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## Fire cost: \$551,000

■ The emphasis now moves to monitoring and rehabilitating the 125 acres charred in this week's Musketball Fire.

BY JAMES KALVELAGE  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The cost of snuffing out the Musketball Fire and moving into a rehabilitation mode has brought an estimated cost of \$551,000, said the incident commander.

As the mop-up of the fire winds down, rehabilitation work has begun.

Crews are building water bars to help control erosion and spreading grass seed to bring back vegetation, said Eddie Tudor, incident commander.

"They found one smoky area today," Tudor said Thursday. "Otherwise the efforts continue on seeding and pulling brush (over the seeds) for erosion control."

A small contingent was expected to return to the scarred 125 acres today with a emphasis on rehabilitation and monitoring. The National Weather Service Thursday had warned that winds today could reach as high as 70 miles per hour.

"The units Friday will keep an eye on the winds," Tudor said.

The fire was declared 100 percent contained about 24 hours after it started Sunday afternoon. Tudor said he isn't ready to label it fully extinguished.

Meanwhile fire crews Thursday were addressing a blaze in the Lower Elk area of the Mescalero Apache Reservation. The fire was one of several that occurred on the reservation this week. Details of the fire in the Lower Elk area were unavailable at press time. The location is between Ruidoso and Cloudcroft.

In the wake of a series of blazes on the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation, fire restrictions have been imposed on the tribal lands.

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## TAKING A MOMENT



Members of a sixth-grade class from White Mountain Intermediate School take a moment to appreciate a bronze statue created by Dave McGary that stands in the lobby of the Lincoln Tower. As part of their art class, students, under the supervision of Principal Helene Kobelnyk, also viewed murals painted by Leilani Pinard.

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

## Opinions differ on zoning regs for rural areas

County planning commission meeting attracts various ideas

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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Members of the Lincoln County Planning Commission said Tuesday that they welcomed different opinions on zoning and other ways to control growth.

The audience of about 50 people gave them just what they asked for — from staunch opposition to any entity dictating land use for private property to the possibility of forcing countywide zoning by petition drive.

But by the end of the two hour session in Capitan, the board agreed to focus on controlling development along the Billy the Kid Scenic Byway as a first step.

Local Realtor Cindy Lynch briefed the board on a smart growth initiative under the

National Association of Realtors to counter negative impacts that often follow development around resort communities and cities.

"Growth pressure results in a less desirable quality of life," she said. "When growth becomes a hot issue, it's often too late and people overreact with actions like moratoriums and excessive restrictions."

"Realtors can help because they know the market demand" and what's happening in a community and what people want, said Lynch, president elect of the Realtors Association of New Mexico.

The association advocates decisions at a local level and market forces regulating growth, she said.

Lynch also explained that petitions being circulated calling for countywide zoning are a means of putting community support on the record.

Cindy Lynch  
Realtor

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## Nearly 60 people pack board room Parents, students defend coach

BY JAMES KALVELAGE  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Nearly 60 people filled the Capitan Municipal Schools board room Monday, unhappy with the possible termination of Cindy Terry, a middle-school physical education instructor and high school basketball coach.

"She's not been fired," said Darrel Stierwalt, the schools' athletic director and principal at Capitan High School. "She was told at a meeting she had with me I wouldn't recommend rehiring her."

Stierwalt said his recommendation would be forwarded to the schools' superintendent and then to the Board of Education.

Jana Townsend, a parent, said a petition calling for the retention of Terry was being circulated. She said about 200 signatures had already been collected.

While Stierwalt said confidentiality pre-

cluded him from discussing specifics, he said his recommendation was based on not seeing the improvement he expected.

A half dozen students, some with tears, called Terry a teacher and coach who cares about children and does everything right.

Terry has been with the Capitan Municipal Schools for two years, with the 2000-2001 school year her first as a varsity coach.

If she is not renewed as a coach Terry would also be relieved of her teaching position,

said Superintendent Diana Billingsley. Billingsley said those unhappy with the possible termination will have an opportunity to address the school board during an April 12 meeting.

"We listen to our parents," Stierwalt said of the comments delivered during the meeting with students and parents.

### "We listen to our parents."

Diana Billingsley  
superintendent of  
Capitan Municipal  
Schools

## Officials look at alternatives to burning tree trimmings

County to consider slash-disposal site at April 19 meeting

BY JAMES KALVELAGE  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Lincoln County residents could have a no-cost location to dispose of woody materials from their properties.

In the wake of this week's private property burn that escalated into the Musketball Fire, authorities are looking at ways to help county residents dispose of their tree trimmings.

Officials with the Lincoln National Forest and Lincoln County are working on an agreement that could set up a rural location to haul pine needles and tree branches for later burning by the Forest Service.

Jerry Hawkes, district ranger for the Smokey Bear District of the Lincoln National Forest, said a pit area along Devil's Canyon Road, south of the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, could be such a site. The site is on the Lincoln National Forest.

"It seems to be a real need," Hawkes said of a location to dispose of tree limbs and pine needles. "I know the county has been concerned."

Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart said county commissioners will likely have some sort of a proposed agreement on the slash disposal site at their April 19 meeting.

"Everybody's in favor of doing something to clean up the forest," Stewart said. "I think every single one of them (commissioners) wants something done."

Hawkes said the agreement would let residents deposit natural woody materials and the Forest Service would do the burning.

"We would only burn when it's safe, like in the winter or when everything is green," Hawkes said. "Maybe we could have some volunteer (fire) departments on hand."

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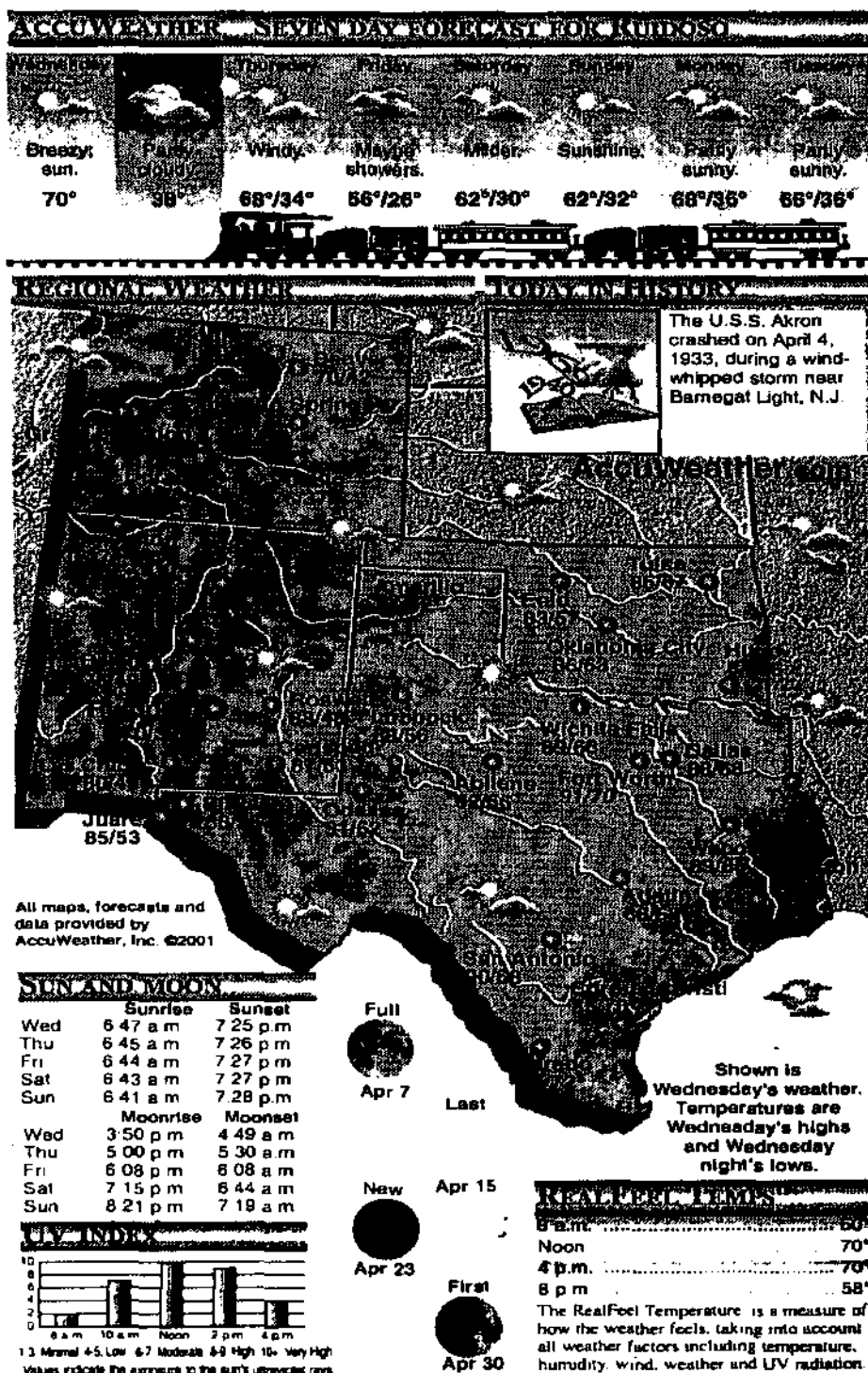
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## ZONING: Meeting on proposed regulations sparks lively debate

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"It was not meant to offend any commissioners," she said.

Commissioner William Schwettmann said the commission should be kept informed on the planning board's actions. It should be up to commissioners to assess the situation and give direction. If residents don't agree with their actions, he has recourse at the next election, he said.

Charles Rennick chairman of the planning board, said that the existing development potential on Sierra Blanca Airport Road already exceeds 3,500 lots within major subdivisions on the books or announced. Looking at that road along with the major highways covered by the scenic byway - U.S. 70, U.S. 380 and State Highway 48 - would cover the more significant routes of development, he said.

Meetings are being conducted throughout the county to give residents along those corridors a chance for input, he said.

Developer Gary Tauson said he favored zoning "if it can be

done tactfully" with people working together. Zoning is needed where poor management has occurred, he said. Lack of control can affect property values negatively, he said.

Rennick pointed out that covenants conveyed with deeds are not enough because they only pertain to the specific parcels covered, not the property across the street, and must be enforced in court by surrounding property owners with the same covenants or by the developer.

Since last month, he talked with County Attorney Alan Morel and reached agreement that if a comprehensive plan is approved for the county, regulations could be enacted for corridors without affecting other sections of the unincorporated area of the county, Rennick said. Morel stated in an interview last week that the 1988 county zoning ordinance is void from the start because land-use maps were never adopted.

State statutes cover zoning for growth in a 500-foot wide swath along major highways

under the Highway Beautification Act, Rennick said.

Planning board member Jim Crouse said the state legislature first must designate a route as a scenic highway before rules can be enacted.

Walt Birdsong of White Oaks defended the right of private property owners to have junk yards or old trailers on their land.

"That's why people buy in those areas outside of town," he said. "They don't want regulations."

The rules would apply to prospective property owners so that they would know the possible uses of a tract before buying, Rennick said. Existing use would be grandfathered in, meaning they are allowed as long as they continue uninterrupted.

A land-use plan developed several years ago by a county appointed board was adopted by resolution and is not an ordinance, Rennick said. The planning board would do better to build on the existing extrajurisdictional zoning laws

and corridor development guidelines in the Ruidoso zoning ordinance, he said.

Planning board member James Sanchez said "All we're trying to do here is something good for the county. This may prevent problems rather than having to correct them."

The specter of pig farms isn't as worrisome to him as a proliferation of subdivisions without controls on water consumption, he said.

Board member Frank Higgins said the process may take 10 years, but eventually the needs of the majority will dictate the action. A plan should be formulated "that will hold water," he said, so that officials can't just say they don't like this idea and walk away.

County Planner Patsy Sanchez said the county must control residential density to protect water resources.

"We're becoming developers by default," because developers who claim exemptions to county subdivision rules continue to divide lots, but fail to put in roads.

## FIRE: Fire restrictions take effect on Mescalero Apache reservation

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according to Rachel LaPaz, information officer for the tribe's forestry agency.

The prohibitions include a ban on outside refuse burning to clear lands. It also forbids open fires outside developed campgrounds or picnic areas.

Travel throughout the reservation is being restricted. Outdoor smoking is disallowed. Smokers are limited to indoor

locations or inside vehicles.

Camp fires are allowed at campgrounds with fireplaces between 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. the next day. Gas burning or electric cooking and lighting devices which can be shut off with a switch or valve are permitted in residential areas or developed campgrounds.

In the Ruidoso area the fire danger has been elevated to moderate. Officials with the

Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest cautioned that despite the rain the region received a week ago the area remains dry.

"This (Musketball) fire was a wake-up call to all citizens to be fire-wise," said Tudor, who is also the park manager of the New Mexico State Forestry's Smokey Bear Park. "This year has been wetter than the last five but the wildlands are still

dry and not yet fully recovered from the long drought."

On Wednesday Tudor took over directing the ongoing mop up of the Musketball Fire when a management team departed.

For the Lincoln National Forest around Ruidoso the fire season began March 26 when hotshot and engine crews were fully manned. The April 1 Musketball Fire was the first blaze for the crews.

## Officials regard three fires as 'suspicious'

BY JAMES KALVELAGE

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Three quickly extinguished fires Tuesday in the Ruidoso area have been labeled as suspicious.

Two of the fires occurred on the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation. The other was in Gavilan Canyon, on the edge of the village of Ruidoso.

Information about the two fires was still being gathered, said Rachel LaPaz, public information officer with the Mescalero Forestry Department.

One of the reservation fires, which

burned an estimated two to three acres, was detected shortly before 4 a.m. Tuesday.

Mescalero Bureau of Indian Affairs Police Chief Troy Bolen said an investigation is underway.

The fire, adjacent to U.S. Highway 70, closed the roadway for about 1 1/2 hours Tuesday morning.

The believed human caused fire was among more than a dozen suspicious fires on the reservation this year.

Firefighters Thursday were at the location of another blaze on tribal lands. That fire was said to be in the Lower Elk area,

near State Highway 244, the road to Cloudcroft.

A grass fire Tuesday in Homestead Acres just before 1 p.m. was limited to about 1/4 acre as firefighters from several local departments and crews working mop-up on the Musketball Fire pounced on the blaze.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Department Det. Jackie Raises called the Homestead Road fire "definitely suspicious."

"Just the way it looked," Raises said raised suspicions. "There were some tire tracks there."

### STATE BRIEFS

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#### Art debate cancelled

SANTA FE — It wasn't about sex or sacrilege. It was about seating.

The Museum of New Mexico Board of Regents was overwhelmed Wednesday by a crowd estimated between 700 and 800 people who turned out to debate whether museum officials should remove a bare-chested image of the Virgin Mary from the state Museum of International Folk Art.

"In my wildest dreams, I never imagined 750 to 800 people would show up," said Wood "Mike" Arnold, president of the seven-member board.

The work, "Our Lady," by Los Angeles artist Alma Lopez, has come under attack by Roman Catholic Archbishop Michael Sheehan, and Catholics were well represented among the 300 or so spectators who found places.

Hundreds more, kept outside by fire marshals, chanted "Cancel the meeting!" until the regents unanimously voted to do just that before anybody had a chance to testify. The action was taken in the interest of fairness and safety, Arnold said.

#### Habitat designated

ALBUQUERQUE — Some 1,148 miles of river in four states, including New Mexico, have been designated as critical habitat for the threatened Arkansas River shiner.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced the designation last week in response to a lawsuit filed by the Tucson, Ariz.-based Center for

Biological Diversity. The official designation was published Wednesday in the Federal Register.

The Arkansas River Basin population of the tiny fish, which grows up to 2 inches long, was listed as a threatened species in 1998.

"The Arkansas River shiner is like a modern-day canary in the coal mine — its demise has paralleled the degradation and depletion of the Arkansas River system," said Peter Galvin, conservation biologist for the Arizona environmental group.

#### Two face charges

ARTESIA — A man and boy face battery charges after a teacher and an 8-year-old student were hit by pellets when a BB gun was fired at an elementary school playground.

Children were playing on the Central Elementary School playground when shots were fired about 10:45 a.m. Tuesday.

The teacher was hit once in the back of her head, and the child was shot twice on the right side of his abdomen, Artesia Police Sgt. Michael Pitts said. He described the injuries as minor.

"At least two more people think they might have been hit," Pitts said.

Police arrested Kirk Benten, 16, of Piñon and Curtis Fetters, 21, of Artesia and charged each of them with one count of battery on school personnel, a fourth-degree felony, and one count of battery on a child, a misdemeanor.

The felony charge can be punished by up to 18 months in prison and a \$5,000 fine.



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**Water Conservation Phase 1:** outdoor watering is permitted on alternate days using the odd/even address system. Hand watering of lawns, trees, etc., is permitted every day. All outdoor watering is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

An air tanker base has been established at the Sierra Blanca airport for quick fire response.

**The Parks and Recreation Annual Easter Egg Hunt** is April 14, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Cedar Creek Picnic Grounds and will begin at 10:30 a.m. For more information call 257-4343.

**Keep Ruidoso Beautiful** has a roll-off at School House Park on the Spring Creek. You can spruce up around your house. Please no construction materials.

The Ruidoso Police Department is continuing to monitor the turning lanes on Main Street. Remember, the center lanes are for turning only!

The Police Department also encourages you to drive with caution in the downtown area, the child crossing in front of your vehicle may be your own.

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## BURNING: In fire's wake, alternative is a priority

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Hawkes said someone would have to monitor what is dumped at the location to assure unauthorized waste is excluded. The location could be open every Saturday or every other Saturday, he suggested. Having a person to monitor what is dumped would need to be part of the agreement.

While saying a location to deposit tree materials is important, Stewart added he is concerned about establishing a double standard in relation to a Ruidoso Downs recycling and composting operation. Sierra Contracting, Inc. accepts yard waste, for a fee, from county residents.

"He can't burn but government can burn," Stewart said of the double standard. "We need to be fair."

Sierra Contracting had in the past burned woody materials, but discontinued the practice because of state regulations, said Van Patton, president of the firm. Tree parts and some waste construction lumber is now shredded, and turned into mulch or compost. The elimination of burning at Sierra Contracting resulted in the purchase of a \$100,000 shredding machine.



JAMES KALVELAGE/STAFF

Sierra Contracting president Van Patton watches a grinder at his Ruidoso Downs firm chew up tree limbs and branches.

Patton said the need to address an overgrown forest and fuels in the woods is real.

"I'm for prescribed burns but they need to be limited to the wildlands," Patton said. "I've got a problem with open burning in people's yards. They need to get it out of people's yards."

He said it's clearly impractical to try to haul forest debris from vehicle-inaccessible areas of the forest.

While the burn pit area would help get private burns out of people's yards, Patton said he believes the government needs to play by the same set of rules as business.

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Commissioner Leo Martinez said establishing the slash deposit location in Devil's Canyon would be just a small part of what needs to be done.

"This was a wake-up call," he said of the Muskettball Fire. "You have strike one, strike two. I don't want to get to strike three."

Martinez said the county and other area governments need to work out a method that will get heavily wooded properties thinned at the least expense to landowners.

"I think it's a good first step," he said of a dump site. "I think there'll be opposition from someone who wants to make money on it."

## Council to discuss next phase of MainStreet improvements

■ The franchise agreement for Valor Telecom and an audit of the lodger's tax also are on the village agenda.

Ruidoso village councilors will consider bids for the phase two MainStreet improvements at their Tuesday meeting.

Sudderth Drive, from Center Street to Mechem Drive, is scheduled to see the MainStreet rehabilitation work this summer.

Six bids for the beautification project were received last week. The bids range from \$551,043 to \$890,657, according to a bid summary.

The engineer in charge of the MainStreet project will review the bid information and have a recommendation for awarding a contract to the council, according to a memo-

randum to the mayor and councilors.

The council is scheduled discuss the village's franchise agreement with Valor Telecom. The franchise, which allows the telephone company's lines through village right-of-way, has been an "implied franchise," said Alan Briley, village manager. Valor Telecom, which became the area's telephone service provider last September, purchased GTE line and equipment.

Certified public accountant Ronnie Hemphill is scheduled to report to the council on the annual audit of lodging tax collections.

On the council's consent agenda, the panel will be asked to -

- Approve a special alcohol dispensers permit to Win Place and Show for the June 16 Mountain of Blues Festival.
- Award a bid for the Eagle

Creek softball concession operation to the Ruidoso Boys Warrior Basketball Booster Club.

- Renew a management agreement for village manager services with Alan Briley.

- Approve a lease agreement with R.D. Hubbard Enterprises, Inc. for approximately 12,000 square feet of Sierra Blanca Regional Airport land for the placement of a private aircraft storage hangar.

- Approve an amendment to an agreement with Enterprise Leasing Company, expanding the auto rental's operation at the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

The Ruidoso village council meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. April 10. The meeting will take place in the council chambers of the Ruidoso Administrative Offices, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

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## Hubbard joins Breeders' Cup board

Ruidoso businessman R.D. Hubbard has been named to the board of the directors of Breeders' Cup Limited.

Hubbard is a former member of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association board of directors.

His current holdings include Ruidoso Downs Racetrack and Casino. Previous racetrack interests include The Woodlands, Multnomah Kennel Club, Turf Paradise and Hollywood Park.

Also named to the board were E.K. Gaylord

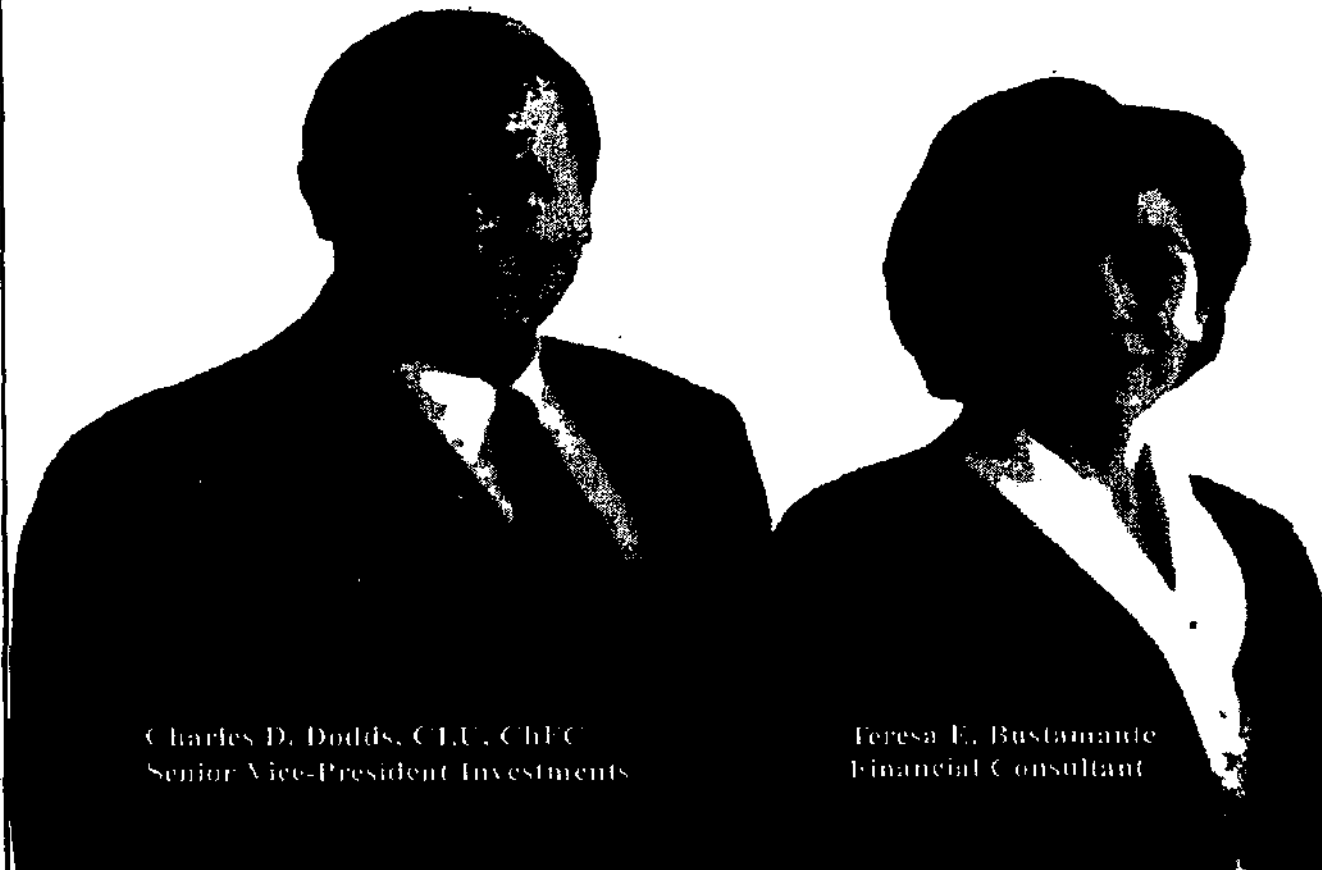
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### OUR OPINION

## Fort Stanton's hanging on — barely

An interim committee will evaluate it as a state monument

When the going gets rough, appoint a committee. So say the cynics of the world — but sometimes they have a point.

Such was the case in the waning days of the last Legislature when it became apparent that substantive legislation designed to save battered old Fort Stanton was going nowhere.

Prompted by some timely advice, Rep. Dub Williams, R-Glencoe, put together a House memorial calling for an interim committee to evaluate the state-owned collection of buildings and come up with a report in the 2002 Legislature — the 30-day one usually limited to money

bills. (But money is what's needed to preserve those old boards and rocks and plaster walls, right?)

That memorial was passed, and became, in effect, orders to the Monuments Division of the Office of Cultural Affairs to evaluate the fort for a possible state monument. It also bought some time for Fort Stanton Inc. and others interested in preserving history to plan a bigger and better campaign.

It's all worthy, and all necessary. New Mexico has demonstrated an appreciation for its past (at least along the Rio Grande); maybe this time that attitude will spread a bit farther east.

### OTHER VIEWS

## Research backs protein's value

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — New research suggests a diet higher in protein and lower in carbohydrates than currently recommended may help people maintain desirable body weight and overall health.

For 30 years, fad diets and various nutritional recommendations have come and gone, said Donald Layman, a professor of nutritional sciences at the University of Illinois. The result: Americans take in more calories than ever, obesity is at an all-time high, and heart disease rates equal those of the 1970s.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta recently announced a 10 percent rise in the rates of cardiac deaths among 15- to 34-year-olds between 1989 and 1996, and that just 25 percent of Americans over age 18 met basic physical activity recommendations in the 1990s.

"The situation is one of the worst public health fiascos we've ever seen," said Layman, who also is a professor of internal medicine in the UI College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign.

Layman's research focuses on the relationship between exercise and nutrition, particularly what balance of food helps maintain sufficient muscle mass so a person can efficiently expend energy to

maintain a healthy body.

For 10 weeks, 24 mid-life women all above ideal weight ate 1,700-calorie-a-day diets. One group ate according to the USDA Food Guide Pyramid — 55 percent carbohydrates, 15 percent protein (or 68 grams per day) and 30 percent fat. The experimental group ate a modified daily diet of 40 percent carbohydrates, 30 percent protein (125 grams a day) and 30 percent fat.

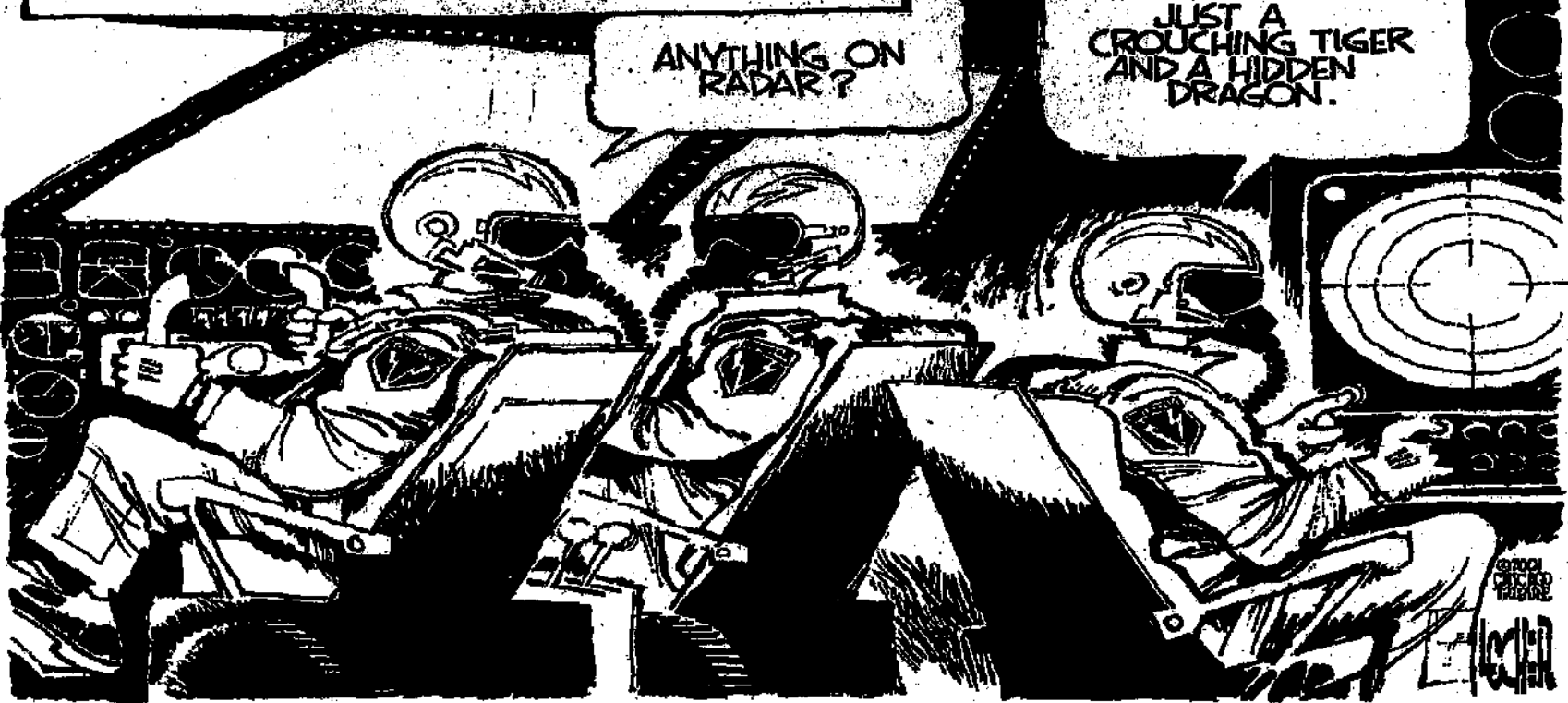
The average weight loss of all the women was virtually identical (about 16 pounds). From there, however, there were startling differences for women who ate the higher protein diet. They lost 12.3 pounds of body fat and just 1.7 pounds of muscle mass, a 7-to-1 ratio. Those who stuck to the food pyramid diet lost 10.4 pounds of body fat and, more significantly, 3 pounds of muscle mass — a ratio of 3.5 to 1.

"The protein diet was twice as effective," Layman said.

The study also found higher levels of thyroid hormones among women who ate the protein diet, suggesting a higher rate of metabolism.

Protein-eaters also experienced a significant decline of overall triglycerides (fat in the blood) and a slight rise in HDL (the desirable component of cholesterol).

## A U.S. SPY PLANE OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA



### YOUR OPINION

#### Facts on the Web ease an El Paso man's fears

To the editor:

I must tell you how grateful I am for your Web coverage of news events in Ruidoso, particularly the Musketball Fire. We live in El Paso and have a vacation home in the vicinity of the fire. Needless to say, we were concerned, and needed a source of accurate information.

Unfortunately, the El Paso TV stations have tended to "sensationalize" stories like this, with lead-in comments like "Forest fire rages out of control in Ruidoso." Statements like these may attract viewers, but are less than accurate. I found your reporting to be accurate, realistic and objective, giving me a better understanding of what was really happening with the fire.

Although I subscribe to your paper, there are substantial delays in mail delivery. Your Web site is the only way I was able to get up-to-date accurate information. Keep up the good work!

Fred Reed  
El Paso, Texas

Village Road in Forest Heights, where we sought refuge and found their home opened to us. May their kindness be repaid.

Gary Davenport, Berry and Tammie Childs, Carroll and Johnnie Blacklock  
Ruidoso

#### Where credit is due

To the editor:

You printed a letter on March 30 in which the writer questioned the background and motives of Lincoln County Commissioner Leo Martinez.

The author attempted to devalue Mr. Martinez's work by suggesting that he is a California "immigrant"...and that a financial interest may underlie some positions he takes. I for one believe that Mr. Martinez works very hard to ensure the accountability of those who receive the public trust or public funds.

I appreciate the questions he raises to all those who are responsible to the people of the county. In my view, we are indeed fortunate to have such a public servant as Mr. Martinez.

Robert Thigpen  
Alto

#### Oh, for those rubber guns

To the editor:

I think drugs and pot moving into our society is 90 percent of the reason why today our kids are not safe, even in school.

When I was 11 or 12 years old, we had guns to play with. Our guns consisted of taking an old piece of wood (1-by-6), taking our dad's saw and sawing out a pistol.

We would take a clothes pin, tape it on the handle, and try to find a piece of pre-war innertube to cut a rubber band for our pistol.

When we got tired of playing "rubber guns," we would then take our dad's hand saw, cut a piece of 2-by-4 about two feet long, nail wheels off of an old skate on it, and we would have a skate board or scooter.

My first car was a 1931 Model A Ford pickup.

It had a busted block and all the water would run out the side of the block, so I put a 55-gallon barrel in the back and siphoned the water in the radiator from the barrel. We would drive around about an hour before filling the barrel again.

The trouble with our kids today is some of them can't entertain themselves without the use of

drugs. When I was a kid, if our governor had pushed to legalize drugs, he would have been impeached.

This country is going to hell in a basket. It's too bad we can't go back to the days of the three-bar crank telephone, when people got a high from just being alive. Today our politicians worry about things like banning cock-fighting while our kids are killing each other with guns and drugs.

Jack Hemby  
Artesia

#### Fire evacuees give thanks to many

To the editor:

As evacuees of the Musketball Fire, we wish to thank people for their thoughts and prayers, for the fire and support personnel and for the many accommodating souls and officials in Lincoln County who helped ease our traumatic situation with offers of every degree of assistance.

We wish to thank James and Helen Ward of the 100 block of Alpine



## Blazing timber and other TV thrills

When it's a slow news day in the big city, not telling what you'll get on the TV tube.

Must have been a terribly slow news day in Albuquerque and El Paso on Sunday, because when that little patch of pine trees near the top of Alto Crest started burning, TV helicopters started rolling in from port and starboard, we could hardly tell them from the Forest Service craft that had some official duties in the neighborhood.

Ruidoso's 100-acre out-of-control trash burn even made the national news, we hear. Or, at least, cable news. Please don't infer from the slightly disrespectful remarks above that the Musketball blaze wasn't an important fire; any fire in our forest with even a small breeze behind it is worthy of prompt and overwhelming attention from the people living in the neighborhood and from the firefighters who know what they're doing.

The problem for us is that (with too sharp a memory of last May's 8,000-acre Cree Fire and the 47,000-acre



MOUNTAIN ASIDES  
KEITH GREEN

taken the night before — or many nights before. It was, we fear, an excess of zeal to the point that terror was rendered mundane, and the drama of it all was turned to drizzle.

So, on Sunday it wasn't hard to imagine the news producers, upon first word of our little fire, clapping their hands in glee and jumping for joy. Real drama! Real fire! Drop everything and get down there, maybe Ruidoso will really get wiped out this time!

According to the folks on

Cerro Grande fire at Los Alamos that hit a day or two later), some sour images were jammed into our skull.

We recalled the day-in and day-out studio telecasters waxing dramatic with every breath of voice-over comment about blazing timber and houses

Albuquerque's KOB, "you heard it here first." We also heard it on KOAT and KBIM and CNN.

Some big-city headlines got a bit over-dramatic on Monday morning, too, an El Paso writer notes. But, despite the headlines, fire never was raging out of control in Ruidoso.

For the record, we do understand what makes news. Proximity is key. If it's bad, or potentially bad, and not very far away, it's newsworthy — meaning it's worth reporting.

Maybe the TV stations could adopt a news protocol: Put a little flag up in the corner of the screen, something like a traffic signal: Green for real news, yellow for stuff that might be news if anybody's interested, red for the stuff that they're sticking on the air because they're afraid somebody else will get it first — news or not.

That little flag would give us something of a clue to decide whether it's worth watching, or to pick up a good book and turn off the sound, a signal of a slow news day in the big city.

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# Area churches announce events, services for Holy Week

The Lincoln County Ministerial Alliance invites the community to Holy Week services April 11, 12 and 13, beginning at 12 noon each day.

The services will be at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mesclero Trail in Ruidoso. The ecumenical services will be followed by a fellowship luncheon in the parish hall.

An offertory each day will benefit the Lincoln County Ministry to Transients, which assists those who are stranded.

The Lincoln County Ministerial Alliance is a group of more than two dozen clergy of all Christian faiths.

At Mesclero, several Christian churches will join for a community Easter Sunrise service at 7 a.m. at the Carrizo Community Center on the reservation.

The Ministerial Alliance at Capitan has area churches participating in an 8 a.m. Easter sunrise service.

In Corona, a community Sunrise Service is scheduled for 6:30 a.m. Easter at the baseball fields. A breakfast will follow at the Corona Presbyterian Church.

Individual churches and their Holy Week services:

Abundant Life Family Church, 2814 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso 257-1188  
• Easter Sunday services 8:30 a.m.

Apache Indian Assembly of God, Yucca Drive, Mesclero 464-4747  
• Easter Sunday services at 11 a.m.

Bent Tree Baptist Church, 1204 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso 336-1979  
• Easter Sunday school at 9 a.m. and the Lord's Supper service 10 a.m.

Calvary Chapel of Ruidoso, 433 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso 257-5915

• Easter Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m.

Capitan Foursquare Church, 547 Highway 48, Capitan 354-9117  
• Easter Sunday, Sunday school at 10 a.m. and worship services at 11 a.m.

Christ Church in the Downs, Ruidoso Downs 378-8464  
• Sunday schedule, worship service at 8 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Christ Community Fellowship Church, Capitan 354-2458  
• Easter Sunday Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship service at 10:30 a.m.

Church of Christ, 415 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso 257-4381  
• Easter Sunday Bible class at 9:30 a.m. and worship services at 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Church of the Nazarene, Highways 48 & 37, Angus 336-8032  
• Good Friday Communion Service at 7 p.m.  
• Saturday worship service at 8:30 p.m.

• Easter Sunday Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and worship service at 10:45 a.m.

Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Road, Ruidoso 257-4170  
• Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m.

• Good Friday service Remembering Jesus' death at 7 p.m.  
• Easter Sunday Sunrise Service (at Two Rivers Park) at 6:45 a.m., Easter services at the church with Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Cornerstone Church, (nondenominational) 613 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso 257-9285  
• Easter Sunday, Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship service at 10:30 a.m.

The Episcopal Church in Lincoln County  
Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mesclero Trail, Ruidoso 257-2358  
• Maundy Thursday, liturgy of foot washing and Holy Eucharist at 7 p.m.  
• Good Friday liturgy at 7 p.m.  
• Easter Sunday, vigil of Easter services at 6 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite at 8 a.m., and Festival Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.

St. Matthias Chapel, 601 E Street, Carrizozo  
• Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 12 noon.  
• Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist of Easter at 9:30 a.m.

San Juan Chapel, U.S. Highway 380, Lincoln  
• Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 12 noon.  
• Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist of Easter at 10:30 a.m.  
St. Anne's Chapel, U.S. Highway 70 (mile marker 274), Glenos  
• Good Friday liturgy and Three Hour Watch from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

First Assembly of God Church, El Paso Road, Ruidoso 257-2324  
• Sunday schedule, Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship at 10:45 a.m. and praise at 6 p.m.

First Baptist Church, Carrizozo 648-2968  
• Sunday schedule, Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. & 7:15 p.m.

First Baptist Church, 420 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso 257-2081  
• Saturday Resurrection celebration at 7 p.m.  
• Easter Sunday Resurrection worship at 8:15 a.m., Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and Easter worship services at 11 a.m.

First Baptist Church, 381 U.S. Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs 378-4611  
• Easter Sunday Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m.

First Christian Church, Ruidoso 258-4250  
• Maundy Thursday, Communion service at 7:30 p.m.  
• Good Friday, services with choir at 7:30 p.m.  
• Easter Sunday, services at 9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church, 101 Sutton Drive, Ruidoso 257-2220  
• Maundy Thursday, services at 7 p.m.  
• Easter Sunday Sunrise service at private residence in Alto (call for info.) at 6:45 a.m., Holy Eucharist services at the church at 11 a.m.

First United Methodist Church, Capitan 354-2288  
• Sunday schedule, Bible study at 8:30 a.m. and worship service at 9:10 a.m.

Grace Harvest Church, Alto 386-4213  
• Easter Sunday Sunday school at 9 a.m. and Easter worship service at 10 a.m.

Mesclero Reform Church, 336 Wardlaw Drive, Mesclero 464-4471  
• Maundy Thursday, services at 7 p.m.  
• Easter Sunday, services at 10:40 a.m.

Mountain Ministry Parish, Presbyterian Church USA at Corona, Ancho and Nogal  
Corona Church, 1 block west of U.S. Highway 54, Corona 648-2024  
• Easter Sunday church school at 10 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m.  
Ancho Church, 2 miles east of U.S. Highway 54, Ancho 648-2024  
• Good Friday Communion and Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m.  
• Easter Sunday worship at 9 a.m. and church school at 10 a.m.  
Nogal Church, State Highway 37 Hwy 37, Nogal 354-3188  
• Maundy Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. and services at 7 p.m.  
• Easter Sunday adult Bible school at 10 a.m. and worship services at 11 a.m.

Ruidoso Baptist Church, 126 Church Drive, Ruidoso 378-4174  
• Easter Sunday services at 10:45 a.m.

St. Eleanor Catholic Church, 120 Junction Road, Ruidoso 257-2330  
• Holy Thursday Washing of the feet at 6 p.m.  
• Good Friday services at 6 p.m.  
• Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass at 7 p.m.  
• Easter Sunday Masses at 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

St. Jude Catholic Mission, San Patricio 257-2330  
• Good Friday services at 6 p.m.  
• Easter Sunday Mass at 8 a.m.

St. Joseph Apache Mission (Catholic), 114 Mission Trail, Mesclero 464-4473  
• Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross (at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Bent) at 3 p.m.  
• Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion at 7 p.m.  
• Holy Saturday Easter vigil Mass at 8:30 p.m.  
• Easter Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 3rd Avenue and White Oaks St., Capitan 648-2853  
• Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper at 5:30 p.m.  
• Good Friday services at 5:30 p.m.  
• Easter Sunday Mass at 9 a.m.

St. Rita Catholic Church, 213 Birch Street, Carrizozo 648-2853  
• Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper at 7 p.m.  
• Good Friday services at 7 p.m.  
• Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass at 8 p.m.  
• Easter Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m.

St. Theresa Catholic Church, Corona 648-2853  
• Good Friday services at 3 p.m.  
• Easter Sunday Mass at 1 p.m.

San Juan Catholic Church, Lincoln 648-2853  
• Easter Sunday Mass at 7:30 a.m.

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 1210 Hull Road, Ruidoso 258-4191  
• Maundy Thursday Worship service with Holy Communion at 7 p.m.  
• Good Friday Tenebrae (Service of Darkness) at 7 p.m.  
• Easter Sunday Sunrise service with Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m., Easter breakfast at 8 a.m., Sunday school & Bible study at 9:30 a.m. and Worship service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church, Mt. Corona Road, Capitan 354-2044  
• Easter Sunday Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m.

Living Word Church, Ruidoso 257-7895  
• Sunday schedule, renewal services at 10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m.

• Efforts to contact church staff for Easter schedules were unsuccessful. Listed are the most recent Sunday schedules. Call for more details.

## Police Chief Lanny Maddox on association national board

Group provides training for law enforcement executives

Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny Maddox has been elected to a board position on the Law Enforcement Executive Development Association.

The national group, made up of police chiefs and law enforcement administrators from across the country, elected Maddox on March 28 during a five-day conference in Albuquerque.

Maddox was elected by ballot as sergeant-at-arms of the organization, defeating a police chief from the eastern part of the country, said Raymond Mondragon, police chief at Clovis who attended the conference. The election as precursor to assuming the LEEDA

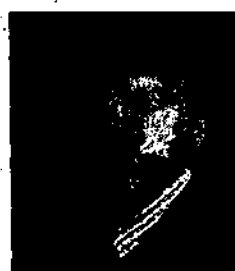
board president's position in several years, Mondragon said.

"The Law Enforcement Executive Development Association is an organization that gives training to incoming police chiefs on things like media relations, personnel, new technologies for police and others," Mondragon said.

He called the election of Maddox to the LEEDA board as a "great honor."

"New Mexico law enforcement is certainly proud to have Chief Maddox as a representative for this organization," Mondragon said.

The Albuquerque conference was attended by more than 150 police chiefs from around the United States.



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## ENGAGEMENTS WEDDINGS

## Nash-Clark

Former Ruidoso resident Rita Nash, now of Mesilla, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Julie Ann Nash of Las Cruces to Kelly Clark of Las Cruces.

The couple will marry April 14.

Julie Nash is a former Ruidoso High School student and graduate of Las Cruces High School. She also is a graduate of New Mexico State University, where she currently is employed.

Rita Nash said she welcomes old friends to the wedding.



Kelly Clark and Julie Ann Nash

## Neal-Moore

Ron Moore and Betty Neal will be married on Easter Sunday at Arch Baptist Church in Arch, N.M.

The family plans to start its new life in Logan, N.M.

The groom is supervising the Northeast Las Vegas District for the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.



Ron Moore and Betty Neal

## Cubberly-Vnuk

Randy and Chris Cassingham of Ruidoso have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kerrie Cubberly to Daniel R. Vnuk, son of Mary and Richard Vnuk of Cloquet, Minnesota.

The couple will exchange vows on May 19 at the Loretto Chapel in Santa Fe, with a reception following at the Hotel Loretto. A second reception, hosted by Richard and Mary Vnuk is planned for August 18 in Cloquet.

Kerrie graduated from Ruidoso High School, then earned a bachelors degree from the University of New Mexico. She met Dan while he was earning his master's degree from the University of New Mexico.

The couple resides in Tampa, Fla.



Daniel R. Vnuk and Kerrie Cubberly

## 'Renaissance man' Ernest McDaniel dies at 89

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Lincoln County's Renaissance man, Ernest McDaniel, died Tuesday just two days after turning 89.

An archeologist, a rancher, an avid reader and an amateur astronomer and geologist, McDaniel lived for more than a half century in an adobe ranch house with his late brother, Robert, in Glencoe.

Friends and family will gather in memory of the unassuming McDaniel, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the McDaniel farm at mile marker 277.5 on U.S. 70.

Born in Muskogee, Okla., McDaniel moved with his family to Austin, Texas when he was five and later earned a degree in anthropology from the University of Texas. He practiced that profession for several years working on digs in the Southwest and as a consultant to several universities excavating in

New Mexico.

In 1941, the McDaniel brothers bought a ranch in the Pajarito Flats south of U.S. 70. During World War II, Robert, an engineer, went into the Navy while Ernest remained at the ranch, eight miles from civilization.

He would visit his parents, Ernest McDaniel and Leontine Whiteside McDaniel, in Ruidoso every other Sunday, according to his nephew, Ernie Powell of Ruidoso.

After the war, the brothers bought the farm in Glencoe, removing fruit trees to plant permanent pasture for livestock.

Powell said the McDaniels were among the earliest ranchers in the Hondo Valley area to use a bordered-field irrigation system for pastures.

The evidence of their influence can be seen on other ranches area today.

"Not many know that Ernest was basically a 'water rat,'" Powell said. "He

designed and built his own sailboat as a teenager. He was a lifeguard at the famous Barton Springs swimming pool in Austin for several summers and was a varsity University of Texas swimmer.

"He was not adverse to a dip in a mud tank if sufficient water was present, and spent many happy years diverting irrigation waters around their fields.

"He also spent some time in the Merchant Marines seeing the world. He served for 40 years on the Hondo Valley Soil and Water Conservation Commission."

McDaniel possessed an astonishing ability to remember everything he read, Powell said.

McDaniel is survived by his namesake nephew, Ernest Robert Powell of Ruidoso, and his twin sister, Helen Powell White of Diamond, Ohio, and niece Robyn Powell Fleenor of Glenwood Springs, Colo.

For more information about the McDaniel memorial gathering, call (505) 257-5852.



McDaniel

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following couples applied for a marriage license from the office of Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor in Carrizozo during the month of March.

• Monty L. Cotter, 70, and Patsy M. Guillot, 62, issued March 6 and used March 10.

• Donald J. Huband Jr., 45, and Shamaria D. Mills, 34, issued March 13.

• David Paul Farris, 28, and Farrah Ledawn Collins, 24, issued March 16 and used March 17.

• William Burrell Moody, 47, and Cynthia R. Pace, 29, issued March 19.

• Jason D. Enajady, 19, and Jessica M. Sales, 20, issued and used March 21.

• Benjamin Barbier, 29, and Anne Marie Smelker, 31, issued March 21.

• Bob D. Gilliland, 40, and Sonja Belle Sawyer, 34, issued March 22 and used March 23.

• Jack E. Cluff Jr., 28, and Rozann Cluff, 28, issued and used March 23.

• Jose Luis Macias, 21, and Maria Del Carmen Navarro, 27, issued and used March 26.

• Frederick Luther Pavlovic, 46, and Shirley Lynn Traylor, 49, issued March 26.

• Ralph E. Kastner, 73, and Roslynne Rhodes, 64, issued March 29.

• Christopher Raymond Lee, 24, and Sarah Samantha Stevens, 20, issued and used March 30.

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# Effects still linger from last summer's forest fire

BY JAMES KALVELAGE  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Ruidoso area still is vulnerable to flooding as a result of last year's Cree Fire.

The assessment, from Dick Edwards, ecosystems manager for the Smokey Bear District of the Lincoln National Forest, was delivered during the March 30 Community Update sponsored by the *Ruidoso News*. It's been 11 months since the Cree Fire left ridges, slopes and canyons susceptible to erosion and mudslides.

"We're working to stabilize slopes that don't have ground cover," Edwards said. "We want to minimize the potential."

The top concern is the Johnson Canyon area north of Ruidoso Downs.

"It is the steepest piece of country that burned," Edwards said. "It is still missing ground cover."

Edwards said the fire-scarred lands east of Ruidoso will be dependent on the weather for the next few years. Some 5,000 acres, particularly

in the most severely damaged areas, are getting continuing rehabilitation attention.

There have been some improvements to the ecosystem where the Cree Fire burned.

"In the one growing season on the Cree Fire (area) I saw last year about 60 percent of the area has 40 percent ground cover. It's not enough to alleviate flooding. We will have more flooding. I guarantee it."

Included in the rehabilitation plans is the removal of logs that may yet be salvageable.

Edwards said an estimated 1-million board feet of timber is easily accessible for a salvage operation. Final approval of the salvage will be delayed, because an environmental group challenged the log removal plan, Edwards said.

To reduce the possibility of another Cree Fire, Edwards said federal monies were pouring in for fire risk management and to upgrade suppression resources.

"We've been doing this type



People attending Friday's Community Update session at the Ruidoso Convention Center listen to one of the speakers.

of management since 1994," he said of the federal forest lands around Ruidoso. "We're thinning the woods to reduce present ladder fuels. We're working to take out that lower layer."

While Edwards called the process a "slow-going operation" he said the initiative

has been accelerated. Since 1994 about 1,500 acres of Forest Service lands have been thinned. Since the Cree Fire about 800 acres have been thinned. About 1,000 acres have seen prescribed burns.

Efforts at protecting against a forest fire from advancing in

Ruidoso have been a key factor in addressing timbered acreage that have become overgrown. Edwards said the idea of establishing a 100- to 200-foot-wide fire ring, a strip without vegetation around the community is not a pursuit of Forest Service officials.

"What would be the social

feasibility of that?" he asked. "And in a wind-driven fire situation it won't do any better than what we're doing now."

Fire prevention and fire rehabilitation are just a couple of the programs being done to fix a forest that many label unhealthy.

Watershed restoration efforts — to address issues like soil erosion — have targeted about 9,000 acres that were once mostly grasslands. Edwards said about 200,000 acres of watershed are yet on the drawing board.

Wildlife habitat and range improvements are also being undertaken.

"We've done a lot," Edwards said of ecosystem improvement projects on the Smokey Bear Ranger District. "We're way ahead of every other district in this region. Our successes in doing this is through the support of the Lincoln County Commission, State Forestry, Game and Fish, Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and local residents."

## Downs trustees to consider plan for park

BY JAMES KALVELAGE  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

What Ruidoso Downs' All American Park will look like in the future may be determined Tuesday.

The village's Parks and Recreation Committee will seek additional public input during a 6:30 p.m. meeting. An engineer and architect working with the committee will also be on hand, said Gladys Dillard, village clerk.

In addition to a public hearing on a final master plan for the park, Dillard said the committee will need to prioritize

the renovations.

"The committee needs to decide what will go into which phase," Dillard said.

Several phases, likely three, would construct the improvements. The village clerk guessed the phased overhaul could take three to five years.

One of the immediate improvements will be new basketball courts at All American Park. Dillard said the village is ready to solicit bids for the basketball court. The new courts and work on the master plans will likely eat up much of the \$200,000 budgeted this year

for the park.

Last month residents heard of proposals to improve All American Park. The early plans called for walking and biking paths, improved base-

ball fields, playground changes, and even an outdoor amphitheater.

The public hearing will take place at Ruidoso Downs village hall, 122 Downs Drive.

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# SPORTS

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FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2001

## RHS hangs first hoops title banner since 1981

BY WES SCHWENGELS  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

It's been 20 years since a Ruidoso High School basketball coach hung a district championship banner in the Warrior gym, but Billy Page did just that last week.

After winning district in the regular season last year, but falling short in the 4AAA tournament, Page's Warriors repeated the regular season title and won the playoff. The coach said it was nice to see the banner hanging.

"It was real special," Page said. "But I think the regular season champ should get the banner."

It's the first time Ruidoso has been awarded a district banner for basketball since 1981, when Barry Nelson led the Warriors to the District 3AAA title. Nelson said it was a relief to have another banner in the gym.

"I've been waiting 21 years for it," said Nelson, who was head coach from 1978-81 and served as an assistant coach in Page's first year at the reins. 1999. Nelson added that he didn't envy Page at many points during the season.

"There were more than a couple times when I didn't want to be in Billy's shoes," he said.

The pennant came in just in time for the team's annual banquet, at which Page recognized the Warriors' accomplishments, including a run to the state championship game.

Although the Warriors fell to Portales in the title contest, Page said his team had nothing to be ashamed of. Still, he admitted that the loss hurt for the first few days after the tournament.

"I had to go back and listen to what I told the boys to comfort myself," Page said.

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## Area boxer Baca looks to turn pro

BY WES SCHWENGELS  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Local man Victor Baca knows that he could be facing prison time in as little as six months, but that's not what he's worried about. He's worried he'll never get a chance to box professionally.

"I'm not some bad guy. I'm not some guy looking for trouble."

Victor Baca, Ruidoso boxer

is convicted on the charges, which include assault with a deadly weapon, reckless endangerment of property and habitual offender. And while he's been in trouble with the law before, including an earlier prison sentence, he says he's turned his life around.

"I'm not some bad guy," Baca said. "I'm not some guy looking for trouble."

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The Ruidoso baserunner isn't quite quick enough to beat the Portales throw. The Warriors dropped both ends of their doubleheader with Portales, 16-7 and 11-1 and are winless in five District 4AAA games. Ruidoso will have to improve on the 14 combined errors that they committed Tuesday if they hope to defeat Santa Teresa, whom they will play host Tuesday in their next district game.

TODD BUTTS/STAFF

## 'You can't win like that'

Warriors commit 14 combined errors in a doubleheader versus Portales

BY TODD BUTTS  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Ruidoso Warriors (5-8, 0-5) traveled to Portales (6-3, 3-1) to play a doubleheader against the Rams in district play Tuesday.

The talented Warriors are winless in district play and need to step up their play to have a chance to move up in District 4AAA.

The Warriors started out well against the Rams in the first game of the doubleheader, only trailing the Rams by one run through the first three innings. But 12 errors led to Ruidoso's downfall, as they fell to Portales by a score of 16-7.

Assistant coach Mike Swanner said errors led to 12 unearned runs for the Rams. That was the difference in the game, Swanner said, and "you can't win like that."

"Ruidoso is scrappy," Portales coach Mel Musser said. "They're hungry. They are going to try and beat you any way they can. You can not overlook anybody in our district. It's going to be a dogfight to the end. I think all five

teams have a shot to win it."

The second game was just as tough for the Warriors. Ruidoso went down in order in the first inning. Warrior pitcher David McNally surrendered two consecutive home runs in the bottom of the first. McNally then settled down, but the Rams' hot bats allowed them to build the lead to 5-0 at the end of the second inning.

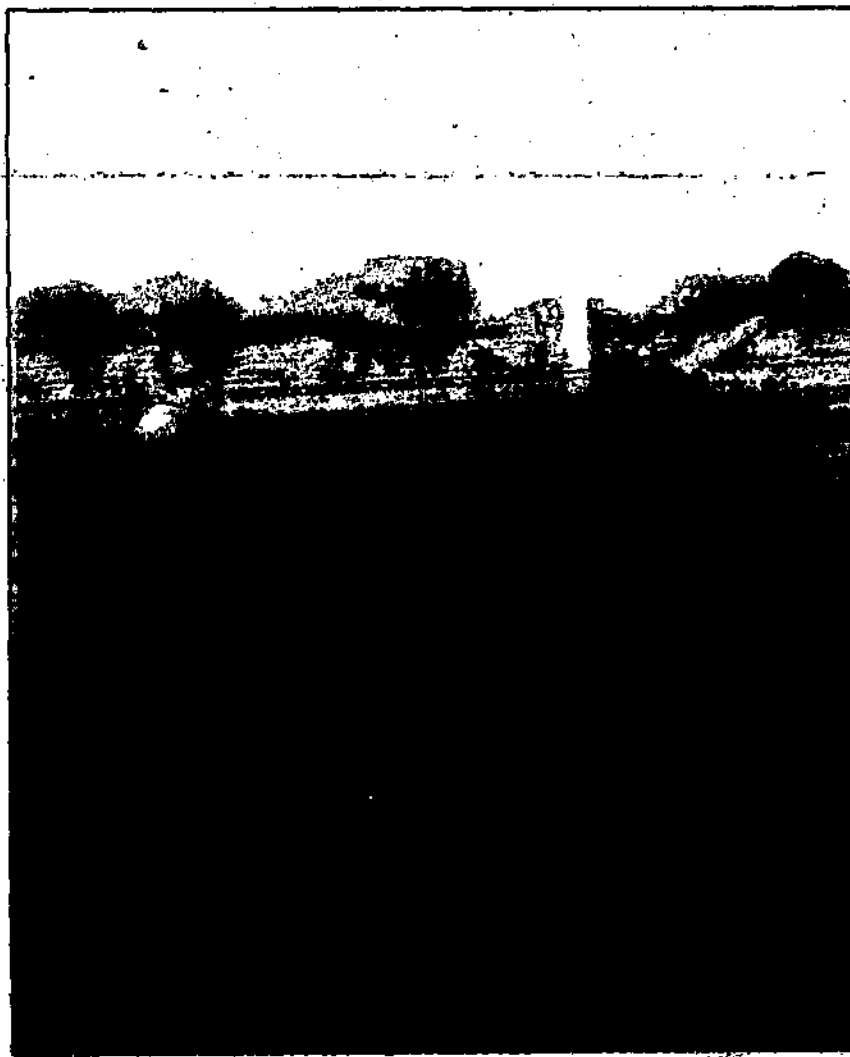
The only offense for Ruidoso came in the third. Jaime Urban started it with a single to center field. Then a mishandled ball by the Rams' pitcher allowed Urban to score the lone run for the Warriors.

The fourth inning had both teams scoreless. McNally continued to show signs of improvement, picking off a Portales player at first base.

Even though the Warriors went down in order in the fifth inning, they stepped up the defense. Urban, playing left field, picked up a Portales hit and threw out a baserunner at third. Ruidoso third baseman then threw a strike to second to complete the double play.

The Warriors tried to battle

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Warrior first baseman Malt Berry stretches for a throw in an attempt to put a Portales Ram out. The Warriors lost both games of their doubleheader with the Rams.

TODD BUTTS/STAFF

## Softball Warriors split games with Rams

BY WES SCHWENGELS  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ruidoso High School softball coach Brian Baca had emphasized his team's need to cut down on mental mistakes. They did just that while splitting a doubleheader with Portales Saturday.

The Lady Warriors showed the mental toughness Baca had been asking for, losing the first game 5-4, and taking the second 4-3. Both were district games.

"Our defense was a lot better," Baca said. "But we didn't hit the ball. It's like if you fix one thing, something else is going wrong."

Baca said that he was happy with the effort though, noting that his team contacted the ball well.

"Now what we need to do is get some runners on base," he said.

Pitcher Crystal Gheer gave all the sup-

port she could to the offense, striking out 17 batters in the two games and batting 2-for-3 in the opener with two RBIs.

"As we get more experience under our belts, we're going to see the rewards."

Brian Baca, RHS softball head coach

also hit well, batting 2-for-3 in the second, with a triple.

Baca said that while his team did not light up the scoreboard, he was pleased with what he saw.

"I'm encouraged in the way we cut

down the errors," he said. "As we get more experience under our belts, we're going to see the rewards."

Baca said that after his team lost to some bigger schools at the Rio Rancho Tournament a couple of weeks ago, he called a team meeting and told them to focus on one day at a time and not worry about the postseason.

"We're just going to focus on what we need to do," he said.

The Warriors also played a doubleheader at Goddard High School Thursday, but results from those games were not available at press time.

Next up for Ruidoso is a district doubleheader at Lovington, which starts Saturday at 1 p.m. Baca said he hopes the team can play a complete game fundamentally.

"I would like for one game where we get all aspects of the game together," he said.

## side line

### Ski report

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### Prep scoreboard

**Baseball**  
April 3  
Portales 16, Ruidoso 7  
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### Preps on tap

**Track**  
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Ruidoso at Socorro Invit., 9 a.m.  
Corona and Carrizozo at Estancia Invitational

**Baseball**  
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Ruidoso vs. Gateway Roswell, noon  
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Ruidoso vs. Santa Teresa, 3 and 5 p.m.

**Softball**  
Saturday  
Ruidoso at Lovington, 1 and 3 p.m.  
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Ruidoso at Santa Teresa, 4 and 6 p.m.

### On Deck

**Golf Scrambles**  
The Ruidoso High School golf teams will be hosting their annual scrambles at The Links at Sierra Blanca at 1 p.m., Sunday, April 8, and Sunday, April 29 at 1 p.m. at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. The entry fee for the event is \$25 for each scramble. Contact Cree Meadows Golf Shop at 257-5815 to sign up for any or all of the events or for more information.

**Party on the Pecos**  
The Roswell Community League and the Roswell Parks and Recreation Departments are planning to sponsor Party on the Pecos, featuring entertainment, sports events, food and beverages, and games for all ages. Sporting events will include a Run for the Zoo, sand volleyball tournament, and the Pecos Pull (a corporate tug of war). Registration applications are now being taken for these activities. The event is scheduled to occur Saturday, May 5 at Cahoon Park from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Gate admission is \$4 for adults \$3 for seniors and children 11 through 17. Children 10 and under are free. After 3 p.m., the price will be raised to \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and children.

**Basketball Tournament**  
Mescalero Hospital will be hosting an open basketball tournament April 20-22 at the Mescalero Community Center Gymnasium. The tournament will consist of 10 mens teams and eight womens teams, all 10 players per roster. Along with first-, second- and third-place trophies, a sportsmanward trophy, two all-tournament awards per team and other individual awards will be given out. Entry fee is \$175, due by Wednesday, April 18. For more information, contact Gleda Bob at 671-4441 or 671-0041 or Christine Kozzani at 671-4441.

**Special Olympics Meeting**  
The Special Olympics state office staff from Albuquerque will be in Roswell Saturday, April 7 to meet with any interested family members, coaches, local coordinators, volunteers and sponsors to discuss Area 4 (Eddy, Lea, Lincoln, Chaves, Roosevelt, Curry and De Baca counties) Special Olympics 2001 and beyond. Those interested may join them at the Kwan Den Restaurant in Roswell at 1000 West 2nd St. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided. For more information, please contact Chris Page at (800) 971-5525.

**Golf Tournament**  
The annual Big Brothers/Big Sisters golf tournament will be held Thursday, May 3 at Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club. The tournament will begin at 12:30 p.m. and will consist of teams of four. An entry fee of \$75.00 per player will include greens fees, cart, door prizes, dinner following play and a contribution towards Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Play is limited to the first 80 paid entries. In addition to awards for the top teams, special contest prizes will be given. For more information or a registration form, call 257-4750.

**Fishing Regulations Input**  
The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish is seeking input on

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## WARRIORS: Still no district 4AAA victories

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back in the sixth inning, but left two men stranded on base.

With the score 6-1 in the bottom of the sixth inning, Portales finished off the Warriors with a five-run barrage, and won the game 11-1, by virtue of the 10-run mercy rule.

"We had 12 errors in the first game," Warrior head coach Mike Morris said. "There is no way you can win with that many errors. In the second game, we only had two

errors. Then again, we couldn't hit the ball. I still have confidence in them. They need to have that burning desire to win."

Although the season is still fairly early, the young Ruidoso squad will have to step up its performance to have a shot at the district crown or a deep run into the state playoffs, come May.

The Warriors next opportunity to get a district win will come when they play host to Santa Teresa Tuesday, starting at 3 p.m.

## RHS: Page hangs up 4AAA hoops banner

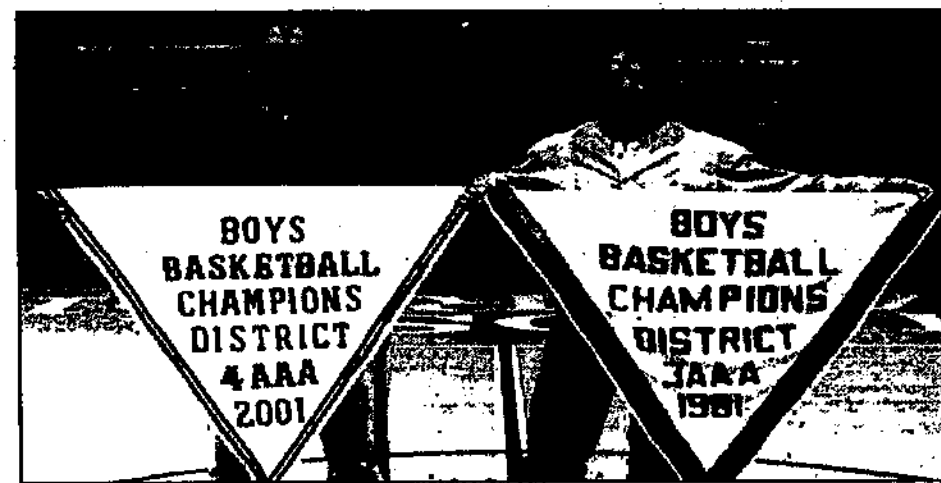
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That comfort also came from the team's 22-5 record and its deepest run ever in the state playoffs. If not for a fourth-quarter letdown against Portales, Ruidoso would have

had another banner to put up.

Page said Nelson was partly responsible for his success as a coach and for the team's overall success.

"He's always here," Page said of Nelson. "That (support) is important for a young coach."



Current and past Warrior coaches Billy Page (left) and Barry Nelson hold up their respective district championship banners.

## ON DECK, FROM 1B

fishing regulations for the 2002 through 2005 license years. Game Department Officers will be available from 7-9 p.m. on the following dates and locations to receive input on the regulations: April 16 at the Game Department Office in Roswell, 1912 W. Second; April 17 at the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce, 720 Sudderth; and April 18 at the Eddy Co. Extension Office in Carlsbad, 1304 W. Stevens. Those unable to attend may mail their recommendations to Shawn Denny, Department of Game and Fish, 1912 W. Second St., Roswell, NM 88201.

Junior golf tour  
The Sun Country PGA Section is now

accepting application for the 2001 Sun Country PGA Junior Golf Tour. The winners of the boys and girls divisions of the Section Championship will compete at the national Westfield Junior PGA Championship in Westfield Center, Ohio, July 18-21. Junior golfers, ages 7-17, may qualify at any of the nine qualifier sites featured in the 2001 tour by obtaining a membership in either the Junior Tour or the Pepsi Tour. Membership information may be obtained at [suncountrypga.com](http://suncountrypga.com) or by calling (505) 867-4690.

## Bike Ride

The High Altitude Classic, the second race of the New Mexico Off Road Series, will be held May 5-6, in Cloudcroft. The registration fee for

the cross-country race before April 28 is \$25 and \$35 after. The cross-country race is Saturday, May 5, and racers may register for one, two or three laps, each nine miles long. The race begins at 10 a.m. There will also be a downhill race May 6 at 10:30 a.m. Early registration for that race is \$20, and \$30 late. Bikers must have an ACA license or buy one for \$2. For more information on either race or a registration form, call (505) 682-1229 or visit [www.highaltitude.org](http://www.highaltitude.org).

## Benefit Race

The Village of Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Dept. is partnering in the "Run the Mesa" 10K and 5K road race, scheduled for June 16. The race benefits colon cancer research. The course will begin at the entrance to

the Spencer Theater, travel highway 220 east, and turns back to the theater. For more information, call Bob Edwards at 627-5507 or 624-8830 or fax 627-6028.

## Baseball Tournament

USSSA Baseball will host a World Series Qualifying Tournament in Ruidoso, May 25-28. Age divisions 7- to 18-year-olds. Top four teams in each age group qualify. There will also be a qualifying and Super Series event in Las Cruces, July 1-4. Age divisions 7U (T-ball), 8- to 18-year-olds. For more information, call Rodney Latham at (505) 392-3644 or Phil Latham at (915) 889-8718, e-mail [ussa@att.net](mailto:ussa@att.net) or [ussanm@att.net](mailto:ussanm@att.net) or visit <http://ussa.home.att.net>.

## BACA: Ruidoso fighter to go professional

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Baca, 27, is scheduled to fight in a Toughman competition in El Paso, beginning today at 7 p.m. While the tournament is not considered a professional boxing match, it does mean that Baca can no longer fight under amateur status.

The fighter has a 12-3 record as an amateur, including four knockouts, but is now ready to become the first professional boxer who was born in Ruidoso.

"It's been a dream of mine since I got out of jail six years ago," Baca said. "It's been something pulling at my heart."

Baca said he has sparred well against several profession-

al fighters and has what it takes to make it at the next level.

Baca's trainer, Tony Bolden, said Baca came to him looking for a chance to get off the street.

"When he came out, I thought he was a gang-banger," Bolden said, "but he's come through."

Baca has dedicated himself to both boxing and cleaning up his life. He works a 10-hour shift as a truck driver during the day, then runs six miles for conditioning and works out for two hours with Bolden and a few younger men.

"I'm not just a boxer, I'm a trainer too," Baca said.

Baca said he views the

Toughman fight, which takes place at the El Paso County Coliseum, as more of a preliminary to boxing than anything else.

"When he came out, I thought he was a gang-banger, but he's come through."

Baca is guaranteed at least one fight Friday and may move on to Saturday's

single-elimination tournament's early rounds.

Bolden said that several

fighters who have competed in Toughman events have moved on to the professional ranks and succeeded.

Baca knows that many people don't look past his checkered history, but wants to move past that. He admits that he's made some mistakes and bad choices, but says, "I'm not a bad person. I've done my bad deeds and paid for them."

Baca said he is hoping to either plea bargain or get probation in his current case. If he receives a five-year sentence, he would be 32 when he gets out.

"I'm not scared of doing five years, I'm afraid of not being able to box," he said. "My career would be over after five years."

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# Eldorado grad gets in Yanks' rotation

## Ruidoso equestrians ride to success at season's first show

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — Eldorado High School graduate Christian Parker has earned a spot in the New York Yankees pitching rotation.

Manager Joe Torre told the 25-year-old right-hander the good news after the Yankees' game against Pittsburgh was rained out Thursday night.

"The first thing I said to him: 'When you came to camp, I didn't know your name. You made us, in essence, know who you are. And not by doing anything crazy other than going out there and pitching,'" he said.

Parker entered the fifth starter race as a long shot, well behind front-runners Randy Keisler and Adrian Hernandez. In five outings, including three starts, Parker went 1-1 with a 3.60 ERA.

"There was a big smile on his face when I told him," Torre said. "That's the fun part of this job when it comes to this time of year."

Parker is scheduled to make his major league debut on April 6 against the Toronto Blue Jays at Yankee Stadium.

"I didn't say a whole lot in there, I listened for the most part," said Parker, whose voice occasionally cracked while talking with reporters. "I told him I would be ready to go when it's my turn."

"It's a huge relief, along with the obvious excitement. Unavoidable excitement. I'm ready to get the season going, that's the bottom line."

Parker went 14-6 at Double-A Norwich last season. He was one of three pitchers New York acquired from Montreal for Hideki Irabu in December 1999.

Parker's dad, Albuquerque accountant Rick Parker, said he and his wife, Sandy, and the couple's other two boys plan to travel to New York for Christian Parker's first big-league game.

Parker graduated from Eldorado, where he was also a football star, in 1994. He then attended the University of Notre Dame before he was picked up by Montreal.

"From the time Christian was 4 or 5 years old, he'd be out playing catch with a baseball in the yard," Rick Parker said Friday. "It's almost unbelievable now that he's made it this far."

Parker joins a rotation that includes five-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens, Andy Pettitte, Mike Mussina and Orlando Hernandez.

"It takes pressure off," Parker said of pitching with the four established starters. "You're talking about the premiere pitching staff as far as the four guys go in the league. I don't have to be the ace. We have four aces. It's an honor to be with those four."

Pitching at Yankee Stadium crossed his mind when Parker made his only visit to the storied ballpark last December.

"I knew someday ... I had the idea someday," Parker said. "This is what I wanted to do. It's been my goal, really a dream I've had ever since I was as young as I can remember."

Parker will get his first regular season start as a Yankee Saturday, when New York takes on Toronto at home. He will face off with the Blue Jays' Esteban Loaiza, who won Toronto's season opener Sunday against Texas and gave up just one run.

The New Mexico Hunter/Jumper Spring Horse Show was held at the New Mexico State Fair Grounds in Albuquerque last weekend.

This was the first horse show of the 2001 season. The riders and their horses from Equibest Equestrian Center, Ruidoso did exceptionally well.

Beth Robinson on her thoroughbred, Glacier, put down a flawless trip to win the Beginner Rider Equitation Hunter class. This show was Robinson's first time at the higher fence height.

Amber Yates was competing on her Belgium Warm Blood, Make Ya Famous, for the first time and won the Children's Hunter class and the \$500

Marshall & Sterling Children's Hunter Classic. This was their first time at this taller height and Yates' first time in a classic. Yates also showed her Welsh pony, Captain Butler, winning the Children's Pony Hunter under Saddle class.

Nancy Fleharty showed her thoroughbred, Sky Pilot, and won the Long Stirrup Hunter Class and Cobblestone Medal.

Scott Yates competed on his Holsteiner mare, Caprice, for their first time together. They won the Beginner Rider Equitation over Fences, the Beginner Rider under Saddle, and the Long Stirrup under Saddle class. This pair finished the horse show as Champion in the Beginner Rider Division and Reserve Champion in the Long Stirrup Hunter Division.

Deborah Van Pelt showed her thoroughbred, Muddy Waters, winning the Adult Amateur Hunter Class and the Amateur Championship in this division. They also won the New Mexico Hunter/Jumper Adult Amateur Medal.

Jill Yates watched her Rhineland, Rob Roy, make his debut in the training jumper division along with her Dutch

Warm Blood, Mount Zion.

After a week off, the riders and their horses will begin training again for the next show, in Colorado next month. Also coming up is the advanced riding clinic given by Bernie Traurig, former Olympic rider, April 28 and 29th. For more info visit the Equibest Equestrian Center on Airport Road or go to <http://www.equibest.com>.

### Fishing Report

Ruidoso, N.M. and area — April 2, 2001

**Rio Ruidoso:** The spring run off has begun in earnest. The River flow has jumped from its winter rating of 3 cfs to over 30 cfs. Come and enjoy the sites and sounds of the River. The River was stocked on March 12 with 1000 hungry Rainbows. The best subsurface fly selections remain for Rainbows or Browns remain the Bead head Pheasant Tail nymphs or Bead head Prince Nymphs. Green Rock worms and Bead Head Cased Caddis Larva continue as producing patterns.

**South Fork —** Good run-off on the South Fork this spring. One still needs to hike a ways up the stream to find fish. Once found they are healthy and hungry. The fish here are not fussy, just toss what you have and have fun. Several flocks of wild turkeys were noted meandering around the stream sides this past weekend.

**Bonito Lake:** Bonito Lake opened on April 1 with a gorgeous day. Lots of sun, and lots of eager fishermen greeted the morning. One of our customers reported a 22-inch Rainbow caught on a tan wooly bugger about 12 feet from shore. The good news was he took several pictures of it and put it back into the lake in hopes it will make lots of babies. The Rio Bonito leaving the lake has good flow and a few stocker Rainbows were reported taken on small dry flies.

**Eagle Lake:** These lakes are now closed for the season. Eagle should open near Memorial Day. Grindstone: Water level has come up a bunch with the spring run off on and the diverting gate on the River wide open. Even though the lake level is lower than everyone is used to, however, be advised the fishing is good and getting better. For the best time fishing Grindstone, take a float tube or other non-motorized craft on the lake and get to fishing.

Remember if you take any type of boat or non-motorized craft onto Grindstone lake, you must first purchase a boating permit from the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department. Sink a wooly bugger or a streamer 8 to 10 feet and strip — hang on. On bright days, the fishing has been the best just before dark. For spin casters, tie on an Olive or Black and popper fly behind a bubble rig and enjoy catching fish. Please remember to squeeze the barbs down on all hooks; this will reduce injury to any fish caught and returned to the water.

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# Loose ends remain on three-year road project

■ Promising better performance on future projects, state highway officials say Meadow Valley Contractors will be back at work in Ruidoso April 25.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Distancing themselves as much as possible from the three-year road construction project that irritated local merchants and residents, representatives from the state Highway and Transportation Department promised better days ahead.

"Someone suggested we might be a little brave coming from the state highway department after the last few years," Lee Onstott, state construction engineer, told annual Community Update participants last week.

The company on the State Highway 48 project, Meadow Valley Contractors Inc., should be back on the job April 25 to complete the work within one month, he said.

The lower portion of the project is finished except for retention ponds, work on retaining walls and barriers and seeding, he said.

On the upper portion, slope protection, ditch paving and seeding must be finished, and a portion of the surface placed last fall must be replaced or repaired because it's "unraveling," Onstott said.

"Normally we require the top surface to be placed in just the right weather conditions, but they asked to do it at the

end of the project and we allowed that, but said we wouldn't pay until we saw how it held up," Onstott said.

The contractor faces about 80 days of liquidated damages on that portion of the project, he said.

The \$8 million U.S. 70 project through Ruidoso Downs is complete except for a few small items, he said.

The contractor is being charged 213 days of liquidated damages by the state, he said, but the company is disputing that assessment.

"The relationship between the state and the contractor hasn't been real amicable," he said. "The contractor has said he will be filing a number of claims for several million dollars within the next few weeks. We have an administrative process, but if we can't resolve it, the issue will go to court."

The state is taking steps not to repeat the mistakes that occurred on those local projects, by putting in stricter time requirements on new contracts, requiring that companies find ways to less severely impact traffic, to improve the quality of work and to improve the state's ability to enforce its conditions, he said.

The state is in the middle of the largest series of construction projects ever tackled, he said.

"We have \$1 billion on the books, not planned, but underway or just completed," Onstott said. "There are 67 projects statewide and \$780 million currently active. In California, that may be normal, but for us in New Mexico, it's a very large program."



Lee Onstott, state construction engineer, fields some questions during the Community Update session about the status of local highway projects. In back, is Larry Velasquez, design division director for the state Highway and Transportation Department.

He said some friends visiting him in Albuquerque observed that New Mexico's state tree would be the orange barrel for years to come.

Coming up locally is a 20-mile stretch on U.S. 70 from State Highway 48 through Mescalero, scheduled to be bid and awarded by the end of the year with a two-year construction schedule.

An environmental assessment draft for a 37-mile project on U.S. 70 from Ruidoso to Riverside through Hondo Valley in Lincoln County should be released within the next few weeks and will be fol-

lowed by public hearings and a final environmental impact statement by the end of the year, said Larry Velasquez, design division director for the department. Construction could begin in June 2002.

The project will be the first, and one of two, design-build type authorized by the state Legislature, he said. That approach cuts time and allows the contractor/designer to start immediately after plans are approved.

Luis Alba, project development engineer for the U.S. 70 project, said, "From all accounts, the majority of folks

are in support of the project because of the many accidents and need for improved safety in the area."

Seventeen projects span U.S. 285 from Olines Corner to Carlsbad, creating a four-lane road the entire stretch with money to pay off bonds from the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, Onstott said.

On U.S. 54 from Alamogordo to El Paso, \$50 million is under contract for widening and improvements.

On U.S. 70, a \$25 million project is under contract from Portales to Roswell, and a \$17 million project is being bid for

New Mexico 18 from Eunice to Jal in the state's southeast corner.

Velasquez said under the state's Major Investment Program, the goal is to develop a transportation system to connect all communities in the state with 10,000 or more population by four-lane roads for economic development.

Instead of looking at portions of major corridors, the department designers look at an entire corridor in coming up with plans, he said, adding that emphasis also is placed on no-frills designs that fall within budget.

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'Now is the time'

## Fort Stanton preservation group appeals for community support

BY DANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

If Lincoln County residents want to preserve historic Fort Stanton, this is the year they better get serious, donate their time and drum up more support, advocates said Friday during the annual Community Update session.

Dick Weber, president of Fort Stanton Inc., was joined by Joan Zagone, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Trink Edmonds, volunteer coordinator for the Fort Stanton Partnership in urging those attending the morning meeting to get involved.

Signs at the entrance to fort property warning people to keep out will be removed when the museum being assembled by the partnership organizations is ready to open sometime this month, Weber said. People should take the opportunity to drive through the fort to see the outstanding historic buildings, he said.

However, don't get out of vehicles without first stopping in at the main administration building to check with Amity Foundation officials who run an alcohol and drug rehabilitation program there, he said.

Members of the partnership must sign a statement of altruism indicating they

receive no personal gain and donate their time. "We have no hidden agenda," Weber said.

"Unfortunately, 80 percent of the artifacts from the fort have evaporated," Weber said. "Security has been minimal and other entities have been allowed to take things like fire trucks with the OK of bureaucrats in Santa Fe."

Although many people think the older fort structures are adobe, they were constructed out of river rock and mortar gathered on site by soldiers stationed at the 1855 outpost, he said.

"This was to be a temporary fort and only intended to stand for 25 years," he said. "But 146 years later, it's still there."

Not without some major structural problems, however, he said.

Termites are destroying door frames and in some places, the mortar crumbles to the touch, Weber said.

In 1899, the fort was abandoned as a military outpost, but its usefulness had just begun. Many decades followed as a public health hospital, an internment camp during World War II and then as a state hospital until it was closed in March 1995, he said. For the past six years, the state has used portions of the complex for various programs, "but have never found the right use because

they never explored the tourism aspect," he said.

"The question is can we afford a state to restore it," he said, adding that estimates are about \$30 million to handle the buildings, water and sewer works and to bury power lines for a more authentic period appearance if the fort was used by film production companies.

Being on a list of endangered historical sites is no guarantee the fort couldn't be bulldozed or sold to a private entity, he said.

Weber asked region residents to attend the April 4 meeting on the fort to give input to officials with Kells & Craig, the firm charged with coming up with recommendations for its future. Now that the Legislature approved assigning an interim committee to look at the study and the fort, its future may move from the hands of bureaucrats into the hands of elected officials, who are more responsive to constituents, he said.

"This is one of the greatest assets in the state, but people don't know it yet," he said.

Zagone agreed, saying tourism is the base of the local economy, and creating year-round draws such as the fort as a living museum, convention center and family recreation destination should be a goal.

## Cut trees, save water, expert urges

BY DANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Reduce piñon pine and junipers that have invaded the Sacramento Mountains — and much of New Mexico — and return ground, vegetation to protect soils, a watershed expert urges.

That will help the region's water quantity and quality.

The message was delivered by Karl Wood, director of the New Mexico Water Resources Institute at New Mexico State University during the Spring Community Update session in Ruidoso.

"Our No. 1 environmental problem is tree and shrub proliferation," Wood said. "When we stopped fires, piñons moved onto the lowlands and mesa tops. In the past they burned every five to 10 years, and they (trees) were killed. Ecological disaster results from the proliferation."

eration."

Wood labeled it mismanagement during the 1900s when fire prevention became a top priority. As a result water-thirsty trees took more land.

He suggested the best scenario would be to have frequent fires, but certainly not the catastrophic fires seen last year. The Scott Able Fire last May in Otero County sterilized a lot of ground Wood said, making ground cover tough to regrow.

New Mexico currently has 8.75 million acres of piñon pines and junipers, both water gobblers. Wood said reducing the amount of piñons and junipers would deliver more water to streams and aquifers.

With the state averaging 6 to 20 inches of precipitation annu-

ally, depending on location, Wood said preserving the resource is important.

"If we could increase the water yield by 1 inch per year, we (New Mexico) could get 725,000 acre feet," Wood said. "That's more than in Elephant Butte (Reservoir)."

We could have a lot of water."

The good news, according to Wood, is the state has six major rivers. The bad news is all the rivers leave New Mexico.

The water resource institute director suggested New Mexico consider "water harvesting" — the development of dikes and more reservoirs to trap water.

"People are after water," Wood said. "Texas, New Mexico, Arizona. You can't turn your back on water."

**"Our No. 1 environmental problem is tree and shrub proliferation."**

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"It takes about two weeks to adjust for the kids. With the adults it takes a little longer."

Carla Burns  
RHS science teacher



Crabapple blossoms popped out almost simultaneously with the annual "spring forward" of Daylight Saving Time. These were spotted between the Walgreens and McDonald's stores near the "Y" in Ruidoso.

SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Some like it, many don't, but it's still ...

## DAYLIGHT SAVING(?) TIME

BY SANDY SUGGITT

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Arizona, Hawaii and Indiana are on their own time, but for the rest of the 50 states, Daylight Saving Time has been "saving time" since 1986, when President Lyndon Johnson signed it into federal law. Sen. Rod Adair presented a bill to the New Mexico Legislature to exempt the state from springing forward and falling back, but it failed (as it did the year before).

In Lincoln County, some like it, some hate it, and some just wish they didn't have to change their clocks.

Farmers have been traditional opponents of Daylight Saving Time, and rancher Gordon Barham of Carrizozo agrees with them.

"Right now, we're not liking it much because it's hard to get up the last couple of days," Barham said. Part of the problem is that the livestock don't wear watches, so when Barham goes out to feed them, he has to wait for them to come over the hill — or go back to the old schedule.

"I just wish they would leave the time one way or another," he said. "It takes two or three weeks for them to adapt (to being fed an hour earlier); either that or you have to wait around and feed them an hour later."

Carla Burns, a science teacher at Ruidoso High School, noticed a similar phenomenon with school children: "When it first changes, the kids are kind of groggy in class — and I think the adults are, too," she said. "It takes about two weeks to adjust for the kids. With the adults it takes a little longer. I feel that the adjustment is not right. They shouldn't mess with the biological cycles."

White Mountain Elementary librarian Linda Hamilton didn't notice that students were groggy than usual, but "half the people showed up at church late — they showed up just as it was getting over," she said.

Mike Bryant, who owns Lincoln Transportation and drives buses of Ruidoso children to school daily, said he didn't see any change in behavior Monday morning after Daylight Saving Time went into effect. The time change is helpful on "regular time," when there are snow delays, he said, because the sun comes out sooner, which helps with road conditions.

Lincoln County Cooperative Extension Agent Pete Gnatkowski told about a woman in Corona some years back who wouldn't change her clocks in April and October.

"That was her act of defiance," Gnatkowski said. "She didn't agree with Daylight Saving Time, but she didn't have any deadlines to meet. She just took care of her cows. When they instituted Daylight Saving Time, she thought that was the silliest thing."

Jerry Perry, co-owner of Laser Tech, said he loves Daylight Saving Time, and wishes it were year-round. "With that much more daylight, is it going to burn up my tomatoes?" he quipped.

Marsha Nickerson, who operates a gardening business, loves Daylight Saving Time because it gives her more time when she gets off work for biking and working in her yard. At her business, it gives longer working hours.

"I hate it," Mary Maxson, a member of the Ruidoso Arts Commission, said. "I can't stand to lose even one hour. I like the extra hour at night, but I think it wears everybody out to get up an hour earlier. I like it in the fall when we fall back. Then you feel really energized, like you had an extra hour of sleep."

Sharon Ramey, owner of Sharon's Hairstyles, hates it, too. She called her representative in Santa Fe a few years ago and told him opposing Daylight Saving Time would be a cause that would gather crowds to his side.

### Why we do it

Hamilton, the elementary school librarian, said she thought Daylight Saving Time "was meant for businessmen so they had more recreational time after they got off work," and many people mentioned being able to do more in the evenings after work.

A Web site on the origins of DST (<http://webexhibits.org/daylightsaving/e.html>) states that it was instituted for seven months in 1918 to conserve resources for World War I, but was repealed in 1919 (over President Woodrow Wilson's veto). Year-round Daylight Saving Time was observed from Feb. 2, 1942 until Sept. 30, 1945, during World War II, but from then until 1986, some states and localities observed it and others didn't — causing confusion for railways, buses and broadcasting.

The Committee for Time Uniformity surveyed the nation through telephone operators and got a front-page story in the New York Times, rallying public support — after disclosing that bus drivers and passengers on a 35-mile stretch of highway between Moundsville, W.Va. and Steubenville, Ohio experienced seven time changes.

After President Johnson signed a uniform Daylight Saving Time into law to begin the last Sunday of April and end the last Sunday of October, the law was amended in 1986, changing the date to 2 a.m. on the first Sunday of April, and to end the last Sunday of October.

But it was Benjamin Franklin who came up with the idea first in 1784 while living in Paris as an American delegate. He calculated that Parisian families used 64,050,000 pounds of tallow and wax a year by sleeping until noon and burning candles into the wee hours, and could save 96 million *livres* of candles and lamp oil by rising with the sun during the summer months instead.

"Benjamin Franklin is 200 years behind the times," said Monroy Montes, a former Lincoln County commissioner. "He was a smart man, but it doesn't work now."

Montes likes time the way it is "now," he said, with the days longer. "Then comes the winter and I just don't like it. When I go to El Paso, Juárez is not in sync. They won't join El Paso on the Daylight Saving issue until May (6), so I don't think it's popular anywhere."

Mexico City's mayor said in February that the capital city would stay on current time and ignore the nationwide switch to Daylight Saving Time, according to a Reuters article Feb. 26.

Mayor Manuel Lopez Obrador "said that Congress and not the president was mandated under the constitution to make decisions on time changes."

"The Mexico City poll of 318,304 valid telephone respondents found 239,437 expressing opposition to the time change."

Tory Fritz, director of Big Brother and Big Sisters of Lincoln County, said she loves that it stays light later, but she hates how it feels early in the morning when she wakes up.

"I think it's a reminder to us on a philosophical level of how relative time is," she said.

## looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK\*

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### From the Capitan Progress

The county commissioners in Lincoln last Tuesday issued a most commendable order. No person is permitted to sell intoxicating liquors within four miles of any construction work of any railroad in Lincoln County outside of the town of Carrizozo. This is a preventive of much crime as a lot of railroaders and bad whiskey is a bad mix-up.

Little and Fawcett have the contract for a two story addition to the Fourth Street Hotel. When completed Capitan can boast of better accommodations for the public.

APRIL 6, 1951

### New San Patricio school completed

Mrs. Linde Samuelson, county school superintendent, announced last week that the San Patricio Grade School is now completed and that tentative plans are to have the children move "back home" the last week of school.

... The building was constructed at an approximate cost of \$22,000, or \$5 per square foot.

APRIL 7, 1961

### Mrs. Ruth Moore elected

Mrs. Ruth Moore was elected president of Alpha Rho chapter of Beta Sigma Phi when that group met last week in the home of Mrs. LeRoy Gooch. Co-hostess was Mrs. R. D. Collins.

Other officers named were Mrs. Claude Whitlock, vice-president; Mrs. J. L. Surginer, recording secretary; Mrs. Pat Valliant, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Joe Coe, secretary-treasurer.

APRIL 9, 1971

### 'Home Economist' winner

Miss Pat Pennington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pennington of Ruidoso, was selected "Young Home Economist of the Year" in the state convention of the New Mexico Home Economics Association in Santa Fe April 1-3.

... Miss Pennington ... is now engaged in student teaching in Ruidoso High School.

APRIL 9, 1981

### Area writers win award

Three area women — authors Eve Ball, Nora Henn and Lynda Sanchez — have won the Zia Award, as the writers doing the most to promote New Mexico during the past year.

The New Mexico Press Women make the award annually.

APRIL 11, 1991

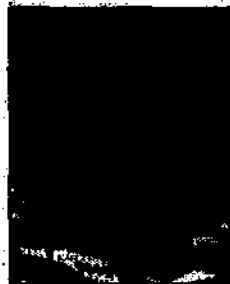
### Fund-raisers at work

Terry Cox and his son Trevor were out cutting wood last weekend, but it wasn't to store for next winter. The two were donating their time and muscle to the fund to send Capitan basketball students to training camp this summer.

Sunday, area cowboys will be roping cattle to benefit the boys and girls.

\* 100 years ago is compiled by Polly Chavez from local newspapers. Other items are compiled from issues of the Ruidoso News.

## A busy weekend in historic Lincoln — and a time change, too



LINCOLN TRAILS  
ROSALIE DUNLAP

How many set their clocks Saturday night? I dislike immensely this time change. How about you?

This coming weekend will be a busy one.

Saturday morning, beginning spinning and dying with Kool Aid is planned at La Placita. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday afternoon, the Lincoln County Historical Society will have its first meeting of the year at San Juan's Church. There will a display of old quilts and Ann Buffington

will speak on "Pioneer Women."

Sunday afternoon, Frederick Nolan will have a book signing at the Anderson-Freeman Museum from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Nolan is a well known author of Lincoln County history.

The Lincoln Pageant and Festivals group will meet Sunday at the Dunlaps at 8:30 p.m.

The Creative Memories group will hold a retreat at Fort Lone Tree Friday through Sunday morning.

The Lincoln Pageant members participated in the Pioneer

Day/John Chisum activities at Roswell recently. They said it was cold. Several organizations dropped out of the parade, as did some vendors, because of the inclement weather.

Ruidoso is fighting the first New Mexico fire of the year, which has made the national news. In spite of all the moisture we have had this winter, fire danger is still very high.

Everyone needs to be very cautious about any burning that one might want to do. (Our granddaughter called from Phoenix to

find out how close it was to Lincoln.)

Lincoln County FCE held its annual Cultural Arts event at the fairgrounds in Capitan.

The ladies told stories about their families and life experiences. The theme of the meeting was the "Celebration of Life."

I had a nice visit recently with some Hobbs Boy Scouts. They were touring Lincoln after their campout at Fort Stanton. They reported that they had finished their project under the direction

of the BLM just as the rain started.

Phyllis Zumwalt is recuperating from recent knee surgery. She is taking physical therapy in Roswell. Kathy (Thomas) Ford is home after breaking her leg below the knee.

You can miss seeing someone for such a long time and then see them several times. Such is the case of Leora Zumwalt. Last week I also got to visit with her daughter Jane, who now lives in Indiana.

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### CATHOLIC

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

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Capitan - Highway 48. Les Earwood, Minister. Sun-  
day Bible study: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 6  
p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

### FOUR SQUARE

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

### PENTECOSTAL

Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecostal Tabernacle, Allan M.  
Miller, pastor: 209 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, NM. 354-2025.  
Tuesday Bible Study 7:00 pm; Sun. School 10:00 am; Sun-  
day Evening 6:00 pm.

### METHODIST

Capitan United Methodist Church  
Pastor Tom Woodward and the congregation of Capitan  
United Methodist Church welcome Lincoln County  
residents and visitors alike to attend Bible study Sun-  
day morning at 8:30, followed by worship service at  
9:10. Communion is offered during worship on the first  
Sunday of every month, and a potluck luncheon is  
served the third Sunday at 12:30. White Oaks and Third  
in Capitan. 505-648-2846.

### NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

## CARRIZOZO DIRECTORIES

### ASSEMBLY OF GOD

The Word of Life Church  
Rev. Chuck Pulkert, pastor/648-2339. 711 'E' Ave.,  
Carrizozo, NM. Affiliated w/the Evangelistic As-  
sembly Church. Sunday 7:00 pm.

### BAPTIST

First Baptist Church  
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

### CATHOLIC

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

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Perry Zumwalt, minister. Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo,  
NM. Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11:00  
am; Evening Worship 1:15 pm; Wednesday Bible Study

7:00 pm.

### EPISCOPAL

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

### METHODIST

United Methodist Church Parish  
Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846, Carrizo-  
zo. Tom Woodward, pastor. Sunday school 10:00  
a.m.; Sunday worship 11:10 a.m. Choir Practice  
(Tues.) 6:30 pm; United Methodist Women Every  
3rd Wed. 1:00 pm; Fellowship Dinner 4th Sun. of  
month 12:30 pm.

### NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)  
Johnnie L. Johnson, pastor. Corner of C Ave. &  
Thirteenth, 648-2186. Children's Church 10:30 am;  
Worship Service 10:30 am; Wednesday Bible  
Study 7:30 pm.

## RUIDOSO DIRECTORIES

### ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Apache Indian Assembly of  
God  
Mescalero, 671-4747. Donald  
Pettey, pastor. Sunday School:  
9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship,  
10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednes-  
day services: 7 p.m.

### First Assembly of God

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

### BAPTIST

Bent Tree  
Baptist Church  
Sunday, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.;  
Wednesday, 7 p.m. White  
Mountain Plaza on Mechem.  
Rev. James Crowder, 336-1979.

### First Baptist Church

420 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso,  
NM 88345. (505) 257-2081. Tim  
Gilliland, Pastor. Service times:  
Saturday - 7 p.m. Praise &  
Worship; Sunday - 8:15 a.m.  
Praise & Worship, 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School all ages, 11 a.m.  
Traditional Worship, 5:30 p.m.  
Youth Power Hour, 6:30 p.m.  
Prayer Service Wednesday -  
6:30 p.m. Discipleship classes  
for all ages.

### First Baptist Church

Ruidoso Downs. Randy Widen-  
er, Pastor. Sunday: Worship  
hour 11 a.m.; Sunday school  
9:30 a.m.; Evening worship: 6  
p.m. Wednesday: Prayer meet-  
ing 7 p.m.

### First Baptist Church

Tinnie. Bill Jones, Pastor. Sun-  
day School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday  
worship: 11 a.m.

### Iglesia Bautista Vida Eterna

420 Mechem Drive. (Surfshine  
Classroom) Ramon Robledo,  
Pastor. Culto de Predicacion 3  
p.m.

### Mescalero Baptist Mission

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

### Ruidoso Baptist Church

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

### BAHA'I FAITH

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### CATHOLIC

St. Eleanor Catholic Church  
Ruidoso, 257-2330. Reverend Al  
Galvan. Sacrament of Penance:  
Sat. 4:30 p.m. or by appoint-  
ment; Sat. Mass: 5 p.m. (Bilin-  
gual); Sun. Mass: 10 a.m. (Eng-  
lish), 11:30 a.m. (English);  
Sacrament of Reconciliation:  
Sat. 4 to 4:30 p.m.; Wed. 6 to  
6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass, St.  
Jude Thaddeus, San Patricio: 8  
a.m.

### St. Theresa Catholic Church

Corona. Sunday Mass: 6 p.m.

### St. Joseph Apache Mission

Mescalero. Father Paul  
Botenhagen. Sunday Mass:  
10:30 a.m.

### Our Lady of Guadalupe

Bent. Father Paul Botenhagen.  
Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday  
Mass: 8 a.m.

### CHRISTIAN

### Crosspoint Christian

Fellowship  
A Christ Centered Church  
Ruidoso Senior Center, 701  
Sudderth Drive, 258-1492.  
Steve Kreins, Pastor. Pre-ser-  
vice prayer 9 a.m.; Sunday wor-  
ship service 10 a.m.; Children's  
Church 10 a.m. Small group  
meetings, including youth  
group, at various times and lo-  
cations.

### 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

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

### CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

LDS

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

### Church of Jesus Christ LDS

Mescalero Branch, 671-4630. Wray  
Schludknecht, President, 671-9506.  
Sunday: Sacrament meeting 10  
a.m.; Sunday School and Primary  
11:20 a.m.; Priesthood Relief Soc.  
& Young Women, 12:10 a.m.

### EPISCOPAL

Episcopal Church  
of the Holy Mount  
121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso. Fa-  
ther John W. Penn, Rector. Sun-  
day Eucharist: 8 & 10:30 a.m.;  
Wednesday: Daughters of King:  
noon. Eucharist & healing: 5:30  
p.m.; Choir practice: 7 p.m.

### Episcopal Chapel of San Juan

Lincoln. Sunday: Holy Eucharist  
10:30 a.m.

### St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel

Glencoe. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9  
a.m.

### FULL GOSPEL

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

### JEHOVAH'S

WITNESSES

Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall  
106 Alpine Village Road, 258-  
3659, 257-3871. Sunday: Public  
Talk 1:30 p.m.; Watchtower 2:20  
p.m. Monday: Bible Study 7:30  
p.m. Thursday: Ministry School  
7:30 p.m.; Service Meeting 8:20  
p.m.  
Congregation Hispana  
de los Testigos de Jehova

106 Alpine Village Road, 258-  
3659, 336-7076. Dom.: Reunion  
Publica 10:00 a.m.; Estudio de la  
Atalaya 10:50 a.m. Mart: Escuela  
del Ministerio Teocratico 7 p.m.;  
Reunion de servicio 7:50 p.m.;  
Juev. Estudio de libro 7:00 p.m.

### LUTHERAN MO. Synod

Shepherd of the Hills  
1120 Hull Road, 258-4191, 257-  
5296. Kevin L. Krohn, Pastor.  
Sunday: Worship 8:30 a.m.,  
10:30 a.m.; Sunday School &  
Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.  
Third Sunday Evening Bible  
Study, 5:30 p.m., call for loca-  
tion.

### METHODIST

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

### PENTECOSTAL

The Apostolics  
of Lincoln County  
Cornerstone Square, 613 Sud-  
derth, 354-4906 or 430-6654.  
Pastor, Art Dunn. Saturday  
evening worship 6 p.m.

### NAZARENE

Angus Church of the  
Nazarene  
Angus, 12 miles north of Rui-  
doso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032.  
Charles Hall, Pastor. Sat. Alter-  
native Worship, 6:30 pm; Sun-  
day 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 Wor-  
ship, 6:30 p.m.

### PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church  
101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill),  
Ruidoso, 257-2220. Cathy E.  
Caudle, Pastor. Sunday:  
Church school 9:45 a.m.; wor-  
ship 8:30 and 11 a.m. Potluck  
fellowship after worship the  
third Sunday of every  
month. Mountain Ministry

Parish Community  
United Presbyterian Church  
Ancho, Reverend Scott King.  
Sunday worship: 9 a.m.; Sun-  
day School: 10 a.m.

Corona Presbyterian Church  
Reverend Scott King. Sunday:  
Church School, 10 a.m.; Wor-  
ship, 11 a.m.

Nogal Presbyterian Church  
Reverend Bill Sebring. Adult  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.; wor-  
ship 11 a.m.

### REFORMED CHURCH

Mescalero Reformed  
Mescalero. Bob Schut, 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  
1-5) 3:30.

### SEVENTH DAY

ADVENTIST

Ruidoso Seventh Day  
Adventist  
207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Rui-  
doso Downs, 378-4161. Pastor  
Earl Robertson 505-439-0760;  
Assoc. Pastor Wilburn Morrow  
622-1206. Saturday: Sabbath  
school 9:30 a.m.; Church ser-  
vice: 11 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer  
meeting 7 p.m.

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257-1188. Mark Gentry, pastor.  
Sunday worship 8:30 a.m.,  
Thursday Bible study 7 p.m.

### American Missionary

Fellowship  
Rick Smith, 682-2503. Monday:  
Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday: Ruidoso men's Bible  
study noon at Pizza Hut,  
Mechem Drive. Wednesday:  
Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m.  
at Schlotzsky's Deli. Capitan Jr.

High and Sr. High Youth  
Groups 6:30 p.m. at Christ  
Community Fellowship.

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

Centro Cristiano Casa de  
Oracion  
139 El Paso Rd., Ruidoso, 257-  
2324. Pastor Carlos Carreon.  
Reunion General Jueves 7:00  
p.m.; Domingo 10:00 a.m. Club  
Amistad Sabado 11:00 a.m.  
(niños).

Christ Church in the Downs  
Ruidoso Downs, 378-8464. Al  
and Marty Lane, Pastors. Sun-  
day: Chil-dren's ministries con-  
current with Sunday Services  
9:30 a.m.; worship  
8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.; Thurs-  
day: services 7 p.m.

Cornerstone Church  
Cornerstone Square, 613 Sud-  
derth Drive, 257-9265. B.A.  
Thurman, Pastor. Sunday ser-  
vices: 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-  
4218. 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. Sun-  
day: Renewal services Sunday  
10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. Wednes-  
day: Intercessory prayer noon;  
mid-week services 7 p.m.

### Peace Chapel

Interdenominational (ULC)  
Alto North, 336-7075. Jeanette  
Price, Pastor. Morning chapel:  
8:50 a.m. (Sept. - June); Sunday  
Service: 11 a.m.



# BUSINESS

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Mobile, manufactured home parts available

Area owners of mobile and manufactured homes have a local source for parts and — soon — for service.

M.H. Systems & Sales has set up shop in Ruidoso.

"If you need it, we can get it," said Don Underwood, who has established the company.

"What got me started was a woman who has a trailer house and was looking for skirting. I looked all over the state. Because of the (transportation) distance it was expensive."

Underwood said he is unaware of any such business in the Ruidoso area. He said the company has access to skirting, trim, inside paneling, doors, windows, tires, axles and any other part that goes into a mobile or manufactured home. Later this month Underwood said he would add service to the business.

### Century 21 honors Colleen Whitaker

Century 21-Aspen Real Estate agent Colleen Whitaker has captured two honors with the Century 21 organization.

Whitaker was named last year's top producing agent with the local office, and top producing Century 21 agent for the state of New Mexico. She had received the same awards in 1999. The honors are based on dollar volume of real estate sales.

Whitaker, a multi-million dollar producer, had been involved in the planning and development of Alto Village and Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club.

Century 21-Aspen Real Estate is located at 727 Mechem Drive in Ruidoso.

### Governor names 3

Three area men have been appointed to state boards or commission by New Mexico Gov. Gary E. Johnson.

Lee David Simmons Jr. of

Everybody's Business

### Understanding FSBO process

BY ROSALYN ROBINSON  
PIONEER BANK

Homeowners sell for numerous reasons. Sometimes they want to reinvest or move into a larger/smaller home. They are proud of their homes and many feel they can sell their property more readily than a third party. Why pay a Realtor the commission?

Contracts: Mentioned in my prior article were contract issues. A fully completed purchase contract will cover earnest money issues, how closing costs are split and deadlines/closing date. A purchase contract would encompass who will be responsible for obtaining home inspections or surveys. A Realtor would protect the seller regarding liability issues through preparing the appropriate disclosures that should be provided around the time the purchase contract is executed. These disclosures include potential for lead poisoning or deferred maintenance.

Advertising dollars, accessibility to resources and availability to show the home are aspects of a real estate transaction that a Realtor deals with. Realtors have access to the Multiple Listing Service (MLS), which has nationwide potential. At least 85 percent of homes sold are completed as a result of advertising through

Mescalero was appointed to the Citizens Review Board, replacing Suzanne Berry whose term has expired. Simmons is a trained social worker and a member of the staff of the Mescalero Apache Tribe. His term will expire on June 30, 2003.

Ered G. Hansen of Alto was appointed to the Space Commission, replacing Ben Haines Jr. A retired corporate executive, Hansen is the former president of the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association and the former executive director of the Border Authority. His term will expire June 30, 2003.

Wallace M. "Matt" Ferguson of Carrizozo was reappointed to the Board of Veterinary Medicine for a term expiring July 1, 2003. Ferguson is a rancher who serves on numerous local and state boards.

### Call center cuts back

CARLSBAD (AP) — A call center here has had trouble finding people for evening shifts, and staff levels have dropped from a peak level of 390 to 300 last week.

Bob Rostro, manager of The Connection, is among those departing.

Rostro, who spoke for the company last week, had said the center had no definite plans for restoring full staffing. The Connection at one time projected a peak staff of 400.

But Rostro since was terminated — last Thursday was his final day — and said he isn't happy about it.

Rostro said being fired Thursday caught him "totally off guard."

"They brought up some issues of (personal) misconduct that I felt I had addressed already," he said. He declined to say what those issues were.

Speaking last week on behalf of the company, Rostro said The Connection had maintained its 20 clients and noted a new one recently hired the call center.

The call center opened here in September.



Robinson

MLS. Many of the larger realty firms also publish their own brochures showing listings.

A Realtor often will suggest a

lender for the financing. There is also a buyer prequalification process that eliminates those who are "just looking" but can't afford your home. The Realtor will then assist in the process by arranging times for inspections, appraisals and closings. They will respond to questions the lender might pose regarding the transaction.

There are many successfully completed FSBO transactions occurring annually. If you're thinking of selling your own home, learn as much as possible about the process and state and local real estate regulations. Speak to your local lender about prequalifying your buyer.

Resources for this article include Bill McCoy, real estate educator; Mary Austin, Coldwell Banker-SDC Realtors; and Truman Barnett, The Title Company.

Rosalyn Robinson has more than 20 years' lending experience. Call 258-6858 or e-mail pioneerbank@qianet.com

## Hawthorn Suites 'absolutely' opening by Memorial Day

The village paid for half the sign

Hawthorn Suites Golf and Convention Resort, is expected to open May 23.

"We absolutely have to be opened by Memorial Day," said Steve Tally, general manager of the facility. "We have bookings."

The hotel had initially been set to open in the summer of 2000. That was pushed to February 2001. Construction delays, both with site preparation and not enough construction crews, were cited.

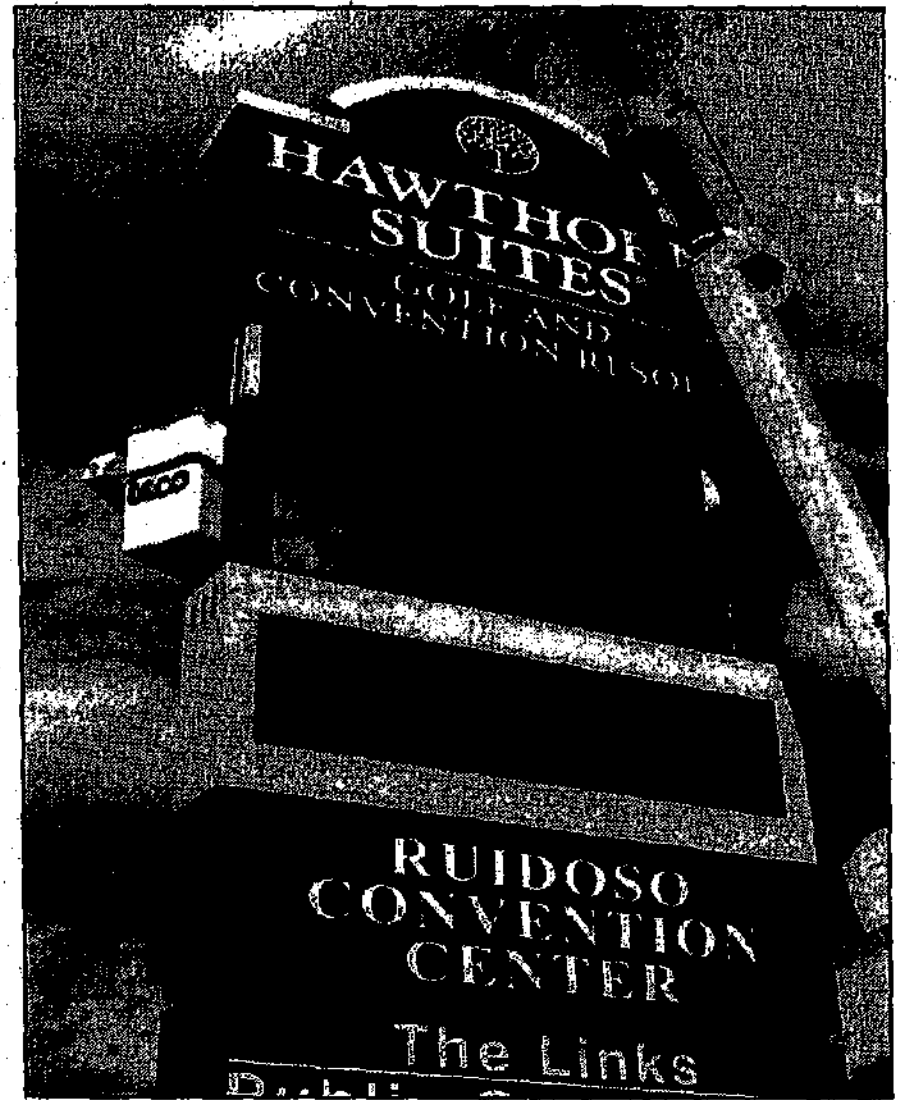
The 120-room hotel, which includes suites and guest rooms, is expected to employ 36 to 38 people, Tally said. He added that hiring will likely begin next week.

"We're really getting excited," Tally said. "We're getting opened."

The hotel will have more than 83,000 square feet of rooms, pool, spa, convenience center, and other amenities. Guests will have breakfast service at the hotel, Tally said.

A revamped sign at the corner of Mechem and Sierra Blanca drives points the way to the new hotel, as well as the Links at Sierra Blanca golf course and Ruidoso Convention Center.

The \$36,000 addition to the sign was paid one-half by Hawthorn Suites and one-half by the village of Ruidoso, said Alan Briley, Ruidoso village manager. He said the shared cost is spelled out the agreement with Hawthorn Suites, whose hotel sits on village property. Ruidoso owns the convention center and the golf course.



New sign pieces were put in place last week, adding the Hawthorn Suites Golf and Convention Resort logo to the Mechem Drive entrance roadway. Jeff Ammons, of Signs by Smith, works to maneuver the top sign in position.

## Midtown Business Alliance broadens focus; longer development strip considered

■ A new group is seeking to bring the Ruidoso business community together.

BY JAMES KALVELAGE  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Midtown Business Alliance has been created, following months of first Monday gatherings by some Midtown retailers.

Bert Brunell, of Brunell's, said he is hoping more businesses will become involved in the alliance. He said the alliance and its goals need to be known.

"Midtown sounds like it's for Midtown (only)," Brunell said. "We want the entire community to benefit."

The Midtown Business Alliance currently has a nine-member board of directors, chaired by Brunell. He said the board has been pondering an annual dues amount of perhaps \$50.

"The dues would cover our immediate needs," Brunell said. "We want to do an ash tray project, where buckets would be painted by middle school or elementary school kids, or those in an art class. The buckets would be filled with sand."

He said the group also is looking at district area maps for visitors. They wouldn't necessarily point out businesses, but show visitors where there's off-

street parking and how to get to the walking (retail) district.

The alliance grew out of a desire by some to see improved parking near the Midtown area and an outdoor events area to lure visitors close to Midtown. Brunell said a business improvement district, to potentially purchase property for the pursuits, continues to be studied. Property assessments, if the district is approved, would finance the property purchase.

"That's our next big issue," Brunell said. "We need to name the boundaries of a business improvement district. We're looking at expanding the area beyond the old MainStreet project."

Brunell said the alliance is looking at a business improvement district along Sudderth Drive that could be bounded on the west by Mechem Drive and on the east perhaps as far as Carrizo Canyon Road. North and south boundaries might be the Rio Ruidoso and Wingfield Street.

The process of creating an assessment district could be an 18- to 24-month endeavor, Brunell said.

"The committee is looking to minimize the assessments," Brunell said. "We'd like to increase the size of the assessment district."

The larger district would spread the annual assessments over more proper-

ties. Brunell said the alliance would like to limit the annual cost to properties in the potential district to between \$800 and \$1,200.

"We need to keep events, to attract events into town," Brunell said. "And we need to have more parking. We also hope to be able to someday have a trolley to transport visitors from parking lots to the walking district."

Brunell said he has been repeatedly told an assessment district could bring in additional funding from local, state and even federal sources.

"They say if we don't help ourselves first then nobody will commit," Brunell said. The alliance board chairman admitted he has been contacted by some property owners along the upper section of Sudderth Drive who don't like the assessment idea.

He called the new business organization and the business improvement district matters that require education.

The Midtown Business Alliance will abandon its first Monday of the month meetings in favor of every other Friday coffee gatherings. Brunell envisioned the Friday sessions as being 40 percent business and 60 percent socialization. The first will take place at 9 a.m. April 13 at Brunell's, 2816 Sudderth Drive. Brunell said all are invited to the sessions.

## Tax implications of extension law outlined

■ The IRS has detailed and broadened the "Cerro Grande Fire" federal tax extension, which also applies to Lincoln County.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Internal Revenue Service, which last month said income taxpayers in 21 New Mexico counties can have an extra nine months to file and pay federal taxes, is providing additional guidance on the proper tax treatment of losses and payments related to last spring's fire disaster.

Last summer's law providing special payments to the victims of this disaster did not address the tax implications of that relief," said IRS Commissioner Charles O.

Rossotti. "Our national office attorneys have worked with IRS employees, FEMA staff and tax preparers in New Mexico to identify and answer various questions that have been raised. The guidance supplements what taxpayers will find in our existing publications on disaster situations."

The extra time for filing and paying applies to income, employment, estate, gift and certain excise taxes for individuals and businesses. It covers returns and payments that were due from May 4, 2000 (the day the Cerro Grande Fire began) through April 16, 2001, the due date for individual income tax returns.

Affected taxpayers are generally those whose principal residence or principal place of

business is located in one of the 21 counties included in last year's federal disaster area. While the Cerro Grande Fire was in north-central New Mexico, Lincoln and Otero counties locally were included in the disaster declaration.

Individuals living in the disaster area have until Jan. 16, 2002, to file and pay their income taxes for 2000 without interest or penalties on the balance due. Taxpayers relying on the relief should put the words "Cerro Grande Fire" in red ink at the top of any returns filed. They do not have to file any separate extension request.

The time for filing returns other than individual income tax returns in the 21 New Mexico counties has also been extended. The extension

applies to returns required to be filed on or before April 16, 2001. The extension is for six months and 90 days. The affected returns include corporate income tax returns, partnership returns, estate and trust income tax returns, annual returns filed by tax-exempt organizations, certain excise tax returns and employment tax returns. As an example, a calendar-year corporate income tax return for tax year 2000, originally due on or before March 15, 2001, will be timely if filed on or before Dec. 17, 2001.

The IRS is offering tax help regarding assistance for those in the disaster-declared counties. The Cerro Grande Tax Information Hotline is (505) 661-8285.

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# Canyon de Chelly National Monument still amazes



The Barones

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BY ELLEN AND HANK BARONE  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Canyon de Chelly National Monument is definitely one of the most dramatic of all the amazing canyons found in the Southwestern United States.

Located in northeastern Arizona, the 26-mile-long canyon is worth seeing just for the sheer reddish sandstone walls that tower 1,000 feet above the canyon floor. In fact, its name — pronounced "de Shay" — is derived from a Spanish version of the Navajo word "Tseg," which means "rock canyon."

But there's also a wealth of Native American history within the spectacular canyon walls, where there are more than 7,000 archaeological sites.

Canyon de Chelly once was home to the ancient Anasazi people, who mysteriously disappeared thousands of years ago.

Their abandoned villages, built between 350 and 1300 AD, still dot the canyon.

Other Indian cultures frequented the area over the centuries, culminating in the arrival of the Navajo Indians in the early 1700s. Today the canyon still serves as their ancestral stronghold, and you can spot their small farms and hogans — distinctive-looking circular houses — throughout the canyon.

There are several ways to see the canyon. Two auto drives around the rim offer great views of the canyon and its ruins. The 36-mile-long South Rim Drive includes eight scenic overlooks, and the 34-mile-long North Rim drive features four more.

One of the canyon's most popular attractions is White House Ruin, an Anasazi cliff dwelling that's visible from White House Overlook on the

South Rim Drive. If you're adventurous, you can hike along a 2 1/2-mile-long trail from the overlook to the ruin, which is named for a long white wall in the upper part of the dwelling.

The trail to the ruin is the only place in the canyon you can visit without a guide. Out of respect for the Navajo, to protect the fragile ruin and for safety reasons (among them quicksand and flash floods) you cannot travel in the canyon without a permit and either a Navajo Indian or a park ranger as a guide. The park ranger on duty will help you make arrangements.

Other highlights include the Antelope House Ruin, named for the colorful antelope drawings made by a Navajo artist 150 years ago; and Spider Rock, an 800-foot-tall sandstone spire rising from the canyon floor.

While you're in the area, you have to stop at the Hubbell Trading Post, about 30 miles south of Chinle, just west of Ganado on State Highway 264.

Now a national historic site, the trading post was purchased by John Lorenzo Hubbell in 1878. The Hubbell family ran it until the National Park Service bought it in 1967.

The establishment is an excellent place to shop for Navajo, Hopi and Zuni Indian handicrafts such as rugs, jewelry and baskets. At the visitor center, you're likely to see weavers creating intricate wool rugs on their wooden handlooms. It's just one more way to experience the area's fascinating history.

Before you visit: Canyon de Chelly is located just east of Chinle, which is a few miles east of U.S. Highway 191 and about 70 miles north of I-40.

The canyon is open year-round.

The visitor center in Chinle is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. October through April; it's open 1 hour later May through September. Campsites a half mile from the Visitors Center are available on a first-come, first-served basis. RVs are allowed.

For information, log on to [www.nps.gov/cach](http://www.nps.gov/cach) or call the visitor center at 1-520-674-5500.

To drive inside the canyon, your vehicle must have four-wheel drive.

The fee for a guide is \$15 an hour. For hiking parties of up to 15 people, the rate is also \$15 an hour. Commercial jeep and horseback tours are available through the Thunderbird Lodge. Call 1-800-679-2473 for details about lodging and guided tours.

## California energy price impact apparently won't hurt Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Major across-the-board rate increases for California energy users won't have a huge impact on travel to Las Vegas, according to a report from the investment banking firm of Merrill Lynch.

California last week approved rate increases that will boost electricity bills by nearly 50 percent in that state.

That prompted Merrill Lynch analysts David Anders and Sal DiPietro to ask whether the increases would cut trips to Las Vegas by Californians, who constitute almost one-third of the city's

estimated 36 million annual visitors.

If every household in the state were to experience a 40 percent jump in electricity rates, average yearly electric bills would rise by \$290 to \$1,014, or about \$24 a month.

"We are not convinced that the increase, in absolute dollar terms, will be as dramatic as we thought," Anders and DiPietro said in a report released last week.

The most recent data provided by the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority appears mixed.

The number of airline pas-

sengers who flew into McCarran International Airport in January was up 7 percent, but overall visitor vol-

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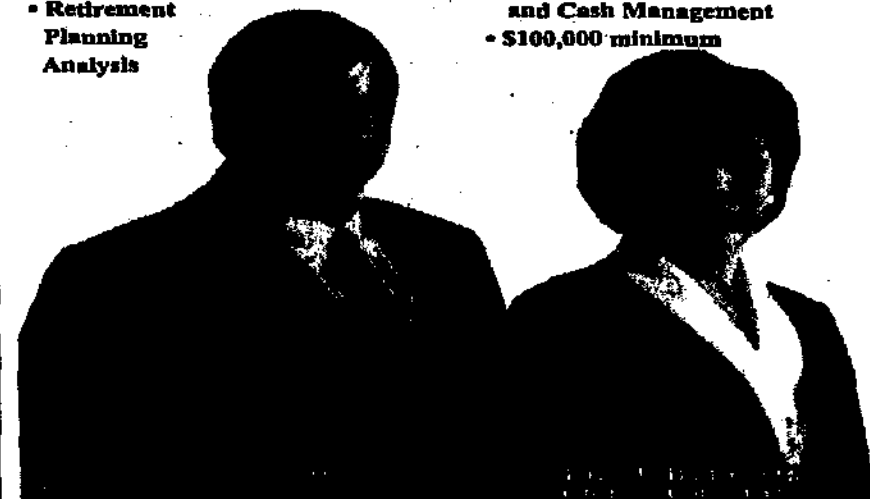
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### HOUSE VALUE VS. LOT VALUE

QUESTION: What is the proper relationship between the cost of a lot and the value of the house on it?

ANSWER: Old rules of thumb have lost much of their meaning. It used to be that land represented about one-sixth of the home's purchase price. Then it moved up to one-fourth. And it will change again as the cost of land continues to rise or fall.

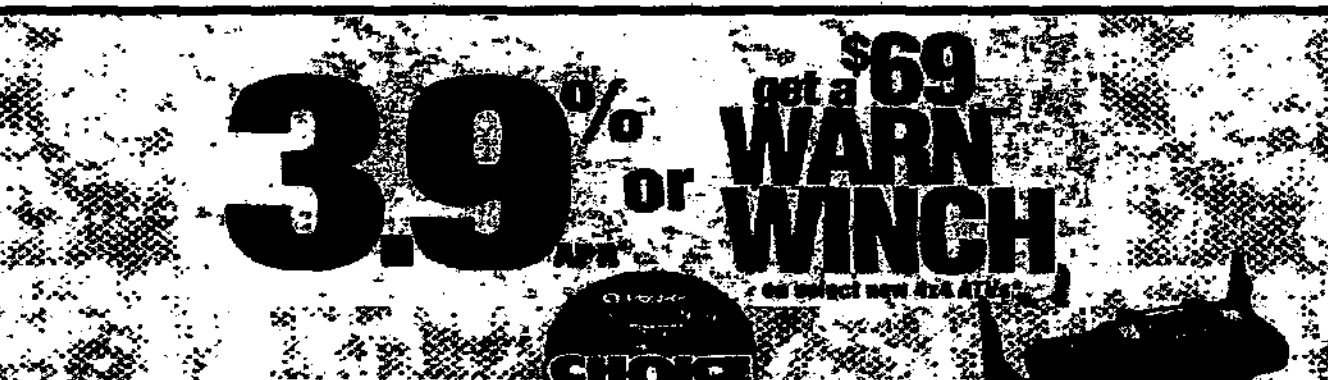
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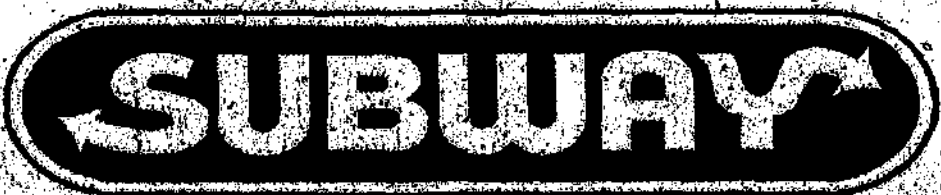
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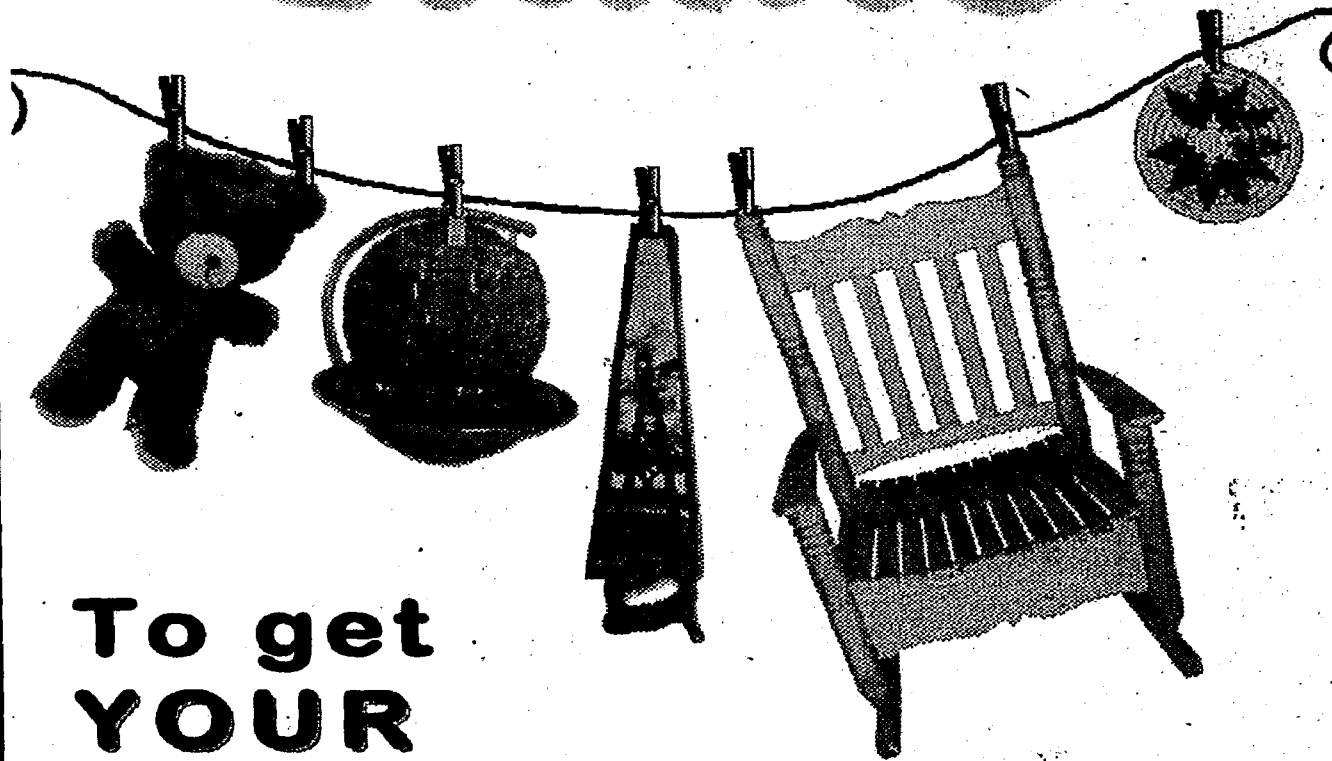
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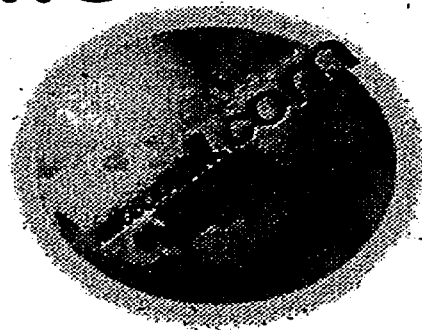


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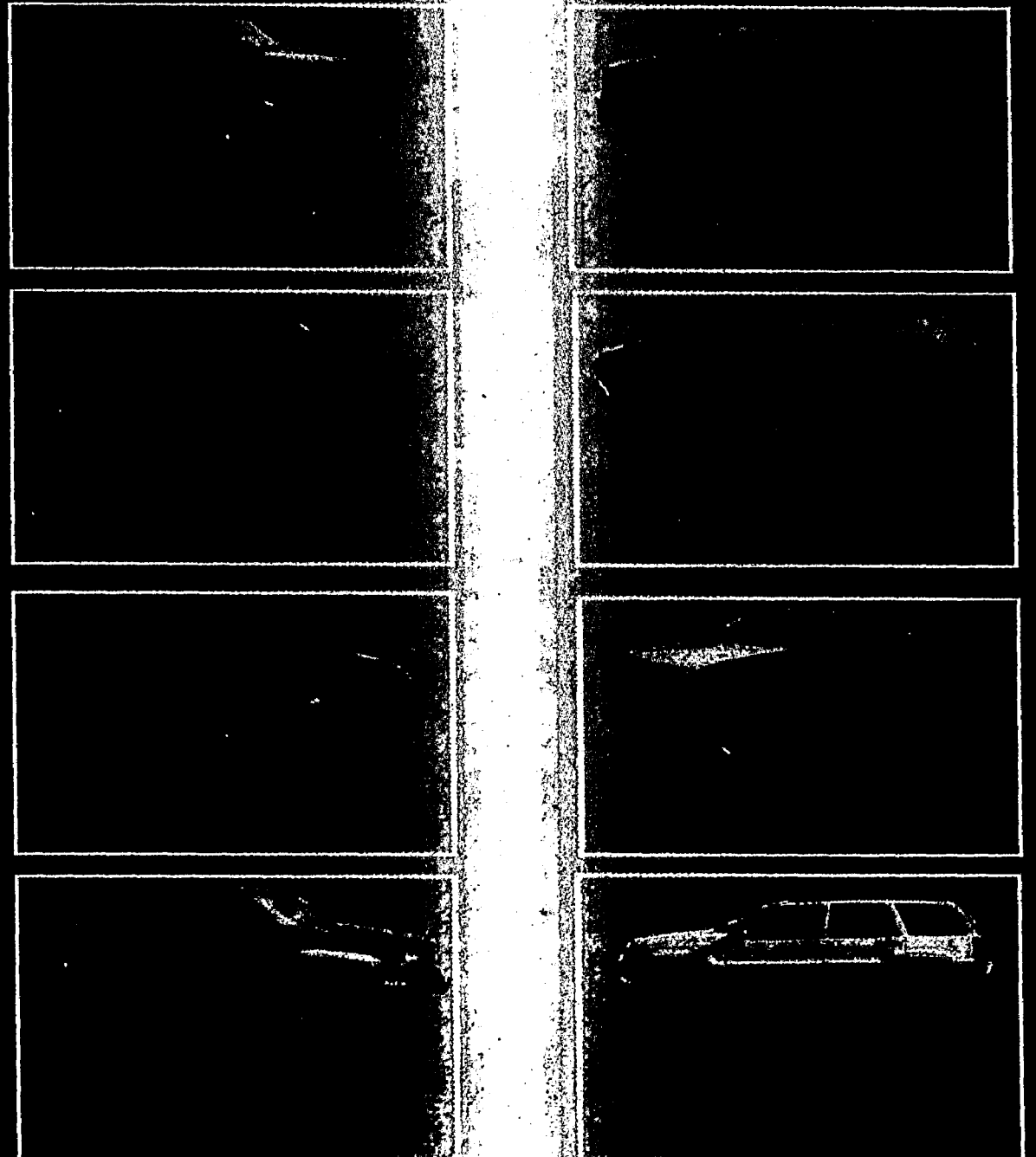


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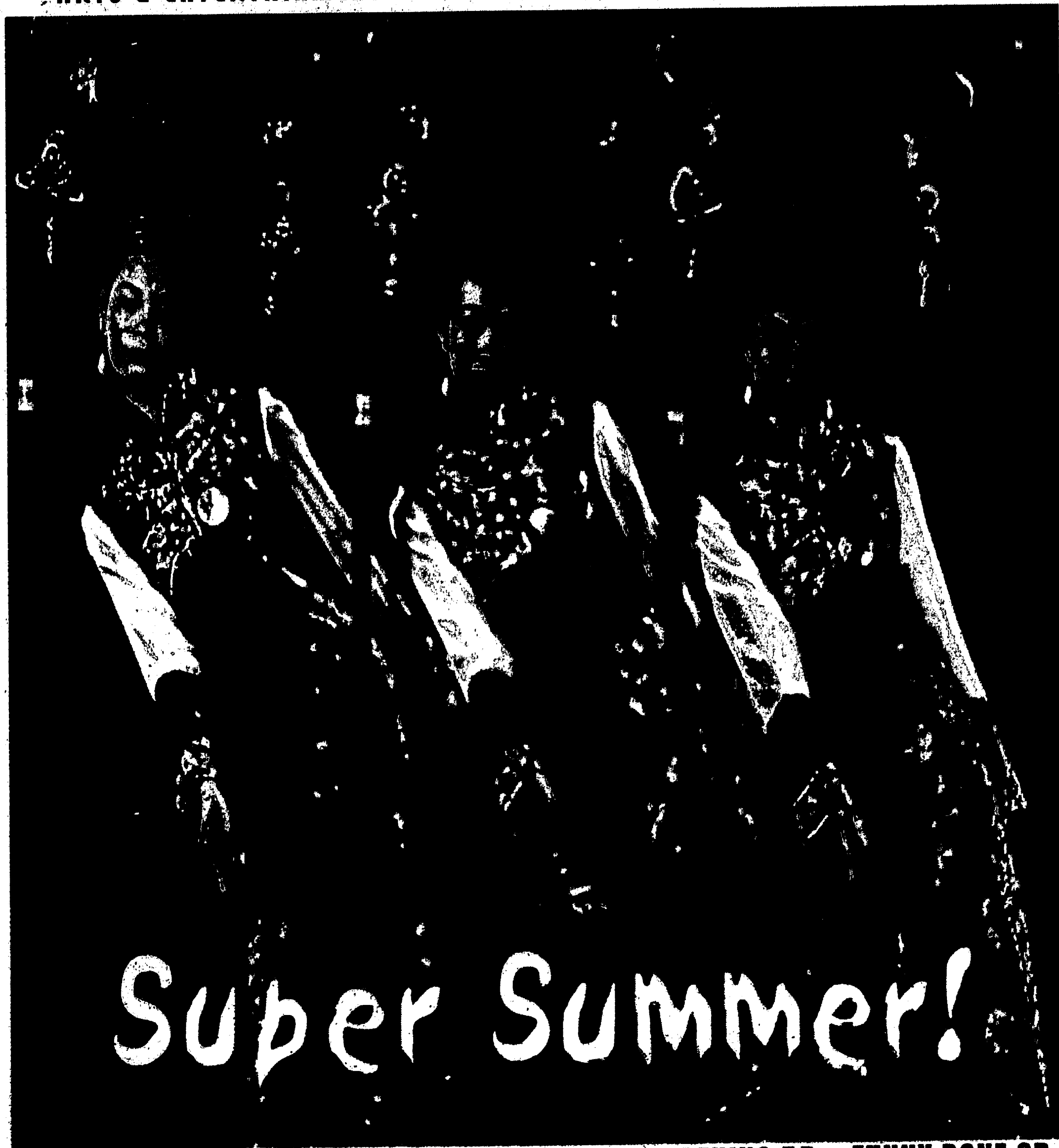
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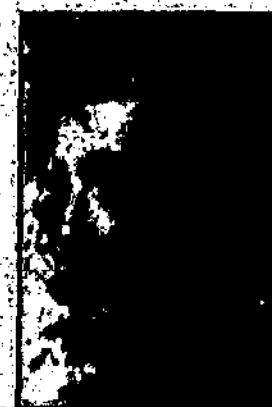
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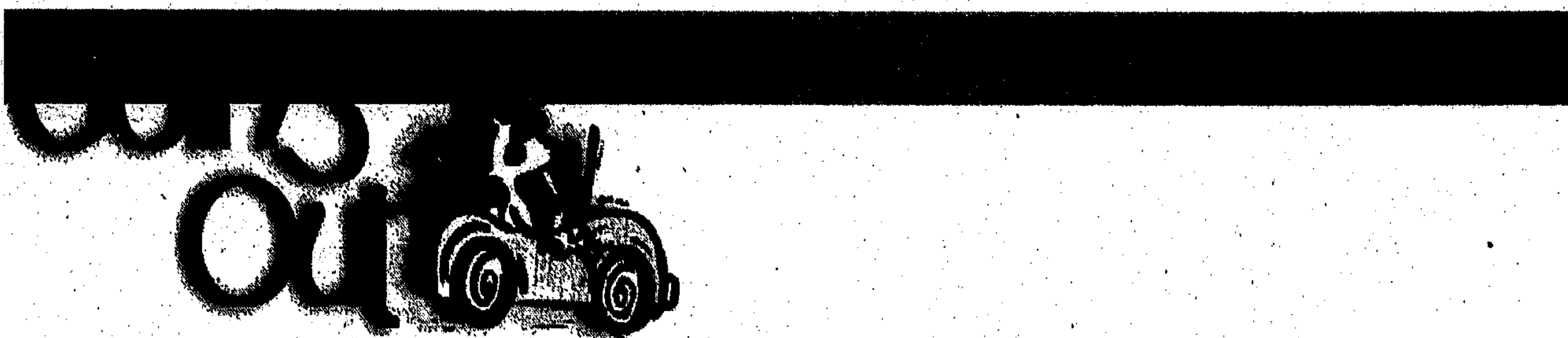


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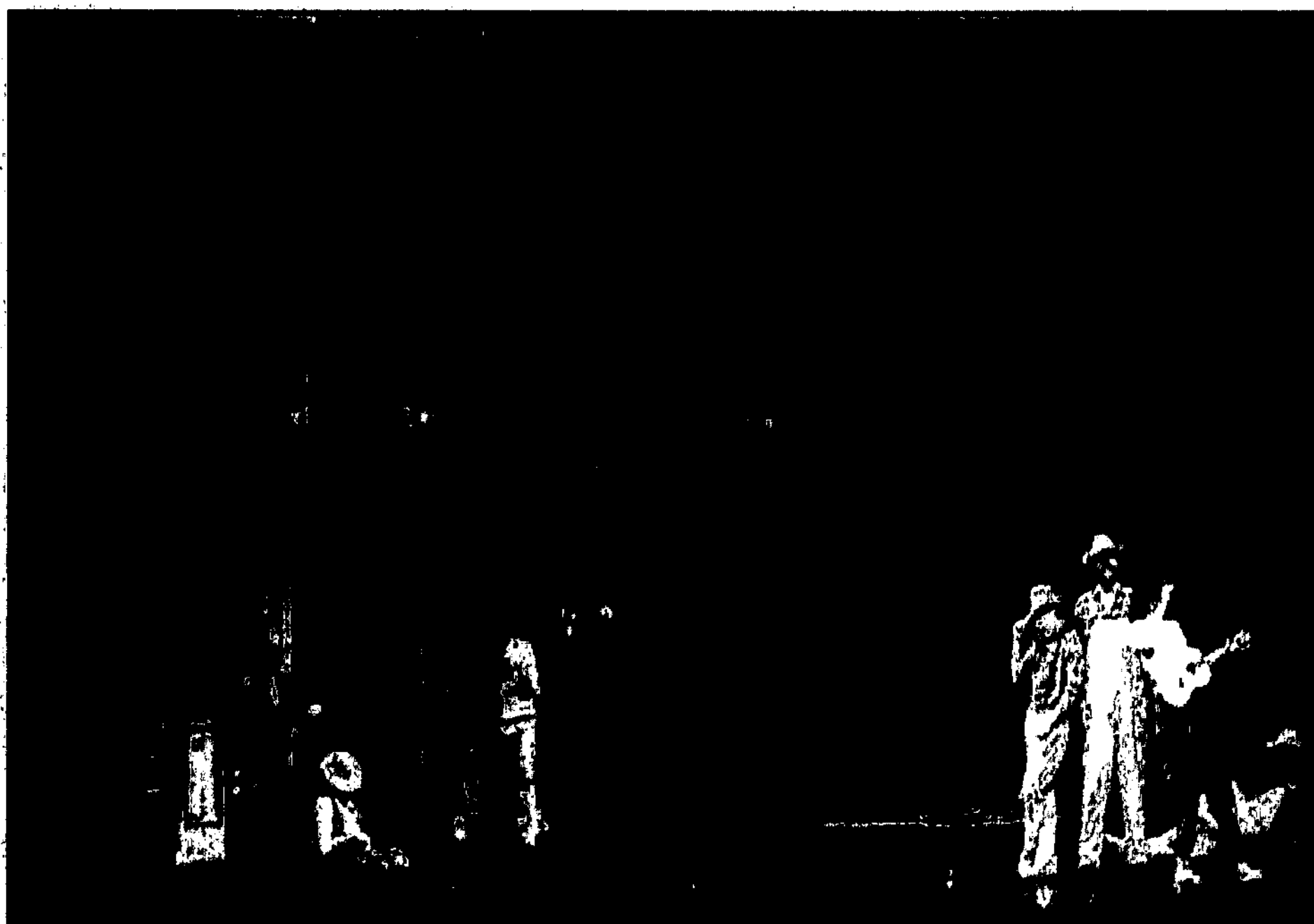
# Love and theater

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"**C**razy For You," a 1930s-style musical comedy of unforgettable songs from George and Ira Gershwin was performed 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., March 30 at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts.





## GOING OUT

# White Oaks Studio Tour

Mark your calendars for the Eighth Annual White Oaks Studio Tour, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 21 and 22 in the turn-of-the-century gold-mining town of White Oaks, now home to artists and crafts people.

New this year: Moon Dance Gallery, with woodwork, furniture, punched tin, jewelry and much more; paintings of Anny Eaby; and tile work of Lisa Maue.

Returning this year after a long absence is painter Jim Mack, who helped kick start the tours in 1994, along with John West, John Duncan, Bob Reynieron and Ivy Heymann.

Ivy's White Oaks Pottery is back online for another tour, as are painter Bob Reynieron, photographer Brad Cooper, recycled denim by Pat Cooper, sculptures by Sam Houston, woodwork by Jean Anderson, paintings by Palla, Dave Scott's woodwork and furniture and soft sculpture by Valerie Thomas. Maggie Doyle's handwoven designs will be at the pottery, as will work by Carl McDaniel, Anny Eaby and Lisa Maue.



DAVE SCOTT and his walking canes.

## Pines and vines combine this year

Pinestock, a festival of Music, Grapes and Grain will take place June 9 and 10 at the Eagle Creek Softball Complex. A combination of two events, Pinestock and the Connoisseur Classic Southwest Wine Competition, the new Pinestock has reformed and energized into a much larger event and venue.

Dubbed a "Festival of Music, Grapes and Grain," entertainment for this year's Pinestock celebration is diverse. The musical line-up offers something for everyone, with groups ranging from Country to Rock, Blues and World beat. Pinestock will feature Grammy Award winning Delbert McClinton, who will headline Saturday's show. Internationally acclaimed Jack Mack and the Heart Attack anchors Sunday's event.

Wineries from the Southwest Wine Competition, a seven-state regional wine competition, will have booths offering samples of their finest wines. Joining the wineries will be New Mexico microbreweries. A variety of other vendors will round out the festival set in the beautiful mountains of southern New Mexico. Net proceeds will be dedicated to the development of a multi-use municipal park near Grindstone Dam in Ruidoso.

"The Grindstone Park is a much needed facility and green space for the town," said organizer Mike Fisher.

Cattle Baron Restaurants Inc. has teamed up with Special Events Resource Group in Ruidoso to present Pinestock. Through their combined efforts and resources, the groups anticipate Pinestock will be the largest outdoor musical event in the area.

Other major sponsors, at press time, include Coca Cola, Runnels Broadcasting LLC, Ruidoso Lodgers Tax, Discover Card, Comfort Inn of Ruidoso, American Express, KIDX Radio, Hawthorn Suites Golf and Convention Resort in Ruidoso and Condotel.

The Pinestock musical line-up includes Delbert McClinton, Jack Mack and The Heart Attack, Chris Daniels and The Kings, Tony Furtado Band, The Motet, Larry Joe Taylor, Rusty Wier and Doug and Shannon Roysden.

The official Web site ([www.pinestock.com](http://www.pinestock.com)) will be online shortly. Tickets will be \$25 per day or \$40 for a two-day pass. VIP passes, which include a VIP reception on June 8, reserved parking and access to the festival Hospitality Area, are available for \$125 per person. Limited numbers of tickets for each day will be available, so advanced purchases are recommended. Tickets can be purchased online or by calling (877) 877 9322.



# Ruidoso Arts Commission

In my 20-odd years of working as an arts administrator, I have watched the cultural arts literally change communities — improving quality of life for its citizens, and exerting an overwhelming economic impact as well. How good it is to see these changes within a community!

But the most exciting changes occur when children/students are exposed to the arts and something "clicks." Often it is the under-achievers in the classroom — the kids who have been a discipline problem or dropouts — who kick in that right-brained system and finally resolve to become their very best when they are challenged, and succeed in one of the art forms.

I have several true stories about these successes, but today, let me tell you of one in particular.

While living in Georgia, I met a young man who was one of the

outstanding arts administrators in that state. One day he said, "The arts saved my life!" Those of us who heard his statement were dumb-founded, for he was so "together." What could he mean?

His story unfolded: As a kid, he had never been a good student. All testing showed he had the IQ to be among the top students, but instead, he was a trouble maker. No matter how his teachers tried, they just couldn't get him to buckle down and do his work. By the time he reached high school, he was one of the really bad kids, and, in fact, he had a motorcycle and was well known by the local law enforcement officials. After high school, he was roaming the country with the Hell's Angels, deeply into drugs; and living a lifestyle that is generally believed to be part of that group.

One summer day, the Hell's

Angels rode into a small town in which an arts festival was under way — one of those festivals which include all forms of the cultural arts. He and his friends meandered through the festival and he happened to watch a community theater performance. He also stumbled upon a drama tent in which actors were working with kids.

Something hooked him. He stayed behind when the Hell's Angels left town. He found day work, began volunteering at the community theatre, and got off drugs. He never looked back — never regretted parting company with his biking buddies. He had found his niche and his challenge. He began gaining self-esteem for the first time in his life. He had found his vocation, and his avocation.

He is respected throughout Georgia for his ability to involve the entire community in the arts, and is especially renowned for

his work with troubled kids — helping them to believe in themselves through the successes which are available to them in the arts.

Too many of us think only of the visual arts when we hear the term "art." But beyond painting and sculpture, "the arts" include dance, drama, music, literature, folk art and the media arts. There is an art form for every person. I am convinced of that. But each child can become an achiever. Each child can become a success. Each child can gain good self-esteem. The arts are a great alternative to gangs and drugs.

In the months ahead, your Arts Commission may ask for your time and perhaps even financial support of broadly based projects in the arts. Please say "Yes" to the arts:

*Mary Lea Lane*  
RUIDOSO ARTS COORDINATOR

## Arts Commission meeting Thursday, April 12

The regular monthly meeting of the Ruidoso Arts Commission has been scheduled for 4 p.m., Thursday April 12, in the Council Chambers of the Ruidoso Administration Center Building, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso.

The purpose of the meeting is as follows:

- Review and approval of minutes of March 8 meeting;
- Monthly report from Village Arts Coordinator;
- Discussion of Governor's Gallery Art Exhibit / Exhibit at the Hubbard Museum;
- Discussion of possible Arts Commission budget;
- Update of Public Art in new Village park;
- Update on possible animal art project.



Submissions for the weekly calendar must be turned in to the newspaper office by noon on Friday the week preceding publication.

## Saturday, April 7

### "Parsifal" on FM radio

"Parsifal" by Wagner will be broadcast in Ruidoso from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on KENW, 91.3, with James Levine conducting. The cast: Violeta Urmana (Kundry), Placido Domingo (Parsifal), Hans-Joachim Ketelsen (Amfortas), Ekkehard Wlaschiha (Klingsor), John Tomlinson (Gurnemanz).

### Atomic Bomb Class and Field Trip

8 a.m. to noon starting at the Hubbard Museum of the American West to the Trinity Site with Robert LaRue. Learn more about how and why the Atomic Bomb was developed, and visit the site of the world's first atomic explosion. Call Eastern New Mexico University to register. Field trips will be offered April 7 and 14. Call 257-2120 for more information.

### The St. Lawrence String Quartet

7:30 p.m. at the Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall at the University of Texas in El Paso. The St. Lawrence String Quartet stretches the envelope with their uniquely dramatic, dynamic approach to quartet playing. Tickets are \$17.50 for adults, \$12.50 for seniors (62 years of age and older) and military personnel, \$5 for full-time students with identification. Purchase tickets from the UTEP Ticket Center and all Ticketmaster outlets or call El Paso Pro Musica at 833-9400.

## Sunday, April 8

### The St. Lawrence String Quartet

2 p.m. at the Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall at the University of Texas in El Paso. See April 7.

### Frederick Nolan in Historic Lincoln

1-4 p.m. at the Anderson-Freeman Museum and Visitors Center in Historic Lincoln. Admission is free. Copies of Nolan's books will be available, including a limited number of *Lincoln Country War: A Documentary History* which is out of print. Books will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the Historic Lincoln Gift Shop at (505) 653-4025 to reserve an autographed copy of a book and for more information, the Hubbard Museum of the American West at (505) 378-4142.

## Monday, April 9

### Lincoln County Rural Economic Development Through Tourism Council meeting

Monthly at 10 a.m. on the second Monday of the month the council meets. These meetings are open to the public and all are welcome. This

month's meeting will be held at the San Patricio Senior Center, next door to Saint Jude's Catholic Church on Highway 70. Lunch will be available following the meeting at \$4 for those 59 years of age or younger and \$2 for those 60 and older. Lunch reservations are requested; call Renee Montes at 653-4405. Organizations wishing to have their activity considered in the grant proposal process must be represented at the monthly meetings on a continuous basis. REDTT projects include *Voice From the Past* at White Oaks Miner's Days; *Art In The Orchard*, Nogal Arfest. For information, contact Betty McCreight at (505) 648-2311.

### Lincoln County Plan Air Painters

Meetings are held at different painting locations each Monday morning. Call Sharon Ramey at 257-9278 or Ardis Hood at 378-7814 before Monday for information. Artists in any medium, photographers, poets, musicians, and even sitters and lookers are welcome.

## Tuesday, April 10

### Rivardance — The Show

7:30 p.m. at Popejoy Hall in Albuquerque. Composed by Bill Whelan, produced by Moya Doherty and directed by John McColgan. Tickets are \$39 and \$65 and can be purchased online at [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com), visiting any tickets.com outlet or by calling tickets.com at (800) 905-3315. Additional performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday, 2 and 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday.

## Wednesday, April 11

### Rivardance — The Show

See April 10.

### Pre-school Storytime

10:30 a.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library. Call 258-3704 for more information.

## Thursday, April 12

### Rivardance — The Show

See April 10.

### Ruidoso Arts Commission meeting

4 p.m. at Village Hall, open to the public.

### After-school movie

3:30-5 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library. Call 258-3704 for more information.

## Ongoing

### New Acquisitions Exhibition

Open through May 13 at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. It features the many different items donated to the museum from January 1995 through December 2000. This unique look at Americana features everything from a child's wicker saddle to an Apache rifle scabbard, stop watch and works of fine art.

### Open Studio Drawing Workshop

9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, at the Fruit of the Trees, (505) 653-4699.

### Alamogordo Space Center IMAX films

Showing at the Alamogordo Space Center IMAX theater are "Super Speedway," "SolarMax," "Mars the Red Planet," "Thrill Ride" For more information about times and prices, call (877) 333-6589

### Aspen Leaf School of Dance

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

### Blood Pressure Clinic

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

### Bridge

At the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565.

• **Party Bridge** — Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m., Fridays, 1 p.m.

• **Duplicate Bridge** — Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m.

### Captain Public Library

106 S. Lincoln Avenue. 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. Volunteers needed.

• Spanish and English workstations available to the public. Free Internet access. Call to reserve a space.

• Winter Reading Program for children up to 18 years the first Saturday of each month.

### Mom's 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.

### Ruidoso Public Library

107 Kansas City Road (next to the Ruidoso Village Hall) 258-3704. Open Monday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

• Friends of the Library Book Shoppe is open 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Exhibits & Receptions

### Chamber Exhibit of the Month

Manon Doyle's artwork is the April and



Courtesy

## JUDE LAW as Vassili in Paramount's *Enemy At The Gates*.

May Exhibit of the Month at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

### Roundup El Paso Museum of Art Exhibit

Through April 8, drawing from dozens of private and corporate art collections throughout El Paso and the surrounding region, Roundup showcases more than 50 works of art in all media, with a strong focus on 19th-20th century American artifacts, master paintings by the Taos and Santa Fe art colonies and the Mexican modernists Diego Rivera and Rufino Tamayo, as well as major contemporary works by Matthew Barney, Ross Bleckner, James Drake, Luis Jimenez.

Showtimes: \*1:45 p.m. and 7 p.m.

### "Someone Like You"

Comedy and Romance. 1 hr. 40 min. Rated PG-13 for sexual content including dialogue, and for some language. Starring: Ashley Judd, Greg Kinnear, Hugh Jackman, Ellen Barkin, Marisa Tomei. Showtimes: \*2 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m., \*9:20 p.m.

### "The Heartbreakers"

Comedy and Romance. Rated PG-13 for sex-related content including dialogue. Starring: Sigourney Weaver, Jennifer Love-Hewitt, Gene Hackman, Nora Dunn and Anne Bancroft. Showtimes: 4:30 p.m. and \*9 p.m.

## Movies

### "Enemy At The Gates"

Drama and Romance. 2 hrs. 26 min. Rated R for strong graphic war violence and some sexuality. Starring: Jude Law, Joseph Fiennes, Rachel Weisz, Ed Harris, Bob Hoskins. Directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud. Produced by John D. Schofield and Jean-Jacques Annaud. Written by Alain Godard and Jean-Jacques Annaud. Distributor: Paramount Pictures

Synopsis: While the Nazi and Russian armies hurl rank after rank of soldiers at each other and the world fearfully awaits the outcome of the battle of Stalingrad, the celebrated Russian sniper, Vassili Zaitsev (Jude Law) quietly stalks his enemies one man at a time. His fame, however, soon thrusts him into a duel with the Nazi's best sharpshooter, Major König (Ed Harris), and the two find themselves waging an intense personal war while the most momentous battle of the age rages around them. Showtimes: \*1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., \*9:15 p.m.

### "Tomcats"

Comedy and Romance. 1 hr. 45 min. Rated R for strong sexual content including dialogue, and for language. Starring: Jerry O'Connell, Jake Busey, Shannon Elizabeth, Jamie Pressly, Bill Maher.

## Music

### Gree Meadows Country Club

5 p.m. to closing New Karaoke Thursday, Sunday, Monday; 9 p.m. to closing, Fridays and Saturdays, DJ nights with DJ Pete playing Hip Hop to Classic Rock.

### Hollywood Inn and Cantina

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

### Le Distrito

Live entertainment from 7:30-11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at 2800 Sudderth Drive.

### Screaming Eagle Lounge

Open Monday through Saturday in the Enchantment Inn. Live music with Talisman Band Wednesday through Saturday. Call 378-4051 for information.

### The Quarters

Live rock and roll music Wednesday through Sunday. Karaoke on Mondays and Tuesdays at 2535 Sudderth Drive.

### Win, Place & Show

Live music by Wild Card from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at 2516 Sudderth Drive. Ladies Night is Monday.





# SPENCER SUMMER

**L**ee Meriwether, the Kingston Trio, B.J. Thomas, Van Cliburn Gold Medalist, Estéban — legendary talents and great performance traditions dazzle the Spencer Theater stage throughout the Summer Season 2001. Tickets to all shows are available at the Spencer Theater Box Office, (505) 336-4800 or (888) 818-7872; at [www.spencertheater.com](http://www.spencertheater.com), or at Furr's Supermarket locations.

*A steady stream of award-winning artists will shine on the Spencer Theater stage May through August 2001 in a summer-long celebration of legendary artists and cultural legacies.*

The 14-week Summer Season 2001 is heavy on American heritage, especially with the timeless tunes that helped fuel the popular culture of several generations. Yet, the season also includes exotic, far eastern artistry of rare beauty and

grace, and the virtuosity of classic European talents.

The action takes place both inside and outdoors at the award-winning theater, located about 15-miles north of Mid Town in Ruidoso. Public ticket sales to four

or more shows (series tickets) start Monday, April 9; single ticket sales begin Monday, April 23. For theater brochures, program information or ticket orders, please contact the theater at (505) 336-4800 or toll free at (888) 818-7872.



## *Summer 2001 Concert Series* *Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts*

"Plaza Suite" — May 19  
Kingston Trio, Wine Festival — June 2  
"Treasure Island" — June 9  
World Festival of Harps — June 15  
Van Cliburn Gold Medalist — June 23  
A Ballet "Salute to Swing" — June 30  
B.J. Thomas, Solid Gold — July 20  
Estéban, "Yanni Meets Feliciano" — July 28  
"Jungle Book" — August 4  
Hollywood Hills Orchestra — August 11  
Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company — August 18  
Duo Pianos/Twin Pianists Julia and Irina Elkina — August 25



the Hollywood Hills Orchestra recreates the spirit and passion of Hollywood's greatest and most beloved film scores: "Chariots of Fire," Tara ("Gone With the Wind"), "The Way We Were," "Over The Rainbow," "Time Goes By," for a program that celebrates America's popular imagination.

At 8 p.m., August 18 a virtual kaleidoscope of color and form takes the stage as the San Francisco-based Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company creates a living mosaic of beauty and grace. Using elegant dance steps, ornate costumes, ruby and emerald colored ribbons, the delicately sensual dancers of Cai's all-female troupe will stun audiences while

Launching the season at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. May 19 is Neil Simon's hilarious "Plaza Suite," the quintessential American dramatic comedy by the master of the genre. Full of pathos and humor, "Plaza Suite" stars the venerable stage and screen talent Lee Meriwether (of Miss America, "Barnaby Jones," "The Munsters" and "All My Children" fame) and her actor/writer husband Marshall Borden. In three segments, the drama about marriage and the hazards of familiarity takes place in Suite 719 of New York City's famed Plaza Hotel. A honeymoon, an affair, a bride-to-be, "Plaza Suite" is a Neil Simon favorite that keeps audiences laughing long after the last curtain.

June brings in the Kingston Trio, whose harmonies defined the musical tastes of an entire generation. The venerable musicians will take the outdoor stage June 2 at 7 p.m. for an event entitled "Twilight, Stars and Wine Festival" — a sumptuous evening of great acoustic music, gourmet food and tasty wine amid a beautiful setting of mountain peaks and wildflower meadows.

Two weeks later, June 15 at 8 p.m., an extravaganza of fiery melodies and fast-paced folk rhythms sweeps the hall with the exotic World Festival of Harps, a jamboree of harpists and unique harps from West Africa, China, South America and the Celtic lands.

On June 23 at 7 p.m., the Van Cliburn Competition Gold Medalist, a virtuoso pianist whose star is soaring,

will perform at the Spencer. The gold medalist is considered by an international panel of judges to be the very best of the best in the world. The El Paso Symphony Orchestra and its internationally acclaimed music director, Gurer Aykal, will accompany the winner in concert.

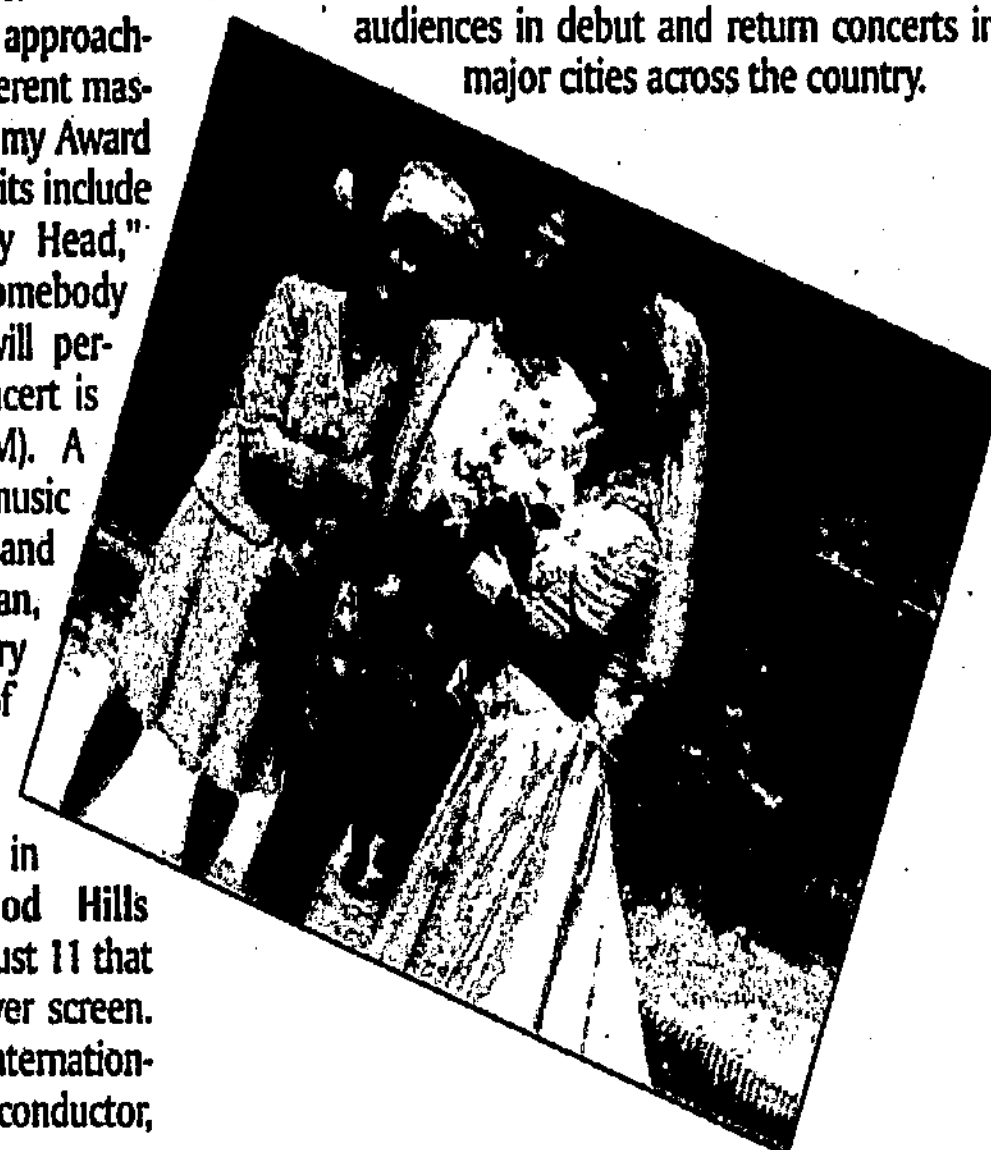
Originality takes the stage 8 p.m., June 30 with a swing-ballet salute to the great toe-tapping tunes of Frank Sinatra, Benny Goodman, the Andrew Sisters, Nat King Cole and Duke Ellington. Called a "Salute to Swing," this exciting program is choreographed and danced by the innovative State Street Ballet of Santa Barbara, a group of 16 dynamic dancers recognized for the fresh spin they've given traditional dance.

July will be the month of diverse musical approaches and genres shared by two distinctly different masters. At 8 p.m., July 20, five-time Grammy Award winner B.J. Thomas, whose greatest hits include "Rain Drops Keep Falling On My Head," "Hooked on a Feeling," "Another Somebody Done Somebody Wrong Song," will perform legendary favorites. (The concert is sponsored in part by KRUI 1490-AM). A week later, at 8 p.m., July 28, the music evolves with Flamenco, jazz, western and classical guitar as performed by Estéban, the master classical guitarist. A sensitive, fiery and romantic performer, Estéban is one of only a handful of students to have studied with the legendary Andrés Segovia.

Bringing to the Spencer a new trend in orchestra programming, the Hollywood Hills Orchestra presents a concert at 8 p.m., August 11 that is solely dedicated to the music of the silver screen. Under the direction of Mac Frampton, the internationally acclaimed concert pianist, arranger and conductor,

bridging the past to the present, East to West. Cai's troupe, called "Seductive" by the *San Francisco Chronicle*, melds ancient Chinese dance forms with American ballet aesthetics. This performance will truly be a unique journey into cultural artistry.

Closing the Spencer Summer Season 2001 with panache at 8 p.m. on August 25, the stunning virtuosity of Irina and Julia Elkina, the acclaimed twin Russian pianists, will capture the attention of classical music lovers and connoisseurs of style alike. Lauded as "undeniably wonderfully matched," by the *Miami Herald*, and as an "effortless ensemble" by the *New York Times*, the U.S.-based Elkina sisters have dazzled audiences in debut and return concerts in major cities across the country.





### Adobe, The

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

### Art and Artifact

107 S. Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, 354-2316

A contemporary gallery featuring fine art and rare, unusual objects for collectors. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday or by appointment.

### Benson Fine Art

Off Highway 70, San Patricio, 653-4081  
In Hondo Valley: entrada gallery with early Southwestern artists, guest house gallery with landscape photography and contemporary gallery; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday or by appointment.

### Blue Cow Pottery Company

616 Sudderth Drive, 630-1122  
(At Home Again Antiques & Collectibles Mall) Handmade, wheel-thrown, originals — everything to classically glazed functional pottery. Denimware, Petroglyphs, Cranberries & Oats. See artists at work on premises.

### Crucis Art Bronze

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

### Expressions in Bronze

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

### Fruit of the Trees

Highway 380 between mile markers 95 and 96, 653-4699  
Artist Paula Wilson and bookbinder Beverly Wilson showcase handmade paper, blank journals and multiple paper products. North at the sign on Highway 380 between mile markers 95 and 96, follow the drive to the studio. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday - Sunday.

### G.D. Garrett Fine Art

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

### Handwoven Designs

102 Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, 354-2008  
Maggie L. Jyle 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 Highway 70 in San Patricio, 653-4331  
Michael Hurd's latest works plus works by Peter Hurd, Henrietta Wyeth Hurd, Andrew Wyeth, Jamie Wyeth, Carol Hurd Rogers and Peter de la Fuente. Works can be viewed Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment on Sunday.

### The Kenyon Thomas Gallery

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

### Lorene & Larry's Frame & Art

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

### J. Mauritsen Studio

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

### La Paloma Gallery

Mile marker 98, U.S. 380, Lincoln, 653-4619  
Contemporary fine art by New Mexican and other artists. Open most days 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. but a call ahead is advised. Check our Web page: [www.lapaloma-gallery.com](http://www.lapaloma-gallery.com).

### Lincoln State Monument

Highway 380, Lincoln, 653-4372  
Montaño Store and exhibits highlighting the Montaño 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 at the Courthouse for admission to seven buildings, including those of the Hubbard Museum.

### McMahon Fine Art

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

### Mtn. Arts Gallery & Framing

2530 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9748  
Originals and prints by local artist Teri Sodd, prints by B. Jaxon, D. Terbush, A. Shade, Henle, J. Larson, B. Carver, G. Snidow, S. Wamsley. Open 7 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.

### Piñon Pottery Studio & Gallery

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

### Red Rose Art Studio

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

### Sacred Images, Angels & Icons

Ruidoso, 257-9557  
New Orleans artist Jim Leasure specializes in portraits of clients' guardian angels. He also paints angelic-themed school and church murals, ceilings and walls of private homes and businesses. His studio is open to the public by appointment.

### Spring Canyon Gallery

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

### Stribling Fine Art

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

### T Cross Antler Lighting & Home Furnishings

107 Altamira Drive, Alto, 336-9171  
Scott and Trish Thompson's creative antler lighting, log, iron, antler and leather furnishings features their custom designs or yours. Call for appointment.

### The Tree's House

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

### Unique Creations

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

### Western Trails Gallery

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

### White Mtn. Pottery Gallery

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

### White Oaks Pottery Studio & Gallery

3 1/2 miles NE of White Oaks, 648-2985  
From her adobe studio, potter Ivy Heyman makes functional porcelain, sculptures and lighting in the shadow of Patos Mountain. A one-hour drive north from Ruidoso. Open 7 days, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### ZW's gallery

Milemarker 4 3/4, Highway 37, Nogal  
Weaving, spinning, blacksmithing. Open from noon to 6 p.m., Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday.

### Wildland Firefighter Museum

Across the street from the Smokey Bear Historical Park, Capitan, 354-4251  
Features equipment from the past, gift shop, T-shirts from fires and agencies (USFS, BLM, State FS and BIA), educational. Admission is free. Open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week, April through Oct. 28.

## Local student's art is just ducky



The art of Lem Bartley, a Capitan High School student, received honorable mention in the 2001 New Mexico Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest sponsored by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge. More than 1,500 other

designs were submitted by New Mexico students.

Sixteen honorable mention winners were chosen in the 10th through 12th-grade group.

The first- and second-place winners' work will be exhibited at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge in San Antonio for one year.

## CALL FOR THE ARTS

## Arts and Crafts Show and Silent Auction at Nob Hill school

Artists and crafters are encouraged to exhibit at this fund-raiser for Nob Hill Early Childhood Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 5. Money raised from the 46 booths at \$25 each will go into the school's activity fund for computers and equipment for classrooms, said one of the organizers, Bonnie Rossiter, the school nurse.

All items must be hand-made. So far, booths have been reserved for wearable art, lamps, furniture, intarsia (inlaid wood), woodworking, nature-frames, wreaths, baskets and decorated towels.

Call 257-9041 for an application.

## Artist's Bulletin Board

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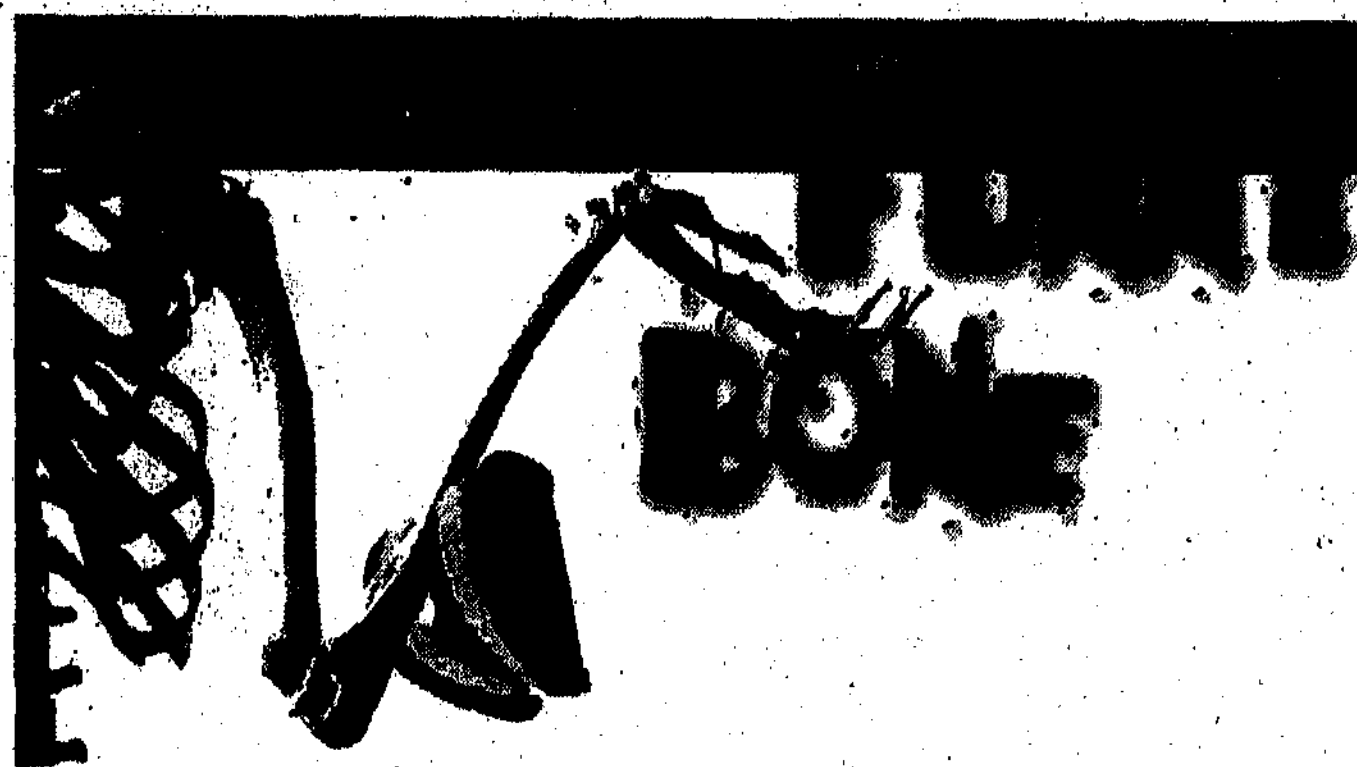
A NEW SERIES OF CLASSES ON MEDITATION began at 1 p.m., Tuesday, April 3 at the High Mesa Healing Center, located at 101 Mader Lane, Alto. On Tuesday April 10 there will be a great speaker on toning, Daron Greenwald from High Lonesome Ranch in Tularosa. For more information call 336-4808 or 336-7777.

LAST CALL FOR THE LA PLACITA DEL RIO BONITO Traditional Hispanic Arts Market, a juried show in Lincoln August 4 during Old Lincoln Days. The deadline is April 20.

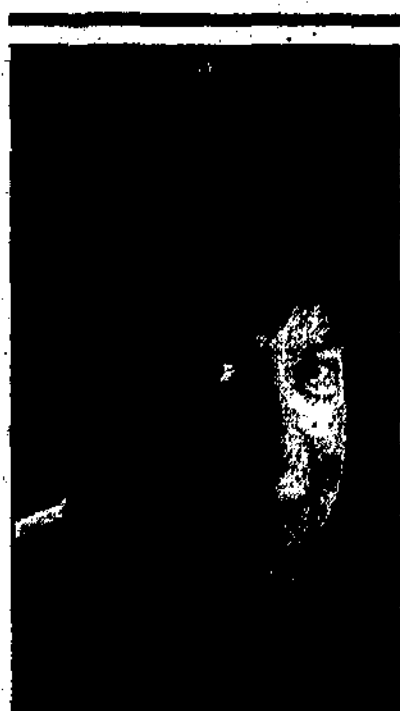
Cash awards will be made for bultos, retablos, straw inlay, textiles and tin work.

For information and applications, contact Hugh R. Fox, Box 174, Lincoln, NM 88338; e-mail: [foxes@pvtnetworks.net](mailto:foxes@pvtnetworks.net); (505) 653-4619.

Fax notices to Sandy at 257-7053, mail to Ruidoso News, P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso, NM 88355 or e-mail to [ruidosonews@zianet.com](mailto:ruidosonews@zianet.com).



# A few nice words about IRS on way to Leavenworth



Dave Barry  
DAVE'S WORLD  
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Every year at tax time, I write a lighthearted "fun" column about the Internal Revenue Service, in which I make a lot of jokes that are not serious, because I'm just kidding around in a humorous vein. The truth is that I have the deepest respect for the IRS, and for the thousands of fine men and women and Doberman pinschers who work there.

Ha ha! That's an example of the kind of good-natured "jab" I usually take at the IRS, stemming from affection, rather than hostility. Because in all seriousness, I believe that the IRS is wonderful. If I'm at a party, and some loud braggart tries to put the IRS down, I brandish my hors d'oeuvre at that person with barely controlled fury and say: "Listen, my friend, if you think you can insult a fine federal agency, which under the bold leadership of Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti has made big strides toward modernization and

improved customer service, then be prepared to take a celery stalk to the eyeball."

Call me a loyal taxpayer if you want but, gosh darn it, that is how I feel about the IRS.

Anyway, as I say, over the years I have written quite a few columns affectionately "joshing" the IRS. I had planned to do such a column this year, featuring some good-natured "zingers." For example, I was going to suggest that all taxpayers should take a special "tax pardon," under which you would deduct the first \$48 million you owed the government, on the grounds that, hey, if Marc Rich doesn't have to pay it, why the heck should YOU? Ha ha! I bet the IRS would get a "kick" out of that!

I was also going to suggest that all you taxpayers check out the fun IRS Internet site that is supposed to teach young people why we pay taxes — <http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/taxi/index.html>

This site features cartoon characters such as "Sherri Shine" and "PJ Fly," who speak in "hep" youthful slang lingo, as when Sherri Shine says: "So, like, who invented this tax

thing?"

On the IRS site, you travel through history with Sherri and PJ in PJ's "time taxi" and learn everything about the

American tax system, except (1) why it's riddled with loopholes for special interests; and (2) why it's incomprehensible to most Americans. At the end of this journey, you realize, along with Sherri and PJ, that we have a really swell and fair tax system, and that we need to pay taxes so our government can provide us with benefits such as ... well, such as an elaborate Internet site that brainwashes young people.

Ha ha! There I go again! What a kiddler I am!

So these were some of the humorous "digs" I had planned to take at the IRS this year in my annual tax column. But then, on

the VERY MORNING that I was going to write this column, an amazing coincidence occurred: I got a letter from the IRS, informing me that I have been chosen for an audit. I swear I am not making this up. This letter does not have the same fun tone as the IRS Internet site. As I understand it, as a layperson, it basically states that the IRS wants me to

produce every document that has ever existed, including the original Magna Carta.

I admit that, for just a moment, I wondered if maybe I was being audited because I have written so many columns "poking fun" at the IRS. But then I thought: No way! Because the fine folks of the IRS have a GREAT sense of humor. I'm sure they know that, deep down inside, I am their biggest fan.

That's why this year, instead of my usual "sarcastic" tax column, I want to take this opportunity to sincerely express how much I love the IRS. I am CRAZY for the IRS. I want to kiss the IRS on the lips. I want to take the IRS to a drive-in movie and make a serious move in the direction of third base. That is the passion I feel for the IRS and its director, Mr. Rossotti, who is a god among men. Mr. Rossotti, if you are reading this, let me say in all sincerity that it would be my personal honor to clean your insoles with my tongue. Thank you for even considering this offer.

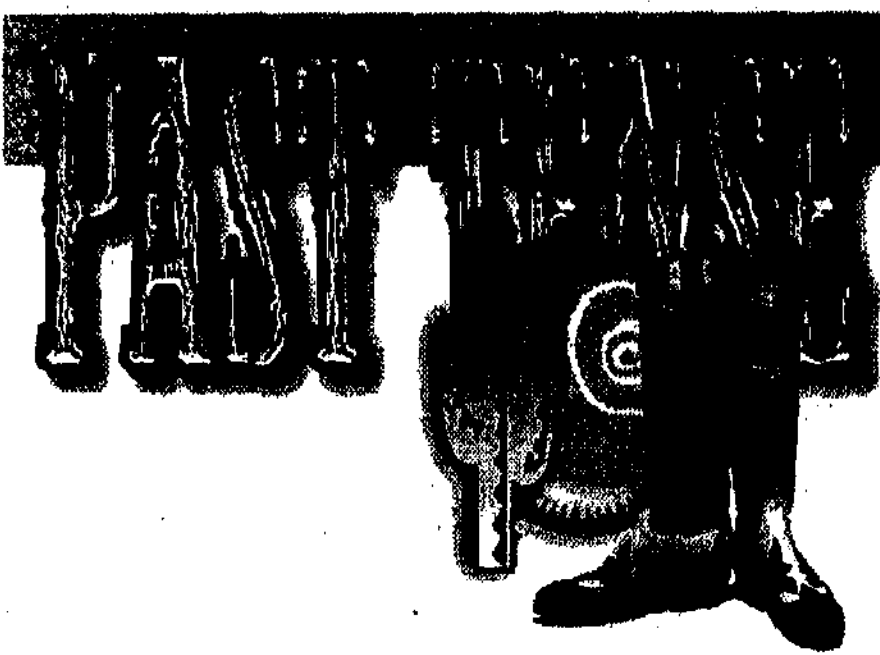
And to you taxpayers out there, let me say this: Make sure you file your tax return on time! And remember that, even though income taxes can be a "pain in the neck," the folks at the IRS are regular people just like you, except that they can destroy your life. Also, please send me food in prison.

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# Hell in Caldwell, Kansas

## Part 2

*"The killing of Brown did have one positive effect: the citizens got together and collected public donations to purchase the Red Light. Apparently just buying the place wasn't enough. They moved it to another part of town and turned it into a grain warehouse."*

James D. Sherman, known in Caldwell, Kansas, as Jim Talbot, was thought by many to be something of a hardcase and on December 17, 1881, proved it beyond any shadow of a doubt. On that day, he led a large group of Texas cowboys around Caldwell, shooting their pistols, willy-nilly, at well, anything that moved.



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HENRY NEWTON BROWN.

Marshal John Wilson, thought to be something of a waste of space by nearly everyone in Caldwell, met the cowboys following Talbot head-on. Wilson and his deputies returned the fire of the drunken cowboys and in no time hundreds of shots had been fired. *The Wichita Times* was prompted to observe that "As we go to press, Hell is in session in Caldwell."

They weren't kidding, either. During the gun battle, many of Caldwell's citizens had come to the assistance of the beleaguered lawmen, including Mayor Mike Meagher. And it was Talbot himself who had dropped the mayor with a fatal rifle shot. Meagher wasn't the only fatality. George Spear, son of Charles and brother of Dave, had decided to join the cowboy

faction and had paid for this foolishness with his life. With two dead men and most of the buildings riddled, the cowboys took to their horses and thundered out of town.

### Meagher mourned

Mike Meagher, despite his possible complicity in the death of George Flatt, had been a popular man not only in Caldwell, but also in Wichita, where he had served as marshal. And with his death at the age of 38, both places went into mourning. The best tribute came from *The Wichita Eagle*: "With nothing of the dare-devil or reckless bravado in his composition, nevertheless Mike Meagher did not know the meaning of person-

al fear." It went on to say that Meagher had faced "the worst desperadoes between the Missouri and the Rio Grande, large numbers of whom boasted the blood of fellow beings, reckless, red-handed manslayers, whose only notion of heroism was embodied in the expression that 'he had killed his man.'" Even this wasn't enough for the *Eagle*. It spoke of Meagher's "consummate coolness and wonderful bravery," and then went on to attack Talbot, the killer, saying that he "would never have accomplished his awful work in an open field and equal chances. The brave spirit before whom murderers have quailed and mobs slunk away, was freed only by deadly stealth."

Just for the record, it was not until 1895 that Talbot was captured and returned to Caldwell to be tried for the death of Mike Meagher. Tried twice for the same crime, the first trial resulted in a hung jury and the second time Talbot was acquitted. No matter. A year later, after he had returned to California, Talbot was killed by an unidentified assassin.

As previously noted, the citizens of Caldwell did not hold Marshal Wilson in the same high esteem that they had Mike Meagher. Shortly after the Talbot gunfight, Wilson was removed from office by the city council and three years later, when he was killed in an argument over a card game at Wellington, Kansas, his Caldwell obituary said that his wife and children would "probably be as well off without him as with him."

How moving.

Wilson's replacement was, well, not of the same ilk as his predecessors. In fact, one wonders what in the world he was doing in the position at all! His name was George S. Brown, a 28-year-old restaurateur and gunsmith who was described by another citizen as being "a young man of an exceptionally good character [who] had a fair education, and [was] unaccustomed to mingling with the rougher elements of society, especially of the drunken cowboys and daredevils ... He was by nature fearful of meeting the adversary or foe, but [he was] a true gentleman, a lover of peace ..." Like I say, you just gotta wonder what in the world Brown, as well as the citizens of Caldwell, were thinking.

## Goodbye George Brown

It comes as no big surprise when one finds that Brown lasted only a few months as Caldwell's chief lawman. On June 22, 1882, Brown and a constable named Willis Metcalf were summoned to the Red Light (yet again!) to disarm two cowboys who had "neglected" to turn in their weapons upon their arrival in town.

What the two lawmen did not know was that these two men were not your average cowboys. In fact, they really weren't cowboys at all. One Texas Ranger said that they were "decidedly the gamest desperadoes in Texas." They were two brothers named Ed and Jim Bean and, on their way to Caldwell, they had 1) escaped from the Texas penitentiary, 2) shot a deputy U.S. Marshal in Smith County, Texas, and 3) killed another three men in the Indian Nations (Oklahoma). Had poor George Brown known this, he may have thought twice about doing what he did.

When Brown and Metcalf arrived at the Red Light, they were informed that the two men had repaired to the rooms upstairs so that they might enjoy some uh, female companionship ... As the lawmen mounted the stairs with Brown in the lead, they were suddenly confronted by Jim Bean, who had already drawn his pistol and was not about to hand it over to Brown when the latter politely requested that he do so. Suddenly Ed Bean also appeared and began struggling with Metcalf. At the same moment, Jim Bean and George Brown began grappling with each other, with Brown trying desperately to keep Bean's pistol pointed somewhere other than at his person. Unfortunately, he was unsuccessful, and Bean finally managed to work the pistol around so that it was pointed directly at Brown's head from just a few inches away. Then, Bean pulled the trigger.

According to one incredibly graphic newspaper account, Brown fell "at the head of the stairs, his face covered with a clot of blood and his brains spattered on the wall and floor of the building, while the gore dripped through the floor to the rooms below." At this point, Metcalf went into shock and just stood gaping as the two desperadoes, keeping their pistols trained on

him, exited the building.

On October 11, 1882, the two brothers were again cornered by lawmen near Decatur, Texas. This time, however, things went differently. When the Beans opened fire, the posse, possibly spurred on by the \$500 (each) reward for the two, returned the fire with a vengeance. Ed was killed outright while Jim began to closely resemble a piece of swiss cheese, having been hit 12 times. Jim had become the proud owner of a new collection of lead that included two Winchester rounds and 10 buckshot. Nevertheless, he was still alive and was, therefore, transported back to Caldwell to stand trial for the killing of George Brown.

At Caldwell, Bean bragged that he and his brother together "had killed eighteen men, not counting negroes." Unfortunately for the citizens of Caldwell, they were deprived of the opportunity of seeing Bean dance on the end of a rope when the outlaw finally succumbed to his wounds on November 5, 1882.

The killing of Brown did have one positive effect: the citizens got together and collected public donations to purchase the Red Light. Apparently just buying the place wasn't enough. They moved it to another part of town and turned it into a grain warehouse. By 1886, it was being used as a telephone exchange.

## Bat Carr

Attempting to learn from their mistakes, the city fathers began casting about for a man who was not of the same fold as George Brown, who, obviously, was far too easy-going. Ultimately, they decided to look outside the city limits and imported a professional "town tamer."

Wild Bill Hickok had been the best of the breed as far as taming towns was concerned, but he had been murdered over six years previous. The city fathers finally settled on B.P. "Bat" Carr, known as a gunman and gambler, who they imported from Colorado City, Texas. When Carr first pinned on the Caldwell Marshal's badge on June 27, 1882, the Caldwell Commercial gushed that "Carr is a quiet, unassuming man, but there is that look about him which at once impresses a person with the idea

that he will do his whole duty fearlessly ... We have not the least doubt that he will give entire satisfaction ..."

Local man George Freeman described Carr thusly: "a man weighing perhaps one hundred eighty pounds ...; well proportioned, probably five feet, eight inches in height. His manner was pleasing to the ladies and agreeable to the gentlemen. His dress was without fault; he was usually seen dressed in a uniform of dark navy blue, with polished gilt trimming and brass buttons. On his finger he wore a handsome ring set with precious stones; in his hand he carried a polished cane and upon his breast a large silver star with the words, 'Bat Carr, Marshal' inscribed upon it."

## Pangs of guilt

Local business people were, perhaps, feeling a little guilty for placing a man as inexperienced as George Brown in the highly dangerous position of marshal and then getting him killed. Consequently, they showered gifts on Carr. Less than three weeks after his appointment, Bat was presented with a pair of fancy six-shooters costing \$75 (keep in mind that the original price of the old .45 Peacemaker was \$12.50), and in October, they presented him with a \$75 gold badge described in one of the local papers as "the handsomest badge we ever saw, solid gold in the form of a shield suspended from a plate at the top by chains. The lettering is black enamel, and bears the inscription 'Batt [sic] Carr, City Marshal, Caldwell,'"

Kan."

While the citizens may have publicly approved of Carr, privately they had reservations. Again, according to George Freeman, Carr's "whole nature was enigmatic. He was, apparently, at once the polished gentleman and the daring frontiersman, shrinking from and courting danger at the same time; large in his own estimation, yet modest and most unpretentious among his associates ... His height of ambition was to be feared by men. He took great pride in having his name looked upon with terror and dismay by the cowboy and desperado."

It seems that many of Caldwell's citizens considered Carr to be the proverbial "necessary evil." No one paid a whole lot of attention when he hired a young man named Henry Brown as his deputy. But they should have. A veteran of the Lincoln County War and a former pal of Billy the Kid, Henry Newton Brown was as dangerous as they come, and his actions as a lawman in Caldwell were destined to shock the citizens, not only of Caldwell, but of the West in general, more than any of those same citizens would have believed possible.

Sources: Caldwell by R.K. DeArment; *The Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters* by Bill O'Neal and *The Age of The Gunfighter* by Joseph G. Rosa.

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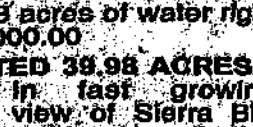


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CALL MARTIN ROSE  
**A GREAT GET AWAY OR STARTER HOME**  
The owner, a building contractor, has totally remodeled this cozy 3 Br, 1 Ba cabin. The all white pine interior, fireplace & 400 sq ft sun room make this hideaway a delightful place. \$69,900. MLS# 92617  
CALL PATRICIA KEARNS  
**LOVELY 3/2 CONDO**  
Light & airy, cozy fireplace in living-dining-kitchen. Great location - end unit - 1st level. Very nice neighborhood. \$117,500. MLS# 94291  
CALL KATHY CRAIG  
**COZY 3 BR, 2BA HOME**  
In prestigious White Mt Estates. Light & Open living area. W/beamend vaulted ceilings, a magnificent corner fireplace. Lots of windows, large deck w/view, circular drive for easy access. \$157,900 MLS# 94887  
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**INCREDIBLE ...**  
Custom home on Eagle Creek. Room for horses. Country charm with beautiful tile & rock work. A very special home on acreage, yet close to town. Seller is New Mexico Estate Agent. \$599,000. # 94827  
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**FULL GOLF MEMBERSHIP HOME**  
Is on a heavily wooded cul-de-sac. Like new, really well kept with a nice deck & a dog run. 3 Br, 3 Ba in High Mesa. \$188,000. MLS# 94171  
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**SPLIT LEVEL HOME**  
Large tread lot, new carpet, nice open floor plan, 2 fireplaces. Big decks with nice mountain views. 4 Br, 2-1/2, 1-3/4 and 1-1/2 bath. \$287,500. MLS# 93583  
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**2 YEAR OLD HOME**  
On 2+ acres. Can be used light commercial. Easy access, in the tall pines. This is a great floor plan & has office in the home \$295,000. MLS# 94838  
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## 080 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

**LAS CASITAS DE ROSA.** Excellent location. 2 bedrooms upstairs; 1.25 bathrooms; and w/d hookups. \$525 plus utilities. Call 505-258-9202.

## APARTMENTS ON NOB HILL

All new  
Santa Fe  
Style 4-Plexes

Move in  
Specials

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**1 BD APARTMENT** available in Capitán. Water, trash and sewer paid. \$290-0023 or 354-2711.

**\$310 EFFICIENCY** Cabins; midtown, utilities paid. Clean and cozy. 258-5877

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**CUTE AND COZY 1BD** unfurnished, fireplace. Good location. \$395/mo., water paid. References. 378-5250 or 257-0098

**FREE: 1 MONTH RENT** with each 12 Private deck, great view and fireplace too. Unfurnished, water and garbage paid. 1BD \$400/mo 2BD \$450/mo 417 Mechem 585-443-9585

**NICEST TWO BEDROOM,** one bath apartment in town. Cathedral ceilings, washer/dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator, stove included. Gas heat/hot water. LOW UTILITIES. 915-757-8043 for details.

## 070 HOUSES FOR RENT

**DON'T WORRY... WE HAVE RENTALS!**

**224 SANDY DRIVE.** Spacious unfurnished 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Refrigerator, stove, W/D hookups. Built-in fireplace. \$750. + utilities. NO PETS. Available April 30.

**119 JUNIPER COURT.** Fully furnished, 4 BDR, 3 1/2 Bath, 2 living areas, large deck area. \$1,600 + utilities. One year lease.

**113 WINGFIELD.** Unfurnished 2 BDR (possibly 3 BDR), 1 BA, roomy! \$650 + utilities.

**MOBILE HOMES:**  
**1025 GAVILAN CANYON RD.** Unfurnished 2 BDR/1BA mobile. \$400 per month (includes water) + utilities. On Market, month to month.

**1023 GAVILAN CANYON RD.** Unfurnished 2 BDR/1BA mobile. \$400 per month (includes water) + utilities. On Market, month to month.

**CONDOS:**  
**LOOKOUT MANOR L.S.** - Furnished, 2 BDR/1 1/2 Bath \$650 per month. Includes water & electric. On Market, month to month. NO PETS.

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Pat Parsons, Lic. #37022

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## 080 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

**UTILITIES PAID. CLEAN.** Modern 2BD Apartment. New paint, blinds, good carpet and appliances. \$450 Lease and deposit. No pets. (505)521-4057

## 090 MOBILES FOR RENT

**3BD/2BA FLEETWOOD** 14X70 on river near Y. Nica. 378-7099 or 1-915-528-8328.

**SMALL TRAILER ON** horse farm on river next to race track. private. \$300/mo. includes utilities. 378-8193.

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**2BD/2BA CONDO.** \$850/mo. Call Ritter & Associates at 378-8191.

**CHAMPIONS RUN Condo** for rent, fully furnished, 3bd/3ba, \$600/mo plus utilities. 378-5410.

**LEASE/RENTAL CREE** Meadows year old townhome. 3BD/2-1/2BA single garage. 3bd/2ba, fully furnished. Available now 480-855-3311

**MOUNTAIN VIEW 2 bed-** room, 2 1/2 bath, 2 living, deck. Like New. Good neighborhood. \$750 month plus utilities. First and last month required. 505-398-4922, 505-491-3421.

## 120 MOBILE SPACES FOR RENT

**APPLE BLOSSOM Trailer** Park Spaces available by the month. Utilities paid except propane. References. 378-4272 Leave message.

## 150 STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT

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

April Special  
1st two months  
1/2 price.  
Affordable Storage  
257-9417  
253 Carrizo Canyon Rd.

**FORTRESS MINI Storage** at the Castle, Highway 70. All sizes, including (2) 20x60 in Prestige Cabinet Showroom. 257-0313 or 257-7622

**L & D SELF STORAGE** Hwy 48. Space available. 258-4589 or 257-8483.

## 170 BUSINESS RENTALS

**1 TO 4 OFFICE SPACES** for rent. On Mechem call Rick at 257-9570 or 354-7031

**410 MECHAM OFFICE** bld, 5 offices, reception, Handicapped access, air, excellent condition, RE, medical office professional. \$1450.00 month. Jennie @ Stevens RE 1-888-556-1349.

**FOR LEASE:** Four office suite, approx. 1000 sq. ft. plus shared reception area, kitchen/storage area, partly furnished. 1206 Mechem. 258-4030.

**FOR LEASE: PRIME** midtown walking area. 3200 sq. ft. building with lots of decking and parking. Excellent location for restaurant, artist co-op, retail etc. Available May 1st (505) 258-3817

**FOR LEASE: PRIME** office space. Executive suites with conference room. Also, larger multi-office suites. Interior or golf course/mountain views. Abundant parking. 505-258-8824.

## 070 HOUSES FOR RENT

## FOR RENT

- 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, unfurnished condo. \$750/mo plus utilities.
- 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath furnished condo. \$700/mo plus util.
- 2 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath cabin furn. \$625/mo plus util.
- 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage, large flat lot with easy access, unfurnished. Great Sierra Blanca and golf course views. \$1,300.00/mo plus utilities.
- RV Space available. \$135.00/mo plus utilities. No pets.
- UNFURNISHED 2 bdrm, 1 bath. \$400.00/mo plus utilities. No pets.

**NIGHTLY RENTALS ALSO AVAILABLE.** Call Kathy. Tall Pines Realty • 257-7786

Kathy J. King (Lic. 347135) or Donna Miller (Lic. 31745)

## 180 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

## COMMERCIAL PROPERTY FOR SALE

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

**SEE US ABOUT ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

## 170 BUSINESS RENTALS

**FOR RENT**  
Commercial restaurant, building and equipment at entrance to Upper Canyon. Monthly rental \$2,200 plus utilities. Property also FOR SALE.

Call James Paxton  
CENTURY 21  
Aspen Real Estate  
257-9157 or 915-658-3773

Great office located in North Creek Professional Park. Two levels, large open offices - bathroom on each floor. Excellent condition and location.

Please call James  
or Marilyn,  
CENTURY 21 Aspen  
Real Estate 257-9057  
or 1-800-658-2773.

Owner is a licensed NM Real Estate Broker.

## 180 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

**A + M&M VANDERSTEE.** Established vending route. Will sell by 4/20/01. Under \$9K minium investment required. Excellent monthly profit potential. Finance available/good credit. 1-800-637-7444

**A NESTLE ROUTE.** UP TO \$2700/month (realistic). 25 vending sites. No competition-16 hours/month. \$9,625 cash investment required. 1-800-268-6801 (24 hours).

**BUSINESS FOR SALE:** \$5000 month. \$125 per week. Owner financing. 330 Sudderth 505 257-5303

**CABIN OPERATION:** 15 units; some rented monthly, some nightly. Also includes owner's home with garage. Many possibilities. \$385,000.00. Call Joseph A. Zagone at 420-3807. #91495

**FOR SALE UPPER** Canyon mini storage \$250,000. 258-1454

**RUIDOSO RESTAURANT** & Bar-Turn-key. Established, profitable. Land, bld, FF&E \$695,000. Owner NMRE Broker. 1-888-556-1349.

**SMALL RESTAURANT** for sale mid-town. Front window on sidewalk, great location. Going back to college. 257-7616 or 258-5536

**WIND ENERGY REALTY** 257-0330  
#PRICE REDUCTION!!  
ESTABLISHED  
BUSINESS FOR SALE!

Large inventory & 2 vehicles. Large customer list, sales & service business only. Serious inquiries only.

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## 190 AUTOS FOR SALE

**1991 GRAND AM.** 2 door, 1991 engine. \$3500 OBO. Will consider selling parts. 491-3431 or 430-7875.

**81 MUSTANG** dependable, needs TLC \$1500 630-8413

**THE FOLLOWING CAR** IS to be sold at Public Auction to satisfy dept. 1987 Ford LTD. VIN#2FABP737HX21567 9 sale date of April 2, 2001. 253 Carrizo Canyon Ruidoso, NM 88345

## 200 TRUCKS &amp; 4x4s FOR SALE

**77 TOYOTA PICKUP** excellent condition, 40 mpg, \$14,000. 88 Chevy pickup 4x4, new tires, CD, nice truck! \$3,900. 267-1777/420-7507.

**97 GMC 1/2 TON** extended cab, SLE, automatic, CD, loaded, 3 DR, short-bed, V-8, like new, white/gray \$11,950. O.B.O. 505-336-9112

**88 DODGE NEON.** burgundy with tinted windows, very clean \$5500.00. 91 Ford Explorer 4X4, white, great condition \$7000.00. (505)464-9491

## 210 VANS FOR SALE

**1991 GMC CUSTOM VAN.** good condition, great first/second car! Girls lamp, braided rugs, ginger clothes (2T/3T), electric keyboard. 505-336-4136

**220 MOTORCYCLES** FOR SALE

**HARLEY 1998 1200** Sportster 2 tone color red and black windshield, forward control, \$6500. Call Chris 258-5633 days or 336-8431 evenings.

**HONDA ODYSSEY 250** CC in good condition and runs great. \$6500. Call Chris 258-5633 days or 336-8431 evenings.

## 240 RV'S AND TRAVEL TRAILERS

**1978 PACE ARROW** 28 ft., 55,880 miles, 460 engine, A/C, W/D, Onan generator, 4 spare tires. \$3500 or will trade for a pickup. 354-3215 after 5:00.

**1995 DUTCHMAN C** Class Motor Home 30 ft. wide body, excellent condition, nice floor plan. 336-4825

**1998 DUTCHMAN FIFTH** Wheel, 10' slide out, electric racks, 3-way power, hitch & all extras go. 354-9809 night 630-1120 day.

**1998 DUTCHMAN FIFTH** WHEEL 13' slide out, electric jacks, 3-way power, hitch, and all extras go. 354-9809 night or 630-1120 day.

**2000 JAYCO TRAVEL** trailer, 30', 2-bd, 2bb, 13K, 258-0587

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**Full hookup shaded lot** by river, easy access: shed, cable, water included. Off Paradise Canyon, Sierra Blanca RV, 616 Sudderth. 505-257-2576.

**RV SPACES: ANNUAL** Rentals. Recreation Village. Mechem & White Mountain Drive (505) 258-3145.

**SELF CONTAINED CAB** Over Camper. \$3200 excellent condition. For information call 378-4832.

## 280 PRODUCE &amp; PLANTS

**SIERRA CONTRACTING** PRODUCERS OF WHITE MOUNTAIN COMPOST

COMPOST \$17.50 CU. YD. COMPOST + TOP SOIL MIX \$18.50 CU. YD.

BAIS SOLD AT CONLEY'S OR SEASONING NURSERY TRUCK LOAD, WE DELIVER 378-1091

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290 PETS & SUPPLIES

**AIREDALE PUPS.** 6 weeks old. \$200. Call 257-2342.

**DOG GROOMING BY** DODDY. Your home or mine, pick up/delivery, over 18 years experience. Fair prices, friendly service. 378-4084 or 430-5888

## 300 YARD SALES

**207 CLIFF DRIVE,** rain or shine, Friday & Saturday, 9:00 to 5:00, behind old Wal-Mart. Camping equipment, plus size clothes, material, craft supplies, tools, guns, misc.

**402 GRINDSTONE** Canyon April 6 & 7, 8:00am-3:00pm. 7 Families - something for everyone, new Nike & Tommy shirts, sink, furniture, etc. No Early Sales.

**ALL SORTS OF STUFF** from Antiques to Cars. Three Households, Fri/Sat 6th & 7th 7:30am-4pm 132 Coronado Dr. Ruidoso.

**SUNDAY ONLY, 8-12.** 160 Roswell St.

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**AA NOW HIRING FOOD** servers and dishwashers. Apply in person at Southern Accent Restaurant, 101 Carrizo Canyon Rd.

**ACCEPTING** Applications for full-time sales positions. Must be flexible and energetic. Apply in person at Thunderbird, 2527 Sudderth Dr.

**ASK MECHANICAL** Contractors are now accepting applications for dependable persons. Positions include: Refrigeration Technician, Journeyman Sheet Metal, Must have own hand tools and transportation. Position also includes front desk dispatcher. Send resume to C. B. 1199 Ruidoso Downs 86346 or pick up applications at office located at 2861 Sudderth.

**AMERICA'S AIR FORCE** jobs available over 160 specialties. Plus: up to \$17,000 enrollment bonus. Up to \$10,000 student loan repayment. High school grads age 17-27 or prior service members from any branch. Call 1-800-423-USA or visit [www.airforce.com](http://www.airforce.com)

**APPLICATIONS BEING** taken for full-time warehouse and delivery help. Must have 2 years driving record. Apply in person. Dale's Furniture, Hwy. 70 East. 1 1/2 miles east of race track. Ruidoso Downs.

**APPLY IN PERSON AT THE** Great Wall of China Restaurant. Hostess and waitress. Part-time or full-time.

**CARPET CLEANERS.** Installers, restoration specialists. Save 50% off retail. Selling carpet, mill-direct. First 10 dealers Half Price. No warehousing/inventory. \$495/terms available. 888-731-1433.

**CASA BLANCA** is accepting applications for all positions. Looking for people paid to work hard and get well. Apply in person 501 Mechem Dr.

**Cashier**  
Salary \$5.75 hourly  
Applications accepted until position is filled.  
Complete job description and applications at the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345  
Phone 258-4343 or 1-877-700-4343  
Fax 258-5848  
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**\$2000.00 Sign on Bonus**  
RN's and LPN's needed at Ruidoso Care Center  
M/F/H/V • Call 257-9071 • EEOC

Lincoln County is now accepting applications for the position of **FULL TIME DISPATCHER** in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, located in Carrizozo, New Mexico. Applicant must be 18 years or over, have a high school diploma or G.E.D. and must be able to obtain a New Mexico Dispatcher Certification within one year from date of hire and N.C.I.C. Certification within six months of hire. Obtain applications at the Lincoln County Manager's Office in Carrizozo or by calling 505-648-2385. Applications must be received no later than 5:00 P.M., Friday, May 25, 2001. Lincoln County, Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA Requirements, Title II-A.

**Quest Personnel**  
CABLEVISION COMMUNICATION IS NOW HIRING:  
• VARIOUS POSITIONS - EXPERIENCE REQUIRED  
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• GOOD BENEFITS • FLEXIBLE SCHEDULES • HEALTH INSURANCE  
• ALL LEVELS AND POSITIONS  
Apply in person at 1096 Mechem, Suite 302  
Call to apply for more information  
258-2359

**Employment - Medical**  
**L.M.S.W.-LOOKING FOR A CHANGE?**  
Full Time, Geropsychiatric treatment program located in RUIDOSO, NM. Must love working with elderly. Will provide group therapy, case management, discharge planning and psycho-social histories. Team environment. Patient population is high functioning. M-F 8-5. No Callist! Excellent salary/benefits. Relocation fee available. Fax resume to 281-397-6482 or visit [www.heritagehealthservices.com](http://www.heritagehealthservices.com)

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**Communication Detention Officers**  
Salary \$9.28-\$9.52 hourly depending on certification. Excellent benefit package included (vacation, sick, retirement & insurance). Applications accepted until 4:00 p.m. Monday, April 9, 2001. Complete job description and applications at the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345  
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**CONVENIENCE STORE** clerk needed. \$7.50 an hour. Day shift 8 AM to 3 PM. Night shift 3 PM to 11 PM. Night shift in person at TR's Market. Also

**DIAMOND SHAMROCK** now hiring, both locations. Sudderth & Hwy 70. Apply in person.

**DRIVER-COVENANT** Transport-No Problem 1-800-806-5649. Teams start up to 46c. Owner operators/soleos. 83c teams. 88c. Experienced drivers 1-800-441-4384. Owner operators 1-877-848-9615. Graduate students 1-800-338-6428.

**DRIVER-FRE** Transportation is now hiring experienced drivers for its growing fleet. Start up to 29 cpm/wk. No exp. experience with pay increase every six months up to .42 cpm. Call 800-569-9229.

**DRIVERS-CFI HIRING** OTR Drivers. Company/student/owner operators. Experience with one year company starts 32 cents per mile. OTR starts 86cents/all miles with fuel surcharge. Also, ask about 2-week spouse training program in an Automatic Transmission Truck. Call 1-800-CFI-DRIVE.

**DRIVERS-GET REAL!** Real pay, real miles, real people. 2-hour approval. Company paid medical for drivers. Obtainable bonus. 32 cents per mile. Continental Express 800-745-9870

**DRIVERS: NORTH AMERICAN** Van Lines has openings in Logistics, Relocation, Blanketwrap, and flatbed fleets. Minimum of 3 months only experience required. Tractor purchase available. Call 1-800-348-2147. Dept. NMS

**EL CAMINO NUNO** now taking applications for all positions. Please apply in person at 1025 Mechem. No phone calls.

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**K-BOB'S** is accepting applications for cooks & dishwashers. Apply in person. Hwy 70 Ruidoso

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• ALL LEVELS AND POSITIONS  
Apply in person at 1096 Mechem, Suite 302  
Call to apply for more information  
258-2359

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**EXPERIENCED DESK** clerk. Apply in person Ruidoso Limited. Pieter no phone calls.

**FRONTIER MEDICAL** Equipment is now accepting applications for equipment tech. Call 257-2636 for more information.

**FULL OR PART TIME** care giver/companion for elderly lady. Live in available in separate apartment. Experience and references required. Attractive salary with separate living quarters. Evenings 338-1008

**GROWING BUSINESS** Needs Help. Work from home. Mail-Order/E-Commerce. \$522 + week PT \$1000-\$4000/week FT. [www.southfordestiny.com](http://www.southfordestiny.com) 1-888-775-8043

Head Lifeguard

Salary \$6.67 hourly  
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**HOUSEKEEPING** position available. Please apply in person, no phone calls. Ruidoso Limited, 1420 E. Hwy 70.

**IMMEDIATE OPENING** day/night time inserter, part time position. Must be capable of lifting a max of 60lb. Good driving record a plus. Apply in person at Ruidoso News 104 Park Ave. EOE

**Immediate openings for STOCKERS AND CHECKERS.** Apply in person at Thriftway Supermarket 304 Mechem

**IMMEDIATE OPENINGS** for landscaping and nursery employees. Full time. Call 378-4375 or apply at Conley's Nursery, Hwy. 70 East, Ruidoso Downs.

**IMMEDIATE OPENINGS** Swiss Chalet seeking additional staff for spring & summer in the restaurant. We need servers and a line cook. Please come & fill out application at the front desk. 1451 Mechem Ruidoso 258-3333

**MALE CARE TAKER** needed for rancher. Work in exchange for living quarters, extra, hours will be paid. Contact Bobby 338-1681.

**MORE MONEY.** Student driver training. 16 day CDL. Transportation & lodging available. \$0 down financing. Franklin Truck Driving School. 1-800-817-5137. Experienced drivers call 1-800-858-2353.

**MR. BURGER** NOW taking applications for counter and cook position. Full-time or part-time available. Above minimum starting pay. Apply 10am-5pm. 1203 Mechem.

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**Now ACCEPTING** applications for all positions. Great wages and the best tip potential around. Insurance and 401(k) plan available. Apply in person Monday through Friday, 11/27-12/1, between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm. Applications accepted at anytime during business hours. Apply at 2823 Sudderth Drive. No phone call please. EOE employer.

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**Village Administrator**  
**VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO DOWNS**  
The Village of Ruidoso Downs is accepting applications for the position of Village Administrator. Requirements include a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration, Civil Engineering or related field and a minimum of five years working in a governmental agency in planning, engineering or administration. The individual works under the general direction of the Mayor and under the broad policy guidance of the Village Council. This position performs high-level administrative, technical and professional work in directing and supervising the administration of Village government. Individual must have strong leadership abilities and motivational skills; be able to build a team environment; and work and communicate well with public officials, staff, citizens, outside agencies and business. Current salary range is \$37,080 to \$55,621 depending on qualifications. Please send resume, cover letter and three professional references to Bob A. Miller, Mayor, Village of Ruidoso Downs, PO Box 348, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346.

Applications being accepted for the following positions, full-time and part-time:  
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• Dishwashers  
• Servers  
• Lead Cart Person  
• Cart Staff  
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**KOKOPELLI CLUB** NOW accepting applications for waitstaff and bartenders. References required, apply at 201 High Mesa, Alto, NM. Apply in person.

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Salary \$6.14 hourly  
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Fax 258-5848  
EOE

**Lincoln County** is now accepting applications for the position of **Part-Time Dispatcher** in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, located in Carrizozo, New Mexico. Applicant must be 18 years or over, have a high school diploma or G.E.D. and must be able to obtain a New Mexico Dispatcher Certification within one year from date of hire and N.C.I.C. Certification within six months of hire. Obtain applications at the Lincoln County Manager's Office in Carrizozo or by calling 505-648-2385. Applications must be received no later than 5:00 P.M., Monday, April 16, 2001. Lincoln County, Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA Requirements, Title II-A.

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**MULTI-TASK DUTIES** in busy Real Estate office. Typing and some computer skills required. See Wyland at Re/Max 258-5833.

**NEED PLUMBERS.** Plumbers helpers, 2 laborers to work in Mesalero. Good wages. If interested call (505)257-1044.

**Now HIRING DELIVERY DRIVERS AT BOTH LOCATIONS**  
Must be 18 years of age & have proof of insurance  
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**PAINTER AND PAINTERS** helper needed. Good pay for good work. Airless experience, masking, ladder work. Please leave message. 338-9116

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**PRINT GRAPHIC Designer.** Adobe PageMaker. Web design experience, own Book a + 1 Part time or full time Call Katherine 258-1202

**RUIDOSO CARE CENTER** has openings for:  
1. Certified Nursing Assistants  
2. Nursing Assistants (we will train)  
3. Laundry  
4. Housekeeping  
5. Prep Cooks  
Competitive wages, benefits available, vacation/sick pay  
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**Ruidoso Christian School** is accepting applications for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd grade teaching positions for the school year 2001-2002. Please send resume to School Board President Jay Schweitzer, First Baptist Church, Ruidoso Downs, P.O. Box 187, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346.

380 HELP WANTED

**RUIDOSO TRUE VALUE** Hardware: Help wanted no phone calls. Must apply in person. 1086 Mechem

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**SEEKING A STRONG** individual for position of dietary manager. Will provide certification. A great career opportunity for the right person. Insurance and paid time off available. Please Andrea Reed at 257-9071.

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**Ruidoso Ready Labor**  
Daily Work/Daily Pay  
Construction, framers, general labor, food service, housekeepers, clerical. All skill levels.  
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449 Sudderth Drive In Gateway Center

**LOOKOUT TOWER OPERATOR**  
Salary \$6.14 hourly.  
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**SONIC DRIVE-INS** is now accepting applications for mature, enthusiastic, friendly crew members for all positions. Apply in person 9-11 a.m. at 102 Horton Circle. EOE

**STORE CLERKS**  
Allison's Convenience Stores is seeking Store Clerks for its Ruidoso locations. Ideal candidates will enjoy working with the public, be detail-oriented and able to work in a fast-paced environment. Both full time and part time positions available. We offer competitive wages plus medical/dental/life insurance, 401-k and paid vacations.  
For immediate consideration please apply in person at: 725 Mechem Drive  
EOE

**Swiss Chalet**  
New Owner  
New Management  
Now accepting applications for Restaurant Manager  
Experience Preferred  
Apply in person 9:00am - 5:00pm Monday - Friday  
1451 Mechem Hwy 48 North

**Temporary Keep Ruidoso Beautiful**  
Laborers  
Salary \$5.75 hourly.  
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Salary \$6.14 hourly  
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New homes, painting, metal roofs, remodels. Call 258-4132

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**Brilliant Construction**  
Thomas Brilliant  
General Contractor  
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Building/Remodeling  
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Adobe and alternative construction crew available.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-00-244

CONSECO FINANCE  
SERVICING CORPORATION  
fka Green Tree  
Financial Servicing Corporation,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
GARNER W. WILLIS aka  
GARNER WILLIS, JEN-  
NIFER D. WILLIS aka  
JENNIFER WILLIS and  
WELLS FARGO BANK,  
N.A. fka Norwest Bank  
New Mexico, National  
Association,  
Defendant(s).

## NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on April 11, 2001, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the northeast entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant(s) in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 209 Del Norte Drive in Ruidoso, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 14, Block 1 of  
FOURTH ADDITION TO  
AIRPORT WEST, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, September 20, 1976, in Tube No. 575.

The foregoing sale will be made, to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on March 5, 2001, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property.

The Plaintiff's judgment under Count 1, which

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includes interest and costs, is \$94,866.46 at the same bears interest at nine point seven five percent (9.75%) per annum from March 1, 2001. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,065.45.

The Plaintiff's judgment under Count 1, which includes interest and costs, is \$18,419.44 and the same bears interest at thirteen point nine zero percent (13.90%) per annum from March 1, 2001. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$266.52.

The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

Notice is further given that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

Notice is further given that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

/s/Nick Vega  
Special Master

Nick Vega  
P.O. Box 383

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Carrizozo, NM 88301  
3380 4T(3)16,23,30,(4)8

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold Public Hearings beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 19, 2001, to be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, Carrizozo, New Mexico, to consider the following Lincoln County Ordinances:

- (1) Lincoln County Ordinance No. 75-2 - Control of Dogs and Cats
- (2) Lincoln County Ordinance No. 75-4 - Granting Certain Rights and Privileges to the Continental Telephone Company of the West, its Successors and Assigns
- (3) Lincoln County Ordinance No. 18 - Providing for Speed Limits on Lincoln County Roads

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the Ordinances may be obtained from the County Manager's Office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

/s/Martha Guevara  
Assistant County Manager  
3403 1T(4)6

## LEGAL NOTICE

The New Mexico Department of Tourism is soliciting Proposals for the advertising and promotion of tourism in New Mexico for a four year contract, subject to review and renewal at the end of each fiscal year. If you have any questions or need a copy of the RFP, please contact Martin Leger at 827-7400. Deadline for response to the RFP is May 4th, 2001 at 4:00pm MDT. Completed proposals must be

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received at The New Mexico Department of Tourism, 491 Old Santa Fe Trail, P.O. Box 20002, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Community Church in Lincoln, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the April 17, 2001, meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting.

Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 848-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

/s/Martha Guevara  
Assistant County Manager  
3425 1T(4)6

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## NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 10, 2001 at 6:00PM, City Hall, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Agenda will be posted in accordance with Resolution No. 2000-16, unless otherwise specified. The agenda shall be available to the public at least twenty-four hours before any regular meeting.

If you are an individual who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact Leann Weibrecht or Margaret LaBelle at (505)848-2371, City Hall, Carrizozo, New Mexico at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

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/s/Leann Weibrecht, CMC  
Town Clerk/Treasurer  
Town of Carrizozo

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## LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the Planning & Zoning Committee of the Town of Carrizozo will hold their regular meeting on Monday, April 9, 2001 at 6:30PM, City Hall, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Agenda will be posted in accordance with Resolution No. 2000-16, unless otherwise specified. The agenda shall be available to the public at least twenty-four hours before any regular meeting.

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/s/Leann Weibrecht, CMC  
Town Clerk/Treasurer  
Town of Carrizozo  
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## VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT

## ORDINANCE 2001-03

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body, Village of Ruidoso, shall conduct a public hearing in conjunction with a regular meeting scheduled on April 24, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ruidoso Administrative Center for the purpose of adopting the following ordinance:

Ordinance 2001-03 "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NATIONAL AND STATE ELECTRICAL CODES AND SETTING FORTH PROVISIONS FOR INSPECTIONS."

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PERMITS, FEES, AND ENFORCEMENT IN THE RUIDOSO CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 22, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE III ELECTRICAL CODE AND REPEALING EXISTING ORDINANCE REFERRING ELECTRICAL CODE."

Copies of Ordinance 2001-03 are on file in the office of the Village Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Village of Ruidoso this 8th day of April, 2001.

(SEAL)  
Tamara Maddox  
Village Clerk  
3429 1T(4)6

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Eastern New Mexico University Board of Regents will meet Thursday, April 12, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. in the Regents' Room of the Administration Building at ENMU-Portales. Regents will act upon business so presented and may meet in executive session. Agendas for the meeting are available at the Information Center of the University Relations office located in the ENMU-Portales campus Administration Building. The public is invited to attend the regular meeting. Eastern New Mexico University is an EEO/AA institution.

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Advertising**

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE OF NEW MEXICO

GDS INVESTMENTS, INC., a Utah Corporation,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

## GROUP I

ROBERT RICHARDSON and PEGGY RICHARDSON, husband and wife; FELIX M. HERRERA and MONICA HERRERA, husband and wife; DAVID J. HALL, a single man and ALLIE WARDER, a single woman; LUCIA MOTEIGUE SANCHEZ; CLEOTILDE MOTEIGUE; LINCOLN MOTEIGUE; MCKINLEY MOTEIGUE; JIMMY MOTEIGUE; ALFRED MOTEIGUE; PAULA WHITE; EUGENE MANUEL LIMACHER and ODETTE LIMACHER, his wife; ANDREA NIETO, a single woman; MARTIN LARRY TORREZ, JR. and DOROTHY JEAN TORREZ, his wife; ISABEL GUTIERREZ TORREZ, a widow; THE NORMAN L. STEVENS REVOCABLE TRUST, UTA; and

## GROUP II

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ANY DECEASED PERSON AS NAMED HEREIN AS A DEFENDANT; AND

## GROUP III

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES TO THE ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF.

Defendants.

Cause No. CV-01-67  
Division III

## AMENDED NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS AGAINST WHOM CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE IS HEREBY SOUGHT TO BE OBTAINED:

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GROUP I EACH AND EVER DEFENDANT LISTED IN THE ABOVE STYLED AND NUMBER CAPTION:

GROUP II THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ANY DECEASED PERSON AS NAMED HEREIN AS A DEFENDANT; and

GROUP III ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff has filed a Complaint to Quiet Title in the above cause of action, wherein you are named as the Defendants.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the general object of this suit is to quiet title to real property, as more particularly set forth in the Complaint on file in the above-captioned cause.

The Plaintiff's attorney is H. JOHN UNDERWOOD, LTD., 1221 Mechem, Suite 5, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that unless you file an answer or responsive pleading to the Complaint, on or before May 17, 2001, being twenty (20) days from the last date of publication of this Notice.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on the 29th day of March, 2001.

JAN PERRY  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

/s/By: Darla Goar  
Deputy Clerk  
3431 4T(4)6, 13, 20, 27

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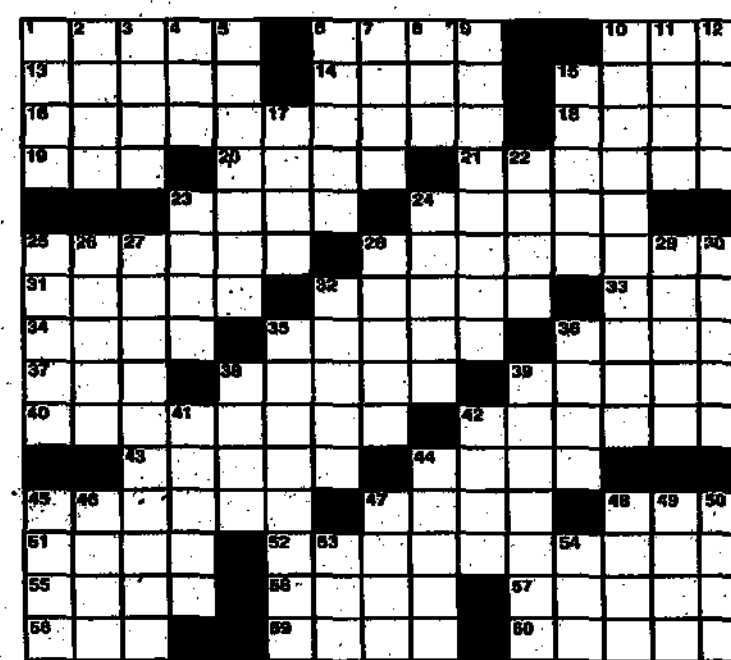
- 1 Radio station supply
- 6 Dismay
- 10 Louis who was guillotined
- 13 Forward sound
- 14 "You said it!"
- 15 Regular Cosmo feature
- 16 Betraying, briefly
- 18 Lhasa (dog)
- 19 Colony member
- 20 Strove (for)
- 21 Told (on)
- 23 Advance
- 24 Antigua lobbyist
- 25 Congresswoman Waters
- 28 Respectful

### DOWN

- 31 Commencement
- 32 Wizards
- 33 Prevent
- 34 Four on a four, e.g.
- 35 Tint
- 36 Coffee
- 37 Nationality suffix
- 38 Flapjack places, for short
- 39 Punished, perhaps
- 40 Like some pizzas
- 42 Punish, perhaps
- 43 Speak monotonously
- 44 Soothing instrument
- 45 Knee/ankle connector
- 47 Glow
- 48 "Look here!"

### DOWN

- 1 Arp art
- 2 What a model might become
- 3 Barricade, with "in"
- 4 Inner ear
- 5 In the black, like a dry cleaner?
- 6 Sent, in a way
- 7 Within
- 8 Form of Buddhism
- 9 Currier or Ives
- 10 Start playing, briefly
- 11 Tight gripper
- 12 Lacoste
- 13 Mideast nation
- 17 "Kleine Nachtmusik"
- 22 God shown with a burning torch
- 23 "Fairy tales"
- 24 Utah lilies
- 25 Two-wheeler
- 26 Liqueur flavor



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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 27 Two-wheeler, briefly       | 42 Lighting specialist, informally? | 48 "Yikes!"                       |
| 28 "Lord of the Flies" leader | 44 Crescents                        | 49 Son, usually                   |
| 29 Object of contemplation?   | 45 Betting game                     | 50 Farm team                      |
| 30 Business                   | 46 Tolstoy hero                     | 53 "___ a Joke, Son" (1947 flick) |
| 32 Bullwinkle, for one        | 47 Prefix with culture              | 54 Big inits. in credit reporting |

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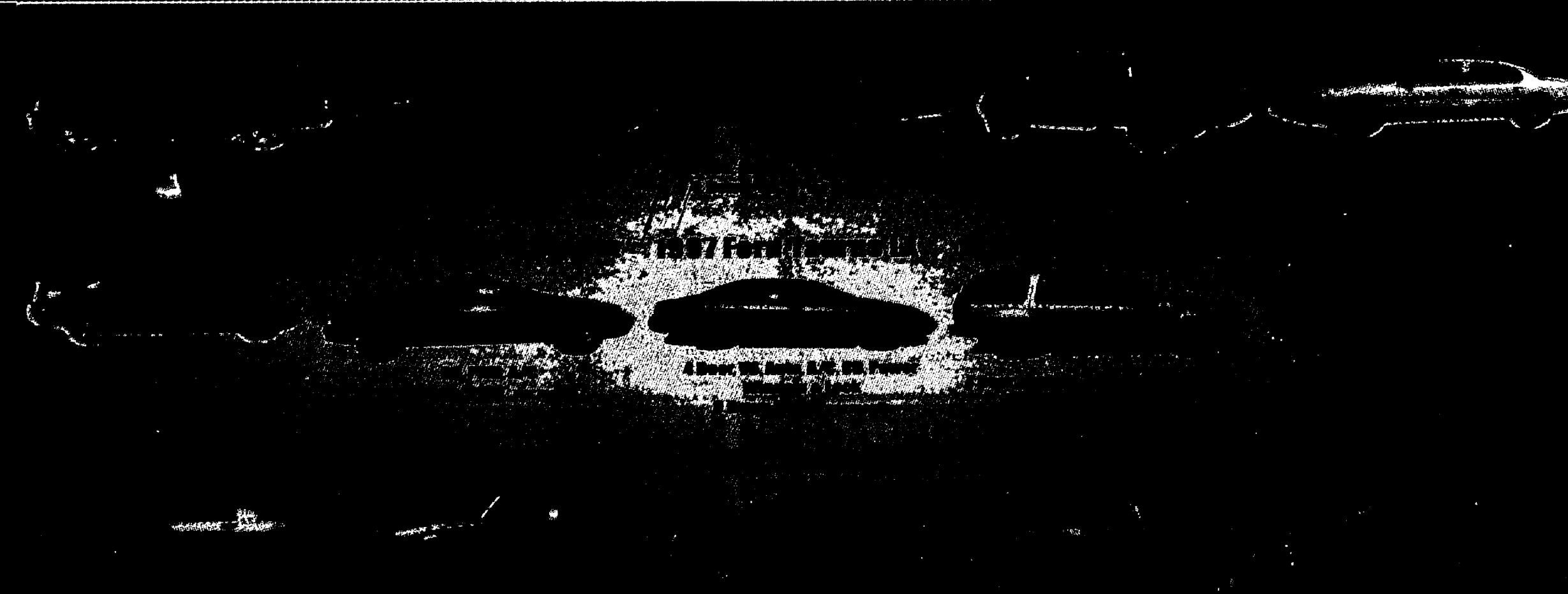
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