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Wishes granted

Attention, money focused on desire to help forests

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

National attention and the flow of federal dollars this year are allowing foresters and natural resource experts "to do the things all of us wanted to do all along," Toby Martinez, director of the state Forestry Division, said Thursday.

One of the panelists at a press conference in Albuquerque, Martinez said to do what needs to be done to protect communities and forests from devastating wild fires, those federal dollars must continue to flow for years.

"It's a blessing that we are getting more moisture this year to allow us time to get some work done, but we will have more severe fire seasons like 1996 and 2000 in the next 10 years," he said. "Were we surprised by some of the things that happened? No. They were predictable based on science.

"What has changed today is the political will of the country is now focused. Individuals and communities are taking more responsibility and asking what they can do. But it's not a matter of the federal government ... curing the problem. It will take all of us together."

Eleanor Towns, head of the U.S. Forest Service for the Southwest Region, said her agency is one of many "working together to restore the health of the public's land and to protect our communities from dangerous wild fires such as those we here in the West experienced last summer."

The Forest Service heard the message from the public and its priorities for the coming year are to put out wild fires and to reduce the risk of fires to communities adjacent to public lands, she said.

Many projects that end already are underway in individual communities, she said.

In an initial step as part of developing a 10 year plan, "we began by working with state foresters to match up federal projects ready to go, against the (New Mexico and Arizona) governors' lists of communities of concern," Towns said.

Members of the congressional delegations of Arizona and New Mexico also did their part in pushing for dollar allocations, she said.

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Marcie Stokes, with the Smokey Bear Ranger District, and Bill Hirschfeld, chairman of the Billy the Kid Scenic Byway Committee, ponder additional plans for the White Mountain Vista, a new scenic overlook on the byway between Alto and Capitan.

A site to see

New scenic overlook offers one more place with a view

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A new Lincoln County scenic overlook along the Billy the Kid Scenic Byway is taking shape.

The White Mountain Vista, on State Highway 48 between Alto and Capitan, has its paved drive and parking area in place, sidewalks and sign-holders that will be provide information about the byway and its surrounding views.

Plans for additional landscaping, plaques and tourist tidbits were informally discussed at the location Wednesday by Bill Hirschfeld, chairman of the Billy the Kid Scenic Byway Committee, and Marcie Stokes, recreation assistant with the Lincoln National Forest's Smokey Bear Ranger District.

Hirschfeld said the vista will be dedicated to Sam Tobias, the Smokey Bear Ranger District ranger who died

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Furrs Supermarkets files bankruptcy

Company makes Chapter 11 move to ease debt burden, allow financial restructuring

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Furrs Supermarkets Inc. announced Thursday the chain had filed a voluntary petition for reorganization in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

The Chapter 11 reorganization request was filed in the bankruptcy court for the District of New Mexico at Albuquerque.

Company officials said the filing seeks to help with a financial restructuring to eliminate a "burdensome debt structure and allow the grocery chain to compete more effectively."

Furrs, which operates 71 stores in New Mexico and West Texas, has two outlets in Ruidoso.

"We will continue with business as usual," said Greg Stewart, Mechem Drive Furrs manager.

"We will continue with business as usual," said Greg Stewart, manager of the Mechem Drive Furrs. He directed any further questions to corporate officials in Albuquerque.

Dan Grapentine, who manages the U.S. Highway 70 Furrs in Ruidoso, concurred with Stewart that customers would see no interruptions.

Of employees, Grapentine said "everybody seems to be very excited about it."

The Furrs manager referred to a plan that would infuse up to \$30 million in debtor-in-possession financing.

Thomas Dahlen, Furrs' president and CEO said the new funds will be used to assure that store shelves are fully stocked and store conditions improved.

The financing, which would be subject to court approval, is expected to be provided by the company's existing financing sources.

"We are pleased with the efforts of the company's lenders to support our business and our business plan," Dahlen said. "It will give the company the time and resources to build a strong foundation for growth and opportunity for our nearly 5,000 employees."

Dahlen said the bankruptcy filing will result in no layoffs. He added that the only difference employees and customers will see will be for the better.

Store hours will be unchanged and Furrs stores will continue "except that now we expect to have sufficient funds that will allow us over the next few weeks to fully stock our shelves and improve store conditions," Dahlen said.

New group rides to rescue Fort Stanton

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Members of a new group formed about six weeks ago seeking to preserve historic Fort Stanton wants faster results in determining the future of the 88-building complex.

David Vigil, one of the founders of the Save Fort Stanton Foundation, said Wednesday they were successful in finding some major financial contributors to the effort, in lining up support from state legislators and in generating legislation introduced this past week.

State Sen. Timothy Z. Jennings

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State legislators consider funding bill

If approved by the state Legislature as written, a bill introduced by state Sen. Tim Jennings (D-Roswell) would allocate \$250,000 to the state Economic Development Department to plan, design, construct and equip restoration improvements to the stables at the fort 15 miles northeast of Ruidoso.

The agency would receive \$350,000 to plan, design, construct and equip restoration improve-

ments to Building 13, former officers quarters where Gen. John J. "Blackjack" Pershing stayed at the fort, \$250,000 for the headquarters Building 7 and \$65,000 to plan, design, construct, landscape and seed the parade grounds.

The local government division of the state Department of Finance and Administration would receive \$100,000 to plan and design an equestrian strategic plan for the fort.

Above and beyond ...

Contractor wants extra money for building extra road

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The contractor who built a road at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport wants the village of Ruidoso to approve an after-the-fact change order because the road turned out longer than expected.

Haulx Inc. of Las Cruces wants \$111,554 for the now-completed road. The original bid was for \$74,538.

A planned length for the road was 1 mile, but the contractor built 1 1/2 miles of road.

An official with the village's engineering firm on the project said there had been an error in the original plans, according to a memo to councilors in advance of

next week's meeting.

In the memo, Alan Briley, village manager, tells the council that the village has had previous experiences with change orders, largely because of a lack of quality control.

The engineering firm, Leedshill-Herkenhoff Inc. of Albuquerque, said in a letter that "the distance used in (the) original quantity estimates does not agree with the as-surveyed distance."

In the memo to the council, Briley stated that the Federal Aviation Administration has confirmed there is grant funding to pay for the longer road.

The road is funded through 90 percent FAA money.

Judge tosses out lawsuit against hospital

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Anti-trust claims filed against the county-owned Lincoln County Medical Center in 1999 were dismissed earlier this month in federal court in Albuquerque.

U.S. District Judge Paul J. Kelly Jr. cited insufficient evidence for the case brought by Frontier Medical, a home health company that operates in Lincoln County, according to information from the hospital in Ruidoso.

A spokesman for Frontier said the decision will be appealed.

The decision does not deal with the propriety of the actions of the hospital and its management firm, Presbyterian Healthcare Services, the spokesman said. The judge, in his decision, expanded the relevant geographical area of competition from Lincoln County - previously agreed to by attorneys from both sides - to a much larger geographical area that encompassed other hospitals and mooted the point of restriction of competition, according to the spokesman.

Hospital officials view it differently. They pointed out that in his decision, Kelly wrote, "In this case, the record contains no evidence suggesting that the referral practices at issue have had any actual anti-competitive effects."

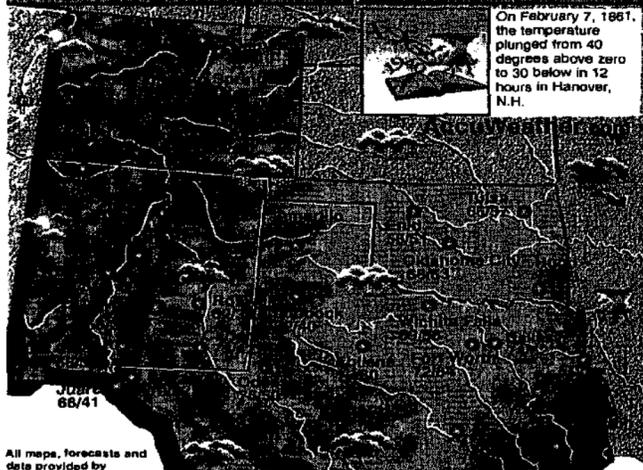
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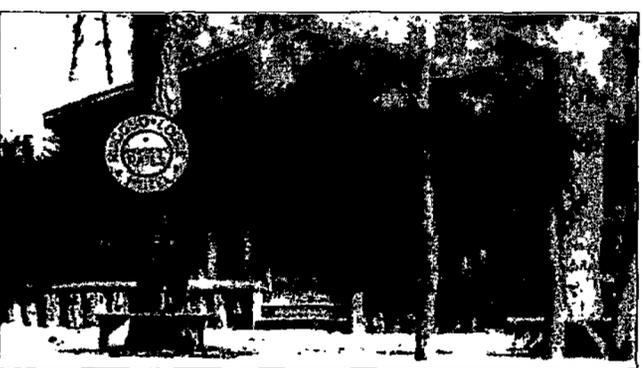
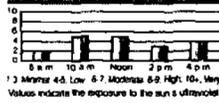


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SUN AND MOON

Table with columns for Sun and Moon, listing times for sunrise, sunset, moonrise, and moonset for the week of Feb 8-14.

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Ruidoso saw lots of slab-log construction from 1900 to 1920. Courtesy

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

A glimpse into Lincoln County's past, compiled from local newspapers by Polly E. Chavez. The Capitan Progress February 8, 1901. One of the greatest wonders of the southwest is the great mammoth cave at Fort Stanton, five miles from Capitan. This cave has been explored for a distance of over seven miles. In many respects

it out rivals the Great Mammoth Cave of Kentucky. The Great Hewett and Lady Zetta gave two performances in the school house this week and were greeted by well filled house both nights. The second night the hall was cleared and turned over to the young people to dance. The music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Hewett and was excellent. A silver tea set was won by Mr. Swearinger and Miss Belle Steven for the best waltzers.

SCENIC: A new overlook between Alto and Capitan taking shape

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last year while fighting the Scott Able Fire in the southern Sacramento Mountains. Hirschfeld said a plaque at the scenic overlook will tell about Tobias. "Sam was involved with the planning of the vista with these guys," Stokes said in reference to the byway committee. "He was helping to draft what it was going to look like when he died. It was Sam who presented the plans to the

committee." Hirschfeld said the vista is a partnership between the village of Ruidoso, the byway committee and the U.S. Forest Service. The site, on Lincoln National Forest land, had long been a turnout with several trash containers and an informational sign about Smokey Bear. Currently the vista has a walking path, sitting areas and views of Sierra Blanca and the Capitan Mountains. In the near future, it will be an interpretative vista.

"It will be information about the area," Hirschfeld said. "It's an enhancement to the Billy the Kid Scenic Byway." Stokes envisioned interpretative signs telling about the trees, wildlife and ecosystem of the areas, as well as the names and facts of the mountain peaks in the line of sight. The Billy the Kid Scenic Byway, one of six national byways in New Mexico, follows State Highway 48 from Capitan to Ruidoso, U.S. Highway

70 east to Hondo, and then U.S. Highway 380 back to Capitan. The vista's development was the result of approximately \$80,000 in federal grant funding and well as in-kind construction assistance from agencies such as the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department. "It's a part of the Billy the Kid Scenic Byway," Hirschfeld said. "All the parts are pretty major. This is definitely an enhancement on the byway."

FOREST: National attention and federal money bring needed help

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"Each federal agency has a national fire plan, each has a granting arm for getting the dollars to states which can be used in various efforts by the states and counties," Town said. The bulk of the money for the fire efforts will go to fire fighting in the hiring of permanent and temporary firefighters, engine crews and helicopter pilots "so that we are going for the next fire season," she said. About 800 jobs are designated for the Forest Service alone. Some already were advertised and filled, others will be announced soon, she said. Bob Lee, fire management officer for Bureau of Land Management in New Mexico and chairman of the Southwest Fire Management Board, said 26 fire fighters were added statewide to his agency to provide seven-day-a-week staffing for every fire engine. The BLM also up-graded three fire engines and contracted for an air tanker to be based in Roswell. Rehabilitation and restora-

tion of areas burned last summer are targeted for some of the money, Town said. But the major focus will be hazardous fuel reduction by prescribed fire burning, thinning and chipping. A decision is due soon on whether the process also will include allowing salvage of cut and burned timber, she said. In his 27 years in fire-related work, Lee said he never saw as severe a fire season as 2000. Among resource people, there had been "a growing recognition we'd been backing ourselves into a corner with prior management policies," he said. "We started in 1994 with the first hard look at national fire policies and began changes. But with a bad season, you can expect pressure to accelerate efforts." He added that, "The only people who try to project fire seasons are fools or newcomers." The fires last year that burned about 7 million acres in the West galvanized attention to get things going, Lee said. The Cerro Grande Fire

that started with a prescribed burn near Los Alamos prompted federal agencies to examine their policies on "controlled" burns, he said. The fire management board and those agencies decided that the policies were fine, but implementation procedures, including notification to other entities, needed to be strengthened, he said. They also tightened the process of faster mobilization of contingency forces before a burn gets out of control, Lee said. Town said community assistance will be a \$5 million focus for federal grants enabling the state to work with counties and local communities to thin, pile and burn material, and then buy chippers. "Fire facilities will get some attention from these dollars in form of building and upgrading facilities for crews, engine bays, towers, training centers and air tanker bases," Town said. She cited Ruidoso as one of several towns in the state already on the move with protection plans. The BLM also is

working with the settlement of Lincoln and Fort Stanton to reduce high volume of juniper, piñon and scrub oak, Town said. "One thing is for sure, the feds can't fight fires alone and we sure can't change the condition of the woods alone," Town said. Commissions, mayors, tribal chairmen, state and district foresters will be asked to meet in Albuquerque in early March, she said. "It won't be a gab fest," she promised. They will select projects, draw lines on maps, schedule manpower and ensure that community help will be available working in small neighborhood zones, she said. It's time to stop trying to place blame and solve a problem that took decades to create and will take a long time to resolve, she said. Martinez said of 20 communities pinpointed by Gov. Gary Johnson in a strategy discussed last December, about half were awarded grants totaling \$1.7 million from \$17 million designated nationally.

No charge for flu vaccine clinic

A free flu vaccine clinic for everyone, regardless of age or income, is set for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center on Sudderth Drive. The clinic is sponsored by the Lincoln County Medical Center and the Lincoln County branch of the state Health Department. Shots given now should last recipients through the entire flu season.

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Downs council to discuss administrator

The Ruidoso Downs Village Council is scheduled to discuss hiring a village administrator.

The agenda item, under general business, is set for the Feb. 12 council meeting.

A year ago the village hired its first administrator, who resigned in June. Following the resignation trustees decided to hold off on searching for a new administrator. Some employees told the council they didn't need someone to "micro-manage."

"We're going to discuss it, to see what the feasibility is," said Mayor Bob Miller. "It's come up on the six months (when the council decided not to seek a replacement) and we need to discuss it."

In other items on the tentative Ruidoso Downs council agenda, trustees are scheduled

- to:
 - Hear from Rick Simpson, with the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, on a proposal for the village to bill for the authority's garbage collections in the village.
 - Consider a Ruidoso Downs Lodgers Tax Board funding recommendation.
 - Approve the publishing of an amendment to the village's business license ordinance.
 - Decide a request for the moving of a mobile home, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board.
 - Hear a review of village finances from auditor De'Aun Willoughby.

The Ruidoso Downs village council meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. at village hall, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs.

School board victors: Voters want change

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

With three incumbents overturned in Tuesday's school board elections, the victors say they want to see changes in their school districts and believe this is the intent of the voters.

Dennis Nosker, who ousted incumbent Linda Loveless by 122 votes to her 48, said he's pleased that "everyone in our community felt like I could hopefully do a better job than ... at least one of the people presently on the board."

He said the Hondo School Board needs to make changes, and one of them is "in the way they're allowing the superintendent to run the school at this point in time."

Nosker said people are not happy with the way the school board is handling school matters and that people have moved from Hondo because they didn't feel their children were getting a quality education.

Nosker expressed concerns that Loveless has an inside track on the vacant Position 2, currently held by Salem Sager, who will finish this term, leaving it up to the school board to appoint a new board member.

"If that's the case, I might as well not even be there," he said. "I certainly don't feel like she should be appointed to the open position when she's been removed by the community."

Hondo School Board President Braulio Alvarado said when the new year starts (in March), the board will put out fliers and screen applicants to see if they have the qualifications and knowledge to be on the school board.

Alvarado said he hasn't talked with Loveless, but the board will talk to her. He said she was qualified to be on the board and had done a good job.

Loveless said she was disappointed about the election, and refused to discuss whether she would accept the vacant position on the board.

Danny Sisson, who replaces Jacquelyn Brannum in Position 5 on the Ruidoso School Board, interprets his victory as meaning "that people are ready for a new direction in the education of our kids here. They're ready for some fresh ideas," he said.

Sisson said parents don't

feel that their children are ready to go to college or to work after they graduate, and some high school students go to Eastern New Mexico University for required high school classes for that reason.

"We need to get back to some basic things," Sisson said, "Math, reading and writing. Skills are lacking in those areas."

Sisson said he wants to raise the educational standards "from top to bottom," and the way to do that: "You challenge the board and you challenge the administration. As a board, you start expecting more and requiring more from everybody."

Branum said she may consider running for the school board again in two years, but she has to decide first if she's going to run for village council in 2002. She said she doesn't know what the election results mean "except I know Danny got out there and really worked to get the votes out for him, and he got them out. I'm still on enough committees that I think I'll stay busy."

"We need to get back to some basic things."

Danny Sisson, won school board seat

FORT: A new group works to save Fort Stanton

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submitted a \$1,015,000 capital improvement request for the fort. Contacted Thursday Jennings, a Roswell Democrat, said he introduced the request after speaking to the Vigils and to Sally Burkstaller of Fort Stanton Inc.

"The fort is truly a unique place, a beautiful place that played a huge part in the history of Lincoln County and New Mexico," he said. "It ought to be preserved and used to promote tourism. It needs to be kept in good repair."

Jennings said groups promoting tourism and economic development in southern New Mexico should stick together to ensure every opportunity is

grabbed to create more jobs.

Vigil said foundation members are "bit more proactive" than others working for the future of the fort. "But the goal is still the same," he said, to create a living museum and convention center there.

"It's important to try to get the stables up because we already have two different horse groups with committed interest to come here and spend a week at a time doing trail rides for as many as 500 people," he said. "The economic impact would be beyond belief and this is something that can be done - it's real."

County Manager Tom Stewart, who was designated by the county commission to coordinate efforts, said he's not been contacted by the Save the

Fort Foundation members.

"I just wish we'd coordinate efforts," he said. "I don't mind what they're doing. It's just that I wish I knew what they were doing. We all need to be on the same sheet, so we're not going to the state seeking different money. I hope this won't be counter productive."

Dick Weber, president of Fort Stanton Inc., which produced a five-year development plan for the fort and is part of a partnership operating a museum there, said Fort Stanton Inc. and its partners believe in a careful studied approach that follows appropriate protocol.

"While we realize often that isn't the fastest way to do things, it has gained us credibility and we are trusted at the state level," he said.

SUIT: Anti-trust case against hospital dismissed

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In the suit, Frontier officials contended that the county owned hospital conspired with Home Health Services of Lincoln County to steer to that company most patients discharged from the hospital in Ruidoso and needed home health services.

The judge noted that the case failed to produce any evidence of conspiratorial action, they contended.

"We're thrilled that Judge Kelly threw this lawsuit out,"

said Donna Tanner, director of nursing for LCMC. "We were falsely accused and his decision proves it."

At one time, Home Health Services of Lincoln County was the only local home health agency in Ruidoso.

When competitors entered the market, the medical center adopted a policy requiring its case managers to give patients a choice as to which home health agency they use, according to center spokesman Kevin Chadwell.

When a patient is dis-

charged and needs home health care, the case manager gives them a list of available agencies and they are asked to sign a form indicating their choice, he said.

The center adopted the policy before a federal law was passed requiring patients be given a choice of providers, he said.

Center attorney Edward Ricco said that Home Health of Lincoln County is "a well established and respected company with which new companies found it difficult to compete."

State inspector pulls plug on village wiring job

A state electrical inspector Wednesday stopped computer rewiring work at Ruidoso village hall.

The action was taken when the inspector made a routine stop at the Ruidoso Administrative Offices.

"We were trying to rewire city hall for the (computer) system," said Alan Briley, village manager. "The contractor awarded the contract didn't send a journeyman electrician, so the inspector shut it down."

Briley said the work seeks to upgrade the municipality's networking with its mainframe

computer.

"The guys who have our bid need to send out properly licensed people," Briley said.

He said the delay will not interrupt computer operations at village hall. Briley said the present cable connections remain operational.

While electrical inspections typically involve higher voltage alternating current systems, computer wiring falls under the domain of the state's building code, Briley said.

Efforts to contact the Lincoln and Otero counties electrical inspector were unsuccessful.

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OUR OPINION

Events elsewhere do have an impact

Apparent in the news of recent days is the fact that decisions made elsewhere do impact people right here in Ruidoso. It happened in medical care and in water.

Attorney General Patricia Madrid's office in Santa Fe is sticking by its guns, insisting that it is not good public policy to ease the procurement code and allow Lincoln County Medical Center and other county-owned hospitals elsewhere to make special deals with health care service firms. That isn't going to deter proponents of the change in the Legislature, but it can't be good news for them.

And a hearing officer in the State Engineer's office has delayed, at the request of opponents, a public hearing on transfer of water rights to a private golf course being developed by R. D. Hubbard north of the Rio Bonita east of Angus. The hearing delay, from Jan. 30 to May 24, pleased opponents and didn't please supporters.

Without trying to draw conclusions about the merits of the issues in both instances, it isn't difficult to conclude that the democratic principles inherent in both make for great inefficiency, frustration and dismay.

But that's the way the system works, and nobody has come up with a fairer one. So we might as well relax.

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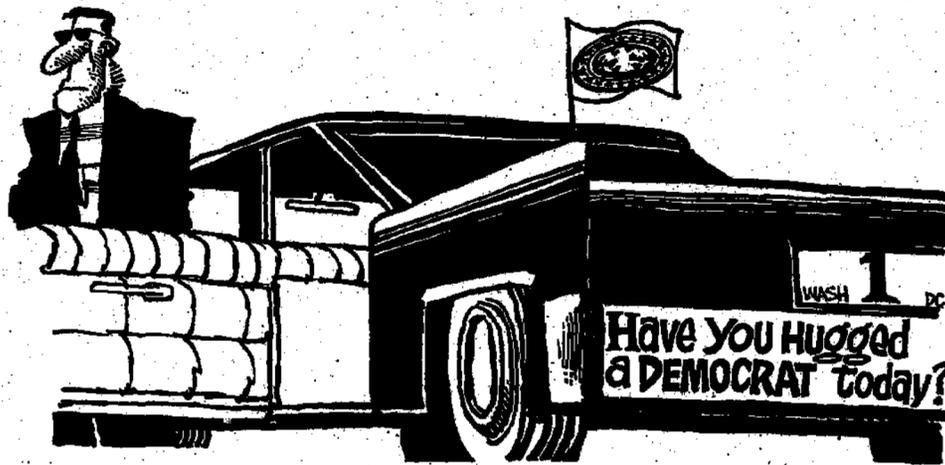
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YOUR OPINION

Posting grades no harm

To the editor:

I am so displeased in hearing about a court ruling in which posting student grades and giving out academic achievement awards is in violation of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (Jan. 24 issue).

Because a few students are either not as smart as others or don't work as hard, as no reason to take away the rewards for those who try hard and really care about their success. I am a parent of a student at White Mountain Intermediate who works very diligently to get on the A Honor Roll and even with all her effort has not yet made it this year. However, she is an honest member of the AB Honor Roll. I say honest because the over-sympathetic policies at QWMI force her to share her AB Honor Roll status with other children who received a C on their report cards.

School officials and

especially parents need to quit giving in to our children's weaknesses and feeling sorry for them when they don't quite "measure up" and begin to raise our expectations. If we take away the reward of outstanding performance, what goals are we going to have for our children? If we are so afraid of our children seeing their failures we ought not to have scores at school ath-

letic competitions since there always has to be a winner and a loser.

Instead, parents, sit down with your children and help them use their time wisely to become better students. Make it their goal to be at the head of the class and achieve recognition accordingly.

Crista Chance
Ruidoso



SOCIAL RESEARCH

Elders living with adult children do well

**Older Americans who live with their children get more Medicare-paid help than peers who are just as disabled but live alone.*

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — For older Americans, living with an adult child has some unexpected advantages, a new University of Michigan study shows.

The study, published in the current (February 2001) issue of *Medical Care*, finds that unmarried people age 70 and older who lived with their adult children received about 40 hours a week of paid home care compared with 26 hours received by unmarried elders who were equally disabled and lived alone.

"Having an adult child on hand to 'navigate' the Medicare system seems to have a major impact on the amount of home care the elderly receive," says Kenneth M. Langa, an assistant professor of internal medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School and first author of the study.

The findings, showing that the bulk of the skyrocketing increase in paid home care during the mid-1990s did not go to older Americans with lower levels of social support, provide new insights for the public policy debate on how to meet the needs of an aging population while also limiting steep cost increases.

For the study, Langa and colleagues analyzed data on more than 3,000 Americans aged 70 and over from the Health and Retirement Study, funded by the National Institute on Aging and conducted at the U-M Institute for Social Research, the world's largest acad-

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those who received paid home care in 1993, the unmarried elderly who lived alone received about 24 hours a week, the unmarried who lived with others received 13 hours and married couples received 18 hours a week. By 1995, those figures had increased to 26 hours, 40 hours and 24 hours, respectively.

During the period studied, public expenditures for home health care services exploded, the authors note, growing about 20 percent a year, from \$5 billion to \$18 billion between 1990 and 1997. In comparison, private spending on home health care grew by only about 9 percent per year.

"Whether you think that this distribution of services is good or bad depends on your view of the goals of home care," says Langa. "If the purpose of paid home care is to help adult children care for their parents, then getting paid help may allow them to do this while staying in the work force. If you believe that the purpose is to target the vulnerable elderly who are socially isolated, in the hope that providing paid home care will reduce the likelihood they'll need to move into nursing homes, then the result of the study is not as reassuring."

Langa and his colleagues plan to analyze the 2000 wave of data from the U-M Health and Retirement Study to see how the use of paid and unpaid home health care was affected by 1997 changes in the Medicare payment system designed to control skyrocketing home care spending.

Modern times, hopefully

We've done our best to root for Valor Telecom, the newly organized corporation that last fall acquired the old (not to say decrepit) GTE telephone lines in New Mexico, plus more in Texas and Oklahoma.

Anybody who had struggled with the imperfection of GTE service in Ruidoso for a few years couldn't help but be hopeful, on the theory that any change had to be for the better. The Valor PR effort was superb.

Here was a well financed new company headed by a U. S. senator's wife, Anne Bingaman, a lawyer who had years of experience in Washington overseeing telecommunications companies all over the nation. On the board were many notable New Mexicans and some high-profile business people from Colorado and Texas. A good many of the New Mexico people are, or have been, politicians — like former Gov. Ibney Anaya (1993-96).

President Bingaman came to Ruidoso, telling Rotarians at lunch that she was impressed with the area and had discovered that Ruidoso's exchange — from Capitan to Mesalero — was larger than anticipated, and would get appropriate priority.

Promises were made by Valor to add services not heretofore available in this corner of the world, such as call-waiting, that have become commonplace elsewhere. No doubt they will come, sometime. Valor is beefing up its organization, untangling billing and installation and maintenance problems, seeking to hire a variety of people here in Ruidoso.

This week Valor began distributing the first edition of its telephone directory, called "The Look Up Pages." The slogan emblazoned across the top of the directory is, "Serving New Mexico With Pride." Both, we note, have been registered as Valor trademarks.

But we sadly must remind Valor of something that those politicians on the board of directors should well understand: All politics is local. And, to paraphrase, all public relations is local.

Sad to say, the *Ruidoso News* is listed nowhere in the new Valor telephone directory — neither in the white pages nor the yellow pages. You can get us by calling information.

Yes, we're here: (505) 257-4001. And we're striving to be optimistic.

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NMSA 1978, Section 10-15.1

Civil case in woman's death heads to trial

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A wrongful death civil trial against former pastor James Munson Hovland is set for April 3 in Carrizozo.

Judge Karen Parsons of the 12th Judicial District will preside. A pretrial conference is scheduled for 2 p.m. March 28.

The suit, which claims negligence on Hovland's part, was filed on behalf of the estate of the late Susan Daly Hovland, who died Jan. 1, 1997, while riding with her husband in Silva Canyon in the Glencoe area.

Robert M. Daly of Middleburg, Va., as personal representative of Susan Hovland's estate, filed the lawsuit on Aug. 19, 1999, asking for unspecified compensatory damages, punitive damages, funeral expenses and damages to cover emotional and mental distress.

Ruidoso attorney Gary Mitchell, who represents Daly, declined comment as did Hovland, 68, who still lives east of Ruidoso Downs.

In the second count of the suit, Daly contends that contrary to Hovland's version that his wife fell off her horse, the minister assaulted and battered his 51-year-old wife, causing her death.

In June 1999, Hovland married Debbie Jones Hovland, a member of Ruidoso's First Presbyterian Church, which Hovland left as minister. Shortly after the lawsuit was filed, he was arrested in September 1999 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

The couple divorced last



Former pastor James Hovland and his late wife, Susan Daly Hovland are shown in this photo. James Hovland now faces a civil suit in connection with the woman's death.

year after Hovland was charged with battery against a household member in January 2000. In a statement by Debbie Jones Hovland filed with the charge in district court and a subsequent request for a restraining order, she accused Hovland of throwing objects at her and her children, of forcing them to eat spoiled food, of inappropriate sexual comments in front of the children and of drinking heavily. She stated that toward the

end of their relationship he became reclusive and withdrew from family and friends.

It was Hovland's third marriage.

He divorced his first wife, Sylvia, and married Susan Hovland in August 1988 in Virginia after she divorced her second husband, Charles Kulp. Her first husband died in 1983, according to family members. From Virginia, the couple moved to churches in

Wyoming and Montana before coming to Ruidoso.

When news of the lawsuit hit Harlowton, Mont., one former parishioner wrote in defense of Hovland.

"I am comfortable stating that he is the most inspirational man I have ever had the privilege to know," wrote Julie Thompson. Acknowledging that the circumstances of Susan Hovland's death are difficult to understand, she continued, "However, from my heart, knowing this man as I do, I truly feel that he did not cause any injury to Susan."

According to the suit, when Susan Hovland suffered the injuries that eventually took her life, Hovland waited two hours to call for help. By the time sheriff's deputy Trinidad Zepeda arrived, Susan Hovland was dead.

He found her lying face up on the ground, covered with a horse blanket, a saddle under her head, the deputy reported.

Hovland told Zepeda and deputy Bobby Zepemiller that his wife's horse reared and fell over, throwing her to the ground with her right foot still caught in the stirrup.

The horse got up and began to run, dragging her, according to Hovland's version, the suit states.

When the horse stopped, his wife was bleeding and having a hard time breathing, Hovland claimed. He stayed with her for two hours and then took the horses back to his house located between Glencoe and Ruidoso Downs, where he called for help.

Daly contends in the suit that the investigation of the case indicates the head laceration received by Susan Hovland was inconsistent with the amount of blood at the scene.

The suit also claims that a larger bruise on the left side of her face appeared more likely to have been caused by a hard blow than dragging.

"The condition of Ms. Hovland's clothing did not appear soiled or torn and the boots were clean with no mud or dirt on them," the suit states.

The ground was wet from snow, but Hovland, who told deputies he gave his wife cardiovascular resuscitation, had no mud on his jeans, the suit states.

Daly also contends the condition of the body indicates Susan Hovland died before the time of death stated by her husband, that his delay in seeking help prevented her from receiving medical care that could have saved her life, even though help was a short distance away from where she was lying.

Sheriff Tom Sullivan said previously that the case was never prosecuted because the district attorney decided there was not enough evidence to disprove Hovland's version of his wife's death.

He noted that in a civil case, the standard of proof is lower.

Although family members have their own theories about Susan Hovland's death, they declined official comment because of the pending case.

MEETING WATCH

Ruidoso Board of Education, 7 p.m. on Feb. 13 in the Administration Office

Discussion:

- Solar system display - Carla Burns
 - Presentation to Jackie Branum
 - RHS "Career Pathways for 21st Century" update - Paul Wirth
 - Update: utility costs
 - Theater update
 - School visitation, Feb. 22, RMS
 - Board election results - canvass
 - Legislative update
 - Sample parent release form: U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals decision
 - Actions:
 - Request for State Highway Transportation funds
 - Budget adjustments
 - Personnel
 - Closed session: superintendent's contract
- Next regular meeting: 7 p.m., March 20, 2001

Downs police to present evidence in rape case

Ruidoso Downs police are hoping to present evidence to the district attorney on Monday in connection with a two-month-old rape investigation.

The case involves the alleged rape of a 16-year-old by an adult man on Dec. 9, 2000.

Police Chief Eddie Lerma said the department has been investigating the reported criminal sexual penetration of a minor since it was reported on Dec. 10.

The case could result in a criminal complaint charging a suspect with a second degree felony.

The victim told police she was held down by a 22-year-old man and raped. The alleged incident happened during an underage drinking party at a Harris Lane residence.

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Village boosts renters' utility deposit from \$60 to \$150

Officials say increase is needed to protect property owners when tenants skip town owing past-due water bill

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Renters of residential properties in Ruidoso hooked to municipal utilities will have to put up a \$150 deposit — far more than the \$60 charged home owners.

The Ruidoso Village Council Tuesday approved the higher deposit rate for renters who have the service in their names.

Village officials said the higher residential renter deposit would help with the problem of renters who skip, leaving the property owner holding a past-due water bill.

Mayor Robert Donaldson said the \$150 deposit would cover three months of a minimum \$42 monthly

water and sewer bill.

"This offers them (landlords) some protection by collecting a greater deposit that we can go against," Donaldson said. "This provides owners of the property some protection."

Donaldson said raising the renter deposit from \$60 to \$150 would also save taxpayers the cost of collection efforts.

"All we're trying to do is keep the property owner from being penalized," said Councilor Linda Flack.

"But it's still their responsibility," Flack said of past due bills that would exceed the deposit.

Councilor Bill Chance argued the issue is one the property owners should deal with.

Some rental property owners keep the municipal utilities in their name and pay the bills with the rental charge covering water and sewer service.

"Here we're trying to work on behalf of the property owner when they could be doing that themselves," Chance said. He noted the electric company that serves Ruidoso

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Linda Flack,
village councilor

only seeks a deposit equal to 1 1/2 times the property's average electric bill.

A village assembled review of three other municipalities, Alamogordo, Taos and Ruidoso Downs, showed larger deposits were required of residential renters compared to residential owners.

In addition Zia Natural Gas requires a \$125 deposit from residential renters but homeowners are normally not required to post a deposit, according to information assembled by the village.

"I notice we're substantially higher than these towns on the renters' side," said Ron Anderson, a council member.

The residential owner deposit will remain at \$60.

In a letter to the council, Ruidoso Realtor Cindy K. Lynch, whose realty firm also manages rental properties, said the increased deposit for renters could possibly be discriminatory if not enforced equally for all including homeowners.

Lynch said the higher renter deposit for water service defeats the village's goal to attract a labor force and provide affordable housing.

The public hearing on the deposit increase was void of any citizen comment.

Chance was the sole opposing vote to upping the residential renter deposit.

Keithely's Korner

A Billy the Kid pardon unlikely

A constituent of Ruidoso state Rep. **Dub Williams** phoned him the other day and pretty much summed up this haywire idea of pardoning **Billy the Kid**.

"He asked if we had anything else better to do up here," Williams explained. "I imagine that if I were to vote for that piece of legislation, I may not ever be able to come home again."

Williams said the idea was brought up by a legislator from Las Cruces who was asked by one of his constituents to pardon the Kid. While the bill is expected to receive debate on the house floor, no one expects it to pass.

The Governor has indicated that he doesn't support it.

Too bad for the guy from Las Cruces that he didn't have President Clinton's phone number last month to avoid all the state debate.

• W-105 FM is happy to have **Harvey T**.

"It's been a lot of fun to get back on the air," he said. "That radio station has quite a blowtorch. It gets all the way to west Texas, which is good for Ruidoso. We're getting our tourism message out to a lot of people every day."

Harvey T is joined on the air by **Angel Wear**. The two talk and play country music between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays.

By the way, W-105 will begin simulcasting the KBIM-TV news at 5:30 p.m. starting next Monday.

• Ski season is now half-over, and yesterday's high-density popcorn snow at Ski Apache leads the locals to believe that this could be another big weekend for out-towners.

"We're comparing all of our numbers to those of

three years ago right now," spokesman **Riker Davis** said. That year, Ski Apache received 360 total inches of snow and stayed open through Easter weekend.

Last weekend, the ski area had a large number of Mexican nationals who were on holiday. Mexican Independence Day is celebrated on Feb. 5.

"We were fairly busy through the weekend," Riker said. "Anytime Mexico has a national holiday in the wintertime it gives everyone a good excuse to come skiing."

Davis said no closing date has been set for Ski Apache yet. That depends on how much snow we get the rest of the way.

Local radio personality **Tim Keithley** can be heard at 9 a.m. weekdays on KRUI-AM (1490-AM)

RUIDOSO POLICE

Police check checks

The Ruidoso Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division is handling three separate cases of felony issuance of worthless checks that were cashed last month at Thriftway Supermarket, 304 Mechem Drive.

One of the cases involved six checks, totaling \$331.22, written on the closed account of an Alamogordo man.

The second case had one check returned, reportedly written on a closed account by a Ruidoso woman. That check was for \$114.52.

The third incident, a \$168.66 check returned on a closed account, was written on the account of an Alamogordo man.

Lodge owner arrested

Police, responding to a report of a fight outside a Sudderth Drive gas station on Feb. 5, determined two people had gotten into an argument, with a woman slapping a man, but he declined to press charges.

Police questioned the two in a parking lot of a nearby lodging establishment.

The owner of the lodge, **Jean Pierre Schafroth**, 65, was arrested however after he allegedly began yelling at police.

Schafroth was unhappy that police were blocking the driveway to his business. He reportedly told police "you're not the boss here, I am."

After allegedly continuing to yell at officers Schafroth was arrested and charged with misdemeanor obstructing or refusing to obey an officer.

No charges in quarrel

A Feb. 5 reported domestic incident at a Paradise Canyon Drive residence involved a confrontation between a brother and sister.

Both admitted there had been physical force, but neither wanted to press charges.

Police charge possession

Ruidoso police arrested a 26-year-old woman on charges of misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

Kristen E. Waddell, Ruidoso Downs, was questioned

after police stopped for what was thought to be a possible accident on Country Club Drive.

Officers said they discovered evidence of drugs and notified the woman's parole officer who searched her vehicle and allegedly found the contraband.

Bowling alley vandalized

A vandalism case at the Ruidoso Bowling Center, 1202 Mechem Drive, resulted in an estimated \$500 damage.

A glass entrance door to the bowling alley was discovered shattered on Feb. 5. The case has been classified as a misdemeanor injury to property.

Felonies alleged

Ruidoso police are investigating a felony breaking and entering, felony conspiracy to commit breaking and entering and misdemeanor harassment incident that transpired between Jan. 24-31.

A resident of an Apache Hills Drive apartment told police she confronted a person leaving her residence, whom she did not know.

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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.

• Edgar Paz, 31, Alto, through a plea agreement, was found guilty of violation of probation for a driving while intoxicated conviction and not having a drivers license.

Counts of driving with a revoked license, a registration violation and no insurance were dismissed.

Paz was credited for three days spent at the Ruidoso Downs Police Department's jail, put on an additional 90 days probation and assessed \$209 in fees and fines.

• Catherine Keaton, 25, Ruidoso, through a plea agreement, was convicted of DWI-second offense, aggravated.

Charges of a lane violation, not having liability insurance, and driving with a suspended license were dismissed.

Keaton was credited for 56 days served at the Lincoln County Detention Center, put on probation for 308 days, required to spend 30 days in rehabilitation, assessed fines and costs of \$699, and ordered to serve 48 hours of community service.

• Robert Cisco, 23, Mescalero, through a plea agreement, was found guilty of aggravated DWI-first offense.

A charge of driving with a suspended or revoked license was dismissed.

Cisco was ordered to serve two days in jail, put on probation for 88 days and handed fines and costs of \$499.

• Paul Cuevas, 64, Silver City, pleaded guilty to a charge of petty misdemeanor battery against a household member.

Cuevas was credited for one day served at the Ruidoso Downs Police Department, placed on 181 days of probation, and assessed court fees of \$51.

• Xavier "Cobb" Rios, 39, Virgin Islands, through a plea agreement, was convicted of assault on a police officer, resisting arrest and criminal damage to property.

All other charges in the case were dismissed.

Rios was sentenced to 12 days in the Lincoln County Detention Center, put on probation for 896 days, required to make restitution to the Ruidoso Police Department, required to have no contact with a victim, and ordered to pay \$113 in court costs.

• Nikki Price, 20, Ruidoso Downs, pleaded guilty to battery against a household member, a petty misdemeanor.

Price was sentenced to 182 days probation, ordered to obtain counseling, and required to pay \$51 in court

costs. • Kristen E. Waddell, a/k/a Kristen Segovia, 26, Ruidoso, through a plea agreement, was found guilty of four counts of attempt to issue a worthless check.

Three counts of felony issuance of worthless checks were dismissed.

Waddell was placed on probation until Feb. 5, 2004, required to make \$461 in restitution, assessed \$51 in court fees, and pay a district attorney fee of \$75.

• Jason Donaldson, 19, Ruidoso, through a plea agreement, was convicted of petty misdemeanor criminal damage to property.

Felony counts in the case were dismissed.

Donaldson received a deferred sentence for 183 days probation, ordered to make \$830 restitution, required to not possess handguns or dangerous weapons, and assessed \$51 in court costs.

• Constantino Rangel, 40, Ruidoso Downs, pleaded guilty to three counts of battery against a household member.

Rangel was sentenced to 90 days at the Lincoln County Detention Center, put on 456 days probation, and required to pay \$113 in court fees.

• Steven Paul Salguero, 23, Fort Bliss, Texas, pleaded no

contest and was found guilty of misdemeanor evading a police officer.

Salguero was put on 182 days probation and assessed \$51 in court costs.

• Charles Kuykendall, 36, Ruidoso, through a plea agreement, was convicted of DWI-first offense.

Counts of DWI-second offense, a lane violation and speeding were dismissed.

Kuykendall was credited for 90 days served at the Lincoln County Detention Center and ordered to pay \$199 in court fees.

• Kerry L. Rukas, no age, Alto, through a plea agreement, was convicted of misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

Rukas was put on 364 days probation, required to attend Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous meetings, and assessed \$176 in fines and costs.

• Bruce Meyst, 20, Ruidoso Downs, pleaded guilty to a count of petty misdemeanor battery against a household member.

Meyst was credited for four days spent at the Ruidoso Downs Police Department, put on 178 days probation, required to obtain counseling, and was charged \$51 in court fees.

• Charles Archie, 21, Lincoln County, through a plea agreement, was found guilty of petty misdemeanor disorderly conduct.

A charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor was dismissed.

Archie was put on 182 days probation, required to have no presence with any juvenile with alcohol or drugs, remain in college and maintain a passing grade point average, and pay \$51 in court costs.

• Brad L. Locke, 33, Ruidoso Downs, through a plea agreement, was found guilty of counts of assault, battery and violating probation.

Two counts of battery against a household member and criminal damage to property were dismissed.

Locke was sentenced to an additional 364 days probation, continue AA meetings, have no contact with a victim, and assessed \$101 in court fees.

• Kenneth Ray Bloomquist, 28, Ruidoso Downs, through a plea agreement, was convicted of misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

Charges of possession of less than one ounce of marijuana and resisting or obstructing a police officer were dismissed.

Bloomquist was credited for three days spent in jail, placed on 361 days probation, and ordered to pay \$201 in fees and fines.

• Dennis Randolph, 22, Ruidoso Downs, through a plea agreement, was found guilty of assault.

A charge of aggravated battery was dismissed. Randolph was put on 182 days probation, assessed \$51 in court fees, and could yet be liable for restitution.

• Chris J. Gearhardt, 24, Glencoe, through a plea agreement, was convicted of petty misdemeanor battery against a household member.

Gearhardt was placed on probation for 182 days and required to pay \$51 in court fees.

• John Geneva, 51, Ruidoso, through a plea agreement, was found guilty of driving without a valid driver's license and concealing identity.

A charge of driving with a suspended or revoked license was dropped. Geneva was given 272 days probation, required to continue attending AA meetings, and charged fees of \$90.

• Elizabeth Conley-Welch, 25, Ruidoso, through a plea agreement, was convicted of aggravated DWI-first offense. Charges of aggravated DWI-second offense and speeding were dismissed.

Welch was sentenced to two days in jail, put on 88 days probation, and assessed \$449 in fines and fees.

DATE BOOK

The following governmental meetings are scheduled for next week in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs.

Monday, Feb. 12 -
• 5:30 p.m., Ruidoso Downs village council, Ruidoso Downs village hall.

• 6:30 p.m., Ruidoso Extraterritorial Authority, Ruidoso village hall.

Tuesday, Feb. 13 -

• 9:30 a.m., Ruidoso Utility Council, Ruidoso village hall.

• 6:30 p.m., Ruidoso village council, Ruidoso village hall.

Wednesday, Feb. 14 -
• 12 noon, Ruidoso Public Library Board, Ruidoso Public Library.

Saturday, Feb. 17 -
• 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Ruidoso Downs Planning and Zoning Committee (zoning ordinance

rewrite workshop), Ruidoso Downs village hall.

Ruidoso Downs village hall is located at 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs.

Ruidoso village hall is at 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso.

The Ruidoso Public Library is at 107 Kansas City Road, Ruidoso.

Gavilan Canyon speed limit now 25 mph

Gavilan Canyon Road's new 25-mph speed limit was announced this week by Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart.

Road superintendent Albert Hernandez removed old or improperly posted signs while county crews were doing a project on the road, but later was told changes must be approved by the county commission and the state Highway and Transportation Department.

Residents along the road objected to a proposed 35-mph speed, saying visibility was limited because of curves and hills.

After reviewing a traffic survey showing that most drivers go over the limit, commissioners agreed to post a pedestrian crossing sign and lower the speed limit to 25 mph on the portion of the road from the Humane Society of Lincoln County animal shelter south.

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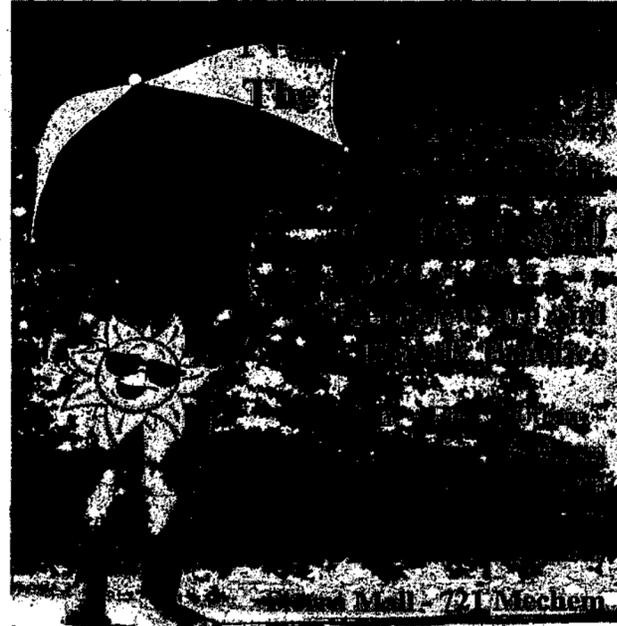
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St. Joseph's Mission at Mescalero stands as an enduring monument to the dedication of Father Albert Braun. Now a group is set to dedicate a memorial to the late priest March 4 in Phoenix.

Dedication set for memorial to priest

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Many people who drive by St. Joseph's Catholic Mission in Mescalero consider the triumph of building that impressive stone church a constant reminder of the dedication of Father Albert Braun.

But a group based in Phoenix has gone a step further to honor the priest who spent most of his life in the Southwest and is interred inside the mission.

A dedication is set for 1 p.m. March 4 for the Father Braun Memorial in Phoenix, Ariz.

Bruce Klinekole, a member of the Mescalero

Apache Tribe who is a supporter of the memorial effort, said the memorial will consist of a statue of the father by artist Carlos Ayala, and will contain three rocks representing the three important places in his life. They come from the Philippines, where he was a prisoner of war, Phoenix and Mescalero.

The memorial built in Bolin Plaza will be commemorated with a Color Guard, the National Anthem, participation of Mescalero members and other events, said Tony Valenzuela, chairman of the effort to put up the memorial designed by two architects who specialize in monuments.

Council to hear liquor license case

A public hearing during the Feb. 13 Ruidoso Village Council meeting will consider an application for the transfer of a liquor license to the Hawthorn Suites Golf and Convention Resort.

The dispensers liquor license, listed as not currently in use, is proposed to be transferred from a Las Cruces location.

The license would be used only at 107 Sierra Blanca Drive, the address of the under-construction hotel. A separate government liquor license obtained

by the village of Ruidoso last year was granted for use by Hawthorn Suites at 107 and 111 Sierra Blanca Drive.

The 111 Sierra Blanca Drive address is the Ruidoso Convention Center. The new request would cover hotel dispensing of alcoholic beverages for a lounge, restaurant and hotel type of operation, according to the application.

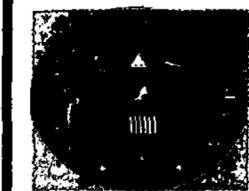
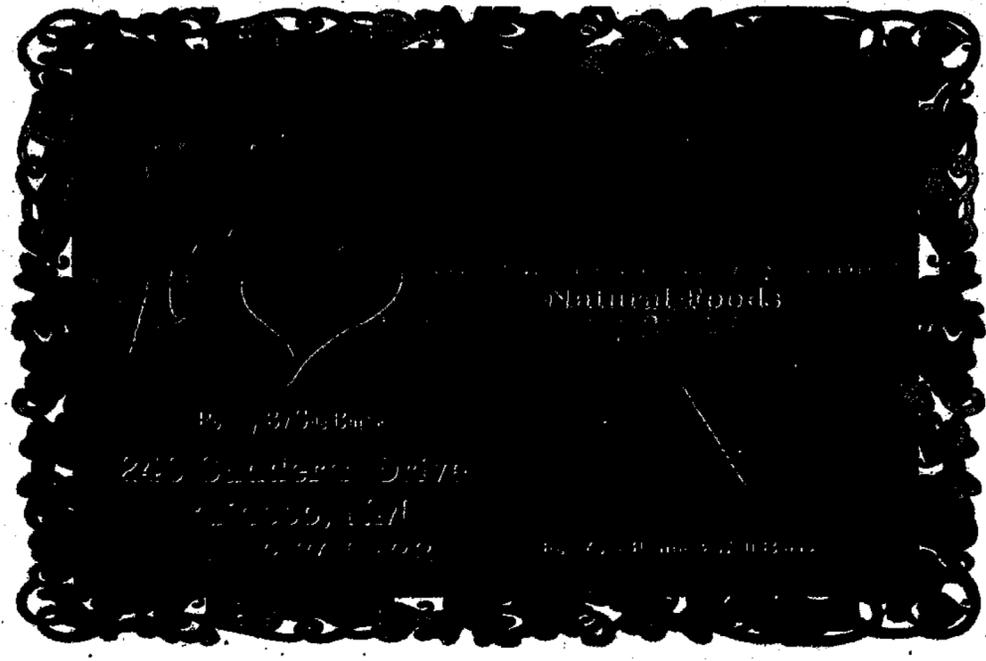
If granted, the license would cover the hotel which is listed as 352 feet from White Mountain Elementary School.

Other items on the council's agenda include —

• Renewal of an annual agreement with Key Communications, Inc. for general radio maintenance of village communications equipment.

• A bid award in the amount of \$41,370 for a sanitary sewer realignment.

• Approval to apply for state funding in the local DWI grant program.



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Building A Disaster Resistant Community

Protect Your Home

- Regularly clean roof and gutters.
- Inspect chimneys at least twice a year. Clean them at least once a year. Keep the dampers in good working order. Chimneys and stovepipes with a spark arrester that meets the requirements of National Fire Protection Association Code 211. (Contact your local fire department for exact specifications.)
- Use 1/2-inch mesh screen beneath porches, decks, floor areas and the home itself. Also, screen openings to floors, roof and attic.
- Install a smoke detector on each level of your home, especially near bedrooms; test monthly and change the batteries two times each year.
- Teach each family member how to use the fire extinguisher (ABC type) and show them where it's kept.
- Keep a ladder that will reach the roof.
- Keep handy household items that can be used as fire tools: a rake, axe, hand saw or chainsaw, bucket and shovel.

Wildfire

People start most wildfires... find out how you can promote and practice wildfire safety.

- Report hazardous conditions that could cause a wildfire.
- Teach children about fire safety. Keep matches out of their reach.
- Post fire emergency telephone numbers.
- Plan several escape routes away from your home - by car and by foot.
- Talk to your neighbors about wildfire safety. Plan how the neighborhood could work together after a wildfire. Make a list of your neighbors' skills such as medical or technical. Consider how you could help neighbors who have special needs such as elderly or disabled persons. Make plans to take care of children who may be on their own if parents can't get home.

Before Wildfire Threatens

Design and landscape your home with wildfire safety in mind. Select materials and plants that can help contain fire rather than fuel it. Use fire resistant or non-combustible materials on the roof and exterior structure of the dwelling. Or treat wood or combustible material used in roofs, siding, decking or trim with UL-approved fire-retardant chemicals. Plant fire-resistant shrubs and trees. For example, hardwood trees are less flammable than pine, evergreen, eucalyptus or fir trees.

Create a 30 to 50 foot safety zone around your home.

- Within this area, you can take steps to reduce potential exposure to flames and radiant heat. Homes built in pine forests should have a minimum safety zone of 100 feet. If your home sits on a steep slope, standard protective measures may not suffice. Contact your local fire department or forestry office for additional information.
- Rake leaves, dead limbs and twigs. Clear all flammable vegetation.
- Remove leaves and rubbish from under structures.
- Thin a 45-foot space between tree crowns, and remove limbs within 15 feet of the ground.
- Remove dead branches that extend over the roof.
- Prune tree branches and shrubs within 15 feet of a stovepipe or chimney outlet.
- Ask the power company to clear branches from power lines.
- Remove vines from the walls of the home.
- Mow grass regularly.
- Clear a 10-foot area around propane tanks & the barbecue. Place a screen over the grill - use non-flammable material with mesh no coarser than one-quarter inch.
- Regularly dispose of newspapers and rubbish at an approved site. Follow local burning regulations.
- Place stove, fireplace and grill ashes in a metal bucket, soak in water for two days, then bury the cold ashes in mineral soil.
- Store gasoline, oily rags and other flammable materials in approved safety cans. Place cans in a safe location away from the base of buildings.
- Stack firewood at least 100 feet away and uphill from your home. Clear combustible material within 20 feet. Use only UL-approved wood burning devices.

When Wildfire Threatens

- If you are warned that a wildfire is threatening your area, listen to your battery-operated radio for reports and evacuation information. Follow the instructions of local officials.
- Back your car into the garage or park it in an open space facing the direction of escape. Shut doors and roll up windows. Leave the key in the ignition. Close garage windows and doors, but leave them unlocked. Disconnect automatic garage door openers.
- Confine pets to one room. Make plans to care for your pets in case you must evacuate.
- Arrange temporary housing at a friend or relative's home outside the threatened area.

If advised to evacuate, do so immediately

- Wear protective clothing - sturdy shoes, cotton or woolen clothing, long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, gloves and a handkerchief to protect your face.
- Take your Disaster Supplies Kit.
- Lock your home.
- Listen for evacuation sirens. In town sirens will sound in emergencies only, except for testing every other Monday night.
- Tell someone when you left and where you are going.
- Choose a route away from fire hazards. Watch for changes in the speed and direction of fire and smoke.
- Tune radio into KWES/KBUY.
- For Emergency Alert systems, listen for evacuation in the area and where emergency shelters will be placed.



If you're sure you have time, take steps to protect your home:

- Close windows, vents, doors, venetian blinds or non-combustible window coverings and heavy drapes. Remove light-weight curtains.
- Shut off gas at the meter. Turn off pilot lights.
- Open fireplace damper. Close fireplace screens.
- Move flammable furniture into the center of the home away from windows and sliding glass doors.
- Turn on a light in each room to increase the visibility of your home in heavy smoke.
- Seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood or commercial seals.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Place combustible patio furniture inside.
- Connect the garden hose to outside taps.
- Set up the portable gasoline-powered pump.
- Place lawn sprinklers on the roof and near above-ground fuel tanks. Wet the roof.
- Wet or remove shrubs within 15 feet of the home.
- Gather fire tools.

When wildfire or any disaster threatens, you won't have time to shop or search for supplies. Assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit with items you may need if advised to evacuate. Store these supplies in sturdy, easy-to-carry containers such as backpacks, duffel bags or trash containers.

- A three-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day) and food that won't spoil.
- One change of clothing and footwear per person and one blanket or sleeping bag per person.
- A first aid kit that includes your family's prescription medications.
- Emergency tools including a battery-powered radio, flashlight and plenty of extra batteries.
- An extra set of car keys and a credit card, cash or traveler's checks.
- Sanitation supplies.
- Special items for infant, elderly or disabled family members.
- An extra pair of eyeglasses.
- Keep important family documents in a waterproof container. Assemble a smaller version of your kit to keep in the trunk of your car.



Wildfire and other types of disasters - hurricane, flood, tornado, earthquake, hazardous materials spill, winter storm - can strike quickly and without warning. You can cope with disaster by preparing in advance and working together. Meet with your family to create a disaster plan. To get started...

- Contact your local emergency management at 258-4014 or your local American Red Cross chapter.
- Find out about the hazards in your community.
- Ask how you would be warned.
- Find out how to prepare for each type of disaster.
- Meet with your family.
- Discuss the types of disasters that could occur.
- Explain how to prepare and respond to each type of disaster.
- Discuss where to go and what to bring if advised to evacuate.
- Practice what you have discussed.
- Plan how your family will stay in contact if separated by disaster.
- Pick two meeting places:
 - 1) a place a safe distance from your home in case of a home fire.
 - 2) a place outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home.
- Choose an alternate friend as a "check-in contact" for everyone to call.
- Complete these items:
 - Post emergency telephone numbers by every phone.
 - Show responsible family members how and when to shut off water, gas and electricity at main switches.
 - Contact your local fire department to learn about home fire hazards.
 - Learn first aid and CPR. Contact your local American Red Cross chapter for information and training.

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Ski report

Sid Apache
Ski Apache is open.
New Snow Past 24 hours: 4 inches
Weather at Report Time: Snowing
Road conditions at report time: Snow-packed, chains needed on 2WD vehicles.
Midway depth: 56 inches
Skiing conditions: Excellent
Surface conditions: Powder and packed powder
Trails open: 55 of 55, 100 percent open.
Lifts open: 11 of 11
Snowmaking past 24 hours: No
Additional info: Bring your chains if you have a 2WD. Could still be pretty wintry.
Tomorrow's forecast: Mostly sunny

Prep scoreboard

Monday, Feb. 5
Girls basketball
Hatch 55, Captain 38
Boys basketball
Hatch 43, Captain 37

Tuesday, Feb. 6
Boys basketball
Tularosa 84, Captain 26
Lake Arthur 67, Mescalero 36
Corona 75, Carrizozo 58
Girls basketball
Tularosa 57, Captain 48
Carrizozo 52, Corona 37
Mescalero 53, Lake Arthur 14
Santa Teresa 43, Ruidoso 37 OT

Wednesday, Feb. 7
Boys basketball
Hagerman 79, Hondo 38
Corona 73, Bosque Prep 57
Girls basketball
Hagerman 37, Hondo 20
Corona 48, Bosque Prep 24

Preps on tap

Friday, Feb. 9
Boys basketball
Carrizozo vs. Bosque Prep, 6:30 p.m.
Mescalero at Alamo Navajo, 6:30 p.m.
Girls basketball
Carrizozo vs. Bosque Prep, 5 p.m.
Mescalero at Alamo Navajo, 5 p.m.
Ruidoso vs. Lovington (NJV), 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 10
Boys basketball
Captain at Hatch (NJV), 2 p.m.
Hondo vs. Mescalero, 2:30 p.m.
Corona vs. Bosque Prep, 1:30 p.m.
Ruidoso vs. New Mexico Military Institute (NJV), 4 p.m.
Girls basketball
Captain at Hatch (NJV), 2 p.m.
Hondo vs. Mescalero, 1 p.m.
Corona vs. Bosque Prep, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 13
Boys basketball
Ruidoso at Lovington (NJV), 4 p.m.

On Deck

Cheerleader clinic
The Ruidoso High School cheerleader clinic will run from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the high school gym. The clinic, for ages 3 years old and older, will teach tumbling, stunts and jumps. A cheer will be performed at halftime of that night's boys basketball game. The \$25 fee includes a T-shirt, poms and snacks. For more information, call Rebecca Dufman at 258-4910.

Basketball tournament
The fifth annual March Madness men's 6-foot and under plus one basketball tournament will run March 9-11 in Mescalero. The entry fee is \$175, with a \$100 non-refundable deposit due by March 2. The first 16 teams with a deposit will play. Trophies and prizes will be given to the first-through fourth-place teams, as well as for most valuable player, all-tournament players (two per team), most 3-pointers, hustler, most points and sportsmanship. For more information, call Abraham or Gina Chee at (505) 257-7497.

Softball tournaments
Sportsworld 1-pitch softball tournaments, for men's and co-ed class C and D teams, are set for Saturday, Feb. 17 and 24 and March 10. Registration is \$75 per tournament or \$200 for all four. The deadline to register and team meetings are at 7 p.m. the Wednesdays prior to the tournaments. For more information, call Jorge Mijares at (915) 857-7676 or e-mail to sportsparkeaso@aol.com.

Youth baseball
Registration for the SportsPark El Paso youth baseball summer season will be 10 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday in February at SportsPark El Paso, 1701 N. Zaragoza. Coaches meetings will be at 1 and 2 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call Jorge Mijares at (915) 857-7676 or e-mail to sportsparkeaso@aol.com.

Socorro duathlon
The city of Socorro and the Socorro Striders and Riders athletic club will host the M Mountain Duathlon March 4. The race consists of a 5K run on gravel roads near the base of Socorro Peak, followed by a 30K ride around the mountain on gravel roads and finishing with a repeat of the first run. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three male and female finishers in the pro/open division. The top three finishers in other categories will receive customized medals. The entry fee is \$25 before Feb. 25 and \$30 after. Relay teams are \$35 in advance, \$40 thereafter. For more information, visit the race Web page at <http://www.medic.org/~srrimadu>, e-mail to mat@pmc-inc.com or call 'Mat' Perini at (505) 838-1610.

Basketball tournament
North American Youth Sports will host its annual spring youth basketball tournament April 6-8 at Del Norte High School in Albuquerque. This tournament will feature 10 different brackets including fifth-grade boys/girls, seventh grade boys/girls, eighth grade boys/girls, ninth-10th grade boys/girls and 11-12th grade boys/girls. All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled. The entry fee is \$30 and \$40 thereafter. Awards will be presented in each bracket. This entry deadline is March 16. For more information or an entry form, call Mark Grogan at (800) 767-3265 or tournament director Mike Heston at 894-2486.



Karen Boehler/Ruidoso News
Cardinal Drew Bagley looks for the hoop in last week's game against Vaughn. Tuesday, the Cardinals defeated Carrizozo to claim third place in District 7A, and Wednesday topped Bosque Prep.

Cardinal boys surprise Carrizozo

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Corona's boys did what they needed to Tuesday to lock up third place in District 7A, pouring it on in the fourth quarter to defeat Carrizozo 75-58.

The Grizzlies (6-15, 1-6) downed the Eagles by 15 points in the first meeting between the two squads, so Corona (3-14, 3-5) had to win by at least 16 to finish ahead of Zozo.

They ended up with a 17-point margin.

"They played a whale of a game," said a justifiably proud Corona coach Ronnie Dunsworth. "They got after them defensively. We went to a full-court man defense and we just got after them, especially in the fourth quarter."

For three quarters, the spread was three to five points on either side.

But after what Dunsworth called a "sluggish" first half, the Cardinals changed things around.

"We kind of started pressing them in the third quarter, and in the fourth quarter we just went straight man for the whole quarter," he said. "We just got after them. The kids finally woke up and played some defense and played good team basketball."

Carrizozo coach Mel Holland said his team played well through three quarters. "Then we kind of folded. We turned the ball over and they put it in the basket," he said.

Corona outscored Zozo 32-20 in the pivotal fourth quarter, which Holland said was due to a lack of defense.

"Nobody guarded many people, it didn't look like. I know we didn't," he said. "The boys have to play defense if they're going to give themselves a chance."

Dunsworth said a key to the victory was fouling out Grizzly big man Adam Means

in the third quarter. "That really helped us a lot because it took away the big man," the coach said.

While the game was not in doubt in the final stanza, the winning margin was, and Dunsworth said Albert Sanchez, who led the scoring with 26 points, and Drew Bagley, who had 20, made two clutch free throws with 30 seconds left.

"My seniors came through and gave a clutch performance when we really needed it," he said.

Terral Wilson came through with four key points in the fourth, and Keith Wilson had eight for the game and "played super."

Brandon Langley had 23 points for Zozo, Means 13 and Lane Dixon 10.

Holland was disappointed with the loss to the Lincoln County rival.

"It was a close ball game, and we didn't deal with it," he said. "When it started getting close to the end, they stepped forward and we didn't."

"The kids played super," Dunsworth said. "They came out and played with their heart and just gave everything they had. They just played a good solid game, especially in the second half. We played good defense. We had good offense. Moved the ball. Found the open man. Just played really good team basketball, and that fourth quarter by far was our best quarter of the year."

The win gives the Cardinals the home-court advantage in the first round of the district playoffs. Carrizozo will travel to Corona Feb. 20 for a 6 p.m. matchup.

Corona 73, Bosque Prep 57
The Cardinals made it two in a row Wednesday with a 73-57 win over Bosque Prep in a game rescheduled from Jan. 30.

Dunsworth said his team

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Shots don't fall for Lady Warriors

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Lady Warriors and Santa Teresa fought to the bitter end in both their matches this season, with Ruidoso coming out on top at home, and the Desert Warriors taking a six-point, 43-37 overtime victory in Santa Teresa Tuesday.

"Again, we couldn't put the ball in the hole when we needed to," said coach Albert Ronquillo. "We missed too many free throws."

Free throws are what the game came down to. The teams played even through regulation. The Desert Warriors led 9-8 after one, then Ruidoso pulled ahead 20-18 at the half.

The teams were knotted at 30-all after three, and 36-36 when the regulation whistle blew.

By that time, both teams were into the double bonus, with lots of chances from the free-throw line.

The Desert Warriors scored all 13 of their overtime points from the charity stripe, while Ruidoso hit a pair from the field and only two from the line.

"We missed a lot of free throws and they

made a bunch," Ronquillo said, simplifying the game. Ronquillo said the Warriors again played hard.

"We moved the ball offensively," he said. "We got some good looks at the basket. We scored off assists. We didn't score just off one-on-one moves. We were passing the ball well. We just missed some easy shots that needed to go in."

Ruidoso also got a solid performance from Mindy Brunell, who led the Warrior scoring with 12 points, including a pair of 3-pointers.

"She hit some big shots, which is what we've been waiting for," Ronquillo said. "And it can't come at a better time for her to start scoring."

Clarissa Silva and Carrie Line both put in 10, with Silva hitting a pair from the outside.

Because Santa Teresa beat Ruidoso by six while the Warriors took only a two-point win, Santa Teresa would have the edge in the district tournament. But Ronquillo isn't looking past an upset of Lovington tonight.

"We're going to do whatever we can against Lovington, and we'll see what happens," he said. "Anything can happen."

Tigers come close vs. Hatch Valley

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

TULAROSA — The Tigers almost pulled off another upset Monday, falling in a close game to Hatch before getting to see Tuesday why Tularosa is the No. 1-ranked team in AA.

Hatch 43, Captain 37
The Tigers had another chance to shake up the district standings in Monday's rescheduled game vs. Hatch (rescheduled because of snow Jan. 27), but this time, just couldn't pull out the win.

Tiger coach Royce Brown said he was not pleased with the officiating, pointing out a 25 to 3 difference in free throws taken — with Hatch getting the 25 chances.

Still, Brown said, "I always tell the kids, referees don't cost you the game, it's what you do, and so we have to live by that motto and go on."

Neither team could score much in the first quarter, with the Bears holding a slim 8-4 lead.

The Tigers took a 19-16 lead into the locker room, but then their shot production fell off, giving Hatch a chance to catch up in the third — tying it at 28-all — and go ahead in the fourth.

"Up until the fourth quarter it was back and forth, then they built a little lead to start the fourth quarter, and we were fighting to come back and we didn't shoot well at times," Brown said.

He said the Tigers only shot about 32 percent overall, and missed some shots from the outside, giving the Bears a chance to stay in the zone rather than moving to guard the outside shooters.

Bo Sparks was the only Tiger in double figures with 15. Bears Mike Hall and Trampus Turner led the scoring with 17 each.

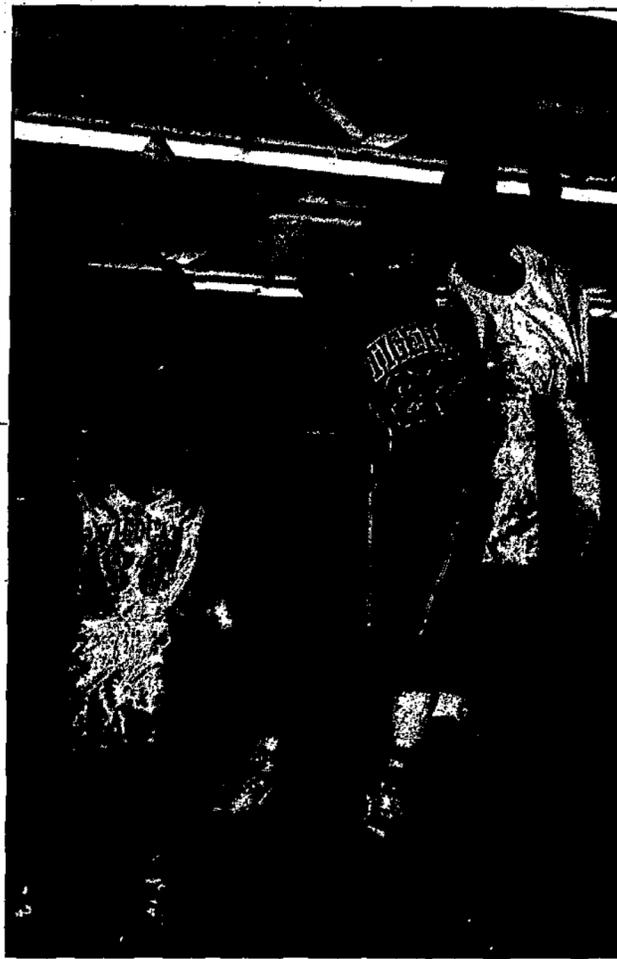
Lady Chiefs lock up No. 2 slot

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Mescalero girls locked up the No. 2 place in District 8A with a 53-14 win Tuesday over Lake Arthur.

The Lady Chiefs (8-9, 7-2) used the easy win to work on skills they'll need in Saturday's important final game vs. Hondo, and for the district and regional playoffs.

"One of the things we talked to the girls about before we played the game was really working on the parts of our offense, like the half-court offense, that we needed to, and then really trying to concentrate on cutting down on our turnovers," said coach Rol Bradford. "In a game like that it's real hard, because you have a tendency to get sloppy. And for the most part we did a good job. We didn't do a great job with our turnovers in the first half, but we kind of got it



Karen Boehler/Ruidoso News
Tiger Dennis Brockman goes one-on-one with a Tularosa Wildcat in Tuesday's District 5AA contest.

Tularosa 84, Captain 26
The Tigers had less success in Tularosa Tuesday, but not because of a lesser effort.

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straightened out in the second half. We're really trying to develop our post up game. I think that's got to be a big part for us in the district playoff. We need to have a half court scoring punch. Most of our scoring comes off the break and the press, and when you get with the good teams, you don't have a lot of that."

Rosie Smith led the Mescalero offensive attack, with Nicole Dolan tallying 12 and Sasha Aragon 11.

While the Hondo game is obviously key, the Chiefs travel to Alamo Navajo tonight, and Bradford said how his squad does there will show how much they've improved.

"We played Alamo Navajo our very first game of the year, and they beat us by 20," Bradford said. "I told them, we're



going to find out how far we've grown when we go back and play them again."

Lake Arthur 67, Mescalero 36

The boys didn't have it as easy, falling 67-37 in a game in which nothing seemed to want to go in the hoop.

"They couldn't hit anything," said coach Christie LaPaz. "It was like they put a lid on the basket or something."

The Chiefs (6-12, 2-7) had a

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Fishing report

For fly fishing - The snow was again welcome, however, the amount of runoff will not affect the river flow. The river is still flowing around 2 CFS below the Carrizo Creek and around 6 CFS below the Carrizo confluence. Water clarity changes fast during the day. Early in the day when the temperature is still quite low, the water is fairly clear; as the day wears on and the air temperature rises and snow melt starts, the water has been staining to great extremes. RIO RUIDOSO: The river was stocked three weeks ago. The best subsurface fly selections for rainbows or browns remain the bead head pheasant tail nymphs or bead head prince nymphs. Green rock worms and bead head caddis larva continue as producing patterns. SOUTH-FORK: Ice up. Wait until warmer weather. EAGLE LAKES: Closed for the season. BONITO LAKE: Closed for the season. GRINDSTONE LAKE: Lots of ice on the surface. Wait until warm weather takes the ice away. LAKE MESCALERO: There is a good amount of skim ice on the lake. Please practice catch and release wherever and whenever you can. We have just moved our local shop. The new address is 2501 Sudderth Drive. Come see us for daily fishing information. Check out our improved and expanded Web site for community information. Jim Shoop, Fly's Etc.

CORONA: Cardinals getting ready for tourneys

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came out understandably flat, but again pulled it out in the fourth quarter.

He gave the young Prep squad credit for staying with the Cardinals.

"They stuck with us pretty good, being our home court, having our home fans," he said.

Dunsworth gave everyone a chance to play and said the Cardinals had a good time.

"They played pretty good," he said. "It was kind of sloppy compared to (Tuesday) night, but it's kind of hard to put two games back to back like that."

Sanchez again led the scoring with 26 points, while Bagley had 20 and Shafer eight.

Girls

Carrizozo 52, Corona 37

Carrizozo's girls (20-2, 7-0) took an easy win over Corona (7-9, 4-4), winning 52-37 even though Zozo's starters spent much of the game on the bench.

With Grizzly senior Brooke Holland out because of an injury she sustained against Mountainair, Corona coach Tommy Mulkey thought his team might have a chance against the district frontrunners, but that wasn't the case.

"We were breaking their press fine, and we were kind of up at the beginning because Brooke was sick and didn't play, but then we were getting it past half court and throwing the ball away," he said. "We made a lot of turnovers that night. I think that hurt us a bunch."

Grizzly coach Mel Holland put his young players on the floor for much of the game, and both coaches agreed they did well.

"The younger girls did good," Holland said.

"They played us really tough," Mulkey said. "Christa Frank tore us up while she was in there, and when she sat down, we never really recovered."

Mulkey said the difference between the two teams was the



Cardinal Della Gonzales looks for a way around a pair of New Mexico Military Colts Friday. Corona used the non district game as a fill in for Vaughn, which forfeited its season because of a lack of players.

Grizzly quickness. Carrizozo just outran the Cardinals, Mulkey said.

That means a change in strategy should the two teams meet again in the district playoffs.

"Assuming we get to see them again, it's just going to be a matter of slowing the tempo of game down, and I haven't really figured out how to do that yet," Mulkey said. "But it's what we have to do to win."

Cardinal Della Gonzalez led all scorers with 24 points, while Franck tallied 16 for Carrizozo.

Corona 48, Bosque Prep 24 Wednesday, the Cardinals turned things around, taking a 48-24 win over Bosque Prep.

Rhannon Alirez stepped up for the Cardinals, tallying

16 points, including a pair of 3-pointers and four of six from the free-throw line.

"She just shot the lights out," Mulkey said. "She stepped up and really played well."

Mulkey let his bench get a lot of playing time, with every Cardinal seeing action and all but one scoring.

Delia Gonzalez picked up 13 points and Laura Gonzalez 12.

Mulkey used the game as a chance to work on strategies for the district tournament, which kicks off Tuesday in Corona with a rematch against Bosque Prep. The winner will meet Mountainair in Mountainair Feb. 16, and that winner travels to Carrizozo Feb. 17. All games are set for 6 p.m.

TIGERS: Tularosa crushes Capitan

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The No. 1-ranked Wildcats came roaring out of the gate, jumped out to an 8-0 lead and never looked back, winning 84-26.

For both teams — at the top and bottom of the district roster — it was a tough game to play, but both made the best of it.

"You try to talk about an upset," said Tiger coach Royce Brown, explaining how he comes into such a contest. "You're playing the No. 1 team in the state so you want to prove something. I think you try to approach it like that and motivate them that way. You're honest with the reality of it, but you tell them if they can do some things here and there, and their shots don't fall and certain things happen, you never know."

Tularosa coach Johnny May said he never wants to overlook anyone.

"First of all, what we want to do is come out and get off to a good start, because it is an

important district game for us," he said. "And sometimes, you can overlook a team like this, and they can sneak up on you and bite you in the rear end. That's not a thing we would like to happen. Our idea was to get off to a good start, play hard get some things done and I think we did that, for the most part."

Brown also felt the Tigers did what they needed to do.

"We had our breakdowns," he said. "We didn't adjust at times, but for the most part, I think we played them a lot better (than the first time the two teams met.) We handled their pressure better overall. Our turnovers were still up from what they need to be, but they weren't where it was just turn the ball over three and four times in a row and they'd have layup after layup after layup."

All 15 of the Wildcats saw action, with 11 scoring, three in double figures.

Thomas Pruitt and Dustin Sultemeier were top scorers for Capitan with six points each.

CHIEFS: Boys can't get shots to fall

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good first half, trailing 16-6 after one quarter then outscoring the Panthers 12-8 in the second to go into the locker room down only 24-18.

But then the wheels fell off. The Chiefs were outscored 20-7 in the third quarter and 23-11 in the fourth.

"The second half, they just came out and missed a lot of shots," LaPaz said. "That's what killed us. Easy shots, too."

Another bit of bad news for the Chiefs came in the first quarter, when Raymond Bigmouth went down with an ankle injury. The Mescalero spark plug went to the hospital to determine the extent of his injury, which wasn't known at press time.

LaPaz is hoping it's just a sprain, so the junior can be back for Saturday's crucial game vs. Honda.

Tony Chimal led the Chief scoring with 17, while Phillip Pike had 11.

Senior Olympic schedule set

The schedule for the 2001 Lincoln County Senior Olympics has been announced.

Any senior, 50-year-old or older, is eligible to participate. All doubles, mixed doubles and teams will play down to the age of the youngest partner. Competition is by gender in five-year age groups.

A \$5 registration fee entitles the individual to participate in all county events offered. The state registration fee is \$35, due by April 3.

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

The 2001 New Mexico state games will be May 30 to June 3 at New Mexico State University and other Las Cruces locations.

For further information, call county coordinator Bart Young at 257-3193.

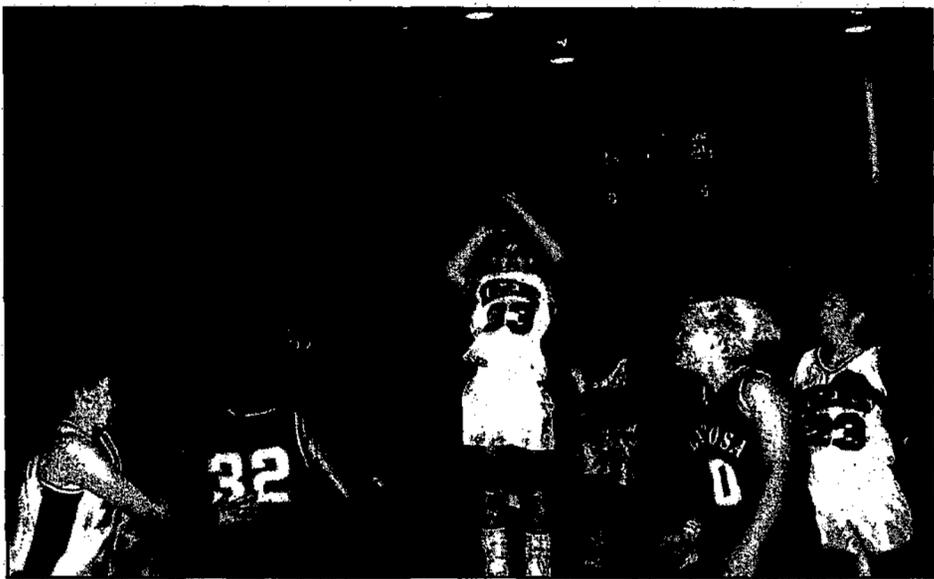
The 2001 Lincoln County schedule of events follows.

- Billiards (8 ball pool) — 10 a.m. March 6, Capitan Senior Center
Bowling — 3:30 p.m. March 27, 1:30 p.m. March 28-29, Ruidoso Bowling Center; 1:30 p.m. March 24 and 29, Carrizozo Recreation Center. Singles, doubles, mixed doubles and team
Golf — 1 p.m., March 31, The Links at Sierra Blanca
Horseshoes — 10:30 a.m., March 16, Carrizozo Country Club
Recreational events — 9 a.m. March 24, Ruidoso High School gym (frisbee, soccer kick, basketball free throw)
Shuffleboard — 1:30 p.m. March 14, Ruidoso Senior Center
Table tennis — 10:30 a.m. March 20, Ruidoso Senior Center
Tennis — 9 a.m. March 21, Ruidoso city courts, Schoolhouse Park
Track and field — 10 a.m. March 24, Ruidoso High School (discus throw, javelin throw, softball distance throw, high jump, long jump, standing long jump, shotput, racewalking, 800-meter estimated time run/walk, and 100-, 200-, 400-, 800-, 1,500 and 5K runs)
The following events are not scheduled in Lincoln County, however, any Lincoln County resident may participate at other locations for these events: air gun — pistol and rifle, archery, badminton, band, basketball (3 on 3), racquetball, softball, cycling, swimming, triathlon, volleyball, dance and talent.
For more information, call Sheila McKnight at (505) 624-6718 or Jess Duncan at the Alamogordo Senior Center, (505) 439-4150.

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Lady Tiger Jessica Tully-Mitchell shoots from the outside while her teammates and Tularosa opponents watch.

Tigers fall to injuries, half-court press

BY TODD BUTTS FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

CAPTAN — The Capitan Tigers fell victim to the half-court press and injuries in their last two games this week. Coming up short against the Hatch Valley Bears Monday and the Tularosa Wildcats Tuesday, the Tigers had a tough time with district play.

Tularosa 57, Capitan 48
In what started off as a defensive battle, Tularosa began pressing the Tigers right off the bat. While both teams concentrated on defense, the Wildcats worked the ball offensively and developed a 9-5 lead in first quarter that they never relinquished.

"Everybody's been pressing us and I really appreciate that," said Tiger coach Cindy Terry. "Because, come Monday when they press us, we're getting used to that pressure. With everybody pressing us it's gonna make us that much tougher."

The best and worst quarter for Capitan came in the third.

The Tigers pulled within two points with 2:22 left in the game.

Jessica Mitchell with 13 points and Jessica Becker with 12 contributed to this effort. But then the Tigers also lost yet another player to injury.

Kaycee Gilson went down with an ankle injury and was taken to Lincoln County Medical Center to determine the extent of her injury.

The third quarter ended with the Wildcats leading 39-33, and the Tigers never gave

up but it was too late. Tularosa never let up the press and offensively they spread the ball around taking



valuable time off the clock. "We do not play well in Capitan," said Tularosa coach Vicky Lawrence. "I don't know why. I cannot take anything away from Capitan because Capitan did an excellent job."

"They kept us frustrated. They're the kind of team who will come back and take it away from you."

The offensive leaders for the Wildcats were Jennifer Borunda with 16 points and Ashley Allen with 15.

Hatch 55, Capitan 38
The press was key for Capitan's loss Monday against the Hatch Valley Bears.

Coming out with the press, Hatch opened a 20-1 lead in the first quarter and never looked back.

"They pressed us and we didn't shoot the ball," Terry said. "It was hard to set up an offense because of the pressure they were putting on us. We're young and can't handle

that pressure. With everybody running the same type of pressure game, it's helping us learn."

The Tigers had a couple of bright spots with Jessica Becker scoring 16 points and Jessica Castenada tallying 11 of her own.

In the end, it was the Bears adding another notch to their victory column. With the help of players like Sharlene Carrillo, who got 14 points including two 3-pointers and Erin Hensen, who added 10 points of her own, the Bears remain in the hunt for the district title.

Hondo misses again at Hagerman

BY KAREN BOEHLER RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Hondo's boys played a good half game against Hagerman Wednesday, while the girls played tough, but couldn't overcome the loss of a senior starter.

Girls
Hagerman 37, Hondo 20
The Lady Eagles (8-10, 3-5) gave Hagerman a run for the money Wednesday, but without senior Chriselda Acosta, who was out because of illness, to spark the offense, Hondo couldn't get anything in the basket, falling 37-20 to the District 8A leaders.

"We stuck to our game plan. We just didn't hit on offense again," said coach Julie Montoya. "I think that's where we really needed Chriselda. She gets things going."

The Bobcats didn't get much in either, but that was due to the Hondo offense, which Montoya said kept the 'Cats from beating them on the inside.

"We played really good defense on them," the coach said. "We got a little frustrated because we'd do so good on defense, get a steal or something, then would go down there and weren't hitting at all. We were getting open looks and they weren't falling. But they hung in there and I was happy. We needed to see we could play tough defense."

With Acosta and Sara Romero not on the bench, the Eagles were down to seven players, so Montoya also tried to slow the game down to give her players a chance to catch their breath. And she was pleased that the Eagles kept

DISTRICT 8A

the fouls down, allowing her starters to stay in the action.

With such a low-scoring game, Randi Gomez was the top-scoring Eagle with eight points.

Hondo was scheduled to meet Lake Arthur Tuesday, then wraps up the regular season Saturday at home with a must-win game against Mescalero.

"We need to definitely win Saturday to keep our momentum going and finish out the season strong," Montoya said.

Barring any upsets this weekend, Hondo will meet Lake Arthur Tuesday in Hondo for the opening round of the 8A tournament, while Gateway will meet Mesilla Valley.

The winners will play Thursday, and that winner will meet Mescalero Friday in Mescalero.

All games start at 6 p.m.

Hagerman 79, Hondo 38
The final score between Hagerman and Hondo Tuesday doesn't tell how well the Eagles played for the first half.

Although Hondo fell 79-38 to the Bobcats, they trailed by a mere 11 points, 35-24, at half-time.

"We kind of worked a scheme around to watch their 3-point shooting and it helped the first half," said Hondo coach Eddie Chavez. "We really slowed them down on that aspect, but then they got the ball inside on us, and we didn't get the double-team quick enough to stop their big man."

Chavez said the 'Cats came out of the locker room and

scored eight unanswered points, which put the Eagles in a hole they couldn't climb out of.

"They really put a lot of pressure on us, and we had a lot of problem with the press," Chavez said. "They went from a full to a half, which confused us quite a bit. When we started breaking their full-court press, they went to a half-court trap, and that confused us a little bit."

"Then our defense kind of collapsed," he said. "They just shut us down. We didn't execute at all on offense. We had the good looks and everything, but the ball wasn't dropping."

The Eagles also had the disadvantage of only having eight players.

Juan Chavez and Saul Acosta were out with injuries, leaving coach Chavez with three seniors, a junior, a freshman and three eighth graders.

On top of that, junior Diego Ontiveros was playing with the flu, and a jammed thumb that he injured in practice two days earlier.

"He couldn't get in there at all. His shot was really off," Chavez said.

That left Manny Lopez to lead the scoring with 14 points, while Eddi Valenzuela tallied 10.

Coach Chavez is hoping everyone will be healthy and ready to play Saturday vs. Mescalero.

"We've got a little revenge coming our way, after losing in double overtime," he said. "It was a tough loss for us. We know we can beat them. It's just a matter of getting off to a good start."



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University invites students to spend a day on campus

High school juniors and seniors can sample NMSU Feb. 19

High school juniors and seniors interested in New Mexico State University are invited to attend the 2001 Spring Visitors' Day Feb. 19 on the university's main campus in Las Cruces.

Spring Visitors' Day is a chance for high school students and their parents to learn about NMSU's degree programs, student life and financial assistance.

"Last year more than 3,500 people attended the event and more are expected this year," said Kristin Underwood Welch, NMSU admissions counselor. "The World Wide Web is bringing in students from a lot more places across the country."

Check-in begins at 8 a.m. in the Pan American Center.

Starting at 9:15 a.m., prospective students will be escorted to the departments of their choice and will have the opportunity to visit with faculty and staff, Welch said.

A financial aid session will

be offered beginning at 11 a.m. in the Corbett Center Auditorium. During the session, students and parents can speak with financial aid staff and complete their 2001-2002 financial aid applications. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., participants can take guided tours of NMSU's main campus and residence halls.

Coupons are available for lunch in the Taos Grand Buffet.

Booths from various student and university organizations will be set up in Corbett Center throughout the day.

Every student who attends will receive a free T-shirt and coupons for the NMSU Bookstore.

For more information, or to register for Spring Visitors' Day, call NMSU's Admissions Office at (505) 646-3121 or toll-free at 800-662-NMSU. Information on Spring Visitors' Day also is available at:

www.nmsu.edu/spring_visitors.

Kicking the tires



Chile Madness participants at Tuesday's 2001 New Mexico Chile Conference look at a chile harvester made by Boese Harvester Co. of Saginaw, Mich. In addition to having a presentation on mechanical harvesting, the conference had speakers on chile marketing, genetically modified organisms and organic chile production. There also were updates from the New Mexico Chile Commission, New Mexico State University's chile breeding program and the Chile Pepper Task Force. The task force has been doing research on mechanical harvesting and chile cleaning equipment to separate chile pods from stems and trash.

by Jennifer Schiofeldt/NMSU

Business program takes night shift

In response to the growing number of full-time workers interested in obtaining a higher degree, New Mexico State University has changed its master of business administration program to an entirely night schedule, said Wayne Headrick, director of the MBA program.

"We saw that in the region there was a demand for an MBA program on the part of professionals who work full time and that, to provide a high-quality degree to both full-

and part-time students, it would have to be a night program," he said.

Headrick said that, in making the change, NMSU's College of Business and Economics worked closely with its Business Advisory Council, composed of business and professional people from around the region.

The aim was to make the MBA program available to a wider spectrum of students, while retaining the high quality of the existing program, he said.

University seeks applicants for Native American computer camp

Native American high school students who want to learn more about the field of computer science are invited to apply to take part in New Mexico State University's third annual Native American Computer Science Camp summer program.

Applications for the three-week camp will be accepted through May 1. Twenty students will be selected for this year's program, which will begin June 30 and run through July 21. Students can call Ali-

cia Morales, coordinator of the program, at (505) 646-3356 for an application.

The program utilizes workshops, classes and hands-on projects to teach students about computer science and the benefits of higher education, Morales said. The overall goal of the program is to encourage Native American students to earn degrees in computer science, she said.

The summer camp is funded by a grant from the National Science Founda-

tion. Students will attend the camp free of charge and will live in campus housing facilities during their three-week stay at NMSU. Meals and transportation to and from the camp also will be provided.

Professors and graduate students in the computer science department will serve as instructors for the program. Students also will visit local industries where they will have a chance to see computer science at work.

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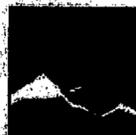
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Senator supports delay in road policy

Domenici says Bush did the right thing by postponing implementation of forest initiative

A two-month delay in implementation of "roadless forest" was endorsed this week by U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici.

The Republican from New Mexico is critical of former President Clinton's effort to impose the regulations to restrict roads and timber harvests on nearly 60 million acres of federal forest lands in 39 states, including 9.3 million acres in New Mexico.

The Bush Administration decided Monday to delay enacting the regulations until May 12. Clinton announced his final rule on "Protection of Forest Roadless Areas" policy on Jan. 4.

"I believe President Bush made the right decision to delay these regulations so the new administration can get a better grasp of the sweeping nature of these Clinton rules and any possible recourse Congress or the administration might take on the regulations," Domenici said. "Since this will

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U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, Republican of New Mexico

affect 17 percent of the Forest Service lands in New Mexico, it is important that we consider the full ramifications of so strictly limiting access to this federal property."

Domenici, a senior member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, said he also is concerned that the roadless policy would compound the fire danger to all public lands, particularly those areas identified as "urban wild-land interface communities,"

within the vicinity of federal lands that are at high risk from wild fires.

The Forest Service and Interior Department agencies in January identified 82 New Mexico communities, including Ruidoso, as at risk of some level of wildfire danger based on their proximity to federal forest and public lands.

The senator has been critical of the Clinton administration's actions in developing the roadless policy, first unveiled in October 1999. Last February, Domenici contended the administration and Forest Service did not follow the Administrative Procedure Act that sets detailed procedures for agency rule-making, including public hearing requirements and disclosure of "ex parte communications."

Congress could exercise its authority under the Congressional Review Act to redress the Clinton roadless policy, Domenici said.

ENMU-Roswell considers independence

Members of the Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell Community Advisory Council have approved a resolution supporting a move toward independence from the university's main campus, according to a news release.

The council also agreed to send a letter to the ENMU-Roswell Community College Board asking for guidance and expressing concerns about the relationship between the

two campuses.

The council also expressed its dissatisfaction with the treatment of past and present ENMU-Roswell provosts by the university's board of regents and President Everett Frost.

Council members also agreed to form an ad hoc committee to assist the community exploratory task force currently investigating the feasibility of ENMU-Roswell becoming an independent college.

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C of C office now downtown

Walt Crosby, president of the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce, announced last week that the office has been moved from the old Post Office Building to the White Mountain Sports Association Building in downtown Ruidoso.

Mrs. Rosalind Barnes, secretary, is in the office daily from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Feb. 10, 1951

Women make clean sweep in school board election

Three women candidates for the three terms open on the Ruidoso Municipal School Board made a clean sweep of Tuesday's biennial election here.

Winners of the voting, as announced by election judge E. J. Tankersley: For 6-year term, Mrs. Morrison Qualtrough. For 4-year term, Mrs. Jack Hitchens. For 2-year term, Mrs. Gerald Tully.

Feb. 12, 1971

The Silver Lining by Daniel A. Storm

The restoration and preservation of Old Lincoln Town is a project that is coming more and more into the limelight. The little frontier village is becoming world-famous and is attracting more and more visitors from the far corners of the earth every year. With this in mind, let us remember to do everything we can at all times to keep our Lincoln County "dressed up in her best" in all her natural beauty.

Feb. 12, 1981

Clark Carpenter heads Lodgers Association

The Ruidoso Lodgers Association Tuesday afternoon named Clark Carpenter president, with Lowell McIntyre as vice president and Linda Flack as secretary and treasurer. Elected as directors were Bob Finley, Buddy Carter, Paul Tapp and Walter McAllister.

Feb. 14, 1991

School board says goodbye

When the Ruidoso School Board met Tuesday, members and staff said "so long" to long-time members Stormy Edwards and Don Swalander.

Board President Edwards has been on the board 18 years and Swalander not far behind at 16. Neither sought re-election.



Sandy Suggitt/Ruidoso News

Lincoln County Medical Center chaplain Fran Redinger.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Her daughter tells Fran Redinger that she always seems to be in the right place at the right time — whether it's running into old friends, making the right career connections or offering comfort to others in distress.

Redinger, the chaplain at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso, has lived one of those lives brimming over with myriad experiences. She's studied art, traveled in Europe, worked for a congressman in Washington D.C., headed a chamber of commerce in Texas, raised five children and started a string ensemble.

The force that has guided her choices throughout her life is her religious belief, first in the Methodist church and now the Episcopal. Redinger told her story during an interview at her home near the Cree Meadows clubhouse, where she swims every morning.

Since moving full-time to Ruidoso about three years ago, she's integrated herself into many aspects of the community. Besides her church activities, Redinger serves on the board of trustees and is president for the guild of the Spencer Theater. She underwrites the Redinger Ensemble, a local string group that performs at parties and other events. She's joined the Ruidoso River Association. She plays bridge every Thursday. And she serves on the hospital advisory and ethics committees.

Born and raised in Plainview, Texas, Redinger said she knew from the time she was 7 years old she

wanted to be a teacher. She earned her degree in speech and a scholarship at McMurry College in Abilene, Texas. Returning home, she taught mathematics and music to fourth and fifth graders.

In 1943, she married a successful local rancher, influential in regional and national agricultural issues, and they had three children — Marie Bass of Washington D.C.; J.O. Bass, who runs one of the family farms; and B.A. Bass Kane, who lives in Wyoming.

For years, Redinger was a full-time mother and participated in some of the agriculture-related activities of her husband, as well as serving on the PTA and other organizations.

After her first marriage broke up, Redinger and her children lived for several years on a remote farm. She also was co-owner of the Plainview Fine Arts Center. Seven years later she married another farmer, one she had known since she was a teenager.

They lived in a house in town during the school session and retreated to the farm in the summers, where the children and their friends would work until noon, feast on a big lunch and then head to the country club to swim and play golf and tennis.

When her last child left for college, she told her husband, George Redinger, it was time for her to return to the farm with him full time.

But she soon signed on as a volunteer with the Plainview Chamber of Commerce and it wasn't long before she was named manager, the first woman to head a chamber in the

Experience spanning the world and generations leads Fran Redinger to service in Ruidoso as a chaplain.

A woman for all seasons

western portion of the state. She went on to become president of the South Plains Association of Chamber Executives and vice president of the Chamber of Commerce Executive Association of West Texas.

When her son took over management of the ranch, the couple moved to their house in town and Redinger pursued a master's degree in fine arts at Wayland Baptist College in Plainview. She also was named the community's Women of the Year.

After the death of her second husband, she went to Paris to study fine arts in the 1980s. When she complained to French school authorities about the lack of performing arts classes, she was asked to write the curriculum.

She also was enticed by Congressman Kent Hance to join his team in Washington D.C. and Austin, a position she held until he lost a bid for the Senate to Phil Gramm. She was in D.C. when George H. W. Bush was inaugurated in 1989, and also helped George W. Bush in his unsuccessful bid for Congress.

Brain surgery was necessary in December 1990, but because Redinger had extended her hospitality to a German exchange student previously, he was there to help her.

By the time she decided in the early 1990s to live in Albuquerque to be near her neurologist and the cultural advantages of a larger city, Redinger already knew God was nudging her toward becoming a hospital chaplain, but she was resisting. However, after spending three days with a hospital chaplain at the urging of her bishop, she knew resistance was futile.

She soon was working as an assistant chaplain at University Hospital in Albuquerque.

While visiting Ruidoso in the summer of 1997, she heard about a school of ministry program starting locally and figured the hours she earned toward her doctorate of divinity would transfer. Then she was approached by a former Spencer The-

ater director about becoming a spokesman to the community.

"The pieces seemed to fall together," Redinger said.

After prayer with the minister at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, "I started driving around asking God to show me a sign and ended up on Barcus Street and saw a 'for sale' sign on this small, but well-built and adorable house that was situated perfectly. He literally showed me a sign."

She later found out not all of her credits would transfer. And then the theater director was fired.

But she charged ahead with her usual enthusiasm and when Julie Sterchi became interim administrator at Lincoln County Medical Center, she enthusiastically welcomed Redinger, establishing a positive relationship that continued under administrator James Gibson.

"God just puts me where I need to be," Redinger said.

Redinger's natural sense of humor and joy were honed attending Christian Clown School. Episcopal Father Ron Thompson summed up her approach when he told a friend, "She goes in and cries with them, then leaves them laughing."

Redinger spends two to three hours a day at the hospital visiting a dozen patients. And she responds to emergency calls — in a wheelchair, if necessary, as happened after an accident of her own.

"I always say a little prayer before crossing the threshold," she said. "Then God speaks through me. With God's help, I make them feel more at peace."

Although she's lived with a pacemaker for 20 years, suffered her own personal losses and illnesses, Redinger said, "I've had a wonderful life."

She still travels extensively. She's taken her granddaughter to Ireland and her grandson to Italy.

She's also welcome in the homes of her children, she said, giving away the secret to that success — "I'm fun and I keep my mouth shut."

Quick action prevents major fire damage at Ellis Store

LINCOLN TRAILS



ROSANNE DUNLAP
 RUIDOSO NEWS

Lincoln escaped a serious disaster Sunday evening. An alert neighbor noticed smoke coming from the flashing on the roof of the Ellis Store.

The fire had become detached and the sparks were catching the lumber in the attic on fire. With the quick work of David Vigil and guests, neighbors and fire department it was quickly extinguished. The Vigils had some minor damage in their bedroom with falling debris, but nothing serious.

Get-well wishes go to Jody Ashby. He suffered a fall in his home and was unconscious for an unknown length of time before he was found —

possibly over a day. He had not let his dog George out, and George is credited with possibly saving Jody's life by licking his face. He is in St. Joseph's Hospital rehab center in Albuquerque and making great progress.

Fort Stanton Inc. was meeting with the Fort Stanton Foundation at the Ellis Store when the fire happened. The organizations are trying to work together to repair and restore the fort.

The foundation — David and Jinny Vigil, and Gary, Dee and Douglas Miller — have done a great deal of lobbying in Santa Fe to get the backing of our Legislature. Bills are being written by Sen. Pete Compos for \$250,000 and Rep. Tim Jennings for close to a million dollars.

The resolution to sell the fort seems to have been killed until the study that was suppose to have been done is accomplished.

The fort is of great concern to the people of

Lincoln County and everyone should try to work together. We certainly don't want the state government do anything drastic that would be detrimental to our national historic treasure.

Mr. and Mrs. Reg Richey and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dunlap attended different water meetings in Santa Fe Tuesday and Wednesday. The Richeys and representatives of Ranches of Sonterra attended the hearing on the request for water transfer in the Bonito Valley Tuesday.

The Dunlaps and Richeys attended the New Mexico Water Task Force Meeting on Wednesday. Most agreed that litigation, government regulations, unclear water and excess usage of the available water are some of the greatest concerns.

The Creative Memories retreat was held at Fort Lone Tree over the weekend.

An added treat was the attendance of three

youngsters. They were Jannie Testerman, Ruidoso; Kendal Wilson, Ancho; and DeMarquis (Mark) Therneshoff of Cloudercroft. The next retreat will be April 6-8.

We are glad to see Tim Hagman home again. He suffered serious injury when he was kicked in the face by his horse before Christmas. He recuperated at his parents' home.

Congratulations to Martha Proctor, Lincoln County clerk. She has been selected as the New Mexico Republican of the Year. Also a belated congratulations to U. S. Rep. Joe Skeen. The new Arid Lands Institute Building at the NMSU has been named the Joe Skeen Building.

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

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

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

PENTECOSTAL

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

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

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

CARRIZOZO DIRECTORIES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
The Word of Life Church
Rev. Chuck Fulton, pastor/648-2339. 711 'E' Ave., Carrizozo, NM. Affiliated w/the Evangelistic Assembly Church. Sunday 7:00 pm.

BAPTIST
First Baptist Church
Hayden Smith, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.; Church training: 6:30 p.m. Sunday

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Perry Zumwalt, minister. Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM. Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11:00 am; Evening Worship 1:15 pm; Wednesday Bible Study 7:00

pm.

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

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

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

RUIDOSO DIRECTORIES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Apache Indian Assembly of God
Mescalero, 671-4747. Donald Pettay, pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday services: 7 p.m.

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

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

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

First Baptist Church
Ruidoso Downs. Randy Widenor, Pastor. Sunday: Worship hour 11 a.m.; Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; Evening worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

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

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

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

p.m. Wednesday services 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

CHRISTIAN
Crosspoint Christian Fellowship
A Christ Centered Church
Ruidoso Senior Center, 701 Sudderth Drive, 258-1492. Steve Kreins, Pastor. Pre-service prayer 9 a.m.; Sunday worship service 10 a.m.; Children's Church 10 a.m. Small group meetings, including youth group, at various times and locations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall
108 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 257-3871. Sunday: Public Talk 1:30 p.m.; Watchtower: 2:20 p.m. Monday: Bible Study 7:30 p.m.; Thursday: Ministry School 7:30 p.m.; Service Meeting 8:20 p.m.

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

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

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

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

NAZARENE
Angus Church of the Nazarene
Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Charles Hail, Pastor. Sat. Alternative Worship, 6:30 pm; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Tuesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Worship, 6:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN
First Presbyterian Church
101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220, Cathy E. Caudle, Pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:45 a.m.; worship 8:30 and 11

a.m. Potluck fellowship after worship the third Sunday of every month. Mountain Ministry Parish Community
United Presbyterian Church
Ancho, Reverend Scott King. Sunday worship: 9 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.

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

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

REFORMED CHURCH
Mescalero Reformed
Mescalero. Bob Schut, Pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:30 a.m.; worship 10:30 a.m. Mon.: junior high youth 6:30 p.m. Wed.: high school meeting 7 p.m. Thur.: Kids Club (grades 1-5) 3:30.

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Abundant Life Family Church
2810 Sudderth Drive, Suite 210, 257-1188. Mark Gentry, pastor. Sunday worship 8:30 a.m. Thursday Bible study 7 p.m.

American Missionary Fellowship
Rick Smith, 682-2503. Monday: Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m. Tuesday: Ruidoso men's Bible study noon at Pizza Hut Mechem Drive. Wednesday: Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m. at Schlotzsky's Deli. Capitan Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups 6:30 p.m. at Christ Community Fellowship.

Calvary Chapel

433 Sudderth Drive in the Gateway Center, 257-5915. Pastor John Marshall. Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Mid-week bible study 7 p.m.

Centro Cristiano Casa de Oracion
2818 Sudderth (Pinetree Square), Ruidoso, 257-6142. Pastor Carlos Carreon. Reunion General Jueves 6:00 p.m.; Domingo 10:45 a.m. Club Amistad Sabado 11:00 a.m. (ninos).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Lighting showroom due

The Ruidoso area will have a lighting showroom soon. Fastway Electrical Supply and Lighting Center expects to open its lighting showroom in March, said manager Mark Lewis.

The new business is at 1575 Wood Lane in Ruidoso Downs.

Formerly an electrical contractor, Lewis said, "I had to go to Roswell or Alamogordo for quality lighting fixtures. This should be a big plus for Ruidoso."

The showroom will feature ceiling fans by Craft-made; Juno track lighting, lighting fixtures by American Lantern, Transglobe and Accolade, and Lithonia fluorescent lighting.

Lewis said as a licensed master electrician he can assist with any questions customers may have.

Fastway is owned by Carroll Godwin, a recent transplant to the Ruidoso area from Texas.

Pioneer adds to board

James D. "Jim" Harris, an Alamogordo insurance agency senior partner, has been elected to the Pioneer Bank board of directors.

Harris, a resident of

Alamogordo and Otero County for the past two decades, is an owner of the Charles, Garland and Harris Agency. He has also served as president of the Otero County Hospital Association, Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital Foundation, the Alamogordo Rotary Club, the United Way of Otero County and the Alamogordo Foundation.

Harris has served on the New Mexico Commission on Higher Education since 1997.

Pioneer Bank operates eight banks and branch banks in Roswell, Alamogordo, Carlsbad, Hobbs, Las Cruces and Ruidoso.

The bank, which began business in 1901 as the Roswell Building and Loan Association, has net assets of \$346.9 million.

Starting a business?

One-on-one consultations and advice on business plans are now offered by WESST Corp., a non-profit organization based in Roswell. The organization seeks to assist with the start up of women and minority businesses in New Mexico.

WESST Corp. is located at 200 West First Street, Suite 202, in Roswell.

To schedule an appointment telephone 624-9850.



Tom Battin, left, is board chairman of State National Bank-Ruidoso, while Carl Bartley - who headed the closing Lincoln Tower State National office - is president of the combined banks.

James Kalvelage/Ruidoso News

What bank merger means to employees

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Employees at State National Bank in the Lincoln Tower on Mechem Drive and both Ruidoso State Bank locations in Ruidoso should be able to remain employed. State National completed its purchase of Ruidoso State Bank last week.

Officials of the merged banks said there is room for all employees, despite the pending closure of the State National location in Lincoln Tower and the loss of part of the former Ruidoso State data processing department.

Tom Battin, former Ruidoso State Bank president who is now board chairman of State National Bank-Ruidoso, said attrition should provide continued employment. He said Ruidoso State Bank over the past year did not hire replacements when vacancies occurred.

As to the loss of Ruidoso State Bank's data processing department, Battin said some computer support

positions will remain.

"Data processing will still have some function here," Battin said. "Most (from data processing) will remain for proof work. Others will move into other locations."

State National Bancshares Chairman Tom Nichols said data processing employees are valuable because the Ruidoso operations of State National will continue to have a technical network that has to be sustained.

The purchase of Ruidoso State Bank, which has been in the community for almost 50 years, fits State National's goals, Nichols said.

"It's in the middle of our markets, between Lubbock and El Paso," Nichols said. "Ruidoso is a logical place. We have as many people who are West Texans that are patrons in Ruidoso as (we have) in El Paso."

Nichols also noted Ruidoso continues to see a fair amount of customers who migrate to the mountains as retirees or soon-to-be retirees.

"And Ruidoso is clicking," Nichols said. "It has evolved over the last 10

years to a much more diversified economy."

Battin concurred, looking back at his 10 years with Ruidoso State Bank.

"I think I've seen a significant improvement in the economy of the area," Battin said. "There is much more stability."

Carl Bartley, president of State National Bank-Ruidoso, said plans to open a branch bank in Ruidoso Downs are still a go.

"There is growth in Ruidoso Downs," Bartley said. "With Wal-Mart, commercial growth is going on. And we also looked at the traffic patterns. Ruidoso Downs needs a bank."

(Wells Fargo has a bank office in Wal-Mart.)

The sale, which received approval of Ruidoso State Bank shareholders, was deemed an opportunity for those shareholders to realize a gain on their investments, Battin said.

"We still have many original shareholders," Battin said. "They'll get a fair reward for their continued loyalty."

Property assessments the key to developing parking, event venue

Midtown merchants consider district boundaries

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A newly organized merchants association in Ruidoso's Midtown area may soon propose boundaries for its "business improvement district."

The district would be a first step in seeking assessments against property owners to repay bonds sold for purchase of land to provide increased parking and an outdoor events park.

Two properties, each several acres in size, are on the market. One is at Sudderth and Country Club drives. The other is behind the Comfort Inn on Sudderth Drive.

"Both are great pieces of property," said Bert Brunell, president of the newly formed but unnamed merchants group. "But it will be tough to sell the benefit to merchants on the other ends (of Midtown)."

Jimmy Millar, a director on the newly created merchants board, said ideally a property for parking and events would be in the middle of the main

Sudderth Drive shopping area. With the limited amount of land for sale, Millar urged consideration of buying both properties to show a benefit to property owners throughout Midtown.

"I think we need to spread it out," Millar said. "This is for the long term. I think if someone can explain that to the property owners and it doesn't break their backs, it could happen."

To establish the assessment district, more than half of the property owners would have to concur. Brunell said those owning 51 percent or more of the assessed property value in the district also must approve.

A scheduled meeting of merchants in Midtown brought out just six people on Feb. 5. Meetings are the first Monday of each month. District boundaries will be further reviewed at 5 p.m. Feb. 15 in a meeting of the newly created merchants group at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

"When they find out they're

going to be taxed (assessed), they'll be here," Millar said of the small turnout. "When they see it (purchase of parking and outdoor festival property) won't cost an arm and a leg maybe they'll go along."

The group hopes to establish boundaries for the business improvement district quickly. Initial ideas called for the district's length to run from the Ruidoso State Bank building on Sudderth Drive to the intersection of Sudderth and Mechem drives. The width of the district would include Sudderth Drive and possibly Rio and Wingfield streets.

"There are a lot of private residences that will vote against it," Michelle O'Brien said of Rio and Wingfield streets. "Why not just start with the actual commercial area right now? I think it would be the path of least resistance."

Brunell agreed that the two streets that parallel some of Sudderth Drive will be a tough sell.

If the majority of property owners and assessed valuation in the selected area agree to establish an assessment district, the village of Ruidoso would be asked to issue bonds to finance the property purchase(s). The assessments would repay the bonds over a set term. Merchants involved in the plan said the village has committed to improving property the district purchases, making the land parking and green space.

The parking and outdoor park plan surfaced late last year in the wake of announcements that several crowd-attracting events were moving outside Ruidoso.

"We have to prove a benefit to every single person in the district," Brunell said.

Meanwhile, the association has named a board of directors. Brunell is the president. Millar, O'Brien, Jim Shoop, Jay Ross, Sarah Mayes, Audean Franklin and Mark Clark stepped forward as directors.

Chamber raises dues

CARRIZOZO - Annual dues for membership in the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce are going up. The chamber board voted to increase the annual dues to \$50 for businesses and \$25 for individuals.

Commercial dues had been \$20 for the first year and \$40 thereafter. Non-business dues were \$10.

In discussion before voting to up the fee, board member Dean Lollar said the nonbusiness dues

should be at least half the cost of the dues for a business.

During questioning about the purpose of chamber committees that deal with budgeting and public relations, the board decided to abolish the Budget Committee.

Chamber president Joe Organist said financial decisions should be made at board meetings so members know how funds are being spent.

EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Is the time right to refinance?

BY ROSALYN ROBINSON
PIONEER BANK

There is no time like the present to evaluate the present mortgage on your residence.

What is your present interest rate? If your rate is 9 percent or more, you might consider refinancing.

If you're going to save at least 2 percent on the interest and your present loan is aged at least 2 years, refinancing would be to your benefit.

Also, if you have equity in your home, you might consider a cash-out refinance to help pay off some of the higher interest debts you have outstanding. You might refinance using your equity to make home improvements you've been waiting to perform.

How low are mortgage rates?

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Closing costs will generally be less than when you purchased the home. Many lenders will not require a new survey or flood certification.

Also, in many instances, a copy of the existing appraisal will suffice, especially if the LTV is 80 percent or lower. Further, if you refinance with the lender presently carrying the first mortgage, you might realize other breaks in fees. You should experience a discount in title insurance if you have a copy of your existing policy and/or financed within the last 5 years.

I recently provided refinancing on a home on which I had funded the first mortgage in October of last year. The loan went from a 20-year to a 15-year term and the interest rate from 8.625 percent to 6.625 percent. While the monthly payment was basically unchanged, more of the payment would be applied to principal vs. interest after the refinance. In another situation, the homeowners had no mortgage, but in refinancing on a 20-year term at 7 percent, they are able to consolidate personal debt that had been at a 10 percent and higher interest rate.

It doesn't cost anything to ask about mortgage loan programs and in many instances no monies are required to apply for pre-qualification. Since nobody can see too far into the future, consider refinancing now.

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Construction in village tops \$45 million, sets record

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The number of building permits issued by Ruidoso in 2000 failed to set a quantity record, but the dollar value of permitted construction was the highest in the village since records have been kept - some 20 years.

Construction worth more than \$45 million was represented in building permits issued last year, according to figures from the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Department.

The permits topped the previous record of \$43 million-plus set in 1998, and were 23 percent ahead of 1999's nearly \$36 million. Single family permits added up to

\$26.6 million last year, an increase from the year before, but \$1.5 million less than the 1998 level.

New commercial construction amounted to \$7 million, equal to the amount permitted in 1998 and 1999 combined. The record for commercial permits was established in 1996, the year the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, in the village's Extraterritorial Zone near Alto, was approved. Commercial permits that year totaled \$18.5 million, largely attributable to the theater, said Joyce McMath, village building inspection secretary.

New motels the past several years have brought a substantial boost to the commercial permit side of the ledger, she said.

"We've had the Hawthorn Suites, the

Comfort Inn, Motel 6," McMath said.

"Manufactured housing is getting more popular here," McMath said. "A manufactured house permit is \$25. This is one of the things that makes it popular."

The number of manufactured, or modular homes permitted last year was 28, more than twice the year before. It still however pales to the 165 stick-built single-family homes permitted in 2000.

McMath said things slowed down in December 2000 and the first month of the new year, because of bad weather.

The average price of a new, stick-built home was \$161,233, according to the permit data. That was down slightly from 1999, but well ahead of costs through the remainder of the 1990s.

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ON THE GO WITH HANK AND ELLEN

Listening to a horse whisperer

BY ELLEN AND HANK BARONE
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Communication, not cowpunching, is the key to running the Double Horn Ranch in the Texas Hill Country near Bluff Dale.

It's not that owner Craig Cameron (featured horse trainer at the annual Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium) isn't a rough-and-tumble cowboy



The Barones

— he grew up on a 2,000-acre ranch and spent his early days as a professional rodeo rider. Today, Craig is one of a number of aptly named "horse whisperers," a term popularized by the recent movie starring Robert Redford.

Craig's not a newcomer to training horses and educating riders the gentle way — he's been holding 3-day clinics for horses and their owners for more than 20 years.

"It began when I was a teenager," says the 50-something cowboy. "I was working this pig-headed horse and not getting anywhere. I got frustrated and threw a rock at the horse."

"As soon as I'd done that, I felt terrible. I vowed then and there never to hurt a horse again. I figured there had to be a gentler way of getting a horse to

understand what I wanted."

When Craig was in his late 20's, he worked on a dude ranch, wrangling problem horses. "I realized that these horses had been ridden by so many different people in so many different ways that they'd given up responding except with stubbornness. Then I realized people had given up on the horses too, and that was sad."

"That gave Craig and his wife, Dalene, an idea. Why not find a ranch where they could bring riders and their horses together to learn to communicate better?"

Says Dalene, "That's how we ended up here in one of the prettiest spots on earth."

When we ended up on the Cameron's Double Horn Ranch on a misty afternoon last November, class had been in session since 8 a.m. Dressed in faded Levis, well worn chaps, weathered cowboy boots and ever-present Stetson, Craig was surrounded by a swirl of riders and horses in a dusty, round pen and showing far more vigor than his exhausted students. Over the next three days he shared his secrets with us, and seven other eager students.

"I look for little things," he revealed. "I watch the horse for how it holds its ears, what it does with its eyes, the tilt of its head, whether it licks its lips. All this shows what it's feeling and thinking. I look at the rider the same way. How does he or she go about catching

their horse? How do they mount it? In the saddle, is the rider relaxed and flowing with the horse's rhythm? How high do they hold their reins? Do they use a 'soft' or 'hard' hand when they turn or stop their horse? From all these clues, I figure out whether the horse and rider are failing to communicate. Horsemanship is an art that must be practiced as long as you have a horse."

Craig and Dalene take no more than 10 riders and their horses at a time for each three-day clinic. This keeps the atmosphere relaxed and intimate so that students can make friends and also learn in an uninhibited way. We stayed in log cabins decorated with Western memorabilia and ate meals served from a chuck wagon. In the evenings, we sat around the campfire and discussed Craig's favorite subject — horsemanship.

These conversations went on for hours. Craig answered questions and also asked us things. He enjoyed hearing our ideas about horses.

For Craig Cameron, a gentle hand and soft voice are better tools for communication between horse and rider than even the finest set of spurs.

The Barones are full-time travel writers and photographers operating out of their home in Alto. Their work appears in a wide variety of regional, national, and international publications.

Village government budget holds steady

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A mid-year review of Ruidoso's village budget pointed to revenues near 50 percent of the fiscal year 2000-2001 income plan at the half-way point and expenditures mostly under the 50 percent level.

The review, presented by Lorri McKnight, village finance officer, showed gross receipts tax revenue continued to show strong gains.

On the revenue side of the ledger, total gross receipts tax revenues through the second quarter of the fiscal year reached just over \$4 million, or 60 percent of the budgeted annual estimate of \$6.6 million. The collections represent an increase of \$293,673 compared to the first half of fiscal year 1999-2000. The fiscal year is from July 1 to June 30.

General fund revenues during the first half of the fiscal year were \$3.4 million, 50 percent of the budgeted \$6.8 million.

In enterprise accounts, water revenues in the utility fund stood at 53 percent of budget. Monies to the lodger's tax fund at the half-way point were at 74 percent of the annual budgeted amount of

\$513,250.

Sierra Blanca Regional Airport fund revenues were at 52 percent of budget, compared to 47 percent last year at the same time.

In the solid waste fund, revenues were 44 percent of the annual budget. Actual solid waste fees collected through Dec. 31 were \$727,793 versus \$628,851 the same time last year.

Total revenues for the first half of the fiscal year, exclusive of the capital improvement projects, were \$9.8 million, 50 percent of the budgeted \$19.4 million for the 12 month period that will end June 30.

On the expenditure side, total spending during the first half of 2000-2001, excluding capital improvement projects, was \$10.3 million, 44 percent of the budgeted \$22.2 million.

General fund expenditures rang up to \$2.8 million, 44 percent of budget.

The utility fund expenses were at 36 percent of budget, airport expenses at 37 percent of budget, and solid waste expenses at 42 percent of budget.

McKnight said the actual revenues or expenditures for the half year aligned well with the budgeted amounts.

Experiments by students across America put aboard International Space Station

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Students from middle and high schools across America have prepared biological samples for an experiment that this week astronauts were to place aboard the International Space Station when the Space Shuttle Atlantis returned to that unique, orbiting laboratory.

Working side-by-side with university and NASA scientists, the students mixed and loaded about 200 of the 500 biological samples in small plastic tubes that were then frozen and placed in an experi-

ment container. The crew was to transfer the experiment from the Shuttle to the Space Station during the STS-98 mission this week.

The flight samples were prepared by 222 students and teachers from 89 schools in Alabama, California, Florida, Michigan, Tennessee and Texas. Since the program began in 1999, students and teachers from 450 schools in states across the country have attended workshops where they grew crystals and learned about biological substances

that carry out many functions for humans, animals and plants. This hands-on education program is sponsored by the Biotechnology Program at the Marshall Space Flight Center here — NASA's lead center for flying payloads that take advantage of the low-gravity environment created as the Space Station orbits Earth.

"This opportunity opens the students' eyes to so much of the world beyond," said

LaVonda Popp, who teaches chemistry, physics and biology at Gatesville, Texas, High School, one of schools participating in the program.

The students and teachers mixed biological solutions and sealed the chemicals in small tubes or pipettes. The samples were frozen to -321 degrees Fahrenheit (-196 degrees Celsius or 77.3 degrees Kelvin). Just before the Shuttle launch, scientists placed the samples in the Enhanced Gaseous

Nitrogen Dewar — a vacuum-jacketed container, similar to a large thermos bottle, with an absorbent inner liner saturated with liquid nitrogen. Once in orbit, the liquid nitrogen will boil off inside the unpowered, unattended thermal enclosure, and the samples will begin to thaw. Before thawing is complete, the crew will move the dewar to the Space Station where crystals will slowly form for several weeks.

Weatherization program available

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A Texas professor probes the secrets of the Stradivarius violin

COLLEGE STATION, Texas - Consider the Stradivarius violin.

It is prized as a work of art, it costs \$2 million to \$10 million, and to music lovers, it produces a sound that is priceless — and one that has become something of a mystery.

Why does a Stradivarius sound like no other?

That has been the research focus of Texas A&M University professor Joseph Nagyvary, who is now beginning his 25th year of delving deep into the mysteries of the violin, and whose work has drawn international attention and acclaim, but also a lot of controversy. His

work has included making scores of violins, many of which he and other knowledgeable individuals think rival the Stradivarius sound.

The secret of the Stradivarius sound, he believes, starts with the local drug store — the 15th century type. It was there that Italian music maker Antonio Stradivari purchased chemicals used to complete his instruments, most likely upon a recommendation by the store's owner, whoever he was, who deserves much of the credit for the violin's pristine tonal quality.

In other words, Nagyvary's work has concentrated on a

chemical approach to the unique Stradivarius sound.

Accordingly, the president of the American Chemical Society, the world's largest scientific organization (160,000 members), will speak about Nagyvary's groundbreaking work on Feb. 12 in the Bush Conference Center during "Decoding the Stradivarius," a program honoring the Texas A&M biochemistry professor.

Dr. Attila Pavlath, head of the ACS, will discuss Nagyvary's research, and Zina Schiff, a concert violinist, and Nagyvary will give a demonstration of violin music on a Stradivarius and other violins, and give

the audience a "sound test" to determine if they can detect the difference in sound of the instruments.

There will also be a recital in which Schiff will alternate her Stradivarius with a new violin made at Texas A&M.

"Dr. Nagyvary has attacked a very interesting area by combining science with music," says Pavlath. "Through years of research, Dr. Nagyvary has tracked down the conditions of the wood and the substances used to treat the violins. He probably knows more about the composition of violins than anyone else in the world."

Nagyvary's 25 years of research of Stradivarius violins has produced three main reasons for its sound: the quality of wood used, the wood filler used along creases and seams, and the varnish applied to the finished product.

"It's the materials that count," Nagyvary said.

The maple wood Stradivari used is not available today, Nagyvary believes, and before the maker carved his wood, he soaked it for long periods of time. Nagyvary has been able to duplicate almost exactly the

same technique by using sea water and other salt solutions, and spectroscopic tests have confirmed the results.

The wood filler used by Stradivari was all-important, Nagyvary believes. "He probably used some type of fruit gum that had a crystal powder base to it," he says. "But the druggist should probably get credit there. The drug store owner's role in the sound of a Stradivarius cannot be overstated. We need to give a big cheer for all druggists!"

The last component — the varnish — probably contained particles of powdered glass, porcelain or amber to add stiffness to the wood. Fruit tree extracts were likely used, he believes, in addition to oils.

Stradivarius, Nagyvary believes, made violins that were extremely good, but not necessarily the best ever. "If he were alive today, he'd be known for his marketing skills. He created a mystique about his violins and convinced people they were the best in the world, and priced them accordingly," he adds.

Nagyvary says that a contemporary of Stradivari —

Joseph Guarneri — made violins of equal or superior quality and at a fraction of the price Stradivari charged.

Stradivari (1644 to 1737) made about 1,200 violins in his lifetime and kept a large inventory of them, and would only sell one when he was ready to part with it. Today, there are only about 600 Stradivarius violins remaining, each worth millions, depending on several factors, among them who the previous owners were.

"I have enjoyed very much the past 25 years of this research because it has opened up new worlds to me," notes Nagyvary, who has become an expert violin maker himself and who took his first practice lessons on a violin belonging to Albert Einstein.

"I am proud to say that I was the first chemist to apply modern analytical methods and define the makeup of these great violins. And it's satisfying to know that the American Chemical Society has confirmed my research and my basic premise — that chemicals are the prominent reason why a Stradivarius has such a distinct sound."

LINCOLN: People, places and monuments

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Vestry members

The Episcopal Church of Lincoln County held its annual meeting the Church of the Holy Mount in Ruidoso. Vestry members are Robin Echols, Ruidoso; Jean Redditt, San Juan; Lincoln; Carrie Sue Spencer, St. Matthias, Carrizozo; and Josie Powell, Rodney Matthews is the delegate.

Sister visits

Phyllis Zumwalt's sister, Marlene, of Las Cruces has been visiting here.

La Junta club meets

La Junta FCE club members met at the San Patricio Senior Citizens Center for their monthly meeting. They worked on favors for the district meeting, which will be held in Lincoln County this year.

Cowbelles busy

The Corriente Cowbelles

have a busy schedule for this year. The next meeting, Feb. 14, will be at Hotel Chango in Capitan.

Beckleys traveling

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Beckley visited their daughter and family in Cohoma, Texas. They were helping celebrate granddaughter Rebecca Lynn Seal's first birthday.

Rusty Clovers, the Beckley's grandson, is in the Army's 19th Infantry, Fort Benning, Ga. He began training on Jan. 29.

Chisum monument

The John Chisum monument unveiling and dedication in Roswell will be March 24.

Water concerns

Lincoln legislators and residents are trying to keep up with the various water laws and water transfers that are in the works. Several Lincoln area residents were in Santa Fe for meetings.

New residents

We have two new residents in Lincoln. Tom Bonnet, formerly of Vermont is living in the Gallegos house. He is a former railroad employee. Another is the Sheldon family. They have a student enrolled in the Capitan school. Welcome to Lincoln.

Hershey succumbs

We have received word that Baird Hershey of York Springs, Pa., passed away on Jan. 8. Hershey often visited Lincoln in the 1970s and 80s and attended the Lincoln County Historical Society meetings and activities.

He was very active with the Boy Scouts, history and wildlife activities in Pennsylvania.

With sympathy

Our sympathies go the family of Ednen Hindi, Duran and to Lloyd Maness, Corona, whose mother passed away recently at Clayton.

Emergency services coordinator hired

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Lincoln County hired a new emergency services coordinator, but many people will recognize her face.

Rosemary Hernandez, a Carrizozo resident, is married to county road superintendent Albert Hernandez.

County Manager Tom Stewart said he and the state emergency services coordinator chose Hernandez because she's a "seasoned administrator," and has the energy and ability to do the job.

Stewart interviewed seven of the 12 people who applied for the position, he said.

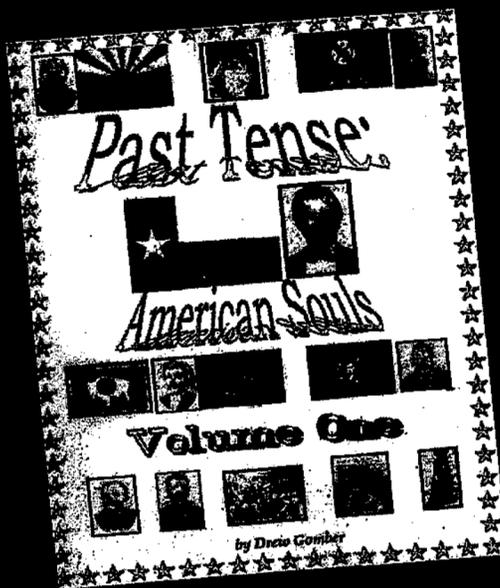
Hernandez has a bachelor's degree in government, is pursuing a master's degree and is retired from New Mexico State University.

"Trying to keep up with the job myself (since the health problems and subsequent departure of Connie Hopper), I saw what was needed for the position," Stewart said. "Although she doesn't have emergency services background, she can learn. The state already is setting up an

education program for her. She started Saturday and her first day was to attend the State Fire Marshal's meeting, which included new requirements for fire departments. So she's already initiated."

Half of her job is coordinating emergency services in the county, but 25 percent will be working with volunteer fire departments and 15 percent handling risk management and liability claims. The rest of her time will include being the county's representative on the Lodgers Tax Committee and other projects, Stewart said.

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A FEW ELECT TWO

Barely more than 500 voters in Ruidoso went to the polls on Tuesday to select two school board members from a field of five candidates



Waiting for voters at the Ruidoso Convention Center polling place was par for the election workers.



Campaigning was enthusiastic, but not effective, for one board candidate who came in second, ahead of the incumbent but behind the winner.

Ruidoso's 7,866 eligible voters stayed away from the polls in droves Tuesday, as just 6.8 percent of them elected incumbent school board member James Paxton and newcomer Danny Sisson to four-year terms. Slightly more voters - 8.6 percent - cast ballots in the 1999 election.

It was the smallest percentage turnout by far among Lincoln County school districts. Other school districts, in ascending order of turnout: Capitan, 11 percent (347 of 3,138 eligible); Corona, 28.4 percent (76 of 267 in an uncontested election); Hondo, 29.5 percent (167 of 567 eligible); and Carrizozo, 38.5 percent (466 of 1,212).



Signing up to vote, when voters gathered, made for a social moment.

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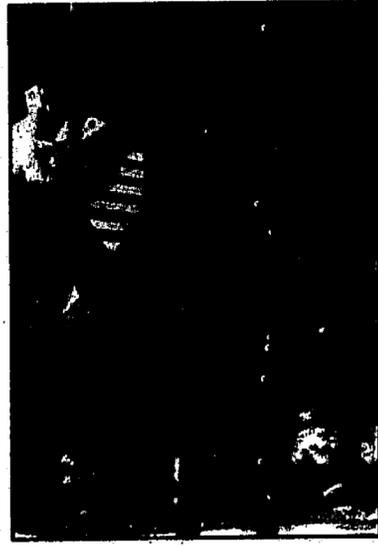


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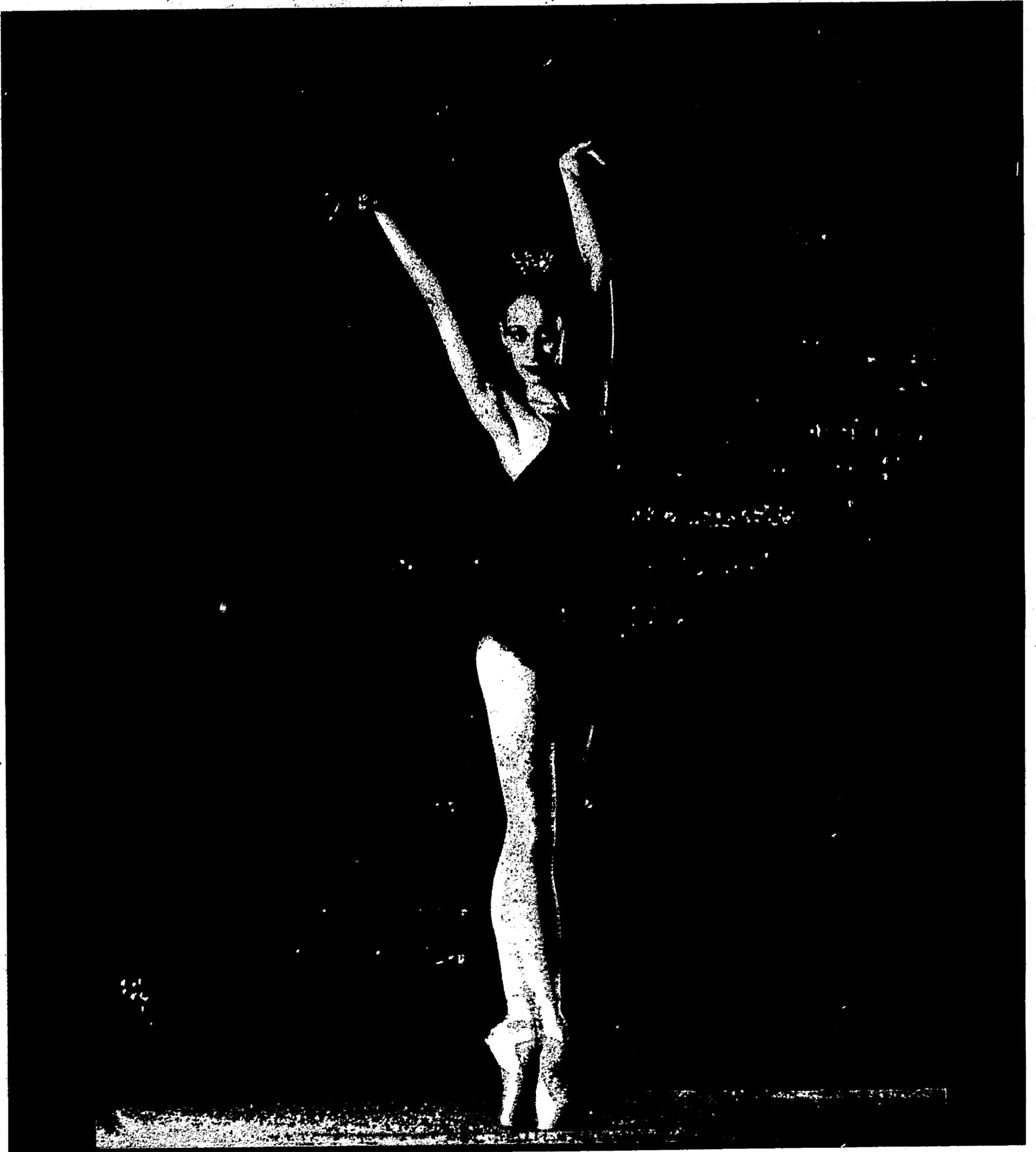
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Long Stitch Book workshop will be 1-4 p.m., Saturday, March 17, \$30 plus tax. Learn to make a book with multiple signatures sewn directly through the cover, creating a pattern of colored thread across the outside of the spine, a good travel journal.

Clamshell or Drop-spine or Solander Box workshop will be 1-5 p.m., Sunday, March 18, \$40 plus tax. This is a box that looks like a book when closed. When open, it lays flat and has two trays suitable for photo displays, protecting antique plates or books, etc.

To register, contact Beverly Wilson at (505) 653-4699. Payment needs to be received by March 8. Refunds will be paid until March 10.

TWO LOCAL ARTISTS will be opening an artist coop in the downtown area of Capitan in April. It will consist of studio workshop spaces along with retail space. The spaces will be very reasonably priced and the artists will be juried in. There will be room for both high quality crafters and fine artists. You will be working in a very creative environment and will be in a coop with 5-10 other artists. For your chance at one of the spots, call Suzanne Butler-Marra, 354-6206, or e-mail to sa5dx@zianet.com.

Fax notices to Sandy at 257-7053, mail to Ruidoso News, P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso, NM 88355 or e-mail to ruidosonews@zianet.com.

ON THE COVER



Courtesy

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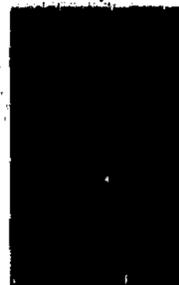
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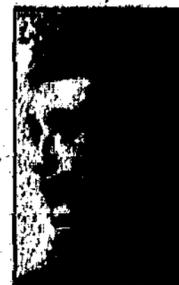
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An old-time circus



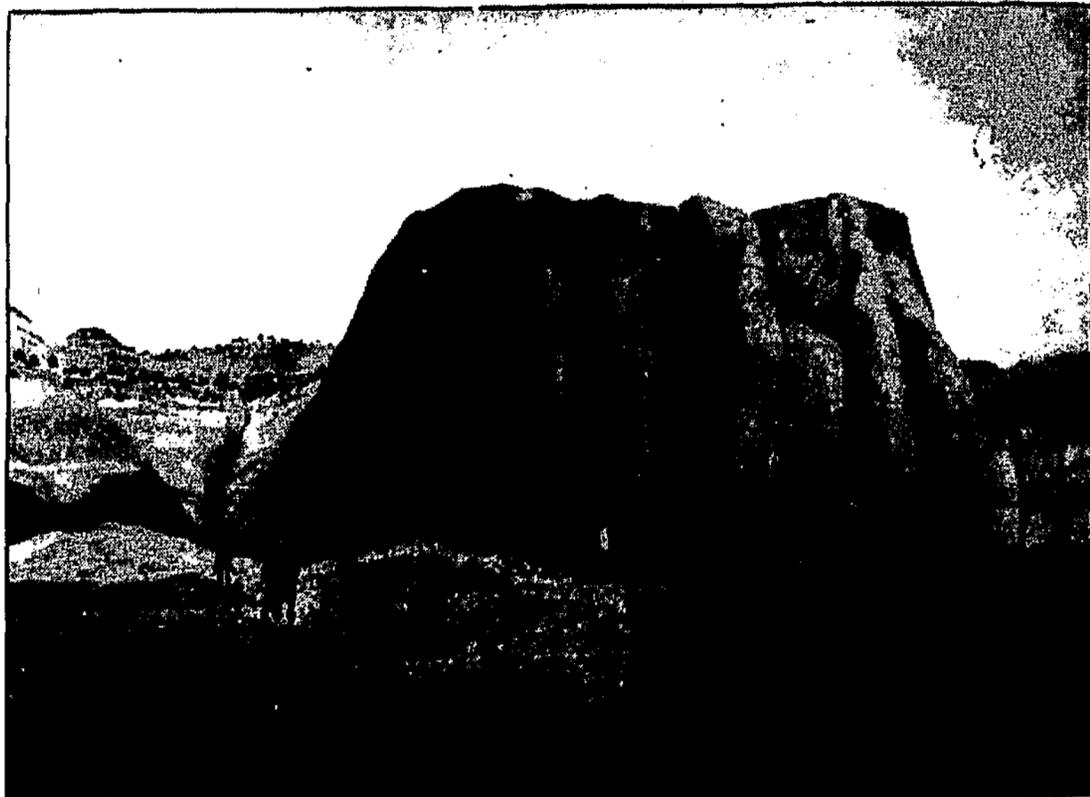
The American All-Star Circus is coming to the Ruidoso Convention Center for two shows, 5:15 and 7:30 p.m. on Friday, February 16, with doors opening an hour before showtimes.

The show spotlights the Canine Review of world-renowned animal trainer, Maya Zerbini, and, direct from Las Vegas, the illusion act of Brent Webb. From Argentina, the dangerous and thrilling wire-walking expertise of Ricardo, and Sampson Rockwell presents a dynamic display of skillful juggling. Hilarious hijinks and comedy capers abound with the stars of American All-Star's Clown Alley, aerial artists, trained animals, acrobats and more.

Children under 12 are admitted free, and tickets for adults are \$7 at the door.

PONY EXPRESS TRAIL RIDE

AUGUST 4, 5 & 6, 2000



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SHERIFF'S POSSE
NEW MEXICO

**Spencer Ballet for the next two weeks:
'Cinderella on Ice' and 'Swan Lake'**

The Spencer Theater's stage will become an ice rink today for two shows Saturday of "Cinderella on Ice" to be performed by the St. Petersburg State Ice Ballet.

These 31 champion Russian skaters dissolve the lines between dancing and skating, classic dance form and athletics, creating a new art-form.

The company has performed more than 500 times in North America since debuting in 1995.

Tickets for the 2 p.m. show are \$35 and \$38, and tickets for the 8 p.m. show are \$42 and \$45.

Next Saturday, the Moscow Festival Ballet will perform "Swan Lake," with artistic director

Sergei Radchenko, the legendary principal dancer of the Bolshoi Ballet, who formed the new company from leading dancers and stars of the Bolshoi and Kirov Ballets.

"Swan Lake" is a full-length ballet in four acts with music by Tchaikovsky and choreography by Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov, and for "Dances at the Ball" in Act III by Yuri Grigorovich.

Tickets for the 2 p.m. show are \$35 and \$38, and \$42 and \$45 for the 8 p.m. show.

For ticket availability, call (505) 336-4800 or (888) 818-7872 or visit the theater Web site at www.spencertheater.com.



Courtesy

COMEDIAN/HYPNOTIST
Dr. Steve Atwood.

**Las Vegas Live presents
a Valentine's Day of Hypnosis at
The Quarters**

Dr. Steve Atwood has hypnotized executives from the largest corporations in the world and entertained at colleges and comedy clubs.

Live at The Quarters Bar on Sudderth Drive, he will perform a Valentine's dinner show at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14.

Atwood will perform a special encore show at 9 p.m. on Thursday, February 15.

For information and reservations, call 257-9535.

**Theater and history buffs are invited to a reading
of 'Yank,' a subjective historical this Sunday**

The first reading of "Yank," a subjective American historical, will be given at 3 p.m. on Sunday in the Ruidoso Episcopal Church, 121 Mesalero Trail.

American history from the Civil War to the turn of the century (1900) will be covered in this cold reading. Those inter-

ested in community theater or American history are particularly encouraged to attend. After the reading, attendees can meet and speak with others interested in local theater and American history.

For further information, contact Robert Allan at (505) 910-3616.

**Entries are sought for the
Ruidoso Art Festival and the
Sheriff's Posse poster**

Ruidoso Art Festival

The dates have been set for the 30th Annual Ruidoso Art Festival, July 27-29, and organizers hope more Lincoln County artists will enter this year, said Erin Berry of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Categories represented in the show include oils, watercolor, acrylics, pastels, photography, pen, pencil, metalwork, glass, porcelain, batik, jewelry, pottery, weaving, leather, sculpture and mixed media. Hundreds of applications are juried down to 125 artists, based on quality of work, presentation and originality.

Berry said some local artists have commented that they make a lot of contacts from being in the show and out-of-town clients come back for more of their work.

Visit www.ruidoso.net/Artfest or contact Berry at 257-7393.

Pony Express Ride

The Lincoln County Sheriff's

Posse invites artists of New Mexico to submit a painting for consideration as the poster commemorating the posse's upcoming seventh annual Pony Express Ride.

The paintings (in watercolor, acrylics or oil) are due by March 1 in horizontal format of 14-by-21.

Prizes of \$150, \$75 and \$50 will be awarded and the winning artist will be recognized by the LCSP and the painting featured on the 2001 Pony Express poster. It will also appear on commemorative U.S. Mail envelopes sold to help fund the ride's expenses.

The June, 2 1/2-day ride celebrates the spirit and courage of the original Pony Express riders as riders carry mail from White Oaks to Lincoln.

Write to LCSP, P.O. 1290, Capitan, NM 88316 or call Roland Caster (257-6767), Jim Tharp (354-3028), Terese Ray (354-4308) or Betty Joiner (354-2339).



Ruidoso Arts Commission

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULING OF MONTHLY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the regular monthly meeting of the Ruidoso Arts commission has been rescheduled to 4:00 P.M. Thursday February 15, 2001. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers of the Ruidoso Administration Center Building, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso.

The Purpose of the meeting is as follows:

1. Approval of minutes of January 11th meeting
2. Arts Coordinator's report
3. Report on Governor's Gallery exhibition
4. Report on Private Art in Public Places
5. Review & approval of guidelines for Visual Arts Jury
6. Discussion of "trail of the Painted Pony" program
7. Update of "possible Art Show" committee
8. Standing Committee reports:
9. Approval of "Public Meetings Notice" with schedule of meetings
10. Other Business

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

Friday, February 9

ENMU art show
4-6 p.m. ENMU student art show, with artists' reception at Runnels Gallery Portales.

Saturday, February 10

Cinderella On Ice at Spencer
8 p.m. at the Spencer Theater. The stage is transformed into a professional ice rink hosting the 34 ice dancers of St. Petersburg State Ice Ballet. "Cinderella" blends Olympian skills with elegance and beauty, rich costuming, brilliant lighting and the fairy tale eloquence of romantic love. Tickets are \$42 and \$45. For ticket availability call 336-4800 or (888) 818-7872 or visit the theater Web site at www.spencertheater.com.

Soup 'N' Bowl benefits Roswell museum

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Roswell Museum and Art Center. Tickets are \$20 and available at the museum. For more information call or (505) 624-6744.

'Un Ballo In Maschera' on FM radio

"Un Ballo In Maschera" by Verdi will be broadcast in Ruidoso from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on KENW, 91.3, with Placido Domingo conducting. The cast includes Michele Crider (Amelia), Youngok Shin (Oscar), Elena Zarembo (Ulrica), Franco Farina (King Gustav), Alexandru Agache (Captain Anckarstrom). Loyalty turns to vengeance when King Gustav falls in love with Amelia, the wife of his best friend and closest adviser.

SITE Santa Fe exhibition

6-8 p.m. at SITE Santa Fe. SITE Santa Fe presents Gregory Crewdson and Dara Friedman. The Crewdson exhibition will show 20 photographs, including six photographs from his earlier black and white series *Hover*, 1996-97, and 14 large-scale color photographs from the series *Twilight*, 1998-2000. The Friedman exhibition includes film/video projects *Government Cut Freestyle*, 1998 and *Chrissy, Mette, Kristan*, 2000. Call (505) 989-1199 for more information.

Sunday, February 11

Cinderella On Ice at Spencer
2 p.m. at the Spencer Theater. The stage is transformed into a professional ice rink hosting the 34 ice dancers of St. Petersburg State Ice Ballet. "Cinderella" blends Olympian skills with elegance and beauty, rich costuming, brilliant lighting and the fairy tale eloquence of romantic love. Tickets are \$35 and \$38. For ticket availability call 336-4800 or (888) 818-7872 or visit the theater Web site at www.spencertheater.com.

David Finckel and Wu Han concert
Perform Prokofiev Sonata Op. at 3 p.m. at the Simms Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$14-\$29 and a 50 percent discount will be given to students. For more information and purchase tickets call (505) 268-1990.

Sacred Places Exhibit
Open through May 27 at the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture. The exhibition of stunning photographs and moving statements tells the story of the irreplaceable large temples and small shrines built by

Native people during the period of Hawaiian sovereignty.

Free Energy of Electro Magnetic Field Balancing Workshop

Presented by Maria Monks, M.A. at 2 p.m. at the High Mesa Healing Center located at 101 Mader Lane, Alto. For more information call 336-4808 or 336-7777.

Tuesday, February 13

After-school Tuesdays

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

Wednesday, February 14

Jazz x3 — legendary jazz duos in concert

8 p.m., hosted by Santa Fe Stages at the Firestone Plaza theater, 100 North Guadalupe Street, Santa Fe. For more information and ticket prices call (505) 982-6683.

Valentine Dance featuring the Longhorn Band

1-3 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center. For more information call 257-4565.

"IMAX Nights" Sweetheart of a deal

7 p.m. treat your sweetheart to a special IMAX double feature at the Tombaugh IMAX Dome Theater. This special event will kick off a new feature at the theater — "IMAX Nights" — will be offered at 7 p.m. every Thursday, Friday, Saturday. "IMAX Nights" will debut by offering two great IMAX films, *Wolves* and *Solarmax*, separated by a brief intermission and a short laser presentation. For more information about the Space Center or the Tombaugh IMAX Dome Theater and Planetarium call (505) 437-2840 or (877) 333-6589.

Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club meeting

1:30 at the Ruidoso Care Center located on 200 Resort Drive. Debbie Myers first grade class from White Mountain School will present a musical program for the residents. For more information contact Genevieve Duncan at 257-3168.

Pre-school Storytime

2 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library. Call 258-3704 for more information.

Thursday, February 15

Popular Viennese concert rescheduled

This concert which was originally scheduled for January 27 was cancelled because of inclement weather, and is rescheduled 7:30 p.m. this evening at the Macey Center. Take your Valentine.

Eugene Manlove Rhodes lecture

Presented 7 p.m. by Robert LaRue at the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

After-school movie

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

Ongoing

Open Studio Drawing Workshop

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

Solarmax and Wolves IMAX Films

Showing at the Alamogordo Space Center February through March at noon, 2, 3, 4 and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; 11 a.m., noon, 2, 3, 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information about schedules and prices, call (877) 333-6589

Library Photographic Exhibition

Artwork is of Sierra Blanca and Lincoln County and Beyond by Pablo Bianchi. Through February 27: 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday; and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Road.

Aspen Leaf School of Dance

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

Blood Pressure Clinic

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

Bridge

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

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

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

Capitan Public Library

106 S. Lincoln Avenue. Open Tuesday and Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Info and renew by phone, 354-3035. *Volunteers needed.

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

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

Meals on Wheels Senior Food Program

Monday-Friday, noon at the Zia Senior Center, Ruidoso Downs, in the dining hall. For the Ruidoso area, 387-4659.

Ruidoso Public Library

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

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

Exhibits & Receptions

Chamber Exhibit of the Month

Photographer, Melanie J. Sanchez is the February Exhibit of the Month at the Chamber of Commerce.

Roundup El Paso Museum of Art Exhibit

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

Movies

Hannibal

Thriller and Drama. Rated R for strong gruesome violence, some nudity and language.

Starring: Anthony Hopkins, Julianne Moore, Francesca Neri, Giancarlo Giannini, Ray Liotta.

Directed by Ridley Scott. Produced by Dino De Laurentiis, Edward Saxon, Martha De Laurentiis and Ridley



Courtesy

ANTHONY HOPKINS and Julianne Moore in MGM's *Hannibal*.

Scott. Written by David Mamet and Steven Zaillian.

Distributor: Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer

Synopsis: *Hannibal* is set in Florence, Italy, a decade after the events of *Silence of the Lambs*, in which psychopath Hannibal Lecter (Anthony Hopkins) was interviewed by FBI agent Clarice Starling (originally played by Jodi Foster) while in the custody of a maximum-security prison. Then he escaped. *Hannibal* picks up where that film left off — with the deranged Lecter now free as a bird in Italy, and Starling still on his trail. A terrifyingly horrific story based on the novel by Thomas Harris, the film takes viewers on a sickening journey through Lecter's violent, cannibalistic mind.

Showtimes: *1:15 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., *9:25 p.m.

Chocolat

Comedy and Comedy. 1 hr. 45 min. Rated PG-13 for a scene of sensuality and some violence.

Starring: Juliette Binoche, Lena Olin, Johnny Depp, Judi Dench, Alfred Molina. Directed by Lasse Hallstrom.

Produced by Alan C. Blomquist, David Brown, Kit Golden and Leslie Holleran. Written by Robert Nelson Jacobs.

Distributor: Miramax Films

Synopsis: When a single mother (Juliette Binoche) and her six-year-old daughter move to rural France and open a chocolate shop — with Sunday hours — across the street from the local church, they are met with some skepticism. But as soon as they coax the townspeople into enjoying their delicious products, they are warmly welcomed. From Swedish director Lasse Hallstrom (*My Life as a Dog*, *The Cider House Rules*), *Chocolat* stars acclaimed actors Judi Dench and Johnny Depp in addition to Binoche.

Showtimes: *1:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m., *9:30 p.m.

Traffic

Drama 2 hrs. 20 min. Rated R for pervasive drug content, strong language, violence and some sexuality.

Starring: Michael Douglas, Don Cheadle, Benicio del Toro, Dennis Quaid, Catherine Zeta-Jones.

Directed by Steven Soderbergh. Produced by Edward Zwick, Laura Bickford and Marshall Herskovitz. Written by Stephen Gaghan.

Distributor: USA Films

Synopsis: Based on the 1980s British television miniseries *Traffic*, director Steven Soderbergh presents *Traffic*, a patchwork of stories that evokes the high-stakes, high-risk world of the drug trade as seen through a series of inter-related stories, some are highly personal, some are filled with intrigue and danger. A Mexican policeman finds himself caught in a web of corruption; a pair of undercover DEA

agents work in the sordid and dangerous world of San Diego dealers; a wealthy drug baron living in upscale, suburban America is arrested and learns how quickly his unknowing and pampered wife takes over his business; and the U.S. President's new anti-drug czar, an Ohio State Supreme Court Justice, must deal with his increasingly drug-addicted teenage daughter.

The Wedding Planner

Comedy and Romance. Rated PG-13 for language and some sexual humor.

Starring: Jennifer Lopez, Matthew McConaughey, Bridgette Wilson, Judy Greer, Justin Chambers.

Directed by Adam Shankman. Produced by Peter Abrams, Robert L. Levy, Jennifer Gibgot, Deborah Del Prete, Gigi Pritzker and Robert Levy.

Written by Mike Ellis, Andrea King, Michael Ellis and Pamela Falk.

Distributor: Columbia TriStar

Synopsis: When you spend most of your time as a busy wedding planner organizing other people's romances and weddings, there isn't much time left to think about your own love life. And what happens when you finally meet Mr. Perfect? He turns out to be the groom of the wedding you're planning!

Showtimes: 4 p.m. and *9:20 p.m.

* Friday and Saturday Only

Music

Cree Meadows Country Club

Live music every night: piano from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., dancing Wednesday through Saturday, 7 p.m.-11 p.m.

Screaming Eagle Lounge

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

The Quarters

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

Win, Place & Show

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

Hollywood Inn and Cantina

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

Le Bistro

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

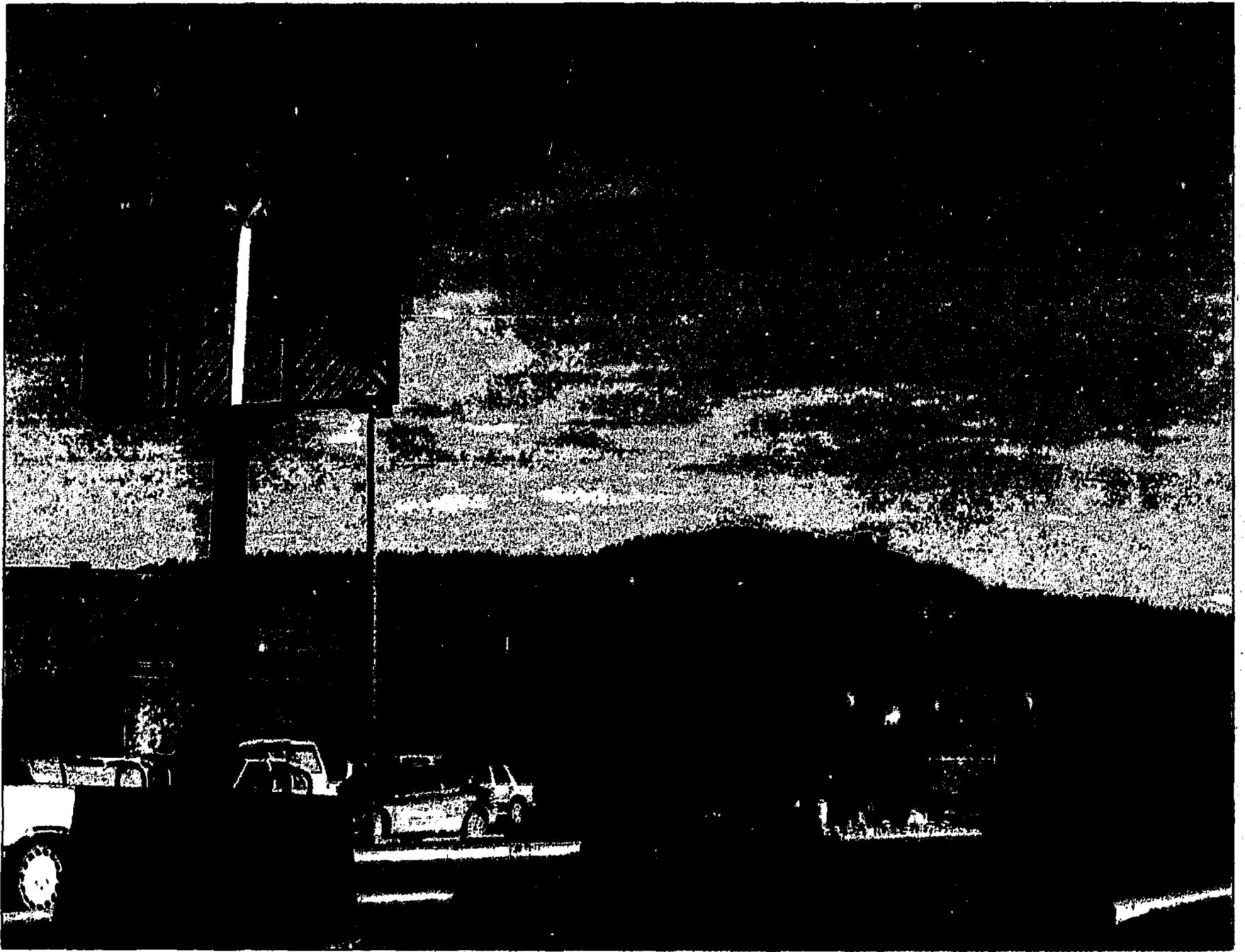
J's Joint

Live music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Friday and Saturday at 1214 Mechem Drive.



The Arts

'Slanted Views'



*Story and photographs by
Sandy Suggitt*

IVAMONOS! EDITOR

The monumental sculptures of Santa Fe artist Paul Allan Evans now grace the grounds of the Ruidoso Convention Center and Ruidoso Village Hall, as part of the Private Art in Public Places Program. Driving past at different times of day gives different views of the sculptures because of the way changing light plays on them.



The four 2- to 4-ton sculptures in the "Slanted Views" series are on loan to the village for a year thanks to Gail Jennings Gillem, who arranged the loan between Evans and the Ruidoso Arts Commission. For the last year and a half, the sculptures were in front of Gail's Frame of Mind, and she thought they didn't receive the attention they deserved because of interference from road signs and fast-moving traffic.

"When the opportunity arose to place them in the Private Art in Public Places

Program, I was thrilled because I know they'll be better appreciated where people can take more time to view them ... and the public will realize the artist's intention," Gillem said.

The Ruidoso Arts Commission was assisted in moving the sculptures by the Ruidoso Recreation and Parks Department and the Street Department.

Private Art in Public Places

Mary Lea Lane, arts coordinator with the arts commission, said a similar program in Abilene, Texas resulted in people buying the outdoor sculpture for the city — which went from having no public art to a "boom of art everywhere."

These sculptures, too, are available for purchase, and Gillem said they range in price from \$5,000 to \$7,000 each.

Any artist can request a show at any one of the five public spaces in Ruidoso: Village Hall, the Ruidoso Public Library, Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, the Ruidoso Senior Center and the Ruidoso Convention Center.

"It's an easy situation, particularly for emerging artists to have their work seen," Lane said. "Traffic is good at most of those places. It's amazing the number of people at the Convention Center."

Although "Slanted Views" will be exhibited for a year, most exhibits will be for 30 days, Lane said, and space abounds for both outdoor sculptures and indoor artwork. Anyone interested in the program can contact Lane at 378-4302.

The work of Dale Evans

Originally Evans came to Ruidoso to work with Gaylon Gillem at Classic Bronze in Ruidoso Downs, Gillem said. About nine months ago, he fell off a ladder, and he's been in and out of a coma since then.

Evans' work has been shown at Shidoni Sculpture Gardens in Tesuque, the College of Santa Fe's Annual Sculpture Exhibit, the Copeland Rutherford Gallery in Santa Fe, the Mile of Sculpture around Santa Fe, the Allan Houser Sculpture Gardens Annual Artists Show in Galisteo and Gail's Frame of Mind in Ruidoso.

Evans' wife, Ceil, said that although Evans had no formal training, he spent the last 30 years learning, teaching and exchanging ideas, working beside some of the best artists and sculptors in the region.

"When he moved to New Mexico," she said, "he began working at Shidoni Foundry. Later he was foreman at the Art Foundry. He was assistant to renowned artist Bob Hanzous for 14 years, and worked with Rick Fisher on a large commission for Culver City, California. Later he set up a small foundry for the College of Santa Fe."

The steel sculpture series "Slanted Views," has been shown previously at the Shidoni Commercial Sculpture Garden in Santa Fe, as well as at the College of Santa Fe Annual Sculpture Project exhibitions.

Rick Fisher, professor of art and director of the College of Santa Fe Sculpture Project, describes the series as follows:

The series "Slanted Views" by noted Santa Fe artist Paul Evans is an excellent example of post-modern contemporary sculpture in the international style. The monumental scale of the series contributes to its impact, which deals with the changing effects of opacity and transparency as the viewer walks (or drives) past or around the pieces. Steel-louvered panels act like Venetian blinds to alter the apparent design of the works from different angles. The sky, viewed through the changing spaces of the sculptures, becomes an active element in the works, which define the space around them and shape the sky that is visible through them. The pieces are, therefore, about human perception, and evoke monumental art of the past while breaking new ground in the evolution of contemporary sculpture.



DEKE LAMAY of the Ruidoso Street Department directs the removal of one of the sculptures from White Mountain Plaza, above. Below left, Gail Gillem and Parks and Recreation Director Rafael Salas guide the placement on the grounds of the village hall. Below is one of the sculptures placed outside the Ruidoso Convention Center.



Adobe, The

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

Art and Artifact

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

Bellas Artes Gallery

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

Benson Fine Art

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

Blue Cow Pottery Company

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

California Colors

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

Crucis Art Bronze

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

Expressions in Bronze

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

Fruit of the Trees

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

G.D. Garrett Fine Art

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

Handwoven Designs

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

Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery

Off Highway 70 in San Patricio, 653-4331

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

The Kenyon Thomas Gallery

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

Lorene & Larry's Frame & Art

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

J. Mauritsen Studio

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

La Paloma Gallery

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

Lincoln State Monument

Highway 380, Lincoln, 653-4372
Montaño Store and exhibits highlighting the Montaño family, Hispanic contributions to the area and adobe architecture. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday - Sunday. Admission fee included in the \$6 daily pass at the Courthouse for admission to seven buildings, including those of the Hubbard Museum.

McMahon Fine Art

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

Mtn. Arts Gallery & Framing

2530 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9748
Originals and prints by local artist Teri Sodd, prints by B. Jaxon, D. Terbush, A. Shade, Henle, J. Larson, B. Carver, G. Snidow, S. Wamsley. Open 7 days, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Nogal Store & Gallery

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

Piñon Pottery Studio & Gallery

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

Red Rose Art Studio

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

Sacred Images, Angels & Icons

416 First St., Ruidoso, 257-6627
New Orleans artist Jim Leasure specializes in portraits of clients' guardian angels. He also paints angelic-themed school and church murals, ceilings and walls of private homes and businesses. His studio is open to the public by appointment.

Spring Canyon Gallery

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

Stribling Fine Art

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

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CALL FOR THE ARTS

Trail of the Painted Ponies

by Sandy Suggitt
ivdmanos' editor.

One hundred painted, life-sized, fiberglass horses will be scattered in public locations throughout New Mexico between June and October. Then they will be sold at live and Internet auctions with the proceeds going to youth arts and education charities and other philanthropic organizations.

This cultural tourism project is modeled after successful outdoor art projects featuring cows in Chicago and New York, but with horses rather than cows because of New Mexico's culture and history with the horse, explained Rod Barker, director of HorsePower New Mexico.

"My project addresses a five-point plan," Barker said. "This provides what we need to diversify tourism, develop new attractions to the state, encourage travel throughout the state, keep people in-state longer and elevate our arts community as a renewable resource that is not weather-dependent."

Artists were invited in a notice in Southwest Magazine to submit proposals for consideration, and were referred to www.cowparade.net to see what's already been done. Proposals would then be juried and compiled in a "Trail of Painted Ponies Portfolio." Potential sponsors "review the portfolio and select an artist whose work and design entry appeals to them and HorsePower will then put the sponsor and artist together."

<http://www.gopaintedponies.com/artists/index.htm>.

Although the organizers considered Ruidoso among the top four arts communities (the others being Santa Fe, Taos and Albuquerque), they didn't contact the right people in Ruidoso, and it may be too late for Lincoln County artists to participate.

Barker contacted a few organizations — not including the newspaper, the Chamber of Commerce or the Ruidoso Arts Commission, was unable to obtain the telephone number of anyone in the Ruidoso Arts Commission and after much difficulty, gave up on Ruidoso.

"We knew there was the Hubbard Museum of the American West, the racetrack, you have a foundry, you have galleries, you have artists, and Ruidoso appears to have made an effort to put itself on the map as an arts community," Barker said. "From the very start in all the literature we produced, I included Ruidoso."

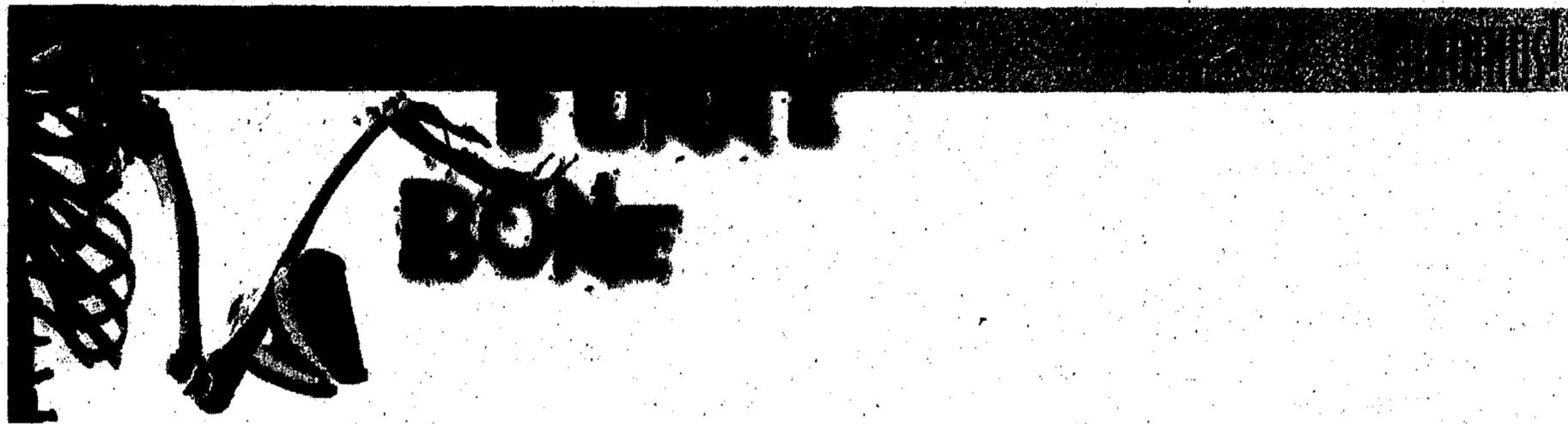
Carlsbad responded with sponsors for 12 fiberglass horses to paint, and Roswell has given a verbal commitment, Barker said. Other participating cities, besides three of the original four include Los Alamos, Artesia and Silver City.

About Ruidoso, Barker said "It hasn't been shown to me that anyone but the media and a couple of artists see this as a missed opportunity. Somebody's got to organize it there. I tried."

Mary Lea Lane, arts coordinator for the Ruidoso Arts Commission, said she would be willing to take calls from interested artists and sponsors. She said she was under the impression that the deadline was January and that it was too late to participate.

"It's a wonderful idea," Lane said. "I had seen the book on the cow project in Chicago, and it's absolutely one of the most exciting projects in the world because everybody gets involved in it. They had more people on the street enjoying that than all the art in Chicago; everybody loved the cows."

To find out more about the project, visit its Web site at <http://www.gopaintedponies.com/charities/auctions.htm>. If interested in participating as an artist or a sponsor, this year or next year, contact Lane at 378-4302.



Benjamin Franklin could solve California's electricity problem



Dave Barry
DAVE'S WORLD
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When we consider the serious electricity shortage in California, our reaction, as concerned Americans, is: Ha ha!

No, seriously, we are alarmed. Because history teaches us that whatever happens to California — smog; road rage; tofu; coffee that is mainly air; cell phones; the belief that abdominal muscles are attractive; Shirley MacLaine; people taking rollerblading seriously; grandmothers sporting new, flagrantly inappropriate bosoms — eventually happens to the rest of the nation. Thus it is vital that we analyze the California electricity shortage and see if we can develop a workable solution before we become bored and change the subject.

Our first question is: What, exactly, is electricity? When we look in our Microsoft Encarta encyclopedia, we see that "electricity" is defined as a "class of physical phenomena resulting from the existence of charge and from the interaction of charges." What does this mean, in layperson's terms? It means that whoever

wrote the Microsoft Encarta encyclopedia is a big fat dope. Because we know from our junior-high-school science training that electricity is actually a fast-moving herd of electrons, which are tiny one-celled animals that can survive in almost any environment except inside a double-A battery, where they die within minutes.

Electrons are formed when clouds rub together and become excited. This was proved in the famous experiment wherein Benjamin Franklin flew a kite during a thunderstorm and was almost killed. Encouraged by this success, Franklin went on to conduct many more electrical experiments, including rolling a hoop in a thunderstorm, playing hopscotch in a thunderstorm and doing somersaults in a thunderstorm. Finally one night he was caught wearing only a bonnet and playing "Mister Pooter Rides the Pony" in a thunderstorm, leaving the authorities with no choice but to arrest him and make him ambassador to France.

Nevertheless, Franklin had proved an important scientific point, which is that electricity originates inside clouds. There, it forms into lightning, which is attracted to the earth by golfers. After

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entering the ground, the electricity hardens into coal, which, when dug up by power companies and burned in big ovens called "generators," turns back into electricity, which is sent in the form of "volts" (also known as "watts," or "r.p.m." for short) through special wires with birds sitting on them to consumers' homes, where it is transformed by TV sets into commercials for beer, which passes through the consumers and back into the ground, thus completing what is known as a "circuit."

But enough technical talk. The problem is that California is running out of electricity. The situation is so bad that in some hospitals, they don't have enough electricity to power those electric-shock paddles that get people's hearts started again; instead, the doctors and nurses have to hold hands, scuff their feet across the carpet in unison, then shout "CLEAR!" as they touch the patient's chest.

Who is responsible for California's electricity shortage? You could blame the power companies; or you could blame environmental wackos; or you could blame the entertainment industry, which uses over 750 billion watts of electricity per day just to blow-dry the cast of "Dawson's Creek"; or you could blame (Why

not?) the Firestone tire company. But you would be wrong. Because obviously the real cause of the California electricity shortage is: college students.

I base this statement on widespread observation of my son, who is a college student, and who personally consumes more electricity than Belgium. If my son is in a room, then every electrical device within 200 yards of that room — every light, computer, television, stereo, video game, microwave oven, etc. — will be running. My son doesn't even have to turn the devices on; they activate themselves spontaneously in response to his presence. Now take my son and multiply him by the number of college students in California, which according to my research is "(EDITOR: Please insert number of college students in California)" and you see my point, which is, "(EDITOR: Please insert my point)."

The question is: What can the rest of us do to help our fellow countrypersons in California? The answer is that we can send them our spare electricity. Just imagine what would happen if all the households in this great and generous nation got out their extension cords and connected them together, forming a giant electrical "chain of helping" across the fruited plain to the Golden State! Millions of people would be turned into generous smoking lumps of carbon, that's what. So maybe we should go with Plan B. This involves building a really, really, really big kite.

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Dan Tipton

Part 2

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The Sheriff's posse was not received in a friendly fashion when they arrived at Henry Hooker's Sierra Bonita Ranch the day after the Earp party had left. Hooker felt (correctly, in my opinion), that, of the two posses, the Earp posse was the most legitimate. It was difficult not to come to this conclusion when you took note of the fact that the Behan posse had known outlaws in it's ranks.



DAN TIPTON

Courtesy

Earp supporter Lou Cooley may have been present for this apparently less-than-cordial encounter. Young Cooley (he was 27), aside from being an Earp supporter, may have also been an undercover agent for Wells Fargo. *Whatever* his occupation, the *Epitaph* stated, after reporting on the deliberate lack of courtesy received from Hooker by the Behan posse, that "Anyone doubting the truth of the *Epitaph* correspondent's report of what occurred at Mr. Hooker's are referred to Lou. Cooley who will supply all the evidence needed to convince the most skeptical [sic]." Apparently, like nearly everything else that had anything to do with Wyatt Earp, even a meeting such as the one described above was a subject of controversy.

Johnny's revenge

It had begun to occur to Johnny Behan that, while he had absolutely no desire to confront Wyatt Earp

personally, he needed to arrest *someone* for the sake of appearances, if nothing else. He arrested Lou Cooley with the ever-popular charge of "aiding and abetting." For Johnny, this turned out to be a major mistake because, on the 28th, Cooley attacked the Sheriff on his own ground. Cooley sued Behan for "false imprisonment." He claimed the healthy 1882 sum in damages of \$5,000.

In early April, when the Sheriff's posse was (you guessed it) elsewhere, the Earp posse returned to the Hooker ranch, where they spent some time resting. From there, they rode over to Silver City, New Mexico, sold their horses, and headed for Colorado via the railroad. Charlie Smith returned to Tombstone at this juncture, but Dan Tipton remained with the posse. It was in early May that Dan learned of his own death in the pages of the *Tombstone Epitaph*.

The *Epitaph* had very recently changed hands, and

was no longer sympathetic to the Earps. They not only killed Dan off, they announced that he had also been a stage robber, a bit of news that took him by surprise, to say the least: "Information was received here yesterday of the killing of D.G. Tipton at Galisteco [sic], New Mexico. It will be remembered that Tipton left here soon after the Earps, and was a warm friend of theirs. From the meager details at hand we learn that he quarreled with the Earps at Albuquerque and left them, taking his departure for Colorado. He got in with some miners and ere long had a difficulty with one of them, which resulted in guns being produced, and Tipton was shot. He lived for eight hours after receiving the wound. Tipton had the reputation of being an industrious and energetic stage robber, and followed his profession in various States and Territories in the West."

Dan's literary, but not literal, death

Talk about wishful thinking ... it seems that the *Epitaph* positively yearned for Dan's death. On May 8th, 1882, under the headline "Death of Tipton" it leapt dramatically into a rather thrilling tale about Dan's "death": "Later reports concerning the death of Daniel S. [sic] Tipton put a different aspect on the circumstances of his death. It seems that Tipton separated from the Earps at Albuquerque, and in company with a few boon companions went on a thieving expedition in the neighborhood. About midnight they attacked a ranch, where, by a lucky circumstance, some miners were camped. The thieves attempted a bluff game, but were ordered to show their hands by the miners, who jumped out of bed on short notice, with Winchesters already primed."

Golly. Sure is an exciting story, isn't it? If only it had actually happened! In an apparent effort to give new meaning to the words "bad reporting" the *Epitaph* went on to tell of a shootout and subsequent pursuit in which Dan and his "boon companions" proved just how dastardly those darned Earp cronies could be: "It seems he (Tipton) was seriously wounded by the first fire, but was packed off by his companions who, becoming convinced that his death was approaching, left him on the roadside to die." It then proceeds to say how the

miners took poor, mortally wounded Dan back to the ranch where they "tenderly cared for him" until he gave up the ghost. The amount of detail supplied by the *Epitaph* is really quite stunning, considering that it is fantasy from start to finish!

And even that wasn't enough to satisfy the *Epitaph's* lust for Earp blood. On the 10th of May, they also added Sherman McMasters and Wyatt himself to the list of dead men from the Earp posse. Godlike, the *Epitaph* raised them from the dead when, on the 13th of May, it reported that the Earp posse had arrived at Albuquerque almost a month previous.

To be fair, it is not inconceivable that some of these stories were put out as smoke screens by Wyatt and his men themselves.

Fade to obscurity

Stuart Lake, Wyatt's biographer, was pretty good at distorting facts. Therefore, it is somewhat difficult to simply take his word for it when he states that Dan Tipton stayed with Wyatt and Warren Earp in Colorado when the rest of the posse disbanded. Lake also claims that Dan was with Wyatt and Texas Jack Vermillion in Dodge City in 1883 when Wyatt, along with Bat Masterson and a number of other frontier notables, went to that place to assist Luke Short in his problems with the competition and the city fathers (who were pretty much the same thing).

It has, however, been confirmed that Dan was with Wyatt in El Paso in 1885 and, in fact, slipped him a pistol when it looked as though Wyatt might have trouble with a gambler named Raynor. It is definitely true that Raynor was looking for trouble, as he was killed in a rather spectacular gunfight later the same evening.

In 1890, Dan was still living in (or had returned to) El Paso, as he is listed on the Veteran's Census for that year. After that, there is an informational vacancy of seven years in the life of Dan Tipton. History does not mention him again until 1897. On June 5th of that year, as he crossed the Santa Fe streetcar bridge from Juarez to El Paso, Dan was arrested by customs officers. When he was searched, the officials found forged Chinese certificates of residency and what they believed to be a forged customs seal. Tipton was charged with smuggling and conspiracy to

issue fraudulent residency certificates to Chinese laborers.

And, in what may or may not be a coincidental situation, Johnny Behan, former Sheriff of Cochise County, Arizona, had been employed as a customs officer from 1894 to April of 1897 at El Paso. Even though Johnny vacated the post some two months before Dan was arrested, it is interesting to speculate that Johnny was somehow involved, possibly through friends still in the employ of Customs. Quite frankly, if he was aware of Dan's naughtiness, it is hard to believe that Johnny would not have made a point of targeting Tipton, simply for his old Tombstone affiliations.

Fade, fade ... gone

Dan couldn't make the bail of \$2,250. At his trial in October of 1897, he was found guilty and sentenced to one year and eight months in the Ohio Penitentiary at Columbus. He entered that place on October 21st. At this time in his life, Dan was described in the prison records as being 53 years of age and that he was 5 feet 10 and 1/2 inches tall, with chestnut hair sprinkled with grey, and "slate blue" eyes. His habits were listed as "intemperate" whatever that means, and his education "common," whatever that means. He was still calling himself a "miner" just as he had in Tombstone. Although tattoos were fairly uncommon in the West, Dan had two. One of them was an anchor tattooed at the base of his right thumb and the other was described as a "man and woman," emblazoned across his right front forearm. He undoubtedly got these in his youth during his Naval service.

Daniel Gordon Tipton, "Tip" to his friends, died on February 25, 1898, a little more than four months after his arrival. It is not known if he was ill at the time of his incarceration or if he contracted something at the prison. There is no cause of death listed in the prison records. Perhaps it was simply age and the frigid Ohio winter.

Johnny Behan, if he was even aware of Dan Tipton's death, would undoubtedly have rejoiced at the passing of one of his ancient enemies from the Tombstone days. Of course, the one man who Johnny hated beyond all others — Wyatt Earp — outlived him by 17 years.

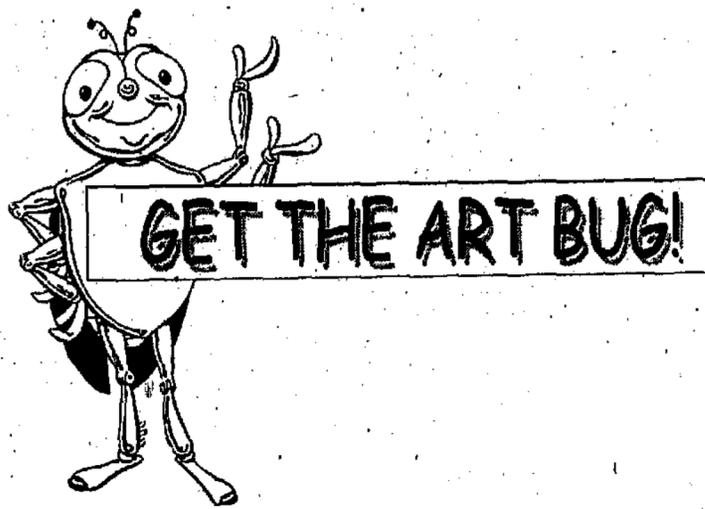
Remember when I said in Part 1 of this story that Johnny

and Wyatt were romantic rivals? I said that because the woman with whom Wyatt spent the last half century of his life — Josephine Marcus — was living with Johnny Behan when she met Wyatt. Around the turn of the century, Johnny owned a race horse who was fond of jumping fences — or any other obstacle — in order that he might get at a mare. He named the horse Wyatt.

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owy figures, slipping in and out of historical ken. It is frustrating that we know so little about Dan and the multitude of others like him, but it is also what keeps us history buffs on our toes. Somewhere out there are the answers. All we historians have to do is find them.

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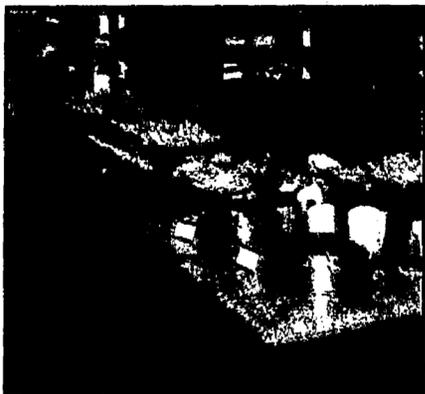
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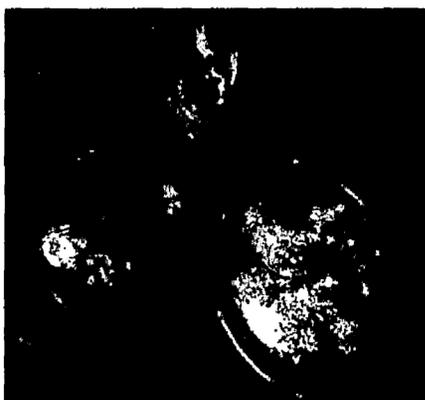


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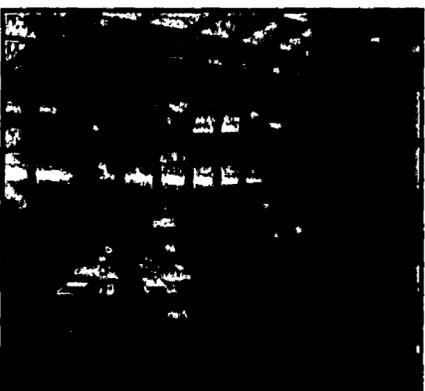


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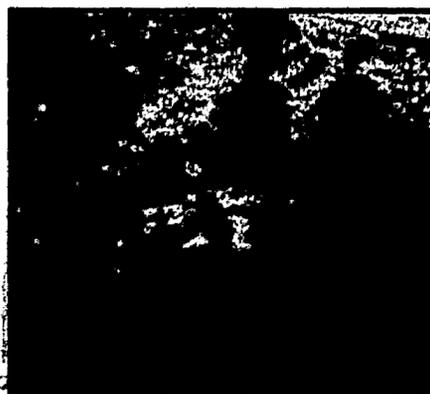
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RUIDOSO NEWS

257-4001

600 LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice of Filing of Application for Purchase of Assets and Assumption of Liabilities

Notice is hereby given that application has been made to the Office of Thrift Supervision, 225 E. John Carpenter Freeway, Suite 500 Irving, Texas 75062-2731, for approval of the purchase of two branch offices and the assumption of related deposit liabilities of Ruidoso State Bank, 1710 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, by First Federal Bank, 300 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Roswell, New Mexico 88201.

The branch offices to be purchased are located at 100 Smokey Bear, Capitlan, New Mexico 88316 and 411 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

It is contemplated that the above offices will continue to operate as offices of First Federal Bank.

This notice is published pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(d) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and 12 C.F.R. 563.22 of the regulations of the Office of Thrift Supervision. This notice will appear at approximately one week intervals over a 30-day period beginning January 19, 2001 and ending February 16, 2001.

Anyone desiring to comment on this application may do so by submitting written comments within 30 days of the date of the first publication of this notice to Regional Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, 225 E. John Carpenter Freeway, Suite 500, Irving, Texas 75062-2731. This public file is available for inspection in the Regional Office during regular business hours.

First Federal Bank Roswell, New Mexico 3298 5T(1)19,26(2)9,16

LEGAL NOTICE

A Public Hearing shall be held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, February 15, 2001 by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse (Commission Chambers), 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, New Mexico, to consider the application of Little Creek Storage, LLC, D/B/A Johnson's Village Store, Post Office Box 2924, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355, to transfer ownership of existing License Number LL#10A-4572, located at Highway 48 and Sun Valley Road, Alto, Lincoln County, New Mexico, from Johnson's Village Store, Inc. to Little Creek Storage, LLC.

/s/ Martha Guevara, Assistant County Manager 3318 2T(2)9

LEGAL NOTICE

Region IX Education Cooperative Coordinating Council meeting - Tuesday, February 13, 2001, 12:00 noon - REC IX Conference Room. The meeting is open to the public. Agenda items include budget adjustments, current status of programs, personnel activities, and legislative issues. In accordance with the American With Disabilities Act, community members are requested to contact Sandy Gladden, 257-2368, if public accommodations are needed.

/s/ Sandy Gladden, Director 3330 2T(2)7,9

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600 LEGALS

The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$108,872.28 and the same bears interest at ten point six two five percent (10.625%) per annum from December 16, 2000. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,897.71. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, fixture or any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

/s/ Nick Vega Special Master 3297 4T(1)19,26(2)9

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If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact Leann Wehbrecht or Margaret LaBelle at (505) 648-2371, City Hall, Carrizozo, New Mexico at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

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By Order of the Governing Body

/s/ Morris McGowan Purchasing Agent Village of Ruidoso 3318 2T(2)7

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CORPORATION and FEDERAL DIVERSIFIED SERVICES,

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LOT 9, BLOCK 2 OF SECOND ADDITION TO AIRPORT WEST, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, AUGUST 11, 1972, IN TUBE NO. 457

The address of the real property is 117 University Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on January 19, 2001. In the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by the above plaintiff and wherein plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$62,738.65, plus interest from December 16, 2000 to the date of sale at the rate of 8.75% per annum, or \$11.26 per day, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee of \$200.00, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance or keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The Village of Ruidoso has a lien on the property for unpaid water and sewer charges. Property taxes for the year 2000 and after are due.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

Dated: 01/25/01

/s/ Peter Baca Special Master Box 215 Carrizozo, NM 88301 3324 4T(2)19,26(2)9

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Blond • \$239,900 • 130 Mira Monte Rd.

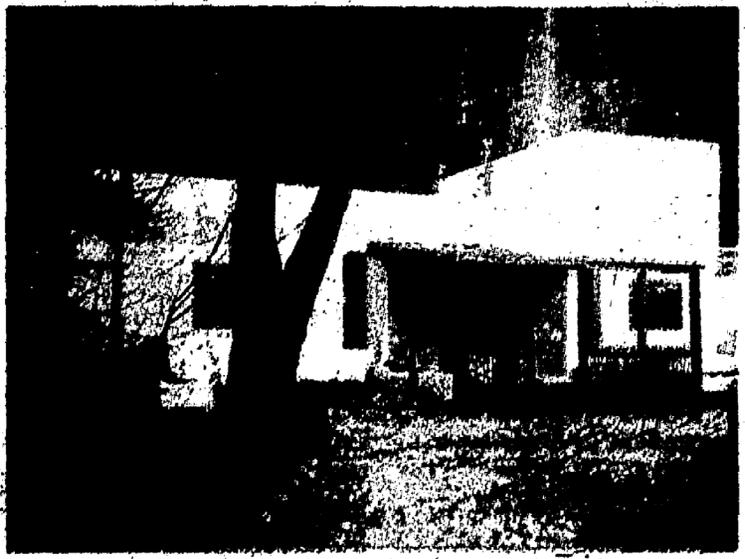
3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage. 1 level stucco home in immaculate condition with Alto social membership. Both living and den, river rock fireplace. Tile, new carpet, nice covered deck and level sunny lot.



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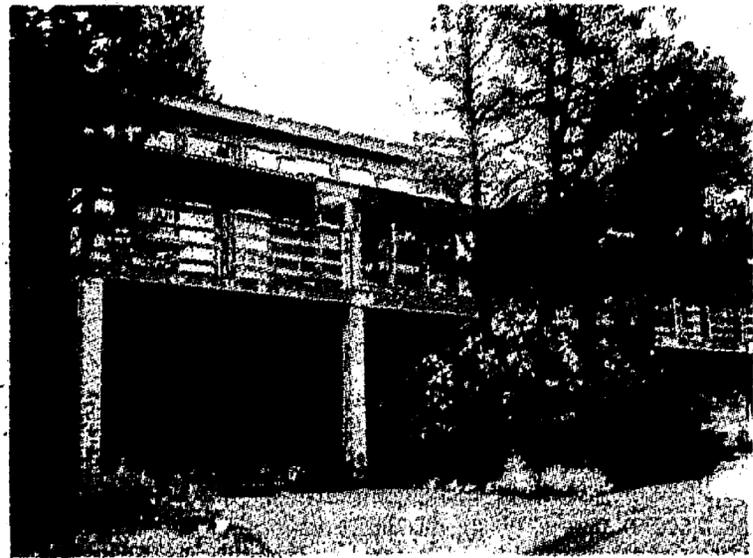
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Commercial

Knight-Mark • \$105,000 • 629B Sudderth Dr.

Approx. 2400 sq. ft., lots of potential. Multi-use. Sierra Blanca view from 2nd level. Character, Kiva-styled fireplace. Glass block windows.



The Crest Townhomes

Vanecek • \$259,900 • Unit #13-110 Granite Dr.

3 bdrms, 3 baths - beautiful interior and fully furnished - Sierra Blanca view - 2 car garage - wet bar - atrium - awesome!!



Alto

Burkholder • \$395,000 • 121 Mashie Court

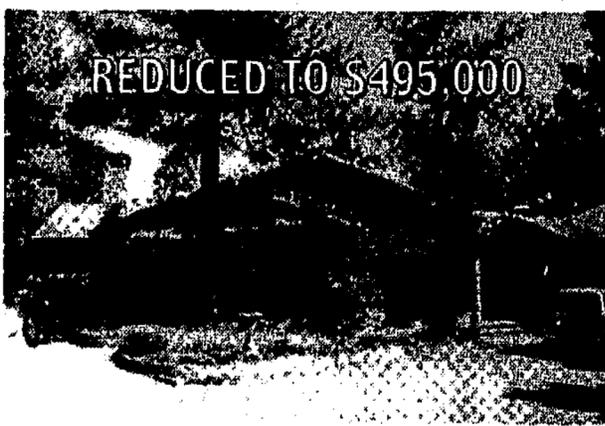
4 bdrm, 3 1/2 bath, 2984 sq. ft. mountain chalet on #6 fairway on charming cul-de-sac. Game room - close to club. Full golf membership.



Alto Alps

Ploen • \$120,000 • #13 Alto Alps Condo

3 bdrm, 3 bath, 1500 sq. ft. Fully furnished. Secluded deck with wooded view. Social membership lot to ALGCC included.



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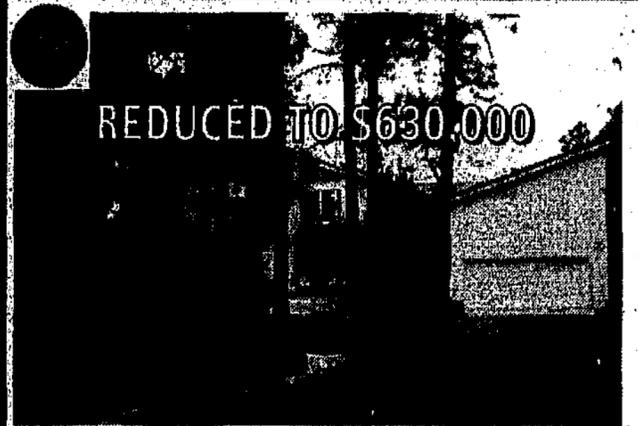
Alto

Yates • \$550,000 • 632 Midiron Drive

3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath. Beautiful log home on 1.52 acres. Full golf membership. Overlooking #12 green. Refrigerated air - cherrywood cabinets, cedar closet, Sierra Blanca view and Capitans. 3 car garage.

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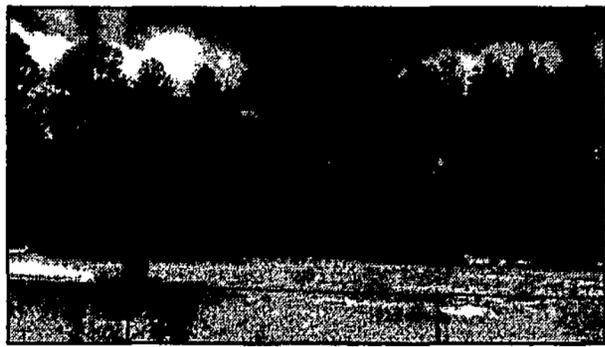


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Alto

Mote • \$675,000 • 739 Deer Park Drive

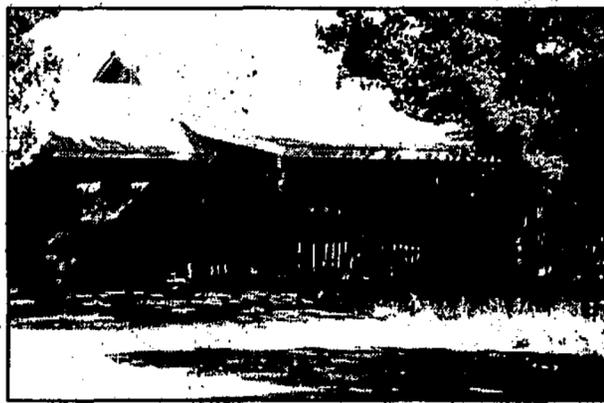
One of the most elegant and unique homes in Alto. Too many amenities to mention. 7 bedrooms, 7+ baths, over 6899 square feet of elegance! Lowest level is perfect for mother-in-law wing, teenagers, etc. with separate kitchen & living area . . . plus fantastic views and golf membership.



**Awesome Commercial Acreage
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Robinson • \$1,250,000

9.3 ± acres. Seller is motivated on this large multi-use potential piece of property in the heart of Ruidoso with Sierra Blanca views, large trees and easy access. Owner will carry paper and/or joint venture. Submit all offers.



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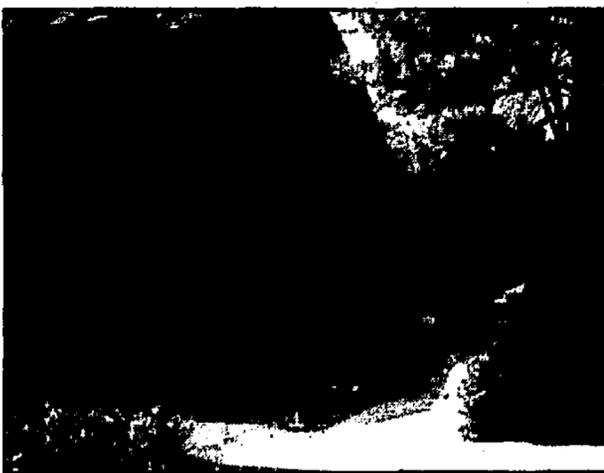


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Alto

White • \$250,000 • 810 Deer Park Drive

Three bedroom, 2 bath, single car garage on flat corner lot with nice decks and full golf membership! Complete with furniture addendum.



Alto

Blaugrund • \$250,000 • Country Club Condos #A5

Full golf, on the golf course. 3 bdrm, 2 baths, nice patio and refrigerated air.



Cherokee Addition

Key • \$109,900 • 300 James Place (aka Locke Dr.)

3 bdrm, 2 bath, fully furnished - sleeps 12 - corner location - cute and clean.

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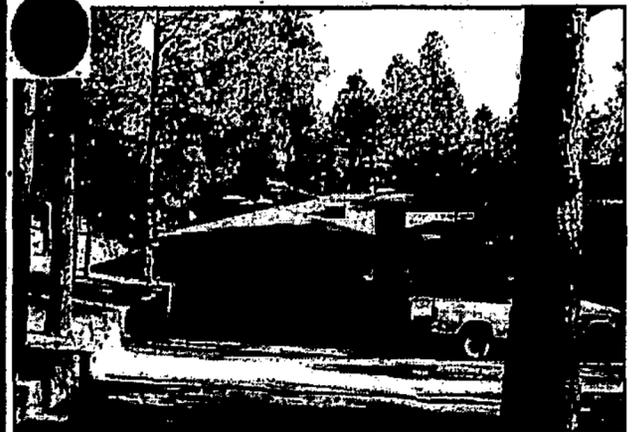


UNDER CONTRACT

Airport West

Harkins • \$53,900 • 405 Del Norte Dr.

Furnished 3 bdrm., 2 bath older mobile with covered deck. Nice views — owner may finance!



Young Heights

Graves • \$499,500 • 116 Grove Dr.

4 bdrm, 4 bath, 2 car carport, RV port, 3958 sq. ft. on 2.08 acres. Home is all 1 level - large living room, larger den. Every aspect of this home is on a grand scale. Perfect for a 2 family type situation. Appt. through list agent.

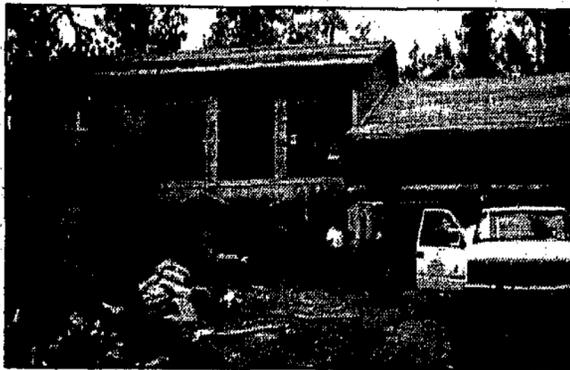
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Country Club Estates

Carey • ~~\$289,000~~ • 100 La Luz

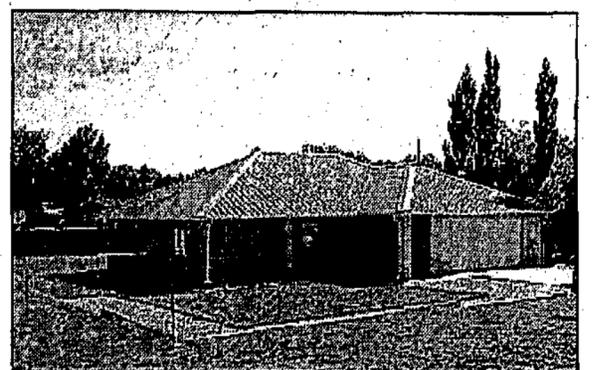
Five bedrooms, 2 3/4 baths. The breath taking Sierra Blanca view only few homes in Ruidoso have. Corner lot - approximately 3400 sq. ft. Two real moss rock fireplaces!



Sunny Slope

Reyes • \$225,000 • 205 White Mtn. Meadows Dr.

New 4 bdrm, 3 bath stucco with 1 year warranty. A must see. 2870 sq. ft.



Capitan

Cummins • \$129,000 • 434 Fifth St.

3 bdrm, 2 bath, very nice stucco home. Great floor-plan with master bdrm which is separate from other bdrms.

Call

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Gavilan Acres

Rhodes • \$65,000 • North Road

Three bedroom, 2 bath 1979 double wide, septic, domestic well, natural gas. Furniture addendum on file.



Ponderosa Heights

Cooper • \$98,500 • 122 Aspen Circle

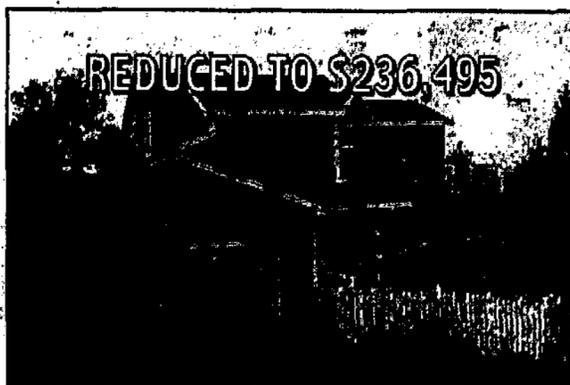
Three bedrooms, 2 baths. Excellent renter. Home is 1 level. 2-car garage. Motivated seller.



Pinon Park Condo's

Long • \$79,900 • Unit #C7

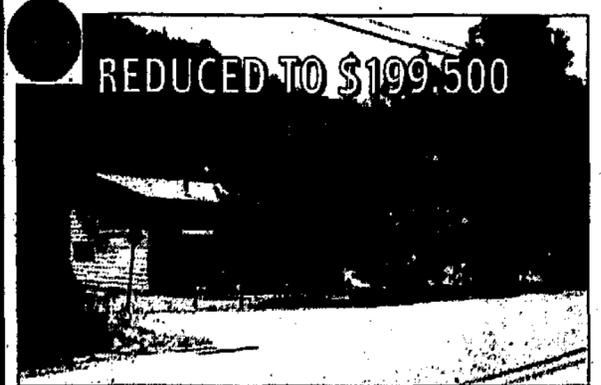
2 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, completely remodeled July 2000. New carpet, paint, appliances, furniture and new wet bar.



White Mountain Meadows

Radzewicz • ~~\$248,500~~ • 110 Coker Lane

Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2-car garage, fenced yard. Hardwood floors - nice hobby or office room downstairs. Large bedrooms - bright interior - Victorian styled. A must see home!

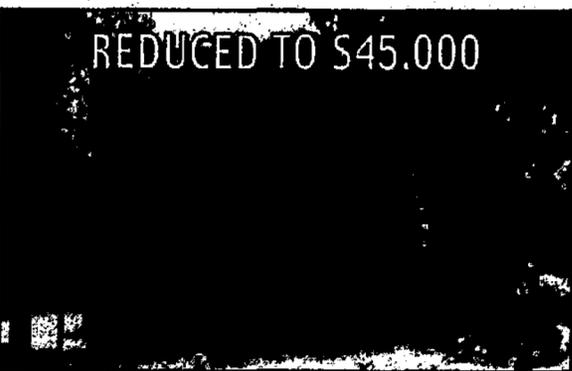


Carrizo Canyon Road

Garnett • \$212,000 • Carrizo Canyon Road

This 3 bdrm, 2 bath home sits on 2 lots with commercial potential. Carrizo Creek to the back of the property. Split rail fencing.

REDUCED TO \$45,000



Spring Park

Green • \$49,950 • 242 Mountain View Dr.

Two bedrooms, 1 bath, completely remodeled. Nice front deck for enjoying the views. All new inside. Ready for new owner - make an offer! Motivated seller. Let us show you how to own this cabin cheaper than renting.



Alto Alps

Plumlee • \$159,500 • #48 Alto Alps Condo

4 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath. Level entry, just remodeled, new carpet. New satio tile. New appliances, 2 car garage, swimming pool and club house.



Valley

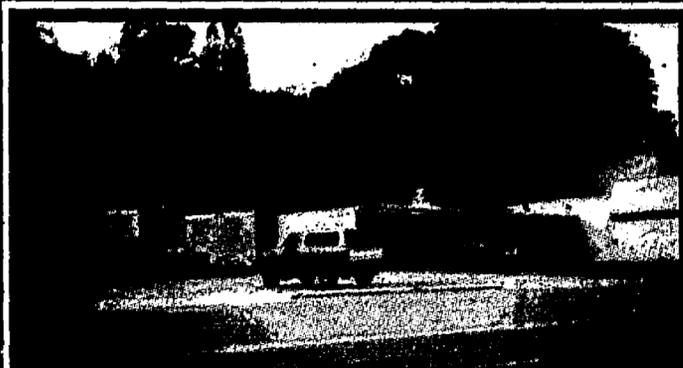
Lewicki • \$950,000 • 11+ acres on River

Beautiful 3,000 sq. ft. home. 14 x 80 mobile with 2-car carport. 1400 sq. ft. barn. This is a unique piece of property with water rights! Seller will consider dividing this property. Will sell mobile and barn separately.

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Skyland Subdivision
Graves Ent. • \$475,000 • 1605 Sudderth Dr.

Commercial Bldg. on 8 1/2 lots. Corner of Willow and Sudderth. All city utilities, overhead door, new metal roof. 4500 sq. ft. All one level, plenty of parking and high visibility.



Hillside Addition
Casey • \$285,000 • 102 Cedar Creek Court

Across from Cree Meadows CC on private cul-de-sac. 5 bdrms, 2 full baths, 2 levels. Great for entertaining lots of windows - comes completely furnished. Even has new tooth brushes.



North Cedar Creek
Duran • \$235,000 • N. Cedar Creek Rd.

3 bdrms, 2 bath, 2 car garage. All one level catus pine siding, long covered porch with great views. Home is on 1 acre, fairly secluded. 2 years old - Owner builder.



Alto

Womack • \$139,900 • 229 Brentwood Dr.

3 bdrm, 2 bath - partially furnished - social membership - nice lot affordable Alto!



Agua Fria Estates

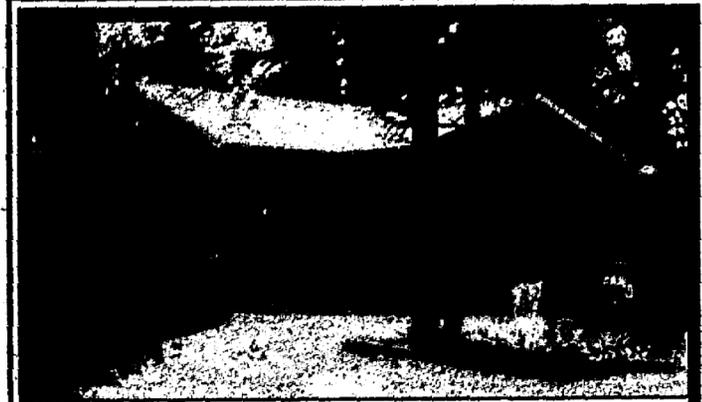
Residential lots from \$31,000 to \$45,000 and ranging in size from .75 acres to 1.9 acres. All building sites are restricted to southwestern styled architecture with underground utilities. Excellent water, some Sierra Blanca views, beautiful valley views, and gentle slopes. Unique appeal for natural landscaping. Commercial sites also!



Alto

Bayless • \$425,000 • 300 French Drive

5 bdrm, 3 1/2 bath, full golf. On 2 lots. 5,800+ sq. ft. Panoramic views. Exceptional value!



Alpine Village

Downey • \$139,500 • 119 Big Bear Rd.

4 bdrm, 3 bath — this home is remodeled, but appears new. New carpet, fixtures, appliances, etc. 2000 sq. ft., 12x40 heated hobby-workroom.