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Ruidoso Care Center to close

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Staff and patients at the Ruidoso Care Center were notified Wednesday that Integrated Health Services intends to close the facility on Resort Drive Aug. 31.

Elliott Topper, with the licensing and certification bureau of the state Department of Health, confirmed Thursday that the management company notified his office operations will cease on that date.

But Vaunda King, who has a rela-

tive in the center, said families and patients don't accept IHS's decision.

"I've talked to many of the families, and we're not going," she said. "They're not transferring these people. They'll have to drag us out of there. This is a community issue and the community needs to get involved. This is the only facility in the county that offers this type of care."

The state ombudsman program through the Agency on Aging already has asked that the state put the center in receivership based on what

their official claims is a real threat to the health and lives of clients at the center.

They cited two deaths possibly connected to transfers prompted by an earlier letter from IHS about the closure of the Alzheimer and skilled nursing care wings of the center. That letter cited structural problems with the building, but subsequent inspections by village officials and an independent engineer disputed that claim.

Several families filed appeals on behalf of the residents and the health

department called a halt to all transfers.

But IHS officials now say the entire center will close.

"We haven't received the letter, but I do know it was mailed out and we should receive it Friday or Saturday," King said.

Repeated attempts to get comment from IHS officials over the past several months have been unsuccessful.

King said she talked to the deputy director of the state Health Department today.

"I stressed to him that when I went to the center this afternoon, the residents already had been notified and it was causing so much stress on them," King said. "I wish we could get the mayor or the village council involved. But we're not going to stop."

"When we get the letters, more than a half-dozen will appeal again, which will delay any transfers and give the state a chance to try to talk to IHS about a possible lease or sale of

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No butts

■ A lady named Vonda is fully employed by the Village of Ruidoso, cleaning up after visitors and locals alike to maintain a tidy roadscape.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The sight of cigarette butts littering the roadside really lights Vonda Busby's ire.

The newest addition to the staff of the Ruidoso Solid Waste Department said it's hard to understand how people continue to toss their cigarettes when they live in a forested community where wild-fire always is a threat.

"I bet in the past two days, I picked up 3,000 cigarette butts just on Paradise Canyon," she said Wednesday.

Busby started Monday on full-time duty as the village's litter patrol.

"I've been trying to do this for some time, but I've been short-handed," said department director Leonard Corona. "Now that I have a full staff, she'll be out there all the time."

Her duties go beyond spiffing up dumpster sites. Her jurisdiction covers every roadside in the village with emphasis on the main arteries.

"We're going to have her work different streets on different days," Corona said. "I'm part of Keep Ruidoso Beautiful and have been trying all along."

Busby, originally from Arizona, moved to Ruidoso four years ago and said she enjoys being outside. She previously worked at temporary assignments for the parks department.

"I'd rather be out here than washing dishes inside at home," she said.

People seem to appreciate the job she's doing, Busby said. Several stopped to thank her for cleaning up the



Vonda Busby retrieves an aluminum can from the grass along Country Club Drive.

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

roadsides.

Next to cigarette butts, paper cups and plastic straws account for the biggest category of trash filling up her bags, she said. She stuffed six while cleaning along Paradise Canyon Monday and Tuesday. Early Wednesday, she already had topped off one bag on a small segment of Country Club Drive from Sudderth to the bridge across the Rio Ruidoso.

Ad-hoc committee gets two hats

Group to represent village government, chamber membership on business issues

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

After questioning their mission the past two meetings, Ruidoso's economic development ad-hoc committee this week accepted two directions to travel.

During a meeting Wednesday, the committee was given a new title — the Business Regulation Task Force. And the panel accepted an invitation from the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce to become the chamber's Ruidoso Valley Business Development and Support Commission.

Mayor Robert Donaldson told committee members their charge as the Business Regulation Task Force would be to review village codes and

determine how they impact the business sector.

A month ago some members of the economic development committee pondered the idea of a mass resignation.

"We don't want this group to necessarily go away," Donaldson said. "What we want, I guess, is for you to look at the the Master Plan and the code. You may say 'this is really bad,' something that may have a negative impact on business. We'll answer why (the regulation) is there. It may be legitimate reasons. Or we may ask, is it still important?"

The four members attending the July meeting of the ad-hoc committee concurred with the proposal.

"I don't see us abandoning some of

the issues we thought were very important," said committee chair Deborah Marcum-Byars. She pointed to eco-tourism, workforce development and affordable housing as key issues for the committee. "And the Master Plan update," she added.

The committee's pending connection with the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce would be the first of its kind for the organization, said Joan Zagone, executive director for the chamber.

"For too long, we have had the reputation of 'businesses come and businesses go,'" Zagone said. "With your support and guidance, this chamber

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County rescinds 'halt' vote on U.S. 70 project

'Softer' resolution gets 4-0 commission approval

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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A resolution calling for a halt to the U.S. 70 highway improvement project until all environmental and historical evaluations are completed for an area from Roswell to Ruidoso Downs was rescinded Thursday by the Lincoln County Commission.

In its place, the board voted to adopt a "softer" resolution offered by Commissioner Leo Martinez, stating the commissioner's strong support of the project but asking the state to make "every effort" to protect water rights and the valley's historical and cultural heritage.

The board approved the resolution calling for a halt during an emergency meeting last week, evoking some stern words from officials with the state Highway and Transportation Department and the chairman of the Highway Commission.

They warned that \$70 million could be jerked from the project portion from Riverside to Ruidoso Downs and used elsewhere. They said the highway might continue to be a two-lane artery with a high number of accidents.

But residents of the valley argued

Thursday that the state, in its proposed designs, ignores some safety problems, such as lack of turn lanes for school buses, and potential impact on the local economy.

Reginald Richey said the state ruled out alternative routes too soon and that it might be more feasible to construct a four-lane bypass highway to connect Roswell to Alamogordo for truck traffic and keep a two-lane scenic drive for tourists and locals to Ruidoso.

Highway department officials and their consultant suggested setting up more meetings to work out remaining concerns of residents and satisfy them that their words are being heard.

To dispose of the first resolution, Martinez called for reconsideration, which passed.

After a discussion that lasted more than an hour, a vote to approve the "halt" resolution again failed 2-2 with Martinez and Commissioner L. Ray Nunley voting against it. Chairman Rex Wilson and Commissioner Rick Simpson voted for it and Commissioner William Schwettmann was absent.

Martinez' motion for the "softer" resolution passed 4-0.

Federal prisoners in lock-up?

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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The staff of the new Lincoln County detention center may soon be guarding federal prisoners, as the county seeks to fill some of its empty cells.

But County Manager Tom Stewart pledged he will closely check the type of prisoner to ensure none are high risk or require more than the county jail's medium security system. He has been told that most will be illegal aliens, Stewart told county commissioners Thursday.

But Oscuro resident Jerry Carroll said that doesn't mean they aren't violent or dangerous. Commissioner Leo Martinez agreed, saying illegal aliens aren't put in jail just for crossing the border. They usually have committed a crime too.

Commission Chairman Rex

Wilson said he's heard "a lot of concern in the community" and asked if the jail is staffed sufficiently.

Stewart said he met with federal marshals and detention center administrator John Buffington July 7 about housing the prisoners, and an inspection team was sent to evaluate the 122-bed center in the Carrizozo Industrial Park.

They decided that the U.S. Marshal Service will reimburse the county for the cost of transporting prisoners from Roswell and Las Cruces, he said. An armed guard will be required.

The number of federal prisoners will be limited to 15, which should generate \$301,125 toward the operation of the jail, he said. He wants to ensure

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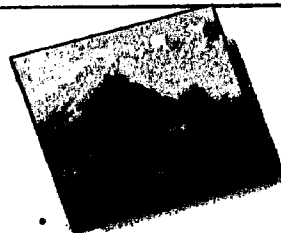
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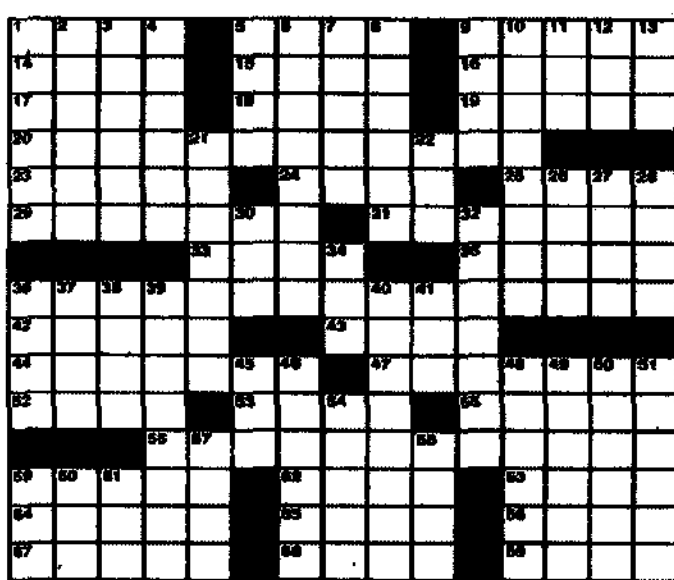
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Local government radio station proposed

Unhappiness in handling emergencies is cited.

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Unhappiness with local commercial radio's handling of emergency situations in Lincoln County prompted an official to suggest government put a low-powered radio station on the air to disseminate information.

"The idea is for the government of this community to provide information on what people need to do in an emergency," said Mike Louis, a member of the Lincoln County Local Emergency Planning Committee.

"When an emergency comes, you don't have to wait all day for someone to put it on when they want to between commercials," Louis told the committee Wednesday.

Noting the Federal Communications Commission is giving away low power FM licenses to spur localized radio programming, Louis said a non-profit group, municipal government or school district could latch onto a 10- to 100-watt station. He suggested general community information could be recorded each morning and continuously replayed during the day. During an emergency, the broadcasts could be live with immediate information.

"You would be able to control the type of information

that goes out," Louis said. "It's from the government. It's official."

When the committee was told an information person should be designated during emergencies to work with area commercial stations, Louis said such a public information officer must be told their job.

"In an emergency plan, you don't just write that 'this will be done,'" he said. "You say this will be done by so-and-so. It's accountability."

Louis said commercial radio is in business to make money, and a non-profit low-powered station would ease his concerns.

Steve Swayze, general manager of KBUY-KWES radio stations, said the low-power station idea might not be a bad one. "We are in business to make money," Swayze said. "But our FCC license also is to serve the community."

Swayze said Ruidoso's commercial stations could work in tandem with a low-powered FM station established as an information source.

He said while the June 2 power outage on the first day of the Trap and Skeet Fire, lasting more than five hours, had KBUY and KWES off the air, efforts are underway to have generator back-up power.

Swayze also said once back on the air during the Trap and Skeet Fire, his stations provided information from a list of reliable sources. The station official added that once the

information had been aired numerous times, and there were no updates, regular programming resumed, interspersed with informational breaks. "And it is continuous when (the emergency) is going on," Swayze said.

At radio stations KRUI-KIDZ-KWMW, program director Harvey Twite said his operations do not broadcast hearsay, but rather gather information from reliable sources.

"When there is an emergency, I'm paged and notified by emergency services, whether it's Thomas Chavez (Ruidoso's emergency manager), Lincoln County or Ruidoso Downs," Twite said. "We are a 24-hour facility, every one of our radio stations."

Twite said the radio stations can at any time activate the Emergency Alert System to notify listeners when there is an emergency.

Louis said the beauty of a government operated, low-powered station would be information "from the horse's mouth, not second hand."



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What to do when a bear comes around

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

If attacked by a black bear, don't play dead.

Black bears, the only kind in New Mexico, are inclined to eat anything that appears to be food — including human beings playing dead, the state Department of Game and Fish advises.

The warning was issued after a bear tried to drag away one of three young boys hiking near the Black Forest subdivision.

The boys, ages 12 to 13, saw the bear and walked around it. The animal followed them, so the boys decided to lay down in fetal positions. The bear approached and tried to drag one of the boys away, but eventually left

the child uninjured, said Game and Fish officials, who have been trying to track the bear.

People who are attacked should fight back aggressively with anything they have: a backpack, a rock, a stick, game officials said.

People who come across bears should remain calm and not run, since bears can run faster, officials said. They advise people to continue facing the bear, but without making eye contact, while slowly backing away.

They also should make themselves look as large as possible by slowing waving their arms, jackets or other objects.

The department offers a brochure, "Be Bear Aware"

that gives information about camping and hiking in the state's forests.

Game officers offer other rules for people who encounter black bears:

- Never approach or corner a bear. If you are undetected, softly speak aloud to make sure the bear is aware of your presence.
- Do not camp near berry bushes or anywhere there is evidence of a bear.
- Never give food to a bear.
- To chase a bear from a camp, make lots of noise, such as banging pots and pans together.
- Keep children and pets close to hand.

Trash is a major contributor to problems between bears and humans. People who live around bears should take precautions to keep bears away from trash cans, pet food, bird feeders, compost heaps, bee hives and fruit trees.

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the center."

She contended IHS violated state rules by halting referrals to the center, as well as in the company's handling of previous transfers to centers elsewhere in the state, some owned or managed by IHS.

"This company has 28 facilities in New Mexico," she said. "I told the health department deputy director in a 45-minute conversation today that you would think company representatives would listen to the state."

Health Department Secretary J. Alex Valdez was out of town until Monday, but

the deputy director pledged to meet with his boss and Gov. Gary Johnson next week on the center issue, King said.

"Maybe they can talk to IHS and point out to them it would be beneficial to everyone if we can do a deal on taking over," she said.

"The problem with receiver-ship is that with all the attorneys, there may be a lot of monkey wrenches to iron out," she said.

A transition of management or ownership could be smooth with IHS's cooperation, said Paul Parker with Consulting Management and Education.

He said Thursday that an affiliate of that company, called

Carriage Quality Inc., is interested in managing the center, if a non-profit citizens group is formed to purchase the building or to set up in a new center. The company already manages a couple of non-profit centers in the state, said Parker. When he wrote and called IHS officials for information, they said they would send it, but never did, he said.

His company could help a local group find financing and obtain the necessary licensing and certifications, he said. A local group could lease the building from IHS until all that was completed, ensuring that the care of patients was not disrupted.

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chamber have been actively addressing the challenges facing our business community."

Donaldson said the chamber connection would take politics out of the committee's work.

"We have to make sure we represent the community in whole," Donaldson said of the village council and mayor. "This way the (Ruidoso Valley Business Development and Support) commission works under the chamber, which I think is the

place for economic development. If a business issue comes up and you say we need to do 'A' and the chamber endorses it, then it's not seen as being political. It separates it and raises acceptance by the public."

Byars told the mayor the commission will, however, have some "political weight." Committee member Paul Ragland agreed.

"We right now actually represent eight people," he said of the membership of the economic development

group. Next week, he said, he'll present "2000," Ragland was citing chamber membership and business employees.

The four committee members at the meeting endorsed the new task with the village and the role with the chamber.

"I think a lot of economic development, particularly enhancements, have to be in the public," Donaldson told the group. "This enhances you. This moves economic development in the community forward big-time."

PRISONERS: 'Getting excited'

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enough space is available for local inmates first.

The jail currently has 19 staff members, but that could be increased, if necessary, he said.

Commissioner Leo Martinez said he wants any contracts to reflect that Correctional Systems Inc., the company that manages the jail for the county, carries the liability for the arrangement, and the county is not responsi-

ble.

Wilson said several other counties are doing the same thing.

Commissioner William Schwettmann reminded the board that since the jail first was designed, the county had planned to accept federal prisoners as a way to generate revenue.

"Now all of a sudden someone is getting all excited," he said. "Any prisoner could cause problems."

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Villages seek to contest EPA charges that they polluted the Rio Ruidoso

BY JAMES KAYELAGE
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The villages of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs have requested a hearing to contest U.S. Environmental Protection Agency allegations of polluting the Rio Ruidoso.

The EPA lodged a complaint against Ruidoso, contending 200,000 gallons of solids were discharged into the river, according to a July 31, 2000 noncompliance report.

The complaint stated the violation was the result of a septic hauler's discharge of waste into the treatment plant.

The complaint, filed earlier this year, also contended the village was late in renewing a permit to discharge effluent from a wastewater treatment plant.

An amended complaint now charges both villages, because the wastewater treatment plant is owned and used by both municipalities.

Attorneys for both villages have filed responses to the complaint and asked for a hearing.

"The discharge makes things look a lot worse than they probably were," Charles Rennick, legal council for Ruidoso, said of the 200,000-gallon figure on the EPA complaint. "During highway construction in Ruidoso Downs, during a monsoon, a drainage ditch plugged up."

"The treatment plant allowed the highway department to pump the water and put it in the treatment plant. Since the water came off the highway there was oil or asphalt-affected liquid and it caused a problem at the plant."

Rennick said it was one truckload of rainwater, perhaps 500 to 1,000 gallons.

The attorney for Ruidoso said the possible \$27,500 EPA fine could be much better spent on the sewage treatment plant.

"I would hope we could reach a settlement," Rennick said.

Ruidoso filed a response to the EPA complaint on June 20, in part denying allegations. The village argues that the wastewater treatment plant permittee is the Joint Use Board of the Villages of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs.

The argument goes on to state that board owns the plant, that Ruidoso does not own or operate the facility, but is a partner in the Joint Use Board.

Rennick said a hearing has tentatively been scheduled for early 2002.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Schlegel memorial scholarship planned

The Board of Directors of New Horizons Developmental Center in Carrizozo announced that there is a \$500 scholarship available for a graduate of a Lincoln County High School.

The Phyllis Schlegel Memorial Scholarship was established by the board in memory of the long-time board president who died in 2000.

Applicants must be enrolled in a college or university and have completed the equivalent of two years of college courses with an identified major in health or human services.

The application deadline is Aug. 3.

Call (505) 648-2379 or contact New Horizons at 810 "E" Ave., Carrizozo, NM 88301 for an application.

Texan hits big jackpot at Casino Apache

Robert Crooks, of Odessa, Texas, won \$205,963 on July 17 when he hit the "Wheel of Gold MegaJackpot" at Casino Apache.

Crooks said he will buy a boat and go fishing with the jackpot money he won.

Tuesday's win marks the first MegaJackpot that the Casino Apache has awarded this year, but the casino has awarded more MegaJackpots than any other tribal casino in New Mexico - at total of \$13.8 million in 19 different jackpots in the last six years.

Casino Apache is one of several tribal entities in New Mexico that belongs to a nationwide Native American progressive gaming system, which includes more than 100 casinos in 12 states. New

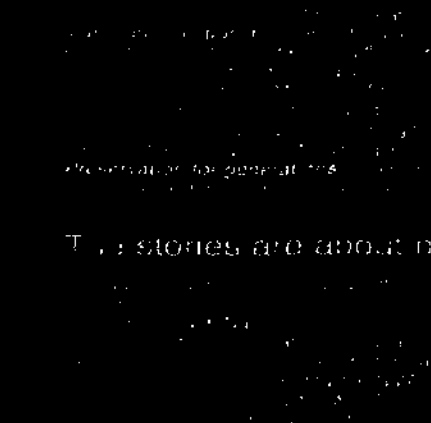
Mexico's tribal casinos have been responsible for \$48.7 million in IGT MegaJackpot awards on a variety of progressive gaming systems.

Campfire ban lifted

State fire restrictions imposed last month in 14 New Mexico counties, including Lincoln County, will be lifted at 5 p.m. today. An order to rescind the smoking, campfire and open fire restrictions has been signed by the state forester and secretary of the Energy, Mineral and Natural Resources Department.

"Recent rainfall has reduced the fire danger enough to rescind these restrictions," said Jennifer Salisbury, department cabinet secretary. "However the department may reinstate fire restrictions if conditions warrant."

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OUR VIEW

Add common sense to the highway mix

That beautiful valley need not be deadly

While nearly everybody in Ruidoso plays the growth game, a select few in the Ruidoso-Hondo Valley pulled out the stops in an effort to block widening of U. S. Highway 70.

Opponents have written letters to state newspapers, citing destruction of a long-established way of life, and to special-interest newsletters, decrying potential damage to acequias.

They have pointed to the added danger that might come from a four-lane highway without controlled exits. They have sought to sandbag our highly political county commission into defending "our" highway — when it is a federal highway, part of a network established generations ago to enhance communication and commerce between the states.

None of the opponents seem to care about the 17 people who have died on bloody U.S. 70 in the past 18 months, many of whom grew up in those valleys stretching from Ruidoso Downs to Riverside.

It is reminiscent of many battles fought in many corners of the country by people who — for the sake of their own comfort, self-interest or fuzzy conception of the good life — choose to stand in the way of a better way of life (and safety) for the larger number.

Let's build that highway to modern standards, and solve the problems change might bring.

Let's cut the death toll created by a winding two-lane highway through countryside that no longer supports an agricultural way of life.

Let's use common sense.

Just call summer the 'hectic season'

It's part of being a "tourist town," of course, this never-ending round of on-the-go, get-it-while-it's-here motion that characterizes Ruidoso and its neighboring communities during the summer.

The songwriter who concluded that it's a "long, long way from May to December" knew whereof he spoke. Makes one wonder if he grew up in the tall pines of the Sacramentos.

The bears are invading the garbage containers, those pesky gnats have hatched in Upper Canyon, people tend to party late into the evening ... all part of the scene in this (technically) first summer of the Third Millennium.

July in Lincoln County provides a layer of art over horse racing, left and right. The Art Loop last weekend will be followed by the 30th Ruidoso Art Fest starting a week from today.

Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso, in the midst of it all, has a batch of events this week marking its 10th year in our

village. That facility on the back side of Sierra Mall, happily, is doing much better than the grocery store on the front side, and chances are great that it will out-last Furr's (or whatever replaces Furr's).

We can't argue with Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino for adding special events like last weekend's Zia Festival, but it does add to the load on everybody. More people, more traffic, more complaints in shops and restaurants and lodging establishments.

But we locals (such an unfortunate, but handy, word) do tend to buckle down and volunteer to help make successes of multiple art events, conventions, picnics, conferences — you name it.

With time, we condition ourselves to take it easy as we edge through Midtown, in order to avoid running over tourists. We understand that we'll wait in line at popular restaurants come lunchtime. We know, if we don't appreciate it, that some merchants will raise prices during the summer ... and drop them come October.

It's all about the hectic season in a tourist town, a season that so many of us depend on to survive the rest of the year.

But let's not rename Sudderth Drive to Hectic Drive just yet.

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YOUR OPINION

Ruidoso's gasoline prices create a 'rip-off' image

To the editor:

As a Ruidoso resident of many years, I have seen businesses come and go. Because we are a resort area, our community depends on creating a favorable impression to make our visitors and highway travelers want to patronize our businesses — then to provide products or services of value to entice them to return often.

I wonder if our merchants realize just how unfavorable a first impression is created — an impression of over-inflated "tourist trap" prices — when the first thing our newly arrived visitors see are gasoline prices 20 to 30 cents per gallon higher than almost anywhere else in the region.

For example, on Saturday, July 14, regular gasoline was being sold for as much as 33 cents per gallon cheaper in Alamogordo than here it was 15 cents cheaper even in Cloudcroft! I've had numerous conversations with folks who tell me that they won't come to Ruidoso to shop because of inflated prices, an idea they have based primarily on advertised gasoline prices. And they're not just telling me, they are telling everyone they know. I urge the chamber and business owners to unite in an effort to convince fuel distributors and retailers of the harmful image they're creating.

I believe in fuel retailers making a profit. But, like most tourists, I can't spend money in stores and restaurants that I am forced to put in my gas tank. Also, like tourists, I am frequently out of town, so I'll fill up somewhere else until local gasoline retailers are competitive.

Jim Alston
Ruidoso

1. — Green space and special events (a town square, if you will) — this large parcel will be mostly green space and some parking.

2. — A transportation system to run within the boundaries named as the business improvement district to link the privately and publicly owned parking lots to the main walking area of our Midtown; and,

3. — Purchase small parcels of land for parking areas throughout Midtown, to equalize parking opportunities among the businesses to better serve our visitors.

As the parking stands now, we have a god-amount of properly managed — business owners and employees parking out of prime customer parking spots and private lot owners sharing their lots and marking lots for most efficient usage. However, the Midtown — one of the longest and steadiest producers of gross receipts for the village as we grow and have larger "peak weekends" — will also need overflow parking for 40 or 45 percent of the time, to enhance economic growth and (enhance) our visitors' experience in Ruidoso. This can be achieved through the goals listed above.

We, the Midtown Business Alliance will work proactively with the village to make this happen.

Bert Brunell
Ruidoso

More than a Master Plan

To the editor:

I have been watching the recent developments concerning Ruidoso's Master Plan with great interest. It appears to me that this controversy is not about what the Midtown merchants want. It is not about where to build the assisted living center. What it is about is the future of the Village of Ruidoso — our community. We as citizens deserve more than lip service and ad hoc development. We deserve Village leaders who have the ability to look beyond next week or next year. A well-conceived long-range plan that we can all live with is essential for successful growth. If we do not take a long, hard look now at where we are going, and the road we intend to take

to get there, we'll be picking up the pieces 20 years from now and wondering what went wrong.

Sarah Mayes
Ruidoso

A four-lane U.S. 70 without question will save lives

To the editor:

As a six-year resident of Glencoe and a 29-year resident of Lincoln County, I appeal to the Lincoln County Commission to strongly support the expansion of U.S. 70 to four lanes from Ruidoso to Riverside. Growth driven by forces much more powerful than we will continue, and the safety issues of U.S. 70 will only get worse with time.

As Lincoln County and the Hondo Valley continue to develop and grow, it is inevitable that more and more people will come to travel U.S. 70. And, to ignore that growth and lose an opportunity to mitigate the safety issues ... as it exists today will be a tragedy for all of us.

Every day that I travel on that highway, I feel I am literally putting my life, and the lives of my family, in jeopardy. There has not been a month go by since I have lived in Glencoe that I have not witnessed a tragedy on U.S. 70 or had a close call myself.

When I first moved to Ruidoso Downs in 1972, I owned and operated a towing company and had direct responsibility for "extricating and rescuing" victims of traffic accidents from their vehicles. At that time, fire department rescue and EMS did not exist. So, between 1972 and 1978, I experienced first-hand the carnage that occurred on U.S. 70, and I have to say that I am amazed to hear comments from some of the families in the valley in opposition to the four-lane project, as I know almost all of them have seen their own family members die or be maimed on that highway over the years.

I also know from observation that the premise that fatalities will go down over 70 percent with expansion of the roadway to four lanes is true.

In the early 1970s, U.S. 70 west from Ruidoso to Mesalero also was two lanes and one of the most dangerous roadways in New Mexico. And, once the four-lane highway was built from the Inn of the Mountain Gods turn-off to Mesalero, fatalities dropped dramatically (probably more than 70 percent).

I hope the commissioners will rise above the political pressures they are undoubtedly experiencing and support the U.S. 70 four-lane project. It is the right thing to do.

Rick Evans
Glencoe

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The Midtown story

To the editor:

As Paul Harvey said, "You know the news, and now the rest of the story."

In the business section of the Ruidoso News of Friday, July 6, it was reported that Mayor Donaldson said to me "... for the Midtown merchants or the village to spend a half million dollars or more on parking that is used 40 to 45 percent of the time is not worth it." The newly formed Midtown Business Alliance would agree with that, if the money were spent for parking only.

Now the rest of the story.

What the newly formed group is trying to do is to form a business improvement district. In short, the (Alliance) goals, in order of priority, are as follows:

To purchase, through an assessment of Midtown property owners and with the assistance of the village through various avenues, a large parcel of land for

Coldwell Banker

of Ruidoso

Wendy Widener
Special to the Ruidoso News

Adorned by a sign that states "Park in the back Jack. We've got a new plan Stan," the Ruidoso office of Coldwell Banker, located at 307 Mechem, is undergoing construction in an effort to add more than 2,000 square feet.

"We are growing," says Walter Dollahon, Coldwell Banker's new Managing Broker.

"Because we have had great customers and clients who come back to us time after time, our business has grown. We need more room."

The Lore Company is doing the construction, including extensive renovations on the inside of the building. The company claims that when the project is finished in a few short months it "won't even look like the same building" with the more attractive exterior and the gain of nine additional offices.

The building will also be re-rooted and will be updated with state of the art technology, not to mention the addition of more sufficient handicap facilities.

Not only is the Ruidoso branch of Coldwell Banker undergoing an addition to its architecture, but an addition to its staff as well.

Walter has been the managing broker since



Coldwell Banker Team, Ruidoso, NM

December of last year. A native of Roswell, he first became licensed when he was 19 years of age. He has been managing broker in offices in New Mexico and California.

Two agents have recently joined the Coldwell Banker team: Helen Allard and Linda Tausan. Helen has been a successful agent in Ruidoso for more than six years and joined Coldwell Banker in May and has previous experience as a book critic and reviewer for the Houston Chronicle, while Linda comes out of Albuquerque where she worked in the office of the president at the University of New Mexico.

Including the three

additions to the Coldwell Banker staff, the real estate agency has 16 full time professionals and three administrative staff personnel.

The agency is open seven days a week, and there is always an experienced staff member on duty.

In 2000, Coldwell Banker handled the sale of over 50 million dollars in Lincoln County real estate, and as Walter says, "We're on track this year to do at least that much or better." This large number could explain why Ruidoso's Coldwell Banker is a company leader among other Coldwell Banker offices its size group nationwide.

Serving Ruidoso and the surrounding areas for 18 years, the Ruidoso Coldwell Banker is owned by Brian and Carol Nelson of Alamogordo, who also own branches in both Alamogordo and Santa Fe as well.

But that is not where the legacy of Coldwell Banker began. In 1906, Colbert Coldwell, started the agency after seeing the devastation left behind by the San Francisco earthquake. Coldwell teamed up with Benjamin Banker in 1914 and the heritage continues today with the same philosophy that Coldwell Banker began: "Customer's best interest above all."

This tradition is no different in Ruidoso's Coldwell Banker. "Customer service is our strongest point," says Walter and that, indeed, is what Ruidoso's Coldwell Banker is famous for, not to mention the well-known reputation of the name in itself.

"As Coldwell Banker, we are a nationally recognized brand name," says Walter. He also noted that agents understand that people often have a short time to make a decision. Coldwell Banker agents want patrons to have some

"comfort in their extensive network in all areas and transactions." They strive to simplify the selling or purchasing of a home, business or lot.

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Village to consider amended policy on promotion funds

The Ruidoso Village Council Tuesday is expected to consider a resolution amending the policy for the funding of special events advertising and promotion.

The changes are described as providing more detailed criteria for funding special events, according to a memorandum included with the agenda for Tuesday's council meeting. The proposed amendments were advanced by the village's Lodgers Tax Committee.

The issue of special events funding through the village's lodgers tax came to a head this past spring over requests for longer-term events at the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

The proposed new language establishes guidelines for favorable funding status. The criteria includes factors such as the time of year, expected attendance, promotional funding by the organizer and the length of the event. One, two or several days are spelled out in the amendment. The language states events will be considered favorably if they are

"attractors" rather than "attractions." The council will be asked to increase the annual funding for special events to \$50,000. Currently the Lodgers Tax Committee is capped at \$40,000.

The council also is scheduled to discuss planning and zoning procedures.

It also will be asked to allocate \$2,500 for sponsorship of the 2002 New Mexico Governor's Conference on Tourism. The Ruidoso Convention Center and Ruidoso Visitors Center are bidding for the event, and its 350 to 425 attendees, to be held in Ruidoso next year.

A resolution moving the village's Economic Development Ad-Hoc Committee to the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, and then creating the Ruidoso Business Regulation Task Force is included on the July 24 meeting agenda.

Additional items on the agenda:

- Two matters advanced from the village's Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Bid awards for a fence to keep big game out of the village's Sierra Blanca Regional Airport and for tennis court lighting at School House Park.

• A resolution finalizing the village's 2001-2002 fiscal year budget.

• Approval of Lodgers Tax Committee recommendations for special events funding for four special events.

• Approval of a grant from the Eastern New Mexico Area Agency on Aging for transportation of seniors and the delivery of Meals on Wheels.

• A resolution for membership in and an agreement with the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District.

• Approval of the 2001-2002 cooperative advertising agreements with the New Mexico Tourism Department.

• Approval of a grant agreement with the state transportation department's aviation division for an asphalt overlay on the new crosswinds runway at the village airport.

• Approval of a joint funding agreement with the Ruidoso River Association, the New Mexico State Engineer and the U.S. Geological Survey for stream flow gauges on the Rio Ruidoso and Eagle Creek.

• Ratification of task orders issued to Wilson and Company for engineering services for water and sewer projects.

• Adoption of a resolution to make final changes to the village's 2000-2001 budget.

• Approval of a special celebration permit for the Futures of Archery Sports Team championship competition on village property. The event is scheduled for Aug. 3-5.

A fourth quarter (April-June 2001) budget review is scheduled to be presented to the council and mayor.

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

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Bear-proofing efforts win kudos for county's SWA

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Sending crews out every day to clean up around dumpsters and empty bins in places with high exposure to bears has paid off, says Debra Ingle, interim manager of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority.

Proving her point at an authority meeting Tuesday, Ingle held up two letters from the state Game and Fish Department and from the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest.

Both thanked the authority for its cooperation in relocating bins, installing locks and reacting promptly to reports of garbage overflowing in dumpsters or strewn near collection sites.

"We're working bear runs seven days a week," Ingle said.

County Commissioner Leo Martinez, who attended the meeting as a spectator, said he also has noticed a difference measured by the number and types of calls he's received from his constituents.

"At one time, I wanted the authority to change its name so people didn't think the county operated it, but now I'm sort of proud," he said. "In the last two to three weeks I've had nothing but positive calls. I didn't know her before, so no one put me up to saying this, but I've actually seen authority employees at dumpster sites with rakes and brooms cleaning up around them. I never saw that before."

In another issue, new environmental rules may impact the only exemption now permitted by the authority to mandatory garbage collection in the county.

The rules now allow people with 300 contiguous acres to handle their own garbage, but that may change under new regulations in the New Mexico Water Quality Act, Ingle said.

"We have quite a few of those exemptions," she said. "I don't want to alarm anyone yet because I'm still trying to run down more details. Our exemption may still cover it."

"I'm not sure how the solid waste rules and water quality act go hand in hand, but it has to do with water flow."

Swinney named top Indian-school administrator

The National Indian School Board has announced the selection of Ray Swinney of Mescalero as the National Indian School Board Administrator of the Year for 2001.

Swinney was informed of the honor on July 12 and will attend a special award ceremony at the NISBA conference in Portland, Ore., where his award will be presented.

The award is presented to an administrator who through his or her leadership, commitment, objectives, creativity and vision has contributed to the improvement of the quality of the education for Indian youth within his or her school or community environment.

Swinney's nomination came from members of the school staff and school community and was received along with several other nominations. His focus on student success and well-being came through strongly in the nomination and letters submitted on his behalf, it was reported.

A meeting Tuesday seeks public comment on reducing fishing pressure on the river

BY JAMES KAMELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Low water flow and the issuance of a lot of licenses have prompted a careful look at reducing the Rio Ruidoso trout bag limit.

A proposed reduction in the trout bag limit for the Rio Ruidoso will be open to public comments Tuesday.

The New Mexico Game and Fish Department is scheduled to hold a meeting asking for public input beginning at 5 p.m. at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce building on Sudderth Drive.

The Rio Ruidoso currently has an angler limit of five trout per day.

"We need to do some conservation," said Ruidoso fishing guide Jim Shoop, of Fly's Etc. "We're trying to reduce the kill limit."

Shoop said with 13,000 state fishing licenses sold annually in Ruidoso, and other anglers who come to the mountains with licenses already in hand, the fishing pressure is great.

He noted that there is a limited amount of production right now from fish hatcheries

and the New Mexico Game and Fish Department has cut stocking 20 to 25 percent.

Whirling disease, a spore that kills rainbow trout, is an added problem.

Rainbow trout are stocked in the Rio Ruidoso. Brown trout reproduce naturally, Shoop said.

"We're trying to protect these browns especially, since they're native," Shoop said. "The thing we don't want is to get to the day when we say 'remember when.'"

The Ruidoso River Association has been seeking a two-fish bag limit. An official with the Game and Fish Department said the proposed three-bag limit is being offered as a compromise.

"We hope to get the Game and Fish people to see it our way," said Dick Wisner, the executive director of the Ruidoso River Association. "That's more than half way home," he said of the possible three trout per day maximum.

The potential rule change would affect the Rio Ruidoso from the border with the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation to Friedenbloom Drive close to the village limits.

"We're trying to protect these (native) browns especially..."

Jim Shoop
fishing guide

DATE BOOK

The following governmental meetings are scheduled for next week in the Ruidoso area.

Tuesday, July 24
• 6:30 p.m., Ruidoso Downs Village Council, Ruidoso Downs village hall.

• 6:30 p.m., Ruidoso Village Council, Ruidoso village hall.

Ruidoso Downs village hall is located at 122 Downs Dr. Ruidoso village hall is at 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

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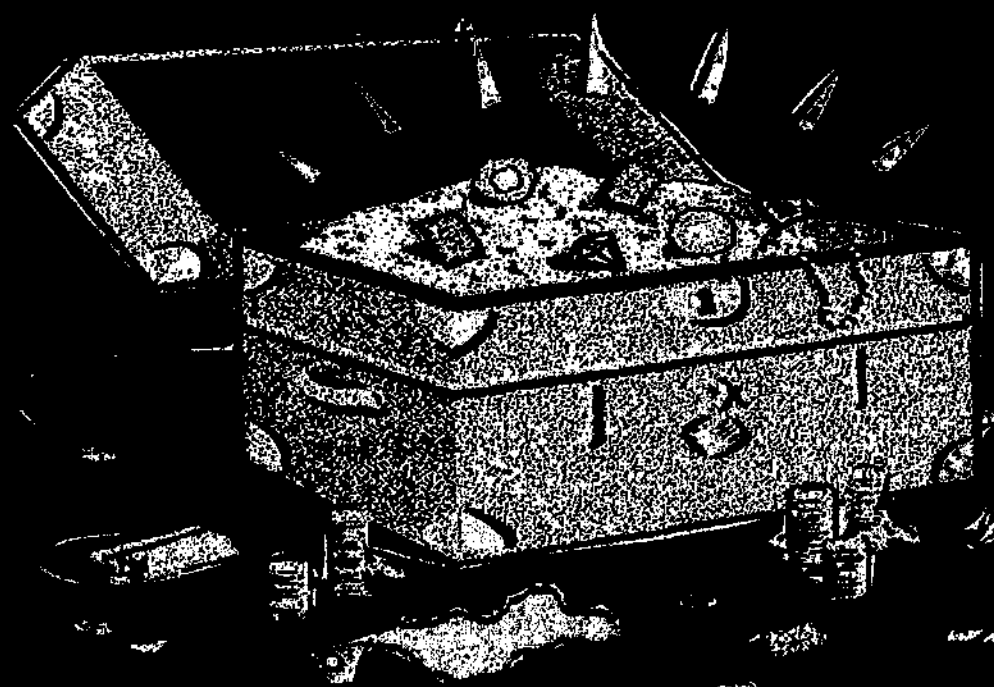
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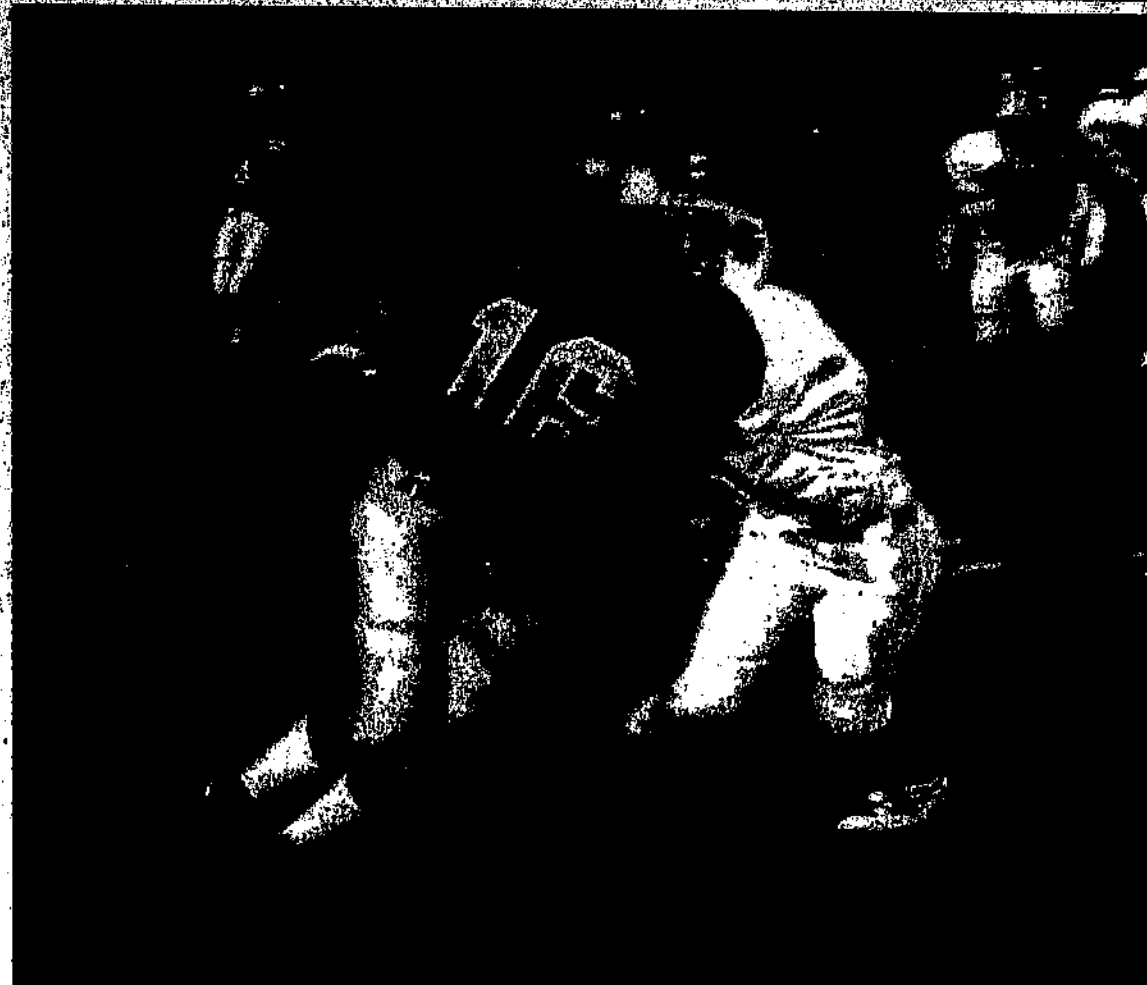
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A Warrior looks for running room during Homecoming last year. Preparation for this year's season has already begun, as the team held an intra-squad scrimmage Thursday night.

Even though the season is still a month away, the Ruidoso High School football team is moving

On in the Off-season

BY WES SCHWENGELS
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Ruidoso High School football team's first game isn't until Aug. 24, but that doesn't mean

returning head coach Les Carter has given the Warriors much time to rest.

Ruidoso has been having morning practices for some time now, and is starting to kick things into gear for the upcoming season.

The Warriors had a seven-on-seven scrimmage Thursday night, and are preparing to start two-a-day practices Aug. 6.

"We've been lifting hard, doing conditioning," Carter said. "It's a matter of trying to get everybody ready and in step for two-

a-days."

He added that between 30 and 35 players have been showing up every day for the team's morning sessions.

It's too early to tell how this year's squad will fare in comparison to previous years, Carter said, noting that every year is different.

One thing that will likely remain similar, though, is the tough competition in District 4AAA.

"It's one of the toughest 3A districts in the state," the coach said. "It always seems to come down to the end to see who's going to do it."

But the Warriors seem to be up to challenge, judging from their performance thus far, Carter noted.

"Their attitude has just been great ... a great work ethic."

Les Carter
RHS football coach
on District 4AAA

More guides to help pick the right horse

In one of our recent columns we touched on Speed and Pace as two of the deciding factors in selecting winners in thoroughbred races. Let me share several things that have been most helpful to me when I start to handicap a race.

Pace

Determine where each horse wants to be in the early stages of the race. A well-trained horse will develop a pattern of running. Speed horses want to be on the lead or near the lead. Horses that press the pace and do most of their serious running late will be near the front early and their best move comes when the front-running horses start to slow the pace. I try to pick a pace horse then a front-running horse and then another pace horse. If a speed horse is contested, it is rare if one of the horses doesn't back off.

Look for front-runners when the majority of contenders are late runners. Vice-versa, look for late runners when the majority of contenders are front-running types.

Pace knows no class. A fast-

paced Grade I race is just as likely to set up for the closers, as is a \$5,000 claimer.

Changes

Look for subtle adjustments that may play to a horse's favor. This is the No. 1 key to finding overlays and value. Blinkers on or off, the addition of first time Lasix (L1), better post position and better jockeys are major signals.

Competition

It's not about the race conditions (i.e., claiming vs. allowance, etc.) - but rather whom the horse ran against. Try to find horses in the past performance lines that you recognize and compare your horse's performance to those competitors.

Speed Figure

Speed figures (i.e., Beyers for Thoroughbred and Speed Index for Quarter Horses) do not pick winners. They often pick the race favorite. There is no value in picking horses with high-speed figures. Bettors have become so dependent that they'll pick a horse just because

he has a higher speed figure than any other horse in the race. Use them as a guide but not the final reason for using or not using a horse in your picks.

Fractional Times and Final Times

Trainer Charlie Whittingham is quoted as saying "Time is only important when you are in jail." Horses are herd animals and do not run against the clock - they run against each other. \$5,000 claimers sometimes post faster times than stakes horses - but seldom beat the stakes horses when they meet head to head.

Horses posting really fast times their last start are often "throw-outs." They rarely repeat the fast times and are always over-het at the windows.

Join us each race day one hour before post time at the east end of the grandstand on the ground level. We will be happy to answer any of your questions. Don't miss our prediction show "The Winners Circle" at 9:18 a.m. each race day and the results at 8:18 and 8:18 p.m. on KWES FM 93.5 and at 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. on KRUI AM 1490 and W105 Country - W105.1 FM. Good Luck.

Rainbow Futurity runs this Sunday

■ The second leg of the Quarter Horse Triple Crown is set to run with-out the Ruidoso Futurity winner.

BY WES SCHWENGELS
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Just a week after the well-attended Zia Festival, Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino will be ready for another big race.

The Rainbow Futurity is set to run Sunday, and will pay out an estimated \$600,000 in purse money. The race is the second leg of the Quarter Horse Triple Crown, and has drawn some of the toughest quarter horse competition in the country.

Ruidoso Quarter Horse Futurity winner Red Clay of Texas was unable to keep alive any hopes of becoming the second-ever Triple Crown winner, as he failed to qualify for the main event during trials held July 6. Red Clay of Texas will run in the Rainbow Juvenile Invitational, a consolation for horses that qualified 11-20.

Rare Fasteroid, winner of the Ruidoso Derby, will also be missing Sunday, as he failed to qualify for the Rainbow Derby.

Last year's All-American

Futurity winner, Eyesa Special, also will not be in the Rainbow Derby, as the horse was retired recently by trainer Jack Brooks.

The Rainbow Futurity has been run since 1984, and the Derby since 1985. Special Effort is the only horse to ever win all three legs of the Quarter Horse Triple Crown. The horse managed that feat exactly 20 years ago, in 1981.

Last year, long shot Feature Mr Jess dashed away with the futurity title, finishing a length ahead of the field, which included then-Ruidoso Futurity winner Fightin' Jane.

Fields for the Rainbow Futurity and Derby follow.

Rainbow Futurity	Time
Horse	
Doing Magic	19.796
Loveable Streak	19.840
Jump Jive An Wall	19.905
Not Better Than This	19.938
SC Chiseled in Stone	19.945
Delightful Fortune	19.976
First Regard	19.987
Easy Royal Dash	19.990
This Candy Special	20.022
Phenomenal Fantasy	20.028

Rainbow Derby	Time
Horse	
Feature Mr Jess	21.426
Hex Not Too Shabby	21.442
Valors Gold	21.447
Fast And Strate	21.462
Heza Motor Scooter	21.517
Splendid Sk	21.537
Whoseleavingwho	21.541
Picabo Tass	21.558
Shotgun Sk	21.570
The Way You Want Me	21.572

Ruidoso softball team undefeated thus far

BY TODD BUTTS
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Aramark Thunder softball team began the second half of the Parks and Recreation Men's Softball League the way they ended the first half of the season: by winning.

The Thunder has been playing very well the last two years. They lost only one game last year in league play. They have a goal of winning the State Championship. The Thunder took third at last year's state tournament.

"There are several other teams, Vatos Locos, Homeboys, Grizzlies, that could beat us at any time," said Thunder coach Kenny Espinosa.

"Grizzlies beat us last year. They really pounded the ball. There was nothing we could do."

The make-up game with the Nads on July 10 could have been the first loss for

the Thunder this year. The Nads held the lead against the Thunder after three innings, 4-2.

But the fourth inning belonged to the Thunder. Nine runs gave the Thunder softball team an 11-5 lead.

The Nads retaliated with 10 runs of their own in the sixth inning, but it was too little, too late. The Thunder won the game, 20-16. The game was called due to time restrictions.

"We really enjoyed that game. The Nads showed up and they were hitting," Espinosa said. "I think if it had gone one more inning, it could have gone either way."

The first game of the second half of the season had the Thunder playing the Nads again July 12.

The Thunder showed up with their offense in tow. Some hot bats gave Thunder a victory in the fourth inning, 22-6, by the 10-run mercy rule.



An Aramark Thunder player rounds third in a game played July 12. The Thunder went undefeated in the season's first half, and are 2-0 in the second.

side line

How They Stand

Ruidoso Parks & Rec
Men's Adult Softball League
second half standings through July 18

Gold Division	W	L	Pct.
Aramark Thunder	2	0	1.000
Mescalero Indians	2	0	1.000
Vatos Locos	1	1	.500
Grizzlies	1	2	.333
Nads	0	1	.000
Homeboys	0	2	.000

Silver Division	W	L	Pct.
Amity	2	0	1.000
Gators	1	0	1.000
Buzzards	2	1	.666
Lumberjacks	1	1	.500
Eagles	0	1	.000
Ball Hawks	0	1	.000
Latin Action	0	2	.000

Games scheduled for July 24

Silver
6:30 p.m.: Ball Hawks vs. Lumberjacks
7:30 p.m.: Amity vs. Eagles
8:30 p.m.: Buzzards vs. Gators
Gold
6:30: Nads vs. Grizzlies
7:30: Homeboys vs. Aramark Thunder
8:30: Vatos Locos vs. Mescalero Indians

Ruidoso Parks & Rec
Women's Adult Softball League
Tournament through July 9

Games for July 23
Winner's bracket: Razors vs. Mountain
Maniacs
Loser's bracket: Inferno vs. Ma Ma
Mias, winner vs. Casino Apache

On Deck

Softball Tournament
The New Mexico Women's State softball tournament will be held at Eagle Creek Softball Complex July 27-29. Entry fee is to be announced, due by July 24. Women's B, C, and D divisions may participate. For more information about the USSSA-approved tournament, contact Claudia Branum at 257-5030 or e-mail parksrec@zianet.com.

Softball League
Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department is organizing a mixed softball league for local families and businesses. The league starts Aug. 20 at Eagle Creek Sports Complex and is open to males and females age 15 and older. Games will be played Tuesday and Thursday nights starting at 6:30 p.m. Entry fee for the USSSA-sanctioned league is \$175, plus \$12 per game for officials. For more information call Parks and Rec at 257-5030 or e-mail to parksrec@zianet.com

Runner's Classic
The 18th Annual Runner's Classic race will be held Aug. 11 by the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department. The event will include a 5K and 10K run, a 5K walk in eight age divisions, as well as a 1-mile fun run for kids age 10 and under. Registration will start at 7:30 a.m. at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, and the race begins promptly at 8 a.m. All participants will receive a T-shirt. For more information, call Parks and Rec at 257-5030 or 257-2795.

Fitness Clinic
All girls ages 5-17 are invited to participate in the two-day Girl Scouts fitness clinic put on by Girl Scouts - Zia Council. The clinic will be July 30-31 in Ruidoso for all girls, even those not registered with Girl Scouts. The event will include badminton, basketball, self-defense, cheering, aerobics and more. The cost is \$7 per girl. For more information, call Lisa Porter at 257-9809 or Maureen Schmitt at 437-2921. Registration forms are available at the Ruidoso News and the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Soccer Tournament
The "Dog Days of Summer" over-40 soccer tournament is scheduled for Aug. 18 and 19 in Ruidoso. The tournament, sanctioned by the New Mexico State Soccer Association, is open for men's and women's divisions. It will be held at the White Mountain Elementary School soccer fields, and deadline to register a team is Aug. 1. For more information, call (505) 346-0831.

Basketball Camps
Seven 2001 Fran Fraschilla Lobo Basketball Camps will be held between June 4 and Aug. 3 this summer. Camps will be run by Lobo coaches and players and are open to kids age 7-17. All camps will be in Albuquerque, Santa Fe or Rio Rancho and cost \$125 for a half day and \$165 for a full day. Call (505) 925-5751 or (877) 321-7488 for more information.

Basketball Tournament
Hoop-It-Up, a nation-wide three-on-three basketball tournament, will be held Aug. 4-5 at the University of New Mexico Stadium's parking lot. There is a \$116 entry fee. To sign up visit www.hoopitup.com or call (505) 291-6861.

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Lobos hope new stadium brings team fans, success

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — Rocky Long hopes the University of New Mexico's improved horseshoe-shaped football stadium will bring his team a little bit of luck this season.

Long and UNM athletic director Rudy Davalos called a news conference Tuesday to show off the stadium, which now includes 5,946 end-zone seats on the north end as well as a refurbished northwest corner.

The added seats and a \$1.8 million jumbo video monitor will create a "big-time" feel for the program, Long said.

"The number one reason for the excitement about the expansion is that it'll make the stadium more fan-friendly," the coach said. "It also gives us a home-field advantage we've never had before."

Long mentioned a faction

of fans called "Red Menace," who are trying to fill the end-zone seats and give the stadium a Green Bay Packers' Lambeau feel.

Long added that the improved stadium will make UNM a more attractive venue for nationally ranked teams.

Davalos said the expansion shows UNM's ongoing external efforts to establish a competitive program. The Lobos have been to just one bowl game — the 1997 Insight.com Bowl — in 40 years.

The video monitor, financed by corporate sponsorship, is a 21-by-28-foot board inside the new 36-by-31-foot scoreboard.

The video board will be operational on Fan Photo Day on Aug. 18, officials said. The Lobos open their season at home Sept. 1 against Texas-El Paso.

"I think the big thing about the video board is the instantaneous instant replay fans will get to see," associate athletic director Darren Dunn said. "A lot of schools around the country have video boards where there's a delay in replay, but ours will be right when it happens."

The players, who have watched the renovation on a daily basis, share in the excitement of the additions.

"It makes us feel like we're a big-time football team, not like the little guy," said senior offensive lineman Jeremy Sorenson. "A lot of playing football is mental, and playing in front of 37,000 fans should give us a mental boost."

UNM hopes the renovations will help in its push to break the stadium attendance record of 37,156 set in 1997 against Rice.

Albuquerque ends threat

APS pays up membership dues, remains with NMAA

'We're not trying to dominate the smaller districts,' superintendent claims

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — Albuquerque's year-old regional tournament format. The public school district will pay its annual dues to the New Mexico Activities Association and will remain a member for at least another year.

The city's school board voted unanimously Monday night in favor of paying \$55,280, which the district had been withholding while it tried to resolve its problems with the NMAA.

The district had threatened to withdraw from the NMAA and create its own association. Squabbles between APS and the NMAA have calmed over the past couple of weeks.

The NMAA board agreed July 10 to policy changes that kept the district from bolting the association.

The NMAA board agreed to scrap the

"We're not trying to dominate the smaller districts. We're just trying to have a fair opportunity."

Brad Allison
APS superintendent

disproportionate.

"We're not trying to dominate the smaller districts," said Brad Allison, superintendent of Albuquerque's public schools, who was also recently appointed to the NMAA's board. "We're just trying to have a fair opportunity."

NMAA officials have said they already were considering the regional tournament change and a new way of defining representation of the NMAA's eight-member board.

Albuquerque's school district contended the board discriminated against large districts because enrollments among the eight regions are

Girls softball team 3rd at state tourney

BY WES SCHWENGELS
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

A local 14-and-under girls softball team was scorching during a recent state tournament held in Clovis.

The Blaze, based out of Ruidoso, took third out of 10 teams in the tournament, after finishing second in the regular season and third at a large tourney known as the Stealth Classic.

In addition to their athletic success, the team was also voted Best Dressed for their uniforms.

While the team's offense was plenty explosive, coach J.V. Cadena said defense was what mattered.

"That was the key to the whole tournament," he said. "Our defense was tough."



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Members of the Blaze 14U softball team are, from back to front, left to right, Christine Brown, Michell Harrelson, Mandy Gardner, Samantha Serna, Jessica Gibson, Jenita Hendrickson, coach J.V. Cadena, Danielle Lugo, Yvette Martinez, Vicki Celusniak, Erica Lugo, Samantha Eminger, Adrienne Zamora, Lacie Garcia, Jeanette Zagone, Jaime Wirth and Stacie Cadena.

Hot hoops team features local

Ruidoso Warrior Clarissa Silva seems to be living a charmed basketball life so far.

In addition to helping the Warriors post a winning record at three summer camps over the last two months, she has also led a Los Lunas-based junior team to success.

The Desert Valley Tigers, a 15-and-under girls basketball team, comprised mostly of girls from Valencia County, went undefeated in pool play as of last week at the Amateur Athletic Union Under-15 National Invitational Girls Basketball Tournament.

After easy victories over

competition from Texas and Philadelphia, the Tigers barely got past Cyfair, a squad from Houston, 63-60. Silva scored 11 points in the game.

The team's 3-0 record earned it a first-round bye in bracket play, which began July 11. No further results were available.

Local horse wins in Tulsa, Oklahoma

AMARILLO, Texas — Roma Ryon, a 6-year-old sorrel mare owned by Kenneth D. and Judy Loomer of Capitan, captured first place in the \$23,225 Fair Meadows Belles Stakes G3 at Fair Meadows at Tulsa in Tulsa, Okla.

Roma Ryon, ridden by Luke Myles and trained by Brian Muse, covered the 350-yard race in a time of 17.56 seconds. The win added \$12,581 to the horse's lifetime earnings. The top finishers for the race after Roma Ryon were Holland Fireball and Little Country Miss.

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Pre-school through eighth-grade students heard about animal rescues last week.

Spreading the word about animals

Ruidoso's Animal Control officer, Tammy Matthews, spoke to Vacation Bible School pupils at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Ruidoso about animal rescues and other creature features. The daily sessions last week

included fire, police, EMS, search and rescue and forestry officials with rescue themes.

Congregation Pastor Kevin Krohn said the presentations connected with Biblical rescue stories and the school's overall

theme of Jesus to the Rescue.

"It fits great," Krohn said. "It gives the kids exposure to those who have helped with rescues. Christ rescued us from our sins and this expresses thanks to those that help us in our community."



Animal Control Officer Tammy Matthews kept youngsters interested with her presentations.

Two injured in collision on U. S. 70

Three people were injured, two requiring emergency room treatment, as the result of a two-vehicle collision Tuesday.

The crash happened about 8:30 p.m. on U.S. Highway 70 near Lancashire Lane.

A driver waiting to pull out

onto the highway told police he was blinded by another vehicle's headlamps, pulled onto the highway and collided with another vehicle.

The driver of the turning vehicle, Kyle Flack, 36, Ruidoso, received minor cuts to

his head. He refused medical attention.

The driver of the second vehicle, Lester E. Williams, 59, Alamogordo, and a passenger, Jimmie K. Dale, 57, Alamogordo, were transported

to the Lincoln County Medical Center. Both were later discharged from the emergency room.

Both vehicles received major damage, according to a Ruidoso police accident report.

P&Z canceled; no quorum

Two items before Ruidoso's Planning and Zoning Commission Tuesday went unheard because the panel failed to reach a quorum.


Present at 2 p.m. for the regularly scheduled meeting were commissioners Phillis Barnett and Bill Hirschfeld.

Commissioners Rick Silva, Tim Hoyt and Glen Barrow were said to have notified the village last week that they would be out of town on Tuesday.

Rounding out the seven-member panel, Commissioner Vicky Williams appeared about 2:15 p.m., after the meeting had been canceled. Commissioner Mike Reveley was tied up in a court hearing and said he had told planning office staff of the appointment.

The two new business items were tentatively scheduled for the next commission meeting, scheduled for Aug. 7.

A third issue for the commission, a commercial site development plan for a proposed assisted living center near Midtown, was to have been tabled at the request of the developer, an official said.



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Loan to benefit state's rural electric utilities

Lincoln County is one of 23 New Mexico counties that will be affected by a \$23-million loan to Tri-State Generation and Transmission.

U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., reported Tuesday that the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Utility Service (RUS) approved the loan to the company that supplies electricity to 12 rural electric cooperatives in the state.

The 30-year loan, guaranteed by the Federal Financing Bank, was approved to serve as a reimbursement for already financed work carried out over the past few years to bolster the coal-powered Escalante Generating Station in McKinley County.

"Tri-State has helped assure rural New Mexicans that they will have ready access to elec-

tricity," Domenici said. "Like them, I appreciate the stability brought by Tri-State's work. The loan is linked to work that makes that assurance possible and Tri-State's subsequent purchase of Plains."

The Escalante plant, until last June, was owned by financially troubled Plains Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative. It serves about 200,000 customers through 12 rural electric cooperatives in 23 counties in New Mexico.

According to the RUS, electric distribution cooperatives in the state were able to receive lower electric rates because of this action.

RUS, created in 1993, administers the electric and telecommunications program previously handled by the Rural Electrification Administration.

N.M. gas prices decline

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — Gasoline prices have dropped in New Mexico to the lowest level since May 2000, AAA New Mexico reported Tuesday.

The average price across New Mexico for self-service unleaded gasoline is \$1.42, or 24 cents less than last month's price. In May 2000, gasoline averaged \$1.44. Last month the average was \$1.66.

Around the state, AAA says

the lowest prices are in Las Cruces, with \$1.24 a gallon, and Carlsbad with \$1.31.

Albuquerque is third lowest at \$1.33 followed by Roswell at \$1.39, Farmington \$1.49, Silver City \$1.50, Gallup \$1.51 and Santa Fe \$1.57.

Santa Fe also had the highest prices in the state a month ago: \$1.76. And a year ago, motorists in the capital city had to pay \$1.67 a gallon.




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MAGISTRATE COURT

The following cases were recently adjudicated in Lincoln County Magistrate Court at Ruidoso with Judge William R. Butts presiding:

Charles Nix, 30, of Mississippi, pleaded guilty to a charge of aggravated first-offense driving while under the influence of an intoxicant. Nix was credited for two days served at the Lincoln County Detention Center, placed on probation for 88 days and required to pay \$499 com-

prised of a fine and court fees.

Daniel M. Martinez, 55, Ruidoso Downs, was convicted of first offense DWI. Martinez received a sentence of 90 days probation, was required to pay \$399 in fines and court costs and ordered held for the U.S. Border Patrol.

Darren Herrera, 32, Ruidoso, pleaded guilty to a charge of battery against a household member. Herrera was credited for two days spent in jail, placed on probation for 180 days, and

required to pay \$51 in court fees.

David Drake Wozny, 18, Ruidoso, was convicted of possession of less than 8 ounces of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, both misdemeanors. Wozny was credited for two days spent at the Lincoln County Detention Center, put on probation for 726 days and assessed fines and costs totaling \$432.

James G. Welch, 30, Ruidoso Downs, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor counts

of criminal trespass and enticement of a child. Welch was sentenced to seven months in jail, placed on probation until July 7, 2003, and assessed court costs of \$82.

Ryan J. Chavez, 25, Mescalero, pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia, a misdemeanor with a special penalty. Chavez was credited for one day spent in jail, put on probation for 363 days and required to pay a fine and court costs adding up to \$176.

Ward Butler, 46, Capitán, pleaded guilty to a charge of contracting without a license, a petty misdemeanor. Butler was placed on 90 days probation and assessed \$151 in fines and costs.

Genevieve D. Victor, 22, Mescalero, pleaded guilty to a charge of issuance of a worthless check, a petty misdemeanor with a special penalty. Victor was credited for three days served at the Lincoln County Detention Center, put on probation for 27 days,

ordered to pay \$151 in court fees and a bench warrant fee, and had made restitution.

Terrell W. Willyard, 18, Lovington, was convicted of first offense DWI aggravated being a minor consuming alcohol, illegally parking on a roadway and not using head lamps when required. Willyard was credited for two days spent in jail, put on probation for 178 days, ordered to serve 30 hours of community service and assessed fines and court costs of \$559.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Car taken, damaged

Criminal complaints have been issued against an Alto man, who allegedly borrowed a car that police recovered days later with an estimated \$2,500 in damage.

Charlie E. Reyes, 25, is charged with felony embezzlement and felony criminal damage to property, according to Ruidoso police reports.

A Ruidoso Downs woman told police she lent her 1997 Dodge Neon to Reyes and another man on July 7 with a pledge that the vehicle would be returned within an hour.

On July 10 state police and Otero County Sheriff's deputies stopped the reported stolen car on U.S. Highway 70/54 north of Alamogordo. Two women in the vehicle were taken into custody.

When the victim received the car back it was extensively damaged.

Vehicle recovered

A car, reported as stolen on July 15, was later recovered by its owner. A 42-year-old Ruidoso woman loaned her car to a man who reportedly promised to return it in an hour. The car owner, who initially wanted to press charges, told police two days later not

pursue the borrower on a felony embezzlement charge, after she got the \$15,000 vehicle from a Mescalero location.

Car gone, then found

A car reported stolen July 18 from the 2800 block of Sudderth Drive was recovered by state police later that day.

The owner of the car, who was working in a Sudderth Drive shop, noticed the vehicle missing about 4:20 p.m. A key for the car had been left in the ignition. A witness told police he had seen an elderly man sitting in the vehicle for several minutes and then drive away. The incident has been classified as a felony unlawful taking of a motor vehicle.

Assault alleged

Ruidoso police are investigating a reported battery and assault incident that occurred two days before it was reported on July 16.

A woman told police she had been punched in the face at the bar of the Cree Meadows Country Club shortly after midnight.

U.S. stay curtailed

A man involved in a hit-and-

run accident in Ruidoso July 15 was turned over to U.S. Border Patrol agents.

Following the 5:30 p.m. accident at Sudderth Drive and Paradise Canyon Drive, a Ruidoso police officer stopped a van matching the description of the fleeing vehicle on Country Club Drive. The 29-year-old man from Chihuahua, Mexico, admitted being in the accident. He told the officer he was in the U.S. illegally. The driver also admitted drinking three or four beers after police found beer in the van.

Handgun missing

A Ruidoso police investigation is continuing after a resident in the 100 block of Hemlock Circle said his .25 caliber handgun was missing.

The victim said a roommate moving from the residence took his own belongings and he realized on July 17 his gun was gone. The victim said his former roommate's girlfriend would return the weapon. The case has been categorized as a felony larceny of a firearm.

Juveniles in custody

Two Ruidoso juveniles were taken into custody by police fol-

lowing a July 16 1:45 a.m. traffic stop on Carrizo Canyon Road near Evergreen Road.

The 16- and 17-year-old youths were charged with being minors allowing themselves to be served alcoholic beverages, disorderly conduct and curfew violations.

The 17-year-old was released to a parent. The 16-year-old was transported to the Dona Ana Juvenile Detention Center after he allegedly became violent and tried to kick out the windows of a police squad car.

Car taken, damaged

A shoplifter reportedly made off with a pair of sandals worth \$18.50 from Klassy Kids at 2801 Sudderth Drive. A store clerk said a woman had been trying on the footwear about 4:30 p.m. July 16. Later the clerk found an empty footwear box near the back of the sales area but no size 6 sandals.

Man cited for assault

A 21-year-old Glencoe man was issued citations by Ruidoso police July 13 for assault and

disorderly conduct. Russell W. Seeley allegedly threatened the owner of the Radio Shack store on Whitlock Street.

The man reportedly had attempted to return an audio-cassette tape to the store. The store owner refused, because the tape packaging had been opened.

Seeley allegedly threatened to hurt the store owner.

Auto damage claimed

A Ruidoso woman reported to police that her automobile was damaged by an unknown person at an unknown location between July 7 and 14. Police found a small amount of red paint on the bumper of the car where its plastic bumper had been cracked.

The damage amount in the injury-to-property incident was estimated at \$1,000.

Tires slashed

About \$120 damage was reported inflicted on two tires of a car parked in the 200 block of Mechem Drive on July 9. The car's owner told officers that when she left work she saw the front and back right

tires had been slashed. The case has been classified as an injury to a motor vehicle.

Misdemeanor damage

A misdemeanor injury to property case at Allsup's, Sudderth and Mechem drives, involved someone smashing a toilet.

A clerk at the convenience store said the toilet was found broken about 6:45 p.m. July 15. The toilet was valued at \$300.

Gas skip reported

A manager at the Diamond Shamrock gas station at 1901 Sudderth Drive reported a gas skip about 1:20 p.m. July 17. The unknown driver left without paying for \$26.90 worth of gasoline.

License plate taken

A license plate was reported missing from a vehicle that had been at the Cherokee Mobile Village on U.S. Highway 70. The vehicle's owner said the plate was stolen between July 15 and 16. The incident has been categorized as a misdemeanor larceny.

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Charles Wieland's 1947 Packard Super Clipper, which has been in Ruidoso Downs for more than 50 years, is due for restoration and later this year will be on display in Roswell — where its production year has a special meaning.

Packard automobiles, once symbols of quality, still intrigue a Ruidoso Downs resident. If fact, Charles Wieland truly is

'a man who owns one'

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A part of Americana in Ruidoso Downs for more than 50 years will get a new home in Roswell. Its owner contents it will fit in well, considering this year.

Charles Wieland has owned a 1947 Packard Super Clipper since 1963. The four-door automobile, produced by a famous builder (1899 - 1958), has seen little if any road travel in the 38 years Wieland has owned it. The cruiser, sleek for its time, will soon be restored and then put on display in Roswell.

Wieland said the model year of the Packard and the UFO history of Roswell fit together.

"It will be restored," Wieland said. "Painted, put a new window in it. Then it will be going inside."

Wieland said he and his son own an import store in Roswell that sells mostly Mexican items. A concrete slab at the store with an awning over the top will become the new home for the car, considered by many one of the classic brands of the American road.

"It's where people can see it," Wieland said. "And it's more for Roswell's 1947 UFO thing."

The Packard, however, spent its life in the Ruidoso area. Wieland said the car was owned originally by Elton Gray, a former Ruidoso Downs judge. Another owner had the sedan for a time

before Wieland purchased it.

Evidence seems clear that the judge and the car's second owner had worked at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track. Two window stickers, still in good shape, attest to the track connection. One sticker, dated 1958, proclaims the vehicle as belonging to a "horseman." The other, circa 1957, states "official."

Moving the car to Roswell isn't too bad an idea for Wieland. In addition to interest in the import store, Wieland had lived there during the 1950s, and worked as a mechanic at the former Walker Air Force Base.

"I also worked on our cars," Wieland said. "I replaced the engine," he said of the Packard. "But the engine is the only thing replaced. I've always had a bunch of dog-goned cars. I've held onto this one the longest. It's a Packard."

Wieland said the Packard name was long held as a quality symbol. He pointed to the slogan of the auto builder, defunct now for 40 years — "Ask a man who owns one."

The vehicle, with a 288 cc, straight eight-cylinder engine, has been at Wieland's Ruidoso Downs home, usually in a garage or shed, since 1963.

"It wasn't real snappy, but it would get out there and go down the road," he said. The classic still revs up, once the dash-mounted starter button is

depressed.

Packards have been a part of his family long before Wieland bought the 1947 Super Clipper. He recalled his dad being upset after World War II when trying to buy a Chevy. His father's name went on a list, and eventually the Chevy was available. But the dealer allegedly padded the \$1,800 price by \$1,000 because of the huge demand for vehicles after the war.

His father traveled more than 100 miles from their southwestern Wisconsin farm to Madison, where he bought a Packard.

It was a career with the U.S. Air Force that moved Wieland from Wisconsin in 1953. He landed in Roswell with the Air Force. Wieland said he met a "valley girl," and they married. His wife Frances is a great-granddaughter of Sheriff William Brady, who gained fame during the 1878 Lincoln County War. The couple moved to Ruidoso Downs in 1960.

The 1947 sedan isn't the only Packard Wieland owns. There's a 1948 Packard, that he admits needs fixing, stored at a son's home in Ruidoso Downs. But the car that fits a famous year in Roswell's history is heading east in the next month or so.

The Packard Super Clipper, after restoration, will be on display later this year at Wieland's Yucca Emporium, 3707 West Second Street (U.S. Highway 70), in Roswell.

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK*

JULY 19, 1901

From the Capitan Progress

The Lincoln County Teachers' Normal Institute will be held in Capitan; beginning Aug. 19, and will continue for two weeks. The new school law, enacted by the last legislature, annuls all teachers' certificates now held, no matter what the grade, so that all who expect to teach in the territory, must pass an examination as provided by this same new law...

Arrangements will be made whereby those who wish, can rent rooms. The best rates secured at the hotel are seven dollars per week.

JULY 20, 1951

Celebration highly successful

The celebration last Friday in which the air field was dedicated and the paved road opened was a success judged from any standpoint. More than 2,000 visitors attended the ceremonies and the large crowd was well taken care of as far as barbecue and cold drinks were concerned.

Gov. Edwin Mechem was on hand and mixed with the large crowd all through the afternoon.

JULY 21, 1961

Leftwich to open museum

A new tourist attraction for the Ruidoso area for visitors will be "The Outlaw Museum," now being readied for opening in the next few days in a building moved here from Pecos, Texas and located adjacent to Bowlin's Running Indian Store on U.S. Highway 70 in sight of the race track.

Early day firearms, photos, museum pieces and historical data are included in the many hundreds of objects to be placed on view. Bill Leftwich, artist and author, says... he will have pictures of the most famous of the western outlaws which he is painting, or has painted, from authentic portraits and photos available.

JULY 23, 1971

'La Fiesta New Mexico' chosen

The Aspenade committee of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce held a planning meeting at the Villa Inn Wednesday. Theme for the 1971 Aspenade will be "La Fiesta New Mexico" selected to tie-in with the 60th anniversary of the state.

Tom Loudon, who will again be chairman of the parade committee, suggested the theme which was approved by the committee.

JULY 23, 1981

Little boy lost, found

Though Christopher Weatherhogg, 10, wandered through 15 miles of forest and Ruidoso's streets Wednesday as a lost boy, he suffered no ill effects and was returned home safely, and without incident.

Christopher had taken a morning walk in the woods from his home at Deer Park in Alto's Sun Valley subdivision.

At 1:30 p.m. his mother called the Ruidoso police... Shortly after the search started. Christopher was located about a quarter of a mile south of Cousins by deputy sheriff Chris Volquardsen and animal control officer Jack Sniadecki and returned home.

JULY 18, 1991

Local girl will soon be a star

Ruidoso High School graduate, Tresa Lynn Halbrooks has been tapped for an audition for "Be A Star," a national talent program on TNN that airs weekdays in certain areas of the country.

Halbrooks has competed in talent programs locally since she was 6 years old and has performed at the State Fair in Albuquerque. She was first runner-up in the "Miss All American."

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



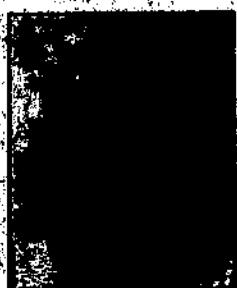
JAMES KALVELAGE/STAFF

A 1958 sticker from the Ruidoso Downs Race Track attests to the area heritage of the 1947 Packard.

"I've owned a bunch of dog-goned cars. I've held onto this one the longest. It's a Packard."

Charles Wieland who owns two vintage Packards

A hot vacation and big-league ball



LINCOLN TRAILS

ROSALIE DUNLAP

Ralph and I returned in late June from a family reunion in Cincinnati, Ohio. It was hot, but we had a great time. The Chaulk family is a fun-loving group. The "Patriarch," Tom Chaulk, is witty, bossy and a character. We attended a Cincinnati Reds - Chicago Cubs ballgame, but it was so hot we left at the sixth inning.

Sammy Sosa was right in front of us but he always had his back to us. A couple of times he threw a ball in to the stadium. It was the only game the Reds won during that series. There was a night out at a family restaurant with all kinds of electronic games

for all members of the family. A lot of birthdays were being celebrated so it was a singing, noisy evening but fun. On the last day we were there we visited the Cincinnati Museum — a huge complex — and found some Dunlap history. So now I am going to have to research the history.

Sunday, Pam McArthur told me that they had a story about John Dunlap, who published the original the Declaration of Independence. Ralph is a direct descendant of this Dunlap, who printed the Declaration of Independence but it wasn't signed. So he waited for the signed papers, lost them, then found them again.

ENGAGEMENTS WEDDINGS

Testerman-Swanner

Bryan and Kristy Swanner, of Nogal, and Justin and Angel Shaw of Ruidoso, are pleased to announce the marriage of their children, Jason Swanner and September Testerman.

Jason and September were married on Saturday, July 14, near Bonito Lake. A reception followed the ceremony, which was performed by Pastor Steve Kreins.

The newlywed couple will reside in Ruidoso.



Justin and September Swanner

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



Jim and Juanita Wheeler on July 9, 1951



The Wheelers today

Wheelers mark 50 years together

■ A former magistrate judge and his wife spent many years in Ruidoso.

Greg Wheeler, of Albuquerque, with Roxane and Bill Butts, of Capitán, held a family gathering in Santa Fe recently.

The celebration was in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of their parents, Jim and Juanita Wheeler.

Jim and Juanita met at school in Albuquerque where they later graduated from Albuquerque High. The Rev. Leroy B. Mills, of Albuquerque, married the couple on July 9, 1951, at Christ's Church Christian.

Their son, Greg, was born in 1956 and daughter, Roxane, in 1958.

Jim served in the U.S. Navy from 1950 until 1953. He then started working for the Albuquerque Police Department and attained the rank

of Detective Lieutenant in charge of the day-shift until 1971.

The family moved to Ruidoso where Jim was elected to the position of magistrate judge five times. He is currently serving the state in the position of a judge pro-tem.

Juanita worked at First National Bank, the Telephone Company, the City of Albuquerque and Trans World Airlines before moving to the Ruidoso area.

Jim and Juanita owned and operated a country store on Bonito Lake Road, but moved to Santa Fe in 1995 to care for Jim's mother.

The couple renewed their vows in a service at which Judge Bill Butts officiated. The pair will be continuing their celebration with a trip now being planned.

Former county SWA employee appeals firing, contending he's done the usual

BY DORIS STOLINS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A route driver for the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority is appealing his firing for missing three consecutive days of work.

Dean Shelby, who was hired by the garbage coalition about 10 years ago, contends he followed an accepted practice of leaving a note on a clipboard as notification that he was ill and would not be at work.

Debra Ingle, authority chairman and acting manager, contends she received no notice from Shelby and that she followed approved procedures in dismissing him.

During an open hearing on Shelby's grievance Tuesday, attorney J. Robert Beauvais repeatedly objected to attorney Don Dutton acting in a dual capacity as adviser to the authority board and "prosecutor" for the grievance committee.

Beauvais argued that Shelby could not receive a fair hearing with two members of the grievance board absent,

even though they left their vote by proxy. He also objected to Ingle sitting on the board and testifying in her managerial capacity.

Ingle recused herself from the grievance committee, but acting chairman Frank Cummings ruled that the hearing should continue.

No decision was reached during the hearing, and time will be allotted for Beauvais to produce documents from Shelby's physician about his appointments, the dental condition that led to his teeth bleeding and the dental work he received.

Shelby testified that after coming to work June 26, he decided this pain was too great to stay and he left a note in the office. Two other employees testified that procedure was common and at least one other person saw the note, which now is missing.

Shelby testified that when he couldn't see the doctor immediately, he took previously prescribed pain medication and slept. He called another

employee about his situation, although the man was not a supervisor.

All employees are supposed to report to Ingle under a two-month-old reorganization.

Shelby testified he could not reach Ingle and that when she saw him after he finished his route on his first day back at work, she fired him.

Ingle testified that Shelby did not show up for work June 26-27, which is grounds for firing. When she confronted him June 28, he had no note from a physician, she said. She produced a copy of authority policies and procedures signed by Shelby and other employees, which detailed that three-day abandonment of a job is grounds for dismissal.

Dutton drove home that Ingle functions as the only supervisor and Shelby had an obligation and ample opportunity to notify her in accordance with authority policy.

Beauvais contended that other employees have been reinstated after missing three consecutive days.

RC&D Council to meet Tuesday

The next meeting of the South Central Mountain Resource Conservation and Development Council Inc. is set for 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Four Winds Restaurant in Carrizozo.

The public and all cooperators are invited to attend and hear about council projects. Lunch will be \$8 at the restaurant at the intersection of U.S. 54 and U.S. 880.



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New president at State National

A new president of State National Bank-Ruidoso has been named.

Greg Cory, who has been with State National as executive vice-president and chief credit officer in El Paso the past two years, was named to the Ruidoso branch's position by Tom Battin, chairman of State National Bank-Ruidoso.

As president, Cory will oversee the two Ruidoso branches and construction of a third branch in Ruidoso Downs.

Cory replaces Carl Bartley who resigned as president of the local branches in June.

State National Bank, headquartered at Lubbock, Texas, purchased Ruidoso State Bank earlier this year.

they registered an increase in permit numbers and values. The value of manufactured homes during the first six months of 2001 was up 10 percent to \$900,796.

In Ruidoso and its ETZ, June posted an increase in total permits and values compared to June 2000. Total permits for the month were \$3.66 million compared to \$3.59 million the previous June.

In Ruidoso Downs, permitted construction values have exceeded the \$500,000 level so far in 2001.

Seven permits for new single-family dwellings account for \$431,677 of the valuations. Commercial additions or alterations make up an additional \$50,268.

New voices at KWES

Ruidoso's 93.5 FM KWES, which lost its popular morning show host to a heart attack last month, has hired a new on-air personality.

Bill O'Brian comes to KWES from Palm Springs, Calif., as a 28-year veteran of the radio industry. O'Brian had become aware of the Ruidoso area while working at radio stations in El Paso, Texas, and jumped at the opportunity to come to KWES, said Steve Swayze, general manager of KWES. O'Brian's morning show airs weekday mornings from 6 until 10 a.m.

"I love the Ruidoso area," O'Brian said. "I plan to stay right here until I'm too old to work in radio."

The country music station also has hired a late afternoon personality to fill the weekday local slot.

He is Ron Hunter, who most recently worked radio in Fargo, N.D. He is also an accomplished musician, playing drums and guitar and writing songs.

"Ruidoso is a really beautiful place," Hunter said. "I can't think of any place better to work than KWES radio."

Hunter's afternoon show features all requests.

Construction down in first half of 2001

The first half of 2001 has been a down time for new construction in the immediate Ruidoso area.

Building permit values in 2001 are 21.5 percent below the level registered for the same January through June period of 2000.

While new commercial building permit values are down dramatically — \$704,543 so far this year compared to \$6.3 million last year — single family home construction permits are down 2.8 percent, to \$13.7 million. A year ago the level had stood at \$14.1 million.

While permit values overall are down 21.5 percent, the number of permits during the first half of 2001 is down just 2.9 percent.

The year-to-date gainers are residential alterations or additions and commercial alterations or additions. Residential modifications are up more than 34 percent, to \$3.6 million. And commercial structure changes surged forward 88 percent, to just over \$1 million so far in 2001.

Permits for manufactured homes was the third category



State Racing Commission members held their July meeting Tuesday and Wednesday in Ruidoso. Pictured, from left, are commissioners Michael H. Harbour, Harley W. Segotta, chairman Gregory A. Drake, Russ Moore and Susan Vescovo.

Racetrack workers get a break

The New Mexico Racing Commission, meeting in Ruidoso, confirms legislative action by reinstating track workers convicted of drug charges

BY JAMES KAUVELAGE
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In the wake of new state legislation that took effect July 1, the New Mexico Racing Commission — meeting in Ruidoso on Wednesday — approved licensing of three people with past convictions on drug charges.

Previously, licensing was off limits to those who had been convicted of a violation of any federal or state narcotics law.

The three endorsements involved a concession employee at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino, a trainers licensee and a veterinary assistant licensee.

The concession employee was allowed to work at the track. The employee had been convicted of a drug infraction in 1983.

The employee told the commission she has worked for 18 years to turn her life around.

The other cases dealt with drug distribution convictions dating from 1993 and 1996.

The commission required the two more recent felons to submit copies of random drug test results that are a part of their parole conditions.

The matter of drug testing for backside employees at tracks also was discussed by the commission.

Some in the horse racing

industry contend the testing, required for employees of horse owners and trainers, may violate civil rights.

"Either you guys come up with something or we'll come out with a rule you guys won't like," Commissioner Russ Moore told the audience at Wednesday's commission meeting.

The commissioners held their July meeting Tuesday and Wednesday at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

TNMP seeks rate hike in state

Citing a slowing economy, Texas-New Mexico Power Company is seeking state approval for a rate increase.

A rate adjustment filing with the Public Regulatory Commission of New Mexico asks that the electric company be allowed to recover costs associated with decreases in customer use.

"(The) filing will mean an increase in monthly bills for our customers — about \$2.38 per month for the average residential consumer," said Robert Castillo, TNMP's vice president of New Mexico Operations. "While higher prices are never welcome news, we have worked to minimize the impact of the increase. One way we've done that is by entering into a new contract for long-term power supply that should help stabilize the fuel portion of our prices for several years."

Dramatic fluctuations in fuel prices since the California energy crisis began last year have moved TNMP electric bills into higher territories. Earlier this month the utility announced a new power supply agreement with Public Service Company of New Mexico that is expected to level the fuel portion of TNMP customer bills.

The power contract will see Public Service Company of New Mexico become TNMP's sole power supplier beginning in 2003. "Reliable service at stable prices is important to our customers," said TNMP President Jack V. Chambers. "This agreement is an important step in insulating our customers from the dramatic price fluctuations

and reliability problems that California has experienced."

PNM will supply TNMP's needs from a variety of resources, including a new natural-gas-fired plant planned for the Las Cruces area.

The estimated \$2.38 rate increase would apply to an average residential customer who uses 500 kilowatts of electricity monthly. The increase would raise the bill from \$59.52 to \$61.90 per month.

Castillo said that while the overall impact of the filing would represent a slight increase, the utility will continue to work with its customers to help them find ways to reduce energy use.

Texas-New Mexico Power Company serves 46,000 customers in New Mexico, including 11,700 in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs.

Electricity consumption 'typical' in Ruidoso area

While one New Mexico electric supplier set a new peak for power distribution last week, Ruidoso area power companies are seeing a typical summer.

"We've always been a winter billing peak utility," said Jimmy Capps, assistant manager of Otero County Electric Cooperative. "It's summer typical," he said of the amount of electricity the cooperative has purchased from its supplier.

Christmas to New Year's has been the period in which Otero County Electric sees the largest demand for power. The seasonal nature of many

customer residences and the holiday vacation time creates higher electric use.

Air conditioning isn't a seasonal load factor in the mountains.

The utility's June power distribution was more than 21 megawatts, which Capps said is close to the normal. In January the amount of power delivered to Otero County Electric customers was more than 22 megawatts.

Otero County Electric Cooperative services the Alto, Capitan and Carrizozo areas of Lincoln County and other rural loca-

tions in Otero and Lincoln counties.

The area's other electricity provider, Texas-New Mexico Power Company, also registers its peak consumption locally between Christmas and New Year's Day.

Jim Bassett, company spokesman in Ruidoso, said the Saturday after Christmas typically sees the biggest power consumption. Late last year established a new demand of 22 megawatts for the company's 11,700 local customers. Bassett said in recent weeks demand has been running 60 to 70 percent of peak, a summer load he labeled as normal.

Local man seeking patent on carpet-moving device

A Ruidoso man has invented a device to make the loading or unloading of rolled flooring materials easier.

Walter's Carpet Pole, the brainchild of Bryan Smith, is a stainless steel lifting device configured for use in conjunction with fork lifts. It's

designed specifically for lifting rolls of carpet and other rolled flooring materials. A patent is pending on the device.

Walter's Carpet Pole is manufactured from 1/4 inch stainless steel. An insertion and lifting rod, connected to a rectangular base support plat-

form measures about 14 feet in length and three inches in diameter. A development firm working with Smith stated the pole will appeal to carpet and rug dealers, manufacturers and distributors. The product is also seen as a benefit for carpeting contractors and

installers.

Smith, a floor covering salesman, built upon an idea originally conceived by his father and has designed a prototype that works.

Walter's Carpet Pole is currently available to manufacturers for licensing or sale.

Wells Fargo posts loss

BY MICHAEL LIEBKE
AP BUSINESS WRITER

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Wells Fargo & Co. posted a second-quarter loss of \$87 million, or 5 cents per share, reflecting the weakening markets surrounding the biggest bank based in the West.

The loss reported this week fell below Wall Street's modest expectations of a 1 cent per share profit, based on the consensus estimate of analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial/First Call. Wells earned \$1 billion, or 61 cents per share, in last year's second quarter.

Most of this year's loss stemmed from the San Francisco-based bank's decision to face up to the severe deterioration of its venture capital portfolio, which had invested heavily in California's once high-flying technology sector.

Wells absorbed a \$1.1 billion, or 63 cents per share, after-tax charge to account for the lower market value of its public and private-market investments, with virtually all the damage concentrated in its venture capital holdings.

The bank also recorded a \$70 million, or 4 cents per share, after-tax charge to account for problems in an auto finance package inherited in its purchase of Utah-based First

Security Corp. last year.

The special charges also depressed Wells' reported second-quarter revenue, which totaled \$3.55 billion, down 26 percent from last year's \$4.80 billion. Excluding the impact of the charges and acquisitions, Wells said its second-quarter revenue would have been up by 13 percent — a heartening sign to investors.

Wells also had warned about the venture capital losses more than a month ago, so the setback came as no surprise on Wall Street. Wells' shares gained \$1.50 on Tuesday, to close at \$47.50, just slightly below where the stock stood before the bank's June 6 warning about the venture capital losses.

"It was a noisy quarter, but underlying it all the day-to-day business fundamentals remain strong," said Joseph Morford of Dain Rauscher Wessels in San Francisco.

Without the charges, Wells said it would have earned 67 cents per share, slightly better than last year.

Like most lenders, Wells also continued to encounter more loan losses as consumers and businesses fell behind on their debt payments. The bank's problem loans and other troubled assets totaled \$1.63 billion as of June 30, up 21 percent from the end of 2000.

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Johnson mulls clemency for woman

Governor meets with death-row woman convicted of killing husband in 1988; case could be 'aberration'

GRANTS (AP) — Gov. Gary Johnson has met with an inmate at the state women's prison over a request to commute her life sentence for murdering her husband.

Johnson is considering a request to commute the sentence of Janet Elaine Vigil of Albuquerque, who was convicted of first-degree murder for killing her husband, Estevan Vigil, in March 1988.

The request is to commute her sentence to the time she has already served in prison. If granted, Vigil would be released from prison and placed on parole.

A life sentence in New Mexico means serving 30 years before becoming eligible for parole. According to Johnson's office, Vigil will become eligible for parole in 2019.

The state Supreme Court upheld Vigil's conviction in 1990.

But Johnson said Monday there are circumstances that could make the Vigil case "an aberration."

"Maybe others in the same situation would have received much less of a sentence than she has received. She has already served 12 years," the governor said.

Johnson was at the prison for at least an hour Monday, said David McCumber, the governor's chief of staff. The governor was

accompanied by his wife, Dee Johnson; McCumber; general counsel Matthew Hoyt; and special counsel Bob Stranahan.

It was the first time Johnson has visited with an inmate in prison over a commutation request.

McCumber said it's uncertain when Johnson might make a decision on whether to commute Vigil's sentence.

Vigil testified at her trial that the morning of the shooting she discovered that her husband had been sexually molesting her daughter from a previous marriage, according to the Supreme Court opinion affirming her conviction.

She had an argument with her husband several hours later. He hit her and the gun went off accidentally, according to her testimony.

The high court said there was substantial evidence to support the conviction. Evidence at trial suggested that no struggle had taken place and that the gun was fired intentionally.

Vigil contended in her appeal that she had ineffective assistance of legal counsel because her lawyer should have called an expert witness on the battered woman syndrome to support her claim of self-defense.

That syndrome has been used in criminal cases by defendants who contend they have been victims of physical or emotional abuse that made their situation appear so helpless that they had no choice but to kill to escape the abusive situation.

Before visiting Vigil, Johnson called family members of the victim. Three children of the victim — all from a previous marriage — opposed the commutation request, McCumber said.

"Well, now she's trying to come out (of prison), and it's just not right because my brother is going to be dead forever," said Nellie Martinez, Vigil's former sister-in-law. "And it's like there's no reason for her to come out."

The victim's son, Steve Vigil, said: "You know what, I've been doing this for like the last eight years or since '88 when this first happened and it breaks your heart. It breaks a person apart."

Vigil's daughter had requested the commutation in 1996 and the case has been under review since then, according to McCumber. The governor, he said, had a policy of holding "eye-to-eye" visits, when possible, with people for whom he is considering granting clemency, such as a pardon.

Former state senator involved in fist fight

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — Former state Sen. L. Skip Vernon was recently involved in a scuffle with his neighbor over a manufactured home on his property.

The neighbor, 43-year-old Theron Hartshorn, filed a report with the sheriff's office July 6 claiming Vernon attacked him earlier that week with a pair of numchucks — a type of martial arts weapon composed of two hardwood sticks joined by a cord.

Vernon, 44, said he hasn't seen a pair of numchucks since he was a child and that he and Hartshorn were both participants in an old-fashioned fistfight. He said Hartshorn made up the story about the numchucks out of embarrassment.

"He fabricated several different stories, but he finally came up with the idea of numchucks," Vernon said Tuesday. Hartshorn was not avail-

able, a woman who answered the phone at his office said Tuesday.

In a written statement, Hartshorn said he went to Vernon's home to confront him about a manufactured home on the Vernon property.

"I left a message saying I was not happy about his new mobile home," Hartshorn said. "About one hour later he called and told me that he could do whatever he wanted on his land."

Hartshorn alleges that when he arrived on Vernon's property, Vernon struck him about 30 times with a pair of numchucks.

Vernon said he was in his car when Hartshorn approached. He said Hartshorn tried to ram his truck into Vernon's car. Vernon said he wasn't hit.

The case is under investigation. No charges have been filed.

'Abandoned' van came with police officers

■ Albuquerque cops nab two men who broke into a police surveillance van — while officers were still inside.

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — Two men who alleged they were just trying to get out of the rain were booked on an auto burglary charge after police accused them of trying to steal a van — described as a "beat-up piece of junk" — that happened to be an undercover police vehicle complete with officers.

Officer Mike Hill said he and officer Nick Carter were

parked Saturday night keeping watch on a suspected crack-cocaine house from the van, which has tinted windows and curtains, including a curtain between the driver's area and the back.

The officers had been on stakeout three or four hours when two men walked by.

"They stopped and they turned around," Hill said. "They came back to the van, banged on the windows and said, 'Hey, wake up. It's the police!'"

They walked away again but stopped nearby, he said.

"You could almost see their minds working. They were

looking around and talking," Hill said. "They were making sure the coast was clear, I guess."

The men walked back to the van, banged on the windows again, then got in, Hill said.

Hill said he and Carter were waiting behind the curtain with guns drawn.

Criminal complaints said one man got in on the driver's side and the other on the passenger's side. The driver grabbed the ignition key while pulling back the curtain.

"They were definitely not expecting us back there. They were pretty quick getting out of (the van)," Hill said. "So we chased after them and caught them 50 yards down the street."

"I thought it was funny," Hill said. "I'm not often a victim."

Mike Hill Albuquerque police officer

The men were booked on felony charges of auto burglary and conspiracy, according to criminal complaints. The cases were dismissed Monday without prejudice, meaning they can be refiled.

UNM law dean to retire

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — Robert Desiderio, dean of the law school at the University of New Mexico, has announced he will step down from the post.

Desiderio said many of the goals he had set for himself when taking over the law school in 1997 have been realized.

"I have come to the conclusion that it is a particularly appropriate time to make this move, for the benefit of the law school and for my

family and me, as well," he said.

UNM Provost Brian Foster said Desiderio's resignation will be effective June 30, 2002. A national search for a replacement will begin this summer.

In making the announcement Monday, Foster commended Desiderio for increasing the school's level of fund raising, leading the school through the accreditation process and hiring new faculty.

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Lincoln County War 123 years ago this week

Today, Lincoln, New Mexico, is a quiet, beautiful, pastoral little town. The lazy days of summer bring tourists from all over the world interested in seeing the place where Billy the Kid rose to prominence.

Aside from the great museums, the visitor can stop by the newly opened La Cocina Cafe for a taste of the local cuisine at its best, or take advantage of the Mule Creek Carriage Company's rides up and down Lincoln's only street in a vehicle that predates the automobile. The driver, Max, is prepared to fascinate visitors with tales of the Lincoln County

War, and of course, its most famous participant - Billy the Kid.

Strolling down Lincoln's street, it is difficult not to recall the violence that rocked this county 123 years ago. In 1878, that quiet little street was the most dangerous street in America, and that is no exaggeration.

Prologue

By what was to be, in the eyes of many Lincoln County residents, that most bad year of Our Lord, 1878, the firm of L.G. Murphy & Co. had a strangle-

hold on the economy of the Connecticut-sized county. Employing such innovative busi-

ness practices as selling land to which they had no legal title, the partners who comprised the firm were not pleased when a young Englishman by the name of John Henry Tunstall arrived on the scene and promptly went into competition with them.

Tunstall is frequently portrayed as an honest man who had come to attempt to make

things "right" in the county. Hardly. Tunstall's ambition was not to make things right, but rather, to make things right for John Henry Tunstall. His intent was to oust Murphy and set himself up in exactly the same fashion as had Murphy. Tunstall even stated, in a letter to his father back in England, that he intended to get hold of "50 cents out of every dollar that anyone made in the county." His partner, A.A. McSweeney, was no better.

One of the many seeds that

led to the Lincoln County War involved McSweeney and an insurance policy. McSweeney collected a \$10,000 policy due after the death of one of Murphy's partners and then refused to turn it over to the firm. Self-righteously proclaiming that he would only turn the money over to the rightful heirs, McSweeney enraged Murphy's protegee and enforcer, Jimmy Dolan, who would ultimately become the guiding light of the firm (and lead it into bankruptcy). Also, Jimmy Dolan was the wrong man to enrage, as time was destined to tell.

The fact is, McSweeney never

turned the money over to anyone. Then, he really put the icing on the cake by going into partnership with Tunstall, the self-avowed rival of Murphy and Dolan.

The party begins

On February 18, 1878, John Tunstall was murdered - by a duly authorized Sheriff's posse - at a place about six miles from modern-day Glencoe, and the Lincoln County War exploded across the countryside. Skirmish after skirmish ensued over the next few months. In early

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Lawbreakers need education

Our educational system is failing. Our schools are producing students who are - to quote from the conclusion of an 858-page report recently issued by a distinguished blue-ribbon Presidential Task Force On Educational Quality - "stupid."

The drop in our national IQ has caused many problems, including Limp Bizkit, the U.S. Department of Education and the cancerous growth of "reality-based" TV shows ("Tonight on Passion Farm: Nine complete strangers churn butter!").

But the most serious problem is that, as our population gets dumber, it becomes harder and harder to find qualified workers. Nowhere is this disturbing trend more evident than in the field of crime. Not so long ago, American criminals ranked among the best in the world. Foreigners were terrified to come here because our criminals were so good at making our streets unsafe. Today, however, we are producing incompetent criminals who not only have allowed the crime rate to drop alarmingly, but who also, when they DO attempt to break the law, commit crimes of a quality that is, frankly, embarrassing.

Consider a story from the March 10 issue of The (Annapolis, Md.) Capital, written by Brian Schleter and sent in by many alert readers. According to this article, an alleged parole violator was about to be taken into custody in the county courthouse in Annapolis when he suddenly ran from the courtroom. So far, so good; criminals are supposed to flee. The suspect, pursued by sheriff's deputies, ran into the nearby Maryland Inn, where he hid in a closet. This is still acceptably competent criminal behavior.

But then, according to The Capital, the man decided to disguise himself by "putting on a bunny suit." I am not making this up. For some reason, which is not explained in The Capital

article, the closet contained a bunny suit, with large pink ears, and the suspect climbed into it. Maybe he thought this would fool the deputies.

FIRST DEPUTY: He ran into that closet!

SECOND DEPUTY (opening closet door): Nope! There's nobody in here but a giant bunny!

FIRST DEPUTY: Darn!

But this deputies were not deceived, and they apprehended the suspect after a struggle. The Capital quotes an inn employee as saying: "It looked like they were attacking the Easter Bunny."

As pathetic as that criminal was, he was Albert Einstein compared to our next example, whose story is told in a March 10 Albuquerque (N.M.) Journal article written by Jeff Jones and sent in by several alert readers. This article states

that a man armed with a knife held up a Taco Bell and got \$2,400. The robber wore a ski mask to disguise his identity. This plan would have worked flawlessly, except that, during the robbery, the robber made one teensy mistake: He pulled one of the Taco Bell workers aside, lifted his mask, and said, quote, "It's me, Tim."

Yes. It turns out that the robber used to work at this Taco Bell, and he chose that particular moment to say hi to a former co-worker. This meant that the police had a pretty good clue as to the identity of the robber - namely, his name - and thus were able to apprehend him, which is good, inasmuch as a person of his apparent mental caliber should not be walking around with a sharp object.

Speaking of weapons, another excellent example of the modern criminal mind is reported in a 1999 article from the Billings (Mont.) Gazette sent in by alert reader John Hauxwell, M.D. This article concerns a man who attempted to hold up a Billings gas station by pointing his finger at the clerk. According to a police spokesperson, the would-

be robber "took off running when the clerk said 'no'."

What a moron! You'd think our educational system would at least have taught this man, if he's going to scare people with his finger, he must demonstrate its menace by pointing it at the ceiling and going, "Bang! Bang!"

The once-proud American crime industry has become a joke. To turn the situation around, we need better-educated criminals; to produce them, we must give our schools more resources, in the form of money. That is why I want you to put cash in an envelope and mail it to me, so I can give it to the schools. ALL your cash. Do it RIGHT NOW. Or else. Because this finger is loaded.

(Dave Barry is a humor columnist for the Miami Herald. Write to him c/o The Miami Herald, One Herald Plaza, Miami, FL 33132.)

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GOMBER: Lincoln street most dangerous — 123 years ago

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March, the Regulators (the name the former employees and friends of Tunstall had given themselves) caught up with two of the alleged triggermen in Tunstall's death: Billy Morton and Frank Baker. Taking the pair prisoner after a five-mile running gun battle, the Regulators started back to Lincoln from the vicinity of Roswell. *Somewhere* along the way, it had to have occurred to them that they would be turning their prisoners over to the very same Sheriff who had deputized Morton and Baker to go after Tunstall in the first place.

Consequently, at a place about 15 miles southeast of Lincoln near modern-day Arabela, the prisoners were executed.

For their next hat trick, the Regulators ambushed the Sheriff himself in the middle of Lincoln's only street. Apparently, they thought that this was a good move, but gunning down the County Sheriff in the middle of the street is not the sort of thing that endears one to local citizens. Then, three days later, more than a dozen of the Regulators shot it out with lone Murphy/Dolan partisan Andrew L. "Buckshot" Roberts at a place called Blazer's Mill that stood where modern-day Mescalero is located. Roberts died as a result of the shootout, but not without taking a heavy toll. He killed Dick Brewer, the Regulator captain, and wounded, with varying degrees of severity, at least four other Regulators, including Billy the Kid.

After going through a series of "captains," all of whom relinquished that title in sad and extremely sudden circumstances, the Regulators, by July, looked to Alexander McSweeney for leadership. Which is kind of like naming Pee-Wee Herman to lead you.

If McSweeney's wife, Susan, had run the war, they may actually have had a chance at winning it. She was the sort of hardy frontier woman who could chew nails and spit rivets! In the end, the rumors of Susan's alleged promiscuity in Lincoln, where she was resoundingly disliked, were neither here nor there. Even if she *was* sneaking off into the bushes with lusty young locals, that has no bearing on her behavior in other areas. The fact is, at this late date it is impossible to know for sure whether those rumors were true and it is the responsibility of any historian to point that fact out. It isn't fair to Susan to state categorically that they were either true or false. And in the end, at least as far as history is concerned, *who cares?*

At any rate, McSweeney was homesick and simply wanted to return to his home in Lincoln. The fact that Lincoln was crawling with men anxious to kill him didn't seem to affect his decision. Alexander McSweeney was going home and that was all there was to it!

And so it began

On the 14th of July, McSweeney, riding at the head of the Regulators, who numbered at least 40 and possibly as many as 60, came thundering into Lincoln. As luck would have it, the majority of the Murphy/Dolan faction was out in the hills looking for the Regulators and for all practical purposes, McSweeney and his men rode into an empty town. Jimmy Dolan, however, was in Lincoln, and we can only imagine the panic he must have felt when all those Regulators, armed to the teeth, came riding down the middle of the street. Jimmy quickly fortified himself up in the Wortley Hotel, which would become his command post for the next few days.

The Regulators took position up and down the street. Some went into the Ellis Store, some into the Montano Store. Only three of them entered the small structure out back of the Tunstall Store, and about 15 of them, including McSweeney and the Kid, entered the McSweeney house, located in the approximate center of town. (Note: Many have wondered why the Regulators did not take shelter in the Tunstall Store, a veritable fortress, and the answer may well be a simple one. The Ealy family had taken shelter there, and chances are the Regulators did not wish to put women and children at risk.)

The next day, the Murphy/Dolan faction came thundering into town and the ball was on. For days, there was much shooting with only one fatality. That was Charlie Crawford, a Murphy/Dolan partisan. During a lull in the shooting, Charlie apparently decided that the coast was clear for him to stroll down the hillside on the southern side of town, in full view of the McSweeney house. When he did this, the Regulators opened fire and put a bullet through his hips. Crawford lay on the hillside all day, pathetically calling for water, and died in agony later.

July 19, 1878

And so it went. No one was really interested in coming out from under cover. But all that changed on Friday, the 19th — which was the day the U.S. Army came to town.

Fort Stanton's Buffalo Soldiers were commanded by Lt. Col. Nathan Dudley, a vain martinet who held a great antipathy for Alexander McSweeney, who was, after all, a lawyer. When Dudley and his troops marched into town, many of the Murphy/Dolan men fell into step with them, confident in the fact that the Regulators would dare not fire on the U.S. Army. In this fashion, the minions of Jimmy Dolan were able to improve their positions dramatically. And, as though this were not enough, Dudley then proceeded to go up and down the street with a howitzer and a Gatling gun, pointing them at the various Regulator

positions until they were evacuated. In the end, only the men in the McSweeney house held out. To both sides, a blood bath seemed imminent.

That same day, about 2 p.m., two of Dolan's men managed to sneak up to the McSweeney house and set it on fire. The house was shaped like a U with the open end facing away from the street. There was a kitchen at the top of the U on both sides and it was the one on the eastern side that was set afire. All day long the Regulators retreated from room to room as the slowly advancing flames consumed the house. At about dusk, the women and children were permitted to leave, and by the time darkness had fallen, the men were gathered in the other kitchen — the last room. Things were getting bad.

It was at this juncture that Billy the Kid took command for the first time. McSweeney, defeated, had been sitting with his head in his hands. The Kid

shook him and told him to get ready, that they were going to make a break for freedom. Billy asked for volunteers for a decoy party and got four.

At first, the Kid and the other decoys attempted to sneak out the back door of the McSweeney house, but they were seen and the race was on. Despite the fact that there were bullets flying everywhere, only one of Billy's decoys went down. Poor Harvey Morris, a young law student who had come west for his health, was hit in the head as he ran through the gate of McSweeney's picket fence. He was dead when he hit the ground. The Kid and the others were attempting to reach the Tunstall Store, some 50 yards away, but the gunfire was so heavy they were driven down the hillside and across the river, where they took shelter in the trees. And no man dared follow them in the dark.

But the decoy maneuver was

all for nothing, as it turned out. For whatever reason (personally, I think he lost his nerve), McSweeney hesitated between the back door of his house and the chicken coop. McSweeney called out to his besiegers that he wanted to surrender and requested that he be protected from a lynch mob. Murphy/Dolan man Bob Beckwith stepped forward, saying that he had the authority to take McSweeney into custody. And then, for whatever reason, McSweeney changed his mind. Screaming that he would "never surrender," McSweeney, however unintentionally, gave *both sides* the order to open fire. In less time than it takes to tell about it, McSweeney and three others fell dead in a pile.

Several others escaped, and only 19-year-old Yginio Salazar, Billy's close friend, remained on the scene and survived, though badly wounded. He lay still and then crawled off as the Murphy

men began a wild celebration that would last almost all night. Burning boards were thrown on McSweeney's body as his drunken enemies danced around it. They felt that the war was over and they were the victors. And, as far as they were concerned, to the victors went the spoils.

And on the other side of the Rio Bonito, Billy the Kid watched through narrowed eyes. The war was over as far as the Murphy/Dolan faction was concerned. And for that matter, a number of the Regulators were weary of the fighting, too. But for Billy, this was just another battle. Now, he added the deaths of McSweeney and the others to those he planned on avenging.

Sources: A *Documentary History of the Lincoln County War* and *The West of Billy the Kid*, both by Frederick Nolan, and *Billy the Kid: A Short and Violent Life* and *High Noon in Lincoln* both by Robert Utley.

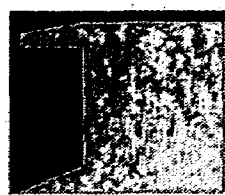
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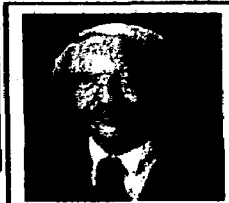


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Thursday, July 26

Lincoln County Democrats

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Friday, July 27

50th Traditional Spanish Market

7-9 p.m. Spanish Market Members Preview held at the Sweeney Convention Center in Santa Fe. The Spanish Colonial Art's Society's Members-Only Reception and Preview of juried work by Spanish Market artists. Memberships available at the door.

Open House at ENMU

5:30-7:30 p.m. The open house is being held in conjunction with the opening of the annual Ruidoso Arts Festival held at the civic center for the weekend. The college extends an invitation to artists, art collectors and art connoisseurs to view the current art collection and to see recent acquisitions. The open house will be held at the college facility on Mechem Drive, Ruidoso. Refreshments will be served.

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Private Art in Public Places

Suanne Wamsley exhibits her work July 3 through September 8 at the Ruidoso Public Library, working in colored pencil, she specializes in equine art and commissioned portraits of horses and pets.

Firearms of the American West 1803-1900 Exhibit

On display through October 20 at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. lectures on the exhibition will be given by Worman and Garavaglia. For more information call 378-4142.

Chamber Exhibit of the Month

Sharon Adamy, exhibiting artist at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce for the month of July, draws and paints pastel portraits, street and market scenes and quick pen-and-ink sketches, seeking to capture character, essence or spirit.

Capitan Library Exhibit of the Month

The Capitan Public Library will be displaying the work of Paula White, an artist from Hondo, for the month of July. White's work includes porcelain, porcelain on canvas and water colors.

Movies

Cats and Dogs

Action/Adventure, Comedy and Kids/Family.

Rated PG for animal action and humor. Starring: Jeff Goldblum, Elizabeth Perkins and Alexander Pollock.

Directed by Larry Guterman. Produced by Andrew Lazar, Chris deFaria, Craig Perry and Warren Zide.

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The Fast and the Furious

Action/Adventure. 1 hr. 47 min. Rated PG-13 for violence, sexual content, and language.

Starring: Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Jordana Brewster, Michelle Rodriguez and Matt Schulze.

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"The Secret Garden," 7:30 p.m. See July 20.

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Monday, July 23

Konis Art Workshops

Artist Ben Konis, from Amarillo, Texas, will host an art workshop at the Enchantment Inn from July 23-27. Those interested may contact him there.

Tuesday, July 24

50th Traditional Spanish Market

The "El Camino Antiguo" held on July 24-25. It's unique version of the Antique Road Show - advice on condition, conservation and value of antique Spanish Colonial art held at the Inn a Loretto in Santa Fe from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 25

Spencer Theater for Performing Arts

8 p.m. Internationally recognized, pop and classical concert pianist, Doug Montgomery, will perform Broadway show tunes, classical, jazz, and innovative fare. Tickets cost \$15 & \$18 and are on sale now at Spencer Theater Box Office: toll free at (888) 818-7872 or (505) 336-4800; at Furr's locations,

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2001: An art odyssey

Story by Dianne Stallings
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

Born among the green chiles of Hatch, Rosemond Mundy spends her time today creating reflections, elaborate and stark, colorful and muted, that enhance the decorating themes of homes across the country.

First-time Artists

Rosemond Mundy

Mundy is one of 11 first-time local artists showing in the 30th Annual Ruidoso Art Fest starting at noon July 27 and running through 5 p.m. July 29 at the Ruidoso Convention Center off Mechem Drive.

Recognized by the Harris Poll as one of the outstanding juried shows in the Southwest, the event attended by more than 7,000 each year is sponsored by the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and showcases the work of 125 artists.

Chairman Phillis Barnett said proceeds help finance the chamber's annual budget and \$8,000 from a silent auction of artists' works goes to the chamber's scholarship fund.

Mundy, working under the name of My Mom's Mirrors and More, started her business about a year ago after she created her own designs as part of her interior decorating efforts for her daughter's home in Boulder, Colorado and for a home her son was building in Alto.

"When I looked for mirrors, I could only find two kinds - the really elaborate, ornate type that didn't go with the Southwestern way of life, or ones that were cheap-looking, so I started building mirrors myself out of wood, old tin, handmade papers and all types of architectural elements," Mundy said. "People who saw them were so impressed, they said I should sell them."

Not only do her mirrors sell in shops in Boulder, Denver, Santa Fe, Las Cruces and El Paso, she also sells through her own Web site where special orders may be placed: www.mymomsmirrors.com.

Moving full time to Ruidoso three years ago after 20 years of part-time residency, "I needed something to do," Mundy said. "I enjoy matching people's fabrics and decor. It's fun to find something where I can do all types of work and designs. Such a broad range is what keeps me doing it."

Shelly Portillo

Born in Australia, furniture-builder Shelly Portillo moved to the Midwest with her family when she was a teen-ager.

"I started out sketching in pencil and charcoal, then graduated into oils and now have decided to cross over into woodwork, lamps and metal work," she said.

She moved to Tularosa 18 years ago, seeking an escape from harsh winters for herself and her parents. Later, she met her husband, which meant the decision was a good one all the way around.

"I started because I put up a cedar house and kept looking for pieces and couldn't find anything I liked and figured I could fill my own need," she said. "It grew from there with the furniture. So many people went crazy over it, I thought I can do this."

Many of her pieces are created from old barn siding, including coffee tables and window benches.

"I drag my husband and make him tear down old barns people are willing to let me have," she said. "I make him haul the pieces home. It's neat to watch them reborn. People love them. They're typically on the primitive side, but with a variety of designs and items, including fireplace screens, trunks and jewelry boxes."

Her father helps with the metal work that includes Western lamps, coat and hat racks. Since she started doing larger pieces, Portillo attends just two or three shows a year.

Beth Braid

Impressions of livestock and the landscape around them dominate the cups, dishes, bowls and platters of Beth Braid.

Her glazes recreate the blues of falling darkness, the greens of rich pastures and the speckled tans of high desert plains. The color schemes are backdrops for the sometimes impressionistic, and often stylized cows and horses she captures making their way down paths to watering hole or paus-



Courtesy

This Jon Vance painting captures his extraordinary use of color in landscapes.

ing on the crest of a hill.

A talented painter and sketch artist, Braid started working with cows and horses on pottery at Montana State University.

"I experimented through college, but then was able to devote the last 2 1/2 years full time, and have seen my work really come around," she said. Others can watch the artist at her Blue Cow Pottery studio as part of the Once Again Antiques and Collectibles Mall on Sudderth Drive.

She enjoys creating functional pieces on her potter's wheel such as varying sizes of mugs, but she also will do complete dinner sets.

Her subject matter is a natural, Braid said.

"My husband manages ranches for a living and we've lived on them throughout the West," she said. "We moved here from Montana and before that we were in Arizona and northern California. That's our lifestyle."

Gary Sprein

Although his artistic talent stretches over many mediums, his ornate silver rings seem to be a favorite at shows, says Gary Sprein.

A machinist by trade, he worked for NASA for 18 years and operated his own shop, but having to follow a blueprint with little leeway for any deviance wasn't very satisfying. So he started creating jewelry from silverware as therapy, Sprein said.

"At first, I lived in the mountains above Santa Fe and Los Alamos doing leather work and all types of things," he said. "I'd sell them in Santa Fe, buy some more leather and go back into the woods and live off the land."

That lifestyle ended when he met his future wife. They moved to Las Cruces for Sprein to finish his education and stayed 25 years, raising three children. Four years ago, they moved to High Rolls in Otero County.

"The jewelry aspect started about 11 years ago after some people saw my work and told me I should be selling at shows," he said. "I did a little of everything and put it out on the table. The first day, all the silverware jewelry was gone, so I focused more and more on that line, coming up with different styles, patterns and ideas."

His experimentation evolved into using stones, mostly in Victorian colors such as amethyst, garnet and onyx, to further "dress up" his jewelry, sometimes putting fancy cut birthstones into his spoonrings. Sprein said often after a show, people call and ask for custom orders using family heirloom silver.

Jon Emerson Vance

Born on the plains of Kansas, Jon Vance, in his work, chronicles the changing light and moods of the buttes and deserts of New Mexico and the rugged mountains of Colorado.

He began sketching landscapes and wildlife on a ranch in the scenic foothills near Salida, Colo. At age 15, he completed a 36-foot mural in oil for the Colorado State Fair, a project that marked the beginning of a lifelong career in art.

From Colorado, he moved to New Mexico, focusing on the light, color and shapes that became a common theme in many of his paintings.

He next moved to Phoenix, where he painted murals for an interior decorating company, and then in the 1970s, he tried Ruidoso, broadening his subjects and adding portraiture to his repertoire.

Vance eventually returned to New Mexico, where he indulges his drive to hike in the Black Range Mountains and continues gathering the images he translates to canvas.

Returning Artists

Maureen Quemada

The vivid images and colors of expressionist Maureen Quemada emerge in series.

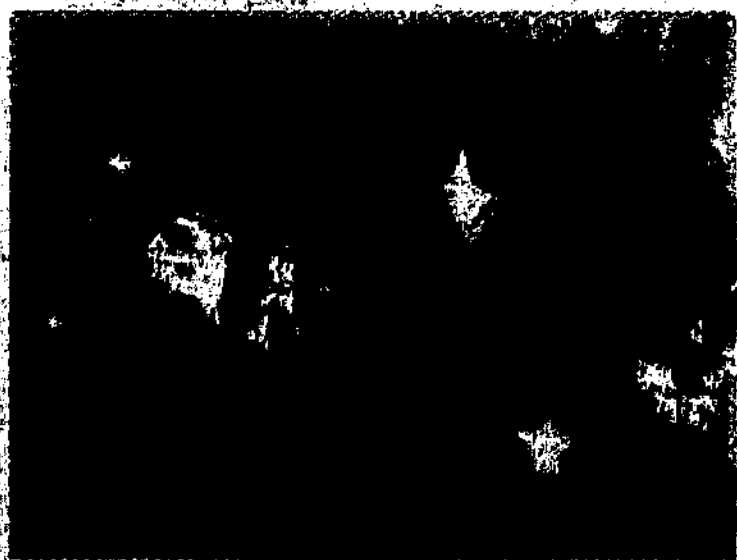
Utah landscapes, whimsical images and folksy island villages burst onto her canvas with spontaneity and enthusiasm.

Quemada, who ranked as one of the top 10 artists participating in last year's Ruidoso Art Fest, said her painting is circling around to its starting point when she created paintings for her children.

Born in Olympia, Washington, Quemada spent her early years in Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii, and since has lived in Washington, California and Ruidoso. Every January she returns to Hawaii to work on her commercial line of prints.

Although she earned As in art in high school and spent much of her extra time in the art room, she considers herself basically self-taught and a museum groupie.

More 2001 Ruidoso Art Fest artists will be previewed here next week.



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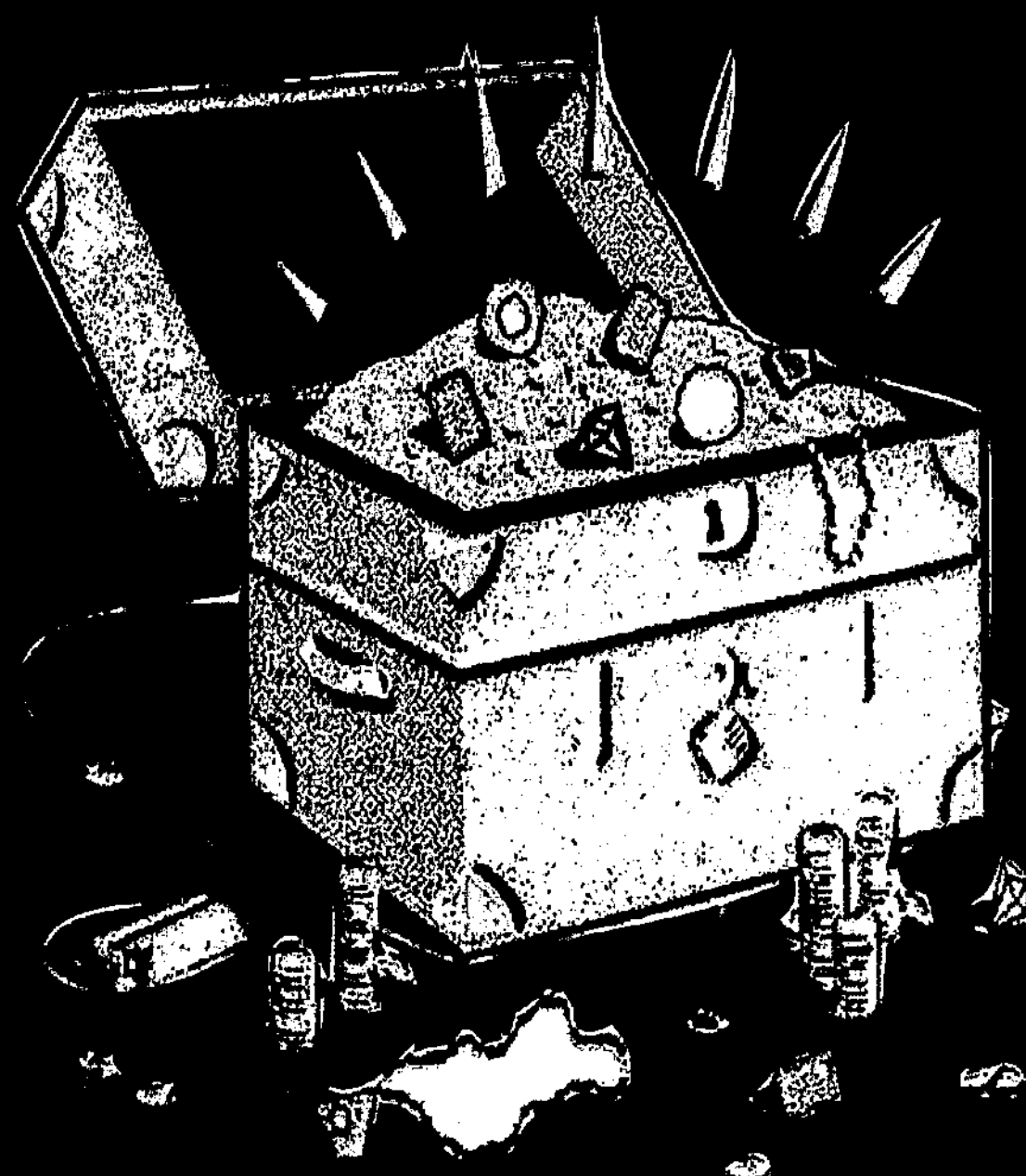
The livestock- and landscape-themed pottery of Beth Braid will be on display at the 2001 Ruidoso Art Fest.

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Take to the Street Players

by Wes Schwengels
VAMONOS! WRITER

Don't be surprised if there are singers, actors, clowns, artists and musicians all over the Midtown area July 28. Just take a moment to enjoy the culture.

The inaugural Ruidoso StreetPlayer Festival of Fine Arts will take center stage – and any other space it can find – that day to spread awareness of the strong and talented artistic community in Ruidoso and all of Lincoln County, said festival committee member Dan Hood.

"The whole idea of this is to display the fine arts of the Ruidoso area," he said.

Entertainment will abound, and everyone can find something to their liking. If classical guitar by Tomas Vigil isn't one's cup of tea, perhaps Ruidoso High School's jazz band will be. Scenes will be acted out on the street and on balconies. A barbershop quartet, The Noisy River Four, will be on the scene, as will face painters and balloon artists for those young or young at heart.

The festival will be found throughout Midtown, with action included at every gazebo, and will last from 11 a.m. to about 5 p.m.

Originally, it had been planned to run only a few hours, but Hood said response was so tremendous from local artisans that the committee decided to expand it.

"We are thrilled with our response," he said. "Local artists, performers, townspeople have responded phenomenally, all volunteering their time."

The festival is an offshoot from the Ruidoso Arts Commission and is part of the commission's attempt to bring more events into the community, Hood said.

He added that this year is an initial step toward making the event an annual occurrence.

Wes Schwengels

The Noisy River Four will be just one of the acts found at the Ruidoso StreetPlayer Festival of Fine Arts. The group is, from left, Ed Spurr, Dan Hood (standing in for Danny Flores), Leo Mitchell and Stan Thomas.



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cuts of several of his old hits.

Second in the lineup is pianist and improvisational wizard Doug Montgomery. Montgomery, who will perform at the Spencer on Wednesday, July 25, is a true showman; his private and public performances have enchanted hundreds of fans from Bob Hope to Barbara Walters. He has been dubbed Santa Fe's piano man, and is so popular there, the nightclub Vanessie has built its entire business around Montgomery at the piano. The program will be a mix of classical, jazz, Broadway and pop standards, original arrangements and innovative fare.

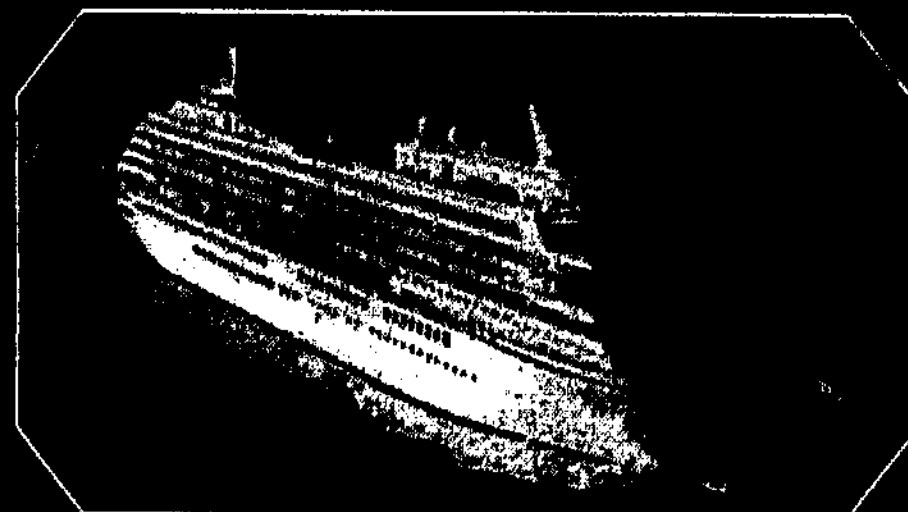
Last, but certainly not least is the master of classical and flamenco guitar, Estéban. He

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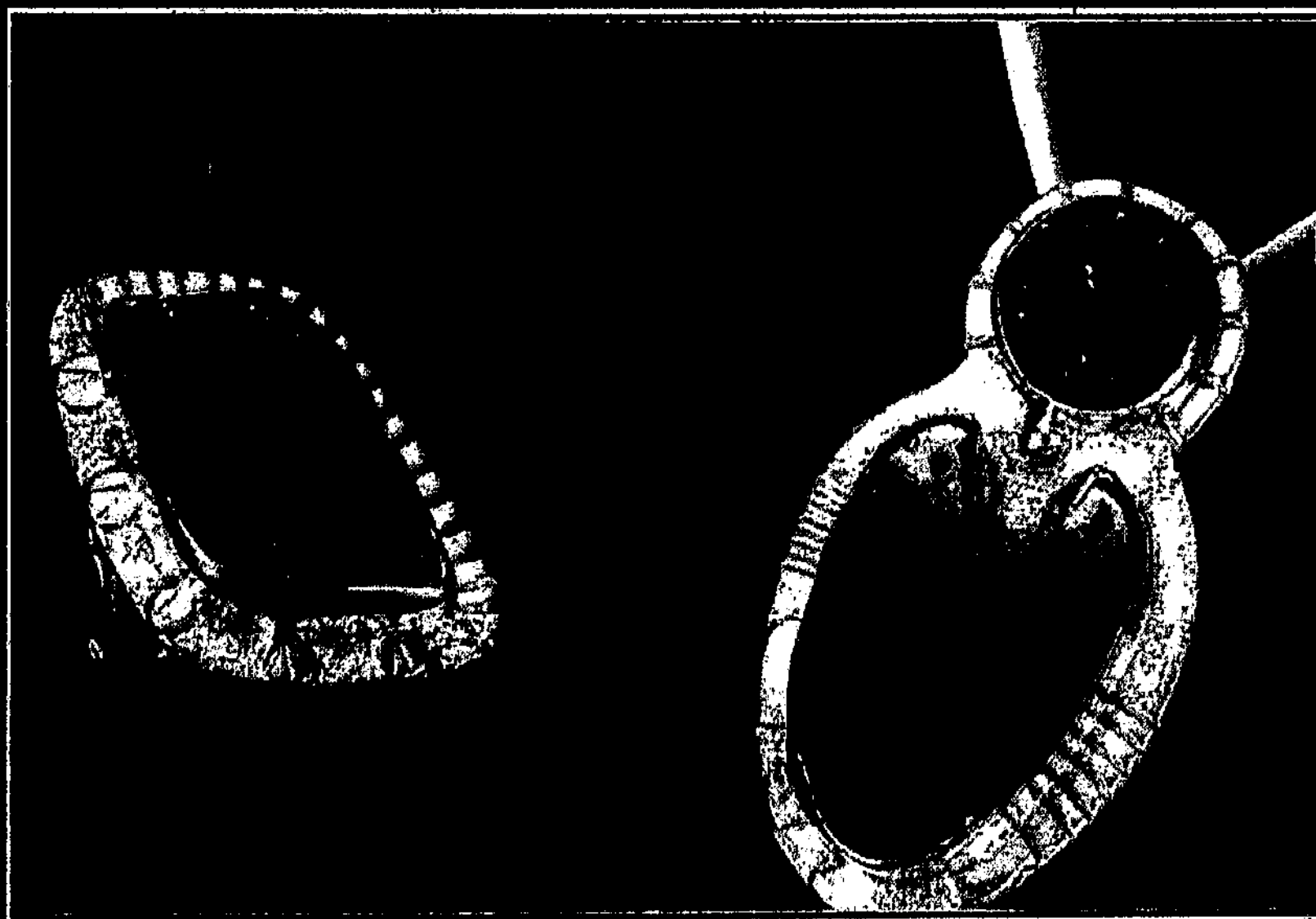
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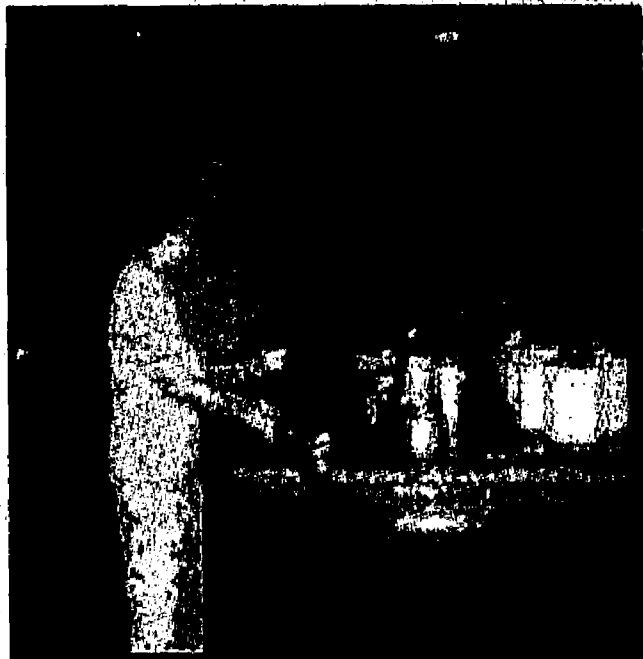
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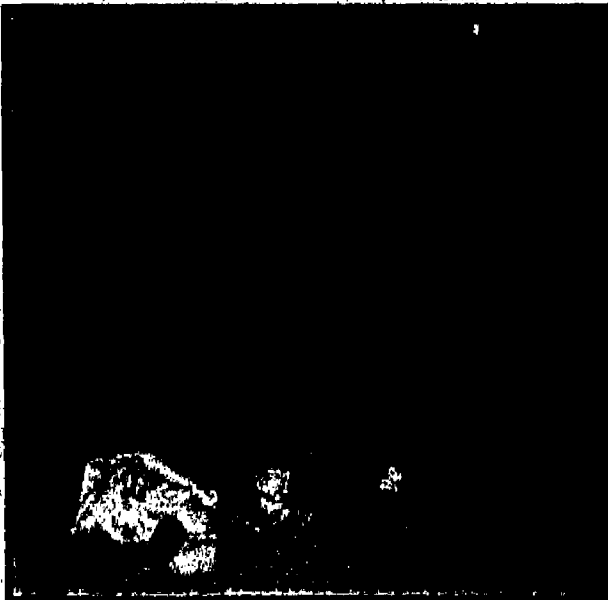


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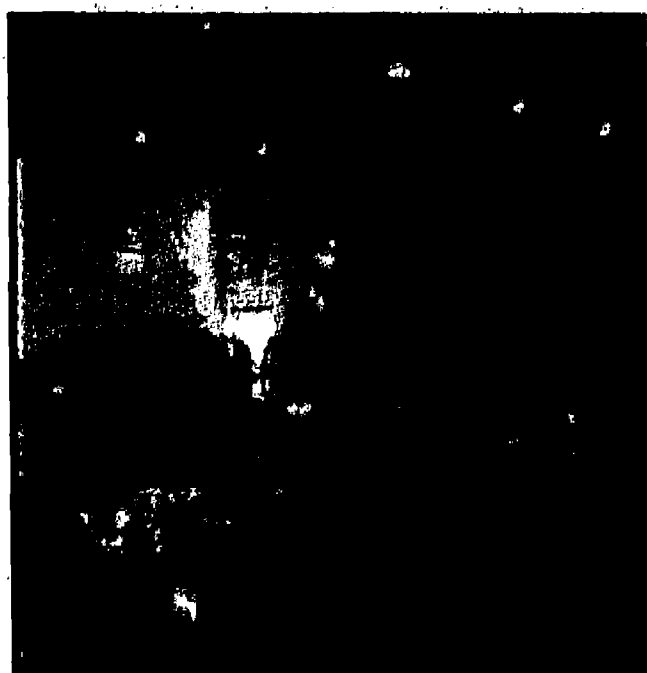
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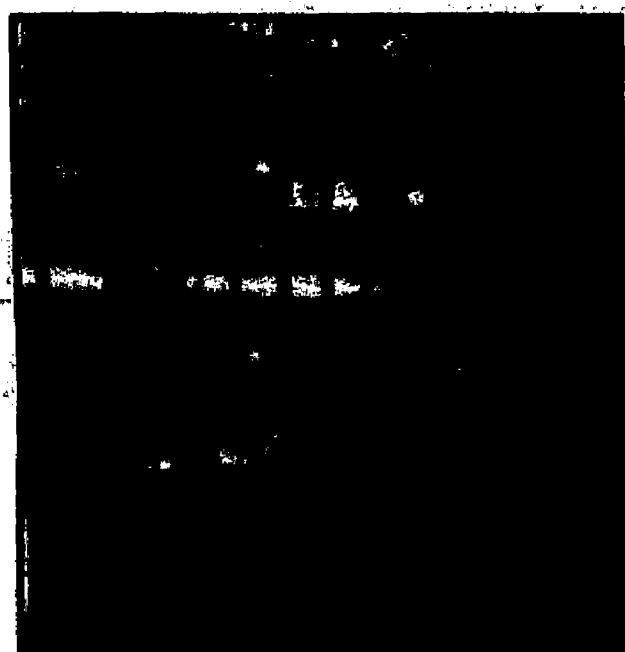


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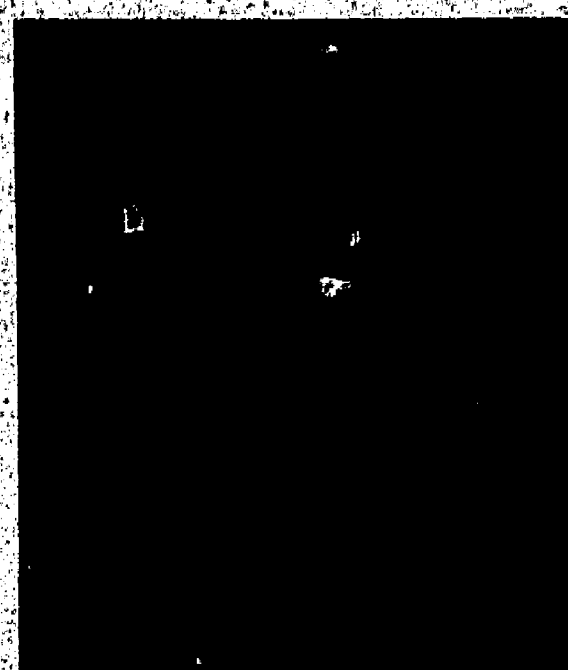


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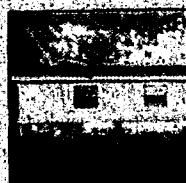
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AFFORDABLE PRICE IN PARADISE Older 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath single wide with add-on dan with fireplace. Beautiful corner lot in Paradise Canyon with city utilities. Owner anxious! Reduced from \$57,900 to \$49,000.



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380 HELP WANTED

APPLICATIONS BEING
taken for full-time warehouse and delivery help. Must have clean 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.

ASSISTANT Maintenance
Supervisor full-time employment. See Lynn Carter at Crown Point Condos, 220 Crown Dr. References required. No phone calls please.

BILINGUAL REQUIRED.
Need a responsible and dedicated individual for Receptionist/Maid, \$7.50/hr. Personas interesadas favor de solicitar en persona a High Country Lodge. Pregunte por Leticia Espinoza.

CASA BLANCA is accepting applications for all positions. Looking for people willing to work hard and get paid well. Apply in person 501 Mechem Dr.

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help. Apply in person with resume 135 El Paso Rd.

380 HELP WANTED

CASHIERS NEEDED, \$7.
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are currently accepting applications for all positions. Great wages and the best tip potential around. Insurance and 401(k) plan available. Apply in person for an interview between 2p.m.-3p.m. Mon-Fri. and 11a.m.-3p.m. Sat. & Sun. Applications accepted at any time during business hours. Apply at 657 Sudderth or 1200 Mechem. No phone calls please.

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for Thursdays and Fridays. Apply at Crown Point Condos 220 Crown Drive. Contact Sue Parker.

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hostess and servers. Please apply in person at Michele's, 2703 Sudderth, Mon-Fri, 2:00pm-5:00pm.

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Mechanics Salary \$10.49 hourly. Excellent benefit package including vacation, sick, retirement & insurance.
Application accepted until 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 24, 2001. 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 258-3848. EOE

THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO DOWNS is accepting applications for the position of **FIREFIGHTER**. Valid New Mexico Driver License, Class E or CDL and High School Diploma or equivalent are required. Must have Firefighter I and II, Basic Wild Land, Veh. Excitation I, First Responder, Pump Operator and SCBA certifications. Beginning pay rate is \$10.19 hourly. Excellent benefit package. Complete job description provided with application at Village Hall, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345. Phone 258-4343 or 1-877-700-4343. Deadline for return of applications is Monday, July 23, 2001 at 4:00 PM. EOE

EMPLOYMENT ANNOUNCEMENT
Adolescent Counselor
Salary: \$19,760 per year
Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in Counseling
Adult Residential Counselor
Salary: \$22,880 per year
Qualifications: Master's Degree in Counseling
NOTE: Both positions will require licensure/certification as an Alcohol/Drug Abuse Counselor in the State of New Mexico, with a minimum of 1-2 years experience in counseling. If interested, submit resume to: Mescalero Tribal Human Services, P.O. Box 228, Mescalero, NM 88340. For more information call (505) 464-9302/9303.

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Tree removal, pruning, hauling, raking, mowing, gutters. Free estimates. 336-4599 or 430-0099.

EXCAVATING: ALL kinds. Dump Truck Service. Blasting. Roadwork. Culverts. Gravel. Drives. Inland. NM 7381. Bernard Excavating Landscaping. 378-1152, 420-0704

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PET AND PLANT sitting: your house or mine. Mine for small dogs, yours for larger pets, cats, plants. Call Sandy for information. 257-0306.

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420 CHILD CARE

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380 HELP WANTED

450 AUGMENT

ALL ITEMS STORED AT Wild West Storage by Barile, Fox-Patch and Dickens will be sold at auction Thursday, July 26, 8:00am. In Ruidoso, call 336-1047.

490 PERSONALS

FREE PREGNANCY TEST. Confidential and confidential assistance. 258-1800

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COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ROSALIA FLORES, Petitioner,

DANIEL DELEON, Respondent.

No. DM-00-134 Div. III

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING RESPONDENT:

DANIEL DELEON

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that Rosalia Flores, Petitioner, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. DM-00-134 wherein you are named as the Respondent and wherein said Petitioner seeks to obtain constructive service upon you.

The general objects of said action are to obtain a dissolution of marriage.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause

Eastern New Mexico University Ruidoso Instruction Center Ruidoso, New Mexico

The Ruidoso Instruction Center, located in the beautiful mountain resort country of southern New Mexico, is seeking a Temporary part-time Instructor in

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The position of Early Childhood Education Instructor requires a Master's degree. Applicant must possess or be prepared to work successfully with nontraditional adults, including minority group students. Bilingual skills (Spanish/English) preferred but not required. Must be able to work flexible hours. Salary is \$630 per credit hour for course preparation and instruction.

Interested applicants should send Letter of Application, a current Resume and transcripts to:

Dr. James Miller Jr.
Center Director
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345
(505) 630-8181 (voice) (505) 257-9409 (fax)
email: jim.miller@enmu.edu

Applications accepted until July 27, 2001
ENMU is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer

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The Ruidoso Instruction Center, located in the beautiful mountain resort country of southern New Mexico, is seeking a Temporary part-time Instructor in

BUILDING TRADES

The position of Building Trades Instructor requires a bachelor's degree (preferred) or some college coursework, and a New Mexico Contractor's License (GB-98).

Other required skills include excellent computer skills (including Internet), the ability to work successfully with High School students, nontraditional adults, local contractors and material suppliers.

Bilingual skills (Spanish/English) preferred but not required. Must be able to work flexible hours. Salary is \$630 per credit hour for course preparation and instruction (11 credit hours per semester).

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on or before August 17, 2001 judgment will be rendered against you by default, and the relief prayed for in the Petition will be granted.

The address of this Court is P.O. Box 725, Carrizozo, New Mexico and the Petitioner's address is P.O. Box 733, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346.

Witness my hand and the seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this 25 day of June, 2001.

/s/Jan Perry

Clerk Of The District Court

/s/Clydene Hull Deputy

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LEGAL NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Village of Capitan
Owner

411 Lincoln Avenue
Address

Capitan, NM 88316

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of the Village of Capitan Water System Improvements will be received by the Village of Capitan at the office of 411 Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, NM until 3:00 p.m. (Standard Time/Daylight Savings Time) on August 7, 2001, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

Description of Work: New 100,000 gallon steel water storage tank & site work; modification to existing booster stations including mechanical & electrical; waterline improvements which include installation of approximately 37,000 linear ft. of 6"-10" PVC waterline and other incidentals.

Prospective bidders are required to attend a mandatory Pre-Bid Conference/Inspection which will be held at the office of the Village of Capitan, at 411 Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, NM on July 31, 2001 at 1:30 p.m.

THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:
-Village of Capitan, P.O. Box 248, Capitan, NM

vs.

TRUDIE JORDAN aka TRUDIE CREWS and CHARLES EDWARD CREWS aka CHARLES JORDAN

Defendants.

No. CV00-168

AMENDED NOTICE OF PENDENCY SUIT STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants, GREETINGS:

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THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO DOWNS is accepting applications for the position of **EQUIPMENT OPERATOR / TRUCK DRIVER-STREET DEPT.** Beginning pay rate is \$9.27 hourly. Must have at least three years experience in heavy equipment operation. Must possess or be able to obtain within 6 months of hire, a Class A Commercial Driver's License with Hazmat and Tanker endorsements. Excellent benefit package. Complete job description provided with applications at Village Hall, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs or call 505-378-4422.

Deadline for return of applications is Monday, July 23, 2001 at 4:00 PM. EOE

THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO DOWNS is accepting applications for the position of **PARKS/BUILDING MAINTENANCE.** Valid New Mexico Driver's License and High School Diploma are required. Three years related experience and one year in building custodial related duties or parks maintenance is preferred. May be required to obtain an NM CDL. Beginning pay rate is \$10.30 hourly. Excellent benefit package. Complete job description provided with application at Village Hall, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs or call 505-378-4422. Deadline for return of applications is Monday, July 23, 2001 at 4:00 PM. EOE

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-FW Dodge, 7500 Viscount, #108 El Paso, TX 79925 915/776-5087

-Construction Reporter, 1609 2nd Street, Albuquerque, NM 87107 505/243-9793

-Builders News, 3435 Princeton Drive, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107 505/894-1752

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of Bohannon Huston, Inc., located at 425 South Teller, Suite C-103, Las Cruces, NM 88011 upon payment of \$100.00 for each set.

Any BIDDER, upon returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS promptly and in good condition, will be refunded the payment. Any non-bidder upon so returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS will be refunded \$100.00.

VILLAGE OF CAPITAN

Kathryn Griffin
Name

7/10/01

Date

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

BANK ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TRUDIE JORDAN aka TRUDIE CREWS and CHARLES EDWARD CREWS aka CHARLES JORDAN

Defendants.

No. CV00-168

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You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 28 St. Moritz Street, in the city of Ruidoso, County of Lincoln, New Mexico, more particularly described in the Amended Complaint in said cause.

That unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before August 24, 2001 judgment by default will be entered against you.

Name and address of Plaintiff's attorney: Susan C. Little & Associates, P.A., 4501 Indian School NE, Suite 101, Post Office Box 3509, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87190-3509.

Witness the Honorable KAREN L. PARSONS, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, this 2nd day of July, 2001.

JAN PERRY

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

/s/Elizabeth Yeasi Deputy

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a regular meeting on August 7, 2001 at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case # PV01-015 a Variance request for the following described property:

Lots 6 & 7, Block 18, Ponderosa Heights, Unit 3 Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.

/s/Tim Vega Planning Department

3615 1T(7)20

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Article 7 §3-7-1, and Article 21 §3-2-1 et seq. NMSA 1978 compilation, NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso in conjunction with their regular meeting will hold a Public Hearing on August 7, 2001 at 2:00 P.M. to consider Annexation and Initial Zoning of R-1, Single Family Residential Development for a Tract more particularly described as follows:

A part of the South 500 Ft. N 1/2, NE 1/4, Section 28, T 11 S, R 13 E, Less the Sunny Lane Tract, Lincoln County, New Mexico containing 28 acres more or less.

Copies of the property plat and Zoning Regulations are on file in the office of the Planning Administrator of the Village of Ruidoso and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

The Public Hearing will be held at the Ruidoso Administrative Center, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

By order of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

/s/Tim Vega Planning Department

3616 1T(7)20

LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a regular meeting on August 7, 2001 at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case # PV01-014 a Variance request for the following described property:

Lot 7, Block 1, Pinecliff Sd. Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.

/s/Tim Vega Planning Department

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LEGAL NOTICE

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LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

LEGAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico, is requesting sealed proposals for LEGAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES. Interested proposers may secure a copy of the request for proposals from the Purchasing Agent at 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346, or by phoning 505-378-4422.

Proposals will be received by the Village of Ruidoso Downs, Purchasing Agent, located at 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346 until 2:00 pm local time, August 7, 2001. Proposals will not be opened publicly but in the presence of one or more witnesses. Proposals received after that time will be rejected and returned unopened.

The Village of Ruidoso Downs reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals and waive all informalities as deemed in the best interest of the Village.

By Order of the Governing Body
Village of Ruidoso Downs

/s/Terri Mosley
Purchasing Agent

3620 1T(7)20

LEGAL NOTICE

CALL FOR BIDS

The Ruidoso Board of Education wishes to receive bids for one 68" Gas Restaurant Range, two Ice Makers with storage bins, and two gas Dual Deep Fat Fryers for the Ruidoso Municipal School District. Installation must be completed by August 10, 2001. Specifications are available at the office of the Superintendent, Mike Gladden, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, NM 88345 or by phone (505-257-4051).

Bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31, 2001. BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND MARKED "BID FOR GAS RANGE, ICE MAKERS, AND DEEP FRYERS". Bids will be opened and read aloud at a special school board meeting to be held after July 31, 2001. Award of bid will be announced after the special board meeting.

The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or parts of bids, and waive all technicalities.

/s/Mike Gladden

600 LEGALS

Superintendent

Ruidoso Municipal Schools

3621 2T(7)20, 25

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO SUBMIT BIDS

Notice is hereby given that competitive sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Ave., Carrizozo, NM 88301, until 2:00 p.m. MDT, Wednesday, August 8, 2001 at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids not received by the time and date indicated above will not be accepted for consideration and will be returned unopened.

SEALED BID NO. 01-01-005 "VEHICLES FOR LINCOLN COUNTY"

The County is requesting bids on one or more sport utility vehicles and two pickup trucks. Specific makes and models are indicated, but the County will consider Or Equal bids as long as the vehicles offered meet or exceed the specifications of the bid.

Specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse or by calling Jane Williams (505)648-2385.

All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the Bid Title, Bid Number, Date and Time of Opening. If the bid is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall have the notation Sealed Bid along with the Bid Number.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review the bids and make their final determination during a regular 8:00 a.m. County Commission meeting on Thursday, August 16, 2001 at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of the bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interests of Lincoln County.

/s/Jane Williams
Purchasing Agent

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LEGAL NOTICE

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Wednesday, August 8, 2001 at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids not received by the time and date indicated above will not be accepted for consideration and will be returned unopened.

BID NO: 01-02-004 "RESURFACING OF VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS IN RANCHES OF SONTERA, PHASE I"

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review the bids and make their final determination during a regular County Commission meeting at 8:00 a.m. Thursday, August 16, 2001 at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo or by calling Jane Williams at (505)648-2385.

All bids submitted must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the Bid Title, Bid Number, Date and Time of Opening. If the bid is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall have the notation "Sealed Bid" along with the Bid Number.

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interests of Lincoln County.

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