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Highway 70 meetings scheduled

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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After examining eight alternatives, including roads from Roswell to Ruidoso that would take drivers 40 miles around Hondo Valley, consultants recommend improving U.S. 70, and sticking with its existing route.

"That's our recommendation, but of course there always is public review and comment and review and comment from the federal Highway Administration that ultimately provides the money for doing the improvements," said Dave Pennington.

Pennington is with Parsons Brinckerhoff, an

engineering firm based in Albuquerque that has been assigned the U.S. 70 project.

Pennington and Chris Baca, with the same firm, were in town Wednesday to promote two meetings set for next week.

They want to share their conclusions and receive feedback from Valley residents, officials in affected communities such as Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, business owners, truck company representatives, tourism entities and anyone else with a stake in the future of the road, they said.

The first meeting will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Ruidoso Convention Center and the second, the same time Wednesday at the Hondo Valley School.

"At our meetings last summer, one of the comments we heard was to evaluate other route alternatives, in particular New Mexico 246," Pennington said. "We did some initial investigations, not only of 246, but several other routes. After reviewing the cost to improve those other routes, the difficulty to do those routes, some of the impacts to the environment and activities, it's our team's recommendation that none of the alternate routes were consistent with the need for improvements to U.S. 70 and weren't viable."

That recommendation has been given to the Federal Highway Administration and now will be

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Let there be light



An employee of Signs by Smith manages to replace a light at a traffic signal at the intersection of Paradise Canyon and Sudderth Drive Thursday without interrupting the flow of traffic.

Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

Shadows of the future

Eighth-graders glimpse the 'real world' on Job Day

BY KELLY LOCKE
AND NICOLE HALE
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Job Shadow Day for Ruidoso Middle School students Wednesday went "exceptionally well this year," Dairly Steirwalt, a teacher who helped organize the event said.

Steirwalt said 200 eighth graders participated in the program, which involves students going to places of business and experiencing a day at work.

One hundred fifty businesses from the community supported and participated in Job Shadow Day this year.

Although this is the 10th year for the community to sponsor Job Shadow Day, this is the first year for students to actually have an option of

where they wanted to work. This is also the first year for students to have Job Shadow Day T-shirts, which made it easier for businesses to recognize students.

Teachers gave the students paper work to go find a job in January. Just like in real life, students were given the responsibility to find their own job. Businesses liked the idea how kids had to get their own placements, Steirwalt said.

Students said this option also gave them the opportunity to find out if they were interested in the career they picked.

"It can be very exciting at some points," said Ariel Kannady, 14, who shadowed in the Lincoln County Med-

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Energy bills see jump

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Energy bills are showing up with amounts due that are startling some electric and gas customers.

Most surprising are prices for propane gas.

"Our costs have skyrocketed," said J. T. Romero, district manager for Ikard & Newson LP Gas Company.

Romero said when a price increase reaches his distribution level it has to be passed on. "As an example, LP just had a one-day 20-cent increase." That increase hasn't yet reached the local level, but others, over the past several weeks, have, he said.

Romero said literature, to let his customers know what's happening, should be available soon. "Because I know we're going to start getting complaints."

Natural gas rates are stable, said Betty Moore, business development director with Zia Natural Gas Company. But there have been customers calling, concerned about their bills.

"What they didn't remember is it's warm now, but it was cold earlier," Moore said. "That's increased their gas usage."

The number of questions about natural gas bills, and requests to have gas meters read again, typically increase in the winter, according to Moore.

"The only way that the bill to the customer can change is through the state regulatory commission. They have to approve any rate increases," Moore said.

Officials with the area's two electric suppliers said it's largely the weather we were dealt in December that's boosted the most recent bills.

"The charge per kilowatt stays the same," said Charlie Moore, operations coordinator with Texas-New Mexico Power Company's offices in Ruidoso and Alamogordo. "They're just using more."

Moore said those bills cover the Christmas to New Year holiday period, which usually sees increased electric use.

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Murder suspect pleads no contest

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Christopher Faviell pleaded no contest Tuesday to second-degree murder, and aiding and abetting for the strangulation death of his former lover, Elizabeth Lankhorst-Ballard in March 1998.

Twelfth Judicial District Judge Karen Parsons in Carrizozo approved the plea bargain agreement.

The agreement carries a cap of seven years in prison. This sentence will run concurrently with an 18-month sentence for his conviction in November for tampering with evidence.

During that trial, a Lincoln County jury acquitted Faviell, a caterer and concession operator in Ruidoso, of conspiracy to murder. Jury members split 10-2 on convicting him of murder. The majority favored a manslaughter conviction.

Seven years is one more year in prison than he would have received on manslaughter, a court spokesman said. He will be eligible for parole in four years.

Although Lankhorst-Ballard's family was disappointed with the plea, they realized the problems with the case in view of the jury's indecision, the spokesman said.

The victim's mother, Sharon Ashley from Ruidoso, could not be reached for comment Tuesday, but her father, Jack Lankhorst, a minister from Riverside, Calif. said he was not happy with the outcome.

"When I did the Memorial Service one and a half years ago, someone asked me what I meant when I said we had to forgive the murderers," he said. "I told them that forgiveness had nothing to do with consequences, it has to do with me being able to live the rest of my life in peace."

"Seven years is not fair whether he did it or not. He was involved."

As a minister, he places unexplainable and seemingly unfair events in the hands of God, Lankhorst said.

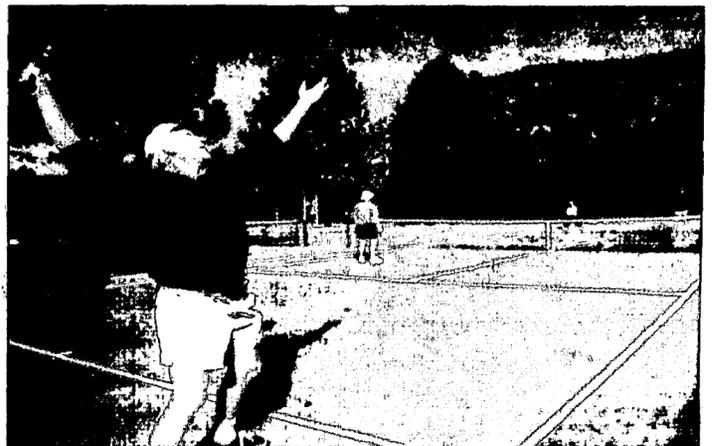
"God says you sew what you reap," he said. "As a person, it hurts. Do I hate him? I don't know, but I think taking the life of someone's child is the highest form of violation."

"The one good thing that happened was that Elizabeth called me a few days before this happened and we had a long awesome conversation. There's some closure in that."

Faviell was accused of "finishing off" Lankhorst-Ballard after his transvestite lover, Charles "Eva" Martinez knocked her to the floor of their rented house and then began strangling the women with her scarf.

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Tennis, anyone?

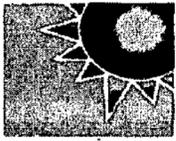


Kenyon Thomas serves a slammer to his doubles opponents Guillermo Hermosillo, back left, and Tommy Valliant, while his partner W.D. Conley prepares for a return shot. The foursome at the village courts proved Thursday that tennis in Ruidoso is a year-around sport.

Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

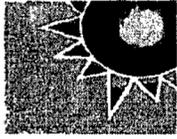
RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

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SUNDAY High ... 58 Low ... 22



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MONDAY High ... 57 Low ... 23



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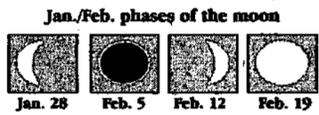
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Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	32	22	.43"
Wednesday	47	8	.00"
Thursday	59	19	.00"

Regional-Friday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	57	29	Partly cloudy
El Paso, TX	64	28	Mostly sunny
Lubbock, TX	54	26	Partly cloudy
Midland, TX	59	29	Partly cloudy

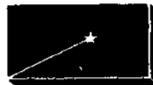


Weather data courtesy of meteorologist *Carm Moore*
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STARDATE



The Sun and Moon line up tomorrow for the first of four partial solar eclipses this year. It is visible only from Antarctica and a few islands in the Indian Ocean. A partial eclipse occurs when the new Moon passes almost directly between Earth and the Sun.

StarDate courtesy of McDonald Observatory, Univ. of Texas at Austin. For more information call 1-800-StarDate.



The American Mine southwest of Nogal. *courtesy*

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

White Oaks Eagle
Feb. 1, 1900

If the good people of New Mexico, and they are numerous of both races, would but combine to put down the politicians and conduct the affairs of the Territory on a business basis and for the benefit of the people rather than of the adventurers

who have become prominent in politics, then statehood would be a benefit, but under existing conditions no greater course could be inflicted on the people (El Paso Times).

Jicarilla News... The report is current that Jno. Puler is soon to go out of business. Report didn't say how whether it's a sell out or a trust out... E.J. Phillips is putting in stock of goods preparatory to opening a store at his ranch... J.F. Mains has located a small claim on top of the divide.

HIGHWAY: Another book retreat has been scheduled for Nov. 19-20

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shared with the public, along with the results of some other investigations, he said.

Segments of the highway will be looked at individually for the best approach, which may range from full "four-laning" to adding a turn lane or improving access to and exits from the highway, Baca said.

Because the river lies on one side of the road and steep cliffs often are on the other side, each segment may require a different application, the consultants said.

Being a federal highway, it must accommodate all types of vehicles and all trip types whether tourists, home owners and ranchers or commercial, Baca said.

"We're looking at a wide range of typical sections going all the way from the improved two-lane with widened shoulders to four lanes, undivided, to a four-lane with some type of median for left turning lanes, to the extreme of having a larger median to separate the four-lanes," he said.

"Safety is paramount. It's not just the reality of the types of accidents that have occurred, it's also from a motorist's perception of how they feel when they're driving the roadway."

Frequent comments from motorists show they don't feel safe on the road now, Pennington said.

Although accidents on U.S. 70 from 1993 to 1997 fluctuate from a low of 51 in 1996 to a high of 72 in 1997, what charts don't show is that many of the accidents were very severe, Pennington said.

One of the major concerns appears to be the destruction

Police crack down on highway violations

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Since a rear-end collision on U.S. 70 killed three people in a church van last month, New Mexico State Police officers have issued about 50 percent more traffic tickets along the stretch from Ruidoso Downs to Reswell, says the district supervisor.

"A lot of times there are two to three officers there at a time," Lt. William Bower said Wednesday. "We have some coming up from Otero County to help. We started directed patrols a week ago last Sunday, where an officer spends four hours per shift on that highway. They've reduced the tolerance to five to six miles over the limit."

"They're writing a lot more lane violations - people going over the yellow line or not staying to the right when the highway widens into a passing lane."

Officers also are citing many drivers for

being too close to the car in front and for not signaling when they change lanes to pass, Bower said.

Special "Tiger Teams" assigned to deal with specific problems - in this case traffic - also will patrol the area, he said.

In reviewing statistics, Bower said on a 40 mile section of U.S. 70 between mile marker 270 east of Fox Cave and 310 at the Chaves County line, three accidents (not involving wildlife) occurred in November in 1998 and seven in the same month a year later. Six accidents were reported in December 1998 and 14 in December 1999.

"The accidents more than doubled in those months in a year's time," Bower said. "The increase seems to be tied mainly to speed, driving left of center and following too close."

In a half hour Tuesday, Bower said he cited a semi-truck driver and a van driver for following too close. The truck was tailgating a passenger bus.

of or reducing the quality of the environment immediately adjacent or around the highway, Baca said.

"There are construction techniques we can do to help minimize that and in some places, possibly repair the barren slopes and things that are part of the existing sections today," Baca said.

"Those sections aren't consistent now throughout the project. We're looking at how the road functions. When you go through Hondo or Tinnie, there's a different feel there and the roadway should not just zoom through the middle of that. There's a school there and children may be on the road returning to their homes."

An Environmental Impact Statement also will be completed covering environmental, cultural and social effects of

the proposed improvements, Pennington said.

The team is looking at possible right-of-way acquisitions.

"Our goal is to minimize any acquisitions, but to ensure anybody who is adjacent to the highway has appropriate and safe access," Baca said.

Pennington added that whatever the outcome of the project, the team wants to balance competing interests.

"One of the more compelling reasons we felt improvements to 246 weren't practical is because it's one thing to provide an alternate route, it's another thing to get people to use it," Pennington said. "It's out of direction for commercial traffic, tourists and commuters."

To abate arguments that a four-lane highway would only encourage people to drive

faster, the team took an informal study last fall on the already four-laned section of U.S. 70 farther west and compared results to observations on the eastern two-laned portion.

"Generally, there is an upper limit of what most people will drive. The speeds on this highway approach that now," Pennington said.

"What we found using radar was, in general, people driving a few miles over posted speed on the segment that was four-lane and a few miles over the posted speed on the two-lane (segment)," Pennington said. In each case, some at each extreme drove way too fast or slow, he said.

Design criteria is based on years of research to create conditions to reduce accidents, he said.

ENERGY: Officials say bills have increased because of a cold holiday season

"And December was a cold month. When the furnace works more, it uses more electricity for its motor," Moore said.

Texas-New Mexico Power has registered an increase in requests for a re-read of electric meters by customers who feel their bills are too much. Moore said those re-reads have show the correct amount of electricity is being billed.

Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc., has also posted an increase in the number of requests to have meters

read again.

"From long experience, our annual peak (in electric demand) is directly proportional to temperature and the depth of snow," said Bill Mershon, the utility's general manager. "Several weeks in December were quite cold and we got a really good snow at Christmas."

Mershon said the charge per kilowatt hour of electricity has not increased. He said it actually is slightly lower because of purchase power adjustments that pass lower

costs of electricity bought by the utility and distributed to its member customers.

"We spend time talking to those who say their bill is too high," Mershon said. "We tell them about the temperatures, weather, and the holiday season from those bills. And they remember."

Compared to a year earlier, Otero County Electric registered a ten-percent increase in demand for electricity at the end of December.

Meters are being read now for the next billing cycle, and

Mershon said those bills should reflect a smaller bill because of the unseasonable warm January.

Those who find their electric bill more than they can handle are asked to contact Otero County Electric, to make arrangements to spread a the cost of a large bill over several months.

For questions about bills, call Texas-New Mexico Power at 258-5511 or Otero County Electric Cooperative Inc. at 336-4550 or Zia Natural Gas at 378-4277.

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Dub Williams plans community meeting to discuss Fort Stanton

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A community meeting on Fort Stanton may clear up some misconceptions, says Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart.

Since news surfaced that state Rep. Dub Williams would introduce a bill requested by the Property Control Division of the state General Services Department to authorize the future sale of the fort, the Republican representative from Glencoe has been bombarded with letters and calls, Stewart said.

"He thinks the shots (he's receiving) aren't warranted," Stewart said. "He wanted to talk to the citizens."

A meeting is set for 6 p.m., Feb. 24, in the county courthouse in Carrizozo.

Williams agreed to submit the bill calling for a joint resolution by the House and Senate because he wanted input into its final form, Williams

said previously.

That final form contains amendments covering preservation requirements and ensures that water rights attached to the fort will not be sold, Stewart said.

Dick Weber, head of non-profit Fort Stanton Inc., went to Santa Fe Tuesday to meet with Williams and state Sen. Pete Campos, (D-Las Vegas, N.M.). Weber reported that additional language was added as an amendment to ensure the property could revert back to the federal government.

"The bill frees up the state to seek other alternatives," Stewart said. "They could sell to the federal government or a private group. But whatever happens, an RFP (request for proposals) would have to be issued."

While efforts continue to see the fort turned into a museum with live demonstrations, reenactments and interpretive displays, Stewart said Thursday he is excited about

the possible involvement of the National Historic Trust after speaking with the trust's director, but he wasn't ready to offer specifics.

As the debate over the fort continues, the state Department of Corrections is moving forward to open a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center at the fort for prison inmates as a transition to their release into the general population.

A company from California, Amity Foundation, was selected last week to operate the program.

State officials are negotiating contract terms and the program could open at the fort, 12 miles northeast of Ruidoso, by March 1.

Fort Stanton for decades served as a state hospital, but Gov. Gary Johnson shut its doors in March 1995, citing high overhead. A year later, it became a minimum security prison for women, but again was closed last August because of high expenses.

The New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance last month sent letters to state legislators urging that they support the amendments to the bill that will protect the fort.

Alliance President Katherine Slick wrote that preservationists across the state are worried about the future of the 1855 military post.

"This cultural resource is one of possibly three intact original western military posts in the United States," she wrote. "While we understand that presently state government may not have a use

for the (more than) 1,000 acre property, the significant historic resource of Fort Stanton needs to be protected.

"At a time when tourism is one of the top grossing industries in the state, it seems precipitous to remove this historic site from the public trust. In determining what will happen to Fort Stanton, we request that all applicable New Mexico state laws, including the Prehistoric and Historic Sites Preservation Act... be followed impeccably to protect this important cultural resource."

Weber, representatives of the Bureau of Land Management and other parties interested in the fort met with County Attorney Alan Morel Thursday. Speaking earlier in the week, Weber said he hoped to have a spokesman for the Mescalero Apache Tribe also attend the meeting.

"It's important for us to have the Native American point of view so that if this becomes a museum, we have the correct interpretation of events and we can only do that if they get involved," Weber said.

MURDER: Faviell's partner has received a life sentence

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Faviell at the home the two men shared on Evergreen Street. Faviell and Martinez claimed in their trials that Lankhorst-Ballard taunted them and caused scenes in front of friends when she was drinking.

Last June, an Otero Coun-

ty jury in Alamogordo convicted Martinez of first-degree murder, conspiracy to commit murder and tampering with evidence. He was sentenced to life plus 10 years, six months.

At his trial, Faviell portrayed Martinez as hot-headed and dominating. He claimed he was asleep in a bedroom when Martinez killed Lankhorst-Ballard. But he

admitted helping to dispose of her body in a shallow grave near Tularosa on property previously owned by his mother, an assistant district attorney in Bernalillo County.

Prosecutors contend Faviell previously tried to hire someone to assault Lankhorst-Ballard and that he was a willing participant in the attack that ended her life.

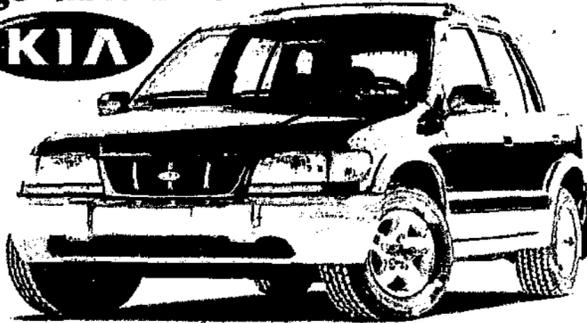
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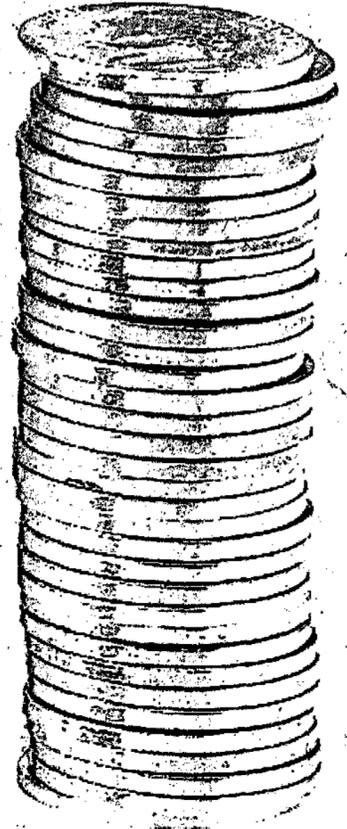
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OUR OPINION

A tiny minority runs the show, as usual

Once again, on Tuesday, people in Lincoln County exhibited vast disinterest in their communities and their children's education.

Arguments can be made, of course, that "the weather was against us." The weather was a bit messy on that election day in the Capitan and Hondo school districts, and no doubt contributed to a minuscule voter turnout. But that's a thin excuse.

Just 300 of 2,781 eligible voter - or 11 percent - went to the polls in Capitan to approve continuance of a two-mill levy by 18 votes.

In Hondo, 93 of the district's 546 voters approved \$300,000 in construction bonds by 3 votes, but turned down a continuing mill levy by 1 vote. Even so, that 17 percent voter turnout exceeded neighboring Capitan.

The Capitan superintendent, Diane Bilingsley, was delighted by the continued mill levy; the result means the schools will have roughly \$280,000 annually to spend on maintaining the buildings in the growing district.

Not so in the Hondo Valley.

Superintendent Barbara Casey won't have the \$35,000 per year a continued mill levy would have provided to bolster school activities; no car for driver education this year, for example.

But she was pleased with the 3-vote margin approving a bond issue that will continue the district's five-year facility-upgrade program.

The sad fact, of course, is that a tiny minority of eligible voters decided the outcome of these dollars-and-cents education issues. That often happens in Lincoln County, but it isn't how a democracy is supposed to function.

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YOUR OPINION

Fort Stanton's future is in our hands

To the editor:

The future of Fort Stanton is in our hands and we cannot afford to be complacent or apathetic for a single moment.

There is news that the old fort has made the list of "most endangered" buildings and that has a tendency for people to breathe a sigh of relief, but we need to be reminded that the historic Mapes Hotel and Casino in Reno, Nev., was dynamited (recently) into rubble and it was No. 11 on the most endangered national list...

The lust for prime development land in pristine settings, especially those with significant water rights associated with them, is very high. Fort Stanton has all of the attributes that a developer would want, gorgeous old trees, level meadows, a river running through, scenic views, utilities and seclusion, yet close to a modern airport.

At this stage ... it is critical that only our local legislators carry bills that deal with the fort in order for us to have some control over the language in the bill. ... Several people have been critical of (Rep.) Dub Williams for even wanting to carry such a bill, but it is in our best interest that no one but Dub carry it.

Fort Stanton, Inc., the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, the County of Lincoln and the local office of the Bureau of Land Management are working diligently to see that our national treasure is preserved. At times progress seems slow and chunky, but as we look back, we have indeed made some sig-

nificant progress. ... Thank you to all those who have expressed anxiety and caring thoughts about the fort—it keeps all of us who are working on the issues motivated to do more and to work harder.

Dick Weber, president
Fort Stanton, Inc.

The cost of upkeep

To the editor:

Regarding the new recreational plaza, community center, parks and recreation departments, administrative offices, and etc., to be voted on on March 7...

Nothing has been said about the anticipated operating expenses if the project is approved; and, if so, where is this additional money coming from? Possibly out of a deep well in the taxpayers' pockets.

Would also like to know, what will be done with the \$250,000-plus property the parks and recreation departments now utilized below Grindstone Dam that the Village of Ruidoso purchased a few years ago.

Questions and questions, with no answers.

William Smith
Ruidoso

Getting out to vote

To the editor:

I would like to ask all the voters in Ruidoso Downs to get out and exercise their right to vote this year. There are over one thousand voters registered in Precincts 10 and 11, but only a small number vote in each election for village trustees, mayor, or judge.

If you haven't registered, please pick up a form at City Hall, post office, or the college. Feb. 8 is the deadline to register to vote.

The fellow who stays home on election day with the excuse that he doesn't want anything to do with crooked politics has a lot more to do with crooked politics than he realizes. "Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote," is a quote from George J. Nathan.

Become a part of your community and have your vote speak for you. Voting takes place at the Senior Center on March 7.

Judy Miller
Ruidoso Downs



GUEST COMMENTARY

Getting politically nostalgic over the family farm

BY C. DAVID KELLY
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

The scenes are as much a part of the American election process as snow falling in New Hampshire and candidates copying up to voters in the local coffee shop.

For the past several months in Iowa, candidates running for president have stood on a bale of hay trying to portray themselves as champions of the family farmer.

Wearing open-collared shirts, candidates often hold court for reporters and photographers in front of a red barn. Straw and animal backdrops provide the ideal image for candidates trying to be accepted as leading the cause for the common man or woman.

The image could be a bit misleading. Candidates are playing upon the emotions of voters by tapping into the nostalgia of yesteryear when the family farm defined just what Iowa was all about.

Farming continues to have a strong presence in the Hawkeye State. But, fewer people are making a living on the farm. Just 40 percent of Iowans live in rural areas. Des Moines and Cedar Rapids - not Oelwein and Shenandoah - are the real targets of candidates. Still, they can't help themselves from tapping into the feel-good emotions generated by the family farm.

Equating the family farmer with nostalgia is a sad commentary to what's happening in rural America. Months of economic turmoil have forced many life-long farmers to consider occupations off the farm. The overall economy is booming. Unemployment rates in the non-farm sector are at all-time lows. The temptation of leaving the corn and soybean fields behind for a more secure 9-to-5 job is too good for many farmers to pass up.

For those who have devoted their lives to agriculture, it's difficult to look at the

family farm through a nostalgic lens. The prospect of a diminished family farm presence in such states as Iowa is hard to fathom. But, it's a cold, hard fact that unless Congress acts to achieve a family-friendly farm policy, the family farm will become but a Norman Rockwell-like memory to American society.

American Farm Bureau Federation President Bob Stallman worries that unless Congress acts in a thoughtful, thorough way, the costly and tragic trend toward diminished family farms could continue. "I'd like to see good, well-thought out farm policy" in the next session of Congress, said Stallman, a rice and cattle producer from Texas. He stressed that Congress needs to deliver on promises not kept when the 1996 Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform (FAIR) Act became law. Easing the ever-growing burden of regulations and the opening of world markets - unfulfilled promises contained in

Great start for a new century

The lately departed 1990s were characterized by two big things - the booming national economy ever and the explosive growth of the Internet, resulting in the coupling of the two, with incredible fortunes made based on an idea, computers, and willing investors.

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...And all that with volunteers working out of a 1,000-square-foot storefront far from the big city, and not a brokerage house in sight.

We're talking about the Capitan Public Library, of course - or, as some say, the "other" public library in Lincoln County.

Its entrepreneurial effort, sparked by people who like it and what it does, has - as so often happens - resulted in success beyond anybody's expectation.

And now it has far outgrown its quarters next to Village Hall on Lincoln Avenue in Capitan, as the numbers cited above suggest.

The library hopes to raise \$165,000 in coming months to build and equip its own home. Contributions are tax-exempt, as befits an investment in the education of young and old.

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MOUNTAIN ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN
RUIDOSO NEWS

The writer is the assistant director of news services for the AFBE.

New Ruidoso Downs police chief hopes to make community 'proud' of department

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso Downs' new police chief has made some department changes, and is looking for more adjustments in the future.

Eddie Lerma has been at the helm of the department for just under a month, and is bringing to the Downs his more than 20 years of law enforcement experience in Las Cruces and Dona Ana County.

The Ruidoso Downs Police Department has come under some fire in the past couple of years, including a stand by the Ruidoso Police Chief that his officers will not assist one of the Downs' officers, who had been accused of excessive force.

Saying he didn't want to be critical of department employees on allegations that occurred before he arrived, Lerma did say there are internal changes he wants to make.

"I'd like to have the department run as smooth as possible without department grievances. To minimize some of the employee dissatisfaction that may occur because of some of the things that may have been done in the past," Lerma said. "I want to take every step to minimize those complaints that formally come forward."

The new police chief, who noted he is "still getting his feet wet," said his brief time in Ruidoso Downs suggests that problems in the department don't appear to be as serious as some think they are.

"I think whatever's wrong here can be corrected and fixed," Lerma said. "And we can be an effective and proficient department. I haven't seen any major problems that cause me great concern."

While the Ruidoso Police Department, in a written letter last year said they would not assist Downs officer Ken

Arther, Lerma said he wants a good, cooperative atmosphere with nearby law enforcement agencies.

"I think there's a lot more that could have been relayed or they could have been made aware of that might have made them have a better understanding," Lerma said of the decision to fray mutual aid between the departments.

He said there is a genuine need for law enforcement agencies to work cooperatively.

"If you create friction in separate law enforcement agencies that's not acting in the best interest of the public."

The police chief has already laid down some new internal rules for his staff. And Lerma is looking to adjust the structure of the department to "make the Ruidoso Downs Police Department more effective."

"It's my intentions to try and convince the (Ruidoso Downs village) council that we

need a rank structure here for a number of reasons," Lerma said.

"Granted we're a small department," Lerma said. "But any incentive that you can use to motivate and get these guys a reason to go out and do a good job, and give them some supervisory and management experience, will only be to their benefit."

Presently law enforcement officers on the department are the chief, deputy chief, and seven patrol officers. Lerma is looking to add the rank of sergeant and corporal to the personnel. With no detectives on the force, patrol officers are responsible for any follow-up or investigative work needed on their cases.

Lerma said his long-range plan, Lerma includes getting a pair of detectives on the force.

"I would like to also budget for a couple of more patrol officers," he said.

The new police chief said he may seek federal financial assistance, through the COPS program, that pays initial costs of putting more officers on the street.

Lerma said increasing crime and a big increase in highway traffic accidents warrants the village council approving more police presence in Ruidoso Downs.

"When push comes to shove, as this village expands, eventually, whether they see it or not, they're not going to have any choice," Lerma said. "Don't wait until you have to react to something. Be proactive, and start planning for it."

Lerma said there are two issues that are at the top of his agenda as Ruidoso Downs police chief.

"To have the community proud of their department and for us to be able to meet their needs," Lerma said. "And to make this as safe as we can for

the officers who work here."

Lerma said that will mean more training and better equipment for his officers.

The chief feels he will be both an administrator, and a "hands-on, out on the street" officer too. Lerma said traffic violators could find the chief writing their ticket.

He said he feels U.S. 70 through the Downs is a serious issue for the department. Lerma pointed to 112 accidents on the village thoroughfare in 1999.

"In my mind that's unacceptable," Lerma said. "What's the quickest way to reduce accident rates? Enforce traffic laws. We owe it to the citizens to enforce those traffic laws."

Lerma said in his just more than three weeks at Ruidoso Downs he's been impressed with the how his officers have been able to "do the job" in a small department that needs better equipment.

Ruidoso seeks funding for DWI program

The village of Ruidoso, which became the fiscal agent for the Lincoln County DWI Prevention Program in 1999, is seeking state funding to continue the program.

The village council is being asked to approve a resolution seeking additional funding, totaling \$45,565, for the local program. The funding, which would be requested from the state Department of Finance and Administration, would be used to complete activities in the DWI program.

The village is also being asked to pursue a state grant, totaling \$114,167, for the operation of the local DWI prevention effort for fiscal year 2000 - 2001.

Ruidoso took control of the program after several judges voiced displeasure with the initiative while the county administered the program.

Village councilors are also being asked to approve three firms that would act on the village's behalf to research and

develop applications for funding that the village otherwise would not know about. The firms would search for grants, foundation money and other low-cost money that would help Ruidoso in funding projects. The council is being asked to approve the firms of Seely and Associates, International Consultants and Associates, and Jill Dennis to be the funding developers for the village.

Other items on the Village of Ruidoso council agenda, for the Feb. 8 meeting, include:

- Consideration of an agreement with Grindstone Graphics for collateral material regarding the general obligation bond election for the proposed Ruidoso community/recreation center.

- Requested approval of an application for a Victims of Crime Advocate Grant.

- Discussion and the scheduling of a public hearing addressing the size of single family residential lots.

- Discussion and the scheduling of a public hearing regarding residential and commercial terrain management on properties with a steep hillside slope.

- Discussion and the scheduling of a public hearing on the proposed creation of sub-districts within the village's C-2 (commercial) zoning district.

- A continuation of the public information hearing on Ruidoso's Master Water Plan, which was unveiled at the Jan. 25 council meeting.

- Mayor Robert Donaldson will initiate a discussion on growth management in Ruidoso. An agenda memorandum states the discussion will include the issues of minimum lot sizes for residential development, affordable housing and future subdivisions.

- The Village of Ruidoso council's regular meeting begins at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 8, at the village's administrative offices, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

Another meth-related arrest occurs in Downs

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A Tularosa man, arrested by Ruidoso Downs police, is being held in the Lincoln County Jail, on methamphetamine distribution and other charges.

Billy Chester Hall, 60, was busted on Jan. 30, the result of a "suspicious suspect" at the Ruidoso Downs Wal-Mart Supercenter.

Hall has been charged with possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Magistrate Judge William Butts ordered Hall be held on a \$100,000 cash bond, following a court arraignment.

According to Ruidoso Downs police chief Eddie Lerma, Wal-Mart management contacted police concerning a suspicious activity

behind the store.

Officers Kelly Calicoat and Ken Arther were reportedly given consent to search the suspect's vehicle, which, according to Calicoat, turned up drug paraphernalia and a handgun.

After taking Hall into custody, methamphetamine was found on the subject, Calicoat said.

The officer said the drug was packaged for individual sales.

Calicoat declined to reveal how much of the narcotic was seized.

He said the evidence has been sent to the Southern New Mexico crime lab for analysis and weight.

"People need to be aware of drug activity, and let police know," Calicoat said of the Wal-Mart notification of suspected suspicious activity.

"And people need to be vigilant about methampheta-

mine. It's production is a very volatile operation. A meth lab could be operating out of a house right next to you," he said.

Police are not saying if the drug was believed to have been produced locally.

In Ruidoso last month, four meth lab operations were seized in two separate operations.

Information in at least one of those Ruidoso busts was obtained as a result of a Jan. 1 raid at a Tularosa location.

Police officials said they were surprised that Hall was allegedly involved with methamphetamine distribution.

While the defendant has an extensive past criminal history, Calicoat said, he was not believed to have any illegal drug convictions.

The Lincoln County Narcotics Enforcement Unit is continuing to investigate the case.



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School board could take action on uniform policy Tuesday

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Ruidoso School Board could make a decision on Tuesday as to whether students should be in uniform when attending classes next year, the secretary to the district's superintendent said.

Surveys on the issue that were either mailed to parents or sent home with their children should have been turned in to the district Thursday evening.

Patty White, the secretary to Superintendent Mike Gladden, said a committee of parents, teachers, students and

school board members will meet on Monday to discuss the survey results and draft a statement or recommendation that will be passed on to the entire school board on Tuesday.

Two public hearings were held last week hosted by the school board to allow the community to voice opinions on whether the school district should move toward a "uniformly dressed policy" for the next school year.

More than 300 people showed up at the meetings, and most of those who spoke were against the idea.

The board can table the issue at Tuesday's meeting, but

the topic has been placed on the agenda as an "action item," so the board could make a decision, White said.

"Most likely they will make a decision, depending on the results of the survey," she said.

Also on the agenda is the opening of bids for the school bus route of Jack Kannady, who is retiring after 27 years of serving the school district.

Kannady said he would be required to buy a new bus this year but he doesn't want to obligate himself to another 10 years - and he's ready to retire, he said.

There also will be a call for bids for food management com-

panies to provide school meals for the 2000-2001 school year. Aramark, the current food management company, is in its fifth year of providing school meals for the district. Every five years the school district is required to call for bids for food management, White said.

Also scheduled for Tuesday's meeting will be a presentation from Gladden and architects who are working on an addition to the Nob Hill school.

The school board meeting begins at 7 p.m. and is open to the public.

School board meetings are held at the district's central office at 200 Horton Circle.

Tax levy could help county clinics in renovations and repairs

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The health clinics at Hondo and Corona may ask for a portion of a special property tax levy this year.

Although voters in 1992 approved levying one mill to be shared among clinics in Hondo, Carrizozo and Corona, most of the money has gone to the Carrizozo Health Clinic, which is operated for the county by the Lincoln County Medical Center.

The center, a county-owned hospital in Ruidoso managed by Presbyterian Healthcare Services, collects 3.25 mills from the same special levy.

"I hadn't seen the actual ballot language, but I saw minutes of a county commission meeting," said Barbara Casey, former state legislator and superintendent of Hondo School.

The Hondo Clinic has never asked for money from the levy, she said Monday.

"I didn't know there was money already in place," she said.

The County Commission helped the clinic get started by donating a mobile building. The community has renovated and

equipped the structure situated on school district property, said Casey, who headed the clinic effort.

The clinic is waiting for a license to open, she said. It is being inspected this week for handicap compliance and then it may take four to six weeks for the state Department of Health to issue the license, she said.

The clinic will be run by Las Casa de Buena Salud out of Portales.

County Manager Tom Stewart said when the clinic was being set up, organizers anticipated securing grants to pay for much of the work and equipment.

"That was the intent in 1996," he said. "Now that that hasn't transpired, they need to propose a plan. They have to come with a proposal for us to consider."

The special 4.25 mill levy is up for renewal this year. Although one mill this year should generate \$481,670, County Treasurer Joan Park said budgets are figured on collecting 93 percent, which would be \$447,953.

Based on that figure, the hospital will receive \$1,455,847 this year and the three clinics

would share \$447,953. The amount changes every year as the taxable property value of the county increases.

One mill equals \$1 for every \$1,000 of assessed taxable property value. New Mexico taxes on one-third of market value.

A person with a home valued at \$100,000, would pay \$97.50 toward support of the hospital and \$30 for the clinics, according to County Tax Assessor Patsy Serna.

Corona Village Clerk Cathy Muniz said she wasn't aware Corona was included in the ballot language.

"We've never drawn on it," she said. "We sure could use some renovations on our clinic. Maybe I should look into it."

However, hospital administrator James Gibson said Corona does benefit from the mill levy in the form of staff sent to the community at the county's northern border once a week and in repairs to the building.

The hospital does not decide how the money from the one mill is used, he said. That's up to the county commission.

"We don't control the money," he said. "We put in the budget for the Carrizozo and

Corona" for operation and capital improvements.

Carrizozo, the county seat, has more than 1,000 residents, while Corona's population is estimated at about 225. Hondo is unincorporated, but residents of several settlements throughout the valley use its services.

Language on 1992 ballot is in line with state law and provides for the money to be used "to operate and maintain" the hospital and clinics, said County Attorney Alan Morel. Maintenance covers construction and buying major equipment, he said Friday.

However, officials with Presbyterian pledged last year to eliminate the hospital's dependency on the millage for operation before the end of this year. Instead, the money will be used for capital outlay and major equipment.

The last time voters were asked to approve the special property mill levy question in September 1992, it passed with 1,431 voting for the levy and 82 against.

Morel said as he reads the authorizing legislation for the levy, a special election must be scheduled this year.

Low voter turnout takes toll on school districts

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Forty-four Hondo voters rejected a continuance of a mill-levy Tuesday that would not have increased taxes.

"I never saw this low a voter-turnout," said Superintendent of Schools Barbara Casey. "I was so disappointed."

Casey said the highways were clear despite snow that had fallen Monday night and Tuesday.

"A lot of people just didn't bother," she said. "I don't think the people understand the implications of how important their vote is and it bothers me in general that Americans don't exercise that privilege."

The mill-levy that would have brought in about \$35,000 failed by one vote, 44 against and 43 in favor.

Casey said it was the absentee votes that turned victory into defeat.

"What killed us was absentee ballots; we had two and both voted against us," she said. Before those ballots were opened, 43 voters were in favor of the mill-levy and 42 were against it.

The levy would have allowed the Hondo Valley Schools to buy a drivers' education car and helped to pay for other incidental expenses, Casey said.

"We're going to have to have a lot of bake sales," she said, able to joke after having cried all day Wednesday.

"We'll just have to take those expenses out of operational dollars, which means we won't be able to buy as many supplies or provide as many field trips or buy as many library books as we need," Casey said. "We'll be cutting a bunch of corners."

Casey said the school district will try again next year, hoping to get more support the second time around.

Capitan

The Capitan Municipal School District's capital improvement tax passed by a narrow margin, too, with 159 votes in favor and 147 against, or a total of only 300 votes out of 2,781 voters in the school district.

If Capitan's bond hadn't passed, the school district would have had another election in the spring, said Superintendent of Schools Diana Billingsley.

Billingsley said immediate plans for the \$277,867 per year are to replace the heating systems in the elementary building, and continue to add fire alarm systems at the high school, the Traylor gym, the vocational agriculture building, the field house and the administration building.

"If it had not passed, the district would have been required either to repair items out of the operational budget or we would have to go back out and request a second election to try to pass it the second time," Billingsley said.

The operational budget is so tight, though, that the district would have appealed to voters again.

"A continued 'thank you' to the people who always support the Capitan Schools," Billingsley said. "We know how difficult the decision for taxes always is and we appreciate their understanding of the needs of the schools that they built."

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Wolves could find home in Gila Wilderness

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Four remote sites within the Gila Wilderness in New Mexico are being considered as new homes for wolf packs previously released in the Blue Range of the Apache National Forest in Arizona.

Under the proposal, two packs are being recaptured because of incidents of attack on livestock and others wolves would be moved to reduce the potential for livestock killings.

They initially would be confined to acclimation pens at up to four sites while they get used to their new surroundings, said Vicki Fox of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Albuquerque.

The Service began its public involvement phase last month to prepare an Environmental Assessment covering the effects of relocation.

The assessment should be completed by early February, Fox said.

The public and other agencies will have 30-days to comment before a decision is issued.

Two hearings are scheduled during the comment period, the first for 7 p.m. March 1 at the community center of Reserve, and the second at 7 p.m. March 2, at Light Hall, Western New Mexico University in Silver City.

The Service received approval to reintroduce wolves in the primary area of the Apache-Sitgreaves

National Forests after completing an environmental impact statement in 1996.

At that time, portions of White Sands Missile Range, southwest of Ruidoso, also were considered for wolf release and still could be used as backup later.

The Blue Range also includes the Gila Wilderness Area of Gila National Forest.

The Service has the authority through the Experimental Population Rule to move previously reintroduced wolf packs from the primary to other approved areas for management purposes, Fox said.

"The purpose of the EA is to determine whether there are any significant effects associated with the proposed translocation that were not addressed in the original EIS, or any significant changes in the project that would warrant the preparation of a supplemental EIS," she said.

Nancy Kaufman, Service regional director, said the four sites within the Gila Wilderness were chosen because they are remote, have good game populations and are not grazed by livestock.

"Our objective in translocating wolves is to maximize the potential of reintroduced animals to succeed and to minimize the impacts of wolves on human uses of the same landscapes, such as livestock grazing and recreation," she said.

The Pipestem and Gavilan Packs are marked for the move.

While the remaining two free members of Pipestem were captured last month, some of the Gavilan pack, tied to five livestock kills, remain in the wild. Others are at the Ladder Ranch outside of Albuquerque.

"Immediately prior to this latest depredation, the team was initiating efforts to trap the alpha (dominant) male and several male pups in an effort to reduce the likelihood of more livestock conflicts," Fox said.

But because of the fifth confirm livestock kill by the pack, the female and all five pups were marked for capture.

The alpha male will not be returned to the wild.

A yearling appears to have dispersed from the pack and was not involved in the last two depredations, Fox said.

Members of the Mule Pack also are being trapped to be moved away from their current location.

Although no attacks on livestock have occurred, FWS staff want to eliminate the potential because of the proximity of livestock, Fox said.

The Camel Blue alpha male still is loose, although his female has been captured and the latest report is that he hangs around her acclimation pen.

The Pipestem Pack lost several pups to Parvo, a flu-like disease that is extremely communicable. Once biologists identified the disease, other wolves were inoculated.

"It seems to have worked,

although we're missing two of the Mule Pack pups," Fox said.

Fox when the Alpha pair were last sighted, they were with only two of their four pups, but they are eight or nine months old and we don't know if they just dispersed."

The male of the Campbell Blue Pack, the male was released with a new female from the Engineering Springs acclimation pen Jan. 5.

Although spotted together the following day, that evening, the female showed up near a hunting camp and remained in the area for several days interacting with the hunters' dogs.

The team decided to trap her and bring her back to the pen until the close of the hunting season this month. The male has stayed in the area of the pen since Jan. 5.

A final report on the autopsy of the previous female mate determined she died from injuries sustained by a bite to the neck from a large carnivore, consistent with a mountain lion.

The Hawkes Nest Pack remain in their usual territory of the Campbell Blue and Beaver Creek drainage areas.

The reintroduction is a multi-agency cooperative effort involving the FWS, the Arizona Game and Fish Department, the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, the U.S. Forest Service and Wildlife Services of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

'Zozo candidate withdraws

Ysabel V. Hernandez, who signed up to run for a seat on the Carrizozo Board of Trustees, is no longer a candidate.

That means the two remaining candidates, Tommy Guevara and Wesley Lindsay, face no opposition for seats on the board.

Hernandez withdrew Jan. 18 from the non-partisan municipal election set for March 7.

"I didn't tell my children

that I was going to run," she said Friday. "When they found out, they said there were too many headaches and it was time for me to retire."

Her son, Manny Hernandez, is mayor of Carrizozo and her other son, Albert Hernandez, is county road manager.

Hernandez said she is busy running "The Little Bargain House," a second-hand store in the town.

REGIONAL BRIEFS

Plant care workshop offered

Southeastern New Mexico residents can get some free advice on how to plant and care for trees and shrubs at a workshop Tuesday in Alamogordo.

All aspects of woody plant horticulture will be discussed including soil considerations, irrigation systems, weed barriers, windbreak design, windbreaks and wildlife, tree species selection, tree seedling quality and care, tree planting and maintenance, tree pruning and insects and diseases in tree plantings.

The workshop will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Otero County Fairgrounds at 401 Fairgrounds Road in Alamogordo.

The event is sponsored by the South Central Mountain Resource Conservation and Development Council, the

Otero Soil and Water Conservation District, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Otero County Cooperative Extension Service, Alamogordo Clean & Beautiful and the New Mexico Forestry Division.

For more information, contact the Otero cooperative extension office at (505) 437-0231 or the New Mexico Forestry Division in Capitan at (505) 354-2231.

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YOUR VOTE COUNTS

According to unofficial results, Hondo voters passed a general obligations bond with 48 ballots in favor of the measure and 45 opposing it. But the public schools capital improvement question, which meant \$35,000 this year, failed 44-43.

Vote March 7

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STUDENTS: The eighth graders seemed to enjoy the day spent working at local businesses

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Bethany Barnett and Layla Reyes discovered that working at Perfect Ten, a beauty salon, that cutting hair is "harder than it looks."

Every student that we talked to enjoyed their job and learned a lot about what it takes to be successful in their career.

One of the six students at the Ruidoso Police Department, Garrett Born, said he chose to work there because he liked to help the community.

Working at the police department was a very interactive experience. The four students who got the opportunity to ride with officers in patrol cars, also learned what it was like to pull over a speeder.

During the experience at the police station, Detective Doug Babcock used Born as a volunteer to show the purpose of a tactical suit, which is a padded uniform that is used in training and can be used in prison riot situations, said Police Chief Lanny Maddox.

While not as dramatic, Maria Amaya, 14, and Lupe Segovia, 14, said they enjoyed "working with money" while at Wells Fargo.

Students not only found the exciting areas of their jobs, but the not so fascinating aspects as well.

Barnett and Reyes both agreed that sweeping up clipped hair was not the highlight of cosmetology.

Chance Hooper and Oscar Liu, who spent the day at the Ruidoso Fire Department, found carrying 50-pound hoses "hard work."

Most students said they enjoyed their jobs Wednesday and, if given the chance, would return next year.

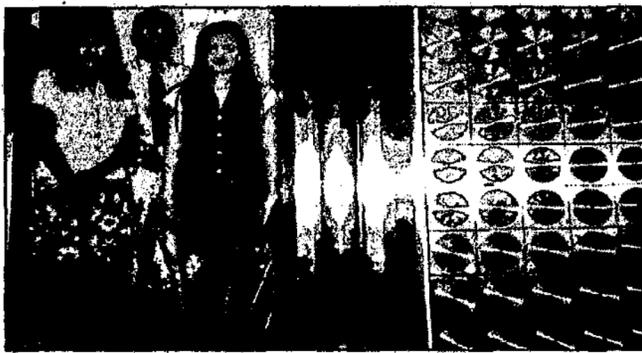
Kelly Locke and Nicole Hale are eighth grade students who worked at the Ruidoso News on their Job Shadow Day.



Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny Maddox, right, helps Garrett Born into a tactical suit, during Born's day at the Ruidoso Police Department.



Bethany Barnett and Layla Reyes spent their work day at Perfect Ten.



Maria Amaya and Lupe Segovia, pictured here with bank manager Rusty Garvin, learned how Wells Fargo works.



Chance Hooper, who is on the truck, and Oscar Liu, left, got a taste of what a day at the Ruidoso Fire Department is like.



Representing some of the sponsors of the event include, from left to right, standing, Ed Gonzales, manager of Wal-Mart, Harvey T., of KBUY-KWES, Bart Byars, of Sierra Cinema, Margie Lyle and Walterine Hughes, of the Beta Gamma Chapter of the Bet Sigma Phi Sorority; sitting, Joanne Hall, of the sorority, Mary Mason of Allstate Insurance, Deborah Byars, of Sierra Cinema, and Terry Hemphill of Ronnie Hemphill, CPA.

NEWS BRIEFS

Fire workshop scheduled

The Capitan District of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resource Department's Forestry Division, with support from The Upper Hondo and Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation Districts and The South Central RC&D Council, will host a prescribed fire workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Feb. 8.

The Forestry Division would like to invite area landowners with interest in prescribed fire on private property.

The workshop will be held at the Ramada Limited, 1420 E. Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs. Out-of-town guests can call (505) 375-8100 to make reservations for overnight stay, and a special rate of \$43 by mentioning the workshop.

For more information call N.M. State Forestry, Capitan District at (505) 354-2231.

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- Carrizozo — Wednesday, Mar. 1, from 1 - 4 p.m.
- Capitan — Wednesday, Mar. 8, from 1 - 4 p.m.
- San Patricio Wednesday, Mar. 15, from 1 - 4 p.m.
- Corona — Wednesday, Mar. 22, from 1 - 4 p.m.

The free tax preparation and tax question answering is especially geared to those age 60 and above. The service is available to all, including those who are not members of AARP.

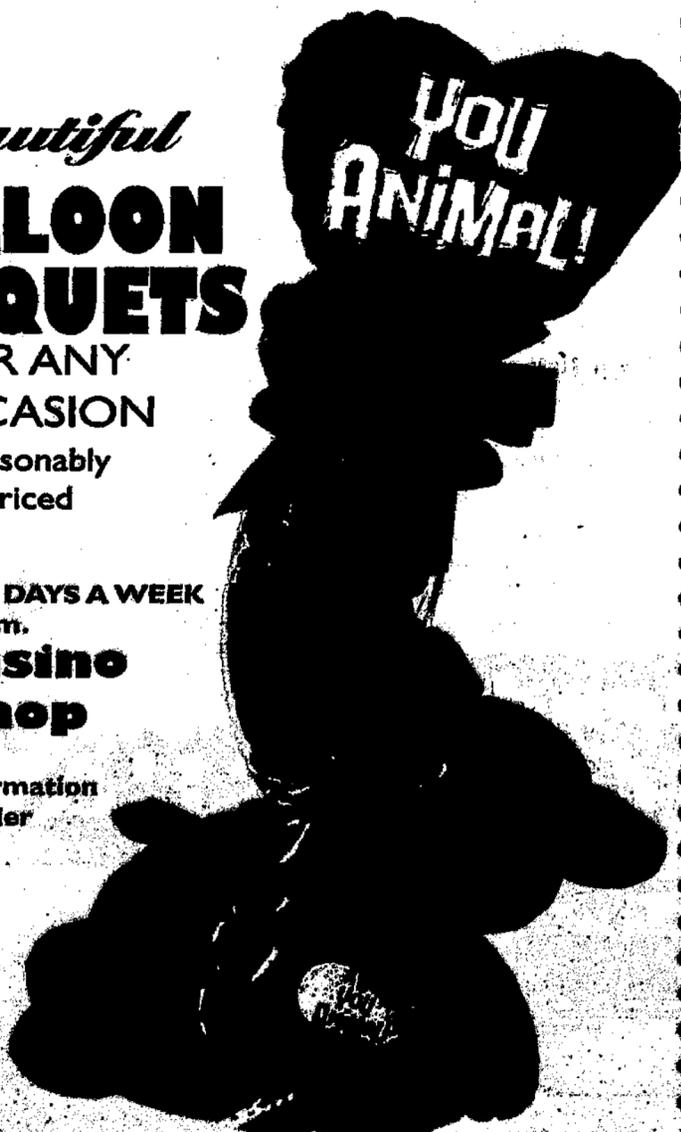
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Regular season ticket prices: adults \$40, children \$25.

This week

Friday, Feb. 4
Prep boys basketball
Ruidoso vs. Silver (V, JV, Fr), 4 p.m.
Capitan at home vs. Tularosa (V, JV), 5:30 p.m.
Carrizozo at home vs. Vaughn, 7 p.m.
Hondo at home vs. Corona, 6:30 p.m.
Mescalero at home vs. Hagerman, 4:30 p.m.
Prep girls basketball
Ruidoso at home vs. Silver (V, JV, Fr), 4 p.m.
Capitan vs. Tularosa (V, JV), 5:30 p.m.
Hondo at home vs. Corona, 5 p.m.
Mescalero at home vs. Hagerman, 3 p.m.
Prep wrestling
Ruidoso at home vs. Cobre, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 5
Prep boys basketball
Ruidoso vs. Cobre (V, JV), 1:30 p.m.
Mescalero vs. Loving, 4:30 p.m.
Hondo vs. Mountainair, 6:30 p.m.
Corona vs. Community Christian, 3:30 p.m.
Prep girls basketball
Ruidoso at home vs. Cobre (V, JV), 4 p.m.
Mescalero vs. Loving, 3 p.m.
Hondo vs. Mountainair, 5 p.m.
Corona vs. Community Christian, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 8
Prep boys basketball
Capitan at home vs. Dexter (V, JV), 5 p.m.
Carrizozo at home vs. Corona, 7:30 p.m.
Prep girls basketball
Capitan vs. Dexter (V, JV), 5 p.m.
Carrizozo at home vs. Corona, 6 p.m.

Scoreboard

Wednesday, Feb. 2
Prep boys basketball
Mountainair 92, Corona 49
Prep girls basketball
Corona 44, Mountainair 35

Wednesday, Feb. 3
Prep boys basketball
Dexter 64, Capitan 52
Prep girls basketball
Capitan 49, Dexter 37

Pecking order
Mescalero Parks & Rec
Men's Basketball League Standings through Feb. 2

Team	W	L	Pct.
Alamo Pipe	3	0	1.000
The Players	4	1	.800
Cuties	4	1	.800
Julian G.	3	1	.750
Tulle Bad Boys	3	2	.600
Hardwood Thunder	2	3	.400
Brew Crew	2	3	.400
Sierra Blanca Slammers	2	3	.400
Renegades	0	3	.000
Forty Minutes Plus	0	3	.000
Oliver O's	0	4	.000

Results from Feb. 2
Sierra Blanca Slammers 76, The Players 70
Cuties 51, Julian G. 50
Tulle Bad Boys 66, Hardwood Thunder 22

Games for Feb. 6
Alamo Pipe vs. Brew Crew

Games for Feb. 8
Julian G. vs. Forty Minutes Plus
Renegades vs. Cuties
Hardwood Thunder vs. Tequila Slammers

On Deck

Youth basketball tournament
North American Youth Sports will hold its annual spring youth basketball tournament April 14-16 at Del Norte High School in Albuquerque. The tournament will feature 10 brackets for both boys and girls, from grades five through 12. All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled. The entry fee is \$90 per team and guarantees each team a minimum of two games. There will be awards presented in each bracket. Entry deadline is March 24. For more information or a registration form, call Harry Ennis at (888) 629-2275.

Hondo athletic fund-raiser
The Hondo public schools are sponsoring a \$10,000 basketball giveaway. Contestants may purchase a \$2 ticket for a halftime shooting contest at each Eagles basketball game. One ticket will be drawn each night, and the contestant gets the opportunity to make three shots: a layup, free-throw and 3-point shot. Making the layup wins \$1, the free throw \$5 and the 3-point \$10. If all three shots are made, the contestant may shoot a half-court shot to win \$24. Anyone making all four shots qualifies to shoot a three-quarter court shot for \$10,000 during halftime of the Feb. 18 game. If no one qualifies before Feb. 18 by making all four shots, there will be an additional drawing from all tickets sold throughout the season. Three winners will have a chance to shoot for the \$10,000. For more information, call (505) 653-4411.

Lady Tigers tops in district at half

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

CAPITAN — Going into Wednesday's game between the Lady Tigers and Lady Demons, both teams were undefeated in district play. That meant one of the squads would remain unblemished, while the other would continue with a less-than-perfect mark.

From almost the start, it was clear that team would be Capitan (6-9, 3-0), as the Tigers roared to a 49-37 victory.

But it was surprising, even to the Tiger players and coaches.

"It feels pretty good," said Tiger Lindsey Bush. "It was unexpected by the way we were headed at the first of the season. But now that we're in district, we're kicking butt."

"The end of January, February and March is when you really want to start getting better. And we started to get better," said coach Bryan Massé. "We started to realize what we're good at and what we're not good at. And we're not doing so many of the things we're not good at and we're doing more of the things we're good at. That's basically the difference."

Wednesday's game — postponed one day because of snow

— started slow for both teams. Each seemed ragged, turning the ball over and unable to get it in the hoop. The first points didn't come until a minute and a half into the game, when Bush hit the first of her game-high 14 points.

Bush dominated the opening quarter, scoring 12 of the Tiger's 17 points. More importantly, the Capitan defense held Demon Emmi Trammell, the No. 4 scorer in AA with 17 points-per-game, scoreless in the first and second quarters. Trammell only picked up 10 points on the night, all in the second half. Massé credited that to Tigers Jessica Tully-Mitchell, Shawna Shreengost and Crystal Roybal, who hounded the Demon all night.

"They did a real good job with their defensive assignments," he said. "And we did a good job on the press. I think that was the difference in the ball game."

Demon coach Ruben Campos said Trammell was somewhat intimidated by Bush and Jessica Casteneda, the Tigers' big girls.

"They did a good job of boxing her out," he said, explaining his squad came out slow and never recovered. "We just couldn't get our press going like we had planned on doing,

and the girls looked pretty flat the first quarter," he said.

Capitan led 17-1 after one quarter and 24-9 heading into the locker room. The first Demon field goal didn't come until 5:23 in the second quarter, when Lauren Grassie smuck one by the Tiger defense.

The Demons closed the gap to nine points in a slow third quarter, but never could get any closer. Massé said he was pleased his team held their composure when Dexter was scoring and the Tigers weren't, showing they're maturing as the season progresses.

Now, however, things get more difficult for the Tigers.

Wednesday's game was the last regular-season home game for Capitan, meaning the Tigers will have to win on the road to stay No. 1.

"I think it will get more difficult because of the crowds," Bush said. "I think we'll have a difficult time, but hopefully we'll get to regionals."

Massé agrees the going will get tougher, and said his team needs to get in a little better shape and have solid play from the bench.

"But we're capable of doing it," he said. "There's no doubt in my mind we're capable of going through this with three more victories. We can do it."



Lady Tiger Alicia Garcia sends the ball over the head of Demon Angela Sosa during Wednesday's game in Capitan.

Tigers fall to Demons in Dexter

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Capitan's Tigers (3-14, 0-2) played hard in Dexter Wednesday, but missed shots and a short spurt by the Demons led to a 64-52 victory by Dexter.

"We played in spurts," said coach Royce Brown. "We had a real good first half then came out flat the third quarter."

The Tigers led by one going into the locker room. But the Demons came out in the third and scored eight unanswered points.

"We were trying to fight back from there and never got over the hump," Brown said.

The Tigers only shot 28 percent from the field and 48 percent from the charity stripe, better than they did against Cloudercroft but still not enough to put points on the board. Brown said he doesn't know why the shots aren't going in.

"They look good. The kids say they feel good," he said. "I watched the film and they're not rushing them. We really didn't force any shots. There's just a lid on the basket."

Dexter's key was Paul Regalado, who led all scorers with 24 points and was solid on the boards.

"We just had a hard time keeping him off the boards," Brown said.

Kenny Stahl was tops for the Tigers with 21 points and 11 rebounds while James Robinson had 15.

"We're not disappointed with the effort," Brown said. "We didn't shoot well and we gave up that spurt at the beginning of the third quarter and just never got back. But the effort was there and they played hard. It just wasn't our night, I guess."

The Tigers will head to the gym to work on shooting drills before hosting No. 1-ranked Tularosa tonight.

Disabled skiers have fun on the slopes

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

On any given day on the slopes of Ski Apache, you might see skiers using unusual-looking equipment: tripod-like ski poles or skis with brakes on their tips.

These are participants in the Ski Apache Handicapped Skiers Association, a program designed to give anyone — no matter their physical or mental abilities — a chance to experience the thrill of schussing down a ski slope.

The program has been in business for 22 years, and, said Brett Maul, director of the association, "is a growing aspect of skiing."

Physically and mentally challenged skiers, including the blind, amputees and paraplegics, are fitted with equipment to handle their special disability, then given one-on-one instruction on the slopes. No one is turned away, Maul said.

"We can work with anybody who's willing to work with us," he said. "People who have been disabled for life and people who have acquired their disability due to accidents or disease."

The ages of skiers in the program range from children to seniors. The costs vary as well, but are generally very inexpensive, and include equipment, lift tickets and instruction.

The program works on a reservation basis, serving more



Jim Tharp, a SAMSA employee, guides Cody Embry down a slope at Ski Apache. Embry was visiting Ruidoso from Midland, Texas.

than 300 skiers each year. Individual skiers can call and make an appointment. School groups from Lincoln, Otero and Chavez counties participate on a weekly basis, and other groups, some from as far away as Texas, come back yearly to take advantage of what the program offers.

"This program is really helpful, because where else could you get a one-on-one instructor teaching you how to ski, if you're handicapped, for this price?" asked Chris Unterbrink, a volunteer with the Midland (Texas) Association for Retarded Citizens. "It's a bar-

gain. Without this program, these guys wouldn't be skiing."

Unterbrink, who's been driving the mentally challenged skiers to Ruidoso for weekend activities the past seven years, said the program's clients are very enthusiastic participants.

"They love it," he said. "A lot of them return. The (association) volunteers are great. They find out who's coming and they're like, 'Oh, I want this one,' or 'Oh, I want that one.' They get real excited and our clients get real excited and they just have a great time."

Lady Cardinals keep rolling

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Corona girls (11-5, 4-1) added to their win total in the past few days, while the boys (2-13, 1-5) played hard but continued to look for victories.

Corona 52, Community Christian 27

The girls had a fairly easy non-district match against Community Christian of Alamogordo Saturday, taking a 52-27 victory.

The Cardinals started slow, but picked up the pace as the game progressed.

"We played fairly poorly in the first quarter," said coach Travis Lightfoot. "I was hoping our execution from the game against Hondo would maintain, but we came out in the first quarter and executed rather poorly, offensively."

Corona led 13-7 after one and 27-15 at the half. By the end of the third quarter, the Cardinals had stretched their lead to 43-20.

"The second half, we came out and did a much better job with execution," Lightfoot said.

He said he was pleased with the defense throughout the game, and to match up with Community Christian's height, the Cardinals changed from the press to a man-to-man defense.

"We were somewhat undersized, but we did some little things well," he said.

Courtney Perez led the scoring with 17 points while Delia Gonzalez tallied 11.

Corona 44, Mountainair 35

Facing the Mustangs in Mountainair, the Lady Cardinals added to their district wins with a 44-35 victory.

The game started out close. Corona led 11-8 after one quarter and 23-21 at the half. Mountainair tied the match at 31-31 after three, but then, "The girls came out and played exceptionally well the fourth quarter," Lightfoot said. "They stepped up."

He attributed that to the return of senior Courtney Perez, who'd gotten in foul trouble early, and had to sit out the third quarter. Her senior leadership sparked the team to the win, Lightfoot said.

Overall, Lightfoot seemed

pleased with the quality of play on both sides.

"Mountainair came out and really impressed me at the beginning of the game. They came out much more aggressive," he said. "They seemed quicker than when we saw them the last time. They were fired up and prepared and competed really well. I felt our girls adjusted accordingly and played probably one of their most aggressive games."

He said the Cardinals "showed a spark we may not have seen in a while," a spark he hopes will carry over through the rest of the season.

Community Christian 54, Corona 49

The Corona boys just couldn't get the ball through the hoop Saturday against Community Christian, falling 54-49.

"I think somebody put a block over the top of the goal," laughed coach Marcus Johnson.

The Cardinals led 25-21 at the half and 40-33 after three. But Community Christian outscored Corona 21-9 in the final stanza, when the Cardinals missed 17 shots — 14 from the field and three from the free-throw line. While Corona was missing, Community Christian was going 10-for-15 from the charity stripe.

"If we'd have made all our shots, we would have had this game by a bunch," Johnson said. "We just couldn't get anything to fall in the basket."

Albert Sanchez led the scoring with 21 points. Brandon Witt had 12.

Mountainair 92, Corona 49

The Cardinals also came up short Tuesday against Mountainair, falling 92-49 to the Mustangs in a district 2A game.

Again, numbers made the difference. The Mustangs were missing senior Braddon Witt, who's transferring out of state for family reasons.

"He probably won't be here for the rest of the season," Johnson said. "We're sorta disappointed, but that's the way it goes."

So, the Cardinals had to

Fishing report

For bait fishing - GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR: Fishing is fair on powerbait and salmon eggs. **BONITO LAKE:** Closed until April 1. Jim McGarvey, Western Auto

For fly fishing - RIO RUIDOSO: With the decreased water flow in the river, fishing above the Carrizo Creek confluence is almost non-existent. The best fly selections this past week have been green rock worms, bead head pheasant tail nymphs or bead head prince nymphs. Not much dry fly fishing reported.

BONITO CREEK: Wait for water on the South Fork. The fishing is very limited, although lots of pocket water fishing and lots of natural beauty are here to enjoy. The fish are not picky on the South Fork, so grab the best of what your fly box holds and toss it. If you pack it, pack it out. Remember, there are no trash cans in the middle of the forest.

BONITO LAKE: The lake closed for the season Nov. 30. Reopens April 1, 2000.

EAGLE LAKES: The lakes are closed for the season. Look for their opening in May 1999.

GRINDSTONE LAKE: The lake level is down about 6 feet, but is fishing well. Late afternoon and early evening fishing will produce the best fishing here. It's time to break out the streamer flies and cone head woolly buggers. Bubble rigs and propeller flies will do well for the spin casters.

LAKE MESCALERO: The lake level is down, but is fishing well late afternoon and evening. Dry flies that have been working are parachute Adams, Hendericksons, mosquito's and midges. Place a dropper fly behind your dry fly and see what happens. Prop flies with a bubble rig have been doing well for the spin casters. Ice patches are on the lake so a little walking may be required to find open water. Remember to purchase your day pass at the reception desk at the Inn.

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SKIERS: Volunteers keep program on track

Skier Darin Halton of Midland, who spent the better part of one Friday skiing, said he's been coming to Ski Apache for five years. The best part, he said, is "seeing my friend Lisa (Maul)."

Lisa, who's been with the program for many years, recently turned the directorship of the program over to Brett, but remains as one of the eight employees.

The backbone of the program is the 140 or more volunteers who are trained to do the one-on-one interaction with the skiers.

"We have a pretty good base of volunteers, but of course they're volunteers, so we only get them once or twice a year," Brett said. "So we're always looking for people who want to help out."

Adaptive skiing is available in most ski areas. The Ski Apache program, however, is one of the longest-running.

"We are ranked as one of the more experienced adaptive ski programs in the country," Brett said.

The non-profit organization has a web site at www.zianet.com/sadsp that's hosted by ZiaNet. It's supported by individual and corporate contributions and Ski



Lisa Maul helps Darin Halton get into his skis before heading out for an adventure on the slopes of Ski Apache.

Apache. Brett said most able-bodied skiers are supportive of the program.

"Ninety percent of the regular skiers look at it as a very amazing aspect of skiing and they're very happy to see it in place," he said. "There's proba-

bly another 5 percent who aren't too sure and you've got about 5 percent who are negative towards it, but that's due to a lack of understanding, probably, in that they don't realize that these people can have just as much fun as they do, if not more."

CORONA: Cardinals fall twice despite hustle

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play with seven players, only one a senior. But they never gave in, despite Mountainair playing the half-court press the entire game.

"Everybody hustled," Johnson said. "They gave 120 percent. I couldn't ask anything more from the kids. They really hustled. It's just numbers. Mountainair's got

enough to keep on putting subs in." Sanchez led the Cardinal scoring with 21 points while Victor Perez stepped up to add 16.

Scoreboard

The Warrior wrestling team hosted the Ruidoso Invitational Tournament Saturday. Results follow:
Team 1: Cobre, 159; 2, Moriarty, 133.5; 3, Tucuman, 95.5; 4, Roswell Goddard, 70; 5, Ruidoso, 58; 6, New Mexico Military Institute, 53; 7, Roswell, 41; 8, Ruidoso JV, 18; 9, Socorro, 7; 10, New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped, 0
Individual Ruidoso results:
 103, Alex Jimenez, Tuc def. Shawn Gurule, pin 5:46
 Gurule def. Alex Acosta, Cob, 9-7
 Carlos Madrid, Ros, def. Gurule, pin 3:51
 112, Gilbert Jimenez, Tuc, def. Jeremy Pritchett, 18-2
 Pritchett def. Phil Fresquez, RG, pin 3:21
 Johnathan Lucero, Cob, def. Pritchett, 4-1
 125, David McNally def. Kyle Atwell, NMMI, pin 1:03
 Joe Ortiz, Tuc, def. McNally, pin 1:26
 Chase Bishop, RG, def. McNally, pin 4:07
 130, Cade Hall def. Chris Neff, RG, 16-5
 Javier Peru, Cob, def. Hall, fall 3:21
 135, Mike Delaney, Mor, def. Royce McMillon, pin 1:46
 Josh Pacheco, Tuc, def. McMillon, 7-3
 140, Lawrence Romero, Mor, def. Casey Arnett, pin 1:29
 Jason Sewell, Tuc, def. Arnett, pin 2:14
 145, Luis Jimenez, Ros, def. Austin Ritter, pin 1:39
 Ritter def. Pablo Pacheco, Tuc, pin 2:07
 Ritter def. Mike Martinez, RG, 11-6
 Jimenez def. Ritter, pin 2:54
 152, Travis McKenzie, Mor, def. Tanner McGarvey, 10-8
 Cole Randle, RG, def. McGarvey, pin 3:7
 160, Corey Burand, NMMI, def. Grant Brumlow, pin 2:58
 Brumlow def. Justin Nine, pin 3:4
 Brumlow def. Matt Morales, Ros, 7-2
 171, Daniel Farias, NMMI, def. Luke Bates, 11-2
 Randy Lingren, God, def. Bates, pin 1:34
 189, Thatcher Hampton def. Mark Martinez, Cob, pin 1:38
 Jake Jimenez, Tuc, def. Hampton, pin 1:55
 Hampton def. Derek Dennis, RVJ, pin 2:1
 Jason Scholer, NMMI, def. Hampton, pin 4:47
 215, Keith Bassett def. Shane Lauritzen, NMMI, pin 2:48
 Frank Encinas, Mor, def. Bassett, pin 2:30
 Heavyweight, Patrick Hodges def. Jamie Shriver, Mor, 4-1
 Aaron Payne, RG, def. Hodges, 5-2
Individual Ruidoso Junior varsity results:
 112, Justin Huffman def. Phil Fresquez, God, pin 2:42
 John Dodson, Mor, def. Huffman, pin 4:48
 Johnathan Lucero, Cob, def. Huffman, 4-2

195, Matt Garcia, NMMI, def. Jacob Freed, pin 4:7
 Ricardo Martinez, God, def. Freed, pin 2:21
 140, Jason Sewell, Tuc, def. Logan Flaherty, pin 4:9
 Lawrence Romero, Mor, def. Flaherty, pin 2:22
 189, Brandon Negron, Ros, def. Derek Dennis, pin 1:59
 Dennis def. Stanton Negron, NMSVH, pin 3:59
 Thatcher Hampton def. Dennis, RVJ, pin 2:1
 215, Mark Taylor def. Jason Sligo, NMSVH, pin 4:2
 Frank Encinas, Mor, def. Taylor, pin 3:04
 Taylor def. Shane Lauritzen, NMMI, 9-6
Place winners:
 103: 1, Ruben Leyba, Mor; 2, Alex Jimenez, Tuc; 3, Carlos Madrid, Ros; 4, Shawn Gurule, Tuc
 112: 1, John Dodson, Mor; 2, Gilbert Jimenez, Tuc; 3, Johnathan Lucero, Cob; 4, Jeremy Pritchett, Tuc
 119: 1, James Gallegos, Mor; 2, Tim Martinez, Cob; 3, Rey Valenzuela, God; 4, Phillip Chavez, Soc
 125: 1, Julian Lucero, Cob; 2, Joe Ortiz, Tuc; 3, Chase Bishop, God; 4, Jason Torres, Ros
 130: 1, Javier Peru, Cob; 2, Cade Hall, Tuc; 3, Michael Martinez, Tuc; 4, Chris Neff, God
 135: 1, Pat Torrez, Cob; 2, Matt Garcia, NMMI; 3, Josh Pacheco, Tuc; 4, Mike Delaney, Mor
 140: 1, Sergio Munoz, Cob; 2, Justin Smith, God; 3, Jason Sewell, Tuc; 4, Lawrence Romero, Mor
 145: 1, Michael Shoup, Cob; 2, Josh Barela, Mor; 3, Luis Jimenez, Ros; 4, Austin Ritter, Tuc
 152: 1, Josh Tubbs, Ros; 2, Rudy Rios, Cob; 3, Cole Randle, God; 4, Travis McKenzie, Mor
 160: 1, Corey Burand, NMMI; 2, Jessie Diaz, Cob; 3, Grant Brumlow, Tuc; 4, Matt Morales, Ros
 171: 1, Justin Yenter, Cob; 2, James Rodriguez, Mor; 3, Randy Lingren, God; 4, Daniel Farias, NMMI
 189: 1, Jake Jimenez, Tuc; 2, Adrian Nelson, God; 3, Jason Scholer, NMMI; 4, Thatcher Hampton, Tuc
 215: 1, Frank Encinas, Mor; 2, Keith Bassett, Tuc; 3, Mark Taylor, RVJ; 4, Shane Lauritzen, NMMI
Hwt: 1, Aaron Payne, God; 2, Patrick Hodges, Tuc; 3, Jamie Shriver, Mor
Most valuable wrestlers:
 140 pounds or less: Ruben Leyba, Mor
 145 pounds or more: Corey Burand, NMMI

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9:30 a.m.; Sunday morning worship:
10:45 a.m. (includes children's
church); Sunday evening praise: 6
p.m.; Wednesday family night: 7 p.m.

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Best Tree Baptist Church of Alto
Sunday: 9 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednes-
day: 6 p.m. Mile marker 1, Hwy 220,
3/4 mi. up Airport Rd. Rev. James
Crowder, 336-4080.

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

First Baptist Church
420 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, (505)
257-2081; Tim Gilliland, Pastor.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Contemporary
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Sunday School/Bible Study:
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Bible Study, Fellowship: Ladies'
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Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.; Adult Bible
Study, Youth and Children's activi-
ties.

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Ruidoso Downs, Randy Widener,
Pastor. Sunday: 9:30 a.m.;
Evening worship: 6 p.m. Wednes-
day: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

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

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420 Mechem Drive, (Sunshine
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Mescalero Baptist Mission
Mesalero, Sunday: Sunday school
10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.;
Training union 6:30 p.m. Wednesday
services 6:30 p.m.

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

Trinity Southern Baptist Church
(south on Highway 48) M. Capitan
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day Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 10
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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat.
4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass: St. Jude
Thaddeus, San Patricio: 8 a.m.

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

Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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

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

St. Joseph Apache Mission
Mesalero. Father Tom Herbst, Pas-
tor. Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

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

CHRISTIAN

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Hull and Gavilan Canyon Road.
Rev. James M. Smith, Pastor. Sunday
School, K-12/Adult: 9:30 a.m.; Sun-
day Worship: 10:45 a.m.; Chancel
Choir: Wednesday 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

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Church of Jesus Christ LDS
Ruidoso Branch, North on Hwy. 48,
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Migall, 336-4359. Sunday schedule:
Sacrament starts at 10 a.m.; Sunday
School: Priesthood and Relief Society.

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day: Daughters of King: noon. Eucharist
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Episcopal Chapel of San Juan
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Capitan Four Square Church
Highway 48, Capitan. Harold W.
Perry, Pastor. Sunday School: 10
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p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7
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day: Bible Study 7:30 p.m.; Thursday:
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Meet: 8:20 p.m.

Congregacion Hispana
de los Vestigos de Jehova
106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659,
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p.m.; Estudio de la Biblia 1:50 p.m.;
Mart: Escuela del Ministerio Teocratico
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p.m.; Juev: Estudio de libro 7:00 p.m.

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5296. Kevin L. Krohn, Pastor. Sun-
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Sunday worship 11:10 a.m.

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Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m. and
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doso, 257-2220. Cathy E. Caudle,
Pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:45
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lowship after worship the third Sun-
day of every month.

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Mouraine Community
United Presbyterian Church
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worship: 9 a.m.; Sunday School: 10
a.m.

Corona Presbyterian Church
Reverend Scott King. Worship 11
a.m.

Mogal Presbyterian Church
Reverend Bill Sebring, Adult Sunday
School: 10 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.

REFORMED CHURCH

Mescalero Reformed
Mesalero, Bob Schur, Pastor. Sun-
day: Church school 9:30 a.m.; wor-
ship 10:30 a.m. Pion: junior high
youth 6:30 p.m. Wed.: high school
meeting 7 a.m. Thurs: Kids Club
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vice: 11 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer
meeting 7 p.m.

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Tuesday: Ruidoso men's Bible study
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nity Fellowship.

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

Centro Cristiano Casa de Oracion
2818 Sudderth (Pinecrest Square),
Ruidoso, 257-6142. Pastor Carlos

Carreon. Reunion General Jueves
6:00 p.m.; Domingo 10:45 a.m. Club
Amistad Sabado 1:00 a.m. (nifoc).

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

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

Cornerstone Church
Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth
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Revelation services Sunday 10:30 a.m.
and 5 p.m. Wednesday: Incessory
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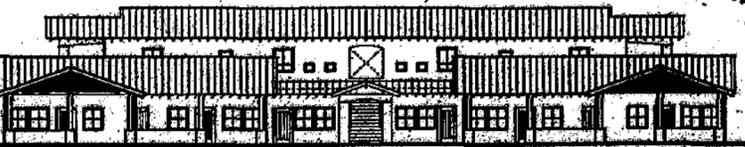
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Legals

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ELECTION NOTICE
VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO,
NEW MEXICO
GENERAL OBLIGATION
BOND ELECTION
TO BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2000
PUBLIC NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN THAT A
GENERAL obligation bond
election will be held in
conjunction with the
regular municipal
election in the Village
of Ruidoso, New Mexico
(herein the "Village") on
Tuesday, March 7, 2000,
the following
question will be submitted
for vote to the qualified,
registered electors of this
Village (and to the
nonresident municipal
electors of Lincoln
County as more completely
explained below):
Community Center Bonds
Should the Village of Ruidoso
issue up to \$8,000,000 of
General Obligation Bonds to
construct, equip and improve
a community center to be
located at the White Mountain
Recreational Fields along
Hull Road and which shall
include a handicap accessible
indoor recreational swimming
pool with dressing and
locker facilities; a dedicated
teen activity room; a multi-
room recreation and community
function facility; an indoor
all-weather 1716 mile walking
concourse; and parks and
recreation department
administrative offices?
The date for the election will
be opened at 7:00 a.m. on
Tuesday, March 7, 2000 and
will be closed at 5:00 p.m. on
the same day. Precincts shall
be consolidated and electors
(except absentee voters,
early voters, and nonresident
municipal electors) shall vote
at the polls located in the
consolidated precinct in which
he or she resides. The polling
places for each consolidated
precinct shall be as follows:
1. Voters in consolidated
Precincts 6, 8, and 10 shall
vote at the Ruidoso
Convention Center, 711 Sierra
Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New
Mexico.
2. Voters in consolidated
Precincts 7 and 9 shall vote
at the Ruidoso Convention
Center, 111 Sierra Blanca
Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico.
3. Nonresident Voters shall
vote at the Office of the
Village Clerk, 313 Cree
Meadows Drive, Ruidoso,
New Mexico.
4. Absentee and Nonresident
Absentee Voters shall
vote at the Office of the
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Meadows Drive, Ruidoso,
New Mexico.
5. Early Voters and Nonresident
Absentee Voters shall
vote at the Office of the
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Meadows Drive, Ruidoso,
New Mexico.
No ballot on the bond
election shall be received by the
precinct board unless, on the
day of election, the person
offering to vote is a registered,
qualified elector of the Village

or a registered, qualified non-
resident municipal elector as
herein provided. A registered,
nonresident municipal
elector, however, must
appear on the date of election
as a qualified, registered
elector of Lincoln County, but
who is a resident of that portion
of Lincoln County which is
outside of the Village of
Ruidoso (herein, who has paid
a property tax on property
located within the Village of
Ruidoso during the year
preceding the election and who
has timely registered with the
Village Clerk, his or her
intention to vote at the general
obligation bond election by filing
with the office of the Village
Clerk a certificate of eligibility
authorizing his or her
intention to vote at such election
on the question of creating
municipal debt.
The registration books of Lin-
coln County shall be closed
by the County Clerk at 5:00
p.m. on Tuesday, February
8, 2000. Any person
otherwise eligible to vote as
a qualified elector or qualified
nonresident municipal elector
and not currently registered,
may register prior to such
time at the office of the
County Clerk, Lincoln County
Courthouse, Carrizozo, New
Mexico, or at the office of any
 duly appointed deputy
 registration officer.
A nonresident municipal
elector also must file a certificate
of eligibility with the
Village Clerk not more than
sixty nor less than fifteen
days before the date of the
election, i.e., on or after Janu-
ary 7, 2000, but no later
than February 21, 2000.
Early voting will be con-
ducted in the office of the
Village Clerk, during the regu-
lar hours and days of busi-
ness, Monday through Fri-
day. Early voting will begin
on Wednesday, February 16,
2000, and will close at 5:00
p.m. on Friday, March 3,
2000.
Absentee voting will be
permitted as authorized by
the Municipal Election Code,
as amended and applica-
tions for absentee ballots may be
obtained from the office of the
Village Clerk, Village Hall,
313 Cree Meadows Drive,
Ruidoso, New Mexico, but at
5:00 p.m. on Thursday,
March 2, 2000. The Village
Clerk is required by statute to
destroy unused absentee
ballots, so that completed
applications must be re-
turned to the Village Clerk
prior to such time.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,
the governing body of the
Village of Ruidoso, New Mex-
ico, has caused this notice to
be dated November 30,
1999, and to be published as
required by law.
VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO,
NEW MEXICO
By: /s/ Tammie J. Maddox,
Village Clerk
2554 4T(1)14,21,28(24)

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
No. CV-98-121
JERALD DEWBRE
Plaintiff,
vs.
TOMMY A. JONES, THE UN-
KNOWN SPOUSE OF
TOMMY A. JONES,
KATHRYN JONES and
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE is given that the real
property described below in
Lincoln County, New Mexico,
will be sold to the highest
bidder for cash or certified
check on Wednesday, Feb-
ruary 16, 2000 at 9:30 a.m.
on the front steps of the Lin-
coln County Courthouse, 300
Central, Carrizozo, New Mex-
ico 88301. The sale arises
out of a final default judg-
ment entered on September
1, 1999, upon an indebted-
ness and foreclosure of
mortgage. The principal of
the judgment awarded to
Plaintiff is \$27,219.02, plus
accrued interest in the
amount of \$1,038.24 as at
February 16, 2000, plus at-
torney fees and costs of col-
lection in the amount of
\$1,804.63 as of September
1, 1999, plus estimated at-
torney fees and costs of
\$900.00 to conclude this
matter, for a total of
\$30,961.09, plus Special
Master's fees in the amount
of \$375.00 and gross re-
ceipts tax, and publishing
costs of \$219.88. The judg-
ment bears interest at the
daily annual rate of 8.18%.
The real property, located in
Lincoln County is more par-
ticularly described as follows:
Lot 14 of COCHRAN SUB-
DIVISION, Unit No. 2,
Ruidoso, Lincoln County,
New Mexico, as shown by
the plat thereof filed in the
office of the County Clerk
and Ex officio Recorder of Lin-
coln County, May 24, 1974,
in Tube No. 515.
A simple description of the
property in commonly used
terms is 104 Pina Road,
Ruidoso, New Mexico. At the
foreclosure sale shall take
title to the property free and
clear of any and all claims of
the parties subject, however,
to the following:
A. To a one month right of re-
demption;
B. Reservations, restrictions,
dedications, and easements
of record;
C. Any unpaid ad valorem
real property taxes;
D. Any municipal liens or
assessments; and
E. Any prior unpaid liens of
record.
By: /s/ Donald G. Clifford
Special Master
118 E. Fourth Street, 102
Roswell, NM 88201
(505) 625-2340
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICIA DE ELECCION
PUEBLO DE RUIDOSO,
NEW MEXICO
ELECCION DE BONOS DE
OBLIGACION GENERAL
SE LLEVARA A CABO EL
MARTES 7 DE MARZO
DEL 2000.
NOTICIA PUBLICA ES
AQUIDADA que en una elec-
cion general que se llevara a cabo
en conjunto con la eleccion
municipal regular en el
Pueblo de Ruidoso, Nuevo
Mexico (aquí como el
"Pueblo"), el martes 7 de
marzo del 2000, la siguiente
pregunta será sometida a los
electores registrados y
calificados de Pueblo para
votar (y para los electores
municipales que no son resi-
dentes) del Condado de Lin-
coln, más completamente ex-
plicado en lo siguiente):
Bonos del Centro Com-
unitario Deberá expedir el
Pueblo de Ruidoso hasta
\$8,000,000 de Bonos de Ob-
ligacion General para con-
struir, equipar y mejorar un
centro comunitario el cual
será localizado en los
Compos de Recreacion
White Mountain en Hull Road
y el cual debe incluir una
alberca recreacional cubierta
accesible para personas
minusvalidas con vestidores
y armarios; un cuarto de-
dicado a las actividades de
los juvenes; una facilidad de
un cuarto con varias recrea-
ciones y funciones com-
unitarias; una pista de
caminar cubierta con uso
durante todo tipo clima de
1716 de millas; y oficinas ad-
ministrativas para el departa-
mento de parques y recrea-
cion?
Los lugares de votacion para
la eleccion se abran a las
7:00 a.m. y se cerraran a las
7:00 p.m. en el mismo dia.
Los recintos seran con-
solidados y los votantes (ex-
cepto votantes en ausencia,
votantes por anticipado, y
electores municipales que no
son residentes) deberan
votar en los lugares de vota-
cion localizados en el recinto
consolidado en el cual el o
ella vive. Los lugares de vota-
cion en cada recinto con-
solidado seran los
siguientes:
1. Los votantes en los re-
cintos consolidados 6, 8, y
10, votaran en el Centro de
Convenciones de Ruidoso,
111 Sierra Blanca Drive,
Ruidoso, Nuevo Mexico.
2. Los votantes en los re-
cintos consolidados 7 y 9
votaran en el Centro de
Convenciones de Ruidoso,
111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso,
Nuevo Mexico.
3. Los votantes que no son
residentes votaran en la
oficina de la Escribana
Municipal, 313 Cree
Meadows Drive, Ruidoso,
Nuevo Mexico.
4. Los votantes en
ausencia y los votantes en
ausencia que no son resi-

dentas votaran en la oficina
de la Escribana Municipal,
313 Cree Meadows Drive,
Ruidoso, Nuevo Mexico.
5. Los votantes por an-
ticipado y los votantes por
anticipado que no son resi-
dentes votaran en la oficina
de la Escribana Municipal,
313 Cree Meadows Drive,
Ruidoso, Nuevo Mexico, pero
a las 6:00 p.m. del jueves, 2
de marzo del 2000, la
Escribana Municipal, re-
querida por ley, destruirá las
boletas para votar en
ausencia no utilizadas, las
boletas completas deben
ser regresadas a la
Escribana Municipal antes de
ese tiempo.
EN TESTIMONIO DONDE,
el cuerpo gobernante del
Pueblo de Ruidoso, Nuevo
Mexico, a causado que esta
noticia sea fechada el 30 de
noviembre de 1999, y que
sea publicada segun re-
querido por ley.
PUEBLO DE RUIDOSO,
NUEVO MEXICO
Por /s/ Tammie J. Maddox,
Escribana Municipal
2555 4T(1)14,21,28(24)

LEGAL NOTICE

Eleccion, segun cambiado y
reemplazado. Solicitudes para
obtener las boletas para
votar en ausencia se pueden
obtener en la oficina de la
Escribana Municipal, Oficinas
Administrativas del Pueblo,
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTIFICACION DE
VOTACION POR
ANTICIPADO MUNICIPIO
DE RUIDOSO
ELECCION MUNICIPAL
REGULAR EL 7 DE MARZO
DEL 2000
Por medio de la presente se
hace saber que se llevara a
cabo una Eleccion Municipal
Regular el 7 de marzo del
2000, con el fin de elegir
TRES CONSEJALEROS POR
UN TERMINO DE CUATRO
ANOS ELEGIDOS EN
GENERAL.
1. Frank T. Cummins
2. Bob Storch
3. Ronald E. Anderson
UN CONSEJAL FOR UN
TERMINO DE DOS ANOS.
1. Linda A. Flagg
PREGUNTA
Debera expandir el Pueblo de
Ruidoso hasta \$6,000,000 de
Bonos de Obligacion General
para construir, equipar y me-
jorar un centro comunitario
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caminar cubierta con uso
durante todo tipo de clima de
1716 de millas; y oficinas ad-
ministrativas para el departa-
mento de parques y recrea-
cion?
A Favor En Contra
La votacion por anticipado
empezara el miercoles 16
de febrero del 2000 y
terminara a las 5:00 p.m. el
viernes, 3 de marzo del
2000. La votacion por an-
ticipado se llevara a cabo en
la oficina de la Escribana de
la Municipalidad durante las
horas y los dias habiles de
lunes a viernes. Aquellas
personas que desean votar
por anticipado llenen que
hacer su solicitud en persona
en la oficina de la Escribana
de la Municipalidad en el 313
Cree Meadows Drive. Se
hara un record de los votos
emitidos por los votantes
calificados de la Municipalidad
que votan por
anticipado en maquinas para
votar.
Para mas informacion, favor
de llamar a: Tammie J.
Maddox, 258-4343
/s/ Tammie J. Maddox,
Escribana de la
Municipalidad
Fecha: 1/24/00
2579 2T(1)28(24)

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
INNSBROOK VACATION
OWNERS ASSOCIATION,
INC., a New Mexico
corporation.
Plaintiff,
vs.
JAMES DIRKS,
JOAQUIN ESQUEVEL,
FRANCISCO BUENDIA,
JUAN LUNA,
IVAN AND FRANCIS DAVIS,
FRANK AND DOTIA
CRAWFORD,
ARMANDO CARRILLO,
JAMES WILLIAMSON,
HECTOR AND MARIA
POSADA.
Defendants.
NOTICE OF
PENDENCY OF SUIT
TO: JAMES DIRKS, JOA-
QUIN ESQUEVEL, FRAN-
CISCO BUENDIA, IVAN
AND FRANCIS DAVIS,
ARMANDO CARRILLO,
JAMES WILLIAMSON,
HECTOR AND MARIA
POSADA.
DEFENDANTS.
GREETINGS:
YOU ARE HEREBY
NOTIFIED THAT THERE HAS
BEEN FILED IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF LINCOLN COUNTY, STATE OF
NEW MEXICO, A CERTAIN CAUSE
ENTITLED INNSBROOK VACATION
OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC., IS THE
PLAINTIFF AND YOU ARE THE
DEFENDANTS, THE SAME BEING
CAUSE NO. CV-98-191, DIVISION III.
THE OBJECT AND PURPOSE OF
THE SAID SUIT IS A FORECLOSURE
OF THOSE CERTAIN TIME SHARE
INTERESTS DESCRIBED IN COM-
PLAINT IN THIS CAUSE DUE TO
DELINQUENT MAINTENANCE FEES
OWNED TO PLAINTIFF.
YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT
UNLESS YOU ENTER YOUR AP-
PEARANCE OR FILE PLEADINGS
HEREIN ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY
7th, 2000 THE PLAINTIFF WILL
MAKE APPLICATION TO THE COURT
FOR A DECREE BY DEFAULT, AND
DECREE BY DEFAULT WILL BE
RENDERED AGAINST YOU AS PRAYED
FOR IN THE COMPLAINT.
THE NAME OF THE PLAINTIFF'S AT-
TORNEY IS CHARLES E.
HAWTHORNE, AND WHOSE
ADDRESS IS 1098 MECHAM,
SUITE 302, RUIDOSO, NEW
MEXICO 88345.
WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL
OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO THIS
20th day of December, 1999.
/s/ Eugenia Vega, Deputy
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LINCOLN COUNTY,
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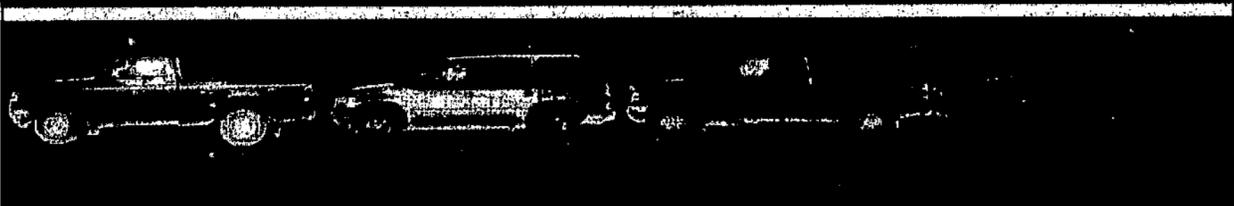
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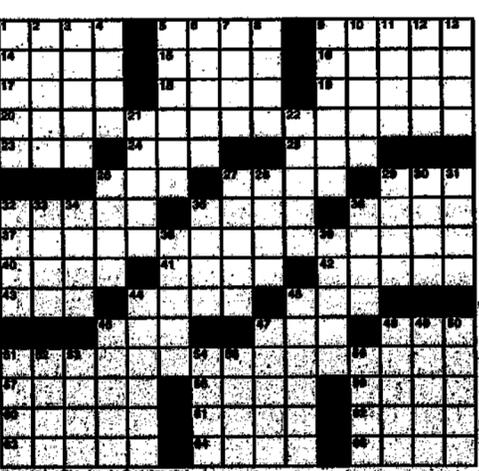
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N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

- Edited by Will Shortz
- No. 0708
- ACROSS**
- 1 "Woe is me!"
 - 3 A wanted man, maybe
 - 6 Miss in the comics
 - 14 ___ Lo Pew
 - 18 Oldsmobile, e.g.
 - 19 Sound during hay fever season
 - 17 47-stringed instrument
 - 28 Flair
 - 19 "Jurassic Park" sound
 - 20 Parental advice, part 1
 - 23 ___ Molnes
 - 24 "O Sole ___"
 - 25 Antislavery leader Turner
 - 26 Call to Bo-peep
 - 27 Once more, country-style
 - 28 Name
 - 29 See-through wrap
 - 30 Scandinavian capital
 - 34 "The Official Preppy Handbook" author Blimbach
 - 37 Advice, part 2
 - 40 ___ Major
 - 41 Economist Smith
 - 42 Listens to
 - 43 "Sea ya!"
 - 44 Utopia
 - 45 Served with a meal
 - 46 Choice of sizes: Abbr.
 - 47 Not their
 - 48 Twaddle
 - 51 End of the advice
 - 57 "Silas Marner" author
 - 58 Derby distance, maybe
 - 60 Small field
 - 60 Training group
 - 61 "Zip ___ Doo-Dah"
 - 62 Wedding wear
 - 63 Injured weakly
 - 64 Back talk
 - 65 Mesozoic and others
- DOWN**
- 1 Garden pest
 - 2 What all partygoers eventually take
 - 3 After, in Avignon
 - 4 Fall mo.
 - 5 Flir Earhart
 - 6 "What's ___?"
 - 7 "Sure, why not?"
 - 8 Litterman rival
 - 9 Hit game of 1980
 - 10 Showy display
 - 11 Call to a mate
 - 12 Search, as a beach
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 - 14 Mideasterner
 - 22 Merger
 - 23 Whers Bear Bryant coached, informally
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

LAGO MEGAS CLUE
SHUN AMISH OATS
MARE NOLIE USER
BUCKET OF BOLTS
ANTE ARE
ADORE DOB BEADS
PERALL FBI WRE
BATTLE OF BATAIN
ERE TEL ENRICO
LYNOD URN FATER
RES UYEP
LEASTON BUDEN
GOIN AVOTS ODIN
BOHO GABLO OGBE
SKEE LUDER REED

20 Previously owned

21 Choral part

22 The short end

23 Wrong

24 Floral gift

25 Ye ___ Tea Shoppe

26 Told a whopper

28 Soup scoop

29 "Ta-da!"

44 Harmed it up

45 90's group with the hit "Killing Me Softly," with "the"

46 Boutique

47 Looks at boldly

48 Track car

49 Open-air rooms

50 Skins

51 Lethus

52 Pearl Buck heroine

53 Coastal flooding factor

54 Holiday season, for short

56 Verdi heroine

58 90's party

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Feb. 3, 1950

Hondo News
by Caroline Davis

McKinley McTeigue, Miss Nora Sanchez and Mrs. Beatrice Nason went on a shopping trip to El Paso last weekend. The assistance of all three was required to help Lucia McTeigue select her wedding gown....

Sunday, Jan. 29, Miss Lucia McTeigue, popular bride-to-be of Monroe A Sanchez, of Hondo, was guest of honor at a bridal shower at the Hondo Grade School.

Feb. 5, 1960

Capitan student named winner in contest

Miss Carol Allyn Bonnell, a senior at Capitan High School, was named winner from her school in the 1960 Betty Crocker Search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow. Basis for the selection was her score on the Betty Crocker test administered to senior girls all over the nation Dec. 1.

Miss Bonnell is an active member of the Capitan Chapter of Future Homemakers of America....

(She also) is a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Feb. 6, 1970

New Ruidoso Lions Club receives official charter

The Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club was officially chartered Saturday, Jan. 31, in connection with the 30th anniversary celebration of the Lions Club of Ruidoso, Inc. An estimated 200 Lions Club members and their guests were in attendance.

Ray Dean, Alamogordo District Lions governor, made the presentation of the official charter to...the Noon Lions Club president, Elmer Pirelli...

Feb. 7, 1980

The Silver Lining by Daniel Agnew Storm

Last time we were saying goodbye to January, and here we are over into the beautiful and beloved month of February, often called The Birthday Month.

Washington's birthday is on the twenty-second; Lincoln's on the twelfth; Martin Luther King, Jr. on the fifteenth; Valentine's Day on the fourteenth; and Ground Hog's Day on the second....

So there is a gentle song of Heaven on this warm and mellow February day, and the spirits of our loved ones cheer us with their blessed presence through the day...

Let us rejoice and thank God through the wonderful days ahead.

Feb. 8, 1990

Cable rates are going up

The mayor and village council of Ruidoso have been notified that the basic Lincoln Cablevision rate for cable service will rise 5.3 percent effective March 1, 1990.

The rate will be \$19.95 plus tax compared to the present \$18.95 plus tax. The tax in the village of Ruidoso is 6.5 percent.

Paul Crown, general manager of Lincoln Cablevision, also reported to the council and mayor that an upgrading project will start this spring....

Lincoln Cablevision's franchise was renewed Dec. 30, 1986, for a period of 15 years.

Heaven on Earth, and apples too

... or how a couple wended their way from New York to Ruidoso, but found happiness tending orchards in the valley of the Rio Bonito near Hondo

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A Ruidoso family has settled into a new life — growing apples near the Rio Bonito, in a quiet area between Hondo and Lincoln.

John and Laura Reynolds had a cozy home in the heart of Ruidoso, but they yearned for the country.

"Someone mentioned to me at work, what is a New Yorker like you doing buying an apple orchard," said John Reynolds, who continues to work in Ruidoso as a real estate agent.

Laura Reynolds said she realized the land that they now own, complete with numerous fruit and nut trees, was exactly what tugged at her heart.

"The first time I was around here I fell in love with this place," she said in the living room of the home the couple is remodeling. "I grew up on a dairy farm, and there was something about walking from the barn on a dirt road to the house that was emotional. It was like bringing me back to my childhood."

Both John and Laura knew the couple who owned the orchard and home. When the property came on the market, John had a lot of questions.

"And I realized, why wait for our dream until I'm in my sixties? It's what we wanted to do, so why wait?"

"We knew everything was 25 years old," Laura said of the home. "We knew it needed work."

Tending to an orchard, harvesting apples, and some other fruits, has, the past year and a half, been a learning experience for the couple and their two children.

Laura said it's also an experience for many who visit the orchard.

"A lot of kids today don't realize how things are grown. They're not exposed to the real farm work anymore," Laura said, also reminiscing about her childhood days on the dairy farm. "Many think you can just go to Wal-Mart and get any color of apple."

While she admits they haven't yet totally decided what direction to take their newly acquired business, Laura pointed to a commitment to apples. Another grove of trees was planted last year. Those trees, later this decade, will add to the varieties customers will be



Winter pruning of the apple trees, by Laura Reynolds, affirms that running an apple orchard is a year round job.

able to purchase at Reynolds' Spring Water Orchard.

Selections include Golden Delicious, McIntosh, Winesap, Rome Beauty, Akamee, and Jonathan. New plantings will add Gala, Fuji, Spark's Gold Blush, and Brayburn to the mix.

Rome Beauties can grow big, said Laura. Last year one of the apples weighed in at 2.5 pounds. The orchard also sells, in good seasons, peaches.

Both say attending the orchard is a year round task, evidenced by the pruning work that goes on during the winter months.

"It was almost four years ago Laura said she wanted to do this," John said. "I was reluctant, because of the distance from Ruidoso, where I work, and where the kids go to school."

"We always said we'd love to

get into trees, and the good Lord has accommodated," he said.

It has meant year-round labor, with more than 300 apple trees.

There are also peach, cherry, pear, plum, apricot and various nut trees that need attention.

From new plantings to

all the harvesting, the family of four works the land.

But the Reynolds don't look at apple farming as work. "You come home from a stressful real estate day," John said. "It's stress-free to see a tree produce fruit."

"You just want to get outside and do something," Laura said. "Whether it vegetable gardening or pruning trees in January, it keeps you balanced."

The couple consider themselves stewards of the land. They said the previous owner told them you never own the land, but are there to protect the land.

While it's a 30- to 35-minute trip into Ruidoso each day, both say they make good use of that time. Laura calls the travel "gear down" time.

"When I pick them (their two children) up from school we have a good conversation during the trip. And when the town is so busy, it's nice to return to our quiet spot. From here we see it from a distance," Laura said.

It's not always quiet at Spring Water Orchard, set along U.S. Highway 380. Vehicles tap the horn as they go by. "A lot of people going by honk," said Laura. Some are neighbors. Some are regular apple customers. Others, the Reynolds presume, are just friendly passer-bys. "That's what's fun about being out here."

Laura Reynolds said she knew the rural setting would be a place of happiness. And John agrees.

"It's a dream," he said. "The Lord made it all happen. This is our little piece of heaven on earth."



John Reynolds said he was at first reluctant about moving to the Hondo area and taking on an apple orchard business, but now it's proved to be a "little heaven on earth."

A good friend is dead, and well remembered

We were all saddened to hear of the death of A. B. Zumwalt. He passed away at the Veterans' Hospital in Albuquerque after several weeks of illness.

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loved — and was such a good neighbor, helping those in

need. All those who knew him will sadly miss him.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rocker had the "Blessings of the Rings" Sunday during church services. Lee and Kay Taylor were married last August in Carrizozo.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sullivan were also blessed on their 39th wedding anniversary.

Gary Stilwell has been playing his guitar for special music. We all practice the new songs during our Sunday school sessions. This all makes us miss Janice so much.

Will try to keep track of those who are having birthdays and/or anniversaries this year.

Lincoln County citizens will be busy in Santa Fe this week.

The agriculture people —

Farm Bureau, Cowbells, wool and cattle growers — will be attending meetings and the Ag Fest; the Republican Women will be meeting and having a tour of the Governor's mansion, and everyone will be contacting their legislators.

People of the Bonito Valley will be working on getting the advertising procedure for water transfers changed. Hopefully it can be changed so that they are advertised in our county newspapers.

There is a winter storm watch for Lincoln County tonight (Monday). It seems that the Ag fest usually brings us a snowstorm — at least in Santa Fe.

Short again on news. Let me know if anyone has something they want in my column.

ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

10 free rosebud trees

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb. — Ten free American redbud trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during February, 2000.

The free trees are part of the non-profit foundation's tree-planting campaign to commemorate the new millennium.

Redbuds have clusters of rosy pink flowers in spring, and dark green summer leaves turning to yellow in the fall.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six- to twelve-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to "Ten Free Redbud Trees," National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Feb. 29, 2000.

Veteran's services come to Lincoln County

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Veterans and their families no longer need to travel to Alamogordo for assistance in obtaining benefits. Lino Sanchez of the Veterans' Service Commission will come to the Ruidoso Works Center in the Ruidoso State Bank building once a month, beginning Feb. 11.

Sanchez said he will come to Ruidoso the second Friday of each month, from 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. He will deal with both state and federal benefits and services, and help people fill out claims and put them in touch with the five organizations that will take their cases to Washington, D.C.

"A lot of people get denied (benefits)," Sanchez said. "We work with ... the VFW, Disabled American Veterans, the American Legion, Paralyzed Veterans of American, and the Military Order of the Purple

Heart."

Many people who are eligible for benefits are unaware of the benefits they qualify for, Sanchez said. Some of these include:

- \$2,000 tax exemption through the state
- Federal disability compensation or pension
- Home loans
- Burial benefits
- Survivors' benefits
- Widows' benefits
- State fishing and hunting licenses free to those 100 percent disabled
- Free license plates for ex-prisoners-of-war and Purple Heart recipients
- Educational benefits for veterans and dependents
- Vocational rehabilitation
- Dependents' and survivors' death pensions and Veterans Administration Civilian Health and Medical Program
- Apportionment claims (if a veteran is not supporting a spouse, a claim can be filed to

divide the money with the spouse)

Sanchez said the most common is the federal disability compensation for injury or illness during military service.

"Sometimes they find the condition later on in life," Sanchez said. "We file the claim for it and try to get increased benefits."

Sanchez used to come to Ruidoso once a month when the public library was on Suddorth Drive, he said, but "the state apparently didn't have enough money," and the service was discontinued just before the library moved in 1997. He said he wanted to come twice a month, now that service is resuming in Ruidoso, but was told by the headquarters in Santa Fe to see what the demand is like.

To set up an appointment with Sanchez, call the New Mexico Works Center at 680-8181, or call Sanchez in Alamogordo at 437-4635.

CLUBS

- Adult Attention Deficit Disorder Self Help Support Group**
7 p.m. first and last Thursday of each month in the computer room at the Lincoln County Medical Center.
- All American Duplicate Bridge Club**
7 p.m. Thursdays in the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center for weekly open and novice games. For more information call 257-9228.
- AL-ANON of Ruidoso**
8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Gateway Center, 439 Suddorth, Ruidoso. 257-7174
- Alcoholics Anonymous**
Noon and 8 p.m. every day at the Gateway Center, 439 Suddorth, Ruidoso. 257-9397
- Alto Women's Association**
11 a.m. Tuesdays at the Alto Club House for lunch at noon and cards at 1 p.m. Business meeting the first Tuesday of every month.
- Attnus Club**
7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month for program and at noon the third Tuesday of every month for lunch at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mesclero Trail, 258-9851
- Alzheimer's Monthly Support Group**
7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at Ruidoso Care Center. 257-9071
- American Legion**
Robert J. Higgins Post 70
7 p.m. the third Wednesday in the American Legion Building at U.S. Highway 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs. 257-5798
- Angus Wood Carvers**
5 p.m.-8 p.m. every Monday night at the Episcopal Church, Hwy. 48 and Hwy. 37. 336-9161
- A.R.E. No. 2086**
7:30 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of every month in the Elk's Lodge Building, Hwy. 70.
- B.O. Docs**
7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of every month in the Elk's Lodge Building, Hwy. 70.
- Boy Scouts of America Troop 59**
7-9:30 p.m. Mondays at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 420-1487
- Children's TeamKids Discipline Program**
6:30-7:45 p.m. every Wednesday (Sept.-May) at the First Baptist Church (420 Mechem). For children 4 years-4th grade.
- Choir Group**
6:45 p.m. Tuesdays at 1089 El Paso Road, Las Cruces. Possible carpool. 258-5621
- Christian Horseman's Association**
336-1341, pinto@lookingglass.net, www.christianhorseman.org
- Co-Dependents Anonymous**
7 p.m. every Tuesday at Texas-New Mexico Power Company. First Tuesday of the month step study meeting, topic meeting all other weeks.
- Community Friends of the Vietnam War**
6 p.m. the first Monday of each month at the VFW Post 7686 Auxiliary Hall, 700 Hwy. 70 West, Alamogordo.
- Daughters of the American Revolution**
Second Thursday of the month Sept. through May. For more information call 258-5875 or 258-3622.
- Disabled American Veteran Cow-Gurry Chapter 23**
7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month in the American Legion Hall at Hwy. 70 and Spring Road, Ruidoso Downs. 257-5798
- Domestic Violence Victims' Support Group**
Noon Tuesdays at the office of Diane Harmon, LISW, Rm. Lincoln Tower, 2nd floor suites, Conference Room. 258-4709
- Family Crisis Center**
24-hour crisis line 257-7365
- Fratern Order of Police Lodge #28**
Meets at K-Bob's Steak House Restaurant at noon every Thursday.

- Friends of the Library**
1 p.m. the first Monday of every month at the Ruidoso Public Library.
- Friends Of Sincley-Caplan, Inc.**
12:30 p.m. at the Sincley Bear Cafe In Captain. The public is welcome to attend all meetings and events.
- Seniors Anonymous**
3 p.m. every Sunday at the Gateway Church of Christ, 415 Suddorth Drive, Ruidoso (free entrance). For more information call 257-9288.
- Solms Age Club**
Noon the first and third Wednesdays of every month at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center - covered dish lunch and games.
- HIV+ Support Group**
Second Monday of every month. Loving Others Support Group for friends and family of HIV+ meets the first Tuesday of every month. 257-9228
- Wassau Society of Lincoln County**
10 a.m. the third Saturday of every month at the Alto Country Club.
- Wife Club**
11 a.m. every Saturday at the Gateway Center, 439 Suddorth, 257-4281 or 378-1113
- Wine Club**
Noon every Tuesday at K-Bob's restaurant on Hwy. 70. Visiting Kwanis members are always welcome.
- Knights of Columbus**
Father E. Dolan Council
7 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, in the parish hall at St. Eleanor's Catholic Church, William R. Stuber, grand knight.
- La Junta R.C.C.**
10:45 a.m. the third Wednesday of every month at San Patricio Senior Citizens building (505) 653-4912
- Libertarian Party of Lincoln County**
7 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at the Texas-New Mexico Power Building.
- Lincoln County Adult Singers Group**
6:30 every Thursday for social time or varied program. Additional activities are also planned for weekends. 354-2635 www.ngal.com/casg
- Lincoln County Bird Club**
Meets once a month. 257-5352
- Lincoln County Democratic Party**
Meets once a month. 257-9090
- Lincoln County Food Bank**
7 p.m. the third Thursday of every month Board meets in St. Eleanor's Catholic Church. Food bank hours: noon-4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 257-4624
- Lincoln County Homebuilders**
7 p.m. general meeting first Tuesday of every month at the Incredibly. 257-9090
- Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary**
9:30 a.m. first Tuesday of every month in the LCMC conference room.
- Lincoln County Pride**
Lincoln County's gay, lesbian and bisexual groups meets at various times throughout the year. 257-0135
- Lincoln County Health Resource Exchange**
Noon the second Thursday of every month at K-Bob's on Highway 70. 630-9181
- Lincoln County Sheriff's Office**
2 p.m. the first Sunday of every month at the Lincoln County Fair Building in Captain. 354-4263
- Lincoln County Youth**
Badass Prevention Task Force
6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.
- Lions International Evening Lions Club**
Tuesdays in the Lions Hut on Skyland behind Mountain Laundry for supper.
- Masonic Lodge #73**
6:30 p.m. dinner; 7:30 p.m. meeting on the first Monday (second Monday if first is a holiday) of every month in the Masonic Family Building at the corner of Mesclero Trail and Nob Hill Drive. 257-9604

- Model Rocket Association**
First Thursday of every month at the Space Center's Hubbard Space Science Education Building. 800-545-4071
- Neighbors Night Out**
6:30 p.m. first Tuesday of each month at various local restaurants. 438-5801
- Novelists Anonymous**
Meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Gateway Church, 415 Suddorth, entrance behind church, 378-5621. P.O. Box 1943, Ruidoso Downs NM 88346
- National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 878**
10 a.m. the second Tuesday of every month at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center. 336-9493 or 378-4669
- New Mexico Christian Singers Association**
Trail rides, Bar-B-Que's, fellowship activities, Christian programs. 505-336-4673
- Nonprofits Anonymous**
5:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Senior Citizens Center, 501A Suddorth Drive, Ruidoso. Anyone interested in scouting the use of tobacco in any form is cordially invited to attend.
- Realty Writers Barbons Club**
5:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Wednesday of the month at K-Bob's. For more information call Evelyn Shaw at 257-3479
- Optimist Club (Friends of Youth)**
Noon every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. New members always welcome. 258-5969 or 258-9218
- Order of the Eastern Star**
Ruidoso Chapter #68
7:30 the second Thursday of every month in the Masonic Family Building, 144 Nob Hill Rd., Ruidoso.
- Party Bridge**
1 p.m. Wednesdays and Friday. We have a very good group playing 2-5 tables. Come join us. 354-6050
- R.F. Chapter Ar Meetings**
2nd and 4th Tuesdays September thru May. 257-1465
- Photographic**
Society of Lincoln County
7:00 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the Public Meeting Room, 1st floor at the Ruidoso High School. 258-4003
- Pine Top Rod & Custom Car Club**
7:30 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month in the meeting room at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center, Power Building, Ruidoso. 257-4451
- Prepared Childbirth Classes**
7 p.m. Mondays, at the Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mesclero Trail, Ruidoso. Eight-week sessions with qualified instructors. 257-7381 (see for OB dept.)
- Republican Party of Lincoln County**
6 p.m. the first Monday of each month. 354-4230 or 258-4780
- Republican Women of Lincoln County**
11:30 a.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month. Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. 257-9351 or 258-9109
- Senior International**
Ruidoso Chapter #10
Noon on Tuesdays at the Swiss Chalet Inn.
- Ruidoso Book Review and Discussion Group Meeting**
10 a.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the First Christian Church behind the hospital. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Ruidoso Care Center Auxiliary**
11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of every month at the Ruidoso Care Center dining room for free lunch with 24-hour advance reservations. 1218 program for residents and guests.
- Ruidoso Chess Club**
6:00 p.m. Thursdays at Cree Meadows Country Club. New players and all levels welcome. 336-4219, 258-4757, 354-8036
- Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary**
7 p.m. the first Monday of every month in the Auxiliary Building, 123 Downs Avenue, Ruidoso Downs. 378-4184 or 378-4766
- Ruidoso Duplicate Bridge Club**
1 p.m. every Saturday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center. 257-7411

- Ruidoso Federated Women's Club**
1:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month Sept. through May in the Women's Club Building, 115 Eastwood Road, Ruidoso. 258-1239
- Ruidoso Garden Club**
10 a.m. the third Tuesday of every month at various locations. 258-5509 or 257-3187
- Ruidoso Golf Club**
7 p.m. first Monday of each month at the Clubhouse of the Holy Mount, Mesclero Trail, Ruidoso.
- Ruidoso Horticulture Guild**
7 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month. 257-2446 or 336-8064
- Ruidoso Public Library**
Noon the second Wednesday of every month at the Ruidoso Public Library.
- Ruidoso Sports Club**
6:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at Cree Meadows Restaurant. 257-3062
- Ruidoso Valley Silver Masters Club**
Meets 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club. 258-9169
- Ruidoso Vegetarian Club**
Meets the third Thursday of each month at the Ruidoso Senior Center for their monthly potluck. Please bring a main dish or suggested donation for the club. 257-2172
- SHHH - Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc. - Sierra**
7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at the Texas-New Mexico Power Company, 1000 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso. 336-1088
- Sierra Branch Ruidoso Table Club**
9:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month. New members to be announced on 146,920 Mtz. after 8 a.m. 257-2135
- Sierra Branch Duplicate Bridge Club**
1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Free open and novice games. 257-9228
- Sierra Branch Swingers**
8 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month at Nob Hill Elementary for basic and mainstream square dancing. 257-3193; 336-4906
- Stress Management Group**
4 p.m. Mondays at The Courtesing Center, 206 Suddorth Drive, Ruidoso. This group is free and open to the public. 257-5038
- The Party Bridge Group**
1 p.m. Wednesdays and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center. 257-2590
- Threading Bridge**
1 p.m. Thursdays at Cree Meadows. 258-9186
- Transcendental Mind Injury Group**
6:30 p.m. every Thursday at Rainbow Lake RV Resort on Carrizo Canyon Road. Provides support and information for those with mind injury victims and their families. 257-7634
- United We Stand**
For meeting time, call 257-6600
- VFW Post 7022 and Auxiliary**
James Don Harkin Post and its auxiliary meet for breakfast on Tuesday, 7 p.m. the second Monday of every month at American Legion Hall, Hwy. 70 and Spring Road, Ruidoso Downs. 257-5796
- Women in Suddorth D Shop Meeting**
Center, 439 Suddorth, 378-8391 or 257-2560
- Women's New Card Club**
Evenings once a week for women who like to play Pinochet or Euchre, or want to learn. 1-888-337-7327
- White Mountain Health Resources Network**
Noon each Wednesday at K-Bob's, Hwy. 70, Ruidoso. 336-7777
- White Mountain Search & Rescue**
7 p.m. the third Monday at the public meeting room at the Ruidoso Public Library. 258-4759
- Women's Night Out**
Community Center
7 p.m. the first Monday of the month in the meeting room of Texas-New Mexico Power. 336-9669 or 258-1158
- Zia Girl Scout Council**
6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Leaders encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in Girl Scouts may attend. 305/437-2921

Domenici advocates voting changes to benefit military personnel, N.M. citizens living abroad

WASHINGTON — Senator Pete Domenici today advocated changes in the election code to make it easier for New Mexicans who serve overseas in the U.S. Armed Forces or live abroad to vote and participate in state elections.

Domenici forwarded a list of seven proposals ranging from simplifying absentee ballot requests to increasing the use of electronic transmission of election material in a letter to New Mexico Secretary of State Rebecca Vigil-Giron.

"Working with the state legislature, we can help ensure that New Mexico citizens can more easily exercise their right to vote for their representatives to federal, state and local offices," Domenici said. "Enacting these reforms before the 2000 elections could significantly facilitate the absentee voting process for the tens of thousands of New Mexicans living abroad who do not have easy access to the state's electoral process."

There are about 41,500 New Mexicans residing over-

seas, who are covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act. These citizens include about 11,500 military service personnel and 8,000 voting-age family members, and more than 22,000 New Mexicans living abroad who are not associated with the federal government.

"With a little effort, we can ensure that these New Mexicans are not disenfranchised from the voting process, which is so integral to our working democracy," Domenici said.

Domenici was asked to support the election process changes by the Defense Department's Federal Voting Assistance Program. According to a Defense Department survey, approximately 200,000 military personnel who tried to vote in the 1998 presidential election were unable to do so because they received their absentee ballots too late or not at all.

Several changes recommended to increase New Mexican voter participation include:

- Use of one Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for all elections in a calendar year. (Forty-seven states now accept one absentee ballot request for both the primary and general elections during a calendar year.)
- Electronic transmission of election materials, as a means of removing a major obstacle to absentee voting by cutting into the ballot transit time.
- Late registration procedures allowing persons recently separated from the Armed Services or overseas deployment (and their family members) to be able to register late or be exempt from registration.
- Emergency Authority for Chief Election Official-granting authority to this official to designate alternate methods for handling absentee ballots, such as electronic transmission of ballots during declared emergency or other situations where a short timeframe for ballot transmission is created.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Alamogordo company doubles work force

ALAMOGORDO - A major employer here has dramatically increased its labor force. Presto Products Manufacturing Co. boosted its workforce from about 200 to 420 employees, according to the New Mexico Department of Labor.

About 120 of the increased numbers were temporary hires to help meet Christmas season orders; 100 of the new workers are permanent employees. Presto makes cookware.

New Furr's marketer

Furr's Supermarkets, Inc. has named Angee Walls, a former employee of Ralph's Grocery Company, its vice president of marketing services.

With a background in marketing, advertising and training, Walls will oversee Furr's advertising, customer marketing, e-commerce and promotional activities.

Furr's has also hired Phil Grasso as its director of deli merchandising. Grasso, who has previously worked with other grocers managing deli operations, will be responsible for Furr's deli merchandising and marketing.

Furr's, which is headquartered in Albuquerque, is New Mexico's largest privately held company. The grocery chain operates 70 stores in New Mexico and west Texas, including two stores in Ruidoso. The grocer employs more than 6,000 people.

Small business capital firm proposed in N.M.

A Southern New Mexico state senator has offered legislation that would create equity capital for rural business start-ups. Sen. Don Kidd (R-Carlsbad) wants some of the \$600 million in New Mexico's permanent fund to be spent on venture capital.

The proposal would use \$5 to \$10 million of the fund for investment into small business in rural areas of the state. The senator said that would help the economy of rural areas without touching the state's general fund.

Travel Route 66 by CD

Gov. Gary Johnson and Economic Development Secretary John Garcia unveiled a new CD-ROM tour of New Mexico Route 66 at a news conference in Albuquerque recently.

The CD-ROM was produced with a Scenic Byways grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, and will be distributed to local libraries by the Route 66 Association.

It was produced by the Albuquerque based company, NICA! The CD-ROM allows you to use your computer to visit towns along Route 66 throughout the state. It contains maps and information about local attractions.

The CD-ROM was produced in anticipation of the 75th anniversary of the opening of the so-called "mother road." That anniversary will be celebrated in 2001, with Albuquerque as one of the major centers of activity.

The Economic Development Department has been working with the Department of Tourism and the Office of Cultural Affairs to develop Cultural Tourism Projects to boost economic development in the state. This marketing tool will be used by Route 66 associations in New Mexico.

The unveiling came at the Red Ball Cafe on South 4th Street in Albuquerque. The Red Ball is part of the Barelás Neighborhood, the only nationally recognized preservation area on Route 66. It operated from 1922 to the late 1970's, when it fell into disrepair. It has been reopened and refurbished by Teresa and Joe Chavez.

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Choices for a fiscal happiness

ARLINGTON, Va. - The Council of Better Business Bureaus here offers these "Top 10 Resolutions for a Fiscally Healthy New Year."

1. Resolve to be an informed investor. Scam artists have a field day when the stock market is doing well. They're masters at tailoring their investment pitches, requiring you to "act now," and touting that "guarantee" unbelievable profits.

2. Resolve to formalize a savings plan. Decide how much you need to bolster your financial cushion, and develop a plan to achieve your savings goal.

3. Resolve to tackle your debt load. Pay more than the monthly minimum amount due on credit card accounts.

4. Resolve to carefully scrutinize unsolicited credit offers. Ignore ads from unfamiliar, out-of-state companies that promise for an advance fee, to secure a low-interest loan or repair your credit rating, despite a bad credit history.

5. Resolve to deal only with reliable merchants. Don't do business with strangers who approach you at home. Carefully evaluate unsolicited phone calls or e-mail offers. Businesses that are accepted as members of the BBB have agreed to abide by high standards, which include truthful

advertising and responding promptly and fairly to any customer complaints.

6. Resolve to get all promises in writing. Make sure the contract provisions match what the salesperson told you. If it's not stated in the contract, you don't have an agreement.

7. Resolve to guard your personal information. Don't give out your credit card, bank account, or Social Security numbers to anyone you don't know who contacts you by phone, mail or e-mail.

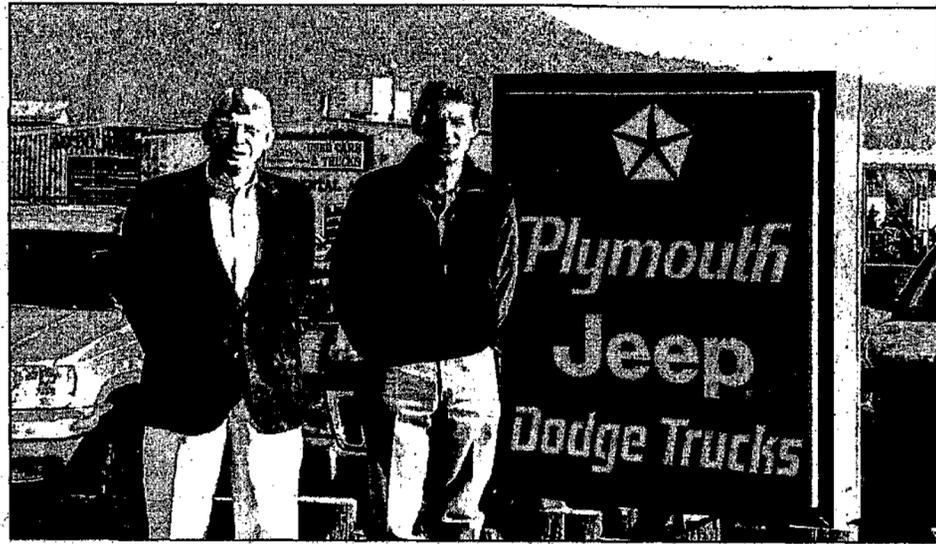
8. Resolve to help your children become informed consumers. Disposable income trickles down to teens and even younger children, and their spending power is wielded at shopping malls, as well as online malls.

9. Resolve to shop safely online. Cyberspace crooks have the potential to perpetuate scams quickly on the web, leaving no paper trails and bypassing all geographic boundaries.

10. Resolve to resist the lure of "easy money." If you're contemplating work from home, do your homework first.

Ask for references, contact information for satisfied customers and the business location and phone number.

Then contact your BBB to see if it has a report on the company.



Johnny and Ted Durham have seen their business explode in recent years. And, even if this winter has been tough, it hasn't kept them from expanding. The Web, too, makes a difference.

James Kalvelage/Ruidoso News

Sierra Blanca Motors, Inc., has been a resource and challenge for the Durham family

35 years and still growing

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

In a community where it seems businesses may come and go, one is setting a milestone. Sierra Blanca Motors, Inc. has been in Ruidoso, at U.S. 70 and Mesalero Trail, for 35 years.

"This is where we'll be for the next 35 years," said Johnny Durham, who bought the auto dealership in 1965.

The auto showroom was purchased by Durham from Charlie Seeds, who came to Ruidoso from Hereford, Texas, in 1964. The original line of vehicles were products from Chevrolet, Pontiac, Buick and Willis Motor Co., which produced Jeeps.

"We had hired six people in the community," Durham said. "And it was an awfully slow year," he said of 1965.

Since then there have been some lean years, and exceptional years. Through the decades, however, overall sales have pointed in one direction—up. More than 1,700 unit (or vehicle) sales last year moved gross sales to more than \$36 million. It was the best year ever, in terms of vehicle volumes.

"That's a lot for a little community," Durham said. "There are dealers in big cities that would like those kind of sales."

Durham and his son Ted, who handles day-to-day operations of the dealership and sales, places customer satisfaction as a top pursuit. They said that commitment is what created a successful business.

"What it takes is we try to please everyone who comes in to buy a car from us," Johnny Durham said. "Our sales and management staff does whatever it takes. If you lose a customer forever, you've lost a valuable

asset."

While Johnny Durham and a brother had been involved in other auto showrooms during the '60s, '70s, and '80s, Sierra Blanca Motors has been the Durhams' mainstay. "We're very happy with what we've got," said Johnny Durham. The offerings at the dealership now run the gamut of General Motors products — Chevrolet, Pontiac, Buick, Oldsmobile and Cadillac — as well as the DaimlerChrysler lines of Dodge, Chrysler, Plymouth, Jeep, and Dodge trucks.

While making the customer number one has never changed in 35 years, the Durhams say other things have.

"In 1965 I was selling new Chevy pick-ups for \$1,995. Now there are GM truck products that sell for over \$30,000."

He said a big plus for sales has been program cars. "We sell a lot of them, since GM started program cars in the late '70s," said Johnny Durham. The vehicles are factory executive driven or rental cars, that are moved to dealer lots after six months to a year of use.

"A lot of the working people in Ruidoso can well afford program cars," he said. "That's made them very popular."

While 1999 sales at Sierra Blanca Motors included 705 new vehicles, used car sales totaled more than 1,100 units. Many of those were program cars.

"You do save a lot," Ted Durham said of the program vehicles. "And they still have manufacturer's warranties."

At times Johnny Durham has questioned being in the automotive business.

"I've wondered occasionally, what am I doing here. There were lots of

tough years, and lots of good years."

While both father and son looked out over their sun-illuminated lot, void of any snow, Ted Durham said more winter-like weather would be a plus. His father said winter business is better when the tourists are in town.

"Those with motels, the ski shop operators, other businesses, are more likely to buy a car when their business is going. This has to be about as tough of a season as they've had in the last few years. But I'm optimistic. The season isn't over yet, and we'll have a good year," Johnny Durham said.

"I think the future looks pretty bright," said Ted Durham. "We're doing the right things."

The Durhams will expand their parts and service department later this year. The expansion will be another step in the growing business that has seen five previous remodeling or expansion projects. The employee base has grown to 41. And the information superhighway — the World Wide Web — is helping the dealership.

"There's information about the dealership. People can view our inventory. And we even sell some cars on our Web site," said Johnny Durham.

Addresses like www.sierrablancamotors.com are the "wave of the future," he said.

The two say they'll ride the economic future of Sierra Blanca Motors for at least another 35 years.

"Our employees are great. The Ruidoso economy is great. And the Mesalero economy is doing better," Johnny Durham said.

"We're optimistic with the car lines that we've got, and we'll be here to treat our customers right."

Economy: A riot in the bond market

BY SUNG WON SOHN
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

A riot has broken out in the bond market. Bond investors are worried that the economy is in overdrive and concerned about future inflation.

Productivity gains, by limiting price increases, have fueled the equity bubble—leading to imbalances, including the record low savings rate, soaring credit demand and ballooning current-account deficit.

These imbalances are getting worse. Despite the three tightening moves by the Federal Reserve, financial conditions are stimulative to the economy and the stock market. The equity market has become less sensitive to rising interest rates. The central bank may have to take a tougher stance in the future.

The core inflation rate, which is the primary inflation gauge the central bank watches, has begun to edge

up. Both labor and non-labor costs are trending up. In the labor market, productivity gains are offsetting only about half of compensation gains, which are in excess of 5 percent. In the non-labor area, more and more businesses are trying to prevent a margin squeeze by raising prices. The global economic rebound has given firms more leeway to raise prices.

Commodity prices, especially oil, have jumped. The yawning U.S. trade deficit is weakening the value of the dollar, raising non-oil import prices.

Grim news rarely lasts

The bond market believes that the Federal Reserve is behind the inflation curve and yields have jumped. Bond investors are frustrated at the slow motion monetary policy and are concerned that the economy and the

stock market are impervious to higher interest rates.

These developments suggest that the bond yield has not peaked. Some investors see the long treasury bond yield hitting 7.0 percent later this year.

A convincing sign of an economic slowdown has to come before yields plateau. The stock market is the "canary in the coalmine" for bond investors; the canary is still alive and kicking.

However, the grim picture rarely lasts very long. The 1994 bloodbath was a good example; the outlook brightened quickly and patience paid off. It is the darkest before dawn.

The market has already priced in a 100 basis point hike in interest rates by Chairman Greenspan. No doubt, patience will pay off again this time. A barbell portfolio has worked reasonably well and this strategy should be maintained.

Can technology explain five consecutive years of double-digit price gains in the stock market? An econometric model simulation by Macroeconomic Advisors says that the answer is partially yes.

The real value of equity wealth depends upon the current level of real dividends, the real after-tax interest rate and the expected future growth of real after-tax dividends, which are a function of the growth of potential productivity gains.

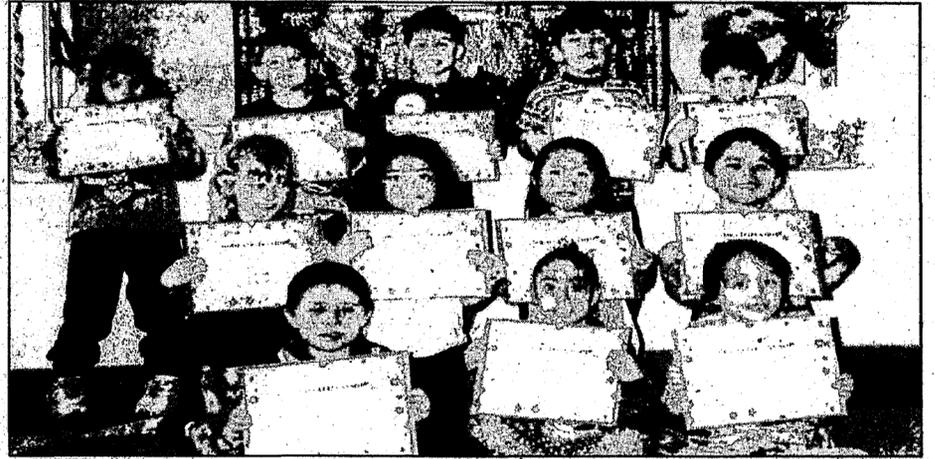
To summarize, without the New Economy, the model shows that stock prices could be about a third lower than they are. In other words, there is a solid foundation behind equity strength.

But the future looks less rosy. The best news on inflation is behind us. Interest rates are headed up. Corporate profits are not as robust. The growth of potential productivity is peaking. The bottom line is that the market is about 15-20 percent overvalued.

Nob Hill Early Childhood Center Good Citizens for January



AM Kindergarten—Back row, left to right, Chance Ryan, Patrick Trotter, Luke Trujillo, Mary Calderon, Jeffrey Keaton, John McNulty, Timothy Pratt; middle row, Morris Kanseah, Audreana Sanchez, Eric Garcia, Saxon Norton, Laura Silva; front row, Andres Yevefino, Kirsty Ramirez, Kaydyn Flowers.



PM Kindergarten—Back row, left to right, Cara McCasland, Tyler Coleman, Elijah Montalvo, Keith Gomez, Gabriel Fino; middle row, Meagan Clark, Mercedes Espinoza, Shanna Sandoval, Lionel Aguilar; front row, Andree Gurule, Rosa Amaya, Alexandria Tam.

Formosan termite emerges as next major insect threat

ATHENS, Ga. — Humans and insects have always had a kind of war going on. One can easily imagine "Lucy," the proposed ancient ancestor of humans swatting at mosquitoes on a hot day in East Africa several million years ago. Since then, it's gotten worse, if anything. Fleas car-

ried the bubonic plague across Europe, and millions died. Mosquitoes have caused outbreaks of disease across the globe. The greatest challenge in the man-insect wars in the new millennium, at least in the United States, may be a swarming little nuisance

called the Formosan termite, a transplant from Asia that has been gnawing its way north from the Louisiana-Texas coast for the past 35 years. "This species gets my vote for the most important structural pest of the new millennium," said Dr. Mark Hunter,

an ecologist at the University of Georgia who studies insects. "Judging from recent news stories, the Formosan termite appears determined to consume the historic French Quarter of New Orleans. These termites destroy creosote-treated utility poles and wharves, the switch boxes of underground traffic lights, underground telephone cable, live trees and shrubs and the seals on high

pressure water lines." Hunter's assessment of the top continuing and emerging entomological problems of the new millennium was published this week in the Bulletin of the Royal Entomological Society in London. Hunter is also a co-author of Ecology of Insects, recently published by Oxford University Press. While the Formosan ter-

mite is a problem that will likely get only worse, Hunter selected two others top issues that entomologists will face. First is the impact of genetically modified crops on target and non-target insects. A recent study demonstrated, for instance, that pollen from genetically modified corn plants reduced the survival, consumption rate, growth rate and pupal mass of monarch butterflies.

The other problem relates to emerging and re-emerging diseases. "Some of these, such as dengue hemorrhagic fever, have considerable public health importance, and their incidence and geographic spread are increasing," said Hunter. "Malaria, leishmaniasis, dengue and plague have come back, in some cases where they were thought to be under effective control."

Public health officials have been concerned about a recent outbreak of malaria in New Jersey that was not related to foreign travel. And in Thailand, the Chikungunya virus, which is transmitted by mosquitoes, had not been seen for nearly a decade before its recent re-emergence.

Still, no problem facing entomologists, at least in the U.S., may approach that presented by the Formosan termite. Coptotermes formosanus, first apparently arrived in the country in the mid-1960s aboard ships from southeast Asia, and nothing like it had ever been seen here. While most species of termites native to America feast largely on wood used in buildings or on dead timber, Formosan termites make no such distinction, eating through live trees like chain saws.

In New Orleans, for instance, majestic live oaks add much to the city's ambiance, but an estimated 30 percent of the city's 4,000 live oaks are infested now. Hunter said one cost estimate for control of the pest was \$100,000 per city block per year. Costs of control in the entire country are now approaching a dizzying \$1 billion a year—and the insect is still largely confined to the Gulf Coast.

If the Formosan termites stayed there, it would be bad enough. Hunter said, however, that new studies indicate far worse is to come.

"Their expected northern range in the U.S. extends from Washington State in the west to Massachusetts in the east," he said.

Native to China, Formosan termites have been found in Japan, Guam, Sri Lanka, Hawaii and South Africa. They were discovered in Atlanta in 1992.

While entomologists ponder the problems associated with the Formosan termite, concerns about how genetically altered crops interact with insects are growing.

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Two public open house meetings have been scheduled for the project area. The purpose of these meetings is to present updated information about the study to the general public, local officials, and other interested parties. The meetings will also provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the latest information developed by the NMSHTD.

Meeting 1		Meeting 2	
DATE:	Tuesday February 8, 2000	DATE:	Wednesday February 9, 2000
TIME:	4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	TIME:	4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
PLACE:	Ruidoso Convention Center 111 Sierra Blanca Drive Ruidoso, New Mexico	PLACE:	Hondo Valley School Hondo, New Mexico

At the first series of public meetings held by the NMSHTD for this study (June 1999), many participants suggested improvements to NM 246 (Pine Lodge Road) or other east-west highways be considered in lieu of improving US 70. In response to this request, the NMSHTD has investigated the feasibility and practicality of improving other routes including NM 246 between Roswell and Capitan and US 82 between US 285 and US 54. The findings of NMSHTD's investigations will be provided at the open house meetings.

A formal presentation will NOT be made, although staff will be available to provide information and answer your questions anytime between 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Maps, information sheets, and other information that has been compiled to date will also be available for review. Please come at a time that is most convenient for you.

More information about the open house meetings, or the study in general, can be obtained by calling:

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DETAIL OF A PASTEL work depicting a Santa Fe Art Fair by Sharon Adamy. For more about Adamy's work please see page 3D.

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The Arts



Dianne Stallings

ARTIST SHARON ADAMY at her easel in her "studio" (dining room).

Portraits in pastel

by Dianne Stallings
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Her dining room doubles as a studio, but it doesn't matter. To pastel artist Sharon Adamy, it's not the amount of working space that's important. All she needs is an interesting face or an intriguing arrangement of figures to keep her happy.

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THE ARTS

PORTRAITS

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Dianne Stallings

NATIVE AMERICAN children Adamy photographed in Kansas and later sketched.

Her vibrant portraits with layered colors grab the eye, especially those sketched and blended on top of a red background, which seems to shoot the colors off the surface.

Born in Wichita, Kansas, Adamy always wanted to paint people, but was never encouraged.

"As most families do, they tried to find out what I was good at, but I was kicked out of ballet school, so they put me on a golf course and I turned out to be good at that."

Her father sent her to schools to learn "practical" skills such as shorthand.

But occasionally after college, she took art workshops. However, most of her growth as an artist resulted from her own eye.

"At some point, it just came together," she said. For more than a dozen years, though, the timing wasn't right to pursue her art, because she was raising her children.

Adamy started in pen and ink and charcoal sketching, tried watercolor, but wasn't moved.

Finally an artist friend came back from Paris with some examples of pastel work as inspiration and a set of pastels for Adamy.

"She said I was ready for color," Adamy said. Although she still enjoys working in charcoal, pastels now dominate her artwork.

"I like seeing the strokes, because I come from a drawing background," she said. "This still is using your hand, not being stuck at the end of a long brush."

She doesn't blend with her fingers, preferring to use lines to convey movement and form.

"I think the stroke lends energy," she said. Because she layers her colors, "at the start, I don't always know what color I will end up with, but I know I'm going for a certain value and I keep layering until I like the results," she said. "That's what makes the difference."

"People and their mannerisms fascinate Adamy.

"They're endearing," she said. "I have a friend I can always identify by the way she crosses her arms and stands with her head slightly tilted."

Although how she proceeds on a pastel depends on subject, lighting and other factors, often, she begins with a line drawing and then fills in starting with shadows.

Next comes the face, "because if you can't get that to look right, what good is the rest?" Adamy said.

When the time came that she wanted to concentrate on her art, she was running a computer software business with her husband, Earl, out of their home. He encouraged her. So did her father, who finally realized his daughter was an artist.

"He said to me, 'I didn't know you could do this,'" Adamy said.

Her artistic genes were passed to both her children, she said. Her son works in computer generated images and her daughter is a reporter in Kansas, who does her own photography and wrote and illustrated children's stories, following in Adamy's footsteps.

Although some of the work in her home focuses on Native Americans, they are taken from subjects photographed in Kansas, Adamy said.

"I've won some awards with one of an old-time Wichita scout for John Chisum," she said. "Indians just interest me."

Her list of credits include Best of Pastel in the Roswell Fine Arts League in 1997, Artist of the Year in 1991 and 1992 for the Community Art Guild in Kansas, Best of Fine Arts in the Twin Rivers Festival in 1990, first place in the 1991 Oklahoma Workshop and the Grand Award Professional Art at the 1991 Kansas State Fair.

The Adamys moved to Alto three years ago after deciding Kansas was too hot in the summer and too cold in the winter. They surfed the Internet for possible new locations and then followed up with visits.

"We thought the area was gorgeous and the people were wonderful," she said.

They arrived in the middle of a January snow storm, and set out the next day to find a home.

Adamy does commission work as well as images from her own photography.



Dianne Stallings

DETAIL of a portrait of one of Adamy's golfing buddies.

"I take photographs of my friends while we're playing golf," she said. "They keep telling me to 'Stop that!'"

She still is learning, the artist said. In Kansas, she studied under Jim Avant, a Wichita State University art teacher, who "threw" books at her to study and took her to exhibits to help her gain an appreciation. She's taken workshops from Sidney Hermel, John Oehm and Ann Templeton, and studied with Betty Dickerson, Wilma Wethington, Wyatt McCrae and Nancy Means.

"You need other artists to critique and push you on and encourage you," she said. Last summer, she took a life drawing class

at Eastern New Mexico University in Ruidoso.

She characterizes her art as representational in portraiture, but more impressionistic in her street scenes.

"I started with a scene from a Santa Fe Art Fair and then added shapes to achieve what I wanted, so it probably wouldn't be recognizable," she said. "I add the particular forms I need."

More casual examples of Adamy's art also are found around her home, where she painted a set of keys on the top of a table, a cup, saucer and dish towel on the seat of a stool and outside, where two painted golf shoes rest against the leg of a bench.

EYE ON THE ARTS



Jesse W. Hofacket is the artist at the Chamber of Commerce for February.

Born in Levelland, Texas, he graduated from Levelland High School and graduated from Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas. He received a physical therapy degree from Duke University in Durham, N.C. and practiced physical therapy in Lubbock, Texas for 26 years and at the Lincoln County Medical Center for nine years.

Hofacket developed an interest in photography while in the Big Bend area of Texas and later, the Caprock area east of Lubbock. He gave away works to friends and family. Since moving to Ruidoso, a greater interest in outdoor photography developed.

Hofacket enjoys putting together calendars and Christmas cards and is presently working on a calendar of windmills.

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Steaks, seafood, prime rib and the best salad wagon in town await diners at K Bob's. Open since 1979, the steak house serves up some hearty country breakfasts and daily lunch and dinner specials, as well as catering for all occasions. Y'all come in.

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Located in midtown Ruidoso, the inviting exterior of La Lorraine restaurant promises a memorable and exquisite dining experience inside. Low chandelier lighting, softly draped ceilings, lush flower arrangements and soothing music is merely an introduction to a dining experience fulfilled by meticulous service and unforgettable gourmet menu items including Salmon, Steaks, Veal Chop, Rack of Lamb,

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Friday and Saturday 5:30-9:30 p.m.



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Home-style southwestern Mexican cooking can now be found in the heart of Ruidoso. Little Nellie's has been featured in *Gourmet* and *Sunset* magazines and was voted best southwestern Mexican food 3 years running in Las Cruces, NM by the "People's Choice" feature in the *Sun News*. Little Nellie's cordially invites you and your family to sample our family's cooking tradition.

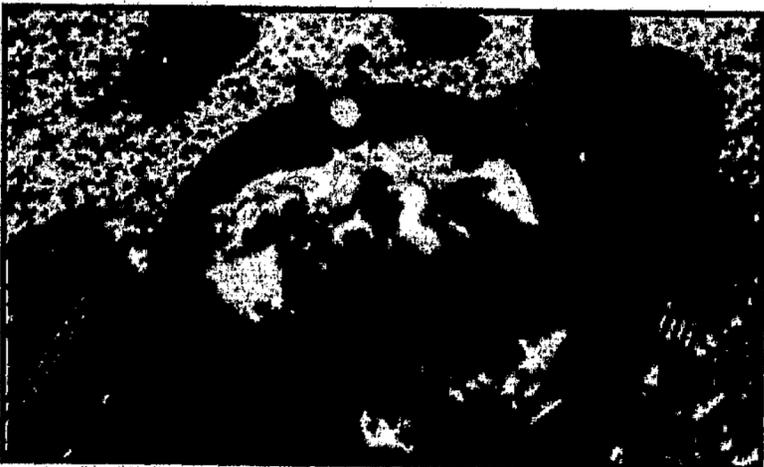
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Lang Lang to play at the Spencer

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LANG LANG

for next year's Ravinia Festival, and was asked to fill in for Andre Watts, who was ill.

"Two days before the concert I auditioned for (the festival) this year (2000)," Lang Lang said. "And then they listened one hour and liked me very much. I got back to Philly and the second day, I got a call from my manager who asked if I could play at Ravinia with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in the place of Andre Watt."

He could, he did, and the Chicago press hailed him as "a phenomenal talent."

It's a good thing he likes to travel and because he will not only return to the Ravinia and the Chicago Symphony next summer, but he will make his debut with the Cleveland Orchestra at the Blossom Festival and the National Symphony Orchestra at Wolf Trap.

In April of 2001, Lang Lang will make his debut with the St. Petersburg Philharmonic in St. Petersburg, Russia and at Carnegie Hall with the Baltimore Symphony.

Lang Lang laughed when asked who his favorite composers were.

"I've got so many favorite composers," he said. "It depends on what I play. If I play it that will be my favorite composer."

Saturday's concert includes Haydn's Sonata in E, Hob. XVI/31, Chopin's Sonata No. 3, Op. 58 in B minor, Brahms' Piano Pieces, Op. 118. The program will conclude with "Islamey" by Balakirev - which Lang Lang considers the hardest piece in the world because it has so many notes and is played so fast.

There will be a "talkback" afterward, giving the audience a chance to ask him questions, and a wine and cheese reception in the theater's crystal lobby

Lang Lang's father bought him a piano when he was two years old and taught him to read music. By the time he was three, he was playing simple sonatas and etudes, and when he was four, he got a professional teacher.

by Sandy Suggitt
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

Lang Lang explains that he was an only child and both of his parents loved music and encouraged his early interest. At age 2, he liked to sing and listen to music. A year later he began playing the piano, and he hasn't stopped since.

In 1993, he entered the China Central Music Conservatory and excelled in all his classes. The Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia accepted him as a student three years ago, where he studies with Gary Graffman.

"When I was nine, I went to the Central Conservatory in Beijing and did serious studies," he said. "It was pretty difficult."

At the Curtis Institute of Music, Lang Lang practices five to six hours a day besides attending high school classes.

Although only 17, Lang Lang has won first prizes in contests in China, Japan and Germany and made his debut in 1998 performing with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

He has performed with the Houston Symphony, the Hong Kong Philharmonic, the Moscow Philharmonic, the Boston Chamber Orchestra, the Sendai Symphony of Japan, the National Symphony Orchestra of Singapore and the National Symphony of China.

After a concert at the Vancouver Playhouse in October, a reviewer wrote that Lang Lang is "a phenomenon who, with his second gifts, will soon earn praise as one of the most important musicians of the next century."

He happened to be in Chicago in August for an audition

Friday, Feb. 4

Blood Pressure Clinic
8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565.

Carrizozo Playgroup
9:30 a.m. at Ms. Goad's Room. Sponsored by Lincoln County Parents as Teachers. 257-3157.

Ruidoso Playgroup
11:30 a.m. at NHECC. Sponsored by Lincoln County Parents as Teachers.

Meals on Wheels Senior Food Program
Noon at the Zia Senior Center, Ruidoso Downs, in the dining hall. For the Ruidoso area. 378-4659.

Senior Citizen Transportation Services
Doctor's appointments. 257-4565.

Saturday, Feb. 5

ENMU Upward Bound Meeting
9 a.m.-noon in Portales. (505) 562-2452.

Duplicate Bridge
1 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Citizen Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565.

Ruidoso Evening Lions 60th Anniversary Celebration
7-9 p.m. dinner; 9-11 p.m. dancing at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Cost \$15 per adult. For reservations call 378-4336.

Gospel Hummingbirds
7:30 p.m. at Macey Center on the New Mexico Tech campus in Socorro. Intricate vocal harmonies of gospel's golden age. \$12/\$10/\$8.

"New Messages from the Past"
exhibit opening and guided tour of Historic Lincoln with renowned historian, Drew Gomber, 2 p.m. at the Visitors Center Museum, Hubbard Museum of the American West. Free.

"Beakman's World On Tour"
opens on the 5th at Albuquerque's Natural History Museum. This zany kid's show host brings his scientific knowledge to the museum.

Ruidoso Bowling Center
Saturday nights "Rock 'n' Bowl" at 1202 Mechem Drive, 258-3557.

Sunday, Feb. 6

Dona Ana Downers Meeting
noon-5 p.m. at the Social Center of the Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, Las Cruces. Tony Gehringer will talk about "Plants, Trees and the French Coil." (505) 541-4565.

Monday, Feb. 7

Blood Pressure Clinic
8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565.

Meals on Wheels Senior Food Program
Noon at the Zia Senior Center, Ruidoso Downs, Senior Food Program in the dining hall. For the Ruidoso area. 378-4659.

Republican Party of Lincoln County
5:30 p.m. social hour; 6 p.m. dinner at Cree Meadows Country Club. Honorable James W. Counts, Judge District II is the guest speaker.

Zia Detachment #830 Meeting
6 p.m. at Alamogordo Federal Savings and Loan, 500 10th St., Alamogordo. All active duty and honorably discharged Marines are invited to attend. For more information call 354-2329 or (505) 434-4772.

Senior Citizen Transportation Services
Doctor's appointments. 257-4565.

Tuesday, Feb. 8

Blood Pressure Clinic
8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565.

Meals on Wheels Senior Food Program
Noon at the Zia Senior Center, Ruidoso Downs, in the dining hall. For the Ruidoso area. 378-4659.

Duplicate Bridge
1 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Citizen Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565.

Blood Pressure Clinic
8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565.

Senior Citizen Transportation Services
Call 257-4565 for more information.

Wednesday, Feb. 9

Blood Pressure Clinic
8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565.

Capitan Playgroup
10 a.m. at Capitan School Administration Building. For toddlers and preschoolers. Sponsored by Lincoln County Parents as Teachers. 257-3157.

Meals on Wheels Senior Food Program
Noon at the Zia Senior Center, Ruidoso Downs, in the dining hall. For the Ruidoso area. 378-4659.

Pre-School Story Hour
2-3 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. (next to the Village Hall). 258-3704.

Internet Training
6-7:30 p.m. at the Capitan Public Library, 106 S. Lincoln Ave., Capitan. Please call to reserve a space. (505) 354-3035.

"The Left Handed Gun,"
7 p.m. at the Hubbard Museum. 1958 Billy the Kid movie starring Paul Newman.

Senior Citizen Transportation Services
Doctor's appointments. 257-4565.

Thursday, Feb. 10

Blood Pressure Clinic
8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. Call 257-4565 for more information.

Pre-School Story Hour
10-11 a.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. (next to the Village Hall). 258-3704

Pre-School Story Time
11 a.m.-noon at the Capitan Public Library. Pre-schoolers and their parents/care givers all welcome! 354-3035.

Meals on Wheels Senior Food Program
Noon at the Zia Senior Center, Ruidoso Downs, in the dining hall. For the Ruidoso area. 378-4659.

Quilt Club
1 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565.

Movie Time
3:30-5 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. (next to the Village Hall). 258-3704

Bingo
6:30-10 p.m. at the Capitan Chamber of Commerce, 103 West 2nd. 354-2273.

Senior Citizen Transportation Services
Call 257-4565 for more information.

February 10

Friday, Feb. 11

Valentine's Dance
8 p.m.-midnight at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. Live Country & Western



TOM CRUISE and Jason Robards in New Line Cinema's "Magnolia."

courtesy New Line Cinema

music by Longhorn. \$3/person. 334-9148

Class Reunions

Parland High School Classes of 1964-1974
Looking for alumni for class reunion to be held the weekend of July 28-30 at the Marriott Hotel in El Paso, Texas. Call Taylor Reunion Services at 800-677-7800 or send E-mail to reunions@taylorpub.com to update addresses and phone numbers.

Ruidoso High School Class of 1990
Is looking for alumni, for its 10 year reunion. Contact Allen Crane at (817) 685-7871 or 750 E. Middle Blvd. #309, Euless, Tex. 76039.

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All Fired Up! Ceramics and Art
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Aspen Leaf School of Dance
A non-profit parent's organization and formerly Randall Graham School of Dance. The school offers quality dance classes from creative/pre-ballet to advanced ballet, adult ballet classes, belly dancing and boys' tap classes. Registration is on-going. 336-4896 or 354-9109.

Birdies Stables
Open Monday - Friday by reservation only, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 258-4027.

Capitan Public Library
106 S. Lincoln Ave. Free registration. Open Tuesday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Info and renew by phone (505) 354-3035.
• Spanish workstation available to the public. Write and learn in Spanish!
• Library Board of Trustees monthly meeting on 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 in the Library. Public is welcome to attend.

Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico
Is currently accepting applications for its weatherization program for low income, elderly, and disabled residents. If you are

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Ruidoso Public Library
107 Kansas City Rd. (next to the Ruidoso Village Hall) 258-3704. Open Monday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
• Friends of the Library Book Shoppe are open 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Movies

(These listings are good through Feb. 10.)
Sierra Cinema, 721 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9444.

"Magnolia"
Rated: R
Starring: Jason Robards, Julianne Moore, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Michael Bowen and Tom Cruise
Directed by Paul Thomas Anderson
Distributor: New Line Cinema
Through a collusion of coincidence, chance, human action, shared media, past history and divine intervention various people will weave and warp through each other's lives on a day that builds to an unforgettable climax. Some will seek forgiveness, others escape. Some will mend frayed bonds, others will be exposed.

"Down To You"
Rated: PG-13
Starring: Freddie Prinze Jr., Julia Stiles, Shawn Hatosy, Selma Blair, Zak Orth.
Directed by Kris Isaccson.
Produced by Jason Klot and Joana Vicente.
Written by Kris Isaccson.
Distributor: Miramax Films
A romantic and comedic tale of Al Connelly and Imogen, a young couple whose passionate romance takes them for a ride down the all-too-powerful path of first love. When mischievous friends enter the scene, Al and Imogen are confronted with obstacles that add to the highlights and pitfalls of their love affair. Ultimately, their journey allows them to face the future, with some unexpected results.

"Scream 3"
Rated: R
Starring: David Arquette, Neve Campbell, Courteney Cox, Parker Posey, Patrick Dempsey
Directed by Wes Craven.
Produced by Kevin Williamson. Cathy Konrad and Marianne Maddalena
Written by Ehren Kruger
Distributor: Dimension Films
After graduation, massacre-prone Neve Campbell heads to Hollywood to pursue an acting career. As self-reflexivity goes, she lands her first role in a B-type horror flick which takes her full circle back to Woodboro, the scene of the original crime. Things take on the eerie feel of déjà vu as the actors in the production get plucked out one-by-one.

Exhibits & Receptions

Lincoln County artists Bob Raynierson of White Oaks and Sam Huston of Carrizozo are the featured artists for February at the Eagle Ranch. Reception 7:30-9:30 Feb. 4. The Eagle Ranch is at 7288 Highway 54/70 between Alamogordo and Tularosa and is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. (800) 432-0999 or 434-0035.

Frederic Wise is guest artist for February at The Gallery, 107 E. 5th St. in Roswell. An open house/reception is scheduled for 1-4 p.m. Feb. 13. Other gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Wise does pen and ink drawings, many involving the human figure.

Eastern New Mexico University Ruidoso Instruction Center's first art show to include all art classes for the fall semester runs through Feb. 25.

Private Art in Public Places at the Ruidoso Library: a painting exhibition by Mescalero artist Oliver Enjady continues through Feb. 29. 258-3704.

Hubbard Museum of the American West: The Free Spirits Juried Fine & Decorative Art Show and Sale, works from New Mexican artists in different media. The show will run through March 19. The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 378-4142.



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Fun with salt

Part I of a column on James Magoffin

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It is found on every table and taken for granted in this day and age. But that was not always the case. There is an old saying that goes like this: "What is life without a little salt?" In El Paso in the latter half of the 19th century, men felt that it was something worth giving their lives for. Now granted, in the Old West, men gave their lives for some pretty strange things — like the two men who killed each other over a hat — salt, at least, is something that you can eat. And in December of 1853, the first, but not the last, El Paso Salt War took place.

Any visitor to modern-day El Paso cannot help but notice the name Magoffin, which graces many locations. It is for James Wiley Magoffin, who was born in Kentucky in 1799. Seeking adventure, young Magoffin left home at a young age and went to sea. After innumerable adventures that included being shipwrecked, Magoffin found himself appointed as the American Consul at Saltillo, Mexico in the early 1830s. While filling this post, Magoffin met and married Maria Gertrudis de los Santos Valdez de Veramendi of the San Antonio Veramendis. Shortly after their wedding, the young couple moved to Ciudad Chihuahua where one son, and perhaps another, were born.

For many years, Magoffin traded with Santa Fe to the north from his home in Chihuahua City, and was very successful. But then that pesky Santa Ana came along (you remember him — the man who brought us "The Alamo" and various other entertainments) and put a stop to Magoffin's business.

Magoffin simply relocated back to the United States, winding up in Missouri where he organized Wagon Train trips between Independence, Missouri and Santa Fe. While living in Missouri, Magoffin made the acquaintance of Thomas Hart Benton, a heavyweight senator at the time. Benton, in turn, introduced Magoffin to President Polk. Ultimately, as a Polk man, Magoffin was instrumental in helping to cede the El Paso south-

west to the United States after the United States' war with its neighbor to the south.

In September of 1846, Magoffin was back in the El Paso area — specifically, at Paso del Norte (modern-day Juarez). It was there that Magoffin once again ran afoul of the Mexican government. It seems that his attempts to arrange a peaceful arrival for the American forces that were on their way angered Chihuahua Governor Angel Trias, who felt that the word "traitor" was the one that really applied to Magoffin.

Magoffin wasn't shot, which apparently was Trias' original intent. He was, however, incarcerated for the next nine months in prisons in both Chihuahua and Durango.

Release

Magoffin's first wife, Maria, had died in Missouri. Upon his return to the southwest, Magoffin married her sister. After his release from prison, he and his family moved slightly north of Paso del Norte and founded what they called "Magoffinsville." He built a large adobe hacienda, complete with gardens, that was about three miles from downtown El Paso, which, at that time, was known as either Franklin or Smithville. In that period in the history of the southwest, the larger towns on the American side of the Rio Grande were

ready to entertain guests. And as the years passed, Magoffin became somewhat famous for generosity and wit. People, both Hispanic and Anglo, liked him.

In December of 1853, the military post that was destined to become Fort Bliss was reactivated and Magoffin became the post sutler. It was about the same time that a caravan of *salineros* or salt gatherers were leaving Dona Ana (a small community just north of Las Cruces). They were headed for the salt springs that lay on the east slope of the San Andres mountains.

Over the years, Magoffin had gotten it into his head that these salt beds were his exclusive property and that anyone wishing to remove salt from them should pay him for them. The fact that people had been gathering salt at this place for centuries meant nothing to him.

Magoffin goes to the authorities

Magoffin, who genuinely felt that he had a right to the salt beds, went to the sheriff at San Elizario, a man named Jerry Snyder. After convincing the sheriff that he should do something, Magoffin got Snyder to raise a posse consisting of 10 Mexicans, 17 Americans and one Englishman. In addition, the sheriff brought along a howitzer. Now, your average sheriff in that time and place most definitely did not have access to a howitzer, but Snyder managed to get one nonetheless. And, while there are no records to support the assumption, it is a pretty good idea that the howitzer was acquired from Magoffin's friends at the military post.

The possemen, with their cannon in tow, headed north toward the San Agustin Pass where they intended to intercept the *salineros* as they crossed the pass from east to west. After camping for several days at the site of the present-day White Sands Missile Range Headquarters, Magoffin and his men were disappointed to find that no *salineros* seemed to be in the area. Reasoning that they had somehow missed them, the posse elected to intercept the *salineros* on their return trip.

On December 16, at a place called Chino Pond, the two groups met. Magoffin's group was vastly outnumbered by the *salineros*, who numbered some 127 men. The *salineros*, however, had not come to fight. In

fact, when Sheriff Snyder attempted to get the *salineros* to either pay Magoffin's fee or submit to arrest, the *salineros* began falling all around the place, laughing their heads off. Needless to say, this didn't sit well with Sheriff Snyder, who, like most folks, didn't care to be laughed at. Announcing that if the *salineros* wanted to drink from the water hole they would have to either submit to arrest or pay the fine, the Magoffin group settled in to wait.

Violence flares

And that was when the fun began on that December day in 1853. The *salineros*, who weren't the slightest bit interested in a fight, simply released their oxen and let them begin ambling toward the water hole. The Magoffin group rushed forward to at least stop advance of the oxen and hopefully, to capture them. The *salineros* began shouting "Cuidado!" over and over. At that point, someone, from which side has never been established, fired a shot, and the horse apples hit the fan.

Well, if not for the cannon, the Magoffin group would undoubtedly have lost in a big way, but then there was that howitzer, the likes of which the *salineros* had never seen. As a matter of fact, few on either side had ever heard one discharge and when the men manning the cannon began firing it, everybody panicked. Oxen, horses and men began racing about in all directions. After a few moments of this mayhem, the *salineros* ran north, and the Magoffin group, who apparently at least had the presence of mind to gather the *salineros'* oxen, salt and carts, headed south.

The ridiculous battle was over. None killed, maybe one injured. Now it was time for legal battles.

Legalities

As one might expect, the Territorial Court in New Mexico announced that Magoffin had absolutely no legal right to tax the salt beds and in fact, indicted him for "assault with intent to kill," and put a \$2,000 reward on his snowy-white head. And in 1853, that was a small fortune. There was no "dead or alive" tacked onto it, though, so no one seriously tried to collect it.

As one might imagine, Magoffin and the other posse members kept a pretty low profile for quite some time. New Mexico Territorial Governor

David Merriwether tried unsuccessfully to extradite Magoffin and his entire posse, but none of the "wanted men" even thought about going far enough north for that to happen. Ultimately, Magoffin, who apparently re-thought his position on the matter as well as his "right" to the salt beds, made restitution

to the *salineros* for damages. Eventually, all charges were dropped.

This salt war, El Paso's first, was more comical than anything else. The next salt war, the one that took place in the 1870s, was nobody's idea of a joke. It was a bloodbath.

Sources: *Blood and Salt* by Leon Metz and *Revolution on the Rio Grande* by Glenn Justice.

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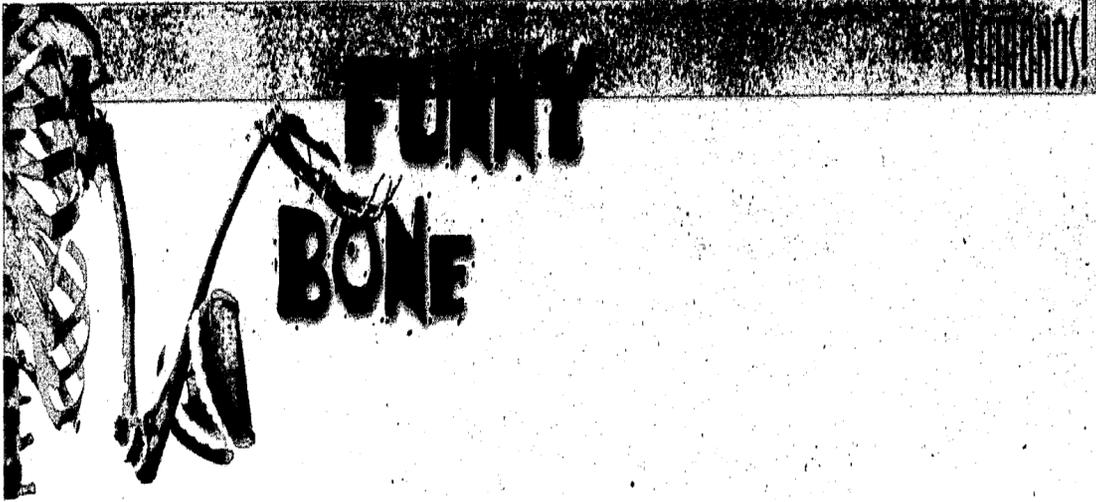
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because the resulting disaster would have made for a chilling newspaper headline:

CRUISE SHIP EVACUATED AS MAN FALLS, EXPLODES; HUNDREDS SPATTERED BY SEMIDIGESTED SHRIMP

The only stressful part of our shipboard routine was looking at photographs of ourselves. When you're on a cruise, photographers constantly pop up and take pictures of you; they put these on display in hopes that you'll buy them as souvenirs. At night, my wife and I would join the throng of passengers looking through the photos, hoping to find a nice flattering shot of ourselves, and then suddenly — YIKES — we'd be confronted with this terrifying image of two bloated, bright-red sluglike bodies with OUR FACES. Jabba and Mrs. Hutt go to sea!

When every passenger had attained roughly the same body weight as a Buick Riviera, the ship would stop at a Caribbean island, and the passengers would waddle ashore to experience the traditional local culture, by which I mean shop for European jewelry and watches. I frankly don't know why it makes economic sense for a tourist from Montana to fly to Miami, get on a ship and sail to Jamaica for the purpose of purchas-

ing a watch made in Switzerland, but apparently it does, because shopping is very important to cruise passengers. If these people ever get to Mars, they WILL expect to find jewelry stores.

The other thing you do when your ship is in port is take guided tours to Local Points of Interest. Under international law, every tour group must include one tourist who has the IQ of sod. In Jamaica, we toured a plantation, and our group included a woman whose brain operated on some kind of tape delay, as we see from this typical exchange between her and our guide:

GUIDE: These are banana plants, which produce bananas. You can see the bananas growing on these banana plants.

WOMAN (in a loud voice): What kind of plants are these?

GUIDE: Banana.

WOMAN: Huh! (to her husband) Frank, these are banana plants!

The woman repeated virtually everything the guide said to Frank. One day he will kill her with a kitchen appliance.

But I am proud to say that winner of the award for Biggest Tourist Doozus was me. What happened was, during the tour, a man demonstrated how he could climb a

coconut tree using only a small rope made from twisted banana fibers. When he came down, he showed me the rope, and I, out of politeness, pretended to be interested in it, although in fact it was basically a rope. The man handed it to me and suggested I might want to "take it home to the kids." I frankly doubted that any modern Nintendo-raised American child would be thrilled by such a gift ("Look, Timmy! A rope!"). But I pretended to be grateful. Then the man told me that such ropes USUALLY sell for \$15 (he did not say where) but he would let it go for \$10. And so, unable to figure out how to escape, I gave him \$10. I imagine the other plantation workers laughed far into the night when

he told them. ("He gave you \$10 for the ROPE?" "Yes! He must be even stupider than the tape-delay woman!")

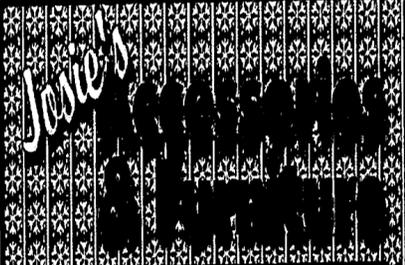
But don't get me wrong: I truly enjoyed the cruise. It was fun and relaxing, and it gave me a rare chance, amid all the hustle and bustle of my busy life, to pick up a substantial amount of body mass. Cruising is also romantic, so let me just say this to you couples out there: If you're looking for a way to rekindle the flame in your relationship, I'll sell you my rope.

(Dave Barry is a humor columnist for the Miami Herald. Write to him c/o The Miami Herald, One Herald Plaza, Miami FL 33132.)

I am a hearty seafaring type of individual, so recently I spent a week faring around the sea aboard the largest cruise ship in the world that has not yet hit an iceberg. It is called the Voyager, and it weighs 140,000 tons, which is approximately the amount I ate in desserts alone.

The Voyager sails out of Miami every week carrying 3,200 passengers determined to relax or die trying. The ship has (I am not making any of this up) an ice-skating rink, a large theater, a shopping mall, a rock-climbing wall and a nine-hole miniature golf course. We have come a long way indeed from the days when the Pilgrims crossed the Atlantic aboard the Mayflower, which — hard as it is to imagine today — had no skating rink and ONLY FOUR GOLF HOLES.

While aboard the ship, we passengers engaged in a wide range of traditional cruise-ship activities, including eating breakfast, snacking, eating lunch, drinking complex rum-based beverages while lying on deck absorbing solar radiation until we glowed like exit signs, snacking some more, eating dinner, eating more snacks and passing out face-down in the pate section of the midnight buffet. Needless to say I did not attempt to climb the rock wall, which is good

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Destinations

From here to there

Why Do We Take Vacations?

In a recent survey, travelers responded that the #1 reason they take vacations is "to relax and get rid of stress." The remaining top reasons for taking a vacation included "taking time to see new things and enjoy new experiences; spending more time with spouse, family, and/or friends; doing what we want, when we want; and enriching our perspective on life." As your travel professional, we look forward to working with you and your family to accomplish these goals so that your vacation is just that: a vacation.

This issue we will focus on Spain and Portugal. We'll traverse the countryside with a variety of land packages and leisurely cruise along the coastline of the Mediterranean. Then, we'll head back home and go north to Alaska!

And let us leave you with a thought as you prepare to enjoy your first vacation of the new millennium...

"The world is a book, and those who do not travel, read only a page."
St. Augustine

THE MEDITERRANEAN

The Mediterranean region—is history and culture—are legendary. Eons ago the world's mightiest civilizations and religions took root here and it soon grew into the age-old "crossroads" between Europe, Africa, and Asia. Today, the Mediterranean countries and the sea they border lure sun-worshippers, historians, celebrities, as well as... you and me.

The Med stretches from Portugal on the western side to Israel on the east and borders countries as diverse as France, Morocco, Turkey, Tunisia, and Egypt, and covers 2,400 miles of sea. The Mediterranean is "a mixture of the ancient, of spectacular natural beauty, and humbling man-made wonders, of seaside ports and resorts, and off-the-beaten-path discoveries"—all splendidly blended together.

SPAIN

Spain is currently the second most popular destination in the world (after France). And no wonder... Spain's appeal—in addition to attracting visitors interested in history and culture—includes fabulous opportunities for vacationing at its glittering coastal resorts, religious pilgrimages, city travel, study of art and architecture, and golfing holidays. Even though summer continues to be Spain's

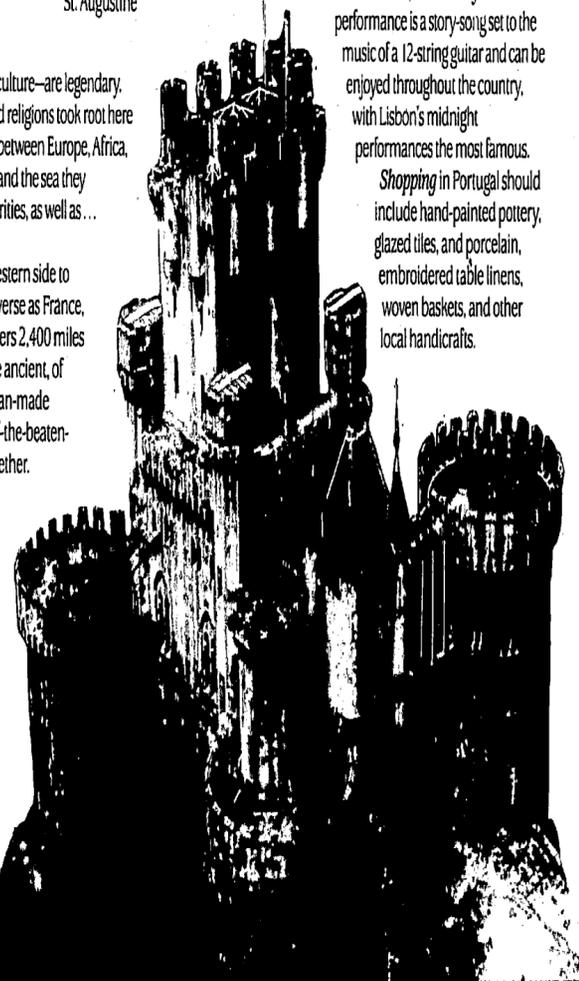
peak season, current travel trends in the U.S. show that we're traveling there most during May, June, and October. The cities of Madrid, Barcelona, and Seville are American's most popular choices.

THE ESSENCE OF PORTUGAL

This is a sun-drenched land that is rich in history. You will find it quite easy to get wrapped up in Portugal's culture with the distinctive language, fine wines, superb handicrafts and tantalizing cuisine that altogether creates a combination of "Old World ambience and up-to-the-minute sophistication."

Well known for their wines, Portugal has been producing it since 600 B.C.—ever since the sea-going Phoenicians dropped anchor off the country's south shore. Today's visitors can choose from a fine selection of Portuguese wines, including an abundance of good table wines. Of course, the country's two most famous classics are their port and Madeira.

Nightlife in Portugal offers a variety of contemporary and traditional entertainment. The soulful fado performance is a story-song set to the music of a 12-string guitar and can be enjoyed throughout the country, with Lisbon's midnight performances the most famous. Shopping in Portugal should include hand-painted pottery, glazed tiles, and porcelain, embroidered table linens, woven baskets, and other local handicrafts.



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MAUPINTOUR is offering a "Trio of Italy" vacation opportunities: a 12-day "Treasures of Italy," an 18-day "Grand Italy" vacation, and a 13-day "Italy, The Alps and Bavaria—featuring the Oberammergau Passion Play." Overnight stays in Rome, Venice, and Florence, excellent shopping and sightseeing, visits to the best museums and art galleries, great restaurants, and special activities such as a wine tasting or a visit to a family farm may be included. The highlight of the "Italy, The Alps and Bavaria" vacation includes two nights in Oberammergau and the opportunity to see the Passion Play, presented only once every decade.

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CRYSTAL CRUISES has been voted the "World's Best Large Cruise Line" by readers of *Travel & Leisure* for the fourth consecutive year and ranked #1, for three straight years by readers of *Condé Nast Travelers* magazine, as well as being ranked as the "World's #1 Luxury Travel Experience." We recommend you consider a spring or fall Mediterranean cruise aboard the six-star, 960-passenger *Crystal Symphony* that includes the ports of Lisbon and Malaga.



Portugal has a distinct identity all its own, as evident in their beautiful buildings. (Photo by Jose Manuel, courtesy of Portuguese National Tourist Office.)

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Spain and Portugal— Paradores and Pousadas . . . welcome!

We recommend you consider a *pousada* in Portugal or a *paradore* in Spain. These government-owned facilities—ranging from monasteries to castles to manor houses in small villages—will ensure you fully experience, enjoy, and savor the country as a "local." In Spain, the government-run chain of *paradores* was introduced in 1928 and now consists of over 85 properties. Many are historical edifices restored and furnished in authentic period style, yet providing the many modern amenities the American traveler expects. Most *paradores* are located in scenic areas—especially the modern ones—as construction was often inspired by the magnificent settings. On site restaurants serve cuisine and wines of the region.

In Portugal, the *pousada* program began more than 50 years ago when the Portuguese government began establishing a national network of

state-run properties. The word *pousada* is defined as "a place of rest and welcome." The philosophy behind the program was "to promote historic properties that would help travelers more fully immerse themselves in the true Portuguese experience."

You can choose from castles, convents, manors, and other centuries-old edifices that have been transformed into comfortably-appointed accommodations that combine Old World ambience and modern amenities. Presently, Portugal offers more than 40 *pousadas* and 400 manor house residences from which to choose.

Accommodations are available throughout each country. For more information about these unique accommodations, please call us. We can easily arrange your complete itinerary in either country—including air, rental car, golf, and other leisure activities and sightseeing.

HOLLAND AMERICA LINE will dramatically increase cruise offerings in Europe (April through November) this year by expanding to three ships for a total of 57 sailings. New for 2000 will be seven-day cruises aboard the *Maasdam* and 10-day sailings aboard the *Noordam*. *Very special savings are available exclusively for American Express Travel clients—such as 47% savings available on the Maasdam's Barcelona sailings.*

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You haven't see the Mediterranean until you've seen it from your private veranda. As you plan your next cruise, we encourage you to consider a balcony accommodation. It will definitely enhance your cruise experience. (Photo courtesy of Silversea Cruises.)

(Cairo), Ashdod (Jerusalem), Rhodes, Istanbul, Kusadasi (Ephesus), and Mykonos. Their flagship, *Stella Solaris*, will also sail the Greek Isles on 7-day itineraries, April through October.

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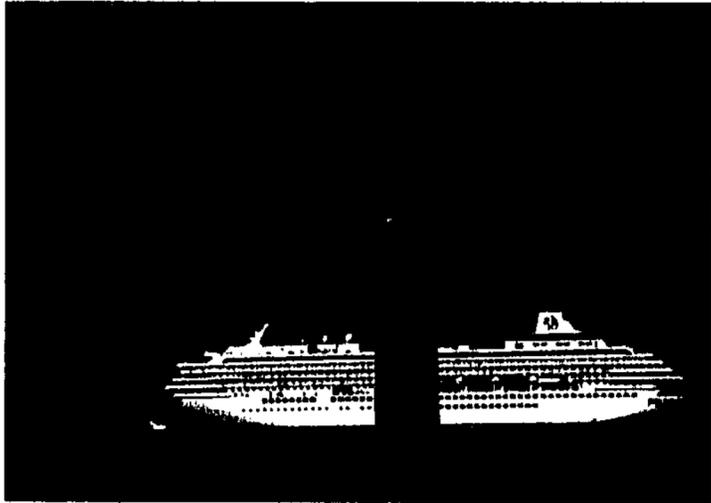
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Highlights

THE MARVELOUS MEDITERRANEAN

By Lenore Kobren

Fall is the most beautiful time of the year for cruising the Mediterranean. Shirley and Lowell Nussbaum and Lenore and Sam Kobren took advantage of this lovely season to enjoy a cruise aboard the beautiful *Crystal Symphony* from Rome to Athens.



The *Crystal Symphony* in the Greek Isles. Fall is a perfect time to cruise the Mediterranean.

Rome was wonderful, and we saw both the Vatican and the Great Synagogue. We threw three coins in the Trevi Fountain and savored delicious Italian food before embarking on a wonderful adventure. Our ship, the *Crystal Symphony*, first took us to Sorrento and the breathtaking scenery of the Amalfi coastline and Capri. Then on to the remarkable fortress island of Malta, a British protectorate during WWII. After touring each day, we returned to the luxurious ambiance of our beautiful ship for high tea or just a cappuccino in the Bistro.

The *Symphony* then docked right in front of the Piazza San Marco for two days, and we enjoyed the unique city of Venice. We saw the beautiful glass factories in Murano, shopped along the Rialto Bridge after visiting the ghetto, and enjoyed a twilight gondola ride.

We continued our cruise to the Greek Islands of Corfu and Mykonos, and enjoyed the port of Kusadasi, Turkey where an excursion to Ephesus was a must! It's one of the Ancient Wonders of the World. Our experienced guide took us to a rug demonstration, before we returned to the *Symphony* and a delicious six course farewell dinner.

We ended 12 fascinating days with an overnight stay in Athens, walking up to the Acropolis to view the Parthenon, eating moussaka and shopping in the Plaka.

Combining the wonderful sights of the Mediterranean with a cruise was the perfect combination. After a busy day of sightseeing, going home to the

Symphony was the end of a perfect day. We can recommend both the ship and the itinerary for your next trip abroad.



Shirley and Lenore on top of the Acropolis.



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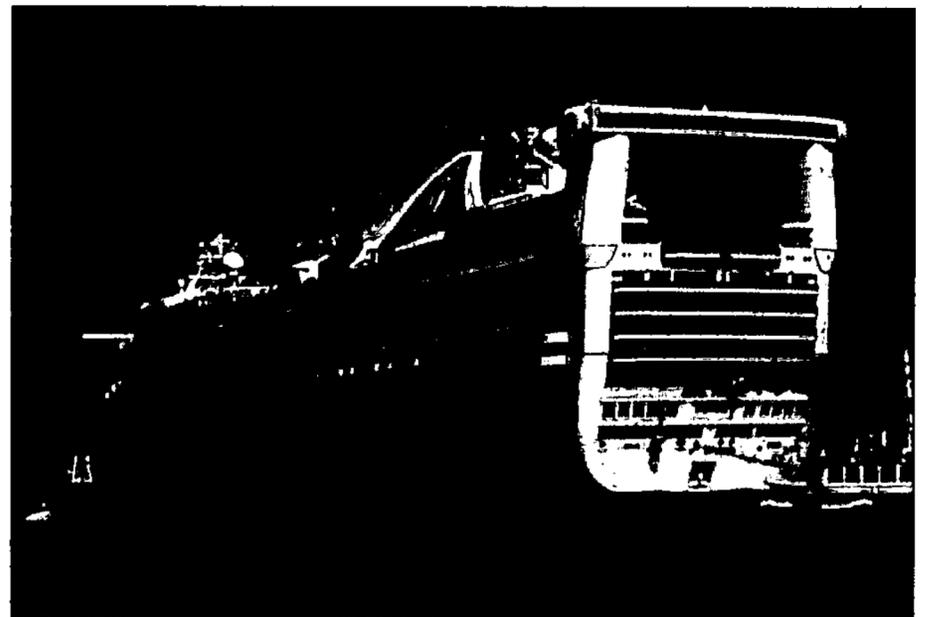
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THE GRAND MEDITERRANEAN WITH A GRAND PRINCESS

By Justine Coleman

Cruising and the Mediterranean combined into one unforgettable trip.

When it comes to something as important as a European Cruise, it pays to research your options. Several months ago a group of 30 El Pasoans did just that. Princess Cruises, and particularly their new ship, the *Grand Princess*, was our choice, and a good one it was.



This was our ship—the *Grand Princess*—docked in Venice.

The *Grand Princess* proved to be everything they said she would be. The length of three football fields with seven dining rooms and four pools, the fact remains that one NEVER feels crowded. The food is gourmet, the casino is one of the largest afloat, there are three shows for your enjoyment each night and the disco is unreal! It is suspended 155' above the water off the back of the ship.

Nothing stirs the imagination like the Mediterranean, with its echoes of past glory everywhere from the Acropolis in Athens to the ruins of Pompeii and Ephesus. We began our trip in Venice with a tour of St. Mark's Square, with plenty of time for

shopping. And, of course a gondola ride was included and a visit to the Venetian Glass factory. Next stop was Naples with a visit to Pompeii, the isle of Capri and the Amalfi coast.

After a stop in Livorno with a side trip to Pisa and all its sights,



The Acropolis was just one of many magnificent sights we enjoyed in Athens.

we proceeded to Monte Carlo. With its Casino of Monte Carlo and the principality of Monaco of Grace Kelly fame, we saw spectacular views and the unmatched beaches of the Riviera.

Next we stopped in Barcelona, a modern city with a fascinating old quarter at its heart. Shopping is wonderful at Las Ramblas, so of course we took advantage of the time.

After two days at sea, we arrived in Athens. The Parthenon is just one of many ruins on the Acropolis that have been restored, and the artifacts in the museum really make history come alive. Next port is Kusadasi, the port city for the ancient city of Ephesus with its fascinating Roman ruins and a visit to St. John's Basilica and the Virgin Mary Shrine.

The last stop was in Istanbul with its many highlights including the Blue Mosque, St. Sophia and Topkapi Palace. A bustling city, the Grand Bazaar is a sight not to miss.

All in all it was a wonderful combination, with the luxurious *Grand Princess* as our home for two weeks and an opportunity to visit eight historic cities without having to pack and unpack a single time.



Our last stop was Istanbul. The Blue Mosque was just one of many highlights.

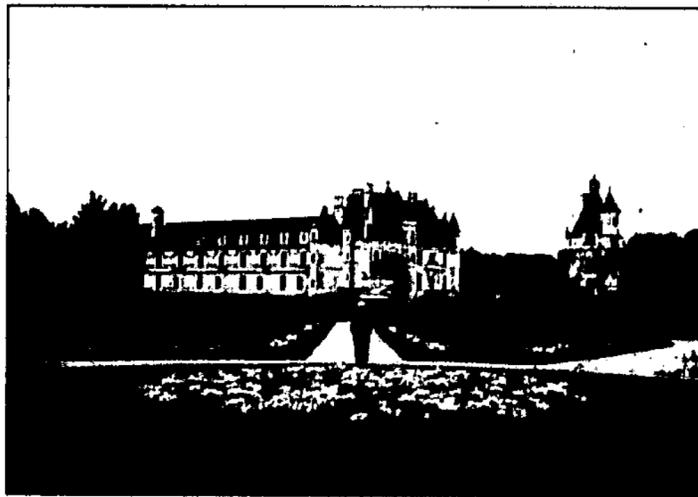
I LOVE PARIS IN THE SPRINGTIME

By Sharon Sloan

Don't believe all the clichés you hear about France like, "The French don't like Americans," and "All Parisians are rude." I found the French in general to be very cordial and the Parisians in particular to be most willing to help a confused tourist. But their reputation for fine food—believe it, such as the pastries, the chocolates, the bread, the cheeses, the wine! Wonderful food is France's gift to the world.

There is so much variety in France: cosmopolitan Paris, beaches on the Cote d'Azur, picturesque little villages everywhere, breathtaking gardens, cathedrals and chateaux, world class museums, and the spectacular French Alps. All of this in a country that is only four-fifths the size of Texas! With all this diversity, everyone should find something special in France.

May is a wonderful time to visit many places, and France is



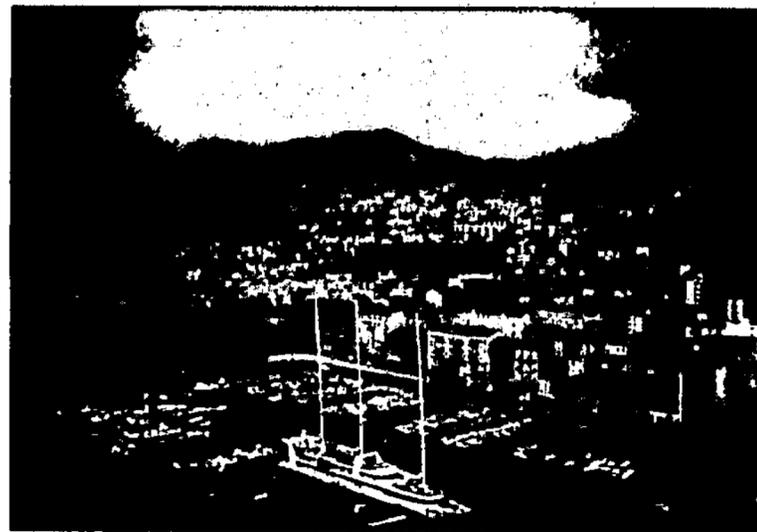
May is a wonderful time to visit many places, and France is especially beautiful at that time.

especially beautiful at that time. The whole countryside seems to be abloom—fruit trees, flowers of all kinds and fields of crops. Don't forget your umbrella.

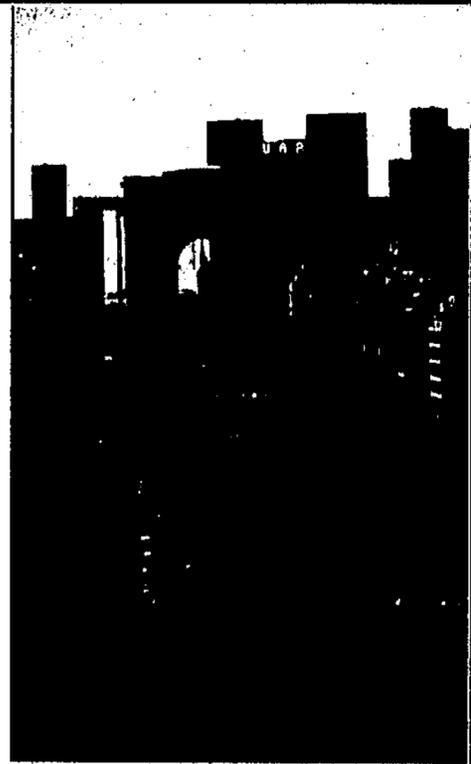
even though you won't have much occasion to use it.

Although you can "do" France on your own, a tour maximizes your time for seeing and doing and reduces the stress of finding accommodations and locating the sights. If the tour doesn't include enough time for you in the "City of Lights," you may extend your visit there. Most tours begin and end in Paris, and if at all possible try to stay some extra days. You can either arrive a few days before the tour begins or stay at the end. This is really the ideal way to experience France.

Don't forget to stop by our office and ask our France specialist for the "must see" sights in this most special destination.



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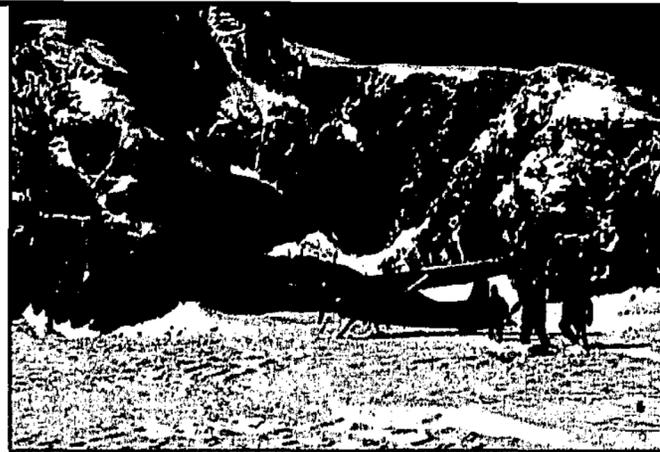
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Haines. Less-visited than other ports, Haines is recognized as one of the best places to shop for original Alaskan crafts, since many artists make their home here.

Juneau. This is the state capital and Alaska's most popular port. Everything from dramatic scenery, native culture, and a "drive-up" glacier can be enjoyed on your stop in Juneau.

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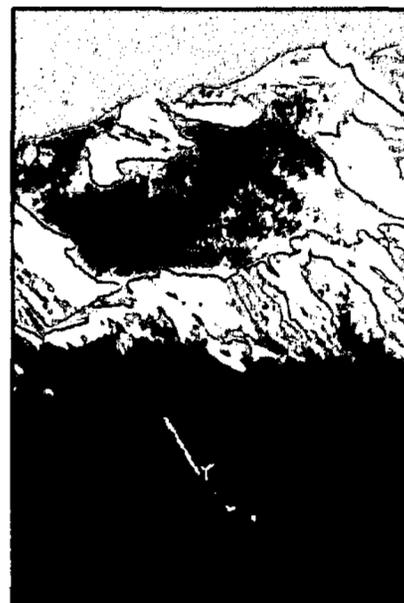
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Sitka. This is a popular stop on the Inside Passage loop from Vancouver. Once the capital of Alaska when the territory was a Russian colony, Sitka features many examples of Russian architecture and heritage.

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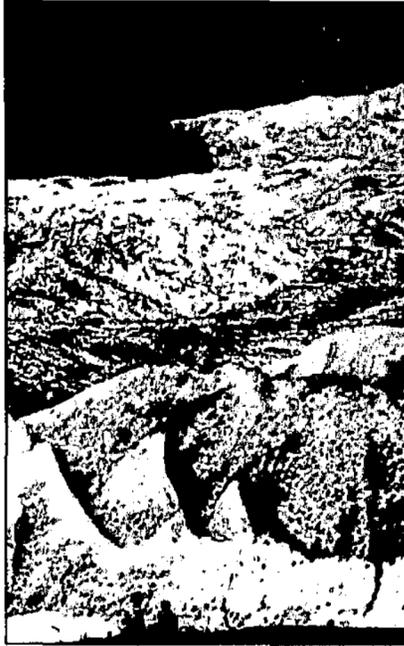
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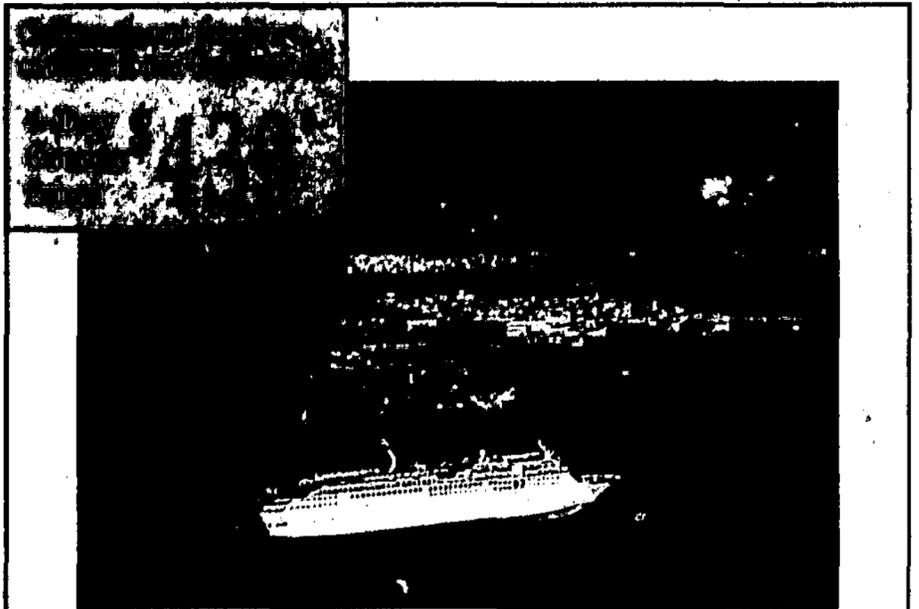
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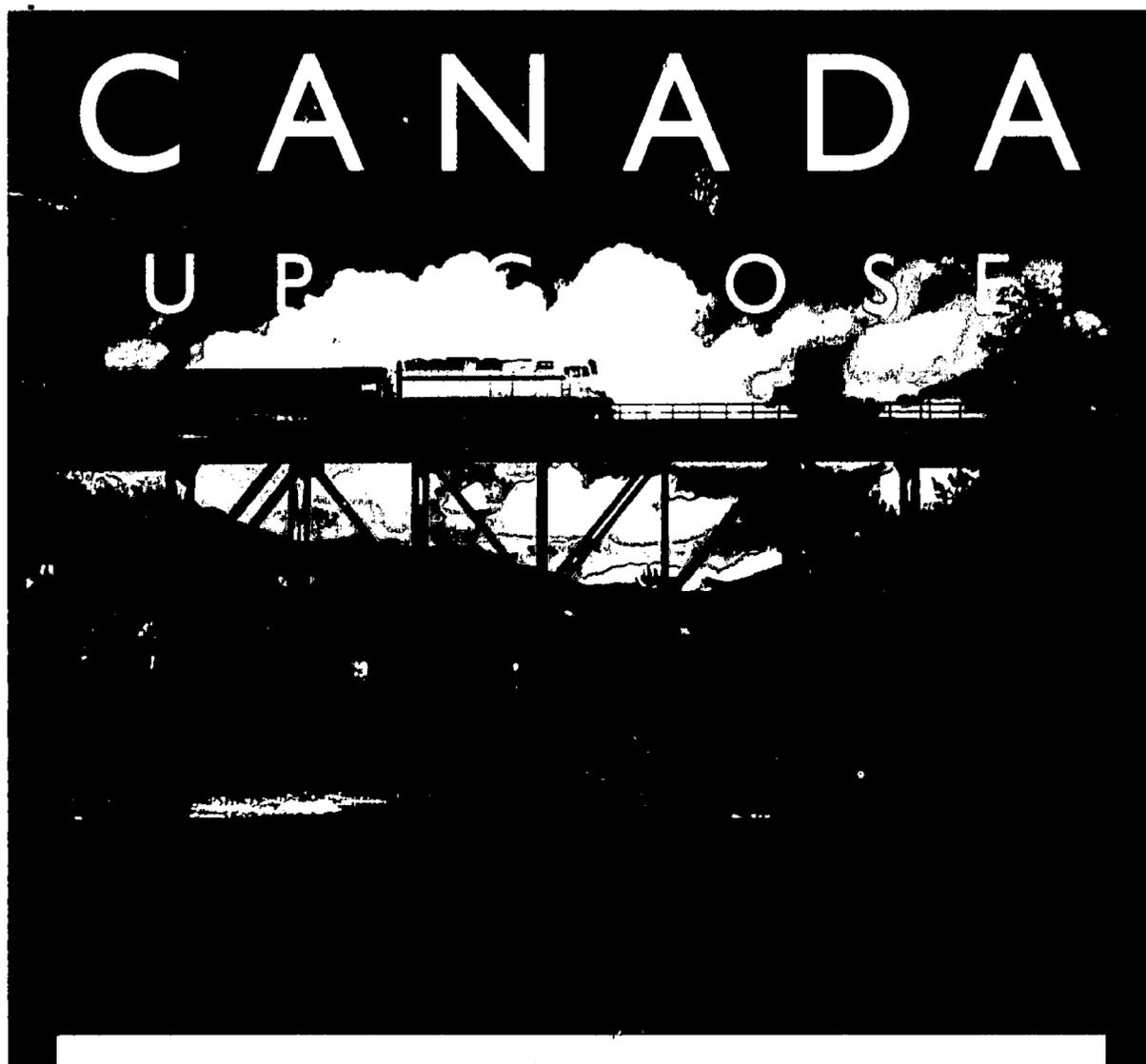
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