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Bill that would allow fort sale tabled

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A bill that would allow the state to sell historic Fort Stanton was tabled Wednesday by state Rep. Dub Williams with the concurrence of state officials.

"Victory," was the one-word message from Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart after learning of the move by the Republican from Glencoe.

Stewart was in Santa Fe with Commission Chairman Rex Wilson, Stephanie Gainey of the New Mexico Historic Preservation Alliance and Dick Weber of Fort Stanton Inc. to ask

the judiciary committee, set to review the bill, to table it instead.

"This will give us the time we need to pull things together, but we can't wait," Stewart said Thursday. "We have to move on this."

Weber also urged that the momentum generated by the threat of a sale not be lost. People interested in joining a united effort to ensure the 1855 fort is preserved and turned into a living museum should attend a 6 p.m. meeting Feb. 24 in the courthouse in Carrizozo, he said.

If groups as diverse as the present-day Buffalo soldiers reenactors and members of cavalry units that

served at the fort become involved, along with the National Historic Trust, state preservation groups and the federal government, the mission can be accomplished, he said.

"The way the law reads, the state can sell a historic site to the highest bidder," he said. "But morally is it right? We stand ready to help the state put together a group of bonded volunteers to work on restoration and repair with their blessing."

He was pleased that the "tabling" was amicable, Weber said, noting that Lester Swindle with the property control division of the state General Services Department, appeared to be

in agreement with the move.

By the time the legislature meets next year, a plan should be in place that can be sponsored by members of both parties in both chambers, he said.

Williams said he had been in a quandary over the bill since he was asked to introduce it. He added and subtracted language to guard the water rights and require preservation, but still was unsure about the impact, he said. He moved forward with the bill because he was assured if he did-

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Going for the pin



Karen Boehler/Ruidoso News
Warrior Cade Hall faces off against Cobre's Javier Peru, the No. 2-ranked 130-pound wrestler in the United States, during a Feb. 4 dual against the Indians. Hall and Peru are expected to meet again Saturday for the district crown. Ruidoso will be competing in the 4A-AAA district meet Saturday in Bayard.

Village rec center goes before voters

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
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In addition to selecting four village councilors, Ruidoso voters, at the March 7 municipal election, will decide if a community recreation center will be constructed later this year.

The election question will ask "shall the Village of Ruidoso issue up to \$6-million of general obligation bonds to construct, equip and improve a community center to be located at the White Mountain Recreation Fields site on 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 1/16 mile walking concourse; and parks and recreation department administrative offices?"

Village residents will find additional information about the bond election in the mail, on the radio, and in the newspaper. A community forum is also set for next week.

The village council Tuesday night approved advertising to deliver information about the bond election. An agreement with Grindstone Graphics and Marketing Services, Inc. will begin radio spots and newspaper ads this week. Postcards will also go into the mail, and at the be-

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Firm to recommend nixing Highway 70 alternatives

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
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Many Hondo Valley residents, attending a meeting on likely improvements to U.S. Highway 70, between Ruidoso Downs and Riverside, voiced personal property concerns about widening the roadway.

In the past, vocal Hondo Valley opponents of widening U.S. 70 pressed state highway officials and a consulting firm hired to study corridors, to pursue alternative routes.

Those alternatives included upgrading State Highway 246 (Pine Lodge Road) between Capitan and Roswell, or other east-west routes, to reroute traffic, mostly truck traffic, from U.S. 70.

Parsons Brinckerhoff, the consulting firm studying the U.S. 70 corridor, is recommending to the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation to eliminate alternative routes from further consideration. The firm has determined the alternative routes were impractical due to "engineering, environment, cost, and other reasons."

While many at the meeting questioned specifics of future upgrades to the highway, some Hondo Valley residents continued to push for an alternative route.

"This is a unique valley, the only really beautiful valley in southern New Mexico," said Carol Hurd-Rogers, of San Patricio. Her husband, Peter Rogers, said it was "devastating" that alternative routes have been eliminated from consideration.

Talking with Dave Pennington, of Parsons Brinckerhoff, Carol Hurd-Rogers asked how improvements to the highway through the valley would safely handle the mixture of traffic.

"Different engineering treatments would be used," said Pennington, on the mix of local, tourist, truck and thru traffic that utilizes U.S. 70. Pennington said acceleration and deceleration lanes would be added to address speed conflicts. "It will be done section by section, so it fits," Pennington said.

George Mendoza, who owns a business, Casa Mendoza, at Glencoe, was typical of a number of those at the meeting. He worried what a possible four-lane road would mean for access to his property. State transportation department district engineer Mohammad Moabed assured Mendoza that traffic from either direction would be able to turn into and out of his business. Moabed said that could even include turning lanes, to increase safety on the highway.

"I have the view of the highway," Mendoza said. "I see three, four, five, six, seven semis in a row. And you think it will be safer with two lanes each way."

"We don't think four laning is going to make it worse. We think it will be better."

Mike Henderson, Parsons Brinckerhoff

worse," Mike Henderson, with Parsons Brinckerhoff told Mendoza. "We think it will be better."

John McGrath, of Lincoln, worried that increased traffic, through an upgraded U.S. 70, would bring more traffic to U.S. 380, and the National Historic District around Lincoln.

"This will bring more traffic through," McGrath said. "Trucks will race to get down here."

Hondo area resident Susan Jimenez questioned what the consulting firm did with all the comments received from valley residents.

"We look at all the responses," Pennington told her. "We include all the comments in our study. We say people said this should be this way, and that that way." Responding to why alternatives have been eliminated from consideration, particularly to reroute truck traffic, Pennington said U.S. 70 is the most direct and efficient route for trucks, especially those traveling between Lubbock and El Paso.

During the first two hours of the four hour open house meeting about 60 people, many from the Hondo Valley, questioned state highway officials and consulting firm representatives. Many of the one-on-one conversations dealt with concerns at specific locations along the highway.

"Some of the questions they asked me were very localized," Pennington said. "Driveway concerns, possibly acquiring some homes or roadside businesses, if

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Murder victim's family sues store chain

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Allsups Convenience Store Corp. is being sued by the estate of John Albert Deibler, who was murdered March 29, 1998 at the chain's store on U.S. 70 in Ruidoso.

Filed Jan. 19, by his former wife Angela D. Deibler on behalf of the estate, the wrongful death suit claims the corporation failed to install electronic safety devices when it remodeled the store and breached its duty to Deibler by not scheduling two clerks during the midnight to 8 a.m. shift, often called the "graveyard shift."

The suit paints a grizzly picture of Deibler's death, noting that he was stabbed 26 times and that his skull was fractured. Deibler, 48, was the father of two minor children, now 17 and 15.

Johnny Ray Gutierrez, 39 at the time of his arrest at his mother's Cap-



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News
The busy Allsups on U.S. 70 was the site of a brutal murder of a store clerk in 1998.

Downs officer faces suit

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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The village of Ruidoso Downs, its police department and one of its officers is being sued over a May 1998 encounter with a motorist.

In the five counts of her lawsuit filed Feb. 7, Claire Greenwood contends Officer Ken Arther assaulted her, violated her civil rights, injured her and then retaliated against her when she sent notice of her intention to sue.

Dan Bryant, attorney for the village, said Thursday the town hasn't received notice of the lawsuit and he could not comment.

Greenwood accuses the defendants of false arrest and malicious prosecution.

Her attorney, Gary Mitchell, is asking the court for punitive and compensatory damages to be de-

termined at trial, as well as court costs, medical costs and attorney fees.

The suit states that during a traffic stop May 7, 1998, Arther "intentionally, unlawfully, violently, willfully and maliciously assaulted and battered (Greenwood) by slamming her up against a car and handcuffing her, resulting in a rotator cuff tear..."

Besides being injured "in body and mind," Greenwood contends she was embarrassed and humiliated and she will continue to suffer irreparable harm to her reputation.

The attack by Arther was unprovoked by Greenwood and was done with malice and the intent to harm her, Mitchell wrote.

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RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY High ... 54 Low ... 24



Partly cloudy

SUNDAY High ... 53 Low ... 21



Mostly cloudy

MONDAY High ... 45 Low ... 20



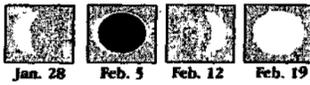
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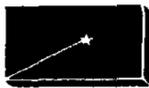
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Tuesday	61	27	.00"
Wednesday	68	32	.00"
Thursday	66	28	.00"

Regional-Friday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	57	37	Rain/clouds
El Paso, TX	69	39	Partly cloudy
Lubbock, TX	72	39	Partly cloudy
Midland, TX	74	42	Partly cloudy

Jan./Feb. phases of the moon



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CENTER: A forum will be Wednesday at the Ruidoso Convention Center

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gining of March, 5500 newsletters, to inform voters, will be mailed. The cost for the services is \$2,949.80.

According to a history of the recreational facility idea, provided by the village's parks and recreation department, a 1993 survey of residents indicated a need for an all-season pool and teen center. Funds were appropriated from the state to study and develop a building design that would serve multiple purposes and include an indoor swimming pool.

If the bond issue is approved at the polls, the center would be constructed using "state-of-the-art" technology and design to keep maintenance costs within a "manageable range", according to the parks and rec department. Annual operating costs are estimated at \$250,000. Usage fees would offset the operating costs.

While a fee structure has

not been proposed, the charges could possibly include daily, annual, summer, resident and school fees, said Alan Briley, Ruidoso village manager.

The estimated operating costs could be covered through annual family fees. Briley said "brainstorming" with the mayor suggested the sale of 1,000 family memberships, at \$250 per year, would match the operating cost.

"There's approximately 10 to 11 thousand residences between Glencoe, to Ruidoso Downs, to Ruidoso, and outlying subdivisions, Alto, to Nogal to Capitan. If a thousand of those, which is less than ten percent of those, bought family passes for \$250, that generates \$250,000," Robert Donaldson, Ruidoso's mayor said. "That doesn't take into consideration daily fees or any other kind of programs"

The mayor said a system should also be established to provide center access for those who cannot afford it. "We certainly don't want to keep out

any kids in Lincoln County or Mesalero. We want it to be used by everybody and by the school systems."

Before the village council decided in November to put the financing question to the voters, Mayor Robert Donaldson had said the center's construction could be paid off in 10 years without an increase in taxes. Donaldson also called the project a "quality of life issue" for Ruidoso. He added bond scheduling allowed the village to plan, every four to five years, for a quality of life issue.

If voters approve the financing plan on March 7, Donaldson said construction could begin in late autumn. He estimated actual construction would take 16 months to complete.

"Moving the parks and recreation department from Grindstone to this site (the community recreation center) would substantially enhance the ability to be able to service this facility," Donaldson told

the village council Feb. 8. "It would give better utility of people we already have in the department." The mayor felt user fees at the recreation complex could, potentially, help subsidize the entire department.

Registered voters in Ruidoso may not be the only ones deciding the bond issue. Some qualifying Lincoln County residents can vote on the bond question. For an out of village resident to be eligible to vote on the general obligation bond question, the elector must be a Lincoln County voter on Mar. 7, and must have paid a property tax on property located within the village limits during the year preceding the election date. The out of village voter is also required to file a certificate of eligibility with the Ruidoso Village Clerk by Feb. 21. That certificate, issued by the county clerk and treasurer, verifies that the person is a registered voter of Lincoln County and has paid a property tax to Ruidoso.

HIGHWAY: Officials say some area residents still want more alternatives

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sibly acquiring some homes or roadside businesses, if you improve the highway will people just drive faster, more attention to commercial trucks, those were many of the questions," Pennington said. "And of course the opposition is still a concern."

Steve Reed, a project environmentalist with Parsons Brinckerhoff, agreed, there still are those opposed to U.S. 70 upgrades. "Lots of people still said look at (state highway) 246. Basically what were presenting is improving U.S. 70. That's what we're going to propose to the Federal Highway

Authority." At an open house meeting the night before in Ruidoso, support was heard for four lanes of traffic on the highway.

Reed said phase A of the U.S. 70 corridor study is at an end, following public meetings in 1999. Phase B will look at the design of an improved U.S. 70.

The final facet, phase C, will deal with an Environmental Impact Statement.

"I actually feel there is a lot of support," said Moabed. "There is understanding that U.S. 70 is the best alternative. They agree that they need to look with us at a design that's the best. And we need their input."

MURDER: The suit claims the store chain should have provided training

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itan residence last year, is set to stand trial July 31 in Carrizozo.

Angela Deibler's attorney, Charles Hawthorne states in the suit that Deibler was working in an "inherently dangerous situation in which special precautions, training and equipment must be utilized to protect (Allsups) employees from hazards incident with late night

(duty) at a convenience store operation." Allsups had a duty to provide a safe workplace, Hawthorne said.

A spokesman from Allsups' Albuquerque office said no one was available to comment Thursday, but added normally, once a lawsuit is turned over to the legal department, no comment is offered.

In three counts, the suit accuses Allsups of negligence and

intentional infliction of emotional distress, and asked for punitive and compensatory damages to be determined at trial, attorney's fees and court costs.

Hawthorne contends the company knew one person handling the store alone late at night was inherently dangerous.

He specifically accuses the corporation of:

- failing to give Deibler security training
- failing to provide sufficient lighting on the interior and exterior of the store to deter criminal activity
- failing to provide adequate warning and electronic security alarms on the access to the store
- failing to provide video surveillance.



The Moore-Roberts store of Nogal, which burned down in the 1930s.

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Ruidoso mayor emphasizes 'managed growth' of village, infrastructure

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Telling the Ruidoso village council Tuesday that a lot has been done to deal with growth and water needs, Mayor Robert Donaldson said the council needs to look further.

"We need to manage growth," Donaldson said. "These things won't stop it, but gives us a handle on it." The mayor outlined six ideas

he said would give the village the ability to assure that infrastructure needs, especially water needs, are met.

Donaldson called for a professional study, to determine the number of residential and mobile home lots that could be a part of the village's future. He said a RFP (request for proposals) should be issued, to assure a well-done, professional study.

The mayor recommended lots be graded, to determine

their suitability for development. "Like A, B, C, D. Very buildable, somewhat buildable, somewhat unbuildable, and technically unbuildable. To ever really determine what our growth is we need to know what's out there."

The proposal also calls for PUD (planned unit development) zoning to replace R-3 and R-4 (which allows for denser residency). Donaldson said that would give the village more of a say on

what's developed. He also wants abandonment of plats of failed subdivisions, to allow for rezoning of those lands.

All new subdivisions would be limited in the amount of grassy yard area,

under the proposal. And landscaping guidelines would be developed, for water conservation purposes.

Donaldson said that would be voluntary on existing homes, but required for new homes.

"These ideas, and there may be others, will bode well for our future," the mayor said. "Let me state it categorically. This administration will not support any development that would jeopardize our water supply."

OFFICER: Her civil rights were violated, documents state

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ment are liable for Arther's "improper conduct," because it was condoned by "custom, use and/or failure to take corrective action" against Arther, the attorney stated.

When the officer took her to the police station and booked Greenwood, no probable cause existed to believe she had committed a crime, Mitchell wrote. The charges of speeding and resisting an officer were subsequently dismissed and Greenwood was

acquitted, he stated.

Mitchell contends Arther specifically violated Greenwood's constitutional right to free assembly, freedom from illegal searches, freedom from illegal seizures of her person, her right to privacy, her freedom to be protected from unlawful interference by police, her right to due process and by using unnecessary force during the arrest.

Arther acted in bad faith, by violating "an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing in performance of his duties," Mitchell wrote.

The attorney contends that after the village was served notice in April 1999 that a lawsuit might be filed, Arther stopped Greenwood again on May 18, 1999 "and attempted to charge her with certain crimes....for the purpose of harassing her and without probable cause."

Greenwood was so frightened, she locked her car doors and called for help from other police officers, Mitchell wrote.

In addition to monetary damages, Greenwood is asking for a preliminary and permanent injunction.

FORT: A rehab center proposal has been put on hold

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not introduce it someone else would, and he wanted to have input, Williams previously said.

"I was going to present an amendment and the bill and was talking to Rex Wilson and (county treasurer) Joan Park when Stephanie Gainey came up," Williams said.

Most of the Democratic members of the committee were

in a party caucus and the start of the committee meeting was delayed, he said.

After talking to Gainey, Williams said he told Swindle and staff personnel that he had decided to pull the bill.

"Lester said he would support whatever I decided," Williams said.

The staff director marked Williams' name off the list of presenters and talked to the committee chairman, then assured Williams the bill was

tabled. Another bill concerning the fort still is alive, he said. The memorial he introduced to fund a study of the fort as a potential state military cemetery probably will make it to a vote, he said.

Plans for a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center at the fort were put on hold after Mark A. Radosevich, director of state probation and parole, learned that the "sale" bill was introduced.

WANT TO KNOW THE FACTS?

LET'S TALK!

Attend a special **COMMUNITY FORUM** about the proposed Community Center on

Wednesday, February 16
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OUR OPINION

Get the facts on the recreation center

Many people live, dream about, or actively seek the proverbial "good life in Ruidoso." Whether escaping the big city, looking for a happy retirement, or staking out a Ruidoso-based business in cyberspace, they see this village as the place to be.

One major element of that "good life" will be on the agenda at the Ruidoso Convention Center next Wednesday night when a community forum will answer questions about the village's proposed new recreation center on Hull Road.

The timing is right, because the voters on March 7 during the first municipal election of the new century will be asked to approve general obligation bonds of up to \$6 million to build the complex. Plans include a large recreational indoor swimming pool, a teen activity room, a multi-room recreation and community function facility, offices for the village's Parks and Recreation Department offices, appropriate auxiliary service facilities ... even an all-weather walking concourse for hikers who don't want to get wet.

Adjacent to the schools, a golf course (with its own popular three-mile walking trail), the convention center and hotel, the complex could well become a "good life" center for the entire community and those who are considering moving here.

To find out for sure, we suggest that everybody with an interest in Ruidoso's future appear at the convention center at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, and learn all about it.

When they do, we think the bond issue will lead the election pack on March 7. Why? It's a very good project for Ruidoso and its residents.

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YOUR OPINION

Happiness is loving on Valentine's Day

To the editor:

Valentine's Day is a day we set aside to express love to those we love. Think how many millions of cards will have been sent for this occasion, as well as flowers and candy, all inscribed, "I love you, Happy Valentine." ...

Look at the meaning of love. Love is the colors of the rainbow that delight our eyes, love is the sky that stands between us and eternity. Love is the mountains, the sea, the stars that light the birds at night. Love is the moment between two people when in silence they can feel they are indeed one.

Falling in love is like losing yourself and finding yourself in another person. When people fall in love, they find happiness in giving happiness to their beloved.

This thing we call love, "human love," is somewhat distorted by emotions, feelings, anxiety, desire, and the quest for fulfillment.

Real love goes far beyond this realm; it includes divine love — that love that Jesus spoke of so much. We must try to love as He loved. We must make a decision and commitment to love our enemies, forgive, and go that extra mile for others. This may seem to be inconvenient, but the consequences of a better life and a better world are well worth the inconvenience.

Surely one of the greatest examples of love is forgiveness. How many of us are willing to share this kind of love?

On this Valentine's Day, let us enjoy the moments of expressing love by doing those things we do on Valentine's Day, but let us remember real love is far more than material things or physical love; real love is unconditional love, a for-

giving love and a caring love. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could make every day Valentine's Day?

Julian Wells
Ruidoso

Thank you very mulch

To the editor:

I want to thank Susan Luteran and her committee, the Texas-New Mexico Power Company and their employees and volunteers, and the Ruidoso State Bank for their Keep Ruidoso Beautiful efforts in the recycling of the Christmas trees. Also to those residents who brought in their trees for recycling. Not only were the trees deposited on the Ruidoso State Bank's midtown parking lot, but Texas-New Mexico provided the equipment and manpower to chip the trees and provide the resulting mulch for anyone who wanted it.

This is a great example of an environmentally sensitive program for the Village of Ruidoso. Once again, we thank you very "mulch" to all who contributed to the program.

Walt Novak
Ruidoso

Tougher DWI laws

To the editor:

On Christmas Eve 1997, the Woodward family — Paul, Melanie and their three daughters, Kacey, Erin, and Kandycy — drove Interstate 40 to celebrate the holiday with Melanie's mother.

Gordon House, drunk that night on the road, drove onto I-40 the wrong way. This resulted in a head-on collision with the Woodward family. Paul would be the sole survivor of the crash.

His three girls will never graduate from high school, never have the chance to fulfill their dreams, never walk down

the aisle at their weddings. Those three lives were stolen by another lethal drunk-driving accident.

This horrible story comes to mind every time I vote on legislation dealing with the problem of drunk driving. I can see the faces of the girls as I sit on the house floor and cast my vote. The question that always comes to mind is, "Will this law be tough enough to put an end to tragedies like the Woodward's?" Most of the time I say NO. In 1998, New Mexico automobile fatalities totaled 424. Of those, almost half were alcohol-related. Good work has been done to curb drunk driving, but we need to continue the fight. That is why I am introducing strong DWI legislation this session. These provisions will be included in my House Bill 323:

1. Repeat offenders will not be eligible for a license renewal for a mandatory 18-month period of one full year.

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4. After the ... one year suspension... a breath-alcohol ignition interlock device will be installed in the offender's car for six months.

5. A five-day minimum imprisonment will be mandatory for a second DWI conviction.

State statistics tell us drunk driving is decreasing in New Mexico. I think the citizens of New Mexico want to keep it that way. We need to do better. It is time for New Mexico to take off the gloves and crack down on drunk drivers from the jailhouse to the courthouse.

Rep. Stevan E. Pearce
R-Lea County

GUEST COMMENTARY

Celebrating a safe, affordable food supply in America

BY C. DAVID KELLY
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

We've all heard the complaints at the supermarket checkout lines. "I can't believe how much a gallon of milk is!" "Can you believe we're paying this much for a loaf of bread?" "My goodness, I can hardly afford to put meat on my family's table anymore."

Are these claims justified? Do Americans have a reason to beef about the affordability of their food supply? If you ask Farm Bureau — and the U.S. Department of Agriculture — they really don't.

Americans are pretty well off when it comes to their food supply. Not only is it the safest and most abundant in the world, it also is the most affordable. According to the Agriculture Department, Americans actually pay just 10.9 percent of their disposable income — the portion of in-

come available for spending or saving — on food. In calendar terms, it takes the average American just 40 days to earn enough income to pay for his or her food supply for the entire year.

Today, Feb. 9, the American Farm Bureau Federation celebrates Food Check-Out Day, a day of celebrating the efficiency and productivity of America's food producers.

America's farmers and ranchers take pride in being the world's most productive. While taken for granted by many, farmers understand they are a key component in ensuring America's cherished quality of life.

"The fact that Americans work only 40 days to pay for their annual food supply speaks well of our nation's increasing standard of living," said Linda Reinhardt, chair of the American Farm Bureau Women's Committee. "The af-

fordable domestic food supply produced by America's farmers and ranchers helps make that possible."

This is the third consecutive year Food Check-Out Day falls on Feb. 9. In sharp contrast to the 40 days it takes the average American to pay for his or her food supply for the year, it took Americans 131 days to earn enough money to pay federal, state and local taxes last year.

This year's national celebration will be held in Nashville, Tenn. Members of the AFB Women's Committee will fill the pantries of the Nashville Ronald McDonald House with 40 bags of food. State Farm Bureaus will celebrate the day by donating food and money to Ronald McDonald Houses across the United States. Ronald McDonald Houses serve as "homes away from home" for families who have seriously ill children in

Dynamic competitor

If Valor Communications, the new company slated to take over GTE telephone services in the Ruidoso area and other parts of New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma, is as vital and aggressive as its president — look out, Ma Bell.

Anne Bingaman, already well known in our state as a senator's wife, and in Washington as the trust-buster for Janet Reno, is running the show, without question.

Her pitch to Ruidoso Rotarians on Tuesday was positive and dynamic — but, moe'tly, well, who ever heard of the president of GTE or U. S. West bringing all the top brass to a small town to lay the groundwork for something like improved phone service?

One mystery was cleared up: Speculation that she had been brought aboard by ex-Gov. Toney Anaya, Manuel and Ed Lujan, et. al., as window dressing was shot down without a blink.

After she left Washington, the lady set out to buy telephone lines from GTE from a Denver base. Meanwhile, the New Mexico-oriented Hispanic buyers were looking at the same opportunity.

Turns out that GTE suggested to Anne Bingaman that her company join forces with the Hispanic group and make a joint bid.

And so it was, and it worked, with nearly \$2 billion in backing. The result: about a half-million customers (or phone lines) in the three states.

Back before she went to Washington with Senator Jeff, Mrs. Bingaman, the lawyer, practicing in Santa Fe, was in a notable legal battle over uranium mining. Before that, she taught law at the University of New Mexico.

In Washington, as head of the Department of Justice Anti-Trust Division, she helped clean up a telephone mess in Florida and was deeply involved with the breakup of AT&T. All good telephone experience.

And so she's still involved with telephones, "but not politically; we'll hire anybody with the skills, even Reform Party."

But, yes — she does remain a good friend of Hillary Clinton.

MOUNTAIN ASIDES



By Kenny Gartin
Ruidoso News

GUEST COMMENTARY

Some answers to questions regarding the rec center

RAFAEL R. SALAS
RUIDOSO PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

On March 7, Ruidoso voters will be asked to approve a bond issue to fund construction of a community recreation center.

The proposed structure will house a 50-meter indoor swimming pool, an indoor, elevated walking track and a multi-purpose space with moveable walls designed for both athletic and non-athletic use.

History

In 1993, a survey addressing recreational needs was mailed to 3600 residents in Ruidoso and given to Ruidoso Municipal School students for completion. Results of the survey indicated a need for an all-season pool and teen center.

Funds were requested and appropriated from the state to study and develop a building design that would serve multiple purposes and include an indoor swimming pool.

A drawing of the proposed structure is currently on display at the Ruidoso Village Hall.

Funding and Operations Costs

Construction for the structure will be funded by a bond issue of up to, but not to exceed, 6 million dollars.

Because of existing bonds being paid down, we have the additional capacity to sell these bonds without any increase to the property tax millage we pay.

State-of-the-art technology and design will keep maintenance costs within a manageable range.

Annual operation costs are estimated at \$250,000 and will be offset from usage fees.

Use of the facility will not be limited to Ruidoso residents. Revenue projections to fund operations are based on 15% participation from households in the immediate Ruidoso/Ruidoso Downs area.

Residents of other communities will also have access to the facilities. The Parks and Recreation Administration Office will be relocated from its present location at Wingfield Park to offices in the community recreation center.

In addition to reducing the costs of maintaining two separate recreation offices, the move will place the Parks and Recreation office near the highest density of youth recreational activities.

Alternative staffing methods that trade volunteer time for discounted usage fees are also under consideration as a way to keep operational costs reasonable.

Usage

The 50-meter pool is large enough to allow multiple aquatic activities to take place simultaneously. Parks and Recreation staff are currently developing different aquatic programs designed to attract users of different ages with both recreational and wellness needs.

The multi-purpose space will have moveable walls and a synthetic floor to allow for many different community functions.

The indoor, elevated walking track will provide an alternative exercise opportunity for walkers during inclement weather.

Location

The community recreation center will be located just south of the White Mountain Recreation Complex and the White Mountain Schools which will be accessed off of Hull Road. The location provides easy access to the walking trail and provides additional parking for walkers using the trail.

Citizen Committee

A Citizen Committee has been formed to address concerns from residents about the community recreation center.

Residents are urged to attend the Community Forum on the Recreation Center at the Ruidoso Convention Center on Wednesday, February 16, at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Donaldson, Parks and Recreation Director Rafael Salas, members of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Citizen Committee will be present to answer questions concerning the proposed recreation facility.

Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission are available to meet with clubs and organizations to answer questions about the center.

If you have specific questions about the community recreation center, or would like to arrange for a commissioner to meet with your group, please contact the Parks and Recreation office at 257-5030.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Harold Jones

Memorial services for Harold D. "Unc" Jones, 78, of Ruidoso, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Ruidoso Elk's Lodge.

Mr. Jones died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2000 in Ruidoso.

He was born March 1, 1921 in La Luz.

He had worked with the fire department at Holloman Air Force Base until he retired and moved to Ruidoso 20 years ago.

Then he worked for the Street Department in Ruidoso.

He was a member of the Ruidoso Elk's Lodge and the V.F.W. and had served in the Army during World War II.

Survivors include a sister, Julia Williams of Ruidoso; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

Henry Sanchez

Funeral Mass for Henry G. Sanchez Sr., 96, of Lincoln, will be at 1 p.m. today at San Juan Catholic Church in Lincoln, with burial following at Lincoln Cemetery.

Mr. Sanchez died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2000.

He was born Sept. 3, 1903 in Glencoe to the late Salomon and Josephine Sanchez.

He was a life-long rancher in Lincoln, where he broke horses. He loved playing with his precious grandchildren, hunting, fishing, gardening and the great outdoors.

He married the love of his life, Carolina Sanchez, 65 years ago, and she preceded him in death in 1990.

Survivors include children Henry Sanchez Jr. and his wife, Erma, of Lincoln, Jean Osuna and her husband, Bill, of San Joaquin, Texas, Alfred Sanchez and his family, also of Lincoln and Albuquerque, and Patricia Vigil and her husband, Henry, of Albuquerque.

He also is survived by 17 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; brothers Carlos Sanchez and his wife, Alvesa of Ruidoso, Albert Sanchez and his wife, Eva, of San Patricio, Porfiro Sanchez and his family of Gavilan; a sister, Eufrasia Romero of Tularosa; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services are in the care of Garcia Mortuary, 717 Stover Avenue, S.W., Albuquerque, 243-5222.

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River association members see drought as a 'blessing in disguise' for Rio Ruidoso

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

With practically no snow on the mountains around Ruidoso, water flow in the Rio Ruidoso has slowed to a trickle, says Dick Wisner, one of the directors of the Ruidoso River Association.

The river depends on the weather and since Christmas, Lincoln County has seen only one significant snow storm, which dropped from three inches to six inches in lower elevations and 14 inches at Ski Apache.

The river is flowing at 1.5 cubic feet of water a second or less compared to the six cfs required to keep the river healthy, Wisner said.

"The extreme low in-stream flow presents a very real and present danger to both the health of the river and its fishery," he wrote in a Jan. 28 newsletter to association members.

But the area still is in bet-

ter shape to deal with a drought than it was in 1996, he said.

"Not only was Alto Lake empty in 1996, but also a good many improvements have been made (since then)," he said.

Village Manager Alan Briley agreed Monday, noting that Alto Lake is low, but still has from seven to 10 feet of water depth.

"We don't have a water shortage now," he said. "We have plenty of water, but we are looking long term for the summer. I'm still optimistic we'll have more moisture, spring showers and snow."

Unfortunately a pump-back system that was supposed to be completed to recapture water leaking from the Grindstone Dam reservoir is not functioning, Wisner said. Leakage from Grindstone runs at 130 gallons per minute, Briley said.

Village officials don't want to allow the lake level to go down any further, in case a

drought occurs, Wisner said. The lake is a municipal water supply fed by the river.

"Village officials have reluctantly (and) unilaterally reneged on an agreement with us not to divert water out of the Rio Ruidoso during periods of low flow," he said.

The agreement limits diversions from the river to the reservoir to times of high water flow in the river, Wisner said.

"There was no real agreement," Briley said. "It was a gentleman's agreement. We said we will work with you as much as we can. We also see the need that we not pull out water when it's low."

"We did for a while when the weir flow measurements were up to about 2 cfs. We were taking .3 cfs -- a small portion. When we found out the readings were wrong, we turned it off."

The diversions lasted a "couple of weeks," Briley said.

Meanwhile, the association protested to the State Engineer

about two recent village applications that place more demands on the surface water of the Rio Ruidoso without the inclusion of a low-flow constraint, Wisner said.

Without that low-flow constraint, if the applications are approved, future administrations would have a license to dry up the river, Wisner contended.

Without constraints, association officials prefer the village withdraw water from downstream wells in the same aquifer (underground water supply) to reclaim credit for water returned to that supply through various means called "efficient credits," Wisner said.

"Village officials are not opposed to a low flow constraint and our protests will be withdrawn upon its inclusion," Wisner said. Briley concurred.

Wisner said he hopes the situation is a needed "wake-up" call for residents and the village administration that Ruidoso's water supply is not always adequate.

A big difference exists between owning water rights and the actual availability of water at any point in time, he said.

"It also reveals the weakness of the Grindstone complex, which is that it has no other sources of water than a

river which is dependent upon the weather, and which, unfortunately, already is struggling," Wisner said.

"This developing crisis is also a blessing in disguise because it has accelerated village efforts to develop the much more reliable subsurface water in the Rio Ruidoso Basin."

Wisner also said he sees great progress in the village's recognition that Grindstone's primary function is a municipal water supply, not a recreational area.

"This has allowed a change in the lake level policy," he said, that allows the lake level to rise and fall with supply and demand and allows the high-end level to be raised to the spillway, meaning 40 percent more water can be stored, he said.

"I don't know if everybody agrees," Briley said. "But the village is looking at moving the parking area and road to a higher elevation so we can raise (the lake) all the way if we get sufficient water from the river or a lot of rain."

NEWS BRIEFS

Census jobs open

A Census 2000 recruiting official will be attending Lincoln County town meetings this month attempting to generate increased interest in census jobs.

More residents are needed to take a basic skills test that will lead to temporary jobs as census takers and crew leaders. Although most of the work is done in March and April, counting continues through the summer.

The first meeting in Lincoln County will be at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 14 at the city hall of the village of Ruidoso. The next

meeting will be at 6 p.m. Feb. 22 at the town hall of Carrizozo.

"I'm hoping to use the meetings as a platform to motivate the community to take the exams," said Gene Roberts, assistant manager of recruiting of the Las Cruces Local Census Office.

Awareness of Census 2000 is low in Lincoln County and attendance at recruiting tests has been sparse.

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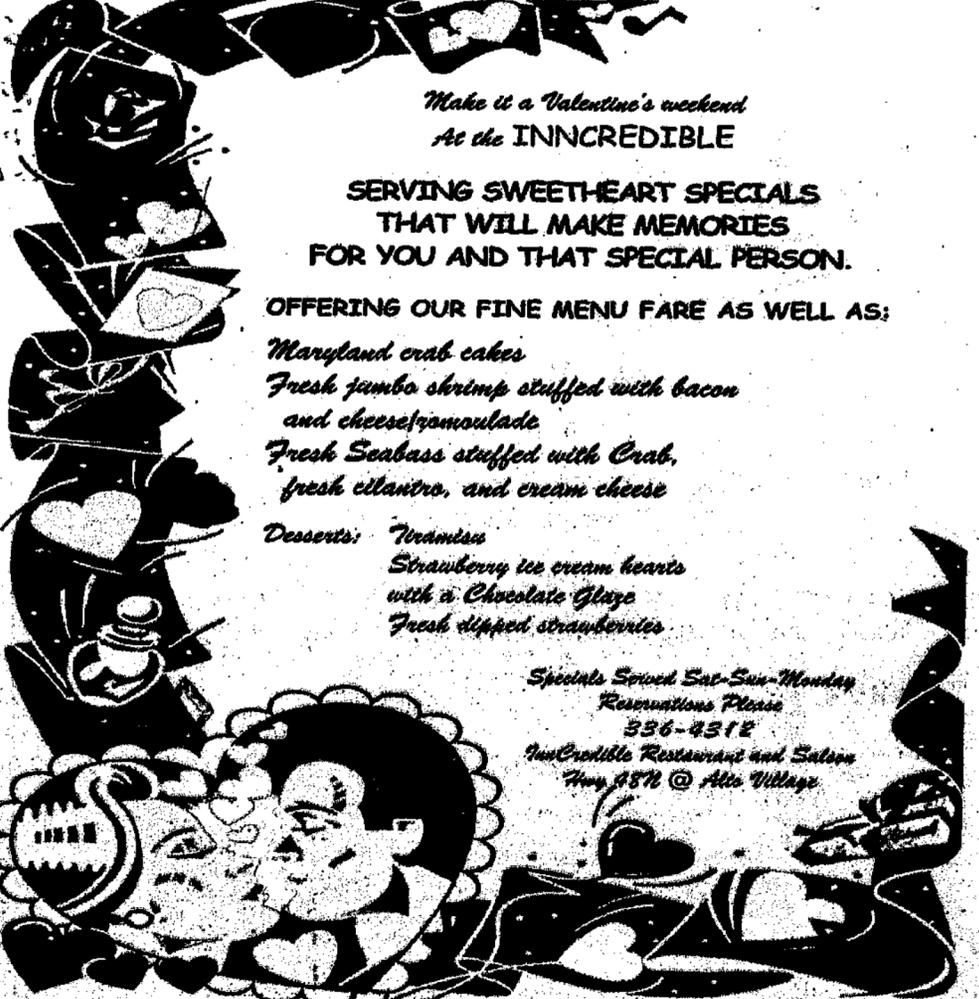
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Carrizozo voters to pick board of trustee members and municipal judge

The five-member Carrizozo Board of Trustees meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in village hall. The members are paid \$100 per month, are elected at large and serve four-year terms. They set policy, pass municipal laws, establish a budget and manage growth. The daily operation of the community of about 1,000 residents is handled by the town clerk and mayor. Two candidates, one an incumbent, face no opposition for two positions in the non-partisan election.

The Carrizozo municipal judge is paid \$400 per month, serves a four-year term and does not have to be an attorney. Once elected, the judge is required to attend training sessions. The

municipal court is supervised by the state Supreme Court. It deals primarily with traffic offenses, violations of municipal laws and some DWI offenses. Three candidates, including the incumbent, are running in the non-partisan election.

The candidates

Tommy Guevara

Name a board in Carrizozo and chances are Tommy Guevara has served on it.

The 55-year-old barber completed two terms on the district school board, was in the volunteer fire department for 20 years, is with the Knights of Columbus, was with the local emergency medical services for

15 years and sat on the board of directors for New Horizons residential center for the developmentally disabled.

"The board of trustees is about the only board I haven't been on," Guevara said. "People know how active I've been and suggested I run for this."

He faces no opposition for a seat on the board.

He considers recruitment of new industry the major challenge facing the town and the board, Guevara said. Jobs are needed to keep children from leaving the area when they

graduate from school, he said. In other areas, the board has progressed well in paving streets and should continue that effort, he said. The municipal swimming pool, bowling alley and golf course must remain a spending priority to ensure their adequate upkeep, he said.

Once on the board, he would like to find grants to help pay for home improvements of low income and elderly, Guevara said. He would also like to set up a retirement program for municipal employees who dedicate years of their lives to serving the public, he said.

Guevara was born in Roswell and moved to Capitan in 1959 to live with his sister after his parents died. He came to Carrizozo in 1976 and set up

his barber shop. He is married to Martha Guevara, deputy Lincoln County manager. They have three grown children.

Johnie Johnson

His voice may sound familiar to anyone who's called the Lincoln County Sheriff's office. Johnie Johnson, communication supervisor for more than five years, has answered calls of distress since 1988.

Johnson, 57, is running for municipal judge in a nonpartisan Carrizozo municipal election March 7. The term is for four years and the position pays \$400 per month.

Born in Gran Quivira, Johnson and his wife, Judith, moved to Tularosa where he drilled wells in the area including Alamogordo. They moved to Carrizozo in 1987 and Johnson earned ministerial credentials for his role in a community church.

The couple has three grown children and six grandchildren.

Although he's never held public office, Johnson ran twice for municipal judge and was considered when the office came up for appointment.

His qualifications center on his dedication, he said.

"In all I do in life, I serve the people," he said. "I think I can make a difference and bring

things back to simplicity, instead of personal agendas, which just cause more problems.

"I still believe in community. Things don't have to be as complicated as people make them. We need cooperation between agencies."

Specifically, he would monitor more closely people sentenced to community services for offenses.

"I'd make sure (the public service assignments) were finished and didn't just fade away," he said.

Johnson served in various capacities with the Lions Club from 1987 to 1995, when the chapter was closed, and has been Salvation Army coordinator for the Carrizozo area for 12 years.

Wesley Lindsay

After four years on the Carrizozo City Council, Wesley Lindsay says the town's in good shape.

"I don't think we have any major problems," he said. "I'm proud of city employees and the police department has improved."

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CANDIDATES: Early voting for registered voters begins this Wednesday with the regular election day on March 7

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Lindsay, 62, is running unopposed for a second four-year term in the March 7 municipal election. Council members are paid \$100 per month.

Born in nearby Nogal, Lindsay became a fixture in Carrizozo through his work with U.S. West.

"I did everything for the company here from 1971 to 1993, when I retired," he said.

He also participated in the community, serving as an elected school board member for six years.

"I care about Carrizozo and the people of the town," he said. "I just want to continue some of the things that are happening here and help Carrizozo grow a bit."

Economic development is a priority, he said, adding the town has a good water system, fed by Bonito Dam and two good

wells, as well as a new water plant.

"We're working on a new sewage treatment plant," he said. "We received some Community Development Block Grant money for that this year. That's something we have to get fixed."

Probably the biggest challenge facing the town's board is to continue improving the streets, he said. Lindsay is married to Margo Lindsay, former district court clerk. They have four grown children.

Chuck Rominger III

At 63, Chuck Rominger III has "been there, done that" from earning a college degree in business administration to flying commercial airlines.

He has also worked in a flight test lab, owned a motel, served as a deputy sheriff, worked as a real estate apprais-

er and, for the last two years, acted as Carrizozo municipal judge.

He wants to win a full four-year term in the March 7 non-partisan election.

"I'm not a hard person and I try to work with everybody," he said. "When I first went on the bench, we never handled DWIs and now we do first-time offenders."

With one full-time clerk, Rominger is handling about 10 times the caseload of his predecessors, bringing in \$6,000 to \$8,000 in fines per month compared to \$800 to \$900 previously, he said.

"My office is a block away from court," he said. "I keep my mobile phone with me any time I leave town. If anyone needs to



Rominger III

bond out of jail, they can call me. I also check in and it's common to get calls late at night. It's something you have to get used to."

Rominger was appointed by the Carrizozo Board of Trustees in February 1998 to finish a term of a judge who retired.

Rominger previously ran unsuccessfully for the position. Knowing everyone in town can be a plus, but also present some problems, he said.

"When you know someone, you can't be too close or you have to pass it on to the magistrate court," he said.

Rominger moved to Carrizozo 25 years ago setting up his own real estate and appraisal company. He has three grown children and with wife Rachael, raised three step-children.

LeeRoy Zamora

Many people associate

LeeRoy Zamora, 46, with the Carrizozo School Board or fire fighting.

As Carrizozo fire chief for 11 years, he's helped save or extinguished fires at many structures in the county seat.

As a school board member, he's put out fires of another sort. But Zamora is trying for a new elected position.

He's running for Carrizozo municipal judge in the March 7 election. The judge is paid \$400 per month.

Zamora previously was on the school board for four years, then took two years off, before being elected to a new four-year term he still is serving.

After working for a manufacturer of portable welders, Zamora joined the county 12 years ago and now is supervisor of plant maintenance.

After 26 years with the town's volunteer fire department, he said he may retire



Zamora

this year. But his varied experience is one of the qualifications would make him a good judge, Zamora said.

"I know everyone in town, I'm very fair with people and I'm honest," he said.

The position of municipal judge appeals to him because he'd like to make a difference in the lives of children, he said.

"I think I could make a difference with the truancy problem," Zamora said. "I remember when I was growing up and if we had unexcused absences, the judge was called and he'd visit at our homes. It kept us in school."

Zamora and his wife Frances has a 25-year-old son and a 13-year-old daughter.

Ruidoso Downs planning and zoning commission rejects proposed mobile home park

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A request to establish a mobile home park on Wood Lane in Ruidoso Downs was rejected Wednesday night by the Planning and Zoning Board.

John and Dixie Brown requested the commercial land use change, to establish a 17

space mobile home park on commercial property that had been the location of the old Redman Club, a restaurant and lounge.

Most of the 24 citizens at the meeting registered opposition to the establishment of a mobile home park.

John Brown, who said he wanted to purchase the five acre property and use 3.1 acres

to create a mobile home community, told the board that moderately priced housing was needed in the area.

Nearby property owners raised issue over water, sewer, and other infrastructure demands. Other concerns dealt with fears that property values would diminish, safety issues and increased traffic.

Paul Van Gulick, the

board's acting chairman, said Brown's request failed to meet the criteria of the village's residential district planned development ordinance.

Van Gulick cited a lack of a topographic map and a landscaping plan in the submissions to the village. He also said traffic was an issue. Based on nearby property owner concerns, Van Gulick said ordinance language states that development must not

cause detrimental influence to the surrounding neighborhood.

"The property in question is zoned C-1 (commercial)," Van Gulick said. "The change of use is provided for in the village ordinance. But the problem, as I understand it, when you put a commercial property in a residential area you're governed by residential rules."

The commercial zoned property is largely surrounded

by residential subdivisions.

The board's recommendation will be advanced to the Ruidoso Downs village council for a final decision.

The board's ruling followed a two week delay, after a lack of a quorum at the Jan. 26 Planning and Zoning Board meeting. Just two of the five member panel were on hand for the previous meeting.

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Vandalism reported
Ruidoso police are looking into school vandalism that occurred sometime over the past weekend. According to a police report, seven window screens were slashed on buildings at the White Mountain schools complex. Two windows were cracked, and a third broken out. Damage at the schools complex is estimated at \$950.

Burglary reported
A fax machine, just out of the box, was reported taken from a Carrizo Canyon Rd. business. An owner of A-1 Services told police he discovered the fax machine missing on Jan. 31. The machine was said to have been in the building on Jan. 29. The victim said when he arrived at work Monday morning a door to the building was found kicked in. Other than the stolen fax machine, nothing else was reported disturbed in the incident.

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Grizzlies show real class in Corona win

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

CARRIZOZO — Carrizozo (10-8, 4-3) and Corona (2-16, 1-6) wrapped up a district contest with some 3-on-3 basketball Tuesday, showing what true sportsmanship really looks like.

The Cardinals came into the contest with only five players and by halftime the Grizzlies had the game well in hand, leading 42-24. But the Cardinals never gave up, and although they trailed 68-45 going into the final stanza, they fought with everything they had, meaning the fouls were piling up.

With six minutes left in the game, Cardinal Brandon Biebel drew his fifth foul, putting him on the bench and Corona with only four players left on the floor.

Grizzly coach Mel Holland quickly conferred with the officials and put one of his players on the bench. A minute later, when Dal Frost drew his fifth foul, Carrizozo again pulled a player, leaving the teams playing 3-on-3 for the final minutes.

With 3:02 left on the clock, Albert Sanchez was fouled, and thinking it

was his fifth, started to walk off the floor. But to the cheers of the crowd, the referee reminded him it was only his fourth, and told him to "get back in and play."

Despite the protestations of the fans and the players, the game was finally halted with 44 seconds remaining when Sanchez did get his fifth and final foul.

"We had a good game," said Corona coach Marcus Johnson. "I thought it was fun. I appreciated what the other coach did."

"That's just the way it should be," Holland said, after being thanked for his actions. "If (the other team) doesn't have enough (players), we don't need to be ganging up. That's the way the game's played."

Grizzly Ryan Roper led the scoring with 28 points and Josh Vega tallied 22. For Corona, Sanchez had 23 and Chauncey Jones, one of the two players left on the floor at the end, had 17.

Holland said the game gave each of the Grizzlies a chance to see playing time and to work on some skills.

"We started slow then we kind of pulled away from them," he said. "The kids are running the floor better. We did

some things right."

For Corona, all the Cardinals needs is more numbers.

"We just need a couple more people and we'll play a little better," Johnson said. "Couldn't do anything about the fouls. Got to work on that."

Carrizozo 64, Corona 49
The Lady Grizzlies (14-3, 7-0) and Lady Cardinals (12-7, 5-3) were a little more equally matched in numbers, but a lack of experienced players led to a 64-49 Corona downfall.

The Grizzlies led 10-7 after one quarter. Corona began making a move in the second, but couldn't sustain the momentum.

"We were down 19-14 and they pulled out their starters," said Corona coach Travis Lightfoot. "They got a chance to sit on the bench and we had to continue with ours. We were making a run and I didn't want to pull them out, being on a streak. When their starters came back they were refreshed and ready and we made some poor choices on passes. We made some passes that probably came more from fatigue than anything else."

Carrizozo led 36-20 by the half and

stretched the lead to 48-28 by the end of the third quarter, the slowest for Corona.

"We came out sluggish in the third quarter, too," Lightfoot said. "They played so hard in the first half they didn't really have a chance to rest."

The only time the game was close was early on, and that's something that bothers Holland, who knows the competition is going to get better in regional play.

"We started slow again," he said. "That concerns me. We need to start a little better. We're going to have to get off to a better start against better ball clubs."

Cardinal Delia Gonzalez led all scorers with 24 points. Sarah Stewart had 12 for Corona while Rene Rael tallied 22 for Zozo and Christa Francke 11.

The game was the last district match for Corona, while Carrizozo wraps up the regular season tonight at Hondo. The Grizzlies have sealed the regular season title and will play for the championship at 6 p.m. Feb. 19 in Carrizozo. Barring any last minute upsets, Corona should play the winner of the Hondo/Mountainair matchup Feb. 17.

Ski report

Ski Apache
Ski Apache is open.
Surface conditions: Excellent on packed powder and machine-groomed snow. New snow past 24 hours: 0 inches. Snowmaking in last 24 hours: Making snow nightly.
Settled snow base on trails to be open: 17-26 inches.
Trails open: Elk Ridge, Bull Run, Buckhorn, Captain, Top Notch, Smokey Bear, Snow Park, Lower Deep Freeze, Lower SBT, Lower Moonshine and the lower novice slopes.
Trails groomed in the past 24 hours: Most trails that are open.
Lifts open: Chairs 2 (midway), 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8, including the Kiddle Korral with Pinocchio surface lift.
Hours of operation: 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Regular season ticket prices: adults \$40, children \$25.

This week

Friday, Feb. 11
Prep boys basketball
Ruidoso at home vs. Santa Teresa (V, JV, Fr), 4 p.m.
Capitan vs. Cloudcroft (V, JV), 4 p.m.
Carrizozo vs. Hondo, 7 p.m.
Mescalero at home vs. Alamo Navajo, 6:30 p.m.
Corona vs. Vaughn, 5:30 p.m.
Prep girls basketball
Capitan vs. Cloudcroft (V, JV), 4 p.m.
Carrizozo vs. Hondo, 5:30 p.m.
Mescalero at home vs. Alamo Navajo, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 12
Prep boys basketball
Carrizozo at home vs. Mescalero, 7 p.m.
Prep girls basketball
Ruidoso vs. Santa Teresa (V, JV, Fr), noon
Carrizozo at home vs. Mescalero, 5:30 p.m.
Prep wrestling
District Tournament at Cobre, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 15
Prep girls basketball
District 6AA Tournament, TBD
District 3A Tournament
Mountainair at Hondo, 6 p.m.
District 6A Tournament, TBD

Scoreboard

Tuesday, Feb. 8
Prep boys basketball
Dexter 57, Capitan 33
Carrizozo 86, Corona 62
Prep girls basketball
Dexter 43, Capitan 29
Carrizozo 64, Corona 49

Pecking order

Mescalero Parks & Rec
Men's Basketball League Standings through Feb. 11

Team	W	L	Pct.
Alamo Pipe	5	0	1.000
The Players	5	1	.833
Cuties	5	1	.833
Julian G.	4	1	.800
Tullie Bad Boys	4	2	.667
Sierra Blanca Slamers	3	3	.500
Handwood Thunder	2	4	.333
Brew Crew	2	5	.286
Renegades	0	4	.000
Forty Minutes Plus	0	5	.000
Oliver O's	0	5	.000

Results from Feb. 8
Sierra Blanca Slamers 101, Handwood Thunder 64
Alamo Pipe 63, Brew Crew 47
Cuties 70, Renegades 69
Results from Feb. 9
Alamo Pipe 80, Oliver O's 48
Tullie Bad Boys 79, Forty Minutes Plus 58
The Players 70, Brew Crew 57
Games for Feb. 13
7:30 p.m. Renegades vs. Tullie Bad Boys
Games for Feb. 15
6:30 p.m. - Brew Crew vs. Renegades
7:30 p.m. - Julian G. vs. Tullie Bad Boys
8:30 p.m. - Oliver O's vs. Forty Minutes Plus

On Deck

Softball meeting set
A softball meeting for all coaches, managers and players interested in the men's and women's 2000 season softball league will be held at 6 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Ruidoso Senior Citizen's Center. It is important that a representative from each team attend the meeting. Topics to be discussed include fees, insurance, rule changes and league bylaws. For more information, call 257-5030.

Cahoon Park Run
The 18th annual Cahoon Park Run will be held at 10 a.m. Feb. 26 at Cahoon Park in Roswell. The event consists of a competitive 10K run, 3-mile fun run/walk and a 2-mile walk. Participants will compete in seven age divisions for both men and women. Overall winners in both races will receive a gift certificate from Golden Corral and a ceramic collectible. First-through third-place finishers will receive ribbons and the first-place finishers will receive ceramic hearts. All participants will receive a long-sleeve T-shirt. Preregistration is \$8 before Feb. 23. Late registration is \$9. For more information, contact the Roswell Recreation Department at (505) 624-6720.

Senior Olympics host workshop
The New Mexico Senior Olympics is hosting a shuffleboard workshop from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Yucca Recreation Center in Roswell. The workshop is for adults 50 years old or older who would like to learn or advance their skills at the sport of shuffleboard. Topics include technique, game terminology, strategy, scoring rules, shots and the laws of physics, offense and defense and singles and doubles games. There is no cost or preregistration. For more information, call Mandy Owens at (505) 623-5777.

Wrestlers aim for district title

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ready or not, the District 4A-AAA wrestling meet is here, and the Warriors are hoping to make a big impression on the traditional powerhouses.

Ruidoso coach Jerrett Perry has set his sights high.

"Hopefully we will be district champs," he said. "We're going to sting some people in the butt."

The key, Perry said, is getting the freshmen in the middle weight classes to come through, something they did Feb. 4 in a dual meet against Cobre.

"We hung with the guys in the middle weight classes and that's startling enough," Perry said. "They're used to coming into a situation and just kicking people, biting them in the butt, and that's exactly what we're going to do."

The meet will be held in Bayard, at Cobre High School, for many years the team right behind Aztec at the state championships. But Cobre coach Barry Form says the meet could go any way.

"If Ruidoso helps us by

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Demons double up over Tigers

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

CAPTAN — The Tigers started strong against Dexter Tuesday, but sputtered in the later rounds, falling 57-83 to the Demons. With two regular-season district games left, Capitan (4-16, 0-4) is still looking for its elusive first district win.

The Tigers came out quickly, taking a 14-8 first-quarter lead. But after a pep talk between quarters in which Dexter coach Tom Sanchez admonished his players to "don't blow layups," the Demons outscored Capitan 23-5 to take a 31-19 halftime lead.

"We started just playing in spurts again," said coach Royce Brown. "Not making shots again. Just little lapses and they build a lead."

The Tigers couldn't buy a layup in the second quarter, getting their meager five points on free throws by Anthony Garcia.

It was a little better in the third quarter, when Capitan tallied 11 points, but the Tigers only managed three in the final stanza.

"Their defense is all right, but it's not that good," Brown said. "It's not that good. We're better than that. What it comes down to is getting it done in practice."

Sanchez said the slow start by his team is "normal," but expected maybe a little more from the Tigers.

"Capitan is up and down," he said. "They play somebody real tough then sometimes it doesn't go their way. It seemed like (Tuesday), in the second quarter and second half, it kind of went our way. Those are the breaks."

Demon Larry Kamper was top scorer, hitting three 3-pointers as part of his 19 points. Garcia picked up nine for Capitan.

Brown said despite the loss, the team played better.

"The effort was there," he said. "We just had some things go wrong for us and it took its toll."



Karen Boehler/Ruidoso News
Tiger Anthony Garcia looks for a way around a Dexter Demon during Tuesday's District 6AA meeting in Capitan.

Dexter 43, Capitan 29
After a blazing start to the district season, the Lady Tigers (6-11, 3-2) have cooled off considerably. Tuesday, they fell to Dexter, 43-29, losing their chance to take the district title.

Coach Bryan Massé seemed frustrated

with the Tiger's lack of ability to win on the road, and the slow third quarter the Tigers have been experiencing.

"(We had a) horrible third quarter again," he said. "We played mentally tired

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Managers make things go behind the scenes

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

On the gym floor or stadium field, high school athletes get all the glory. Sometimes the coaches are praised for their insight, or quoted by the local media. But it's the unsung managers who keep everything running like clockwork behind the scenes.

The Warrior wrestling team has a trio of sophomore managers who make sure the matmen have clean uniforms to wear and mats to practice on, keep the statistics at meets and in practice, and make sure when the wrestlers are hungry, they're fed.

"We supply them with everything they need," said Mara Justus, 15.

"Everything," echoed Lynda Celusniak, 16.

"But it's fun. I enjoy doing it," added Kourtney Hodges, 16.

The three, close friends, applied for the unpaid job when they were freshmen. Justus and Hodges had been around wrestling for years. Justus' brother, Dusty, was a wrestler before he was injured earlier this year. Hodges' father was the Helen wrestling coach when the Eagles won their first two



Karen Boehler/Ruidoso News
Warrior wrestling managers, from left, Lynda Celusniak, Kourtney Hodges and Mara Justus make sure everything runs smoothly behind the scenes of the Ruidoso wrestling team.

state championship.

The three approached Ruidoso coach Jerrett Perry and asked if they

could have the job. He said yes, and they've been at it ever since.

They say they spend up to three and

a half hours a day doing their job. Besides laundry, which Celusniak said is nothing unusual — "All managers in every sport do that. It's nothing. That's life." — they keep statistics and film the wrestlers at meets, sweep and mop the practice room floor and collect money at the door during home meets.

While the cleaning and laundry are the biggest everyday activities for the managers, including sometimes taking laundry home, wrestling managers have a job that occasionally puts them in the spotlight.

They have to clean blood off the wrestlers and the mats.

When called by an official, they put on gloves, grab a bottle of antiseptic, swabs and towels and head to the middle of the action. They'll clean cuts on the wrestlers, bandage them, then scrutinize the floor, often along with the official, for the smallest drops of blood.

Justus, who wants to be a doctor, said that's the best part of the job for her.

Perry, who calls the managers "100 percent important," and "vital to our

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WRESTLERS: Title on the line

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beating Silver, we stand a good chance," he said. "If we beat Silver and take care of business, we stand a good chance. And if we each knock off Silver, I think it could be a dogfight and Ruidoso could win it. It's just who's going to have the hot hands next Saturday and that'll be determined on the mat."

As well as in the seeding meeting, Form said, which will be held just prior to the 9 a.m. start to decide which individual the title.

wrestlers will go head to head. Perry said he hopes his team will be ready at that point.

GAME DAY

The Ruidoso wrestling team competes for the district title Saturday.

Who: Ruidoso at District 4A-AA meet

When: 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12

Where: Cobre High School, Bayard

"We are never quite ready," he said. "Hopefully by Saturday at 10:00 in the morning we will be ready mentally and physically. We're healthy. Hopefully we can stay that way."

Besides Cobre, Ruidoso and Silver, wrestlers from Santa Teresa, the New Mexico Military Institute and New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped will be fighting it out for

MANAGERS: Hard work can also be fun

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program," said the job of winning titles would be much more difficult without them.

"They love wrestling, they love being around us and I couldn't ask for better managers," he said. "They're the ones behind the scenes who get everything prepared. I'm extremely proud and extremely lucky to have them. And these boys are lucky to have them."

The managers say much the same about the teams' coaches.

(Rick) Rel are the best coaches to work for," Hodges said.

"The parents are really helpful, too. They're extremely helpful," Hodges added. "They make sure they say thank you to us because they know the guys don't sometimes."

With or without the verbal "thanks yous", the managers know they're appreciated. And they're the biggest supporters the team has.

"I really think we've got a great team," Hodges said. "I think they're really good."

"I think we could get in the top 10 in state," Justus said. "We love 'em all."

Women bowlers roll strikes in Ruidoso

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Women bowlers from throughout Lincoln County spent Saturday and Sunday bowling strikes and spares at the annual city tournament.

Hosted by the Ruidoso Women's Bowling Association at the Ruidoso Bowling Center, the Queen of Hearts tournament featured 48 women bowling in teams, doubles and singles competition.

Coming in tops in the handicap singles event was Elaine Garrity of Nogal, who rolled a strong 702 series. A regular in the Monday Night Women's League, Garrity also took the handicap all-series title with a 1940, and high individual handicap series title. Garrity also teamed with Carol Roller, Cindy Sanchez and Pat Crumley to take the team handicap title, and placed seventh, along with Rita McCaslin, in the doubles event.

League president Cindy Sanders said the event was very successful.

"We had new winners for a change," she said. "It was really fun. We had some new bowlers who did extremely well. I was extremely pleased. It was fun."

The top handicap bowlers earned prize money and trophies, and the top scratch bowlers earned trophies.

Results of the Queen of Hearts city bowling tournament:

Team, scratch: 1, Trust Me: Sandi Meek, Karen Stanbraugh, Glenneth Shafer, Pam Bernard, 2000

Team, handicap: 1, Terminators: Carol Roller, Cindy Sanchez, Pat Crumley, Elaine Garrity, 2441; 2, Smokey Bear Restaurant: Kim Guthrie, Debra Ingle, Crystal Ingle, Wanda Shaw, 2359; 3, Eye-V-League: Connie Behringer, Rita McCaslin, Sherry Haffer, Elaine Garrity, 2375; 4, Left-overs: Shelly Mawdy, Krysten Segovia, Toni Balden, Lucy Servies, 2374

Doubles, scratch: 1, Sandi Meek and Karen Stanbraugh, 1029

Doubles, handicap: 1, Connie Reynolds and Mychelle Broyles, 1207; Kim Guthrie and Crystal Ingle, 1207; 3, Valerie Hodges and Glenneth Shafer, 1204; 4, Pam Bernard and Sherry Hoffer, 1199; 5, Martha Chavez and Cindy Sanchez, 1197; 6, Pat Crumley and Cindy Sanchez, 1190; 7, Rita McCaslin and Elaine Garrity, 1183

Singles, scratch: 1, Karen Stanbraugh, 651

Singles, handicap: 1, Elaine Garrity, 702; 2, Cindy Sanchez, 676; 3, Karen Stan-



Elaine Garrity gets in some practice time on the lanes before Saturday's afternoon round of the city bowling tournament. Garrity took several handicap titles.

braugh, 675; 4, Mychelle Broyles, 643; 5, Pat Crumley, 643; 6, Sherry Hoffer, 642; 7, Krysten Segovia, 641; 8, Kim Chavez, 639; 9, Nora Sanchez, 636; 10, Sandi Meek, 632; 11, Valerie Hodges, 619; 12, Sue Reed, 618

All Events, scratch: 1, Karen Stanbraugh, 1698

All Events, handicap: 1, Elaine Garrity, 1940; 2, Cindy Sanchez, 1904; 3, Pam Bernard, 1885; 4, Valerie Hodges, 1834; 5, Krysten Segovia, 1830; 6, Connie

Reynolds, 1807; 7, Nora Sanchez, 1789

Individual high scores
High scratch series, Karen Stanbraugh, 1967

High handicap series, Elaine Garrity, 1940

High scratch game, Valerie Hodges, 224

High handicap game, Valerie Hodges, 276

Lowest handicap series, Joann New, 1626

Raffle winners: 1, Darlene Martinez; 2, John Parr; 3, Cindy Sanchez

TIGERS: Ladies future in the hands of others

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the third quarter. That's been happening to us."

The game could have gone either way until that quarter. Capitan trailed only 10-7 after one. At the half, it was 16-14 Demons. But then, despite playing a slowdown game, Dexter outscored the Tigers 11-6.

"We were right where we wanted to be at the half," Massé said. "It was anybody's game

going into the third quarter."

The Tigers did even better in holding Emmi Trammell, the No. 4 scorer in AA. She only picked up nine points on the night. But others picked up the slack, and, more importantly, Massé said, "It wasn't so much that anybody hurt us. It was we hurt ourselves."

Capitan's top scorer, Alicia Garcia, had a mere nine points on the night.

"Now, just where the Tigers will finish in the district

depends on other teams. If Capitan beats Cloudcroft tonight, the Tigers could finish either second or third, depending on the outcome of the Dexter/Tularosa matchup in Tularosa. That means the Tigers have to be ready to play either Tuesday or Thursday. Had Capitan beaten either Dexter or Tularosa, things would have been different.

"We controlled our own destiny and we didn't come prepared," Massé said.

On Deck

Senior Olympics sports training clinic
The New Mexico Senior Olympics is hosting a sports training clinic from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Feb. 29 at Roswell High School and the Yucca Recreation Center in Roswell. There is no cost or preregistration. For more information, call Mandy Owens at (505) 623-5777.

March Madness Basketball Tourney
The fourth annual March Madness mens 6-foot and under plus one basketball tournament will be held March 10-12 in Mesalero. The first 16 teams to register will play. The entry fee is \$125, with a non-refundable \$100 deposit due no later than March 3. Prizes will be awarded to the top four teams. Awards will be given for most valuable player, most 3-point shots, hustler, most points and sportsmanship. Two players per team will be picked for the all-tournament squad. For more information, call Abraham or Gina Chee at 257-7497.

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NEWS REPORTS

Gas line break causes fire

A severed natural gas line caught fire Monday in Alto, damaging a trencher.

The fire was triggered by leaking gas and a spark, according to Chad Reynolds, district manager for Zia Natural Gas Co.

Reynolds said a contractor was trenching along Reindser Drive, on the east end of Alto, when the gas line was severed. The back end of the trencher and a tire on the machine were reportedly damaged.

Reynolds said the contractor had called in for a location

of underground utilities, but apparently came too close to the markings that detailed the natural gas line location.

"It was a serious situation," Reynolds said. "We definitely don't want to have people cut into our lines..."

The Bonito Fire Department responded to the blaze. The fire was limited to a small area directly adjacent to the gas leak. A crew from Zia Natural Gas shut off the gas, without affecting any customers, Reynolds said. No injuries were reported in the incident.

Reynolds urged anyone with plans to dig to call for utility locator service.

ACCIDENT REPORTS

Sheriff's vehicle in accident

A Lincoln County Sheriff's Department patrol vehicle was one of three vehicles involved in a traffic collision Monday night, north of Ruidoso.

No injuries were reported in the crash, though two Lincoln County Ambulances and rescue personnel from the Bonito Fire Department responded to the accident, at the intersection of State Highways 37 and 48. The crash happened about 9 p.m.

According to state police, a pick-up truck, driven by James Romo, 28, of Capitan, failed to stop at the Highway 37 stop

sign at the intersection. The pick-up collided with the Highway 48 southbound Sheriff's Department SUV, driven by Deputy Dennis Wersich, 60, of Ruidoso. The impact of the collision caused the Romo vehicle to spin around on the highway, colliding with a third, northbound SUV. The driver of the third vehicle was identified as Mary Odell, 48, of Nogal.

State police said Romo was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign. All three drivers were wearing seat belts, according to an accident report.

Two injured in car wreck

The drivers of two vehicles were injured in a collision last week near Ruidoso High School.

A northbound Gavilan Canyon Road vehicle, making a left turn onto Warrior Drive, collided with a southbound auto, according to witness statements that were to be included in an accident report being compiled by state police.

Hauley Koontz, 15, the driver of the turning vehicle, was treated at Lincoln County Medical Center for minor

injuries, following transport by the Lincoln County EMS Ambulance. Koontz, from Ruidoso Downs, was issued a citation for an improper left turn at an intersection.

The driver of the southbound auto, Doris Reazin, 60, of Alto, was later taken to the hospital by her husband for an injury to a hand that resulted from deployment of the vehicle's air bag, according to the officer.

Both vehicles were deemed "totaled" by investigating officer Samuel Houston.

The two drivers were the only occupants of the vehicles. Koontz was said to be on her way to school, at the time of the 7:40 a.m. collision. Both drivers, according to police, were wearing seat belts.

School bus involved in accident

None of the 47 students on a school bus, that reportedly ran into a car, were injured in a collision last week on Paradise Canyon Road in Ruidoso.

According to a preliminary police report, a vehicle stopped behind another car waiting to

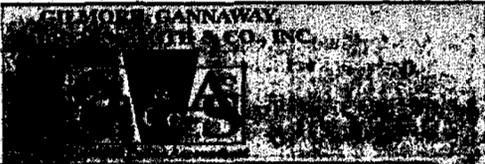
make a left turn onto Meander Drive was struck by the school bus.

Investigating Ruidoso police officer James Mason said damage to the three vehicles was minor, and no one in any of the vehicles was injured. An ambulance from the Lincoln County Medical Center and two paramedic units from the Ruidoso Fire Department responded to the accident as a precaution.

Ruidoso police were waiting for a report from the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department on the condition of the bus. The department plays an investigative role when trucks or buses are involved in an accident.

The driver of the school bus, Bennie Brazell, 60, of Ruidoso, had indicated to police the brakes might have been spongy. Police said a citation could be issued to Brazell, depending on the review by the State Highway and Transportation Department.

The 47 school bus passengers, who were mostly 10- to 12-year-old students, were shuffled to another school bus to complete their trip home.



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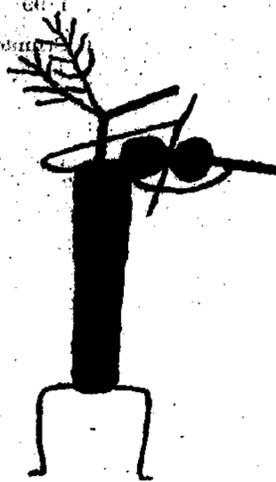
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9 Mobiles for Rent

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10 Condos for Rent

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11 Cabins/Vacation

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13 Room for Rent

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14 Want to Rent

WOULD LIKE TO RENT a condo or home for the months of June, July, August. Contact Betty 258-3839

15 Storage for Rent

AA STORAGE; 378-7030. Inside - Outside Storage. 2247 Hwy 70 West, Ruidoso Downs, NM, between Denny's and Big O Tire Co.

L & D SELF STORAGE Hwy. 83 Space available. 258-4509 or 257-9493.

15 Storage Space for Rent

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17 Business Rentals

EXECUTIVE OFFICES and Retail Space for lease at Pine-tree Square, 2810 Sudderth Drive. 257-5165. Monday thru Friday. 9AM to 4PM.

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19 Autos for Sale

1997 CHRYSLER Sebring convertible JXL. All options, leather seats, 34K miles. \$17,000. OBO. Alamogordo. 505-437-1192.

1989 CAMRY; Good condition, 5 speed, 6 cylinder, air, cruise, six CD changer, power windows/locks. Asking \$2,800. 336-7646

1989 SUBARU station wagon; 4WD, automatic; tires, body, motor in good condition, 165,310 miles; \$1,850 or offer. 505-481-3842

19 Autos for Sale

98 SUBURBAN K-2800 LT; loaded, 45K miles, great for towing, 45K miles, silver price \$40,500 asking \$29,000. See at State Farm office, 610 Mechem. 257-5366 days, 258-4488 evenings.

1993 FORD TAURUS GL; electric, loaded, excellent condition, \$2,900 firm. 336-6387

1988 GREY TOYOTA Camry; runs well, 175k miles, \$900. 1988 Red Suzuki Samurai convertible, SUV, 4wd, 4 speed, new CD, 65k miles. \$2,700. 1989 white Subaru wagon, 4wd, 5 speed, 120k miles, good condition, \$2,400. Call 336-4767, M-Th, after 6pm, or Fri-Sun.

FOR SALE TO SATISFY debt of \$168.75. 1980 Mercury, 2 door. Date of sale: 04/20/00, 8am, at the Gateway Texaco, 393 Sudderth, Ruidoso.

20 Trucks/4X4's

1997 JEEP GRAND Cherokee Limited. V-8, all options, new tires, 35K miles. \$21,500. OBO. Alamogordo. 505-437-1192.

97 FORD EXPLORER XLT; low mileage, 24k, all-wheel drive, V-8, auto, cruise, power seats, luggage rack, CD, first owner. 505-336-7948

1997 FORD EXPEDITION; Eddie Bauer, loaded, 32k miles. Priced to sell. Call for details. Village Auto Sales. 258-5067

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MAZDA 1987 B-2000; long bed with cab, high campy shell, \$2,000. 258-3724

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REDUCED FOR QUICK sale: 1990 Ford F-150 XLT; Loaded, short bed, V-8, AT, all power, with tppwr. Must see. \$6,700. 338-4148.

89 FORD RANGER XLT King-Cab. 67,000 miles, PS, PB, A/C, auto transmission. Call 258-3188, \$5,400.

1989 TOYOTA 4-RUNNER SR5. \$7,900. 1995 Ford F-150 4x4. \$8,900. 1988 Jeep Wagoneer 4x4. \$2,900. 1984 Chevrolet Suburban 4x4. \$3,200. Others available. Information: 680-1050, 430-9537. (if no text, 430-9537)

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22 Motorcycles

YAMAHA 1980; black, 110 cc, loaded, \$1,900 OBO. 630-2424

24 RV/Travel

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29 Pets & Supplies

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FREE TO GOOD HOME: 1 year old, Collie/Border mix neutered, photo. Call 257-0114 or 257-6528.

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30 Yard Sales

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THE HUMANE SOCIETY of Lincoln County is excited to announce the opening of a new Thrift Store and we need donations of resaleable goods. Also shelving, display cases and counter tops. Call 257-8841 for information or bring your donations to the animal shelter at 430 Gavilan Canyon Road.

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31 Household

DINING ROOM table w/ 6 chairs, 2 leaves. Pecan wood. \$400.00. Call 257-3446.

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WE'RE EXPANDING! Limited dealer space available. Summer is just around the corner. Home Again Antiques Mall, 618 Sudderth. 630-1122

35 Sporting Goods

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36 Miscellaneous

BUILDING SALE.. No Salesman. Go Direct and Save. Final clearance. 20x28 \$2,600.00. 25x30 \$3,146.00. 30x40 \$4,750.00. 35x50 \$6,100.00. 40x60 \$7,800.00. 48x90 \$12,000.00. others. Pioneer 1-800-668-8422.

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1 Real Estate

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1 Real Estate

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1 Real Estate

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36 Miscellaneous

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36 Miscellaneous

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38 Help Wanted

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ELECTRICAL JOBS. No experience necessary. Pay/benefits with good starting salary.

HOUSEKEEPERS NEEDED Full or Part-time. Competitive salary. Apply in person or call.

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IMMEDIATE OPENINGS for servers and a full-time bartender in the restaurant.

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38 Help Wanted

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40 Services

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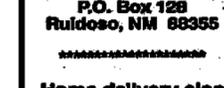
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LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
THOMAS SIMONINI and EDWARD C. SIMONINI,
 Plaintiffs,
 No. CV-00-018
 Div. III
GROUP I:
ALPINE ACRES, LTD., a New Mexico Limited Partnership, by and through its General Partner, **BILL EASTLAND, HW ENTERPRISES INC.**, Corporation, and **SUE LEWALLEN,**
GROUP II:
JOHN DOES 1 THROUGH 100 and their UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES and ASSIGNS;
GROUP III:
ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFFS,
 Defendants.
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT TO QUIET TITLE
 OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:
 Defendants Alpine Acres, Ltd. & New Mexico Limited Partnership, by and through its General Partner, Bill Eastland, HW Enterprises Incorporated, a New Mexico Corporation; John Does 1 through 100 and their Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assigns; and Any and All Unknown Claimants of Interest in the Premises Adverse to Plaintiffs, against whom constructive service is sought.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above styled and numbered cause of action has commenced and is pending in the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico. The general object of the suit is a Complaint to quiet Plaintiffs' fee simple title in the following described real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico:
 Lot 1, Block 1 of PINESCAPE ADDITION, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on the 27th day of November, 1974, in Tube No. 533.
 You are further notified that unless you file an answer or responsive pleading to the Complaint, on or before March 23, 2000, judgment will be entered against you by default and Plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief sought in the Complaint.
 Attorney for Plaintiffs: Cheryl C. Castro, Esq., 1098 Mechem Drive, Suite 102, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 (505) 258-5546
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on February 7, 2000.
CHERYL C. CASTRO
 CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
 By: /s/Elizabeth Lueras
 DEPUTY
 2609 4T(2)11,19,25(3)

LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
NO. CV-98-121
JERALD DEVBRE
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
TOMMY A. JONES, THE UNKNOWN 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 on Wednesday, February 16, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. on the front steps of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301. The sale arises from a final default judgment entered on September 1, 1999, upon an indebtedness 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 of February 16, 2000, plus attorney fees in the amount of \$375.00 and gross receipts tax and publishing costs of \$218.88. The judgment bears interest at the daily accrual rate of 5.18%. The real property, located in Lincoln County is more particularly described as follows:
 Lot 1 of COCHRAN SUBDIVISION, 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 Lincoln County, May 24, 1974, in Tube No. 515.
 A simple description of the property in commonly used terms is 104 Pine Road, Ruidoso, New Mexico. The purchaser 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 redemption;
 B. Reservations, restrictions, dedications, and easements of record;
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 By: /s/ Donald C. Clifford,
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LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY B. BRYAN, Deceased.
 No. PB-00-007
 Division III
NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION
 OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:
TO: ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF MARY B. BRYAN, DECEASED, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THIS HEARING.
 Hearing on the Petition for Adjudication of Intestacy and Determination of Heirship (the "Petition"), filed by the undersigned Petitioner will be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse, in Carrizozo, New Mexico, on the 9th day of March, 2000, at 8:30 o'clock A.M., before the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, District Judge. You are hereby notified that at the hearing the Court will consider the request by the petitioner for the following:
 1. The Court adjudicate the intestacy of the Decedent and 2. The Court determine the heirs of the Decedent.
 A copy of the Petition is on file with the Court in the above-captioned cause and is available for your review. Pursuant to NMSA 1978 45-1-401, notice of the time and place of hearing on the Petition is hereby given you by publication, once each week for two consecutive weeks.
DATED: February 4, 2000.
 /s/PATRICIA TROTTA,
 Petitioner
 105 Country Club Drive
 Port Washington, NY 11050
 Attorney for Petitioner:
 /s/Archie A. Witham
 P.O. Box 83
 Nogal, NM 88341
 (505) 354-2898
 2597 2T(2),4,11

LEGAL NOTICE
INVITATION FOR BIDS
 NOTICE is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico calls for sealed bids on:
Center Street Signalization, Ruidoso, New Mexico
 The project will consist of the installation of the traffic signal lights on New Mexico State Highway 48 and Center Street.
 Interested bidders may secure copy of the plans and specifications for a deposit of forty dollars (\$40.00) per set from the Purchasing Officer at the Village of Ruidoso Centralized Purchasing Warehouse, 421 Wingfield St. in Ruidoso, (805) 257-2721 (mailing address: 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345). The deposit is refundable if returned in good condition within ten (10) days after bid opening.
 Sealed bids must be received by the Purchasing Office at 421 Wingfield Street in Ruidoso no later than **Thursday, March 2, 2000 at 3:00 p.m.** at which time the bids will be transported to the Village of Ruidoso Administrative Offices, 513 Cree Meadows Drive, where they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.
 The Village of Ruidoso reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive all informality and technical irregularities as allowed by the State of New Mexico Procurement Code.
 By Order of the Governing Body,
 Terri Waterfield
 Purchasing Agent
 Village of Ruidoso
 2607 1T(2)11

LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
JOSEPHINE LARA,
 Petitioner,
 vs.
ROBERT LARA,
 Respondent.
 No. DM-2000-8
 Div. III
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT
TO: Robert Lara
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Petitioner has filed a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage in the above captioned cause wherein you are named as a Respondent. You are notified that unless you enter your appearance or file pleadings within thirty (30) days from the last date of publication of this Notice, the Petitioner will make application to the Court for a Decree of Default and a Decree of Default will be rendered against you as prayed for in the Complaint.
 The name of Petitioner's Attorney is: Don E. Dutton, THE DUTTON FIRM, LTD., whose address is 1098 Mechem, Suite 229, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345.
WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico on this 21st day of January, 2000.
CHERYL CASTRO
 District Court Clerk
 /s/ Stephanie J. Browning
 By: Deputy
 2591 4T(1)28(2),4,11,18

LEGAL NOTICE
 Pursuant to 3-21-1 et seq. NMSA 1978 Comp., NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a public hearing on March 7, 2000 at 2:00 p.m., Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadow Drive in the Village of Ruidoso. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider amendment of the zoning designation area for the following described property:
 Hamilton Terrace Sd., Blk. 1, Lots 1, 1A, 2A, 3A, 4-7, Blk. 2, Lots 1-2B, Blk. 5, Lots 1-3, Blk. 6, Lots 1-20A, Blk. 7, Lots 1 & 2, Young Heights Sd., Blk. 3, Lots 1-7, Blk. 4, Tract A, Tract B-B, Lot 14, Cree Meadows Country Club Sd., Blk. 5, Lot 1, Blk. 6, Lot 1, Blk. 7, Lots 5-8, 9A, 10A, 11 & 12, Blk. 11, Lots 3A, 4, 5A, 6 & 7, Blk. 11A, Lots 1, 2, 3 & 5, Kelly Tr., All of Eiland Tracts and Driver Tracts, Cree Meadow Heights, 1st Addition Sd., Blk. 3, Lots 144, 145A, 145B, 2-6, Blk. 4, Lots 1A, 1B, 1 & 7, Cree Meadow Heights, 3rd Addition Sd., Blk. 1, Lots 1-21, Mystic Pines Condos, Town and Country Estates Sd., Block 1, Lots 1-11, Blk. 2, Lots 1-10, Blk. 4, Tr. A, Block 8, Lots 10 & 11.
 All Lots mentioned are approximate and exact maps are available for viewing at the Planning Department at Village Hall between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
 Ruidoso, NM
 Above referenced area is now zoned C-2, Community Commercial District and will be considered for Re-designation of C-2a, Community Commercial District.
 By order of the Planning & Zoning Commission
 Village of Ruidoso, N.M.
 /s/Tim Vega
 Planning Department
 Case #ZD00-002
 2608 1T(2)11

LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF F. A. N. SPENCER, Deceased.
 PB-006
 Division III
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative at Holme Roberts & Owen, LLP, Suite 4100, 1700 Lincoln, Denver, Colorado, 80203, or filed with the Twelfth Judicial District Court within and for the County of Lincoln.
 /s/ Judson W. Dettick
 Personal Representative
 Holme Roberts & Owen, LLP
 Suite 4100, 1700 Lincoln
 Denver, Colorado 80203
 (303) 866-0330
 Alan P. Morel, P.A.
 P.O. Box 1030
 Ruidoso, New Mexico
 88345-2202
 (505) 258-2300
 Attorney for Personal Representative
 2605 2T (2)11,18

LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
IN RE: The Petition for Name Change of Marie Davison
 CV-00-011
NOTICE
 TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with the provisions of Sections 40-8-1 through 40-8-3, N.M.S.A. 1978, Marie Gabriella Davison will apply to the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, District Judge of the 12th Judicial District, at the 12th Judicial District Courthouse at Carrizozo, New Mexico, at 8:30 o'clock a.m., on the 16th day of February, 2000, during a regular term of the Court, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard for an Order for a change of name from Marie Gabriella Davison to Morgain Sall Davison.
 /s/ Cheryl C. Castro
 District Court Clerk
 By: /s/ Elizabeth Lueras
 Deputy Court Clerk
 Submitted:
 /s/ Marie Davison
 Petitioner, pro se
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- Conductor klempner
- Dessert
- Big name in zoos
- M.V.P. of Super Bowl I and II
- Controversial baseball owner
- Place to unwind
- Time of one's life
- Possessive Latin pronoun
- The buck stops here
- Singer Zedora
- Swallow flat
- 'Am only one...?'
- Many an Olympic skiing gold medalist
- Photo
- Boats
- Theme of this puzzle
- Erstwhile warship
- Part to grab hold of
- Senator's claim (each 10-year)
- Controversial
- 1872 U.S. Open finalist
- Football Hall-of-Famer
- Australian runner
- The Fighting Tigers, for short
- Life
- Broke bread
- Best Actress of 1969
- Malcolm-Jamal Warner co-star
- N.C. Banks
- Aghari leader before the Soviet invasion
- Ruso of "Outbreak"
- Sooty Poutac
- 44 Chap
- July 15, e.g.
- Bad lighting?

DOWN

- Underground Railroad leader
- Tick off
- Reserves
- Bell sound
- Slides in a classic battle
- Rancher's threat
- Canyonlands locale
- Approached boldly, with "to"
- Too...hairdo
- Ambulance
- Emparadas
- Devs. stated
- Muslim wear
- Part of many town names in Quebec
- Genev's country
- In French it's trapper
- Treats maliciously
- Straight
- "Sleepless in Seattle" writer-director
- Massachusetts Ave. bldg. in D.C.
- Language of New Zealand
- Subject of passing concern?
- Pioneering conservationist
- Colony member

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-800-420-9958 (75¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.

Looking Back

Feb. 10, 1950

Ruidoso Roundup

Some mornings it's hard to decide whether to drink my quota of coffee at the Ruidoso Clubhouse where invariably Ike Wingfield, Bert Rice, Lynn Butler, Frank Barajas, Jim Ayres, Roy Nelson, Dick Ratliff, Joe Hawkins (those are the regulars) and others are holding forth on serious discussions of "important problems" or go downtown to Fred Riley's Cafe where Bud Sheff, Heavy Drake, Ezell Clarke, Pat Chubbock and others are gathered to talk horses and politics, among topics up for attention.

And it is always amusing to see a stranger walk in the door of either place and say, "So this is where everybody is."

Feb. 12, 1960

Pearson for mayor, Tucker and Davis for trustees

Press time for today's News was delayed until the outcome of a meeting held Thursday morning at Whipple's.

Robert Pearson, local realtor, Warren Tucker, operator of a grocery here, and Lloyd Leslie Davis, Jr., insurance and real estate man, consented at 11:35 a.m. to be candidates for a second ticket in this year's city election. Pearson will run for mayor, Tucker and Davis for trustees for 4-year terms.

Carmon Phillips was named chairman of a campaign committee, Mrs. Lela Easter, secretary and treasurer. Thursday's meeting was the second held by the group, numbering about 30 people, and a name picked for the ticket was Progressive.

Feb. 13, 1970

Hondo kindergarten starts second semester

A second semester kindergarten class which meets in the Hondo Elementary school is now under way.

Mrs. John W. Cooper, who is teaching the class, reports that 23 students are now registered.

Mrs. Viola Montes has been employed by the program as a full-time teacher aide.

Feb. 14, 1980

The Silver Lining by Daniel Agnew Storm

This message is being sent to you on Monday, the eleventh of February, and will reach you on one of my favorite days, St. Valentine's Day. ...Today I am remembering the Valentine Days of my early childhood...

I also remember one Valentine's Day in Juneau, Alaska when our father was away... Mother received a telegram from father. It was a poem he had composed expressing his love, and as mother read it, she wept with joy.

Another time our brother Joe sent a telegram to mother which read: "Thanks for the honor and privilege of being your son."

Feb. 15, 1990

Forum is scheduled

The Ruidoso News and KBUY Radio are sponsoring a forum at 7 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Ruidoso Public Library.

Candidates for office in the March 7 Ruidoso elections have been invited to speak and answer questions.

The public is invited.



•With a new affiliation and new quarters near, the Aspen Leaf School of Dance is on its toes. For information about the classes, call 258-1946.

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

About 70 students of all ages are pointing to stretch, split and point(e) their toes at the Aspen Leaf School of Dance in White Mountain Plaza at 1204 Mechem Drive.

Seven students are on partial scholarships, provided by the non-profit Ballet New Mexico, which has footed the bill for production costs for two seasons of "The Nutcracker" and several spring productions, said Shari Goss, president of the board of directors of Ballet New Mexico.

In fact, many of the students first discovered there was a dance school in town when the company performed "The Nutcracker" at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts and at spring recitals for the schools.

Sioman (pronounced "Sha-non") O'Neill is the dance mistress, although Randall Graham, who owned the school for two years, also teaches tap, ballet and pointe classes Thursdays and Fridays. Graham, who has promised to continue directing "The Nutcracker, commutes from Albuquerque where he directs the Ballet Theater of New Mexico.

Now Ballet New Mexico owns the Aspen Leaf School of Dance.

The school is non-profit, supporting itself through tuition, Goss said.

Every day except Sunday there are dance classes: creative dance for 3-4 year-olds, pre-ballet for children at least five years old, ballet I and II, pointe I, advanced ballet, and adult ballet.

The school will move into larger quarters next door at the end of February and classes will be held there starting March 1, Goss said. The new studio will give the school about twice as much space, allowing

Dance mistress Sioman O'Neill leads a class of Ballet II students who will perform "Cinderella" in the spring.

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Randall Graham leads a class of Ballet I students. Mayra Valenzuela is at left. Victoria Arrowsmith-Lowe is in back and Taylor Vucich is in front.

Sandy Suggitt/Ruidoso News

DANCING FOR JOY

...and discipline, and conditioning, at a Ruidoso ballet school

a separate place for costumes.

O'Neill's aspirations for the Aspen Leaf School of Dance include "creating a good foundation of young students who have the opportunity to dance and who can go to a larger city and prepare for an audition."

"I'd also like to form a small chamber dance company of six to eight dancers whom we can choreograph and use as an outreach program," O'Neill said. "(They would) go out into the schools and other towns that aren't able to see ballet performances."

O'Neill said she would like to make ballet more accessible to Native Americans and other groups in this area, and to teach ballet as a primary discipline, while honoring their own cultural forms.

"We're planning to have a more structured syllabus," O'Neill said, on the order of the Royal Academy of England, where she and other students were required to take an exam every year in order to be able to progress to the next level.

O'Neill has been dancing and teaching for more than 30 years. She attended The Academy of Ballet in San Francisco, The Dance Drama Center of Long Beach, Calif., the Hart School of Ballet in San Francisco, the Pacific Northwest Ballet in Seattle, Wash., and the Royal Academy in England.

She moved to Ruidoso from Sedona, Ariz., about a year ago. Her enthusiasm and joy in teaching and dancing are obvious.

O'Neill, who has a master's degree in physiology, focuses on preventing injuries by helping students understand how the muscles work and giving them intense and focused training that she describes as "extremely arduous."

"Dance is a joyous and wondrous thing," she said. "It also requires a lot of discipline."

O'Neill said the beauty of "The Nutcracker" and other performances is that students can see them as something to work toward.

"That's the bonus they get for all this work," she said.

The creative dance class teaches basic concepts of dance to post-toddlers (3-4 years old): rhythm and movement to music, and how to use

their minds and their bodies.

Pre-ballet is for children who are at least 5 years old, and teaches basic ballet techniques and steps, Goss said.

The next step is Ballet I, for ages 7-10. Here students begin doing bar work and set positions. The classes meet twice a week.

"They're getting a stronger sense of the quality of music and movement combined," O'Neill said. "The steps become more complicated, they learn combinations of steps and being able to carry through."

Goss said ballet is "very structured and disciplined."

It's structured because "you're using your body in a very intense way," Goss said. "It's very demanding."

"The potential for injury is lessened if students know they follow your directions exactly. The discipline is there to protect them," O'Neill said.

"It's very mental," O'Neill said, "because you have to prepare your body, it has to be tuned. You have to think about the muscles. In Ballet I we're getting them to think about all of it as a full package."

There are only two boys starting in ballet classes now.



Christi Doyle is in the adult ballet class now, and took ballet classes when she was younger.

Sandy Suggitt/Ruidoso News

Each class meets with both O'Neill and Graham, thus learning different styles and techniques which benefits them when they go out and become professional ballet dancers," Goss said.

Pre-pointe class is preparation for pointe class, and students learn to focus on the muscles in their feet and ankles that are going to be developed in order to be able to stand on their toes.

Cynde López of Ruidoso has three children taking dance classes, Yesenia, 11, Juan, 12, and Danny, 18.

"I was raised by a father and didn't have this kind of opportunity," López said.

Natasha Gomez, 9, wants to perform whenever there are ballet recitals, and she plans to keep taking dance classes.

Students are practicing waltzes for the spring production of "Cinderella."

The adult ballet class meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday; students range in age from 17 up.

At least one has had extensive ballet training, but most are in the class to stretch out and socialize.

"I haven't been in ballet since I was little, little, little," said Wendy Doyle. "I came for exercise and stretching."

Christi Doyle, her daughter, encouraged her and neighbor Angie Forbes to come to the class. Forbes said she's never studied ballet before, although she's done gymnastics.

"I just wanted a different kind of exercise besides aerobics, and it's fun," Forbes said.

In ballet, she said, there's more toning and stretching than in aerobics; besides, aerobics can become boring after awhile.

Ginny Archambault has been coming to class since October and said that besides being wonderful exercise, students get to make and be with new friends.

Paula Allen has been coming to class since September to work on flexibility, strength, stamina and her inner self.

"It's a very positive workout," Allen said. "We work really hard, and it taps into our creative side. It's my favorite thing to do. It's 'Mom's' or 'Girls' Night Out.'"

Allen said O'Neill inspires and motivates the students.

"We absolutely love her," Allen said. "We get attention from her, and feedback. She's committed, devoted and she deeply cares about the students."

Memorial services for John West Feb. 19 at White Oaks

LINCOLN TRAILS



ROSALIE DUNLAP
RUIDOSO NEWS

Memorial services will be held at the White Oaks schoolhouse for John West on Feb. 19 at 1 p.m. John West passed away suddenly at his home in Carriozo.

He did beautiful jewelry with various metals and stones, all of which were one-of-a-kind. He was a good friend and interested in preserving the history of Lincoln County.

He will be sadly missed.

Our sympathies also go to the family of Yvonne Peebles. Yvonne died in Albuquerque of a blood clot in her leg.

The Lincoln County Historical Society Board of Directors met in Carriozo recently. The agenda for the coming year was discussed. I will give more information next week; it will also be in the newsletter for members.

There will be two field trips—one to the Cox and Garrett ranches and the site of the Fountain killing. This trip is already nearly full. There will also be an adobe workshop.

The Ag Fest (in Santa Fe) went very well this year. It seems to draw more people each year and we all get to visit with our legislators. They can get the opinions and concerns of many of their

constituents. And the evening was beautiful, with no snow.

Wally Ferguson is a new board member of the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum. Congratulations, Wally.

The snow in the early part of the week closed the schools at Hondo, Capitan and Ruidoso. Lincoln only received about an inch of snow.

It seems like our appliances, etc., all are quitting at the same time. After the freezer, refrigerator and pellet stove acted up, with computer updates, we thought nothing else could go wrong unless it was the dishwasher. How wrong we were!

On our way to Santa Fe Tuesday the van made a horrible noise and quit in

front of the Smokey Bear Museum. The transmission had gone out. We had the car towed to Ruidoso, bought another van, and borrowed a car to go to Santa Fe. Now we have a 1999 silver van.

Friends said it was about time we got another vehicle as the old van had over 180,000 miles.

The Creative Memories retreat was held at Lone Tree last week.

After spending Tuesday through Friday morning at Santa Fe, I attended the retreat with several other Lincoln County women. (Ralph came on home and got that new van Friday afternoon.)

Gov. Gary Johnson spoke before the Farm Bureau members at their annual breakfast in Santa Fe on Friday morning.



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

BAPTIST

Bent Tree Baptist Church of Alto
Sunday: 9 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday: 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 Praise and Worship Service; 9:30 a.m., Continental Breakfast; 9:45 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Study; 11 a.m., Traditional Worship Service; 5 p.m., Adult and Children Discipleship classes, Youth Power Hour; 6 p.m., Worship Service/Bible Study. Monday: Ladies' Noon Bible Study, Fellowship Hall. Wednesday: 6:30 p.m., Adult Bible Study, Youth and Children's activities.

First Baptist Church
Ruidoso Downs. Randy Widener, Pastor. Sunday: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.; Evening worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

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

Iglesia Bautista Vida Eterna
420 Mechem Drive (Sunshine Classroom) Ramon Robles, Pastor. Culto de Predicacion 3 p.m.

Mescalero Baptist Mission
Mescalero. 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. Captain Rd. 354-2044. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Worship: 11 a.m.; Stonecroft Friendship Bible Coffee Wed. 9:30-11 a.m.; Awana: Wed. 6-8 p.m. (5 yrs. through 5th grade); Thurs. 7 p.m. Body-Life Fellowship.

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

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

Santa Rita Catholic Church
Carrizozo, 649-2853. Father Dave Berg, Pastor. Sunday Mass: 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 11 a.m.; Tuesday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Church of Christ
Captain - Highway 48. Les Erwood, Minister. Sunday Bible study: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

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

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LDS
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Might, 336-4359. Sunday schedule:
Sacrament starts at 10 a.m.; Sunday School, Priesthood and Relief Society.

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

EPISCOPAL

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

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

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

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

FOUR SQUARE
Captain Four Square Church
Highway 48, Captain. Harold W. Perry, Pastor. Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

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106 Aloha Village Road, 258-3659, 257-3071. Sunday: Public Talk 10 a.m.; Watchtower (10:50 a.m.); Morning Bible Study (2:30 p.m.); Thursday Ministry School (7:30 p.m.); Service (8:30 p.m.).

Congregacion Hispana de los Testigos de Jehova
106 Aloha Village Road, 258-3659, 336-7074. Dominga Neutron Publica 1 p.m.; Escuela de la Biblia (1:30 p.m.); Fiesta Escuelas del Ministerio (Tercer dia 7 p.m.); Reunion de servicio (7:50 p.m.); Lect. Estudio de libro (7:50 p.m.).

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METHODIST

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

Capital United Methodist Church
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12:30. White Oaks and Third in Captain, 205-648-2846.

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Tom Woodward, pastor. Sunday school 10:00 a.m.; Sunday worship 11:10 a.m.

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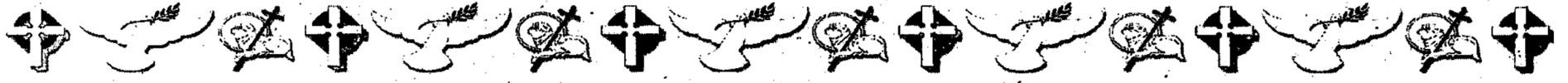
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Divided commercial zoning supported by P&Z commission

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso's general commercial zoning district may be divided into geographic zones, to see business development better conform to each district.

The present commercial district, called C-2, largely hugs Sudderth and Mechem Drives, as well as the section of U.S. 70 in the village.

The village's Planning and Zoning Commission is proposing that Sudderth Drive, from Grindstone Canyon Road to its western end at the Upper Canyon Circle, and Mechem Drive, from Sudderth Drive to Terrace Drive, be designated as "C-2b," or community business district.

"Because of the growth of the village and the proliferation of commercial activity, new businesses coming in, the commission and the (zoning) department are finding that the C-2 district has diverse parts to it," village attorney Chay Rennick said at a recent public hearing on the zoning designation amendment.

"What is appropriate down on Highway 70 may not be appropriate in the area up by the circle," Rennick said that kind of thinking has prompted the planning and zoning commission to look at breaking the C-2 district into smaller units, which would be better defined geographically.

"There's no changes being proposed in the uses for any district," Rennick said.

The split into smaller commercial districts would make it easier for property owners to have a say on what kind of business will be their neighbor, said commission member Leroy Nowell.

Questioned by Glen Holt, owner of Thriftway Supermarket, which would be in the proposed new C-2b district, commission chairman Glen Barrow said the change would be in name only.

"If we, and we meaning you included, want to do something that says the C-2b district might want some changes, we want some improvements in old ordinances and anything, that way your area will be taken on its own," Barrow said. "It might be different than the area down towards the Downs."

Barrow said the smaller

commercial districts would give property owners in the district more of a say in how the area is developed in the future.

Rennick said right now everything in the spread out C-2 district has the same set of regulations that deal with development.

"You all are planning something," business and property owner M. A. Snell told the commission. "And I'd like to know what it is."

"The only thing that we really discussed is to have the ability to get input from the property owners as to the direction that they want to go in a particular area," responded Barrow. "As far as very specific changes, I don't think we have any."

Rennick said one of the reasons for the smaller commercial zoning districts, and choosing the west end of Sudderth Drive initially, was the expansion of the Main Street development into that area this year.

"There's a whole gamut of things that could happen," Barrow said. "We could reduce the set-back requirements for better use of the back property lines or the side property lines. Or something that might help business work in that area — don't think it's any thing specific that we're keeping in our hip pocket."

Barrow said there could be something the property owners in one of the smaller districts would like to see develop, but owners in another part of the now expansive C-2 district might be looking at a different direction.

"We decided it would be easier to do this (change the zoning district boundaries) first, so we had a grouping to deal with if there were going to be (use) changes," Barrow said. He said the boundaries of the proposed C-2b district included "good lines of demarcation."

The zoning designation amendment to the village's zoning code was unanimously endorsed by the commission.

Property owners in, and within 100 feet of the pending new district, were filling out response forms about the zoning change.

Among the response items on the form was a line asking if the property owner was a proponent or opponent of the change.



James Kalvelage/Ruidoso News
Joel Valenzuela Jr. and Joel Valenzuela Sr. have quietly established themselves as providers of traditional Mexican food — not New Mexican food — at the small Disco Taco restaurant in Ruidoso Downs.

Just what is a 'Disco Taco?'

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A Ruidoso Downs restaurant has been picked by *New Mexico Magazine* as one of seven eateries in the state that are "must."

Disco Taco, at 141 W. U.S. 70, received the press in the February issue of the publication.

"There have been a few new faces since the *New Mexico Magazine* article," said Joel Valenzuela Jr., who helps cook and serve the authentic Mexican fare.

"It was a lucky strike," he said of the restaurant's inclusion in the article.

Valenzuela said the magazine writer told him the article would focus on restaurants in the state that had "local flavor." He said three restaurants in the immediate Ruidoso area were reviewed for the story, with Disco Taco making the grade.

"We didn't know the magazine existed at the time. We were doubting if it was true. They just came in and we gave them samples of our plates. Not our regular plates. They said it was something different. They liked the food."

Disco Taco, which is run by Valenzuela and his father, boasts true Mexican foods, with some traditional fare.

Joel Valenzuela Jr. said his father, Joel Sr., started the business seven years ago. First, son Jaime came to help run the restaurant, then Joel Junior.

"My father was passing through Ruidoso. He liked the town and moved here. He needed something

to do." That was the beginning of Disco Taco.

"I didn't have experience in restaurants. I did have management experience," Valenzuela said. "It took one year to decide (to come to Ruidoso). I had a good lifestyle, but Ruidoso is a nice place. The most important thing was to help my father. He needed help."

The name of the small restaurant has nothing to do with the music or dance style of the late '70s. Valenzuela explained that the English word for disc is *disco* in Spanish.

"In Mexico, when it's not used for agriculture, people take the English word from the farm cultivator and put three or four legs on the disc. They use propane or a wood fire and cook in the disc," he said. *Discada* is the name given to the style of cooking, usually done during camping or at picnics.

The menu at Disco Taco is truly Mexican, boasts Valenzuela. Don't call it New Mexican.

Some of the fare is very nontraditional, in the American sense. There is *barbacoa*, made from shredded beef lips. Diners can find *triptitas* and *bucho*, using beef or pork tripe. *Menudo* is a menu staple. And *chicharron*, pork skins fried, are made on the premises.

Valenzuela points to enchiladas filled with white cheese, *gorditas* very different from the fast food chains, *tacos* and *burritos*, and more. "If they want jalapeños, we do it," he said.

"The food's not too spicy. We put salt and pepper as spices." Valenzuela cautions, however, about the spiciness of menu items that use the homemade *chorizo*.

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"The thing we do different from most other restaurants is most things are not pre-prepared. This is not a fast food restaurant. Most of the food is made at the time you order."

While popular with those of Hispanic decent, Valenzuela said other people are trying what Disco Taco offers.

"Not only the Latinos, but the Anglos are coming too. Since the *New Mexico Magazine* article the new ones have been Anglos," he said. And some of the non-Mexican diners are trying the more exotic offerings.

"Our secret is homemade," Valenzuela said. "We used to cook at home. It was traditional Mexican recipes. There are a few family recipes."

Ingredients used in preparing the food are largely purchased by Valenzuela senior once a week in El Paso and Juarez. The restaurant is open seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Valenzuela Jr., who admits he really doesn't like "too much" to cook, said his father handles most of that. He does like the change the restaurant business has brought to his life in the Ruidoso area.

"I used to dress white collar, with a tie. When I started here I got a new kind of dress, jeans and whatever. I like that."

"But in the end there is the appreciation of our clients about our food. These comments gave me the interest to stay and make a more efficient business."

Joel Valenzuela Jr.,
of Disco Taco

EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Stand out from competitors

BY ROSALYN ROBINSON
PIONEER SAVINGS BANK LOAN OFFICER

Many small-business owners begin operations aggressively. They advertise, prepare a market study, devise a business plan, promote through specials, and actively develop their customer base.

Merchants often fall into the trap of expecting the loyal customer to frequent their place of business. But, here comes the new "kid" on the block. It might be a franchise offering a wider variety of merchandise at a lower price. The merchants blame the new "kid" for lost business. Yet, the merchants might be at fault. They have not investigated their customers' needs nor their competitors' advantage. That initial aggressive in seeking out new customers while maintaining existing clientele was not continued!

Here are some common errors:

•Lack of a clearly defined operating strategy.

•Lack of focus on marketing and sales.

•Lack of job-cost information.

•Not hiring the right person for the job—someone successful in a large corporation isn't necessarily multifaceted, able to fulfill several roles as required in a smaller organization.

•Improve your probability for success:

•Partner with a heavy-weight, someone who really understands the industry and marketing.

•Retain outside advisors—a banker or accountant.

•Question, investigate; find out what the needs of the community are. Where are most sales coming from? How do you become less seasonal?

•Keep learning. Know what your competition is doing. Attend seminars and conferences.

The above is not oriented just for the retail establishment; it may be applied to any service, wholesale or manufacturing industry.

The economy running like a runaway train

BY SUNG WON SOHN
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

Most of the key data about how the United States economy fared in 1999 are in. From every angle, the economy looks robust. GDP may have been boosted by inventories during 1999's final quarter, but that only helped to offset slow accumulation during the first half of the year. Real final sales expanded at a 4.6 percent clip. On a smoother year-to-year basis, output is still growing too fast for comfort.

Details of the GDP report provide clues that strong growth will persist.

Exports are exerting a smaller drag on output. Businesses cut back on equipment purchases towards the end of the year, but will probably expand again now that Y2K is past. Residential investment already stopped contributing to growth in late 1999, so any fall-off will not matter as much.

The fundamentals behind consumption are intact. Con-

sumer confidence is setting new all-time highs. If unemployment rates fall to or below 4.0 percent, consumer confidence will soar even higher.

Inflation is trickier to predict. Higher oil prices have lifted all-encompassing inflation measures, but they have not found their way into the prices of other goods and services. Decisions by trucking and airline firms will be critical. More items will be purchased on the Web, but most still have to be packed and shipped. Compensation costs for these and other labor-intensive services are accelerating again. For most workers, stock options to be realized tomorrow are no substitute for rising health care premiums biting today.

Lurking behind the scenes is a global economy that confounds expectations. Economists have been raising their forecasts month after month. Last year's rebound in East Asia is here to stay and South America will follow. Europe

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will grow much more solidly; a low interest rate is enabling consumers to spend.

Japan is receiving investment flows to complement fiscal stimulus. North America is icing on the cake. As the United States keeps on trucking, Canada and Mexico are pulled along.

Financial message mixed

January is often a month that establishes a pattern for the entire year. But the message this year is mixed. The dollar has not continued with its slow descent. With stronger-than-expected U.S. growth, the dollar is surging so far this year against most of its major trading partners, especially Japan and the European Union.

It is more difficult to tell whether stock prices and bond yields can continue to move in parallel—an unusual trend during the past year which simultaneously boosted and

braked the economy. Everyone's new favorite measure of market wealth, the Wilshire 5000, has fallen by over five percent since its record level on Dec. 31. The yield on the thirty-year U.S. Treasury bond has also gone down since then. But to complicate matters further, the yield on the ten-year note is still above its year-end value.

The Fed took all of this into account on Feb. 2 when it decided to raise short-term interest rates by 25 basis points. The Greenspan Fed has never been aggressive during the early stages of a tightening cycle, but has raised rates in larger steps later on—wherever it gets behind the curve on inflation. So far it is not. Recent hikes have moved in lock-step with the incremental rise in headline CPI. But real interest rates near 3.0 percent are not tight enough to slow down a runaway train. Expect rates to be raised to 50 basis points, by two small hikes in rapid succession, maybe more until we see true evidence of a slowdown.

County to try a flat fee in paying for legal services

A new flat-fee arrangement for legal services was approved by the Lincoln County Commission last week on a one-year trial basis.

In a 3-1 vote, with Chairman Rex Wilson voting against and Commissioner L. Ray Nunley absent, commissioners approved a contract for Alan Morel to act as county attorney for a flat fee of \$112,265 a year, a departure from the previous per hour arrangement that was set to increase from \$75 to \$80 this year.

"I think it's better for the county to have a fixed fee," Morel said. "I don't think I will do less work with a fixed fee and I anticipate more calls from commissioners."

Sheriff's deputies or employees with urgent problems should continue to consult him and not risk a mistake that could cost the county later, he said. If they are not urgent, they could be run passed a supervisor first.

The contract would have to be

adjusted if the commission enter another six-month period without a county manager, said Morel, who was the only attorney applying for the post. Morel has served in that capacity for several years.

"Things are getting more complicated, not less," he said. "We'll try it for a year. If I end up doing \$12,000 worth of work and get paid for \$9,000, I may not be able to continue it."

The flat fee will eliminate hours

by his staff spent assembling a detailed bill to submit for reimbursement, Morel said. The last one was 25 pages, which is expensive to generate, he said.

Wilson indicated he voted against the motion, because he expected to see a larger reduction by going with a flat rate.

"It is a savings for the county," Morel said. "I averaged \$9,700 a month in 1998."

The monthly fee under the flat

rate is \$9,000 and includes the 7.185 percent gross receipts tax charged in Ruidoso, he pointed out.

Commissioner Leo Martinez said a commissioner should have ready access to the county at any time and should not be worried about an extra dollar spent asking for advice in matters that could cost thousands.

Wilson agreed that Morel's advice has kept the county out of trouble.

Tract split up along Fort Stanton, Airport roads

A 72-acre tract of land between Old Fort Stanton Road and Sierra Blanca Airport Road was split into three parcels last week.

The action was requested by Christine and Mike Kuhnline, Robert and Lauri Ryan, Susan and John Cox, Rebecca Ryan and Jack Ryan, all of El Paso, Texas. They were represented at the Lincoln County Commission meeting by surveyor Tim Collins.

According to planning staff information, the full effect is a five-tract split. Tracts one and two, 22.4 acres and 14 acres, straddle the airport road were created by a plat filed Oct. 20.

The remaining property lies southwest of the Spencer

Theater near Ranches of Ruidoso. The size of the newly created tracts run from 57.1 acres to 6.1 acres.

Tract five is divided by Old Fort Stanton Road (County Road D003) and potentially could be sold off later, according to staff notes. No new roads are planned for the subdivision.

The petition was handled by administrative review and did not go before the county's planning board.

In other business, the commission:

- Awarded a contract to apply 76 tons of dust control suppressant to Southwest Commercial of Los Lunas, which submitted the lowest of

four bids at 17 cents a square yard, a total of \$4,919.60 plus gross receipts tax.

- Awarded a contract to mill old asphalt and resurface 7,450 feet of Gavilan Canyon Road to C.S. McCrossan in Las Cruces, which submitted the lowest of four bids at \$241,185.

- Awarded a contract to Meadow Valley Contractors of Phoenix, Ariz., for road asphalt millings. The company was the only bidder at \$4 a ton.

- Sold a 1982 International Tractor to Pat Huey of Capitlan for \$4,511 and a 1994 D6H dozer to Bee Equipment Sales of Lubbock, Texas, for \$97,650. They were the only bidders for the used equipment

Unfiltered coffee not good for heart health

A new study published in The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition indicates that some forms of coffee could have deleterious effects on cardiovascular health.

Dr. M. J. Grubben and colleagues at the Agricultural University Wageningen in The Netherlands examined the effect of heavy consumption of unfiltered coffee on the levels of homocysteine in the blood. Patients with high concentrations of homocysteine are known to be at greater risk for stroke and heart disease. The authors specifically chose unfiltered coffee for their study in order to address the potential effects of diterpenes, substances known to raise homocysteine levels. Diterpenes are normally removed by filtering.

Sixty-four healthy volunteers with normal homocysteine levels were asked to consume, each day for two weeks, six large cups of unfiltered coffee or another beverage in a crossover design.

During coffee-drinking, both serum cholesterol concentrations and homocysteine levels increased by 10%.

The authors equated this increase in homocysteine to a 10% overall increase in risk for heart attack or stroke. They concluded that while heavy coffee consumption is probably safe for the majority, individuals at risk of cardiovascular diseases should not drink large amounts of unfiltered coffee. Possible health effects with filtered coffee remain to be determined.

Water a major help in raising blood pressure in nervous system disorders

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Patients who suffer from autonomic (or involuntary) nervous system failure can turn to a new treatment for their blood pressure abnormalities: a large glass of water. Investigators at Vanderbilt's Autonomic Dysfunction Center report in the Feb. 8 issue of the journal. Circulation that water has a powerful blood pressure raising effect in these patients.

Water also raises blood pressure in older normal subjects, but not in young normal subjects. The studies suggest that water is an important unrecognized factor in clinical studies of blood pressure medications.

"Water is not just a neutral substance, and it cannot be considered a 'placebo' with regard to blood pressure," said Dr. John R. Shannon, instructor of Medicine and Pharmacology. "As physicians, we may ask our hypertensive patients if they just drank a cup of coffee or smoked a cigarette when we measure their blood pressure, but we would never

think to ask if they had anything to drink in the last hour. Perhaps we should. It might make the difference in whether or not we adjust their medications."

On the average, 16 ounces of tap water raised blood pressure about 40 millimeters of mercury in patients with autonomic failure.

Blood pressure started increasing within two or three minutes after the water was ingested, increased rapidly over the next 15 minutes, and then began to decrease after about 60 minutes.

Drinking more water at 60 minutes caused the blood pressure effect to be sustained for another hour.

In older normal subjects, the average increase in blood pressure was 11 millimeters of mercury.

There is something about the water itself that causes the increase in blood pressure; intravenous infusion of 16 ounces of sugar so-

lution did not elicit the effect. In addition, the effect is "dose-dependent" — the higher the water intake, the larger the increase in blood pressure.

"We do not know how water raises blood pressure, but it is the solute-free water itself, whether warm, room temperature, or cold that elicits the effect," said Dr. Jens Jordan, a former

postdoctoral fellow in Clinical Pharmacology and lead author of the study. "Water might be increasing blood pressure by interacting with osmoreceptors (which sense salt concentrations) or stretch receptors in the stomach or liver," added Jordan, who is currently director of the Clinical Research Center at the Franz VolhardKlinik of Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany. The studies suggest a new and more effective treatment for the blood pressure abnormalities suffered by patients with autonomic

failure. By raising blood pressure, water ingestion during the day can enhance a patient's functional abilities. At Vanderbilt, the careful administration and withholding of water at various times during the day has proven successful as the only

form of blood pressure treatment for some patients with autonomic failure.

Although further work is required to understand why water raises blood pressure in older normal subjects, the studies suggest that physicians need to be aware of

water as a variable to consider in assessing blood pressure levels. In addition, water intake is a variable that needs to be controlled in short-term pharmacological studies of drugs that increase and decrease blood pressure.

"...we would never think to ask if they had (water) to drink in the last hour."

Dr John R. Shannon, Medical instructor

Death preferred to nursing homes for women who suffer hip fractures, new research concludes

LONDON — Eighty percent of women over the age of 75 years of age say that they would rather be dead than admitted to a nursing home after a hip fracture, according to researchers from Australia in this week's BMJ, the British Medical Journal.

Interviews with 194 women aged over 75 years, Glenn Salkeld and colleagues from the University of Sydney and Hornsby Kuring-gai Hospital in New South Wales, found that hip fractures are perceived as a profound threat to quality of life. Any loss of ability to live

independently in the community has significant detrimental effect on their quality of life say the authors and four fifths would prefer to be dead than admitted to a nursing home with a hip fracture. Compared with other (time trade-off) studies the results suggest that women would perceive a hip fracture as worse than breast cancer, a heart attack or mild osteoarthritis, say the authors.

Hip fractures are a major cause of morbidity and mortality and almost all occur after a fall, explain Salkeld et al. Therefore they conclude that any interventions that can reduce the likeli-

hood of falls and injury in older women will not only save lives but will prevent a significant reduction in their quality of life.

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The Arts



Courtesy Connie Younger.

ADOBE HOUSE by Connie Younger

Oil paints and saw dust

by *Sandy Suggitt*
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

*F*rontier woman and painter, Connie Younger is back on her feet after breaking her heel go-carting.

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THE ARTS

OIL PAINTS

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Courtesy Connie Younger

PINK ADOBE by Connie Younger



Sandy Suggitt

CONNIE YOUNGER in front of her home in San Patricio

"I've painted all my life," she said. "I never had lessons, but when I was a kid, all I ever wanted was a new box of crayons."

Although her canna flower on exhibit at the Hubbard Museum of the American West's Free Spirits Juried Fine and Decorative Art Show is a watercolor, Younger started out in oils and only turned to watercolors when she started moving around more.

"I didn't have time for oils and moved to watercolor," she said. "I can drop and leave it, but oils are the first love."

"Flowers shout for watercolor, while other things need to be done in oil," Younger said. "In an oil you have to do the shading where with watercolor the color flows with the water and it'll do it for you."

Younger works four days a week waiting tables in Tinnie, and uses her long weekends for painting. She's exhibited her work for the last couple of years in Art in the Orchard in San Patricio, been in the Free Spirits show twice, is a member of the New Mexico Watercolor Society, and has a painting on the cover of North Light Magazine.

One of Younger's paintings was accepted at the Ruidoso Art Show several years ago, and because it was oil — and the only one she had — she spent two months painting 18 canvases to get ready for the show.

Besides the Hubbard Museum, her

paintings hang in the Village Buttery and at the gallery of Tinnie's Silver Dollar. Every year she paints Christmas cards and her son prints them out on his computer. The originals hang in her kitchen, which doubles as a studio (along with her bedroom).

Younger takes photographs to help her remember the feel of a place, then she paints from the feeling.

"I use the photo for reference, but then I'm going to paint from the feeling that I have," she said.

It's not hard for Younger to part with her paintings, she said, because if she's not ready to sell, she just marks the price up and then if it sells she knows the new owner will appreciate it as much as she does.

She has a feeling she's going to go back to oils, she said.

"I paint what I feel. I can feel that I want to do an oil because I can feel that brush on the canvas. I don't know what I'll paint. ...I love the smell of oil paints and sawdust," she said.

Sawdust? Yes, Younger is, after all, a frontier woman who moved to Lincoln County in 1992 from Claremore, Okla., where she built log cabins, made furniture and raised cattle. Like many residents, she fell for the area on an



Courtesy Connie Younger

IRIS by Connie Younger

overnight visit, and eight months later packed up her car and cat and came — without a job or house to live in.

"My son was upset about me moving here without a place to stay or a job, but I had picked up pamphlets when here visiting. I called the newspaper the day before it was due to come out and asked about rentals in the classified section."

The next day she was in a cabin and had a job bartending at Cree Meadows, which she kept for five years. The cabin lasted only until she spotted a falling-down house in San Patricio, which she managed to buy and fix up.

"The stucco was off, and critters could come and go where the adobe washed out," Younger said. "Naturally, when your roof leaks, it rains every day."

It took her two years to put the roof on, in two parts, and gradually she completely transformed the house into a comfortable and attractive dwelling. In

the bedroom, there's a tree stretching to the skylight and a bougainvillea vine winding through the branches.

Her house may be looking good, but that doesn't mean she's done with the fixing-up. There's another house behind hers that nature already has begun to incorporate into the landscape, but Younger plans to fix it up and make it into a studio-gallery, and occasional guest house.

Younger wrote a book called *Sharpen My Chainsaw, Please* — "about things I learned through my life. Boomerang is another title that would've worked well," she said, laughing, then launched into a story about being accepted as an airline stewardess despite having fallen down on the flight over torn her stockings and bruised her knees. Life may not always be easy for Connie Younger, but it's seldom boring.

EYE ON THE ARTS



John Hershey, of John Hershey Photography, Ruidoso, NM was invited to attend the prestigious Presidential Circle Symposium 2000 Jan 15-18, 2000 in Scottsdale, Arizona. The Presidential Circle is comprised of the nation's most elite professional portrait and wedding photographers, of which only 275 have been inducted as members.

The Symposium focused on business building programs to enhance the photographic studio's operations, as well as the latest digital and internet technologies taking place in the industry.

John Hershey was recently responsible for conceiving and photographing the Lincoln County Hall of Fame, which is currently on display at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center, 720 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, NM. John Hershey Photography offers clients a variety of photographic services, specializing in personalized, one-of-a-kind creative sessions. To learn more about John Hershey Photography, or to schedule your creative portrait session, call John at 505-336-1901.

CALL FOR THE ARTS

Statewide art competition set

The Art in Public Places Program of New Mexico Arts invites artists to apply to the following public art competitions.

One is a 2d/3d interior piece to be placed at the new Game and Fish building in Santa Fe.

The other is a 3d exterior piece to be displayed at The New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology in the grassy area to the south of Macey Center in Socorro. Artists are encouraged to apply by requesting a prospectus for each project under consideration.

The deadline for the first competition, a three or two dimensional piece to be placed inside the new Game and Fish building in Santa Fe, is March 9.

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Stribling Fine Art

1031 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso, 258-4892
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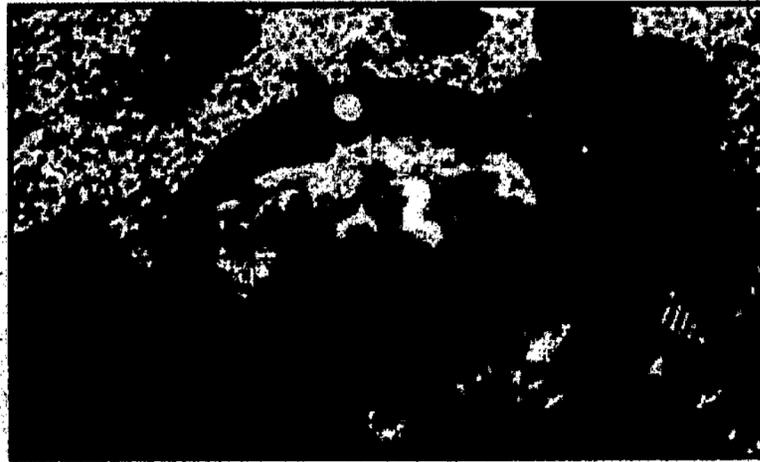
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VICTORIA SCHIRADO, the new development director at the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

by *Sandy Suggitt*
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

Fundraising is the gentle art of teaching the joy of giving."

Victoria Schirado joined the staff at the Hubbard Museum of the American West as development director, bringing with her experience as a museum director, development officer, and museum store and visitor services director.

"We felt she fit in well with our organization and its needs because

she has a very solid museum background and she's not afraid to ask people for money," said museum director Bruce Eldredge.

Born and raised in Richland, Washington, Schirado worked for five years as museum store and visitor services director for the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, Montana.

Fund times at the Hubbard Museum

"I discovered museum work and developed a passion for it, actually," Schirado said. She went on to pursue a master's degree in museum administration at J.F. Kennedy University in San Francisco, California, and took a position as museum director at the Pratt Museum in Homer, Alaska.

"I have a preference for small and energetic museums, and the Pratt Museum fit the bill," she said. "It was an incredible experience — everything I had hoped it would be. I was able to work with a professional staff in an accredited museum."

The one drawback, she said, was the climate.

"Before my third winter — that's how I gauged life there — I took a position as a director of another small museum on Long Island."

She worked as a trouble-shooter at the Raynham Hall Museum, a natural history museum, for a year, identifying problems in the organization and asking questions about things the staff took for granted and proposing improvements to their operations and programs.

"From that I went full-circle back to Richland and took another consulting position to serve as campaign director for the Catholic church and school where I was born and raised," Schirado said.

Museums and churches are "the same circus, different tents," Schirado said.

"You're still trying to raise money for a business that puts its profits back into the organization and program," she said, "and I wanted the experience of running a capital campaign (major fundraising for a specific building project). That experience will be valuable to me here at the museum."

Schirado worked with the Catholic Church for a year and half and found it gratifying because it was the church where she was baptized, confirmed, received her first communion, and graduated from the parochial school.

Schirado began work at the museum on Monday after completing an intensive five-day program at Indiana University Center for Philanthropy on principles and techniques of

fundraising.

At the Hubbard Museum, she'll be analyzing the fundraising currently existing and then she'll initiate systems that will allow the museum to expand its membership and donor base.

"A guiding rule I use in terms of fundraising: 'Fundraising is the gentle art of teaching the joy of giving,' she said. "I really do believe in that, and with that foundation you set yourself up for nothing but success and valued relationships along the way."

"We do want to establish a well-rounded and diverse fundraising program for the museum," Schirado said, "and that mean expanding our grant writing, our corporate support and our membership."

Schirado chose Ruidoso because she wanted to be back in a museum environment, and she wanted a small community and a small museum that would allow her hands-on experience.

With those criteria in mind, she applied for the position, came down for five days, and felt like she had discovered a hidden treasure in the mountains.

"I had expected New Mexico to be flat, arid, and hot, and then to arrive in this mountain village was a surprise," she said. "To find the authenticity of the people that live here, there are no pretenses, and I value that in the community that I live in."

Two things she's excited about doing in Ruidoso: horseback riding and golfing, which, she said, will allow her to get to know people in the community "and the whole psychology of the community in a way I can't just meeting people."

Schirado loves to grow flowers, reads and appreciates contemporary art and music. Her beagle, Dickens, keeps her active outdoors, running and walking.

"He's traveled with me to California, Montana, Alaska and Rhode Island," she said. "I told him this is the last stop. We're going to live and die in Ruidoso, New Mexico."

Friday, Feb. 11

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.

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

Valentine's Dance
8 p.m.-midnight at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. Live Country & Western music by Longhorn. \$3/person. 334-9148

Saturday, Feb. 12

Community Arts Party
10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Finley Gym in Socorro. Hands on creative fun for the whole family. Free.

English As A Second Language Tutor Training
10 a.m.-5 p.m. at ENMU-Ruidoso with Betty Hambrick, LMSW. 630-8181 or 800-934-3668.

Kid's Club
11 a.m. at 2814 Sudderth Drive. For children 3 to twelve-years-old. Games, prizes, snacks. Transportation can be provided. 378-1113.

Club Amistad
11 a.m. 2814 Sudderth Drive. Invita a todos los niños de 3 a 12 años. Tendremos: juegos, premios, snack y mucha diversion. Si necesitas transportación habla al 378-1113. Gratis.

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

Elton John
8 p.m. at the Pan American Center in Las Cruces. 800-654-9545.

Valentine's Dance
8 p.m. at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. 378-4142.

Valentine's Dance
At Cree Meadows, sponsored by First Christian Church. 258-3869

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

Monday, Feb. 14

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

Meeting - Alpine Village Sanitation District
8 a.m. at 112-A Sun Valley Trail. 257-5783

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.

Valentine's Dance
1 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565

Meeting - ETZ Authority
6 p.m. at Village Hall.

Tuesday, Feb. 15

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.

Planning and Zoning Meeting
2 p.m. at Village Hall.

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority Meeting
2 p.m. Ruidoso Downs

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

Wednesday, Feb. 16

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.

Public Lecture on Hearing Technology
12:30 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center.

Party Bridge
1:30 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565

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.

Parks and Rec
6:30 p.m. at Village Hall

Thursday, Feb. 17

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.

Economic Development Community Meeting
3 p.m. at Village Hall.

Lincoln County Adult Singles Group
6:30 p.m. at the Texas Club. No-host dinner with a social evening to follow. 378-8025, 354-2635 or 258-3869

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

Red Cross Sports Safety Training
5:30-10 p.m. at the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce board room, 720 Sudderth. 257-7579

Chautauqua featuring Jean Jordan
7 p.m. at the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

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

Friday, Feb. 18

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

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

Live Country & Western Music
8:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. at Win, Place & Show, 2516 Sudderth Drive.

Live Rock and Roll
At The Quarters, 2535 Sudderth.

Class Reunions

Parkland 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. Midcities Blvd. #309, Euless, Tex. 76039.

AARP Free Tax Assistance
At the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth every Thursday and Friday, through April 14. 257-4565

All Fired Up! Ceramics and Art
Classes and demonstrations ongoing for all ages. Call for info 257-9014 or stop in at the Timbers Mall.

Aspen Leaf School of Dance
A non-profit parent's organization and formerly Randall Graham School of Dance. Registration is on-going. 336-4896 or 354-9109.

Capitan Public Library
106 S. Lincoln Ave. Free registration. Open Tuesday and 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 interested, you may get an application by writing to Weatherization Assistance Program, P.O. Drawer 2227, Roswell, NM 88202-2227 or by calling 1-800-624-1660.

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.

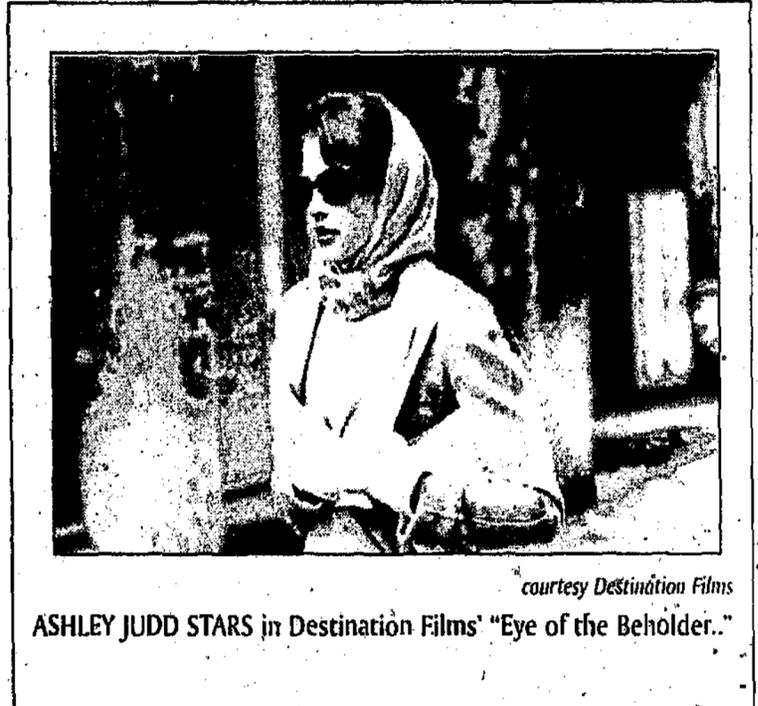
• Friends of the Library Book Shoppe are open 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

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

Movies

(These listings are good through Feb. 17.)
Sierra Cinema, 721 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9444.

Scram 3
Suspense/Horror and Thriller. 1 hr. 56 min. Rated R for strong horror violence and lan-



courtesy Destination Films
ASHLEY JUDD STARS in Destination Films' "Eye of the Beholder.."

"Mysteries of Egypt"
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

Synopsis: 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 Woodsboro, 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.

Eye of the Beholder
Thriller and Romance. 1 hr. 47 min. Rated R some strong violence, sexuality, language and brief drug content.

Starring: Ewan McGregor, Ashley Judd, K.D. Lang, Jason Priestley and Genevieve Bujold

Directed by: Stephan Elliott.
Produced by: Nicolas Glermont and Tony Smith

Written by: Stephan Elliott.
Distributor: Destination Films

Synopsis: "Eye of the Beholder" is a startling journey into obsession, the story of an intelligence agent so taken with a beautiful killer he cannot bear to apprehend her. Set in the surreal world of a high-tech voyeur, the tale follows him across the county as he embarks on a desperate quest for this enigmatic femme fatale. Ewan McGregor stars as The Eye, a lonely, isolated British intelligence agent who has lost his wife and daughter, for which he blames his own unforgivable inaction. Yet detachment is part of the job. The Eye's current mission is to track Joanna Eris, a woman suspected of blackmailing the son of a senior British official. But Eris is far more than a blackmailer. She is a seductive, shadowy master of disguises, a frenzied murderer, a lost orphan and an abject mystery whose rage is as fierce as her beauty.

The Beach
Drama

Rated: R for violence, some strong sexuality, language and drug content.

Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Tilda Swinton, Virginie Ledoyen and Guillaume Canet.

Directed by: Danny Boyle.
Produced by: Andrew Macdonald.

Written by: John Hodge and Alex Garland.
Distributor: Twentieth Century Fox

Synopsis: Leonardo DiCaprio portrays an American who sets off on an exotic adventure in Thailand in search of "The Beach," a legendary tropical paradise free of conventional society's problems.

At the Tombaugh IMAX Dome Theater in Alamogordo. Call 437-2840 for show times and prices.

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Win, Place & Show
Live music by Back Swing from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. through Sunday at 2516 Sudderth Dr.

The Quarters
Live music through Sunday. Karaoke on Mondays and Tuesdays at 2535 Sudderth Dr.

Cree Meadows Country Club
Live music every night: piano from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., dancing Wednesday through Saturday, 7 p.m.-11 p.m.

The Lighthouse
Live entertainment Fridays and Saturdays. Open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursdays through Tuesdays. Closed Wednesday.

Exhibits & Receptions

Bob Reynierzon and Sam Huston
Lincoln County artists Bob Reynierzon 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
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.

ENMU Art Show
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.

The Free Spirits Juried Fine & Decorative Art Show and Sale
Hubbard Museum of the American West. 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 II of III

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By the 1870s, the so-called "Magofin Salt War" of the 1850s was just a memory. The Salt War of the 1870s would, by far, be more hate-filled and violent than its predecessor.



El Paso in the 1870s was quite the melting pot for various cultures. Of course, the two cultures that dominated the scene were the Anglo and the Hispanic. And almost from the beginning, there was no love lost between these two groups. It was as though they couldn't agree on anything. One of the biggest problems was the school system. The Hispanics wanted the educational system to go on as it had for centuries: based in religion, it was led by the Catholic Church. The Anglos preferred the "Free School" system, which taught in English. And in those days, there was no real border to speak of. People came and went as they had since time immemorial. The unit of commerce in those days was the peso, and not the dollar.

The Salt Trade

The salt beds that lay nearly 100 miles away near Guadalupe Peak gradually became a focal point for all the racism and hatred that was simmering in El Paso. Since before anyone could remember, the salt beds had been located on public land, where the *salineros* (salt gatherers) felt free to go and gather the salt. But, as was usually the case in such situations, greed raised its ugly head. It did this in the form of the El Paso Salt Ring, which was formed to file a claim on the land where the salt beds lay and then to charge a fee for gathering it.

The El Paso Salt Ring was composed of A.J. Fountain, Gaylord Clarke, A.H. French, W.W. Mills, J.M. Lujan and B.F. Williams.

Other men connected with the ring were Father Antonio Borajo and Louis Cardis, an Italian immigrant who historian Leon Metz describes as being "occasionally honest." These two men did not care to be directly connected to the ring, but did, nevertheless, receive a "cut" of the action. Between them, they controlled the Mexican vote and were therefore, valuable allies to have. It should be remembered that Father Borajo, at least, had many other fine qualities, but as one man at the time noted, he "had salt lakes on the brain."

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On December 7, 1870, B.F. Williams was in Ben Dowell's saloon coating his tonsils with justice juice and generally bad-mouthing his former partners, specifically, A.J. Fountain. When Fountain got wind of this, he immediately snatched up his walking cane and headed for the saloon. When the two men came eye to eye, Fountain raised his cane and Williams suddenly jerked a derringer. While Fountain busied himself with the business of attempting to crush his adversary's skull, Williams turned loose with the derringer. One bullet hit Fountain in the arm and a second crashed into his chest. Luckily for A.J., the bullet penetrated some five letters in his pocket, ricocheted off of a pocket watch and skidded along his side, breaking a rib as it did so.

Williams, now out of both ammunition and courage, hot-footed it to his home a few doors up the street. Fountain, still on his feet,

staggered outside where he informed Clarke and French of what had just happened. Fountain then walked home, staggering only slightly, and grabbed his rifle.

Meanwhile, Clarke and French, with a few other men, attacked the Williams residence. While Clarke and three others began to chop the front door apart with axes, French was organizing other men to watch the back door, in case Williams should try and escape that way. But Williams had another idea. French couldn't help but notice that the men he was talking to suddenly dropped everything and ran away. The reason? B.F. Williams had suddenly appeared in his doorway holding a double-barreled shotgun.

Salt and death

When Clarke saw the form of his enemy levelling a shotgun at his mid-section, he suddenly found the ability to move at the approximate speed of sound. As Williams pulled the trigger, Clarke leapt behind a pillar, avoiding the blast. Williams, knowing full well that he had only one barrel left, rushed forward and the two men began leaping to and fro around the pillar. This little ballet went on until Clarke jumped the wrong way. This time, Williams didn't miss and Clarke was dead when he hit the ground.

But by this time, A.J. Fountain was almost on the scene. From approximately a half block away, Fountain saw Clarke go down. Raising his rifle, he took careful aim and dropped Williams in the street. When he did so, French rushed over and put another bullet into Williams' head, finishing the job.

Needless to say, these killings did nothing to alleviate the strife and bitterness on both sides. Now, even more players dealt themselves into the game. But A.J. Fountain was no longer one of them. Disgusted with the entire situation, Fountain finished his term of office at Austin and then took his family and relocated to La Mesilla, New Mexico. It was from his home there, over a quarter of a century later, that A.J. Fountain and his little boy Albert left to attend court in Lincoln. They started for home and were never seen again. Their deaths are, to

this day, New Mexico's greatest unsolved murder mystery.

At this point, Charles W. Howard dealt himself into the game. Howard was a stocky Missourian whom the Hispanic population would ultimately learn to hate. Because of his dark complexion, they called him "El Indio" (the Indian). Howard joined forces with Louis Cardis and Father Borajo in a new attempt to control the salt beds. And it might have worked too, if greed hadn't come into the picture. Howard suddenly began berating his two partners with accusations of "monstrous schemes." He never divulged what those schemes were, but it is a good bet that Howard simply resented the fact that he wasn't getting it all.

This rift in the power structure must have confused the Hispanic population mightily. Keeping in mind that they never knew of the involvement of Cardis or Father Borajo in the machinations of the Ring, imagine their confusion when the two men, who had previously instructed them to pay any "lawful" fees involving salt, they now suddenly denounced the whole thing as a gringo effort to keep them impoverished.

As luck would have it, the Catholic Church suddenly decided to transfer Father Borajo elsewhere. And despite the fact that it looked as though he would have to be dragged, kicking and screaming, away from El Paso, the priest finally left.

This left only Cardis opposing Howard. At this point, Howard seems to have gone mad with power. Not only did he catch Cardis in the street on more than one occasion, beating him mightily, but he even had two Mexicans arrested for talking about the salt beds!

That did it. A mob siezed Howard and dragged him off to jail at San Elizario. In what would turn out to be an ironic move, Cardis suggested mercy, which was granted. Howard was placed in a carriage, and told never to return to El Paso. He left, but his plan was to return, which he ultimately did, and on October 9, 1877, he found Cardis sitting in a store on San Francisco Street. Cardis never had a chance. He tried to take cover, but went down with two shotgun blasts in

him. He was dead almost as he hit the floor.

Howard then went to Mesilla, reasoning, quite correctly, that the climate wasn't too healthy for him in El Paso just then. Solomon Schutz, whose store Cardis had died in, wired Colonel Edward Hatch at Fort Bxaayard, New Mexico, saying: "Don Luis Cardis was killed by Charles Howard and we are expecting a terrible catastrophe in the county, as threats have been made that every American would be killed if harm came to Cardis. Can you send immediate help, for God's sake?"

Help was about to arrive, but not in the form of the U.S. Army. Legendary Texas Ranger

John B. Jones was ordered by governor to go to El Paso and see what all the ruckus was about.

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

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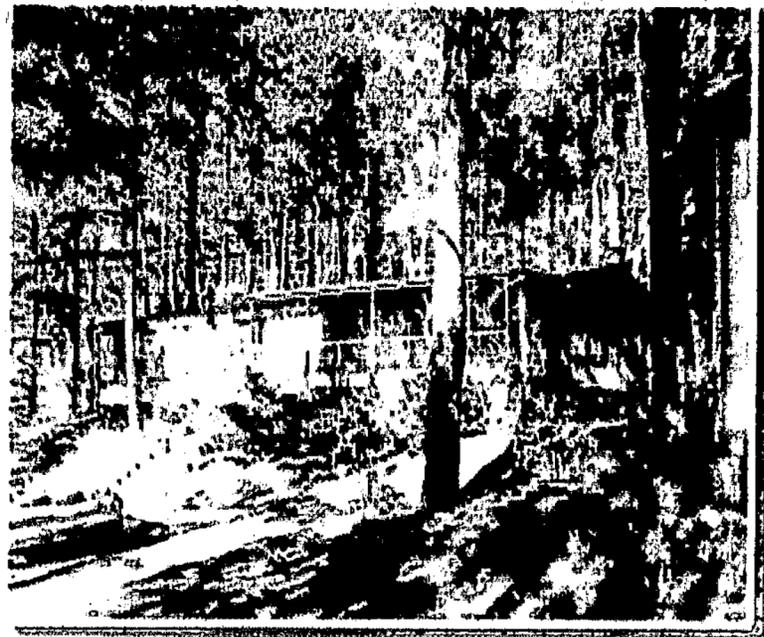
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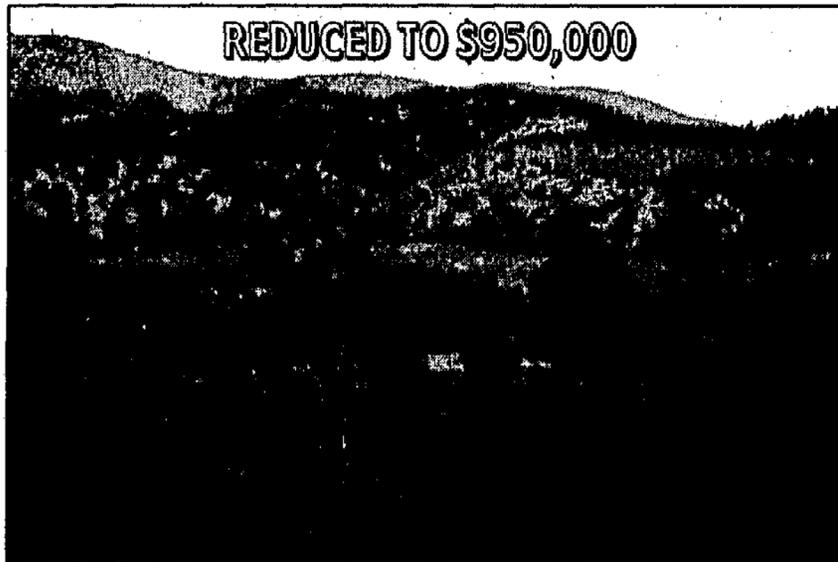


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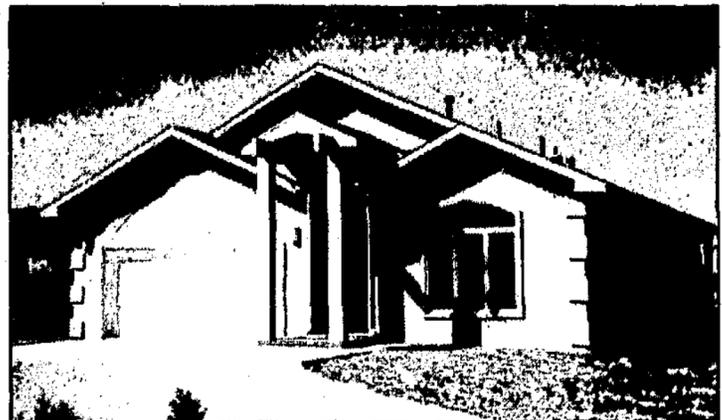
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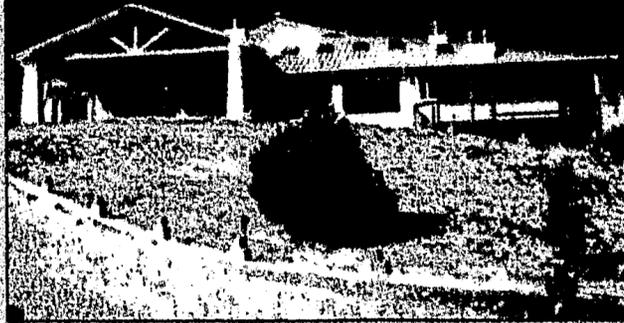


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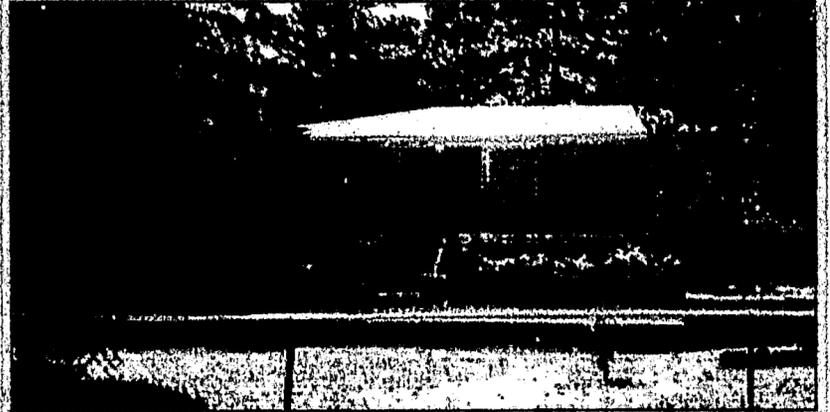
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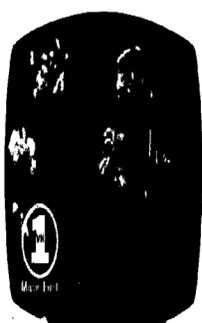
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Charter Communications owner Paul Allen shares his vision

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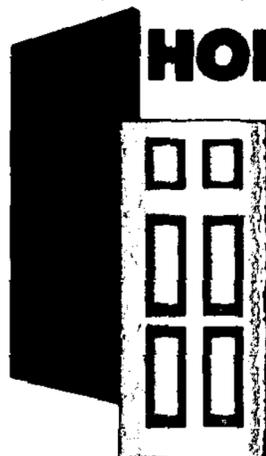
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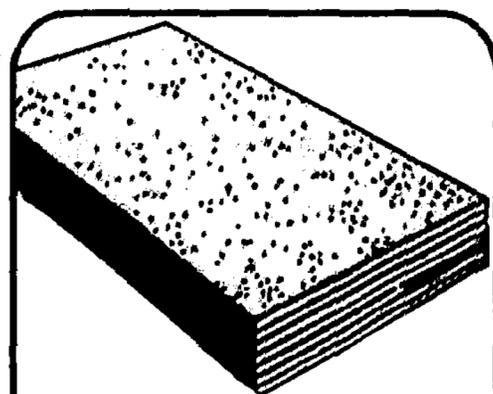
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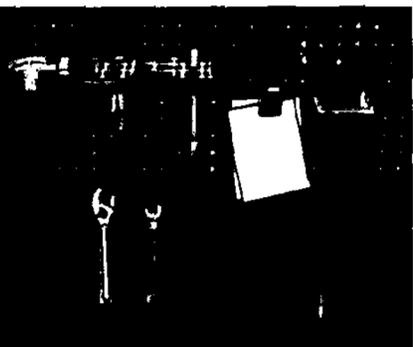
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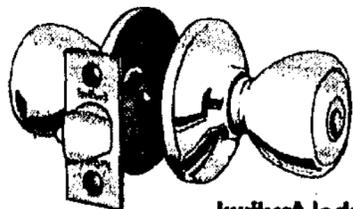
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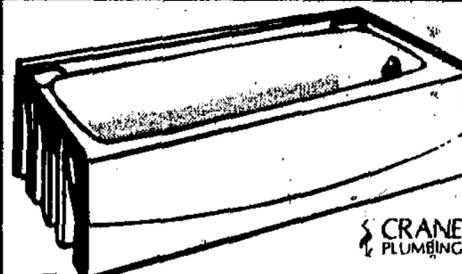
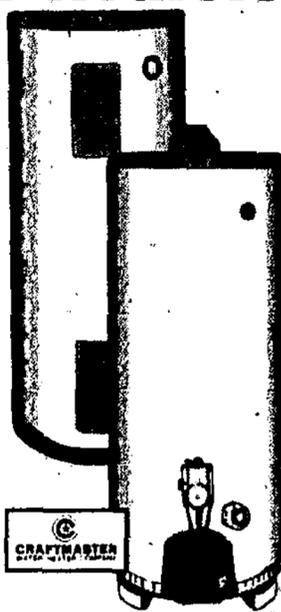
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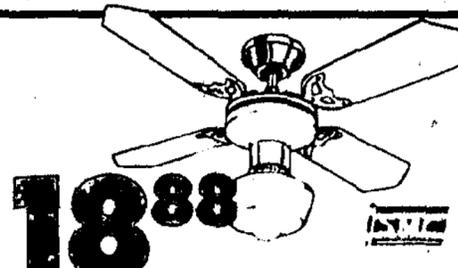
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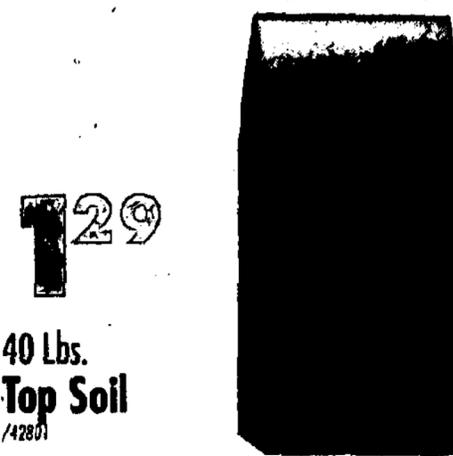


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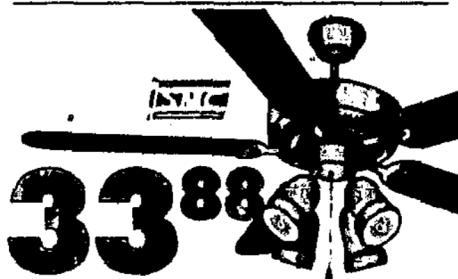
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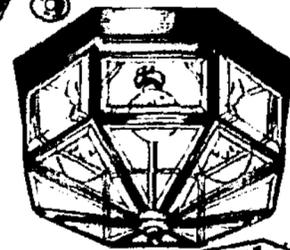
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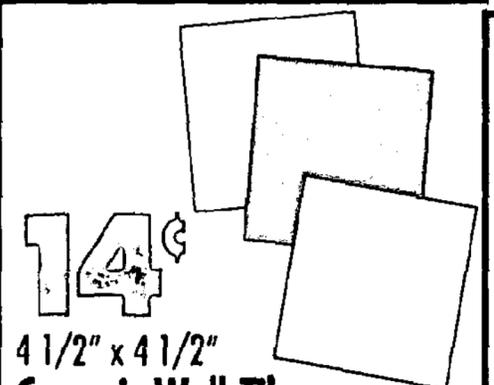
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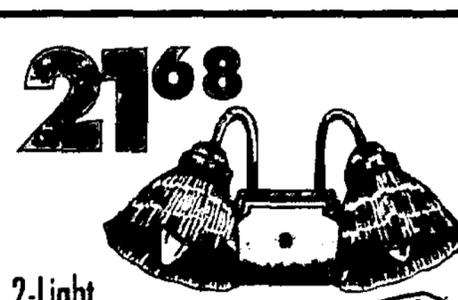
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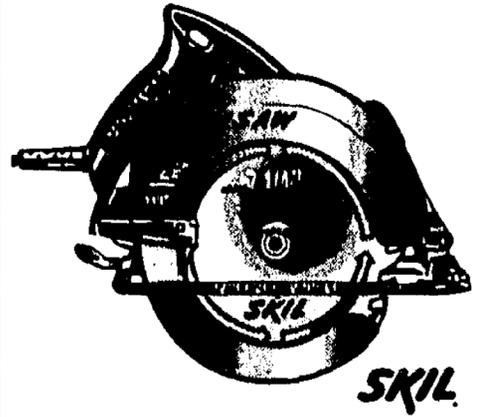
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