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Building back history for the future



Manny Gonzales, a Lincoln State Monument ranger, pulls off one of the bricks mixed and shaped during the first day of a two-day seminar. For more on the project, see page 8A.

Voters hit the polls on Tuesday

County Clerk says turnout appears to be low

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Accusations and rumors circulating the past few months in the race for the position of Lincoln County sheriff, ranks it as the hottest contest on Tuesday's ballot.

A close second is the battle for the District Three seat on the county commission with three Republicans and two Democrats vying for a place on the five-member board.

But all the verbiage may not translate to numbers at the polls, said County Clerk Martha Proctor.

"According to what we have in early and absentee voting, it looks fairly low," she said Thursday. "I think the turnout will be in the 50 percent range. One thing pulling down the percentage is the federal voting act, which doesn't allow for purges as we did in the past. That affects the look of the percentages. Although the actual numbers of active voters showing up may be large, we have to keep inactive voters on the rolls for four years."

About 6,500 Republicans are registered to vote in the primary and slightly less than 4,000 Democrats, she said. Another 3,000 voters declined to state their affiliation or are members of minor political parties.

"We only had about 200 vote early in Ruidoso," Proctor said. "But people still can vote early in my office in Carizozo from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Saturday."

Incumbent Sheriff Tom Sullivan faces his deputy Orlando Montes in the Republican primary.

The winner could be challenged by a write-in candidate for the general election, as with the other races as well. In the county commission District

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The fire danger and how to deal with it

Ruidoso Village Council defends, discusses what has been and what could be done

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

With the Cree and Warrior fires as backdrops, the reality of devastating wildfires has taken center stage in Ruidoso.

The fire issue and how to confront it was a hot topic at Tuesday's Ruidoso Village Council meeting. Proposed solutions included squeezing rain from "seeded clouds" to roadblocks so visitors are apprised of the extreme fire dangers.

At the meeting the chairman of Forest Health Coalition of Lincoln County dissolved the organization citing inaction by the village and residents on forest health and fire concerns.

What officials say they've done

"We've had workshops on defensible space, how to protect against fire," Alan Briley, Ruidoso's village manager said early in the meeting. "We've passed provisions in our ordinances to allow things."

Briley said changes in recent years allow the felling of any tree up to 10 inches in diameter without a permit. Any diseased or dead tree can be taken down. All trees, regardless of size, within 10 feet of a home can be cut down to create a buffer.

Briley also said the village is investing in a second truck to speed up the now six-week rotation for yard waste collections.

"Residents can at anytime call the

fire department," Briley said. "They'll assist you to identify trees that can come down and how to make your place more defensible at no cost."

"I do appreciate what you have done toward hiring an urban forester," John Morton, a former member of the Forest Health Coalition told the council. But he warned that a lack of forest thinning over the past 50 years will require the best urban forester possible.

"People of Ruidoso, only you can prevent the loss of your home," said Max Roberson, chairman of the former Forest Health Coalition. "We say put a chainsaw in Smokey's hand."

Ruidoso looks at raising rates for those who let water flow

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Big residential users of Ruidoso's municipal water system could be in for a gigantic increase in their water bills.

A proposed change in the residential water rates would deliver monthly bills into the thousands of dollars, for those using more than 100,000 gallons a month.

"High water users need to be penalized," said Alan Briley, Ruidoso's village manager. "The rates would go up exponentially."

During a public hearing on the rate changes, Briley said there would be no ordinance change in water charges for those using 25,000 gallons or less per month.

Village councilors were provided with a list of eleven residential customers who had used more

than 25,000 gallons.

The highest residential user tapped 116,490 gallons in April. The current bill for that quantity was \$710.32. With the proposed new rate schedule that customer would pay \$2,430.41, according to village documents.

"That equals to 29 residential units," Briley said. "It's conservation, and that's what this ordinance amendment is for."

But the punitive rate structure irritated Tony Seno of Ruidoso, a policy analyst with the Libertarian Party.

"That's selective persecution," Seno said. "We're trying to conserve water here. Have you ever made an effort to talk to these people? Let's not persecute one group of people. I think it's un-American."

Village council member Ron Anderson, however, took the water conservation effort a step further, saying many of the high water users in Ruidoso can

afford to pay the larger prices. He questioned if the village could turn off the water to those who use excessive amounts.

"Not under the current ordinance," responded Chay Rennick, legal council for the village. "That would be water rationing. You could limit the amount of water, but you would have to change the ordinance."

Ruidoso resident Jay Ross testified that the mayor has said the village has no water shortage.

"But we keep allowing new motels," Ross said. "We do have a water problem. Maybe we should halt new building. I don't think people should be abused. You really should have a water system that will deliver adequate water."

Councilor Bob Sterchi said Ruidoso was moving in that direction through improvements in the

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Ruidoso River Cleanup set for Saturday

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Ruidoso River Association is throwing a party, and everyone's invited to attend.

Saturday, the seventh annual community river cleanup kicks off at 8 a.m. at Schoolhouse Park, with the goal of a cleaner Rio Ruidoso.

Organizers are expecting between 400 and 500 people from around southern New Mexico to spend the morning cleaning up the river. But while the goal is a good scrubbing of the river, Dick Wisner, executive director of the RRA, said work is the least part of the day.

"It's a party," he said. "People come out and have a good time. It's a lot of fun. There's a lot of prizes and a lot of food. It's not a work detail by any stretch of the imagination."

Volunteers sign up in beginning at 8 a.m., then get a breakfast of burritos, donuts, coffee and orange juice before heading out for a few hours of trash pickup.

The cleanup runs from the Mescalero reservation boundary to the race track, with everyone assigned to a certain stretch of the river.

"It's perfectly safe for young people up to whatever (age)," Wisner said.

The extremely low water in the river this year could have several impacts.

"It makes it not so scenic, but on the other hand, I think it'll make people identify with the plight of the river a little more," Wisner said. "We'll also be able to clean up a lot more because there will be a lot of things that are usually underwater that will be sticking out. I suspect it'll get a good scouring, it just won't be as scenic as it normally is."

Once the cleanup is done, the real party begins. More than 100 area merchants have donated food and door prizes.

"Last year, we had so many people we ran out of food," Wisner said. "That's not going to happen this year."

He said "everything you can think of (will be available) for lunch," from burgers to pizzas to sandwiches. Door prizes ranging from weekend getaways to car washes to dinners will be awarded to the volunteers.

"They're terrific, terrific prizes," Wisner said. "Everybody really goes all out for this."

Each volunteer also gets a T-shirt, and Wisner promises there will be enough of those this year as well.

Besides giving the river a beauty treatment, the work day helps the association raise part of the \$133,000 in matching funds the group needs.

The money goes towards a \$200,000 government grant that's already led to improvement on the river. Each volunteer's hours are counted as in-kind contributions towards the matching funds. Last year, the work day raised \$29,000, and Wisner is hoping for at least that much this year.

Area arson task force formed

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Evidence collected at the believed source of the Warrior Fire will be sent to the State Crime Lab by the end of the week.

The action was approved by a new regional arson task force, which met for the first time Wednesday, said Doug Babcock, a detective with the Ruidoso Police Department.

The task force members include Ruidoso Police, Ruidoso Emergency Management, the Ruidoso Fire Department, Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, New Mexico State Police, the State Fire Marshal's Office and the USDA Forest Service. The unit was formed to investigate the Warrior Fire.

The blaze, on the eastern

boundary of Ruidoso, was deemed to have been arson, law enforcement officials said Monday, shortly after the fire began.

Quick response by firefighters on the ground and slurry drops from the air, limited the blaze to about 10 acres. A Forest Service fire management official said the Warrior Fire had the potential to turn into another Cree Fire. The Cree Fire, earlier in May, burned more than 8,000 acres east of Ruidoso and destroyed three structures. Hundreds of people were evacuated from their homes at the height of the fire.

"The first priority of the task force will be to process the evidence collected at the scene of the Warrior Fire and submit it to the

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WEDNESDAY FORECAST FOR RUIDOSO

High	88°
Low	52°
Wind	W 4-10
Humidity	64%
Clouds	Partly cloudy
UV Index	5

REGIONAL WEATHER

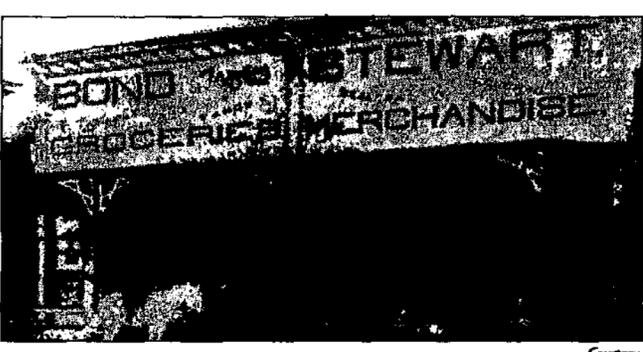
TODAY IN HISTORY
On May 31, the Great Johnstown Flood of 1889 destroyed that city after the 90-foot high Conemaugh Dam collapsed.

SUN AND MOON

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wed	5:54 a.m.	8:07 p.m.
Thu	5:54 a.m.	8:07 p.m.
Fri	5:54 a.m.	8:08 p.m.
Sat	5:54 a.m.	8:08 p.m.
Sun	5:53 a.m.	8:09 p.m.

MOON PHASES

Day	Time
Wed	4:42 a.m.
Thu	5:24 a.m.
Fri	6:07 a.m.
Sat	6:50 a.m.
Sun	7:32 a.m.



The Bond and Stewart store of Old White Oaks.

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

White Oaks Eagle June 11, 1900

There is a red hot time in store for the republican politicians in New Mexico this selection. he has had his term in the crib.

Antonita de Vega, daughter of Jose Maria de Vega, of Nogal, died Sunday night of consump-

tion at the residence of Mrs. Jesus Sandoval, her grandmother. She was 8 years and 6 months of age and had been afflicted for four months. She was buried at Nogal Monday.

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ELECTION: Early ballots can still be cast at the Clerk's Office in Carrizozo

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Three race, incumbent Leo Martinez, a Ruidoso business owner appointed by the governor in November, faces two fellow Republicans, Bob Sterchi, who also is a Ruidoso village councilor, and Jody Ashby, a retired businessman and former party official.

On the Democratic side, Ruidoso attorney Ray Shartbut is running against Romeró Klein, who has been active in veteran affairs.

District One incumbent Rex Wilson, commission chairman and a Republican, faces no opposition in either party.

Two people currently employed in the county assessor's office are running for their boss' job in the Republican primary - Juanita C. Brewer and Rick Silva, a certified appraiser. The

winner will face Democrat Robert Vallejos, who owns an auto body shop in Carrizozo.

Incumbent Probate Judge Stirling Spencer, a rancher, former county commissioner and Republican, won't be on the same ballot with his Democratic challenger, Michele Cervantes-Rebstock, a medical office manager, until the general election.

Three men are vying for the Division II judgeship in the 12th Judicial District that covers the counties of Otero and Lincoln.

They are incumbent James Waylon Counts, a former assistant district attorney appointed last year to fill a vacancy, Assistant District Attorney David Ceбалles and Wayne A. Jordan, an Alamogordo attorney and former federal magistrate judge.

Democrat Mariano A. Torres, an Alamogordo attorney and former district attorney and

state representative, is waiting in the wings for the general election.

State offices on the ballot include the race for state representative from District 56 with incumbent Dub Williams, a retired teacher from Glencoe, looking at no opposition in the Republican Party.

On the Democratic side, Jeni Bebe Flores Alexander, a retired business manager and Tularosa trustee/mayor pro-tem, is pitted against Reynaldo Valcarcel from Ruidoso with 30 years of experience in computer sciences.

For the state Board of Education District 8 position, incumbent Van W. Witt of Chaves County, a retired educator, faces Douglas O. Fuqua, a Ruidoso resident and teacher in Tularosa, and John Lankford, who has a master's degree and

tought in schools in California and New Mexico. All three are Republicans.

State Sen. Pete Campos, a Democrat, faces no opposition for reelection.

On the federal level, U.S. Rep. Joe Skeen is unopposed in the Republican primary for District 2, but will face the winner of the Democratic race in the general election. Contenders in the Democratic primary are Michael Montoya, New Mexico state treasurer, and District Attorney Mike Runnels.

Republican Steve Pearce, a state representative from Hobbs, is in a three-way Republican race in the U.S. Senate primary against Bill Davis of Albuquerque and Bill Redman of Los Alamos.

The victor will face incumbent Jeff Bingaman, a Democrat, in the general election.

WATER: The council will hold another public hearing on the issue June 13

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water system and the purchase of new water rights.

"In the conservation mode there is such a thing as demand-side management," said Councilor Bill Chance. "It is a punitive measure, and that's our intent."

Ross said the economics of the penalizing rates would move some to drill wells, thus taking water "from the same bucket."

Seno fired back on the demand-side management phrase, saying the council was "out of control."

"When this village decided

to incorporate you said you would keep us in a good supply of potable water," Seno said. "And you have abrogated that. This is government to the people instead of people to the government."

Seno said the credibility of the Ruidoso council has slipped.

"We're in a drought," responded Councilor Linda Flack. "That's not something this council did."

The potential rate adjustments, labeled a good way to enforce water conservation by the council, will proceed to a second evening of public input on June 13.

Rating water

Proposed residential water charges for Ruidoso.

- \$1.75 (no change) per 1,000 gallons for water usage in excess of 4,000 gallons (minimum bill) but less than and including 25,000 gallons
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- \$8 (currently \$5) per 1,000 gallons in excess of 35,000 gallons but less than 55,000 gallons
- \$16 (currently \$6) per 1,000 gallons in excess of 55,000 gallons but less than 75,000 gallons
- \$32 (currently \$9.75) per 1,000 gallons in excess of 75,000 gallons but less than 100,000 gallons
- \$64 (currently \$10.05) per 1,000 gallons in excess of 100,000 gallons

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Mobile vendors face more midtown restrictions

Mobile vending operations now face further restrictions in Ruidoso's midtown business district.

Village councilors approved a prohibi-

tion on mobile vending in midtown parking lots, on the recommendation of the village's Planning and Zoning Commission. Village planning administrator said the issue was one of safety, between pedestrians and vehicles. The ordinance change forbids walk-up vending

businesses in any midtown parking lot. It also prohibits the creation of additional pedestrian congestion on sidewalks. Vending service and waiting areas must be entirely on private property, and not interfere with pedestrian access to any building on the property.

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"A Sheriff We Can Respect"

Police chief attempts to put out 'rumor' fire

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Saying he needed to respond to rumors, Ruidoso's police chief said his department is not protecting prominent families by refusing to reveal the names of those who admitted causing the Cree Fire.

Chief Lanny G. Maddox said the identification of the fire starters resulted from a Crimestoppers call, where some of those involved in the fire were identified.

"Did they turn themselves in voluntarily? No," Maddox said. "But they were

cooperative."

Three of the four suspects were interviewed initially on May 12, five days after the fire began, police previously said. Two of those three are juveniles. A fourth suspect, also a juvenile, more recently admitted involvement. Police say the four confessions have similar details.

Regarding what he said were "rampant rumors," the police chief said none of the four suspects are sons or daughters of area politicians or wealthy families.

"I would say that to buy a new pair of shoes would be

tough for these families," Maddox said. "They are not political. They are not rich. There is not a conspiracy. We are not hiding politicians' kids."

A federal investigator is building the case against the four, who is expected to present it to the U.S. Attorney at Albuquerque.

"It is a federal case," Maddox said. "I am not at liberty to give names. Even if it was a Ruidoso case, they have not been charged. We don't release names until they're charged. The case needs to go through due process."

FIRE: Ruidoso could look into 'cloud-seeding' methods

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Make more rain

"It's one of the best kept secrets in New Mexico," Scotty Savage, a water management specialist with the state said of cloud seeding. "Most other arid states have seeding."

Savage, a New Mexico member of the Interstate Stream Commission from Portales, said several counties in the eastern part of the state and western Texas have successfully used silver iodide to squeeze rain or snow out of otherwise non-producing clouds.

"It rained 40 percent longer on seeded clouds versus non-seeded," Savage claimed studies showed.

"This is working right now," she said. "Utah has had a winter (seedling) program since 1977. Since 1977 they've averaged a 13 percent increase (in precipitation)."

Savage believed the weather modification program would work in Lincoln County.

Questioned by Bob Sterchi, a village councilor, on funding such a program, Savage said local governments and even a ski hill could pool financial resources and lobby legislators on the need for a weather modification program.

"Cloud seeding is not a quick fix to a drought or fire

dangers," Savage said. "It needs to be viewed as a long term water management issue."

Force-feeding tourists about the fire danger

With a growing number of summer visitors arriving in the Ruidoso valley, Linda Flack, a village councilor, questioned if roadblocks could be established to distribute fire danger and restrictions information.

"I'd be willing to stand out there by myself," Flack said.

But Councilor Bill Chance voiced opposition to roadblocks at entrances to the village.

Chance pointed out that there are signs up informing travellers of the extreme fire danger.

"They (visitors) think we're on a power trip," Chance said. "They think it's not as severe as we're making it out to be."

Police chief Lanny Maddox said restaurants, motels and other businesses also have brochures to distribute regarding the fire danger.

ARSON: A \$1,000 Crimestoppers' reward is available

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state Crime Lab to examine for trace evidence that could link an unknown suspect to this fire," Babcock said.

Investigators said they found a "timed incendiary device" Monday at the origin of the Warrior Fire.

Fire officials keeping tabs on the location of the Warrior Fire addressed three small hot spots Wednesday.

The Cree Fire was declared controlled on Tuesday, said Matt Reidy, fire management officer for the Smokey Bear

District of the Lincoln National Forest. Two engine crews from Colorado are still working the Cree Fire acreage. Rehabilitation work, with aerial seeding and contour activity to avert erosion on slopes, is also underway. The Forest Service is looking for volunteer groups to assist with the rehabilitation work, Reidy said.

Near White Oaks, most crews have been removed from the Carizzo Peak fire. That blaze, detected a week ago, was ignited by two lightning strikes.

A new fire in the Lincoln National Forest erupted

Wednesday northeast of Capitan. The Goat Fire, near Goat Mountain, had burned less than 10 acres as of Thursday. A Hot Shot fire crew has been working that lightning-triggered blaze, Reidy said.

The public is being urged to report any information concerning the Warrior Fire or any other possible wildfire arson activity to Lincoln County Crime Stoppers, at (505) 257-4545.

A \$1,000 reward was initiated Thursday for any information leading to the arrest and indictment of the arsonist of the Warrior Fire.

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OUR OPINION

The 'failure' of the forest coalition

It hurts to be chastised at any time, and the pain is greater when we know we deserve it.

The president of the now-defunct Forest Health Coalition of Lincoln County did the chastising this week at a village council meeting when he told the members that the coalition — a force for some years in building awareness of the fire danger in our "wildland/urban interface" — had closed up shop.

The forest coalition spoke out often during the last really scary fire season — the spring of 1996, when just as now the forest was closed, warnings were everywhere, smoking was frowned upon for reasons other than fouled lungs.

The group gathered and disseminated information, held public meetings — actually taking the lead in building public opinion locally to "do something" about Ruidoso's precarious status in a tinder-dry forest. The *Ruidoso News*, with the help of the coalition, published extensive articles on fire prevention and fire defense (something like that in today's "Guest Commentary" on this page).

Then the rains came. El Niño had his way with snow and rain, and today's anxiety became yesterday's old news.

But some good things did happen. The village fathers said you could cut trees, even fairly large ones, on your own property without getting a permit from Village Hall. Clearing of brush and pine needles was encouraged.

The U. S. Forest Service launched a tree-clearing demonstration on Cedar Creek, then expanded it to a major project designed to reduce the "ladder fuel" load in a defensive band around Upper Canyon and other dangerously exposed areas. Attention became focused on the total environment, and the relationship between a diminishing water supply and overgrown forests.

The Forest Health Coalition of Lincoln County contributed mightily to that. But this year's scary fire season revealed its failure. Ruidoso was lucky, not prepared, when the Cree Fire struck.

No wonder the coalition has had enough.



YOUR OPINION

New cellular tower?

To the editor:

The Extra-Territorial Zoning Commission is having a meeting Monday evening, June 5, to address an ordinance to allow the construction of cellular towers in residential areas.

This ordinance is being presented because GTE wants to erect a cellular tower on a mountain just outside the city limits in the Watson subdivision, which is located on the hill behind the newspaper office. Some officials have stated that this proposed tower is "needed" because of the poor reception on their cellular phones.

Any new tower is for the convenience of a few with disregard of the well being and safety of the majority, residents and visitors. Towers placed in residential areas will devalue the surrounding properties (20 percent-50 percent, research shows) because of environmental fears and unsightliness.

If the commission changes this ordinance to allow towers, companies could apply to have towers constructed in your neighborhood.

The next time you drive up Sudderth, notice the outstanding view of Sierra Blanca and note the proposed site, which is on the mountain that appears in direct view of Sudderth from Allsup's at Mesalero Trail past the Chamber of Commerce building.

Imagine a cellular tower despoiling the beauty of the whole area.

Do you want to have this in your face? Does big-company greed have the right to infringe on the personal and property rights of citizens?

It is time to stand up for what is right. Please contact City Hall with a letter opposing this ordinance, talk to your associates, call one of the committee members to state your disapproval and make yourself heard by attending and speaking up against this tower on Monday night, June 5.

Attend the meeting and

help support the commission in making the right choice for Lincoln County and Ruidoso to disallow cellular towers within the ET zone.

Barbara Willard
Ruidoso

A controlled burn alternative is available

To the editor:

This week on national TV, Bruce Babbitt, secretary of the Department of the Interior, said that the National Park Service and the National Forest Service have no choice but to have controlled burns.

Mr. Babbitt, there is a choice. It is called lumbering, woodcutting, and grazing. It also involves Forest Service personnel getting out of their saw pickups and doing a little physical labor.

Also, there is the problem of President Clinton's "Sustainable Forest Program."

The Forest Service is to put up fences, lock the gates going into the forest, and just "watch" the trees grow. Folks are not to do anything that disturbs the earth.

No wonder the National Forest Service people are confused about what they are supposed to do.

I went to the Alamogordo Forest Service office and asked why there was a locked gate on the road leading to the Weed fire tower? There is no forest, as a fire destroyed the forest there about 30 years ago. A young man with the title of National Forest Service Historian told me that the gate was locked for "historical" reasons.

"Environmental reasons" or "historical reasons" or whatever other reason those pencil pushers in the Interior Department can think up, I am sure looking forward to a changing of the guard in the fall general election.

Annie C. McManus
Cuballo

Dump the claw truck

To the editor:

Ruidoso's trash collections remain a problem along with a budget over-spending. Both problems are curable as has been pointed out by this writer over the past many months.

Changing the method of picking up pine needles and the use of the claw truck has been disastrous.

Does anyone care? Apparently not. For those of us with operating and managing experience the answer is simple — get rid of the claw machine and return to the pickup plan used successfully by Ruidoso in the past.

A representative of the *Ruidoso News* witnessed the failure of the claw truck, and, while impressed with its failure, ignored reporting this in his paper. To make matters more unbelievable, the Village Council, in its budget session of May 12 considered the purchase of a second claw truck. The trash budget is overspent by \$50,000 and a rate hike for trash collections was considered.

Facts support that the additional claw truck would make budget overspending worse. This is preposterous.

Are we all asleep? Apparently it is easier to raise rates than to correct an operating problem. The *Ruidoso News* did not question the idea of a second claw truck.

The LCSWA is replacing the present manager and, with both Capitan and Carrizo planning to withdraw from the LCSWA, the matter of good management is now being realized.

Any member of the village administration should realize these simple facts and act accordingly. If management is a problem — change the management. Don't sit there and ignore basic facts!

J. A. "Al" Jung
E&OE/Ruidoso

GUEST COMMENTARY

Build your wildland fire defenses

BY BRIAN KURTZ
INTERAGENCY FIRE PREVENTION TEAM

The New Mexico Interagency Fire Prevention Team urges homeowners to take immediate action and prepare their home for a wildfire.

Homeowners in the wildland/urban interface live on lands where wildfire is a natural part of the environment. Suppression over the last century has kept these natural fires from burning, allowing fuels that would have been burned every few years to accumulate.

These heavy fuels and the extremely dry weather we are experiencing set the stage for

catastrophic fires that could threaten homes in and near our wildlands.

Homeowners can minimize the danger to their family and property by reducing fuels that could carry a wildfire to their home. The New Mexico Interagency Fire Prevention Team urges homeowners to reduce the amount of natural fuels around their homes by creating a defensible space, an area around a structure where fuels and vegetation are treated, cleared, or reduced to slow the spread and reduce the intensity of a wildfire.

Equally important is the

use of fire-resistant materials in the construction of your home.

Wood shake roofs are highly flammable. Homeowners should convert roof shingles to Class A fire resistant materials such as fiberglass asphalt, metal, concrete and tile. A defensible space and fire-resistant construction materials will provide firefighters the ability to potentially defend your home from an approaching wildfire.

The Interagency Fire Prevention Team is at 500 Gold Ave., SW, Albuquerque, N.M. 87102. Tel. (505) 248-4906.

Technological ruminations

On Tuesday, when the electricity quit, we were reminded once again about how thoroughly we are bound by our technology.

Phones wouldn't work, offices were dim, people looked at each other with questioning eyes. How long, we wondered. How long?

You can't print a paper without electricity; can't, these days, even compose a report on what caused the power failure without the power.

Made one wonder where the old Underwood went.

Then the lights came on, and all was forgiven — and, no doubt, forgotten — until the next time.

But a glimmering fear is there; times are a-changing.

We've finally — years after everybody else — started to listen to music CDs, enjoying the clean sound and the easy portability of lots of music...

And almost immediately we read in the magazines about something called Napster; something, says a fellow named James Surowiecki writing in *The New Yorker*, that could well spell the end of record labels.

Hummh?

Apparently a year or so ago a "bored undergraduate" somewhere wrote a computer program that allows just about anybody to download off the Internet onto his own computer digitally recorded music from many sources, all for free.

That, of course, would get any businessman's attention, especially if the business was recording and packaging music to put on the shelves at Wal-Mart for resale at a profit. (Mr. Surowiecki contributes the intelligence, also, that CDs are less expensive to make than tape cartridges — but cost more in the store. Profits, profits...)

Now we see the old LPs become obsolete, the tape drives become obsolete, the computers demand more attention, and more electricity.

Do we wish for a wind-up Victrola? No way.

But wouldn't it be nice if somebody figured out how to download electricity off the Internet, for free?

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lincoln county SUCCESS stories

Unique corporation offers the best of both worlds—price and service

By DREW GOMBER
Special to the Ruidoso News

In December of 1999, the Martells, Marty and his wife, Casteel, became the proprietors of Ruidoso's premier hardware store, Village Hardware, which they purchased from former owners Larry and Doris Langford, who operated the place for some 21 years. The Martells came here from Brownsville, Texas. It was from Brownsville that native Canadian Marty commuted to his job in Mexico across the river where he ran an auto parts manufacturing plant.

The Martells first became acquainted with Ruidoso in the same way that many people do: they came here on vacation. And, like many others, they fell in love with the cool pines and magnificent vistas that the area has to offer.

Village Hardware is a part of Ace Hardware, which is a unique corporation, to say the least. It is a cooperative that is owned by its members, which gives it enormous buying power and the ability to offer competitive prices. In short, it is a "Mom and Pop" store that is ALSO a chain! A chain



The staff from Village Hardware is always ready to help you with any hardware or home improvement need.

that has some 5,500 stores nationwide and is proud of the fact that their service is considered to be superior by any standards.

With some 20,000 items in stock it is a full line hardware store that can cater to virtually anyone's needs. Marty points out that, in the event that they don't stock something, they can certainly tell the buyer where to find it.

The Martells know just how important customer service is, too. When a customer enters the store, they are immediately greeted by an employee who is polite and eager to help. According to Marty, there are those who come to the store to browse and socialize, but most of the customers arrive with specific needs. A substantial part of the business is specialty order items which the Martells and their employees strive to stock in advance. And, as noted above, if they don't have it, they will be happy to direct the shopper to a place that does.

The Martells HAVE made a few changes since they took over when the millennium changed. The TV service that the store once offered has been replaced by an expanded (and more appropriate) lawn and garden area. Other than that, it remains the same all-purpose store that it

has always been.

One of the key ingredients of Village Hardware's success is the longevity of its employees. Store manager Harry Noble has provided leadership for 7 years, while Office Supervisor Cindy Volquardsen has looked after the incessant paperwork for 5 years. In addition, Asst. Store Manager Georgia Martinez and legendary Jim Cooper have shared their experience with customers for over 6 years.

Make no mistake about it, Village Hardware is proud of its staff. Technical and Sales staff also include Gilbert Samaniego, Rodney Studdard, Jon Archambault, Jack Scott, John Cardone, Howard Aycock and Bill Thompson. Casteel Martell and Kathleen Gilbreath share the cashier duties. Casteel also is the driving force behind the innovative lawn & garden ideas. And then there is Donald Sgambato (also a long-

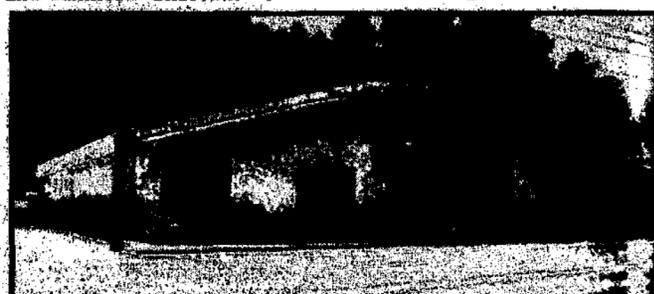
term employee with six years under his belt) who Marty describes as Paint Mixer "par excellence." The store features Benjamin Moore Paints and Don is quite the artist when it comes to creating a particular hue. Last, but certainly not least, on this list of superlative employees is Mike Davis, Appliance Service Technician. Many a local household's panic about an uncooperative dishwasher or refrigerator has been averted by Mike's timely and expert assistance.

The entire staff is dedicated to solving customer problems. — I don't know about you, but I myself am nearly always in need of advice when it comes to home repair, upkeep and beautification. If you have the same problem, you need to rush down to Village Hardware and get the helpful hardware folks to solve your problems, too!

Village Hardware's customer base is divided into three distinct categories: there are the permanent locals (those of us who live and work here year-round), the vacation residents (those who spend only part of the year here in their vacation homes), and, of course, local

contractors. These are the folks who rely on Village Hardware and its staff for all manner of needs and technical advice, and they are never disappointed.

In fact, all three groups are served and satisfied, just as you will be when you go to Village Hardware to find that what you thought was an enormous and unsolvable problem is actually no problem at all, once you take it to the professionals at Village Hardware.



Village Hardware is located at the intersection of Sudderth and Mechem Drives in Ruidoso.



Personal service is a given when you stop by Village Hardware.

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FUNERALS DEATHS

Ardarth Raines Hansen

A private service for Ardarth Raines Hansen, 83, was held by her family May 26.

Mrs. Hansen died Monday, May 22, 2000 at her daughter's home in Ruidoso.

She was born to James A. Gamble and Ida Gamble June 4, 1916 in Tahoka, Texas.

She married John E. Raines on July 4, 1937, and lived in Kermit, Texas, for 26 years until his death in June of 1962. She lived in Capitan and Ruidoso for the last 18 years.

Mrs. Hansen was an accomplished seamstress throughout her life, making her own patterns. She became well-known for her unique craft work of owls, frogs, dolls, and place mats, winning several first- and second-place awards at the Lincoln County Fair in Capitan. Her picture was in the Odessa American and the Ruidoso News for her dress designing and her beaded vests.

In 1997, Mrs. Hansen was celebrated as the "Bear Lady of Ruidoso" when a brown bear came in her window at Camelot Apartments and walked into the kitchen and living room while she watched from the couch.

Survivors include sisters Terry Johnson Scott and her husband, Ken, of Melbourne, Fla. and Nazoma Adams and her husband, Wayne, of Penn Valley, Calif.; daughters Thoreau Evernden of Anchorage, Alaska, Sallie Teames of Hurst, Texas, and John Romero of Ruidoso; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; five nieces and nephews; an aunt; and a cousin.

Emmett W. Lucas

Memorial services for Emmett W. Lucas, 94, of Ruidoso, will be held at a later date in Durango, Colo.

Mr. Lucas died Saturday, May 27, 2000 in Ruidoso.

He was born April 19, 1906, in Woodward, Okla.

He was a retired accountant for Phillip Oil Company, and moved to Ruidoso in November of 1995 from Miami, Okla., where he had lived for 14 years after leaving Durango. He married Ruie Sense on May 23, 1927, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Survivors include his wife, Ruie, of Ruidoso; a son, Evan K. Lucas of Ruidoso; daughters Valda Fletcher of Alto and Elaine Slade of Hesperus, Colo.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to the Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary.

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

John Bernard Micander

Graveside services for John Bernard Micander, 73, of Ruidoso, were Thursday in Fort Stanton Cemetery, with the Rev. John Marshall officiating.

Mr. Micander died Tuesday, May 30, 2000 in Ruidoso. He was born Oct. 18, 1926, in Weed, Calif.

He was a graduate and former instructor of New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell and a member of the Roswell Masonic Lodge.

He moved to Ruidoso in 1997 from Medford, Oregon, and was a retired appraiser for Nevada County, Calif.

Survivors include sons Robert "Bob" Micander of Ruidoso and John S. Micander of Las Cruces; and three grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to Calvary Chapel of Ruidoso or the First Baptist Church of Ruidoso.

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

Fredrika R. Powell

The ashes of Fredrika Richardson Powell, 90, will be

buried beside her brother in the Nogal cemetery at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 3.

She died in her sleep Monday, May 15, 2000, near her daughter in Oregon City, Oregon.

Mrs. Powell, a Lincoln County chronicler, resided in Lincoln County in the early 1970s, where she was best known for her investigations into its rich frontier history. Her stories, short revealing and entertaining, appeared in the Lincoln County News under the title, "Tales of the Southwest."

Her Volkswagen bug was a familiar sight on Lincoln County back roads as she explored the memories of older residents: Indians, Hispanics and later arrivals. She was a nurse and worked with the children at Fort Stanton Hospital. She also worked at the hospital in Carrizozo. She was known and respected for her willingness to go the extra mile for the people she served with love.

Originally from Vermont, she was imbued by her father, Frederick Richardson, publisher of an international journal, with a sense of adventure that carried her to many parts

of the world: Europe, the Midwest, California, New York, New Mexico, Old Mexico and Oregon. Her mother, Harriet, was a historian who is remembered on a plaque at the restored 16th century Champlain Habitation she discovered near Port Royal, Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Powell continued her newspaper writing after leaving New Mexico. Her articles made the daily lives of ordinary people fascinating to the readers of the Portland Oregonian. She also contributed to her community as an active member of the Grey Panthers, helping the homeless and working to improve inner city conditions.

She came to New Mexico at the invitation of her brother, Phillip Richardson, well-known local rancher and horseman, who died in 1990.

Survivors include her children: Wilson Jr., David and Fredrika; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Lisa Reyes

Services for Lisa Reyes, 21, are pending. Ms. Reyes, a 1997 gradu-

ate of Ruidoso High School, was fatally injured in a car crash after visiting her brother in Arizona Sunday, May 28, 2000.

Survivors include her parents, Jorge and Emma Reyes; a brother, Jorge Jr.; and sisters Lita and Eva Reyes. A cousin (unidentified) who was with her was also fatally injured.

The Lisa Reyes Memorial Fund has been established at First National Bank of Ruidoso.

Sarah Emily Finley

Memorial services for Sarah Emily Finley, 20, will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 3.

Ms. Finley died suddenly at her home May 31 and will be sadly missed by her parents, Bob and Nancy; her brother, Bobby; her sisters Katherine, Jennifer, and Jill and many friends and relatives whose lives she touched in a special way.

In lieu of flowers her family requests that donations be made to the Worldwide Works of Jehovah's Witness through the local Kingdom Hall.

COMMUNITY NEWS

One hundred years celebrated

The family of Irene Lively will celebrate her 100th birthday today with a party at the home of Evann and Phyllis Wall in Ruidoso.

Family members are coming from as far away as Alaska, Florida and California for the 4 p.m. celebration.

Although a resident of Alamogordo, Lively is well known in Lincoln County and has many friends in the area. She moved to Otero County from Kansas in 1957.

Local joins army

Jerinda L. Bennett has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Hutchinson, Kan.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

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She is the daughter of Terry D. Bennett of 201 B St., Ruidoso.

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Construction to close Gavilan Canyon Road on Monday

Two pavement construction projects will render Gavilan Canyon Road a mostly closed roadway, starting on Monday.

Paving of the lower half of Gavilan Canyon Road will shut the road, from south of Warrior Drive to just past the Ruidoso solid waste transfer station, said Thomas Stewart, county manager for Lincoln County. The lower portion closure is scheduled to be in place until June 30.

Gavilan Canyon Road north of Meander Drive will be restricted to transfer station traffic and local residents, Stewart said.

And beginning Monday, motorists using the Gavilan Canyon Road - State Highway 48 intersection will have to find

an alternative route.

Meadow Valley Contractor, Inc., the firm re-building the highway, will be working on the intersection, said Scott Adair, project manager for the contractor.

Adair anticipated the intersection will be closed at least until Wednesday.

"We will be building a standard tie-in to the state highway," Adair said. Presently the intersection offers difficult views of opposing traffic. The reconstruction will provide for more level elevations and a 90 degree intersection.

A "Road Closed-Local Traffic Only" sign will be placed at Gavilan Canyon Road, immediately west of Hull Road, Adair said.

Maiden to celebrate rite

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Valerie Mendez, 13, the daughter of Maynard and Carmen Rocha Mendez, will celebrate her rite of passage over the weekend at the ceremonial grounds in Mescalero. She extends an invitation for people to join the family in their feast, watch portions of the puberty ceremony and receive a blessing today through Sunday. Valerie attends the Mescalero Apache School and will be a freshman in the fall. Her paternal grandparents are Imogene Mendez and the late Justin Mendez. Her great grandparents are Evelyn Gaines and the late Amos Gaines. Maternal grandparents are

Ricardo and Clarice Rocha. Great grandparents are the late Lemuel Comanche and Edna Teenah Comanche, to whom Valerie is dedicating her coming of age celebration. Edna Comanche was one of the last Chiricahua prisoners of war. Valerie has two brothers, Jacob and Watson Mendez. She enjoys all types of sports, including basketball, football, golf, softball and horseback riding. She is a member of the Mescalero Reform Church and the St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Mescalero Girl Scout Troop 11 and the Boys and Girls Club of Mescalero. She was Torch Club president, Youth of the Year and a state runner-up for the Boys and Girls Club of New Mexico.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Village rejects disposal bid

The council has rejected award of a bid from Sierra Contracting Inc., of Ruidoso Downs, for yard waste disposal.

The rejection was taken to allow for a re-bid with revised specifications.

Village officials hope changing the bid's 20,000 cubic yards of pine needles and other organic waste to 30,000 cubic yards annually will result in a better price.

Council approves beer/wine licenses

Two new restaurant beer and wine licenses were approved in Ruidoso.

The Deck House, at 200 Mechem Drive, and Spanky's Grille, 2205 Sudderth Drive, received village council approval for the licenses.

Village vacates right-of-way

The Village of Ruidoso has vacated two small areas of right of way, to cure encroachments into the right of ways.

One of the vacations is on South Laurel Drive, in the Skyland Subdivision.

The other is on Larch Drive, in Ponderosa Heights.

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Since I was a young boy, the only thing I've ever wanted to do is help people. I believe that God put each of us on Earth to make this world a better place to live. I decided to run for District Judge because I know that I have the qualifications, capability, and experience to do the job. As is a human being expecting justice to be the only career prosecutor in this election, I tell you that I am an attorney for the sake of justice, not money. But now, for me to make a more meaningful contribution, I wish with all my heart to be your next District Judge.

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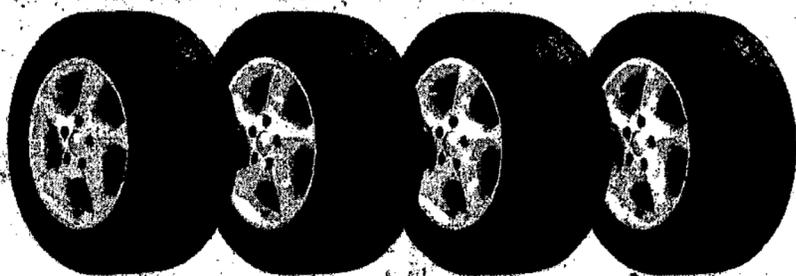
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Getting fingers dirty through mud and history

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Mud-covered hands mixed earthen mortar and shaped adobe bricks last weekend as part of a two-day workshop in historic Lincoln.

Sponsored by the Lincoln County Historical Society, the session was guided by expert Michael Taylor.

The 20 participants slapped an earthen mixture into the cracks in the circular walls of the Torreón, re-plastering with a second coat of one of the landmarks in the historic district 30 miles northeast of Ruidoso. From that structure more than 100 years earlier, settlers defended the village against Indian attacks.

Taylor spoke about lime plaster and different types of adobe structures in the settlement during a walking tour of the "backside" of Lincoln.

The workshop also focused on restoration of an adobe wall behind the house of Alexander McSween, one of the key figures in the infamous Lincoln County War that started in 1877. It was there that the Dolan gang massacred some of McSween's men, according to "Apache Land, From Those Who Lived It," written by

Keith Humphries.

In a photograph from that book, the wall appears to be about seven bricks high. Several workshops and volunteer hours will be needed to restore the wall to the full length, said Dee Kessler, who managed the Lincoln State Monument.

Manny Gonzales, a monument ranger, and Lynda Sanchez, an archaeologist and member of the historical society, took over instructions on Saturday, the second day. They used bricks mixed and molded the first day to apply new layers to the wall.

Taylor has been all over the world viewing and learning about earthen construction as part of an international effort to learn the science behind the method and to produce a new generation of experts to pass along techniques. Not only is that needed to continue new earth work, but also to ensure the preservation of existing structures, Sanchez said.

Earthen construction is found in every climate zone except the Arctic - where a similar method is used with ice bricks - and Antarctica, according to "Conserving Earthen Architecture," a publication of the U.S. Department of Interior.

Adobe is sun-dried mud brick laid with earth mortar. Another technique is rammed earth, which is earth compacted in forms to make walls, a technique used in humid climates when rain prevents sun drying of bricks.

The jacal method uses a wood and thatch armature to support the mud. The fourth approach is called "puddled," and uses a wet-mud form.

Although building with earth was common in early America from the Eastern seaboard to the Pacific Ocean, more than 59,000 adobe buildings, one third of these in the United States - many of them modern - are in New Mexico.

The state is the largest producer and consumer of adobe bricks in the U.S., commercially producing three million to four million bricks a year in the 1980s.

The state's love affair with adobe includes the Palace of the Governors in Santa Fe and the multi-storied Taos Pueblo, which has been occupied for more than 500 years.

Some of the earliest known structures in the area were pit houses dug into the earth. But by the Third Century A.D., surface structures took over, with builders initially using semi-

stiff mud to hand-form structures.

Many early Hispanic buildings employed the jacal style. By the 17th Century, Spaniards in the New World popularized the tradition of building with form-molded adobe bricks by placing mixed sand, silt, clay and water into wooden molds.

Straw was added to minimize cracking while curing and to add strength. The bricks - usually 4 by 10 by 14 inches, weigh about 30 pounds each.

As Taylor and Gonzales illustrated at the workshop, mixtures with a high amount of caliche, a calcium-carbonate, last longer than those without the natural binder.

Those with high amounts of non-expanding clays lasted longer than those with more of a sand-silt mix without sufficient clay to serve as a binder, according to Taylor.

Many of the old dwellings consisted of rooms in a single line with multiple doors giving access to individual rooms and



Dee Kessler, who manages the Lincoln National Monument, smooths out the mortar that goes between each layer of adobe bricks.

the exterior. They often fronted a street.

Larger structures might be shaped in a "U" or a square with a main door leading to an open patio.

Adobe is the oldest and most widely available building material used by man. Nearly half the people of the world today live in adobe or earth wall houses, according to Paul McHenry writing in the U.S.

Department of Interior publication.

But, unlike stone, brick or timber buildings, earthen structures melt back into the dirt when left abandoned. International cooperative initiatives aim to preserve earthen architecture along the U.S./Mexican border lands, including ruins of indigenous settlements and historic military forts.

Baroque to Broadway at the Spencer

ALTO — Two area university professors, bass-baritone Anthony Offerle and pianist Martha Rowe, bring a program of arias and Broadway melodies to the Spencer Theater for a free June 5 concert at 7 p.m.

Titled "From Baroque to Broadway," the hour-long faculty recital includes pieces by George Frideric Handel, Maurice Ravel, Aaron Copland, Xavier Montsalvatge, Irving Berlin, George and Ira Gershwin, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Lerner and Loewe.

"This is a voice concert that the crowd will find very pleasing, and it lets the Ruidoso community know about the fabulous music program we have at ENMU," says Offerle, who teaches voice at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

Offerle's credits include international performances with the Opera Estate in Rome and numerous roles with the Cincinnati Opera, Day-

ton Opera, Evansville Philharmonic, Greeley Philharmonic, among others.

He is also active as a recitalist and oratorio performer, having sung as a guest soloist in London's Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral as well as St. Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Offerle was featured as the bass soloist in a PBS broadcast of the Messiah and will perform in a series of concerts in Uganda this fall.

Pianist Rowe teaches studio voice, diction and vocal pedagogy at New Mexico State University.

She has soloed with such groups as the Santa Fe Desert Chorale, Musica Antigua de Albuquerque, the symphonies of Las Cruces and UNM, and has served as accompanist for the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, the NM Orchestra, the Four-Corners Opera Company and numerous vocal and instrumental soloists.



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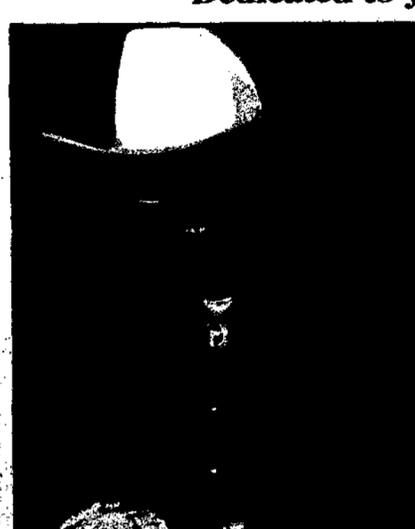
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- Promoting professionalism through the impartial enforcement of laws and strict adherence to ethical and moral responsibilities.
- Delivery of effective service to the community through the continuing development of police skills and personal initiative.
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Pecking order

**Ruidoso Parks & Rec
Men's Adult Softball League
Standings through May 23**

Team	W	L	Pct.
Aramark Thunder	4	0	1.000
Nads	4	0	1.000
Grizzlies	4	0	1.000
Brew Crew	2	2	1.000
Homeboys	3	1	1.000
Raze	2	1	.667
Ruidoso Merchants	3	1	.667
Sierra Blanca Brewers	1	3	.500
Mescalero Indians	2	2	.500
KRUM/McMurtry Auto	2	2	.500
Buzzards	1	3	.333
Hammerheads	0	6	.000
Lumberjacks	0	3	.000
Apache Warriors	0	4	.000

Results from May 25
Grizzlies 28, Apache Warriors 17
Mescalero Indians 25, Hammerheads 24
Grizzlies 20, Brew Crew 18
Nads 18, Sierra Blanca Brewers 1

Results from May 30
KRUM/McMurtry 16, Hammerheads 6
Homeboys 29, Ruidoso Merchants 26
Aramark Thunder 29, Hammerheads 3
Ruidoso Merchants 19, Buzzards 9
Aramark Thunder 20, Mescalero Indians 0
Grizzlies 15, Sierra Blanca Brewers 0

Games for June 1
6:30 p.m. - Sierra Blanca Brewers vs. Brew Crew; Mescalero Indians vs. KRUM/McMurtry
7:30 p.m. - Nads vs. Grizzlies; Apache Warriors vs. Lumberjacks
8:30 p.m. - Buzzards vs. Homeboys; Raze vs. Apache Warriors

Games for June 6
6:30 p.m. - Buzzards vs. Aramark Thunder; Homeboys vs. KRUM/McMurtry
7:30 p.m. - Ruidoso Merchants vs. Aramark Thunder; Sierra Blanca Brewers vs. Lumberjacks
8:30 p.m. - Nads vs. Brew Crew; Raze vs. Mescalero Indians

**Ruidoso Parks & Rec
Women's Adult Softball League
Standings through May 31**

Team	W	L	Pct.
Flamingo Softball Club	4	0	1.000
Loaners	4	1	.800
Thunder & Lightning	3	1	.750
Casino Apache	3	2	.600
Lady Merchants	2	2	.500
Well Fargo "Goodtimes"	1	3	.250
Blue Angels	1	5	.200
Michelen's	0	4	.000

Games for June 5
6:30 p.m. - Well Fargo vs. Loaners; Flamingo vs. Lady Merchants
7:30 p.m. - Flamingo vs. Wells Fargo; Lady Merchants vs. Thunder & Lightning
8:30 p.m. - Blue Angels vs. Casino Apache; Thunder & Lightning vs. Michelen's

On Deck

Racing preview
This weekend's racing at Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino include the New Mexico Derby Challenge Trials today, the \$32,500 added Road Runner Handicap Saturday and the \$15,000-added Fine Loom Handicap Sunday. Post time is 3:30 p.m. today and 1:30 Saturday and Sunday. General admission is free, reserved seats are \$3-\$5 and Jurf Club admission is \$9. For more information, call 378-4431.

Bicycle racing
The Zia Velo Racing Club presents the Cattle Guard Time Trial, an individual time trial near Cloudcroft, on June 24, and the Rio Pecos Road Race, a challenging course with varying distances depending on the racer's experience level, on June 25. For more information, call Outdoor Adventures at (505) 434-1920.

Fun run
The 2000 Smokey Bear Fun Run will take place July 4 in Capitlan. Registration begins at 7 a.m. with the race starting at 8 a.m. The race start and registration will be in the parking lot of the Ruidoso State Bank. There is a 10K race and 2-mile fun run. T-shirts and refreshments will be available for all participants with plaques awarded to the top overall finishers and medals for the top three finishers in each age group. The entry fee is \$10. For more information, call 257-4043.

SKI passes on sale
Ski Valley will offer a special "Full Season Pass" for \$400. The Millennium Pass will be available for purchase from June 19-July 27. In order to preserve trees, short lift lines and uncrowded slopes, only 2001 passes will be offered. Sales will end on July 27 of whenever all the passes are sold. Once purchased, this pass is non-refundable and non-transferable. Information and registration forms are available by calling Ski Valley at (505) 776-2281 or by visiting the web site at <http://skivalley.org>.

Volleyball camp
The University of New Mexico, in conjunction with the Warrior volleyball team, is conducting a camp for girls grades 7-12. Matt McShane, assistant coach, and Lobo volleyball coach, will be providing instruction. Cost for the three-day camp (if paid by June 16) is \$100. Late registration is \$120, and at-the-door registration is \$135. T-shirts are included for all but at-the-door registrants. The camp will run from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. July 10-12. For more information, call Ruidoso High School at 258-4910.

Teamwork makes team penning click



CoCo Chambliss, a New Mexico team penner, drives a calf to the pen at the Cowboy Polo Arena in Albuquerque.

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Say the words "team penning" to someone on the street, and you'll probably be greeted with a blank stare.

But according to an aficionado, team penning is the fastest growing equine sport in the country. And Saturday and Sunday, that sport will be coming to the Glencoe Rural Events Center.

The second annual Billy the Kid Casino Classic team penning is expected to draw more than 300 teams from New Mexico, Texas, Arizona and Colorado. Each team, in five divisions, will be vying for \$5,000 in added money and prizes.

The sport is not easy, said Linda Wallace, a Ruidoso team penner, with the key being teamwork.

"That is the No. 1 word," she said. "Teamwork. And when it clicks is when it works right."

To click, three riders must work together like clockwork to cut three calves out of a herd of 30.

Each calf is numbered, from zero through nine, with three of each number in the herd. The riders start at one end of the ring and lope across a line toward the herd. When they cross a certain point in the ring, a line judge calls the number of the calves the riders must cut out of the herd. They then have 90 seconds to get the three calves away from the herd and into a pen at the opposite end of the ring. But to be competitive, the calves should be penned within 28 to 36 seconds, Wallace said.

Each of the three riders has his or her own job.

The first rider heads into the herd, looking for one of the calves. The second rider, the "sneak" person, looks for the next calf while the third rider, the "herd holder," tries to keep the herd together, so that more than five don't cross a foul line.

Theoretically, that scenario happens three times until all three calves are penned. But, Wallace said, theory often goes

out the window.

"You have to be able to do all of it, because you go in with a plan, and it goes to hell in a handbag," she laughed.

Success also depends on the luck of the draw. Some calves won't go anywhere, Wallace said.

"You can get a cow that will go out there and won't leave the herd," she said. "I don't care how hard you work. I don't care if all three of you are on him. He will not leave."

That's why working together and being prepared is so important, Wallace said.

"You have to be able to communicate with your team partners," she said. "That is No. 1. You have to be able to tell your partners where you're at."

Success also depends on the horses the riders use. While a variety of horses are used, ones bred for the purpose of herding cows are best.

"A cow horse is the better of the horses," Wallace said. "One that stops and starts and takes instructions well."

Ex-race horses and horses used in cutting are also successful team penning horses, Wallace said.

While the sport may sound complicated, it's really not, and anyone can participate. Teams can be combinations of any age, any gender and any kind of horse. While there won't be any youth competition at Glencoe, that's a growing part of a growing sport.

Money raised from the Friday and Saturday event will benefit the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium.

Penning starts at 8:30 a.m. Saturday with open, pro-am and novice pro-am teams competing. Competition kicks off Sunday at 9 a.m. with the open mixed and novice teams.

The weekend kicks off with a Pen Three Party at the Hubbard Museum of the American West tonight from 6 to 8 p.m.

There is no charge for the public to watch the event. The Glencoe Rural Events Center is located 15 miles east of Ruidoso on Highway 70. For more information, call the Hubbard Museum of the American West at 378-4142.

Sleepy's stables a training ground Senior Olympian gets golds

Around noon last Friday in the stables area at Ruidoso Downs, the silence in Barn No. 18 was soothing, quieting, restful. Most of the stable crew had gone to lunch. The horses dozed in their stalls. Not even the dust stirred. A fat bumblebee skinned through the barn in this heavy silence sounded like an off-course F-117 from Holloman.

You'd hardly guess that this was a race day, let alone the opening day of the 2000 racing season. Over the weekend, trials would be held for the Ruidoso Quarter Horse Derby (3-year-olds) and Futurity (2-year-olds) and for the Rio Grande Kindergarten Futurity for 2-year-old New Mexico-bred Thoroughbreds. By Saturday night the fields for these big-purse events would be decided.

In the quiet of the shady barn, C. Dwayne "Sleepy" Gilbreath collected his thoughts about the weekend and the season ahead. He's been collecting thoughts and a whole lot of horse racing wisdom for most of his life — 21 years of it at Ruidoso Downs — and he ranks among the top trainers of quarter horses

in the country. Last weekend he had six 3-year-olds and 14 2-year-olds ("babies") entered in trials, more than one-third of his 52-horse stable.

Gilbreath's large stable attests to his reputation with owners. They know that a Gilbreath-trained horse has a good chance of developing its full potential. Gilbreath knows how to find out what each horse needs and then train positively to its needs. Cody Thurston, one of Gilbreath's assistant trainers, calls it "constructive training." Thurston and his fellow assistant trainer, Craig Smith, agree that another Gilbreath strength is that he is careful with the babies' health, refusing to run young horses on undeveloped joints or if they're mentally immature.

Even the most sedate 2-year-olds barely qualify as mature. The key, according to Smith, is to "get them to run from the heart instead of making them do it. If they come to work happy, they'll do well."

Physical training is less mysterious. Gilbreath maintains a training farm in Weatherford, Texas. Smith breaks over 40 babies there each winter. A combination of rest and conditioning is ongoing. A horse must be fit on arrival at Ruidoso if it is to handle the 7000-ft. altitude, and even then it takes time to acclimate.

Gilbreath's crew is loyal and hard-working. They'll tell you that's because he pays well and treats them respectfully.

"I try to treat everyone the way I'd like to be treated," he says. That approach has also helped him in his relationship with owners, a part of the trainer's job that can sometimes be more delicate than saddling a first-time starter with an attitude.

"Being a trainer is like being a football coach," says Gilbreath. "I've been hired and fired so much over the years that I don't let it bother me anymore. But the truth is that if a horse wants to run, he'll run. If he don't, he won't. Most owners understand that."

Gilbreath is a hands-on trainer, always around the barns and down in the paddock helping to saddle every horse he trains. He still gets "butterflies" before a race but, win or lose, he remains unruffled, as calm and easy as Barn No. 18 before the first race of the season.

The trials didn't treat Sleepy Gilbreath generously. He qualified one horse, Eye on Success, for the Derby.

"He's a lightly-raced horse — only three outings last year — but he's solid," Gilbreath says.

Fishing report

For fly fishing
RIO RUIDOSO: Fishing above the Cambo Creek confluence is almost non-existent. The best fly sections have been Green rock worms, bead head pheasant tail nymphs or bead head prince nymphs. A few fish were taken on BWO's and Adams dry patterns. Stimulators and hopper patterns have taken a few fish off the top.
SOMITO CREEK: The area above the creek was closed May 24 by the Forest Service.
SOMITO LAKE: The lake was closed May 24 by the Forest Service.
EAGLE LAKES: Closed due to drought conditions.
GRANDSTONE LAKE: The lake level is down about 18 to 22 feet. The lake is quite spotty for fishing. Late afternoon and early evening fishing will produce the best fishing here. Woolly buggers in brown and black have been the ticket

The past few weeks, rainbow trout and brown trout streamers have been effective near dark. Bubble rigs and propeller flies will do well for the spin-caster fisherman. Remember to squeeze the hook bars down if you are planning to catch and release; if you do go to Grandstone, take along an extra trash bag. With the water level way down, it gives us a chance to pick up a bunch of trash that used to be submerged.
LAKE MESCALERO: The lake level is down, but is fishing well late afternoon and evening. Dry flies have been working toward evening. Patterns that have been producing are: Hendricksons, Wulff grey, and parachute Adams. Brown and black woolly buggers have been successful. Place a popper behind your dry and see what happens. Black, brown and olive propeller flies with a bubble rig have been doing well for the spin-caster. Remember to pur-

chase your dry pass at the reception desk at the Inn. Practice catch and release whenever you can. Remember, severe fire conditions are present. Do not smoke out of doors. This means you can not smoke standing next to your car. It means if you must smoke, smoke in your car. Remember the Ruidoso River Clean-up Saturday. See ya there. Check out our Web site at www.fly-etc.com. Jim Shoop, Fly's Etc.

For bait fishing
BONITO LAKE: The lake was closed May 24 by the Forest Service.
EAGLE LAKES: Closed due to drought conditions.
GRANDSTONE LAKE: Fishing is fair using woolly buggers, Pictal Pates and elk hair caddis in the evenings for trout. A few are also being taken on power bait and salmon eggs. The reservoir level is low.

In racing, everything is possible

I promised I would finish the article by Amy Owens, Editor of the *Quarter Racing Journal*, published in a recent edition of that magazine.

WOOD WORK



BY DALE WOOD
RUIDOSO DOWNS

Critical of tracks for not teaching fans the basics of racing, Wood expressed his thanks to Ruidoso Downs for making a major effort to educate new fans.

"With our seminars, radio broadcasts and tip sheet we try to guide the fans in the right direction."

Meanwhile he advises his students to acquire knowledge or have access to someone who does. Have an appropriate bankroll and be disciplined in money management.

aged first in the shotput with a throw of 23-10; javelin, 80-11; 5K racewalk, 36:20 and 1,500-meter racewalk, 10:16. He finished second in the discus with a toss of 82-7.

The meet was held in conjunction with National Senior Health and Fitness Day.

"If you're going to bet, bet small amounts of money, trying to win larger amounts," he says. "Horse racing is the only gambling game that allows that. If you bet \$10 on the come line at the dice table, and you win, you get \$10 back. With blackjack, you get 1-1/2 times what you bet. Bet \$2, get a blackjack and you get \$3.50 back. It's that way now; it's going to be that way until they change the rules."

There isn't a game in Las Vegas that pays as well as horse racing and has its opportunity to win. I know that I can bet \$10 on a horse and maybe get back \$100 if I pick the right horse at the right odds. It's a good gambling game, if you know how to play.

Thanks to Amy for the article and allowing us to use

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Picking a winner at the track takes knowledge and experience.

Downs purses increase more

The New Mexico Racing commission approved a request May 22 by Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino to enhance selected stakes races \$2,500 and all trial races \$200. This announcement comes one month after the announcement to raise total purse contributions another 10 percent.

Quarter Horse stakes races benefiting from the \$2,500 increase to become \$15,000 added are: The High-easter Jet, Mr. Jet Moore, 560 Championship, Fine Loom Handicap, Master Salls Handicap, Rainbow Silver Cup, and the All American Gold Cup.

Thoroughbred Stakes, The Aspen Stakes, Norgor Derby, Ruidoso Thoroughbred Derby, Ruidoso Oaks Handicap, Governor's Handicap, First Lady Handicap, Free

Spirits Handicap, Fern Sawyer Handicap, and Ruidoso Mile will also gain \$2,500 in added money.

The Ruidoso Quarter Horse Derby Trials, Rio Grande Kindergarten Trials, Ruidoso Quarter Horse Futurity Trials, New Mexico Derby Challenge Trials, Zia Futurity Trials, Zia Derby Trials, Rainbow Futurity Trials, Rainbow Derby Trials, Rio Grande Futurity Trials, Kachina Stakes Trials, American Airlines New Mexico Trials, New Mexico Distaff Challenge Trials, Professional's Choice, New Mexico Challenge Trials, All American Futurity Trials, All American Derby Trials and the Ruidoso Thoroughbred Futurity Trials are also included in the purse hike and will gain an extra \$200 for a total of \$2,000 per trial.

LaRue: Gilbreath trains winners

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As for the Ruidoso Futurity, none of Gilbreath's babies qualified. But he's not crying the blues.

"These 2-year-olds will come around with experience. They'll pick up their share of wins before the meet ends," he says.

Few horsemen at Ruidoso would argue with that. Second in quarter horse wins last year to Jack Brooks, Gilbreath has every reason to expect to be up there again in 2000. He likes to develop his charges during the meet, with racing time gradually accumulating on sound bodies to create winning horses.

"There's still the Rainbow and All-American races up ahead," Gilbreath says with a finality that closes the door on the past weekend and points straight ahead to the future.

WOOD: Nothing is certain when betting

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it here.

Now let's start by accepting the fact that everything is possible in a horse race. Nothing is certain except the unexpected happens more often than the expected.

The most predictable fact is that the favorite horse (the horse with the most money bet on it to win) wins about 30 to 35 percent of the time. This is the highest and most predictable figure we keep records on. However, if you bet the favorite horse in every race, you will still lose money because the return on the dollar will seldom offset your total amount wagered. Other percentages important to remember: the leading trainer will win about 20 to 25 percent of the races he starts a horse in and the leading jockey will win about that same percentage. It's important to have the horse you like, ridden and trained by the leading trainer and rider, but remember they win less than 25 percent of the time. When I hear someone say they are betting on a horse because of the jockey or trainer, I always remind myself that the horse is running and not the trainer or jockey.

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by Dr. Jack V. Waters
Chiropractic Physician



Oh, My Aching Feet!

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Hooking the big one



Diane Stallings/Ruidoso News

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE'S FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has received an application for financial assistance from the Village of Capitan, New Mexico. The proposed project consists of improvements to the water distribution system including additional storage capacity and increased pipeline sizes within and near the Village boundaries. Specific improvements included: construction of a new standpipe water tank (Tank #5) at the southeast corner of the intersection of Marla Drive and Main Road; connection of existing water supply lines at two locations along Mt. Capitan Road; and replacing existing pipelines with larger diameter pipes at several locations. The proposed improvements will not result in significant impacts nor conversion of important or protected resources.

As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the Rural Utilities Service has assessed the potential environmental effects of the proposed project and has determined that the proposal will not have a significant effect on the human environment and for which an Environment Impact Statement will not be prepared. The basis of this determination is based on the Environmental Assessment and comments received from the Federal, State, and Local agencies contacted. In order to minimize or avoid any adverse environmental impacts, the Rural Utilities Service will require the applicant to incorporate the following mitigation measures into the proposed project's design:

- Minimizing the land to be acquired.
- Designing project elements within existing rights-of-way and easements.
- Maintaining traffic, noise, stormwater, runoff and dust controls during construction.
- Scheduling construction outside of the nesting season of migratory birds (April 1 through August 15) or conducting field reconnaissance for nesting sites.
- Minimizing impacts to existing trees and other natural vegetation and to existing animal burrows.
- Immediately ceasing construction if historic or cultural resources artifacts are identified in project excavations; and
- Reclaiming disturbed areas upon completion.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment can be reviewed or obtained at the following locations:

USDA, Rural Utilities Service
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Las Cruces, NM 88011
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For further information, please contact Ms. Sandra Alarcón, Loan Specialist, at (505) 522-8775 Ext. No. 6.

Carrizozo senior class sets scholarship record

BY PHYLLIS SCHLEGEL
RUIDOSO NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Five valedictorians and one salutarian led a class of fifteen graduates through their commencement ceremonies Friday night, May 26 in the Old Gymnasium of Carrizozo Municipal Schools.

The honor graduates spoke to their classmates about challenges and dreams for the future. Their teachers were applauded for equipping them with life skills and knowledge necessary for the new century. And parents attending were not forgotten as a "thank you" and words of appreciation were spoken by all.

A few thought provoking quotes, original or borrowed, were: "The more you say the less they remember." "A ship is safe in the harbor, but that is not what it was built for." "Be nice to 'nerds' and 'airheads.' Chances are you will end up working for one!" "Don't wait for your ship to come in. Swim out and meet it." "Vision is the art of seeing things invisible."

The top five graduates and valedictorians were: Mollie Frances Hightower, Roberta Renee Rael, Ryan Roper, Elizabeth Sambrano, and Robert Malcolm Shafer.

The sixth, and salutarian, was Bryan Allen Hightower.

Mr. Rick Cogdill, instructional leader, presented the Class of 2000 to Carrizozo School Board members and Glenda Goodwin, superintendent of Carrizozo Schools.

She presented diplomas to



Carrizozo honor graduates, left to right, Ryan Roper, Renee Rael, Robert Shafer, Elizabeth Sambrano (all valedictorians), Bryan Hightower (salutarian), and Molly Hightower (also a valedictorian).

the aforementioned students and their classmates: Simon Adonis Beltran, Cameron Ralph Douglas, Nikki Machel Duncan, S'von Diane Sandoval-Peters, Edward Joshua Vega, James Manuel Verdugo, Elvha Marie Witham, Robby Andrew Williams and Andres Lee Wyatt.

Scholarships total \$151,359.00

Vince Pawloski, counselor for Carrizozo Schools, proudly announced scholarships, grants and other funding received by CHS Senior Class of 2000 to be approximately \$151,359.

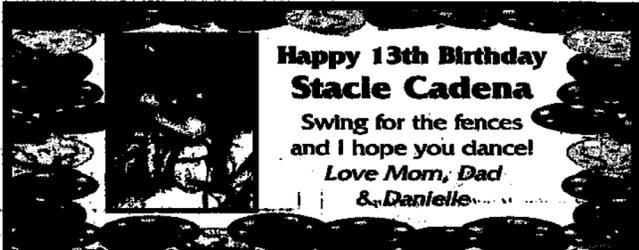
At Friday nights cere-

monies, Pawloski said, "This total is assuredly a credit to the quality of our students."

The class motto, adopted as freshman, reflects upon the record set by the class:

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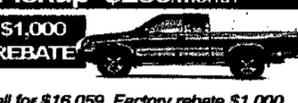
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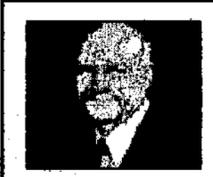
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MAGISTRATE COURT

The following cases were adjudicated recently in Magistrate Court for Lincoln County, with Judge William R. Butts presiding.

- May 25, Emilio Lucero, 33, Ruidoso, pleaded no contest and was found guilty of one count of battery against a household member, a petty misdemeanor. Lucero was placed on 180 days probation, with fines and court costs totaling \$101.
- May 23, Kenneth D. Staples, 41, Ruidoso, pleaded no contest and was found guilty of one count of battery against a household member, a petty misdemeanor. Staples was placed on 180 days probation and court costs of \$51.
- May 23, Carrie L. Gonzalez, 41, Ruidoso, pleaded no contest and was found guilty of one count of battery against a

household member, a petty misdemeanor. Gonzalez was placed on 180 probation and assessed \$51 in court costs.

- May 24, Edward D. Burns, 48, Ruidoso, through a plea agreement, was found guilty of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, second offense, and found not guilty of DWI third offense. Burns was ordered to serve three days in jail, two

years on probation, and assessed \$699 in fines and court costs.

- May 24, Billy Merrill, 36, Ruidoso Downs, through a plea agreement, was found guilty of DWI third offense and violation of probation. A count of driving with a suspended or revoked license and defective equipment was dismissed by the prosecutor's office. Merrill was sentenced to 73 days in jail, 310 days probation, ordered to 30 days rehabilitation, and fined \$760 with an added \$199 in court costs.
- May 24, Tabitha Rue, 25, Ruidoso Downs, through a plea agreement, was found guilty of DWI first offense. Charges of aggravated DWI and speeding were dismissed, per the plea agreement. Rue was sentenced to one day in jail, 89 days of probation, and assessed \$399 in fines and court costs.
- May 24, Melissa Munday, 42, Ruidoso Downs, through a plea agreement, was found guilty of DWI first offense. Two other counts were dismissed. Munday was placed on 90 days probation and required to pay \$399 in fines and court costs.
- May 24, Margaret Valdez, 31, Mesalero, through a plea agreement, was found guilty of DWI first offense. Two other counts were dismissed by the state. Valdez was placed on probation for 90 days with fines and court costs totaling \$399.
- May 24, Jackie E. Roe, 22, Lubbock, Tex., through a plea agreement, was found guilty of DWI first offense. Two other counts were dismissed. Roe received 89 days of probation and fines and costs of \$399.
- May 24, Mario A. Hernandez, 53, Ruidoso, through a plea agreement, was found guilty of DWI second offense and driving with a revoked license. A count of no insurance was dismissed. Hernandez was ordered to spend seven days in jail, placed on probation until May 22, 2002, and assessed \$738 in fines and costs.
- May 24, Sergio C. Guerrero, 23, Ruidoso Downs, through a plea agreement, was found guilty of DWI second offense. Two other counts were dismissed. Guerrero was ordered to serve four days in jail, 360 days on probation, and assessed \$699 in fines and costs.

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DISTRICT COURT

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.

- April 4 - Virgil Dehl Gann, 50, Carrizo Canyon Road; forgery, third-degree felony, DWI-fourth of subsequent, special mandatory penalty fourth-degree felony, careless driving, driving with a suspended or revoked license, no proof of insurance, accident involving damage to a vehicle, all motor vehicle misdemeanors, and concealing identity, a petty misdemeanor; CR00-50.
- April 6 - Larry Scott Roach; fugitive complaint from Burnet County, Texas; CR00-51.
- April 13 - Christina Trasher, 26, Alamogordo; three counts worthless checks; CR00-52.
- April 14 - Michael Merritt Castle, 56; fugitive complaint from Lane County, Oregon on three counts of child endangerment; CR00-53.
- April 17 - Brian Gillit, 38, Nogal; unlawful taking of a vehicle, fourth-degree felony; CR00-54.
- April 26 - Javier Rodriguez, 44, Ruidoso Downs; DWI, fourth or subsequent, suspended or revoked license, possession or consumption of alcohol in open container in a vehicle; CR00-55.
- April 28 - Jodie Ashby; notice of appeal from magistrate court; CR00-56.
- May 2 - Jacob John Ware, 24; fugitive complaint from Tuscaloosa County, Alabama; CR00-57.
- May 2 - Scott R. Joas; notice of appeal from magistrate court on DWI, first, negligent use of firearm, speeding, and expired license; CR00-58.
- May 3 - James Robinson, 18, Capitán; breaking and entering, commercial burglary, criminal damage to property less than \$1,000; CR00-60.
- May 3 - Kenneth Dubay, 19, Ruidoso; burglary; CR00-61.
- May 4 - Amador Mar-

tines, notice of appeal from magistrate court for DWI-first and lane violation; CR00-62.

- May 9 - Daniel Edward Clark, 37; fugitive complaint from Broward County, Florida; CR00-63.
- May 18 - Robert E. Dutchover Jr., 33, San Patricio; DWI-seventh, defective equipment, roadway lined, suspended license, open container and four counts of resisting, evading and obstructing a police officer; CR00-65.
- May 18 - Roy Dale Silva, 41, Ruidoso Downs; DWI-fourth or subsequent, suspended or revoked license, speeding; CR00-66.
- May 18 - George Stallings, 61, Ruidoso; possession of controlled substance with intent to distribute, marijuana, fourth-degree felony, possession drug paraphernalia, a misdemeanor, possession of controlled substance with intent to distribute, Diazepam (Valium), a third-degree felony; CR00-67.
- May 18 - Joseph Gutierrez, 43, DWI-fourth, speeding, failure to stop and yield, failure to yield to emergency equipment, resisting, evading or obstructing an officer; CR00-69.

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

- May 11 - Lynn Meredith vs. Emilio Lucero; domestic violence petition; DV00-51.
- May 11 - Cinda Griffin vs. Calvin Griffin; divorce; DM00-70.
- May 15 - Esmeralda Cardwell vs. Stephen W. Cardwell; divorce; DM00-71.
- May 17 - Melanie J. Sanchez vs. Jerremy (spelling per court record) K. Nunnenkamp; divorce; DM00-72.
- May 17 - Angela Bauer vs. James F. Bauer; domestic violence petition; DV00-52.
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POLICE REPORTS

Downs police investigate burglary

Ruidoso Downs police are investigating a felony case of forced residential burglary and criminal damage to property. A Utah Lane resident told police he found his home broken into when he returned from work on May 31. Missing from the residence was a new airless paint machine, valued at \$1,763. A bottle of liquor was also missing. A Ruidoso Downs police report indicated a suspect used a pry bar to enter through a window.

Drug charges filed

Ruidoso police have charged two people, in separate instances on May 31, with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

A 17-year-old Ruidoso boy is accused of breaking and entering, criminal damage to property, possession of less than one ounce of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to a police report, the suspect allegedly told officers that he had a baggie of marijuana and Zig-Zag papers in his possession.

Serving a warrant later in the day on Thomas W. Muldowney, 18, of Ruidoso, Muldowney reportedly responded affirmatively that he had some pot and a pipe in his pockets. He was accused of possession of less than an ounce of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Woman charged with battery, abuse

A Ruidoso woman was

charged May 30 with misdemeanor battery to a household member and felony child abuse. Brandy L. Gray, 21, is also facing counts of reckless driving and failing to report a collision with an unattended vehicle. Ruidoso police reports state Gray had gotten into an argument, and allegedly scratched and possibly bit a man. Gray then reportedly drove a vehicle, with her 14-month-old child as a passenger, and rammed another vehicle. Police arrested the woman at a nearby intersection. Witnesses to the Upper Terrace Drive incident told police that Gray was the aggressor in the argument.

Break-in reported at Meadow Valley

Ruidoso police are looking into a reported break-in of a building owned by Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc. The incident is believed to have occurred between May 26 and May 30.

The state Highway Department uses the mobile office building in the 1400 block of Mechem Drive. Nothing was reported missing though files had reportedly been gone through. The door of the structure was pried open, police said. The case is being investigated as a felony breaking and entering and misdemeanor criminal damage to property.

Sleepy Hollow Road home burglarized

Police are investigating a felony burglary case, at a Sleepy Hollow Road home

that the owner said has now been broken into three times in three years. Taken from the residence, sometime between April 23 and Friday, were a TV, VCR and CD player. The missing items were valued at \$550. A back door at the residence was discovered kicked in, police said.

Break-in at Ridge Road dwelling reported

A resident of a Ridge Road dwelling reported another felony burglary case on Saturday. The only items reported missing were two keys for the home's front door lock. No damage was reported in the break-in.

Larceny cases under review

Ruidoso police are reviewing several larceny cases.

Sometime on May 23 or May 24, two 14k gold wedding bands were discovered missing from a jewelry box at a Spruce Drive residence.

The value of the believed stolen rings was listed at \$300.

A Thursday incident at a Junction Road home involved the removal of a bicycle from the porch of the residence. A value on the missing bike has not yet been established.

Someone apparently made off with 14 cinderblocks and an old refrigerator from the back driveway of a Yellow Pine Road summer home.

The resident said the items were in the driveway before May 15. The value of the taken items was reported at \$64.

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The extra-territorial zoning commission is having a meeting Monday June 5th at 6:00 p.m. to address an ordinance to allow the construction of cellular towers in residential areas.

Concerned citizens opposed to towers in residential areas should please attend a meeting Monday, June 5, 2000 at 12:00 noon at Sierra Blanca Realty office at 616 Sudderth or call 257-2576.

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Check List for Ruidoso

- Hurry to gas station to fill up car.
- Hurry and pack kid's toys, clothes, snacks, games for kids.
- Hurry to get ready for trip, get wife out of bathroom.
- Hurry to find cell phone and call, only to find out agency has rented out cabin.
- Hurry and call motel for reservations.

Arrive in Ruidoso.

- Hurry to motel to unpack and rest. Wake-up 11:30 AM.
- 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.
- Hurry to "Little Nellie's" 1215.
- 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.
- Hurry wife and kids out, the door to go shopping.
- Hurry to shower and round up starving kids, tell wife she can buy furniture from "High Country Outlet" as well as artwork from various local artists at "Little Nellie's". This gets wife out of bathroom.
- 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 Flautas, Grilled Cheese and Chicken tenders.
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Corona's growth rapid during postwar period

Here are a few of the many changes that have taken place around Corona just within the past five years.

The main street has been paved. The population of the town has doubled. The town has been incorporated, and a new city hall and fire station built.

There have been 24 resident houses and 3 duplexes not including the six-unit government housing project added in the last five years, and 10 new business houses...

June 3, 1960

Capitan News by Dede Sparks

Mrs. Sid Goodloe and three children, Mrs. Fletcher Hall and three children, will spend a couple of weeks in Port Arthur, Texas. They left Capitan this last Tuesday.

The Fletcher Hall home was the scene for hamburgers and what goes with them last Monday night for the seniors after their graduation. Jimmy Kerr entertained the crowd with songs after the feed.

Champ and Lorene Ferguson left Tuesday for Phoenix to see Buddy Williams graduate from high school. They and the Williams family will return to Capitan on Sunday.

June 5, 1970

Twelve on swim team after tryouts

Tryouts were held Monday at the Ruidoso Municipal Swimming Pool for the 1970 swimming team, and 12 positions were filled. The team's coach, Susie Pitts, reports, however, that there are still positions open on the team.

Assisting Miss Pitts in her coaching duties and swimming on the team is Doyle Walker, who took 5th in the 200 meter free style at state last year and 6th in the 200 meter individual medley.

Other team members include Reeves McGuire, Joe Bob McGuire, Melanie McGuire, Joe Payne, Dick Underwood, Catherine Campbell, Allen Campbell, Danny Brown, Mike Brown, Joni Blankie and Patti Blankie.

June 5, 1980

Ellen Miller installed as Pink Ladies president

Ellen Miller was installed as president of the Ruidoso Hospital Auxiliary Tuesday in the organization's annual luncheon.

Other new officers include Jodie Keyes, president elect; Sue Crewes, vice president; Dottie Quaid, secretary; and Lorene Ross, treasurer.

Outgoing president Mabel Johnson submitted the annual report, which showed the Auxiliary bought \$28,847.18 of equipment for the Ruidoso Hondo Valley Hospital since June, 1978.

June 7, 1990

'Vaquero' standing guard over museum

'Vaquero' by Hondo Valley artist Luis Jimenez, is installed outdoors at the entrance to the National Museum of American Art. The sculpture displays all the excitement of bronco busting, or the prodigious exuberance of a ranch hand on holiday. A young star of the 1960s New York art scene, Jimenez returned in the Southwest in the 1970s to affirm Hispanic heritage...

HOUSE CALLS, TOO

Ernie Gonzalez is a physician's assistant who's won national recognition from his home base in Carrizozo...and Corona...and Tularosa...and all points in between.

BY SANDY SUGGITT
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

After almost 12 years of handling medical problems in a 45-mile radius around the Carrizozo Health Center, Ernie Gonzalez will take his first real vacation — to receive a 2000 Rural Physician Assistant of the Year Award in Chicago from the American Academy of Physician Assistants.

In 1998 the New Mexico academy (NMAPA) awarded him the Distinguished Fellow Award, and in 1999 nominated him for the Rural Physician Assistant of the Year award.

Gonzalez often works around the clock, makes house calls, gives medical care on ambulance calls, at the jail, at New Horizons, the center for the developmentally disabled, and on search-and-rescue missions. One day a week he tends patients at the clinic in Corona, and he serves as backup deputy to the county sheriff.

He takes his expertise to auto accidents, mine cave-ins and cardiac emergencies — "things we just think of as routine," he said. He deals with gunshot wounds, suicides and attempted suicides, severe burns, and undocumented people injured in and around trains.

"I'm the only one," Gonzalez said. "And I cover into Torrence and Socorro Counties and down to Tularosa."

Christopher Robinson, M.D., his supervising physician, said Gonzalez received the award because of "his dedication down in Carrizozo and what he does in that community; to do that for this many years and be the one they rely on at any time of day or night. ... He's totally involved with the community that he works in, and he's giving excellent care to that community."

The phone at his home usually doesn't stop ringing until 1 or 2 a.m. — including weekends and holidays.

"Sometimes I get paid in chickens and eggs," Gonzalez said. "I've gotten everything from home-made jewelry to, in Georgia, beer and moonshine or a freezer full of beef or pork. Here, it's tamales and cookies."

Lasting almost 12 years at a job

most physician assistants tolerate only one to three years because of the stress and low pay, Gonzalez is appreciated by the community he serves, and many wrote letters to the NMAPA to recommend him for the award.

"It did not matter what time of day or night we summoned Dr. Gonzalez, he was always there," wrote Vernon Petty in a letter to the New Mexico Academy awards committee. "Whenever we met with him, either in our home in the middle of the night, or in the office ... we were always treated with dignity and respect."

"Ernie, as he wishes to be called, has no pretentious manner and delivers excellent care in a very professional manner. He is both your health care provider and your friend. His caring way goes beyond the required treatment and he makes you feel he really cares," wrote Raymond D. and Betty T. McCreight.

A 12-year-old remembers being hit with a .22-caliber bullet when she was 7. Her parents said the bullet missed her heart by a half an inch and the bleeding caused one of her lungs to collapse. Gonzalez was prompt and professional and rushed the child to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) for emergency surgery on her collapsed lung.

"I remember being very scared," writes Adrienne Zamora. "I surely thought I was going to die. It was very sad as everything got so quiet. I don't remember a whole lot after that. But I do recall being on the ambulance and the doctor (Gonzales) taking care of me. I was very sleepy but he wouldn't let me sleep. I knew then that I would make it with his help."

Gonzalez asked her if she liked ice cream from Roy's in Carrizozo, and told her they'd make a date to get a ice cream when she got back from the hospital.

"He didn't break his promise. We went and got one when I got out," she writes. "Not only that, he also came to my house with a big bag of toys, videos and all kinds of cool stuff."

Born in Las Cruces, Gonzalez served three tours in Vietnam as a

military hospital corpsman on a Seal team (Navy Special Forces), where he received his primary medical training.

"I was on call all the time," he said. "I think that's why I've been able to handle it (the stress and long hours) better than some. It's a lot more stressful there."

Back in the states, he was accepted into Emory University School of Medicine before being accepted by Harvard and Yale. There he and others who had served in the military were pioneers in a new program to train physician assistants.

Gonzalez took the same courses doctors do "because it was an early program and they had no idea what to teach. We went to school year-round," he said. He earned a bachelor's degree in medical science.

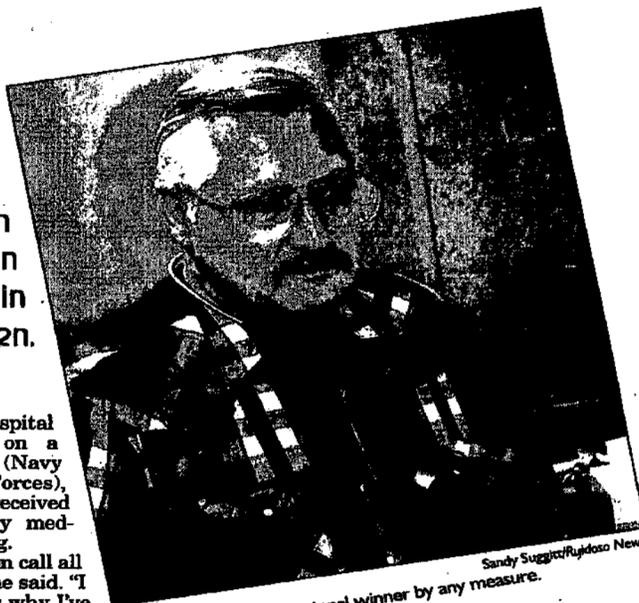
"I went to school and just stayed in Atlanta," he said, working as kidney-transplant coordinator and physician assistant for the chief resident at the Medical College of Georgia.

Later he set up an adolescent-health care program in Savannah for underprivileged youth, as well as clinics in the schools. Because all the doctors were outside of the downtown area, he set up the Urban Health Center in Savannah.

Gonzalez met his wife in Atlanta, and when his parents in New Mexico became ill, she was willing to relocate to Carrizozo because she liked the mountains so much.

"She's one of my biggest supporters," Gonzalez said. "She takes the brunt of the phone calls and acts as my buffer when people get nasty because I can't come to the phone right then."

Another difficulty of his practice in Carrizozo and around the area is the 100 hours of continued medical education physician assistants are required to complete every year, and the national recertifying board exam to be taken every six years.



Ernie Gonzalez is a national winner by any measure.

"That's a lot when you're trying to squeeze them in and work," he said.

Jim Gibson, director of Lincoln County Medical Center and Gonzalez's administrative supervisor was pleased about the national award.

"What a terrific honor to have someone of Ernie's caliber working with us and providing health care services in such a needed area of the country," Gibson said.

"He takes calls all of the time at home, and that is extremely unusual in this day and age. He doesn't stop being a provider. If he's around and you catch him, he takes care of you, and that's truly awesome," Gibson said.

"I think they could've found somebody that was more deserving," Gonzalez said about being selected to receive the award.

Gonzalez assented that perhaps he is an adrenaline junky, and he shook his head as to why he keeps at it constantly and long without a break. He admits that he doesn't have much free time for "fun," but he likes his work so much; his wife says he's a workaholic.

"If it wasn't for the support of the staff, Mary (Hernandez) and Kathy (Williams) and Dr. (Christopher) Robinson in the hospital, I'd probably be gone — but most of all the support of my wife," Gonzalez said.

"(The work) gives me a sense of commitment to the community. Also a sense of gratification — knowing you're able to help or get somebody into seeing who they need to see, such as a cardiologist or a specialist," he said. "Knowing that you're able to make a difference in general in the health in the area."

A moment to remember for two part-timers in a law firm

Shawna Shrecengost and Haley Murray were two excited young ladies recently when they were introduced to Connie Chung, a TV news reporter who was in Ruidoso interviewing attorney Gary Mitchell for the "20/20" program.

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ROSALIE DUNLAP
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Mitchell was defense attorney in the Guadalupe Mountains friend-killing-friend case. The two young ladies are employed part-time by Gary Mitchell.

Lincoln County lost two old timers recently. Frankie Silva was an old friend for many years. I was always "Mrs. Republican" when we were both involved in politics. He also was a rancher and owner of the school buses for the Capitan school district.

"Skeeter Carl", as his many friends knew him, was a post office employee in Carrizozo before being transferred to Alamogordo.

The Lincoln County FCE had nine new members who attended the District FCE at Portales early in the month. The members enjoyed two programs, "Chocolate — It's Not Just For

Breakfast Anymore," and "Past President Abe Lincoln."

Lee Loney, home agent from Otero County, gave the chocolate program, giving the history and all the beneficial uses and minerals and chemicals it contains that are good for us and that our body needs.

Don Elders, history professor at ENMU, gave an reenactment presentation of President Lincoln.

Lincoln County came home with its share of ribbons and also the traveling trophy for the third year for having the most members attending the meeting. Lincoln County will be out of the running for the trophy next years, as host of the meeting.

Those attending were Virginia Burd, Barbara Van Gordon, Amie Berrie, Betty McCreight and Phyllis Schlegel of Carrizozo; Angie Provine, Capitan; Inez Marrs, Ann Terrell and Rosalie Dunlap of Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dunlap attended part of the San Ysidro celebration at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum in early May. A highlight was the dedication of the sculpture, "Watering Hole." This is a huge sculpture showing how water affects everyone from the people to livestock, homes and machinery.

As we crossed the Tortugas Arroyo, we thought it would be great if the Picacho green bridge is moved to the muse-

um grounds. It will make crossing the large arroyo much easier, either walking or riding a horse drawn wagon.

Lincolinites saw the last movie "Young Guns" and were disappointed this would be the last shown for a while. We hope there will be a change and there can be movies once a week during the summer months.

The Corriente Cowbelles held their annual Ag Day recently.

The Chapels of the Episcopal Church met at Holy Mount on a recent Sunday for the bishop's visit, but we were unable to attend.

The fires have really been wicked. Our Cree Fire was not so disastrous as The Los Alamos and Weed (Scott Able) fires. Some of the firefighters from the Weed area had to return home, as their homes were in danger.

There are always small fires at the same time, such as one at White Oaks.

The New Mexico Beef Council and other agriculture organizations along with food stores and others helped feed the firefighters.

The La Paloma Gallery was opened by Hugh Fox, featuring painters, sculptors, jewelers. There was traditional Hispanic work and wildlife art. It has a great diversity in the group of artists.

The La Paloma Gallery is across the highway from the Ellis Store. Lou Turner of Arabella suffered

bruises and a cut knee following an accident between Tinnie and Arabella. One of her dogs also suffered minor injuries. She and her husband Jay visited their daughter in Dallas for Mother's Day.

The La Junta Club made "Ouch Dolls" at their last meeting. These will be given to children before they get their vaccinations.

The Lincoln County FCE Council met earlier this month, and following the business meeting and lunch, Susan Wright of NMSU presented a program on "Pollution in the Home." It was very informative.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Locke visited Rosina Locke over a recent weekend. They were enroute to Albuquerque to attend their granddaughter's high school graduation.

The Republican women held an annual membership brunch at the Ellis Store; another activity I missed.

The Lincoln County Historical Society trip to the Cox and Garrett ranches and the murder site of Albert Fountain and his son Henry was a success in spite of the wind and hot weather.

Ralph Dunlap returned from Uzbekistan and had a wonderful time in spite of the lack of modern facilities and communications. I think he enjoyed the school children and the young people the most.



Worship at the Church of your choice!

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

Beut Tree Baptist Church of Alto
Sunday, 9 a.m. and 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, NM 89345. (505) 257-2081. Tim Gilliland, Pastor. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Praise and Worship Service: 9:30 a.m., Continental Breakfast: 9:45 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Study: 11 a.m., Traditional Worship Service: 5 p.m., Adult and Children Discipleship classes. Youth Power Hour: 6 p.m., Worship Service/Bible Study, Fellowship Hall. Wednesday: 6:30 p.m., Adult Bible Study, youth and children's activities.

First Baptist Church
Ruidoso Downs. Randy 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
Tronie. Bill Jones, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m.

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

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

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

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

BAHA'I FAITH

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

CATHOLIC

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

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Capitan, 354-9102. Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.; Monday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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

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

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Bert. Father Tom Herbst, Pastor. Sunday 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
Capitan - 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. Jenny 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 Capitan, Joe Magh, 336-4359. Sunday school: Sacrament starts at 10 a.m.; Saturday School: Priesthood and Relief Society.

Church of Jesus Christ LDS
Mesalero Branch, 671-4630. Wray Schloboch, 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 Mesalero Trail, Ruidoso. Father John W. Penn, Rector. Sunday Eucharist: 8 & 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Daughters of King; choir 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.

FOUR SQUARE

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

FULL GOSPEL

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

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Ruidoso & Mesalero Branch
104 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 257-3871. Sunday Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Watchtower: 10:50 a.m.; Monday Bible Study: 7:30 p.m.; Service Meet: 8:20 p.m.

Congregacion Hispana de los Testigos de Jehova
108 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 336-7076. Dom. Reunion Publica: 1 p.m.; Escuela de la Biblia: 1:50 p.m.; Esc. Escuela del Ministerio Regional: 7 p.m.; Reunion de servicio: 7:50 p.m.; Juev. Estudio de libro: 7:00 p.m.

LUTHERAN MO. Synod

Shepherd of the Hills
1120 Hill Road, 258-4191, 257-5296. Kevin L. Krohn, Pastor. Sunday: Worship: 8:30 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 "The Coffee House". 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 welcomes 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
Trinity - Carrizozo, Tom Woodward, pastor. Sunday school: 10:00 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11:10 a.m.

PENTECOSTAL
Spirit of Life Apostolic/Pentecostal Tabernacle
Lincoln Ave., Capitan, 257-4864. 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, 336-9032. Charles Hall, Pastor. Sunday Early Morning Worship: 8:15 a.m.; Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Worship: 6:30 p.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4161. Pastor Rick Lytle 442-1904; Assoc. Pastor Wilburn Morrow 622-1206. Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m.; Church service: 11 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church
101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220. Cathy E. Caudle, Pastor. Sunday: Church 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: Church School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 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 Schue, Pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:30 a.m.; worship: 10:30 a.m. Men: Junior high youth 6:30 p.m. Wed: high school meeting 7 p.m. Thur: K&A Club (grades 1-5) 3:30.

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NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Abundant Life Family Church
2810 Sudderth Drive, Suite 210, 257-1188. Mark Genry, 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 Schlozsky'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 (Pinecone Square), Ruidoso, 257-6142. Pastor Carlos Carreon. Reunion General Jueves 6:00 p.m.; Domingo 10:45 a.m. Club Amistad Sabado 11:00 a.m. (nicho).

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

Christ Community Fellowship
Capitan, Highway 380, 336-2453. Ed Vison, Pastor. Sunday school: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m.

Cornstone Church
Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth Drive, 257-9265. B.A. Thurman, Pastor. Sunday services: Adult and children's Church, 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study Adult and Youth, Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Cowboy Church
Noon Sundays at the Glencoe Rural Events Center. Everyone welcome. Preacher Buster Reed of Amarillo. Call 378-4840 for more info.

Grace Harvest Church
Gavilan Canyon Road, 336-4213. Sunday: morning prayer 8:30 a.m.; Sunday school 9 a.m.; service 10 a.m.

Living Word Church
441 Mechem, 257-3470. Pastors: Terry and Suzanne Lewis. Sunday: Renewal services Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday: Intercessory prayer; noon; mid-week services 7 p.m.

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

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Otero Electric customers may see reduced rates

Otero County Electric Cooperative members may see reduced electric rates in the future. The rates are expected to drop "significantly," said a power company official.

A merger between the cooperative's power supplier and electric generator will result in the purchase of cheaper electricity, officials said.

A federal loan, spearheaded by U.S. Rep. Joe Skeen, R-NM, will allow Otero County Electric Cooperative to pay its portion of the closing costs of the planned merger between power supplier Plains Electric and the Tri-States Generation and Transmission Association.

"We have to pre-pay some of our power costs to Tri-State but we don't have the cash on hand to do it," said William Mershon, general manager of the local electric co-op. "Congressman Skeen earmarked funds in the U.S. Department of Agriculture budget for a loan to let us make this payment. That means our cost of electricity, and our customers' bills, will drop significantly."

After the merger Otero County Electric will buy power directly from Tri-State, which Mershon said is one of the least-expensive power suppliers in the West.

Scholarship winner

American Movie Classics and Lincoln County's cable television system have named a Ruidoso student the local grand prize winner in AMC's Behind the Screen Test talent search.

Jennifer Lewicki captured a \$500 scholarship, and Ruidoso High School a video tape recorder from AMC and Charter Communications, the area's cable TV provider.

Public hearing on bovine tuberculosis set

A public hearing on proposed changes to the national bovine tuberculosis regulations is scheduled by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for June 14 in Albuquerque.

A proposal would establish several new levels of tuberculosis risk classifications to be applied to states and zones within states, according to the USDA.

The hearing will be at the Racing Commission Conference Room, 300 San Mateo N.E., in Albuquerque.

Front & Center

The Ruidoso Convention Center is fulfilling its role — bringing many people and many dollars to town year 'round.

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

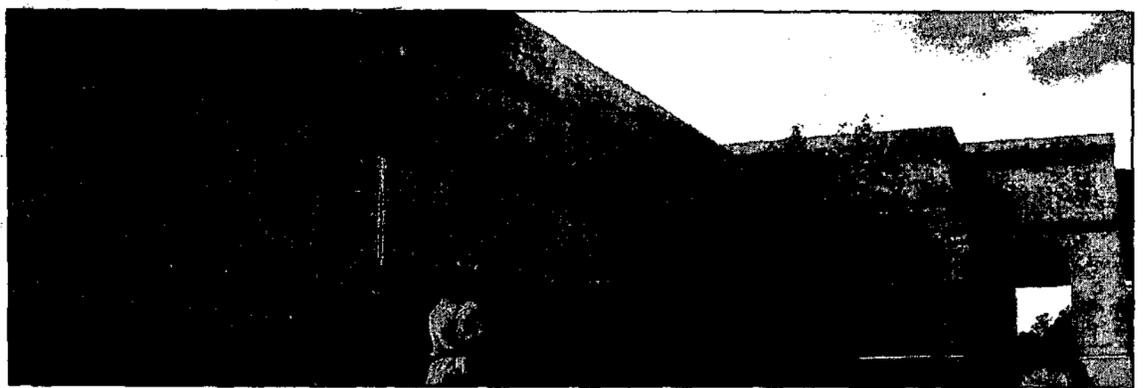
Bringing people and their money to Ruidoso — it's the goal of the Ruidoso Convention Center. The results were evident in May. Back-to-back weekends saw huge numbers.

First it was Emergency Medical Technicians from around New Mexico and west Texas, then motor home owners under the umbrella of Good Sams. And then motorcyclists, with the Aspen Cash Rally.

"It's just getting the word out," said Robyn Cooper, director of sales for the Ruidoso Convention Center. Cooper said there is a huge potential for new convention business in Ruidoso.

"People are saying, ah, great, Ruidoso," said Cooper, referring to a luxury hotel that will later this year be next to the convention center.

But the economic impact of more



Robyn Cooper has a job: Filling this building every day of the year, or as nearly so as possible.

James Kalvelage/Ruidoso News

groups marking Ruidoso on their convention calendars will go beyond the pending Hawthorn Suites Golf and Convention Resort.

Cooper has begun to track the number of lodging rooms created by conventions. From July through November of this year 5,155 total room nights are booked by groups at lodging establishments in the area. For May through November of 2001 the room nights booked already total 3,890, according to figures from the convention sales office.

The figures do not include events such as the spring and fall motorcycle rallies or the Labor Day weekend Ruidoso Gun Show. Those are simply listed as sold-out periods for hotel and motel rooms. Ruidoso should have more than 2,500 sleeping rooms once Hawthorn Suites and a new Comfort Inn and Motel 6 are added to the rolls, Cooper said.

"The economic impact is large,"

Cooper said. "Not just for hotels, but restaurants, merchants, even the Hubbard Museum of the American West. We're looking at a minimum of 5,000 rooms the rest of this year, not including sold-out dates."

More than 45,000 people are presently expected to go through the Ruidoso Convention Center from July through next June, according to current bookings. That number is conservative, Cooper said. In 1999 the figure topped 69,000. But there's room for more bookings, which Cooper said she's working to fill.

"While 90 percent of our business is repeat groups, we're talking with new groups," Cooper said. "The convention center is only occupied about 46 percent of the time."

Weekends often have groups using the convention center. Cooper said some conventions are moving their gatherings to the middle of the week.

New Mexico is the number one market for conventions that come to Ruidoso. Second is Texas.

"West Texas," said Cooper. "They like Ruidoso, and say it's an economically good location."

The convention center's sales director said she is pleased the center has now begun to track convention groups in connection with the number of sleeping rooms used by attendees.

"With tracking, we are then able to pick and choose conventions coming to town," she said. "Tracking lets us pick the one that will need 1,500 rooms versus another that needs 500 rooms."

The Ruidoso Convention Center can handle groups of up to 2,000 when the gathering also requires meeting space and dining.

"The potential is phenomenal here," Cooper said. "It's very, very exciting."

Big conventions can get bigger, as new lodging becomes available

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

One of the recent gatherings at the Ruidoso Convention Center was a repeat group that appears to have made Ruidoso a perennial convention site.

Nearly 700 emergency medical technicians from New Mexico and some neighboring states, as well as vendors, instructors and staff, converged on Ruidoso in late April, for the EMS Region III Annual Conference. In addition to providing training for emergency medical responders, the conference provided an off-season boost for the area economy.

"Most are New Mexico people," said Jan Elliott, executive director of Region III. "But we're starting to get a lot of Texas people, as well as Colorado and Arizona. It's been our largest convention ever."

In addition to the EMS training, 62 vendors displayed their wares in the aisles of the convention center. The annual conference, now in its 13th year, has been held in Ruidoso the past four

years. "Since then, with the conference in Ruidoso, attendance has doubled," Elliott said. The yearly conference is held the last week in April. Attendees began arriving April 24, with the conference wrapping up April 30. The first four days dealt with preconference meetings, workshops and training, Elliott said. The final three days included a general session meeting, continuing vendor exhibits and training. Speakers at the conference came from around the country, including Florida, Virginia, Louisiana, and Illinois.

Soon after the Region III session, hundreds of motor homes pulled up in the convention center's parking lot. It was a convention of Good Sam members, motoring residents who are also high-way helpers.

The EMS and Good Sam conventions are just two of a number of large group meetings planned for Ruidoso this year. New Mexico realtors, and attorneys from the state, are also planning to bring big numbers of their members to the Ruidoso Convention Center, according to bookings.

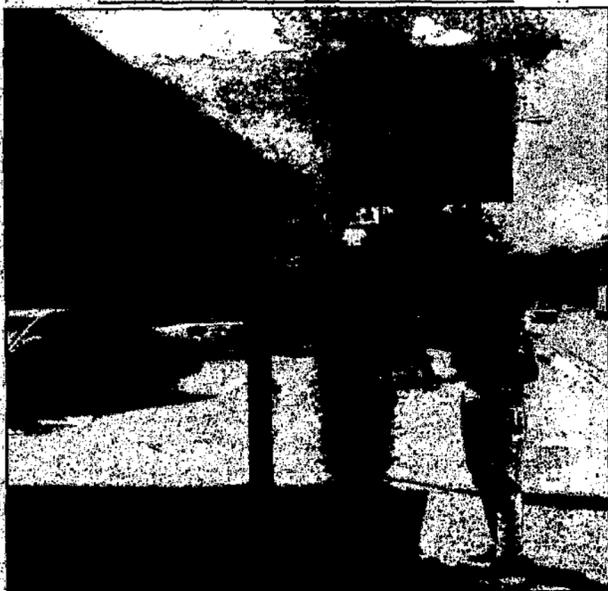
The convention center's marketing budget for fiscal year 2000-2001 totals \$180,000, according to the not-yet-approved budget. Marketing and advertising efforts are pegged at \$31,000. Attendance at numerous chamber and tourism meetings in New Mexico and Texas, to tout the Ruidoso Convention Center, would be a \$20,000 expenditure next fiscal year, according to the proposed budget.

Robyn Cooper, the convention center's sales director, said by traveling to the customer she can become a pro-active presenter, rather than simply being an order-taker answering the convention center telephone.

The budget is financed with the Ruidoso Lodgers Tax.

The budget outline states that Cooper's first priority is to maximize bookings at the Ruidoso Convention Center and bring new business to the village. Cooper said she is targeting groups that will significantly add bookings for the village's lodgers and bring associated increases in gross receipts revenues for Ruidoso retail outlets.

Champion of Service



Carole Beaman/Ruidoso News

Linda Sanchez, who's in charge of sales, purchasing and research for unique and hard-to-find items at Alamo Pipe & Supply Co., Inc., is May's Champion of Service award recipient. The award is a project of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Ruidoso Valley Growers, and the Ruidoso News. From Fort Worth, Texas, she came to Ruidoso in 1997. She loves horses, doing art work, and "visiting with our customers and helping them the best I can." She has four children and one grandson.

Looking at the economy by the half-year

BY SUNG WON SOHN
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

MARKET GLANCE

The economy's performance for the year's first quarter is still being fine tuned, but all attention has shifted to how rapid the advance will be in the second quarter. The signs so far are mixed: a ramping down of retail sales, a ramping up of industrial production, and tighten

What's the verdict? Looked at using quarterly changes, as it is typically reported, output growth will probably subside. Business investment expanded like crazy after Y2K fears ended, and consumers spent wildly as huge gains in stock market wealth during 1999 were used to purchase cars, homes and related big ticket items early this year. Neither outburst will repeat in such a big way.

Looked at using annual changes, which is a smoother technique, output growth will be seen as accelerating. That's because the economy grew so anemically during the second quarter of 1999. Seasonal patterns in this economy may be changing. In both years, faster tax refunds pushed consumer spending into earlier months. Weather was mild, enabling more construction to take place in winter.

The difference in 2000 was that businesses did not anticipate the spending spree and were caught without sufficient merchandise. Inventories that were depleted from January through March are now being rebuilt.

That's why looking at the economy in terms of half years makes the most sense. The winter-spring oddities and sudden inventory shifts are stripped out of the analysis, while recent trends can still command more weight than those of six to twelve months ago. This approach is revealing. Growth through the first half of 2000 remains strong, so strong that the aggressive interest rate hikes we have seen so far are certainly warranted.

So why do we forecast an abrupt slowing during the second half? Because financial conditions are quickly moving from stimulus to restraint. The wealth effect, 80 percent of which stems from rising stock market values, is diminishing. Volatility may also be seeping into decisions by investor-consumers about whether they ought to spend above their means. Also, the steady rise in long-term interest rates continues.

And now with short rates going up even more, borrowers have nowhere to hide. Spending by households and businesses is set to downshift, and inventories will not be there to boost growth after this quarter.

Markets not prepared

Financial markets are not known for looking terribly far ahead. Bond markets did not react to a bulging budget

surplus until the U.S. Treasury came out with its buyback plan, though the need for it was telegraphed well in advance. Likewise, the stock market looks at earnings forecasts and reports one quarter at a time; it is easily swayed by analysts' expectations and by companies' advance warnings. Right now, the prime focus is on the second quarter. Investors' longer-term expectation is that Fed action and the slower growth it engenders will slay the inflation threat.

Yet the key fact is that a slowing economy has a much more immediate impact on sales than it does on prices. One reason that equities have held up despite an aggressive Fed is that profits have been astounding. But high earnings growth is occurring in large part because of fast sales growth.

That will change as purchasing winds down. The other reason the bear market has been kept at bay is that profit margins are expanding, mostly the result of huge productivity advances. But the cyclical boost to productivity will end; pressuring unit labor costs higher as long as the job market remains tight. That will keep inflation and interest rates from falling in concert with slowing economic growth.

Stock market investors are expecting relief, but could wind up with a headache as companies fail to deliver earnings later this year as high as their already-made promises.

Thanks for service



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News
Kathy Williams received a hug and plaque from Lincoln County Commission Chairman Rex Wilson for her 23 years of service to the community. Williams recently retired from the Carrizozo Health Clinic and previously was a volunteer EMT in Corona.

Antarctic climate impacts the whole world

WASHINGTON, D.C. — How have past environmental changes affected Antarctica? The elusive answer is of more than academic interest. Located at the point where the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian oceans converge and mix, the icy continent not only is profoundly affected by global climate, it also exerts effects that can be felt worldwide.

Learning how Antarctica has responded to changes in the past is a key to understanding the global climate changes that concern us today, explains University of Michigan doctoral candidate Leah Joseph. Using novel techniques to investigate Antarctica's ancient environment, Joseph and colleagues have raised new questions about the critical link between global climate and ocean circulation. They presented part of their work at the spring meeting of the American Geophysical Union (AGU) today.

Sarah L. Jacobson, a senior from Chicago who began working on the project as a National Science Foundation Summer Scholar and continued through the academic year, described the U-M team's analysis of sediment samples from a site on the Maud Rise in the Weddell Sea. Because Antarctica is covered with ice, scientists can not study its history with usual surface geology techniques, such as inspecting layers in rock outcrops. Instead, they study it indirectly by examining materials that have eroded from the continent in the past and settled into the surrounding oceans. The U-M researchers look at three measures: mass accumulation rate, grain size, and "magnetic fabric" for clues to past climate changes.

In the study reported at AGU, the researchers focused on a relatively dry time span between the late Cretaceous Period and the middle Eocene

Epoch, 70 million to 45 million years ago. Previous studies had suggested desert-like conditions on Antarctica during this period, but the U-M team's findings argue against that conclusion.

Joseph's studies of sediment from other sites in the oceans around Antarctica help fill gaps in understanding what happened before the Antarctic ice formed, when it formed and how stable it has been—findings that bear on today's global warming concerns.

"The stability of the Antarctic ice sheet is a very big climate question today, and Leah's data are the first useful data to give us a several-million-year picture of when the ice sheet might have been more mobile," says David Rea, U-M professor and chair of geological sciences and a co-author of the study presented at AGU. The data also suggest that more than simple temperature changes dictate what happens

to Antarctic ice, adds study co-author Ben van der Pluijm, U-M professor of geological sciences. "The feedback is not as simple as warm weather causing ice melt and that's it," he says. "It's a more complex relationship involving ocean circulation patterns, and before we can do more useful climate modeling prediction, we have to understand those feedbacks."

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IQ tests don't test 'intelligence,' study reveals

TORONTO — To improve a child's likelihood of succeeding at school, educators need a better understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of the IQ test, says a University of Toronto psychiatry professor. "The IQ is sometimes touted as a test of whatever it is we call intelligence, but it's a lot less than that," says Dr. Morton Beiser, David Crombie Professor of Pluralism and Health at the University of Toronto and the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH). "IQ tests cover a certain range of abilities, but 'intelligence' is a much more complex thing than what the tests measure."

In a study, Accounting for Native/Non-Native Differences in IQ scores, Beiser and Dr. Andrew Gotoweic, a post-doctoral fellow at CAMH, tested the IQs of 691 native children across North America and compared them to same-age-group, non-native children. They then examined variables such as cultural and social differences and English-language skills. The scores of native children were significantly lower than non-native children.

"Our research challenges the idea that IQ is something in-born," says Beiser, who is also director of the Toronto

Centre of Excellence for Research on Immigration and Settlement, a joint University of Toronto, Ryerson Polytechnic University and York University program. "Instead IQ is likely a product of both innate ability and a child's social and cultural experiences. For instance, if a child's home life is predisposed to disliking the culture that the school represents, then the child will not perform as well. In addition,

learn-to-read primers like 'Dick and Jane' may not serve native children well. Reading traditional myths is less abrasive and help bridge the culture gap between the local community and the dominant society."

Although the study focuses on native children, its findings apply to all youngsters, Beiser says. "Since the IQ test is highly used, we had better understand it."

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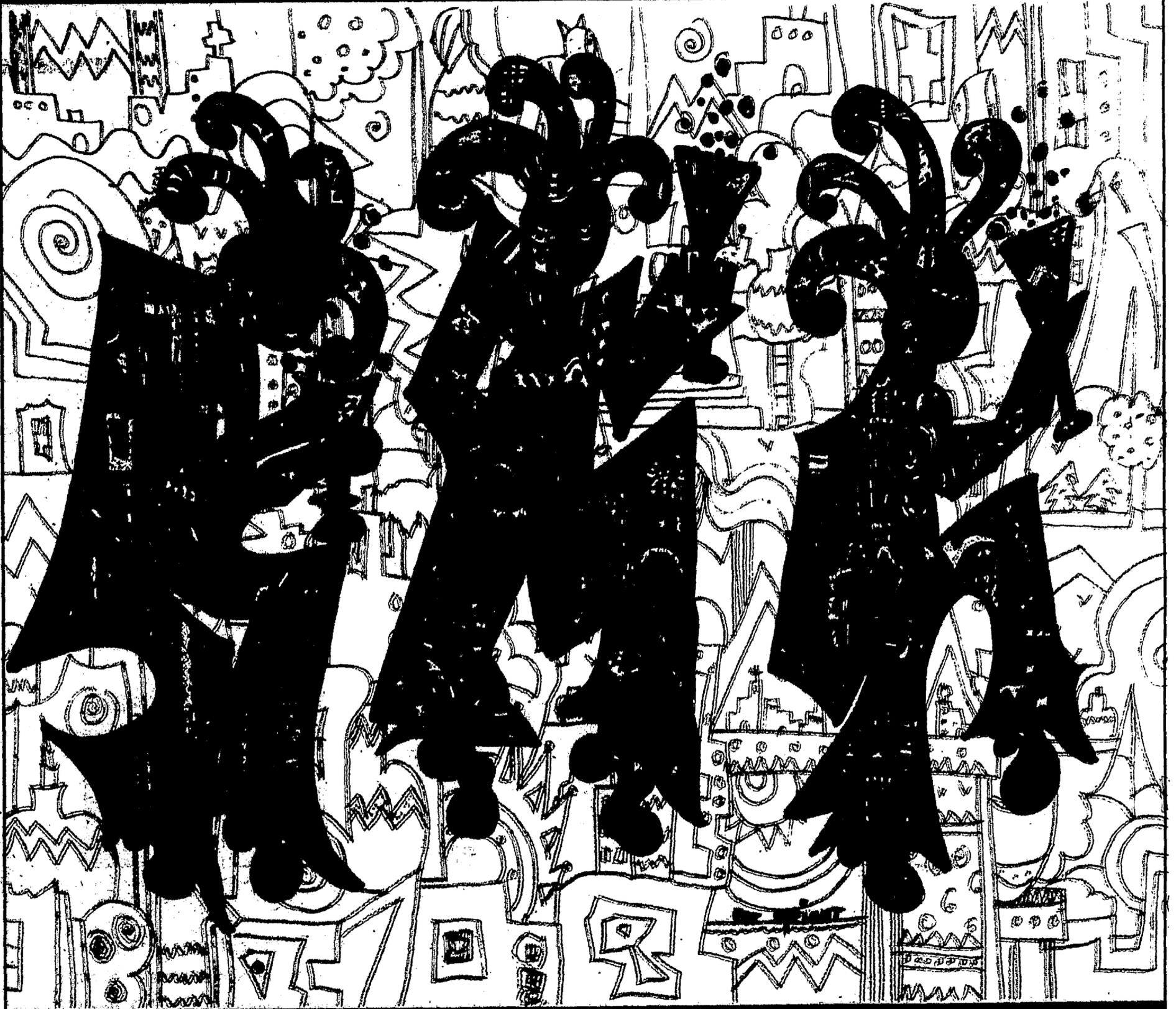
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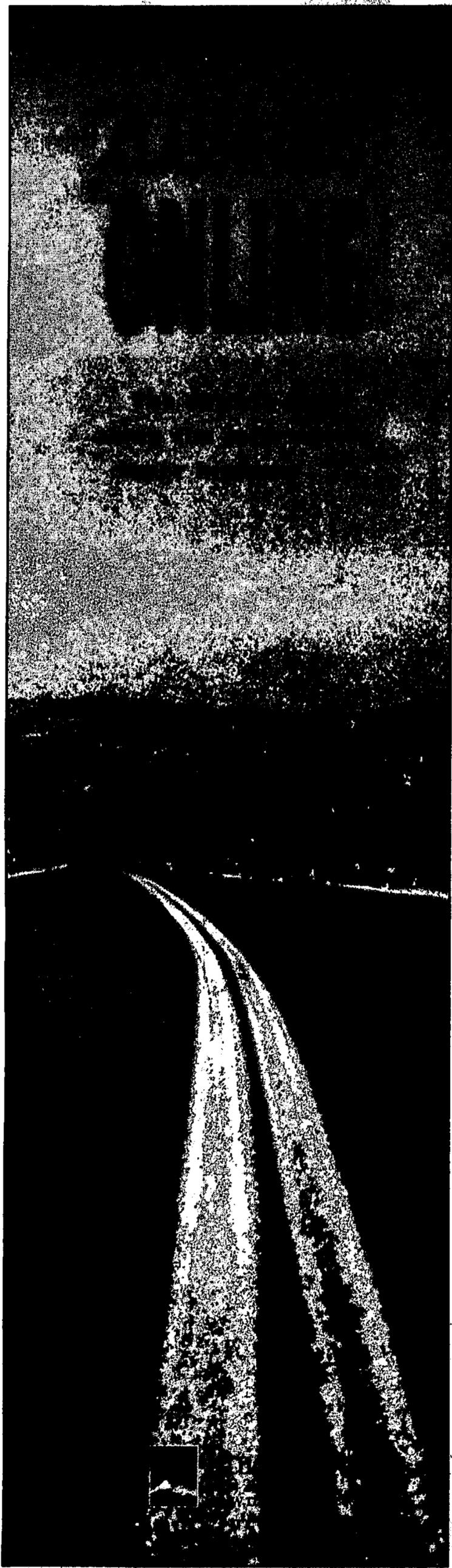


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American chamber grass sound



The Connoisseur Classic Southwest Wine Competition Grand Tasting at the Spencer Theater Saturday, June 10 will feature the talented sounds of NewGrange. NewGrange is the quintessential Americana band. Composed of six celebrated acoustic music veterans,

they will take the listener on a journey into the heart of American folk music, the common ground from which jazz, blues and country music emerged. By looking backward to move forward, NewGrange has created a completely unique band sound. They pay homage to the roots of American music while delivering a very contemporary take on the string band. No other group has been as successful at combining traditional string instruments with piano and creating such a cohesive sound.

NewGrange is a band that was born on the road. In 1996, Mike

Marshall and Darol Anger brought the group together to record a holiday album, Christmas Heritage and do a 22-city concert tour. The performances and the album drew raves; the Chicago Tribune called the lineup "one from modern string-band heaven" and Gannett News Service picked the Christmas Heritage album as its number-one Christmas Release of 1998. More than anything, audiences and critics responded to how well the band played together.

see NEWGRANGE ON 4D

Wine festivities June 9-11

The competition side of the Connoisseur Classic Southwest Wine Competition begins on June 7, when judges from around the country will begin sampling the entries. Judges from Massachusetts, New York, Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and California will rate the wines on appearance and color; aroma and bouquet; body; balance; flavor and general quality.

During this year's Competition, 34 wineries have entered 180 different wines. This represents a 17% increase over last year's entries. "We're delighted that these wineries have chosen to participate" said organizer Mark Doth. "The increase in entries lets us know that the competition itself is gaining a good reputation throughout the wine industry."

Friday, June 9, guests will be able to sample the actual wines entered in the competition at An Evening of Art and Wine. Starting at 6:30 p.m., this event will be held at the studio/gallery of internationally renowned bronze artist, Dave McGary. Wine, cheese, and special desserts created by area pastry chef Kevin Cooper will be served. Accomplished classical guitarist Tomas Vigil will entertain that evening. Tickets are \$20 per person.

Ryan Johnson, executive chef at Cielo's

in Tucson, Arizona will be featured at special seminar Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at La Lorraine Restaurant. Chef Johnson will share the secrets to one of his favorite recipes as he reveals the mysteries of pairing food and wine. Guests will discuss the many aspects of how to creatively pair food and wine, enjoy Chef Johnson's culinary creation, and take the recipe home with them. Tickets for Johnson's seminar at La Lorraine are \$25 per person.

The Grand Tasting will be held at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts on Saturday, June 10 from 7 p.m. to midnight. The Grand Tasting will be a gala evening of wine, food and music. Guests will sample wines from 12 participating wineries as they enjoy a terrific outdoor performance on the Spencer's outdoor stage.

The jazz/bluegrass band, NewGrange will perform.

The works of local artists who entered the Connoisseur Classic poster competition

will be offered for sale throughout the evening. Tickets for this event are \$35 and will only be available at the door the night of the event. All advanced tickets have been sold.

Gourmet lunches

The final leg of the Connoisseur Classic Southwest Wine Competition is also one enjoyed most by the public. On Sunday, June 11, six area restaurants have been paired with participating wineries. Each will be serving a sumptuous four course gourmet meal complimented by fine wines. Serving times vary with each restaurant. Tickets for the gourmet lunches are \$50 per person.

Participating restaurants are:

- **Cher Bell Restaurant** (1:30) featuring wines from La Caille & Caprock - a delightful restaurant specializing in Northern

(1:00 p.m.) featuring wines from Gruet & Blue Teal - Delicious French food served in an intimate, richly appointed area.

- **Spanky's Grille** (12:00 noon) featuring wines from Hidden Springs & Sisneros Torres - Enjoy an exotic new world menu in a casual, eclectic environment.

- **Rebekah's Restaurant** at the Lodge in Cloudcroft (6:30 p.m.) featuring wines from Casa Rondaña. Take in the Victorian opulence of New Mexico's finest historic inn featuring delicious European fare.

- **Tinnie's Silver Dollar Restaurant** (12:30 p.m.) featuring wines from Tulaposa Vineyards - Warm antiques set the tone in this beautiful restaurant in the Hondo Valley.

- **Victoria's Romantic Hideaway Restaurant** (12:45 p.m.) featuring wines from Black Mesa. A restaurant catering to couples, you'll savor the handmade specialties of the house.

The Connoisseur Classic Southwest Wine Competition is organized by Special Events Resource Group, a non-profit organization. Proceeds from the groups events are donated to Lincoln County charities and youth programs. For more information on the 2000 Connoisseur Classic Southwest Wine Competition, call 505-257-6171 or toll free at 877-877-9322. You can also visit www.trekwest.com/wine.



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NewGrange: American chamber grass sound

The tour was such an exciting musical experience that the six musicians realized that they were on to something very special as a band. In the spring of 1999, they reconvened in San Francisco and recorded another album. This time, not limited by a seasonal theme, they drew from traditional American folk songs as well as original music.

A cover of the gospel standard "Rock in a Weary Land" features Brown's blistering banjo and Aaberg's barrel house piano backing O'Brien's smooth tenor. A clever arrangement of the old string band tune Sally Ann offers a Copeland-esque take on what might be best labeled chamber-grass.

The original material on the album is equally inspiring. Pianist Aaberg contributed the gorgeous "Cabin Waltz." Mandolinist Marshall's composition "Shoot the Moon" is a study in odd meter; a bluegrass-tinged melody takes the listener on a journey through 5/4, 7/4 and 9/8 time before reaching a rippling mandolin/fiddle/banjo cadenza. Phillip's cool "Round Trip" is a classic new acoustic tune, enhanced by the smooth interweaving lines on piano and mandolin. O'Brien's modern classic Land's End (recorded live in 1998), features a dynamic arrangement for the New Grange Mandolin Quintet. Anger and Brown offer 2 different takes on a fiddle tune. Brown's bouncy "Weetabix" borrows from UK fiddle tradition; Anger's rearrangement of "Goin' to Boston" includes an inspired post modern hillbilly rap-delivered by O'Brien.

Montana native Philip Aaberg brings an unbelievably wide grasp of the musical world to the concert stage. He has performed in the bands of Peter Gabriel and blues great Elvin

Bishop, toured the world as a solo artist, and guested with the Boston Pops and other orchestras. As a recording artist he has appeared on over 200 albums, including seven of his own. He received the 1995 Montana Governor's Award for the Arts and is currently Composer-in-Residence in Northern Montana.

Violinist, fiddler, composer, producer and educator, Darol Anger is at home in a number of musical genres, some of which he helped to invent. A founding member of The David Grisman Quintet, Montreux and The Turtle Island String Quartet, Darol has produced and performed on dozens of recordings, and is an important force in new instrumental music. He won the Best Jazz Violin Award from the Frets Magazine Reader's Poll four years running and has received numerous grants and awards for recordings, movie soundtracks, solo work and composing. Darol presently chairs the string division of the International Association of Jazz Educators.

When describing Alison Brown, you can't be confined to the traditional associations with her chosen instrument, the five string banjo. Although her career began as a member of Alison Krauss and Union Station, Alison has now led her own band through five recordings with a distinctive and innovative folk/jazz sound. Her recordings have been produced by David Grisman, Mike Marshall and her band's bassist, Garry West. Among a list of numerous achievements, Alison received a Grammy nomination for her debut album, was named Banjo Player of the Year by the International Bluegrass Music Association and is a co-founder of Compass Records.

Mike Marshall began his touring and recording career at

the age of 19 as a member of the David Grisman Quintet. Since then he has pioneered new directions of acoustic instrumental music, recording for the Windham Hill, Rounder and Sugar Hill labels with his groups The Montreux Band, Psychograss and The Modern Mandolin Quartet. Most recently, Mike recorded a CD with banjo player Bela Fleck and bassist Edgar Meyer for the Sony Classical label. Mike's mastery of mandolin, guitar and violin and his ability to swing gracefully between jazz, classical, bluegrass and Latin styles is rare in the world of acoustic music.

Multi-instrumentalist, singer and composer Tim O'Brien is a veteran of the new acoustic music and new bluegrass movement of the last 20 years. An original member of the popular group Hot Rize, Tim has gone on to lead his own band The O'Boys and tour in many configurations. He has penned hit records for Garth Brooks, Kathy Mattea and appeared on dozens of Nashville recordings. His recent critically acclaimed and Grammy nominated recording Red on Blonde, a tribute to the songwriting of Bob Dylan, showcases his versatility as an interpreter of American songs.

Todd Phillips is the acoustic bassist of choice on many of the most innovative as well as traditional, acoustic, bluegrass recordings made over the past twenty-three years. In addition to being a band member in a virtual "who's who" of American string music, Todd's solo recordings have received Grammy nominations and tremendous critical acclaim. Todd received his first Grammy Award in 1983 as a member of The New South, and his second Grammy came for producing of True Life Blues, The Songs of Bill Monroe, in 1996.

Friday, May 26

Opening Day Ruidoso Downs Race Track
For more information call 336-4431.

Saturday, June 3

The Juillard String Quartet
6 p.m. Mendelssohn, Shostakovich and Beethoven.
Albuquerque Academy, Simms Center for the Performing Arts, 6400 Wyoming, N.E., Albuquerque. Tickets \$33-15. Call Chamber Music Albuquerque (505) 268-1990.

Odyssey Dance Utah
8 p.m. at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$25 and \$30. For information call (505) 336-4800 or (888) 818-7872.

Art-A-Fair
A variety of arts and crafts booths and special crafts for the children, entertainment, food and something for everyone. Lake Carlsbad Beach, Park Drive, Carlsbad. Contact Teresta Miller at (505) 887-9507.

Sunday, June 4

Billy the Kid Casino Classic Team Penning
Books open 7 a.m., first division starts at 8:30 a.m. At the Glencoe Rural Events Center, 13 miles east of Ruidoso Downs on Highway 70. 378-4142.

The Juillard String Quartet
4 p.m. Haydn, Kurtz and Beethoven.
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Monday, June 5

Alpine Village Sanitation District Monthly Meeting
6 p.m. at 112-A Sun Valley Trail. Presentation of current bills and committee reports, question and answer session. Area residents welcome. 257-5783.

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Chris LeDoux
8 p.m. concert at Ruidoso Downs Race Track. Tickets are \$12, \$16 and \$20. 378-4140.

Vacation Bible School
June 5-8 at Ruidoso First Baptist Church, children kindergarten through sixth grade. 257-2081.

Tuesday, June 6

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Wednesday, June 7

Old Fort Days
25th annual celebration in historic Fort Sumner with dances, wild-west shootouts, barbecues, roping, living history demonstrations, arts and crafts. Contact Fort Sumner/De Baca County Chamber of Commer (505) 355-7705 or by fax (505)

355-2850.
Ruidoso Book Review and Discussion Group
10 a.m., Genevieve Duncan will review *The Shunning* by Beverly Lewis at the First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road. Everyone invited.

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Friday, June 9

Miss New Mexico Scholarship Pageant
7:30 p.m., \$10, Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, Almqord.

American String Quartet
8 p.m. Haydn, Bartok and Beethoven.
Albuquerque Academy, Music Building Performance Hall, 6400 Wyoming, N.E., Albuquerque. Tickets \$27.50-12.50. Call Chamber Music Albuquerque (505) 268-1990.

Connoisseur Classic Southwest Wine Competition
At various venues throughout the county: Dave McGary's Expressions In Bronze Gallery and Studio, the Spencer Theater, and top area restaurants, a regional wine competition, Grand Tasting and Gourmet Winemaker Lunches. Call 257-6171 for ticket information.

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American String Quartet
1:30 p.m. Family Concert, Albuquerque Academy, Music Building Performance Hall, 6400 Wyoming, N.E., Albuquerque. Tickets \$5 adults, \$3 adults with children, \$1 children 14 and under. Call Chamber Music

Albuquerque (505) 268-1990.
Mike Pritchard's Blue Thunder & Lightning Horns
Tailgate Jazz+ Series, 8 p.m. \$TBA per space, held at the Space Center Hall of Fame. (505) 437-2202.

Miss New Mexico Scholarship Pageant
7:30 p.m., \$15, Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, Almqord.

Sunday, June 11

American String Quartet
4 p.m. with William Grubb, cello. Bach-Mozart, Haydn and Schubert. Albuquerque Academy, Simms Center for the Performing Arts, 6400 Wyoming, N.E., Albuquerque. Tickets \$27.50-12.50, discount for students, free pre-concert lecture 3 p.m. Call Chamber Music Albuquerque (505) 268-1990.

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Ongoing

Apex Leaf School of Dance
Classical 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. 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. 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. 354-3035.

Meals on Wheels Senior Food Program
Monday-Friday, noon at the Zia Senior Center, Ruidoso Downs, in the dining hall.

For the Ruidoso area. 387-4659.

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 are welcome. 354-3035.

Summer Adult Acting Workshop
Wednesday nights at 7-9 p.m. beginning June 14. Call Paul for details at 257-4874.

Ruidoso Public Library
107 Kansas City Rd. (next to the Ruidoso Village Hall) 258-3704. Open Monday 10

Courtesy Paramount Pictures

ETHAN HUNT (Tom Cruise) is once again saving the world from the forces of evil in Mission: Impossible II.

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 is open 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

• Closed on Monday, May 29, for the Memorial Day holiday.

Exhibits & Receptions

ENMU BFA Exhibit
Runnel's Gallery at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales. 562-2787.

Origin of Meaning Revealed in Poetry of Physical Objects
The Museum of Fine Arts in Santa Fe. Exhibit runs through June 25. (505) 476-5058 or (505) 476-5001.

Movies

Frequency
Science Fiction/Fantasy and Thriller. 2 hrs. 01 min.

Rated PG-13 for intense violence and disturbing images.
Starring: Dennis Quaid, Andre Braugher, James Caviezel, Shawn Doyle, Michael Cera.

Directed by Gregory Hoblit.
Produced by Gregory Hoblit, Howard "Hawk" Koch and Howard Koch.
Written by Toby Emmerich.

Distributor: New Line Cinema
Release Date: April 28, 2000 Nationwide
Synopsis: What if you had the chance to travel back in time and change just one event in your life? What would it be?

Mission: Impossible II
Action. 2 hrs. 07 min.

Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violent action and some sensuality.

Starring: Tom Cruise, Ving Rhames, Thandie Newton, Dougray Scott, Rade Serbedzija.
Directed by John Woo.
Produced by Paula Wagner and Tom

Cruise.

Written by Robert Towne, Studio Paramount
Distributed by Paramount Pictures.

Star-producer Tom Cruise, writer Robert Towne, and sidkick Ving Rhames are back, while John Woo takes the reins from Brian De Palma, who directed the original four years ago. Here, Ethan Hunt (Cruise) and his IMF team are back on the job, saving the world from the forces of evil. This time around, Hunt attempts to capture and destroy a deadly virus that's been stolen by a rogue IMF agent, riding motorcycles, blowing stuff up, and sleeping with Thandie Newton along the way.

Dinosaur
Action/Adventure. 1 hr. 30 min.
Rated PG for intense images.

Starring: D B Sweeney, Alfre Woodard, Julianna Margulies, Ossie Davis and Joan Plowright

Directed by Ralph Zondag and Eric Leighton.

Produced by Baker Bloodworth and Pam Marsden.

Written by John Harrison and Robert Nelson Jacobs.

Distributor: Walt Disney Pictures

Synopsis: The journey of a three-ton Iguanodon named Aladar, who is raised from the egg by a clan of lemurs and eventually reunited with his own kind. With flaming meteors devastating the landscape and water in diminishing supply, the dinosaurs find themselves in a race against time to reach the safety of their nesting grounds. When Aladar comes to the aid of a group of misfits unable to keep up with the breakneck pace of the herd, he makes an enemy of Kron, the stone-hearted leader of the group. Faced with such perils as treacherous rock slides and attacking Carnotaurs, Aladar and his new friends must overcome tremendous obstacles before they can settle into a new life in a beautiful valley.

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 Music On Mainstem in the Adobe Plaza. Easy-listening music with Mike Beyer May 26 and 27, and Western swing with Mark Remington May 28 and 29.

Screaming Eagle Lounge
Open Mon.-Sat. in the Enchantment Inn, Happy Hour 4-7 p.m. every day. Live music with Talisman Band and Tommy Martin. Friday and Saturday. Call Anna at 378-4051 for more information.

The Quarters
Live "Jammin'" Classic Rock and Roll with Jam Sandwich throughout 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.

Hollywood Inn and Cantina
Live music featuring the Longhorn Band on Friday and Saturday. Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs.



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Transparent Partnership

Story and photographs by Diana Stallings, IMAKONOSI STAFF WRITER



IN THE FIRST of three panels, a glass mosaic moon offsets a bold red "2" as the mark of the millennium.



IN THE THIRD PANEL, the sun, whose eyes appear gold from the inside and blue from the outside, completes the series.

Artists tend to be an independent lot, protective of their control over the creative process.

But Sonya Loya and Mary Sheets break down that image. They collaborate on projects — the latest, a series of three-glass panels recently installed in the Alto Kokopelli home of Charles and Diane Mashburn.

Sheets brings her drawing ability and eye for glass mosaic work to their projects, while Loya comes up with the overall design and handles the stained glass assembly and soldering.

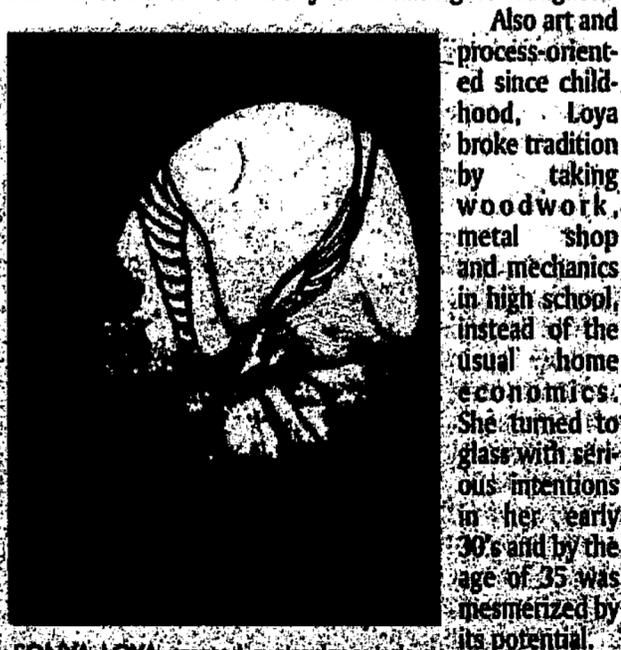
Although Sheets became fascinated with art as a child, when she moved to the area from West Virginia three years ago, she wasn't satisfied with her soldering work.

"I used Sonya for my glass stuff because her soldering ability is so far above me," Sheets said.

But Loya told Sheets not to be discouraged and not to limit herself to one type of glass application.

That's when Sheets tried translucent mosaics and the two decided they could incorporate their different approaches into assignments.

Loya, owner of Hosanna's, a shop in Village Plaza full of colorful, bold and delicate glass creations by Loya and other artists, returned to Ruidoso after an 18-year absence to be near her family while raising her daughter.



SONYA LOYA created a circular window with a flying eagle in baroque cinnamon glass for the Mashburn's bathroom.

Also art and process-oriented since childhood, Loya broke tradition by taking woodwork, metal shop and mechanics in high school, instead of the usual home economics. She turned to glass with serious intentions in her early 30's and by the age of 35 was mesmerized by its potential. Her work has garnered a fol-

lowing locally and with visitors who take items such as her kaleidoscopes and framed scenes back to their home states.

The Mashburns, who live in Childress, Texas, ordered their first two pieces from Loya over the telephone on a recommendation from a contractor, who was referred by the people at Sierra Glass, Loya said.

She created two port-hole-type bathroom windows — one depicting an eagle in flight — from baroque glass with cinnamon accents to tie in with the tile.

While the home still was under construction and after meeting the couple, she designed a mountain scene for an archway in the living room in keeping with the view from a massive window. Loya's vertical panel of a ristra was installed on the right side of the front entry.

Sheets and Loya also created the glass work for the kitchen cabinets.

Next, the Mashburns decided they wanted a series of three panels over their large, hand-etched front wooden doors created by a craftsman in Capitan.

"He said this is a millennium house and wanted 2000 worked into the design with blues, oranges and yellows," Loya said. "And his wife wanted the earth, the moon and the sun."

After a visit to the house and success with some earlier collaborative projects, the two women decided "We can do this."

"Our temperaments complement," Loya said. "I design. She's the artist and draws the pattern. I do the foundation and she does the mosaic. Neither is fighting for control."

Proving their admiration is mutual, Loya rhapsodizes over Sheets' intricate mosaic technique with 12 to 15 pieces of glass per inch, highlighted at the center of each of the three panels, and Sheets praises the soldering skill of Loya.

Initially, the duo fretted over how to incorporate all of the elements sought by the Mashburns.

"I woke up at 3 a.m. with the design in my head," Loya said.

The three orbs — the moon, the earth and the sun serve a dual purpose of being the three zero digits of the 2000 symbol and are tied together by the tail of the bold "2."

The duo used Dichroic glass, developed by NASA to shield instruments in space. They explained that the light is refracted, meaning light waves actually bend, giving entirely different colors and effects from different angles. They also incorporated sliced natural agates and crystals

and used beveled glass in the panels, as well as Loya's decorative soldering approach.

Although Sheets is moving to Albuquerque, where she has three jobs waiting, she will continue to collaborate with Loya, she said.

Loya is booked up with assignments through mid-August from a steady stream of commissions since October.



GLASS ARTISTS Mary Sheets (left) and Sonya Loya forged a partnership of their talents to create intriguing and colorful glass panels.

Adobe, The

2905 Sudderth Drive, 257-5795, 257-4489 (residence). Original paintings, silver jewelry, pottery, wrought iron, and wood by local artists, as well as unusual items from around the world.

Art and Artifact

107 S. Lincoln Ave., Capitán, 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.

Blue Cow Pottery Company

616 Sudderth Drive, 630-1122 (At Home Again Antiques & Collectibles Mall) Handmade, wheel-thrown, one-of-a-kind originals including everything from the unique, Blue Cow originals, to classically glazed functional pottery. Lines included are Denimware, Petroglyphs, Cranberries & Oats. See artists at work on premises.

California Colors

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

Crucis 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. Exclusives "Winter Moon" & yard art. Originals by Gaylon Gillem, glass sculptress Anaya Lynn, Liz Joyce Jones, Bernice Landrum, Marcia Bizeau and Connie Bell, 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

101 Lincoln Ave., Capitán, 354-2008. Maggie Doyle is a nationally recognized, fourth-generation hand weaver with a working weavery in Capitán. 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. Capitán, 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.

La Paloma Gallery

Mile marker 98, U.S. 380, Lincoln, 653-4619. Contemporary fine art by New Mexican and other artists. We are open most days 10 a.m.-4 p.m. but a call ahead is advised. Check our Web page: www.lapaloma-gallery.com.

Lincoln State Monument

Hwy. 380, Lincoln, 653-4372. Featuring the newly renovated Montañito Store and temporary exhibits highlighting the Montañito family, Hispanic contributions to the area and adobe architecture. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday - Sunday. Admission fee included in the \$6 daily pass which can be purchased at the Court House for admission to seven buildings including facilities of the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

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.

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 Anderson, Judy Larson, Dale Terbusch, 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.

Pinon Pottery Studio & Gallery

2.8 miles east of Wal-Mart on Highway 70, 378-4270. Features Vicky Conley's functional and decorative raku pottery, and etchings, block prints and monotypes. Bridal registry available. Original paintings, prints, silk scarves, jewelry and funky clocks by local artists on display. Tuesday - Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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, 257-6627. 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, 257-4561. 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 Laggs 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, 354-3500 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

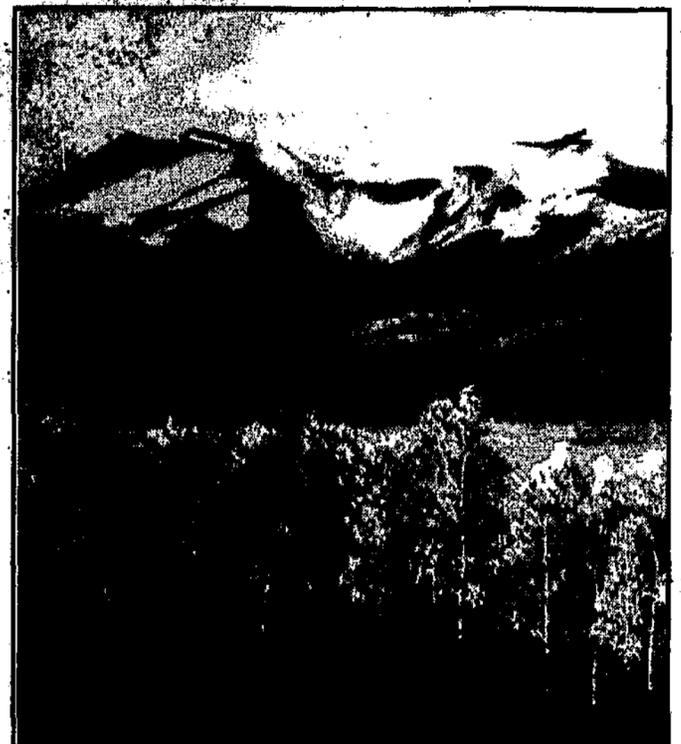
320 East Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitán 354-4203. Original western oils, a collection of quality Indian jewelry and artifacts, unique ethnographic and regional crafts.

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 Pecos Mountain. A one hour drive north from Ruidoso. Open seven days, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Ryan Kluthe for the Ruidoso News

"COLORADO COLORS" is an example of the work by Connie Bell. Bell's art will be on display at the open house at Gail's Frame of Mind.

Open house at Gail's Frame of Mind

Gail's Frame of Mind will have an open house from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday.

The open-house features multi-media artist Connie Bell. She has many different media including: acrylic, oil, and water paintings. Her paintings have a variety of landscapes such as deserts, mountains, and flowers. Bell's work is also shown at the Deckhouse restaurant.

Singer/songwriter Marcella Elmer-Garcia will be performing live music with many versatile styles and instruments.

Diana Davis will also be there with a special camera to take aura photographs.

The open house will be catered with refreshments and fine wines. This is the first open house of the year.

Gail's Frame of Mind is in the plaza two buildings up from Farleys. Call 258-9071 for further details.

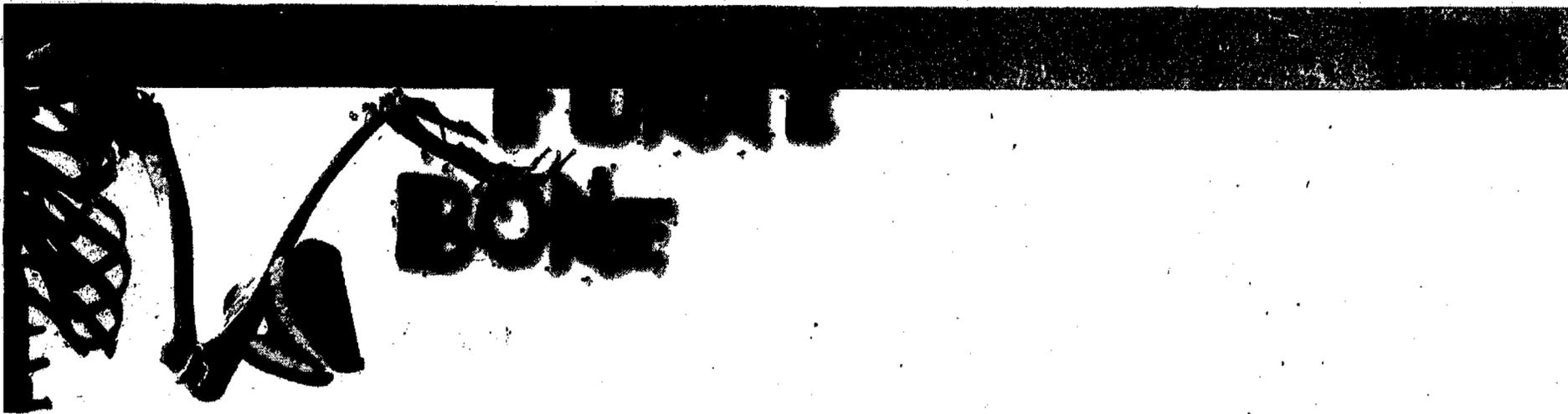
Open house at Carrizozo Recreation Center

The Carrizozo Recreation Center, in association with the Uptown Cafe, will have an open house 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 3. There will be free food, compliments of the Uptown Cafe from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., including hot dogs, hamburgers, popcorn, nachos, a salad buffet, and drinks.

The open house is in celebration of the grand re-opening of the Recreation Center that was donated by Dr. and Mrs. A.N. Spencer in 1967. Besides the free food, there will be free bowling and pool games until 4 p.m.

The management of the Recreation Center hopes it will attract many of the area's youth, as well as the adults of the community. They are planning an adult bowling league as well as one for children ages 8-12. There will also be summer activities for the local youth such as pool tournaments, crafts, board games, and theme dances starting from the 70s and ending with the year 2000. They also expect to have a story time at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays for children ages 4-10.

The Uptown Cafe has a great selection of food and entrees that include main courses, drinks, and a salad for \$5. They are open from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday - Friday for lunch and 6-8 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday for dinner.



A handyman's guide to decks and other man-made disasters



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Today's Do-it-Yourself Project Is: How To Build a Deck.

There's nothing like adding a deck to transform an ordinary home into a home attached to a mass of inexpertly nailed wood. And just imagine the family fun you'll have this summer with a deck!

"Come on, kids!" you'll call to your children. "Let's go out on the deck and have some fun!"

"Shut UP," they'll gaily reply, because they are engrossed in a Sony PlayStation video game that they've been playing for 11 consecutive weeks.

"OK then!" you'll say, stepping out onto your new deck. "You kids are just going to miss out on all the AAAAAAAAA." This is the noise you make when you pick up a splinter the size of a harpoon.

Yes, a deck would certainly be a great addition to your home. But if you're like most people, you're reluctant to tackle such an ambitious project, for fear that you lack the "know-how," or will sever an important limb.

Well, you can stop worrying. For one thing, they are making amazing progress in the field of prosthetics. For another thing, building a deck is NOT as hard as you think! I've watched TV personality Bob Vila do it many times,

and he is a regular "do-it-yourselfer" just like you, except that he has knowledge, skill, an unlimited budget and a large staff of experts. So let's get started!

Step one is to select a site for your deck. You should do this in accordance with the principles of "feng shui," an ancient Chinese philosophy whose name means, literally, "new fad." Feng shui (pronounced "wang chung")

teaches us that where we locate our household items affects our happiness by controlling the flow of "ch'i," which is a life force that is always around us, everywhere, all the time, like Regis Philbin.

You may be skeptical, but feng shui is actually based on solid astrological principles that have been scientifically verified by Shirley MacLaine and other leading Californians. These people pay feng shui consultants serious money to come to their houses and tell them things like what direction their beds should be

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pointing. If you think I'm making this up, check out any feng shui publication, such as Feng Shui for Modern Living ("The World's Biggest Selling Feng Shui Magazine") which is filled with useful tips, such as this one from the April issue: "Keep your toilet seat down ... to prevent ch'i being unnecessarily 'flushed away.'" (You know how true this is if you've ever had to pay a plumber to fix a toilet clogged by a big glob of escaped ch'i.)

My point is that, unless you want all your ch'i flowing onto your neighbor's driveway, you need to locate your deck in exactly the right place. In my experience, the ideal location for a deck, considering all factors, is: indoors. Just lay some boards on your living-room floor and tell everybody it's a deck. This way, you can enjoy your deck without going outdoors and turning yourself into essentially a Dunkin' Donuts for mosquitoes.

If you insist on having a tradi-

tional outdoor deck, follow these steps:

1. Go outside and, wearing steel-tipped work boots, carefully pace off an area the size of a deck.

2. Mark the corners by driving stakes into the ground, using a No. 6 Whacking Hammer. If you hear screaming, you have lawn vampires, and you should call your Realtor immediately.

3. Drive to a giant mega-warehouse home-fixin's superstore that runs TV commercials wherein cheerful, knowledgeable employees help you find exactly what you need. Take beef jerky, as you will be wandering the aisles for days, because those commercials are a big pile of ch'i. You will need to purchase the following deck parts: beams, joists, posts, bevels, headers, footers, thrusters, barristers and 8,000 metric feet of galva-

nized mahogany.

4. Nail these items together in the shape of a deck, as shown on the Bob Vila show.

That's all there is to it! Time to invite "the gang" over to enjoy some outdoor fun on your deck!

IMPORTANT SAFETY TIP: Send smaller, more-expendable members of the gang out onto the deck before you try it.

NIGHTTIME SAFETY TIP: Everybody should wear garlic.

NEXT WEEK'S HOMEOWNER TOPIC: Faster Gardening through Dynamite.

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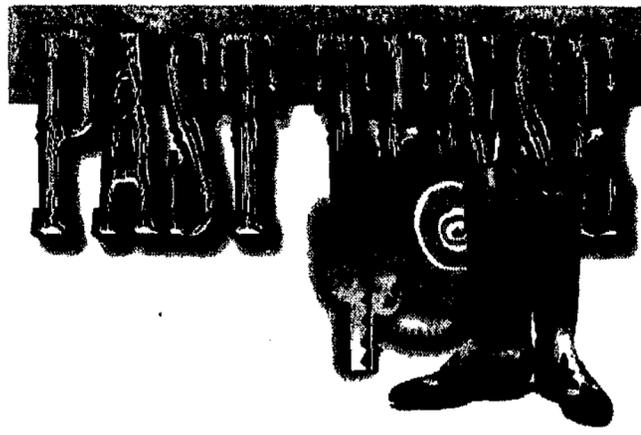
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In examining the Old West year by year, it becomes apparent that, while the forces of law and order were attempting to seize control of the violent chaos that was so evident in so many places (especially saloons), the 1870s and 1880s were definitely not its most successful years.

And in the middle-1870s, violent chaos was going full-bore nearly everywhere in the West. In fact, Doc Holliday got New Year's Day, 1875, off to a rip-roaring start.

January, 1875

On January 1, 1875, New Year's Day, Doc Holliday and a saloon-keeper had a difference of opinion at Dallas, Texas and decided to settle the matter terminally. A local newspaper carried the following, tongue-in-cheek account of the matter: "Dr. Holliday and Mr. Austin, a saloon-keeper, relieved the monotony of the noise of fire crackers by taking a couple of shots at each other yesterday afternoon. The cheerful note of the peaceful six-shooter is heard once more among us, both shooters were arrested!"

Four days later, on the 5th, at Kearney, Missouri, Pinkerton detectives surrounded a small farm inhabited by a widow, her second husband, Dr. Samuel, and her 8-year-old slightly retarded son, Archie. The Pinkertons, despite their odious reputation, had not simply picked an innocent family to harass - this particular widow was the mother of Frank and Jesse James, who, unbeknownst to the Pinkertons, were not even in the area at the time.

Nevertheless, the representatives of the famed detective agency thought otherwise and tossed what they later claimed was a "smoker" into the house. Mr. Samuel pushed the bomb into the fireplace, where it promptly went off. (Note: For many years, it was generally believed that the Pinkertons story about the "smoker" was true, but in 1992 diligent research unearthed a letter written by Allen Pinkerton instructing his operatives to, essentially, blow the place to smithereens.)

The explosion killed little Archie and mangled Mrs. Samuel's arm so badly that it had to be amputated. As one might expect, this was a public relations disaster for the Pinkertons, whose excuses, no matter how elaborate, could not conceal the fact that they had mangled an elderly woman and killed an innocent child.

Daniel Askew, a neighbor of the Samuels (and James') began to sweat bullets. He had openly helped the Pinkertons arrange the ambush, and when he found that Jesse and Frank were not taken, began to wonder just how soon it would be that they would show up at his doorstep. He didn't have to wait long, but I'll get to that.

On January 23rd, at San Jose, California, local badman Tiburcio

Vasquez, who had been terrorizing the area for years, was finally sentenced to hang on the 19th of March of the same year! Did the wheels of justice move faster in those days, or what?

February-July, 1875

On February 22nd the San Diego stagecoach was robbed, making it the third California stagecoach to be robbed in the first two months of 1875, indicating a definite rise in the popularity of robbing those particular conveyances.

On March 19th, right on schedule, Tiburcio Vasquez mounted the 13 steps to the gallows at 1:30 in the afternoon. Never one to over-articulate, and apparently anxious to get to the hereafter, Vasquez' last words were "Pronto! Pronto!"

On April 12th, back in Missouri, Frank and Jesse paid their much-anticipated call on neighbor Daniel Askew, who they felt had been behaving in a less-than-neighborly way. They felt that harboring a Pinkerton detective to spy on your neighbors was, well, *not nice*.

Teaching him a lesson they felt he would *never forget*, Frank and Jesse, in the company of gang-member Clell Miller, shot him so many times that the words "Swiss cheese" come to mind.

The 5th of June was an exciting day for a group of Texas Rangers numbering 18 and another group of Mexican bandits numbering 14. When the former intercepted the latter, a major gun battle erupted that left one Texas Ranger and all the Mexicans dead. Hmmm...

Around the end of June, James Butler "Wild-Bill" Hickok was charged with vagrancy in Cheyenne, Wyoming. It was a common practice in those days, when you had a known shooter in town (and Hickok was known by everyone in the West) to charge him with vagrancy or some such other aggravating charge and basically make him uncomfortable enough that he would want to leave, which Hickok did. Before he left, however, he asked about the new mining strike in Deadwood (where he would be murdered a little over a year later), and then departed for Kansas City to try and find out why his eyesight was failing (it was venereal disease).

July-September, 1875

On July 5th, the Fiddletown to Latrobe, California, stagecoach was robbed and two days later the ever-busy James Younger gang struck again east of Otterville, Missouri, where they robbed the Mis-

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souri Pacific Railroad. At this time, the Youngers were considered to be prosperous farmers in their part of Missouri. Of course, no one had forgotten that both Cole and Jim Younger had been guerrillas during the War Between the States, but still it mystified the neighbors as to why Cole, Jim and the youngest Younger, Bob, seemed to be away on business so often!

When the 26th of July rolled around, California's most famous stagecoach robber got into the act for the first time (or at least, the first recorded time), robbing a stagecoach that was en route to Milton, California. It was Charles E. Boles, aka "Black Bart," and he would go on to rob something like 27 more coaches on the Wells Fargo Line ALONE in the course of his bloodless career.

In August, there was a whole spate of stagecoach robberies (Boles had finally found something that he was good at). On the 11th, the stage from Soledad to Paso Robles was robbed. On the 12th, the very next day, the same stage was robbed again! Five days later, on the 17th, the Quincy to Oroville stage was robbed.

On the 1st of September, Jesse, Frank, and the boys were at it again...

The Huntington, West Virginia bank was robbed of some \$2,000. This time, however, gang member Tom McDaniels was killed by a posse of local farmers and another suspect was eventually captured by the Pinkertons and sentenced to 12 years in prison for his part in the crime.

Two days later, at Fort Smith, Arkansas, there was a mass hanging. Six men, all convicted of murders committed in the Indian Nations (Oklahoma) were all legally "jerked to Jesus."

October-December, 1875

On the 2nd of October, the stagecoach between Phoenix and Florence, Arizona Territory, was robbed of \$1,400. Seeing as how this robbery was in Arizona, it is difficult to attribute it to Black Bart. Mostly because he was way too busy out in California robbing stagecoaches there. There is no way that he could have possibly found the time to commute to Arizona what with his busy robbery schedule in California, and all.

There was a reward out for the late Tiburcio Vasquez' lieutenant Clodoveo Chavez for over \$2,000 and an enterprising young man by the name of Luis Raggio saw an opportunity to collect it. On the 25th of November, near Yuma, Arizona Territory, Raggio found Chavez and shot him dead on the spot. Fearing that the body would decompose too drastically before

he could get it back and collect the reward, Raggio cut off Chavez' head, put it in a jar of alcohol and shipped that sucker off to California for identification. Raggio's tactic worked, and after properly elated/disgusted officials identified the head, Raggio collected \$2,199.42 in reward monies.

In December of 1875, frustrated Wells Fargo employees announced that there were 31 robberies and attempted robberies in California in that year and that there had been a total loss of \$80,000.

And then some...

The following year, 1876, was really a wild one. Bat Masterson got into his one and only one-on-

one gunfight. Wild Bill Hickok would get both married and murdered (there are some who consider it the same thing).

John Larn would get his comeuppance in Shackelford County, Texas. Bill Longley escaped jail in Texas, the James/Younger gang would pull off several robberies and then get shot to pieces at Northfield. And of course, George Armstrong Custer and the Seventh Cavalry would make their terminal boo-boo at the Little Big Horn.

But all that is for another time.

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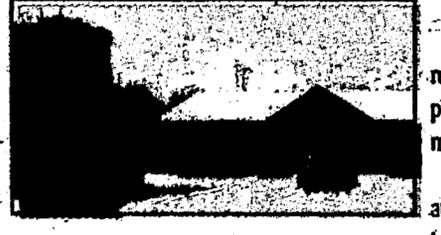
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LEGAL NOTICE

Lincoln County Medical Center COMMUNITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING will meet on Monday June 26, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. in the Hospital Conference Room. The Agenda will be available at the Administrator's Office on Friday, June 23, 2000 2540 27(6)2.33

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO No. CV-99-240 WELLS FARGO BANK NEW MEXICO, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. ARVIL GENE MOWDY, JR. a/k/a A.G. MOWDY or GENE A. MOWDY, SHELLEY FAY MOWDY a/k/a SHELLEY MOWDY and AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCE, INC., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is given that the real property described below in Lincoln County, New Mexico, will be sold to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds on June 23, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at the front steps of the Ruidoso Village Hall, located at 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico. The sale arises out of a Default Judgment entered on May 9, 2000, upon an indebtedness and foreclosure of mortgage. The amount of the unsatisfied judgment to Plaintiff, Wells Fargo Bank New Mexico, N.A. successor by reason of consolidation to Norwest Bank New Mexico, N.A. ("Wells Fargo"), is \$83,706.53, plus accrued interest from May 2, 2000 to date of sale in the amount of \$838.24; plus publication costs and all other amounts to which Norwest is entitled under the Note and Mortgage.

The real property is located in Lincoln County, New Mexico, (the "Property") and is more particularly described as follows: LOT 34, BLOCK 2 OF FOURTH ADDITION TO AIRPORT WEST, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1978, IN TUBE NO. 675.

The Real Property or its address is commonly known at 102 Corvair Ct., Ruidoso, NM 88345. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall take title to the Property free and clear of any and all claims of the parties subject, however, to the following:

- A. To a one (1) month right of redemption;
B. To any patents, reservations, easements, restriction of record and assessments;
C. To any unpaid ad valorem real property taxes;
D. Any municipal liens or assessments; and
E. Any prior unpaid liens of record.

NOTICE IS FINALLY GIVEN THAT WELLS FARGO may bid and purchase the Property at the foreclosure sale and that Norwest may apply all or a portion of its judgment toward the purchase price.

/s/Marc Priolo Special Master 2778 4T(5)19,26(6)2.9

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

INNSBROOK VACATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a New Mexico corporation. Plaintiff, vs. JAMES DIRKS, JOAQUIN ESCUEVEL, FRANCISCO BUENDIA, JUAN LUNA, IVAN AND FRANCIS DAVIS, FRANK AND DOTIA CRAWFORD, ARMANDO CARRILLO, JAMES WILLIAMSON, HECTOR AND MARIA POSADAS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that under and by virtue of Default Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on May 9, 2000, in civil cause number CV-99-181, in the case of INNSBROOK VACATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a New Mexico Corporation, vs. JAMES DIRKS, JOAQUIN ESCUEVEL, FRANCISCO BUENDIA, JUAN LUNA, IVAN AND FRANCIS DAVIS, FRANK AND DOTIA CRAWFORD, ARMANDO CARRILLO, JAMES WILLIAMSON, HECTOR AND MARIA POSADAS, the undersigned will

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offer for public sale to the highest bidder for cash at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico on the 13th day of June, 2000 at 9:30 a.m., all rights of the defendants to the time share intervals, located in Lincoln County, New Mexico attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Notice is further given that the court directed foreclosure of the liens on the time share intervals and the amounts to be realized at the sale of the time share intervals, with interest calculated to date of sale, are as follows:

Amount of Plaintiff's lien on Defendant James Dirk \$920.00

Amount of Plaintiff's lien on Defendant Joaquin Escuevel \$970.00

Amount of Plaintiff's lien on Defendant Francisco Buendia \$488.00

Amount of Plaintiff's lien on Defendant Juan Luna \$660.00

Amount of Plaintiff's lien on Defendants Ivan and Francis Davie \$660.00

Amount of Plaintiff's lien on Defendant Armando Carrillo \$660.00

Amount of Plaintiff's lien on Defendant James Williamson \$920.00

Amount of Plaintiff's lien on Defendants Hector and Maria Posadas \$920.00

Interest accruing from March 1, 2000 at 8.75% per day

Costs \$261.27

Attorney's Fees \$834.18

In addition thereto there will be accruing interest, and costs of publication of this Notice, and the Special Master's Fee fixed by the Court in the amount of \$200.00.

The terms of this sale are that the purchaser must pay cash at the time the time share intervals are struck off to him, except Plaintiff may bid all or any part of his judgment, plus interest without paying cash. Witness my hand this 12 day of May, 2000.

/s/Nick Vega, Special Master 2778 4T(5)19,26(6)2.9

LEGAL NOTICE

SALE OF SURPLUS INVENTORY SEALED BID AUCTION

June 16, 2000

The Bandera Independent School District will be holding a Sealed Bid Auction for the purpose of selling Surplus Inventory.

Auction date: June 16, 2000

Sealed bids, subject to the conditions included herein, shall be filed no later than 1:00 p.m. on June 16, 2000 - Bid# 06-16-00. Mail or deliver all bids to Gus Pfeiffer, Superintendent of Schools, P.O. Box 727, Old Highway 16, Bandera, Texas 78003. Also, bids may be hand delivered to the Superintendent between 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., local time, at the auction site. At 2:00 p.m. bids will be publicly opened and announced.

Bid Packages may be picked up at Bandera ISD Business Office located at Eleventh and Oak Street, Bandera, Texas 78003, telephone (830)786-6205. The bid package includes a list of all items to be sold.

Inspection of Surplus Inventory: The surplus items will be available for viewing at the auction site located at 2303 State Highway 16 South, at the following times: June 6, 7, 8 and 9th 2000 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; June 12, 13, 14 and 15th 2000 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; June 16, 2000 (Sale Date) from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Issued by the Superintendent /s/Gus Pfeiffer Date: May 29, 2000 2795 2T(6)2.9

LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF THE MESCALERO APACHE TELECOM, INC. FOR CERTIFICATES OF FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL COMPETENCY AND OPERATING AUTHORITY AND PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND FOR A FINAL ORDER OF INITIAL TERRITORY.

Utility Case No. 9364

MESCALERO APACHE TELECOM, INC. Applicant

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GTE SOUTHWEST IN CORPORATED FOR AUTHORITY TO DISCONTINUE SERVICE

Utility Case No. 9367

GTE SOUTHWEST INCORPORATED Applicant

NOTICE

The New Mexico Public Regu-

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LEGAL NOTICE

Commission ("Commission") hereby gives Notice of the following: 1. On May 15, 2000, in Utility Case No. 9367, GTE Southwest Inc. ("GTESW") filed Application requesting authority to discontinue offering public telecommunications services in certain portions of the Mescalero, Aho, and Ruidoso exchange areas ("Sale Territory") in order to complete the sale of its assets in the Sale Territory to MATI. The Application states that in the Sale Territory, GTESW serves about 610 access lines. The Application also requests a determination from the Commission that the sale is consistent with the public interest.

2. On May 15, 2000, Mescalero Apache Telecom, Inc. ("MATI") filed an Application in Utility Case No. 9364 for a Certificate of Financial and Technical Competency and a Certificate of Operating Authority to provide intrastate rural telecommunications services within the Mescalero Apache Tribal boundaries and within the Sid Apache area adjacent to the Reservation as a local exchange carrier. MATI requests that the Commission waive its procedural rules requiring bifurcated consideration of Applications for Certificates of Financial and Technical Competency and Certificates of Operating Authority and hear the Applications simultaneously in a single proceeding. MATI asks for expedited consideration and the issuance of a Final Order in this case on or before July 26, 2000.

3. MATI further requests that the Commission enter a finding that MATI is an incumbent rural telephone company pursuant to NMSA 1973, Section 63-9H-31 (1999), declares that MATI is an eligible telecommunications carrier pursuant to the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and state law, and find that it is in the public interest that MATI be granted a study-area and price cap waiver by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC").

4. GTESW states that it will provide written notice of the proposed sale to all of its customers currently served in the Sale Territory.

5. The Applications of MATI and GTESW and any exhibits and related papers may be examined at the offices of local counsel for MATI (David S. Cohen, Esq., Post Office Box 789, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0789), local counsel for GTESW (William P. Templeman, Esq., Comeau, Madigan, Tompkins & Inghil, LLP, 141 East Palace Avenue, P.O. Box 689, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0689), or at the offices of the Commission (Marian Hall, 224 East Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87501).

The current schedule for this case is as follows: A. A hearing will be held beginning at 9:30 A.M. on July 20, 2000, at the offices of the Commission, Marian Hall, 224 East Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

B. All pleadings and other documents related to either of the above-captioned cases shall contain the above caption, and shall be filed in Utility Case No. 9364.

C. Any person who desires to become a party to this case must file a Motion for Leave to Intervene on or before June 23, 2000, pursuant to 17 NMAC 1.2.26.1 and 1.2.26.2.

D. Staff and intervenors shall file testimony on or before July 5, 2000.

E. Rebuttal testimony may be filed on or before July 12, 2000.

F. Recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law, and orders shall be filed on or before July 31, 2000.

G. Any interested person may appear at the hearing, and make written or oral comment without becoming a party. Such comments will not be considered as evidence.

H. Any person with a disability requiring special assistance in order to participate in this hearing should contact the Commission at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the hearing.

Interested persons should contact the Commission for information on this hearing date, time, and place. Hearings are occasionally rescheduled. Issued at Santa Fe this 25 day of May, 2000. /s/Gail Pope COMMISSIONER 2797 1T(6)2

LEGAL NOTICE

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body, Village of Ruidoso, conducted a public hearing on May 30, 2000 at 6:30 P.M. in a regular meeting and adopted the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE 2000-07: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO CODE. COUNCIL CHAPTER 22, LAND USE, ARTICLE 2, ZONING, SECTION 2 DISTRICT REGULATIONS, SECTION 101 CONITIONAL USE, MOBILE

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VENDING IN G-3 DISTRICT

Copies of Ordinance 2000-07 may be filed in the office of the Village Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

/s/Tammy J. Maddox, Clerk 2798 1T(6)2

LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a regular meeting on June 20, 2000 at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case #PV00-022 a Variance request for the following described property:

Tract 1, Palmer Gateway Sd. Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.

/s/Tim Vega Planning Department 2799 1T(6)2

LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a regular meeting on June 20, 2000 at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case #PV00-021 a Variance request for the following described property:

Lot 5, Block 1, Cree Meadow Heights Sd. Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

/s/Tim Vega Planning Department 2800 1T(6)2

LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a regular meeting on June 20, 2000 at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case #PV00-020 a Variance request for the following described property:

Lot 14A, Block L, Ruidoso Pine Lodge Sd. Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.

/s/Tim Vega Planning Department 2801 1T(6)2

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning and Zoning Board will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 6, 2000, at 7:00pm, in the Village Council Room in the Village of Ruidoso Downs. Topic(s) will be: Request for approval of a variance for a 1x80, 1964 mobile home over ten (10) years old, to be placed at 229 Sierra Lane, lot 17, block 1, Spring Park Subdivision, in the Village, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico.

A discussion of setting workshop dates for review of newly proposed commercial zoning.

All citizens will have the opportunity to make written and/or verbal comment.

Diane Carpenter Planning/Zoning Secretary 2802 1T(6)2

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lodger's Tax Board of the Village of Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico will meet at 8:30 pm on Monday, June 5, 2000, in the Village of Ruidoso Downs Council Room at 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs. All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written and/or verbal comment.

Gloria Dillard Village Clerk/Treasurer 2803 1T(6)2

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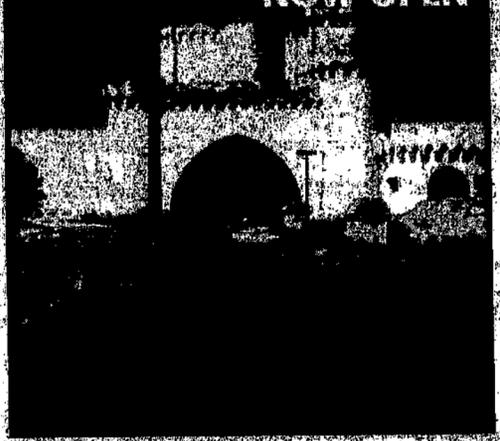
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OPENING DATE: May 30, 2000 CLOSING DATE: Until Filled

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Special Education Teachers - 2 positions
Elementary School Teachers - 2 positions
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OPENING DATE: May 19, 2000 CLOSING DATE: Until Filled

Submit to Mescalero Apache School, Administration-Personnel Office, POB 230, Mescalero, New Mexico 88340, the following: Mescalero Apache School application; Resume; Official College Transcripts; New Mexico Teaching License; 3 Letters of Previous Employment; 3 Letters of Reference. For further information call the Personnel Office at (505)671-4434.

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