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The skiers are coming



Two feet of snow blanketed Ruidoso early in the week and delivered even more to Sierra Blanca Peak. Ski Apache Resort officials said because of the snowy bonus, ski slopes will open Nov. 18. For more details, see the story on page 2B.

Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

Ruidoso Realtors to ask county to hold most meetings in village

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Representatives of the Ruidoso Board of Realtors plan to ask Lincoln County Commissioners today to schedule the majority of its meetings next year in Ruidoso.

Harvey Foster, president of the Multiple Listing Service and a real estate agent with Century 21, said Thursday, "I think the main reason is that most of the activity in terms of real estate and a variety of other things take place in Ruidoso or the surrounding area of Alto."

"Most of the Realtors and citizens are in the Ruidoso area and it seems illogical to have meetings that concern us to be held where it is a long drive for citizens."

All regular commission meetings this year were conducted in the county seat of Carrizozo, about 38 miles northwest of Ruidoso.

Nearly everything commissioners do heavily impacts the Ruidoso area because it represents the largest constituency, Foster pointed out.

"We shouldn't have to go over there for everything we need to find out or have to do," he said.

During the time the late Wilton Howell served on the commission, he mustered a majority vote to conduct at least four of the 12 monthly commission meetings in Ruidoso.

After Leo Martinez was appointed by the governor to fill Howell's seat, he tried to carry on that position, but failed to garner enough support.

At the time, the other commissioners said they would conduct special meetings when warranted in Ruidoso. Four special meetings were staged this year in the village. They also pointed to logistical problems of accessing records if meetings aren't in the courthouse complex and contended that official meetings should take place in the county seat.

Commissioner L. Ray Nunley, who represents one half

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Joe Zagone,
real estate agent

of Ruidoso while Martinez represents the other half, stood with the other commissioners on the question. He said at the time he was confident they would give consideration to meetings in Ruidoso when issues came up pertaining to the area.

Joe Zagone, a real estate agent for Century 21, said the petition being circulated requesting a change of location to Ruidoso for the majority of meetings was approved by the board of Realtors with 100 percent backing in two meetings and after discussion about the interests of the community.

"As Realtors, we feel we're a slice of the community and a diverse group," he said. "Many people don't have the time to get to those meetings and then sit there most of the day waiting for the particular items they came to hear."

Real estate representatives began collecting signatures on a petition late last week, but when they heard that dates for meetings are scheduled to be set today by the commission, they decided not to wait.

"We have computers and any records they need they can get over phone, by fax or computer," Zagone said. "I've been to several meetings and have seen no great need to run for records."

"The biggest population center is here and people are not represented from here at the meetings. We want to be part of the process."

Foster said the county should maintain an active substation in Ruidoso so that records would be easily accessible in either location.

Cell phone tower wins panel's OK

120-foot structure approved for Midtown

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
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After a request to erect a cellular telephone tower in a residential area south of Midtown Ruidoso stalled this summer, the nod was given Tuesday to place a tower on a nearby commercially zoned property.

Ruidoso's Planning and Zoning Commission approved a conditional use permit and an amended commercial site development plan for the 120-foot tower behind the Radio Shack building on Whitlock Street.

"It would be better in a different location," said Carl Kelley, owner of the property at the Radio Shack

"This is a stop-gap measure. I believe it will come down when they get another site."

Carl Kelley,
property owner

store, where Verizon would place the cell tower. "The best place in all of Ruidoso is by Barb Willard's property about a quarter-mile directly south."

Willard — who was at the meeting — had opposed the earlier site, which is adjacent to her property.

"I have concern for the whole community," Willard told the commission. "But I would much prefer this (to residential). If it's the worse of two evils, this would be less intrusive."

Willard said the commercial location made more sense than the June effort to site it in the residential neighborhood.

"That's why I'm not throwing a fit," Willard said.

Commission member Vickie Williams said another tower would be an eyesore, and questioned whether there weren't alternative methods.

"This is a stop-gap measure," Kelley said, to improve Verizon cellular service. "I believe it will come down when they get the other site."

In approving the conditional use, the commission required that the tower be painted to match the surroundings, and not have other attachments for other communications uses. Kelley said the tower would have no other useful purpose except for pagers and cellular phones.

In addition, the commission limited the height of the tower to 120 feet and barbed wire was forbidden atop a chain-link fence that would surround the tower and equipment building.

The requirements, as well as a review of the design of the tower, will return to the Planning and Zoning Commission on Nov. 21 for final approval.

Commissioner Bill Hirschfeld contended wireless phone service could be improved with what's in place.

Two injured in head-on crash north of Carrizozo Snow caused rash of accidents

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
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Tuesday's snow storm resulted in few traffic accidents in the northern Sacramento Mountains region.

The most serious collision happened Wednesday on U.S. Highway 54 north of Carrizozo. State police said two vehicles collided head-on about 9 a.m.

The driver of a northbound pick-up truck lost control, crossed the center line and struck a southbound sports utility vehicle. Both drivers were taken by ambulance for medical attention. The driver of the vehicle that went out of control, Jose Gonzalez, 32, of Mexico, was ticketed for careless driving.

State police said Tuesday registered eight snow-related accidents in Lincoln County. All were described as fender-benders. On Wednesday two wrecks were

recorded, including the head-on crash north of Carrizozo.

U.S. Highway 54, between Carrizozo and Corona had been closed to traffic mid afternoon Tuesday. U.S. Highway 380, from Carrizozo west to I-25, was also shut down Tuesday morning. Both roadways reopened about 8 a.m. Wednesday.

In Ruidoso police responded to five accidents on Tuesday and one on Wednesday. None of the Ruidoso accidents resulted in injuries. Ruidoso Downs police had one jackknifed semi to deal with during the period.

Mescalero BIA police said they avoided any serious accidents on U.S. Highway 70. A Thursday morning rollover brought emergency response to the Apache Summit area, but the driver refused medical treatment, said a BIA police spokesman.

Mescalero election faces challenge

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Mescalero Apache voters returned two incumbents to their seats on the tribal council and elected two new faces to the governing board.

As he did in the October primary, Arthur "Butch" Blazer, pulled the most support Tuesday with 409 votes for a second two-year term.

But Carleton Palmer, who came in second during the primary vote, fell to fifth place in the general election, three points off the mark that would have given him a seat on the council.

Palmer said Thursday he is asking for a recount and was hurrying to beat the 48-hour deadline for filing a challenge.

"We can't account for 63 votes," he said. "The certification gives numbers that don't jibe at all. But a recount comes first."

He's asking for monitors to be present during the recount, Palmer said.

"If the results are different than the first one, then we have a case," he said.

He noted that in the primary, machines from the Otero County clerk's office were used to register votes, but a private vendor's tabulation system and ballot were used in Tuesday's general election for

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Carleton Palmer,
Mescalero tribal council candidate

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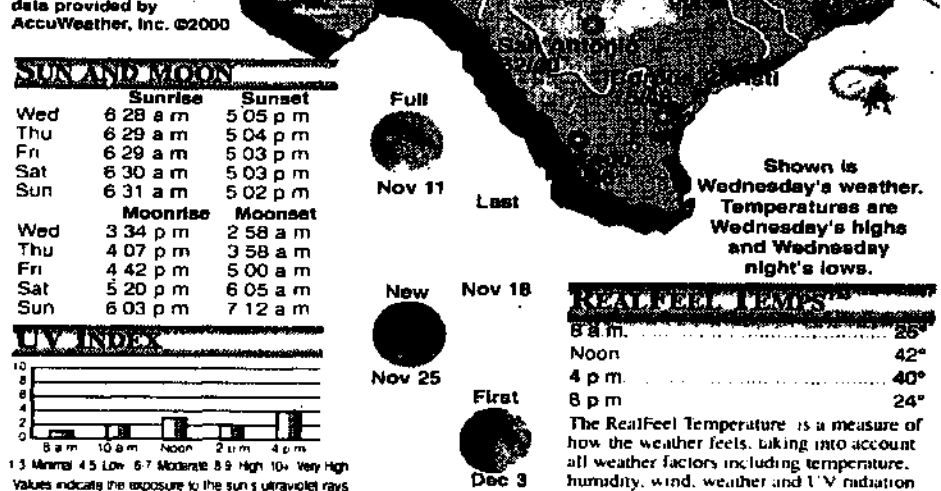
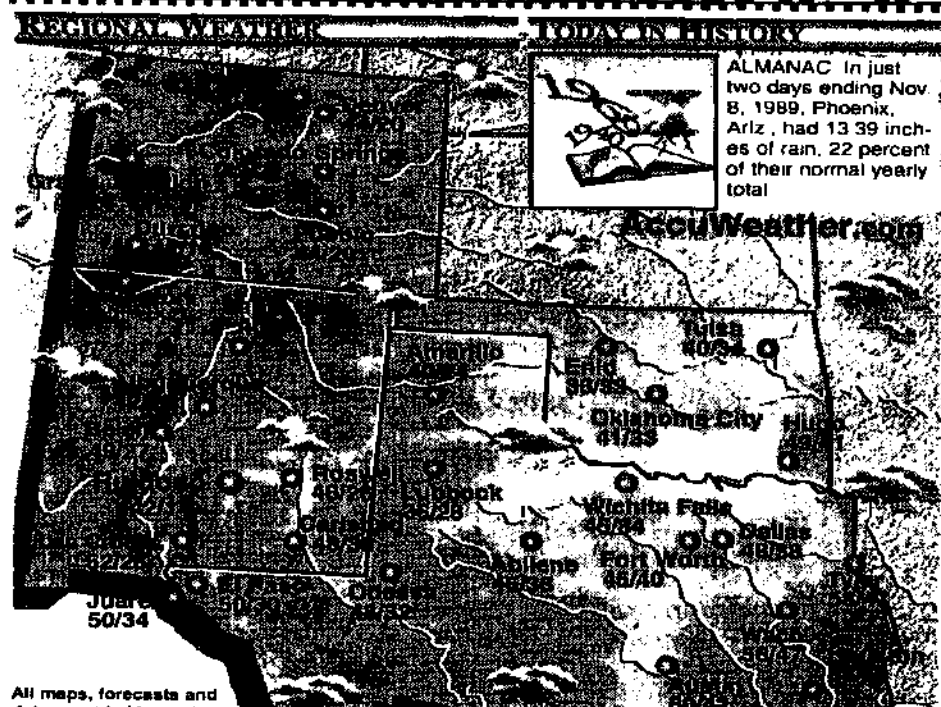
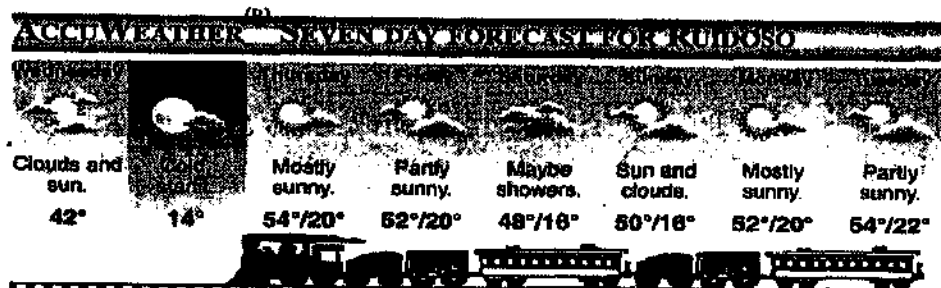
Election board president Olive Rose could not be reached for comment on the election in general and the recount request.

Second behind Blazer in the voting was Alfred LaPaz, former Bureau of Indian Affairs police chief, with 395 votes.

Glenda Brusuelas held onto her seat with 257 votes and Oliver Enjady, who previously served as a council member and tribal vice president, took the fourth seat with 338 votes.

The outcome amounted to a vindication for Enjady, who in May 1999, was removed with then-president Paul Ortega after about six months in office when the Ortega administration was accused of spending tribal money without council concurrence and in excess of the budget. He lost a bid for tribal

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White Oaks and area told a thousand interesting tales — many true.

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

White Oaks Eagle November 15, 1900

Statehood is one of few things that New Mexico doesn't want for a while yet... The Santa Fe Capital gives the following list as executives of New Mexico since organization of the territory under the organic act: James L. Calhoun, 1851; E.V. Sumner (acting) 1852; John Greiner, sec-

retary (acting) 1852; William Car Lane 1852-53; William S. Messervy (acting) 1853-54; David Merriweather, 1854-57; Abran Rencher 1857-61; Henry Connelly 1861-65; W.F.M. Army (acting) 1865; Robert C. Mitchell 1866-68; William A. Pile, 1860-71; Marsh Gidding, 1871-75; William G. Ritch (acting), 1875; Samuel B. Axtell, 1875-78; Lewis Wallace, 1878-81; Lionel A. Sheldon, 1881-85; Edmond A. Ross, 1885-89; L. Bradford Prince, 1889-93; William T. Thornton, 1893-97; Miguel A. Otero, 1897-1901.

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president in October 1999.

Contacted Thursday, Enjady said he's adjusting to the idea of being back on the council.

"I thank the people and those who continued to encourage me," the well-known artist said. "When I was kicked out of office, the attorney said the council's decision was final. I turned to him and said, 'No, it's not. It's the people's decision.' And now that has come to pass."

Enjady said he hopes he is returning to a council that is willing to look at change as a way of growing.

"We need to change," he said. "I'm an artist and to grow as an artist I need to try new ideas, new colors and that's the way we need to look at our can-

vas (government).

"With a lot of this trouble happening, it would be easy to solve by just letting the people know what's going on. That would take care of a lot and I'm all for it."

Contacted Thursday, Blazer thanked tribal members for allowing him to serve them for another two years.

"I will continue to work hard for those who voted for me and especially for those who voted against me," he said.

Brusuelas and La Paz could not be reached for comment.

Vote totals for the four losing candidates were: Carleton Palmer, 335, incumbent Harlyn Geronimo, 327, Sharon Botella Taazah, 323, and John Montoya, 318.

Geronimo said Thursday he also was readying a request for a recount.

Junge says he's 'satisfied'

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Although Al Junge said he's satisfied nothing illegal occurred when environmental gross receipts taxes pledged to repayment of bonds were returned to the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, some clean up work on documents still is needed.

The former Ruidoso village councilor and authority treasurer was asked by a county official two months ago to research the disposition of the tax money and provisions in agreements surrounding the creation of the local authority and the construction of a regional landfill south of Alamogordo.

"It would have been real simple if I had all the agreements at the start, including the joint power agreements, but when I made my report to the county commission, I had spent 30 days, three trips and 11 telephone calls to audit the agreements and still didn't have everything," he said.

Junge urged commissioners to find out why bonds issued to finance construction of the landfill were not being paid off early — potentially saving

millions of dollars in interest. Instead the EGRT not needed for monthly payments were sent back to the authority and other entities that are partners in the landfill.

After several days of research following Junge's report, County Attorney Alan Morel found specific provisions providing for a penalty if the bonds are prepaid. That penalty expires in the year 2002 and Junge said he hopes the partners then will begin to use the EGRT for early repayment.

"I hope to see prepayment happen," Junge said. "It's a matter of good fiscal policy. After all, it still is taxpayers' money."

Morel said documents reflect that the landfill was expected from its inception to generate enough money to meet the annual bond payment, but the EGRT had to be pledged because a then newly-formed two-county solid waste authority partnership had no past financial history.

Documents dealing with the local authority reflect that after the first year of operation, members of the board representing the county and its municipalities had the power to set rates.

Election 2000 results

Here are Lincoln County and statewide unofficial results from Tuesday's general election.

For more election coverage, see page 5A.

Race	Party	Candidate	Statewide	Lincoln County
U.S. President	Green	Nader/LaDuke	19,378 (4%)	108 (2%)
	Dem.	Gore/Lieberman	257,177 (49%)	2,022 (29%)
	Rep.	Bush/Cheney	247,095 (47%)	4,449 (65%)
	Lib.	Brown/Oliver	1,978 (<1%)	82 (<1%)
	Cons.	Phillips/Frazier	304 (<1%)	7 (<1%)
	N/L	Hagelin/Goldhaber	328 (<1%)	8 (<1%)
	Ref.	Buchanan/Foster	1,287 (<1%)	22 (<1%)
U.S. Senator	Dem.	Jeff Bingaman	326,386 (63%)	3,292 (50%)
	Rep.	Bill Redmond	192,440 (37%)	3,329 (50%)
	W/In	Orlin G. Cole	313 (<1%)	5 (<1%)
U.S. Rep.-Dist. 2	Dem.	Michael Montoya	72,622 (42%)	1,790 (27%)
	Rep.	Joe R. Skeen	100,585 (58%)	4,806 (73%)
Court of Appeals 1	Dem.	Manuel Tijerina	237,703 (48%)	1,822 (30%)
	Rep.	Jonathan B. Sutin	252,811 (52%)	4,298 (70%)
Court of Appeals 2	Dem.	Cynthia A. Fry	269,839 (55%)	2,316 (38%)
	Rep.	Roderick Kennedy	223,876 (45%)	3,837 (62%)
Court of Appeals 3	Green	Marvin Gladstone	52,091 (11%)	562 (9%)
	Dem.	Ira Robinson	227,301 (46%)	1,785 (30%)
	Rep.	T. Glenn Ellington	213,383 (43%)	3,888 (61%)
Court of Appeals 4	Dem.	Celia Foy Castillo	262,329 (56%)	1,958 (33%)
	Rep.	R. Nunez Nuemann	203,659 (44%)	4,015 (67%)
State Senator 8th	Dem.	Pete Campos	10,797 (100%)	3,765 (100%)
St. Rep. Dist. 56	Dem.	Flores Alexander	2,709 (29%)	1,629 (25%)
	Rep.	Dub Williams	6,776 (71%)	4,889 (75%)
Judge-District 12	Dem.	Mariano Torrez	7,218 (33%)	1,803 (29%)
	Rep.	James W. Counts	14,471 (67%)	4,412 (71%)
District Att. - Dist. 12	Rep.	Scot D. Key	16,796 (100%)	5,058 (100%)
St. Board Ed. #8	Rep.	John R. Lankford	36,775 (100%)	4,840 (100%)
Co. Commission 1	Rep.	Rex A. Wilson		935 (100%)
Co. Commission 2	Dem.	Romeo F. Klein		579 (33%)
	Rep.	Leo Martinez		1,180 (67%)
Co. Assessor	Dem.	Robert Vallejos		1,555 (24%)
	Rep.	Rick Silva		4,906 (76%)
Co. Sheriff	Rep.	Tom Sullivan		4,095 (65%)
	Lib.	James A. Seno		482 (8%)
	Ind.	Raymond D. Merritt		1,707 (27%)
Co. Probate Judge	Dem.	Cervantes-Rebstock		2,073 (33%)
	Rep.	Stirling Spencer		4,288 (67%)
Supreme Court retention of P. Serna	Yes		287,353 (75%)	3,546 (74%)
	No		93,492 (25%)	1,252 (26%)
Court of Appeals retention of J. Alarid	Yes		283,796 (76%)	3,492 (74%)
	No		89,702 (24%)	1,200 (26%)
Hospital mill levy question	For	4,099 (71%)		Agnst 1,678 (29%)
Constitutional amendment - Bernalillo	For		218,162 (54%)	2,581 (48%)
	Agnst		187,862 (46%)	2,755 (52%)
Const. amend. to end cnty term limits	For		128,484 (29%)	1,731 (31%)
	Agnst		321,931 (71%)	3,861 (69%)
Bonds for senior citizen capital outlay	For		271,283 (60%)	3,234 (58%)
	Agnst		178,124 (40%)	2,513 (42%)
Bonds for education capital outlay	For		271,875 (62%)	2,908 (51%)
	Agnst		167,346 (38%)	2,772 (49%)
Bonds for state facilities capital outlay	For		197,128 (45%)	2,842 (50%)
	Agnst		239,770 (55%)	2,850 (50%)

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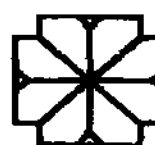
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Agents cite two businesses

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Two Lincoln County businesses licensed to sell alcoholic beverages were cited last weekend for allegedly selling alcohol to a minor.

The Capitan Shell convenience store in Capitan and the Allsup's convenience store in Carrizozo were among six establishments that the Special Investigations Division of the New Mexico Department of Public Safety office in Alamogordo said served a minor in the undercover operation that covered Lincoln and Socorro counties.

Fourteen other liquor selling businesses, all in Socorro County, properly checked the identification of the 18 year old and refused to serve the undercover minor. In addition to the two Lincoln County convenience stores four Socorro County establishments sold alcohol to the teen.

The minor carried a valid identification that displayed his date of birth, January of 1982, said Todd Griffin, an agent with the Special Investigations Division. The teen was instructed to show identification when asked and told to tell the truth if asked questions about his age.

The clerks caught selling to the minor were issued criminal citations, Griffin said. The misdemeanor citations carry a maximum penalty of up to a \$1,000 fine, the possibility of community service, and the potential suspension or revocation of their alcohol server permits.

Administrative citations were also issued to the establishments caught in the sting. Those citations will be forwarded to the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department's Alcohol and Gaming Division. Liquor sales suspensions and fines of up to \$10,000 could occur.

County asks for state help with Gavilan Canyon signs

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A decision to replace 25 mph speed signs on Gavilan Canyon Road with signs allowing 35 mph may have premature, Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart said Thursday.

"When the road department re-signed the road, they removed what were termed 'makeshift 25 mph' signs and replaced them with 35 mph signs," he wrote in a report to county commissioners. "There are 20 speed limit signs on Gavilan Canyon Road ranging from an advisory sign of 15 mph to 35 mph. We have contacted the state Highway Department for assistance."

He plans to update commissioners at their meeting today. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. to certify the results of Tuesday's general election and to cover 27 other items of business. Commissioners meet in the county courthouse in Carrizozo.

"I've talked to the state and

they will send men to survey the road early next week and if conditions warrant the speed limit being lowered, I will go to the commissioners," Stewart said Thursday. "I think we need to capture the speeds we have around the county. Our ordinance is old. We need more definition about where we should put speed signs and where we shouldn't."

"For instance, on gravel roads, 30 mph may be the right speed when posted, but when it gets like a washboard, 5 mph may be better. Our insurer advises us not to put signs on gravel roads."

In Stewart's opinion, 35 mph may be appropriate on Gavilan except for the section near the school complex and ball parks, he said.

In another issue, Stewart said in response to his request the state Fire Marshal sent a representative to review the current situation with the Glencoe-Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Department after its recent reorganization.

The department previously

was criticized for lack of response to emergency calls. Members countered that they had jobs and weren't always available, but had mutual aid agreements with other volunteer and paid departments.

"We went through all the fire trucks, we looked at hoses and breathing apparatuses and bunker gear, went over required reports and inspection forms," Stewart said. "We're proceeding to make sure this department meets all the criteria. We talked a lot about ISO (property insurance) ratings. Lowering the cost of insurance depends on having available water service."

The general feedback from the state official was that the department has the equipment necessary and now it's up to the volunteers and county.

"We've had a couple of calls in the last few weeks and there has been good response on all of them," Stewart said. "I'm most encouraged about these volunteers and the cooperation they showed to work as a team."

Hospital audit finds no more property tax fund duplication

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

An internal audit was conducted last month of financial records, inventory lists and purchase invoices by Presbyterian Healthcare Services and the county covering expenditures from a special property tax fund.

County Treasurer Joan Park said she performed the audit at the request of James Gibson, administrator of the county-owned Lincoln County Medical Center, managed by Presbyterian Healthcare Services.

The tax levy is used to pay for equipment and building maintenance at the hospital and for the operation of three health clinics in Carrizozo, Corona and Hondo.

Gibson asked for the audit after discovering that the hospital billed the county for the same equipment twice, once in 1993 and again in 1998. Presbyterian is repaying the money to the special tax levy fund, plus interest that would have been earned.

Although she found no other duplications, Park wrote in a memorandum to commissioners that the audit was for fact-finding, not fault finding. Park also pointed out she is not a certified public accountant.

"Certain situations existing in this fund, which appear to have prohibited the double payment from being caught, will be remedied by the county actually doing the purchasing of capital outlay items in the future," Park wrote.

In checking the records, Park said she found background on the special tax levy that might interest commissioners.

It was first enacted for four years in November 1980, then again for eight years in 1984 and 1992.

Although originally intended to cover capital outlay and work on the buildings, from 1992 through 1999, \$390,000 was distributed yearly

from the fund for operation of the hospital. This year, Gibson said that no longer will occur.

"The interest LCMC receives on this fund has been a topic of considerable discussion over the years," Park wrote, noting that:

- On March 5, 1985, the commission directed LCMC tax levy funds to be split out and invested separately.

- On Sept. 11, 1989, by commission action, interest generated by LCMC tax levy money was placed in the general fund.

- On Sept. 11, 1992, LCMC's administrator asked that the hospital receive the interest in the tax levy fund, but the treasurer was directed to continue sending the interest to the general fund.

- Auditors in a 1991-92 criticized the county for failing to credit interest to specific funds, such as the hospital/clinic special tax levy fund.

They wrote, "Under generally accepted accounting principles, interest earned by the investment of funds should be posted to the same fund. In addition, certain special revenue funds, such as the hospital fund, were created to account for revenues for specific purposes."

In response, interest generated by money in the special fund is now credited to that fund, Park said.

Park calculated that the interest earned over a 33-month period from the time the illegal double payment was made until it was discovered and refunded by the hospital is \$23,049. The total amount due to the county from Presbyterian is \$354,283, she wrote.

"When we determined they were overpaid for that period, we averaged the certificate of deposit rate we would have gotten every month and how much money that would have brought in," Park explained. "Then we went back to the original chart, added that in and recalculated the interest."

Ruidoso school board meets Tuesday

Meeting Watch: Ruidoso Municipal Schools Nob Hill Early Childhood Center will host an open house for the public to showcase the building addition funded by the last bond issue, from 4-6 p.m., before the Ruidoso Board of Education meeting at 7 p.m. on Nov. 14. in the Administration Office

Discussion:

- Fine Arts Facility, with Scott Stafford, architect

- Eastern New Mexico University update, with Jim Miller, Ph.D. and K. Paul Jones, Ph.D.

- Enrollment update

- New Mexico State Board Association Conference, Dec. 8 and 9

- Board visitation, 10 a.m., Nov. 16

- Report on Parent-Teacher Conferences

Actions:

- Joint Powers Agreement with village of Ruidoso for a playground at White Mountain Recreational Complex

- Election proclamation for school board positions of James Paxton and Jackie Brannum

- Budget adjustments

- Cash transfers

- Personnel

- Resignations, classified: Melanie Bogle, Ruidoso High School GRADS instructional assistant

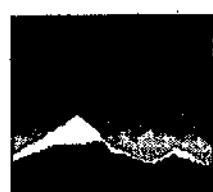
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OUR OPINION

Self-congratulations definitely in order

So only 54 percent of Lincoln County's registered voters expressed their preferences in the cliff-hanging general election of 2000. So it didn't quite match the 60 percent predicted by our county clerk.

So what? That 54 percent came in the teeth of a blizzard that blocked the county seat in every direction and knocked out phone lines connecting the courthouse for two hours. The total no doubt would have been much lower had a good third of the votes cast not been done early or by mail from absentees.

If anything proved the value of early voting in our mountains, it was the Great Election Day Storm of 2000.

We expressed our wishes, the clerks and officials signed and delivered the results. And, blizzard or not, around 9 p.m. on Tuesday, the results were in.

Would that the same could have happened in Albuquerque, where two days later they were machine counting more than 60,000 votes, or in Florida, where two days later they were recounting everything to determine whether George W. Bush or Al Gore will be sworn in as president of this nation on Jan. 20, 2001.

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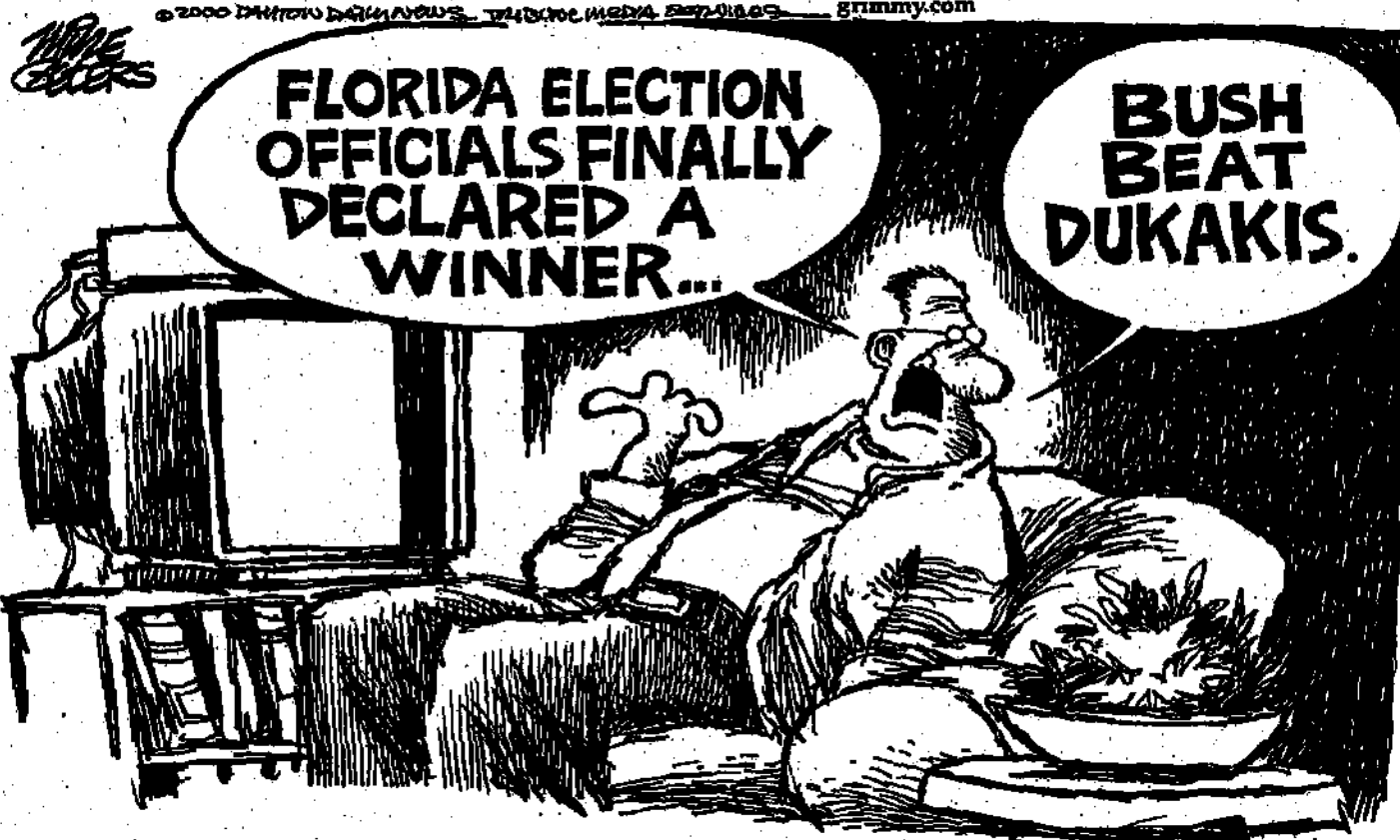
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YOUR OPINION

Our complainers serve a good purpose

To the editor:

I appreciate the efforts of those few frequent contributors to the letter section of this newspaper.

Every community has its problems and needs a few "watchdogs" to keep us informed.

A recent letter stated that these concerned citizens were nothing but complainers and suggested that they, "Ask not what Ruidoso can do for them, but what can they do for Ruidoso."

Rather than engage in high-blown paraphrases, I'll wager that these people have something in common so few of us have—they will vote!

Gideon Asch
Ruidoso

No sportsmen, these

To the editor:

This is to the hunters (not sportsmen) that saw fit to trespass on our property and shoot a buck 40 feet from our home and 25 feet from a swing that was directly in the line of fire, where we sit daily, sometimes with our 9-year-old granddaughter to watch the birds and wildlife. But this time we did not.

You have thousands of acres of forest lands to hunt. Yet you crossed a fence with a locked gate and several posted "No Trespassing" signs into private land and crossed another fence (wolf fencing with three barb-

wires on top) onward to our home (just a few acres).

With the sounds of wind chimes, our ducks and fowl, flood lights in a pine tree on our vehicle and house in plain sight, and we in our home.

You continued on your great vision of killing a deer or two. And with your gun barrel vision you shot and shot. You were coming armed with your rifle toward us to get your kill.

Is the killing of a deer worth a human life?

A retired sportswoman,
Dorothy M. Foyt
White Oaks

Keep it Tobias Drive

To the editor:

This is in response to the recent article "Cedar Creek residents still want to keep their street name," on Oct. 27, 2000 paper. I was disturbed to find that people would be so callous as to demand that a memorial tribute be recanted. I am a senior at Ruidoso High School and a former student of Mrs. Jackie Tobias. I am outraged at what she and her family must feel at this selfish act.

I may not live on Cedar Creek Drive, but I would be

honored to have my street name memorialize someone like Mr. Tobias. Sam Tobias gave his life during the recent forest fires, protecting people and property.

I urge the County Commissioners to stand by their decision to rename Cedar Creek Drive in Mr. Tobias' memory, and for his family. It's the least we can do.

Adam Deland
Ruidoso Downs

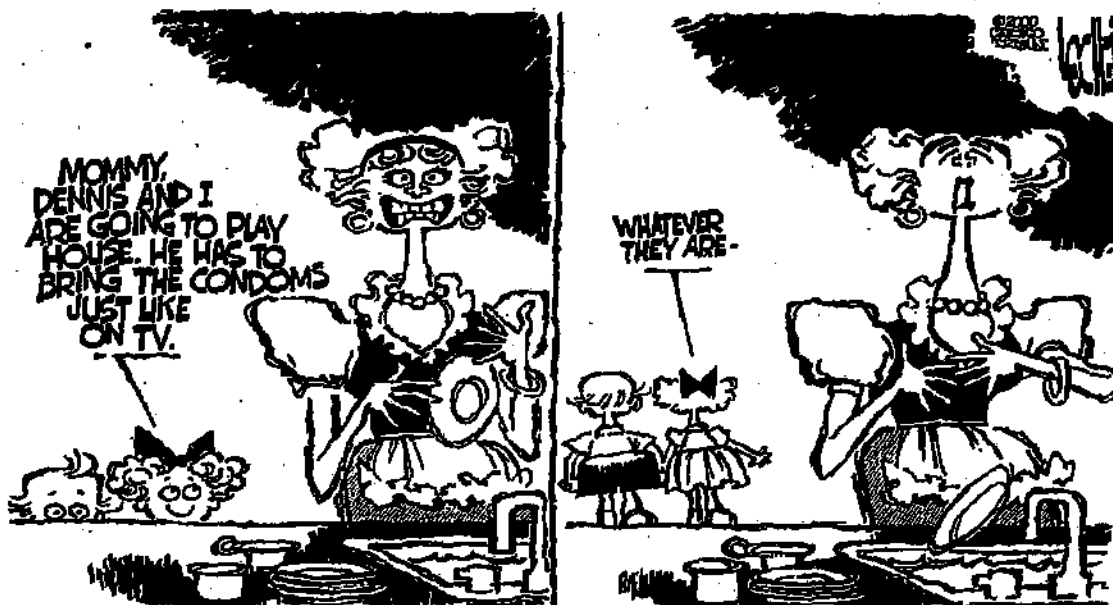
Delightful Halloween

To the editor:

Ruidoso's annual Halloween street party is one of my favorite local events. This year's perfect weather and the performance by the Ruidoso High School band made this year's particularly enjoyable.

I'd like to make a suggestion. Reroute traffic on Suderth to Rio Street for the two hours of the party. This would make the event safer and would open up some space, perhaps for other performing groups, perhaps for activities that someone with more imagination that I have can devise.

Lyn Kidder
Ruidoso



GUEST COMMENTARY

Happy birthday, U. S. Marine Corps

BY EUGENE CLAY
RETIRED EL PASO TEACHER

The Naval Committee of the Second Continental Congress submitted a resolution to the Congress calling for the formation of two battalions of assault, landing-force marines. The resolution was accepted on Nov. 10, 1775, thus creating the Continental Marines. This date today is celebrated annually as the Marine Corps' birthday.

A few days later, on Nov. 18, Samuel Nicholas was commissioned a captain by the Congress, thereby becoming the first Continental Marine. Immediately, captain Nicholas established his head-

quarters at Tun Tavern near Independence Hall in Philadelphia and began his recruiting activities.

Soon units of marines were seen marching along the streets of Philadelphia to the sound of drum and fife. And on one occasion, Benjamin Franklin noted in his journal that on the drum of one of the units, a rattlesnake was painted with the motto, "Don't Tread on Me!" — foretelling the stance of marines over the years to come.

The first attack of the Revolutionary War by Continental Marines was an amphibious landing on March 3, 1776, on New Providence in the Bahama Islands, to cap-

ture much needed cannon and gunpowder. The raid was one of the more successful naval actions of the Revolutionary War. Thus, the Marine Corps' mission was firmly established.

Americans are proud of their marines, the Marine Corps, and we sleep better knowing that they are always out there, 'round the clock, ready to give their lives, if necessary, in the defense of their country.

Happy 225th birthday, Marine Corps!

The writer owns property in the Ruidoso area and with his wife plans to retire here next year.

Give us our just desserts

It's safe to say that nobody alive has ever experienced the state of arrested political development we face this week as we wait to find out who will be president of this nation:

Not the 1960 election when John F. Kennedy and Nixon fought to a near deadlock and Nixon stepped aside without a challenge. (He came back and won in 1968 with fewer electoral votes than Kennedy had won.)

We have to go back more than a century to find a time when the electoral vote alone determined a president. Grover Cleveland won the popular vote but Benjamin Harrison was sworn in because he had the most electoral votes. Two centuries ago, in 1800, the House of Representatives picked Thomas Jefferson because there was a tied electoral vote. The same thing happened in 1824; John Quincy Adams got the job by House vote because no candidate had a majority.

Maybe the closest similarity to what's happening in the nation this year came in 1876. That year, election returns were disputed in (believe it or not) Florida, Louisiana, Oregon and South Carolina, so the Congress in joint session on March 2, 1877, declared Rutherford B. Hayes president.

So, as the nation's attention focuses on Florida, and the left-leaning, liberal Eastern media establishment (as some have called the talking heads of television) endlessly screech and cry over such a horrible possibility as a president actually taking office who doesn't have a majority of the popular vote, remember what our nation has gone through in its past.

(We can pontificate on this at this time, of course, because it's doubtful that the outcome of the presidential crap-shoot in Florida will be determined until late next week, after those overseas votes come trickling in and are added to the total.)

No predictions on who'll win out in the land of oranges and alligators, but we would be willing to bet on one thing — that neither political camp will allow the result of this presidential election to be determined by the Congress.

Nor will they pursue their political ends in court.

Even the messiest election outcome is better than letting a single judge pick the next president of this nation.

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NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1

Democrats continue to face a problem in Lincoln County, says party chairman

45% of county votes were early or by mail

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
AND JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITERS

More than 45 percent of Lincoln County voters who cast ballots in the general election Tuesday either sent in absentee ballots or turned up at one of two sites for early voting.

Their advance voting paid off since a massive snow storm dumped 24 inches on Ruidoso and nearly as much in several other areas of the county, blocking roads. County Clerk Martha Proctor said the 2,202 early voters alone contributed 31 percent of the overall 54 percent turnout of 7,045 voters who participated. The county has 13,029 registered voters.

Winners in county races swept their precincts, as did the tax levy renewal vote for the county hospital and rural health clinics.

Proctor said the totals may change slightly again Friday as county commissioners review figures for final certification.

"We have 16 ballots that probably

will be added," she said. "Fourteen fall under the federal fail-safe law, which covers people who recently moved to a new precinct and haven't updated their registration."

The law allows them to sign an affidavit stating they have not voted elsewhere and giving their new address. After Proctor verifies that information, the votes can be added to the totals.

Two other people signed affidavits stating they requested but did not receive absentee ballots and that they didn't vote elsewhere.

Candidates have 30 days to challenge the results of the election, but because most of the winning margins are significant, Proctor said she isn't expecting any challenges.

Voting machines performed well with only minor problems, such as jammed paper, which were handled over the telephone, although one technician was stationed in Ruidoso. Machines in precincts without power operated on batteries.

"I can't believe the cooperation we

► THE TALLY, PAGE 2A

ing to help. It was a very rewarding experience and just a good election."

Doris Nelms, Republican chairwoman of Lincoln County, said her party's candidates fared well.

"I think we looked good from a Republican viewpoint," Nelms said. "I am happy our candidates were elected. I thought the sheriff's race would have been closer, and we're happy Tom (Sullivan) was reelected."

Sullivan amassed 65 percent of the vote in a three-way contest.

Nelms noted Lincoln County has 3,000 more registered Republicans than Democrats.

Despite the Republican tilt, the U.S. Senate race between incumbent Democrat Jeff Bingaman and Republican challenger Bill Redmond, was a dead heat with Lincoln County voters.

"I think Bingaman has been in Washington for about 12 years," Nelms said. "Because of his longevity people know him. Redmond is a smart man

but he didn't campaign down here. Redmond wasn't as well known in the southern part of New Mexico." Redmond is a former District 3 congressman.

Despite Redmond's narrow victory in Lincoln County, Bingaman easily was reconfirmed as New Mexico's junior senator in Washington.

"I was really pleased about the turnout with the bad weather," Nelms said. "I think it was a great turnout."

Charles Rennie, chairman of the county Democratic Party, said Redmond beating Bingaman reflects the overall problem facing Democrats in Lincoln County.

"For a long time there has been widespread criticism of local government, but as long as Republicans in the county put a party label in front of substance, we're going to have government we don't like," Rennie said. "Bingaman, who obviously is very respected statewide, has the same problem here local Democrats face."

He thanks local Democratic candidates for stepping forward and vying for

office against the Republican majority. "On a national level, I'm very please (Vice President Al) Gore won the popular vote," Rennie said. "We'll simply have to wait and see what develops in the national election."

Tony Seno, a Libertarian policy analyst and candidate for sheriff, who came in third out of three behind Sullivan and Independent Ray Merritt, said he's encouraged.

"I'm very excited in that I took nearly 10 percent of the vote. That translates into the fact that for each registered Libertarian, five are in the closet who will vote Libertarian," he said.

"With a force of 600 people, politics in this county will change."

By the time figures were reviewed by Proctor two days after the election, Seno's percentage decreased, dropping to 7.87 percent, a reduction of 100 votes to 482.

"Even though I wasn't elected, the Libertarian Party won by getting its message to the voters," Seno said. "The agenda of the Libertarians is party-building."

Lincoln County maintains its tradition of conservative voting, while accepting state bond issues

Notes and comments from multi-county races state questions:

N. M. House District 56 - State representative W. C. "Dub" Williams will return to Santa Fe. The Ruidoso Downs Republican shrugged off contender Jeni Flores. Alexander of Tularosa for the second time in four years in Tuesday's balloting.

"I think it's great," Williams said. "As long as I've represented the 56th District I've done what the people want me to do. I think the people know who I am and what I stand for."

Districtwide Williams captured 71 percent of the vote. In Lincoln County, he received 76 percent of the unofficial tally.

He listed three issues he'll press in the next legislative session: Water and the need to conserve water, discussions with forest managers in the Sacramento Mountains, and teacher pay.

"One of the things I'll look for is to find the funding to pay our teachers better," the former teacher said. "Coming out of college and starting for \$22,000 a year - I think that qualifies you for food stamps."

Williams, who has lived in Lincoln County for 50 years, was first elected to the Legislature in 1994. Alexander was an unsuccessful candidate for state representative from the area in 1996.

District 56 is made up of all of Lincoln County, a small piece of Chaves County, and the Mesquero, Tularosa, and La Luz areas of Otero County.

12th District Judge - Division Two - District Judge James Waylon Counts retained his seat, fending off a challenge from Mariano A. Torrez for the Otero and Lincoln judicial position.

"We just appreciate that voters appreciate the job I am doing," Counts said. "We'll keep at it."

Counts will be up for a retention election in two years, then every six years on the ballot with a possible challenger.

"I think the people know who I am and what I stand for"

W. C. "Dub" Williams,
State Representative, Dist. 56

Counts captured two-thirds of the ballots in the two counties. In Lincoln County Counts defeated Torrez 71 percent to 29 percent in Tuesday's election.

U.S. House District 2 - U.S. Rep. Joe Skeen of Picacho will be seated for his 10th consecutive term. Republican challenger Michael Montoya in the district and Lincoln County. District 2 vote totals showed Skeen with 58 percent.

Montoya is New Mexico's state

treasurer.

In Lincoln County Skeen received 73 percent of the unofficial results.

U.S. Senator - Lincoln County voters were out of step with the rest of the state in the U.S. senate contest.

Incumbent Democrat Jeff Bingaman and Republican hopeful Bill Redmond ran neck-and-neck in Lincoln County, with Redmond coming out on top by just 37 votes. But across the state Bingaman captured 63 percent of the vote.

Bond questions - Lincoln County voters somewhat mimicked state voters on three separate questions seeking authority to issue bonds for capital projects.

Approved were improvements for senior citizen programs and education. Lincoln County voters also concurred, but by a smaller margin. The questions sought authorization to issue \$5.8 million in bonds for senior citizen facility improvements, \$58.2 million for public educational capital improvements, and \$26.2 million for state facilities and equipment.

The state facilities and equipment question failed statewide, as well as narrowly in Lincoln County.

Each of the bond issues would be repaid through property taxes. While Lincoln County voters were almost evenly split on the schools and

state facilities issues, 56 percent backed the senior citizen facilities improvements.

Constitutional amendments - Voters in Lincoln County like the idea of retaining term limits on elected county officials. So did the rest of New Mexico.

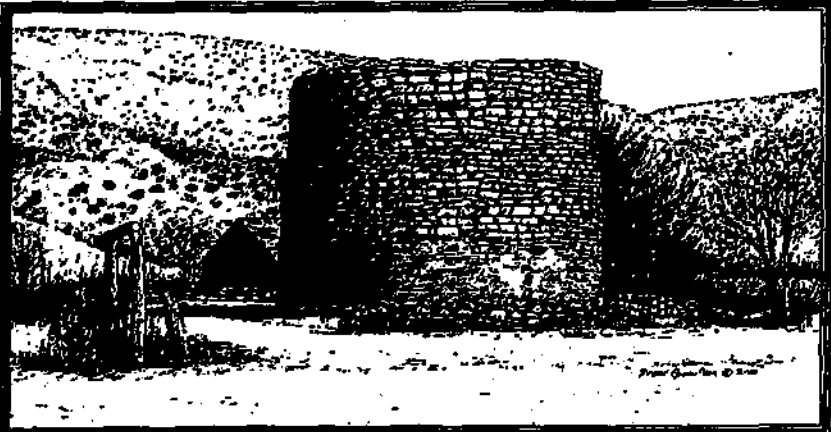
Better than two out of three county voters said no to a constitutional amendment that proposed an elimination of term limits for elected county officials. Statewide the term limits repeal question was shot down by 71 percent of voters.

A second amendment, that would allow Bernalillo County and Albuquerque to form a single urban government, was endorsed by 54 percent of New Mexico voters. Lincoln County narrowly said no.

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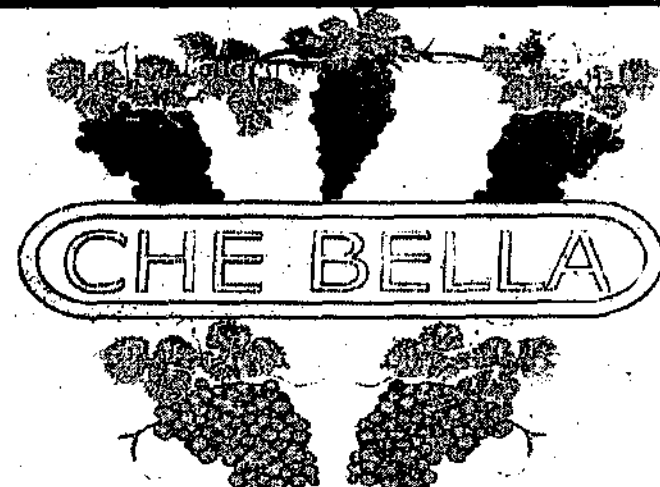
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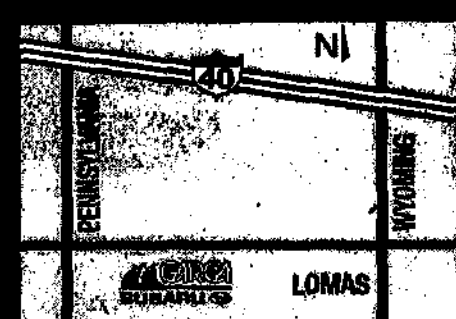
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P&Z approves zoning change to facilitate 'cottage community' plan on Reese Drive

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Plans for a cottage community in Ruidoso received their first legal cornerstone from the village's Planning and Zoning Commission.

The panel Tuesday endorsed a zoning change for property at 103 - 105 Reese Drive, moving the zoning from single-family residential to two-family residential. The rezoning requires concurrence from the village council.

At an Oct. 3 meeting the commission tabled a review of the plans for the cottage community on a legal opinion that the development, proposed for five units, would need a zoning change.

At the initial commission meeting,

Reese Drive neighbors again balked at the development.

"I think it's more commercial than R-2 (two-family residential)," Dale Naron said. "It will devalue our property."

Naron said he and his wife are still opposed to the cottage development, as was Weaver Ballard, who lives on the other side of the property.

"If they put that back there it will ruin the natural beauty of the river," Ballard said.

Deborah Byars, who with her husband, Bart, has an option to purchase the property, said the cottage community would be less intrusive than other development that could occur on the lots.

"This would have less density, less

impact on the environment," Byars said. "This would not be rental property. The people would be homeowners."

The owners of the property, Richard and Gayla Pearson, are seeking the zoning change.

Representing the owners, Van Patton noted a part of the neighborhood is zoned commercial, which if sanctioned for the 103 - 105 Reese Drive lots could mean development of things like a restaurant or tavern. He said that the cottage community would be a nice transition between the single family residential properties in Reese Drive and the commercially zoned part of the street.

The Byars' development would establish five housing units.

PLANNING ZONING

Setbacks turned down

Ruidoso's Planning and Zoning Commission denied a variance that would have allowed James D. Roof Jr., to locate a garage addition to conform with the existing home at 110 West Riverside Drive. He said the garage would be used to store a motor home, and the proposed garage location would assure a driveway curve would not interfere with placing the motor home in the garage.

Commissioner Phillis Barnett said she had a problem with allowing the variance when a large home is on a smaller lot. The commission unanimously rejected the request. Roof can appeal the decision to the village council.

The commission also turned down a variance for the construction of a home partially in a rear lot line setback. Don Hawley, owner of a lot at 221 Timberline Drive, said his land is an odd triangular piece that limits the placement of a home. Commissioners recommended that Hawley reposition the proposed dwelling or amend his plans, but Hawley

said he would still need a variance because of the lot's shape. Adjacent property owner D.T. Collins said he did not want a home near his property line and worried about additional drainage on his downhill land. Hawley said drainage was already an issue because of village routing of bar ditches that deposited runoff onto his land.

Banner sizes reduced

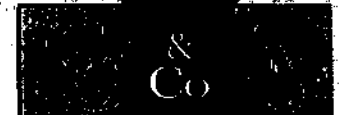
Banners proclaiming community or civic events would be limited to 32 square feet, according to language in a proposed ordinance amendment.

Banners promoting non-profit group events would mimic the size of banners for other organizations. Nonprofits now are exempt from the sign permit process required of others.

The banners would be limited to three locations in the village — the tennis court area of Schoolhouse Park, the chamber of commerce office, and the free parking lot in the Midtown area.

The changes were discussed Tuesday during a public hearing.

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TAX TIP OF THE MONTH

"New Capital Gain Tax Rates, Effective 2001"

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I really do not know how to begin this letter for I am certainly not a writer, by any sense of the imagination. But, I want to convey to you that when my son, Arthur, became very ill of deterioration of the bones, along with a rare blood disease that he was born with, and finally a stroke, the doctor were hard pressed to even name the disease, but did feel it was a form of Lupus. His discomfort and pain were virtually unimaginable.

Thanks to "Home Health Care" we had home nursing for a good long while. The nurses were so very good and compassionate to us. They would come once and occasionally twice a day, as Arthur had needed. They would administer medication and draw blood samples as required, until his veins collapsed.

Finally, Hospice of Lincoln Co., contacted us six months before Arthur's death, and asked if we were ready to accept their services. Believe me, we were! As my son's health deteriorated steadily and things became harder for us. Hospice moved in and provided nurses every day & night as needed. Whenever I needed them, they responded quickly, day and night, there were always here, ready to help. They also provided support for me as I was a nervous wreck. I thank God for Hospice.

The one thing I know is that my son, Arthur, and I could never have done it on our own.

Thank you and Love,

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Preps on tap

Friday, Nov. 3
Football
Ruidoso at New Mexico Military Institute, 7 p.m.

Volleyball
State tournament: Capitán/Navajo Prep winner vs. Tesco/Sandia Prep winner, 1 p.m., West Mesa High School, main gym

Saturday, Nov. 4
Football
State semifinals: Capitán at home vs. Fort Sumner, 2 p.m.

Volleyball
State tournament: Class AA championship, 1 p.m., West Mesa High School, main gym; Class AA consolation, 1 p.m., West Mesa High School, auxiliary gym

Tuesday, Nov. 14
Girls basketball
Ruidoso scrimmage at home vs. Alamosa, 3:30 p.m.

Pecking order

Ruidoso Parks & Rec Men's Basketball League				
Team	W	L	Pct.	
All Around	3	0	1.000	
Eckos	3	1	.750	
Tequila Slammers	2	1	.666	
Aramark	2	1	.666	
P-Funk All Stars	2	2	.500	
It's All Good	2	2	.500	
County Cons	2	2	.500	
Alamo Pipe	1	3	.250	
Big O Tires	0	3	.000	
Mescalero Express	0	3	.000	

Results for Nov. 9
Not available

Games for Nov. 14
6:30 p.m. — County Cons vs. Eckos
7:30 p.m. — Tequila Slammers vs. Mescalero Express
8:30 p.m. — Aramark vs. Big O Tires

On Deck

Little League baseball
Ruidoso Little League baseball will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Smokey Bear Ranger Station, 901 Mechem Drive. Anyone interested in helping as a board member for the 2000-2001 season is urged to attend. For more information, call Matt Reidy at 258-2109.

Fishing report

For fly fishing —

RIO RUIDOSO: The rain this past week is very welcome. The fish love it, as do the sliders. The mountain has a good base started along with nightly snowmaking. Keep praying for the moisture. As stated last week, the browns are beginning their annual spawning. The spawn should last well into December. The New Mexico Game and Fish Department has recently stocked the river so you should find a good number of rainbows about. The best subsurface fly selections remain the bead head pheasant tail nymphs or bead head prince nymphs. If you find surface feeding fish, we would suggest Parachute Adams, Hendrickson's, BVCO's or a small light Cahill.

SOUTHFORK: No change here. Very little water flowing. You will need to hike a mile or so up stream before you will find fish. This is mostly pocket water fishing, so place your efforts on pools and cuts. Bead head nymphs, stimulators and small hoppers are always effective on these small feisty fish. These fish are hungry and not fussy.

BONITO LAKE: These evening fishing is still best here. Fish the upper end of the lake near where the Rio Bonito stream enters the lake. Look for rising fish. Small light colored dry fly patterns such as Light Cahills or blonde Wulfs or yellow Humpies are working well. If you do fish this area and catch a brook, please return it to the water. The number of brooks in the Bonito watershed is very low; we need to keep them there. Spin casters will do well with propeller flies behind a bubble rig. Black, peacock, olive or rane-gade prop flies are still productive. Remember Bonito will close Dec. 1.

GRINDSTONE LAKE: Late afternoon and early evening fishing will still produce the best fishing here. Bead head flash-a-buggers and assorted streamers can continue to be effective near dark. Most subsurface flies should be fished quite deep. Bubble rigs and propeller flies will do well for the spin caster fisherman. Renegade, black and olive propeller flies have been working well. Remember to squeeze the hook barbs down if you are planning to catch and release.

LAKE MESCALERO: The fishing late afternoon and evening remains good. Dry flies continue to be working toward evening. Patterns that have been producing are Hendrickson's, Wulf patterns, Humpy's and Parachute Adams. Bead head brown and black woolly flash-a-buggers have been productive. Place a dropper fly behind your dry and see what happens. Black, brown and olive propeller flies with a bubble rig have been doing well for the spin casters. Remember to purchase your day pass at the reception desk at the Inn. Practice catch and release wherever and whenever you can.

We have just moved our local shop. The new address is 2501 Suddarth Dr. Come see us for daily fishing information. Check out our improved and expanded website for community information. Jim Shoop, Fly's Etc.

Bait Fishing

BONITO LAKE: Fishing is fair to good on powerbait and Panther Martin lures and Kastmasters. Remember Bonito will close December 1.

GRINDSTONE LAKE: Fishing is fair to good on powerbait and Panther Martin lures and Kastmasters.

Tiger football gets rematch vs. Fort Sumner

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Capitan's Tigers (5-6, 1-1) are one of the four best Class A football teams in the state.

Saturday, they're hoping to be one of the top two, but it will take a win over No. 2 ranked Fort Sumner to get there.

Capitan has already seen the Foxes once, falling 37-0 in the second game of the year.

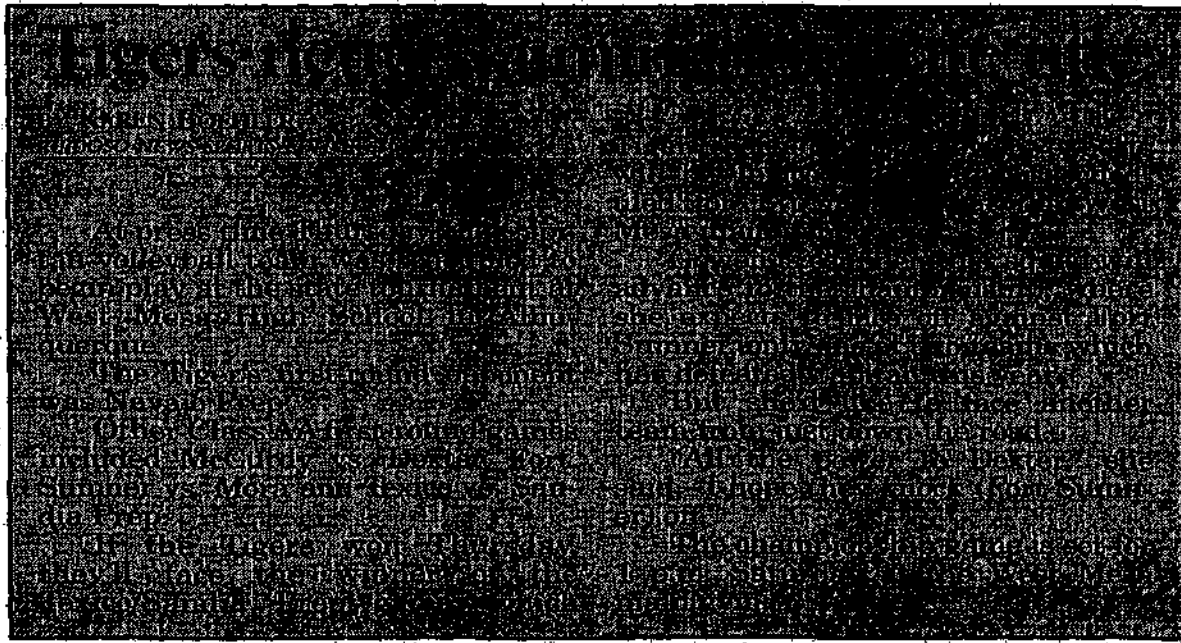
But that game was in Fort Sumner, and the semifinal game of the Class A tournament will be at Tiger Field.

Fort Sumner coach Mario Martinez said that earlier win means little.

"This is a full two months later, and in the game of football lots of different things can happen within a two month period of time," he said. "Capitan is obviously greatly improved and the last game was here and we have to go up there. It's a whole different environment."

Capitan coach Ed Davis agrees, in a way.

He wants his team to remember what it did well against the Foxes, and play that way Saturday.



"That's what we're stressing this week. What we did for two quarters we need to do for four quarters. Because coach Martinez will never pull off."

The last game, Davis said the Tigers weren't mentally ready, and the Foxes jumped out to a 21-0 lead and never looked back.

But Capitan held Fort Sumner

scoreless in the second half, and doing that again could guarantee a Tiger win.

"We have to contain their run and the long pass," Davis said. "Fort Sumner does not throw short passes. If it's anything under 30 yards, it'll surprise me. That's just coach Martinez. In all the years I've known him, it's

just rear back and heave that mother."

Not that passing is all the Foxes do.

Martinez said his squad mixes it up on the ground and in the air, led by tailback Brent Wilcox, who's amassed almost 1,200 yards rushing this season. Sophomore running back Lance Fikany is also a threat, with 850 yards to his credit.

Davis knows the ball is in Fort Sumner's court.

"They've got an excellent ball club," Davis said. "They've been clicking on all cylinders all year long. We've been kind of up and down this year."

Fort Sumner has had the ball in its court for quite a while, playing in the semifinals for eight years in a row, and earning state championships in 1995, 1997 and 1998.

"But when you get to this stage, that's what you expect," Davis said. "You expect to be playing the best. You don't play any mediocre teams. You're playing the best of the best."

To win, the Tigers have to come on the field ready to play.

"I think the first thing is these young men have to get mentally ready

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Ruidoso cyclist Galen Farrington (middle rider) takes a turn during the criterium at the Huntsman World Senior Games in St. George, Utah, in October. Farrington earned three golds and a silver, taking the overall points title in his age group.

Ruidoso cyclist earns senior golds

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Galen Farrington sounds like he surprised even himself when he won the overall bicycling points championship in his age group at the Huntsman World Senior Games in St. George, Utah, in mid October.

Farrington, a Ruidoso High School teacher and avid bicyclist, won gold in the 3-mile hill climb, 20-mile criterium and 40-mile road race.

He earned silver in the 25-mile time trial. And while he admits the competition in the 50-54-year-old age class was tough, he said everything just fell in place.

"It was one of those situations where, for the entire week, everything — strategically, physically — was perfect," Farrington said. "I never felt tired. I never got sick. Even my number was correct, because in the two time trials I got to start last. I could see where my competition was. So the seeding for me was perfect."

The senior athlete said even the cold and wet weather conditions during the competition "were ideal for me. They were just like Ruidoso."

The Huntsman Games are considered the premier senior games in the world, with 6,000 athletes from all 50 states and 42 countries competing. Farrington said the cycling competition is the toughest in the world for seniors, making his accomplishment that much more spectacular.

Another thing that makes Farrington's win sweeter is that he rides the same bicycle in every event, something that's quite unusual.

"Most riders have at least two, if not three different bikes," he said.

The only race in which the equipment might have made a difference was in the time trial.

The race began in Enterprise, Utah, and ran along a flat course 12.5 miles out and the same distance back. Farrington said the temperature that day was about 30 degrees with a 35 mph wind.

"A freak front had come in," Farrington said of the unusual October weather. "Those of us who did not use, by choice, high-tech gear did not fare well."

He said the riders had a tail wind during the first half of the race, which pushed average speeds up to 40 miles an hour. But it was different coming back, especially for those riders without the aerodynamic bikes normally used in time trials.

"On the road in the first half of the event, I had worked my way into first," Farrington said.

"Then coming back, I watched first-place disappear."

The riders also had rough weather during the opening event, a hill climb in Snow Canyon. But Farrington said his luck held, in that the earliest riders faced torrential rains.

By the time his number was called, the course was merely wet.

"I didn't have any rain. I just had wet roads," he said. "But it was cold enough that when we stood up to pedal, our rear wheels were sliding."

Farrington said the Huntsman games will probably be his ultimate goal every year.

"I can't see doing any better at the games. The only way I could do better is to have four golds, and I don't see that happening again," he laughed.

This was Farrington's third year competing in the Huntsman, and his best finish.

His victories in October earned him a place at the Masters Games in Melbourne, Australia, in 2002, but Farrington doesn't expect to attend.

Nor does he expect to attend the Senior Olympics national competition next summer in Baton Rouge, Australia.

The races, he said, are simply not competitive enough.

"I'm not concerned so much about winning or not winning an event, as much as the challenge," he said. "Part of the reason I do this is because I enjoy traveling to different areas and the challenge of the terrain."

Next up for the English/psychology teacher are the Arizona Open Senior Olympics in February, at a training camp for what sounds like the ultimate challenge.

"My next major goal is to do a 200-mile event," Farrington said.

He hasn't picked where he'll ride the double century, but the training camp will see him putting in 600 miles over six days at the camp in Tucson.

And if he continues competing at the Huntsman, he said the competition will only get tougher.

He said the most competitive age groups are from 55-64, because many of those riders are retired, and spend most of their free time training.

"The fastest riders ride about 10,000 to 15,000 miles a year, in the upper age groups. That's a lot of time on a bike," he said.

Still, while Farrington might not log that many miles, he said he puts in about 5,000 miles a year and doesn't plan on stopping any time soon.

"Cycling is like life," he said. "There is no season. It's a lifetime commitment."

Warriors hope to have fun vs. NMMI

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The last time the Warriors didn't make it to the football playoffs was in 1995.

So last Friday's loss to Portales in the district closer was a big letdown for both players and fans.

Combine that disappointment with the fact tonight's season ender vs. New Mexico Military Institute isn't even a district game, and you could have a game no one really cares about.

But Ruidoso coach Rodney Webb wants it to count for something, and he wants his team to have fun.

"We're going to try to win just for the sake of winning," he said. "It would be a good way to send our seniors out."

Colt head coach Dwight Burns said both teams are facing the same situation.

"We're not in a district, so we face that dilemma every week," he said. "The situation for them is the same for us. It's their seniors and our seniors last ball game. For most of those people, it'll be the last game they play in their lives, so I think that's a great motivational factor in being ready to play, at least emotionally."

And he thinks it's going to be a great game.

"It's a kind of a new situation, and hopefully we're going to get in that district," he said. "Ruidoso is obviously going to be staying in there, so we want to prove to everybody we belong. I'm sure coach Webb and his troops want to prove that we don't. I think it'll be a very competitive game."

Competitive, maybe, but it still doesn't count.

NMMI was scheduled to be in District 4AAA this season, but because so many of the school's cadets don't meet the residency rule their first year at the school,

NMMI applied for a recision of the rule and was turned down. By that time, it was too late to reschedule the game.

Burns said the school will try one more time to get the rule waived, then take the 4AAA teams off the schedule if they're turned down.

Webb sounded a bit annoyed about the game, saying the scheduling was "not a real good deal."

Burns agreed, but said it could have been worse for Ruidoso had the Warriors made it

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Ski Apache set for early opening

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The recent heavy snowfall has skiers champing at the bit, and Ski Apache will accommodate their wishes.

The resort announced Wednesday it will open Nov. 18, five days ahead of the originally-scheduled Thanksgiving Day opening.

The news is good on the mountain.

After several years of below-average snowfall, the white stuff is piling up.

Three seasons ago, during El Niño, "we had a lot of snowfall. There's no doubt about it, we had a fabulous season," said spokesman Riker Davis. "But this is the earliest high-volume snow that anybody remembers for some time."

Two 6-inch snowfalls and a 32-inch storm have put 44 inches on the mountain. On top of Mother Nature's bounty, the

resort is continuing to make snow.

"We're having to dig out the guns where we had them on Capitan, the lower area, and move them to areas where we feel like we can improve on Mother Nature," Davis said.

The latest storm, which added 32 inches to the snow base, was fairly dry due to the cold temperatures. Davis said the snowmaking allows them to add moisture.

"That allows us to pack it into an idea base," he said.

Davis said it's still too early to say which runs and lifts will be open on opening day, but guarantees some wonderful skiing.

"It's a winter wonderland up here," he said. "We're ecstatic. There's a fabulous amount of snow."

Opening weekend will feature value pricing, with lift tickets priced at \$29/adult and \$13/child.

Salazar bullish on rodeo riding

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

A Ruidoso High School freshman spend his summers participating in a sport most of us might be a little nervous to try: Kaland Salazar rides bulls, and he's pretty good at it.

The 14-year-old Mesalero resident is a member of the New Mexico Junior Rodeo Association, and spends almost every summer weekend traveling to different cities throughout the state.

He's won lots of seconds, thirds and fourths in his career, and this past summer earned the gold at the Reserve Rodeo. He finished sixth overall at the NMJRA finals in Farmington in September.

Salazar said the toughest ride he had was in Capitan, where he stayed on board Pablo, a bull who'd only been ridden once previously.

Salazar said he started riding when he was 6 years old.

"Most of my family did it, and my dad did it, and he's the one who got me started," the young bull rider said.

When he started riding, Salazar rode calves. He's graduated to smaller bulls — smaller being relative — ranging from 800 to 1,000 pounds.

Salazar said the key to being a successful bull rider is simple.

"Practice and you can't be scared, really," he said.

Salazar said he was scared when he first started riding, but now there's only one thing a bull rider thinks about when he's in the chute.

"You just kind of hope you make the whistle," Salazar said. "You know what the bull's going to do. You're just thinking you've got to be ready for what the bull's going to do."

The young bull rider said he wants to keep riding.

Next year, he'd like to move up in the NMJRA standings and he'd like to see Ruidoso High School establish a rodeo club.

"If we have enough (interest) in Ruidoso, the



Kaland Salazar hangs on at the New Mexico Junior Rodeo at Truth or Consequences in August. Salazar finished second at that event.

principal's willing to back us up, because he likes rodeo," said mom Paulie Salazar.

If not, the pair said, Salazar will travel to either Tularosa or Capitan and compete with that school's team.

The toughest part of being on the road all summer is not riding the bulls, mom said, it's coming up with the entrance fees and costs associated with all the travel. Salazar couldn't compete without help from a number of sponsors, including Sierra Cleaners of Ruidoso, Noisy Water Art Wear, Diamond Detailing, Mike's Barber Shop, Trolley Burger, Showtime Video and Photo, Big O Tires, Lincoln Transportation, Ray's Automotive and the Boys and Girls Club of Mesalero and Freddy and Gloria Chino, the latter two the major sponsors for Salazar's trip to the finals.

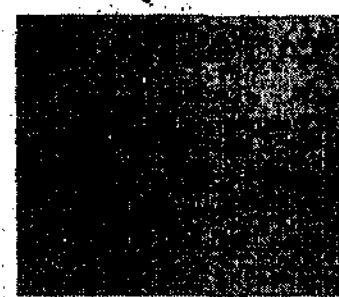
TIGERS: Capitan ready to take on Fort Sumner

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for the game," the coach said. "I think they know what's out there. What their job is. They just have to get us and be up for this game. Coming out, we were a little flat (last) Saturday (vs. Navajo Prep.) We executed. The line blocked well, but most of our penalties were downfield. That's something we've got to stop. We get downfield, we break the long run. We've got to execute perfectly."

That could happen, Martinez said.

"Capitan has got very good size and their running backs



all seem to be running well," he said. "I think their quarterback is one of the better quarterbacks in Class A. He's an experienced quarterback, big and strong. So for us to even think about two months ago would be ridiculous. That's the first thing I told our kids the

other night when we beat Texico, to not even begin to think about the last one."

Davis wants his players to think about it, and know they can do better.

"It's a good group of kids we've got here, and I just hope they believe in themselves," he said. "That's the main thing. I believe they can do it. They've just got to go out and want to and then do it. There's going to be some problems. We're going to make some mistakes. We've just got to shrug them off, say, 'that's history,' and get on down and take care of business."

The game kicks off Saturday at 2 p.m. in Capitan.

WARRIORS: Ruidoso takes on NMMI in season closer

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to the playoffs.

"Now, we can play the game with a little more pizzazz, so to speak," Burns said. "I think, if he had made the district playoffs, I think he would have had to approach this game a little differently."

The teams appear to be fairly well matched.

Webb said NMMI is "well coached," with the discipline that comes from being a military school.

He said the Colts are fundamentally sound, and, aside from their offensive line, not very big.

Burns compares his team to Lovington offensively, oriented toward the run with the pass coming off the run.

Defensively, the squad plays an even front.

"We've played good defense all year and struggled a little bit offensively," he said.

Burns said he doesn't have any standout players like Ruidoso's Todd Schrader or J.R. Floyd, but does have an "outstanding kicker" in Chris Adams, who's averaging kicks of 40.8 yards through nine games and has kicked 47 and 48 yard field goals.

"We have a threat if we can get across the 50-yard line

and make the first down," Burns said. "We're real fortunate to have him. He does a good job."

What both teams may have trouble with is Colt Field.

Burns said 10 inches of snow was just starting to melt late Wednesday.

"If we don't have a lot of sun (Thursday) we're going to have a real soggy field," he said.

Whatever the conditions, Webb wants to end the season one way.

"We're going to make it a fun game for our kids," he said. "We're going to play the game because we love the game."

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KEITHLEY'S COLUMN

Vote-by-phone a good idea

BY TIM KEITHLEY
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

If you stayed up all night on Tuesday watching the election and the Albuquerque missing ballot fiasco on television, you weren't the only one.

"I don't want to be critical of others, but I can't imagine how you could misplace a box of ballots," Martha Proctor of Nogal said. She is Lincoln County Clerk.

The 12-year veteran of elections here reported no major problems like missing ballots. The only trouble here was a 2-foot snow storm that made it almost impossible to get to the polls early in the day.

"Despite the weather, we still had 54-percent of registered voters turn out," Martha said. "That is still a little higher figure than two years ago, when 51 percent voted."

She said that her office did receive a few calls on Tuesday asking whether voters could cast their ballots by telephone due to the weather. Of course the answer was no, but that sounds like a good idea to consider in the future to help pay for the election.

Press one for Al, two for G.W., and three to order an election-night pizza.

Heroes of the local election include all the people who braved the weather and walked to the convention cen-

ter in the snowstorm to vote. Plus, a registered Lincoln County voter currently living in Saudi Arabia, who spent \$80 to have his ballot sent back in time to be counted last Tuesday.

• Gayle Herrington is Ruidoso's newest business owner. She runs Ruidoso Roastery, a local coffee house just off the main strip downtown.

The former Dallas resident said she fell in love with Ruidoso this summer while attending a dairy cow auction with her cousin. She decided to look into a couple of different business opportunities, and purchased the roastery and its trademark local java blend.

"It was more than a business decision to move here," Gayle said. "This is such an incredible place to live compared to the hustle and bustle of a big city."

Find out more at www.ruidosoroastery.com.

• Good luck to Ruidoso residents Silvia Trujillo, her son Earnest, Rudy Enjady and Melinda Morytko. They are among 350 athletes that will compete Nov. 17 and 18 in the New Mexico Special Olympics State Basketball Tournament held at the local high school.

"They've practiced at least eight weeks getting ready for this tournament," Lizzi Jay said. She is the statewide spokeswoman for New Mexico Special Olympics.

It will be the fourth consecutive year that the tournament is being held in Ruidoso. The event begins with Olympic-style opening ceremonies Friday evening, and is one of seven statewide sporting events for developmentally challenged athletes between the ages of 8 and 76.

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Tied up in knots



Sandy Suggs/Ruidoso News

Seventh- and eighth-grade students participating in the new After School Program at the Senior Center use their communication skills to untangle the knot they got into. There are still vacancies for this group and the group of fifth- and sixth-graders that meets at the White Mountain Intermediate School gym. Call 257-0350 or visit the PMS-Community Health Services Office at 117 El Paso Drive, behind the hospital.

Rebuild N.M.
takes award

Peter Alexander, director of Rebuild New Mexico, received a "Green Zia" environmental award from state officials during a recent ceremony.

The award recognized the Rebuild Program for its commitment to achieving environmental excellence through its energy-related pollution prevention activities.

Specifically, the award cited the Rebuild Program's strengths in leadership and customer involvement in reducing pollution through more efficient use of energy.

"Rebuild New Mexico is a joint program of the U.S. Department of Energy and the New Mexico Office of Energy Conservation," Alexander told the 120 people attending the ceremony.

"The program provides free technical assistance and financial advice to help building owners and managers reduce utility bills while improving building performance."

Alexander also noted a strategic partnership that was formed recently between the Green Zia and Rebuild New Mexico Programs.

"The analytical processes and end results of both programs are complementary," he said.

Among those attending the ceremony were Gov. Gary E. Johnson, Environment Department Secretary Pete Maggiore, Jennifer Salisbury, Cabinet Secretary of the NM Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department and Chris Wentz, director of the department's Energy Conservation and Management Division.

ENMU to teach
EMT refresher

An EMT-Basic Refresher will be held Dec. 15-17 at the Eastern New Mexico University office, 709 Mechem.

The class will be 5 to 9 p.m. Dec. 15; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 16 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 17.

Cost is \$25 for in-district students and \$29 for out-of-district students.

Registration begins Nov. 6 at the college office or by phone or fax. Participants must be registered to attend.

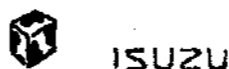
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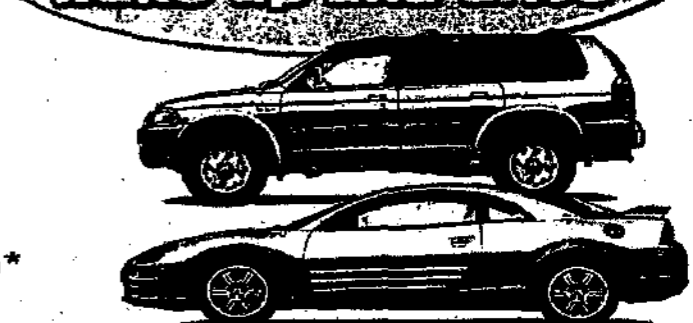


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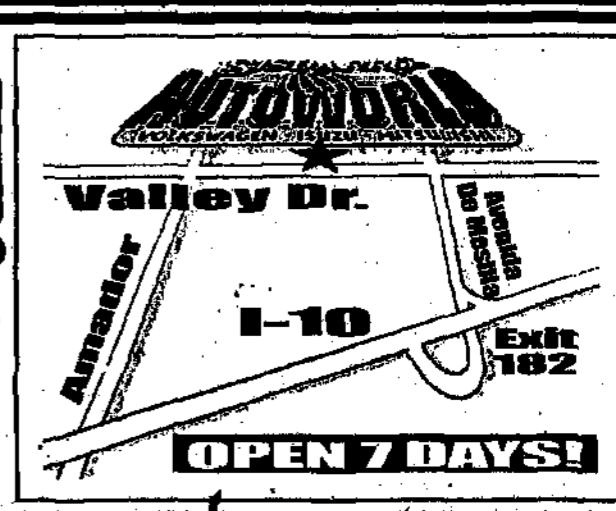


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Senior volunteers want to keep school children warm

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Some of the school children in Lincoln County may not have extra blankets to put on their beds or warm coats and jackets for winter weather, but everyone can dig through closets for unused or outgrown cold-weather gear.

The senior centers in the county are all drop-off points for these items and volunteers will deliver them to

"We need community support for all sizes."

Charlotte Seitz,
RSVP coordinator

the area schools.

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program in Lincoln County started Nov. 1 to gather together winter coats, jackets and blankets to be distributed to school children who may not have enough to survive the winter comfortably.

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"Seniors and RSVP volunteers usually only have large sizes to donate," said Charlotte Seitz, RSVP coordinator for the Ruidoso Senior Center. "We need community support for all sizes."

A flyer suggests asking friends, neighbors and grandchildren for smaller sizes in winter coats and jackets.

Volunteers will collect all donated articles from the senior centers in San Patricio, Capitan, Carrizozo and Corona, as well as Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, and deliver them to the schools in Lincoln County.

Seitz said the volunteers will deliver the blankets, jackets and coats

to the schools "hopefully before school is out for the Christmas holidays, but we'll continue taking donations until the 15th of January."

This is the sixth year that Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs Senior Centers have participated, Seitz said, but the first year for the smaller centers in the county. For more information, contact Seitz at the Ruidoso Senior Center at 257-4566 or e-mail her at VORScenr@trillnet.com.

Head Start students get books

The Lincoln County Literacy Council is giving a free children's book to each of the students at the Carrizozo, Capitan and Hondo Head Start programs in observance of National Family Literacy Day, Nov. 1.

As of Thursday evening, the program gave out 107 books.

The New Mexico Coalition for Literacy and Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso provided funding for this local book giveaway.

With the help of a recent grant from First Book, the council plans to continue distributing free children's books throughout the year to all the county Head Start programs. First Book is a national non-profit organization dedicated to providing new books to low-income children.

National Family Literacy Day is celebrated all over the country with special activities and events that showcase family literacy programs and the important relationship between parents and their children.

Family literacy programs bring parents and children together in the classroom to learn and to support each other's academic and non-academic goals. As parents identify their strengths and develop skills, essential messages about the importance of education are passed on to their children. These parents and children soon develop as a team in learning and becoming partners for success.

For more information about the Lincoln County Literacy Council, call 630-8181 or (800) 934-3668.

N.M. parks free Saturday for veterans

SANTA FE — In celebration of the Veterans Day holiday, the New Mexico State Parks Division will waive entrance and camping fees at all 31 state parks on Saturday for active military personnel, veterans, and their spouses and dependent children.

Veterans and active military personnel will be asked to provide a military identification for documentation showing proof of service.

The offer is only valid for one night and is available to resident and nonresident veterans.

More information is available from New Mexico State Parks Division in Santa Fe at (505) 827-7173 or toll-free at 1-888-NMPARKS. The park agency's Web site is located at www.nmparks.com.

Animal group meets

"Organizing the Grassroots to Affect Public Policy" is the theme for Animal Protection of New Mexico Inc.'s 2000 New Mexico Conference for the Animals on Nov. 18, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at Hotel Santa Fe, 1501 Paseo de Peralta.

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Nov. 10, 1950

Mechem takes state, Lincoln County

Piling up decisive majorities throughout the state places Edwin L. Mechem, Republican in the position of governor of the State of New Mexico. Mechem, the only Republican on the state ticket to do so, swept into office to defeat the democratic candidate, John E. Miles, in Tuesday's election. ...

In Lincoln County, Mechem received 1547 votes to Miles' 1228.

Nov. 11, 1960

Census figures now final

The 1960 population count for New Mexico is now complete, and the final figures for state, counties and incorporated villages were made public early this week. ...

Ruidoso has a population within its incorporated limits of 1,557.

Lincoln County has a population of 7,740 persons as compared with the 1950 count of 7,409.

Carrizozo has a population of 1,546, or 13 less than Ruidoso.

Capitan's count is 552; Ruidoso Downs, 407; and Corona, 420.

Nov. 13, 1970

Pirelli elected to head Ruidoso Ambassadors

Elmer Pirelli, Ruidoso Village Trustee, was elected Thursday as president of the Ruidoso Valley Ambassadors during a noon meeting of the club. Pirelli has been a member of the club since its founding in 1966.

Other Ruidosoans elected to serve with Pirelli include Earl Allison, Village Trustee and manager of the Ruidoso Natural Gas Co., vice-president; Duane Bryson, manager of the Community Public Service Co., secretary; and Ken Geaslin, owner and manager of the Chaparral Motor Hotel, treasurer.

Nov. 13, 1980

The Silver Lining by Daniel Agnew Storm

This is written on Nov. 11, on what we used to call Armistice Day, the day World War I ended. I remember this day back in 1918 as clearly as if it was yesterday. The town whistles were blowing in the little town of Ashland, Oregon. And our mother came to the front door, her blue eyes filled with tears, calling to us: "The war is over! The war is over!"

... Everybody said that this was the war to end wars.

Nov. 15, 1990

AARP gets official charter

Lincoln County Chapter 4512 of the American Association of Retired Persons received its charter from the national organization last Wednesday in ceremonies at the La Paz room of the Ruidoso Inn.

Following a luncheon attended by 50 members and guests, Opal Lankford, assistant state director of District III, New Mexico, presented the charter to Milton Meyer, president of the local chapter. ...

Charlotte Jarratt served as master of ceremonies for the program, which featured speeches by Barbara Duff, Mayor Victor Alonso and Dick Weber. ...

Count Wynema Tully among the Hondo Valley's PIONEERS

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Wynema Tully at 80 cuts a fine figure chasing the Tully cattle when they get into the neighbors' apples.

She still does most of the housekeeping for the sprawling 10-room house she shares with her husband, Gerald - now 97, but a rodeo and roping star until he was 93, when he won his last buckle.

She still tends a large garden, although now she freezes her vegetables and fruits rather than canning them.

This Hondo Valley pioneer was among the first teachers at the brand-new Ruidoso school, after teaching two years at the Stetson School in Green Tree (now called Ruidoso Downs).

When 18-year-old Wynema started teaching her class of 25 second- and third-graders at the WPA-built Stetson School in 1938, the school, with four classrooms and 100 students, was the largest country school in the county. High school students were bused via Devil's Canyon to Capitan.

She tells of meeting the rancher, Gerald Tully, about a month after she moved to a trailer across from the school. His family had settled in the area in 1905 and established the first post office and store in Glencoe.

"I was broke because my paycheck hadn't come, so Louise (Coe Runnels, another Stetson teacher) and I went to the post office on our way to a teachers meeting in Roswell.

"I wanted my mail," Wynema said matter-of-factly. "And this old feller said 'You haven't got any mail.'"

The "old feller" turned out to be Gerald, and he offered to loan her money, which she found quite funny - he didn't even know her! (She didn't accept his offer.)

Later on, at a school dance in the Women's Club in Glencoe, "We got acquainted," she said. "I went with another guy, Gerald asked me to dance, and the guy I came with saw us dancing and left."

Gerald offered her a ride home, but that wasn't proper because he hadn't brought her, so again she turned him down and got a ride home with a friend.

Gerald didn't give up, though, and after almost two years, Wynema "consented" to marry him:

"He chased off all my boyfriends, so I figured I might as well marry him," she said. He'd asked her again, and she came back with, "How about

next Saturday?" because the school would be closed for Veteran's Day the Monday after. They were married in the Episcopal Church in Glencoe and the newlyweds went to Carlsbad for their honeymoon - to watch Bob Crosby and Carl Arnold, two famous cowboys, rope (Gerald had beat the internationally famous Crosby in the '20s).

"I married this cowboy in '40 and on the ninth of November, it'll be 60 years," Wynema said. "I would say I'm an old cowhand now."

Wynema, who went to college when she was 16 and "felt like an old lady at 20," was born in Arkansas, but moved with her family to northern New Mexico when still an infant. Her father had packed up his two young sons, his parents and brother and Wynema and taken them on a camping trip to Pike's Peak. He had car trouble in Springer, where he learned 160-acre parcels were available for homesteading, so he stayed and started a school there in 1920. The settlement was razed by the dust bowl of the 1930s and eventually the family moved to Portales.

"I went to high school in Springer," Wynema said. "I'd go in a homemade bus - a pickup covered over in back. That IS historical," she added. "I thought Gerald was all the history around here."

She attended college in Portales from 1936 to 1938 "and we were still blowing away. Then I went to Vegas to summer school and heard about this (teaching) job in southern New Mexico somewhere, and my aunt and uncle took me."

"The first place we came to was Carrizozo," she said. "Then we climbed up into those mountains (near Ruidoso) and ... I fell in love with all of it - the people and the valley and the school, all the kids: Dave Parks, Lloyd Leslie Davis," she said, naming some of her former students. "I thought I'd died and gone to heaven. It was a short 60 years. Doesn't seem like that. Time just flies."

After teaching for two years at Stetson School, Wynema transferred to the smaller but then-new Ruidoso school, where the old police department is now; the Ruidoso Athletic Club was the gymnasium.

"I taught fourth grade there until I got pregnant," she said. After the birth of her first child, she "got too busy ranching, housekeeping and picking and grading apples."

She also tended goats, horses and cattle, grew and canned food for the family, and redesigned the Tully family home, enlarging it from five rooms to 10 rooms.

She often went to watch her husband, Gerald, roping, and took the children with her when they were young.

"Me with all my babies followed Gerald to all the rodeos," she said. "They were in Texas, Oregon, Wyoming," as well as in New Mexico.

"My kids knew how to ride but it wasn't the thing for kids to participate in rodeos," she said. "Now I've got two grandkids in Missouri roping."

Wynema remembers that when she married Gerald, they used Delco batteries for electricity. It was enough for a washing machine, a radio and a couple of lights, and the Tullys were among the few that had electricity.

"We put in butane gas after we got married, so we had a gas stove. Gas was sure nice. I had to learn to cook on wood; we used coal in the northern part of the state."

The Hondo Valley was filled with apple orchards in those days, and Wynema claims the Tully apples were the best. Washington apples came out earlier in the season and put the Hondo Valley apples out of business, even though they weren't as good, she said.

Wynema said the valley has changed a lot in the 62 years she's lived there: especially in the last 10 years, there's been a lot of growth. Everyone from Hondo to Ruidoso was like a big family, she said, helping each other out and celebrating together, and ranch women misses the strong sense of community.

"It's a city," she said. "Now it's coming this way and it's going to keep on coming down the valley, and where's the water?"

Wynema points to an old barn. "We packed apples in that barn over there. I would stand all day long grading and lifting and packing apples. I always helped out at the ranch. We just did what had to be done and never thought about it. It's a good life. ... I still think it's one of the most beautiful places I've been. Now I'll go down and chase cows for awhile. I don't know where they're getting out."

Sandy Suggitt/Ruidoso News

Wynema Tully still tends a large garden, although now she freezes her vegetables and fruits rather than canning them.

Courtesy

Wynema Tully is shown with her husband, Gerald Tully, and their son, Gerald.

Lifelong Lincoln resident was active in community

Betty Shrecengost, 74, passed away at her home in Lincoln following a brief illness.

LINCOLN TRAILS



ROSALIE DUNLAP
RUIDOSO NEWS

Betty was born at the Vorwick house east of Lincoln Jan. 8, 1926 to Ora Manning and Albert T. "Bert" Pfingsten, who preceded her in death. She was a lifelong resident of Lincoln.

She received her education at the Hondo School, Roswell High School, Stephens Finishing School for Women, Columbia, Mo., and the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

querque.

She married William G. Shrecengost Sr. April 1947.

Betty was a lifetime farmer and rancher but was also very active in organizations and community affairs.

She was an insurance salesperson for the New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau-Lincoln County for many years, a member of the Lincoln County Farm Bureau, a longtime active member of the Republican Party.

She was an active partner when her husband, Bill Shrecengost Sr., was in the state Legislature, New Mexico Apple Growers, Lincoln County Apple Festivals, flower superintendent at the Lincoln County Fair, member of the "Stitchers," chairman of the annual Fiddler's Contest held during Old Lincoln Days, a member of the New Mexico

State Acequia Commission and the Lincoln, Sedillo and Providencia Acequias, participant of the "Last Escape of Billy the Kid" Pageant from its beginning in 1940 and a member of the Episcopal Church of Lincoln County. Church services were held at her home.

One of her great pastimes was playing bridge.

One of her proudest achievements was her work with the pageant. Both of her sons, Bill Jr. and Bert and two grandsons, Thomas and John, have portrayed Billy the Kid.

Betty was always ready to help those who were in trouble and was a good friend and neighbor.

She was one of those people who would give you the shirt off her back if you needed it.

Her home was always open for a

cup of coffee, conversation and to those in need or who needed a place to call "home."

She is survived by her daughter, Ora Louise "Susie" and her husband, Dick Kuns of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two sons, William G. Jr., and wife of Hobbs; and Albert D. "Bert" and his wife, Louise, of Albuquerque.

She also leaves six grandchildren, Thomas and wife, Jennifer, John, Shawna, Erica Shrecengost, Angela Pilch and Andrew Pilch and wife, Daylene, three great grandchildren, Cory and Candice Shrecengost and Caden Pilch, her beloved daughter-in-law, Diane Shrecengost, her uncle, Fred "Pino" Pfingsten, and wife, Leota, and several cousins.

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tor. Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.; Sun-
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school 10:00 a.m.; Sunday wor-
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ices: 7 p.m.

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9:30 a.m.; Sunday morning wor-
ship: 10:45 a.m. (includes chil-
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praise: 6 p.m.; Wednesday family
night: 7 p.m.

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ship; Sunday - 8:15 a.m. Praise &
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p.m. Wednesday services 6:30
p.m.

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ciliation: Sat. 4:30 p.m. Sunday
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Patricio: 8 a.m.

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vicio 7:50 p.m.; Juev. Estudio de
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ing Worship, 8:15 a.m.; Sunday
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week services 7 p.m.

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Alto North, 336-7075. Jeamsie
Price, Pastor. Morning chapel:
6:50 a.m. (Sept. - June); Sunday
Service: 11 a.m.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Unemployed rate rises slightly; so does force

Preliminary state labor department numbers show the ranks of both the employed and the unemployed in Lincoln County increased in September.

The jobless rate rose from four percent in August to 4.9 percent in September. The rate was also higher than September 1999's 3.8 percent.

In raw numbers, 384 Lincoln County residents were listed as unemployed, according to figures from the New Mexico Department of Labor. A year earlier, the number was 281.

While the number without jobs increased by 100, the number of those with jobs was up, from 7,019 in September 1999 to an estimated 7,400 in September 2000.

The county's labor pool was up almost 500 over the year, to 7,784 in September.

Statewide, the jobless rate fell in September, from 5.5 percent a month earlier to 5.2 percent.

Otero County's unemployment rate went from 6.1 percent to six percent. In Chaves County the unemployment rate rose, from 6.5 percent to 6.8 percent in September.

Lincoln County REDTT event, woman honored

A Lincoln County festival and a member of the Lincoln County Tourism Council were honored with awards during the Rural Economic Development through Tourism project's annual meeting in Socorro.

The Art in the Orchard

event was chosen as REDTT's Festival of the Year, and Kathleen Hellman Phillips of Capitan was honored as REDTT's Sparkplug of the Year.

The Art in the Orchard event was begun three years ago by the Lincoln County Tourism Council, which is sponsored by REDTT. The event is a showcase for Lincoln County musicians, artists and craftspeople and also for the fruits of local orchards. The festival was held Sept. 17 at the historic Coe Ranch near Glencoe.

Phillips began working as an aide to the Lincoln County Tourism Council in 1999. She was recognized with REDTT's Sparkplug of the Year award because of her substantial contributions to the council and to the many events and activities the council is involved with throughout the county.

"We were very pleased and proud to give two of the first ever REDTT awards to a very deserving individual and event in Lincoln County," said Mike Cook, director of the REDTT project. "Because of the work of people like Kathleen, Betty McCreight, director of the Lincoln County Cooperative Extension Service office, David and Jinny Vigil of Lincoln, and others, Lincoln County is one of the great success stories of the REDTT project."

REDTT is a program of the New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service. The eight-year-old program provides education, training and technical assistance to 12 New Mexico counties, including Lincoln County.



Midtown merchant Jimmy Millar presents some fellow business operators with the idea of assessing themselves to help finance the proposed purchase of property for additional downtown parking.

James Kalvelage/Ruidoso News

Midtown merchants organizing again

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Midtown Ruidoso merchants may formally organize, in a resurrection of the former Main Street Merchants Association.

The proposal was raised Monday, during a meeting of almost two dozen business owners.

"We need an association," said Audean Franklin, who has spearheaded several first-Monday-of-the-month sessions for Midtown merchants. "We need to do it similar to the way we did Mainstreet — an association with a board."

Franklin said a not-for-profit merchants association would be one way to obtain grants to address needs, such as the call for more public parking around the Midtown shopping area.

The parking issue has been the thrust of the recently scheduled meetings for Midtown merchants. Ruidoso village officials have suggested to merchants that a business development district could be established to assess property owners in Midtown, and use the assessment collections to help fund land purchases to develop parking lots.

"There is parking here that is individually owned," said Jimmy Millar, who heads a committee looking at the Midtown parking issue. "But there is very little public parking."

The committee has identified three vacant, for-sale properties that could add to the availability of public parking near the ends of the Midtown section of Sudderth Drive.

Millar said he is awaiting paperwork from the village on the value of property in Midtown to provide the property owners with an idea of what an assessment, to purchase land for parking, would mean annually.

The parking discussion included the proposal of a trolley, that would ferry those in public parking lots through the Midtown business district.

Millar said businesses operators that rent their buildings need to get the property owners on their side. He said 20-year assessments would be paid by the building owners, though that would likely be passed onto the business through higher rent. Millar said the No. 1 need was acquiring property for more parking.

Business owner Jim Shoop said the merchants need an action plan to work

with the village.

"I recommend, and it's only my recommendation, that we put our ideas aside until we're organized," Shoop said.

Franklin said goal-setting was needed, especially on the issues of parking and beautifying the district.

"There will be more goals," Franklin said. "We need to get the Mainstreet organization started."

Merchant Michelle O'Brien said the representation the group would bring would be important to the business operators.

"My big issue right now is making every parking slot available," Bert Brunell said. "That means getting employees as far off the street as you can."

Franklin said she would put together a letter, asking businesses "in a nice way" to tell employees not to park on Sudderth Drive.

"I think we need to get this thing rolling," Brunell said of a renewed merchants group. "Get it rolling and we can push the city and push ourselves."

Brunell said he would volunteer to take the lead role in a merchants organization.

GREAT CUSTOMER SERVICE

Customer-focused company

BY DEBBIE HAINES INGALLS
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Do you direct more of your marketing time and money toward attracting new customers, or keeping the ones you already have?

If you are like most businesses, you work hard at attracting new buyers, while paying little attention to your regulars.

Correcting this oversight is what goes by the name of CRM, or Customer Relationship Management. CRM is the process of targeting and acquiring new customers, convincing them to buy from your business and then taking care of them after the sale so they come back again and again. The goal here is to develop the most profitable relationship possible, and the key is that you have to keep customers to really make money.

It takes \$10 worth of new business to replace one dollar of lost business. This is a commonly accepted figure in corporate circles. In other words, it's 10 times more expensive to get a new customer than keep an existing one. Since businesses typically lose 15 to 20 percent of their customers each year, if those defections could be cut in half, you're more than doubled your company's growth rate. A management consultant writing for the Harvard Business Review, Earl Sasser, estimates that "companies can boost profits by almost 100 percent by retaining just 5 percent more of their existing customers."

The lifetime value of a customer can be astronomical. If you've never calculated the lifetime value of a customer try this formula:

Average sale X number of sales per year X years expected to be in business = lifetime value of customer.

Example: Figure out the value (dollar amount) of a customer who buys from you say three times a month; this equals the average purchase of

X. Multiply over a period of 10 years. This gives a clear example of how much losing that customer or client after the first year costs your company in lost revenue.

In addition, no matter what size shop or business you are running, operating costs decline as customers use a business more often. Customers who are familiar with your operation and products know the procedures and have fewer questions. You can be more efficient because less paperwork is required with subsequent transactions; credit references don't have to be checked and new customer files don't have to be set up.

All customers tend to buy more as they become more familiar with a business and its products, whether it is ice cream cones or car parts. Until customers have had a chance to "test" the product or "experience" your level of service, customers usually purchase conservatively.

Yet as those customers become comfortable with your quality and consistency, they tend to purchase more of the same and feel confident in purchasing related products or services, resulting in higher sales and lower cost for you.

In previous columns we have discussed the value of customer service to the customer and to ourselves as the business owner. I believe we all understand the value of Great Customer Service, and with today's tips I know we can develop a marketing, sales and service strategy that will prevent us from experiencing the real cost if we don't take care of our most valuable business asset, our customer.

As a veteran of the customer service industry, Debbie Haines Ingalls is committed to great customer service and maintaining the high standards promoted in Lincoln County. If there are areas you would like to see addressed in this column, call Debbie at 258-3255.

Winter summit scheduled for Nov. 16

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

In preparation for the winter season, businesses in the Ruidoso area are being called to attend the seventh Winter Mountain Summit.

The session, set for Thursday, Nov. 16, will run from 3 - 5 p.m., in the Sierra Blanca room of the Best Western - Swiss Chalet Inn.

The summit's theme will be "Winter business is changing — are you changing with it?" said Joan Zagone, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

"The concept is to create a forum, a town hall meeting for chamber business members," Zagone said. "And we extend the invitation to non-members too."

Speakers will detail their dealings

"We need to get out of that (skiing) box."

Joan Zagone
Chamber of Commerce executive director

with the business community and Ruidoso area visitor initiatives. Zagone said the main focus of the session will be on the coming winter months. The forum will also allow for input from those in the audience.

"We unintentionally but nevertheless continue to typecast our business here and how we promote ourselves," the chamber leader said. "We promote ourselves as four great seasons. In the winter it's skiing. In the summer it's the race track. But there's more. For the summer we've done a good job telling about the

other things to do. But in the winter we still just say it's skiing. It is major, but not the only activity we have."

Zagone said businesses need to get out of the attitude that skiing is the only winter activity Ruidoso has to offer.

"It's being felt by and emulated by our visitors. We need to get out of that box."

In addition, Zagone said businesses need to get the word out, both correctly and more efficiently.

The Winter Mountain Summit will also discuss the chamber's new representative structure. The business council's organizational format, put in place earlier this year, was the key factor in the New Mexico Association of Commerce and Industry naming the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce as the state's top chamber.

MARKET GLANCE

Labor shortage, oil prices are keys to inflation

BY SUNG WON SOHN
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

Inflation continues to be a no show. An economic slowdown, productivity gains and the strong dollar have limited inflation. A recent study by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York revealed that much of the good news on inflation is attributable to low import prices. But, labor shortages and the spike in the price of oil could play havoc with inflation.

Labor costs are accelerating. Wages are rising at the top of the range experienced over the last two years.

But, the main concern is the cost of benefits not included in the report. Health-care costs are rising at the fastest pace in seven years. This year, medical-care premiums will show the fourth consecutive year of double-digit gains.

At the same time, productivity gains are cyclically decelerating adding to labor costs.

Next year, compensation costs should jump by close to 6.0 percent, up from 5.2 percent this year. Productivity gains will fall to about 2.5 percent in 2001, down from 3.3 percent in 2000 and 4.1 percent in 1999.

Energy is a major uncertainty for inflation. The risk of a wage-price spiral increases when the labor market is tight.

The inflation rate goes up by a full percentage point over a three-year period when the price of oil per barrel rises by \$10; this is equivalent to 1-percent tax on consumers' take-home pay.

The Federal Reserve can fight inflation by allowing higher oil prices to dampen demand or raise interest rates to cool the economy.

If the energy shock is large enough to precipitate a recession, the central bank would cut interest rates to cushion the shock to the economy.

So far, the price of oil is not high enough to consider cutting

interest rates. In addition, the supply of crude oil is rising faster than the demand; the price of oil should dip to the \$25 to \$30 range next spring.

However, the lack of refining capacity in the United States is a significant constraint in producing gasoline and home-heating oil on a timely basis.

The low jobless rate and the inflation risks will keep the Federal Reserve vigilant on inflation.

It will require a financial crisis such as the Russian default of 1998 or a sharp spike in the price of oil to ease monetary policy. In the meantime, the central bank will stand pat.

Stocks: Stock options could boost inflation

The New Economy, which accounts for about 5 percent of the output and 45 percent of earnings, produced a 24.3 percent gain in earnings from a

year ago; the comparable figure for the Old Economy is only 0.9 percent. The healthy gain in earnings for the New Economy calls for higher valuation (p/e ratio).

One concern is that the p/e ratios for the New Economy stocks are hovering around 70 and the multiple for the NASDAQ 100 is over 100. Assuming a more modest multiple of 40 over trailing earnings, a high-tech firm with a net margin of 15 percent would have to double sales every year over a five-year period in order to increase earnings by 20 percent per year. Upside potential for tech stocks is very limited.

The increasing out-of-the-money stock options in the New Economy also spell trouble for earnings and inflation.

Using the Black-Scholes formula, the intrinsic value of options outstanding amounted to 15.5 percent of wages and salaries at the end of 1999 or 35 percent of corporate debt.

Bosque del Apache awaiting the cranes

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

An annual spectacular that draws thousands of people to Bosque del Apache celebrates the return of the cranes, snow geese and other migrating birds to the refuge near San Antonio on U.S. 380.

Scheduled Nov. 16 through Nov. 19, the 13th Annual Festival of the Cranes does anything but put viewers into a fowl mood.

Those willing to venture out into the cold morning air may be treated to the sight of a mass ascension as the earth seems to tremble and 40,000 snow geese take flight.

The refuge is situated south of Socorro and about 65 miles west of Carrizozo.

An estimated 14,000 sandhill cranes and 50,000 ducks of several species also are expected to winter on the refuge this season or pass through on their way from northern states and southern Canada heading south.

While strolling the bosque grounds, visitors may encounter some of its year-round residents including pheasants, quail, coyote and fox.

The Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge recently was chosen to be a "focus refuge" for the Centennial of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

The Friends of the Bosque, founded in 1993, now has 900 members who support the refuge and operate the Nature Store at the visitor center, which sell books and related merchandise. Last January, members assumed responsibility for the festival and workshops, tours, exhibits and demonstrations are scheduled.

Other festival activities include birding on Elephant Butte Lake, raptor and duck identification at the bosque, programs on owls, banding snow geese in Manitoba and information on raptors in winter.

Special children's tours,

demonstrations and programs also are scheduled, as well as an art show and a crafts fair.

Caryl McHarney, an Albuquerque artist and winner of the Cranes 2000 Art Search, will be at the Macey Center of New Mexico Tech University in the evenings to sign T-shirts. During the day, she'll be in the Wildlife Art Tent at the bosque. Her limited edition serigraph "Cranes Aloft" is the art centerpiece for the festival and appears on various merchandise.

This year, the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra will perform a harmonic introduction to the festival weekend at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the Macey Center.

The concert is part of a statewide tour by the state's largest and oldest performing arts organization, and is part of Tech's Performing Arts Series. The performance is sponsored locally by the New Mexico Educators Federal Credit Union.

On the program are "Overture to Norma" by Bellini, Mendelssohn's "Violin Concerto in E Minor," Haydn's "Symphony No. 88" and Rimsky-Korsakov's "Capriccio Espagnole."

The symphony will perform under the baton of resident conductor and choral director, Roger Melone, and will feature a solo by former Helios Quartet violinist and principal violinist of the NMSO, Krzysztof Zimowski.

Brochures for the festival are available by contacting the Socorro Chamber of Commerce at (505) 835-0424 or visit the Web site at www.friendsofthebosque.org.

General admission tickets for the concert are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors 65 and over, and \$8 for those 17 and under. They are available in Socorro at the New Mexico Tech Bookstore, Tech's cashier's window in Brown Hall, at Brownbilt's Western Wear on Manzaneros Street and at Video Tyne on Bullock.

Humane Society celebrates animal shelter appreciation

The Humane Society of the United States is celebrating the fifth annual National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week this week.

Launched in 1996, the designation was intended to gain public recognition for the indispensable role an animal shelter plays in its community.

"Those unfamiliar with their local animal shelter may be surprised to find out how much shelters have changed in the past decade," said Cynthia Stitely, outreach coordinator for animal sheltering issued for the HSUS. "National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week is an opportunity for the nation's 6,000 animal shelters to demonstrate all the services they provide."

The HSUS encourages

the public to visit their local animal shelters during the special week to see all of the services offered. Individuals also are encouraged to volunteer their time and talents or donate much needed supplies.

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Sicily a land of fascinating mythology, savory cuisine, passionate culture, and fiery Mount Etna. What better way to immerse ourselves in Italy's multifaceted and intense personality than rolling through its archaeological past on a bicycle?

There were 14 of us, ranging in age from 29 to 68. Three 50-something orthopaedic surgeons and their wives, two globe-trotting lawyers, a retired nuclear physicist, a corporate executive, an Icelandic beauty, a boisterous Sicilian translator, and a resident Italian literature major from Boston, as route-guide.

The largest and most fertile island in the Mediterranean, Sicily has invariably been somebody else's prize. The remains of the island's many calamities are strewn across the landscape, a spectacular flea market of the

Mediterranean civilization.

The Sicels first overran the island, then the Greeks arrived in the eighth century BC. Next were the Phoenicians, then the Romans, followed by the Byzantines. Then came the Arabs, who were driven off by the Normans, to be replaced by the French, then the Spanish. Finally, the Italians came, and then the Germans, who in 1943 were driven off by the Allies.

If you tell your friends you are going to Sicily, you are warned: watch your wallet, be careful of the Mafia. But we soon realized that in this land of conquests, of thousands of years of colonization, the people have no fear of strangers.

They had welcomed most of the conquering armies, and they welcomed us.

As we pedaled through ancient villages we were greeted with friendly smiles. Apron-clad women waved hello from wrought iron balconies. Men in their 60s and older smiled curiously at us as they sat in groups around the piazza, dapperly dressed in crisply ironed shirts, sweater vests, tailored jackets, and wool caps.

Although rigorous, our route was idyllic. We cycled past roadsides thick with a vivid explosion of flowers. Soft green almond groves, terraced vineyards and fruit orchards were abundant in the rich volcanic soil, and citrus blossoms filled the air with a fragrant perfume. The narrow, rural

roads twisted through small towns where wisteria blossoms dripped like early grapes from railings and balconies, and market stalls displayed pyramids of large yellow lemons, oranges, melons and vine-ripened tomatoes.

Despite miles of peaceful country roads, it was impossible to completely avoid city traffic. Through Darwinian lessons in survival, we learned to maneuver our way through the chaos of Vespa motor scooters, diesel-spewing buses, and honking cars like true Sicilians.

When let loose, we managed to adapt to, if not outsmart, the aggressive habits of car drivers and insane Vespa drivers. With gestures, shouting, or simply snaking our way through blocked traffic, we demanded respect—and got it. Despite popular belief, we came to realize that Sicilian drivers are skillful compared to American motorists. They have respect for small vehicles. But polite or obedient drivers they are not.

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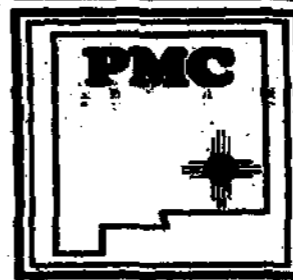
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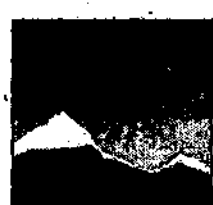
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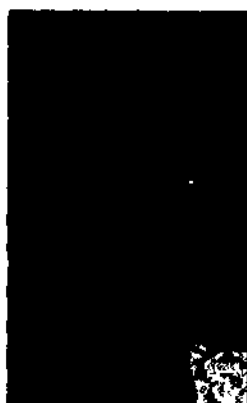
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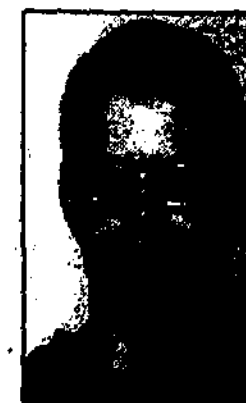
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Two Claras dance 'The Nutcracker'



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YESENIA LOPEZ

Two young ballerinas alternate for the Friday and Saturday night performances of the lead dancer, Clara, in "The Nutcracker Ballet" at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 7 p.m. on December 1 and 2.

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GOING OUT

Two Claras dance 'The Nutcracker'

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Both Yesenia Lopez and Charlotte Pawlak are 12 years old. Both are homeschooled. And both have been taking ballet classes at Ballet New Mexico's Aspen Leaf School of Dance, Charlotte for eight years, and Yesenia for one year, studying this year with Laney Atherton, the artistic director of "The Nutcracker," and with Clare Williams.

Neither "Clara" is frightened by the prospect of performing before an audience of more than 500 spectators: "because we know our parts," Charlotte said. "And it's fun," Yesenia interjected.

"After we're there, it seems real, like there's no audience," Charlotte said, and besides, the dancers can't even see the audience, Yesenia said. They will also do two one-hour performances at the Spencer Theater for the schools on November 30.

Both girls agreed that they got the parts because the dancers trying out for the part of Lord Drosselmeyer needed to do lifts, and the young dancers happened to be around.

"We had an advantage because they brought us in to help with tryouts for Lord Drosselmeyer," Charlotte said.

Both have performed in the "Nutcracker" before. Charlotte danced for the last two years as a party guest, a soldier, a snow angel, a sweet carrying trays of candy (fake, she said) and tea from China. Yesenia danced last year as a clown and a soldier.

This year's new artistic director, Laney Atherton, is making some changes in the production, and both Claras approve.

"The choreography is more exciting," Charlotte said. "There are more dances and she does a lot more running and jumping."

Charlotte said the party

scene is her favorite: "Because it's got a lot of color and movement and it's really fun to do," she said.

Yesenia voted for the "Peppermint," and takes pride in the fact that last year, 17-year-olds danced it and this year the dancers are 12 and 15.

"Peppermint is challenging by being on point and doing fancy pirouettes," Charlotte said.

Over all, they both said Act II is their favorite part of the ballet because there are more colorful costumes and more dances. Not surprisingly, it's not the storyline but the visuals that they prefer.

This year, Yesenia's two brothers play the role of the Nutcracker, one Friday and one Saturday.

Both girls said they plan to go into dancing as a career, and Yesenia also wants to be a dance teacher — and teaches dance

students from three to five years of age. (Charlotte said she sometimes helps Yesenia teach.)

They rehearse every day for at least two hours during the week and six hours on Saturday. The week before the performance, they'll dance every day at the Spencer Theater from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"We're not exhausted," Charlotte said.

"It's fun," Yesenia interjected.

"Each time you do it with the same story you learn a little bit more," Charlotte said.

Speaking of learning, Yesenia, from Alto, and Charlotte, from Capitan, are both homeschooled, and they both said this gives them more time and flexibility for rehearsals.

"We don't have to worry about that much homework," Charlotte said — Yesenia finished her sentence: "—and dancing goes into our education."

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Tuesday, November 14

Western Movie Night

7 p.m. at the Anderson-Freeman Memorial Museum and Visitors Center in Lincoln.

After-school Tuesdays

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Starring: Kevin Spacey, Helen Hunt, Haley Joel Osment, Jay Mohr, Jim Caviezel.

Directed by Mimi Leder and Oliver Stapleton.

Produced by Mary McLagen, Jonathan Treisman, Leslie Dixon, Peter Abrams, Robert L. Levy and Steven Reuther.

Written by Catherine Ryan Hyde and Leslie Dixon.

Distributor: Warner Brothers

Synopsis: 'Pay It Forward' is a feel-good family story about a social studies teacher, Eugene Simonet (Kevin Spacey), who challenges his 11-year-old students to come up with an idea that will change the world. Trevor McKinney (Haley Joel Osment) decides to step up to the plate. His idea is a game called "pay it forward." In the game, every time somebody does a favor for you, you "pay it forward" to three other people. Surprisingly, the idea seems to work, helping his teacher to come out of his shell and reveal a dark past, and bringing his mother, Arlene McKinney (Helen Hunt)—who works two jobs to keep their household afloat—new freedom.

Showtimes: 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7p.m., 9:30 p.m.

Charlie's Angels

Action/Adventure and Comedy.

Rated PG-13 for action violence, innuendo and some sensuality/nudity.

Starring: Drew Barrymore, Cameron Diaz, Lucy Liu, Bill Murray, Sam Rockwell.

Directed by Joseph McGinty.

Produced by Leonard J. Goldberg. Drew Barrymore, Leonard Goldberg and Nancy Juvonen.

Written by Ed Solomon, John August and Ryan Rowe.

Distributor: Columbia Tristar

Synopsis: In this remake of the popular 1970s television show, the three angels—Dylan (Drew Barrymore), Natalie (Cameron Diaz), and Alex (Lucy Liu)—are called to duty by their flirtatious boss, Bosley (Bill Murray), to intervene in the kidnapping of a well-known millionaire. The film has been updated from the original TV show in a few poignant ways: The angels are now called "women" (not "little girls") in the introductory voice-over, and they concentrate on strength and martial arts when they fight criminals because they



Courtesy Warner Brothers

CARRIE-ANNE MOSS and Val Kilmer in Warner Brothers' epic romance adventure *Red Planet*.

no longer carry guns. Packed with glam action and featuring a fantastic cast—including LL Cool J—"Charlie's Angels" promises to please.

Showtimes: 2:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9 p.m.

Red Planet

Science Fiction/Fantasy and Thriller. 1 hr. 50 min.

Rated PG-13 for sci-fi violence, brief nudity and language.

Starring: Val Kilmer, Benjamin Bratt, Carrie-Anne Moss, Simon Baker, Tom Sizemore.

Directed by Anthony Hoffman and Antony Hoffman.

Produced by Bruce Berman, Jorge Saralegui and Mark Canton.

Written by Chuck Pfarrer, Chuck Pfarrer and Jonathan Lemkin.

Distributor: Warner Brothers

Synopsis: Packed with futuristic high-tech special effects, *Red Planet* is an action drama that explores the apocalyptic possibility of Earth becoming uninhabitable for human beings. A diverse team of astronauts travels to Mars to investigate human living conditions on that planet. But, through one pitfall after the next, including a bad landing that damages the spacecraft's equip-

ment, and increasing tension among the crew members, the mission becomes more and more dangerous. Val Kilmer, Carrie-Anne Moss, and Tom Sizemore star in this adventure film, based on a science fiction story by Chuck Pfarrer. Showtimes: 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:15 p.m.

Music

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LOUISE BARRATT reflects on some of the watercolor quick studies she created on one of her frequent trips.

by Dianne Stallings

IVAMONOS! STAFF WRITER

Louise Barratt's paintings explode with color from wildly brilliant landscapes to dramatically rich figure studies.

But the seemingly spontaneous mixing of colors may mislead the viewer.

Barratt, a former high school mathematics teacher, combines the exuberance of her palette with a patient building of her paintings, layer by layer of colors, creating a sense of detail even in her most expressionistic pieces.

Her work is featured along with 14 other women artists and poet Jacquelyn Stroud Spier in "Desert Echo: Women Illuminate the Sacred."



with God's help," she said.

After about 16 years of teaching, she felt burned out. Her sister-in-law was an artist and instructor and encouraged her to try art.

"When I do something, it's whole hog," Barratt said. "I embraced it. I started with 'how-to' books, then did work-

"I don't believe my art is about me," Barratt said. "It's about my art. I paint this painting and it comes from within me. But once it's on the wall, it's not about me anymore, it's about you."

"My part is in the doing. Your part is in the viewing."

She enjoys paintings series, as she did the Icon Series with Desert Echo. She also produced a highway series and a landscape series.

Sketch books are scattered around her studio, her mental snapshots of scenes from travels or just moments or images that struck her at the time.

"I take a small kit with me and do watercolors and sketches wherever I go," she said. Some of those shapes and scene later are incorporated into a new painting.

Although she still sells some of her work, Barratt is less commercially oriented than in the past.

"There comes a time when you want to do something really, really good," she said. "I want to produce something that will carry on and be an inspiration. I have no more burning desire to sell."

Desert Echo costs \$32 in soft back and \$62 hardbound and can be ordered through Barnes and Noble or directly from the museum at P. O. Box 150381, Dallas, Texas 75315-

0381. The order number for softbound is ISBN-0-9700465-1-0 and for hardbound, ISBN-0-9700465-0-2.



"EVE WITH APPLES" is shown bottom left. The other works on this page are of the Icon Series.

"When I was in El Paso, I developed strong alliances and excellent friends," Barratt said. "Five of us bonded and painted together."

After she moved to Ruidoso, the Texas artists formed a critique group and included her and one other New Mexico artist. They would get together for sessions whenever possible. At some point, they decided to add poetry to the mix and selected Spier.

"She'd write and we would paint," Barratt said. "She was a wonderful muse."

They decided to join their talents in a book, which took two and a half years to complete and was almost abandoned because of the expense.

But a woman stepped forward and raised \$1,700 for the first printing. In return, the artists donated their work and any proceeds to the Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future in Dallas.

Born in Hidalgo County, Texas, Barratt moved around with her family until she was about seven, when they settled in El Paso. Although she characterizes herself as "sort of an exhibitionist," prone to bossing around her cousins and brother, she never tried art and said she led a sheltered life.

"My folks were nurturing and loving," Barratt said.

Not that life hasn't knocked her from time to time.

"But it was nothing that I couldn't handle

shops, seminars and independent study."

Although the study enabled her to learn techniques, she also realized that art comes from the heart and is independent of what is being learned or seen.

"I fell in love with water media," ranging from the traditional transparent approach to the opaque gouache technique to acrylics, she said.

"I will use anything," she said. "Certain inks are water soluble, but are not as satisfying, even though there are wonderful colors."

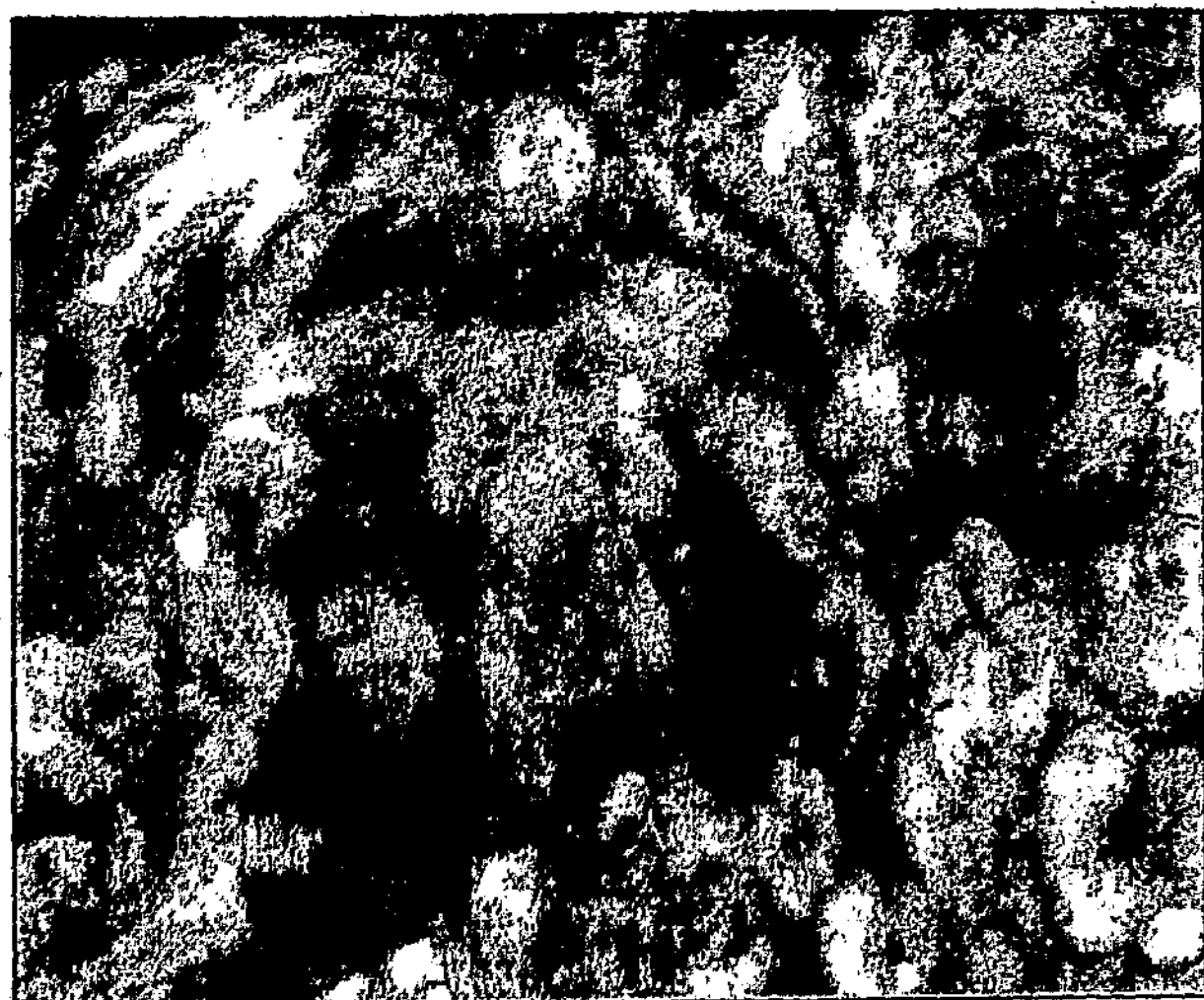
"But, I always went outside for my muse and I then I always went back to oil," she said.

Barratt doesn't search for subjects.

"No matter how you try to get it out of your mind, there always is something to see that God has built. I paint whatever I'm thinking at the time," she said. "Just because I'm looking at the mountains, I may not necessarily be thinking about the mountains. My muse could be color or something that flashes by or something I think I've seen or even heard."

Until a year ago she continued to do both mediums, but health issues now restrict her outside activities.

However, Barratt still works in her studio on the bottom floor of the Ruidoso home she shares with her husband, John, who enjoys stained glass as his outlet.



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Connie Younger is the Chamber artist of the month



Courtesy

PAINTING by Connie Younger.

She's been called a frontier woman by some, an artist by others and a loving mother by her children. A native of Arkansas, Connie Younger has made her way through a myriad of life events to settle in San Patricio in the Hondo Valley.

Since moving from Oklahoma in 1992, Younger has given in to her true calling — painting what she feels. Inspired by artists such as Robert Bateman, Tony Couch, Richard Abbott, Thomas Moran and Edgar Whitney, Younger's works include florals, landscapes, still lifes and architecture.

She began to develop her artistic talents as a young child when she received a new box of crayons. She has since discovered that oils are her preferred medium, although the majority of her current works is in watercolor.

Younger's works have been featured in juried exhibitions at the Ruidoso Arts Festival, the New Mexico Watercolor Society juried semi-annual show and at the Museum of the Horse. Her works are part of private collections in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Great Britain.

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PUNNY BONE

100 years of solitude waiting for customer service



Dave Barry
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Recently, I had a great idea while waiting on hold for Customer Service. That's pretty much all I do these days: Wait for Customer Service. My call is important to them. They have told me this many times in a sincere recorded message. They can't wait to serve me! They will answer my call just as soon as they finish serving the entire population of mainland China.

It's my own darned fault that I need to speak to Customer Service. We made a really stupid homeowner mistake: We moved to another house. Don't ever make this mistake! It's ALWAYS better to stay in your current house, even if it's actively on fire. If other people have bought your house and are moving in, you should hide in the basement and forage for food at night.

Because if you move, you'll end up like us: surrounded by hundreds of cardboard boxes packed by strangers, each box containing an average of one item (perhaps a used toothpick (wadded up inside 75,000 square feet of packing paper. Virtually every box will be labeled with some mutant spelling of the word "miscella-

neous." You will not be able to find ANYTHING. For example, I'm pretty sure that, before we moved, we had a seven-month-old daughter.

(I'm kidding, of course. We know exactly where our daughter is. She's inside of one of those boxes.)

On moving day, I was crouching in a forest of stacked boxes, attempting to take apart a sleeper-sofa the size of a Chevrolet Suburban so that we could attempt to force it through a doorway the width of Courteney Cox, when suddenly, outside, I heard the movers, who spoke Spanish, shouting something about a "serpiente." I could tell by the urgency in their voices that there were upside-down exclamation points at the beginnings of their sentences. So I ran outside, and there, on the front walk, was a snake. In other places, when you move, you're visited by the Welcome Wagon; here in South Florida, you get: the Welcome Snake!

"I'm always around!" was the snake's unspoken message. "Let me know if you ever need any puncture wounds!"

But my point, which I am hoping to get to before we reach the end of the column, is that, because we moved, we had to change all the essential services (the electrical service, the phone service, the mail service, the water service, the cable service, the beer tanker delivery service, etc. (and naturally, because all the companies involved use sophisticated computers, none of these services

actually work right in our new house. Everything is mixed up. We have water coming from our phone, and we receive phone calls on our toaster, and when we turn on our kitchen faucet, scenes from "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" come gushing out. So to straighten this mess out, I quit doing my job (whatever that may be) and started spending my days waiting on hold for Customer Service, listening to the snappy "lite" jazz music they play when they are

not telling you how important your call is to them. While doing this, I got my idea. You know those telemarketing people who always call you at dinner time? I'm talking about the ones who never come right out and say they're selling something. Lately, they've been using the bizarre term "courtesy call" to describe what they're doing.

"Mr. Barry," they'll say, "this is just a courtesy call to do you the courtesy of interrupting your dinner so I can ask you this question: Would you like to save 50 percent or more on your long distance phone bill?"

I always say no. I tell them that I WANT a big long distance bill, and that I often place totally unnecessary calls to distant continents just to jack it up. I tell them that if my long distance bill is not high enough to suit me, I deliberately set fire to a pile of cash. Then I hang up. But of course this does not stop them. The next night, they call again. That's how courteous they are.

So here's the deal: On the one hand, we have telemarketing people constantly calling us, despite the fact that everyone hates them and, to my personal knowledge, nobody in the history of the world has ever bought anything from them; and on the other hand, when we want to reach Customer Service, we can never get through. Obviously, what corporate America needs to do is round up all the employees in the Telemarketing Department, march them over to Customer Service, and order them to step over the bodies of the Customer Service employees, all of whom apparently passed away years ago, and ANSWER THE PHONE. OK? Because this toaster is burning my ear.

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Part 4 of 4

*Ike Clanton, known
to all who knew him
as a bag of wind, had
been going around
Tombstone bragging
that he and his out-
law cronies were
going to kill the
Earps and Doc Holli-
day. Well, on the
26th, the Earps called
his bluff.*

Alright. Last week I promised to try and finish the year 1881 in this week's installment, and I think that I can actually do it. We left off with the OK Corral gunfight about to start on the 26th of October, which only leaves a little over two months to go in the year. Spectacular as 1881 was, historically speaking, I think that I can finally bring the thing to a close. By the way, in addition to all the fun and games in the Old West, there were a few other things that happened in 1881 that were worth noting. It was the year that the American Red Cross was founded and it was also the year that the population of the United States reached 53 million.

October 26, 1881

It was mid-afternoon, and despite what Hollywood tells us, it was bitterly cold in Tombstone that day. In fact, later in the afternoon, it snowed. The Earps and Doc Holliday, sick to death of Ike Clanton's endless windy threats, had decided that enough was enough. When they heard that Clanton and a number of other cowboys were loitering, armed, in an alley down behind the OK Corral, they elected to go down and have it out.

When the Earp faction swung into the alley, they fanned out, effectively blocking any escape route past them. Several people had things to say: Virgil Earp started by telling the Cowboys that he wanted their guns. In fairness, it is a good bet that Virgil really did intend to simply disarm, and possibly arrest, the Cowboys. The others in the group may have had a different agenda. An eyewitness heard one of the Earps (probably Morgan), tell Doc Holliday to "let them have it." And to this, the Deadly Dentist replied with a terse "All right." In addition,

Wyatt announced to the Cowboys that "You sons of bitches have been looking for a fight and now you can have it!" Doesn't really sound like they went down there to arrest them, does it?

To be fair, it should be remembered that the Earps took a lot of taunting before the final confrontation. Whatever the case, when Virgil demanded the Cowboys' guns, the next sound to be heard was the sound of pistols cocking. For many years, it was thought that it was the Cowboys cocking their weapons, which they probably were. But it was Morgan and Doc that Virgil was talking to when he cried out "Hold! I don't mean that!" Morgan and Doc were slightly behind Virgil and to his right. It was their weapons that he had heard being cocked: In Mor-

gan's case a pistol, and in Doc's, a double-barreled shotgun.

A moment later, the guns began to roar. According to Wyatt, he and Billy Clanton fired together and first, the two reports sounding almost like one. And after that, again according to Wyatt, "the shooting became general."

The fight

Wyatt's first bullet hit Frank McLaury, reputed to be the most dangerous of those Cowboys present, in the belly, doubling him over. And did I mention that there were also two horses in that narrow (about 15 feet wide) alley? When the shooting began, Tom McLaury's horse suddenly decided that he needed to be elsewhere. Tom, hanging onto the reins, lunged for the rifle in the scabbard, but, thanks to his plunging horse, couldn't reach it. Then, using the animal as cover, he pulled a pistol from underneath his shirt and began firing over the saddle.

Frank McLaury, in an incredible display of fortitude, managed to pull his pistol and also began returning fire. With the other hand, he managed to hold onto his horse, which, like brother Tom's horse, really preferred to be someplace — anyplace — else. Nevertheless, Frank held on and began staggering toward his enemies (and the street), firing as he went.

It was about this time that Ike Clanton suddenly decided that all those threats he had been making against the Earps and Holliday were really all just a big joke. Why, Ike never wanted it to come to this! Lunging at Wyatt Earp, he grabbed Earp around the body, effectively pinning his arms. Wyatt could see that Ike had no weapon in his hand, and, shoving the sniveling Clanton away, told him that "This fight has commenced. Go to fighting or get

away."

Ike chose to "get away," which he did with remarkable efficiency. In fact, in his headlong flight, he actually passed Billy Claiborne, who had left even before Ike. By this time, Virgil had shifted the cane he was holding in his right hand to his left and had jerked his pistol. He and Billy Clanton began trading shots. The two horses, one of which had been pinked in the behind, finally managed to break free and both sunfished down the street.

Frank McLaury, in agony but still dangerous, had finally made the street. Wyatt would later wonder if Frank had been trying to get to the house of a woman that he had been seeing across Fremont Street. If he was, he never made it. Stopping in the street, reeling, Frank laid his pistol across his left arm and aimed at Doc Holliday. "I've got you now," he informed the Doctor. "You're a daisy if you do!" quipped Doc.

At the same time, Morgan, who had been hit in the shoulder by a bullet fired from the gun of Tom McLaury, rose to a sitting position and aimed at Frank. The pistols of all three men roared simultaneously. In the last moments of his life, Frank had proved that he really did have some expertise with firearms. Despite his debilitating wound, Frank's bullet very nearly put an end to Doc Holliday. Holliday had assumed the classic shooter's stance, giving McLaury his profile, which, in Doc's case (he was rail-thin) wasn't much of a target. Nevertheless, Frank's bullet cut a swath along Doc's back, causing the Dentist to think that the wound was mortal, as he cried out "I'm shot right through!" Doc's shot missed entirely, but Morgan's bullet hit Frank below the right ear, causing him to nearly do a backflip and killing him instantly.

By now, Wyatt and Morgan (who had gotten back up) began backing toward the street, where Doc already was. Tom McLaury, with the departure of his horse, suddenly found himself staring, from just a few feet away, into the twin muzzles of Holliday's shotgun, which had been dangling from Doc's left hand as he fired his pistol with his right. Doc gave Tom both barrels at point blank range, the pellets striking him from the neck to the knees. McLaury took off in a headless chicken lunge down the street.

This left only Billy Clanton, who had been dueling with Virgil Earp. A bullet from either Billy's gun or that of Frank McLaury had struck Virgil in the right calf, so that he and Billy had both been conducting their duel from a sitting position. Billy had been hit in the belly and

right wrist (the wrist wound caused him to instantly execute the "border shift" which simply meant that he tossed his pistol from his right hand to his left). Young Clanton was down, but still dangerous. Luckily for the Earps and Holliday the plucky teenager (he was 19) ran out of ammo.

As the echoes of the gunshots grew dim, eyewitnesses could hear Billy begging for "more cartridges." Camillus Fly, the famous photographer whose studio bordered the alley, rushed out and took the gun out of Clanton's hand.

It was over. Frank McLaury lay stone dead in the middle of Fremont Street, his brother Tom was breathing his last on the corner a few doors down where he had finally collapsed, and Billy Clanton died a short while later, in horrible pain, and screaming that "they have murdered me!"

Five days later, on the 31st, the hearings began to determine whether or not the Earps and Holliday should be bound over for a full scale murder hearing.

November-December, 1881

On the 4th of November, Will McLaury, older brother of the slain McLaury, arrived in Tombstone, bent on vengeance. He immediately joined the prosecution team and proceeded to do everything in his power to convince the authorities that the Earps and Holliday had, quite simply, murdered his brothers and Billy Clanton. It was all for naught, though, because on the 29th, the taking of testimony came to a close and the Earps and Holliday were quickly exonerated.

In December, the President of the United States, Chester A. Arthur, got involved in the Tombstone saga. He warned the citizens of Cochise County to either clean up the lawlessness in their county or he would impose martial law.

Of course, the Earp-Cowboy vendetta was a long way from being over. On the 17th of December, Doc Holliday received an early Christmas present: a small box wrapped in tissue paper and tied with a cute little pink ribbon. In it, there was a .45 caliber bullet and a note. It read, "I've got another one just like this that I'm going to give you some day - in the neck." It was signed "Well Wisher."

On the 28th of December - it was a Wednesday evening - the Cowboys avenged themselves. Their target was Virgil Earp. It happened as he was crossing the street from the Oriental Saloon to the Crystal Palace across the street. Virgil was still limping a bit

from the leg wound he had received two months earlier, but he was just about healed up - for all the good it did him. He was about half-way across the street when no less than five shotgun blasts shattered the night air. The shots had come from a building under construction catty-cornered across the street from him. Luckily for Virgil, they were just a little too far away.

Nevertheless, his left elbow was completely shattered by one of the blasts, and he had a number of other small wounds on his person. Despite this, Virgil never lost his footing. Turning and walking back to the Oriental, he informed brother Wyatt that he had been shot - and then collapsed. The feud continued, of course, but that is another story.

And so ended 1881. For an area as sparsely populated as the West was at that time, folks sure did seem to go out of their way to find and kill each other. didn't they?

Russian Bill

I didn't want to interfere with the continuity of the Earp saga, but the story of Russian Bill is simply too good to pass up, so allow me to digress a bit, going back to November of 1881.

His real name was William Tettenborn and he claimed to be a member of the Czar's family in Russia. Whatever his bloodline, Bill's real aspiration was to be an outlaw. When he arrived in the Tombstone area, he immediately fell in with the Cowboys, and badman Sandy King became his "mentor."

This duo was involved in many an illegal escapade, none of which were particularly heinous, so the locals tolerated them. Nevertheless, there were comments made later that the citizenry were "damned tired" of Sandy and Bill. Anyway, by November of 1881, the little patience that the citizens had was definitely running out. When Sandy King was arrested for shooting off the tip of a clerk's finger "for fun," and Russian Bill was found riding a stolen horse, local vigilantes decided that enough was enough.

At about 2 a.m. on November 9th, the pair were removed from the local calaboose and led to the old Shakespeare hotel. (The town of Shakespeare, which is no longer in existence, was located just south of present day Lordsburg). The vigilantes simply threw a couple of ropes over the rafters and jerked the pair, rather unceremoniously, "to Jesus." Local lore claims that Sandy King was hanged for crimes too numerous to mention and that Russian Bill was hanged

simply "because he was a damned nuisance."

Poor Russian Bill. If he had been hanged because he was a feared outlaw, it wouldn't have been so bad. But to be placed in the same category as horseflies and mosquitoes was definitely adding insult to injury. Bill wouldn't have even been able to take

comfort in the famous Samuel Johnson quote: "It matters not how a man dies, but how he lives."

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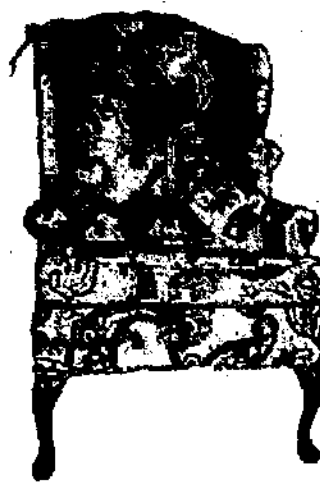
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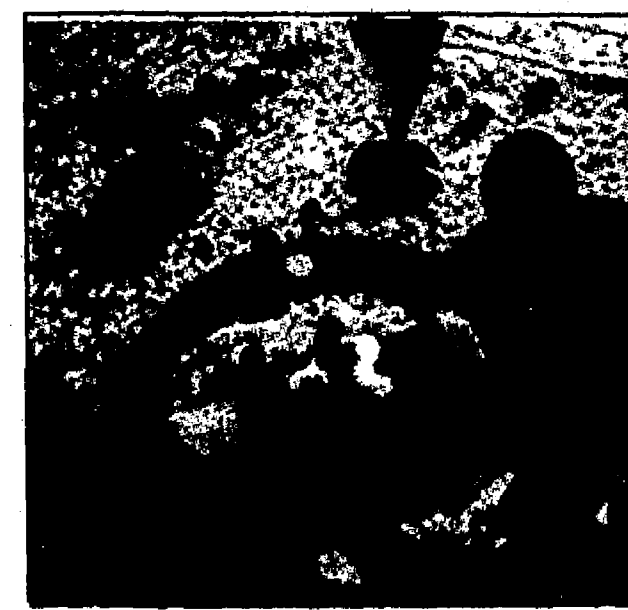
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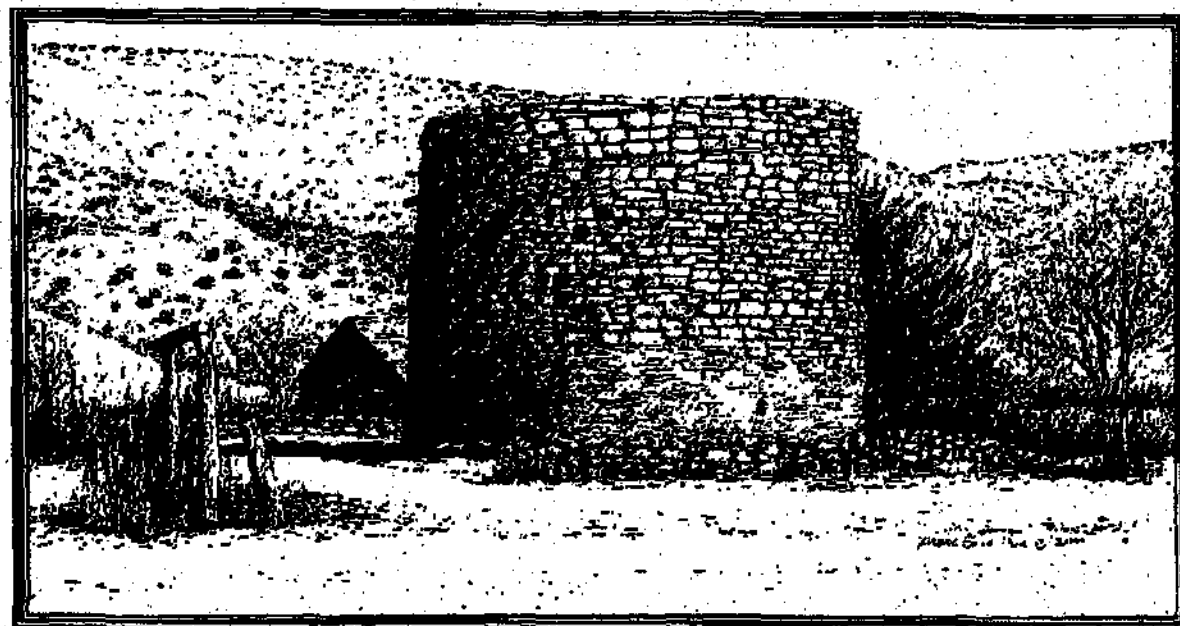
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV 00-162

BANK ONE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE (fka THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO AS TRUSTEE),

Plaintiff,

vs.

KIM NELSON, PEGGY NELSON aka PEGGY TRUEBLOOD, and TMS MORTGAGE INC., dba THE MONEY STORE,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 21, 2000, at the hour of 10:30 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the northeast entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant(s) in and to the hereinabove described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 125 Clover Drive in Ruidoso, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 14, BLOCK 4 OF GREEN MEADOWS ADDITION, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, AUGUST 29, 1958, IN TUBE NO. 168.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on October 16, 2000, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment which includes interest and costs, is \$83,089.34 and the same bears interest at the rate of Ten Percent (10.125%) per annum from October 16, 2000. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$852.60. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgement to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all pending judgments, liens, claims, and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture if any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

/s/ Nick Vega, Special Master
P.O. Box 383
Carrizozo, NM 88301

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LEGAL NOTICE

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico will hold a public hearing in conjunction with the regularly scheduled meeting on November 14, 2000, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building of the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico. The public hearing is concerning the approval of a Restaurant Beer and Wine Liquor License. The State of New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department Alcohol and Gaming Division has given preliminary approval of this license.

The name of the applicant is Terrell, Inc., whose address is 2547 Suderth Dr., Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345, to be used at the business known as Cafe Rio, located at 2547 Suderth Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345. Comments or inquiries should be directed to the Village Clerk, Tammie J. Maddox, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345, 258-4343 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

By: /s/ Tammie J. Maddox
Clerk

3096 2T(11)3,10

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, November 14, 2000, at 10:00 a.m., at the rear entrance to the Sears Store, located at 2172 Highway 70 West, in Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico, the undersigned will offer at public sale and sell to the highest bidder the following described personal property:

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LEGAL NOTICE

Lot#1: 1998 Dodge 3/4 Ton Pickup with stake bed and Tommy-lift

Lot#2: Miscellaneous office equipment, including, the following: a fax machine; Gateway 2000 Computer with hard drive, speakers and Canon bubble jet printer; Trash cans; Adding machines (2 desktop/4 handheld); Desk lamp; 4 file cabinets - 4 drawer each; 3 file cabinets - 2 drawer each; 1 rolling file cabinet; Xerox printer; Miscellaneous file holders; 7' Desk; 5' Desk; Computer Desk; Break table and chairs; 2 Clocks; Leather desk chair; Cloth desk chair; Leather recliner; 2 Floor pads; 3 Side chairs; Draftsman chair; Paper cutter; Electric Pencil Sharpener; 2 Stacking Computer Organizers; 3 Two-line phones with intercom; 1 Two-line portable phone; Time clock; 4' Receiving desk and lamp.

Lot#3: 18 Cu/ft Refrigerator with ice maker; Microwave; Coffee Maker; 19" television (non-working); Microwave cart; Toaster oven; Shop vacuum; Mop buckets, mops, brooms and dustpan; Lighted "OPEN" sign.

Lot#4: Miscellaneous shelving and displays, including custom manufactured dish washer display rack; Custom manufactured padded shelving for electronics display; Custom manufactured H-wall for electronics display; Custom manufactured padded microwave display; Range hood display shelving; 24" Shelving standards; 50" Shelving (various sizes); 10' Table display for tabletop power tools; 16x8x2 Adjustable portable shelving; 2 folding tables; Lawnmower displays; Sport court and carpet ties; 18" Cash wrap (counter); 2 Spinner display racks.

Lot#5: Pallet jack; 3'X5' platform truck; 2 Large appliance dollies; 4 Small dollies; 2 rolling trash containers; 7' ladder; Portable loading ramps.

All items in each lot will be sold together, as a single unit. Cash or certified check only will be accepted. Full payment is required at the time of sale. Buyers must take possession upon completion of the sale at the sale location. The listed items will be available for inspection beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the date of the sale, as the sale location, listed above. The liquidating creditor reserves the right to bid on any or all items.

Dated: October 31, 2000.

LEGAL SERVICES INC., P.C.

/s/ By: Lee Griffin, attorney for Secured Creditors, 2172 Highway 70 West, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88348

3098 2T(11)3,10

LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board for three members to serve on the Board. Nominee(s) shall be a property owner in the Lincoln Historic District; must be domiciled and registered to vote within Lincoln County.

Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board. In making the appointment to the Board, the Commission shall give consideration to maintaining the balance of interests and skills of the Board, and to the individual qualifications of the candidates, including their interest, experience and knowledge in community and cultural traditions.

Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 A.M., December 18, 2000.

/s/ Martha Guevara
Assistant County Manager

3101 1T(11)10

LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee for two (2) members to serve on the Board. Nominee(s) shall be involved in primary agriculture production or in secondary agricultural services; must be domiciled and registered to vote within the County of Lincoln.

Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee.

Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 A.M., December 18, 2000.

/s/ Martha Guevara
Assistant County Manager

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2000 at 9:00 PM. Call for a conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

600 LEGALS

AGENDA WILL BE POSTED

IN accordance with Resolution No. 2000-16, unless otherwise specified. The Agenda shall be available to the public at least twenty-four hours before any regular meeting.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact Leann Weibrecht or Margaret LaBelle at (505)648-2371, City Hall, Carrizozo, New Mexico at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

/s/ Leann Weibrecht, CMC
Town Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Carrizozo

3104 1T(11)10

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Qualifications-based competitive sealed proposals for professional services will be received by the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico for:

Construction Observation of Main Street (Sudderth) Improvements - Phase II, TPE-048-(18) 02, CN 7088

Proposals will be received at Village of Ruidoso Purchasing Warehouse, 421 Wingfield St., Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 until 5:00 PM, November 30, 2000. Copies of the Request for Proposals can be obtained in person at the office of the Purchasing Department at 421 Wingfield St., Ruidoso, N.M. 88345 or will be mailed upon written or telephone request to Purchasing Agent at (505) 257-2721.

A Pre-Proposal conference will not be held.

PURCHASING AGENT:

DATE:

3106 2T(11)10,18

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico, calls for sealed bids for the SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT.

1. 1981 John Deere Loader 544B - 2 1/2 Yard Bucket
2. 1979 John Deere 670-A Motor Grader
3. 1981 John Deere 670-A Motor Grader

Interested bidders may secure a copy of the specifications from the Village Clerk at the Village of Ruidoso Downs Village Hall, 122 Downs Drive in Ruidoso Downs, or by calling (505)378-4422.

Sealed bids must be received by the Village Clerk, if hand delivered to 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs, or if mailed P.O. Box 348 Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346. Bids will be received until Tuesday, November 21, 2000 at 3:00 p.m., then publicly opened at the Village of Ruidoso Downs Village Hall. Any bids received after closing time will be returned unopened.

The Village of Ruidoso Downs reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive all informalities as allowed by the State of New Mexico Procurement Code.

By Order of the Governing Body
/s/ Gladys Dillard
Village Clerk
Procurement Officer
Village of Ruidoso Downs

3107 2T(11)10,15

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico calls for sealed bids on:

One 1000 Gallon Avgas Refueler Mid Module for Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, Village of Ruidoso

Interested bidders may secure a copy of specifications from the Purchasing Agent at the Village of Ruidoso Centralized Purchasing Warehouse, 421 Wingfield St. in Ruidoso, (505) 257-2721 (mailing address: 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345).

Sealed bids must be received by the Purchasing Agent at 421 Wingfield Street in Ruidoso no later than Tuesday, November 21, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. local time, at which time the bids will be transported to the Village of Ruidoso Water Department, 419 Wingfield Drive, where they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

The Village of Ruidoso reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive all informalities as allowed by the State of New Mexico Procurement Code.

By Order of the Governing Body
/s/ Morris McGowan
Purchasing Agent
Village of Ruidoso

3103 2T(11)10,10

LEGAL NOTICE

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO

600 LEGALS

ADOPT

ORDINANCE 2000-17

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body, Village of Ruidoso shall conduct a public hearing in conjunction with a regular meeting scheduled on November 28, 2000 at 8:30 p.m. at the Ruidoso Administrative Center for the purpose of adopting Ordinance 2000-17 entitled "AN ORDINANCE FOR THE SALE OF A PORTION OF THE TRACT OF LAND IN THE GRINDSTONE RESORT PROPERTIES SUBDIVISION FROM THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO TO CDS INVESTMENTS, INC., FOR DEVELOPMENT, TO INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING."

Terms of Sale:

Purchase price:

Purchase price is Three Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000.00).

Appraised Value of the Property:

The appraised value of the 12.37 acres is \$225,000.00

Time and manner of payment on the sale of real property:

a. Buyer will install or retain others to install for the benefit of the Village a sanitary sewer line to the real property up Carrizo Rd, all in accordance with the specifications reasonably required by Seller.

b. Buyer shall receive credit against the purchase price for the cost of said sewer installation up to and including the purchase price. In the event that said sewer installation costs more than the purchase price, Village shall transfer to Buyer additional real property at the rate of Twenty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Three Dollars (\$26,273.00) per acre in order to make up the difference. In the event the said installation is less than the purchase price, Buyer shall pay the Village the difference.

Identity of the purchaser:

Purchaser is CDS Investments, Inc., a Utah Corporation.

The purpose of the sale:

Said sale is to develop 12.37 unused acres of Grindstone Resort Properties Subdivision, to include affordable housing.

Copies of Ordinance 2000-17 are on file in the office of the Village Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Village of Ruidoso this 10th day of November, 2000.

(SEAL)

/s/ Tammie J. Maddox
Village Clerk

3105 1T(11)10

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

TERRY LEE BROADDRICK

Petitioner, DM-00-88

Division III

vs.

DARRELL WAYNE BROADDRICK

Respondent.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO: Darrell Wayne Broaddrick, Respondent

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in the District Court of Lincoln County, State of New Mexico, a certain cause of action wherein Terry Broaddrick is the Petitioner and you are the Respondent, the same being Cause No. DM-00-88, Division III.

The object and purpose of the said suit is grant a divorce the Petitioner.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that unless you enter your appearance or file pleadings herein on or before 1/30/01, the Petitioner will make application to the Court for a Decree by Default will be rendered against you as prayed for in the petition.

The name of the Plaintiff's attorney is Charles E. Hawthorne, and whose address is 1096 Mechem, Suite 302, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345.

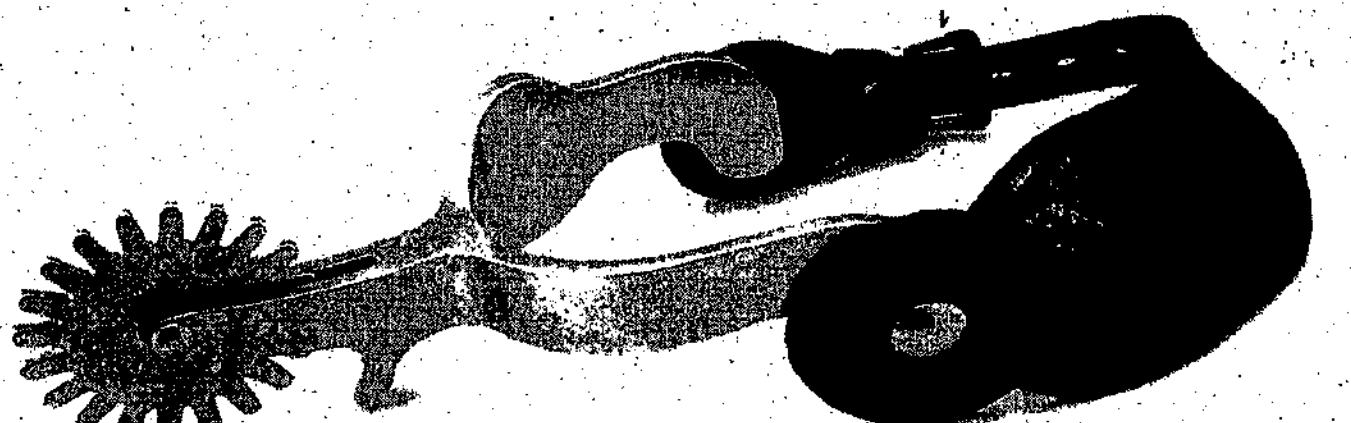
WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico this day of October, 2000.

/s/ Jan Perry
DISTRICT COURT CLERK
LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

By: Elizabeth Ysasi
Deputy

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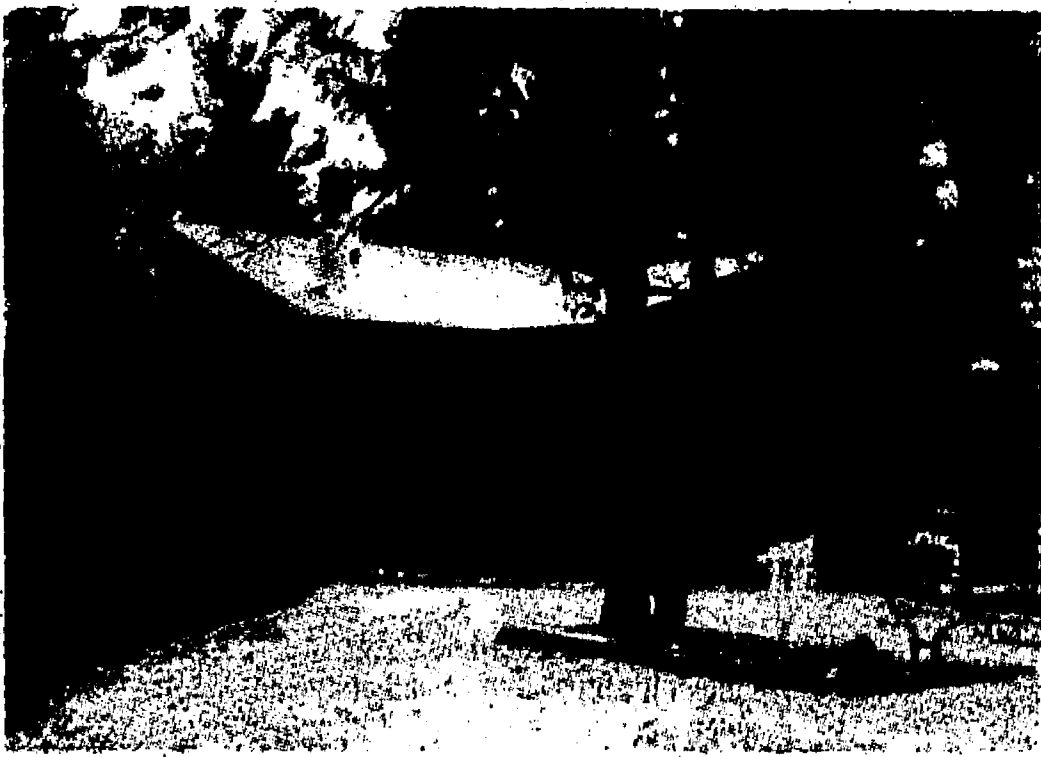
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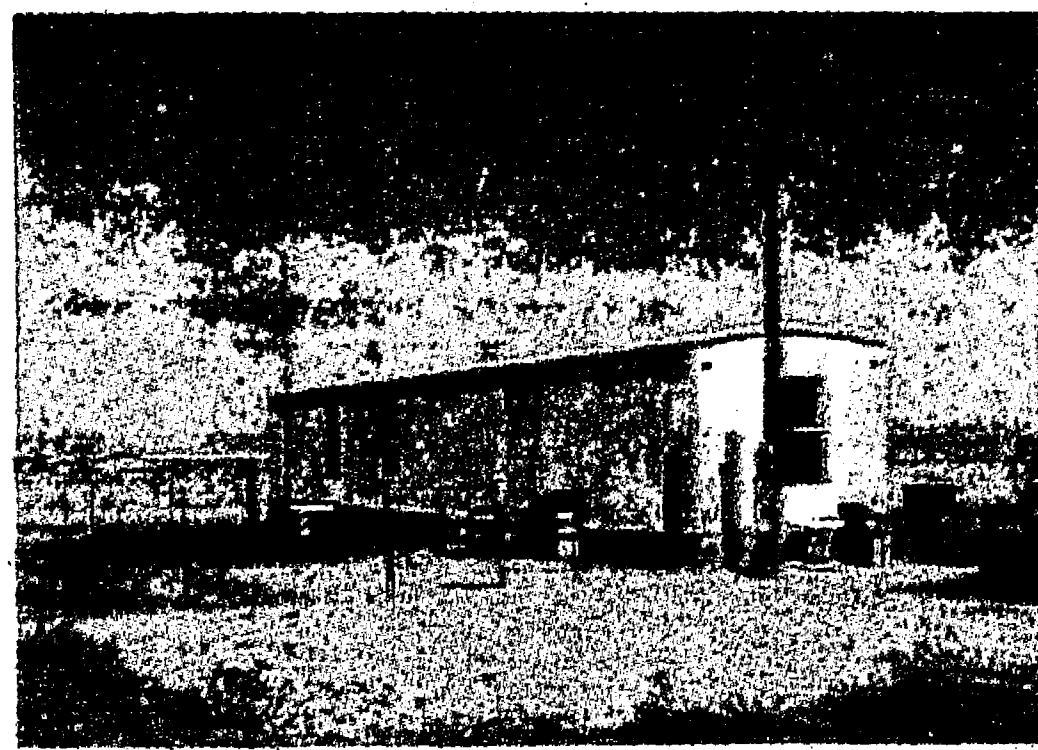
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Lakeside Estates

Smith • \$160,000 • 304 Buena Vista Drive

3 bdrms, 2 bath on 1.01 acre. Big Sierra Blanca view. Full golf membership adjoining lot 6 with no membership, included. Super nice deck.



High Mesa

Benson • \$186,000 • 114 High Mesa Lane

3 bdrm, 3 bath on a heavily wooded lot located on cul-de-sac, like new. Dog run, security system. Satellite dish. Full golf membership.



Alto

Yates • \$550,000 • 632 Midiron Drive

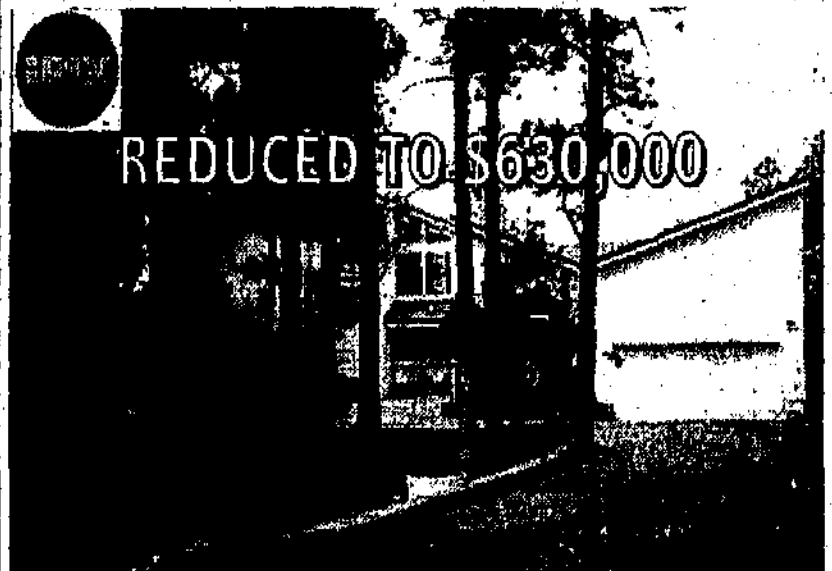
3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath. Beautiful log home on 1.52 acres. Full golf membership. Overlooking #12 green. Refrigerated air - cherrywood cabinets, cedar closet, Sierra Blanca view and Capitans. 3 car garage.

New Construction

Alto

Powers • \$438,000 • 102 Buck Dr.

3 bdrm, 3 1/4 bath. Full golf. 2 car garage - new stucco - pick your colors now!



Alto

Mote • \$675,000 • 739 Deer Park Drive

One of the most elegant and unique homes in Alto. Too many amenities to mention. 7 bedrooms, 7+ baths, over 6899 square feet of elegance! Lowest level is perfect for mother-in-law wing, teenagers, etc. with separate kitchen & living area... plus fantastic views and golf membership.



Awesome Commercial Acreage with Sierra Blanca Views

Robinson • \$1,250,000

9.3 ± acres. Seller is motivated on this large multi-use potential piece of property in the heart of Ruidoso with Sierra Blanca views, large trees and easy access. Owner will carry paper and/or joint venture. Submit all offers.



Alto


Hanson • \$315,000 • 103 Mountain Place

Four bedroom, 3 bath with gated patio and 2-car garage. Most all the furniture stays - full golf membership.

COMING SOON



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Alto

White • \$250,000 • 810 Deer Park Drive

Three bedroom, 2 bath, single car garage on flat corner lot with nice decks and full golf membership! Complete with furniture addendum.



Alto

Blaugrund • \$250,000 • Country Club Condos #A5

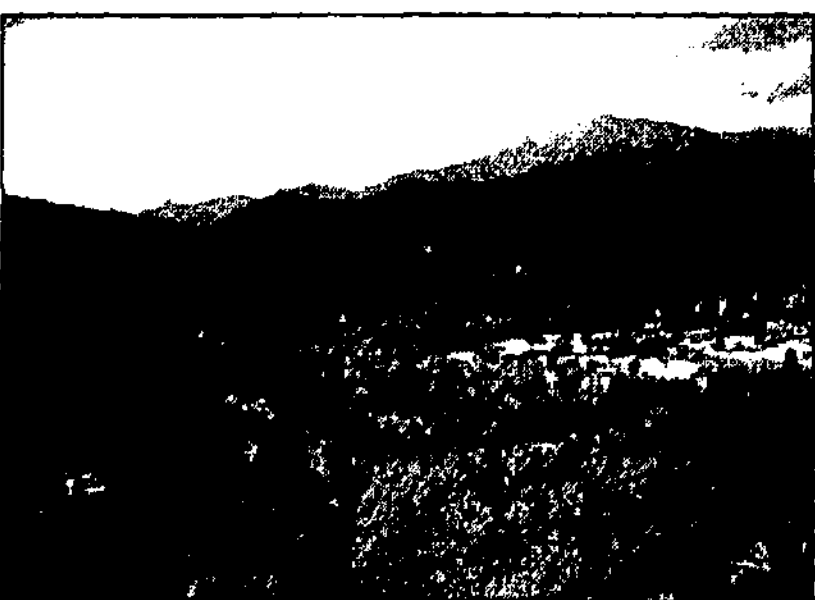
Full golf, on the golf course. 3 bdrm, 2 baths, nice patio and refrigerated air.



New Mexico State University Property

\$225,000 • 411 College Drive

BACK ON MARKET! Twenty acre tract with 2100+ sq. ft. building in village limits - city water available - many possibilities.



Lookout Estates

Atcheson • \$164,900 • Unit D-1, 220 Lookout Dr.

3 bdrm., 2 1/4 bath upstairs; 2 bdrm., 2 1/4 bath down. Downstairs rents for \$900 a month. Furnished - view of Sierra Blanca, golf course and the river!



Airport West

Harkins • \$53,900 • 405 Del Norte Dr.

Furnished 3 bdrm., 2 bath older mobile with covered deck. Nice views - owner may finance!



Country Club Estates

Cooper • \$117,500 • 306 Hull Drive

3 bdrm., 2 bath, 2 car garage. Knotty pine accents and wood vigas give this home Ruidoso charm. 24-hour notice to show. Just let us know!



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Country Club Estates

Carey • \$289,000 • 100 La Luz

Five bedrooms, 2 3/4 baths. The breath taking Sierra Blanca view only few homes in Ruidoso have. Corner lot - approximately 3400 sq. ft. Two real moss rock fireplaces!



Sunny Slope

Reyes • \$225,000 • 205 White Mtn. Meadows Dr.

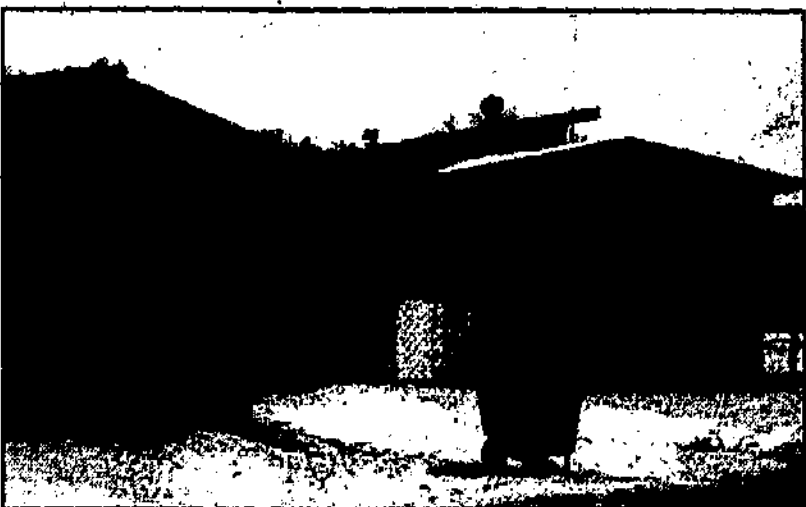
New 4 bdrm, 3 bath stucco with 1 year warranty. A must see. 2870 sq. ft.



High Sites Subdivision

Hale • \$125,000 • 103 Monica's Court

Three bedroom, 2 bath with large fenced back yard and nice front lawn area. Very easy access; located on a cul-de-sac in the Ruidoso Care Center area! Pergo wood floors, wood window blinds and kept in immaculate condition. A must see family home!



O.P. Addition Capitan

Ford • \$65,000 • 302 Lincoln Avenue

Two bedroom, 2 bath 1976 modular on 3 lots, RV pad and hookup, 16x14 heated work room off garage.



Gavilan Acres

Rhodes • \$65,000 • North Ro. 1

Three bedroom, 2 bath 1979 double wide, septic, domestic well, natural gas. Furniture addendum on file.



Ponderosa Heights

Cooper • \$98,500 • 122 Aspen Circle

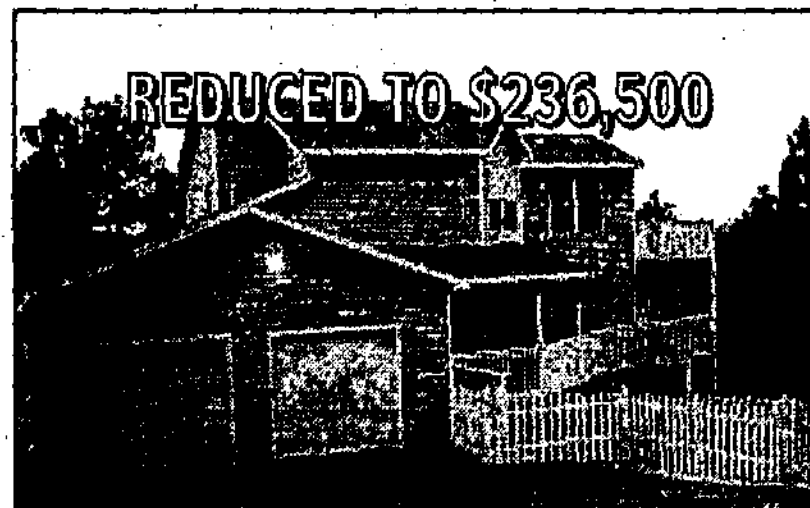
Three bedrooms, 2 baths. Excellent renter. Home is 1 level. 2-car garage. Motivated seller.



Pinon Park Condo's

Long • \$79,900 • Unit #C7

2 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, completely remodeled July 2000. New carpet, paint, appliances, furniture and new wet bar.

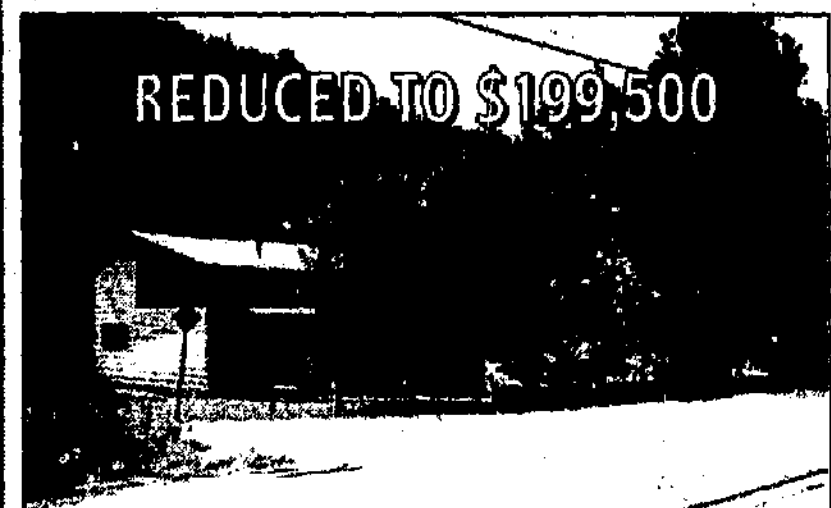


REDUCED TO \$236,500

White Mountain Meadows

Radziewicz • \$248,500 • 110 Coker Lane

Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2-car garage, fenced yard. Hardwood floors - nice hobby or office room downstairs. Large bedrooms - bright interior - Victorian styled. A must see home!

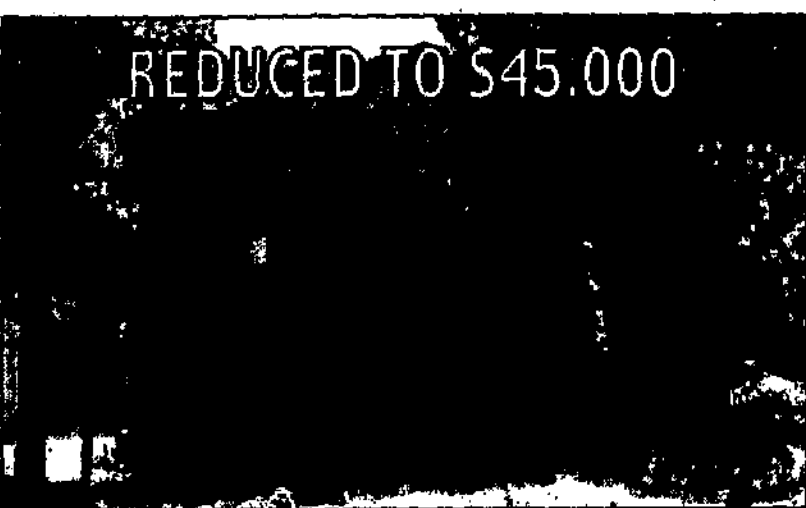


REDUCED TO \$199,500

Carrizo Canyon Road

Garnett • \$212,000 • Carrizo Canyon Road

This 3 bdrm, 2 bath home sits on 2 lots with commercial potential. Carrizo Creek to the back of the property. Split rail fencing.



REDUCED TO \$45,000

Spring Park

Green • \$49,950 • 242 Mountain View Dr.

Two bedrooms, 1 bath, completely remodeled. Nice front deck for enjoying the views. All new inside. Ready for new owner - make an offer! Motivated seller. Let us show you how to own this cabin cheaper than renting.



Alto Alps

Plumlee • \$159,500 • #48 Alto Alps Condo

4 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath. Level entry, just remodeled, new carpet. New satillo tile. New appliances, 2 car garage, swimming pool and club house.



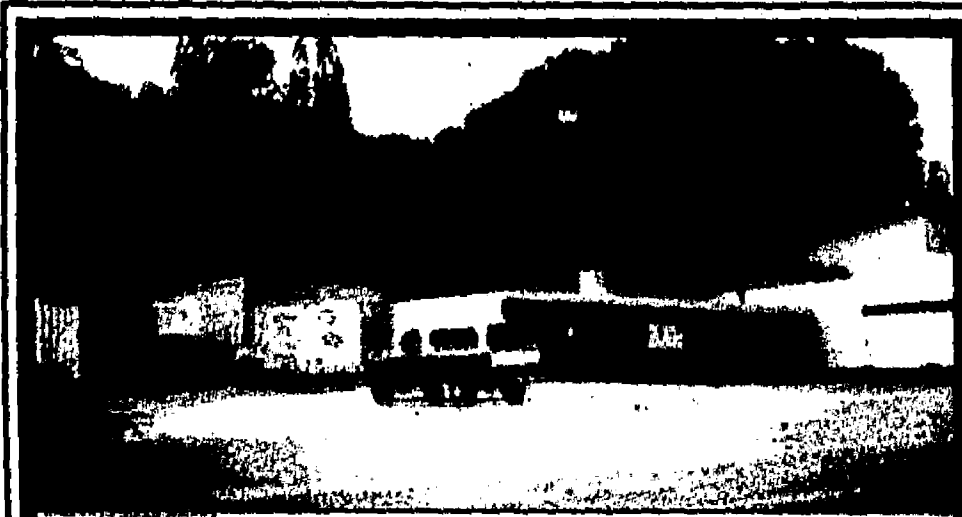
Valley

Lewicki • \$950,000 • 11+ acres on River

Beautiful 3,000 sq. ft. home. 14 x 80 mobile with 2-car carport. 1400 sq. ft. barn. This is a unique piece of property with water rights! Seller will consider dividing this property. Will sell mobile and barn separately.

Business Only

Ruidoso Ice and Water. Water business only. \$175,000. Well established local business and 116 commercial accounts. Equipment and inventory included. Bldg. is also for sale.



Skyland Subdivision Graves Ent. • \$475,000 • 1605 Sudderth Dr.

Commercial Bldg. on 8 1/2 lots. Corner of Willow and Sudderth. All city utilities, overhead door, new metal roof. 4500 sq. ft. All one level, plenty of parking and high visibility.



Hillside Addition Casey • \$285,000 • 102 Cedar Creek Court

Across from Cree Meadows CC on private cul-de-sac. 5 bdrms, 2 full baths, 2 levels. Great for entertaining lots of windows - comes completely furnished. Even has new tooth brushes.



North Cedar Creek Duran • \$235,000 • N. Cedar Creek Rd.

3 bdrms, 2 bath, 2 car garage. All one level catus pine siding, long covered porch with great views. Home is on 1 acre, fairly secluded. 2 years old - Owner builder.



Young Heights Graves • \$499,500 • 116 Grove Dr.

4 bdrm, 4 bath, 2 car carport, RV port, 3958 sq. ft. on 2.08 acres. Home is all 1 level - large living room, larger den. Every aspect of this home is on a grand scale. Perfect for a 2 family type situation. Appt. through list agent.



Agua Fria Estates

Residential lots from \$31,000 to \$45,000 and ranging in size from .75 acres to 1.9 acres. All building sites are restricted to southwestern styled architecture with underground utilities. Excellent water, some Sierra Blanca views, beautiful valley views, and gentle slopes. Unique appeal for natural landscaping. Commercial sites also!



Alto Bayless • \$425,000 • 300 French Drive

5 bdrm, 3 1/2 bath, full golf. On 2 lots. 5,800+ sq. ft. Panoramic views. Exceptional value!

Call

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