

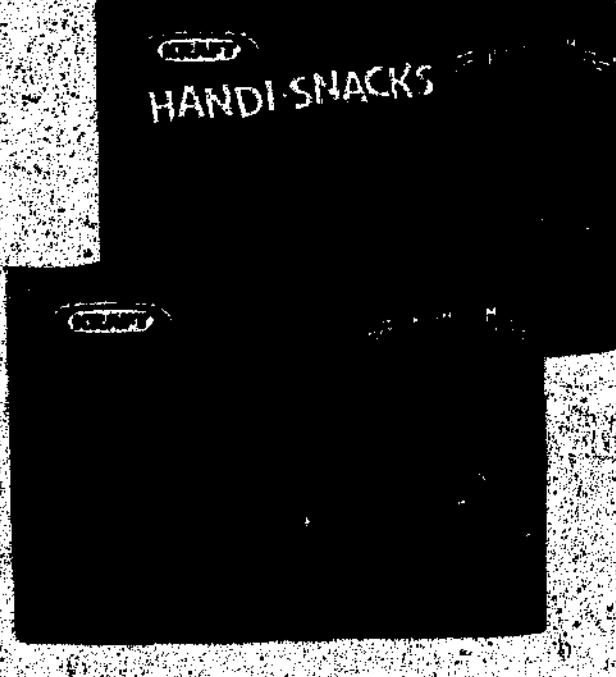
SELECT GROUP
SUGAR SWEETENED
**Capri Sun
Drinks**
MAKES 6 QTS.

2 \$5
FOR




SELECT GROUP
KRAFT
**Handi-Snacks
Puddings**
4 PACK 3.5 OZ.

99¢



KRAFT CHERRY
OR STRAWBERRY
**Handi-Snacks
Gel Snacks**
14 OZ.

1.99

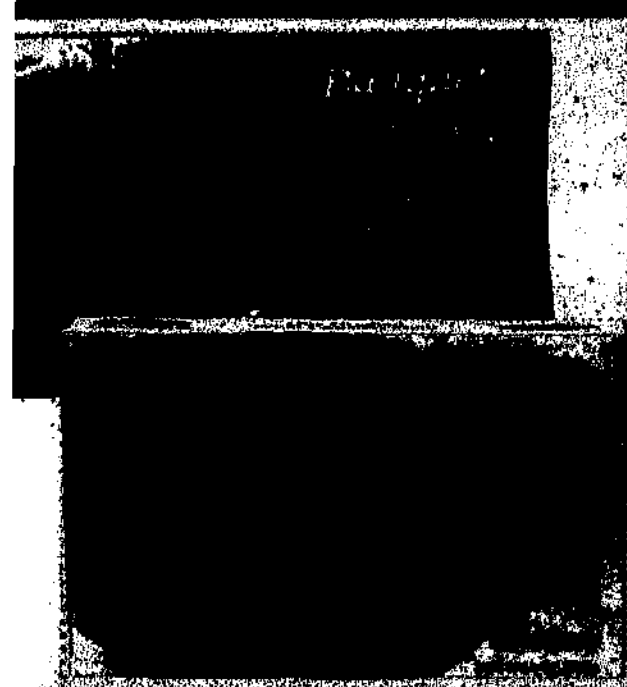


Post
**RAISIN
BRAN**

16 OZ. HONEY BUNCHES OF OATS W/ ALMONDS
16 OZ. REG. HONEY BUNCHES OF OATS
13 OZ. COCOA, PEANUT OR CINNA-
CRUNCH PEBBLES
20 OZ. RAISIN BRAN

Post
Cereals
YOUR CHOICE

2 \$4
OR



SELECT GROUP VALUE MENU
OR SELECT MENU
Banquet Dinners
6.7-11 OZ.

99¢



WHITE OR DESIGNS
Bounty Towels
REGULAR ROLL

99¢



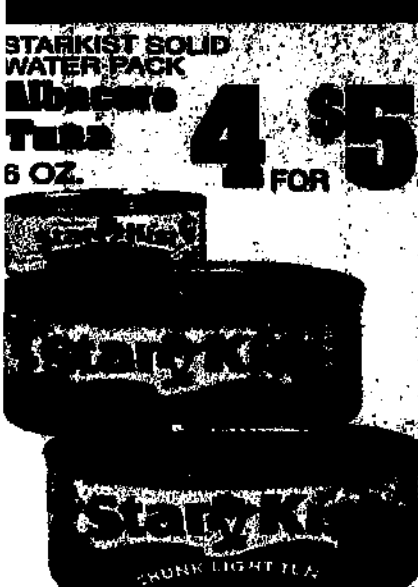
IVORY, SAFEGUARD WHITE
REG. OR WHITEWATER FRESH ZEST
Bath Bars
3-4 CT.

3 \$5
FOR



SELECT GROUP
GLASS CLEANER
Windex
26 OZ.

2 \$5
FOR



OIL / WATER PACK
**Starkist
Chunk
Tuna**
6 OZ.

2 \$1
FOR



ARMOUR
**Treet
Luncheon
Meat**
12 OZ.

99¢



REG. OR CHICKEN
**Libby's
Vienna
Sausage**
5 OZ.

2 \$1
FOR



\$1.79



ASSORTED FLAVORS
BEANS
Ranch Style
15 OZ.

2 \$1
FOR



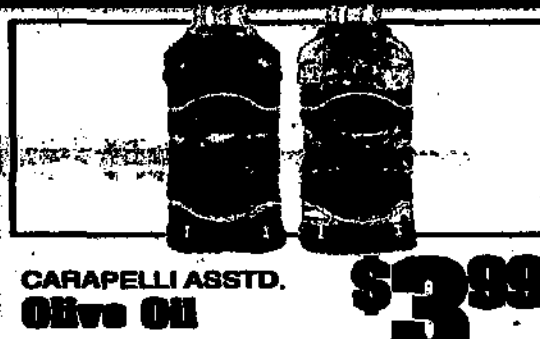
SELECT GROUP
SANTA FE
Salsa
16 OZ.

\$1.99



REG. REDUCED FAT CREAMY
OR CRUNCHY-JIF
Peanut Butter
18 OZ.

\$1.79



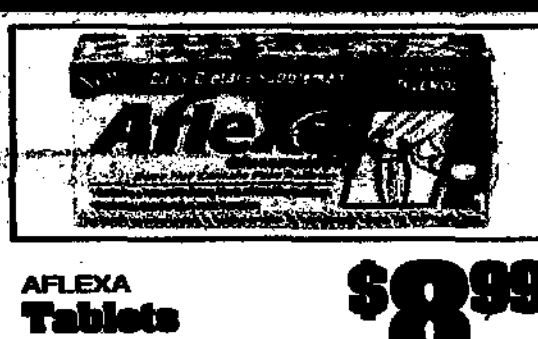
CARAPELLI ASSORTED
Olive Oil
17 OZ.

\$3.99



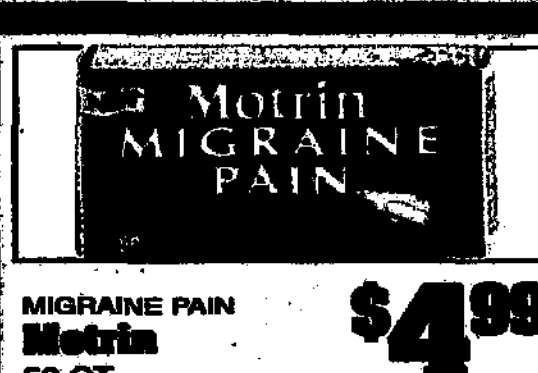
SELECT GROUP PICANTE
SAUCE / PICO DE GALLO
Hot
16 OZ.

\$1.99



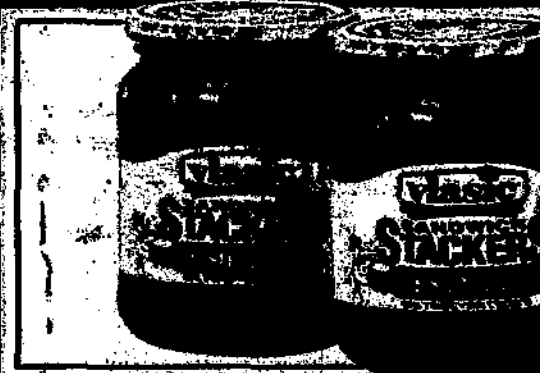
AFEXA
Tablets
60 CT.

\$8.99



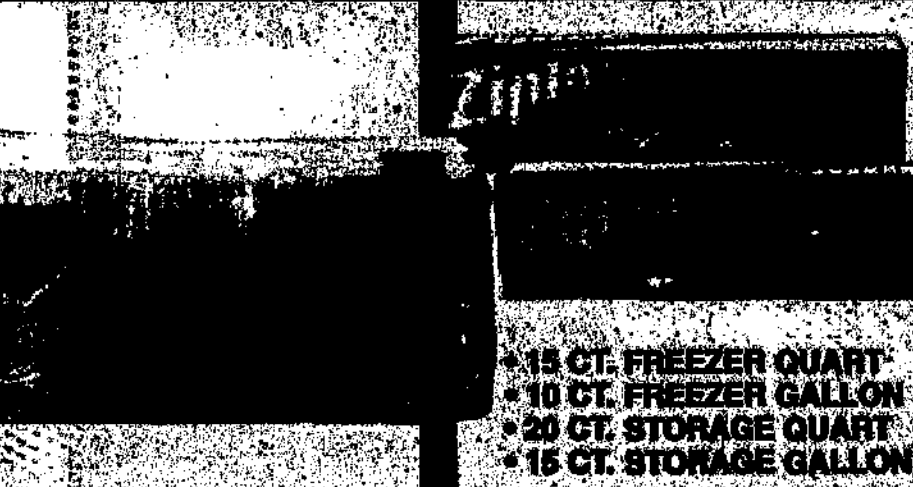
MIGRAINE PAIN
Motrin
50 CT.

\$4.99



SELECT GROUP VLASIC
**Sandwich
Stackers**
16 OZ.

\$1.99



15 CT. FREEZER QUART
10 CT. FREEZER GALLON
20 CT. STORAGE QUART
15 CT. STORAGE GALLON

Hortensia
Napkins

Ziploc
Bags

99¢

2 \$3

★ **PLAINS Dairy Favorites** ★



PLAINS
Snack Attack

99¢



PLAINS
Milk

\$1.49



BONELESS SKINLESS
Chicken Breast

\$1.99
LB.
PREVIOUSLY FROZEN

1 Lb. Value Pack



LAND-O-FROST ASSORTED
PREMIUM WAFER
Sliced Meats
1 LB. PKG.
\$2.99
LB.

PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS BEEF
Rib Eye Steak
\$4.99
LB.

PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS
CENTER CUT
Pork Chops
\$2.99
LB.

PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS BEEF
FAMILY PACK BOTTOM
Round Steak
\$1.49
LB.

PILGRIM'S PRIDE
BARBECUE OR BUFFALO
Chicken Wings
30-32 OZ.
\$4.99

TENDERIZED
**Beef Cube
Steak**
POUND
\$2.69

FRESH
**Ground
Round**
POUND
\$1.89

TENDERIZED BONELESS
BEEF BOTTOM
**Round
Steak**
POUND
\$1.69

DECKER
**Meat
Franks**
12 OZ. PKG.
59¢

DECKER
**Meat
Bologna**
1 LB. PKG.
99¢

DECKER
ALL VARIETIES
**Sliced
Bacon**
12 OZ. PKG.
\$1.99

MAMA ROSA'S
44 OZ. DELUXE OR
**Pepperoni
Pizza**
2 PACK
\$3.99

HORMEL LINKS
OR PATTIES
**Little
Sizzlers**
16-12 OZ. PKG.
\$1.39

OWENS REGULAR
OR HOT BREAKFAST
Sausage
2 LB. ROLL
\$3.89

1 LB. ROLL **\$1.99**
SAUSAGE CHEESE &
Biscuits 22.5 OZ. **\$3.99**
OWENS
6 SAUSAGE & BISCUITS
OWENS LARGE SIZE
Sausage & Biscuits
15.5 OZ. BOX **\$3.29**

LARGE
**Sweet
Canta-
loupe**
99¢ EA.

LARGE
**Green
Bell
Peppers**
FOR **289¢**

BLACK
**Red or
Purple
Plums**
99¢ LB.

CRISPENED
**Large
Slicer
Tomatoes**
89¢ LB.

GREEN & WHITE
**Mini
Peeled
Carrots**
99¢

**Garden
Fresh
Broccoli**
79¢ LB.

WHOLE HEAD
**Sno
White
Cauliflower**
\$1.49

WHOLE
**Whole
Cello
Mushrooms**
99¢

**Small
Hass
Avocados**
289¢

Fresh Produce

Dole
**Classic Iceberg
Salad** 1 LB. PKG. **79¢**
SELECT GROUP
KRAFT
Salad
Dressing
8 OZ. **99¢**

PRICES EFFECTIVE JULY 12-18, 2000
THRIFTWAY OF RUDOLPH - RUDOLPH, NM

PRICES EFFECTIVE JULY 12-18, 2000
THRIFTWAY - ROTAN, TX
LAMAR THRIFTWAY - LAMAR, CO
TWIN CREEK THRIFTWAY - SPRINGFIELD, MO
TAHOA THRIFTWAY - TONOPAH, NV

PRICES EFFECTIVE JULY 12-18, 2000
MOORE'S THRIFTWAY - PADUCAH, KY

PRICES EFFECTIVE JULY 2-8, 2000
S-F'S THRIFTWAY - DALLAS, TX

THRIFTWAY