

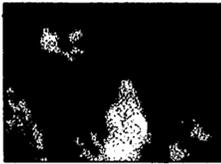


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Ben Mason, a director of the Ruidoso River Association, stands by the river as it courses behind him after a recent rain.

Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

Recent rains make Ruidoso noisy again

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

With weeks of rain, the Rio Ruidoso seems in good shape and may soon be stocked with rainbow trout.

The drought over the winter and spring brought water flow levels down to a barely perceptible two cubic feet per second at the low point. But in recent weeks, the measurement gauge on a weir near Ruidoso's old water plant is reading from 30 cfs to 40 cfs, said Ben Mason, one of the directors of the Ruidoso River Association, an advocacy group for the river system.

"The quantity has been good," he said. "It's been as high as 60 cfs."

Wednesday before a heavy

downpour, the river was reading about 20 cfs., he said.

"But the soil is getting saturated, so we look forward to no big drop-offs (in readings)," Mason said.

"We're comfortable about its condition," he said. "I haven't been up to the ski run to see the condition up there, but when we've had real hard rain and get some silt, the river has been clearing up rapidly."

"We're happy the village is taking as much water as it can at this time from the river for Grindstone Reservoir," Mason said. "It will be invisible to residents now. The village also has installed its pumping mechanisms to bring water leaking from the dam right back into the reservoir."

Jack Kelly with the fisheries division of the state Game and Fish Department in Santa Fe said he has enough fish to restock the river.

"It was curtailed because of the low flow and fire restrictions, but we have the fish," he said Wednesday.

He'll send a department representative to Ruidoso to take a look at flow and water quality, Kelly said. As soon as he receives word that the river is in good enough condition to support more fish, they'll be on their way, he said.

Jerry Hawkes, Smokey Bear District Ranger on the Lincoln National Forest, said reseeding and erosion control efforts in the Ski Apache area started three years ago were successful.

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Jury fails to reach verdict

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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After nearly two full days of deliberation, a Lincoln County jury Thursday failed to reach a unanimous verdict in the murder and armed robbery trial of Johnny Ray Gutierrez.

District Judge Karen Parsons declared a mistrial at 3:15 p.m. The jury deadlocked 10 for and two against acquittal on murder and eight for and four against acquittal on the robbery charge, according to jurors late Thursday.

Assistant District Attorney David Ceballes, who handled the scientific evidence in the trial, said the state reserves the right to retry the case.

Defense attorney Gary Mitchell said he was "very pleased with the work the jury did."

"Their inability to reach a verdict shows that there was a problem with the case," Mitchell said. "I appreciate the fairness, honesty, and courage of the jury. It shows the classic Lincoln County independence."

Gutierrez is accused of stabbing to death Allsup's clerk John Diebler in the early morning hours of Aug. 29, 1998, and then robbing the store.

"I felt we were a very good jury," one member said. "It was a very stressful experience. We were up at night thinking about it and trying to get things straight in our heads, and not enjoying the Fourth (of July holiday)."

The jury heard closing arguments Friday, June 30, from District Attorney Scot Key and Mitchell after five days of testimony in the 12th Judicial District courtroom in Carrizozo.

Jurors began deliberating at 9 a.m. Wednesday and returned Thursday. Parsons meet with jurors at about 10:30 a.m., but they asked for more time. However, by 3 p.m., they still hadn't reached agreement on either charge.

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County manager offers new hospital mill levy option

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A recommendation to reduce the special property tax mill levy for the county hospital and three health clinics to a flat three mills was sent this week to Lincoln County commissioners by County Manager Tom Stewart.

The majority of commissioners appear willing to consider his proposal.

While the reduction would lower the special levy for health care by 1.25 mills, Stewart is proposing a swap. He'd like commissioners to increase by the same amount discretionary millage they can impose and yet remain under a state-mandated taxing cap.

But the discretionary mills would be used for general county operation, to pull them "out of a po-

tential nose dive," Stewart wrote.

"Budgets are balancing acts," Stewart said Thursday. "You need to live within your budget, but at the same time, what I did in the preliminary budget (cuts) was an absolute disaster."

"With a redistribution of tax resources, we can meet the needs of everybody."

In his June 30 memorandum to commissioners, Stewart wrote, "The taxpayers can be advised that this action will keep the overall potential taxation impact level within previous years. In light of the hospital mill levy account reserves, we are simply redirecting taxing authority from the hospital accounts to general county operation."

"In concert with any ending fiscal year cash reserves, we can then contemplate reinstating some of our serious cuts in operation."

One mill equals \$1 for each \$1,000 of taxable property value. New Mexico taxes on one third of assessed market value. Taxpayers will have the option in November of renewing the special tax levy for the county-owned Lincoln County Medical Center and three rural health clinics.

Commissioners must decide to put on the ballot the amount of the levy and the number of years the levy will be in place. In 1992, voters overwhelmingly approved 4.25 mills for eight years. This time, commissioners have the choice of three years or seven years. Stewart initially recommended 3.08 mills, but with the memorandum, reduced that amount to a flat three mills.

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Boxer Tapia sued over goat killings

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Professional boxer Johnny Tapia was sued in Lincoln County District Court for actual and punitive damages in connection to a dog attack May 6, on show goats raised by 13-year-old Wesley Hall.

Although the amount of damages is to be determined at trial, the boy's attorney, J. Robert Beauvais, estimates the value of the goats between \$148,000 to \$168,000.

Tapia also is facing criminal charges, which accuse him of allowing his two Neapolitan mastiffs to run at large and of failing to vaccinate them.

The criminal case was set to be heard last month in the magistrate court of Judge Gerald Dean Jr. in Carrizozo, when it was reassigned by District Attorney Scot Key to Judge Buddy Hall from DeBaca County.

According to a court spokesman, Tapia's attorney, Vincent Martinez of

Albuquerque, disqualified Hall and the preliminary hearing now goes to Otero County Magistrate Ted McCutcheon, although no date has been set.

Since the incident in which Tapia's dogs are accused of killing or maiming 19 pregnant or milking goats and 13 unborn fetuses, the boxer's name has surfaced in the news several times. He reportedly was admitted for treatment for a manic-depression condition twice. He and his wife called the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office a week ago to complain that a motorist, apparently upset about Tapia's driving, shot at their car.

In the lawsuit filed Monday, Wesley Hall by and through his father, Robby Hall, contends Tapia was negligent by failing to provide adequate fencing and protection from his dogs at his home near Hall in the Ranches of Ruidoso area off Sierra Blanca Airport Road.

The goats were kept to show and breed for profit and were winners of several awards, according to the suit. They were kept in a series of pens enclosed by a five-foot chain link fence. As an additional precaution against attacks by dogs and wild animals, the family excavated and buried a portion of the fence underground.

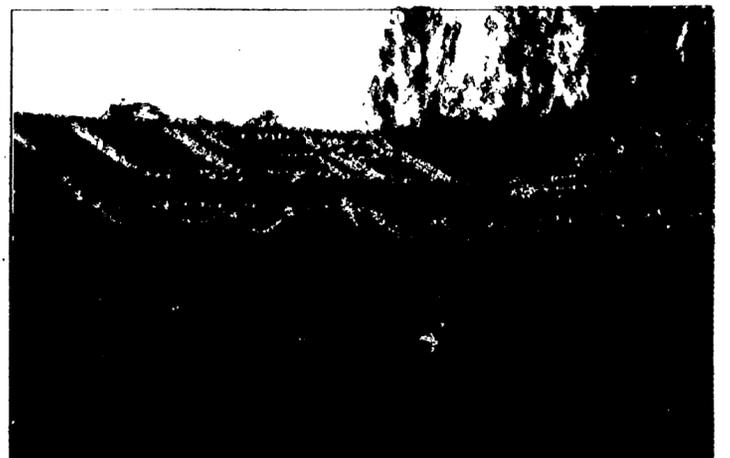
Tapia was out of town when the incident occurred, but a relative was checking on the dogs periodically, the suit states. The Halls also were gone attending a horse show, but neighbors related what they saw and deputies found the blood-covered dogs in the pen with the dead and injured goats.

"The enclosure constructed for the Tapia dogs was not adequate to contain the large animals," the lawsuit states, noting that the dogs each weigh more than 100 pounds.

A county ordinance prohibits dogs

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Patriotic decor



The patriotic theme of the nation's birthday shows at the Bill Long residence at 304 Barcus Road in Ruidoso. Visually choreographed by Jeffrey Worthington and Nick Spence, more than 5,800 lights depict the American flag and spell out "USA" on Long's roof. The two artists said it took about ten hours to get the lights in place.

FAA calls airport runway dispute unusual

Agency steers clear of involvement in conflict between Ruidoso, Meadow Valley

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Tim Morris, the airport manager, had said the village's engineering firm deemed parts of the 6,500-foot runway's pavement met less than half the specifications rating.

While Burns said the FAA

has talked with the village's engineer, the agency has not seen any of the asphalt test results.

"When a public use airport gets federal funds they will use FAA specifications," Burns said. "It becomes part of a contract between the airport and the contractor. The village has assured the FAA that the project will comply with FAA normal specifications."

He said the FAA normally stays out of specifications disputes because the requirements are spelled out in a contract. Burns added the FAA has not sent any correspondence to the village, airport or Meadow Valley regarding the construction dispute.

"This is our project," said Alan Briley, Ruidoso's village manager. "We are following FAA specs to a T."

Briley confirmed that the village is withholding the latest payment to Meadow Valley.

The key items that failed to meet specifications, according to a letter from Leeds Hill, Herkenhoff, Inc., the village's

engineering firm on the runway project, deal with the asphalt's composition and compaction.

Four of six lots tested had inadequate compaction or failed on air voids criteria. The letter goes on to state that joints failed to meet density criteria on five of six lots where there are paving joints. The aggregate is listed as contaminated with material that could easily crush into powder and thus cause premature deterioration of the pavement.

"The contractor said earlier this week they would recommend a third-party engineer test the asphalt, which the firm contended met specifications. Meadow Valley's Sam Grasmick, who oversees New Mexico projects, said according to their engineer's reviews, planes could start landing on the new cross-winds runway.

The cross-winds runway, which will run north and south, is a \$6 million project. The airport's main runway, which runs east and west, remains open.

Village asks residents for input on future

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
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Questionnaires are going into the mail today, asking 6,912 Ruidoso residences what they want from village government.

In the wake of the two-and-a-half years ago Visioning process, where some residents voiced their desires, the new effort will attempt to rate initiatives that citizens say they want, said Alan Briley, Ruidoso's village manager.

The results will be added to Ruidoso's comprehensive plan.

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Approval of bills paid and payable

Approval of budget transfers and budget increase

Board reorganization option

Approval of school bus drivers and subactivity drivers for 2000-2001

Inventory deletions

Approval of strategic plan

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State Department of Education denied request for full-day funding

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Resignations

Board procedures for parent associations

TRIAL: Some jurors said they felt the prosecution left several questions regarding the murder case unanswered

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Those voting for conviction also were bothered by inconsistencies in Gutierrez changing versions of what happened the previous night and the day of the killing. They also gave credence to the testimony of Mari Diaz, a former drug user, who said she was with Gutierrez at Allsup's, but didn't realize Diebler was dead or that the beer she took from the coolers was stolen.

"She wasn't believable," said one juror, who asked not to be identified and voted for acquittal. "We felt she was more heavily involved and not just a bystander. They never explained why there were blood drops by the cooler doors. They didn't send back all of the evidence presented in the trial we wanted to see and didn't answer all of our questions."

One major question that haunted several jurors was "Where's George?"

They were referring to George Padilla, the fourth person at a "party" of beer and drugs that occurred before Gutierrez was supposed to have gone to Allsup's. On the stand,

Gutierrez said Padilla and another woman left while he stayed to watch his son and another boy. He testified that Padilla resembled him, but was stockier and taller.

The reference was in response to Stralow's original description of the man behind the counter as being stocky and about five foot, nine inches. Gutierrez is five foot, seven inches and 155 pounds, but admitted he lost weight over the last two years.

Mitchell repeatedly pointed out that Stralow said the man had a mole or birthmark on his right cheek, something Gutierrez lacks. Key countered that Gutierrez was scratched under his right eye in a domestic dispute before the murder.

But jurors wanted to see Padilla to judge for themselves if he looked like Gutierrez. They said they wondered if Stralow ever saw Padilla in a lineup.

"They (attorneys) said he had nothing to do with the case," one juror said. "But we felt if they brought him, it would have put a lot of questions to the judge to that effect."

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TAX: The funds generated would be split
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RIVER: If the river continues proper flow, the state could bring more fish
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"My understanding is that everything put in there is doing well," he said. "After heavy rains in 1997 that gutted one of the drainages up there causing a huge gully, we went in and working with the people at Ski Apache, rounded the gully back off, put in an eight-foot culvert and put some rock erosion control structures, and re-seeded everything. Ski Apache did most of the work and it seems like it's really worked well."

SUIT: Tapia's attorney in Albuquerque court
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Map of Ruidoso area with various landmarks and locations marked.



SCRAPBOOK
A glimpse into Lincoln County's past, compiled from local newspapers by Polly E. Chavez.
White Oaks Eagle July 5, 1900
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Day	Sunrise	Sunset
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Thu	5:52 a.m.	8:16 p.m.
Fri	6:00 a.m.	8:15 p.m.
Sat	6:00 a.m.	8:15 p.m.
Sun	6:01 a.m.	8:15 p.m.

MOONRISE MOONSET

Day	Moonrise	Moonset
Wed	10:19 a.m.	11:43 p.m.
Thu	11:24 a.m.	none
Fri	12:26 p.m.	12:19 a.m.
Sat	1:28 p.m.	12:52 a.m.
Sun	2:24 p.m.	1:25 a.m.

WEDNESDAY'S WEATHER

Temperatures are Wednesday's highs and Wednesday night's lows.

Time	Temp
8 a.m.	60°
Noon	60°
4 p.m.	62°
8 p.m.	72°

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Village of Ruidoso

- Monday, June 10, 6 p.m., Extraterritorial Authority meeting at Village Hall
- Tuesday, June 11, 9:30 a.m., Utility Council at Village Hall
- 2:30 p.m., Lodgers' Tax Committee at Village Hall
- 6:30 p.m., Ruidoso Village Council at Village Hall
- Wednesday, June 12, 12 p.m., Ruidoso Library Board (at the library) at Village Hall

Ruidoso Downs Village

- Monday, June 10, 6:30 p.m., Ruidoso Downs Village Council meeting at Village Hall

Lincoln County

- 6 p.m., Tuesday, Fort Stanton Area of Critical Concern meeting at the Zia Senior Citizens Center in Capitan, called by the Bureau of Land Management.
- 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, Enhanced 911 meeting at the county senior citizens center in San Patricio, to discuss road names.

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Commissioner William Schwettmann said while commissioners are glad the county was able to contribute \$1.2 million toward the recent hospital renovation and expansion, the county was hit by a one-two whammy with a fire in May,



Ruidoso council to round out last year's budget

Ruidoso village council Tuesday will consider a resolution to close out the 1999-2000 fiscal year. The resolution deals with budget amendments for the just-completed fiscal year.

Also on Tuesday's agenda is approval of a special dispensers permit to Win, Place and Show to provide alcohol during the October 7 New Mexico State Open Golf Tournament.

The council will consider awarding a water rights facilitation and advisor contractor to Progressive Environmental Systems Inc.

A grant agreement with the New Mexico Arts Commission and authorization for matching funds will be decided by council members.

The village council normally meets the second and last Tuesday of the month. The first July session, on July 11, begins at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers of the Ruidoso Administrative Office, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

RIVER: If the river continues proper flow, the state could bring more fish

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"My understanding is that everything put in there is doing well," he said. "After heavy rains in 1997 that gutted one of the drainages up there, causing a huge gully, we went in and, working with the people at Ski Apache, rounded the gully back off, put in an eight-foot culvert and put some rock erosion control structures, and re-seeded everything. Ski Apache did most of the work and it seems like it's really worked well."

However, silt still is running down from the ski resort parking lot and that will be the next focus, Hawkes said.

"We hope to at least get all the survey work done this year," he said. "I'm not sure how far we'll get other than laying out the project."

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Commissioner L. Ray Nunley, who proposed last month that a flat four mills and eight years be on the ballot, said he's willing to reconsider.

"I always try to trust Jim's evaluation," Nunley said. "When he makes a recommendation, he always leaves it open for us to make the decision. But I try to wait until I'm at the meeting to decide, after I've heard all of the evidence."

"I do know county operations need help, particularly in the road department. We have lots of work ahead and we need to be prepared."

Chairman Rex Wilson said the figures may need some more "crunching," but "it's probably a good thing."

Commissioner Rick Simpson could not be reached for comment.

Stewart recommended distributing 6/10th of a mill for the Carrizo clinic, which includes the Corona clinic, and four/10th of a mill for Honda. Two mills would go to the hospital. Each mill produces \$457,853.

"This will generate \$1,373,545 per year," Stewart said. "I don't know how much the hospital administrator's \$1,380,000 annual requirement," but "without a recommended \$100,000 reserve."

Hospital Administrator James Gibson said Thursday he has not seen the Stewart memo and could not respond without reviewing its contents.

SUIT: Tapia's attorney in Albuquerque could not be reached for comment

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from running at large. Owners of dogs that kill or injure livestock are responsible for any damages sustained as a result of attack, Beauvais pointed out in the suit.

The Halls are asking for fair market value for the goats, to be determined by an expert, veterinarian costs and other compensatory and consequential damages. The family also is asking for punitive damages "to punish defendants and deter similar future conduct."

They note in the suit that Tapia chose to keep "animals with a known propensity for aggressive behavior and their failure to adequately house and control the dangerous animals is the type of willful and wanton behavior for which courts traditionally awarded punitive damages."

From Albuquerque, but with a part-time home in Lincoln County, Tapia won several world boxing titles in the past few years.

His wife is his right manager. Martinez, his attorney, did not return calls for comment.



An adobe house in White Oaks.

THE SCRAPBOOK

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

White Oaks Eagle July 5, 1900

A rich gold strike was made at Nogal last week on the "Rialto mine," property of M.D. Gaylord. The ore assays \$100.00 per ton, and the body is extensive. Nogal is wild over the new find and a great prospecting stimulus has been created by it.

The White Oaks Base Ball Club do here by challenge the Capitan Base Ball Club for a game to be played on the grounds of the former at White Oaks. - E.J. Gumm, captain.

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FAA calls airport runway dispute unusual

Agency steers clear of involvement in conflict between Ruidoso, Meadow Valley

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The runway asphalt woes that village of Ruidoso officials said are plaguing a planned second runway at the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport are an unusual event, a Federal Aviation Administration official said Thursday.

The village, which owns the airport, has held up a payment to Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc., claiming the payment on a new runway is far below specifications.

It does happen occasionally, said Paul Burns, the regional FAA program manager for airport development. "I'd say it happens in about two out of 10 projects."

Burns did call the apparent low specifications rating of the asphalt unusual.

Tim Morris, the airport manager, had said the village's engineering firm deemed parts of the 6,500-foot runway's pavement met less than half the specifications rating.

While Burns said the FAA

has talked with the village's engineer, the agency has not seen any of the asphalt test results.

"When a public use airport gets federal funds they will use FAA specifications," Burns said. "It becomes part of a contract between the airport and the contractor. The village has assured the FAA that the project will comply with FAA normal specifications."

He said the FAA normally stays out of specifications disputes because the requirements are spelled out in a contract. Burns added the FAA has not sent any correspondence to the village, airport or Meadow Valley regarding the construction dispute.

"This is our project," said Alan Briley, Ruidoso's village manager. "We are following FAA specs to a T."

Briley confirmed that the village is withholding the latest payment to Meadow Valley.

The key items that failed to meet specifications, according to a letter from Leeds Hill-Herkenhoff, Inc., the village's

engineering firm on the runway project, deal with the asphalt's composition and compaction.

Four of six lots tested had inadequate compaction or failed on air voids criteria. The letter goes on to state that joints failed to meet density criteria on five of six lots where there are paving joints. The aggregate is listed as contaminated with material that could easily crush into powder and thus cause premature deterioration of the pavement.

"The contractor said earlier this week they would recommend a third-party engineer test the asphalt, which the firm contended met specifications. Meadow Valley's Sam Grassmick, who oversees New Mexico projects, said according to their engineer's reviews, planes could start landing on the new cross-winds runway.

The cross-winds runway, which will run north and south, is a \$6 million project. The airport's main runway, which runs east and west, remains open.

Village asks residents for input on future

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
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Questionnaires are going into the mail today, asking 6,912 Ruidoso residences what they want from village government.

In the wake of the two-and-a-half years ago Visioning process, where some residents voiced their desires, the new effort will attempt to rate initiatives that citizens say they want, said Alan Briley, Ruidoso's village manager.

The results will be added to Ruidoso's comprehensive plan.

The Village of Ruidoso

Community Survey is divided into five categories.

Those are parks/recreation/arts/culture, public facilities and infrastructure, public services and administrative services, land use/environmental, and economic development/business/tourism.

The Visioning process included a number of public hearings where the five categories emerged as needing review, Briley said.

"From those public hearings we got lists and lists and lists of questions," Briley said. "But as time changes, growth changes and priorities

change. We really need to have (comprehensive plan) updates every two to three years."

As one example of potential change, survey participants will answer if the village should require outdoor management practices such as thinning to improve forest health and reduce fire dangers.

"Right now, with road construction everywhere, roads could be the number one issue," Briley said. He added what's going on in the village at any specific time could influence what residents see as important issues.

MEETING WATCH

Capitan Municipal Schools

Meeting: Board of Education, 6 p.m. July 13, Administration Building

Actions: Athletics, cafeteria, activity bank accounts approval

- Approval of bills paid and payable
- Approval of budget transfers and budget increase
- Board reorganization option
- Approval of school bus drivers and sub/activity drivers for 2000-2001
- Inventory deletions
- Approval of strategic plan

- Informational:**
 - Kindergarten funding
 - State Department of Education denied request for full-day funding
- Personnel:**
 - New hires
 - Resignations
 - Board procedures for parent associations

TRIAL: Some jurors said they felt the prosecution left several questions regarding the murder case unanswered

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Those voting for conviction also were bothered by inconsistencies in Gutierrez' changing versions of what happened the previous night and the day of the killing. They also gave credence to the testimony of Mari Diaz, a former drug user, who said she was with Gutierrez at Allsup's, but didn't realize Diebler was dead or that the beer she took from the coolers was stolen.

"She wasn't believable," said one juror, who asked not to be identified and voted for acquittal. "We felt she was more heavily involved and not just a bystander. They never explained why there were blood drops by the cooler doors. They didn't send back all of the evidence presented in the trial we wanted to see and didn't answer all of our questions."

One major question that haunted several jurors was "Where's George?"

They were referring to George Padilla, the fourth person at a "party" of beer and drugs that occurred before Gutierrez was supposed to have gone to Allsup's. On the stand,

Gutierrez said Padilla and another woman left while he stayed to watch his son and another boy. He testified that Padilla resembled him, but was stockier and taller.

The reference was in response to Stralow's original description of the man behind the counter as being stocky and about five foot, nine inches. Gutierrez is five foot, seven inches and 155 pounds, but admitted he lost weight over the last two years.

Mitchell repeatedly pointed out that Stralow said the man had a mole or birthmark on his right cheek, something Gutierrez lacks. Key countered that Gutierrez was scratched under his right eye in a domestic dispute before the murder.

But jurors wanted to see Padilla to judge for themselves if he looked like Gutierrez. They said they wondered if Stralow ever saw Padilla in a lineup.

"They (attorneys) said he had nothing to do with the case," one juror said. "But we felt if they brought him, it would have put a lot of questions to the judge to that effect."

The scientific evidence also was lacking, a juror said.

The jury wanted to know more about hair found in Diebler's hand and on his clothing.

"We were a very alert jury and we all took lots of notes and asked a lot of questions, but quite a few were not answered,"

a juror said. "We read and reread testimony and statements."

"Everybody would have loved to convict. It was a brutal crime and he might have done it, but there were a lot of unanswered questions and not enough evidence."

One item jurors said they

would have liked introduced as evidence was the exact transcript of a call placed to Crimestoppers while Diaz was in El Paso.

While many jurors were bothered by the different stories, Gutierrez told investigators about why he was in Albuquerque, they thought he may

have been foggy from drugs and alcohol.

Diaz' description of Gutierrez wearing a black shirt and tan pants conflicted with Stralow's memory of a man in a white T-shirt and jeans, but jurors also thought Diaz could be confused from her drug use that night.

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OUR OPINION

Twenty-five years and still growing

Today the Mescalero Apache Tribe will celebrate the continued success of one of the preeminent features of the area.

The Inn of the Mountain Gods opened its doors 25 years ago and has evolved into a facility that includes Casino Apache, a hunting lodge, Mescalero Lake with its boating and fishing, a golf course, plus all those hotel rooms, dining facilities and more.

Besides providing quality recreation and accommodations, the Inn of the Mountain Gods provides a shot in the pocketbook for many in Lincoln County.

According to information provided by the Mescalero Apache Tribe, the Inn of the Mountain Gods employs almost 700 people, and in 1999 paid more than \$6 million in wages with an average annual wage of \$8,614.

Casino Apache, during 1999, had 719 employees and paid more than \$7 million in wages with an average annual wage of \$10,173.

The total number of Lincoln County employees hired by all enterprises of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, and this goes beyond just the Inn of the Mountain Gods and Casino Apache, is 709. That is about 25 percent of the total number of employees hired by the tribe.

Obviously, the economic impact of the Mescalero Apache Tribe (the total wages paid by the tribe in 1999, by the way, was more than \$27 million) is certainly worth celebrating, and a 25th birthday is as good excuse as any.

Today the tribe will host festivities that include a family barbecue from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and hold games for all ages, including sack races, 3-legged races, face painting, and horse shoes at the hunting lodge.

Mescalero Apache arts and crafts will also be exhibited throughout the day.

And the birthday event will also feature guest speakers as well as door prizes.

At dusk, a traditional ceremonial dance of the Mountain Gods will be performed on both Friday and Saturday. So go on out and celebrate with our neighbors.



YOUR OPINION

The hospital mill levy and the taxpayer

To the Editor:
I have no objections to the mill levy for LCMC, however I do object to the amount and duration being considered. They are both excessive in my opinion. The mill levy has been excessive in the past. The size of the surplus in the fund is uncalled for and exists notwithstanding the sweet-heart deal enjoyed by the Presbyterian Group. I am certain if this went out through RFP, the taxpayer levy would decrease. I am hard pressed to believe a mill levy in excess of the recommended amount of 3.08 mills would even be considered by any rational Commissioner who is in the least concerned with the burden placed on many property owners. I also take exception to the self-serving accolades about the great care received by patients. The two experiences my family has encountered in emergency room visits were terrible. With a broken arm and shoulder suffered from a fall, my wife was never seen by a doctor. We ended up going to Alamogordo so she could receive proper treatment.

The utilization of mill levy funds by Presbyterian for capital improvements leaves much to be desired. The remodeling of the waiting room and admissions area had an impact on patient care but was done at taxpayer expense for no apparent reason other than the funds were available.

Any mill levy in excess of 3.08 and for a period in excess of four years, without getting RFP bids is another instance of total disregard for the burden being placed on the taxpayers of Lincoln County calling for the election of new

Commissioners at the earliest time.

Serafino "Steve" Court
Ruidoso

Election appreciation

To the Editor:
I would like to express my appreciation to the many people that worked together to make the June 6 Primary Election happen in a fair and accurate manner. First I want to thank the more than 100 patriotic citizens who served on the precinct board at the different polls around Lincoln County. They all endured a long day that started at 6 a.m. and ended at 8 p.m. or later. My special thanks goes out to Sandra Jordan, director of the Ruidoso Senior Center, her staff and the people at the center for allowing us to hold early voting there for 10 days during the election. We appreciate all those who allowed us to use their buildings for polling locations: Corpus Senior Center, Judge Parson's Court Room, Harrison Schools, Nogal Fire Department, Angus Nazareno

Church, Bonita Fire Station, Ruidoso Convention Center, Ruidoso Downs Senior Center, Santa Patricia Senior Center, Hondo Schools, Capitan Fire Department and Lincoln County Fair Building. Also a special thanks to the Lincoln County Sheriff's posse who are always so willing to volunteer their time and transportation to bring the ballot boxes and election returns to the courthouse following the close of the polls on election night. Those people were: Clarence and Beverly Leslie, Leon and Jane Livingston, Jim Sharp, Lawrence & Gloria Elchlepp, Reggie Ligon, Marilyn Chawinski, Bob Larso, Roland Carter and Bob and Margaret Woodard. I sincerely appreciate the offices of the Assessor, Treasurer, Sheriff and Manager as well as the many county employees that keep their offices open and allow the public to view their computer terminals as the returns are posted on election night. And last, but not least, I want to commend my staff for their dedication and hard work during election time.

Martha McKnight Proctor
Lincoln County Clerk

My, all the new words

Words make up the currency of people in this newspaper business need to make a living. Most are tired and used, like love and hate, home, health and

MOUNTAIN ASIDES



Some are so old you've never heard of them (words created from the name of people) like derby (for an English earl) sandwich (for another English earl), bloody Mary, bloodier's, bowdlerize and boycott.

All now are old words in common use. But our language is far from static; nobody can prevent its evolution, even though some pedagogues have tried. The degradation of the teaching of grammar in schools attests to that.

About the only standard (sort of) we can point to in the used of words is that established by our dictionaries. Somehow, if its spelling is sanctified by a dictionary publisher, it is acceptable.

So we now have some newly sanctified words, according to *Merrill Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Ninth Edition*.

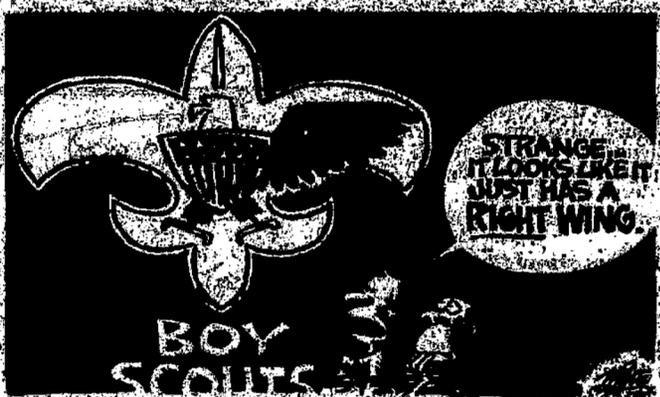
Among these are: flaffage, cherry pick, comfort, confusion, cuisine, paralympics, righteous, waitress, and (one I do like) waitwars.

Waitwars, I'm happy to learn, is a way to refer to the human brain, or a human being considered especially with respect to human logical and computational capabilities. All that, expressed in contrast to computer software (the electronic signals) and hardware (the box).

Some of these new words obviously were created for political correctness. Servers today clearly make up a wait-staff, not waiters and waitresses.

Others put a polish on not particularly desirable images. "Rightsize" is a way of saying a company has arrived at the optimum workforce, and it sounds so much more graceful than "downsize"—that itself a new entry in the dictionary not many years ago.

And, particularly when it storms and the electricity quits, and the hardware and software fails, it is very nice indeed to be able to fall back on the trusty old phrase—when if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Confusing the Delaware River with the Potomac River in last week's July Fourth polemic.



GUEST COMMENTARY

The Montana Cattle Drive

BY TOM STEEVER
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

Time changes everything. Progress, technology and philosophy tend to alter the way things get done. Before the Half Moon Ranch in Lincoln County, I proof that some ways are the best. That's the case with Nelson's Half Moon Ranch. Nelson's five miles long, narrow drive and

chance to experience first-hand an authentic Montana cattle drive. Nelson directs motorists from the cattle drive to seeing farmer and rancher programs in Montank Getting ready to one range to another. It's a necessity in the mountains between the Half Moon Ranch and the Coulees Ranch make

these are real cowboys. Main took admitted he had romantic notions of the great outdoors by nature. It's not just a matter of being a cowboy, it's a way of life. It's a way of life that's been passed down from generation to generation. It's a way of life that's been passed down from generation to generation. It's a way of life that's been passed down from generation to generation.

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lincoln county SUCCESS STORIES

Product, knowledge and service built Ruidoso Mortgage to what it is today

By Drew Cobble
Special to the Ruidoso News

Sherrie Larkey, founder, president and broker for Ruidoso Mortgage, established the company in December of 1992. For those of us who are convinced that anyone working at a mortgage company is unscrupulous at best and downright villainous at worst, Sherrie is a breath of fresh air. Her approach to both her business and her staff is warm and personable.

A native New Mexican from Los Alamos, Sherrie has been in the lending industry since 1972. Ms. Larkey maintains that the success of Ruidoso Mortgage is due to three key issues: Product, Knowledge and Service. And she feels that these three ingredients, applied to virtually ANY business, will insure its success.

The Product has come a very long way in the last 20 years. There was a time when only the perfect borrower fit the perfect product. Now, in the year 2000, Sherrie has Loan Products for nearly everyone. In the past, work history, credit or down payment proved to be serious restrictions for many borrowers. Sherrie - in the form of Ruidoso Mortgage - can now lead 100%



The Ruidoso Mortgage staff includes Gaylon Herrera, Arjanette Chavez, Sherrie Larkey, Lohua Wallace, and Debbie Shafer. Scott Lucero is not pictured.

financing! In the past, this was something that only the Veteran's Administration was in a position to do.

Today, even borrowers who have had credit problems and even recent bankruptcies, still have options. Not only can Sherrie and her efficient staff place nearly any borrower in a mortgage program, borrowers now have choices which were not available in the past - types of mortgages are

virtually unlimited.

Of course, as anyone who has ever run a business will tell you, having unlimited products only SOUNDS great if the person running that business does not have the necessary knowledge. Sherrie and her staff - on a daily basis - tackle the never-ending task of keeping up with the constant changes in the mortgage industry. Sherrie is justifiably very proud of her staff. As they stay on top of

the many changes that affect the mortgage industry on an almost daily basis, they give new meaning to the word "teamwork."

Needless to say, the most important aspect of any business is service. Sherrie and the rest of the staff at Ruidoso Mortgage strive hard to provide the best service possible for all of their customers. The entire staff is acutely aware that while one may offer a product to the public and be an

expert with it, it means little if that product is not delivered in a timely manner.

In the new environment of high-tech computers and the internet, the horizons for service in the mortgage industry are virtually unlimited. In fact, it is not unusual for the staff at Ruidoso Mortgage to not even see or ever meet the borrower personally. The time elements have decreased from 30 days to sometime

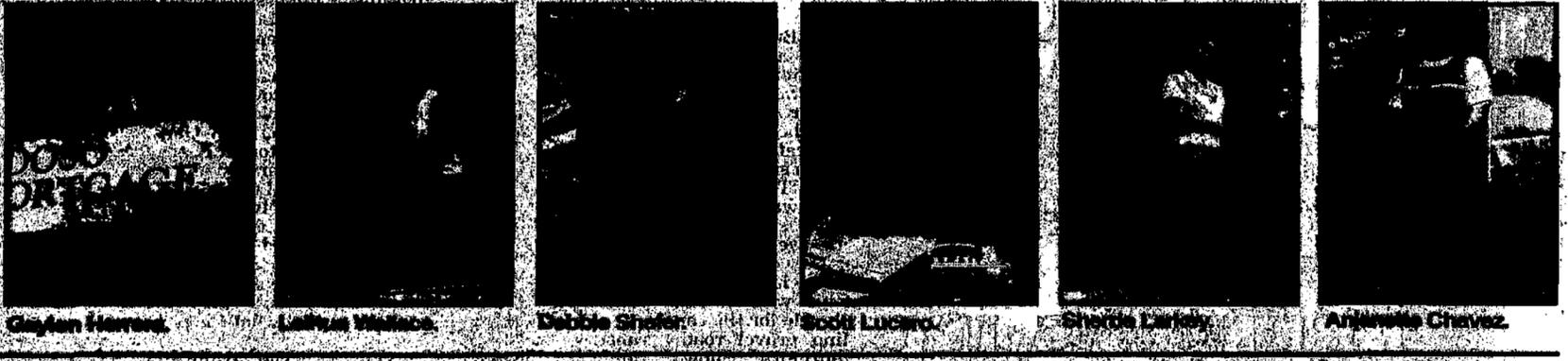
less than a week.

It should be noted that Ruidoso Mortgage, despite its name, is NOT limited to the Ruidoso area. Not only does the company lend in the entire state of New Mexico, it is also able to lend in 36 of the 52 states! And who does all this benefit? The consumer, of course. Customers of Ruidoso Mortgage reap all the benefits of our rapidly changing world.

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Sherrie Larkey has extended an invitation to the public to stop by anytime at the new location on Mechem where they can meet her experienced and knowledgeable staff. If you don't know whether or not you qualify for a mortgage, take the time to stop by and chat with Sherrie and her friendly staff. They will be happy to sit down with you and tell you how much you qualify for. The cost of this service is FREE.

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Work continues on hotel drainage problem

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

After being told to comply with a year-old site plan that included addressing drainage issues, the manager of the Swiss Chalet Inn said what could be done within a 10-day timeframe has been completed.

But a nearby property owner responded that a flood potential, from a steep slope created from fill taken from the State Highway 48 construction project, continues.

Ruidoso's Planning and Zoning Commission heard responses Wednesday to its June 20 command that the provisions of the site plan be fulfilled.

"To my knowledge no water is flowing from the top to the back," Steve Tally, manager of the Swiss Chalet said of his downhill neighbor's fear that flooding could recur. "It's (storm water) going to Highway

48," Tally, who contracted with Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc., the construction firm working the state highway reconstruction project, said the firm has re-graded fill areas to abide with the 1999 site plan approved by the commission. Tally said while slope requirements have been met, the area still needed to be seeded.

But Peter Drake, whose home flooded last year, told the commission the site plan has not been complied with.

"The only thing they've done the past 15 days is to haul in more dirt," Drake said. "The topsoil is not draining towards 48. Sixty percent is draining toward the problem area which is Shasta Place."

Shasta Place is an unimproved village road that has also been filled with excavated material from the highway project.

"So now the village of Ruidoso is contributing to this prob-

lem," Glen Barrow, chair of the commission said of the municipality's allowance of fill onto Shasta Place. Village attorney Charles Rennick cautioned the commission on taking any action. "You acted two weeks ago," Rennick said. "You don't, I believe, have the authority to act on it today." Rennick said the issue was not listed as an action item on the commission's July 5 agenda. "You cannot reconsider it," the attorney said. "The Drakes can appeal it further to the village council."

Drake said the fill has created a ravine, directing runoff to Sandia Drive, where his home and a neighbor's home are threatened. He recommended the village direct runoff to a nearby culvert.

"I had previously committed and am still committed," Tally said. "I'll make the drainage go to the culvert in the next few days."

FUNERALS DEATHS

Elisa Chavez

Funeral services for Elisa Chavez, 70, of San Patricio will be at 10 a.m. today at Fountain of Living Water Church in San Patricio, with the Rev. Benjamin Chavez officiating. Burial will follow at the Hondo Cemetery.

Mrs. Chavez died Sunday, July 2, 2000, at her home.

She was born May 12, 1930, in San Patricio and lived there all her life.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Fountain of Living Water Church.

Survivors include daughters Nancy Parrish of Warner Robins, Ga., Martha Dutchover and Tabita Ontiveros, both of San Patricio; a sister, Consuelo Sanchez of Roswell; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ismael Chavez, on July 31, 1980.

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

Reba Ivey

Memorial services for Reba Ivey, 87, of Ruidoso were Wednesday at the Gateway Church of Christ with Jimmy Sportsman officiating.

Mrs. Ivey died Saturday, July 1, 2000, at her home.

She was born Sept. 29, 1912, in Sentinel, Okla. She moved to Ruidoso in 1968 from Lovington and was a retired rancher. She was a member of Gateway Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Larry Squires of Hobbs; and grandchildren Susan Foster, Bill Squires and Ron Squires. The family requests memorials to Gateway Church of Christ.

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

Maxine Mitchell

Maxine Mitchell of Marfa, Texas, passed away Monday, July 3, 2000, at her home south of Marfa. She was born April 4, 1936, in Pecos, Texas. She

married Hayes Mitchell, Jr., on Jan. 9, 1955.

Mrs. Mitchell spent her life doing what she loved the most, playing golf and cheering her grandchildren on.

She is survived by her husband, Hayes; mother Nita Oliver of Ruidoso; three daughters, Marla Buren of Whitney, Texas; Debbie Aufliengarten and husband, Ellery, of Fort Davis, Texas; and Laurie Mund and husband Brad of Wall, Texas; eight grandchildren, Megan Leal, Jon and Colin Biren of Whitney, Texas; Kiki Mitch and Gerry Aufliengarten of Fort Davis, Texas; Casey and Brice Mund of Wall, Texas; and one great grandson, Brian Leal, of Whitney, Texas.

Memorial services were held at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 5, 2000, at the First United Methodist Church in Marfa.

The family requests that memorials be sent to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Communications Department, 6881 Arlington Road, Bethesda, MD, 20814.

Motel 6 opens 100th franchised property

The new Motel 6 in Ruidoso has a unique distinction in the chain of hotels; it is the 100th franchised property for the corporation.

A grand opening is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday.

The 83-room, newly built motel is owned by Ron Hyden and Nafanit Bhatka of Compadre Properties, based in Carlsbad, N.M.

The property utilizes the brand's "Motel of the 21st Century" prototype design,

which feature interior corridors, state-of-the-art heating and cooling systems, dataports in every room, computerized front desks and back offices, swimming pools, and electronic door locks.

"We are so proud and excited to be the owners of the 100th franchised Motel 6 property," Hyden said. "This is a great milestone for the brand and we feel like we are part of a wonderful family, with the support and guid-

ance we have received from Motel 6."

Bhatka adds, "This property, with its consistent service and quality and wonderful price-value, will attract all travelers coming to the Ruidoso area. As an operator of three Motel 6 properties, we know the importance of the brand name of this American icon."

Motel 6, which was launched in 1962, is operated by Accor Economy Lodging.

MEETING WATCH

Ruidoso Municipal Schools

Meeting: Ruidoso Board of Education, 7 p.m., July 11, Administration Office

- Discussion:
 - Nob Hill Early Childhood Center addition update
 - Back-to-school schedule

Progress on 1999/2000 school board goals

Actions:

- Approval of Open Meetings Act
- Board Retreat, Aug. 11 (closed session with board) and Aug. 12 (board, administrators, high school student council representatives)
- Board policy revisions, (student policies)

Approval of budget adjustments

- Authorization of superintendent as 2000/2001 fiscal agent for all funds, including federal project activities
- Approval of 2000/2001 school bus contracts
- Personnel:
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Two mining locations near Carrizozo could be cleared of environmental review

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Two former mining locations near Carrizozo are being considered for reduced federal environmental review.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has announced its intent to partially delete the Cimarron Mining Corp. Superfund Site from the National Priorities List (NPL).

The NPL is a list of sites identified by the EPA that require additional investigation to determine if a significant risk to public health, welfare and the environment

exists. A report from the EPA states the agency and the New Mexico Environment Department have determined that all appropriate cleanup has been completed at the Sierra Blanca Operable Unit and further cleanup is unnecessary.

Surface soils cleanup activity is also being deleted for Cimarron Operable Unit site. Contaminated ground water cleanup will continue at that location, and that water extraction and treatment is not part of the EPA notice to partially delete the site from the NPL.

The Cimarron site, a 10.8-acre inactive mine milling

facility, is located immediately east of Carrizozo. Cyanide contaminated liquids had been discharged at the site, according to EPA records.

"That's what we had to clean-up," said Petra Sanchez, the EPA remedial project manager for the sites. "It would be nice to get beyond this site."

The 7.5-acre Sierra Blanca milling location is about one mile south of Carrizozo. Soils at the location were contaminated with arsenic and metals.

Contaminated liquids were discharged from the site. In addition, approximately 570 cubic yards of contami-

nated material and other waste sediment were stockpiled at Sierra Blanca, according to EPA information.

The Cimarron Mining unit's remedial action includes pumping and discharging contaminated shallow ground water to Carrizozo's treatment plant, ground water monitoring, removal and disposal of chemical drums and other activities.

The Sierra Blanca unit remedial activity included excavating and treating contaminated materials, the removal and disposal of contaminated surface soil and sludge, and other decontami-

nation processes. Ground water at Sierra Blanca was found to be uncontaminated and no surface water existed near the site, therefore remediation was unnecessary.

The cleanups were financed by the federal government because cost recovery teams were unable to find a responsible principal party, Sanchez said.

The locations were last leased to American Mineral Recovery Corp., in 1979, she said.

Other companies involved in the milling operations since the late 1960s included Cimarron Mining Corp., and

Scott-Tex, Inc.

Approximately 1,000 people living within three miles of the Cimarron Mining Site get their drinking water from 29 municipal wells, an EPA notice states.

The nearest municipal well is about two miles away from the now defunct Cimarron Mining Corp. area and one-half mile from the original Sierra Blanca mill area.

The partial deletions from the NPL will take effect if the EPA receives no significant responses during a 30-day public comment period.

The comment period runs through July 21.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Ruidoso man charged with larceny

A Ruidoso man was arrested June 27 and charged with fourth-degree felony larceny. Jerry Baca, 46, allegedly tried to sell an item that the approached buyer recognized as a stolen bust from a relative's Ruidoso shop. When police later served a search warrant at Baca's residence they found several possible stolen items, including a bronze statue valued at \$2,750.

The case began when the owner of the House of Antiques on Sudderth Drive reported several items had been stolen. Later Baca reportedly tried to sell two bronze statues to a man at a Ruidoso gas station. The man recognized one of the bronze works with a \$200 price tag still attached. Baca allegedly tried to sell the bronze bust for \$27.

Ruidoso police reports state several pieces of merchandise, traced back to the House of Antiques, have been recovered.

Ruidoso man accused of stealing vehicle

A report of a single vehicle rollover in Ruidoso landed a 23-year-old man in jail, accused of stealing a vehicle. Cody L. Garren of Ruidoso was charged June 28 with felony larceny and taking a vehicle. Garren initially told police he found the keys of his roommate's pickup truck in the vehicle. Later he reported and said he took the keys from inside the residence, according to police reports.

Garren reportedly told officers he and two friends had been at two Ruidoso bars, but he was not the driver when the vehicle overturned in a ditch along White Mountain Drive shortly after 1 a.m. on June 28. Police found no one at the vehicle, but later discovered Garren when his roommate called police to report the missing pickup truck. Garren reportedly told officers he could not remember the names of the two friends that were with him.

Sudderth business burglarized

Ruidoso police are investigating a burglary of a Sudderth Drive business. An employee reporting to work at Magic Markets discovered a back window broken out on June 26. A display case containing collectible pipes had been broken into. A further investigation revealed a number of items were missing and an estimated \$150 to \$170 from a cash register had been taken. The case is under investigation as a burglary, larceny and criminal damage to property, all felonies.

High Street residence broken into

A burglar reportedly made off with compact discs and disc cases valued at \$840 from a High Street residence on June 26. The resident told police when he returned home at about 6 p.m. he discovered the front door to his apartment had been kicked in. The Ruidoso Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division is working the felony burglary and misdemeanor larceny and criminal damage to property case.

Shoplifter sought

A reported shoplifter also allegedly tried to run down an assistant manager of Furr's who tried to stop the fleeing man. Police were called to the incident at the Furr's on U.S. Highway 70 on July 1. Ruidoso police reports indicate the alleged shoplifter exited the

store with some meats, buns and beer. An effort by a second Furr's employee, to turn off the ignition of the fleeing pickup truck was unsuccessful. The assistant manager told police

the driver, in his effort to escape, almost hit her. Police said while they have the vehicle's license plate number, they have been unable to find the driver.



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Pecking order

**Ruidoso Parks & Rec
Men's Adult Softball League
Standings through July 6**

Team	W	L	Pct.
Aramark Thunder	11	0	1.000
Nads	9	2	.818
Ruidoso Merchants	9	2	.818
Raze	7	2	.778
Homeboys	9	3	.750
KRU/McMurtry Auto Group	8	3	.667
Brew Crew	5	6	.455
Grizzlies	4	5	.444
Sierra Blanca Brewers	4	7	.364
Buzzards	3	8	.273
Mescalero Indians	2	8	.200
Lumberjacks	2	8	.200
Apache Warriors	1	10	.091
Hammerheads	0	10	.000

Results for June 29
KRU/McMurtry Auto Group 7, Apache Warriors 0.
Brew Crew 7, Mescalero Indians 0
Ruidoso Merchants 18, Sierra Blanca Brewers 9
Homeboys 24, Lumberjacks 14
Sierra Blanca Brewers 24, Buzzards 5
KRU/McMurtry Auto Group 23, Homeboys 17

Games for July 11
6:30 p.m. — Sierra Blanca Brewers vs. Mescalero Indians; Grizzlies vs. Buzzards
7:30 p.m. — Apache Warriors vs. Ruidoso Merchants; Grizzlies vs. Raze
8:30 p.m. — KRU/McMurtry Auto Group vs. Lumberjacks

**Ruidoso Parks & Rec
Women's Adult Softball League
Standings through July 3**

Team	W	L	Pct.
Flamingo Softball Club	7	0	1.000
Loaners	7	2	.778
Thunder & Lightning	5	2	.714
Casino Apache	3	4	.429
Lady Merchants	3	5	.375
Wells Fargo Goodtimes	2	5	.286
Blue Angels	2	6	.250
Michelena's	1	6	.143

Games for July 10
6:30 p.m. — Blue Angels vs. Loaners; Casino Apache vs. Michelena's
7:30 p.m. — Blue Angels vs. Thunder & Lightning; Casino Apache vs. Flamingos
8:30 p.m. — Thunder & Lightning vs. Lady Merchants; Wells Fargo vs. Flamingos

On Deck

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 Lobo volleyball coach, and Lobo volleyball player Matt Brantley are providing instruction. 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. Monday-Wednesday. For more information, call Ruidoso High School at 258-4910.

Tennis tournament
The Portales Open Tennis Tournament will run July 14-16 at the Eastern New Mexico Zia Tennis Courts. Entrants are limited to three events. Junior who wish to play in the adult events will be eligible for three events in addition to the juniors. Entry deadline is July 12 at 8 p.m. Fees are \$8 for junior singles and \$12 for junior doubles; \$10 for adult singles and \$20 for adult doubles. Trophies will be awarded for first and second-place winners. The first 100 entrants who check in and pay entry fees will receive a T-shirt. All junior events will be played July 14 beginning at 8 a.m. Adult events begin July 15 at 8 a.m. For more information, call Bill or Shirley Walman at (505) 356-6747 or Beverly Johnson at (505) 276-8227.

Ski passes on sale
Ski Apache is offering season passes at a highly discounted rate during a limited summer sale. Five different pass categories will be sold at a 40 percent discount off the regular rate. The sale begins today and ends Sept. 8. Only 100 passes will be sold in each category. The any day passes are good for use any day of the 2000-2001 season, including holidays. They are available for seniors (62 years old or older) for \$90, children (12 years old or younger) for \$150; teens (13-18 years old) for \$225 and adults for \$450. Weekday Only passes are good for use on any weekdays except for holidays. They are available to individuals of any age for \$195. Each early pass purchase will include free winter ski storage on the mountain or a coupon that will be good for five free wax jobs at Ski Apache. Pass bookings will be accepted during normal business hours at the Ski Apache business office, in person or by telephone, at 356-4536.

Rodeo results

Results of the Senior (50+) and Super Senior (57+) Tie Down Steer Roping

Fastest time senior: Lionel Burns, Lovington, 10:17
Fastest time super senior: James Allen, Santa Rita, Texas

July 1
Senior — 1, Roger Chockley, Beaver, Okla., 42.70/3; 2, Arnold Felts, San Angelo, Texas, 49.40/3; 3, George Gansour, Cave Creek, Ariz., 51.44/3
Super Senior — 1, James Allen, Santa Rita, Texas, 51.78/3; 2, Charlie Good, Elida, 55.06/3; 3, Eldon Dudley, Clayton, Texas, 57.16/2

July 2
Senior — 1, Arnold Felts, San Angelo, Texas, 41.70/3; 2, George Gansour, Cave Creek, Ariz., 47.92/3; 3, Jim Bailey, Guthrie, Ariz., 52.42/2
Super Senior — 1, Fred Stanley, Vinita, Okla., 52.61/3; 2, Dick Yates, Pueblo, Colo., 58.60/2; 3, Myrl Goodwin, Canyon, Texas, 51.0/2

Stampede bulls cause fireworks for riders

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

CAPTAN — The Capitan Stampede ended with a flurry of fireworks in the sky above the rodeo arena Tuesday, but there were fireworks on the ground as well.

As usual, the bulls gave the cowboys all they could handle, tossing a few around and only allowing three rides out of 19 tries Tuesday.

Ruidoso firefighter Coy Dictson led after the first round of nine riders, scoring a solid 70. He would end up in second after Jeff Clifton, who was the only rider to stay on board at Mescalero earlier in the day, won his second title of the day with a 72.

"Real good way to end the weekend," Clifton said.

Dictson said the second-place finish — one of the few money-winning rides for local cowboys — "felt good." But the ride came in spite of some handicaps.

"I'm not very healthy," Dict-

son said. "I have some trouble with my leg. I have some torn muscles and I didn't think I'd do very good but it ended up working out for me."

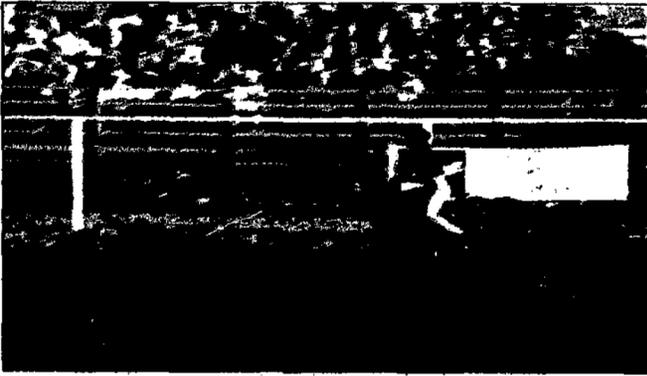
Dictson got stomped by a bull Sunday in Capitan, tearing his calf muscles all the way down to the bone and dislocating his ankle. He went to the hospital Monday but ignored his doctor's advice.

"They told me I shouldn't be riding, but I went ahead and got on this morning and tonight too," he laughed.

Another pair of county riders were luckier than Dictson, in that they avoided serious injury.

Lane Dixon, a Carrizozo High School student, was thrown from his bull and landed on his head. The blow left Dixon dazed and unable to get up as quickly as he should have. The bull bumped Dixon once before he was helped to his feet and out of the arena.

Later, Dixon said he was fine, just stunned momentarily



Karen Boehler/Ruidoso News
Capitan cowgirl Becky Washburn competed in both ribbon roping and barrel racing at the Capitan Stampede Saturday through Tuesday.

from the fall.

Joe Thistle, a Ruidoso cowboy, took a fall that announcer Skebo Norris said "had stitches and band aids written all over it."

But Thistle also walked away from his ride.

Despite the lack of wins from

local cowboys and cowgirls, Shorty Sanders, Lincoln County Fair Board president, was pleased with the four-day event.

"It's a good rodeo. Good turnout," he said. "We had two new events. We've had an awful good time."

Success in the arena will just have to come with practice, he said.

"We're always disappointed our locals don't do good, but this is tough competition," he said. "If we don't do good, we've just got to try harder and do better next time."

Sanders thanked Amy's Fireworks and KMOU Radio of Roswell with making the second-annual fireworks display a big success.

He said he was pleased with the crowds, which filled the bleachers for most of the performances, and credited the success of the rodeo to the Fair Association, arena director Billy Bob Shafer and the fair board members.

"Everybody worked hard and I appreciate each and every one of them because we can't do it without each other," Sanders said. "We're a good team."

Results from the final two days of the rodeo were not available at press time.

Rodeo wraps with solid performances

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

MESCALERO — Local bull rider Justin Joiner missed a sweep of his event at the Mescalero rodeo, getting tossed in Tuesday's final performance, but Joiner still was the top Lincoln County cowboy, getting three strong rides in four tries.

After an opening day score of 80, Joiner tallied a 78 Sunday and a 77 Monday, riding some of the toughest bulls in

the state.

Shawnda Elkins of Grants did make it four-for-four in Mescalero, taking the barrel-riding title each day.

Team ropers Darrin Simpson of Grants and Shawn Willis of Belen picked up the most money of the weekend, pocketing \$3,260 with two first place finishes and one second, not bad for a team that just started roping together in Mescalero.

"I feel damn good," Willis

grinned after pocketing Monday's winning money. "I got a good header in front of me and (we) drew some pretty good cattle."

Overall, the rodeo was a success, said organizer Fred Chino.

"Everything went pretty nice, pretty smooth," he said. Crowds were good throughout the four-day event, with the best competition Saturday

See MESCALERO, page 2B

Teens show roping prowess

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

CAPTAN — Adults weren't the only ones who got a chance to show off their rodeo prowess at the Capitan Stampede. Tuesday, cowboys ages 13-18 competed in four roping events.

The Youth Timed Rodeo Events drew young competitors from New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri, competing in team roping, tie down calf roping and ribbon roping.

Each cowboy had to both head and heel in team roping, rope and tie a calf in tie-down calf roping, then rope a calf, pull a ribbon off its tail and run back to the finish line in ribbon roping.

Contestants were timed in each event, and the lowest overall time won.

The top finishers completed the four events in just over a minute.

No Lincoln County riders earned overall honors, but Capitan's Keith Shafer finished second in heeling with a time of :11.97 and Trevor Sanders took third in heading with a :19.66.

Both competed in the 13-15 year old age group.

This was the first year for the youth events, said Thomas Montes, Lincoln County Fair Board Association.

"We wanted to try and keep the kids involved in rodeo and out of trouble," he said. "It went good. We'll have a bigger, better deal next year."

That could include barrel racing and breakaway roping for the cowgirls, Montes said.

Results of the youth timed events follow:

- Ages 16-18**
Overall 1, Cohl Studdard, Roswell, 9:32; 19.42; 25.89; 16.65 — 71.28; 2, James Gilliland, Tularosa, 8:34; 20.80; 12.21; 31.99 — 73.34; 3, John Pete Etchevery, 9:18; 27.15; 12.64; 32.88 — 81.85
Lincoln County Patrick Hightower, Carrizozo, 60; 16.03; 24.60; 20.68 — 121.33; Wade Gutierrez, Mayhill, 49.55; 60; 60; 60 — 229.55
Heading 1, James Gilliland, 8:34; 2, John Pete Etchevery, 9:18; 3, Cohl Studdard, 9:32
Heeling 1, Dillen Salvo, 13.48; Joe Bassett, 13.89; 3, Keith Riley, 14.16
Tie down steer roping 1, Charlie Tully, Willard, 11.80; 2, James Gilliland, 12.21; 3, John Pete Etchevery, 12.64
Ribbon roping 1, Charlie Tully, Willard, 11.29; 2, Cohl Studdard, 16.65; 3, Dillen Salvo, 20.12

See YOUTH, page 2B

Youth golfers learn from the best

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Young golfers from southern New Mexico got some tips from a pro Monday when PGA touring professional Brad Bryant, an Alamogordo High School and UNM graduate, spent the day at the Links at Sierra Blanca.

Bryant, who now lives in Florida, was in town to visit his aunt and uncle, Bassett and Georgia Bryant. But he took time to give the Ruidoso, Capitan, Alamogordo and Portales golfers individual attention, dispensing advice he's learned on the pro tour. He had the 21 young golfers, ages 9 to 18, chipping, putting and driving under his watchful eye.

Bryant said he saw much potential on the course.

"Believe it or not, southern New Mexico has always had a lot of golf talent," he said. "It's pretty amazing. And I think with the proliferation of golf courses we're getting here now, we've got great things ahead for southern New Mexico golf. It could be really great."

Bryant put on the clinic through the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Ruidoso girls golf coach Les Carter, who orga-



Karen Boehler/Ruidoso News
Warrior golfers LeAnne Henson and Chris Duncan, and Capitan Tiger Javier Frost get some putting tips from PGA tour professional Brad Bryant.

nized the day, said getting Bryant was probably due "to a little divine intervention."

Carter said Bassett Bryant suggested the get-together several months earlier.

"We just ended up making connections and he came out to put on this day clinic for our kids," Carter said.

"It's important to give back," Bryant said. "Golf has been awfully good to me. The Lord's blessed me a great deal with what I've been able to do in the game of golf, and I want to be able to help some of the kids, especially some of the kids from the area where I got older. So it's nice to be here."

Alwin tells race story at track

When you visit the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino this summer, you'll find yourself bending ear to every word of one man — Eric Alwin. As the track announcer, Alwin must call it as he sees it from start to finish with nothing but a pair of binoculars and a list of memorized names.

Alwin begins his day by coloring with crayons. A simple task one might think, but not so. He is actually matching names of horses to corresponding colors of saddle cloths. Before every race, he memorizes the page of names and colors then calls the race without glancing down from his

binoculars to the program page.

"An announcer is supposed to tell a story unbiased," says Alwin. "I want to be able to say (the horse's) name clear without glancing back at the page. You can lose valuable seconds of something going on (when you glance down at the page)."

The story Alwin tells of a race is not the only story he has to tell. The journey he took to become an announcer is a road filled with national prestige and determination at becoming the best at what one does.

Alwin began his "career" in racing at the age of 8 at Ruidoso Downs where his father was the

publicity director. There wasn't much for a young boy to do at the track so Alwin began to read the Daily Racing Form. Within no time, Alwin was producing an "underground" tip sheet. By the age of 10, the sheet grew so popular, it began to affect the sales of the other tip sheets. The track acknowledged his talents and let him produce a sheet, "Eric's Picks," to be sold with the others. From here, his career took off.

An Associated Press story was written about Alwin when his tip sheet at Sunland picked the most winners in a meet. He was asked to attend numerous publicity engagements and game shows.

In 1976, a story appeared about Alwin in *People Magazine*

See ALWIN, page 2B

Medications can affect performance

There are only a few things that you can look for when you are handicapping a race that indicate the trainer is making some change that he thinks will enhance the horse's performance. Two of the most obvious are Blinkers and Lasix. (Terms for a legal medication given for the treatment of bleeders)

WOOD WORK



BY DALE WOOD
RUIDOSO DOWNS

Most racing jurisdictions allow the use of Lasix to help horses that are known bleeders. Lung bleeding is a serious problem in racehorses. Most researchers believe the problem has to do with high blood capillary pressure that occurs in a horse's lungs when the horse is exercising heavily. The spleen of the horse contracts when he gets excited. Being filled with reserve blood cells, the splenic contraction forces an extra volume of blood then increases the pressure within the vessels. The heart beat increases blood pressure. Most researchers believe the increased blood pressure leads to bleeding in the lungs. Most trainers and veterinarians believe they see a significant reduction in performance when a horse bleeds. As a result, most horses are put on Lasix in jurisdictions where it is legal. It is a legal drug in New Mexico. A general dose of

Lasix, which is administered intravenously, acting as a diuretic, is believed to pull fluid from the blood, reducing the volume of blood and decreasing blood pressure. Most horses do improve to their previous racing ability when given Lasix.

Lasix pulls fluid from the blood and puts it in the bladder where it is excreted. The loss of fluid, sometimes as much as 30 pounds, reduces the weight of the horse and as we know the amount of weight a horse carries is important, whether in lead in the saddle pad or fluid in the horse. Lasix forms a chemical reaction that helps reduce the fatigue a horse feels.

I look for a horse that has performed well at the class he is in today. His last race shows he did not run up to form and is racing on Lasix for the first time (L1) today. I prefer he has had a good work between his last race and today's race. Many times the horse will perform better the second time on Lasix, which leads me to believe it takes a workout or race for the horse to be convinced that he is not going to bleed again and will extend himself to win or run well.

Join us each race day one hour before post time at the east end of the grandstand on the ground level. We will be happy to answer any of your questions. Don't miss our prediction show "The Winners Circle" at 9:16 a.m. each race day and the results at 6:16 p.m. and 8:16 p.m. on KWES-FM 93.5 and at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on KRUT AM 1490.

Two new businesses are scheduled to open soon in Carrizozo

BY PHYLLIS SCHLEGEL
RUIDOSO NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Carrizozo Joe's, an owner-operated eatery on Central Avenue, displays an inviting sign offering: Espresso, Pastries, Sandwiches and Gifts.

The visitor will enjoy an unusual, colorful, delightfully detailed setting at this new business, where an "OPENING SOON" notice is displayed on the front porch. The second new business, planning to open by month's end, is Antique Liquidators, at 415 12th Street. This is the former location of Kings Food Mart, and is owned and will be operated by Frank and Korene Walker, presently living in Alto. The Walkers are not new to the business of antiques, having had shops in both Santa Fe and Ruidoso.

Visit seven Carrizozo artists in July 8-9 Art Loop

Studios open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. are: Palla, impressionist oil paintings; Kenneth Payne,

new adventures in photography; Suzanne Donazetti, varied woven copper wall pieces. Works of these three artists can be viewed in studios above Carrizozo Hardware, 401 11th Street. Tim O'Leary, who creates whimsical wooden mirrors, and Marie Watkins, who fashions elegant batiks, will show at their newly

acquired studio at the corner of E Avenue and 10th Street. On E Avenue, Dennis Dunning will be showing custom furniture and mosaics in his artistically remodeled home.

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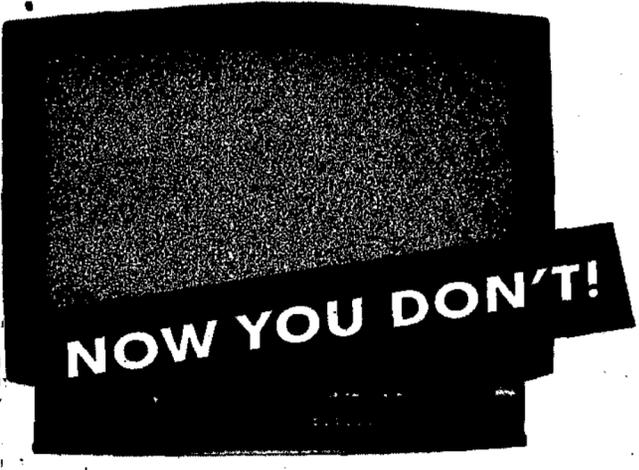
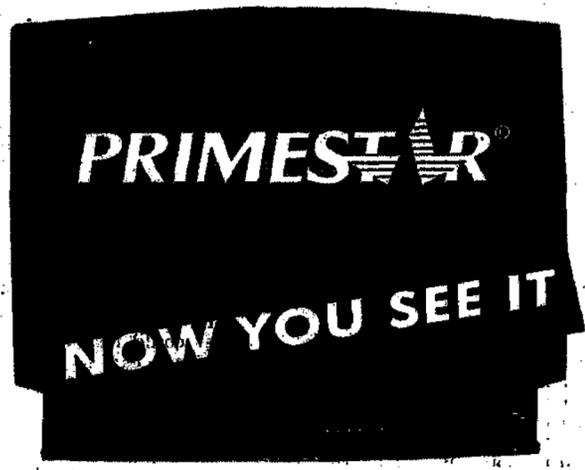
Saturday morning, July 8, a Farmer's Market will open in

McDonald Park, from 8 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The park is between 12th Street (Post Office location) and Central Avenue, which is Hwy. 64 S. The venture is initiated by members of the Carrizo Mountain Garden Club and plans to run weekly as long as there is participation. Anyone wishing to sell produce or plants

is welcome to take part. There is a \$5 fee. Carrizozo singers, Betty McCreight and Suzi Fern, were a part of the chorus for the Millennium celebration "Keepers of the Land," Saturday night at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. This original music, composed by Jerré Tanner and Harvey Hess,

brought together a tribute to the Native Americans, the Hispanic Americans, and the Anglo Americans. The cast, including the orchestra with Dan Hood, conductor and artistic director, the chorus, and the production staff, encompassed and exceptional number of talented performers from the area.

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July 7, 1950

WCSA installs officers for '50

New officers of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Community Methodist Church were installed at the close of the evening service Sunday.

They are: Mrs. Ike Kennedy, president; Mrs. Frances Rogers, promotion secretary; Mrs. R. K. Knox, secretary of literature and children's work; and Mrs. M. B. Stewart, secretary of missionary education and service.

Rev. M. B. Stewart, church pastor, officiated at the rites.

July 8, 1960

Large gathering enjoys style show at Rooney home

A style show was enjoyed by more than 70 Ruidoso ladies and visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rooney Monday, June 27, when the fall and winter clothes of the Junior House line were shown by Mrs. Mildred Lippitt, Junior House representative. The setting was the patio and garden of the Rooney home.

The models included Teresa Barajas, Mrs. Pat Willingham, Mrs. Robert Pearson, Mrs. George Gardenhire, Mrs. Tom Walker, Mrs. Robert Perrett, Judy Beall, all of Ruidoso, Mrs. Ed Thomas of La Mirada, Calif., and Mrs. Jack Reynolds of Pecos, Tex.

July 10, 1970

Bikini Bound TOPS change meeting time

The Bikini Bound TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Club of Ruidoso has changed its meeting time to Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. at the Nob-Hill School Cafeteria.

Weigh-in will begin at 8:30 a.m., according to Mrs. J. C. Day, chapter leader.

July 10, 1980

The Silver Lining by Daniel Agnew Storm

Friday the twelfth of July will be the birthday of our good friends and neighbors, the twins Gerald and Geraldine Tully who were born on this day in 1903 in Fort Stanton and who grew up at the Tully Ranch in Glencoe where Gerald still lives.

Geraldine is Mrs. Murray Morgan of Alamogordo. It seems only yesterday that Geraldine met us at the post office in the James V. Tully store and post office, just across the river from the home.

Gerald and Geraldine moved to the home place in the year 1965. The years have not slowed Gerald down a bit, as he continues his life-long career of ranching and rodeo roping, in which event he has risen to the very top.

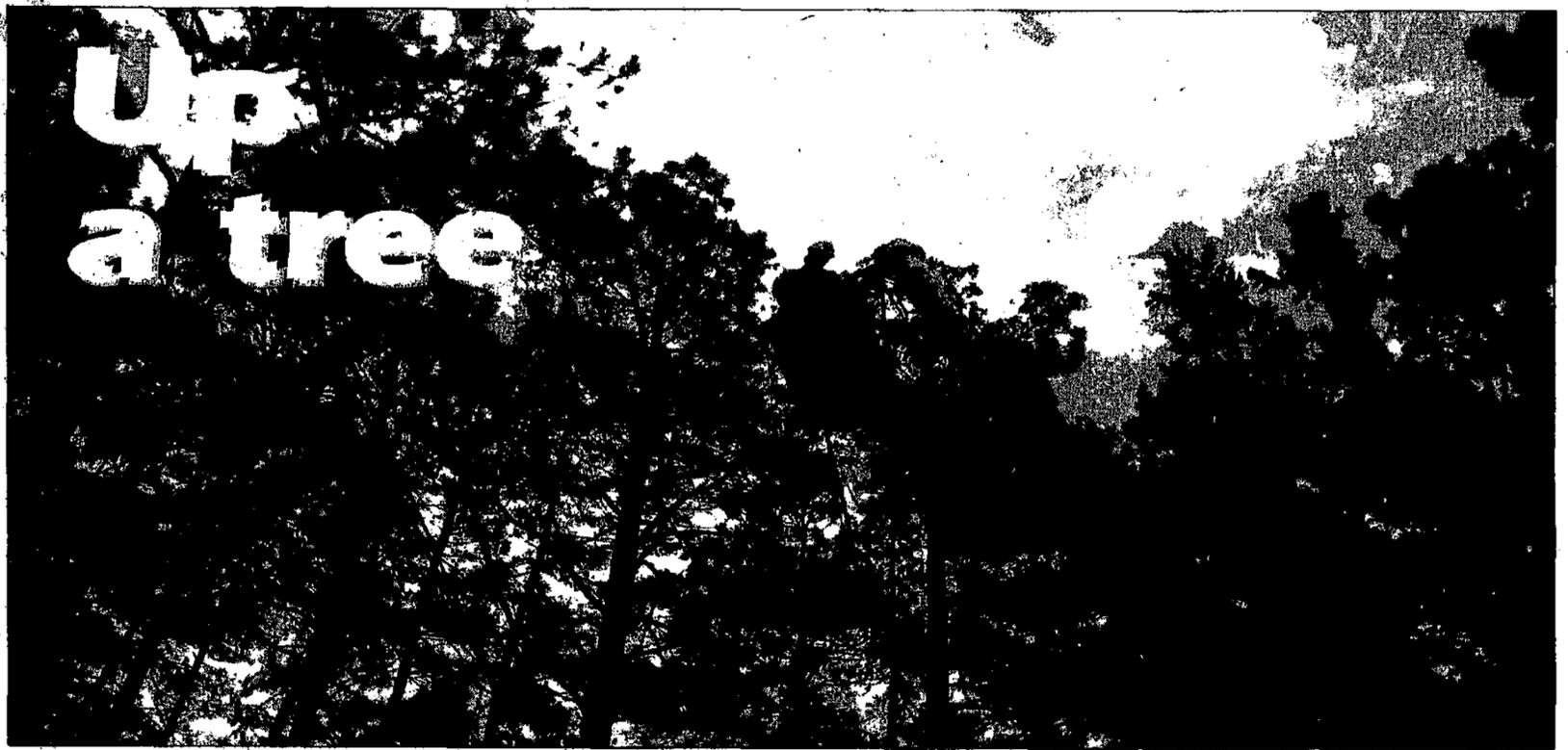
July 12, 1990

Mayor disbands appointments board

The Ruidoso Village Council began the reconstruction of the Lodgers Tax Advisory Committee on Monday by dissolving the current membership during a special meeting.

Mayor Victor Alonzo said New Mexico state statutes and village ordinance require that the Lodgers Tax Committee be made up of two members from lodging establishments, two members from tourist-related businesses and one member at large. He said the current committee does not meet the law.

Alonzo recommended the current members be removed in order to appoint new members that meet the law requirements. Councilor Al Junge made the motion to remove the current members except for recently appointed member Ed Hyman.



Ronnie Lawing, a linesman for Texas-New Mexico Power, holds onto a snare while Kelly the cat dangles on the trip down after being rescued. The cat had been stuck in the tree for two nights. Courtesy Debbie Hendley

Kelly the cat brings more than nine lives together

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Marilyn Smalley was strolling through the compound of rental units off Paradise Canyon June 24, when she heard the plaintive cries of a cat.

A fellow tenant pointed to a 100-foot tree and told her the cat of another renter, who has cerebral palsy, was stuck on a high branch and appeared too frightened to come down.

The conversation was the beginning of an effort by compound residents to help Terry Davis, 42, and his cat and constant companion, Kelly.

The common cause of trying to rescue the cat brought renters together as a community, said Debbie Hendley.

"We all came together for Terry that day," she said. "He didn't know us. Now he knows all of us."

Davis came from Long Beach, Calif., but has lived in New Mexico 24 years and on his own in Ruidoso for about four years. He adopted Kelly from the Humane Society of Lincoln County three years ago, keeps her inside and considers her his "baby."

When the cat sneaked out through a door left ajar, Davis was distraught. He called to her for hours at a time, but couldn't convince the frightened cat to retrace her steps down.

"I couldn't eat or sleep," Davis said.

Hendley affirmed that Davis literally became ill with worry.

"Kelly was up there two nights and three days," Hendley said.

When the cat ran out of the rental house, the landlord tried to catch it, knowing how upset Davis would be, but the cat bolted for the tree in fear and didn't stop until she was at least 50 feet up, Hendley said.

Calls were placed to the police department, animal control officer, the fire department and the animal shelter, but they have no equipment to handle such rescues.

Smalley had read several years ago about a cat rescued by the power company, called for aid and Texas-New Mexico Power Company linesman Ronnie Lawing responded on Saturday, June 24.

"I took the big bucket, but she was off on a limb and I was afraid I was going to knock her off," he said Monday.

Unfortunately, the rescue attempt only drove the cat higher in the tree. Davis estimates she was at 80 feet up at one point.

"She was crying all night Saturday," Smalley said.

"We left out food, but the raccoons ate it," Hendley added.

On Sunday, Lawing showed up with reinforcements and a different truck.

"When Ronnie called me and said this guy needed help, that's all it took," said Jim Bassett, customer relations coordinator for Texas-New Mexico Power. "Ronnie was out about two hours Saturday and it took another couple of



Terry Davis, Debbie Hendley and Kelly the cat celebrate her return from the tree tops. Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

hours on Sunday, but it turned out happily."

Basset tried unsuccessfully to find a snare from an animal impounding division at Ruidoso Downs.

"We're really not set up to do this sort of thing," he said. "Our (power company) trucks are inadequate for 100-foot tall trees."

With co-worker Tommy Reynolds and Davis' attendant Matt Clemens advice, Bassett and Lawing rigged a snare out of PVC pipe and some rope. Armed with Davis'

jacket on the theory the odor of its owner would calm the cat, Lawing headed up in the cherry picker.

Lawing stretched to the max to snare the cat, who stayed still long enough to slip the rope over its neck, but then went wild.

"We were scared the rope would strangle her - the cat's eye were this big," Hendley said making circles over her eyes with her hands.

As soon as the bucket was close enough, they worked on getting the rope off Kelly's

neck. Her thank you came in the form of hissing, scratching and trying to bite, but no one cared.

With Kelly now happily back home with Davis, a new sense of community permeates the rental compound, which used to be a small ranch.

Valerie Sanchez, one of Davis' attendants under the Mentor program based in Roswell, said Davis usually calls her if something is wrong with the cat, "but he had plenty of friends this time."

Fourth of July weekend brings throngs to Lincoln County

We were saddened to hear of the death of our good friend Eleanor Jones.

LINCOLN TRAILS



ROSAMIE DUNLAP
RUIDOSO NEWS

Eleanor and her husband, Charles, were responsible for the success of our Lincoln County Fair. She leaves her daughter, and husband, Charles Green, and family and son, Walter, and wife, Betty, and family.

Eleanor and Charles moved to Las Cruces in the 1980s. Charles died several years ago and she had been in ill health for a number of years.

A memorial service is planned sometime in the middle

of July.

The Walter Henn show at the Lincoln County Courthouse museum was well attended with people from all of the surrounding area and El Paso. Other activities have been the sewing room exhibit at the Tunstall Store and the children's activities at the Anderson-Freeman museum.

We have had good rains here but Alamogordo and El Paso really were flooded. I believe that El Paso has had more rain than we have. The streets on the East Side of El Paso were closed for sometime. The fields and land around Alamogordo were also flooded.

Ruidoso has had its problems in the fire area with potential flooding of the homes. But the country is so pretty again with all the grass and weeds growing. There still are spots that have not received much rain.

Last week seems to be the horse's week. One horse of the McArthur's got its hoof caught, losing half its foot. She and her baby are at the vet's. Another couples horse is having problems, too (old age.)

Jon Amastae, El Paso, and John Tiwald, of Albuquerque, have been working on the old Penfield house over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dunlap were visitors in Las Cruces last week.

They met with friends, Walter and Houria Graves from San Diego at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Galt. Dee, Walter and Ralph worked together in Tunisia.

There were a lot of people in Lincoln town over the Fourth of July weekend. We had some people whose mother and the daughter took weaving lessons from me years ago. That is one of the nice

benefits of the shop -- seeing old friends.

There were so many activities in Lincoln County over the weekend. Everyone seemed to be having a good time. Some were going to rodeos, attending the various arts and crafts booths and shows in Capitan, some had been to the UFO Museum in Roswell and some just stumbled into Lincoln.

David and Cynthia Whately attended the Weaver's Convergence in Cincinnati, Ohio, recently.

They reported there was almost too much to see -- a lot of commercial booths, workshops etc. In two years it will be held at Victoria Canada. I hope I can attend this one. It has been too long since we have been able to attend the convergence.

I hope to have more news next week



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

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church of Alto
Sunday, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Mile marker 1, Hwy 220, 3/4 m. 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 88345, (505) 257-2081. Tim Gillard, pastor. Sunday: 8:15 a.m. Contemporary Praise and Worship Service; 9:30 a.m., Continental Breakfast; 9:45 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Study; 11 a.m., Traditional Worship Service; 5 p.m., Adult and Children's Discipleship classes, Youth Power Hour; 6 p.m., Worship Service/Bible Study, 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
Thinie, Bill Jones, pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Santa Rita Catholic Church
Carrizozo, 648-2853. Father Dave Berg, Pastor. 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
Mescalero, Father Tom Herbst, Pastor. Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

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

CHRISTIAN

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LDS

Church of Jesus Christ LDS
Ruidoso Branch, North on Hwy. 48, between Ruidoso and Captain, Joe Paggi, 336-4359. Sunday schedule: Sacrament starts at 10 a.m.; Sunday School, Priesthood and Relief Society, 12:10 a.m.

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

EPISCOPAL

Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity
(21 Mesaleros Rd., Ruidoso. Father John W. Park, Pastor. Sunday Eucharist: 8 & 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Daughters of King noon; Eucharist & healing: 5:30 p.m.; Choir practice: 7 p.m.

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

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

FOUR SQUARE

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

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METHODIST

Community United Methodist Church
Junction Road, behind "The Coffee House", Hwy. 180, Carrizo. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Central United Methodist Church
Pastor Tom Woodward and the congregation of Captain United Methodist Church welcome Lincoln County residents and visitors alike to attend Bible study Sunday morning at 8:30, followed by worship service at 9:10. Communion is offered during worship on the first Sunday of every month, and a potluck luncheon is served the third Sunday of 12, 30, White Cakes and Third in Captain. 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

The Apostolics of Lincoln County
Cornerstone Square, 2613 Sudderth, 334-4906 or 530-6654. Pastor, Art Dunn. Saturday evening worship 6 p.m.

NAZARENE

Angus Church of the Nazarene
Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. 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.; Tuesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Worship, 6:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church
101 Saxon Drive (Neb Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220. Cathy E. Caudle, Pastor. Sunday Church school 9:45 a.m.; worship 8:30 and 11 a.m. Fellowship after worship the third Sunday of every month.

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

Carona Presbyterian Church
Reverend Scott King. Sunday: Church School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

Nogal Presbyterian Church

Reverend Bill Shering, Adult Sunday School 10 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.

REFORMED CHURCH

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

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Seventh Day Adventist
287 Parkside, Agua Fria, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4161. Pastor Rick Lytle 443-1904/Archie. Pastor William Morrow 522-1206. Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m.; Church service: 11 a.m.; Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Advantage Life Family Church
2810 Sudderth Drive, Suite 210, 257-1188. Mark Gerber, 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 Pica Hut, Mechem Drive. Wednesday: Women's Bible study 6:30 a.m. at Schlotzky's Deli. Captain Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups 6:30 p.m. at Christ Community Fellowship.

Catrina 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 Oración
2818 Sudderth (Pinecone Square), Ruidoso, 257-6142. Pastor Carlos Carroon. Reunión General, Jueves 6:00 p.m.; Domingo 10:45 a.m. Club Amistad Sabado! 1:00 a.m. (niños).

Christ Church in the Desert
Ruidoso Downs, 378-8464. Al and Marty 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
Carrizo, Highway 380 West, 354-2468. Ed Vinson, Pastor. Sunday worship, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.

Cornerstone 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: Incessant prayer noon; mid-week services 7 p.m.

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State approval keeps Valor business plan on schedule

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Valor Telecommunications is on schedule to be the Ruidoso area's local phone company.

The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission last week approved an Alternative Form of Regulation Plan (AFOR), clearing the way for Valor to begin providing local phone service to business and residential customers in New Mexico who are currently served by GTE.

Under the AFOR plan, Valor has committed to a minimum investment of \$53 in capital expenditures over the five-year term of the plan. The new company will install DSL or equivalent high speed data service in every exchange with more than 5,000 access lines. That would occur in six New Mexico communities, including Ruidoso.

The plan also promises customer calling features, such as caller ID, call waiting and call forwarding. Valor employees would increase, by 10 percent over GTE's levels.

The new phone company has also vowed to set price caps on residential and business single line rates. The plan caps prices for other types of services until 2005, and imposes strict limits on price increases after that date.

"The service commitments Valor has agreed to are unprecedented for New Mexico and should serve as a

model for other states across the country that are committed to improving local phone service," said Anne K. Bingham, chief executive officer of Valor.

The AFOR plan approval keeps the transfer of 95,000 GTE local access phone lines from GTE to Valor on schedule for September 1. The transfer will make Valor the second largest local phone service provider in New Mexico.

The AFOR plan is the result of an March 7, 2000 amendment to New Mexico's Telecommunications Act. The amendment was designed to improve local phone service in the state. The change lead Valor and the Public Regulation Commission staff to negotiate the AFOR plan to ensure that Valor's service commitments would meet the requirements under the new law.

Last year Valor Telecommunications Southwest, LLC, and three operating subsidiaries were formed to purchase GTE's telephone properties in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Upon closing of the transactions with GTE, Valor will be providing local phone service to 540,000 business and residential access lines in the three states.

Valor is a privately held company whose major investors include a group of 12 prominent Hispanic investors with long-standing ties to the Southwest.

Valor corporate headquarters are in Irving, Texas.

Layoffs reported at Data Chek

Eight employees of Ruidoso based Data Chek, LLC, were laid off last month, in what business co-owner Ron Storey said was a "consolidation of duties."

The decision reduced the check collection agency's workforce from 30 to 22 employees.

"We're growing and smoking," Storey said. "But we also realized we needed to consolidate."

Data Chek, with a client base across New Mexico and Texas, has a customer base of 550 to 600 businesses, Storey said. Storey has owned the company since June, 1996.

EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Customer relations critical

BY ROSALYN ROBINSON
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It is difficult enough to bring in new business to begin with. But, we can't forget how important it is to retain that business. Part of the secret is how we communicate with our clients. Another, which speaks volumes, is how we communicate with and treat our staff. If the staff feels good about management, then that in itself communicates to the client.

Now, why is a financial expert speaking about customer relations? My husband, trying to be attentive to my daily diatribe, appeared distracted. I asked what the problem was, to which he responded, "maybe if you speak in layman's English..." It is easy to talk "bankese," real estate jargon, or whatever idiomatic English pertains to your industry. We must remember who our audience is.

Watch the words you use and how they could affect the customer. Instead of saying "you did an incomplete job of filling in this application," you could say "our underwriters require that all information be completed; why don't I help you?"

Don't assume. Probe to make sure you understand what is being asked. During a recent telephone interview, a client asked me to review his estate. The person answering the telephone automatically "assumed" that the individual wanted to know some-

thing outside of her line of expertise. Through probing, it was determined that all the individual wanted was to find out what interest rates were being offered on certificates of deposit for her now deceased parent.

Don't be argumentative. Instead of telling a customer "that's not true," try saying, "I don't understand how that could have happened. Tell me more and I'll investigate."

Listen. If you don't listen to the customer's needs, then you're likely to spend your time obtaining unrelated information or looking for the wrong property. You cannot perform productively if you do not take the time to understand what the customer is telling you.

Monitor the tone of your voice. It is easy to become frustrated and sound impatient, especially if you feel you are losing the sale after investing time. Almost everyone these days "shops" for a better deal. The more patient and informative you are, the more likely that person will return. If a customer is upset with you, regardless of the reason, try to realize what is irritating them and eliminate that from your behavior. Never raise your voice above theirs.

We all must be aware of our influence on how a customer perceives our products. We can provide the best products, but how is the delivery?

The writer has more than 20 years of experience in

Every dog has his day — especially with \$100,000 pre-approved credit

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

America's credit card industry has gone to the dogs - literally.

Fritz, a German short-hair, may be looking good to the female dogs in his neighborhood. The Alto dog, owned by Pat Wergin, received a credit card solicitation, stating he was pre-approved for a MBNA Platinum Master Card. The offer said Fritz could get the plastic with up to a \$100,000 credit limit.

Sent to Fritz-Spot Wergin, the application asked just a few questions.

"There's two things that he can't possibly give them," said Pat Wergin. "He has no social security number and he can't give a signature."

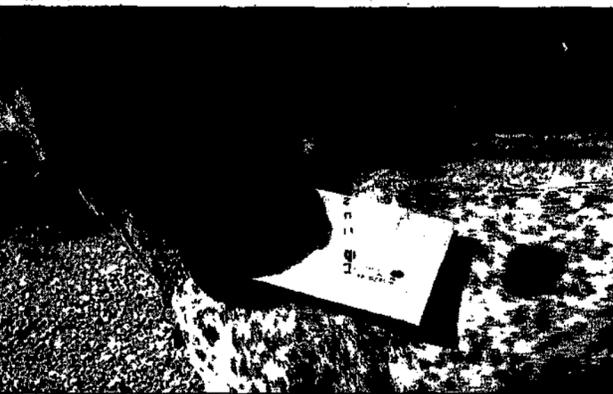
She suggested a paw-print might work.

Fritz apparently got on the credit card solicitation list from a gift he received just before Christmas.

"He got a doggie from some Advent calendar from my niece," Pat Wergin said. "The calendar was mailed to Fritz-Spot Wergin."

While the four-legged credit worthy animal's name is Fritz, Wergin's relative refers to him as Spot.

Officials from MBNA failed to return phone calls for a comment on the effort



"Fritz-Spot Wergin" shows off his pre-approved application for a \$100,000 credit card.

to sign up a canine.

"He could give them his mother's maiden name," Pat Wergin said in response to one of the application's ques-

tions. "We could get that from his papers."

She said Fritz would not be mailing back the application.

Workforce Investment Act comes to southern New Mexico

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A new approach to employment, from job opportunities and training, to reduced welfare dependency and improved workforce performance, is shifting from government bureaucrats to private sector involvement.

July 1 was the date New Mexico's Workforce Investment Act took effect. Across eastern and southeastern New Mexico the Eastern New Mexico Workforce Development Board will carry out the initiative.

"Basically it's a re-creation of the Department of Labor, particularly the training program in the Department of Labor," said Tony R. Elias, executive director of the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District. Localized approaches to addressing

employment needs, especially in an era of less government funding of welfare programs, were mandated in the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

"The goal is to bring it down to the local level," Elias said. "It involves the programs and decision making on how to train people."

The regional Workforce Development Board's composition is more than half representatives of the private sector. A number of board members are from Lincoln County.

"It's private sector individuals, the education community, labor organization, community-based organizations, representatives of economic development agencies, and state agencies or departments," Elias said. Two representatives are from the Mescalero Apache Tribe.

Elias said Ruidoso has

become an example of how the program could work statewide, with the One-Stop-Center, which is in place at the state Department of Labor office on Mechem Drive.

"One of the things that the state hopes to do is have them (one-stop-centers) all over the state," Elias said. He said some of the assistance provided at a single location is helping those who need their GED, information about jobs that are available, training programs and assistance, and counseling, especially to youth about the need to stay in school.

He said collaboration between employment services, schools and the private sector makes sense.

"Even in your community of Ruidoso, because you're so tourism-oriented, maybe new employees can be taught about

not running tourists off," Elias said. "When someone asks 'What's there to do in Ruidoso?', instead of saying 'I don't know,' the worker could be trained on selling the area."

Elias believes the business community should be enthusiastic about the changes from what used to be considered the unemployment office.

"If it's carried out according to the (federal) mandates, the private sector is going to have more say than ever on how things are done," Elias said. While many of the programs under the Workforce Investment Act have been around individually for a long time, Elias said the new idea of consolidating a multitude of services under one roof could prove successful. He said the real proof of success is will it work with the private sector involved.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Travel writers get recognition

Travel journalists Dave G. Houser and Jan Butchofsky-Houser of Nogal have been named among the winners of the Society of American Travel Writers' fifth annual Western Chapter Travel Writing Contest.

Dave won first place honors in the self-illustrated travel article category. His Elbe River, Ger-

many cruise feature appeared in the October, 1999 issue of German Life magazine.

The Housers teamed up to win second place in the same category for a photo essay on Fiji, which appeared in the May, 1999 issue of Cortlandt Forum magazine.

Judged by the faculty of Arizona State University's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism, the competition matches the tal-

ents of nearly 200 writer-photographer members of the society's Western Chapter.

County unemployment continues to dwindle

While New Mexico's unemployment rate rose in May, Lincoln County registered a slight decline in job seekers.

Lincoln County's May job-

less rate of 3.7 percent outperformed the state, which posted a 5.4 percent unemployment level.

State labor analysts said the Lincoln County rate continued to indicate a strong economy.

The 3.7 percent level in May was a one-tenth of a point improvement from the month before.

A year ago Lincoln County's out-of-work rate was 3.5 percent.

Economic soft-landing odds have improved

BY SUNG WON SOHN
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

After a period of tinder-box hot economic growth, the recent whiffs of an economic slowdown have been refreshing. But there are temporary factors, which have restrained economic growth. The warm weather during the last winter has boosted construction activities; now some payback is due. Tax refunds are another factor. Personal tax-refunds in February and March were much higher than a year ago.

Starting in April, however, the tax refunds have been lower than last year. Detroit has made its contribution to economic slowdown by cutting back promotions and rebates to sell new vehicles.

The current pace of an economic slowdown won't be enough to allay inflation concerns though. The economy grew at the sizzling rate of over 6 percent over the last three quarters. This momentum will keep the economic speed limit of 3.5 to 4.0 percent. As long as economic growth exceeds the speed limit, labor market conditions tighten. In order to stabilize the

labor market, this growth rate has to dip to or below the speed limit for a while.

Monetary policy: stand pat

The FOMC is standing pat in June. The soft economic numbers and the benign inflation picture argue for no action for now. Previous interest rate hikes in the pipeline will continue to moderate economic growth. Furthermore, policy makers are uncertain about the new economic relationships because of the structural changes in the economy.

However, Chairman Greenspan is not finished yet. Economic growth must fall for a sustained period in order to prevent the labor market from tightening further. In the meantime, inflation concerns have increased. Labor costs, which account for about two-thirds of the CPI, are accelerating. Wage pressures, benefit costs and productivity gains are all pointing to high inflation. The recent jump in energy costs, another ten percent of the CPI, has begun to percolate throughout the economy. More businesses

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are trying and succeeding in raising prices. The core inflation rate is headed up.

In short, economic growth has not slowed enough to forestall additional hikes in interest rates by the central bank. The federal funds rate is likely to hit 7.0 percent from 6.5 percent.

In addition to the discussions above, there are technical reasons for the 7.0 forecast. A rule of thumb is that the real federal funds rate should be about the same as the long-term trend of real economic growth; the evidence shows that the real federal funds rate can go higher. Also, there has been a good historical relationship between nominal economic growth rate and the federal funds rate. Assuming the economic growth rate of 4 percent and the inflation rate of 3 percent, the federal funds rate should be about 7 percent.

Finally, there is Taylor's rule which posits the desired federal funds rate as a function of economic growth and inflation; this formula calls for lower interest rate.

To be sure, bond yields have

not crested since the core inflation rate is rising and the Federal Reserve is likely to hike interest rates again. But, bond valuation models indicate that bonds are excellent buys. Since the probability of a soft landing has increased, non-Treasury spread products look attractive.

But the recession risks have not disappeared. Quality is very important. Investors should buy products not affected greatly by credit-quality concerns.

The spreads of Government Sponsored Enterprises (GSE) over Treasuries have been hovering near the 1995 peak as Congress talks about stripping them of implicit government guarantees. If GSEs are successful in retaining the guarantees, the spreads will narrow and the agencies will outperform Treasuries. When interest rates peak, GNMA's will do well as these instruments have low prepayment risks. Earlier this year, tax-exempts have benefited as investors were fleeing turbulent equity markets. Since the stock market correction is not over, the safe-haven flows to Munis will continue.

NMSU to promote E-commerce in rural New Mexico

ALBUQUERQUE - New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service received a \$250,000 grant to offer seminars that will teach business and community leaders in rural New Mexico how to harness the Internet for local prosperity.

US WEST's New Mexico Economic Development Opportunity Fund awarded \$250,000 for an 18-month Teleliteracy Assistance for Businesses and Communities or Teleliteracy ABC's project. The project team will work with six rural communities yet to be chosen.

NMSU Extension will develop seminar content and materials, and coordinate a coalition of participating academic and technical institutions.

The project aims to raise awareness among local businesses and governments about the growing "digital divide" between urban and rural areas and the need to bridge that gap.

It will offer participants basic tools to independently take advantage of e-commerce and e-government opportunities, said Bob Coppedge, an Extension rural economic development specialist.

"We're in the midst of an 'information revolution' that is of the same magnitude as the agricultural and industrial revolutions," Coppedge said. "But unlike the prior revolutions, which had negative consequences for some rural communities, the current revolution can be harnessed by rural decision makers to their advantage."

These seminars will help local leaders and businesses to know the issues facing them, get on the bandwagon and prosper in the information age.

The seminars will emphasize Internet use as the only viable method to effectively integrate rural communities into the emerging global economy, and they will stress the urgency of acting immediately.

"If rural communities don't recognize the importance of acting now, the negative impact could be substantial since later on they will be scrambling to catch up," Coppedge said.

In addition to marketing goods through e-commerce, the seminars will also emphasize consumer use of the Internet, both by businesses and local governments.

"This is not just about selling products. It's also about increasing the purchasing power of county governments and small rural businesses," said Jeanne Gleason, executive producer of electronic media for Extension in Las Cruces, who will co-direct the project with Coppedge.

A team of 10 NMSU professionals will contribute to the project, including six Extension specialists and faculty from NMSU's colleges of Business Administration and Arts and Sciences.

In addition to NMSU Extension and US WEST, three other organizations have agreed to participate: the Center the New West, NMSU's Center for Business Research and Services and the Tri-Area Association for Economic

Development — a nonprofit corporation that covers Arriba, Santa Fe and Los Alamos counties, plus adjacent pueblos.

The groups will contribute to seminar content and logistical organization of the workshops.

Extension is also seeking participation by other universities and colleges, as well as telephone and Internet service providers.

Extension's agricultural communications department will design multimedia tools for the seminars, including an interactive World Wide Web site for those online, plus a special CD for those without web access.

The team will also produce videos, print materials and workbooks, all of which will be provided to seminar participants free of charge.

"We will produce a wide range of materials so that everybody can tap into the

information they need to start doing business on the web, whether they're online yet or not," said Gleason.

The free seminars, to be presented in the targeted communities in early 2001, will include two introductory sessions that emphasize the need for teleliteracy in rural areas and the growing importance of the Internet as a medium for business-to-business and business-to-consumer transactions.

Two other in-depth seminars will be offered, one for entrepreneurs to learn more about e-commerce and general business applications of the Internet, and the other for community leaders to take a proactive role in the develop-

"We will produce a wide range of materials so that everybody can tap into the information they need to start doing business on the web."

Jeanne Gleason
NMSU

ment of infrastructure and government policy that encourage web access and use.

A "train-the-trainer" seminar will also be offered for business and civic leaders who are interested in drawing more people in their communities into the information revolution.

"We will provide more training and materials for all potential local trainers," said Gleason. "We want to empower people to go out and share this information with others in their communities, be they business groups, civic groups, or others."

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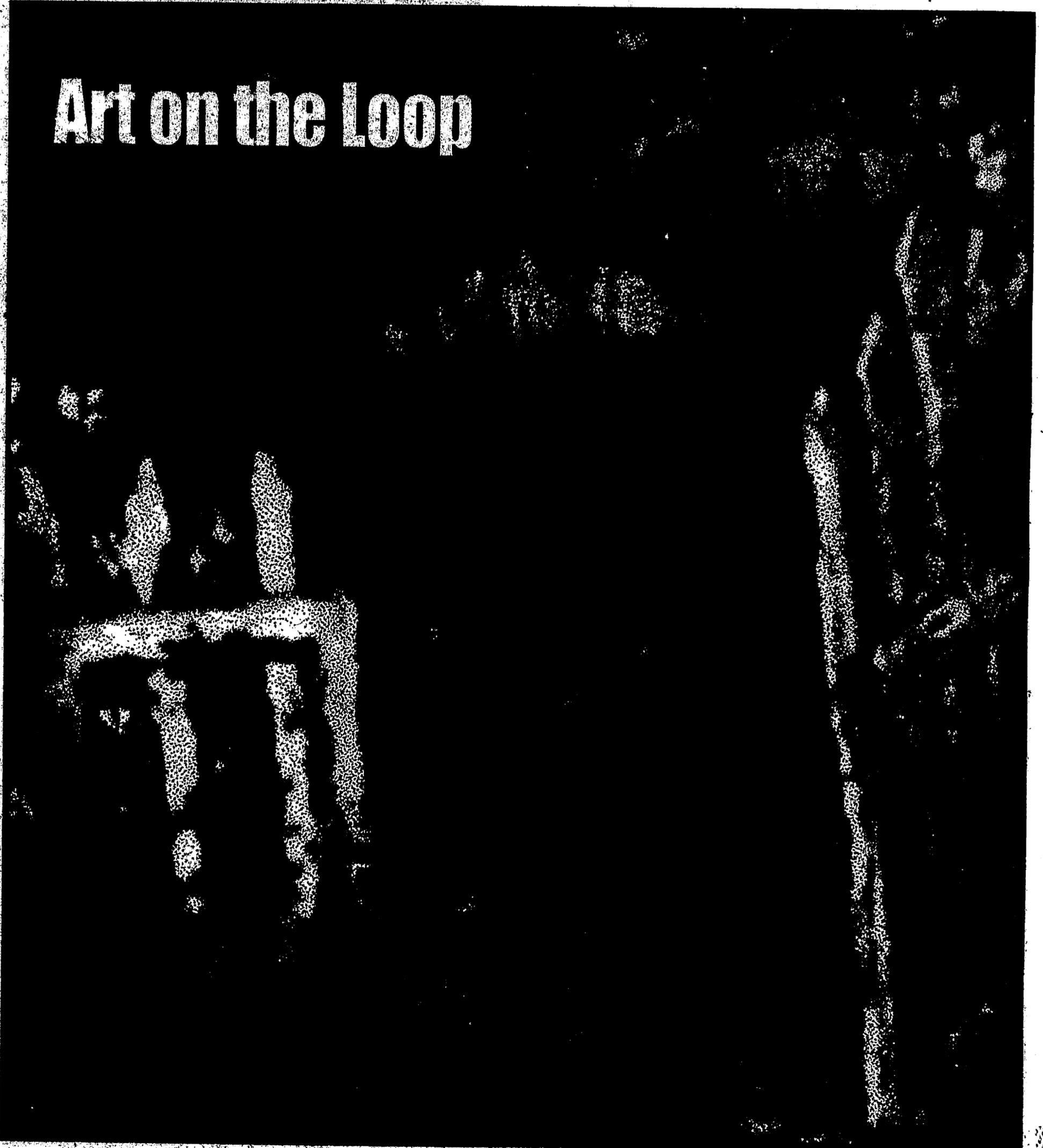
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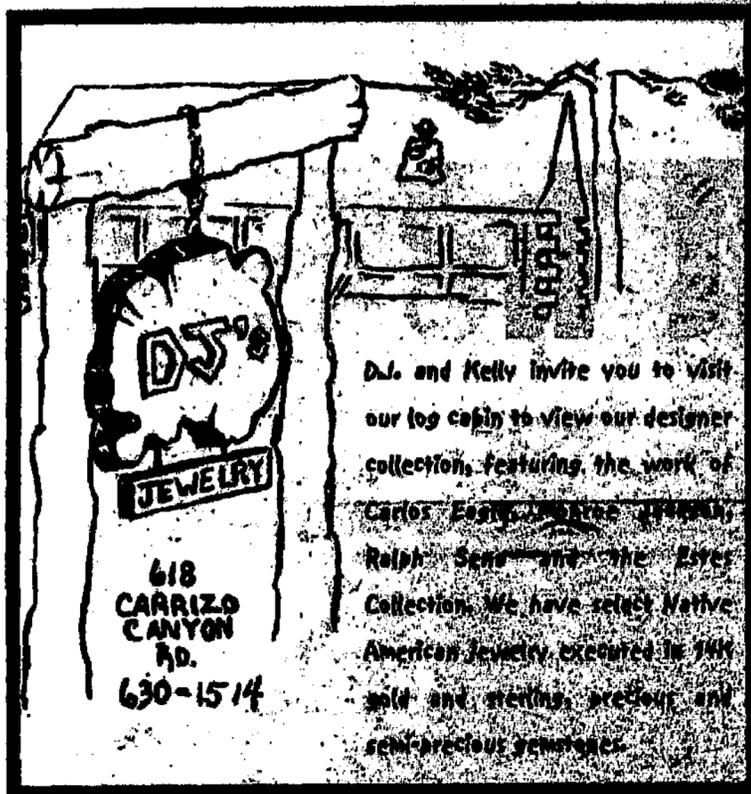
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Love at first hearing

by Sandy Suggitt
VAMONOS! EDITOR

The El Paso Symphony Orchestra will transport the Spencer Theater's audience to South America with guest artist Alfredo Rolando Ortiz, a magician of the Paraguayan harp.

With 28 long-playing albums through the South American recording company, Codiscos, and eight CDs since his arrival in the United States in 1977, Ortiz is a composer who enraptures his audience with his interpretations and variations of South American folk music, which is to say, harp music.

Unlike many accomplished musicians, Ortiz began his career as a toddler.

He left Cuba with his parents and moved to Venezuela at age 11 and emigrated to Venezuela where the economy was booming. The harp is the folk instrument of Venezuela, as it is with most other South American countries, and most people play by ear.

"My first teacher was 13 when I turned 15—a friend from school," Ortiz said.

A year later he met Alberto Romero, who was teaching and performing in Venezuela, and Romero became his second teacher, the person he dedicates the last movement, "Paraguay: Zayante" of his "South American Suite for Harp and Orchestra."

Ortiz' road to musical acclaim was not straight. At age 17, he took examinations to enter the prestigious medical school in Medellin, Colombia, intending to be a physician.

"A few months later I had my first private engagement playing at a wedding," he said. "One of the guests asked me where he could find my recordings. Of course, I had done none. He was the top executive of the largest recording company in that country, Codiscos."

Codiscos went on to produce 28 long-playing albums, making Ortiz the winner of a gold record in recognition of accumulated sales.

"That's how I got through medical school," he said. He graduated in 1970 and practiced medicine in Colombia for seven years. Then he married and the couple moved to California so he could continue studying music therapy. There he was invited to perform and teach at major harp conferences, and his concert career took off.

Ortiz balanced a double career until the birth of his first daughter in 1978, when he realized he "didn't have 48 hours a day anymore."

"I decided it was just ridiculous, I talked it over with my wife and I decided to be what I am," he said. "I love medicine but I'm a musician."

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ALFREDO ROLANDO ORTIZ and his Paraguayan harp.

Courtesy

Snidow paints 'Sierra Blanca' for locals

by Sandy Suggitt
WAMONOSI EDITOR

Gordon Snidow has had it in mind to paint Sierra Blanca for quite some time — and even had a Walter Skor frame made for it 15 years ago. He just didn't get around to painting it until this year, and finished it in April.

"This is the first painting he's painted for himself," said Grace Snidow, his wife.

"I'm going to do a whole series and use this as the central view for an icon," Snidow said.

The current painting is an early morning view of Sierra Blanca from Alto, and he plans to capture all the

seasons and views from different locations for the icon.

"The mountain has so many different faces," he said. "This was right after a snow storm — my idea of what it was named for."

The Snidows had posters made of "Sierra Blanca" — "just for local distribution," said Grace Snidow, who handles marketing of reproductions.

Snidow was a pioneer of the Western arts movement, helping to form the Cowboy Artists of America and organizing the first show of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in 1965. In 1998, he received the New Mexico Governor's Annual Award for Excellence in the Arts, and his work is

shown all over the world.

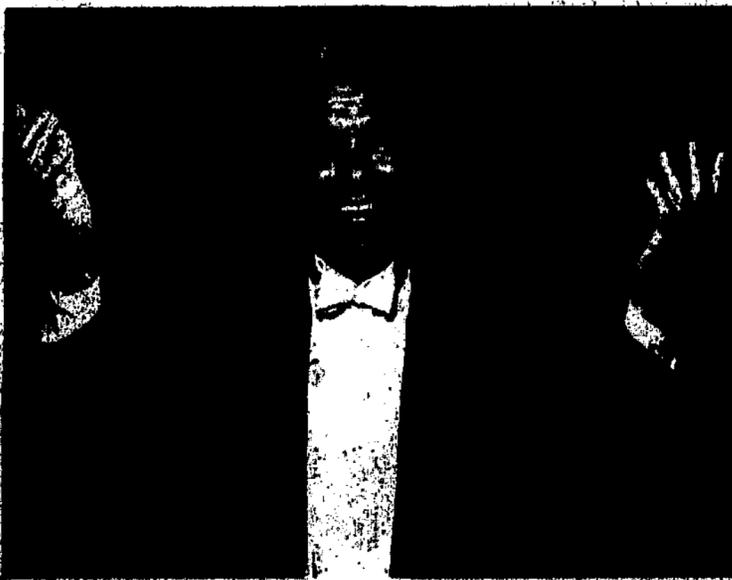
Gordon Snidow lived and painted in Ruidoso from 1977 to 1988 and moved to the Rio Grande Valley until 1998, when he and his wife moved back to Ruidoso.

"Sierra Blanca" is unique in that Snidow usually paints cowboys, although dramatic Western landscapes are the backdrops for many of his paintings.

The posters of "Sierra Blanca" can be seen at the Texas Club, the Village Buttery, Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club and El Distrito. For information on them, call the Snidow Studio at 258-5776 or visit www.gordonandgrace.com.



Gordon Snidow with his recently finished painting, "Sierra Blanca." *Sandy Suggitt*



Gurer Aykal, music director of the El Paso Symphony Orchestra since 1992.

Maestro Aykal takes the podium at the Spencer

Maestro Gurer Aykal became conductor of the El Paso Symphony Orchestra in 1992, bringing with him extensive musical training and experience.

At the age of 11 he entered the Violin Department at Ankara State Conservatory and graduated in 1969 with degrees in violin and composition. He spent two years at the London Guildhall School of Music and the Royal Academy of Music on a State Scholarship, studying under Andre Previn, George Hurst and others.

He returned to Turkey in 1973 and became Permanent Conductor of the Presidential Symphony of Turkey — and he continues to make annual visits for performances.

He became music director and conductor of Istanbul's the Borusan Philharmonic Orchestra in 1999.

As conductor of the English

Chamber Orchestra, he has toured the Caribbean and South America, and toured Greece as conductor of the Istanbul Symphony Orchestra. With the Japanese National Choir and the Presidential Symphony of Turkey, he toured Japan.

Aykal, who lives in New York City, was recently guest conductor of the Nuremberg and Hanover Symphonies in Germany, the Caracas Symphony in Venezuela and the Oslo Radio Symphony in Norway. The oldest symphony orchestra in Texas, the El Paso Symphony Orchestra was established in 1930 and has been recognized for appealing to a diverse audience in West Texas, southern New Mexico and northern Mexico.

A broad base of professional musicians provides a nine-month performance schedule as well as music education for students in El Paso, Las Cruces and the Juarez, Mexico schools.

Love at first hearing

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who is also a doctor, not the reverse. Anybody with normal intellect can be a doctor. Not everybody can be a performer."

Besides the 28 albums in South America, he had released eight CDs in the U.S., written four books of music for harp and composed a piece for five classical (pedal) harps that has been played at international harp conferences.

The crowning point of his musical career occurred during his wife's labor with their second child, when he alternated coaching his wife and entertaining her on the harp.

"I was playing at her requests (for the first four hours of labor), and then felt it easier to improvise than play specific songs," Ortiz said. "During the actual birth I was elbow-to-elbow with the doctor, watching the birth of our daughter, and I kept playing during the moment of birth, saw the baby being born."

"That's the ultimate concert, the most important concert in my life."

The "South American Suite for Harp and Orchestra" came together after Ortiz heard a recorded version of his composition, "Spanish Dream" performed by Paul Hurst on pedal harp. Hurst specialized in computer music notation and was



also a pianist and orchestral composer. Ortiz discussed his idea of commissioning the orchestration of some of his compositions contrasting South American styles.

"I felt that I had found the person with both the technical knowledge and the sensitivity I was looking for to orchestrate my music," Ortiz writes.

In 1993, he gave Hurst the original solo harp versions along with some accompanied by traditional instruments.

"It was a three-year collaboration," Ortiz said. "I was in close

contact with this all along ... making sure I liked what he was doing and that the things kept the flavor."

The results definitely retained the flavor. He and Hurst took pains with the flute parts of the "Andina," which were written to imitate the tone quality of the kena.

"That was achieved so fantastically that many times we have had Latin Americans in the audience who come to me afterward and say, 'How come we couldn't see the kenas?' because they heard those, and it's because of the way the parts were written; the character of the music is very present."

The premiere of the "South American Suite for Harp and Orchestra" was in March of 1996 with the Tulare County Symphony in Visalia, Calif., conducted by David Hurst, with Ortiz as harp soloist.

Ortiz said this will be his first experience performing with the El Paso Symphony, and that he and renowned music director Gurer Aykal are both looking forward to

"We know we're going to have a lot of fun, and the audience is going to have fun."

On Monday, July 17, Ortiz will perform at the Ruidoso Care Center from 10-11 a.m.; at the Lincoln County Medical Center from noon-1 p.m.; and at the Senior Citizens Center from 2-3 p.m.

Glass Artist Dale Chihuly returns July 15

Celebrating his newest installations at the Spencer Theater, world-renowned hand-blown glass artist Dale Chihuly will be available for comment while in the Crystal Lobby of the performance hall at 4:30 p.m. July 15 before the El Paso

Symphony Orchestra concert.

The symphony concert, which features acclaimed harpist Alfredo Rolando Ortiz, begins at 8 p.m.

Immediately following the concert, Dale Chihuly will donate a new glass sculpture to

the theater. He also will visit with patrons and the media while in the Crystal Lobby, the site of his 14-foot tall, blazing red sculpture called the "Glowing Sunset Tower." The 563-piece sculpture was installed in the lobby in March.

Saturday, July 8

Art Loop
8 a.m.-5 p.m. Tour of local artists throughout Lincoln County. Call 336-8180 for more information.

Border Jazz Concert
8 p.m. at the Alamogordo Space Center Hall of Fame. Price to be announced. Call (505) 437-2202 for more information.

Sunday, July 9

National Music
7 p.m. in Alamogordo's Alameda Park. Presented by The Exchange Center and City Recreation. Free Admission. Call (505) 437-2202 for more information.

Art Loop
8 a.m.-5 p.m. Tour of local artists throughout Lincoln County. Call 336-8180 for more information.

Tuesday, July 11

Rescuee Dinner
5:30-7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs for 6-year-old Stephen Hay who was hit by a car in May. Donation required. Call 378-4611.

Thursday, July 13

Day of the Dead
10-11:30 a.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library. Learn about the Mexican holiday that celebrates the souls of the dead. Join in making tissue marigolds and decorate your own skeleton. Call 258-3704 for more information.

Saturday, July 15

El Paso Symphony
8 p.m. at Spencer Theater. Tickets \$35 and \$40. Call (405) 818-7872 for more information.

Ongoing

Open Studio Drawing Workshop
9-noon Tuesdays, at the Fruit of the Tree. (505) 451-4699.

Japan Leaf School of Dance
Classical ballet, jazz and tap for all ages. Beginners and volunteers always welcome. 1204 Mechem, 258-1946.

Need 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.
• **Perry 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.

Reswell The Musical
Through July 29. A musical based on the 1947 Roswell incident at the New Mexico Military Institute Amphitheater on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Call (505) 765-3380 for more information.

Laser "Legends"
Fridays and Saturdays at the Space Center's Tom Baugh Imax Dome Theater in Alamogordo. Call (577) 333-4589 for showtimes and information.

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!
• Summer Reading Program for children birth-18. There will be crafts and prizes.

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.

Summer Adult Acting Workshop
Wednesday nights 7-9 p.m. 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 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 Shop open 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday.
• Closed on Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day holiday.

Exhibits & Receptions

The Hubbard Museum of the American West

Through July 16 featuring "Hands of a Craftsman, Heart of an Artist" by Gustave Baumann, New Mexico's premier color woodblock artist.

American Heroes and American Artists
Exhibition and sale of fine art by twelve

of the country's best equine artists at the Hubbard Museum of the American West, through Oct. 31.

Heaven and Hell
Exhibition through July 23 at the Roswell Museum and Art Center. Call (505) 624-6744 for more information.

The Gallery in Roswell
will be exhibiting art by the late Diane Holdson July 1-29. Call (505) 624-9793 for more information.

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

Ocean 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

Museum of New Mexico
Through June 25. Third annual Museum Fiber Arts Festival of Traditional Culture of the Southwest held at the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture. **National Scenic Byway Photographic Expedition**

On display until July 16 at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. Images selected from more than 4,000 photos taken by people who volunteered to photograph the billy the Kid Scenic Byway.

Movies

The Patriot
Drama: 2 hrs. 40 min.
Rated R for strong war violence.
Starring: Mel Gibson, Heath Ledger, Tcheky Karyo, Jason Isaacs, Lisa Brenner

Directed by Roland Emmerich.
Produced by Dean Davlin, Mark Gordon and Gary Levinson.

Written by Robert Rodat.
Distributor: Columbia TriStar

Synopsis: Benjamin Martin is a reluctant hero who is swept into the American Revolution when the war reaches his home and threatens his family. A hero of the French and Indian conflict, Martin had been offered fighting forever to raise his family in peace. But when the British arrive at his South Carolina home and endanger what he holds most dear, Martin takes up arms alongside his idealistic patriot son, Gabriel, and leads a brave rebel militia into battle against a relentless and overwhelming English army.
Showtimes: 12:45 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 7 p.m., and 10 p.m.

The Perfect Storm
Drama: 2 hr. 10 min.
Rated PG-13 for language and scenes



Warner Brothers

George Clooney in Warner Brothers' The Perfect Storm

of peril.
Starring: George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg, Diane Lane, John C. Reilly, Karen Allen
Directed by Wolfgang Petersen
Produced by Wolfgang Petersen and Paula Weinstein
Written by William D. Wittliff, Bo Goldstein and Jennifer Flackett
Distributed by Warner Brothers
Synopsis: December 1991. It was "the perfect storm" — a tempest that may happen only once in a century — a nor'easter created by so rare a combination of factors that it could not possibly have been worse. Creating waves ten stories high and winds of 120 miles an hour (193 kph), the storm whipped the sea to inconceivable levels few people on earth have ever witnessed. Few, except the six-man crew of the Andrea Gail.
Showtimes: 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m., and 9:30 p.m.

The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle

Comedy and Kids/Family: 1 hr. 45 min.
Rated PG for brief mild language.
Starring: Jason Alexander, Rene Russo, Randy Quaid, Janeane Garofalo, Dian Baker

Directed by Des McAnuff
Produced by Robert DeNiro and Jane Rosenthal

Written by Kenneth Lonergan
Distributed by Universal Pictures

Synopsis: Yes, it's true: those notorious No-Goodniks from Pottsylvania, Boris Badenov and Natasha Fatale are back, and as usual up to no good. Led by the criminal mastermind Fearless Leader, Boris and Natasha have devised a plot to take over the world and get rid of moose and squirrel. Those villainous spies have fought tirelessly to rid the world of their longtime foes from Frostbite Falls, better known to mil-

lions of adoring fans around the world as Rocky and Bullwinkle, but the dim-witted duo have managed to escape the clutches of Boris and Natasha through sheer tenacity and cunning intuition — okay so maybe they just got lucky. Teaming up with rookie F.B.I. agent Karen Sympathy, our eponymous heroes will once again come face to face, or face to snout with their dreaded nemeses. But first Rocky and Bullwinkle must blend into the real world; hardly an easy task for a 400-pound talking moose and a squirrel who thinks he can fly. This time the stakes are much higher. Has evil finally met its match? Well, at least it has met its moose.
Showtimes: 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:15 p.m.

Music

Cres 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.

Screaming Eagle Lounge
Open Mon.-Sat. in the Enchantment Inn, Live music with Tallman Band and Tommy Martin. Friday and Saturday. Call Anna at 378-4051 for more information.

The Quarters
Live Rock and Roll music through Sunday. Karaoke on Mondays and Tuesdays at 2535 Sudderth Drive.

Wild, Place & Show
Live music by Wild Card from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. every day at 2516 Sudderth Drive. Ladies Night is Monday.

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

Live CD recording at J's Joint

If you've always wanted to be a part of a live CD recording, your chance is coming up on July 14 and 15 at J's Joint, 1214 Mechem Drive.

The Kat Crosby Band will record its first live CD and invites the public to join in the fun.

This is one of the busiest and hardest working blues bands in the state, touring to clubs and venues outside of the Tularosa Basin and Ruidoso areas. Recently the members began performing in southern and central Arizona at the Payson, Arizona Blues Festival and at St. Elmo's an historic club

in Bisbee, Arizona. The blues community in Tucson had previously received them well.

The band's first appearance at J's Joint in early June was the beginning of a plan to do a live recording there. Recording engineer Doug Gibson, owner of Round Sound Records in Alamogordo, made a trip to listen to the band at J's Joint and said, "This will work." Round Sound Records has the capability to do location work and has some of the latest in digital recording technology.

Kat Crosby Stamper, vocalist

and keyboard player, and lead guitarist Gary Stamper, have put together several regionally successful bands over the last 10 years, taking them to major blues festivals and sharing the stage with national blues acts such as Anson Funderburgh and the Rockets, featuring Sam Myers, Little Charlie and the Nightcats, Smokin' Joe Kubek and Long John Hunter.

Robert Mason and Jody Balster hold down the bass and drum slots respectively. Both have years of experience in rhythm and blues and fun/fusion as well as in the blues genre.

VIDEORAMA

Showtime Video's New Releases

July 11
The Hurricane
My Dog Skip
Boiler Room
Mansfield Park
The 4th Floor
The Minion
Jackie Chan's Georgeous

The Virginian
The Real Macaw
July 18
The Whole Nine Yards
The Ninth Gate
Diamonds
Where's Mario?
Isn't She Great

Top Ten Movie Rentals

1. Deuce Bigalow
2. Anna and the King
3. The Third Miracle
4. The Green Mile
5. Bicentennial Man
6. Next Friday
7. Girl Interrupted
8. Snow Falling on Cedars
9. Man on the Moon
10. Sleepy Hollow

The Arts

Meet the artists on the Loop

Story by Dianno Stallings, NAMMOSI STAFF WRITER

From soap and paper making to alabaster sculpture, pottery and weaving, the Art Loop offers visitors a chance to watch artists at work in their studios and to buy pieces from the hands of their creators.

In its fifth year, Art Loop 2000 will showcase 21 artists in 20 stops Saturday and Sunday from Carrizozo to Nogal and Capitan, and from San Patricio to Lincoln.

"I think it's good thing because it gives everybody in the area a chance to meet artists who usually are not very visible," said Suzanne Donazetti, who guilds, paints and weaves copper at her Freefall Designs studio in Carrizozo. "I'm excited about this year's tour because we have eight new artists."

"The studios are so interesting. For some of us, the experience of creating is sort of spiritual. It's a fascinating tour and a wonderful day for people, who also get to sample some of our favorite food dishes."

In the historic settlement of Lincoln, Bill and Xan Shrecengost of Old Lincoln Woodworks and their furniture from recycled wood, join repeaters Jane Terrel and her stone sculptures at The Seventh Direction, Rhonda and Randy Dougherty's bright pieces at Earthly Greens & Pottery and the handmade books and original artwork, boxes and picture frames of Beverly and Paula Wilson at Fruit of the Trees Paper Products.

In nearby San Patricio, visit Judy Benson and her woven baskets and jewelry.

In Capitan, loop organizers Todd Shelby and Karen Pritchett of Animalia Pottery recruited newcomers Judy Pekelsma with her paintings, pottery and weavings. Susan Burke will add her porcelain and stoneware pottery and Tom and Joyce Summers their handmade soap for the tour this year. They join Jake Wolfhart and his leather work, Maggie Doyle and her exquisite weaving and the Animalia potters.

In Nogal, Patricia Fox will sign on to show her sculptured pottery, along with long-time participants Georgia and Mike Lagg and their wood creations at the Trees House and Sculptor Pam Topper at her Mountain Topper Sculpture Studio.

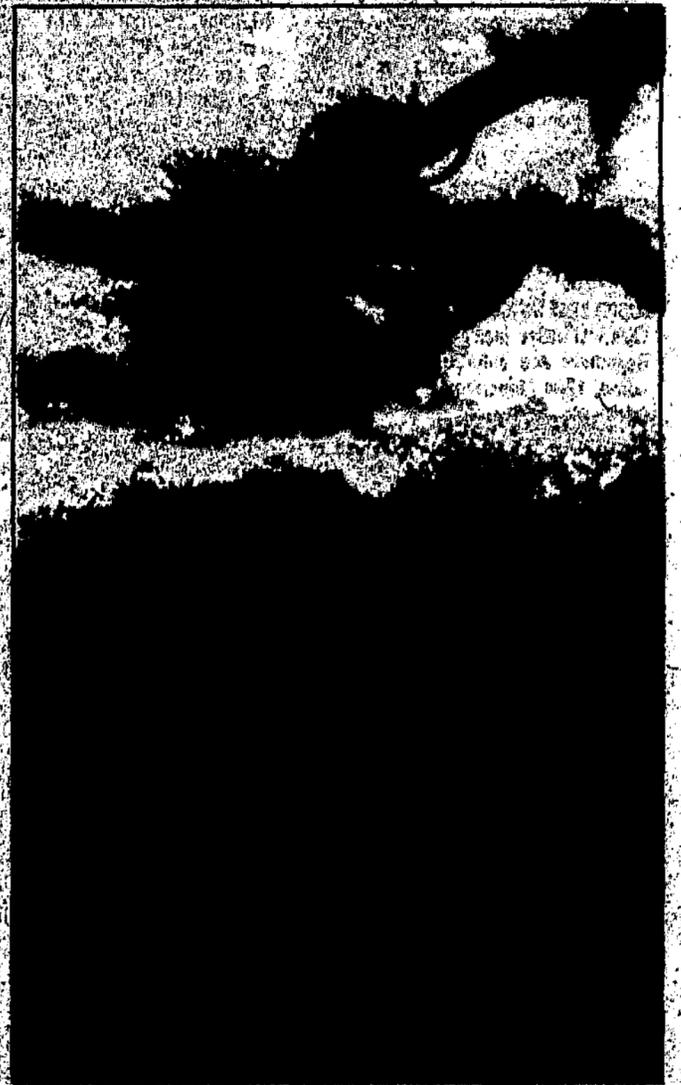
The artistic climate in Carrizozo also is heating up with three new artists joining Donazetti and Kenneth Payne, whose unique boxes are taking second place this year to a new venture into hand-

made, painted, or sepia-toned photographs, and Palla Duncan, whose oil paintings of landscapes and still lifes, focusing on the Carrizo Mountains, should be crowd pleasers with the familiar landmark.

Bill Kerr will show his floral and fruit designs, as well as some Southwest interpretations on fine porcelain tableware and tile tabletops.

Timothy O'Leary's brightly colored, handpainted wooden framed mirrors with Southwest and animals motifs and Dennis Dunnum's custom "art" furniture and mosaics will bring some new approaches into the mix.

The tour runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Although many people consider the drive through Carrizozo a special treat, for those who prefer someone else at the wheel, an Art Loop Tour is offered this year by Village Bear Tour Co. for \$25 per person or \$45 per couple, with gourmet lunches available. Call (505) 420-9615 for details. Brochures on the tour are available at each stop.



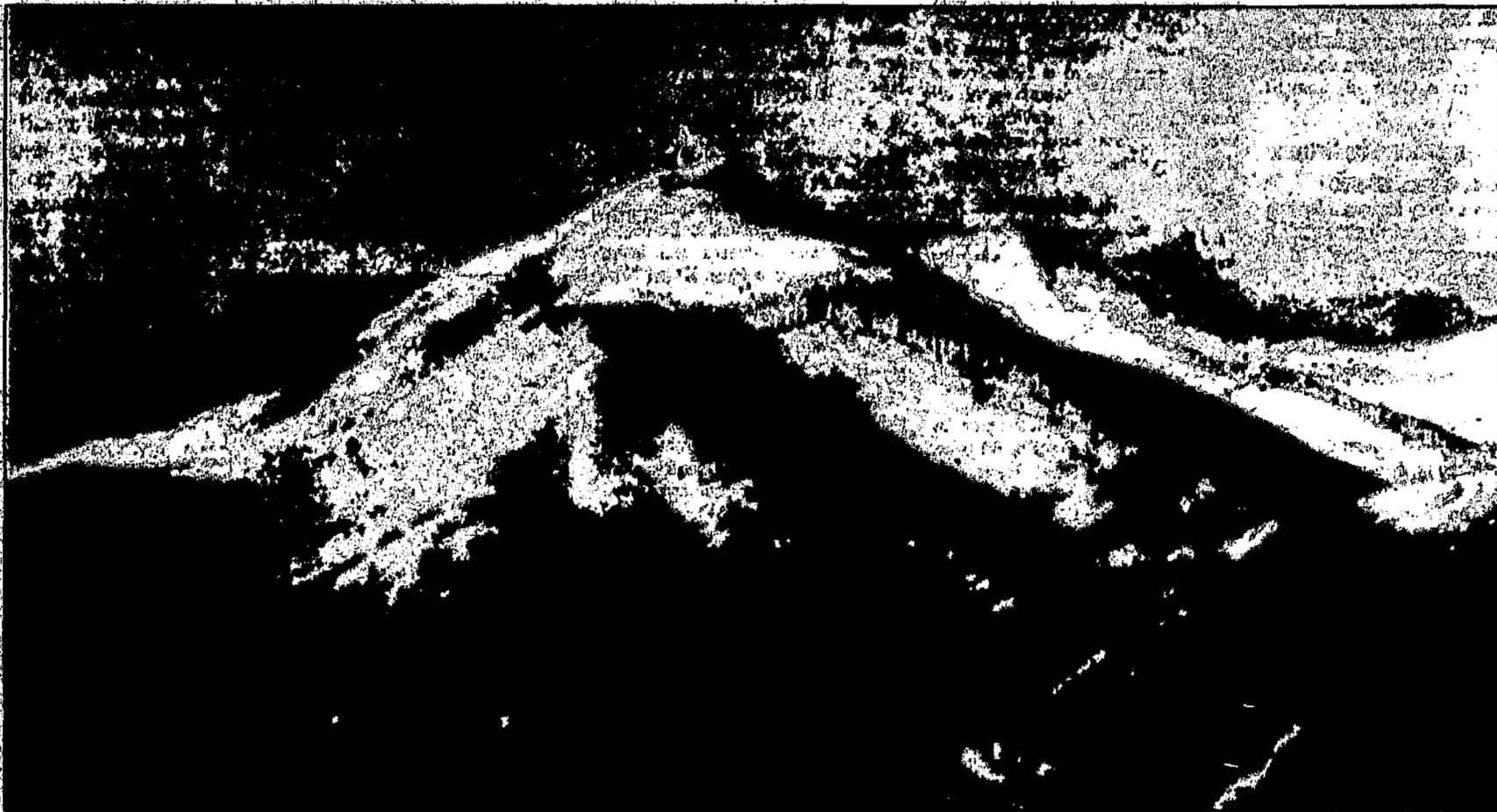
Courtesy
A LAMP from The Trees House by Georgia and Michael Lagg, woodworkers who create functional and non-functional artworks.



ANIMALIA POTTERY, above, by Karen Fritchett and Todd Shelby in Capitan; Below, Fruit of the Trees Paper Products by Beverly and Paula Wilson in Lincoln



1. Judy Benson Basket, Jewelry
2. The Seventh Dimension Sculpture
3. Old Lincoln Woodworks Furniture
4. Earthy Greens And Pottery Ceramics
5. Fruit of the Trees Paper Products Handmade Book
6. Jake Wolfhart Leather Co. Leather Goods
7. Handwoven Designs Woven Goods
8. Judy Pelciana Ceramics
9. Susan Burda Ceramics
10. Summer Soap Soap
11. Animaia Pottery Ceramics
12. Patricia Fox Ceramics
13. Mountain Topper Sculpture Studio Sculpture
14. The Tree's House Woodwork
15. Pella Painting
16. Kenneth Payne Photography
17. Freefall Designs Metal
18. Bill Kerr Hand Painted Pottery
19. Timothy O'Leary Wood
20. Dennis Dunnum Furniture



Gordon Snidow's painting, "Sierra Blanca," is a view of the mountain from Alto. This very high quality poster and is available by calling or faxing:

The Snidow Studio

(505) 258-5776

Unsigned poster \$40* Signed poster \$55*

Please request a FREE catalog of Gordon Snidow's prints and posters!

*price subject to 7% sales tax and S&H.

BELLAS ARTES

Adobe, The

2905 Suddarth Drive, 257-5795, 257-4499 (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., Capitan, 354-3316.
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 Pecos, (877) 630-8606
Featuring the sophisticated art of Manuel Lopez Cia.

Benson Fine Art

Off Hwy. 70, San Patricio, 653-4081
Now in an 1870s adobe compound in Hondo Valley; entrada gallery with early Southwestern artists, guest house gallery with landscape photography and contemporary gallery; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues-Sun or by appointment.

Blue Cow Pottery Company

646 Suddarth Drive, 630-822
(At Home Again Antiques & Collectibles Mall)
Handmade, wheel-thrown, originals — everything from unique, Blue Cow originals to classically glazed functional pottery. Including Denimware, Petroglyphs, Cranberries & Oats. See artists at work on premises.

California Colors

101 Country Club Rd., Balmora, 257-9888
Barbara Deht-Westbrook is the artist in residence of this gallery of art.

Crucis Art Bronze

534 Suddarth, 257-7986
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 Suddarth, Balmora, 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, 633-4499
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 sign to the studio. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday - Sunday.

Gail's Frame of Mind

1204 Pecos, Balmora, 257-9494
Exclusives "Wine Moon" — 5 yard art. Originals by Gaylon Gilman, glass sculptures, Anaya Lynn, Iz, Joyce Jones, Bernice Landrum, Marcia Blain and Corrie Bell, Rick Hall, and others. Open Mon-Fri, 10-5 and Sat., 10-2.

G.D. Garrett Fine Art

2306 Suddarth Drive, Balmora, 257-7635 or 257-4977
Featuring original art and prints by local artist Gary Garrett. Originals and prints of Sierra Blanca and local wildlife.

Handwoven Designs

101 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, 354-3008
Maggie Doyle is a nationally recognized, fourth-generation hand weaver with a working weavery in Capitan. She draws inspiration from the landscapes of her New

Mexican home for her handwoven clothing. Open Thursday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery

Off Hwy. 70 in San Patricio, 653-4231.
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 Suddarth, 257-9856.
Pottery and pastels by Kenyon Thomas, fine weavings by Marcia Thomas. Call for gallery hours.

Lorene & Larry's Frame & Art

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

J. Mauritsen Studio

501-B Carrizo Canyon Rd., 257-6398
Freestyle sculptures. Stone and burwood. Also works by Apache sculptor Jordan Torres. Always open.

La Paloma Gallery

File marker 98, U.S. 380, Lincoln, 633-4479
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, 633-4372.
Featuring the newly renovated Montano Store and temporary exhibits highlighting the Montano 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 Pecos, 257-9882
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

2330 Suddarth Dr., Balmora, 257-9748
The gallery features originals and prints by local artist Teri Sodd. Prints by Bill Jaxon, Dale Terribili, Adn Shade, Horle, Judy Larson, Bob Carver, Gordon Snidow, Sueanne Mandy and more. Handmade artifacts, pottery, lighting and rug. 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.

Nogal Pottery Studio & Gallery

2.8 miles east of Wal-Mart on Highway 70, 376-4278
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. 8006, Balmora, 633-4388.

The studio of Hondo Valley artist Paul 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 W Rio St., Balmora, 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. 3rd St., Roswell, 625-1363
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

446 First St., Balmora, 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

2306 Suddarth Drive, Balmora, 257-9841.
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

1000 Mountain Dr., Balmora, 257-6872
Featuring contemporary Southwest paintings by New Mexico artist Stephen Stribling. Located in The Arts complex (upstairs in back). Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Sunday, or by app.

The Tree's House

Nogal Canyon Road off Hwy. 37 between mile marker 96 & 97, Balmora, 257-4286.
The large tree's roots form a shelter and cradle a variety of functional artwork including doors, screens and lamps. Located in Nogal at Hwy. 37 and Nogal Canyon Road.

Unique Creations

Nogal Plaza, 254-2888 254-4286.
Creative expressions by Sandy Hartley include fiber art, furniture, etched and stained glass, original macramé head-boards, wall hangings etc. Open by appointment for interior consultation, commissions and gift items.

Western Trails Gallery

300 East Suddarth Street Balmora, Capitan 354-4286.
Original western oils, a collection of quality Indian jewelry and artifacts, unique ethnographic and regional crafts.

White Mt. Pottery Gallery

2801 Suddarth Dr., Balmora, 257-9494.
Established in 1975 and recognized as a "Hall of fame" of talented clay artists, it offers tableware, lamps and accessories by local and nationally known potters. Call for gallery hours.

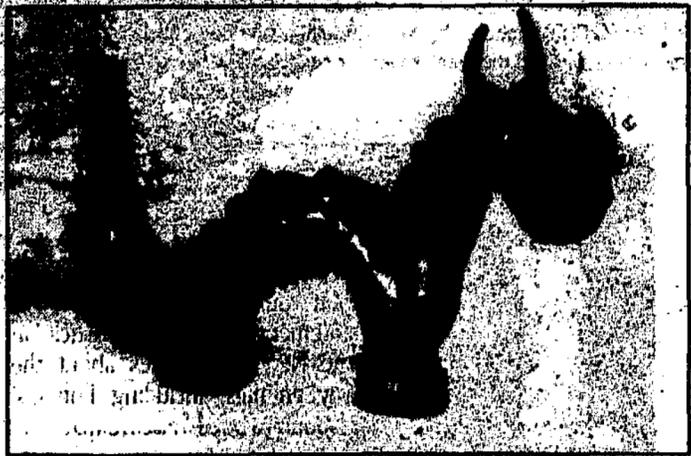
White Oaks Pottery Studio and Gallery

1.50 miles NE of White Hall, 636-3065.
From her adobe studio, Potter by Hermann makes functional porcelain, sculpture and lighting in the shadow of Pecos Mountain. A one hr. drive north from Roswell. Open 7 days, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Watch on submissions to Ivámonos!

Submissions for "What's Happening," "Bellas Artes" or other events need to be at the newspaper office by noon on Friday the week preceding publication.

Chamber artists of the month



ELAINE ARMSTRONG'S sculpture. Courtesy

Elaine Armstrong

Elaine Armstrong's hand built clay sculptural work with raku glaze is fired under hellish heat. It is left alone suffocating in rapid cooling, leaving pieces stained in muted tones that speak strength yet betray vulnerability. Imperfections are intentional, they make no apologies. All work is acceptable to be shared as it is.

From the artist's internal combustion, Armstrong controls the intimacy between the pottery and the beholder. The lover is drawn to its beauty and beholds its strength, a warmth that controls closeness. She imprints her soul in clay, believing that excellence resonates within each of us. From her studio in Lubbock, Texas, a recent relocation from a ranch in Southeastern New Mexico, Elaine Armstrong finds the energy, the matter and the spirit to be, to create and to share her essence through the clay, the wire and the fire of an artist's heart.



PATSY BLASDEL'S "Maryn" in pastel.

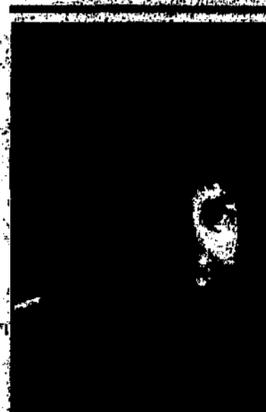
Patsy Blasdel

Patsy Blasdel is a fine artist who paints for the sheer thrill of it. She began her artistic journey in 1982 when a friend suggested she take a watercolor class from Vernell Leach in San Angelo, Texas. Vernell praised her early work which encouraged her and continues to influence her art.

Patsy's art is labeled "Expressionistic," using color and line to define subjects rather than color and form practiced by impressionists. Patsy has always been fascinated with the graceful, organic forms of the human figure. Other subjects of interest to the artist are animals and floral still lifes. Several artists have influenced Patsy. William Herring made her believe her dreams could indeed come true. Paula White has been an ever present dear friend and knowledgeable teacher, and Ann Templeton encourages her to persist and strive for perfection.



Neither man nor rat can properly fold the laundry



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answered "b" to both questions, then you are a male. I base this statement on a recent article in The New York Times about the way animals—including humans, respond to stress. According to the article, a group of psychology researchers have made the breakthrough discovery that — prepare to be astounded — males and females are different.

The researchers discovered this by studying both humans and rats, which are very similar to humans except that they are not stupid enough to purchase lottery tickets. The studies show that when males are under stress, they respond by either fighting or running away (the so-called "fight or flight" syndrome); whereas females respond by nurturing others and making friends (the so-called "tend and befriend" syndrome).

This finding is big news in the psychology community, which apparently is located on a distant planet. Here on Earth, we have been aware for some time that males and females respond differently to stress. We know that if two males bump into each other, they will respond like this:

FIRST MALE: Hey, watch it!
SECOND MALE: No, YOU watch it!
FIRST MALE: Oh yeah?
(They deliberately bump into each other again.)
Two females, in the identical situation, will respond like this:
FIRST FEMALE: I'm sorry!

SECOND FEMALE: No, it's my fault!

FIRST FEMALE: Say, those are cute shoes!

(They go shopping.)

If the psychology community needs further proof of the difference between genders, I invite it to attend the party held in my neighborhood each Halloween. This party is attended by several hundred small children, who are experiencing stress because their blood-sugar levels are low.

As a result of the so-called "trick or treat" syndrome — which contains roughly the same sugar content as Cuba — here's how the various genders respond:

The females: 97 percent of whom are dressed as either a ballerina or a princess, sit in a little social group and exchange candy.

The males: 37 percent of whom are dressed as either Bob the Builder, Ranger, an art and making martial arts noises and bouncing wildly off each other like crazed atomic particles.

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Here are some other gender-based syndromes that the psychology community might want to look into:

— The "laundry refolding" syndrome: This has been widely noted by both me and a friend of mine named Jeff. What happens is, the male will attempt to fold a piece of laundry, and when he is done, the female, with a look of disapproval, will immediately pick it up and re-fold it so that it is much neater and smaller. "My wife can make an entire bed sheet virtually disappear," reports Jeff.

— The "inflatable-pool-toy" syndrome: From the dawn of human civilization, the task of inflating the inflatable pool toy has always fallen to the male. It is often the female who comes home with an inflatable pool toy the size of the Hindenburg, causing the youngsters to become

very excited. But it is inevitably the male who spends two hours blowing the toy up, after which he keels over with skin the color of a Smurf, while the kids, who have been helping out by whining impatiently, leap joyfully onto the toy, puncturing it immediately.

I think psychology researchers should find out if these syndromes exist in other species. They could put some rats into a cage with tiny pool toys and miniature pieces of laundry, then watch to see what happens. My guess is that there would be fighting. Among the male researchers, I mean. It's a shame, this male tendency toward aggression, which has caused so many horrible problems, such as war and ice hockey. It frankly makes me ashamed of my gender. I'm going to punch Bob.

Are you a male, or a female? To find out, take this scientific quiz:

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b) Punch Bob.

2. Your favorite team is about to win the championship, but at the last second the victory is stolen away by a terrible referee's call. You:

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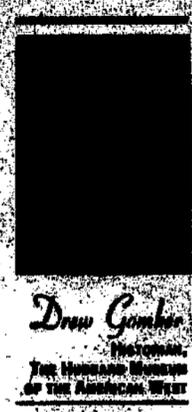
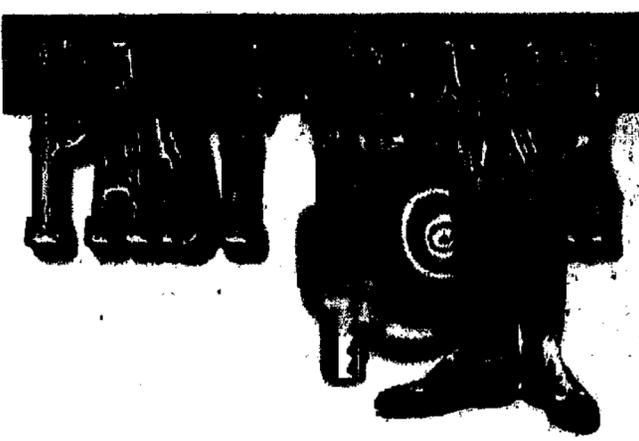
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Helen of Troy

Part 1

The day that Beulah walked into attorney Hardin's office in need of help was the beginning of the end for John Wesley Hardin.

Among historians, at least, she is something of a legend in her own right. For those of us who have taken an interest in her, she is many things: she is romantic, she is sexy, and above all, she is dangerous. She got one husband, and perhaps a lover, killed in old El Paso back in 1895. And after February of 1896, she virtually vanished from historical ken — until recently. She betrayed nearly everyone who ever trusted her and yet it is somehow difficult to dislike her. She is known to history as Helen Beulah Mrose, and was known to virtually everyone as "Beulah." Never heard of her? That is no surprise, as most people are unfamiliar with her lurid saga. She was the last known lover of the deadliest gunman of all time, John Wesley Hardin, and yet, or perhaps because of that, she has spent the better part of the last century in the mists of time and history. In the Victorian era, families whose daughters led lives of prostitution and drinking and then consorted with known killers, tended to attempt to cover up their relation's indiscretions. Unfortunately for history, Beulah's family did an excellent job of doing just that.



Beulah Mrose and Unknown Child

Courtesy

Background

According to the Family Bible, she was born Helen Eugenia Williams on November 1, 1872, near Berry's Creek in Williamson County, Texas. This would have placed her just short of her 23rd birthday at the time of the El Paso troubles in which she became embroiled. Of course, there is still much that we do not know about Beulah. However, in the last few years, information has come to light that tells us much about Helen Beulah Mrose that was not previously known. For starters, she was married long before she ever met the man whose name she would bear until the end of her life: Martin Mrose, New Mexican rustler and desperado. Martin's real claim to fame is the manner in which he met his death — but I'll get to that. Martin was actually Beulah's second husband — if they were ever legally married at all. On March 21, 1889, Beulah married a man named Steve Jennings at Fredonia, Mason County, Texas. Of the three children that resulted from this union, only one survived. Beulah took that child, a little boy named Albert, with her when she abandoned Jennings and ran off to her brother's place near Mayhill, on the Rio Penasco, in New Mexico. To do this, she rode across the barren plains of West Texas all the way to New Mexico — alone and with her three-year-old son seated on the saddle in front of her. Landing in the "Grittown" of Phenix, New Mexico (near modern-day Lordsburg), Beulah made her living the only way that she could until she met the man that she undoubtedly considered to be her savior — at the time, at least. Martin Mrose was a native of Poland who had made himself quite at home among the rustlers and gunmen of Lincoln County. However, until he met Beulah, Martin was only a moderately successful outlaw. The little woman made all the difference to his finances. She had good business sense, and she organized her husband's rustling and butchering operations so that the couple was rather suddenly accumulating a lot of money. For reasons that have been lost to history, Martin and Beulah ran afoul of Martin's associates in criminality and suddenly decided that it

would be better for their health if they relocated. Along with little Albert, the couple made their way to El Paso — and their destiny.

The pair was arrested at Juarez, Mexico for various indiscretions and only Beulah was able to secure her release from the local calaboose. She immediately began casting about for an attorney to represent her and her husband and, oh boy, did she ever find one!

John Wesley Hardin

He had been the most feared gunman in Texas. Even in 1895, some 20 years after his "glory days," men thought twice about incurring the wrath of John Wesley Hardin, and for good reason. We will never know for sure, but Hardin killed somewhere between 25 and 50 men in the course of his bloody career. He admitted to 27 killings in his self-serving autobiography published shortly after his death and still in print today. But there may have been even more ... much more ...

After serving some 16 years in Rusk Prison at Huntsville, Texas, Hardin was released into a world that had changed drastically. Telephones were commonplace and the horse was shortly to be replaced by the automobile and ultimately the airplane. Hardin had become an attorney in prison and decided to practice his trade in El Paso after his release in 1894.

However, most people, for whatever reason, be it fear or snobbery, chose not to do business with the legendary gunman. Despite intentions that were apparently good, Hardin found solace more and more in the bottle and was barely making ends meet by April of 1895. He had started his autobiography in prison and between hangovers, was attempting to finish it.

The day that Beulah walked into attorney Hardin's office in need of help was the beginning of the end for John Wesley Hardin. Realizing that there was money to be made and that the beautiful Beulah, as long as Martin was in jail, was available (at least in Hardin's eyes), John Wesley decided to do whatever was necessary to help this lady out! He had never really gotten over the death of his first wife, Jane, but Hardin was still a man, and Beulah's presence constantly reminded him of this fact.

In no time at all, Beulah had moved in with Hardin and was matching him drink for drink. Across the river, Martin Mrose was fuming as he got increasingly graphic reports concerning his wife's infidelity, and he was most definitely not pleased. Martin was, of course, incarcerated at the time, but even if he had not been, he had to be aware of the fact that this

wasn't just "some lawyer" with whom his wife had taken up.

This particular lawyer, in his time, had dispatched literally scores of men across the River Styx. Then again, in the Old West, skill with firearms was always open to dispute, and the more Martin heard about his wife carrying on with Hardin, the more inclined he was to dispute Hardin's skill — personally.

Martin, his pals and the law

Don't get the idea that Martin Mrose was some sort of idiot or buffoon.

Neither he nor his friends had survived as desperadoes in Lincoln County by being either stupid or cowardly. Among Martin's friends here, Tom Finnessey and Vic Mason, both of whom were not at all afraid of John Wesley Hardin, they were, should it become necessary, prepared to challenge him on their friend's behalf. As with anything else, most men tend to be a lot braver when they are talking about it.

When the reality of deadly force raises its ugly head, even the bravest men frequently have second thoughts.

To complete the cast of characters in this little drama, let's not

forget the lawmen. There was Jeff Milton, a tough hombre in his own right, who was serving as El Paso's chief of police at the time. Then there was Milton's friend, George Scarborough, who had spent most of his life working as a lawman and bounty hunter. There was Frank McMahon.

Scarborough's brother-in-law and sometime Texas Ranger. And last, but certainly not least, there was John Selman. A fixture on the frontier since the 1870s, Selman was as nasty a character as the Old West ever produced. Chief deputy to Shackelford County's Sheriff John Lam in the 1870s, Selman had narrowly escaped the vigilantes who killed Lam in his own jail. After that, Selman led a band of brigands through lawless Lincoln County that made even the imagined crimes of Billy the Kid seem inconsequential. Rape and murder seem to have been the specialties of these lethal slimeballs as they made their bloody

way across the history of Lincoln County. By the 1890s, Selman had become known as respectable and was working as a constable in El Paso. In the Old West, if you kept a low profile for a couple of years, people tended to forget your prior indiscretions.

The actions of Helen Beulah Mrose in 1895 would affect the

lives of every one of these men, at least three of whom had less than a year to live.

SOURCES: *The Death of Helen Beulah* by Dennis McCown; *The Life of John Wesley Hardin as Written by Himself*; *The Last Gunfighter* by Richard Marohn; and *The Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters*, by Bill O'Neal.

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CHECK OUT THE FANTASTIC LOCATION of this year round easy access condo on the 18th fairway. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath has a nice size redwood deck which should be safe from golf balls, new paint and carpet in May of this year and great views of Sierra Blanca!! \$122,500.

NEW CARPET, NEW PAINT, NEW LANDSCAPING!!!! in this like new 4 year old town home that has 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, easy year round location, gated community, lots of light, high vaulted ceilings, private patio and more!! \$109,900.

VERY NICE DOUBLE WIDE on 3.5 acres with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, completely fenced, several fruit trees, good view and horses allowed. \$106,500.

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WONDERFUL HOME WITH FULL SIERRA BLANCA VIEW!!! in this approximately 2,700 sq. ft. spacious living 4 bedroom, 4 private bath home. It has an office/computer room, circular drive with large covered entrance, w levels with access to large decks, beveled mirrored fireplace, built-ins and much much more!! \$325,000.

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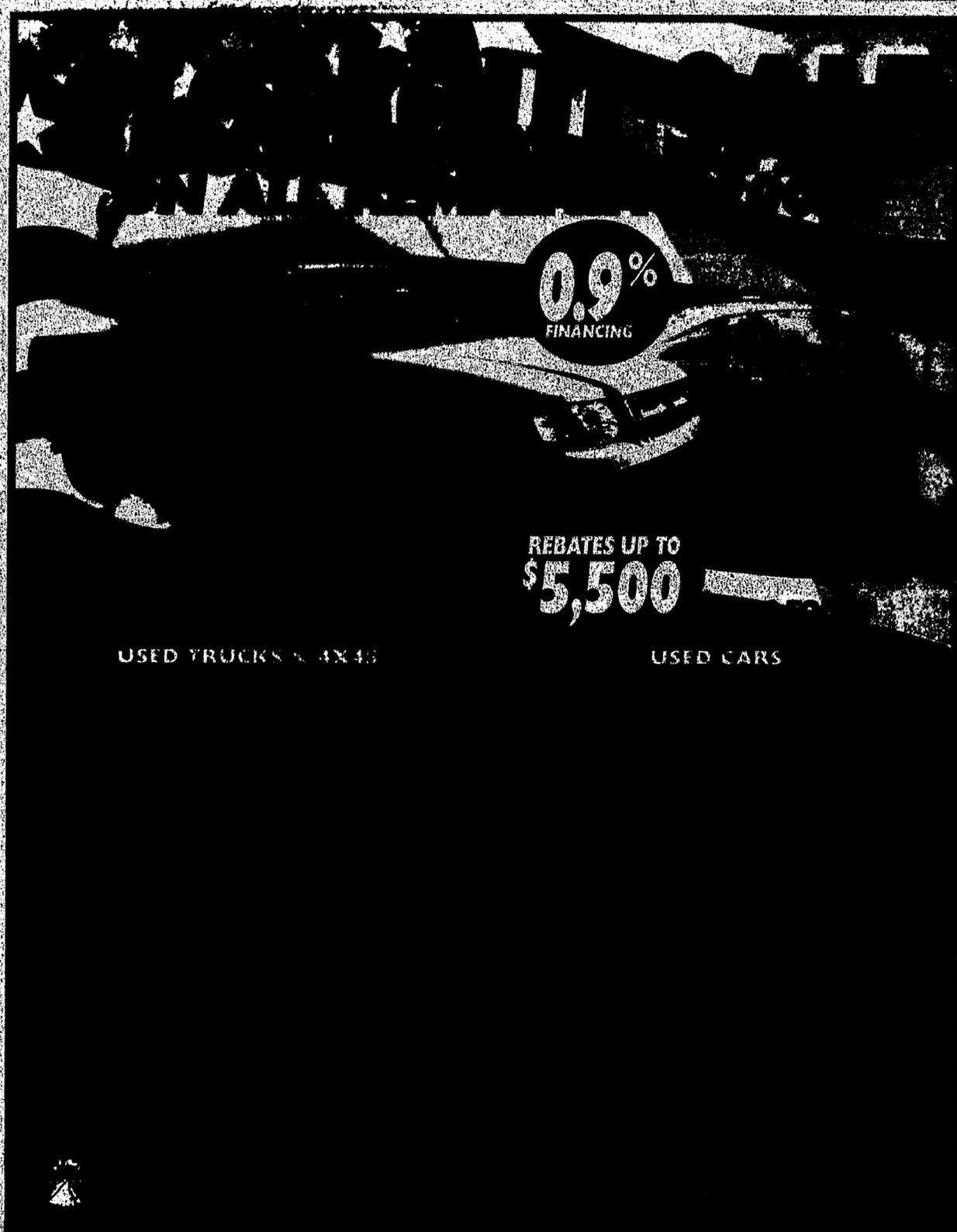
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