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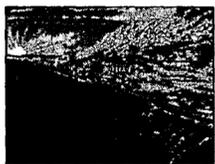
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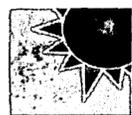
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Firefighters establish agreement

Mutual assistance strives for better protection

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Fire fighting departments across Lincoln County and the Mescalero Apache Reservation have established a mutual assistance agreement to produce what they say will be a quick response in the event of grass or forest fires.

The accord, dubbed a mutual aid alert, is in response to the dry conditions the region has seen this winter. It is believed to be the first such mutual aid alert agreement in the area.

"The departments have met a couple of times in the past month," said Virgil Reynolds, Ruidoso's fire chief. "The volunteer and paid department members are paying increased attention to the situation."

The agreement divides the region into two sections, east and north.

The east sector includes the communities of Glencoe, Hondo, Lincoln, Mescalero, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, as well as fire-fighting crews from the Lincoln National Forest.

The north includes Bonito, Capitán, Carrizozo, Mescalero, Ruidoso and the Forest Service.

"If a wild land fire breaks out, say in our village, once we get there, if we feel it's more than we can handle, we just say 'automatic aid,'" said Nick Herrera, Ruidoso Downs' fire chief.

The agreement, awaiting signatures from just a few fire departments in Lincoln County, was initially conceived last spring, following a 10-acre fire in a forested, largely residential area of Ruidoso, Herrera said. The May 16, 1999, fire, near Hull Road and Warrior Drive, saw a number of neighboring departments come to the

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Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

Thomas Chavez, wearing a cap at night, Ruidoso emergency manager, confers with representatives from village departments and from state and federal agencies during a drill Wednesday to test local response to a possible Mescalero dam failure.

Agencies team up for disaster drill

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Officials from Ruidoso, state and federal agencies huddled over maps and relayed messages by emergency radios as they prepared to evacuate residents living down stream of the Mescalero dam.

The disaster was only on paper Wednesday, but the drill involving about 50 people and command posts in Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Mescalero, Santa Fe and in Carrizozo was designed to point out weaknesses in the chain.

Thomas Chavez, emergency manager for Ruidoso, said such drills are useful in showing lapses in the village's disaster plan, which covers all types of emergencies.

Wednesday's drill tested coordination for a mock flood. The next will cover responses for a wild fire, he said.

The day-long drill pointed out a need to write the village's evacuation plan in coordination with each level of alert used by the Mescalero Apache Tribe for the lake reservoir and earthen dam at the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

"For instance, their level one awareness is simply realizing that lake depth is increasing," Chavez said. "At level two, we should start preparing for the rise of stream and lake levels below the dam."

Carrizozo Creek is fed directly by the lake and connected to the Rio Ruidoso. Level three is tied to uncontrolled releases of water from the dam spill way and a more immediate danger, Chavez said.

"It may be the time to trigger an evacuation of the people in the flood zone area," he said.

From the Mescalero viewpoint, Curtis Williams, who supervises emergency responses on the reservation and oversees the reservoir, wants a better system of communications established to coordinate with the village, Chavez said.

"Over the years planning these exercises, I've seen better and better cooperation with Mescalero," he said. "Curtis Williams is super to work with. We share resources and information."

Notice of a possible disaster triggers the formation of command headquarters, the timing of emergency sirens and evacuation

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Court ruling could mean higher natural gas rates for residents

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A 1997 rate case that decreased charges by Zia Natural Gas in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs was rejected by the state Supreme Court earlier this month.

By summer, that could mean 8,000 local residents will pay more for their natural gas service. An order vacating the ruling was the result of an appeal by Zia, whose officials sought a \$2.7 million rate increase and were awarded a \$983,423 increase.

The New Mexico Public Regulatory Commission was told to reconsider its ruling in an order signed by judges Pamela Minzner, Joseph Baca and Gene Franchini on March 1.

The court told the commission its decision not to allow Zia a rate increase that would cover actual tax expenses was "arbitrary." It also stated that awarding only \$24,252 in aircraft expenses and a determination that the company operated on a zero cash working capital basis were not substantiated by the evidence presented.

"We're pleased with the Supreme Court ruling," Zia attorney Mercedes Fernandez-Wells said Thursday. "But as far as the local impact, we will have to see if the court allows a rehearing (petitioned by the regulatory commission). If it doesn't, we still have to see what the commission does then."

"I think this is so new, they're not sure." The state Corporation Commission and the Public Utilities Commission merged two years ago to form the new Public Regulatory Commission. Lee Huffmann, associate general counsel with the PRC, said in the original 1997 case, Zia asked for a 31.5 percent rate boost, but was awarded an

11 percent increase. While rates in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs decreased slightly, rates in Hobbs and Jal, the two other communities served by Zia, went up.

"The dollar consequence of the court order could be that the company would receive another \$500,000 and a 16 percent increase overall," Huffmann said.

The PRC filed a petition for rehearing last week, he said, adding such petitions rarely are granted.

"If the court denies the rehearing, it will be some time before a new order is issued by the PRC," he said.

The final impact by summer could be another 5 percent on top of the original 11 percent increase.

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Ruidoso officials continue to look for equitable county services

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Complaints from Ruidoso officials that the village doesn't get its fair share of county services for the property taxes paid into Lincoln County government were laid down after a review of charts prepared by county Treasurer Joan Park.

"The fact is that Ruidoso pays the lion's share of the property tax," said Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson. "Have them show us what we get for our money."

"They can cook the statistics all they want, but the bottom line is the dollars. I don't care about percentage - it's dollars."

"If they want to show me I'm wrong, I'm open ears," he said Monday. "I'd be happy to sit there and listen. Show me dollar for dollar. Show us the dollars that are actually coming back to the village of Ruidoso in county services."

The largest percentage of taxes collected to support county government comes from unincorporated portions of the county at 47.8 percent, based on the charts shown to commissioners at their last meeting.

Two of the major contributors in that category

are the large developments of Ranches of Sonterra and Alto Village that fall in the "outside Capitan" district, which pumps in \$991,870 of the total \$1.68 billion from unincorporated property.

Next in line is Ruidoso, which sends \$1.54 million to help pay for county government - 43.8 percent of the total property taxes billed for that use.

Ruidoso also accounts for 51.1 percent of the single-family dwellings in the county while unincorporated areas total 33.2 percent.

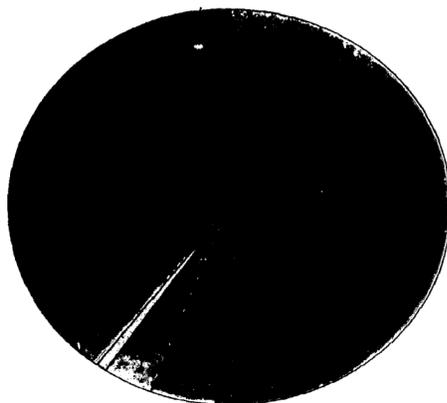
Park pointed out that based on those figures, one third of people contribute nearly half of the taxes going to county government while Ruidoso's households pay 43.8 percent.

She also noted that 22.2 percent of a Ruidoso resident's tax bill goes toward county government expenses, while 43.8 percent of a Capitan resident's tax bill goes there.

But Donaldson and Joan Zagone, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, said percentages don't tell the story - dollars do.

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Single-family dwellings in Lincoln County

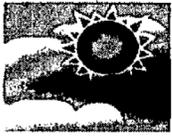


- County - Out
- Ruidoso Downs - In
- Corona - In
- Carrizozo - In
- Capitan - In
- Ruidoso - In

source: Lincoln County Treasurer's Office

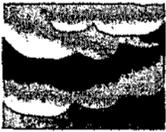
RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY High ... 66
Low ... 29



Partly cloudy

SUNDAY High ... 62
Low ... 30



Mostly cloudy

MONDAY High ... 51
Low ... 27



Rain/snow

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Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	52	28	.10"
Wednesday	45	28	.35"
Thursday	53	25	.07"

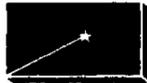
Regional-Friday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	67	36	Sunny
El Paso, TX	72	41	Sunny
Lubbock, TX	72	43	Sunny
Midland, TX	75	45	Sunny

March/April phases of the moon



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AGREEMENT: The mutual aid plan divides the county into two sectors

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assistance of Ruidoso firefighters.

Reynolds said the numerous firefighters around the region will pay close attention to all the fire department radio frequencies, keeping abreast of any fire situation in the neighboring jurisdictions.

"This will get us more ready," Reynolds said. "It also already tells us what we would send to different places," he said of the two geographic sectors.

The fire fighting official said the mutual aid alert will have additional firefighters ready to move on a moment's notice.

In the past the region has

had, and continues to maintain, mutual aid accords, mostly for structure fires. The alert, specifically for grass and forest fires, takes the fire concern beyond a request for more assistance.

"If (another department's) volunteers felt there was a serious situation they would go to their station until an automatic aid request was made,"

Reynolds said. "This will give a quick response."

Should a wild fire be large, all departments in the east and north sectors would be brought in under the mutual aid alert.

"I hope we don't ever have to use it," Herrera said. "But its there, and it should work good. We know what to expect from each other."

Drill: Planning for emergencies

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efforts, he said.

Participating in the drill at other sites were representatives from the county, Ruidoso Downs and Mescalero.

At Ruidoso headquarters were officials from the Bureau of Reclamation, which inspects the dam, the American Red Cross, the Ruidoso Fire Department, the village street department, police, communications dispatch and water department, and the head of a ham radio operators' network.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Pony rides could ride to new location

The pony rides near Fun Trackers, at Sudderth Drive and Carrizo Canyon Road, may be moving across the street. Jimmy and Debi Jeter have approached the Planning and Zoning Commission to relocate the attraction on the north side of Sudderth Drive.

If approved by the village, the pony ride and concession stand would be on a one-fifth acre property at Sudderth Drive and Robin Road.

The commission approved a sketch plan, telling the

Jeters' to prepare a site development plan for further consideration.

P and Z chair reelected

Ruidoso's Planning and Zoning Commissioner reelected Glen Barrow as the committee's chairman. Phyllis Barnett was reinstated as the commission's vice chair.

A new member of the panel was seated at the March 21 meeting. Vickie Williams replaced Leroy Nowell. Nowell had announced his retirement from the commission earlier this year.

Apartment complex gains approval

The Planning and Zoning Commission gave its endorsement of an apartment complex development at Mescalero Trail and Nob Hill Drive.

Bart and Deborah Byars want to construct the 22-unit complex in seven buildings on the 2.5-acre site.

The Byars have said they intend to retain as many trees on the property as possible.

The apartment development required approval of a conditional-use permit.

GAS: Hobbs and Jal would catch the brunt of an increase in company rates

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Huffman said.

That could mean a slight rate increase to customers served by Zia in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, he said. But the brunt of the increase

would hit Hobbs and Jal in an effort by the company to standardize rates throughout its systems in New Mexico, he said.

Zia appealed the PRC ruling on five issues:

- Is the overall rate of return, including on debt and equity, established by the commission substantiated by evidence presented?
- Is the commission's deci-

tual tax expense contrary to law?

- Is the overall rate of return, including on debt and equity, established by the commission substantiated by evidence presented?
- Is the commission's deci-

sion to deny Zia any cash working capital supported by evidence?

- Is the deletion of more than \$115,700 in aircraft operating expenses valid?
- Can a capital structure be credited to Zia?

CHARTS: Donaldson said residents are looking for a return on their taxes

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Capitan residents paid \$74,037 to county government in their 1999 tax bills and Ruidoso residents paid \$1.54 million.

"What they have to realize is that people aren't complaining about the amount of taxes they're paying overall," Donaldson said. "It's the amount of taxes they pay to the county for nothing in return."

"She can show all the percentages she wants like Capitan pays more of their total tax bill

to the county, but that's a non-sense statistic. We pay 44 percent of the property taxes to the county and get nothing basically in return for it. That's the only statistic that means anything."

"With 51.1 percent of all the single-family dwellings in Lincoln County in Ruidoso, then how come we get no money spent by the county in Ruidoso?" he asked.

Park said Tuesday that information for the charts came from the county assessor's office and from the state Financial and Property Tax Data book.

"None of those figures are mine," she said. "I'm the county treasurer. I don't just serve Carrizozo. I have no reason to make figures look one way or the other. I just present the facts. I want people in Ruidoso to get their services, too."

However, at last week's

meeting, Park said county government "is there first for unincorporated areas of the county that don't have municipal representation."

Donaldson said he agrees with a statement last week by Commission Chairman Rex Wilson that he doesn't want to debate the issue in the newspaper or get into a war of words.

"And yet, they're ready to trash the village of Ruidoso in their meetings and use nonsensical facts," Donaldson said.

"I'd rather cooperate and work with them, but at some point, they're going to have to show what value we get for the taxes we pay to county government," he said. "We've never complained about the hospital or even the fact we support the health centers that are supposed to be in Hondo, Corona and Carrizozo, but what do we get from

the county budget?"

"Hey, give us some money back because we don't need the sheriff. We have our own police department."

Zagone, who attended the commission meeting, echoed his remarks.

"I think it's interesting how in reporting numbers, they can be skewed in whatever fashion is your intent," she said. "But I think as far as Lincoln County and Ruidoso's participation, I think it has more to do with how these funds are being spent on services in Ruidoso."

"For instance, we have our own police department and the benefit of state police. I think that's what's going to be discussed in the budget hearings; not specifically the sheriff's department, but the appearance that we have duplication of services."



American Mine, southwest of Nogal.

courtesy

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

White Oaks Eagle March 22, 1900

An equinoctial gale struck us yesterday morning and no doubt will put the spring poet behind many paragraphs in his song of sunshine, birds, bees, and flowers.

H. Lutz, Treasurer & Collector, passed through Monday in route home from the

Republican convention at Socorro.

"The Fruit of His Folly," a society drama will be produced by the White Oaks Dramatic Club, March 30, at 8 p.m., in bonnell's Hall. Secure your seats early and avoid the rush. Twenty-five and thirty-five cents. Do not miss this. Seats on sale at Taliaferro's.

A.C. Bragg was in the burg for ranch supplies from Texas Park last Saturday.

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'The drug war is a failure'

Local law reform program pushes legalization

BY JAMES KAVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Speaking in Ruidoso Thursday, New Mexico's Department of Public Safety Cabinet Secretary Nicholas S. Bakas labeled the war on drugs a failure.

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) chief was the keynote speaker at a drug reform forum hosted by the Libertarian Party of Lincoln County.

"I would suggest to you tonight, as a police officer, that if a cop on every corner, and a cop in every home is the cure, give me the disease. I'd rather live with the disease," Bakas said.

Bakas was appointed by Gov. Gary Johnson earlier this year, after former DPS Secretary Darren White resigned over the governor's suggestion that drugs like marijuana, cocaine and heroin be decriminalized.

"It's not an understatement to say that the politicians, locally and nationally, with the exception of Gov. Johnson are playing dead on this issue," Bakas said. "They are playing dead with respect to drug policy, drug policy analysis and drug policy reform."

Bakas, and other panelist at the forum called the nation's \$50 billion dollar annual expenditure to eradicate illegal drugs misguided.

"There simply are not enough officers, airplanes, equipment or money to entirely remove illegal drugs from American communities," Bakas said. "We cannot keep illegal drugs out of American prisons. So then how can we, as rational, reasonable individuals, how can we expect to keep

illegal drugs out of a free society?"

Bakas warned that the drug war has created additional problems, including increased violence and police corruption.

But the state's top cop also said he was a warrior in the fight against illegal drugs.

"I do wear two hats in this position as secretary, and make no mistake about it," Bakas said. "I am a law enforcement officer and I am going to enforce the laws of the state of New Mexico, which includes the drug laws."

He said there is no "law de jour" that he can pick and choose from.

As did Governor Johnson say a year ago, Bakas said there needs to be dialogue and discussion on the drug issue.

One of the approximately 40 audience members at the forum, a former sheriff, praised the DPS chief for his candor.

"I agree totally one-thousand million percent with you," said Rod Graham of Ruidoso, who, before retirement, said he was a northern California sheriff. "The war on drugs is the wrong thing to say to a cop. We're peace officers, not military people."

Graham told Bakas that the secretary could help set the tone to other New Mexico police agencies on the country's drug policy.

"I was very ashamed to see law enforcement, including the man you replaced, turn on him (Gov. Johnson) like a pack of wolves, when all he did was suggest 'let's discuss the issue,'" Graham said.

Area residents continue to announce their candidacies

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Although candidates signed up last Tuesday to run in the June primary and November general election, many didn't formally announce their candidacies until later in the week.

Romeo Klein, a Democrat active in veterans groups, is running for the most hotly contested seat, District 3 Lincoln County commissioner.

He'll face attorney Ray Sharbutt in the Democratic primary. Three Republicans, Bob Sterghi, Jodie Ashby and incumbent Leo Martinez, also are running for the position that represents half of Ruidoso on the commission.

Retired, Klein, 78, said he will have the time to look into problems that arise and deal with them.

"It will be like having a full-time commissioner in Ruidoso and Lincoln County," he said.

Born in Rio Grande, Texas, Klein is married and has eight grown children, 18 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A resident in the county for more than 50 years, Klein is a World War II Marine Corps veteran and a retired federal employee from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, where he was in charge of water, sewage and solid waste.

As an appraiser from 1976 to 1980, he gained a broad knowledge of the county, Klein said.

Running for county probate judge against incumbent Republican Stirling Spencer, Michele Cervantes-Rebstock was born in Germany as part of an Air Force family. She attended Fullerton City College and UCLA before marrying Dr. Juergen Rebstock, a physician in Ruidoso.

Her daughter, Natalie Cervantes, will graduate this year from the New Mexico Military Institute.

Rebstock specialized in medical business administra-

tion for more than 20 years and was radiation therapy program director at the City of Hope National Medical Center. While managing her husband's office over the past seven years, Rebstock became interested in local government and said she would like to become more involved with the community, she said.

Her life-long experience in the medical field and with people's well-being led to her interest in probate court, "because of the emphasis on helping people settle their loved ones' final affairs," Rebstock said.

District Attorney Scot Key, a Republican, is unopposed for re-election to the 12th Judicial District, an office he first won four years ago.

"Over the past four years my office had many successes," Key said. "We have gained convictions in all of our major felony cases. We have sustained law enforcement training. We have encouraged cooperation and joint investigations into major felony cases."

"Specifically in Lincoln County, I increased the staff to include additional victim assistance people, one additional attorney and assigned other units within my office to specialized areas within the county."

He appreciates letters from residents noting positive changes in the office, Key said.

"I need your support to keep these positive ideas continuing," Key said.

Incumbent State Education Board Member Van W. Witt, a Republican from Chaves County, is running for re-election in District 8. He's opposed by Douglas O. Fuqua of Ruidoso and John R. Lankford of Roswell.

He would bring 47 years of experience in public education to his role and would continue to be a strong advocate for the public education system, its employees, and the parents and children who depend upon it, Witt said.

Witt cited two of the board's most significant accomplishments during his tenure as the implementation of an accountability system, lauded as one of the best in the nation, and improvement of the state's academic standards.

The state's dropout rate in 1997-98 was the lowest in 14 years, Witt said, but the state still ranks 46th in the nation in teacher pay.

He advocates sustaining and improving education "through realistic, verifiable, research-based policies and programs instead of ill-conceived, poorly thought out, unproven schemes."

State Sen. Pete Campos, a Democrat from Santa Rose who represents the county is unopposed for re-election in District 8. But State Rep. Dub Williams, a Republican from Glencoe, is opposed in District 56 by Democrat Bebe Alexander from Tularosa and Reynaldo Valcarcel, the 52-year-old owner of

RVB Data Services in Ruidoso.

Raised in Southern California, Valcarcel studied journalism at Glendale College and UCLA, then worked in computer sciences for 30 years, including for the government of Inyo County, Calif., and as manager of data processing for the Gillette Company/Papermate Division. He spent the last 12 years in the direct mail industry.

Valcarcel moved with his wife and son to Lincoln County in 1996.

He decided to run because he said he sees elected officials who are convinced they know what is best for those who elect them, Valcarcel said.

"I see people with great ideas and great plans for New Mexico, and they want to see those plans carried out in spite of what the voters really want," he said. "New Mexico needs elected officials who will do the will of the people."

The county doesn't need a rubber stamp for leadership in Santa Fe, he said. They need a representative who is a rubber stamp for them and their views.

One of his projects would be to develop better paying jobs in the state, he said.

U.S. Rep. Joe Skeen, a Republican from Roswell in Chaves County and Picacho in Lincoln County, has no opposition in his Party, but is challenged by two Democrats — Mike Runnels and Mike Montoya.

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OUR OPINION

Washington relief reaches even to Ruidoso

Worth noting this week is the driving force in Washington to eliminate a long-standing penalty on Social Security recipients who earn income.

The U. S. Senate on Wednesday unanimously approved HR 5, the bill that would allow people between 65 and 70 years of age to earn income without losing the benefits they (and their employers) have paid for over many decades. The present law requires that those workers earning more than \$17,000 a year have their benefits cut \$1 for every additional \$3 earned.

New Mexico's Sen. Pete Domenici, and others, has noted that this so-called earnings test is a remnant from the era of the Great Depression when a national goal was to encourage retirement and make room for younger workers. Today, people are living longer and working longer, and nationally there is a shortage of skilled workers.

Had the law been in effect during the last tax year, more than 3,600 New Mexico people between 65 and 69 would have had an extra \$18.2 million in benefits, the senator said. It will affect more than 1 million Americans. Demographers project that in 30 years, one of every five workers in the nation will be 65 or older.

The bill is awaiting concurrence in the House of Representatives, where it originated. President Clinton has promised to sign it.

Assuming it wins House affirmation unscathed and is signed, the legislation would be effective retroactively for this tax year — from Jan. 1, 2000.

The fact that this is an election year, with the White House and both houses of Congress up for grabs, no doubt had something to do with the amiability of both Democrats and Republicans in approving the legislation.

But in a community like Ruidoso, where the number of retirees is growing and the labor pool is inadequate, Wednesday's action by the Senate should be welcome by everybody.

It might even tempt some of us to agree that occasionally those politicians do something right.



YOUR OPINION

Unique pronunciation for an unique place

To the editor:
I couldn't let Mr. (John) Brinkman's tongue-in-cheek letter (published March 17) regarding the pronunciation of Ruidoso go unanswered.

I'm sure he knows, but to avoid confusion for our Texas guests and visitors, Ruidosa (in Texas drawl, pronounced Rio-doh-sah; they can mispronounce it any way they want because it is in Texas) is a small burg in the Texas scrubland southeast of Marfa, near the Rio Grande river.

Ruidoso (pronounced Roo-EE-dough-so) on the other hand, is a smallish village in an alpine-like setting here in the Sacramento mountains of New Mexico. The pronunciation of the names of the two different places is as different as their respective settings and appeal.

And, once our visitors realize that New Mexico is not a part of Texas, I see no need to change the name of Ruidoso—it's unique!

Jim Alston
Ruidoso

the total Constitution of the United States.

After a sheriff is elected, he takes an oath of office where he swears to protect the Constitution. When he fails to do so his election is null and void and we the people must elect a new sheriff at that time.

A good example of this would be when the Federal or State governments pass a law on your right to keep and bear arms. "All laws which are repugnant to the Constitution are null and void." (Marbury vs. Madison, 1805)

Remember, our sheriff can arrest anyone while they are in our county, even the judge at your trial, if your rights are being violated. No one is above the supreme law, our Constitution.

So let's all ask a question of those who are in the race for sheriff, the most important office in the United States of America: He or she is more important than the President of the United States.

Norman R. Van Gorder
Carrizozo

Behind the scenes at the Ruidoso PD

To the editor:
I would like to publicly voice my appreciation to the individuals I supervise for their hard work and dedication to their profession.

I am referring to the Communications/Detention officers of the Ruidoso Police Department, who hold very stressful, demanding jobs that at times go unappreciated or unnoticed by those outside of law enforcement.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Most powerful office

To the editor:
In our next Lincoln County election the sheriff's office is up for election, and that person is the law when all is said and done.

A short job description is to enforce the Bill of Rights. This is to say, to protect us, the citizens of Lincoln County, from anyone who would try to take away our rights.

The long job description is

BY STEWART TRUelsen
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

Among the most popular stocks this year on the technology-laden Nasdaq Stock Market are companies involved in mapping the human genome, or all the DNA found in humans. In his new book, "High Tech High Touch," John Naisbitt identifies geneticists as the world's new explorers. "Genetic technologies will overwhelm all other technology, including information technologies, in the next century. Not since splitting the atom have we developed such consequential technologies," said Naisbitt.

Geneticists may be the world's new explorers but like the explorers of old they are encountering many skeptics, particularly for their work in agriculture.

Christopher Columbus had trouble convincing Europeans the earth is round. His detractors said he would fall off the edge of the world before his ships reached America. This is about where we are right now with biotechnology.

Those who think the agri-

cultural world is flat include a number of celebrated chefs. On March 9, *The Wall Street Journal* reported, "In some of the country's finest restaurants, they are ridding their larders of biotech ingredients, quizzing suppliers about biotech content and banding together to publicly oppose the proliferation of genetically modified food products." Julia Child is an exception. *The Journal* said she thinks biotechnology is "one of the greatest discoveries of the last century."

USDA recently proposed banning biotech foods from its national standards for organic foods. This was not because of any scientific findings, but because of public opposition. A small group of shareholders is trying to get Kraft Foods to cease marketing any biotech foods. Many farmers face a tough decision this spring whether or not to plant biotech crops because of marketing concerns.

But in healthcare and medicine, biotechnology is on the fast track. Genomics, the study of genomes, including genome mapping and gene sequencing, is about to change everything

in medicine according to the president of one biopharmaceutical company. It likely will lead to cures for many diseases and physical disabilities that have baffled science until now.

When it comes to medicine, the news headlines about biotechnology are mostly positive. When it comes to agriculture, the headlines are often about eliminating biotech products from our food supply. It doesn't seem to make sense.

Biotechnology can help us grow crops that are resistant to plant disease and harmful insects. It can make food more nutritious and healthful. It can produce medicines, vaccines and even human organs in farm animals and plants. And perhaps most important of all, biotechnology can help eliminate world hunger and malnutrition.

What a shame it would be for agriculture to be left behind in a biotech world, because by all accounts we are just scratching the surface of its benefits to consumers.

The writer is the director of broadcast services for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Affordable, and beautiful

"Affordable housing," it's apparent, is becoming something of a mantra for those seeking to make Lincoln County more livable for the people who try to make a living in it.

MOUNTAIN SIDES



BY KEITH GREEN
RUIDOSO NEWS

That subject will be on the agenda for the annual Community Update presentation on March 31. It's a problem almost everywhere—even into a little town called Magdalena on U. S.

Highway 60 about 25 miles west of the Rio Grande.

Magdalena, like our White Oaks, once was a very important place — the biggest cattle shipping point west of Chicago in the early decades of this century. It, like White Oaks, had been at the center of a mining district.

In December 1917, the three-story Hall Hotel, laid with three courses of brick and complete with a second-story balcony, was opened to acclaim. Ranchers would rent rooms year-round to be assured they had a place to stay.

But as the town declined, so did the hotel. During World War II, the 22 rooms were rented for \$1.50 per night, with few takers. It succumbed to the times in 1972, and was a challenge and a white elephant for the next three decades.

But in the late '90s, Rose Waters — a White Mountain Apache artist — and her husband, Joe, saw an opportunity. They joined with Stan Schuman and Jimmy Emerson, organized, and went fund-hunting.

A \$2 million restoration was completed last September.

Now the handsome old hotel, restored to meet state historical register standards, provides 14 efficient apartments and two three-bedroom units, plus retail space; there's even a weight room, and a deli open to the public.

Its apartments are specifically for qualifying low-income residents, under the terms of the financing that built it.

Waters, whose restored home is next door, says the great thing about the "Old Hotel" (the name on the door) since it opened is the loving care and pride taken in it by those residents.

By the way, an "overnight suite" will be available to rent by Memorial Day, Joe says. He'll answer questions at (505) 854-2042.

To us, it's proof positive that affordable housing is possible.

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Council to review water plan, subdivisions

Ruidoso's water conservation plan may see changes. Earlier this month Mayor Robert Donaldson had suggested a revamp of the conservation initiative could be undertaken. He espoused an odd/even approach to outdoor water use. Watering could be allowed on certain days, depending on a residence address. The potential change is included on next Tuesday's

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agenda for the village council. The agenda item calls for discussion and possible action to schedule a public hearing on an ordinance to amend the water conservation plan. Among the other items on the council meeting agenda is a public hearing on an ordinance that would address the re-subdivision of residential lots.

Also at the meeting, there will be a report on lodging vendor audits. Charter Communications, the area's cable television provider, will present an update on cable television service. The March 28 Ruidoso Village Council meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers of the village's administrative center, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

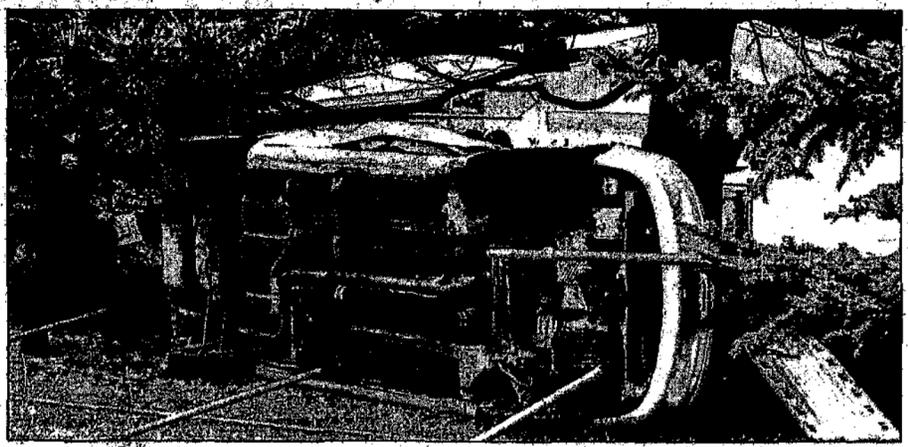
Trustees could vote on community service law

Ruidoso Downs' community service program could be adopted next week. The alternative sentencing ordinance is scheduled for a village council vote at the regular meeting of trustees Monday night. The program would allow the municipal judge to offer defendants labor details in lieu of a fine or jail time. Village trustees will continue discussion of a 7 1/2 acre property, purchased last year

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for a new Ruidoso Downs fire station. Current plans include a community center on the property. Other tentative items on the council agenda are the selection of a representative to the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District and committee and board appointments. The Ruidoso Downs police

chief is scheduled to request that his department participate in the Lincoln County Narcotics Enforcement Task Force based on available grant funds. The meeting also includes a public input segment. Village trustees meet the second and fourth Monday of every month at village hall, 122 Downs Drive. The March 27 meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.



Three people were taken by ambulance to the Lincoln County Medical Center after an auto rolled twice Wednesday morning on Carrizo Canyon Road. Ruidoso police arrested the driver of the vehicle for aggravated driving while intoxicated.

Rollover results in three injured

Three people were injured Wednesday as a result of a vehicle rollover mishap on Carrizo Canyon Road near Ruidoso. Following hospital treatment, Ruidoso police arrested the driver, Sharon Chino, 21, of Mescalero, for aggravated driving while intoxicated. Chino was also cited for reckless driving.

According to a police report, eyewitnesses told investigators that the Dodge Neon took a curve on Carrizo Canyon Road too fast, went off the road, clipped a telephone pole, broke through a chain link fence and rolled twice. The auto came to a rest on its side. Injured in the incident

were Natasha Choneska, 20, and Deverne Torres, 19, both of Mescalero. Choneska was held overnight for observation at the Lincoln County Medical Center, according to police. The rollover, near Twin Mountain Road's junction with Carrizo Canyon Road, happened just after 11 a.m. Wednesday.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following couples were issued marriage licenses by the office of Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor during the months of January and February.

- Chris Pino, 30, and Melissa Lewis, 27, issued Jan. 5 and used Jan. 9.
- Douglas Crawford, 46, and Mary Joan Oxford, 45, issued and used Jan. 6.
- George Vega Jr., 26, and Mickie Griego, 26, issued and used Jan. 7.
- Byron Austin, 24, and Jessica MacKenzie Sanders, 20, issued Jan. 10 and used Jan. 12.
- Daniel Lee Coburn, 36, and Diana Aileen Lowe, 35, issued Jan. 18.
- Gene Justice, 67, and

Hope Barton, 66, issued Jan. 19 and used Feb. 14.

- Gregory Joseph Doyle, 58, and Manon McManemy, 51, issued Jan. 19 and used Jan. 21.
- Jimmy O. Johnson, 62, and Rebecca King Brewer, 42, issued and used Jan. 21.
- Joey Crisp, 24, and Rhyann Ross, 22, issued Jan. 25 and used Jan. 26.
- Benny Runnels, 52, and Cindy Scrivner, 41, issued Jan. 27.
- Daniel Candelaria, 29, and Linda Dollar, 36, issued and used Jan. 28.
- Kerry J. Jameson, 31, and Tricia D. Walsh, 29, issued Feb. 1 and used Feb. 19.
- Joseph William Jones, 38, and Pamela Jean Snelson,

48, issued Feb. 8 and used Feb. 4.

- H. Leroy Anderson, 55, and Nancy E. Lee, 50, issued and used Feb. 7.
- David L. Ingalls, 47, and Debbie J. Haines, 41, issued Feb. 10.
- Jack W. Casler, 48, and Toni R. Murphy, 38, issued Feb. 10 and used Feb. 14.
- Travis Lynn Cherry Jr., 42, and Rita Ann Robertson, 39, issued Feb. 10 and used Feb. 14.
- Jay W. Francis, 32, and Frances J. Aguirre, 31, issued Feb. 11 and used Feb. 12.
- William Donald Jacoby, 38, and Melissa Katrina Horn, 42, issued Feb. 14 and used Feb. 15.

FUNERALS DEATHS

June Barton Hemphill

Funeral services for June Barton Hemphill, 81, of Ruidoso will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 25, in the First United Methodist Church in McCauley, Texas. Burial will follow at the McCauley Cemetery with the Rev. Jeff Sedberry officiating. Mrs. Hemphill died Wednesday, March 22, 2000 in Ruidoso.

She was born May 18, 1918, in Knox City, Texas to Maudie and William Barton. She moved to Ruidoso in May of 1998 from Hamlin, Texas, and was a homemaker. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church. She married Ordis Fred Hemphill Oct. 31, 1940, in Royston, Texas and he preceded her in death on July 17, 1994. Survivors include a son,

Ronnie Hemphill of Ruidoso; daughters Charlotte Havens of Lubbock, Texas, and Brenda Perryman of Ruidoso; a brother, Marnie Ray Barton of Lubbock; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Alan Spurlock. Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso and Foster-Adams Funeral Home of Hamlin, Texas.

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Proposed food court, river park meets planning and zoning scrutiny

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso's Planning and Zoning Commission this week questioned a proposal to establish a food vendor park, just outside of midtown Ruidoso. The food court and river park would be an area for tourists and locals to gather to enjoy the river surroundings in a central location, developer Betty Beachum, a Ruidoso realtor, said. The property, just over one

acre in size, fronts on Eagle Avenue at the Rio Ruidoso. The land is zoned commercial. Commission members, during a March 21 meeting, asked Beachum to return in two weeks with a better picture of how the food court and river park would look. In a written explanation of the planned development, Beachum said the park would boost tourism, retail sales and the local economy. Included in the project would be walking paths along

the river and the property, trash cans, improved restrooms and a mobile food court vendor area. Beachum said there is ample room for 10 to 15 vendors. "The park and food court will have a festive atmosphere and be arranged for good visibility from the walking traffic of Sudderth," she said in her outline. "Colorful umbrellas, carts, picnic areas and tables would be sprinkled throughout the property to give an attractive, inviting area for the pub-

lic to come rest, snack and take a break from shopping and walking, sit and play by the river, and then go back to shopping." The outline also states there would be ample trash cans in the park, which should alleviate the concerns of midtown merchants regarding food and food debris along Sudderth Drive. While the application showed there would be trash containers, some commission members wondered if that

would ease merchant concerns, said Darrell Brenner, a planner in the zoning department. The development would force the removal of at least one cabin now on the site. "We anticipate the food court being temporary in nature," Beachum states in the development outline. "The project would probably operate from Easter or Memorial Day to the end of the October festivities. In addition, the food court may eventually be replaced by a high-end, attractive lodging

operation, probably resort rental cabins available for nightly or weekly rentals." Mobile vending is a conditional use in the midtown commercial district, zoning officials have said. Planning staff has also determined the proposal does not comply with all village codes, and in its current state would require variances. The Planning and Zoning Commission is expected to revisit the commercial site development plan at its April 4 meeting.

Little snow for county

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

As parts of northern New Mexico's mountains received snow measured in feet, the Southern Sacramento Mountains only registered inches. At Ski Apache, which will close to skiers and snow boarders after Sunday, 10 inches of snow was deposited, said Riker Davis, promotion manager for the ski resort. "It is beautiful," Davis said Thursday morning. "It was a good shot, giving us a winter wonderland."

He estimated more than 400 snow enthusiasts were on the mountain Thursday.

The weather system had flirted with the area Tuesday and Wednesday.

In Ruidoso, just a couple of inches of snow registered in the Wednesday night winter reminder. Slightly more snow was deposited north of the village.

The snow quickly melted in town as the sun appeared Thursday morning.

Blowing snow was the problem for motorists at some locations Wednesday night and Thursday morning, area police said.

The state police closed U.S. Highway 54, between Carrizozo and Vaughn for a time Thursday morning. Two jackknifed semis, just north of Corona, and several other minor wrecks on the highway was a testament to the poor driving conditions, said Lt. William Bower, with the state police. The north-south highway was shut down at 6 a.m. Thursday, and reopened about three hours later. Blowing snow, creating white out conditions, and quickly accumulating snow, police said, was responsible for the closure.

Bower said northern Lincoln County and adjacent Torrance County received "a bunch more snow" than southern Lincoln County.

Officials in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs reported no problems with the snow that began sticking Wednesday night and disappeared by Thursday afternoon.

Carrizozo cracks down on juvenile smokers

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A municipal law passed by the Carrizozo Board of Trustees aims at stopping teenage smoking by going after the child.

Most prosecutions under state law target store clerks who sell tobacco products to minors, although the law prohibits minors from "attempting to procure" any tobacco products for their use or for use by other children under 18.

Carrizozo Mayor Manny Hernandez said Police Chief Angelo Vega proposed the new town law.

The law specifies that it is illegal for minors "to procure, possess, utilize or consume any tobacco products" within the town limits.

The possible penalty includes a fine of up to \$100 and 48 hours of community service.

"I think the mayor, council and chief all are trying to get

young kids off drugs and smoking and that kind of stuff," Hernandez said Wednesday. "We thought by putting a stop to older kids smoking on school grounds and such, little kids wouldn't see them and maybe they wouldn't get the habit."

Village attorney, David Stevens, who drafted the new law, was out of the country Thursday and not available for comment.

"The idea started with the school grounds, but now it covers anywhere," Hernandez said.

State law already forbids minors from buying cigarettes, he pointed out.

"The school supports it," Carrizozo high school principal Rick Cogdill said Thursday. "But (smoking on campus) hasn't been a problem. I'm not saying it never happens, but this is a smoke-free campus and if any student is caught smoking, we have rules to deal with it."

The rules include up to

three days suspension and a conference with parents for a first violation, up to six days suspension for a second offense, 10 days for a third and a long-term suspension for a fourth, Cogdill said. He had to look up the regulations because he has never dealt with a violation, Cogdill said.

Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr., whose court is in Carrizozo, said during his 14 years on the bench, he has heard two cases where store clerks were cited for selling tobacco products to minors.

The law was passed by the state Legislature about seven years ago.

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DISTRICT COURT

The following civil cases were filed in Lincoln County District Court in Carrizozo. They are identified by the date filed, the plaintiff and defendant, the type of action and the docket number.

- Feb. 9 - Bruce F. Mark vs. New Mexico Tax and Revenue Department, Motor Vehicle Division; petition to restore driver's license; CV00-33.
- Feb. 11 - First Federal Bank, formerly known as First Federal Savings Bank of New Mexico, vs. Gene Melton; money due; CV00-34.
- Feb. 14 - Dale A. and Dorothy S. Wood, husband and wife, vs. Louise T. Carlson, Mary Parks Phillips and Sarah Cole Dulin, their heirs, spouses and all claimants of interest adverse to the plaintiff; CV00-35.
- Feb. 14 - Robert W. Weber vs. East Lakeside Corp., a New Mexico corporation, Ernest and Dolores Fredeck, Arturo and Elena Armendariz and Joe Does, devisees, heirs, and all claimants of interest adverse to the plaintiff; quiet title; CV00-36.
- Feb. 16 - Bobbie Jean Góber vs. Larry Ray Carter and Teri Lynn Lee; partition property; CV00-37.
- Feb. 16 - Ford Motor Credit Co. vs. Linda J. Ward; debt collection; CV00-38.
- Feb. 16 - Ford Motor Credit Co. vs. Jose M. Martinez; debt collection; CV00-39.
- Feb. 18 - In the matter of Paula Land, Ph.D.; appeal of revocation of psychologist's license by the New Mexico Regulatory and Licensing Department; CV00-40.
- Feb. 18 - Bank of American NF&SA vs. Mary J. Driecoll; debt on revolving charge agreement; CV00-41.
- Feb. 22 - Ford Motor Credit Co. vs. Franklin Jim; debt collection; CV00-42.
- Feb. 22 - Provident National Bank vs. La Ronda B. Holmberg; debt and money due; CV00-43.
- Feb. 22 - Mellon Mortgage Co., a South Carolina corporation, vs. Teresa Woodard and Sierra Bank; foreclosure; CV00-44.
- Feb. 22 - Chase Bank of Texas, formerly known as Texas Commercial Bank NA, as custodian, vs. Luis and Ernestina Polaco; foreclosure; CV00-45.
- Feb. 24 - La Ronda Holmberg and Anthony Tre Padilla II vs. Tularosa Basin Telephone Co., a New Mexico corporation; damages; CV00-47.
- Feb. 29 - Village of Capitán vs. Harold W. Perry; appeal on ruling on no dog license from municipal court; CV00-48.
- March 1 - United Companies Lending Corporation vs. Martha E.

- Manley, also known as Mitzi Manley Jenkins, Dalton Manley, United Credit Card Bank NA and Richard P. Hawthorne PA; foreclosure; CV00-49.
- March 1 - Southern Pacific Funding Corp. vs. Jessie A. Herrera, also known as Jose A. Herrera, also known as Jessie A. Herrera, doing business as The Herrera Law Firm, Cynthia Herrera, Wilton H. Howell, doing business as One Stop, Henry H. Blanton, Heritage Square and Western National Bank; foreclosure; CV00-50.
- March 1 - Virginia R. and Lon R. Williams, wife and husband, vs. village of Ruidoso, a New Mexico municipality; damages as a result of personal injuries; CV00-51.
- March 1 - Chase Bank of Texas NA, successor by merger to Texas Commerce Bank, El Paso, NA, vs. Ralph P. McClelland, trustee for Ralph P. McClelland and Jane J. McClelland Revocable Trust, Ralph P. McClelland and Jane J. McClelland, now known as Jane Grubb; foreclosure; CV00-52.
- March 2 - State National Bank, formerly known as Sierra Bank Ruidoso, vs. Larry and Melissa Ervin; money due on promissory note; CV00-53.
- March 2 - Southern Pacific Funding Corp. vs. Sherrill Zamora, also known as Sherrill Zamora, also known as Cheryl Zamora, and Ruidoso State Bank; foreclosure; CV00-54.
- March 8 - Gary R. Bailey vs. George Dean Rue, Perry D. and A. Rosalie Peckman, their heirs, spouses and all claimants of interest adverse to the plaintiff; quiet title; CV00-55.
- March 8 - State National Bank, formerly known as Sierra Bank, vs. Nadine Ann Evans (of Las Cruces); money judgment and foreclosure of mortgage; CV00-56.
- March 15 - Judy Broussard, also known as Julia Broussard, vs. Lynda Bowman, individually and doing business as Casey's Cabins; money due; CV00-57.
- March 15 - Nancy Nantz vs. H.T.V. Inc., doing business as Sears; notice of appeal; CV00-58.
- March 15 - Countrywide Home Loans Inc., doing business as America's Wholesale Lender, vs. Charles L. and Paula R. Bentley, husband and wife; foreclosure; CV00-59.
- March 17 - K-Bob's of Ruidoso Inc., Paul L. Silverman of Bernalillo County and Bill L. Lee of Lea County, vs. K-Bob's Inc., K-Bob's USA Inc., K-Bob's Capital Resource Group Ltd. and K-Bob's Capital Resource Group Inc.; franchise dispute declaratory judgment; CV00-60.

- ment, supplemental relief and damages; CV00-61.
- The following criminal cases were filed in Lincoln County District Court in Carrizozo. They are identified by the date filed, the defendant, the charges and the docket number.
- Feb. 9 - Shannon Morgan, 20, Ruidoso; bind over from magistrate court on possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, a third-degree felony, possession of methamphetamines with intent to distribute, a third-degree felony, conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance, cocaine, a fourth-degree felony, conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance, methamphetamine, a fourth-degree felony, possession of drug paraphernalia, special penalty misdemeanor and possession of marijuana under one ounce, a petty misdemeanor; CR00-12.
- Feb. 2 - Floyd Lopez, 39, Carrizozo; bind over from magistrate court on auto burglary, a fourth-degree felony, larceny under \$200, a misdemeanor, and shoplifting \$100 or less, a petty misdemeanor; CR00-14.
- Feb. 7 - Melinda Furness, 32, Nogal; contributing to the delinquency of a minor, a fourth-degree felony; CR00-15.
- Feb. 7 - Pete Yaasi, 26, Lincoln County Detention Center; possession of burglary tools, fourth-degree felony, tampering with evidence, a fourth-degree felony, receiving stolen property less than \$100, a petty misdemeanor; CR00-16.
- Feb. 7 - Maria Vega, 45, Lincoln County Detention Center; possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, a fourth-degree felony; CR00-17.
- Feb. 11 - Chris Ybarra, 37, Lincoln County Detention Center; possession of controlled substance, methamphetamines, fourth-degree felony, possession marijuana under one ounce, petty misdemeanor, possession drug paraphernalia, special penalty misdemeanor; CR00-18.
- Feb. 11 - Chris Ybarra, 37, Lincoln County Detention Center; trafficking a controlled substance by manufacture, methamphetamines, a second-degree felony, and conspiracy to traffic a controlled substance by manufacture, methamphetamines, a third-degree felony; CR00-19.
- Feb. 14 - James T. Nicholson, 31, El Paso; bind over for DWI, fourth of subsequent offense, driving on sus-

- pending or revoked license, careless driving and driving with open containers of alcohol; CR00-20.
- Feb. 14 - Ermilo Montoya, 43, Ruidoso Downs; bind over on DWI, fourth or subsequent offense, a fourth-degree felony, unlawful use of suspended or revoked driver's license, special penalty misdemeanor, and no insurance and no registration, motor vehicle code violations; CR00-21.
- Feb. 22 - Sergio Saucedo, 21, rd address; fugitive warrant from Garvin County, Oklahoma; CR00-22.
- Feb. 23 - Joshua Stocka, 22, Ruidoso; aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, third-degree felony, disorderly conduct, a petty misdemeanor, tampering with evidence, a fourth-degree felony, resisting, evading or obstructing an officers, a misdemeanor; CR00-23.
- Feb. 23 - Roger W. Clayton Jr., 26, Ruidoso Downs; aggravated battery causing great bodily harm or in the alternative, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, third-degree felony; CR00-24.
- Feb. 23 - Mairicio Stewart, 21, Ruidoso Downs; four counts forgery, third-degree felony; CR00-26.
- Feb. 23 - Damon Wade West, 39, Datil; bind over; contributing to the delinquency of a minor, fourth-degree felony; CR00-27.
- Feb. 23 - James Schmidt, 51, Carrizozo; bind over for forgery, issuance or transfer, third-degree felony; CR00-28.
- Feb. 24 - Billy Chester Hall, 60, Lincoln County Detention Center; trafficking controlled substance, methamphetamines, fourth-degree felony, felon in possession of firearm, fourth-degree felony, and possession of drug paraphernalia, special penalty misdemeanor; CR00-30.
- March 3 - Luis A. Abeyta, 27, Capitán and Silver City; DWI, fourth or subsequent offense, driving on suspended or revoked license, concealing identity, no tail lights, open containers of alcohol in motor vehicle; CR00-31.

MAGISTRATE COURT

- The following cases were taken from records of magistrate court in Carrizozo, Judge Gerald Dean Jr. presiding. They are identified by the date filed, the defendant, the charges and the case number.
- Jan. 28 - Anthony A. Anspach, no age, Moriarty; issuing worthless check, bench warrant issued; M30-FR00-25.
- Feb. 14 - Fernando J. Gutierrez, 26, Albuquerque; possession marijuana less than one ounce, county plea, sentenced to 15 days in county jail and \$150 fine and court costs; M30-MR00-26.
- Feb. 14 - Gabriel Tam, 30, Ruidoso; negligent use of deadly weapon, pleaded no contest, sentenced to six months probation, \$500 fine, bench warrant issued for failure to comply with conditions of probation; M30-MR00-28.
- Feb. 15 - Cathie R. Eisen, 41, Nogal; dog running at large and no rabies shot, guilty plea, fined \$100 and \$81; M30-MR00-32.
- Feb. 21 - LaVonne M. Wolf, 37, Capitán; issuing worthless check; M30-MR00-31.
- Feb. 21 - Wesley Owens, doing business as Circle W. Equipment, no age listed, Belem; two counts worthless checks; M30-FR00-37.
- Feb. 21 - Carlos Flores Jr., 36, Ruidoso and Chaparral; three counts worthless check, bench warrant issued; M30-FR00-38.
- March 1 - Christina Trasher, 26,

- Alamogordo; three counts worthless checks; M30-FR00-41.
- March 1 - Hal Priser, 34, Alamogordo; concealing identity; M30-MR00-34.
- March 7 - Inez R. Cochise, no age, Mesalero; two counts worthless check; M30-FR00-31.
- March 7 - Denis Ellard, no age, Ruidoso Downs; worthless check; M30-FR00-29.
- March 7 - Donald C. Williams, 58, Lincoln County Detention Center; aggravated battery with a deadly weapon (claw hammer); M30-FR00-42.
- March 13 - Joe Bice, 27, Carrizozo; vicious pit bull running loose and attack other canine; M30-MR00-33.
- March 13 - Jennifer R. Brozman, 29, Danville, N.Y.; three counts worthless check; M30-FR00-44.
- March 13 - Raymond Beasley, 53, Capitán; six counts worthless check; M30-FR00-45.
- March 13 - Misty Hickman, no age listed, Capitán; issuing worthless check; M30-FR00-46.
- March 13 - Randy W. Melton, 34, Ruidoso; issuing worthless check; M30-FR00-47.
- March 13 - Angela M. Hazelton, no age, Ruidoso Downs; issuing worthless check; M30-FR00-48.
- March 16 - Susan Fuchs, no age, Alto; four counts worthless check, state will not prosecute; M30-FR00-33.
- March 19 - Teri Bladsoe, 43, Nogal; battery on household member; M30-VR00-02.

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Carrizozo Municipal Schools, old gymnasium
- Cloudcroft
Registration and Screening: Wednesday, April 19, 2000 (9:00-12:00)
Cloudcroft Elementary, gymnasium
- Corona
Registration and Screening: Tuesday, April 4, 2000 (10:00-12:00)
Corona Municipal Schools, school library
- Hondo
Registration and Screening: Friday, March 31, 2000 (9:00-12:00)
Hondo Public Schools
- Ruidoso
Registration and Screening: Friday, April 28, 2000 (9:00-11:30 last names A through M; 11:30-2:00 last names N through Z)
Nob Hill Early Childhood Center
- Tularosa
Registration and Screening: Friday, April 7, 2000 (9:00-1:00)
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Domenici: Impending drought crisis in New Mexico demands national attention

WASHINGTON — Senator Pete Domenici today urged a high ranking member of the National Drought Policy Commission to ensure the panel's overdue report includes "real actions and positive solutions" for western states like New Mexico to respond to drought crises.

This week, Domenici pressed U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Bluid Martinez and Jim Lyons, USDA under secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, for assurances that the administration is taking action now to prepare for the significant drought conditions expected in New Mexico and the Southwest this year. Domenici also sought confirmation that the National Drought Commission report, expected to be completed in May or June, will include comprehensive recommendations on policies the nation should enact to address droughts.

"The pressure on states like New Mexico, already arid, increases exponentially with drought conditions and other water-related issues, including

growth or meeting endangered species needs," Domenici said. "New Mexico again faces another drought crisis. While I eagerly await the Drought Commission's recommendations, I also want assurances that action is planned to take care of more immediate drought problems."

"Already a band of western states, including New Mexico, is experiencing early drought conditions with indicators that the condition will worsen. We have a national policy to deal with hurricanes. We have a policy to deal with severe floods, but we do not have actions in place to deal with drought," he said. "I expect the report, while overdue, to be comprehensive, with practical suggestions for real actions and positive solutions to deal with drought."

Martinez testified Tuesday before a Domenici-chaired Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee hearing regarding the bureau's FY2001 budget. Lyons, who has appeared before the Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee

to review the Forest Service budget requests, said he would provide Domenici with a detailed report on the forest fire fighting capabilities this year.

Martinez indicated that the Drought Commission's report would make specific recommendations for congressional and administration actions for a more "pro-active" national drought policy.

Both Lyons and Martinez recommended funding increases for drought-related programs, including fire fighting and water availability.

"With respect to New Mexico in general," Martinez testified, "the conditions of anticipated runoff are approximately what they were a year ago, which is about 40 to 50 percent of average. Last year, luckily, it started raining. As you know, it rained all summer. But if we don't have the same repeat, we're going to have some drastic situations in terms of drought in the American Southwest."

Under Domenici questioning on water supplies and compliance with the Endangered

Species Act, Martinez sought resources for additional federal acquisition of water rights under state law and gave assurances that neither the bureau nor Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt will be "releasing water unilaterally from reservoirs across the West."

"We will be trying to work with Congress or to seek appropriations to acquire water rights under existing state law to address some of these concerns," Martinez continued. "Keeping in mind that fact that the different stakeholders also have to bring something to the table, it's not an entire federally financed project."

Domenici commended Martinez for his "unbiased and even-handed" intermedi-

ary work in dealing with the Endangered Species Act issues on the Rio Grande and Pecos River, and expressed his hope that federal actions would not exacerbate drought problems in the state.

"I will begin very shortly furthering my involvement with the ESA working group and the Rio Grande restoration initiative," Domenici said. "The fact is we have to all get together and start talking about where we end up."

Domenici and Representative Joe Skeen wrote the National Drought Policy Act of

1998, creating a commission to make recommendations on a permanent and systematic federal process to address drought situations, including a coordinated response by federal, state, tribal and local governments to the droughts. The commission will report existing needs on the federal, state, local and tribal levels with regard to drought; review current drought programs; and define solutions for gaps in what drought victims need and current programs designed to deal with drought conditions.

ETZ PLANNING

Storage complex plans approved

A plan to develop a 220-unit storage complex to include six spaces for recreational vehicles was approved by the Extraterritorial Planning Commission this week on the site of an abandoned water reservoir on Gavilan Canyon Road.

The largest portion of the

4.1-acre tract lies within the village limits of Ruidoso. Development of the regular storage units and a 14,800-square foot retail office was approved, but a separate review was required by the commission for the segment of land outside the village in the one-mile zone around the town.

The tract is about 600 feet south of Homestead Street and lies north of Fawn Ridge subdi-

vision.

Paul Rochester of Colonial Storage Center based in Ruidoso submitted the application. The owner was listed as Black Elk LLC. The project contractor is Anderson Building Co. of Clovis.

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1. Hurry to gas station to fill up car.
2. Hurry and pack kid's toys, clothes, snacks, games for kids to play in car.
3. Hurry to get ready for trip, get wife out of bathroom.
4. Hurry to pack extra set of clothes for yourself.
5. Hurry and call work and give last minute instruction.
6. Hurry and load family into car.
7. Hurry to find cell phone.
8. Hurry and call, only to find out agency has rented out cabin.
9. Hurry and call hotel for reservations.

Arrive in Ruidoso, wife and kids restless and starving 7 AM

10. Relax, arrive at "Little Nellie's" above the circle in the heart of Ruidoso for a great Ruidoso breakfast cuisine of Mexican, American food and a chance to watch someone else hurry for family.
11. Hurry to motel to unpack and rest - 8:30 AM. Wake up 11:30 AM.
12. Hurry to round up starving kids, get wife out of bathroom, tell her "Little Nellie's" has everything to freshen up with including lotions and perfumes.
13. Hurry to "Little Nellie's" 12:15.
14. Relax, arrive at new "Little Nellie's" chips and salsa, SW Mexican food voted "best" peoples choice of Las Cruces, enjoy hamburgers, enchiladas, fajitas and wife orders Avocado Salad.
15. Hurry back to motel 1:30.
16. Hurry wife and kids out the door to go shopping.
17. Hurry to find remote and Rick back.
18. Hurry to shower and round up starving kids, tell wife she can buy furniture from "High Counting Outfit" as well as art work from various local artists at "Little Nellie's". This gets wife out of bathroom.
19. Hurry to "Little Nellie's" 6:00 PM.
20. Hurry to "Little Nellie's" as featured in magazines, "Sunset" and "Gourmet" to enjoy T-bone steak, baby back ribs, New York steak and Shrimp. Kids want Flouras, Grilled Cheese and Chicken tenders.
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Ski report

Ski Apache
Ski Apache is open through Sunday. Surface conditions: Good on powder and packed powder.
New snow past 24 hours: 10 inches
Snowmaking in last 24 hours: Making snow nightly
Softest snow base on trails to be open: 16-22 inches
Trails open: Elk Ridge, Bull Run, Buckhorn, Captain, Top Notch, Smokey Bear, Snow Park, Lower Deep Freeze, Lower SPT, Lower Moonshine and the lower novice slopes.
Trails groomed in the past 24 hours: Most trails that are open.
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This week

Friday, March 24
Prep baseball
NMMI Tournament: Ruidoso vs. NMMI, 3:30 p.m.; Ruidoso vs. Dora/Dexter, TBD
Prep tennis
Ruidoso at Goddard Tournament, 8 a.m.
Saturday, March 25
Prep baseball
NMMI Tournament: Ruidoso vs. TBD
Prep golf
Ruidoso at New Mexico Military Institute
Prep tennis
Ruidoso at Goddard Tournament, 8 a.m.
Prep track
Ruidoso at Roswell Invitational, 9 a.m., Capitán, Carrizozo, Mesalero at Alfalfa Invitational, Hagerman, 9 a.m.

Scoreboard

Tuesday, March 21
Prep baseball
Artesia 23, Ruidoso 0
Artesia 12, Ruidoso 0
Prep softball
Ruidoso 17, Dexter 2
Ruidoso 20, Dexter 0

High Fives

All District
Three members of the Capitán Lady Tigers were named to the GAA All-District girls basketball team. Named to the first team were: Crystal Roybal, Alicia García and Lindsay Bush. Receiving honorable mentions were Shawna Shrecengost and Jessica Tully-Mitchell.

Pecking Order

Mescalero Parks & Rec
Men's Basketball League Standings through March 24

Team	W	L	Pct.
Alamo Pipe	12	1	.923
Tulle Bad Boys	13	3	.813
Julian G.	9	4	.692
Cuties	9	4	.692
The Players	8	5	.615
Sierra Blanca Slammers	8	6	.571
Hardwood Thunder	4	9	.308
Forty Minutes Plus	4	9	.308
Brew Crew	3	9	.250
Oliver O's	3	9	.250
Renegades	0	14	.000

Results for March 21
Tulle Bad Boys 84, Brew Crew 71
Alamo Pipe 80, Sierra Blanca Slammers 59
Forty Minutes Plus 72, Julian G 59

Results for March 22
Cuties 100, Renegades 72
Sierra Blanca Slammers 102, Hardwood Thunder 65
Forty Minutes Plus 81, Tulle Bad Boys 64

Games for March 26
6:30 p.m. - Renegades vs. Tulle Bad Boys
7:30 p.m. - Alamo Pipe vs. Brew Crew
8:30 p.m. - Oliver O's vs. Forty Minutes Plus

Games for March 27
6:30 p.m. - Brew Crew vs. The Players
7:30 p.m. - Oliver O's vs. Alamo Pipe
8:30 p.m. - Julian G vs. Tulle Bad Boys

Games for March 28
6:30 p.m. - Tulle Bad Boys vs. Cuties
7:30 p.m. - Renegades vs. Sierra Blanca Slammers
8:30 p.m. - Hardwood Thunder vs. Alamo Pipe

On Deck

Little League signups
Last minute signups for Ruidoso Little League baseball are scheduled for 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the Gavilan Canyon field. Participants must bring a birth certificate and registration fees. Fees are: T-ball and Farm Divisions (5-8 years old), \$35; Minor and Major Divisions (9-12 years old), \$40; Junior Division (13-14 years old), \$50. Additional sign-ups \$20 each. The season runs from April 14 through June 17. For more information, call Matt Reidy at 258-2109 or Mark Doth at 257-5171.

Little League tryouts
Little League baseball tryouts will be held Saturday. Minor players (9 and 10 year olds) will try out from noon-1:30 p.m. at Gavilan field, majors (11 and 12 year olds) from 2-3:30 p.m. at Gavilan field (for non-property players and juniors (13 and 14 year olds) from 4-5 p.m., at the Ruidoso High School field. For more information, call Grant at 336-4226 or Matt Reidy at 258-2109.

Golf scramble
The Ruidoso High School golf team will host a benefit scramble at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club. The cost is \$25 per person plus cart fees and the public is invited. The scramble will offer \$500 in prizes. An additional scramble will be held April 5. For more information or to sign up, call Cree Meadows at 257-5815 or Alto Lakes at 336-4226.

Softball squad gets in the win column

KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Warrior softball squad (2-4) got on the winning track Tuesday, belting out four home runs as the bats came alive against Dexter.

Behind the pitching of Tiffany Brantley, and homers by Brantley, Simona Ramos, Crystal Gheer and Julie Miller, Ruidoso took 17-2 and 20-0 victories in the doubleheader in Dexter. Coach Brian Baca was pleased with the effort behind the plate and on the mound.

"I think (our hitting) was probably the biggest change that I saw," he said. "We really got around on the bats and we had a lot of people put the ball in play. And that's what we've been saying we had to do all year: get people on base."

While the batters were hanging out the hits, Brantley finally started seeming confident behind the plate.

"Tiffany pitched two very good games," Baca said. "We knew she was a good pitcher. She's been working hard and she pitched very well."

Brantley struck out six and was stingy with walks through the two-game effort.

"I think she's starting to believe in herself and I think she's getting her confidence up," Baca said. "The pitching was on. She had very few walks. She was throwing pretty hard and she seemed to kind of get in her groove and her rhythm."

At the plate, the Warriors started slowly, scoring three runs in the first two innings, then opened things up in the fourth and fifth to close out the game under the mercy rule.

Ruidoso continued the hitting barrage in the second game, closing it out after only three innings.

"Once we settled down and once we

got some confidence at the plate, we started hitting the ball and started putting the ball in play," Baca said.

Brantley, Gheer and Miller each hit inside-the-park home runs, but Ramos belted a dinger over the fence.

And the hitting wasn't confined to only a few players.

"The hitting was spread out over the whole team," Baca said. "All the girls really hit. Even some of our younger girls were put in a position where we were kind of short handed and they got in there and did a good job."

Brantley said the team was ready for their first win.

"We were really, really excited," she said. "It was our turn."

Baca hopes the hitting and the confidence will carry over into the future.

"I think now that we've got a taste of how it feels to win and got our confi-

dence on our defense and at the plate, I think we're going to go out there and have some good performances," he said.

The Warriors were scheduled for a rematch with the Carlsbad junior varsity in Carlsbad Thursday, and Baca said he was looking forward to the game, despite the pounding Ruidoso took at home against Carlsbad.

Baca said the tough schedule the Warriors have played made the slow start almost inevitable.

"Playing teams like Goddard and Carlsbad, you take the chance of starting out 0-4," he said. "But I also think in the long run, it's going to help us."

"I think now the team has had some success and I think now that their confidence has started building, I look for more improvements in all areas."

After Carlsbad, the Warriors get a week to rest up before traveling to Cobre March 31 for the Cobre Tournament.



Karen Boehler/Ruidoso News

Carrizozo track numbers are up this season, with quality and quantity combining to give the Grizzlies a chance to be successful at the state level.

Grizzlies aiming for top state finishes

KAREN BOEHLER
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When Carrizozo decides it wants to do something, it does it right.

Two years ago, the Grizzlies had six athletes on the fledgling track squad. Last year, that number increased to 40, and both the boys and girls won the District 3A title with the girls finishing fifth in state.

This year, the team has added even more runners, throwers and jumpers, and the team's goals are lofty.

"We're going to shoot for the blue, that's the only color we want," said coach Pat Ventura, explaining the team could compete for the state AA title. "Both the boys and girls should be very competitive at state and give people a run for the top seed."

With the short five-week season just kicking off Saturday at the Alfalfa Invitational in Hagerman, Ventura isn't sure what the competition will be like. But he can make some guesses.

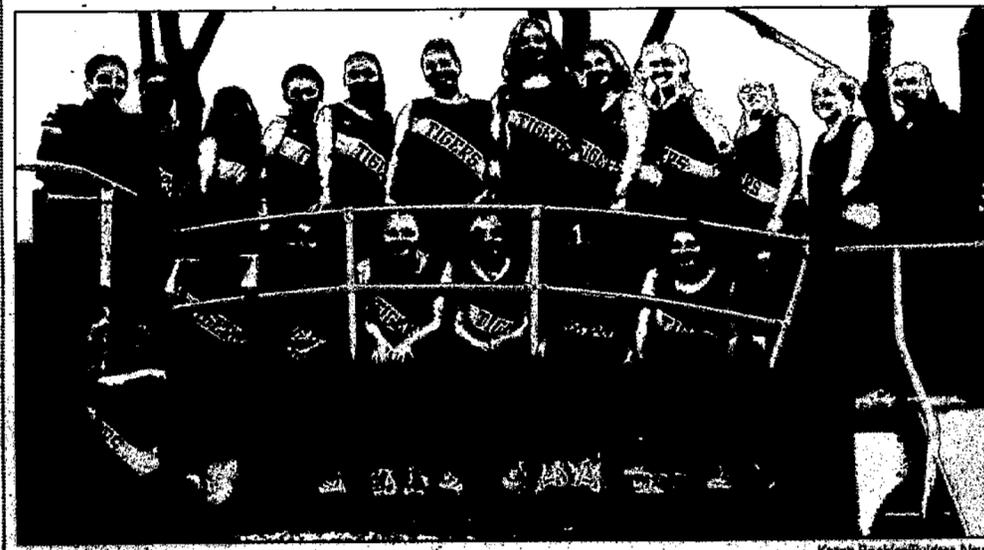
In district, with Corona

fielding a small team and Hondo just reinstating track, the crown should come down to two teams.

"Mountainair is a lot bigger school than we are, so they could have some kids out," Ventura said. "Mountainair is going to be the one to compete with in district."

On the state level, Ventura picks Loving, Cliff, Roy and Melrose to give the girls a fight and Cliff, Hagerman, Loving and Melrose to challenge the

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Karen Boehler/Ruidoso News

Capitan's lady tracksters hope quality will lead them to a state trophy this season.

Lady Tigers counting on quality

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Quality, not quantity could be the motto of the Capitán Lady Tiger track team.

Although numbers are low on the squad — with 11 freshmen, two sophomores, two juniors and three seniors — those who are participating are solid athletes.

"Just like last year, I think we can be right there when we go to state because while we do not necessarily have a tremendous amount of people, we just have some quality," said coach Bryan Masse.

Last year, as in many seasons past, the Tigers finished behind Tularosa in district because of the Wildcat numbers. But at state, Capitan's

quality shone through, giving them one relay and several individual medals, and an 11th place team finish. With only four athletes missing from that squad, Masse is confident his team will do well.

"We have some experience in a few of the events," he said. "We don't have a whole lot of

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Artesia crushes Warriors

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The Ruidoso baseball team traveled to Artesia Tuesday, but it wasn't to play ball.

"We just didn't even play," said coach Mike Morris. "The first game we just didn't play. I don't know if it was spring break or what."

The Warriors could do nothing at the plate, getting pounded by the Bulldogs 23-0 and 12-0.

In the first game alope, the Warriors made more errors than they had all season. Morris said he knew pitchers Matt Locke, who went three innings in game one, and Tristan Torres, who wrapped up the final two, were going to get hit. But

they simply had no backup in the field, Morris said.

"(Artesia is) a good hitting team," he said. "It didn't make any difference, they were going to hit our pitchers and they did, but we made considerable errors also."

Then, the Warriors couldn't hit anything.

Ruidoso struck out 22 times in the two games, whiffing 11 times each game.

"It was atrocious," Morris said of his team's hitting.

Ben Lundquist was the only Warrior to get a hit in the first game, getting a single in the second inning.

In the second game, which was a bit better, the fielding

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Chiefs take to the track

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Mescalero High School is fairly new to track, but coach Sheldon Fernando hopes he can get the program to grow.

The Chiefs ran track for the first time last season, but "the numbers just dwindled down to where they only had two members left," Fernando said. The new coach, a former cross-country athlete, would like to change all that.

"I wouldn't mind building a program, not only for track but cross country," he said. "With the schedule I put out, I hope other students will get more interest in the track program. We might even get some field events."

This season, the team starts with eight members: five girls and three boys, and all are runners. Shrolynn Johnson is the only senior, but is currently sidelined due to illness. If she comes back, she'll run the 1,600-meters.

Also planning to run the 1,600 are junior Raven Chino and sophomore Maggie Starr, who'll add the 800-meter run to her repertoire. Freshman Kassie Kaydahzinne and eighth grader Emily Blake are sprinters, hoping to compete in the 100- and 200-meter dash.

On the boys side, eighth-grader Josh Valdez is looking at the shorter distances — the 100- and 400-meter dashes in his first event, while eighth-grader Rowan Yuzos and ninth-grader Warren Sago plan to concentrate on the distance races.

Fernando thinks both

Sago, who he calls "a real good distance runner," and Valdez have a chance to go to state this year.

Valdez was ran the 100 in 14.7 on the Mescalero grass football field in practice, which Fernando thinks is a good sign.

"Put him on a on track and I'm pretty sure he'll cut that down by a couple of seconds the first time out," the coach said. "He'd be one who's pretty close to qualifying right now."

The others got a late start and are new to the sport, but Fernando said the entire team is "pretty enthusiastic" with solid goals.

"We can't really go for a team title or anything like that, but each individual wants to do the best they can, and hopefully I can get the majority to state at the end of the season," he said.

The Chiefs will have some solid competition throughout the season, starting Saturday at Hagerman, and Fernando said that's good.

"It's going to be good for them, because you've got to run against good competition to get better, that's the way I look at it," he said.

As for the future, Fernando hopes the younger members of the team stick with it, and he can convince other Mescalero students to give track a try.

"Right now, they think they have to be fast to be on a track team, which is not true," he said. "I try to tell them they just have to work at it with dedication and hard work and practice."

CARRIZOZO: Grizzlies look strong

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A solid schedule that includes meets in Tularosa, Estancia, Melrose and Capitan should give the Grizzlies a chance to see all their competition except maybe Cliff.

"That was my plan when we scheduled this year, to try and see the teams we'd see at state," Ventura said.

The coach has good reasons to be confident about his squads.

Only one runner, a senior boy, graduated from last year's team. Add the additional athletes who came out this season, and Ventura has a strong, young squad.

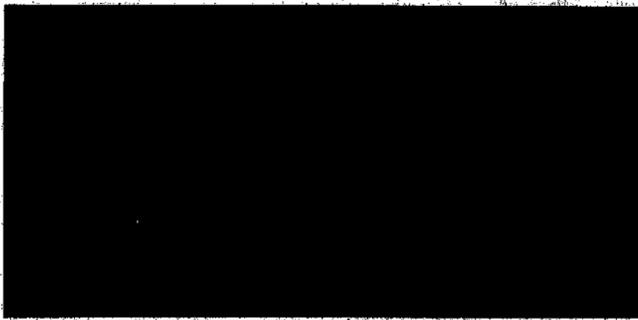
On the girls side, Ventura said he has "five good runners," including juniors Madalyn Burr and Brooke Holland, sophomore Bianca Baca and eighth graders Ariel Burr and Ariel Vallejos, who already ran state qualifying times at the first junior high meet of the season.

Add in Christa Franck, and the Grizzlies have a solid squad of sprinters.

In the field events, Stella Brewer and Franck should be strong in the shot put, and Holland, who qualified for state last year with Capitan, tops in discus. Madalyn Burr should be a contender in the triple jump.

But Ventura said this early in the season, it's difficult to make predictions.

"It's hard to single anyone out because we haven't seen anybody run yet," he said.



"Some other younger girls by the end of the season, they're going to be helping us a bunch scoring lots of points."

And with the number of athletes the team has, the Grizzlies are expected to have a lot of depth.

The situation is much the same on the boys side.

"There's a whole cluster of boys doing great," Ventura said.

Bryan Bartz is expected to lead a group of sprinters. James Verdugo and Cameron Douglas are good hurdlers, and Ryan Roper qualified for four field events last year: javelin, discus, shotput and triple jump.

Ventura said he has "three good, solid people" in the long jump and triple jump, and Joe Pawlaski and Chris Marcus in the high jump.

But just like with the girls, there's a lot of competition.

"It'll be interesting in the boys to see who's going to be the fastest," Ventura said. "I

know we have speed, but there's been so much improvement in the last year I couldn't tell you who'll be fastest. They're all right there at the wire."

The only weak spot, on both squads, is pole vault. Zozo didn't have the equipment before this year, and the team is still looking for poles, so while the girls will be even with everyone else in the new event, the three boys will have to work hard to catch up.

Adrienne Zamora and Franck will be giving the new girls javelin event a toss this season.

Just how good the Grizzlies really are won't be known for a while. But Ventura has set the team goals high.

"First, (we want) to win district, but priority as district (we want) to qualify as many for state as we can. And stay healthy," he said.

If those goals are met, Zozo could be right up there come May 6 in Albuquerque.



Capitan's Tiger track team is hoping to win its ninth straight district track title, and improve on its state finish.

Tigers aiming to keep streak alive

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Capitan's boys track team is going for its ninth district title in a row, but coach Ed Davis said it isn't a given this year.

"The team's already set their goals," he said. "Yes, they want to go back and defend their district title. But it ain't going to be easy, because this year Dexter, Tularosa and Cloudcroft are all tough."

Davis said Dexter brings back almost a complete squad from the team that finished second to Capitan last year. Tularosa and Cloudcroft will also be competitive, while the Tigers lost eight athletes, including top sprinter James Tacey, who graduated.

Davis said the Tigers appear to be solid in the distances and in field events.

"We didn't lose any of our distance runners from last year," he said. "We were real strong in the distances last year, and we're going to move some of our distance people around."

"We feel like we're pretty strong in the field events. Pole vault, high jump, the shot and discus, we feel like we can compete there this year."

Where the Tigers are going to have to improve is in the sprints.

"Some of these younger kids are going to have to come up and come to the front, and we're going to give them the opportunity," Davis said.

The Tigers also lost three of the four members of the 400- and 800-meter relay squads.

"So we're just going to have

to make up and see what we can do from there," the coach said.

Where the Tigers are strong is in numbers. The varsity has 39 boys on the squad, while the junior high adds 24. Those number please Davis.

"We're tickled with the boys we have here," he said. "They come out here and they work hard. They all work hard and we just want them to stay healthy and have some fun and finish the year on a positive note."

What clearly irks Davis is the short track season.

With spring break last week and the bad weather this week, Davis said he's barely had a chance to work with the team.

And he's not shy about who's to blame.

"The New Mexico Activities Association is killing track," Davis said. "They're killing spring sports because they just keep setting basketball further back. We have six weeks for track. A kid gets hurt, he's through for the year. There's no way he can get well."

So Davis said he just has to take things slowly.

"You want to get a kid in shape but you can't do it too quick or they wind up pulling muscles and they're through," he said. "So you got to handle everybody with kid gloves."

That means using the seven meets on the schedule (and the Carlsbad meet is very iffy) almost as practices.

"The main thing we're trying to do now is run them into shape, at the track meets, because the season's so short," he said. "We're trying to spread

everybody out and get some times. See what we're capable of doing. We're not going to know what we can do until right before district."

The coach said he really can't say who'll be performing in which events. Saturday's meet at Hagerman will give him a chance to see who can do what.

"We're going to run a lot of people in a lot of different things, just to get an idea of what we can do," he said.

If the Tigers take their ninth district title, then they'll have to face even tougher competition at state.

Last year, Capitan had a miserable performance in Albuquerque, but Davis is hoping for better this year. He thinks the team to beat is Lordsburg, which is returning its entire squad.

Others who might be competitive include Estancia, Fort Sumner and Santa Rosa.

The northern schools are always a mystery until state, Davis said, noting that Cimarron might be back in the thick of things.

"AA track is going to be competitive this year," he said. "Any of those teams could win state, but it's going to take an excellent effort to beat Lordsburg."

For Capitan, the goals come in little steps.

"We hope we're up there," Davis said. "Our No. 1 goal is to win district then we try to get to state and everybody who goes to state tries to bring back a medal. And if they're bringing back some medals, we're going to bring back a trophy. We don't say which one."

LADIES: Capitan relays a strength

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sprinting speed, but we're going to try to run the two longer relays tough."

The Lady Tigers just missed setting a state record in the 1,600-meter medley relay last season, so Massé has set that as a team goal. He'd also like to qualify the 1,600-meter relay team and try to qualify the 400- and 800-meter relay squads.

"We've had a hard time qualifying the 400 relay and 800 relay because we haven't had enough sprinting speed, but I've got kids who are willing to work, and we've been able to get in enough shape that we can qualify the mile relay and medley relay," the coach said.

With Jessica Castaneda, Krystal Roybal and Stephanie Kelsey all returning from last year's relay teams, Massé only has to fill the hole left by the loss of Erin Autrey. He thinks he can do that with either Jessica Neal or Alicia Garcia. Garcia was supposed to run the relays last year, but an injury kept her off the squad. Neal also missed the season because of an injury.

"If (Garcia) stays healthy this year, we should be fine on that medley relay," Massé said.

The coach also hopes Neal, one of the few sprinters on the squad, can help make the team more competitive in the short distances.

In the field events, Capitan has some solid performers.

Lindsay Bush and Jennifer Underdown both qualified for state in discus last year.

Krystal Roybal should be strong in the triple jump, Jessica Castaneda in the high jump, Neal in the long jump and Kaycee Gilson in the hurdles.

Massé said the new girls pole vault and javelin events should help Capitan earn points and perhaps bring more girls onto the squad.

"We've got quite a few



excited about the pole vault," he said. "It's a new event and it's a little scary."

Underdown, Garcia and Lorena Brockman, all summer softball players, will be trying their hand at the javelin.

"I think we'll do OK in the two new events. I really think those two will help get more girls out, too."

While the numbers aren't huge, Massé said the junior high has 18 athletes participating, which bodes well for the future. And in a small school like Capitan, he really doesn't see many students not participating.

"Our numbers have been down as far as girls track, but, like it's been in basketball, there's not that many kids walking the halls who could help us," he said. "A few here and there."

With the team heavily weighted towards younger players, Massé said of the Lady Tigers' key strengths is its senior leadership.

"We'll have pretty decent leadership with our seniors, especially Krystal and Alicia because they know the routine and they're not afraid to take charge," he said. "So that will help us some."

And he thinks some of the younger girls will be competitive as well.

"We have people like Jessica Tully-Mitchell who work extremely hard," Massé said. "They're the last ones to

leave, stuff like that and I think they'll come through."

"Individually, with the amount of youth we have, we're just going to try to get better every track meet and compete for a personal record each time."

He also credits assistant coach Zale Woodward with "really doing a good job," helping out both the girls and boys squad.

In district, Massé once again cedes the 6AA title to Tularosa.

"Tularosa has too much depth for us to beat them for a district championship," but he thinks second is a good goal, with the other teams part of a weak district.

"There's some strong individuals, but there's only four teams and Cloudcroft's not that strong and Dexter's not that strong and we're just hanging in there, so Tularosa will be the district favorite by far," Massé said.

The coach said the top state contenders are still a question mark, citing Texico, Cimarron and Santa Rosa as teams to watch out for.

"But there will always be one or two teams you don't figure in on it and they'll be right there," he said. "But we could possibly get up there and get a trophy. It'd be nice to bring home like a third. That would be a good goal for us, to try and get a trophy at state. We've been close."

On Deck

Softball signups

Signups for girls interested in playing slowpitch or fastpitch softball will be held from 6-7 p.m. Monday at the Ruidoso Middle School gym. Athletes must bring a birth certificate and \$25 fee. There are traveling teams to Alamogordo for 14 and under, 12 and under and 10 and under teams. For more information, call Ray Montes at 378-7441.

Baseball tournament

The USSA is hosting a baseball tournament May 27-29 in Ruidoso for age divisions 8-15. For more information, call Phil Lathram at 915-689-8718 or e-mail to lathram4@att.net.

Youth basketball tournament

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

Sun Country junior golf

Beginning the first week in June, the Sun Country Professional Golfers Association will host a junior golf tour for golfers ages 7-17. A total of 52 tournaments are planned for the summer of 2000, at courses throughout New Mexico and El Paso. The 2000 Junior PGA Championship is held in mid-July to wrap up the season. The tour also features a junior match-play championship for ages 12-17. Memberships in the Sun Country PGA are available for \$18. For more information, call the section office at (505) 867-4699 or e-mail to scountry@pgahq.com.

BASEBALL: Warriors fall flat vs. Bulldogs

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improved somewhat and Chad Swanner and Torres held the Bulldogs to 12 runs, including a pair of home runs.

But the hitting didn't improve, with only Torres and junior varsity player Jeff Tjerina singling.

While the Artesia bats were solid, the pitching wasn't that strong, which concerned Morris.

"We should have been able to hit the ball," he said. "The Warriors were scheduled to open play at the Roswell Sertoma-NMMI Colt Classic Thursday, but wet fields because of the spring storm delayed the start of the tournament until today."

Senior Olympics competition coming

The 2000 Lincoln County Seniors Olympics schedule has been set.

Participants must be 50 years old or older as of July 26. All doubles, mixed doubles and teams will play down to the age of the youngest partner. A \$5 registration fee entitles the individual to participate in all events offered.

Athletes must compete locally to be eligible for the state and national games.

The Lincoln County schedule is:

Billiards (8-ball pool) — 10 a.m. April 11, Capitan Senior Center.

Bowling — 1 p.m. May 2-4, Ruidoso Bowling Center (singles, doubles, mixed doubles

and teams. Cycling — May 13 (Call Galen at 258-5355.)

Golf — 1 p.m. May 6, The Links.

Horseshoes — 10 a.m. April 4, Carrizozo Country Club.

Recreational events — 9 a.m. May 20, Ruidoso High School Gym (frisbee, soccer kick and basketball free throw.)

Shuffleboard — 1 p.m. May 10, Ruidoso Senior Center.

Table tennis — 1 p.m. May 13, Ruidoso Senior Center.

Tennis — 9 a.m. May 18, Ruidoso City Courts, School House Park.

Track and Field — 10 a.m. May 20, Ruidoso High School

ment until today.

The revised schedule calls for Ruidoso to face host New Mexico Military Institute at 3:30 p.m. at NMMI. If the Warriors win, they'll play the winner of the Dexter/Dora game at the same field later tonight. The time was not known at press time.

If Ruidoso loses, the Warriors will face the Dexter/Dora loser at Dexter at a yet-to-be determined time.

Morris admits he's worried if the team doesn't start hitting.

"It's just one of those things," he said. "If we don't start hitting the ball, we're going to bite the dirt in a hurry."

(discus, javelin, softball distance throw, high jump, long jump, standing long jump, shotput, racewalking, 800-meter estimated time run/walk, and 100, 200, 400, 800, 1,500 and 5K runs.)

Swimming — TBA, Ruidoso City Pool (call Bart Young at 257-9193 for information.)

Any Lincoln County resident may participate in events not offered in Lincoln County in Roswell (Shelia McKnight, 524-6178) or Alamogordo (Jean Duncan, 439-4160.)

The 2000 New Mexico State Games will be held July 26-30 at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, with tennis and bowling in Roswell April 15-18.

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250 LIVESTOCK & HORSES
BIG SPRING SALE: saddles, tack, ropes, spurs, saddle pads, horse blankets, kid chaps, all kind of hand tools. Good prices. PrimeTime Flea Market, across from race track.

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PURE BORDER COLLIE puppies; unregistered, out of working stock, will be excellent companions. One female, one male at \$45 each. Ready now. 354-2775

300 YARD SALES
120 LOWER TERRACE #10 Cook books, 25" TV, large lamps, file cabinets, blankets, bedspread, men's clothing, Francisco Apple china, misc. Friday and Saturday, 8am-?

BIG SALE! SAT. 9-2, 201 E. Copley Dr., Ruidoso Downs Heights. Jewelry, dishes, utensils, women's clothing, neckties, books, clay pots, fertilizer, paintings, art, & more.

GARAGE SALE (INSIDE): Berneis Capitán Public Library, 8am, March 24th, 25th, 164 Main Road, Capitán, (off Hwy 48).

MOVING SALE: SAT. 8-2, 402 A Walnut, across from Mid-School new gym. GE gas range, household misc, toys, Barbie items, quality children's clothes to size 16, bedding, Jr golf clubs, mini blinds & much more.

SAT. 8-2, ACROSS FROM White Mountain schools, lot-low signs, furniture, baby items, desk, trash compactor, misc.

SAT 9AM-7 303 N. CENTRAL Ruidoso Downs. Furniture, children's and teen's clothes, household items, freezer, bicycle, misc. "Weather Permitting."

SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH from house to house. Lots of good stuff: furniture, household, tack. Breakaway Farms, Hwy 70 East, milemarker 272.5, next to Glencoe Fruit Stand.

310 HOUSEHOLD GOODS
PIANO ANTIQUE ENGLISH upright; burled finish, Ivory keyboard, \$795. Women's bicycle; 10 speed, cruising, comfortable ride, basket, almost new, \$95. 336-8063

SOUTHWEST STYLE SOFA set, 2 chairs, TV Dynamic; silk window shades size 9; Solomon Evolution ski boots, ladies 8 1/2 San Marcos ski boots. Truck liner for Nissan pickup. 830-8515

240 RV'S AND TRAVEL TRAILERS
1997 Coachmen RV 30' Class C
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WANTED TO BUY any type of antique and good used furniture. We pay cash for one piece or household. Call anytime. 336-8116.

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29 PEOPLE NEEDED to lose weight. No exercising, all natural, Dr. recommended. Call 888-817-5303.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for CDL truck drivers. Ruidoso Paving, 106 Close Drive. 257-2300.

AIR FORCE: Great career opportunities available for high school grads, ages 17-34. Plus up to \$12,000 enrollment bonus if you qualify. For an information packet, call 1-800-423-USAF or visit www.airforce.com.

AVIATION MECHANICS needed; will train, no experience needed. 17-34 year old. H.S. grads. Special \$5,000 sign-on bonus! Call 1-800-364-9627.

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DAILY NEWSPAPER IN Deming seeks reporters. Send resumes and clips to David Glufland, Deming Headlight, PO Box 881, Deming, NM 88031. Or call 505-548-2611.

DISHWASHERS & COOKS needed immediately. Excellent pay plus benefits. Experience preferred, but will train. Apply in person at Michelle's, 2703 Sudderth, ask for Brian.

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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY FOR SALE Business, building and land for sale. Call us for more information on this property in a great location near a high traffic intersection near the White Mountain area. Turn-key operation. THE PRICE HAS JUST BEEN REDUCED. Call Johnny at Tall Pines Realty, 257-7786. **SEE US ABOUT ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

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Feature of the Week!
NEW LISTING!!

Cute A-frame!! Secluded area, quiet and peaceful! Tall pines, wildlife abounds! Great weekend or rental. Only \$79,999.

LOVELY SINGLE LEVEL HOUSE on 2 large lots in a quiet neighborhood. This remodeled home has 2 living areas, 2 stone fireplaces, nice views, a big kitchen, sun room, large double car garage and lots of storage. All for \$199,900.

GREAT VACATION HOME... CUTE MOUNTAIN CABIN. This would also be a wonderful starter home. Lots of square footage for the price and really, really cute... \$97,500.

SUPER PROPERTY IN GREAT LOCATION!! Three bedrooms, 2 baths, all one level year round access, nice yard, double car garage, convenient to town and you can keep an RV there too!! ONLY \$137,500.

BEAUTIFUL VIEWS OF SIERRA BLANCA! This property is very nicely fully furnished with a new septic, new paint and overall update. Owner is very motivated. Please call us. This property is listed at only \$54,000.

LAST CHANCE BEFORE GOING TO THE AUCTION!

Our entire pre owned inventory has been sale priced to sell quickly! If not sold this week, some of the vehicles below will go to the auction to be sold. Here's your chance to get a quality pre owned vehicle at a great price!

<p>2000 MERCURY MYSTIQUE 4-cyl, 5 spd, leather, moonroof, A/C, cruise, tilt, pw, pl, ps 0 down \$279 mo.</p> <p>2 - '99 LINCOLN TOWNCARS Signature Series, leather, fully loaded, 5-SP, 100,000 miles, factory warranty 0 down \$13,000</p> <p>'98 FORD ESCORT 4 dr, SE, cruise, tilt, cassette, factory warranty was \$9,400 NOW \$8,995</p> <p>'99 MERCURY SABLE V-6, auto, cassette, A/C, pw, pl, ps, factory warranty 0 down \$249 mo.</p> <p>'99 FORD TAURUS 4 dr, V-6, auto, cassette, pl, pw, ps, factory warranty was \$15,500 NOW \$13,688</p> <p>2 - '99 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS leather, ps, pw, pl, cassette, factory warranty 0 down \$349 mo.</p> <p>'98 SUBARU LEGACY SW OUTBACK LIMITED AWD, cassette, CD, Hitachi receiver, leather, pw, pl 0 down \$339 mo.</p> <p>'98 SUBARU FORRESTER 4 dr, AWD, auto, AC, cassette, pw, pl, factory warranty 0 down \$299 mo.</p> <p>'98 FORD ESCORT 4 dr, SE, cassette, A/C, rear spoiler 0 down \$169 mo.</p> <p>'98 FORD ZX2 A/C, rear spoiler, cassette, factory warranty 0 down \$189 mo.</p> <p>'97 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL Leather, V-8, fully loaded 0 down \$339 mo.</p> <p>'99 FORD ESCORT Program car, 5 speed 0 down \$169 mo.</p> <p>'97 SUBARU IMPREZA SPORT OUTBACK auto, A/C, cassette, pw, pl 0 down \$257 mo.</p> <p>'97 FORD ASPIRE Front wheel drive, tinted glass 0 down \$99 mo.</p> <p>'94 MERCURY TRACER Station wagon, A/C, cassette, auto \$6,895</p>	<p>'99 FORD EXPLORER 4x4, A/C, loaded, factory warranty was \$31,820 NOW \$22,888</p> <p>'98 FORD EXPLORER 4x4, 4 dr, XLT, running board, pw, pl, cassette, CD, factory warranty 0 down \$376 mo.</p> <p>'98 FORD EXPLORER 4x4, 4 dr, XLT, pw, pl, cassette, CD, running boards, pw, pl, leather was \$24,850 NOW \$19,995</p> <p>'98 FORD EXPLORER XLT, 4 dr, 2x4, leather, V-8, pw, pl, cassette, CD, keyless was \$24,900 NOW \$17,747</p> <p>'98 FORD EXPLORER 2 dr, XLT, pw, pl, cassette, CD, running boards, factory warranty was \$22,875 NOW \$18,999</p> <p>'98 FORD EXPLORER SPORT 4 dr, XLT, pw, pl, cassette, CD, pw, pl, running boards was \$22,750 NOW \$19,999</p> <p>'97 FORD EXPLORER SPORT 2 dr, cassette, CD, cruise, tilt, pw, pl was \$22,850 NOW \$17,999</p> <p>'98 FORD EXPLORER SPORT 4 dr, XLT, pw, pl, cassette, CD, pw, pl, cassette, CD, keyless was \$22,525 NOW \$17,999</p> <p>'98 FORD EXPLORER SPORT 4 dr, pw, pl, ps, CD was \$20,275 NOW \$16,995</p> <p>'96 FORD FULLSIZE BRONCO CD, A/C, 2nd Edition 0 down \$269 mo.</p> <p>'98 JEEP CHEROKEE 4 dr, 4x4, A/C, luggage rack, custom wheel 0 down \$295 mo.</p> <p>'98 CHEVY S10 BLAZER 4 dr, 4x4, auto, pw, pl, A/C, luggage rack 0 down \$335 mo.</p> <p>'97 SUZUKI SIDEKICK 4 dr, 4x4, auto, pw, pl, cruise, tilt 0 down \$217 mo.</p> <p>'96 CHEVY S10 BLAZER 3 dr, 4x4, A/C, CD, cruise, tilt, pw, pl 0 down \$267 mo.</p> <p>'98 FORD WINDSTARS Van, V-6, auto, traction control, rear A/C, cassette, pw, pl, 7 passenger 0 down \$279 mo.</p>	<p>'98 FORD F-150 RC, flare side, A/C, cassette, bed liner, anti-theft 0 down \$219 mo.</p> <p>'97 FORD F-150 SC, 4x4, 3 dr., XLT, V-8, 5 spd, A/C, cassette, pw, pl, cruise, tilt 0 down \$349 mo.</p> <p>'97 CHEVY C1500 Z71 Ext. cab, A/C, cassette, pw, pl, ps 0 down \$329 mo.</p> <p>'97 GMC 3/4 TON FLATBED Only 17,000 miles, V-8, auto, A/C, brush guard was \$18,250 NOW \$13,555</p> <p>'96 TOYOTA TACOMA XCAB 4x4, A/C, cassette, tilt wheel, bedliner 0 down \$296 mo.</p> <p>'99 FORD RANGER SUPER CAB 4x4, XLT, flare side, cassette, CD, cruise, tilt, pw, pl 0 down \$325 mo.</p> <p>'99 FORD RANGER SUPER CAB 4x4, XLT, flare side, A/C, CD, was \$20,875 NOW \$18,288</p> <p>'99 FORD RANGER SUPER CAB 4x4, XLT, V-6, only 12,000 miles 0 down \$287 mo.</p> <p>'97 FORD RANGER SUPER CAB XLT, A/C, tinted glass, custom wheels 0 down \$169 mo.</p> <p>'97 FORD RANGER SUPER CAB XLT, cassette, A/C 0 down \$197 mo.</p> <p>'97 FORD RANGER RC XT Cassette, A/C, rear slider 0 down \$149 mo.</p> <p>'99 FORD F-150 SC, 4x4, 4 dr., Lariat, leather, CD, loaded, factory warranty was \$24,125 NOW \$25,995</p> <p>'90 SUBURBAN 4X4 \$4,495</p> <p>'86 CHEVY CAMARO \$888</p> <p>'73 CHALLENGER TRAILBLAZER TRAVEL TRAILER 17 foot, self contained \$2,995</p>
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ALL CREDIT APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED!

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LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed bids for the trenching and dirt work needed to install 1.6 miles of distribution line on Airport Road, the Industrial Park and Subdivision at Cantuzo, NM will be received by Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas at the business office, 217 Lincoln, in Capitan, NM until 4:00 PM, Friday, March 31, 2000 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids not received by the time and date indicated above will not be accepted for consideration and will be returned unopened.

The Board of Directors will review the bids and make their final determination during the regular meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2000 in the meeting room of Wells Fargo Bank at 7:00 PM in Capitan, NM.

Specifications are available at the business office or by calling Kay Strickland at (505) 354-2260.

All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope "BID NO. 2000-01". If the bid is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall have the notation "Sealed Bid" along with the Bid Number.

Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interests of the gas company.

Kay Strickland
Administrative Supervisor
Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas
2667 2T(3)22,24

LEGAL NOTICE

Call For Bids

The Ruidoso Board of Education wishes to receive bids for water rights (up to 6 water rights available) for the term of the lease will be for one year with the option to renew with mutual consent. Specifications are available at the office of the Superintendent, Mike Gladden, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, NM 88345 or by phone (505-257-4051).

Bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2000. BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND MARKED "BID TO LEASE WATER RIGHTS". Bids will be opened and read aloud at the regular school board meeting Monday, April 17, 7:00 p.m. at the Central Administration Office, Board Room.

The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive all technicalities.

/s/ Mike Gladden
Superintendent
Ruidoso Municipal Schools
2671 2T(3)22,24

LEGAL NOTICE

Call For Bids

The Ruidoso Board of Education wishes to receive bids for Custodial Supplies for the Ruidoso Municipal School District. Specifications are available at the office of the Superintendent, Mike Gladden, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, NM 88345 or by phone (505-257-4051).

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/s/ Mike Gladden
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LEGAL NOTICE

Lincoln County Medical Center COMMUNITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING will meet on Monday March 27, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. in the Hospital Conference Room. The Agenda will be available at the Administrator's Office on Friday, March 24, 2000. 2637 2T(3)24

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ruidoso News will host its annual Community Update town hall meeting on Friday, March 31, 2000 from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico. The mission of this meeting is to inform the public on the following issues: water, growth, affordable housing and economic development. A copy of the agenda for the meeting will be available at the Ruidoso News at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Individuals with disability who need a reader, amplifier or a qualified sign language interpreter during the meeting should contact Brad L. Trepow, publisher of the Ruidoso News at 505-257-4001 as soon as possible prior to the meeting. 2634 3T(3)22,24,26

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LEGAL NOTICE

Call For Bids

The Ruidoso Board of Education wishes to receive bids for Small Office Machine Maintenance for the Ruidoso Municipal School District. Specifications are available at the office of the Superintendent, Mike Gladden, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, NM 88345 or by phone (505-257-4051).

Bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2000. BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND MARKED "BID FOR SMALL MACHINE MAINTENANCE". Bids will be opened and read aloud at the regular school board meeting Monday, April 17, 7:00 p.m. at the Central Administration Office, Board Room.

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/s/ Mike Gladden
Superintendent
Ruidoso Municipal Schools
2670 2T(3)22,24

LEGAL NOTICE

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The Ruidoso Board of Education wishes to receive bids for Instructional Supplies for the Ruidoso Municipal School District. Specifications are available at the office of the Superintendent, Mike Gladden, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, NM 88345 or by phone (505-257-4051).

Bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2000. BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND MARKED "BID FOR INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES". Bids will be opened and read aloud at the regular school board meeting Monday, April 17, 7:00 p.m. at the Central Administration Office, Board Room.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

L & D Storage
Box 8029
Ruidoso, NM 88365
Unit #A-18
Household & Misc. Items
Last known owner:
Ken Rubenstein
2 Count Ln.
Mayhill, NM 88339
LIEN SALE WILL BE HELD:
Date: April 18, 2000
Time: 9:00am-3pm
Location: L & D Storage,
Pwy 48, storage site
2655 2T(3)15,24

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PETITION OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I, Michele Yarbrough will file for divorce by April 15th, 2000 in Lincoln County Court against my husband Daniel B. Yarbrough. There is no property, monies, taxes, insurance, alimony nor children born of this marriage to be considered by the courts. If anyone has objections to this proceeding they should contact me before the date listed above.

/s/ Michele Yarbrough
Date: March 14, 2000
2658 4T(3)17,24,31(4)7

LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Qualifications-based competitive sealed proposals for Professional Services will be received by the Contracting Agency, the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 for RFP No. 99-08. The Village of Ruidoso is requesting proposals for an annual contract of Professional Surveying Services. Proposals will be received at the Village of Ruidoso Purchasing Warehouse located at 421 Wingfield, Ruidoso, New Mexico until 5:00 p.m. local time, Tuesday, April 4, 2000. Submitted proposals shall not be publicly opened. Any proposals received after closing time will be rejected and returned unopened. The fact that a proposal was dispatched will not be considered. Copies of the Request can be obtained in person at the office of the Purchasing Agent at 421 Wingfield or will be mailed upon written or telephone request to Terri Waterfield, Purchasing Agent, at 505-257-2721. The Village of Ruidoso reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals and waive all formalities as deemed in the best interest of the Village.

/s/Terri Waterfield
Village of Ruidoso
Purchasing Agent
2676 1T(3)24

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO TAKE LAND IN TRUST

Pursuant to 25 Code of Federal Regulations Section 151.12(b), 61 Federal Register 18082-83, this provides notice that a final agency determination by the Southwest Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Albuquerque, New Mexico has been made to approve a fee-to-trust land acquisition for the Mescalero Apache Tribe. Pursuant to this action, the 7.438 acre Mescalero Inn property will be placed in trust status for the Mescalero Apache Tribe of the State of New Mexico, under the administrative jurisdiction of the Mescalero Agency. This property is located off reservation adjoining the north boundary of the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation within the SE/4SW/4 of Section 34, Township 11 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, containing 7.438 acres, more or less. This property was formerly known as the Carrizo Lodge. The Secretary shall acquire title in the name of the United States no sooner than thirty days after this notice is published, if you have any comments regarding this matter, please address them during this 30-day time period to the Regional Director, Southwest

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/s/ Mike Gladden
Superintendent
Ruidoso Municipal Schools
2668 2T(3)22,24

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N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

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<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 "Buffalo" (1844 song)</p> <p>5 Spelciologist</p> <p>10 Guinea pigs, maybe</p> <p>14 Tissue additive</p> <p>19 Departure</p> <p>16 Departure</p> <p>17 Puccini soprano</p> <p>18 Father of William the Conqueror</p> <p>19 Anna Leonowens, e.g., in "The King and I"</p> <p>20 They make wakeup calls</p> <p>22 "Memphis" (1990 war film)</p> <p>23 Drench, in a way</p> <p>24 Hurt</p> <p>25 Storks and such</p> <p>29 Tries</p> <p>30 Whiskered animal</p> <p>31 Stuck, after "in"</p> <p>32 "The lie that enables us to realize the truth": Picasso</p> <p>35 Shakespeare classic</p> <p>39 Hurricane heading: Abbr.</p> <p>40 Petrol unit</p> <p>41 Kennedy's Secretary of State</p> <p>42 Jibe</p> <p>43 Calm</p> <p>46 Severe critic</p> <p>48 Star-witnesses?</p> <p>49 Actress Barkin</p> <p>50 Parting word</p> <p>54 Whim</p> <p>55 Cast</p> <p>57 Casa material</p> <p>58 Mouth whose name means "I burn"</p> <p>59 Jackson and Jefferson, e.g.</p> <p>60 "Mona" _____</p> <p>61 Spots</p> <p>62 Rose</p> <p>63 Pipe piece</p>	<p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Gainesville stifle</p> <p>2 "Not to mention"</p> <p>3 Wacky</p> <p>4 Scallop, for one</p> <p>5 Spicel touch</p> <p>6 Cherish</p> <p>7 They may be picked up</p> <p>8 Pictic adverb</p> <p>9 Sticking point</p> <p>10 Hollywood producer Jon</p> <p>11 Rejoice</p> <p>12 King, for instance</p> <p>13 Kept on the hard drive</p> <p>14 Kindergartner</p> <p>15 Genesis city</p> <p>16 Wrap</p> <p>17 Where Timbuktu is</p> <p>18 Former Davis Cup captain</p> <p>19 Writer O'Faolain</p> <p>20 The very _____</p> <p>21 Beach</p> <p>22 It has many narrow rays</p> <p>23 A pastel</p> <p>24 Deteriorate</p> <p>25 Kindergartner</p> <p>26 Former Laker great Baylor</p> <p>27 Cross-ply, e.g.</p> <p>28 You can count on them</p> <p>29 States sites</p> <p>30 Citrus as fact</p> <p>31 Mine entrance</p> <p>32 Rocketed</p> <p>33 Nautical direction</p> <p>34 Nautical direction</p> <p>35 Bird sound</p>
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March 24, 1950

Club women to sponsor style show

A style show featuring spring and summer styles and Western sport togs will be sponsored at the Navajo Club March 31 by the Ruidoso Women's Club. ...

Directing the models will be Mrs. Ernest Beagley, a former dress designer who has had previous experience in directing models at Los Angeles. General chairman of the event is Mrs. Dorothy Kirkman.

Models will include Mesdames Bruce Griffith, Ted Bonnell, Jim Tully, G. N. Taylor, Mrs. Taylor's two-year-old son, Wesley Russell, Sid Courville, and Misses Mary McClendon, Shirley Brown, Helen Barajas, Billie Ruth Simpson, Waynes Estes also will model.

March 25, 1960

Construction to start on new Elks home

John P. Smith, Exalted Ruler of Ruidoso Elks Lodge 2086, announced this week that authorization has been received from Grand Lodge Benevolent, Protective Order of Elks, giving approval for the construction of the new Elks Home for Ruidoso Lodge 2086 to be built on land recently purchased from W. C. Campbell, just west of Cherokee Orchards on Highway 70. ...

Ruidoso Elks sponsors Explorer Scouts and Boy Scout Troop 59, and the new building can furnish the boys a meeting place. ...

March 27, 1970

Capitan News by Bartley McDonough

Tony Sanchez is now working part-time in the Wortley Dining Room in Lincoln. Pearl Soderback advises that dinner prices are \$2.00 six days a week and \$2.25 on Sunday. These prices include all the trimmings.

Room prices at the Wortley are \$9 for two people, \$12.50 for three people and \$14 a day for four people. ...

Mrs. Louise Runnels plans to open her store on the Bonito a few days before the fishing season opens. ... Home for the Easter holidays were Robert Runnels of Beaverhead, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bonnell of Portales, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Runnels of Jal, Terry Coe of San Bernardino, Calif., and Bonnie Coe and son Danny from Silver City.

March 24, 1980

The Dreamer by Dannie Storm

This is being written to you on Mach 20, the first day of Spring, in mid-afternoon. After having shared the day with Winter all morning up until high noon, Spring, the Queen of Seasons, is in full possession of the vale. ...

March 26, 1990

Altrusa gets bid on Charity Ball

Altrusa of Ruidoso has been selected to work with the Ruidoso Downs Race Track to plan and carry out this year's All American Charity Ball.

Laura Johnson, chairman of the committee, said Altrusa submitted the proposal that was selected by her group. She said a factor was Altrusa's plan to act as a clearing house for the funds and see that the money is used in worthwhile projects. ...

Muscular dystrophy isn't hindering Shawn Stipe of Ruidoso, as he visits Washington, D.C., this week. The boy and his parents received free airfare, hotel accommodations and spending money, thanks in part to the Ruidoso Rotary Club.

James Kalvelage/Ruidoso News

Shawn is living his Capital dream this week in Washington

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

An eight-year old Ruidoso boy, diagnosed in 1997 with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, is spending his spring school break on his dreamed-of vacation, in the nation's capital.

Shawn Stipe, and his parents, Larry and Terry, left Ruidoso on Tuesday, with their expenses covered courtesy of the Ruidoso Rotary Club and Southwest Airlines.

The eight-year-old, before leaving, rattled off locations that are on his list of places in Washington, D.C., to see.

"The war memorial, White House, Smithsonian, Lincoln Memorial, reflecting pool, George Washington House, Woodrow Wilson House," Shawn said were among his must-sees.

"When I get back, I want to tell everyone that I went to Washington and saw everything," he said.

School studies about the capital and U. S. presidents prompted the

keen interest in America's political history. Included in Shawn's itinerary are visits with New Mexico's two U. S. senators, Jeff Bingaman and Pete Domenici.

The trip came together in January. Shawn's aide at school, Steve Hightower, picking up on the student's knowledge of U. S. presidents and his interest in the nation's capital, contacted Jace Ensor of the Rotary Club. While the Make a Wish Foundation had been considered, Rotary Club members believed they could be a wish grantor as well, said Larry Stipe, Shawn's father.

"They called and wanted to know if they could send Shawn on the trip," Larry said. "My wife and I talked about Make a Wish, but we felt this way freed up money for others' wishes."

In addition to the local organization assistance, Southwest Airlines popped for the family's air fares.

Shawn's uncle works for the airline in Indianapolis.

"We got hold of him to try to get a



better price on tickets," Terry Snipe said. "He brought it up to his boss, and then it went to other bosses. The Rotary sent out a letter explaining it, and Southwest chipped in free tickets."

Shawn had been counting the days before leaving—not just for the tour of Washington, but his first plane ride. He said he'll spend the five-hour trip brushing up on the capitol, reading maps supplied by his teachers.

And picture-taking will be a big part of Shawn's vacation. "That's so they'll know I was there," he said of the photo essay he'll compile. Shawn said he will also write a paper on everything he did, to create a family tradition, "The Weekend News."

"He's always been interested in Washington, D.C.," Larry Stipe said. "The memorials and other things there. It's just something he's been affixed on. I though he'd grow up and be a politician."

The third-grader at White Mountain Elementary School, who is the Muscular Dystrophy Ambassador for the south-cen-

tral New Mexico area, promised to bring back plenty of souvenirs for his teachers, his therapist, and the aunt and uncle who assisted to make his first Washington visit come true.

"He's been writing down everything he wants to see," Shawn's mother said on Monday. "It will definitely keep us busy."

Not to be left out of the District of Columbia excursion is a White Hour tour, arranged by a Rotary Club member who had lived in Washington.

"He's really excited about that," Shawn's father said.

The Ruidoso Rotary Club has covered hotel charges in Washington and provided ample spending money for Shawn.

"I'm grateful for them," Larry Stipe said. "People are opening up their hearts for this. They're willing to do this to make Shawn happy. You don't see a lot of people like this."

Duchenne muscular dystrophy, the most common childhood form of MD, puts limits on life expectancy, according to Shawn's father.

While Shawn's mobility is limited to a wheel chair, his father said that hasn't hindered his thirst for information, especially about U.S. presidents.

Before leaving for Washington, the youngster reeled off information about presidents that many adults would be hard pressed to recall.

"I'm the luckiest kid in the whole world," Shawn said. To those who made his wish a reality, he said, "thanks for helping me."



Jace Ensor, a Rotary Club member, spearheaded the initiative to send Shawn to the nation's capital. A bit of an expert on U.S. presidents, Shawn said he was the luckiest boy in the world.

James Kalvelage/Ruidoso News

Open-house April 1 at Capitan Public Library to mark acquisition of new children's books

CAPITAN - An open house is set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 1, to mark the acquisition of 66 new children's books into the Junior Collection of the Capitan Public Library.

The books were given by the Libri Foundation of Eugene, Ore., through a double match grant for which the library applied last year, said Pearl Tippin, library board president.

"We were able to do so as a result of money we raised through the raffle of a quilt that was hand-made for us by a local lady," Tippin said. "The Libri Foundation double matched our amount, enabling

is to purchase \$1,068 worth of books. The Foundation offers a program called "Books for Children" to rural libraries throughout the country."

Saturday, April 1, also coincides with the start of Gov. Gary Johnson's "Month of the Library" program, she pointed out.

"We'll begin a month-long amnesty period for patrons who have overdue books," she said. "Many are not aware that we cannot afford to lose books that we have carefully selected and bought with money, much of which we raised ourselves."

The library usually charges a fine of 10 cents per day, but the charge is capped at \$5.

"It's possible some folks may think they cannot return books because the fine would be too great," Tippin said.

Refreshments, donated by Farmers Market in Capitan, will be served at the open house. The library is on Lincoln Avenue next to village hall.

"We hope to welcome people who may want to come and look at the books, check them out, enroll as new patrons, or just come and visit," Tippin said.

The board also is continuing its fund-raising effort to acquire a new home for the library.

WEDDINGS ENGAGEMENTS

Hale/Chance

Richard L. Hale of Grand Prairie, Texas, and Martha C. Rankin of Ruidoso, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Crista C. Hale and her children Arielle and Bryant Hale, to Mr. Bill G. Chance and his daughter, Courtney Chance.

They are to be wed on Saturday, June 17, 2000.

The time and location of



Crista C. Hale, Bill G. Chance and children.

Courtesy

the wedding is to be announced at a later date.



Worship at the church of your choice!

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Apache Indian Assembly of God
Mesalero, 671-4747. Donald Patten, pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday services: 7 p.m.

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

BAPTIST

Bent Tree Baptist Church of Alto
Sunday: 9 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday: 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's 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 Ranch Widener, Pastor. Sunday Worship hour 11 a.m., Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Evening worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

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

Iglesia Bautista Vida Eterna
420 Mechem Drive. (Spanish) 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., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church
(south on Highway 48) M. Captain Rd. 354-2044. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Worship: 11 a.m.; Stonecroft Friendship Bible Coffee: Wed. 9:30-11 a.m.; Awana: Wed. 6-8 p.m. (5 yrs. through 5th grade); Thurs: 7 p.m. Body-Life Fellowship.

BAHA'I FAITH

Baha'i Faith
Meeting in members' homes. 257-2987 or 336-7739

CATHOLIC

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

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

Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

CHRISTIAN

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LDS

Church of Jesus Christ LDS
Ruidoso Branch, North on Hwy. 48, between Ruidoso and Captain, Joe

Magh. 336-4359. Sunday schedule: Sacrament starts at 10 a.m.; Sunday School: Priesthood and Relief Society.

Church of Jesus Christ LDS
Mescalero Branch, 671-4630. Wray Schalknecht, 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. Eucharist & healing: 5:30 p.m.; Choir practice: 7 p.m.

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

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

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

FOURSQUARE

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

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 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 257-3671. Sunday: Public Talk 10 a.m.; Watchtower: 10:50 a.m. Monday: Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Thursday: Ministry School 9:30 p.m.; Service Meet 8:20 p.m.

Congregacion Hispana de los Testigos de Jehova
106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 336-7076. Dom. Reardon Patricia I. p.m.; Estudio de la Biblia: 1:50 p.m. Mart. Escuela del Ministerio Teocratico: 7 a.m.; Reunion de servicio: 7:50 p.m.; Juev. Estudio de libro: 7:00 p.m.

LUTHERAN MO. Synod

Shepherd of the Hills
1120 Hull Road, 258-4191, 257-5296. Kevin L. Krohn, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:30 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 location.

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 congregation of Capitan United Methodist Church welcome Lincoln County residents and visitors alike to attend Bible study Sunday morning at 8:30, followed by worship service at 9:10. Communion is offered during worship on the first Sunday of every month, and a potluck luncheon is served the third Sunday at

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

United Methodist Church Parish
Windy. 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 Services: 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.

PREBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church
101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220. Cathy E. Caudle, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; worship 11 a.m. Potluck fellowship after worship the third Sunday 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, Sunday 11 a.m.

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

REFORMED CHURCH

Mescalero Reformed
Mesalero. Bob Schae, Pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:30 a.m.; worship 10:30 a.m. Mens: junior high youth 6:30 p.m. Wed.: high school meeting 7 p.m. Thurs.: Kids Club (grades 1-5) 3:30.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Seventh Day Adventist
207 Parloway, Agua Fria. Ruidoso Downs, 378-4161. Pastor Rick Lytle 443-1904. Assoc. Pastor Wilbur Morrow 622-1206. Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m.; Church service: 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. Sunday 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 Community 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 (Pine-tree Square), Ruidoso, 257-6142. Pastor Carlos

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Home building strong

New single-family home building continues strong going into the new millennium, according to permits issued by the village of Ruidoso.

After doubling in value in January, compared to a year earlier, February's permit values for single-family homes totaled almost \$2.25 million. That level surpassed February 1999 by more than 10 percent.

Total permits for both residential and commercial building and remodeling reached \$3.3 million dollars last month. For the first two months of the year the level stood at \$6.57 million, up 26 percent from the same period of 1999. The number of total permits issued year-to-date is 136, two more than the first two months of 1999.

Regional post for Muhn

Lisa Muhn, the group sales director for the Village of Ruidoso and an employee of Grindstone Graphics, has been named to the Region III Tourism Board. The board promotes Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Lea, Lincoln, Otero and Roosevelt Counties.

Muhn was selected and unanimously approved by the committee to fill an existing vacancy.

"I'm looking forward to working with other industry professionals as we work together to bring visitors to this unique part of New Mexico," Muhn said. "This is a great opportunity to increase Ruidoso's exposure."

Muhn's appointment is awaiting approval by the New Mexico tourism secretary.

Housing award offered

The New Mexico Home Builders Association is soliciting entries for the statewide "Las Casitas" Excellence in Housing Awards program. The program recognizes the accomplishments of the state's home builders and remodelers.

Last year's Las Casitas awards program, held at the Hubbard Museum of the Southwest in Ruidoso Downs, showcased projects and individuals from among the more than 2,600 members of the builders association. This year's awards ceremony will be held in Farmington on June 10.

For more information, or to request entry packets, call the New Mexico Home Builders Association at 800-523-8421.

Rice lauded for sales

Mike Rice, of Prudential Lela Easter Real Estate of Ruidoso, has been awarded the Leading Edge Society designation for 1999 from Prudential Real Estate Affiliates, Inc.

Rice's performance the past year has placed him in the top six percent of all sales associates within the Prudential Real Estate Network, said Glen Crane, broker for Prudential Lela Easter.

"We at Prudential Lela Easter are proud of Mike's achievements," Crane said. "Mike's effort was achieved through a tremendous amount of discipline, dedication and hard work."

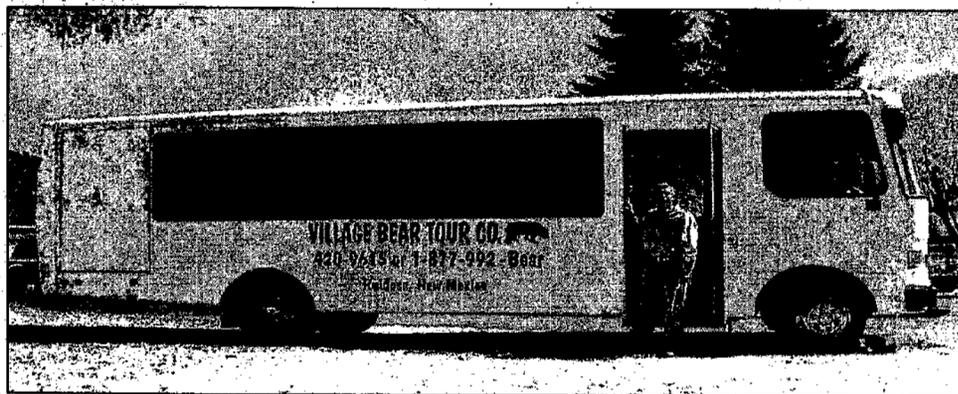
Customer service champ



Carole Benham/Ruidoso News

Gene Graves, of Ruidoso Ice and Water (left), is presented with the March Champion of Customer Service award. Bestowing the honor are Pat Breeding, with the Ruidoso Valley Greeters, and Joan Zagóna, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. Graves and his wife, Luanna Jo, came to Ruidoso in 1993 for a family golf tournament. That three-week visit turned into a permanent stay the next year, and the purchase of Ruidoso Ice and Water. In addition to Gene and Luanna Jo, much of the rest of the Graves family, including some grandchildren, followed suit in 1994 and 1995, to help operate the business.

'Basically retired' didn't last long for this couple from Lubbock, Texas. He'll drive the bus.



Village Bear's new tour bus will carry up to 28 passengers on group tours around the region.

James Kalvelage/Ruidoso News

Group tour company ready to go in May

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A charter bus will, starting in May, begin offering tours of the Ruidoso region to groups.

"What we're hanging this on is what they say are the number of groups that come into town," said Robin Long, who along with his wife, Marsha, have established Village Bear Tour Co.

"We moved here the first of the year, basically retired," Robin Long said. "Then we wanted to have something to do. Something that was unique, different, to fill a niche."

Having visited the Ruidoso area many times over the past two decades, Long said he and his wife realized last year there wasn't a tour bus company in Ruidoso.

"Something triggered it in my mind," he said. "I think there are a lot of people that would like to sit in a seat and see what's out there."

Robin will be the bus driver. His wife, who is a registered nurse, would be on the bus if needed. Their first bus arrived in mid-March.

"I've gone to the Inn (of the Mountain Gods), Holiday Inn, Ramada, the museum, chamber of commerce, convention center," Long said. "They, all said we need this."

After selling their medical waste business in Lubbock, the Longs were looking for a part-time endeavor, something perhaps two to three days a week. "It now sounds like it could be a seven-day-a-week job," he said of the response to the idea.

Spending the last two months scouring the region, Long said tours could include locations like the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, Lincoln, Cloudcroft, the San Patricio area, and more.

"For all the time I've spent here in the past, I keep finding more places," Long said. He said he discovered not only the galleries in San Patricio, but also summer polo matches and an old tavern that had been a favorite watering hole for Billy the Kid.

"It almost sounds like it could be a year-round business," Long said. "If it

turns out that way, it's okay. It wouldn't take a couple of weeks to get a second bus."

Long said being a charter bus service, versus having a set schedule, streamlined the state regulatory process. His commercial drivers license and insurance are in place. Plans are to begin tours in early- to mid-May.

"We're pretty much their company," Long said of prospective tour groups. "What they want to do, what they want to see, it's where we'll go."

Long said he doesn't plan to do any overnight tours, and would like to keep most excursions to a half-day at most.

While a number of tour locations will be presented, groups can detail where they'd like to visit. Long said he believes that there are enough points of interest to allow a stop every 10 to 15 miles for sight-seeing or shopping.

However, he has no intention of taking the 28-seat tour bus up the mountain to Ski Apache.

The bus is also handicapped accessible.

While Long was hesitant to detail the expense of starting Village Bear Tour Co., he did say the first bus cost \$230,000. The entrepreneur said additional expenses included insurance, maintenance, fuel, and advertising. Long said the investment was "enough that we'd like to see it profitable within two years."

"There are a lot of people out there that I've talked to that want to see it go,"

Long said of the business venture. "With a little bit of advertising and publicity, I think it will go."

While exact excursion prices haven't been worked out, Long expected a half-day tour to be in the \$36 to \$38 dollar range.

He said that certainly was under the cost of a half-day of golfing or other area activities. Children and senior rates are also expected.

Long also envisions the possibility of a presenting tour riders with a coupon book, offering reduced prices for restaurants and other attractions.

Long said he will work to be aware of conventions and other group gatherings in the Ruidoso area, which he feels will be a big part of business. He said standby seating will also likely be available.

For more information, call 420-9615.



Robin Long will be the driver when tours begin in May.

James Kalvelage/Ruidoso News

EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

There's a special relationship between lender and Realtor

BY ROSALYN ROBINSON
PIONEER SAVINGS BANK

You're dealing with different personality types when involved in a real estate transaction. There is a balancing act going on between the lender and the Realtor or other agent.

The Realtor is the aggressive sales person. The Realtor's goal is to assist you in making a selection in homes that you will be satisfied with for the long term. Not only do they want the sale to close, but they depend on your referring friends.

There is also the anticipation that eventually you will use their expertise in selecting your next home while selling the home you're now moving into.

The lender is "the analyst" and is considered an introvert. The lender is involved with obtaining adequate information

to meet loan approval requirements.

The lender attempts to avoid having the process become overwhelming. Further, the lender tries to meet the needs of both buyer and Realtor while meeting the conditions of the purchase contract.

The lender and Realtor also have their own relationship as they work together to make the transaction as smooth as possible.

They make sure that surveys, appraisals and inspections all are accomplished in a timely manner. They keep each other informed throughout the process, ensuring that a closing date and time is set that meets everyone's schedules.

Rosalyn Robinson has more than 20 years of financial experience.

Monetary policy less potent these days?

BY SUNG WON SOHN
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

Tech stocks have been defying gravity; rising interest rates seem irrelevant in the face of rosy earnings expectations. Investor optimism has not diminished. In the last three years, the average equity mutual fund has returned 23 percent per annum.

A recent Gallop poll survey shows that investors expect 19 percent returns per annum over the next 10 years, instead of more realistic expectations of 8 to 9 percent. Also, the ratio of discretionary equity holdings to debt has risen to about 4 from 1.6 in 1989.

In other words, debt has risen faster than income, but equity holdings have climbed even faster than debt. The stock market has been doing the saving for consumers, pushing the savings rate to a record low.

Floating rates and large tax refunds have been additional sources of strength for consumers. Today, about a third of new mortgages is written in adjustable rates. Floating rate loans have become more prevalent, allowing borrowers to minimize the effect of rising interest rates. Electronic filings are boosting tax refunds which are 30 percent ahead of last year. More than 70 percent of all taxpayers are receiving tax refunds with an average amount of \$1,893, or a 6.1 percent increase over last year.

In the meantime, rising interest rates have hurt the Old Economy, which is about 95 percent of the GDP. As the Federal Reserve hikes interest rates to dampen fervor in the New Economy, the Old Economy will bear the brunt of the burden.

Bond yields will not crest until the Federal Reserve is

MARKET GLANCE

about to complete its tightening moves. However, valuation remains excellent for the Treasuries with intermediate maturities.

Additional monetary squeeze is not a reason to avoid bonds.

In fact, research shows that laddered portfolios with short-to-intermediate-term maturities generally outperform money market funds without much more risk.

Treasuries and Corporates have parted company.

The yield curve for Corporates has not inverted. In addition, Corporate supplies are ballooning while Treasury issues are being out.

Stocks, old and new style

Stocks in the digital world are either on or off without too many in-betweens. So far this year, only 2 out of 17 S&P groups are up. In the small cap area, 7 of 12 main sectors in the Russell 2000 recorded losses this year even though the overall index is at a record high.

The disproportionate effect of tighter monetary policy on the Old Economy stocks will further increase the gap between winners and losers.

Historically, a bear market develops in stages. In early stages, rising interest rates hurt interest-sensitive groups with weak fundamentals. In later stages, market sentiment eventually deteriorates and even growth stocks and other bull market favorites suffer. Today, the market is still in early stages.

In the end, the Federal Reserve will prevail and high-flying tech stocks will succumb.

Row covers let tender plants get early start

LAS CRUCES - Vegetable growers can use fabric row covers and sheets of plastic mulch to give tender crops an early start and increase yields, said a New Mexico State University horticulture specialist.

"Harsh spring weather is a major concern for most vegetable growers in New Mexico, as well as gardeners," said George Dickerson with NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service. Wind injures tender vegetables and increases water evaporation from the soil, creating a hard crust. Late spring frosts and hail can kill plants, leading to expensive replanting and delays in crop maturity.

"If you're trying to get your crop to market early to capitalize on higher prices, you need to get your crop in the ground early and encourage optimum growing conditions with growth-enhancing techniques," Dickerson said.

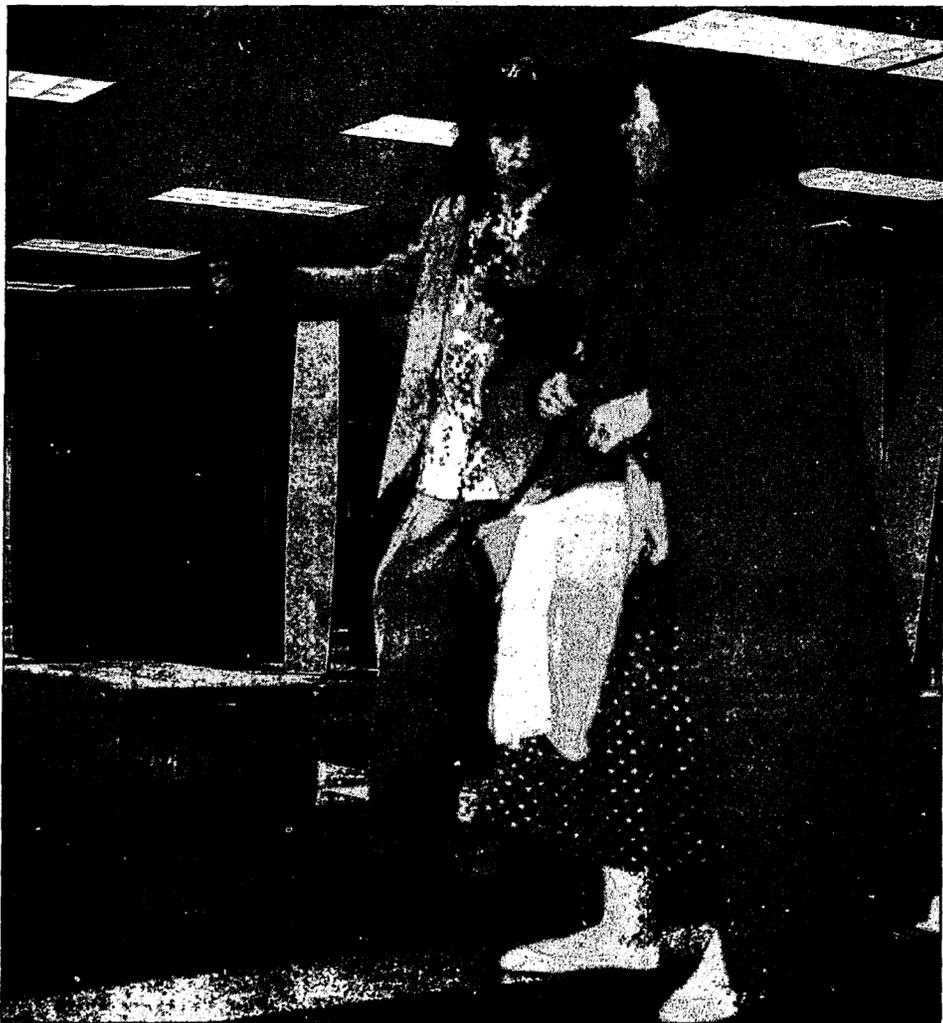
Plastic mulches warm the soil and encourage early root production. Clear plastic heats the soil but encourages weed growth. Black plastic provides better weed control and moderate soil heating.

An older technique for protecting vegetables is placing clear plastic tunnels over the plants.

Although more expensive than plastic tunnels, fabric row covers provide weather protection and better ventilation, Dickerson said. Row covers can be floated over the crop or supported with wire hoops.

"We have been able to protect tomato transplants down to 28 degrees Fahrenheit at many locations throughout the state," Dickerson said.

A veggie wolf



On stage at White Mountain Elementary School last week: Rutherford (J.M. Bowman), a laid-back, vegetarian wolf vexed by the dog-eat-dog world, asks Little Red Riding Hood (Ashley Hendrix) which direction north is, after terrifying her grandmother and the Three Little Pigs. Drama II students at Ruidoso High School travel to the schools to present children's shows for a grade.

Teen drivers add to passenger risk

More riders in vehicle mean more fatalities with 16- and 17-year-old drivers, new research shows

Findings support restrictions on carrying passengers in a graduated licensing systems for young drivers

CHICAGO — The risk of death in a car crash increases significantly as the number of passengers driven by 16- and 17-year-olds increases, according to a study in the March 22/29 issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA).

Lj-Hui Chen, PhD, from the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health, Baltimore, and colleagues studied data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System and General Estimates System (1992-1997), and from the Nationwide Personal Transportation Survey (1995).

They discovered that compared with drivers of the same age without passengers, the relative risk of driver death per 10 million trips was 39 percent higher for 16-year-old drivers with one passenger, 86 percent higher for those with two passengers, and 2.82 times higher for those with three or more passengers. The estimated overall death rate for 16-year-old drivers per 10 million trips was 1.99 with 0 passengers, 2.76 with one passenger, 3.69 with two passengers, and 5.61 with three or more passengers. Similar patterns of increasing death rates and increasing relative risks of death with increasing numbers of passengers were noted for 17-year-old drivers.

The risk of death increased significantly for drivers transporting passengers irrespective of the time of day or sex of the driver, although male drivers were at greater risk. Driver deaths per 1,000 crashes increased for 16- and 17-year-olds transporting male passengers or passengers younger than 30 years. In contrast, 30- to 59-year-old drivers who carried passengers had decreased death rates. The authors also noted that the death rates for teen drivers were substantially increased between 10 p.m. and midnight, and between midnight and 6 a.m., compared to daytime driving.

The researchers' study showed that passengers aged 20 to 29 in cars with 16- and 17-year-old drivers increased the likelihood of fatal outcomes when these drivers crashed. They write that this finding suggests a restriction on carrying any teenagers unless supervised by an adult at least 21 years old could have a negative effect if it increased the transport of passengers aged 20 to 29.

"Why were there more

deaths when 16- and 17-year old drivers carried passengers?" the researchers write. "A survey [a previous study] of 192 high school drivers reported that dangerous driving behaviors (driving after drinking alcohol or using drugs, speeding, swerving, crossing the center line, purposely skidding, and running a red light) were strongly associated with the presence of peers."

The authors recommend use of a graduated licensing system for teens. "The basic premise of these systems," they write, "is that beginning drivers need to earn a full license step-by-step. Three stages — a supervised learner's permit, an intermediate license, and a full-privilege driver's license — are the central framework for graduated licensing systems. During the learner's period, beginning drivers can drive only under supervision. For the intermediate period, restrictions vary widely by state in the United States and may include restrictions on nighttime driving and carrying passengers."

They explain that as of January, 24 states had adopted full graduated licensing systems with all three stages. Only nine of these 24 states included any restrictions related to teenaged drivers carrying passengers.

The authors add that motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among teenagers in the United States, accounting for 36 percent of all deaths of persons aged 15 to 19 years and that the fatal crash rate per million miles for 16-year-old drivers is more than seven times the rate for drivers aged 30 to 59 years. Nearly the same number of deaths occur among teenaged passengers as teenaged drivers: in 1993, two thirds of the deaths of passengers aged 13 to 19 years occurred when teenagers were driving.

The study was supported by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety and by a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to the Johns Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy.

Pot, tobacco: Both severely affect human lungs

Cannabis research finds emphysema develops

GLASGOW, Scotland — Regular smokers of cannabis or pot may run the risk of developing the crippling lung disease emphysema, reports a study in Thorax, a medical publication.

The study reports four cases of the early stages of the disease in four men aged 27, 35, 44 and 46 who smoked cannabis regularly. Examination showed that large areas of both lungs in each of the men had simply disappeared and been replaced with cysts. This is a form of emphysema, a disease that gradually diminishes the surface area of the lungs. It is usually associated with heavy cigarette smoking.

Each of the men described had been or were current smokers, but the amount smoked was minimal in three of them: two cigarettes a day in one, half an ounce of tobacco

in another. One man smoked only cigars. But all of them had been, or continued to be, heavy cannabis users. The 27-year-old had smoked several pipes of pot a day for several years; both the men in their 40s smoked two or three joints a day, while the man in his 30s had smoked two joints a week for about 20 years.

The common perception of cannabis, say the authors, is that it is harmless. But other than the mind-altering substances in pot, smoke from both cigarettes and joints is the same, only more tends to enter the lungs in pot smokers, because of the long drags on joints. The physical effects on the lungs of smoking three to four joints a day are equivalent to those produced by smoking a pack of cigarettes a day, say the authors.

The lead investigator was Dr. Martin Johnson, Department of Respiratory Medicine, Glasgow Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, Scotland.

Damage from smoking starts in mother's womb

LOS ANGELES — Babies exposed to their mothers' cigarette smoke while in the womb grow into children with compromised lung power, reports research in Thorax.

Various measures of lung capacity were tested in more than 3,300 schoolchildren between the ages of 10 and 16 living in southern California. They and their parents completed questionnaires about current and previous exposure to household tobacco smoke and whether the mothers had smoked while pregnant.

Having a mother who smoked during the pregnancy was significantly associated with reduced lung function. This was independent of the effects of passive smoking. The effects were particularly noticeable on the small airways, the airflow of which was significantly impaired. The lungs of children exposed to household environmental tobacco

smoke were also adversely affected, but the impact was considerably less than that of exposure to the mother's cigarette smoke while in the womb. Environmental tobacco smoke is likely to have an additive effect on lungs that are already compromised at birth, say the authors.

Cigarette smoke may damage the baby's lung at critical points during its development, say the authors, and this may permanently alter the lung's structure and function. Or it could increase susceptibility to respiratory problems just after birth and to infections in early childhood, so compromising lung capacity in later life. The long-term effects could be an increased risk of lung chronic lung and cardiovascular diseases, conclude the authors.

Researchers were Frank Gilliland, MD, PhD, and Rob McConnell, MD, Department of Preventive Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

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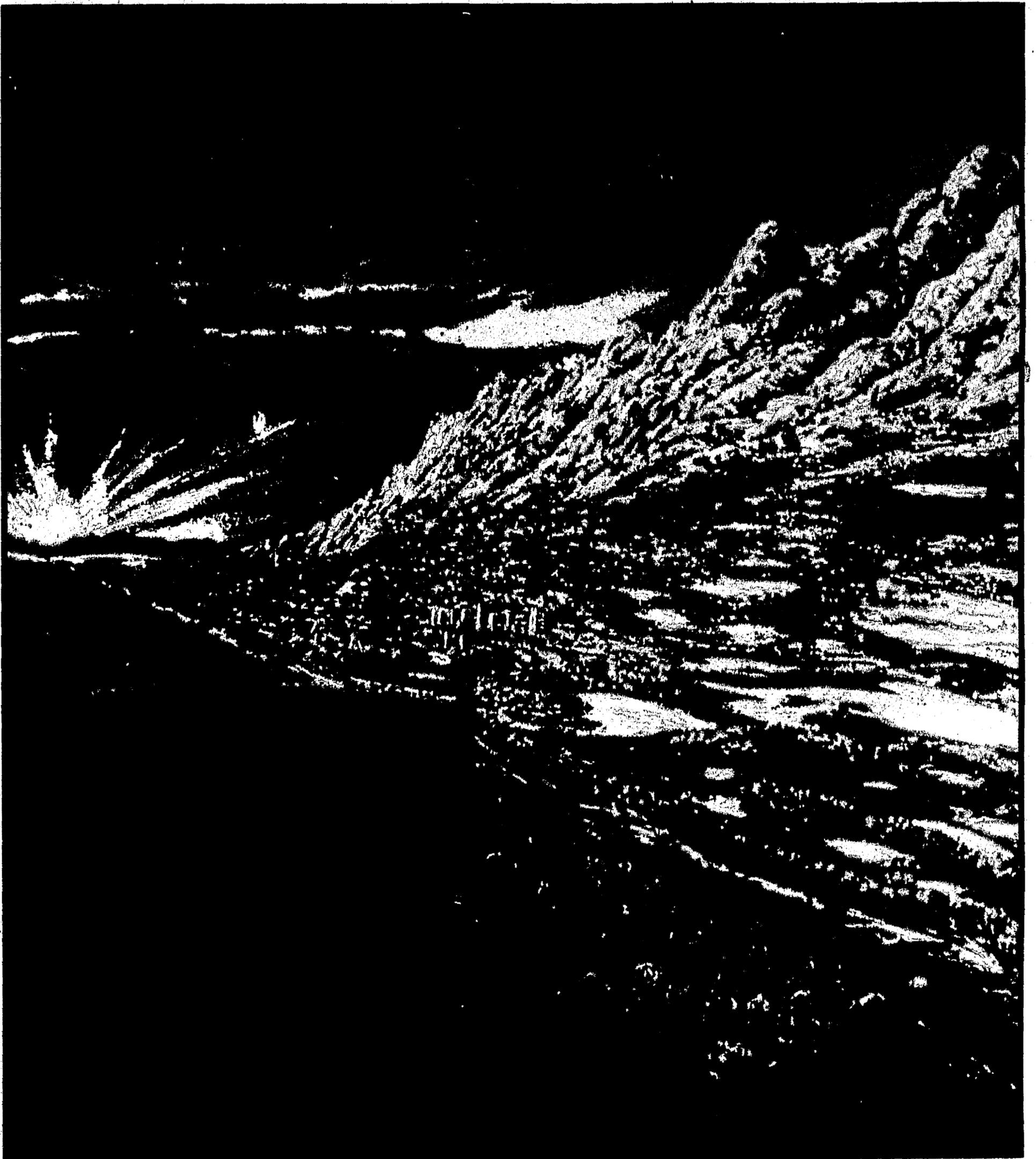
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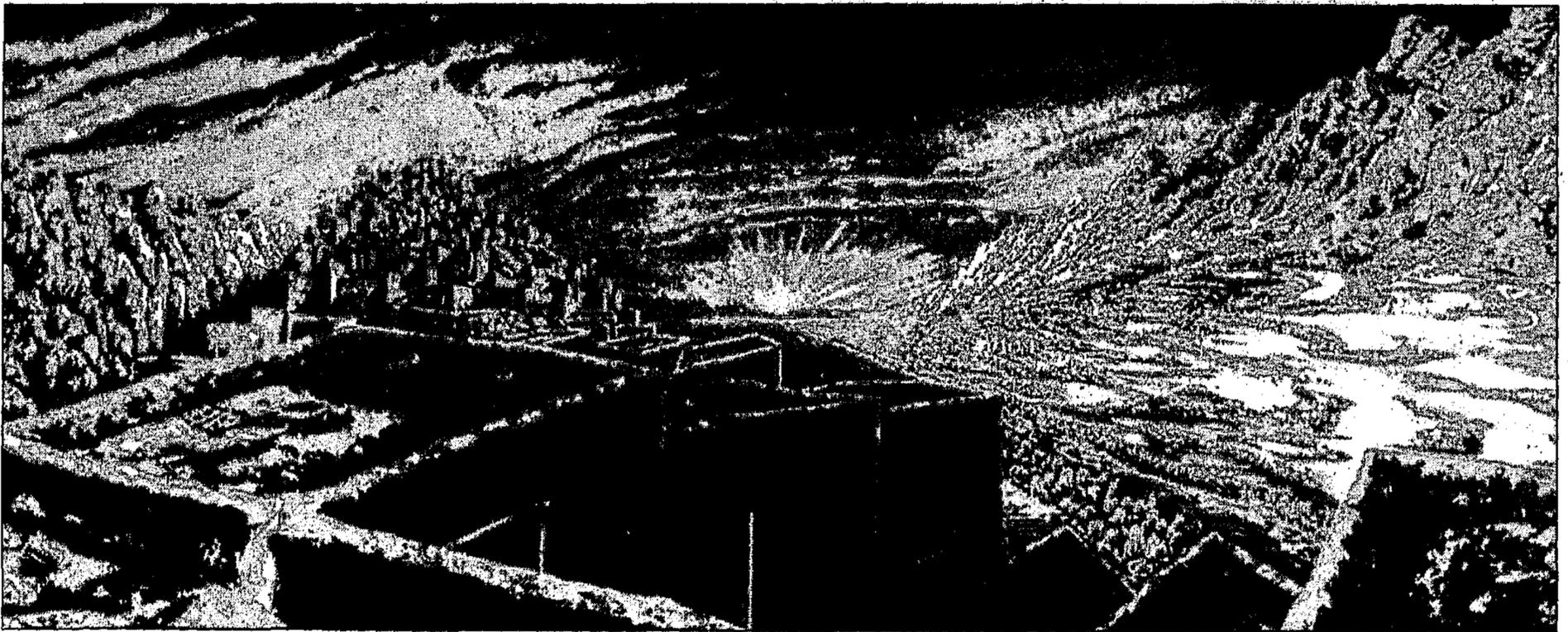
JACK SCHULLER peers around the front of his painting "The Wisdom Corner."

A Brush with Indulgences

by Sandy Suggitt VAMONOS EDITOR

Vivid colors and varied themes characterize the work of Jack Schuller, although preserving little parish churches and disintegrating old gas stations is an ongoing theme.

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Courtesy

"THE BORDER" by Jack Schuller

A painting of an old service station in Texas hangs in the Austin City Hall, while another, based on the Gulf War, of a woman going into battle ("The Mother of Battle"), hung in then-Governor Ann Richards' office during her term. Many of the six-foot plus paintings are rich in Native American symbolism, while others are parodies of famous classics or even Walt Disney characters.

Born in El Paso, Schuller is the third generation in his family to own property in Ruidoso.

"My granddad started bringing the family here in 1914 and they camped by the big

rock at Upper Canyon," he said. The ashes of an uncle and a cousin are scattered there.

"There's hardly a summer I haven't been here," he said.

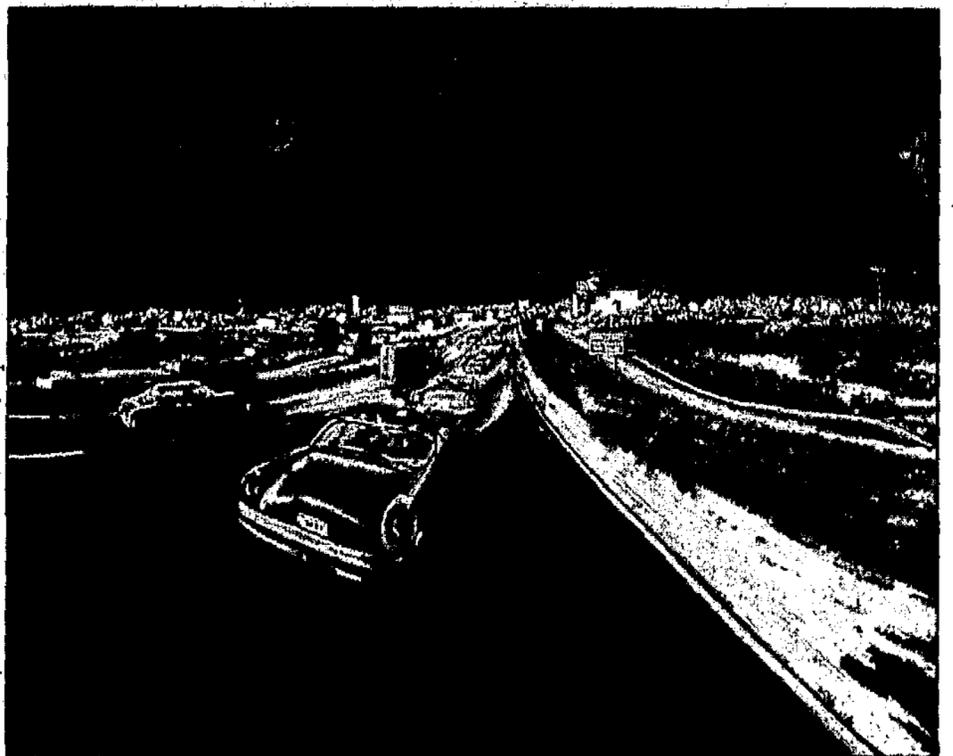
Schuller took up painting as a hobby in 1967, while working in the petroleum-refining industry and traveling around the world. He taught himself oil painting and then took up other media.

At age 50, in 1985, he was forced to retire, and decided to go back to school and study art. In 1988 he received a bachelor of fine arts degree from University of Texas at Austin, after "mostly indulging myself." In

1991, he received a master of fine arts degree from University of Texas at San Antonio, where he "lucked onto" a situation with sculptor Pompeo Capini.

Schuller, who said he'd like to write a book about Capini, left much of his own sculptures behind because he doesn't have space for them in his Ruidoso house. He still does some smaller three-dimensional pieces and designs walking sticks for friends and relatives.

"My art was influenced by being born in this part of the country," Schuller said, although most of his work is not in the southwestern style and he doesn't do cowboy art. He was also strongly influenced by the work



Courtesy

"DAWN AND THE RISE OF THE OLD ORDER," by Jack Schuller

of Tom Lees and Peter Hurd, who were prominent in his youth.

His art education also took place in London, where he lived twice, Madrid, where he lived once, and he traveled North Africa and the Near and Far East.

"I was able to see all the major museums, and my office was around the corner from the National Gallery in London," Schuller said.

All of the walls of his house are covered with his mostly large paintings, and about 60 other paintings are rolled up for lack of space. Most are oils and acrylics, although he has a significant body of work in watercolor, hand-pulled lithographs, and multicolored etchings.

He also does engravings, but uses Plexiglas instead of the traditional metal plates because Plexiglas scratches easily and can be engraved more easily.

"I feel out of place in the southwest

arts scene," Schuller said, adding that he's doing some paintings of the region but he feels this is a sort of regression.

"We're lucky to have the Hubbard (Museum of the American West) where artists can show other than southwest stuff," he said. Schuller's painting of a derelict service station in Austin "Coxville," was on exhibit at the Hubbard's recent Free Spirits Juried Fine and Decorative Art Show and Sale.

One semester, while he was studying art at University of Texas, he painted windmills all year because the instructor didn't like them.

"I never copied anyone else," he said. "I always do what appeals to me, and that's landscapes, old buildings. ... I do a lot of paintings of things and places that are going to disappear."

The prolific painter is now memorializing the old mill on Sudderth, he said, and his next project is an old school.



Courtesy

WOODCUT by Jack Schuller

EYE ON THE ARTS

Adobe, The

2905 Sudderth Drive, 257-5795, 257-4489 (residence). Upscale and unusual silver jewelry, metal works, accessories, paintings, pottery, hardwood items by local artisans and crafters.

Art and Artifact

107 S. Lincoln Ave., Capitan, 354-2316. A contemporary gallery featuring fine art and rare, unusual objects for collectors. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, or by appointment.

Bellas Artes Gallery

No. 15 Jira Plaza, 700 Mechem, (877) 630-8606. Featuring the sophisticated art of Manuel Lopez Cia.

Benson Fine Art

Off Hwy. 70, San Patricio, 653-4081. Now open in its new location in San Patricio, call 653-4081.

California Colors

201 Country Club Rd., Ruidoso, 257-9011. Barbara Deihl-Westbrook is the artist in residence of this gallery of art.

Cruces Art Bronze

524 Sudderth, 257-7186. Foundry, gallery and jewelry. Specializing in custom bronze casting, bronze sculpture, alabaster, and more. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Expressions in Bronze

2002 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3790. Dave McGary's facility features a finishing studio and a gallery which showcases a two-decade retrospective collection of his "Images in Bronze." Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Saturday.

Fruit of the Trees

Hwy 380 bet. mile marker 95 and 96, 653-4699. Artist Paula Wilson and bookbinder Beverly Wilson showcase their handmade paper, blank journals and multiple products - all with paper. Turn north at the sign on Hwy. 380 between mile marker 95 and 96, follow the drive and signs to the studio.

Gail's Frame of Mind

1204 Mechem, Ruidoso, 258-9071. Featuring exclusively "Ruidoso's Winter Moon" and Sierra Blanca Art and Lincoln County artists. Originals by Gaylon Gillem, Isz, Joyce Jones, Bernice Lnadrum, Marcia Bizeau and Bear Tiewes, Rick Hall, and others. Open Mon.-Fri, 10-5 and Sat., 10-2.

G.D. Garrett Fine Art

2306 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-7695 or 257-6977. Featuring original art and prints by local artist Gary Garrett. Originals and prints of Sierra Blanca and local wildlife.

Handwoven Designs

102 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, 354-2008. Maggie Doyle is a nationally recognized, fourth-generation hand weaver with a working weavery in Capitan. She draws inspiration from the landscapes of her New Mexican home for her handwoven clothing. Open Thursday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery

Off Hwy. 70 in San Patricio, 653-4331. Michael Hurd's latest works plus works by Peter Hurd, Henriette Wyeth Hurd, Andrew Wyeth, Jamie Wyeth, Carol Hurd Rogers and Peter de la Fuente. Works can be viewed Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment on Sunday.

The Kenyon Thomas Gallery

546 Sudderth, 257-1056. Pottery and pastels by Kenyon Thomas, fine weavings by Marcia Thomas. Call for gallery hours.

Lorene & Larry's Frame & Art

268 Main Rd. Capitan, 354-2605. Original art, watercolor painting, Southwestern prints and custom design furniture by Larry.

J. Mauritsen Studio

501-B Carrizo Canyon Rd., 257-6348. Freestyle sculptures, Stone and burlwood. Also works by Apache sculptor Jordan Torres. Always open.

McMahon Fine Art

No. 7 Jira Plaza, 700 Mechem, 257-9102. Tom McMahon features internationally acclaimed artists in a variety of media. American paintings and works on paper, 18th to 20th centuries.

The Montano Store

Hwy. 380, Lincoln, 653-4372. Featuring the newly renovated store and temporary exhibits highlighting the Montano family, Hispanic contributions to the area and adobe architecture. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday to Sunday. Admission fee included in the \$7 daily pass which can be purchased at the Court House.

Mtn. Arts Gallery & Framing

2530 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-9748. The gallery features originals and prints by local artist Teri Sodd. Prints by Bill Jaxon, Michael Atkinson, Judy Larson, Dale Terbush, Robert Carver, Suanne Wamsley and more. Handmade artifacts, pottery, kachinas and rugs. Open seven days, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Nogal Store & Gallery

Highway 37, Nogal. Featuring the works of Nogal and Lincoln County area artists and craftsmen. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday - Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Red Rose Art Studio

County Rd. E016, Hondo, 653-4203. The studio of Hondo Valley artist Paula White features her works in oil, acrylic and porcelain in styles from impressionistic to abstract expression. Call for hours.

Rio Street Gallery

Located in Midtown at III Rio St., Ruidoso, 257-6844. Original fine art in a variety of media by nationally acclaimed artists. Gallery hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Roswell Fine Arts League/N.M. Miniature Arts

Society

107 E. 5th St., Roswell, 625-5263. A co-op gallery that is open from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday - Saturday, and has a reception for artists the second Sunday of each month from 1-4 p.m.

Sacred Images, Angels & Icons

416 First St., Ruidoso, 257-6677. New Orleans artist Jim Leasure specializes in portraits of clients' guardian angels. He also paints angelic themed school and church murals, ceilings and walls of private homes and businesses. His studio is open to the public by appointment.

Spring Canyon Gallery

2206 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-1561. Artist Misha Malpica opens her Spring Canyon sculpturing studio to the public, where you can meet the artist and watch as a creation unfolds before your eyes. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday - Sunday.

Stribling Fine Art

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 Lags are woodworkers who design and create a variety of functional artworks, including doors, screens and lamps. Located in Nogal at Hwy. 37 and Nogal Canyon Road.

Unique Creations

Nogal Mesa, 354-3100 354-4203. Creative expressions by Sandy Hartley include fiber art furniture, etched and stained glass, original macrome headboards, wall hangings etc. Open by appointment for interior consultation, commissions and gift items.

Western Trails Gallery

320 East Smoky 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.

School Art Show

A special exhibit starting Sunday at the Hubbard Museum of the American West will focus on the art of children in grades nine through twelve.

Budding artists from schools in Hondo, Capitan, Cloudcroft and Ruidoso, and entries from boys at Camp Sierra Blanca rehabilitation center will be displayed through April 9 at the museum in Ruidoso Downs, said fine arts coordinator Evelyne Copeland.

The first-place winner will receive \$100, with \$50 being awarded for second place and \$25 for third place, she said.

Each student will receive a certificate of participation. The show is open to all schools in Lincoln County and northern Otero County, and to children being home schooled, Copeland said.

The opening is set for noon to 3 p.m. Sunday. Regular museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week.

CALL FOR THE ARTS

Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway

The Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway is putting out a call to all local photographers for images of the Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway.

"We are looking for photos that illustrate the unique aspects of this historic road," said committee member Cindi Clayton. The National Byway Committee will use the images as part of a multimedia display at the Billy the Kid Visitors Center. Committee members are looking for shots that include people in them as well as scenic vistas.

The Byway begins on Highway 70 at the Billy the Kid Visitors Center and from there it loops through Hondo Valley joining Highway 380. From Lincoln, the Byway continues on through Capitan where it meets Highway 48. The loop then runs from Capitan to Ruidoso and back to the Visitors Center.

The deadline is March 31, 2000 and slides are preferred, but photos will also be accepted. Please mark all submissions as "Scenic Byway Exhibit." Photographers who wish to submit images may send them to Leland DeFord at the Hubbard Museum of the American West, P.O. Box 40, Ruidoso Downs, N.M. 88346. Questions may be directed to DeFord at 378-4142. Photographers whose images are chosen for use in the exhibit will be paid a usage fee. rest@oca.state.nm.us.

Call for entries

The Art Center at Fuller Lodge in Los Alamos is putting out a call for artists for the Third Annual Traditional Fine Arts exhibition to be held August 4-September 9, 2000.

The juried exhibition is open to artists from Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Utah. It is dedicated to representational painting, drawing, prints, sculpture, jewelry, fine crafts, photography and other work carried out in traditional artistic media.

Three cash prizes and the Grumbacher Gold Medallion Award will be awarded. To receive an entry form with complete details, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to TFA 2000, The Art Center at Fuller Lodge, 2132 Central Avenue, Los Alamos, N.M. 87544 or online at <http://artful.losalamos.com>.

Submit a maximum of three slides for an entry fee of \$20 (more slides may be submitted for three-dimensional works).

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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.

Phone: 257-5141, ext. 7858
 Address: Inn of the Mountain Gods
 Carrizo Canyon Road
 Mesquite
 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.

Price Range: \$\$

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.

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.

Price Range: \$\$-\$\$\$
 Phone: 257-9355

The Deck House Restaurant

Established in 1964, The Deck House Restaurant serves up all of your favorites: unique Indian corn bread, original sour cream enchiladas, and our famous squaw bread, plus daily specials such as sizzling fajitas, carne adovada and green chile stew, just to name a few. To-go orders are welcome. Live entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights. Southwestern family dining at its best.

Phone: 257-3496
 Address: 200 Mechem
 in Adobe Plaza

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.

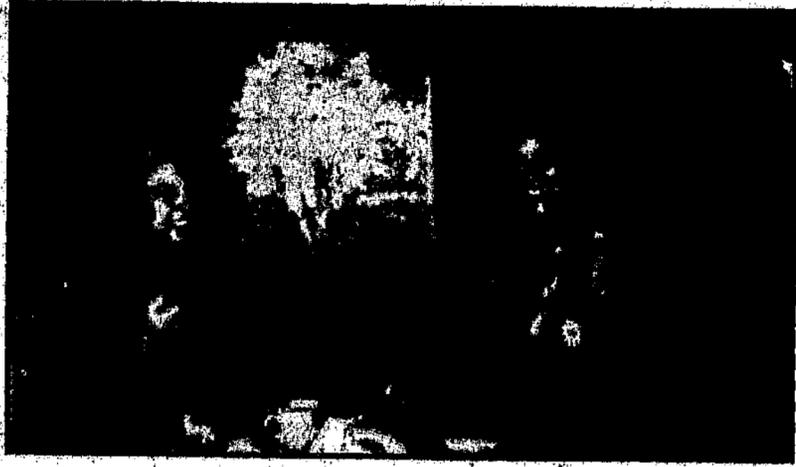
Price Range: \$-\$\$
 Phone: 378-4747
 Address: West Highway 70
 Ruidoso Downs
 Hours: .. Open 7 days a week from 6 a.m.

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.

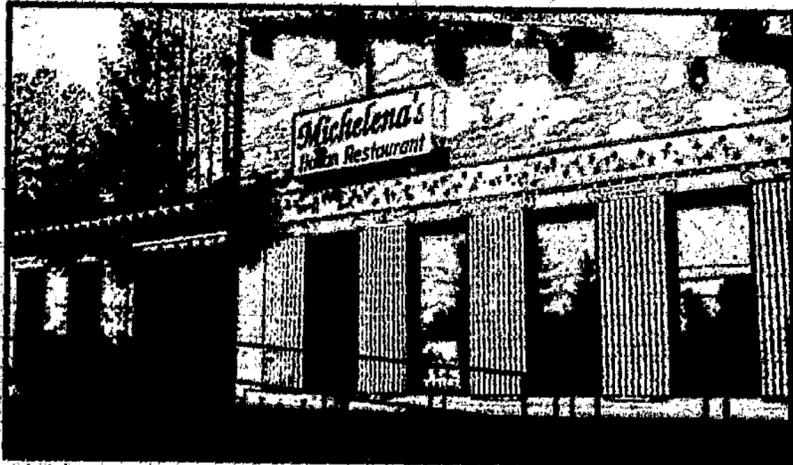
Price Range: \$-\$\$
 Phone: 630-0911
 Address: 101 Vision St.
 "at the Circle"
 Hours: 7 days a week



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.

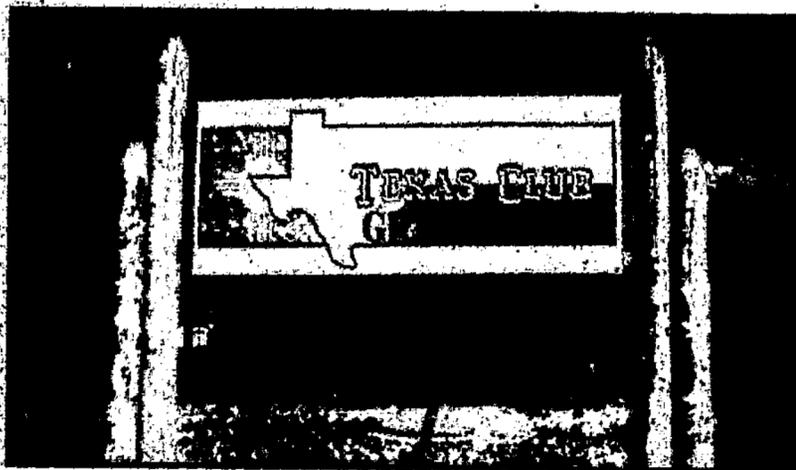
Price Range: \$-\$\$
 Phone: 257-5753
 Address: 2703 Sudderth Dr.
 Midtown in Ruidoso
 Hours: Open from 11:00 a.m.



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)



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

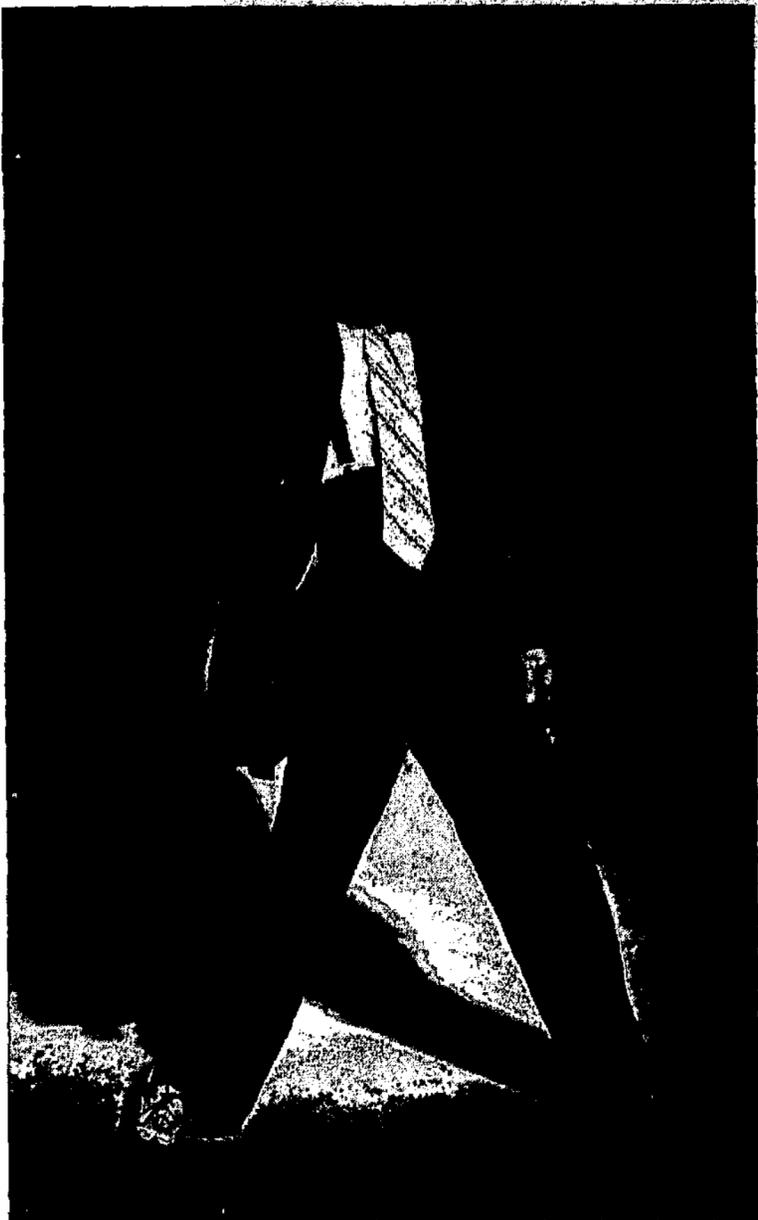
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dining guide



Something for everyone

by Sandy Suggitt
VAMOS EDITOR



Courtesy Spencer Theater

A BIT OF JAZZ from Odyssey Dance Utah.



Courtesy Spencer Theater

SINGER Crystal Gayle

Expect a hot time at the Spencer Theater this summer, with performances ranging from Crystal Gayle to the Parsons Dance Company and a lot in between for all ages.

The season opens May 6 and 7 with Crystal Gayle, internationally renowned diva of country and popular music. Audiences can expect to hear such classics as "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue" and "Stardust" and more recent songs, including those of singer-songwriter Hoagy Carmichael.

On June 10, Odyssey Dance Utah, an exciting new professional dance troupe, takes the stage with an eclectic blend of ballet and jazz.

The Connoisseur Classic Southwest Wine Competition will hold its Grand Tasting at the Spencer's outdoor stage June 10, for an evening of wine, food and music by the jazz and bluegrass band, New Grange.

June 16 and 17, stand-up comedian David Brenner, currently featured in his fourth HBO special and known as guest host of "The Tonight Show," makes mirth with the everyday.

July 1 brings to a culmination the Continental Harmony musical production that has been in the works in Lincoln County for more than a year. This is the millennium project of the National Endowment for the Arts and the American Composer's Forum, and the Spencer Theater was chosen to be the host community arts organization for the state of New Mexico. The three cul-

tures of the area will be represented by song, dance and narrative and an original musical score written by Hawaiian-based composer Jerré Tanner, who has been doing residencies in the schools.

The El Paso Symphony and guest harpist Alfredo Rolando Ortiz perform two concerts July 15 under internationally acclaimed music director Gurer Aykal. Ortiz will perform his unique composition, "South American Suite for Harp and Orchestra."

The versatile Parsons Dance Company, directed by David Parsons, comes to the Spencer stage July 15 to perform theatrical abstracts of social and universal themes.

August 5, Native American flutist R. Carlos Nakai, joined by percussionist Will Clipman and guitarist William Eaton, will perform traditional, world, jazz, new age and classical compositions.

World-class chamber music will fill the hall with the exuberant Eroica Trio August 12, noted by critics for their "heart-stopping mastery."

August 19, Christopher Cross, a pop and soft-rock musician, will entertain with his quartet of musicians, bringing 1980s songs "Ride Like the Wind," "Sailing," and Oscar-winning "Arthur's Theme," along with recent work like "Waling in Avalon."

The season closes on August 26 with the All-American Boys Chorus, a California-based choir that has performed for dignitaries all over the world and



Courtesy Spencer Theater

PARSONS DANCE COMPANY



Courtesy Spencer Theater

COMEDIAN David Brenner

that will present a "Salute to America and her Music" concert at the Spencer Theater.

"All of them are exciting and powerful events that give us a huge selection range from your professional stand-up comedy with David Brenner through Crystal Gale, Christopher Cross and the El Paso Symphony," said Charles Centilli, executive director of the Spencer Theater.

"The board worked really together on this and putting together the season with an array of selections that I presented to them," Centilli said. "The ultimate goal was to make it well balanced and fun and entertaining."

Children's summer theater

For the children, two theater workshops will be held in Ruidoso this summer, with twin-bill Saturday performances on the Spencer stage.

"El Gato's Tails of New Mexico," an original drama by dramatists at Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) will be performed June 25 after an intensive two-week workshop by ENMU instructors at the Ruidoso campus. Parents can call ENMU at 257-2120 for registration information.

"This is the second year and more than likely we will continue that because one of our goals as an organization is the educational aspect of the community and the children," Centilli said.

The Missoula Children's Theatre returns to the Spencer for its third summer to perform "Rumpelstiltskin" July 29, after transforming more than 50 area children into singers and dancers in a week of rehearsals.

Friday, March 24

Adrian Henry - Live Music
6-8 p.m. at the Deckhouse Restaurant. 258-9071

"Hello Dolly"
2 p.m. at the Spencer Theater. 336-4800

"The Nerd"
8:15 p.m. at the Roswell Community Little Theatre located at 12th and Virginia streets. Reservations are necessary and may be made by calling (505) 622-1982.

Final Fantasy Karaoke
8 p.m. The Screaming Eagle Lounge in the Enchantment. 307 Highway 70 W.

Saturday, March 25

Hepatitis C Support
10 a.m. in the conference room at Lincoln County Medical Center. 257-6415 or State Health 258-3252

Women's History Month Booktalk
1-3p.m. at Hastings Books, Music and Video Store, 1809 East 10th Street in Alamogordo. Nationally noted speaker Susan Cobb will discuss the ongoing impact of Mary Baker Eddy's major work *Science and Health*. (505) 437-9776

"The Nerd"
8:15 p.m. at the Roswell Community Little Theatre located at 12th and Virginia Streets. Reservations are necessary and may be made by calling (505) 622-1982.

LodeStar Astronomy Center Grand Opening Celebration
9a.m. to 5p.m. at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science in Albuquerque's Old Town, 1801 Mountain Rd. NW. (505) 272-7975

Adrian Henry-Live Music
6-8 at The Deckhouse Restaurant. 258-9071

Florencia
Ceramic sculpture by Angelica Pozo Fuerza de Corazon, Santa Cruz, NM. (505) 747-1551

"Hello Dolly"
2 p.m. at the Spencer Theater. 336-4800

Longhorn Dance Band
8 p.m.-midnight at The Screaming Eagle Lounge in the Enchantment. 307 Highway 70 W.

Sunday, March 26

"The Nerd"
2 p.m. at the Roswell Community Little Theatre located at 12th and Virginia Streets. (505) 622-1982

Wisdom Circle
2-4 p.m. at the High Mesa Healing Center. 101 Mader Lane in Alto. 336-4808

LoneStar Astronomy Center Grand Opening Celebration
9a.m. to 5p.m. at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science in Albuquerque's Old Town 1801 Mountain Rd. NW. (505) 272-7975

Alex McDonald Piano Recital
2 p.m. at the Fox Fine Arts Center Recital Hall, University of Texas at El Paso. (915) 833-9400

4th Annual Henriette Wyeth Memorial School Art Festival Reception
noon-3 p.m. at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. 378-4142

Thursday, March 30

Capitan School-budget Workshops
2-3 p.m. and 6-7p.m. in the board room of the Capitan Schools Administration Building. Open to the public and will give basics on how a budget is constructed.

Friday, March 31

The Annual Cultural Arts Show of Lincoln County Family & Community Education
10 a.m. at the Carrizozo Woman's Club building in Carrizozo.

"Sleeping Beauty"
Las Cruces Chamber Ballet
7p.m. at the New Mexico State University Music Center Recital Hall. All seats are reserved. Tickets are \$10 each and are available under the Pan Am Ticket Office, Dillard's stores in Las Cruces-El Paso, or charge by phone at 1-800-654-9545. For more information call (505) 523-1654.

"Into the Woods"
Musical Theater
7:30 p.m. at the Flickinger Center, 1110 N. New York in Alamogordo. Presented by the Alamogordo Musical Theater. (505) 434-6972

Gail Jennings Gillem - Live Music
6-8 at The Deckhouse Restaurant

Lincoln County Adult Singles Group
6:30 p.m. no-host dinner at Little Nellie's on 101 Vision Drive. 354-2635

Community Update Forum
9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Civic Events Center. Designed to inform the general public about issues of importance to Ruidoso. This year panelists will discuss: Affordable Housing; Economic Development; Growth; and Water. This event is free (lunch, catered by K-Bob's, is \$10). For more information or to purchase lunch tickets call 257-4001.

Registration and Screening
9-12 a.m. at the Hondo Public Schools cafeteria.

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
Classic Ballet, jazz and tap for all ages. Beginners and volunteers always welcome. 1204 Mechem. 258-1946.

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 Thursday 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!

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 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

4th Annual Henriette Wyeth Memorial School Art Festival
Hubbard Museum of the American West. March 26 through April 9. The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 378-4142.

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.

Ocean of Meaning Revealed in Poetry of Physical Objects
Opening reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, March 24 at the Museum of Fine Arts in Santa Fe. Exhibit runs through June 25. (505) 476-5058 or (505) 476-5001.

Movies

Erin Brockovich
Drama
Rated R for language
Starring: Julia Roberts, Marg Helgenberger, Aaron Eckhart, Scotty Leavenworth and Albert Finney
Directed by Steven Soderbergh
Produced by Danny De Vito, Michael Shamberg and Stacey Sher
Written by Richard LaGravenese and Susannah Grant
Distributor: Universal Pictures
Synopsis: In a world where heroes are often in short supply, the story of Erin Brockovich is an inspirational reminder of the power of the human spirit. Her passion, tenacity and steadfast desire to fight for the rights of the underdog defied the odds...her victory made even more sweet by the fact that while helping others, she in turn helps herself. Erin Brockovich is a stirring, funny and unconventional drama based on true events, starring two-time Academy Award® nominee Julia Roberts as the twice-divorced mother of three young children who sees an injustice, takes on the bad guy and wins.

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
Release Date: March 10, 2000 Nationwide
Synopsis: When the first manned mission



Courtesy Paramount Pictures

JULIA ROBERTS in the title role of Universal Pictures' "Erin Brockovich."

to Mars meets with a catastrophic and mysterious disaster, a rescue mission is launched to investigate the tragedy and bring back any survivors. Exciting and realistic, "Mission to Mars" is the inspirational story of the astronauts of the hurried Mars Recovery mission, the almost insurmountable dangers that confront the heroic crew on their journey through space, and the amazing discovery they make when they finally reach the Red Planet.

Pitch Black
Suspense/Horror and Science Fiction/Fantasy
Rated R for sci-fi violence and gore, and for language
Starring: Vin Diesel, Keith David, Radha Mitchell, Lewis Fitz-Gerald, Cole Hauser
Directed by David Twohy
Produced by Tom Engelman
Written by Jim Wheat, Ken Wheat and David Twohy
Distributor: USA Films
Synopsis: In the not-too-distant future, a docking pilot makes a forced crash-landing of her spacecraft on a distant planet. Her crew is killed, even as some of the passengers escape. A lawman is unharmed but so is his prisoner, a convicted murderer. As the survivors explore the uncomfortably hot planet, they must band together. The planet is eerie, arid, and lifeless. but as the sun sets and the planet plunges into total darkness, other inhabitants emerge.

The Tigger Movie
Starring: Jim Cummings, Nikita Hopkins, Ken Sansom, John Fiedler and Peter Cullen
Directed by Jun Falkenstein
Produced by Cheryl Abood
Written by Jun Falkenstein
Distributor: Walt Disney Pictures
Synopsis: Winnie the Pooh, Piglet, Owl, Kanga, Roo, Rabbit and the ever-exuberant Tigger are busy preparing a suitable

winter home for dismal donkey Eeyore. Everyone is into the effort except Tigger who is too playful to work. When Rabbit suggests Tigger go find some other "tiggers" to cavort with—at first, Tigger thinks the notion absurd since he believes he's the only "tigger." But an amazing journey through the Hundred-Acre Wood brings surprises.

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.

The Deckhouse Restaurant
Live dinner-hour music every Friday and Saturday night, 6-8 p.m. On Mechem in the Adobe Plaza.

Hollywood Inn
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.

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.

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

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



Draw Gamber
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THE HUBBARD MUSEUM
OF THE AMERICAN WEST

What's in a picture?

When he was hanged in Clayton, New Mexico, in 1901, ... he put on a lot of weight awaiting his execution. When the time finally came, Tom had put on so much weight that when he plunged through the trapdoors of the gallows, his great weight not only broke his neck, it actually tore his head from his body!



Left to right: Harry Longabaugh, aka The Sundance Kid, Will Carver, Ben Kilpatrick, Harvey Logan, and Butch Cassidy.

When the average person thinks of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, they tend to think of Paul Newman and Robert Redford and the 1969 movie. When the average person with even a slight interest in the history of the Old West thinks of them, they tend to think of the Wyoming/Montana/Nevada area. Texas is not usually the first state to leap to mind. But it should, because the Wild Bunch spent a good deal of time there. And, in a very real sense, the beginning of the end started for them there.

The most famous tie of the Wild Bunch to the Lone Star State is the photograph taken in Fort Worth in late 1900. Probably the best known photograph of an outlaw band ever taken, the bandits had it done in way of celebration after their successful bank robbery at Winnemucca, Nevada. For a bunch of guys who were known for their intelligence, it was not exactly the brightest thing in the world for them to have done. I mean, when the law is looking for you, how wise is it to 1) have your photograph taken, and 2) be so casual with the prints that the photographer, keeping one for himself, displayed it in his shop window as an example of his work.

However, the men in the picture were still not really identified. Passing Wells Fargo and Co. detective Fred Dodge thought the photograph to be an excellent example of the photographer's work, and he also noticed that there seemed to be something disturbingly familiar about the men in the picture. Procuring a copy for himself, Fred didn't have long to wait before he found out exactly who it was that posed for this photograph.

Wild Bunch Babes and the first to die

Wherever the Wild Bunch went, their various lady friends were inevitably in attendance. Many of these ladies were, uh, "supplied" by a madam by the name of Fannie Porter. Fannie was probably the favorite madam of the Wild Bunch in Texas. Etta Place may well have been one of her employees. (Note: it is kind of interesting how history works. It seems that the name "Etta" was actually a typo that stuck. Her real name appears to have been Ethel. Whoever she was, she remains one of the most gorgeous and mysterious ladies associated with the Wild Bunch, or any other outlaw band, for that matter. The same thing happened to Lincoln County Regulator Henry Brown, To this day, thanks to a newspaper typo, he is occasionally referred to as "Hendry").

Will Carver was the first among the still unidentified men in the photograph to die. On April 2, 1901, while casing a bank at Sonora, Texas, Will was killed while resisting arrest by Sheriff Elijah "Lige" Briant. When Pinkerton detectives tracked down Will's widow, Callie Casey, they found her to be extremely bitter about her late husband and his associates. Callie had expected to get wealthy with the loot from Will's robberies, but the inconsiderate Will had gone and gotten himself killed before he could accrue any loot for

her. Callie couldn't identify the other men in the picture quick enough. She pointed out that the four "dudes" in the photograph were actually, going from left to right, Harry "The Sundance Kid" Longabaugh, Carver, Ben "The Tall Texan" Kilpatrick, Harvey "Kid Curry" Logan, and, of course, Robert LeRoy "Butch Cassidy" Parker.

Will Carver had been recognized by Sheriff Briant not because he was casing a bank, but rather because he was wanted for the murder of a man named Oliver Thornton on March 27, 1901. Thornton had stopped by the Kilpatrick ranch at Eden, Texas, to discuss a problem with the Kilpatricks that concerned pigs. If it had just been the Kilpatricks that were present, the pig debate would probably have been settled amicably. However, in addition to the Kilpatrick family, Will Carver and Harvey Logan were also present.

Well, Harvey "Kid Curry" Logan was not known as "The Tiger of the Wild Bunch" for nothing. When Thornton made the mistake of taking issue with something that Logan had said, Harvey unceremoniously gunned him down. Carver, along with the Kilpatricks, was also charged with the killing. This, along with their hare-brained "lets get our picture taken" idea, was the beginning of the end for this core group of the Wild Bunch.

Ben Kilpatrick

Benjamin Arnold Kilpatrick was born in 1874 in Coleman County, Texas. He fell in with bad company pretty early on — the Ketchum brothers, Tom and Sam, were among the Kilpatricks' neighbors. Today, Tom Ketchum is known as "Black Jack" Ketchum, a ruthless — and incredibly unlucky — outlaw. Ben became one of the Ketchum gang until 1899, when Sam was killed and Tom captured.

Incidentally, when I say that Black Jack was unlucky, I mean it. When he was hanged in Clayton, New Mexico, in 1901, even that didn't go well. Not only was he the only man in the history of New Mexico to be sentenced to death for train robbery, he put on a lot of weight awaiting his execution. When the time finally came, Tom had put on so much weight that when he plunged through the trapdoors of the gallows, his great weight not only broke his neck, it actually tore his head from his body!

But I digress. Black Jack Ketchum is another story.

After Will Carver's death, Ben took up with Will's former girlfriend, Laura Bullion, who was a "friend" of Fannie Porter's. In November of 1901, both Ben and

Laura were arrested at St. Louis, Missouri for passing banknotes stolen during one of the Wild Bunch's train robberies. Each was tried, found guilty and sentenced to a stretch in prison. Laura was released in September of 1905 and travelled to Birmingham, Alabama to faithfully await Ben's release. Unfortunately, Ben was arrested immediately upon his release for Kid Curry's shooting of Oliver Thornton at the Kilpatrick ranch. The case was ultimately dismissed for lack of evidence and Ben and Laura were reunited.

But not for long. Being a little short of cash, Ben elected to hold up the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio near Sanderson, Texas. Things did not go as well as Ben had planned, and on March 13, 1912, Ben was bludgeoned to death by a hammer in the hands of an express messenger who managed to sneak up behind him during the robbery. Ben's partner was also killed during the attempted robbery. Laura Bullion eventually left Texas, settling at Memphis, Tennessee, under an assumed name. She died there on December 2, 1961.

Harvey Logan

Fannie Porter remembered Harvey "Kid Curry" Logan well. Apparently, when drunk, Kid Curry had the rather unmannerly habit of climbing into bed with her without bothering to take his spurs off. Her sheets were satin, so you can imagine the result. In October of 1900, Kid Curry met Maud Delia Moore, better known as Annie Rogers, at Fannie Porter's place. It was love, or at least lust, at first sight. The pair became inseparable and began traveling everywhere together. On October 14, 1901, at Nashville, Tennessee, Annie was arrested for passing stolen bank notes from the same robbery that had gotten Ben Kilpatrick and Laura Bullion in trouble.

After Kid Curry's capture, he made a sworn statement that Annie was an unwilling participant and she was released. Unlike Laura Bullion, Annie Rogers did not elect to wait for her paramour to be released from jail and it appears that the pair never saw each other again. Kid Curry was finally killed (it may have been a suicide) near Parachute, Colorado, on June 9, 1904.

Annie was last seen at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in 1906, and after that, she vanishes from historical ken.

Butch and the Kid

Well, thanks to the 1969 film, most people are aware of the fact that Butch and Sundance were eventually killed at San Vicente, Bolivia, in 1908. Or were they? Like

so many other (Billy the Kid is a good example) noted outlaws, there have been persistent rumors that the pair did not die as reported. This is something that I like to call "The Elvis Syndrome." In short, people don't like their heroes to die, so they find alternate fates for them. And, just like Billy, although not as definitively, the evidence indicates that they did, in fact, die as reported.

After the San Vicente shootout, a man named Frank Aller was trying to settle the estate of one of the dead outlaws, who was known as Frank Boyd. Guess what? Frank Boyd was a known alias of the Sundance Kid. Wild Bunch historian Donna Ernst (a descendant of Sundance) believes that there is a

strong possibility that Etta (Ethel) was attempting to settle Sundance's estate.

On the other hand, Lula Parker Betenson, Butch's sister, insisted to her dying day that she had last seen Butch shortly after World War I! So, unlike Billy the Kid, where virtually all of the evidence indicates that he was killed by Pat Garrett in 1881, there does seem to be a possibility that Butch, at least, escaped the San Vicente shootout. You be the judge.

Sources: "The Wild Bunch In Texas," by Donna B. Ernst; "The Wild Bunch at Robbers Roost," by Pearl Baker and "The Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters," by Bill O'Neal.

EYE ON THE ARTS

Arts and Crafts

Stained Glass

Sandy Hartley will be instructing a class on glass staining on Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, April 15 - May 6 in Nogal Studio. The cost is \$175 which includes the material fee.

Rag Crochet

Mae Wheeler will be instructing a class from 6-9 p.m. April 3 - 10. The cost is \$20.00 per rug. Wheeler has been involved in rag crochet for over six years and is the owner of "Rag Crochet."

Understanding Yourself Through the Art

Betsy Hambrick will conduct a course on understanding oneself through the use of various art materials. This course will be 6-8 p.m. Mondays April 3 - 24. Hambrick is a licensed master of social work, and has used the healing powers of art and image with her clients for over six years.

Art Exhibitions

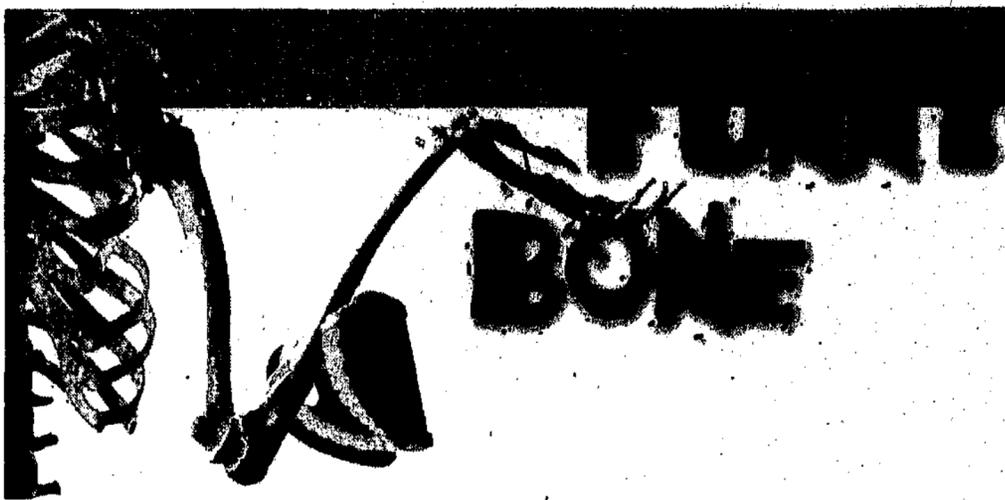
Ruidoso Public Library

Carrizozo artist Polly E. Chavez is now showing her retablos (paintings on wood) at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Road as part of the Private Art in Public Place Program.

Chavez is art coordinator and instructional assistant for Carrizozo Public Schools. The inspirational source of Chavez' traditional and contemporary-style retablos stem from her ancestral religious traditions and culture. Her collection of twenty-three retablos at the Ruidoso Public Library can be viewed during regular business hours during the months of March and April.

Eagle Ranch

Michael Copeland and his wife Victoria Copeland share the spotlight with Bruce Allen and his wife Dana Chodzko as they team up in April to delight the senses at Eagle Ranch Art Gallery. A reception to meet the artists will be held from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the Eagle Ranch Gallery on April 7. The show runs from April 1-30. The Eagle Ranch Art Gallery is located at 7288 Highway 54/70 (the Tularosa highway).



Moe, Larry and Curly are from Mars, Hugh Grant is from Venus



Dave Barry
DAVE'S WORLD
TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

Today's topic was suggested by a reader named Richard from El Paso, Texas, who wrote a letter asking: "How do you obtain a sense of humor? I am more seriously inclined, and I understand that women really love a man with a sense of humor. ... My main concern is how to apply it in everyday conversation to impress women."

The first thing you need to understand, Richard, is that men and women do not have the same definition of the term "a man with a sense of humor." To men, it means "a man who thinks a lot of stuff is funny." Whereas to women, it means "a man who talks and looks kind of like Hugh Grant."

This leads to a lot of disagreement between the genders about what is funny. For example, I belong to an organization called the Lawn Rangers of Arcola, Ill., whose members are dedicated to helping humanity by marching with lawnmowers in parades. The Lawn Rangers are an all-male organization, but sometimes women voluntarily choose to attend our annual meeting, which is held in one of Arcola's most prestigious driveways.

The climactic highlight of the meeting occurs when one of our

members gets up on a ladder and performs a routine wherein he ... OK, let's just say that if you were considering a career in proctology, this would definitely change your mind. The women are revolted by this routine, whereas the men laugh so hard that some of them fall down. (They are not hurt, because they land on men who fell down earlier in the meeting.)

Another example: Recently my wife and I, along with maybe 15 other expectant couples, attended a hospital class on breastfeeding. (In modern America, having a baby requires more classroom instruction than becoming a dentist.) At one point, to illustrate an important issue, the breastfeeding instructor walked around the room holding up a cloth model of a breast — kind of like a Muppet — with a little string on the back that the instructor pulled to make the breast change shape.

The women looked on with mature, intelligent, concerned expressions. But I made eye contact with a number of men as the Breast Muppet went around, and I can state with certainty that if not for the fact that we knew this was a Serious Matter Involving The Health Of The Baby, plus the fact that our wives would hit us, we would have laughed ourselves into a state of dehydration.

My point, Richard, is that women and men have different senses of humor. This was confirmed last year in a study done by two psychologists from Canada (HUMOR TIP: Canada is funny). This study, which I swear I am not making up, showed that simple, slapstick humor, such as the Three Stooges, appeals to the following two groups of people:

1. People with brain damage.
2. Men.

(At this point, the women readers are thinking, "That's only one group!")

And what kind of humor do

women like? According to a news article about the Canadian study, women, because of their more-sophisticated brains, prefer humor that involves "longer narratives, personal information and memories." The article does not come right out and use the term "Hugh Grant" but it doesn't have to.

OK, Richard, so what does all this mean for you, out there in El Paso, trying to "apply humor in everyday conversation to impress women"? Here is the procedure I suggest:

First, get hold of a joke. The good news is, there are plenty of them on the Internet. The bad news is, all of them were invented by men, who control 99 percent of the world's joke supply. So you will have to modify the joke to make it impressive to women.

Let's say you have chosen the classic joke about the three guys who are captured by a primitive tribe, which offers them a choice

between Death and Roo-Roo.

(At this point, the women readers are thinking: "Huh?" Whereas the men are thinking: "The Roo-Roo joke! Good one!")

So, Richard, when you're talking with a woman you wish to impress, look for an opening that will allow you to bring up the joke ("Your aunt died? I'm so sorry! Speaking of death, these three guys are captured..."). But here's the key: Don't rush through the joke. You have to turn it into a longer narrative containing personal information and memories.

WRONG: So the first guy says, "I'll take Roo-Roo!"

RIGHT: "As a young boy, I'd hear my parents fighting, and I'd cry into my pillow for hours."

Got it, Richard? It will also help if you get extensive plastic surgery to look like Hugh Grant. If you use this technique, you'll find that any woman you talk to will soon be gazing at you longingly, and reaching out for your hand. That's when you give her the "joy buzzer." Nyuk nyuk nyuk.

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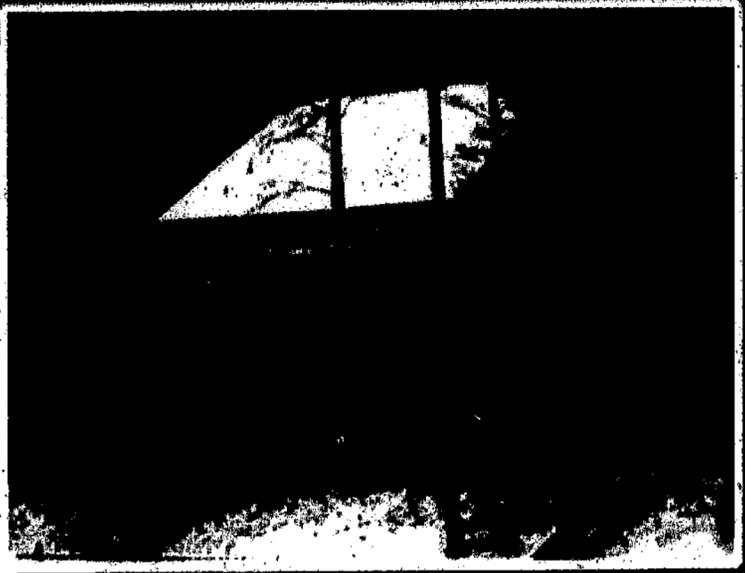
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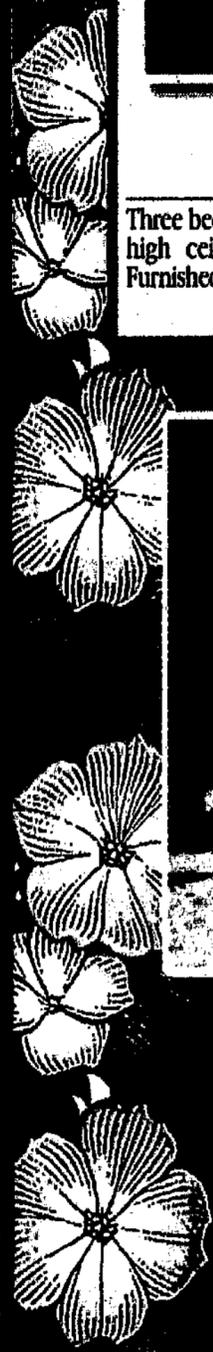
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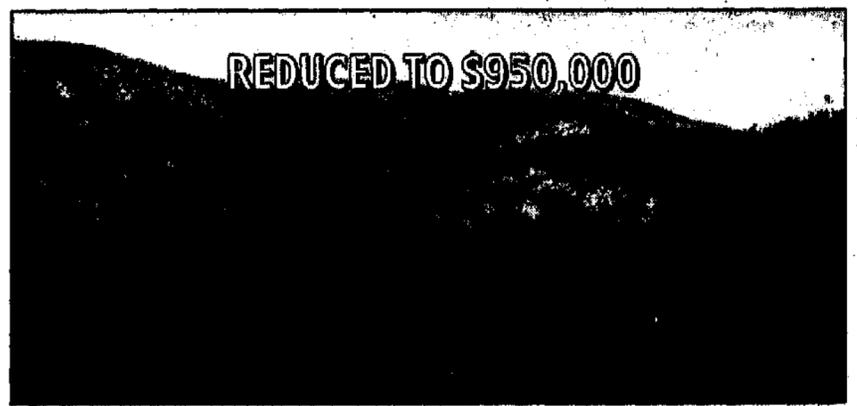


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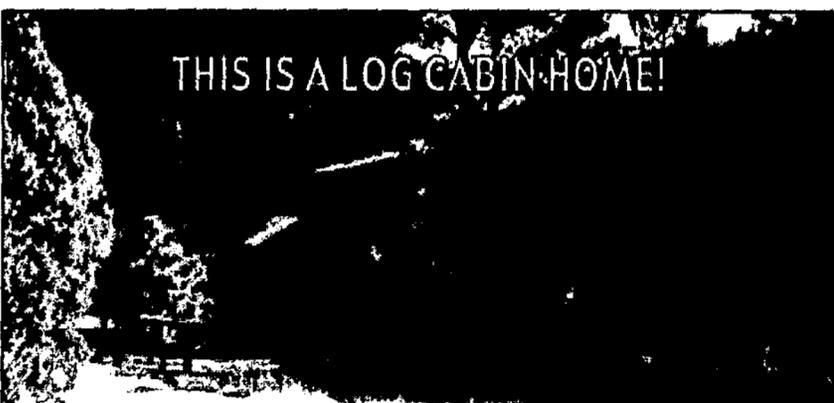
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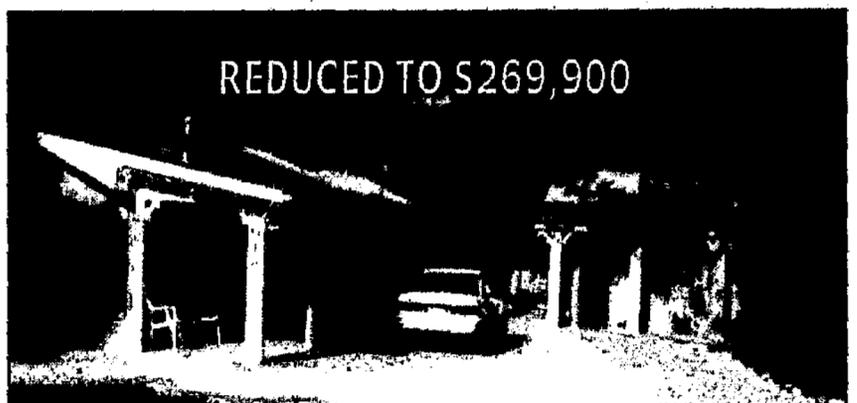


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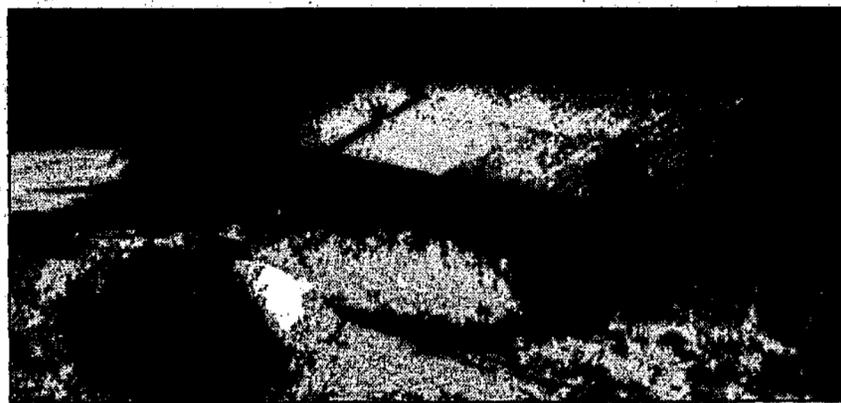
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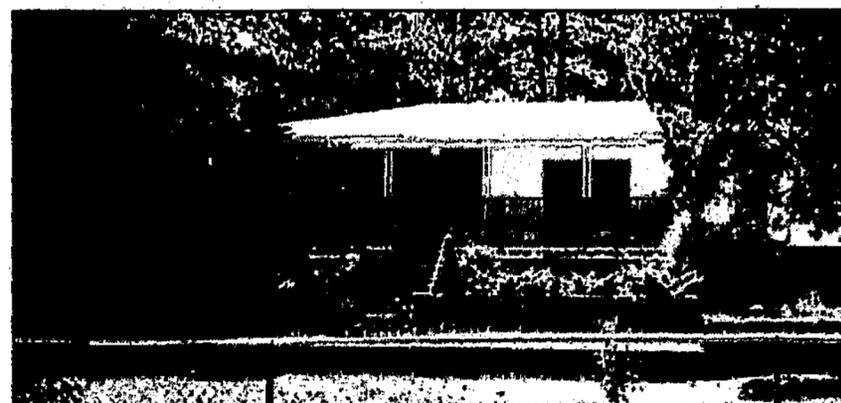
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