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'Zozo fanatics



Karen Boehler/Ruidoso News

If the fans could have made a difference, the Lady Grizzlies would have easily beaten Cliff in the opening round of the state basketball tournament. Carrizozo fans packed the house at Rio Grande High School in Albuquerque Wednesday, cheering on the home-town favorites and impressing the tournament organizers with both their numbers and enthusiasm.

Village eyes building for police station

State approval is needed to buy the former Moncor property for \$1.15 million

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Pending final state financing approval, the Ruidoso Police Department will be housed in the former Moncor Bank building on Mechem Drive beginning this summer.

New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson earlier this week signed a bill allocating funds to the New Mexico Finance Authority. Financing the pending village purchase of the Moncor building is included in the bill signed by the governor.

If the sale is finalized, the village would buy the long-empty building for \$1.15 million.

"I personally think this is a great

occurrence as far as the police department is concerned," said Lanny Maddox, village of Ruidoso police chief.

The building, on 1.6 acres, has a most recent assessed value of \$540,772, according to Doug Whittaker, chief deputy assessor for Lincoln County. The property's assessed value had been as high as \$1.1 million in 1988. Whittaker said the assessed value has gone down as the structure stood empty over the years.

For two years the Ruidoso Police Department and village administration have looked into the need for a new public safety facility. Cost estimates for a new building, adequate to house all the divisions within the police department were estimated at

more than \$3.5 million. The project had been prioritized in the village's Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan for the past two years.

"In 1994 we observed the fact that this building had been outgrown," Maddox said of the Wingfield Street facility. "I implemented a five-year capitol improvement plan. In that plan was the proposal for a new facility for the Ruidoso Police Department."

The village had been considering the purchase of land and construction of a new building, the police chief said. The estimated price tag was \$3.5 million.

"We'll have this turn-key for \$1.15

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Ruidoso to retire trash compacting system for top loading

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Top-loading of garbage into trucks will replace the back-load, compaction system used for almost 15 years at the Ruidoso Solid Waste Department's transfer station.

Construction began earlier this month to change the operation at the transfer station on Gavilan Canyon Road.

Construction crews have excavated the location for the new solid waste transfer building, and set rebar in place for the structure's concrete floor.

"I'm hoping to see it ready in six months or so," said Leonard Corona, the village's solid waste department director.

"The top load type transfer station will allow maximum loads (going to the landfill) instead of being half loaded," Corona said.

He estimated trailers going to the landfill right now carry about 67,000 pounds of trash. The new system should boost that to 80,000.

"The way it's working right now, with compacting, there's no way to distribute the load from (truck) axle to axle," Corona said.

Scales in the new facility will tell a crane operator how to distribute loads, to maximize the amount of garbage in a trailer.

"The scales will tell the weight on the front axle of the truck, the rear of the truck and the rear of the trailer," Corona said. "We'll know the amount of weight and be able to move it around."

Mayor Robert Donaldson said the transfer station's compactor, used to squeeze more waste into trailers, has outlived its useful life.

He called the change a good move. "If it wasn't the right way to go, the right system, the state would not have given us the grants."

"There are more efficient ways to do it, and this is one of them," said Len Stokes, an expert on solid waste matter, who is a contract consultant for the village.

The eventual elimination of the compactor loading system follows the replacement of heavy trailer trucks to haul waste to the regional landfill south of Alamogordo.

"The original purpose of the transfer station was fine," Stokes said. "But when the DOT (New Mexico Department of Transportation) started really watching weights, we devised a new system of lighter (trailer) units, higher capacity units." He estimated 50 percent more trash is now hauled in each load to the landfill with the new trailers.

Corona said the new loading system will in-

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Donaldson says county budget pie needs to be sliced more fairly

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Charts showing the make-up of the Lincoln County budget pie and who is getting the larger slices are causing a stir in some Ruidoso circles.

The charts, drawn up by Lincoln County Treasurer Joan Park, show what part of taxes paid by Ruidoso residents goes toward the operation of the county, what percentage Ruidoso pays of the total amount of property tax dollars collected for county government and how much of the county's budget goes to each major county department.

She also broke out similar data for the four other municipalities in the county - Capitan, Carrizozo, Corona and Ruidoso Downs - and for tax payers in unincorporated portions.

"A lot of people in Ruidoso don't think they get anything for their tax dollars," said Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson. "As mayor, this is what I am hearing from a lot of people in the village. I think the county ought to work with us a little bit to find a way to put some of that money back into Ruidoso."

Park said she took the figures from the prop-

erty assessor's rolls converting the values to dollars and she will review them with county commissioners at their meeting at 9 a.m. Thursday in Carrizozo.

Unincorporated areas of the county pay the largest portion of taxes to run the county government at 47.8 percent, followed by Ruidoso at 43.8 percent, the charts show. The amounts drop to 4.8 percent for Ruidoso Downs and less for the remainder of the municipalities.

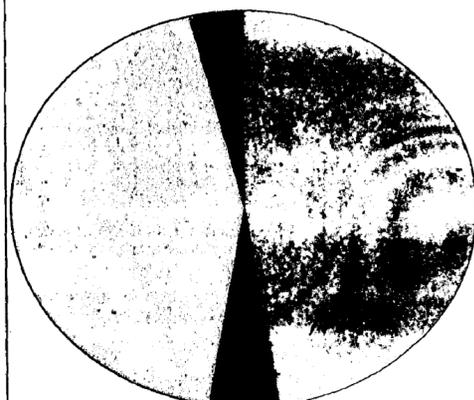
Although Ruidoso pays more dollars to support county government, the percentage of tax bills that individual village residents pay toward the county's operation at 22.2 percent is lower than residents in any of the other towns or the Hondo area, according to Park's charts.

Capitan property owners pay the highest percentage at 43.8 percent, followed by Corona at 41.1 percent, Hondo at 37.4 percent and Carrizozo at 33.1 percent.

"We pay 22.2 percent of our tax bills directly to the county of Lincoln," and that comes out to 43.8 percent of property taxes billed for the county's operation, Donaldson said.

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Property Taxes for County Government (billed by treasurer)

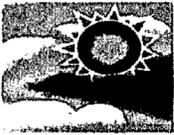


- Capitan - 2.1%
- Carrizozo - 1.3%
- Corona - 0.3%
- Ruidoso - 43.8%
- Ruidoso Downs - 4.8%
- Unincorporated Areas - 47.8%

source: Lincoln County Treasurer's Office

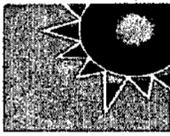
RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

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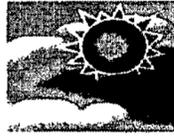
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SUNDAY High ... 62 Low ... 30



Sunny

MONDAY High ... 64 Low ... 31

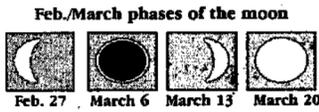


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WEATHER ALMANAC

Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	65	31	N/A
Wednesday	67	29	N/A
Thursday	60	22	N/A

Regional-Friday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	55	31	Partly cloudy
El Paso, TX	67	39	Sunny
Lubbock, TX	61	35	Partly cloudy
Midland, TX	70	40	Partly cloudy



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L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

White Oaks Eagle Feb. 15, 1900

Last Saturday, Prof. E.S. Coombs, Miss Ula Gilmore, Rev. Jon. A. Hollars, Miss Annie Lane, Miss Williams; Clifford Hulbert, Miss Daisy Nabours, spent the day at Carrizozo Ranch, guests of Mr. and Mrs. W.C. McDonald. The party

made the ride 12 miles and return on horseback. There was nothing "kin" to ordinary March weather in the beautiful spring day of las Saturday which afforded them a very pleasant trip.

The El Paso & Northeastern now has a daily train service to Capitan. Why can we not have a change of mail service from San Antonio to come over this line? White Oaks people would like to see these old stage horses which have been running in her for years, take a rest.

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LIBRARIAN: Briley said he had a session with both Osterberg and Schmitz

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were not documented.

When called to testify at the hearing by Cadigan, Briley said he signed off on the termination based on Osterberg's recommendation, not because of any personal observation.

He spoke to Schmitz on several occasions in the months leading up to the termination, Briley said.

"She told me she felt harassed at the work place," he said. "I investigated," but he said he hasn't reached a determination.

Cadigan asked if many of the criticisms of Schmitz were "nitpicking."

Briley responded that during a session with Schmitz and Osterberg, Schmitz told him she wanted to know exactly what she was doing wrong and Osterberg "told her everything," Briley said.

ley said. "If that is nitpicking...but she asked to be advised," he said.

Cadigan pressed for examples and Briley said Schmitz was criticized for leaving pieces of paper on the floor.

"That may have been a little over zealous," Briley said.

During a conversation before the firing, he told Schmitz personal attorney there would be no retaliation for the librari-

an taking an extended leave, Briley said.

Schmitz testified that when she returned, Osterberg insisted Schmitz work an evening and Saturday shift to make up to other employees who covered for her during a 10-week absence.

No "action plan" was written out for Schmitz to follow but general guidelines were discussed and he met with her later to update her progress, Briley said.

BUDGET: County residents pay the village through gross receipts taxes

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"But when you look at how it's spent, the road fund is 22.4 percent of the budget and they don't do roads in Ruidoso. The sheriff's budget is 18.6 percent and the sheriff doesn't work inside the village of Ruidoso."

The village pays \$50 for each person arrested in Ruidoso and jailed at the county detention center, he said. The detention center swallows 10.3 percent of the county's budget.

"We use the services of the treasurer, assessor and clerk, and I guess the county manager, but what's with 24.2 percent of the budget going to the commission?" he asked. "Just between the roads and the sheriff, you're talking 42 percent of the budget (that) can't even be used in Ruidoso, yet we represent 43.8 percent of the revenue collected."

Representatives of the village plan to attend the county commission budget sessions to ask for some help this year, Donaldson said.

Sixty percent of the people who use the library live outside Ruidoso, but within the county, Donaldson said.

"They absolutely ought to

pay for one librarian to extend the hours - not to replace the salaries we pay," Donaldson said. "They were to work out a deal with fire coverage in the unincorporated pockets in the area, but I don't believe they've done that."

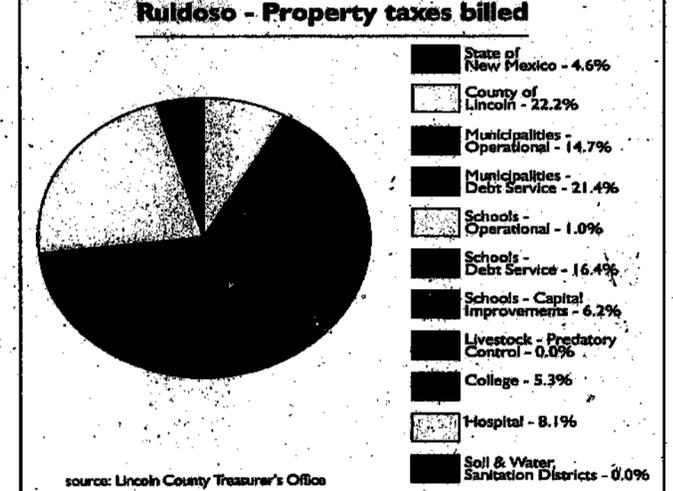
The county also should be participating to address a countywide problem with septic systems, he said.

The feeling that Ruidoso residents are carrying the burden for other parts of the county may have influenced some votes against approval of a new Ruidoso recreation center earlier this week, he said.

"A lot of Ruidoso residents are upset because they felt we would build a community center and the county was going to get a free ride and I think (commissioners) need to address that," Donaldson said.

Commissioner Leo Martinez, who represents one portion of Ruidoso on the county board, said he hopes to see more Ruidoso residents, business owners and community group representatives attend commission meetings.

"They should be paying more attention to what is going on," Martinez said.



Commission Chairman Rex Wilson said he doesn't want to debate Donaldson in the newspaper on the budget issue.

"I don't think that helps anyone," Wilson said. "I'm not prepared to speak about the figures until I see them presented in our meeting and we have a chance to discuss them."

"The county is charged

with different responsibilities by state statutes than the villages."

He pointed out that the same people who live in the county and use the Ruidoso public library contribute to the village budget through gross receipts taxes when they buy groceries and other goods in Ruidoso.

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Mayor Donaldson explains what happened with the rec center

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Misinformation and concerns about pressing issues in Ruidoso led to the overwhelming defeat of a community recreation center, Mayor Robert Donaldson assessed Thursday.

Voters on Tuesday, by a 60 to 40 percent margin, rejected borrowing \$6 million to construct the complex.

The mayor, who had called the proposed center a quality of life question for voters, said the other issues on voters' minds were sincere concerns.

"A lot of people are legitimately worried about water. And I can't argue with them," Donaldson said. "A lot of the issue right now is the drought. It's as bad 1969-1970."

Had a normal winter with snows occurred in the past three months, the mayor

believes the outcome of Tuesday's bond question would have been different.

"There was a group with a lot of misinformation they spread around," Donaldson said. "Some that were absolutely for it were changed by those passing on misinformation."

Donaldson said he was concerned that, what he labeled a small group, was willing to use "any tactic" to sway voters. He said there was a very concentrated telephone campaign against the community center.

In describing the misinformation, Donaldson said he heard some opponents had said the community center would be like a country club, at a cost of \$750 per person. He also said the word was the center would be used by only 15 percent of residents.

"And the parents of kids

didn't turn out," Donaldson said of Tuesday's election. "I'm happy with the 30 percent (voter) turn out, but when more than 150 people are misinformed, I knew the outcome."

But Leo Martinez, a Ruidoso resident and member of the Lincoln County Commission, said taxation was the key factor in the center's rejection.

"Ruidoso is one of the highest (taxed communities) in the state," Martinez said. "The community is saying 'We're taxed to the maximum.'"

The county commissioner also said Lincoln County should be looked at as a poten-

tial partial funding source, if a recreation center is a further pursuit.

"Move some of the (tax) mills around," Martinez said. "Move some of them for a rec center, and other things, like education."

Martinez recommended Ruidoso establish a Blue Ribbon Committee, to look at property taxes and gross receipts taxes. He said that could help residents better understand the financing of a community recreation center.

Martinez did agree with

the mayor that residents of the village were looking at other priorities as well, especially the water issue.

"The biggest message was, 'Not now. Maybe later,'" Donaldson said. "I heard, 'This is a good idea, but first let's fix some problems.' I'm optimistic."

Following the results of

Tuesday's election count, the mayor said the community center financing question could be back in six to 12 months, if and when residents asked for such a facility again.

Donaldson said when it does come back the center may be phased, perhaps starting with an indoor pool, and later adding to the facility.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Red roses for the Red Cross

The Rio Hondo Chapter of the American Red Cross will have its annual rose sale in honor of National Red Cross Month and in celebration of 84 years in Roswell.

Roses are \$20 per dozen and will be delivered from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, March 23 and Friday March 24.

To buy roses or to volunteer to assist with the delivery of the roses, call the office at 257-7579 or (888) 622-4370 or come by the office at 720 Sudderth Drive in the Chamber of Commerce building.

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OUR OPINION

A majority has made a decision

Signs and portents will be read into the defeat Tuesday of a bond proposal that would have financed construction of a new community recreation center in Ruidoso.

True, it was a rare setback for the village administration of Mayor Robert Donaldson. True, it was a rare defeat of a bond issue presented to Ruidoso voters for any purpose; nobody can remember when a school bond issue was defeated, for example.

So what's going on? Was the proposal so patently out of tune with the wishes of the population that nobody was interested? The mayor was philosophical after the votes were counted: "We presented a quality of life issue. It was something a number of people wanted. But the majority had their say."

Or was the timing totally wrong? Ruidoso's permanent residents are struggling through a winter business season that many have concluded is the worst in memory. A perception of problems ahead - water shortages, a turbulent stock market, a Presidential political year, skyrocketing gasoline prices - sometimes leads people to register a protest in the most direct way.

Just say "no" to something. About 60 percent of the 1,476 voters who gave their opinion said "no" to a community center that would have kept a tax in place, but not an added tax.

Presumably, at some point residents will see a slight decline in the taxes they pay. Presumably, people who have different priorities will step forward and give the village's civic administrators some instruction about what they do wish to see accomplished in the years ahead.

Hopefully, something they can say "yes" to.

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YOUR OPINION

Dangerous arrows

To the editor:
A well-known poem reads, "I shot an arrow into the air - it fell to earth, I know not where."

Well, I know where some of them fell - on my property. The most recent about 10 feet from a back deck!

I'm concerned about the safety of my pets and myself. I prefer not to have people "shooting" at wild animals as they roam through my property.

No one has my permission to hunt on my grounds. Most of the property is fenced and the large, white house is obvious. Apparently this "hunter" is aware of this being private, as he hasn't attempted to recover any of his arrows.

A true sportsman shows respect for private property. This guy, however, is no sportsman - he's a disrespectful and potentially dangerous clown!

Thank you, Jamie Spencer, for bringing the questionable side of bow hunting to light.

B. Karcher
Alto

constant traffic.

I can remember when the exciting thing to do was to come to the mountains to get away from everything that is coming here now.

I'm not against growth; but it has become very uncomfortable to know that money is the driving force to sell every corner and lot, sides of mountains, whatever can have a price tag, instead of trying to keep a little of what used to be the reason to be here.

It's bad enough that the wildlife has only yards to travel in now, with less space every week.

I am really upset with the motocross prospect and I'm wondering how my neighbors feel about it.

Give us a break!
Linda Boutte
Rancho Ruidoso

All those Yankees

To the editor:
Robert Moeller certainly didn't set the record straight when he said "Yankee" was used only by Southerners during the Civil War, and only to include a couple of states.

True, it was a derogatory term, and most Southern kids of my generation thought "Yankee" was only half a word - damnyankee was the word. And it referred to anyone not born to parents whose grandparents, at least, were born and raised south of the Mason-Dixon Line, most definitely including Illinois and Abe Lincoln, Yankees all.

However, during World War II, American soldiers were referred to as Yankees by everyone else involved in the war, to the consternation of a lot of Southern boys who did not consider themselves Yankees.

Sheila Conine
Ruidoso

No motocross, please

To the editor:
I just read...and I can't believe what I saw: A plan for a motocross track just above the valley we live in.

It's bad enough with all of the on-to-of-each-other overgrowth, eater problems, the bad roads we have to travel over to get to our home, and the speeders driving like bats out of Hell, now we'll have the mountain sounds of gunning motors, the valley filled with more fumes and more speeding traffic.

We moved out here to be able to sit on our dek and enjoy the beauty and the quiet serenity. Now we'll be able to sit out and listen to loud motors and

Attitude adjustments

To the editor:
Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is unveiling a new program aimed at preserving up to 4 million acres of open space across the West for visual landscapes. There will be no visitor centers in these visual zones.

The new system will be called the National Landscape Monuments, and the Bureau of Land Management will "run the program."

Babbitt says he dislikes the BLM pro-mining/logging policy; therefore he thinks the BLM needs to be "induced to have a sense of pride"...

To make this BLM "attitude adjustment," Babbitt will put the BLM in charge of the visual landscapes of the lands "owned" by the federal government. This shouldn't be much of a chore since the federal government doesn't "own" much land in this country, but maybe Babbitt is talking about the public lands managed by the BLM.

At a recent program concerning New Mexico's public lands, a BLM geologist's subject was "The BLM Perspective on Multiple Use of Public Lands."

The speaker said that the BLM manages more than half of the public lands in New Mexico, and this management involves more than grazing lands.

The BLM manages public lands for such purposes as public parks, water treatment plants, schools, leases for oil, gas and mineral exploration, plant habitats, riparian areas, special recreation areas for river rafting and motorcycle racing, and it also has some farmland planted with onions.

Maybe Bruce Babbitt needs an "attitude adjustment."
Annie C. McManus
Caballo, N.M.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Ruidoso water leaks, losses, and misgivings

* This is the last of three articles about Ruidoso's water system and sources.

BY BEN Y. MASON
RUIDOSO RIVER ASSOCIATION

Resiliency and reliability - The Ruidoso River Association strongly endorses the major thrust of the new master plan. It will provide the system with a great deal more storage; several million gallons of tank capacity to keep the water flowing even during our holiday spikes of peak demands.

Additionally, we will have access to almost 500 acre-feet of Grindstone Lake capacity never used before. If the effluent credit applications are accepted, we will gain flexibility and significant new rights to pump the wells in the Ruidoso Canyon and the valley. In addition, we will be able to divert and store a great deal more storm water flow than current rights permit.

We warmly applaud the conservation measures, line replacement, pressure balancing, etc., but we sorely regret that most of the funds for line re-

placement will be spooned out over 20 years instead of being moved aggressively up front. A really determined conservation effort could save something like 400 acre-feet per year. This is water that has already been lifted, treated, stored, and delivered into a pipe for customers' expensive water!

Leakage and loss - On average, one third of the water Ruidoso produces will never get to a meter. Some will go to line flushing, filter backwash, and other municipal uses, but most of it is lost to leakage and line breaks. The invisible leakage occurs mostly in the 50-odd miles of substandard 2-inch galvanized piping bequeathed by developers before the advent of higher subdivision standards.

Big losses result from line breaks caused by overpressure when old pressure reduction valves fail. Every year, the leak/loss total is worse than the year before. Many thousands of dollars have already been expended on line replacement, but each year, we fall farther behind.

The Ruidoso River Association believes that the sorry condition of the water delivery network is attributable directly to our failure, year after year, to adopt an economic impact fee. The cost of unfunded expansion new water rights, wells, and storage crowds out repair and replacement expenditures that would reduce leakage. Every drought is a crisis because we lack an expansion fund constantly replenished by an impact fee. We are scurrying now to increase production by implementing the no-brainers (Grindstone pump-back, redrilling Eagle Creek No. 2 and No. 4, getting Hollywood back on line) that could and would have been done long ago but for lack of money.

An impact fee is a user fee, not a tax. Each new water and sewer connection costs the village about \$4,400. This represents the value of the infrastructure (main lines, pumps, reservoirs, treatment plants, etc.) that must be in place to make the connection work. It is calculated by summing the depreciated value of the infrastructure, subtracting debt,

No more social promotions?

In the ancient past, kids in grade school - in their own unconssciously mean way - would whisper and point fingers at the other kids who flunked a grade and had to take it over.

It was just about the worst thing that could happen to a boy in the Missouri Ozarks town where my formal education started.

MOUNTAIN ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN
RUIDOSO NEWS

A buddy in my class named Billy fell victim to the system; he was a little slow to learn, and was held back. But Billy's folks didn't even think of trying to influence anyone to promote him. The school's principal was the ultimate authority, and...well, the superintendent of schools was up there next to God.

Something changed over the years, maybe with the advent of the post-World War II baby boomers, maybe because of the crowding they created. A psychologist or educational theorist or some such came along and decided it was too damaging to the child to hold him back. (Or maybe to the school boards.)

Hence, "social promotions." And there have been lots of them in New Mexico, all perfectly legal; all a parent had to do was sign a waiver, and on the kid went to upper grades, ready or not, time after time.

Now, believe it or not, the New Mexico Legislature has agreed to limit a kid to just one social promotion during his or her school career. Gov. Gary Johnson signed the bill this week as something that helps ensure accountability in the classroom.

Now, instead of a waiver, a parent-teacher conference is in order. A written plan and extra work must be set up, after the school notifies parents early in the year about a failing child.

But, as all too often is the case in the Land of Enchantment, things are less than perfect; the bill the governor signed had no funding provision, and the schools won't like that...

Maybe the Legislature should be kept back a grade, like Billy.

Misgivings - The master

Ruidoso Downs mayor-elect says the village's image needs to 'clean up'

BY JAMES KAINELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

"We are the gateway to Ruidoso, the gateway to the mountains."

The words of Bob Miller, Ruidoso Downs mayor-elect, who said following his election victory the village needs to improve its image.

Miller was the overwhelm-

ing ballot choice in the three-way contest Tuesday. His election bumped two-term Mayor Joe Hayhurst. Certified results of the March 7 election were unchanged from the vote totals released election night. Miller received 160 votes, followed by outgoing Mayor Joe Hayhurst's 105 votes, and Jackie Branum's 73 votes. A canvass of the totals was completed Wednesday.

While Miller wants a mas-

ter plan developed to guide municipal projects, he called U.S. Highway 70 important, as a first impression for those entering Ruidoso Downs.

"We need to portray that gateway properly," Miller said.

Miller, who will be sworn in on Monday, said business growth will clearly occur at a fast pace along U.S. Highway 70, especially when the roadway construction is completed this

summer. "I want that development," Miller said. "And it will happen. We have to make sure it's the right kind of business."

The mayor-elect said planning and zoning in Ruidoso Downs needs to be "beefed-up" to address development. While embracing the economic development new business will bring, Miller said zoning needs to exclude the possibility of any

additional adult novelty enterprises. He also wants to clean up the village, alluding again to the image of Ruidoso Downs.

"The first thing is the village itself," Miller said. "We need to improve the parking lot at Village Hall. Get the equipment out and clean it up."

Miller said he believes, if the village sets an example, others will follow suit.

Describing a master plan as

a guide to assure projects are done in a timely fashion and orderly progression, Miller said it would avert situations like having to cut into new pavement to modify a water or sewer line.

The master plan would also address growth, which Miller said would be a big part of Ruidoso Downs' coming years.

Miller said he also wants the village to push for sewer connections at a 98 percent compliance rate.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Kenneth Cunningham

A memorial service for Kenneth Ray Cunningham, 62, was Thursday, March 9, at 10 a.m. at Christ the Lord Lutheran Church in Carefree, Ariz.

Mr. Cunningham died Sunday, March 5, 2000.

He was a self-employed entrepreneur.

He owned and operated Metropolitan Contract Services, a nationwide delivery company, and was active in numerous other business ventures.

Mr. Cunningham was born in Houston, Texas, and is

survived by his wife, Anne, sons Kenneth Jr. and Wade, and his daughter, Kari.

He also is survived by eight grandchildren: Sharla, Michelle, Douglas, and Gregory, children of Kari Cunningham Bennett; Christina, Nathan, and Michael children of Wade Cunningham and

Kenneth III, son of Ken Cunningham Jr.

A brother, Bill, numerous cousins, nieces and nephews also survive him.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Mayo Foundation, 200 1st, SW, Rochester, MN 55905-0001.

WATER: Transferring Bonito rights would not really produce additional water

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plan continues to treat water rights as though they were real water. It envisions, for example, almost doubling the capacity of the Grindstone treatment plant (to 4,300 acre-ft per year) at a cost of \$2.1 million. From its completion through 1999, its production has averaged only 27 percent of its existing 2,240 acre-feet capacity, principally because its only source of raw water is the river.

The plan fails to recognize that during time of drought, surface water is unreliable, something the private sector has long understood. Land developers don't divert streams; they drill wells.

If Ruidoso is prudent in controlling the build-out of its still vacant real estate, its water demand will be manageable. There are probably not enough remaining buildable lots within the village limits to generate a population that will endanger our present and pro-

jected resources. Outside the village, the future may be more grim as individuals find that their wells must be ever deeper and as small water districts are outbid in their attempts to secure additional water rights.

We find little merit in the notion of buying Bonito water rights. In the Eagle Creek and North Fork basins, we have far more rights than water, hence it would be absurd to transfer Bonito rights to those basins. In the Ruidoso basin, current rights

plus the projected increase in effluent credits makes it unlikely that transferring Bonito rights would really produce any additional water.

This leaves one alternative — buying Bonito rights, drilling the Bonito basin, and piping water to Ruidoso. Pretty costly for a not-so-affluent village. The bright side is that rights trafficking on the Bonito, while threatening many small holders, does not affect Ruidoso's watersheds or rights.

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School board seeks to lease water rights

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Ruidoso School Board will decide at its regular meeting Tuesday whether to lease two to three acres of water rights from its 22-acre property in Ruidoso Downs.

The property, known as the "Westall property," bought for a future elementary school, has 16 acres of water rights. If the board decides to lease water rights, the district will issue a request for proposals on a year-to-year basis to generate revenue, said Mike Gladden, superintendent of the Ruidoso Municipal School District.

At the present rate of growth in student population, Gladden speculates that a new elementary school might be needed in about four years. The construction and design of the new school would have to be funded by a new bond issue.

Also on the agenda for the 7 p.m. school board meeting is discussion and a vote on making an application to the New Mexico Highway Department for a paving program to remove and replace the parking lot at the high school. The program provides for the school district to pay 75 percent of the cost and the New Mexico Highway Department to pay 25 percent.

Last year the Highway Department's share was 40 percent for school pavement projects, Gladden said.

School board members will also vote on allowing an athletic period at the high school to count for credit. Local school boards can approve credit for athletics on a one-time basis, he said.

At the meeting, the school board will discuss the need for an improved accountability system.

All New Mexico school districts are required to go to an accountability data system and the Ruidoso district has had to "piece together" its data because of different technologies at the various school sites, Gladden said. The school board will open proposals for a unified program that can be used at all the schools.

School personnel invited to attend the Celebrating Educational Opportunities for Hispanic Students Conference in San Diego, Calif., this weekend will report to the school board on the three presentations to be made there.

Programs and their presenters attending the conference include Gavilan Canyon School, to be presented by Paul Wirth, director of instructional support; the Gems program for discipline

and incentive tracking at White Mountain Elementary School, to be presented by Helene Kobelnyk, principal, and Dodie Meyer; and Teepees Lounge to be presented by Rebecca Durham.

The school board also will hear from four teachers who received grants from the Eastern New Mexico University's "Dream Fund." The teachers will explain what their winning dreams are and how much money they will receive to manifest them. The teachers are Pixie Arthur and Jackie Tobias at Ruidoso High School, Marge Cannella at Sierra Vista Primary School, and Lisa Vasquez.

An annual report will be given on the school-based health centers at Ruidoso High School and Ruidoso Middle School.

In closed session, school board members will evaluate administrators at all the sites and make recommendations for next school year.

School board meetings are held in the boardroom of the administration building and are open to the public.

MESCALERO NEWS

Palmer receives state chamber appointment

Carleton Palmer, former economic development grant writer for the Mescalero Apache Tribe and a candidate last year for tribal president, was appointed to the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of New Mexico.

A doctorate student in international development, Palmer provides development and management services to Indian tribes in New Mexico and Arizona. He served in several positions for the Mescalero Apache Tribe, including grant writing, as housing administrator, and was a member of the Mescalero Tribal Council.

His expertise in business development will greatly enhance the chamber, said chamber Chairman Richard Jaramillo Sr.

The AICCNM was incorporated in July 1998 to provide visibility, training and access for American Indian entrepreneurs and Indian business develop-

ment. The chamber conducts mixers every other month. For more information, call (505)766-9545.

NMSU offers summer program

High school juniors and seniors from Mescalero can sample college life by attending a summer program at New Mexico State University.

The American Indian Program at the university in Las Cruces is looking for students to attend the Future American Indian Scholars summer program June 11-16. The applica-

tion deadline is April 7. American Indian students in their junior or senior year of high school who are interested in obtaining a higher education degree - particularly at NMSU - are encouraged to apply.

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'Economic potential' seen in fort

Regional, local effort pushes to promote the future of the historic Lincoln County post

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

As head of a regional economic development agency, Tony Elias has seen many projects proposed over the years.

But even Elias gets a bit carried away when talking about the economic potential for Lincoln County at historic Fort Stanton.

"This is a fantastic facility with nearly unlimited potential," he said Thursday. "This could be the Disneyland of New Mexico, although I wouldn't want that."

The future of the 1855 fort 12 miles northeast of Ruidoso was the focus of a meeting Tuesday among a small group of individuals who want to be players in determining that future.

They included County Manager Tom Stewart, state Rep. Dub Williams, R-Glencoe, Elias, Dick Weber of Fort Stanton Inc., Ed Roberson of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Dee Kessler of the state Monuments Division and the area

director of the U.S. Department of Commerce based in Austin, Texas.

"I'm typing up a list of things I think we accomplished," Stewart said Thursday.

The county manager said the group is going to host an open house May 27 at the fort, which was a suggestion by Williams.

This event will be in conjunction with the annual veterans memorial ceremony at the cemetery.

A letter was signed by Williams, Stewart, Weber and Roberson asking New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson for permission to solicit grants for the fort, Stewart said.

The state owns the fort and more than 1,000 acres around it.

The group also discussed how to stabilize and restore buildings at the fort through corporate sponsorship, Stewart said.

Letters were requested from the state property control division to authorize access to the fort by members of the team and to avoid trespass problems, he said.

"We're working on a fire plan for 2000-2001 and to conduct a clean up of likely fire areas," Stewart said.

Stewart said the group also is putting together a buy-back program to bring some of the artifacts from the fort

"This could be the Disneyland of New Mexico, although I wouldn't want that."

Tony Elias,
Southeastern New Mexico Economic
Development

back home.

After the meeting, Elias, executive director of the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District, took the commerce director to the fort for a tour.

The tour by Williams included stopping by the Spencer Theater for Performing Arts.

The tour also featured a stop at the Hubbard Museum of the America West and at some of the large subdivisions in the area.

"He was very impressed," Elias said.

Enough that he urged the group to file a pre-application for money to pay for a feasibility study.

"I gave Stewart the pre-application and we are going to get together to submit the information to the Economic Development Administration," Elias said.

If officials there like what they see, they formally will invite the county to apply for the grant money that would be available Oct. 1, he said.

'Community Works' set for Tuesday

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

In the wake of last month's Winter Summit, that included finger pointing largely at Ski Apache, the region's chamber of commerce will look for economic solutions at an event called Community Works on Tuesday.

"We're not going to go there," Joan Zagone, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce said of the summit's criticism of Ski Apache. "It's self defeating and non-productive. It was very evident at the Winter Summit that we are a community at a very fragile business state right now."

Zagone said the vision for Community Works is to establish a year-round mechanism to address problems and fulfill needs.

A mission statement, included with a cover letter from the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, declares a need "to create and implement a strategic business plan to enhance the economy of the Ruidoso/Ruidoso Downs area."

"We need to make sure we stay focused," Zagone said. "Both on what we've presently observed and what might be on the horizon."

A winter lacking in snow has hurt the ski season, in turn impacting the business sector, especially lodging establishments and ski shops.

Among the goals on the Community Works agenda is a proposal that would create "added-value" incentives. The phrase "added value" was mentioned during the Winter Summit as an alternative to using the word "discounted." Some lodge owners and ski shop owners complained last month that they had discounted their services, but Ski Apache continued to charge full price for lift tickets during a season impacted by the lack of snow. Ski Apache officials said reduced-price lift tickets were not the answer.

In reaffirming that the Community Works sessions will avoid animosity, Zagone said disagreement won't address what could be accomplished if the business community is properly focused.

"They (Ski Apache) have a present business practice that they feel is important to them," Zagone said. "It is their right, and comes through their own business experience."

An action plan under the

"added-value" incentives heading suggests creation of a sub-committee to research other programs offered in other communities and an implementation of programs here.

The session also seeks to identify additional experiences visitors would enjoy and then potentially adjusting marketing plans for the Ruidoso area to promote them.

"It's about what we can effectively do," Zagone said. "And it's very much attitudinal. We need to address our seasonal economy."

The chamber director hopes to see a Community Works committee established that will meet on a regular schedule.

"It's my personal pledge to members of the chamber and business community," Zagone said. "We will make accomplishments."

The initial Community Works session will be from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Best Western Swiss Chalet's Sierra Blanca Room.

Letters announcing Community Works have been mailed to chamber members.

The chamber director said the entire business community is invited to help develop a plan to improve the region's tourism economy.

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Ruidoso Solid Waste Department director Leonard Corona reviews the start of construction of a new garbage transfer station at the solid waste facility on Gavilan Canyon Road.

TRASH: The project is in two phases

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crease each landfill-bound load by another 20 percent. The project is being constructed in two phases. The present work is estimated at \$275,000, said Cle-

tus Richards, the village's special projects director. A \$200,000 state grant is in place for phase one. The second phase will complete the building. Richards estimated that would cost about as much as the first phase. Another \$200,000 state grant has been received for the second phase.

BUILDING: Funding approval is expected by early April



Ruidoso Police Department Chief Lanny Maddox reviews documentation that would lead to the village's purchase of the old Moncor Bank building, and the property's conversion into a replacement for the present police station.

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million," Maddox said.

He said the owners of the Moncor building approached village officials, asking if the village needed the property.

"This site would be an ideal location for a public safety building, giving enhanced service response times throughout the village, allowing easy access to the police facility by our citizens and frequent visitors," Maddox said.

The village's loan request before the New Mexico Finance Authority asks for \$1.5 million dollars, Alan Briley, village manager, said.

"The remainder of the money would be for restoration and remodeling, as well as moving the department," Briley said.

Repayment of the loan would come from gross receipts taxes. The village has a 1/8 percent gross receipts tax in place for infrastructure needs. That tax generates about \$200,000 a year, Briley said. Repayments, over a 20-year period, would be \$125,000 annually.

The Moncor building purchase is contingent on a final approval by the New Mexico Finance Authority. That

approval is expected by early April.

"I think the major difference it (the new facility) will make is it's sized proportionately to the department and for future village growth," the police chief said. "I see it as something that will be there for many, many years into the future. It's the most bang for the buck."

Maddox also said he felt the high-visibility location for the new public safety facility would be a deterrent to crime.

"People don't see us back here," he said of the Wingfield Street police and municipal court building.

The Moncor building, across Mechem Drive from the new post office, has been vacant since the mid 1980's.

The old bank is a 14,151 square-foot facility.

The current police department is about 6,000 square feet. In weighing the advantages of financing an existing building versus bonding a newly constructed building, the village has estimated nearly \$4 million would be saved over the term of the bonds.

Maddox said he and department officers were elated that their cramped building would soon be vacated. "The transition should be very, very smooth," Maddox said.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Burglaries reported

Ruidoso police are investigating a number of burglaries that occurred during the past week.

• A Reese Drive resident had returned home for lunch on March 9 and discovered someone leaving the home just after the resident had entered. Jewelry valued at \$4,825 was discovered missing from the home. The perpetrator was believed to have entered the dwelling through a garage window.

• A Torreon Loop resident returned home on March 8 and noticed a pane of window broken out on a door. Missing from the residence was an estimated \$1,814 in items.

• The manager of A-1 Storage, at 253 Carrizo Canyon Road, found two storage rooms had been broken into sometime between 5 p.m. March 3 and 8 a.m. the next day. Padlocks on the storage units had been cut, according to a Ruidoso police report.

• A large dog apparently kept a would be thief from entering a Mechem Drive residence.

The attempted breaking and entering happened on March 3, when the resident discovered a window broken out of a door. The resident told police nothing appeared to be missing.

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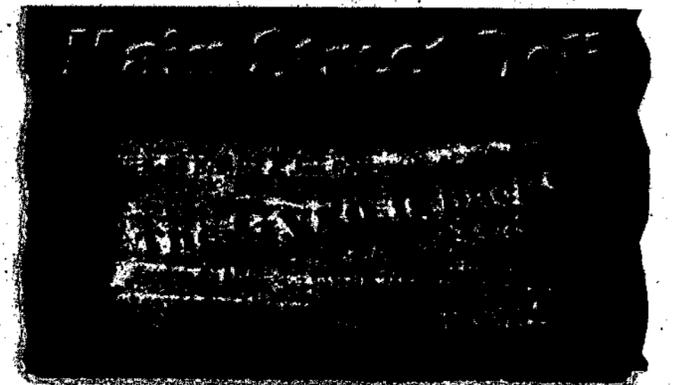
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Ski report

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This week

Friday, March 10
Prep boys basketball
District 3AAA tournament: Ruidoso vs. Hot Springs, 7 p.m.
Region D tournament in Mountainair: Hondo vs. Mesilla Valley, 6 p.m.
Prep track
Ruidoso at West Texas Relays, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 11
Prep boys basketball
Region D tournament in Mountainair, 6 p.m.
Prep softball
Ruidoso at home vs. Roswell Goddard (DH), 1 p.m.
Prep tennis
Ruidoso at Gadsden, 3 p.m.
Prep track
Ruidoso at West Texas Relays, 11:30 a.m.

Monday, March 13
Prep baseball
Ruidoso at Socorro (DH), 3 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14
Prep softball
Ruidoso at home vs. Carlsbad (DH), 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15
Prep boys basketball
State tournament in Las Cruces: Ruidoso vs. TBD

Scoreboard

Wednesday, March 8
Prep girls basketball
State tournament in Albuquerque: Cliff 57, Carrizozo 52

Pecking Order

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Men's Basketball League Standings through March 9

Team	W	L	Pct.
Alamo Pipe	9	1	.900
Tulle Bad Boys	9	2	.818
Curtles	8	2	.800
Julian G.	8	3	.727
Sierra Blanca Slammers	7	3	.700
The Players	7	4	.636
Hardwood Thunder	4	7	.364
Oliver O's	2	7	.222
Brew Crew	2	8	.200
Forty Minutes Plus	2	8	.200
Renegades	0	13	.000

Results for March 7
Julian G 93, Renegades 40
Sierra Blanca Slammers 56, Forty Minutes Plus 44
The Players 103, Renegades 54

Results for March 8
Tulle Bad Boys 91, Oliver O's 64
Hardwood Thunder 59, Brew Crew 51
Forty Minutes Plus 56, The Players 49

Games for March 13
6:30 p.m. - Alamo Pipe vs. Forty Minutes Plus
7:30 p.m. - Tulle Bad Boys vs. Sierra Blanca Slammers
8:30 p.m. - Oliver O's vs. The Players

Games for March 14
6:30 p.m. - Hardwood Thunder vs. Tulle Bad Boys
7:30 p.m. - Julian G. vs. Curtles
8:30 p.m. - Oliver O's vs. Brew Crew

Games for March 15
6:30 p.m. - Curtles vs. Sierra Blanca Slammers
7:30 p.m. - Hardwood Thunder vs. The Players
8:30 p.m. - Brew Crew vs. Four Minutes Plus

On Deck

Golf scramble
The Ruidoso High School golf team will host a benefit scramble at 1 p.m. Sunday at Cree Meadows Country Club. The cost is \$25 per person plus cart fees and the public is invited. The scramble will offer \$500 in prizes. Additional scrambles will be held March 19 and 26 and April 9. The cost for all four events is \$60. For more information or to sign up, call Cree Meadows at 257-5815.

Softball meeting set
A softball meeting for all coaches, players and anyone interested in umpiring in the men's and women's 2000 season softball league will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizen's Center. For more information, call 257-5030.

Youth soccer league
Signups for the Lincoln County youth soccer league will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday and 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday at the White Mountain Elementary School cafeteria. Children ages 4-15 (must be 4 years old by July 31, 1999) are invited to participate. The cost is \$25 per child. No discounts are given for multiple children from the same family. Any player registered in Fall 1999 does not need to re-register. For more information, call Kathy Yeaggy at 354-3306 or Mike Lynch at 356-3613.

Cowgirl experience too much for Lady Grizzlies

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

ALBUQUERQUE — Lack of experience, not a lack of effort, led Cliff (25-2) to a 57-32 win over the Lady Grizzlies (18-4) in the opening round of the state basketball tournament.

Playing at Rio Grande High School, the Cowgirls led from the opening basket, and slowly pulled away. But the Grizzlies intensity never diminished, and backed by fans who were on their feet throughout the game, Zozo showed smiles and determination rather than the desperation the team showed against Loving. "We already

knew we were going to state, and we wanted to come here and kick some butt."

"Our intensity was a little higher," said senior Renee Rael, who bookended her high school career with trips to state as an eighth grader and senior. "We came out a little more confident."

The Cowgirl experience showed in comparisons of the offense. Cliff shot 47 percent from the field and 29 percent from the outside. Carrizozo was 26 percent from the field, and didn't hit a single 3-pointer. Cliff also topped Zozo from the charity stripe, 56 percent to 37 percent.

But the margin could have been a lot wider if not for the Grizzly defense.



Grizzly Christa Franck looks for somewhere to pass the ball while surrounded by a crowd of Cliff Cowgirls.

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Warriors primed for title matchup

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Warriors are headed for the state basketball tournament, but for coach Billy Page, that's in the future. Today's game is key.

Ruidoso squares off against Hot Springs at 7 p.m. for the district tournament championship. A victory will give the Warriors a banner to hang in the gym proclaiming them the District 3AAA champions and that's what Page wants.

"That's really our biggest focus right now," he said. "First things first."

Hot Springs earned the right to meet the Warriors with a victory Tuesday over Silver. Page was at the Truth or Consequences gym.

"It was a good game," he said. "Hot Springs played real well."

Ruidoso and Hot Springs will be meeting for the third time this year, in what Page called "the rubber match. We split, and now we really know who the better team's going to be."

The Warriors won at home 48-41, then lost in Hot Springs by one point in overtime. After the Ruidoso game, Tiger coach Doug Anderson said, "All I can say is that right now I've got the best ball club and the best hall club didn't win."

It'll be a different ball game when they come down to see us."

Page said the Warriors "are pumped" and ready to play.

"We're looking forward to it," he said. "The kids are excited. We can't wait."

The key to defeating the Tigers is defense. "We have to rebound and the defense has to be on," Page said. "That's going to be the two biggest things. Make sure they don't get any second shots on their offense. Our defense has pulled through in the past and will have to again."

Hot Springs averages 2 or 3 inches taller than the Warriors and the Tigers are all good from the outside. Ruidoso is still working on its shooting, but if the ball doesn't fall, that's when the defense has to come through.

"We're going to get our points, because the kids we have don't quit," Page said. "They keep working and that's our key: is not allowing (the Tigers) to have easy shots, from the outside or inside."

The coach is also counting on a full house at the Ruidoso gym.

"The sixth man, our fans, they've been there before and we'd like to have them there again," he said.

Must win game for Hondo

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

For the Hondo Eagle basketball team, Friday is do or die.

If the Eagles defeat Mesilla Valley in the Region D tournament in Mountainair, they'll head to the state tournament. Lose and the season is over.

The teams met in December at the Loving tournament, and Hondo won in double overtime. Hondo coach Paul Qualls knows it's not going to be easy, to repeat, but knows what his team has to do to earn the victory.

"I honestly think we have to slow the ball down," he said. The Blazers have a run-and-gun style of play, and that concerns Qualls. "The thing that scares me the most is they are very, very quick. They get up and down the court. They play very wild basketball and when we try to do that, we get beat."

So the Eagles will try to control the ball, giving up any 3-pointers the Blazers might attempt, while trying to keep the ball out of the paint, where Mesilla Valley shoots 77 percent of the time.

"We're going to drop in, we're going to go after the middle, we're going to give up the outside shot and make you shoot over the top of us," Qualls said.

The Eagles will try to keep the ball away from Jared Walls, who Qualls said "shoots

very, very well," and Joe Moon, "a very good little point guard."

Defensively, Hondo will try to keep the Blazers on their toes.

"We're not going to be consistently a zone," he said. "We're going to flip from man to zone."

Qualls said the Eagles will try to keep Mesilla Valley off balance, keeping them from setting an offense and out of a rhythm.

Heightwise, Qualls said the two teams match up very well, but playing in Mountainair's older, darker gym gives Mesilla Valley the advantage, Qualls said.

As far as the Eagles go, everyone is healthy and everyone, including the starters who were benched earlier this year for discipline problems, is on board and ready to play.

"I'm seeing some good signs of some kids who just might want to win," he said.

Qualls said his bench has been giving his starters a good workout, running a Mesilla Valley type offense.

The coach was worried about the two-week layoff between the district tournament and regional games, but said his team is finally starting to come together.

"The attitude seems to be pretty good," he said. "I'm kinda seeing some team unity here. I'm seeing a team gel together and that's a good sign of a winning program."

Tracksters hoping to improve

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

For one more season, the Warriors have to face Silver in district track. And it's always been a numbers game, with the Warriors perennially finishing second behind the Colts. This year, however, while the Lady Warriors have talent but still lack numbers, coach Ronnie Maskew thinks the boys can give the Colts a run for their money.

"We're going to challenge them," he said. "We're going to go after them with everything we've got."

"Everything we've got" includes athletes like senior Thomas Schiele, who'll perform in five events every week. The pole vault, long jump and triple jump will definitely be in his repertoire, with relays or sprints rounding out the five depending on need.

Junior Solomon Barnett, who's still lending his talents to basketball, and sophomore Jose Linares will be leading the sprinters.

Junior Dominic Gonzales is expected to be strong in the shot and "is coming along" in the discus, while sophomore Brandon Brunlow will handle the javelin.

The only field event in which the Warriors are still looking for someone to move up is the high jump. When Keegan Reidhead moved, that left the Warriors a big hole to fill.

"We have some new guys working at it, and we hope we have one or two from basketball to help us," Maskew said.

The other area of weakness on the boys side is the middle distances. Cross-country runner Josh Romero had knee surgery earlier this year, and is taking

things slowly. Maskew is hoping for help from sophomore Nathanael Hedin and senior Alfonso Rankin.

"We've got to get Josh to come along in the mile and two mile and then we have some of our other cross country kids," he said. "They have a lot of work to do, but by the end of the year, they may be able to help us some."

Maskew is confident the boys will be competitive.

"We're going to try to be a lot better than last year," he said. "Some of the guys like Solomon and Thomas and Dominic are really good leaders who I think will help get us there."

The girls are still lacking in numbers but the talent is there.

Maskew lists seniors Amber Green and Monica Keyes and sophomore Bethany Rogge "at the top of the list," along with sophomore Carrie Lane and junior Kammi Sparks.

Keyes will handle the high jump, hurdles and relays. Lane will give the new girls javelin a shot, and senior Abby Figueroa is strong at discus and coming along in the shot. Freshman Tannara Grant will also be tossing the discus.

Maskew is counting on young sprinters and jumpers to add depth to the program, and freshman Amanda Montes, sophomore Eva Rehfeld and junior Loni George in the distances.

Then there are those just out for the squad.

"We have quite a few new ones who we hope will help us," Maskew said. "It remains to be seen yet in competition, but what I'm seeing in practice, we



Members of the Warrior softball team are, from left, back: Crystal Gheer, Dusti Franklin, KC Gibson, Simona Ramos, Shelly Thomas, Metista Secatero, Kayla Montoya; Kristen Castillo, Jennifer Cannella, Melinda Morytko, Kathy Hightower, Alesha Beveridge, Jenelle Clawson, Vicki Celusniak, Lisa Spurr; Jaclyn Castañon, Lynda Celusniak, Timea Eckert, Mara Justus, Jessica Kampsky, Erin Nutting, Teatta Layher; Cassie Bednorz, Sarah Fromknecht, Julie Miller and Tiffany Harris.

Numbers key to softball success

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Warrior softball team is only 4 years old, yet last year the team finished second in district to earn a berth at the state tournament, where it fell to Bloomfield in the opening round. This season, with a solid core of players to fill both a varsity and junior varsity team, the Warriors could be even better.

But coach Brian Baca is talking the season day by day.

"The way we're going to address the season is we're going to take it one game at a time," he said. "Obviously, we've got our sights set high, on Silver City and Coble, two very good, quality teams. But I feel confident in ourselves, and it's just going to be how the cards fall when we play them."

In district, Baca said everyone is strong.

"I also think you can't count out Santa Teresa and you can't count out Hot Springs," he said. "I don't know if it's a misfortune or a good thing, that our district is one of the toughest in the state, because it makes us ready to play."

The Warriors will also be facing some strong competition from AAAA schools, including Carlsbad, Roswell, Goddard, Alamogordo, early in the season.

"We're really trying to raise our level of play and see some competition earlier to prepare us for our district and hopefully state," the coach said.

One of the Warriors' strengths is numbers, with both young and old taking to the field.

"I think one thing I'm probably most pleased with is the turnout we've had," Baca said. "I'm especially proud of our younger girls. We've got a lot of eighth graders and freshmen who have come out, and the numbers are a mark of a program really improving."

Ruidoso only graduated three seniors from last year's squad, and is returning a good core of upperclassmen. That experience and the team's hitting are also assets.

"We have a lot of girls who have played in game situations, and most of these girls played at state, so they kind of know what it's about," the coach said.

If the team has any weakness early on, it's pitching.

Junior Crystal Gheer is on the injured list, so others, including Tiffany Harris and Kristen Castillo, will be taking up the slack.

A lot of eighth graders and freshmen will be learning what's needed on the mound.

"It's very positive we have a lot of girls out, but on the other hand, we have a lot of girls who

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STATE: Grizzlies will return

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"Our defense kept us in there, as close as we could possible be," Rael said.

"I thought we did a heck of a job defensively," said Grizzly coach Mel Holland. "Our inexperience hurt us on the offensive end. (Cliff coach Clay Means) can bring them off the bench. He's got 10 people who can play. We're running a little low on depth, but some day we'll be where they're at."

Means agreed with that assessment.

"They're a good ball club," Means said. "They weren't just a one-girl team. (Rael) carries them, she's tough, but I thought the Holland girl was tough. (Christa Franck) was tough. They've got some good ball players. Real solid."

Franck matched Cowgirl Jessica Luera in the scoring department, each tallying 16 points. No one else scored in

double figures, but eight Cowgirls got on the board, and six Grizzlies.

The consensus is this won't be the last trip to state for the Lady Grizzlies.

"We're going to be here next year," Franck said. "We're going to be state champions my next three years."

"I think our team has a lot of potential, and it'll go far if they keep working as hard as they are," said Rael, who'll have to watch from afar. "They call us young, but I think we have the heart and the dedication."

"I think it's possible for them to get back because they are young," said Means.

"We look at (Cliff's) program," Holland said. "They run track and they run basketball. If our girls are willing to do the same, I think we'll be in the big room and I think we'll get the things done. It's a great group of girls."

TRACK: Warriors hope to challenge in district, state

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think we have some girls who will do fairly well."

Because of the lack of numbers, each girl will be expected to compete in several events, but Maskew is still optimistic.

"I think our girls will do real well," he said. "It's just a numbers game, especially when you get into a meet where there's two or three teams that can do anything, and one team has double or more what you have. We know that going into it, so it's no

surprise." For both the boys and girls, Maskew has his sights set on district and state.

"Every meet is important, but the district and the state meet are the really important ones, and we want to be peaked and ready to go when we get to those two meets," he said.

To get there, the Warriors will compete against some very tough competition, starting this weekend in Odessa, Texas, and continuing with

meets in Alamogordo, Roswell, Socorro, Carlsbad, Artesia and Lovington.

"I think good competition can't do anything but help you," Maskew said.

That good competition will be in evidence at Ruidoso's meet, set for April 15, which will include Carlsbad, Hobbs, Artesia, Socorro, Las Cruces and Magdalena, among others.

Fans this year will also get to watch the girls compete in two new events, javelin and pole vault.

Maskew thinks his team will be ready not only physically, but has the attitude to win.

"I think it's a real good group of kids," he said. "Some of the best kids we've had as far as giving them instructions. They get after it and work. It's a group you really look forward to working with every day, and that kind of makes it pleasant to go out there. Sometimes when the wind's blowing, the snow's blowing, things like that, you need something to help you get out there."

Fishing report

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Several non-resident and local fishermen have asked what "CFS" numbers are when referring to river flow. A quick answer is: CFS is a flow rate stated in cubic feet per second. A simple method of determining CFS flow rate is: measure the width of the river at a given location. Measure the depth at the same point. Measure 100 feet downstream of that point and mark it. Now find something that floats. Get your watch ready and note how long it takes the floating item to travel the 100 feet. Now use this simple formula: width times depth times length (feet) divided by time (seconds). The result will give you CFS.

RIO RUIDOSO: Not much change from previous reports. With the decreased water flow in the river, fishing above the Carizzo Creek confluence is almost non-existent. The best fly selections this past week have been green rock worms, bead head pheasant tail nymphs or bead head pheasant tail nymphs. **BONITO CREEK:** Wait for water on the South Fork. The fishing is very limited, although lots of pocket water fishing and lots of natural beauty are here to enjoy. We had fun this past week dropping a large dry fly with a small nymph trailer in several pools. The fish were numerous and hungry. We found several beautiful brook trout in the 7-10 inch

season Nov. 30. Reopens April 1, 2000. **EAGLE LAKES:** The lakes are closed for the season. Look for their opening in May 1999.

GRINDSTONE LAKE: The lake level is down about 12 feet, but is fishing well. Late afternoon and early evening fishing will produce the best fishing here. It's time to break out the streamer flies and come head wooly buggers. A plus side to the low water is there is structure showing everywhere. It's a good time to venture to Grindstone and make your own secret fishing map so when the water level comes back up, you will know where all the spots are that should hold fish. Bubble rigs and propeller flies will do well for the spin caster fisherman. Try a double renegade or black prop fly with your bubble. Remember to squeeze your hook bars down if you are planning to catch and release.

LAKE MESCALERO: The lake level is down, but is fishing well late afternoon and evening. Dry flies that have been working are parachute Adams, Hendricksons, mosquito's and midges. Place a dropper fly behind your dry fly and see what happens. Prop flies with a bubble rig have been doing well for the spin casters. Remember to purchase your day pass at the reception desk at the Inn. Check out our Web site at www.fly-etc.com. Jim Shoop, Fly's Etc.

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300 YARD SALES

9AM-2PM SAT, MARCH 11th at The Stash, 1107 Mechem. Washer & 2 dryers, boys clothes, large women's clothes & shoes, and misc.

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GIGANTIC SIDEWALK SALE

O'Look Creations, 2609 Sudderth. Everything priced to sell, till everything's gone.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, furniture, tools, horse equipment and tack, TV, odds & ends. 87 Swallow, behind old WalMart. Sat only, 9am-3pm.

MULTI FAMILY DECK SALE: Camping gear, lamps, oak table, 1 IBM typewriter, printer, knitting machine, w/attachments, clothes, misc household goods. Saturday 8am-3pm, 102 Shadow Lane.

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350 SPORTING GOODS

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LINCOLN COUNTY is now accepting applications for the position of DEPUTY SHERIFF in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, located in Carrizozo, New Mexico. Applicant must be 18 years of age or over, must possess a New Mexico Driver's License, and be a resident of Lincoln County. Applicant must be a certified bailiff, and willing to work anywhere in Lincoln County. Obtain application at the Lincoln County Manager's Office in Carrizozo or by calling 805-848-2385. Applications must be received no later than 5:00 P.M. Friday, March 24, 2000. Lincoln County Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA Requirements. Title II-A.

LOCAL LANDSCAPING Firm seeking individuals with landscape, irrigation & maintenance experience. Apply at Conley's Nursery & Landscaping, Inc., E. Hwy 70, 378-4376.

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PART-TIME CLEANING person needed for weekly, nightly rental business. 1-800-483-8384

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380 HELP WANTED

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400 SERVICES

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Puzzle by Robert H. Wells

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-800-420-5658 (75¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.



March 10, 1950

Wingfield, Boyce to head race for office

Ike Wingfield, mayor of Ruidoso and candidate for reelection April 4, Bob Boyce, trustee who seeks reelection, Louis M. Smith and O. A. Luallin today announced they have formed the Citizens' Ticket and will campaign for office on a "Don't Swap Horses in the Middle of the Stream" slogan.

Also seeking reelection on the ... ticket will be L. F. (Joe) Dryden, who has been city clerk since Ruidoso was incorporated as a village in November of 1945.

March 11, 1960

Ray resigns as mayor of Ruidoso Downs

Arthur Ray has resigned as Mayor of Ruidoso Downs, reporting he and his family will be moving in a few days to Roswell where he has accepted a position.

He has been manager here for J. A. Burns Lumber Co.

Village Clerk Charles Culver said Ray resigned in the Tuesday night meeting of the council there, and to date no one has filed for any of the vacancies in the city positions, subject to the April 5 municipal voting...

March 13, 1970

Dunlap gets promotion from New Mexico State U.

Ralph Dunlap, Lincoln County Agent, received a letter Tuesday from New Mexico State University, notifying him of his promotion to associate professor, which will become effective on July 1.

Dunlap is listed on the faculty...as are all county agents. Their ratings are determined on the basis of their education and experience in the extension service.

March 13, 1980

Village trustees honor Ab Gunter.

Village trustee Ab Gunter Tuesday evening was honored by the other trustees for his services to the village during his eight-year tenure on the council.

Village clerk Jim Hine presented a framed proclamation to Gunter, signed by Mayor Lloyd Davis Jr. and trustees George White, Sherman Atwood and Frank Sayner.

...Gunter, who was defeated in his recent bid for reelection, was visibly affected by the presentation, which caught him completely by surprise.

March 15, 1990

The Silver Lining by Daniel Agnew Storm

Although the March wind is carrying an icy breath off of the snowy mountain, the sun is shining in a bright blue sky, and in the sheltered places all through the land, the children of Mother Earth are quietly getting ready to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. The weeping willow and the globe willow down around San Patricio are sending out their long new green leaves, swinging and waving in the western breeze. When day dawns upon the village of San Patricio on the 17th, there will be bright green here and there to honor the good saint of the Emerald Isle.



Jean Vinson, left, director of Hospice of Lincoln County, holds some daffodils as a reminder of the group's money-raising campaign this month. At right is hospice board chairman Peggy McClellan.

Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

Hospice care is from the heart

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Seeing the need for the care of the terminally ill, Peggy McClellan joined the effort in 1997 to create a hospice organization serving Lincoln County.

"When my husband died, I found I wanted to give back to the community, because people here have been so good to me," McClellan said. "I also have an elderly mother I care for and a son who has AIDS. I know someday I may be the person calling for help."

The outpouring of thanks from affected families who use the service proves that McClellan and other hospice board members who helped bring the organization together were right.

Four successful years later, McClellan, board chairman, and administrator Jean Vinson are asking for community support through the annual Daffodils for Hospice campaign, celebrated throughout the nation in the month of March.

On March 16, members of the organization and staff will deliver the bright spring flowers all over the county. The cost is \$5 for five flowers.

Money raised locally stays in the county, McClellan said.

Vinson, who also heads Home Health Services of Lincoln County under the umbrella of Presbyterian

Medical Services, said she hopes everyone will celebrate the new season and the good work of hospice by brightening their homes and offices with bouquets of daffodils.

McClellan and several others in the community realized four years ago that terminally ill patients require services that go beyond home health care and with a different goal.

"Instead of recovery care, hospice is more comfort and end-of-life care," Vinson said. "It requires more care and involves the needs of the family."

"A social worker is part of the picture. The services may involve a nurse everyday, an aide, and a volunteer."

The family and patient may need to work on end-of-life issues, such as financial arrangements and funeral preparation, she said.

"It's a more family-type setting within the home," Vinson said. "Ninety-five percent of the care occurs at home, although some have no caregiver and may be placed in a nursing home or residential facility. Sometimes, a friend will step forward and the patient will live with them."

"Most people if given the choice prefer to die at home where they are surrounded by family, the things they cherish, and their pets."

Hospice care may be covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance. If a patient doesn't fall into any of those categories, "we try not to turn anyone away," Vinson said.

"(Hospice) requires more care and involves the needs of the family."

Jean Vinson,
 Home Health Services

"If there are things needed the insurance company won't provide, we provide them through donations. Pain medication is very expensive. It eases the burden on the family when they know there is help."

Hospice is not age specific, McClellan said. "It's not just the elderly; we've had infants and people of all ages," she said.

Volunteers are an essential component in the care, Vinson said.

"We couldn't do it without them," she said. "They provide respite to the primary care givers, so they can run errands or just have a break. Most of the volunteers have gone through a similar experience. They're a good sounding board and are trained to handle situations that may come up."

"They also are important, because the social worker and nurse can't always be there."

Volunteers also help out in the office, and more are needed, McClellan said.

Vinson said she's seen family members "breathe a sigh of relief" when a

hospice team arrives, because they understand the support will be there, she said.

"We try to dispel myths about death," Vinson said. "It need not be frightening. It can be beautiful, if done well."

Care is given in time periods of six-months or less, but can be extended, she said. The services may include cross-over home health care.

Family members also are offered bereavement counseling for up to one year by telephone, letter, support groups and personal sessions, Vinson said.

Staff and volunteers are rewarded through the appreciation of families and patients, she said. Many become part of the family emotionally.

"We get tons of thank-you notes and donations from the families served," Vinson said.

Flowers will be delivered Thursday, March 16, but buyers may come to the hospice office to pick up an order between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 17.

The order deadline is through today, but by calling (505)257-4324 or faxing (505) 257-3995, McClellan said she will take orders up to the last minute as the availability of flowers allows. Call (505) 257-2365.

Order forms are available at the hospice office at 117 El Paso Road. Donations without purchasing flowers also are welcomed, Vinson said.

Neighbors pull for Farnsworth at Oscar time

We in Lincoln all are hoping that neighbor Richard Farnsworth gets the Academy Award. The Oscar awards will be given March 26.

LINCOLN TRAILS



ROSALIE DUNLAP
 RUIDOSO NEWS

He says he has had a very good reception for his nomination.

Those of you who haven't seen "the Straight story" have missed a wonderful family movie.

Farnsworth has received so much publicity by the media — print and television.

My favorite photo is one the Roswell Daily Record had on the front page recently.

Windy again Monday. Let's hope we get some of the moisture that is supposed to come through New Mexico Tuesday.

Hugh Fox says he still plans on opening his gallery on the first of May. Linda (Mrs. Hugh) told me she definitely is not going to be with the Capitan Public Library again.

She did so much to get it to be a viable organization, and will be greatly missed.

An error: Larry Davidson was written up in the January Ceramics Monthly, not the New Mexico Magazine.

Lynn Kidder is off taking photographs of the Alaskan Iditirod race.

We will be anxious to see the photos when she returns.

I will have some information next week on the new book that art blazer has had published.

It is getting to be the time of year that plans for "Old Lincoln Days" are being made.

With the Mountain Men and their National Tomahawk contest, and the reunion of all the Pageant performers and participants scheduled along with the regular annual events, it should be an exciting time.

We have been busy collecting photos and other items for the reunion, and trying to get as much information between now and August as we can. Thanks to Alden Ritch, who has located old photos for us...

Newlyweds



Courtesy
 Ryan Cagle Martin, son of Joe and Arin Eby of Ruidoso and Jim and Jeanne Martin of Canon City, Colo., and grandson of Lillian Martin of Ruidoso and Jean Cagle of Whiteface, Texas, exchanged wedding vows with Arin Jo Edwards of Phoenix, Ariz., on Feb. 20. The couple are making their home in Phoenix.



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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:
7 p.m. Mile marker 1, Hwy 220,
3/4 mi. up Airport Rd. Rev. James
Crowder, 336-1979.

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
Trinity. Bill Jones, Pastor. Sunday
School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship:
11 a.m.

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

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

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

Trinity Southern Baptist Church
(south on Highway 48) M. Capitan
Rd. 354-2044. Sunday School: 9:30
a.m.; Worship: 11 a.m.; Stonecroft
Friendship Bible College: Wed, 9:30-
11 a.m.; Awana: Wed, 6-8 p.m. (6
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
Galva. Sacrament of Penance: Sat.
4:30 p.m. or by appointment; Satur-
day Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 10
a.m. (English), 10:30 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
Capitan, 354-9102. Saturday Mass: 5
p.m.; Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.; Monday

Santa Rita Catholic Church
Corona, 648-2453. Father David
Bergs, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6:30
p.m.; Sunday Mass: 11 a.m.; Tuesday
Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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CHRIST LDS**
Church of Jesus Christ LDS
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between Ruidoso and Capitan, Joe

Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Mark, 336-8359. Sunday schedule:
Sacrament starts at 10 a.m.; Sunday
School, Priesthood and Relief Society.

Church of Jesus Christ LDS
Mesalero Branch, 671-4630. Wray
Schlaugher, 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:
Daughters of King: noon; Eucha-
rist & 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
Glencoe. Sunday: Holy Eucharist: 9 a.m.

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

FOURSQUARE
Capitan Foursquare Church
Highway 48, Capitan. Harold W.
Perry, Pastor. Sunday School: 10
a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7
p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7
p.m.

FULL GOSPEL
Mission Fountain of Living Water
San Patricio. Sunday School: 10 a.m.;
Evening services: 7:30 p.m. Sunday,
Tuesday and Friday.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall
106 Adobe Village Road, 258-3659
257-8271. Sunday: 10 a.m.; Talk: 10
a.m.; Watchtower: 10:50 a.m.; Mon-
day Bible Study: 7:30 p.m.; Thursday:
Ministry School: 7:30 p.m.; Service:
Meet: 8:20 p.m.

Congregacion Hispana
36 Jon Redwood Dr. Johnson
106 Adobe Village Road, 258-3659,
336-7076. Dom. Reunion Publica: 1
p.m.; Escuela del Ministerio Teocratico
7 p.m.; Reunion de servicio: 7:30
p.m.; Jue. Estudio de libro: 7:00 p.m.

LUTHERAN MO. Synod
Shepherd of the Hills
1120 Hill Road, 258-4191, 257-
5296. Kevin L. Krohn, Pastor. Sun-
day: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.;
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class:
9:30 a.m. Third Sunday Evening
Bible Study: 5:30 p.m.; call for loca-
tion.

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.

**Capitan United
Methodist Church**
Pastor: Tom Woodward and the con-
gregation of Capitan United Meth-
odist Church welcome Lincoln
County residents and visitors alike
to attend Bible study Sunday morn-
ing at 9:10, followed by worship ser-
vice at 9:30. Communion is offered
during worship on the first Sunday of
every month, and a potluck lun-
cheon is served the third Sunday at

12:30. White Oaks and Third in
Capitan: 505-648-2846.

United Methodist Church Parish
Trinity - Carrizozo. Tom Woodward,
pastor. Sunday school: 10:00 a.m.;
Sunday worship: 11:10 a.m.

PENTECOSTAL
Spirit of Life Apostolic/
Pentecostal Tabernacle
Lincoln Ave., Capitan, 257-6864.
Allan M. Miller, Pastor. Sunday
School: 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening Ser-
vices: 6 p.m.; Tuesday Bible Study: 7
p.m.

NAZARENE
Angus Church of the Nazarene
Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on
Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Charles Hall,
Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.;
Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m. and
6:00 p.m.; Wed. fellowship: 6:30
p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN
First Presbyterian Church
101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Rui-
doso, 257-2220. Cathy E. Caudle,
Pastor. Sunday: Church school: 9:45
a.m.; worship: 11 a.m. Potluck fel-
lowship after worship the third Sun-
day of every month.

**Mountain Ministry
Parish Community
United Presbyterian Church**
Ancho, Reverend Scott King. Sunday
worship: 9 a.m.; Sunday School: 10
a.m.

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

Nogal Presbyterian Church
Reverend Bill Sabring. Adult Sunday
School: 10 a.m.; worship: 11 a.m.

REFORMED CHURCH

Mescalero Reformed
Mescalero. Bob Schae, Pastor. Sun-
day School: 9:30 a.m.; worship:
10:30 a.m. Mon.; Junior high
youth: 6:30 p.m. Mon.; high school
meeting: 7 p.m. Thur.; Kids Club
(grades 1-5): 3:30.

**SEVENTH DAY
ADVENTIST**
Seventh Day Adventist
207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso
Downs, 378-4161. Pastor Rick Lytle
443-1904; Assoc. Pastor Wilburn
Morrow 622-1206. Saturday: Sab-
bath school: 9:30 a.m.; Church ser-
vice: 11 a.m. Wednesday. Prayer
meeting: 7 p.m.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Abundant Life Family Church
2810 Sudderth Drive, Suite 210,
257-1188. Mark Gentry, pastor. Sun-
day worship: 8:30 a.m. Thursday
Bible study: 7 p.m.

American Missionary Fellowship
Rick Smith, 682-2503. Monday:
Women's Bible study: 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Ruidoso men's Bible study
noon at Pizza Hut, Mechem Drive.
Wednesday: Women's Bible study:
6:30 p.m. at Schlotzsky's Deli. Capitan
Jr. High and Sr. High Youth
Groups: 6:30 p.m. at Christ Commu-
nity Fellowship.

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

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

Carson. Reunion General Jueves
6:00 p.m.; Domingo: 10:45 a.m. Club
Anistad Sabado: 1:00 a.m. (paños).

Christ Church in the Downs
Ruidoso Downs, 378-9864. Al and
Mary Lane, Pastors. Sunday. Chil-
dren's ministries concurrent with Sun-
day Services: 9:30 a.m.; worship:
8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.; Thursday:
services: 7 p.m.

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

Cornestone Church
Corona Square, 613 Sudderth
Drive, 257-9245. B.A. Thurman,
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children's church, 10:30 a.m.; Bible
Study Adult and Youth, Wednesday,
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Living Word Church
441 Mechem, 257-3470. Pastors:
Terry and Suzanne Lewis. Sunday:
Renewal services: Sunday 10:30 a.m.
and 5 p.m. Wednesday: Intercessory
prayer noon; mid-week services: 7
p.m.

Peace Chapel
Interdenominational (UIC)
Alto North, 336-7075. Jeanette
Price, Pastor. Morning chapel: 6:50
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Corporate honors

Dot Hurston, manager of Coldwell Banker SDC Realtors, in Ruidoso has been awarded the 1999 Office Manager's Award for Excellence by Coldwell Banker Corporation.

The selection was made from more than 3,000 Coldwell Banker offices worldwide.

"As the Coldwell Banker brand moves into the new millennium in a position of leadership, so too does Dot Hurston," said Alex Perriello, president and CEO of Coldwell Banker Real Estate.

Hurston, who received the honor during the company's International Business Conference, has 30 years experience as a realtor.

One owner at Dale's

Dorothy J. Dale, previously a half owner of Dale's Furniture, is now the 100 percent owner of the long-time furniture outlet. The ownership change took place on Feb. 22, according to Dale.

The store will have "the same look and the same product lines," Dale said. The outlet sells furniture and bedding by Broyhill, Riverside, Lane Action Upholstery, Serta Bedding and Spring Air Bedding.

Dale's Furniture is located on Highway 70, 1/2 mile east of the race track in Ruidoso Downs.

Shop now in midtown

Jimmy and Janice Mansfield have moved their Broken Spur Trading Company into the midtown area.

"We loved our other building, but we felt like business would be better down here," Janice Mansfield said. The gift shop, which had been at 922 Sudderth Drive, is now at home at 2701 Sudderth Drive.

Broken Spur Trading Company specializes in western items. Among the shop's offerings are lamps, picture frames, carved figures including bears, rustic type furniture, items made out of horse shoes, and more.

More collectibles, space

Home Again Antiques and Collectibles Mall, at 616 Sudderth Drive, has expanded its mall area, according to owner Lou Ann Cleary.

In addition to about 1,000 more square feet of sales area, another five dealers have come into the mall. That brings the number of antiques and collectibles dealers to 25.

"I had dealers that wanted to come in, but I didn't have space for them," Cleary said. "That prompted the expansion," she said.

Home Again is open daily, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays. The mall is closed on Wednesdays.



Steve Crozier, developer of La Tierra, Steve Anaya, director of the New Mexico Partnership Office for Fannie Mae, Jim Stretz, Terrie Sals and Anne Beckert, with the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority, were on hand for the grand opening of a senior housing project.

IT'S RUIDOSO'S FIRST RENT-ABATED
SENIOR HOUSING

"(La Tierra) is undoubtedly the best project we've seen for seniors in New Mexico."

Jim Stretz,
New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso's first rent-abated housing for seniors opened March 1, with fanfare from the developer, lending assistance officials, and residents.

La Tierra, a 60-unit complex at 107 Jack Little Drive, was the brain child of Steve Crozier of Tierra Realty Trust.

"It's been an interesting process, but a good process," Crozier said.

The process began on rocky ground in 1998. Crozier's original plan called for low income housing, in an area of expensive homes. Some residents of the White Mountain Estates subdivision balked at the plan, and organized opposition. That prompted Crozier, in late 1998, to redefine the project as affordable senior housing.

With the project complete, and more than 50 percent of the units already occupied, the developer called it "building a community."

"I'm really happy with how lease-up has been going," Crozier said. "Our residents are just wonderful. With the financing options, it shows you can build a great project."

Rents for a one-bedroom apartment ranges from \$205 to \$328 a month, depending on income. Two-bedroom units are \$242 to \$389 monthly. Income limits qualify renters. Affordable rental

rates will be a feature of La Tierra for at least the next 50 years.

"Ruidoso is an area where affordable housing is a real issue," said Jim Stretz, executive director of the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA). The state-created MFA helped put together a financing package for La Tierra that provided low- and no-interest loan guarantees. Coupled with assistance from Fannie Mae, the MFA package leveraged other financing for the development.

Subsidies make the difference

"Without the subsidies the rent here would be about \$600 a month," Stretz said. "He (Crozier) had to agree to a number of things to get the financial help." Among those were tying rents to Lincoln County income levels and providing services especially geared to seniors.

"We look for opportunities, mostly in working communities, where we can help like this" Stretz said. Locations in New Mexico that Stretz said are in need of affordable housing are Ruidoso, Taos, Los Alamos, and Santa Fe.

"We do want to see more invested in rural New Mexico communities," said Steve Anaya, with Fannie Mae's (FNMA) New Mexico office. He said Fannie Mae has targeted \$3 billion for

loans in New Mexico, with \$800 million approved last year. Both MFA and Fannie Mae offer financial assistance for low-income apartment developments and home ownership.

An extra dimension

"This project, for seniors, adds an extra dimension to the community," Anaya said. "And it's good for the economic development of the community. Ruidoso is doing economic development in addition to its tourism because part of what makes a community is the people in the community. And this adds to that."

Crozier, who has similar developments around New Mexico, said MFA and other programs make it all possible. Stretz and Anaya said their agencies are ready to help.

"It allows for equity up front," said Stretz. "So you can get favorable financing."

In La Tierra's case, about \$4 million in housing tax credits, plus financing in the form of two MFA loans totaling more than \$1 million, leveraged the \$5 million apartment complex.

Typically, loan rates are about a point under conventional mortgage interest.

"This is undoubtedly the best project we've seen for seniors in New Mexico," Stretz said of La Tierra.

Small-business development workshop slated March 14

Small businesses can get information about financing during a workshop next week, in Estancia.

The free workshop will include officials of the New Mexico Economic Development Department, the Estancia Valley Economic Development Association, Inc., and First State Bank.

Presenters will assist small business owners and operators in gathering information about state, federal and other funding sources.

Representatives from the U.S. Small Business Administration Rural Development, the Farm Services Agency and the New Mexico Economic Development Department will also distribute information.

In addition, there will also be information available about the New Mexico Community Development Loan Fund and West Corp.

Other banks will also be at the workshop.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for business owners to investigate a variety of potential funding sources in a short time," said New Mexico Economic Development Department representative Kathy McCormick.

The workshop, at the Torrance County Fair Building in Estancia, will be held March 14, from 9 a.m. to noon. The session is free to interested parties.

Those interested in registering for the workshop should phone (505) 384-2372.

EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Growth and why we're here

BY ROSALYN ROBINSON
MONROE SAVINGS BANK

So where is all of this growth coming from? Every time we open the newspaper, we read about another company coming to town, continued street widening, plans for residential development, and existing real estate inventory turning.

Most Realtors have stated that their best year ever was in 1999 and are looking forward to 2000. The Ruidoso area was gracious to the mortgage industry, too, since several new lenders, seeing the potential, have recently opened up shop. We're also seeing several new franchise hotels in the planning stages, a new mini-mall being constructed in midtown. The number of contractors in town are at an all time high.

Lenders are cautiously looking forward to this new business growth. While we are hoping there is not a recurrence of what happened in the 1980s with the dive in oil prices affecting our hometown, memories are long-term. Residential loans, however, are being made with abandon and business loans pursued.

Growth can be good. Let us not forget why we moved here though. We must remember the importance of community involvement, water conservation, river maintenance, proper trash disposal and crime prevention. We must work together to educate and attract a dependable and knowledgeable work force.

Rosalynn Robinson has more than 20 years of finance experience.

Oil prices could batter the economy—but not yet

BY SUNG WON SOHN,
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

The tripling of oil prices has not had a major impact on the economy so far. The importance of oil in the GDP is only one eighth of its weight in 1980. In addition, the positive thrust coming from productivity gains and the wealth effect of the stock market has swept away the negative effects of higher oil prices. OPEC's production level in the future is important.

There are good reasons for expecting higher production by OPEC. Take Mexico, one of the instigators of the recent production cutbacks. Oil production was 6 percent of the GDP in 1983, but the weight is down to a measly 1.7 percent today. Mexico is so integrated into the U.S. economy that it is no longer in Mexico's interest to rock the boat on oil prices. This year, OPEC production should increase by about one million barrels per day and non-OPEC production will rise by about 90,000 barrels per day. Then oil prices will trend down.

Without the increases in production, consumption will exceed supply and send oil

prices to over \$40 per barrel.

Cold weather, political upheaval in oil producing regions or shenanigans by Saddam Hussein would simply add to price volatility. Not every OPEC member wants to pump more oil to depress prices. Adjusted for inflation, oil prices are not much higher than they were in 1973. Most oil producing nations are heavily indebted with ballooning budget deficits and need cash. Excess production capacity is dwindling in the face of global economic expansions.

Impact of higher oil prices

Higher oil prices are like a tax increase. At \$30 per barrel, it amounts to an additional \$40 billion tax burden at an annual rate. At \$40 per barrel, the tax effect jumps to \$90 billion for the economy, equivalent to a 10-percent hike in income taxes. An economic slowdown in oil consuming nations would further hurt exports and add to economic slowdown. If the price of oil jumps to \$40 per barrel and stays there, an econometric model simulation shows that economic growth would be

cut by one full percentage point. So far, the price effect of higher oil prices has been muted since oil is less important in the GDP than it used to be. However, oil goes into everything from plastic toys to garbage can liners. Higher prices could lead to a wage-price spiral. At \$40 per barrel, the CPI would be 0.5 percentage point higher than it is today.

Financial markets would be buffeted by higher oil prices. The Federal Reserve is raising the interest rate fearing that higher oil prices are seeping into the core inflation rate. Heightened inflation expectation would further raise long-term interest rates hurting sectors from housing to capital spending.

Setbacks ahead got market

The equity market will remain two-tiered in the short run. Investors in the Old Economy stocks realize that higher interest rates will slow economic growth and hurt earnings. Major indices have crested and the broad market has declined. Tech stocks are a

different story, however. Investors fleeing the Old Economy shares are using tech stocks as a safe harbor. The tech mania will not die so easily. Only when the economy softens significantly, will tech investors realize that valuations are too high and will look for a safe haven elsewhere.

Treasury bonds are another safe haven for equity investors. The scarcity of Treasury bonds has cut yields. Interest rates have not peaked yet even though valuations are quite attractive. There is no convincing evidence of an economic slowdown. In addition, higher inflation expectations will push up bond yields.

Yield curves outside of Treasuries have not inverted; high equity Corporates and Tax-exempts are more attractive relative to Treasuries. In the corporate market, the number of downgrades relative to upgrades has increased despite the economic boom and healthy earnings.

Investors are not rewarded much for taking additional risks. The expected economic slowdown and higher interest rates will widen the quality spread in the future.

Subdivision lot split rules slated for Tuesday hearing

Neighborhood impact now part of the revised proposal

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Neighborhood conformity may become a deciding factor when Ruidoso lot owners seek village approval to divide an existing residential lot.

Proposed village code amendments, dealing with the re-subdivision of previously subdivided land, are set for a public hearing during the March 14 village council meeting. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Ruidoso's Planning and Zoning Commission and Village Council have tugged back and forth for several months on re-subdivision lot size requirements. The commission had recommended previously subdivided or platted land could not be further divided into parcels less than one acre in

size. The council questioned if a total ban on lot splits should be explored.

New code language, advanced by a council subcommittee, recommends the minimum one-acre lot size. Added to the proposed amendment in the single-family residential code is consideration of the character of the neighborhood and the effect it would have on infrastructure.

The language specifically states the size of adjoining lots, and the effects of a re-subdivision on the adjoining lots, are to be considered in requests to further divide a subdivision lot.

It also states the availability and capacity of village utilities shall also be a factor in determining the sizes of the resulting lots.

The subcommittee called a total ban on lot splits a "significant

change" from the amendments previously approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The subcommittee members recommended additional public hearings if such a direction was sought.

At the Feb. 29 regular session of the village council, councilor Leon Eggleston said he was pleased with the subcommittee's revisions.

"This would allow us to look at the conformity of a lot split on the neighborhood," Eggleston said.

Mayor Robert Donaldson concurred, adding the change would fit in with Ruidoso's managed growth goal.

"You can't go less than an acre," Donaldson said. But if all the lots around it are three acres, it should be in conformity with the rest of the neighborhood."

Regional Does convention here

Ruidoso Drove No. 152, Benevolent, Protective Order of Does of the United States, will be host to the 38th New Mexico South/Arizona South district meeting at the Ruidoso Elks Lodge today and Saturday.

Supreme President Shirley Yawn, Venice, Fla., will speak at public services on Friday night. The public is invited.

More than 150 Does and Elks will be present.

Accompanying the president will be her husband, Sidney. She will conduct a workshop on Saturday, and end her official visit at a banquet Saturday night.

The Supreme President's theme is "Facing the Future with Courage," using the strength and courage of the humming-



Shirley Yawn

lenges." She hopes to enjoy facing that future with all Does during her travels.

The B.P.O. Does is a national benevolent organization of nearly 14,000 members who gave more than \$700,000 to charity last year, and volunteered more than 800,000 hours of benevolent works.

Brenda Frost is president of the Ruidoso Drove, and Past Supreme President Jo Newton is chair of the convention.

The Supreme President and her husband will stay with Ken and Jo Newton for several days following the convention to get to know Ruidoso.

Also attending and visiting with the Newtons is Supreme President-Elect Sally Richmond and husband Don, of Plano, Texas.

bird as her model. She remarked, "As we ... enter the next century, we must truly have the courage to meet new chal-

Effort to shift identity to a brother fails to work in Ruidoso's magistrate court

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Virgil Dehl Gann, 53, of Ruidoso might well now think twice about committing perjury in the court of Magistrate Judge William Butts.

Gann has been ordered held in the Lincoln County Detention Center in lieu of a \$50,000 cash bond, after lying to police and the judge about his identity, according to Ruidoso Downs police reports.

Gann told authorities, after being stopped by police March 1 on U.S. Highway 70, that he was Randall Craig Gann, who is actually Virgil Dehl Gann's brother.

Gann also provided police with his brother's date of birth

and social security number, according to a police report.

Asked about a hit-and-run that occurred on March 1, Gann eventually admitted involvement, the police report states.

He was arrested for driving while intoxicated, careless driving, having no driver's license, failing to stop after a motor vehicle accident, and carrying no insurance.

At an initial court appearance, bond was set at \$2,500.

The following day Ruidoso Downs Police Chief Eddie Lerma said he received a phone call from a person asking if Randall Gann was in jail. The caller identified himself as the real Randall Gann, Lerma said.

Questioned later, the per-

son in the Ruidoso Downs lock-up admitted he had used his brother's name when arrested. Gann had reportedly also signed an affidavit requesting a public defender, again using his brother's name.

Told of the perjury allegation, Magistrate Judge William Butts raised Gann's bond to \$50,000 cash.

Lerma reported that Gann, in admitting using his brother's name, said he did so because he had three previous convictions for driving while intoxicated. Additional charges may be filed, the police chief said.

The felony nature of four charges of driving while intoxicated charge has moved the case into district court at Carrizozo.

L. C. M. C. BIRTHS

Births as reported by Lincoln County Medical Center recently were:

Feb. 16 - A daughter, Esperanza Estrella Chavez, to Heidi Lopez, 5 lb., 2.1 oz., 19" long.

Feb. 19 - A son, Asher Eclode Eisler, to Shannon and Steven Eisler, 6 lb., 10.1 oz., 20" long.

Feb. 23 - A daughter, Miranda Ginger Huband, to Cheryl Hinojosa, 7 lb., 3.4 oz.,

19 1/4" long. Feb. 24 - a daughter, McKenzie Marie Allen, to Jennifer Allen, 7 lb., 7.7 oz., 19" long.

Feb. 25 - A daughter, Mariah Lorraine Lanik, to Bonnie and Stephen Lanik, 7 lb., 6.5 oz., 21 1/2" long.

Feb. 26 - A son, Jonah Cole Davis, to Trena and Mark Davis, 8 lb., 3.2 oz., 20" long.

Feb. 28 - A son, Jacob Corey Crabb, to Denise and

Thomas Crabb, 5 lb., 2.7 oz., 18 1/2" long.

Feb. 28 - Twin sons, Ethan Avery Belin and Ian Allen Belin, to Elma Orosco; Ethan, 5 lb., 5.9 oz., 18 1/2" long; Ian, 5 lb., 3.3 oz., 17 1/2" long.

Feb. 29 - A daughter, Caylie Mae Shaw, to Glenda and Jeffrey Shaw, 7 lb., 1.3 oz., 19 1/2" long.

Feb. 29 - A son, Aaron Jordan Sikes, to Darla Jenkins, 8 lb., 14.3 oz., 20 1/2" long.

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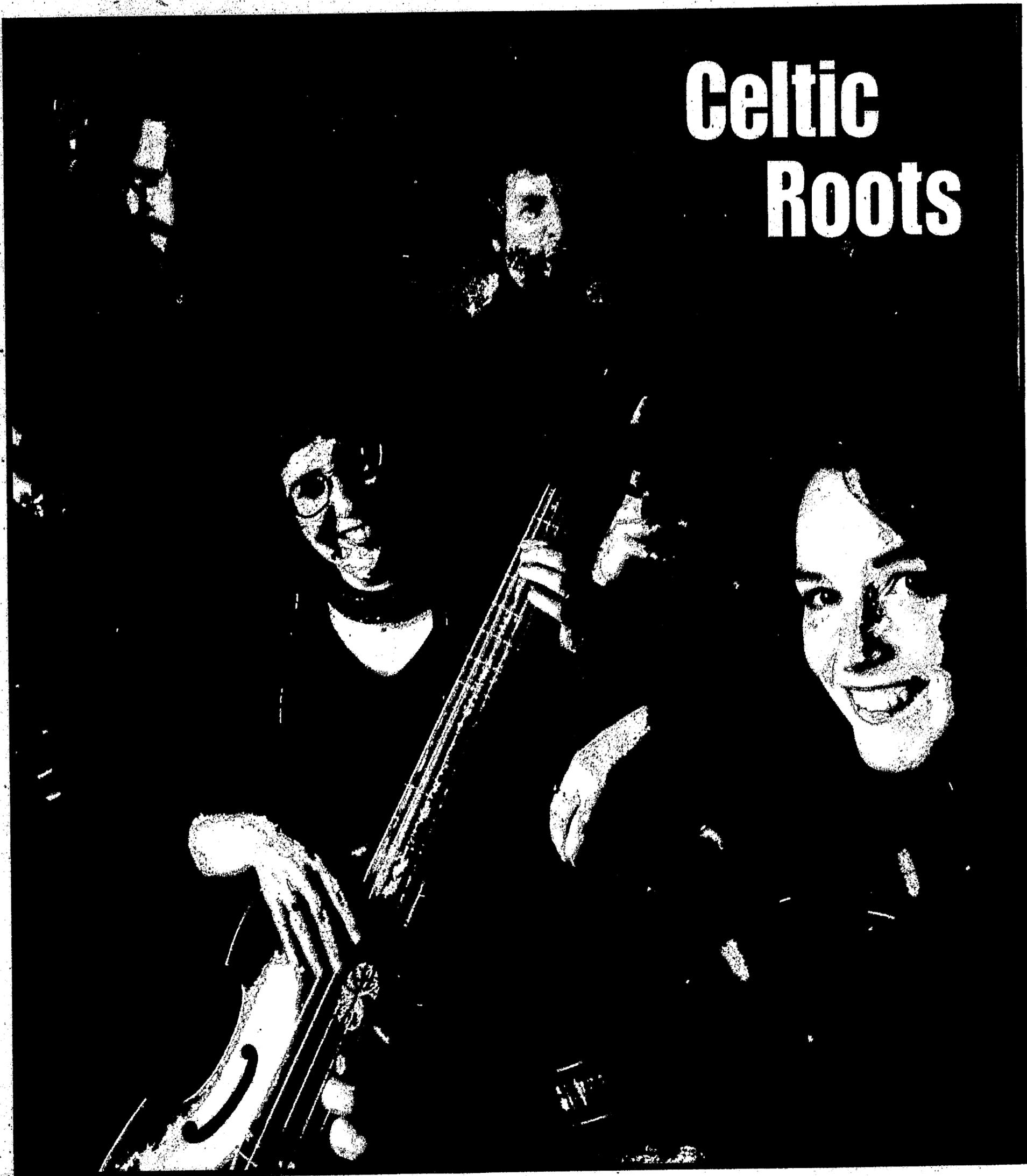
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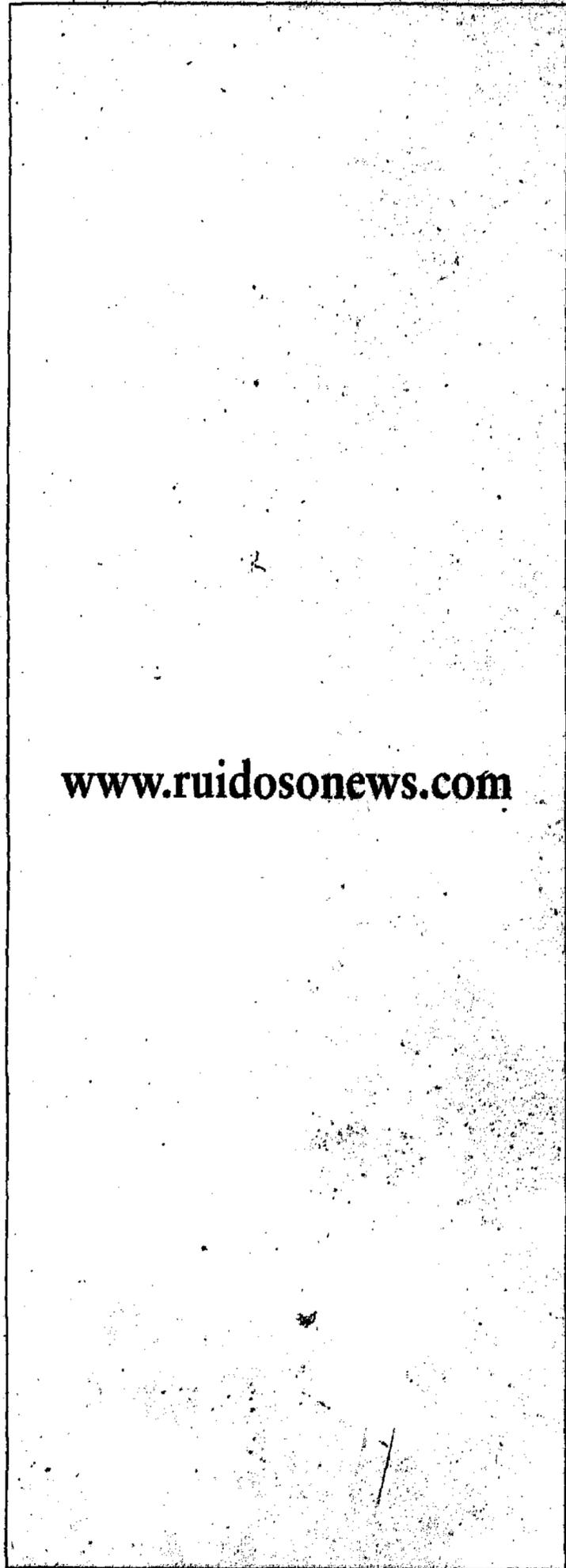
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The Arts



Sandy Suggitt

DAN HOOD, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, (left) and Hawaiian-based composer Jerré Tanner discuss "Keepers of the Land," the working title for the musical celebration about Lincoln County to be presented at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts July 1.

Continental Harmony: down to details

by Sandy Suggitt
VAMONOS EDITOR

With the joyous finale planned for the Continental Harmony production, composer Jerré Tanner hopes the audience will "just spring out of their seats roaring."

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An American Quilt

by Sandy Suggitt
VAMOS EDITOR

Patricia Shifferd sees Continental Harmony as a quilt, with each state representing ethnic groups, rural and urban communities, people of all ages, and all kinds of music: jazz, folk, classical, and blues.

Shifferd, who is project director of Continental Harmony for the American Composers Forum, visited Lincoln County March 1-3 to see how the New Mexico project is going.

"It's going to be almost like a pageant, which is going to celebrate the three cultures of New Mexico," she said. Although the project started a little later than some, she said, it looks like Margaret Lahey, education and community outreach coordinator for the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, is "getting all the ducks lined up. It looks like it's working here."

Shifferd said the panel was impressed with the Lincoln County project from a community-engagement and an artistic point of view: the concept of three cultures — Mescalero, Hispanic and Anglo — as well as three time-frames — past, present and future.

"A lot of communities have set forth a thesis that is going to bring people together," Shifferd said. "I think it's easier for people to come together for music than for some of the hard stuff, like past prejudice. I'm hoping this will set up a network of cooperation ... and maybe they'll be willing to come together when an issue comes up."

Shifferd explained that in December of 1998 a panel of experts chose the best projects from each state, then each community wrote what they wanted their music to be. These descriptions went out to composers, who could apply for three projects.

"We were swamped with applications," she said. "We got 800 applications from 300 composers the first round."

Then the panel of experts acted like marriage-brokers, she said, matching communities with composers. (In the case of this area's project, Jerré Tanner was the selection committee's first choice, and this project was his first choice.)

All 58 programs across the country — there were eight that the panel liked because of the way they touched something important about the community or were artistically interesting so the organizers found funding — will be archived in the Library of Congress. Public Broadcasting Service will document several projects and there will be coverage on the Web site.

"As far as we can tell, there's never been a commissioning music project of this scale," Shifferd said. "That and the millennium make it historic."

Shifferd said she's trying to get National Public Radio and CBS Sunday Morning to cover the programs, and Lahey said she's also approaching them to cover the New Mexico performance. Lahey said she understands PBS will be considering broadcasting two main sites, and "organizers hope that there's a chance for ours," she said.

"We'd like a compendium CD, but now



Sandy Suggitt

PATRICIA SHIFFERD, Continental Harmony project director.

we're making sure we have money for the composers," Shifferd said. She added that it would be fun to have a conference attended by all the community participants and composers across the country.

Back to the quilt metaphor, Shifferd described the great variety of projects in the works.

The smallest community chosen to participate in Continental Harmony is Cotton, Minnesota. There, children are making the instruments out of "stuff they find in the woods," Shifferd said.

In Portland, Oregon, a Japanese-American Taiko-drumming group will perform with 15 drums music composed by a Taiko master.

In Farmington, Maine, where there has historically been tension between Anglos and French people, the town of 2,000 will tie together the French fiddling tradition, the world-class string program of the schools, and a choir.

David City, Nebraska has a violin-maker of international stature, and that community's performance will include a choir, a brass band and violins. Shifferd said the composer held a lyrics-writing workshop for the community on themes of the area and participants, by free-association, created the poetry and lyrics for their performance.

In North Charleston, South Carolina, parents and children will come together to sing gospel music together, and in North Carolina, children's choirs will perform.

"We're hoping to continue Continental Harmony on a small scale in the future," Shifferd said. "It's raised all kinds of coalitions and brought the community and arts groups into the process of art-making."

Shifferd said the program is expanding, and will bring composers into housing projects to help solve their problems. Her role is to help find the money to continue Continental Harmony on three-year cycles.

CONTINENTAL HARMONY

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Tanner will be in Lincoln County until March 15 going over the music he's composed for the production — the working title is "Keepers of the Land" — and visiting area schools for music residencies.

Tanner and the production committee are busily working out the details of the four-part performance which will showcase July 1 at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. He has quite a lot of the music written and is using this visit to the area to refine it and make more specific decisions.

"The four parts are modeled after the Mescalero numerological concept of the four, and also of the cardinal directions," Tanner said.

The first section will be Mescalero, the second Hispanic, the third Anglo, and the finale will bring out all three groups.

"The finale will have an atomic test explosion at Trinity and will build up and up to a grand finale where everyone comes together for grand future — and the last word is 'New Mexico,'" he said.

Instrumentation is still to be decided, although the production committee would like to use local musicians as much as possible. There will be dancing and singing in each segment, said Dan Hood, artistic director of the production and the Ruidoso High School choir teacher. The Fiesta Dancers and Paul Ortega's Mescalero dancers will perform in the Hispanic and Mescalero segments, and the committee is still working on the Anglo segment.

"It's an exciting project and I'm really excited about it," Tanner said. "It's been a real stretch and a learning experience for me full of wonderful surprises. I'd never heard any Mescalero music before."

Also surprising was the music written in the Hispanic tradition, and the "El Corrido de Billy the Kid," written by Manuelita Carabajal-Padilla, the great-grandmother of local restaurateur Esther Otero-Flannigan of El Paisano in Capitan. This ballad has not been performed since the late 1800s, said Antonia Carabajal-Padilla, daughter of Manuelita.

Tanner said he will use fragments of "El Corrido de Billy the Kid" as an identifying figure for the heroic motif that runs throughout the production.

'The four parts are modeled after the

Mescalero numerological concept of the four ...'

JERRÉ TANNER
COMPOSER

Two mythological characters will also move the scenes forward in each segment: the Past and the Future, as heroic twins, Hood said. The audience will see them together at the beginning in flashes of light, "to help carry the story line based on the history of each of the cultures — what each culture has added and received from this area," he said.

The Anglo segment will include fiddling and dance based on what was popular at the turn of the century, and campfire scenes, two-stepping, waltzing, and cowboy poetry.

Tanner, who "thinks in colors," is composing a basic piano score and using a keyboard synthesizer to come up with the 15-30 minutes of music for the performance.

"We've got our scenarios. The next thing we need is the script," Hood said. Drew Gomer, a historian for the Hubbard Museum of the American West and writer of "Past Tense" for Vámonos, is on the script committee, he said. The script — which will be primarily narrative — is expected to be finished by the end of March.

Tanner said at least 100 people from the community will be involved but Hood said there may be at chorus of up to 50 people, so the total number could be well above 100.

"It's been a great opportunity to see how much talent there is in this community," Hood said, referring to all the people involved in production, planning and fundraising.

New Music for the Millennium

Continental Harmony: New Music for the Millennium is one of five official millennium projects that reach out to the people and bring the arts into people's lives. Formed from a partnership between the National Endowment for the Arts and the American Composer's Forum, the purpose is to celebrate the millennium by enhancing relationships between composers and the public.

The American Composer's Forum selected a host community from each of the United States, plus eight other communities. The Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts was chosen to represent New Mexico and will present a public performance July 1. The partnership will provide \$12,500 to Hawaiian-based composer, Jerré Tanner, who is composing original music for the Spencer project.

"Keepers of the Land" is the working title for this project, and the three cultures of the region — Mescalero, Hispanic and Anglo — will be presented in the first three segments of the performance, and all three cultures will come together for the finale. The artistic director for his production is Dan Hood, Ruidoso High School choir director.

EYE ON THE ARTS



Courtesy

"THE TREE," oil on canvas by Julie Thigpen.

Julie Thigpen - Chamber Artist of the Month

Oil painter Julie Thigpen is the featured artist of the month at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. Her work will be displayed there until April 15.

Thigpen, along with her husband and two children, moved to Alto from New Orleans last summer.

She attended the New Orleans Academy of Fine Arts from 1986-1992. Since that time, she has had solo exhibits in New Orleans and San Francisco and has shown her paintings in various galleries throughout the country. Among her awards are the Eclipse Medallion Award of Excellence at Artdex International in Vancouver, Canada and "Best of Show" among Southern Representational Painters in 1997.

Her paintings are well represented in private collections in the United States and abroad. She currently shows her work at Carol Robinson Gallery in New Orleans and Rio Street Gallery in Ruidoso.

Spring Into Art

Children's Art Workshops are offered at the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

Saturday, March 11, Jane Terrel will present workshops in stone art carving.

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Saturday, April 22 a beginning painting workshop will be offered by Joëy Padilla.

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1031 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso, 258-4892. Featuring contemporary Southwest paintings by New Mexico artist Stephen Stribling. Located in The Attic complex (upstairs in back). Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday - Sunday, or by appt.

The Tree's House

Nogal Canyon Road off Hwy. 37 between mile markers 9/10, Nogal, 354-4206. The Laggs are woodworkers who design and create a variety of functional art-works, including doors, screens and lamps. Located in Nogal at Hwy. 37 and Nogal Canyon Road.

Unique Creations

Nogal Mesa, 354-3500 354-4203. Creative expressions by Sandy Hartley include fiber art furniture, etched and stained glass, original macromie headboards, wall hangings etc. Open by appointment for interior consultation, commissions and gift items.

Western Trails Gallery

320 East Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan 354-4203. Original western oils, a collection of quality Indian jewelry and artifacts, unique ethnographic and regional crafts.

White Mtn. Pottery Gallery

2328 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-3644. Established in 1975 and featuring a collection of talented clay artists, it offers tableware, lamps and accessories by local and nationally known potters. Call for gallery hours.

White Oaks Pottery Studio and Gallery

3 1/2 miles NE of White Oaks, 648-2985. From her adobe studio, potter Ivy Heymann makes functional porcelain, sculptures and lighting in the shadow of Patos Mountain. A one hour drive north from Ruidoso. Open seven days, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Casino Deck Restaurant

Come enjoy our newest restaurant the Casino Deck Buffet. With excellent food made by our experienced chefs, and a view that never ends, you will never have to gamble again on a great place to eat.

Price Range: \$\$
 Phone: 257-5141, ext. 7858
 Address: Inn of the Mountain Gods
 Carrizo Canyon Road
 Mescalero
 Hours: Breakfast 7-10:30 a.m.
 Lunch, Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
 Lunch, Sat. & Sun. noon-3:30 p.m.
 Dinner, Sun.-Thurs. 5-9:30 p.m.
 Dinner, Fri.-Sat. 5-11:30 p.m.



Cattle Baron

Sensational steaks, seafood and a \$46-item salad bar are featured on Cattle Baron's menu. Fresh trout, catfish, Pacific snapper and King salmon and speciality dishes like filet mignon with green chili bearnaise sauce are also patron pleasers.

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
 Phone: 257-9355
 Address: 657 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso
 Hours: 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sun.-
 Thurs.; 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
 Fri. and Sat.



Farley's Food Fun & Pub

Good food, food fun and good prices is what Farley's is all about. The atmosphere is light and fun and there are 16 domestic beers on tap. Cooks Pedro Bonilla and Nick Lawrence grill one of the best burgers around and you won't want to miss the wood-fired pizza.

Price Range: \$-\$
 Phone: 258-5676
 Address: 1200 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso
 Hours: The restaurant opens at
 11:30 a.m. 7 days a week



K Bob's Steak House

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

Price Range: \$-\$
 Phone: 378-4747
 Address: West Highway 70
 Ruidoso Downs
 Hours: Open 7 days a week from 6 a.m.

Price range key: entrees priced \$7 and under = \$; entrees \$7 to \$15 = \$\$; entrees \$15 and over = \$\$\$

La Lorraine

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

and Duck to name a few. The meals are enhanced by an excellent wine list including vintage bordeauxs.

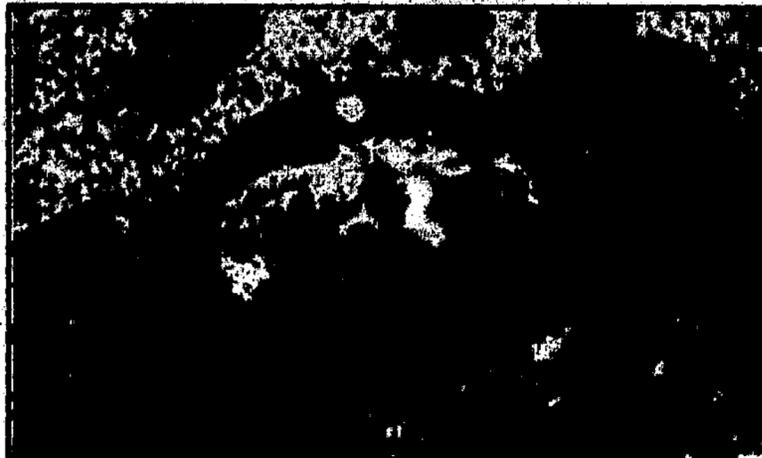
Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
 Phone: 257-2954
 Address: 2523 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso
 Hours: Lunch & Dinner Wed.-Sat.
 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Dinner Monday-Thursday 5:30-9 p.m.
 Friday and Saturday 5:30-9:30 p.m.



Little Nellies

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

Price Range: \$-\$\$
 Phone: 630-0911
 Address: 101 Vision St.
 "at the Circle"
 Hours: 7 days a week



Michelena's Italian Restaurant

Family style dining at one of Ruidoso's favorite restaurants. A variety of Italian dishes such as ravioli, lasagna, manicotti and, of course, pizza. An excellent selection of fine wines and imported beers.

Price Range: \$-\$\$
 Phone: 257-5753
 Address: 2703 Sudderth Dr.
 Midtown in Ruidoso
 Hours: Open from 11:00 a.m.



Texas Club Grill & Bar

Enjoy great charbroiled steaks and seafood. Texas-style chicken fried steak and fresh pasta in a casual Western atmosphere. The menu also features terrific coconut shrimp and fried catfish. Live music on weekends and cocktails are the perfect complement to a Texas Club meal.

Price Range: \$-\$\$
 Phone: 258-3325
 Address: 212 Metz Dr.
 in Innsbrook Village, Ruidoso
 Hours: Lunch 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.;
 Dinner 5-10 p.m.;
 (Closed Mondays)

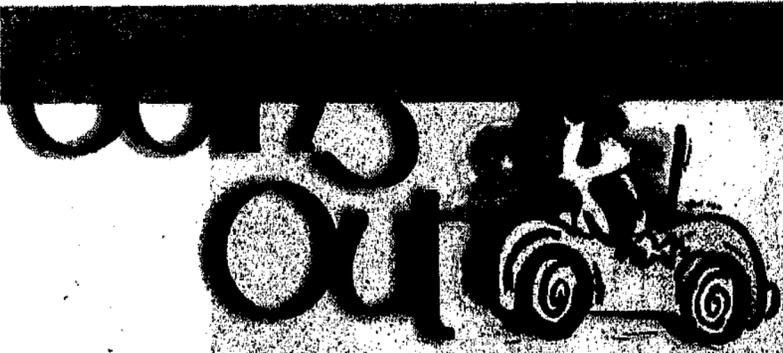


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Dianna Stallings

NELL HELLER, head of wardrobe for the Spencer Theater

Behind the scenes

by *Dianna Stallings*
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

Always the child in the neighborhood who organized plays and performed at the slightest encouragement, Nell Heller graduated to professional theater, television shows and commercials.

She had "the look," with high cheek bones and intense eyes, and she never arrived unprepared. Directors knew they could rely on her to deliver, she said.

Today, Heller still receives offers, but for now, she's keeps busy spending time with her husband, Richard, and being head of wardrobe for the Spencer Theater for Performing Arts.

Although she's also interested in conducting children's acting classes, fine arts sessions or theater, to date her efforts haven't led to any local long term arrangement.

However, she remains in touch with a theatrical agency in Dallas

and recently, as a member of the Screen Actors Guild, received a ballot to vote on prime time television and theatrical motion picture awards.

"I will only vote on those I have seen and I really make an effort to do that," she said. "I consider it a privilege to be able to vote on my peers."

Her categories include outstanding performance by a male actor and by a female actor in a television movie or miniseries, in a drama series and a comedy series, and outstanding performance by lead and supporting male and female actors in film.

She'll be casting her vote for some of the biggest names in the business.

Quite a leap from her early days in Shreveport, Louisiana during the Great Depression, and in the little Phillips Petroleum company town of Smack Over, named for a derrick reflected "smack over" a gusher.

Her interest in acting "must have been prenatal," Heller said "It's always been there."

She would sit in front of the radio listening to "Let's Pretend" every Saturday morning and then race through the neighborhood collecting friends for her adaptation.

Although most girls were expected to teach or become secretaries, Heller attended Louisiana State University, earning a bachelor of arts degree in speech and drama. Her parents were supportive.

"They always considered me the odd one and expected Nell to do the strange thing," she said.

Instead of continuing on a scholarship, Heller married and moved to New York where she kept busy raising two children, organizing book reviews, joining the community theater and helping in school projects.

The family moved to South Dakota in the 1960s. Heller was asked to become the director of the local little theater and started a successful children's theater sponsored by the state Fine Arts Council.

In 1971, she also was head of costumes and the property department for Nauman Films Inc. in Custer, South Dakota, where she coordinated costumes and props for 256 actors.

In Denver, Colorado, she performed in film and television from 1973-75 and was a resident costumer for the Central City Opera Association.

By that time, her marriage broke up and Heller moved back to Louisiana, where she wrote and produced commercials for KALB-TV in Alexandria for several years.

She met her second husband, Richard Heller, and the couple

moved first to Utah and then to California, where she found it easy to sign up with an agent.

"You don't go there without trying," she said. "Fortunately, I was at a good age and had the right look."

She obtained her Screen Actors Guild card and appeared on shows such as "General Hospital," "Houston Knights" and "Highway to Heaven" and in recurring roles in "Young and Restless" and "Bold & Beautiful."

She was cast in motion pictures, including two Disney films and appeared in print ads and television commercials for companies such as J.C. Penny, Quaker Oats, Long John Silver's and Chrysler.

Her live theater performances ranged from "The Glass Menagerie" in South Dakota to "Adam's Rib" in Dallas and "Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolfe" in Los Angeles.

"It got to the point, that they would call and say 'Send Nell Heller,'" she said.

Because of her husband's health, Heller moved to Dallas in 1989, signing on with the one of the top five agencies for women in the country. Work continued at a steady pace.

But looking for a dryer climate outside of a big city, the couple bought a lot in Ruidoso. They planned to move later, but decided not to wait and came up in 1994.

She tried commuting to Dallas for a while, but the schedule kept her away too much from her husband, Heller said.

"Last summer they called and asked if I would come back," she said. "At first, I said yes, but then I decided too much time would be required going back and forth."

She also declined a request to audition for a play with Richard Gere, she said.

Heller won accolades for her appearance in "The Nutcracker" staged locally and she's still optimistic that a children's theater will be started. She's enjoyed her work with children's productions at the Spencer and with her own group

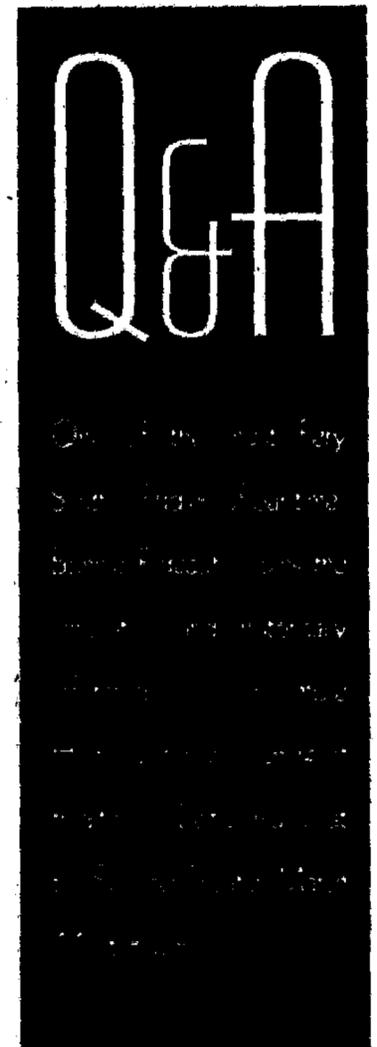
that performed at the Hubbard Museum as part of a program of exposure to the fine arts, including music, she said.

"It's so rewarding to see a child blossom," she said. The response was encouraging, but she needed more help to keep it going.

Ironically, she's been approached by theatrical groups in other states to create children's theaters for them, she said.

Heller is using her "time off" to write plays as a natural progression from writing courses she took in Los Angeles. A producer-director in Dallas wants to review three children's plays she written, Heller said.

She also takes pleasure in knowing she apparently passed the theatrical gene to her three-year-old granddaughter in Salt Lake City, who strikes dramatic poses and is called "Little Nell."



Friday, March 10

35th Annual Deming Gem and Mineral Society Rockhound Roundup
9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Southwestern New Mexico Fairgrounds in Deming, NM through March 12. Admission is free. (505) 546-6670 or (505) 546-0348.

Mardi Gras at Popejoy Hall
6 p.m. pre-show performance at 7:30. The concert by the Preservation Hall Jazz Band will be preceded by a Mardi Gras party in the main lobby of the Center for the Arts. For more information call (505) 277-3824.

"The Anne Stradling Story"
7 p.m. at the Hubbard Museum. Admission is free for Museum members and \$5 for non-members. For more information call 378-4631.

"Oklahoma"
8 p.m. at the Portales High School in Portales. (505) 562-2561.

The Longhorn Band
At the Screaming Eagle Lounge in the Enchantment Inn. 378-4051.

Saturday, March 11

35th Annual Deming Gem and Mineral Society Rockhound Roundup
9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Southwestern New Mexico Fairgrounds in Deming, NM through March 12. Admission is free. (505) 546-6670 or (505) 546-0348.

Spring Into Art Children's Art Workshops
9 a.m.-noon for third and fourth grades and 1-4 p.m. for fifth and sixth grades at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. Stone art carving with Jane Terrel. 336-4800.

"Oklahoma"
6:30 p.m. at the Portales High School in Portales. (505) 562-2561.

"Ten-Minute Play Festival"
8 p.m. at the UTC Studio Theater in Portales. A variety of short plays. \$3 at the door. (505) 562-2787.

Hesperus with Bonnie Rideout "Celtic Roots"
8 p.m. at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. Scots-Irish traditional music. 336-4800.

The Longhorn Band
At the Screaming Eagle Lounge in the Enchantment Inn. 378-4051.

Sunday, March 12

35th Annual Deming Gem and Mineral Society Rockhound Roundup
9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Southwestern New Mexico Fairgrounds in Deming, NM through March 12. Admission is free. (505) 546-6670 or (505) 546-0348.

The Gallery Open House Birthday Celebration
1-4 p.m. at The Gallery, 107 E. 5th Street in Roswell, just north of the courthouse. All the Gallery artists will be featured. The public is invited. (505) 625-5263.

Aura Photography and Reading
2 p.m. at the High Mesa Healing Center, 101 Mader Lane in Alto. 257-1713 or 337-4808.

Tuesday, March 14

Cubanismo
7:30 p.m. at the Corbett Center Ballroom at NMSU in Las Cruces. A fifteen-piece Cuban orchestra straight out of Havana. Cubanismo has appeared on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien." 800-654-9545.

Western Movie Night in Historic Lincoln "Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid"
7 p.m. at the Anderson-Freeman Museum & Visitor's Center in Lincoln. Strs Kris

Kristofferson, James Coburn and Slim Pickens. Admission is free. Popcorn and soft drinks provided courtesy KRUI Radio.

Choral Concert
8 p.m. at Buchanan Hall, ENMU in Portales. University singers and chamber singers. (505) 562-2787.

Wednesday, March 15

AARP Free Tax Assistance
1-4 p.m. at the San Patricio Senior Center in San Patricio.

National Dance Company of Ireland
7:30 p.m. at the Flickinger Center in Alamogordo. (505) 437-2202.

Poster Contest Deadline
"Year of the Parks." Must depict wildlife. Send entries to New Mexico State Parks Division, Attn. Poster Contest, 2040 S. Pacheco Street, P.O. Box 1147, Santa Fe, NM 87504-1147.

Thursday, March 16

National Hospice Day
Get your golden daffodils by calling Char at 257-3620 or Peggy at 257-2365.

Guest Artist Recital
8 p.m. at Buchanan Hall, ENMU in Portales. (505) 562-2787.

Ongoing

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

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

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

Bridge
At the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth, 257-4565.
• Party Bridge - Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m., Fridays, 1 p.m.
• Duplicate Bridge - Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m.

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!

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.

High School Drama Festival
University Theatre Center at ENMU, Portales. Call (505) 562-2711.

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

Lincoln County Literacy Council Tutor
Register for tutor training to be held Sunday, April 1 and Sunday, April 8 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Lincoln County Works office. All training and materials are free. Contact Betty Hambrick at the Literacy Council

630-8181 or 800-934-3668.
Meals on Wheels Senior Food Program
Monday-Friday, noon at the Zia Senior Center, Ruidoso Downs, in the dining hall. For the Ruidoso area. 378-4659.

Movie Time
Thursdays, 3:30-5 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. (next to the Village Hall). Children's movies-rated G or PG. 258-3704

Pre-School Story Hour
Tuesdays 10:30-11:30 a.m. and Wednesdays 2-3 p.m. for ages 3 to 5 years at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. (next to the Village Hall). 258-3704.

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

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.

Exhibits & Receptions

Chamber Artist of the Month
Painter Julie Thigpen will exhibit work at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, 720 Sudderth Drive. Sudderth through April 15. 257-7395.

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.

Homeschooling Art Show
Lobby of the Golden Library March 17 through April 21 in Portales. (505) 562-2787.

"Year of State Parks" Poster Contest
Deadline is Wednesday, March 15. Must depict wildlife. Send entries to New Mexico State Parks Division, Attn. Poster Contest, 2040 S. Pacheco Street, P.O. Box 1147, Santa Fe, NM 87504-1147.

Movies

The Cider House Rules
Drama
Rated PG-13 for mature thematic elements, sexuality, nudity, substance abuse and some violence.
Starring Tobey Maguire, Charlize Theron, Michael Caine, Delroy Lindo and Paul Rudd
Directed by Lasse Hallstrom.
Produced by Richard N. Gladstein
Written by John Irving
Distributor: Miramax Films
Synopsis: Based on the best-selling novel by John Irving, it's the story of Homer Wells, an child without parents raised and mentored by his orphanage's doctor, a man named Larch.

Mission to Mars
Rated PG for sci-fi violence and language
Starring: Don Cheadle, Tim Robbins, Jerry O'Connell, Kim Delaney, Elise Neal
Directed by Brian De Palma
Produced by Story Musgrave and Tom Jacobson
Written by Nick Kazan, James E. Thomas, John Thomas and Graham Yost.
Distributor: Touchstone Pictures
Synopsis: When the first manned mission to Mars meets with a catastrophic and mysterious disaster, a rescue mission is launched to investigate the tragedy and bring back any survivors.

Snow Day
Rated PG for brief mild peril and language.



Courtesy Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts

HESPERUS

Q&A with Tina Chancey, producing director of Hesperus

Q: How did Hesperus come together?
A: Scott Reiss, my husband, founded Hesperus in 1979 and we ran the gamut of about 1,000 years of music ... and various fusions of music in traditional style, like baroque style.

Q: When did Bonnie Rideout join the group?
A: We met Bonnie because she's on the same record label we are, and when we found out she had done baroque music before, we started putting a program together. We have nine different recordings with different groups of people, tour nationally and internationally.

Q: What highlights are there in the program at the Spencer Theater?
A: Mouth music, which Bonnie calls "Scottish scat" - it's a type of nonsense syllables in Scottish. She's also singing a ballad about the Laird of Coctpen.

Q: Who are the other members of the ensemble?
A: Scott plays recorders and penny whistle and hammered dulcimer, Grant Herreid in this show plays lute and early guitar and cittern, and I play viol, which is the size of a cello and it's very mellow, it's a bowed guitar, a Renaissance instrument and a fiddle.

Q: What direction would you like to see Hesperus go in the future?
A: Black experience in the Americas, starting from the Spanish occupation in the 16th century up to the 1920s because it cuts a cross section of all the music we do.

Starring: Chevy Chase, Mark Webber, Zena Grey, Schuyler Fisk, Emmanuelle Chriqui
Directed by Chris Koch
Produced by Albie Hecht and Julia Pistor.
Written by Will McRobb and Chris Viscardi
Distributor: Paramount Pictures
Synopsis: Anything can happen on a snow day - and for Hal and Natalie Brandston, it does.

Western, Tex Mex and old rock'n roll music Friday and Saturday 9 p.m.-1 a.m. by Longhorn Band. Across from Ruidoso Ford.

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

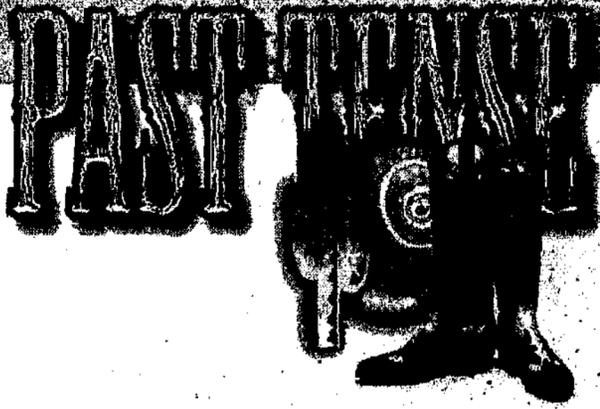
Screaming Eagle Lounge
Open Wed.-Sat. in the Enchantment Inn. Live music. Karaoke every Friday night from 7-11 p.m. Local musicians jam on Saturday nights when there is not a band booked. Call Patty at 378-4051 for more information.

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

Music

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.

Hollywood Inn



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In the Old West, you never knew who was going to rob you!

Chances are, we will never know for sure exactly who robbed the bank at Huntington, West Virginia. But if it wasn't the James or Younger boys, it almost had to be someone who had ridden with them in the past.



The James/Younger gang was unquestionably the most successful and easily the most famous of the outlaw bands in the Old West. Their two most famous robberies, the first and the last, are the ones remembered most by the average person. The first was in Liberty, Missouri. This robbery was notable for several reasons: For starters, it was the very first peacetime daylight bank robbery in the United States. Secondly, it was the first robbery committed by the James/Younger gang, netting a whopping \$60,000 (and those were 1866 dollars, too!).

By all accounts Jesse himself was not even present, although there is little doubt that he was the mastermind behind it.

Actually "mastermind" is not really the correct word. It implies that there was an intricate, convoluted plan of the sort that we are used to seeing in the movies. And that, quite simply, was not the case.

The James/Younger gang pretty much followed the same scenario in all of their robberies. Basically, several of the bandits would enter the bank while the rest of them rode up and down the street, whooping and hollering and discharging their weapons. It certainly seems simplistic, but it was extraordinarily effective. It put the

townspeople into a panic. The folks in town, quite naturally, were more interested in getting out of harm's way than worrying about the contents of their bank. By the time that they figured out that the bank had been robbed while they were busy trying not to get shot, Jesse and his cohorts were long gone.

The last bank robbery that the James/Younger gang would commit was at Northfield, Minnesota, quite a long way from their usual stomping grounds, which was primarily Missouri. On that September day in 1876, at

Northfield, for the first and only time, the citizens did not panic. Far from it. This time, they armed themselves and started shooting back. And the James/Younger gang, in the words of nearly every historian who has ever written about that bloody day and its aftermath, were "shot to pieces." However, the purpose of this column is not to focus on either of those spectacular robberies, rather it is about one of the gang's lesser-known robberies. And this one wasn't in their customary Missouri locale, either. It was in West Virginia. Specifically, Huntington, West Virginia.

Nicknames

Now West Virginia, not unlike New Jersey, is one of those states that has somehow managed to become a national joke. In New Jersey, there are a lot of toxic waste jokes, and in West Virginia, there are a lot of references to the film "Deliverance." What can I say? Whether it is deserved or not, once a person or a place gets a label, its hard to shake it. That's just the way it is. I point this out merely because I want the reader to understand that banks weren't necessarily any easier to rob in West Virginia than they were in Missouri. Apparently, Jesse, Frank, Cole Younger and the rest of the band simply decided that Missouri was becoming a little too hot for them and they should try to expand their activities to include other states. This was in 1875. The following year, with the same attitude, they would ride into Northfield and their personal Waterloo.

Yankee Bligh

Ever since 1875, there has been a measure of doubt concerning the Huntington bank robbery and the James/Younger gang's participation. Frank James always denied that this was one of their jobs, and so did Cole Younger. Of course, Cole also claimed that he had never met Jesse James. For the purposes of this column, we will assume that it really was the James/Younger gang that pulled off the robbery, which is what most historians believe anyway.

Delos T. "Yankee" Bligh was probably the single most dedicated detective on the trail of America's premier bank and train robbers, and he always believed that it was the Jameses and Youngers that visited Huntington that day. And while I'm on the subject, there is a rather amusing anecdote concerning Bligh and Jesse James. It seems that Jesse, who recognized Bligh at a racetrack one day, approached the detec-

tive and initiated a conversation with him. Bligh, who had no idea what Jesse James looked like, confessed to the personable young stranger who had engaged him in conversation that if he could just see Jesse James one time, he could die happy. Obviously, Bligh was a tad frustrated with his own inability to catch up with the noted desperado. After the two parted company, Jesse sent the detective a note informing him that he had met Jesse James at last and that he should "go-ahead and die."

Huntington

Well, if it wasn't the James/Younger gang that robbed the bank at Huntington, it was someone committing a copycat crime. Everything that happened that day reflected the standard modus operandi of the James/Younger gang. Just as it happened in the past, and would happen again almost exactly a year later at Northfield, the scenario played itself out: A group of well-dressed young men mounted on horses that were of such good quality that everyone who saw them remembered that aspect, rode into town claiming to be cattle buyers. Lodging at a home outside of town, the four young men busied themselves the night before the robbery reading the Bible. The next day, September 3rd — the day of the robbery — they rode into town, pausing to chat with a Catholic priest, who assumed that they were Methodist ministers.

At 2 p.m., the exact hour that they would begin the robbery at Northfield, the four men strolled up to the bank. They apparently felt secure enough that they did not feel it necessary to fire their weapons and clear the street. Two of them waited outside, watching the street, while the other two walked in to make their withdrawal. While flabbergasted cashier Robert Oney gaped at them, the pair drew their revolvers and calmly took a cool \$10,000 from the Huntington bank.

Mounting their horses, the four bandits trotted about 100 yards before spurring the animals into a full gallop. Pausing at the top of a hill nearby, they removed their hats and waved at the amazed citizens of Huntington, who were only beginning to realize what had just happened. However, the citizens of Huntington were not so amazed that they were unable to get a posse into the field in less than ten minutes. A posse of 20 men, no less. In addition, a second posse took off in pursuit from nearby Bar-

boursville, W. Va.

The pursuit

The bandits rode hard, and the fact that they were well mounted made all the difference. Nevertheless, on Friday the 10th, one of the posses overtook the outlaws and the fun began. When the posse approached, the bandits were dismounted, feeding their horses. When they saw the posse, two of them remounted and galloped off, while the other two ran into the hills. Dismounting, the posse pursued them into the inhospitable (to horses) hills. After a battle in which over 80 shots were reportedly fired, the two men escaped. The next day, the same two robbers, now remounted on freshly stolen horses, were overtaken by yet another posse and a repeat of the previous battle occurred with the duo once again escaping on foot.

The four bandits apparently rejoined forces because the four of them were sighted again on the 14th. That night, just before midnight, the four men approached the home of William Dillon, who had been alerted by the authorities as to the possible presence of the bandits. Dillon was waiting and as the four men approached him, he noted that two of them left the road and vanished into the darkness while the other two drew closer. "Gentlemen, you are out rather late tonight" called out Dillon as the two men approached. Without a word, the pair drew their weapons and began firing.

William Dillon, who had reportedly fought against Quantrill's guerrillas during the Civil War, was a pretty cool customer. Standing his ground, he traded shot for shot with the outlaws until one of them cried out "Oh Lordy!" and fell. The other man rode off, and Dillon judiciously barricaded himself in his home and waited for dawn. When the sun arrived, Dillon, in the company of some of his neighbors, tracked the wounded outlaw to a cornfield and took him prisoner.

Ultimately, the captured desperado was identified as Thompson McDaniels, former guerrilla and known associate of both the James and Younger brothers. While stubbornly refusing to identify either himself or his compadres, McDaniels did make one little slip. He asked if the posse had gotten "Bud, my partner."

For many years, Cole Younger's nickname had been "Bud."

On the morning of the 19th, McDaniels died. At that point in time, he had not yet been identi-

fied, and many thought that it was Jesse himself who had been killed.

Curioser and curioser

On the morning of the 20th, three young men, strangers, appeared at the home where McDaniels had been laid out. They wanted to see the body, and when they did, one of them burst into tears. They then asked about Dillon's whereabouts and vanished. Many thought that Dillon would be assassinated, but the men never returned.

While it is a good bet that two of the other outlaws were Frank James and Cole Younger, there is doubt that Jesse was even present. This is thought to be the case for a number of reasons, not the least of which was that Jesse's son was born just a few days before the robbery and it is doubtful in the extreme that the legendary outlaw chieftain would have planned a robbery at that particular time in his life. In addition, Jesse wrote a letter to a newspaper in Nashville, where he stated that he had nothing whatsoever to do with the robbery (of course, Jesse tended to say this about all the robberies he was involved in) and went on to say that "I think the people will justify me in denouncing Bligh, as I now do, as an unnecessary liar, a scoundrel and a poltroon."

Yada, yada, yada.

Chances are, we will never

know for sure exactly who robbed the bank at Huntington, West Virginia. But if it wasn't the James or Younger boys, it almost had to be someone who had ridden with them in the past. Someone who was familiar with their "style." And it should be noted that the style that the James/Younger gang used in their robberies was learned during the Civil War when they rode with Quantrill, Anderson, and other guerrilla leaders. Even if it wasn't Jesse, Frank or Cole, it could have been any number of other former guerrillas. To give you an idea of the length of the list of suspects — well, when Quantrill attacked Lawrence, Kansas in 1863, he had something like 400 men riding with him. And, while most of these men went on to lead peaceful lives after the war, anyone with a lick of sense knew better than to go accusing them of something that they might not have done.

With the exception of Thompson McDaniels, the other three men who robbed the bank at Huntington, West Virginia, were never identified, much less captured. It is just another mystery from the Old West.

Sources: *Missouri Outlaws* (italics) by James M. Prichard; *The Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters* (italics) by Bill O'Neal, and *Three Years with Quantrill* (italics) by John McCorkle.



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The mad Hungarian fastball made my cup runneth over



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When I was a boy, playing Little League baseball, I dreamed — as most boys did back then — of someday getting a call from the Major Leagues.

"Son," I dreamed the Major Leagues would tell me, "you stink. We're kicking you out of Little League."

I would have been grateful. I was a terrible player. I was afraid of the ball and fell down a lot, sometimes during the "National Anthem." So in 1960, I hung up my Little League uniform for good (it immediately fell down), and I had no contact with organized baseball for the next 40 years.

Then, recently, I was asked to participate in the Joe DiMaggio Legends Game, which raises money for the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood, Fla. I said yes, because (a) it's a good cause, and (b) since they were asking ME to play, I figured it would be a relaxed, low-key event, like those company-picnic softball games where beer is available in the outfield and as many as six people play shortstop simultaneously.

Imagine my horror when I found myself at a real stadium, with thousands of spectators in

the grandstands. Imagine my further horror when I found myself in a locker room containing several dozen former major league baseball players. Some were older guys, such as Minnie Minoso of the White Sox, who I believe once caught a fly ball hit by Magellan. But there were also some guys who had played big-league ball recently and still looked capable of hitting a baseball all the way through a human body.

I expressed concern about this to one of my teammates, the great Orioles third baseman Brooks Robinson, who gave me some reassuring advice.

"Don't play in the infield," he said. "You'll get killed."

I was on the American League team, managed by former Yankee John Blanchard. He gave me a nice little pregame pep talk, which I will reproduce here verbatim:

BLANCHARD: You should see how these guys hit the ball.

ME: Hard?

BLANCHARD: Oh Lord God. Are you wearing a cup?

ME: I don't OWN a cup.

BLANCHARD: Oh Lord God.

I did pretty well for the first few innings. This is because I was not in the game. Then Blanchard sent me out to left field to replace Mickey Rivers, which is like replacing Dom Perignon with weasel spit.

I trotted out of the dugout wearing the stiff new glove I'd bought that afternoon. When I brought it home, I removed the price tag and spent a few minutes fielding grounders thrown to me by my wife, who was nine months pregnant and thus could not put a ton of mustard on the ball, which dribbled my way at the velocity of luggage on an airport conveyor belt. That was my preparation for this moment, for standing alone in deep left field, with vivid Little League memories swarming in my brain — memories of praying for

the ball not to come to me, and memories of falling down when it did.

So I'm standing out there, and for almost two innings, nothing comes my way. Then it happens: George Foster, five-time All-Star slugger for the Cincinnati Reds, rips a ground ball between second and short. I get a good break on the ball, going to my left, running hard. Foster is rounding first, trying for a double, and the crowd is roaring, and suddenly I realize, with a sense of elation, that I'M ACTUALLY GOING TO GET TO THE BALL. Yes! I can see it clearly, and I have the angle, and I'm closing fast, and I'm going to make it! I'm almost there! And now I'm there! And now OH NO I RAN PAST THE BALL. THE BALL IS BACK OVER THERE. OH NOOOOOOO...

And of course I fall down. I've seen a video replay; I look like a man whose lower and upper body halves are being operated by two unrelated nervous systems. I

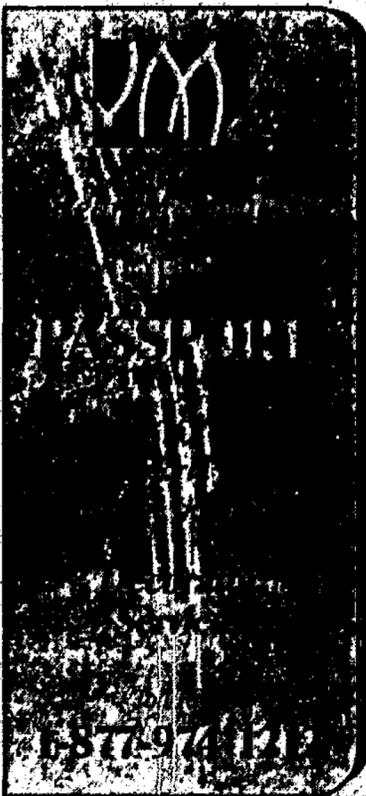
make a pathetic, longing gesture toward the ball as it zips past to the outfield wall, where center-fielder Dave Henderson retrieves it. After he throws it in, he puts his arm on my shoulders and says, "You're supposed to catch the ball in your glove."

I also got to display my batting prowess. The pitcher I faced was Al "The Mad Hungarian" Hrabosky, who still looks as though he has just been kicked out of the Institute for the Criminally Insane for being a little TOO insane, and who can still throw pretty hard (by which I mean "faster than light"). He struck me out on three pitches. I was still swinging at the last one when Hrabosky was in the showers.

So it was a pretty humiliating experience. But mark my words: I'll be back next year, and that's going to be a different story. Because next time, I'll be ready to "play with the big boys." That's right: I'm going to be wearing a cup. TWO cups, in fact, because I'm assuming you need one for each knee.

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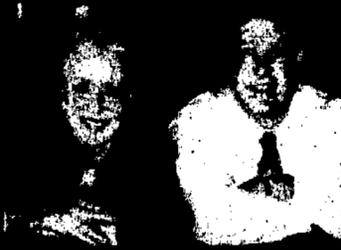
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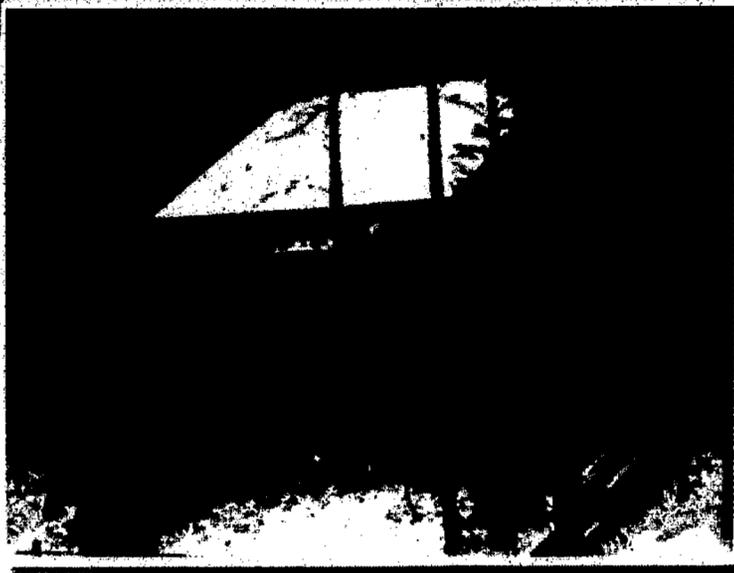
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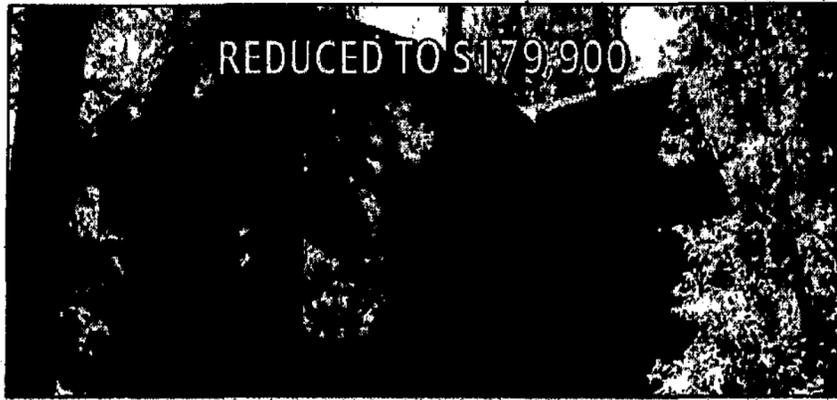


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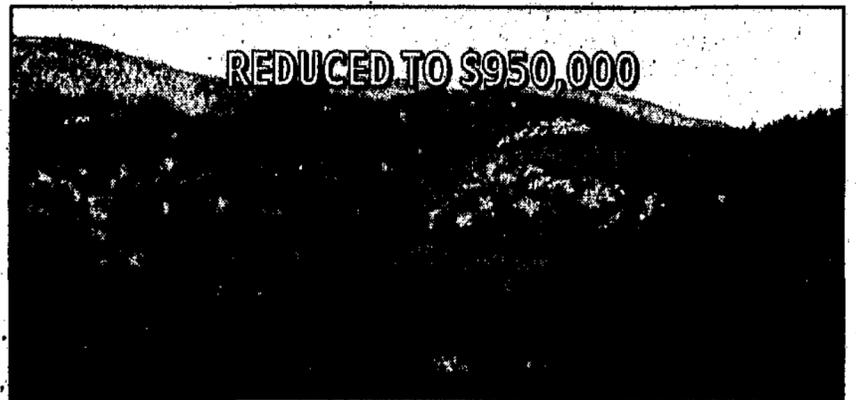


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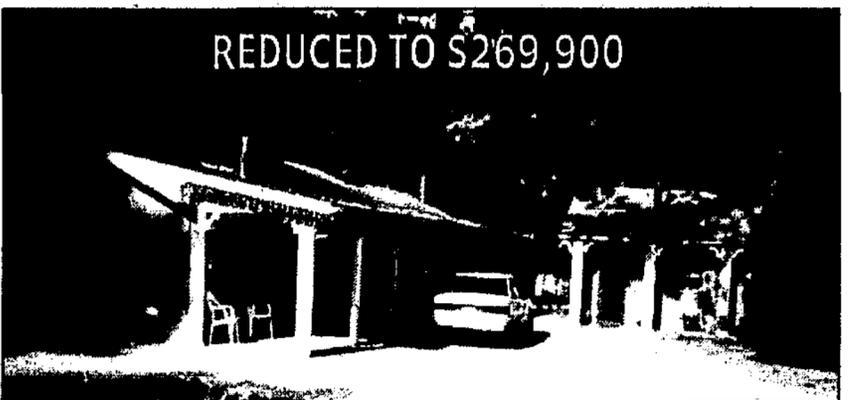
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Pine Creek Estates

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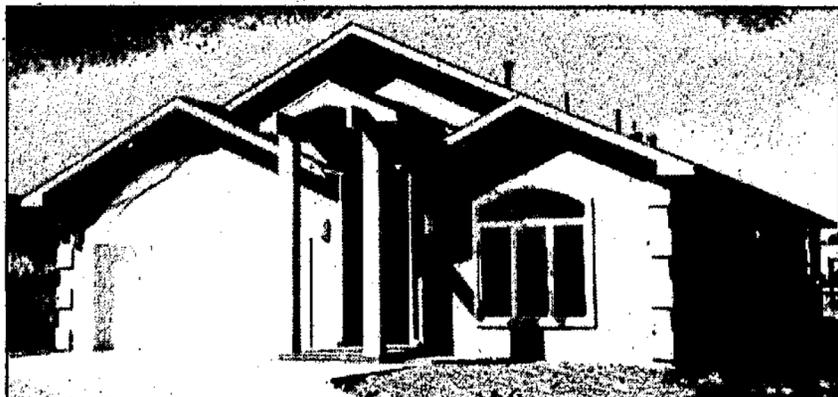
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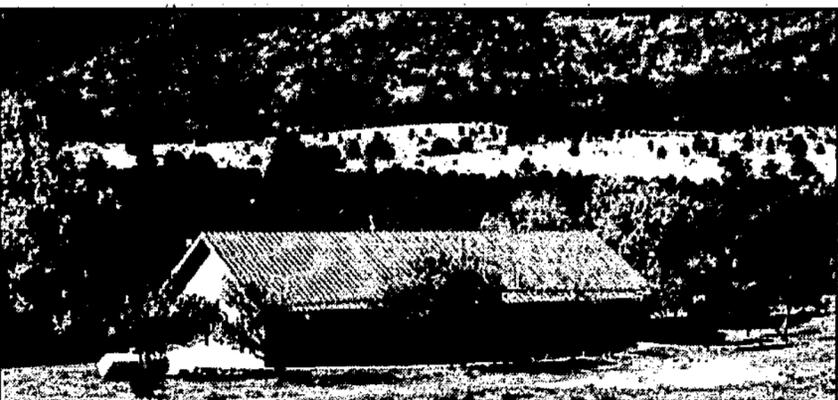
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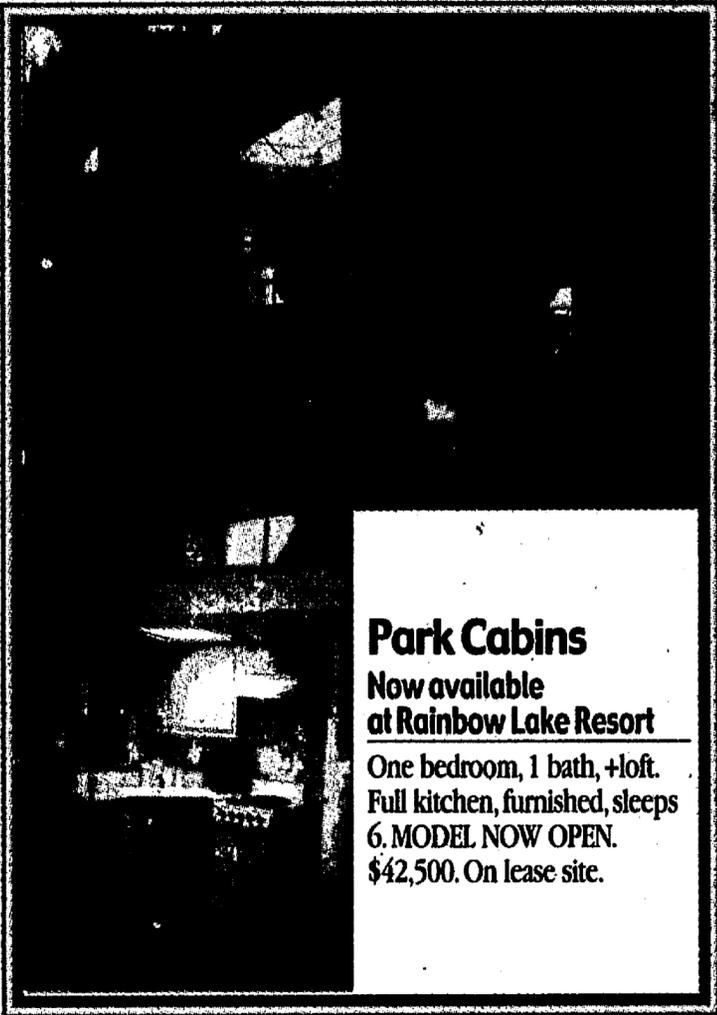
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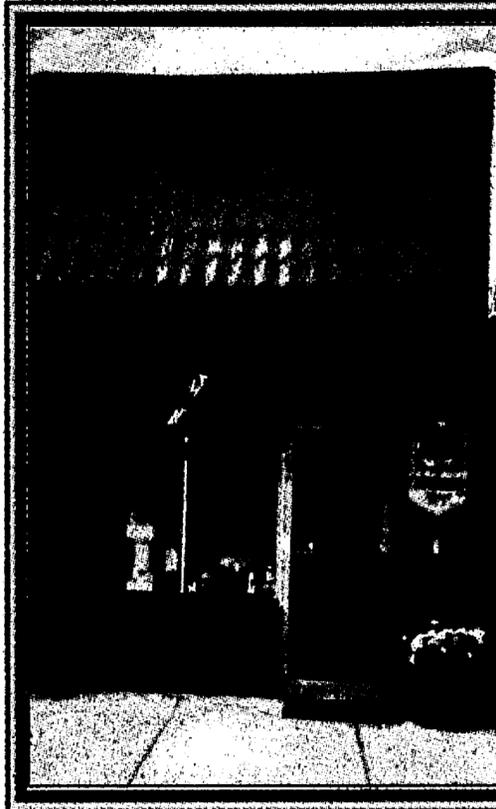
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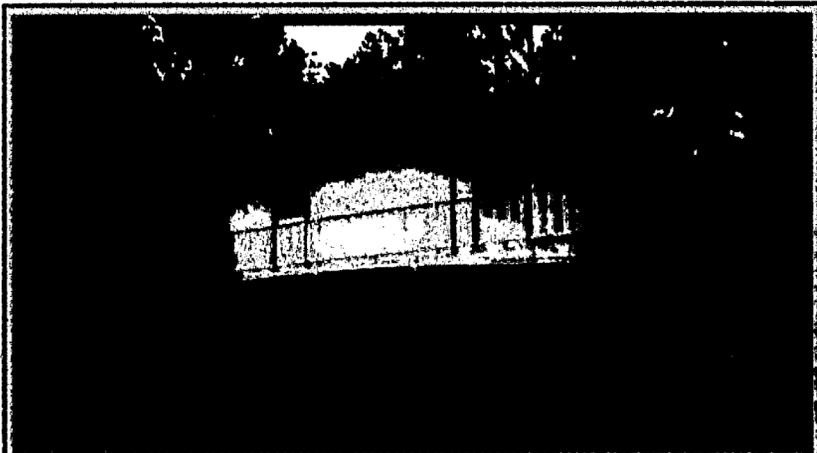
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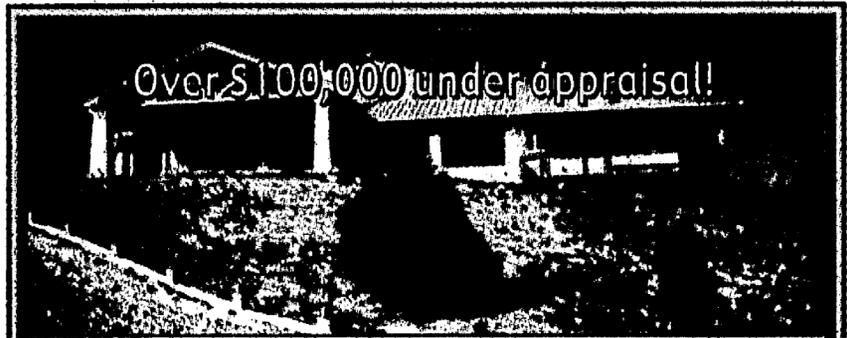
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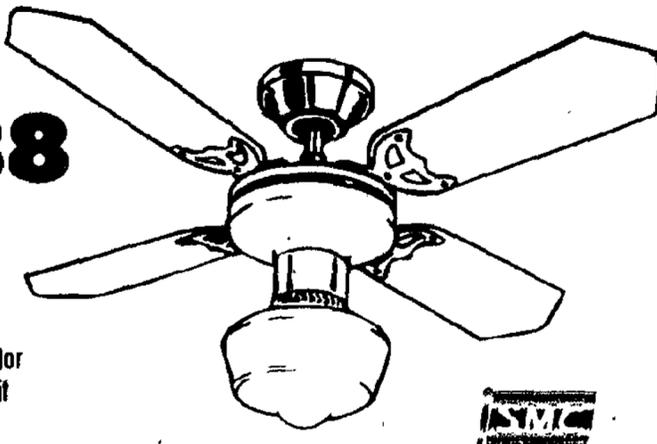
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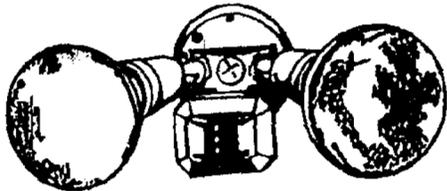
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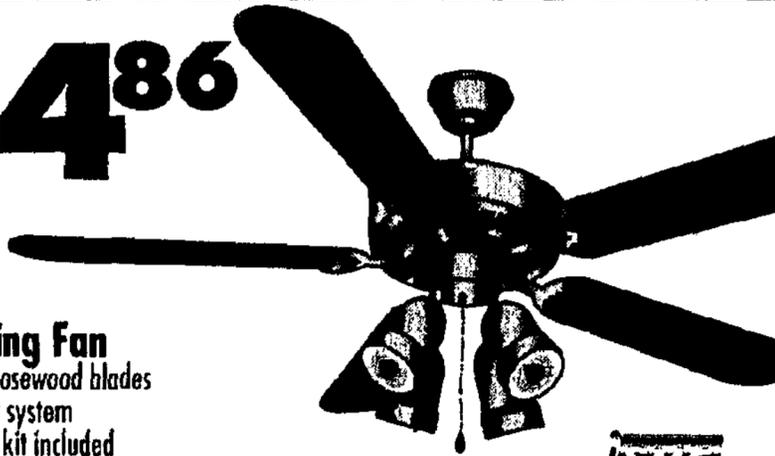
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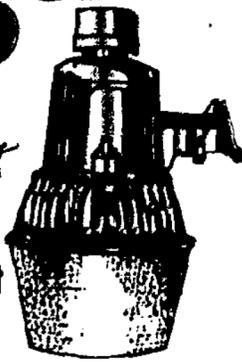
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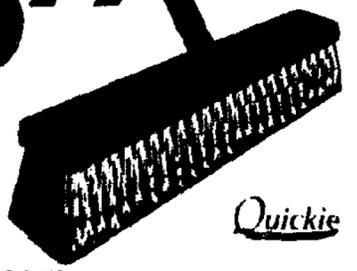
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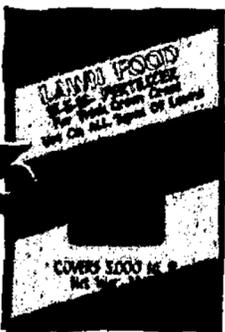
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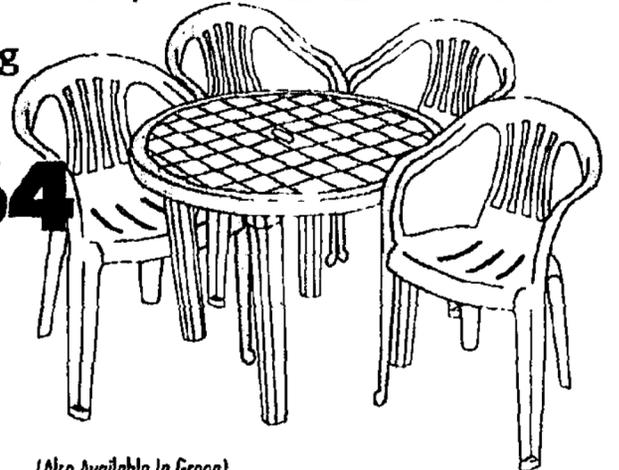
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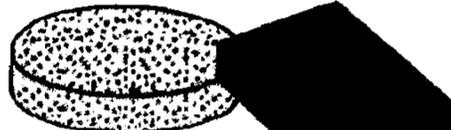
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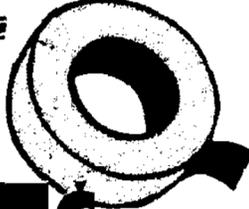


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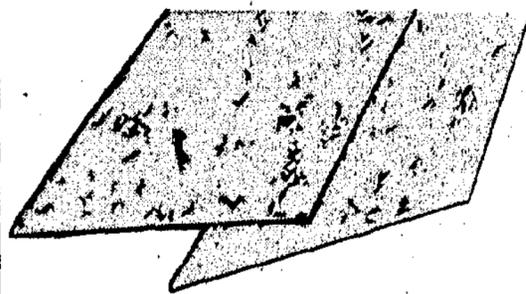
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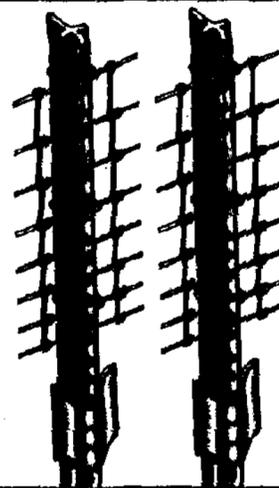
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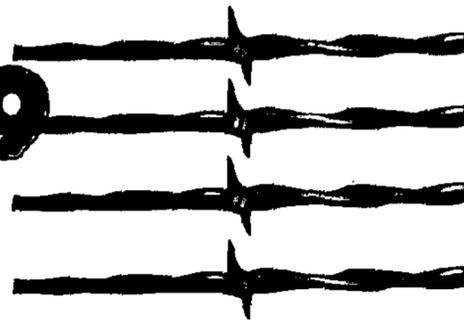


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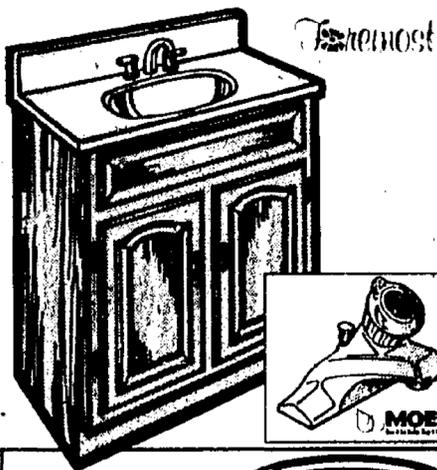
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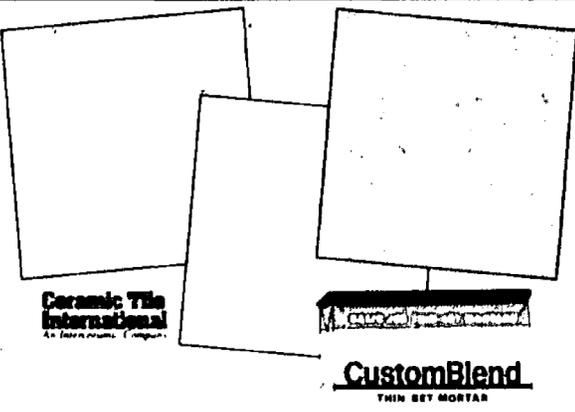
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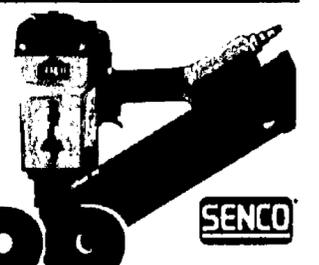
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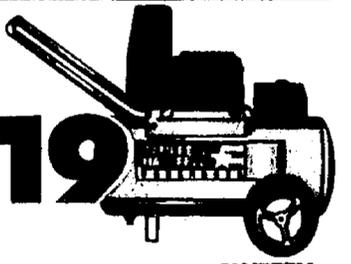


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