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Despite prices, natural gas still a good deal, Zia says

Company explains market, regulatory factors to county commission

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Homeowners trying to survive the winter without going broke could consider heating their homes with coal or wood, two of the least expensive fuels.

According to a chart prepared by Zia Natural Gas for the Lincoln County Commission, coal costs one-eighth the cost of the most expensive choices — propane and electricity.

Wood is about one-fourth of the cost.

But Zia spokeswoman Anna Gail Grassie said of the major fuels available locally, natural gas still is priced significantly less than electricity and propane — despite 2-percent "pass-through" increases reflecting the rising cost of buying gas on the open market.

Natural gas is about half the cost of electricity per thermal unit, according to the gas company's figures.

Commissioner Leo Martinez asked for a presentation about natural gas and recent increases because he said he's received many telephone calls from people distressed at their bills doubling without using increased

quantities.

Tony Schaffer, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission District 5 commissioner from Las Cruces, explained that natural gas is not regulated except for service aspects.

"In New Mexico, the price a company pays retail for gas is passed through at cost to the customer," he said. "We regulate the terms and conditions of service, not gas prices."

The price has increased as demand has gone up, but supply stayed steady, he said.

"No doubt, the oil and gas producers are making money now, but they suffered years with low gas prices," Schaffer said. "They're making it up now with high prices. That's America and the free enterprise system."

Don't expect a quick return to lower prices, he said, but added that some decline is anticipated during the spring.

Grassie, who said she worked the oil fields for years and understands the business, said she was shocked after joining Zia to face two price pass-

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Legislation could come within a week

Bill would move Fort Stanton closer to being a monument

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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A memorial may be introduced within the next week that would authorize an evaluation of Fort Stanton's eligibility to become a state monument.

From his office in Santa Fe, State Rep. Dub Williams said although the deadline has passed to introduce bills, time remains for memorials and resolutions.

After meeting with Jose Cisneros, state monuments director, the Republican from Glencoe asked that a memorial be drafted. He's waiting to see the final product and has insisted that the fort and its water rights are a package deal.

"I asked them to come talk to me," Williams said. "I'm not rushing into this. I'm tired of every time I turn around, someone is trying to do something different with the fort. I'd like to wait and see how some of this plays out."

The memorial has no money attached to it and probably would pass easily, the representative said.

Cisneros said the memorial would request the Office of Cultural Affairs, under which the monuments division operates, to evaluate whether the 1855 fort meets the criteria to become a state monument. They would look at its historical significance and the feasibility of designating it as a monument, he said.

"Dub felt if the fort qualified to be a state monument, the firm doing the study (about the best use of the complex) should know and be able to consider that as an option to present to the state," Cisneros said. "In any case, whether or not it meets the criteria, the study contractor can take that information and include it in coming up with recommendations."

Williams said he doesn't want to face a fight every year against the state selling the fort. Knowing if the fort qualified as a monument, could present more options.

"This wouldn't cause anything to happen," he said. "We would still wait for the study."

Several capital outlay bills are pending before the state Legislature to repair roofs at the fort and to rehabilitate some buildings, the stables and the parade grounds.

Plans proposed include staging massive trail rides there and converting the 88-building complex into a living museum. A partnership of organizations already operates a two-building museum at the fort and the Department of Corrections runs a drug and alcohol treatment program for parolees in a few buildings.

Williams also has asked for \$198,000 as the state's match for as much as \$3 million in federal money to enlarge and improve the military cemetery at the fort about 15 miles northeast of Ruidoso.

State's oldest fire truck leaves county

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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A 1916 America La France fire truck, determined to be the oldest fire truck on record in the state of New Mexico, was removed from historic Fort Stanton under an agreement between the state Department of Corrections and State Fire Marshal George Chavez.

The truck originally was destined for the state fire academy in Socorro, but ended up at the Ponderosa Fire Department in Sandoval County, where a staffer in the office of State Fire Marshal George Chavez is a fire fighter.

"The intent was to have it at the fire academy," Chavez said Tuesday. "But there wasn't any place there, so it was taken to Ponderosa while we try to find parts for it. We're looking for tires for it now and are all the way into Canada on our search."

County Manager Tom Stewart said he found out the fire truck was missing when he received an email from Dick Weber, president of Fort Stanton Inc.

"When Dick Weber advised me, I went to the state General Services Department and found out authority was given to the state Fire Marshal to accept the truck," Stewart said.

Although he would prefer items from the fort remain in place, "I think we need a firm plan for it, then we can go back and ask for its return," he said. "I think we would have a weak case now without knowing exactly where we

would use it."

Fort Stanton Inc. is one of several groups that compose the Fort Stanton Partnership and are responsible for the operation of a two-building museum at the fort about 15 miles northeast of Ruidoso.

Stewart said part of the justification for removing the truck was that many historically significant items have disappeared from the fort, especially in the last six years since it was closed as a state hospital.

Chavez said he hopes to completely restore the old fire engine, but until then, it is stored in a safe place, away from the weather where more degradation of leather seats and other equipment will be prevented.

"We found it in the corner of a garage at the fort, which may have lent to the deterioration, along with age by itself," the fire marshal said. "We moved it about a year ago because of the distinct possibility with the fort being empty it could be compromised."

"We're making an attempt to keep it running and to find parts. It still has no front tires, but otherwise is in decent shape. The leather seat is about ready to fall apart and we don't want it to tear further because if we redo it, we want to do it exactly right."

He approached America La France about helping to restore the engine. Officials there were enthusiastic, but wanted to keep the truck in Pennsylvania, Chavez said.

"I said no," he said.

A stitch for time



Edna Falls from Upper Canyon pins a few pieces in place on the hexagon "flower garden" tablecloth she's creating at the Ruidoso Quilting Club. Members donate proceeds from the sale of their goods to the Meals on Wheels program. They need new, used or partially finished quilt tops. Just drop them at the Ruidoso Senior Center on Sudderth Drive, where the group meets at 1 p.m. every Thursday.

Charter Communications works to upgrade 356 miles of cable

Company promises to clean up after itself as project continues

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The chief engineer for Charter Communications cable company assured Lincoln County Commissioners that the company will clean up and repair any mess it leaves behind while installing upgraded equipment.

Joking with commissioners last week, Dan Sherrell said, "If it's in the ground, we've damaged it."

The ground is too cold right now to do permanent repairs, he said.

"We're trying our best to take care of problems," he said. "We have 356 miles of plant we're trying to upgrade or replace this year. We're bound to miss something."

The company chose a Cloudfrost firm to do the work for that very reason, Sherrell said. Cable Communication Inc. "will show up down the road to take care of the project because he wants a long-term relationship with Charter," Sherrell said. "We're not some outfit that would come in, whack the roads and quit. We live here."

However, people who believe a dangerous condition exists because of the installation work, should contact Charter right away, Sherrell said.

The entire project is targeted for completion in April, he said.

Road repairs will start as soon as weather conditions are right in the spring, he said. The Cloudfrost firm will handle them, because a contractor couldn't be found to do the work, he said.

Sherrell said he's willing to ride the area with county road superintendent Albert Hernandez to identify problem spots.

Commissioner William Schwettmann, who is elected from the Alto, Capitan and Sierra Blanca Airport Road area, told Sherrell, "I think the troops in Alto are restless."

They were promised complete repairs and restoration, but it hasn't happened, he said, adding, "They fear it never will."

He urged more communication by the company with Alto residents.

"We want to assure the public than we as a county are not accepting what's there," Schwettmann said. "We don't consider you through just because there are all of these new channels."

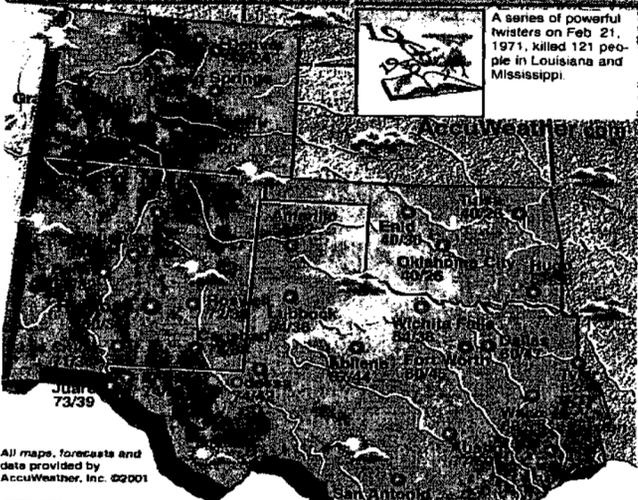
"We're not even halfway through, not even with the underground work," Sherrell said. Schwettmann suggested that Charter include a leaflet in the next cycle of bills letting residents know the company isn't finished and will complete needed repairs.

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| Fri | 6:38 a.m. | 5:54 p.m. |
| Sat | 6:37 a.m. | 5:55 p.m. |
| Sun | 6:36 a.m. | 5:56 p.m. |

MOON

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| Wed | 5:56 a.m. | 4:33 p.m. |
| Thu | 6:33 a.m. | 5:28 p.m. |
| Fri | 7:06 a.m. | 6:24 p.m. |
| Sat | 7:38 a.m. | 7:19 p.m. |
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| 4 p.m. | 1 |



Little mules and donkeys hauled the ore. Courtesy

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

The Capitan Progress February 22, 1901

A town site as been laid out at Carrizozo and business of all kinds will soon be represented there.

There is an unusual amount of sickness throughout the country. While some sections are having epidemics of la grippa, others are having a run of smallpox, fever, etc.

Work on the railroad grade from Carrizozo northward is going along at a rapid rate.

It has been known for years that there were coal deposits along Little Creek, south of Capitan and Fort Stanton, but heretofore there has been but little prospecting in that locality except by the prairie dogs. Just west of Fort Stanton, on the Banito, there is a vein of coal exposed in the bed of the river.

FUEL: Natural gas supplier says it's not to blame for high prices

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throughs within her first few months.

She explained that the the company that sold Zia its gas defaulted on the contract and that forced the company to buy on the open market.

Based on predictions tied to the contract conditions, the company lost about \$800,000, she said.

Zia generates its profit from charges for transportation, distribution and base price for maintaining the system, she said, adding that those charges haven't changed since 1992.

When gas prices were low, many domestic wells were shut down. To reactivate them takes two years, she said.

"It doesn't seem fair that producing states have to pay more when non-producing states want the product," Martinez said.

"That's interstate commerce and a federal issue," Schaffer said. "Most of the votes in Congress come from large urban states with no production and high needs. I think they'd fight efforts to price the product higher in those states."

Prices that people in New Mexico thought were outrageous five years ago would be considered bargains today, he said.

The country is not running out of gas, said Commissioner William Schwettmann. It's a distribution problem.

The Mescalero Apache are exploring a bio-mass approach where sawdust would be incinerated to generate electricity - a very low cost alternative, Schaffer said. Interest in the state also is growing for solar and wind generation, she said. To set up a new power plant can

take three to four years, he said.

Grassie said the pass-through charge per hundred cubic feet for Zia's 8,500 Lincoln County customers was 43 cents in October, 59 cents in November and 63 cents now. A cubic foot equals about 1,000 BTUs.

The company hopes to stay at that price, she said. If company officials over-predicted gas prices, customers at some point will receive a refund with interest, Grassie said. If the company underpredicted, they will see a surcharge.

Zia offers customers advice on how to insulate their homes and will work out a budget payment plan, she said.

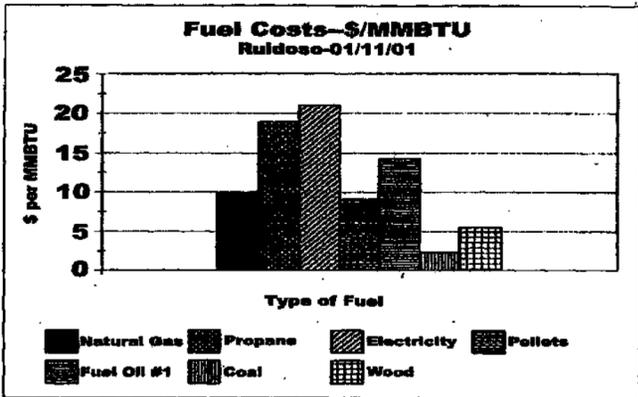
"This hardship is not our fault," she said.

Natural gas is the cleanest and most efficient fossil fuel with a positive effect on smog, acid rain and greenhouse gas emissions, she said. Ninety-nine percent of the natural gas used in the United States comes from North America. Oil and other petroleum products are largely imported from overseas, she said.

Angelo Vega, representing Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas, said that municipal utility also has no control over the rising price of gas.

Schaffer urged commissioners to support Senate Bill 266, which seeks to delay implementation of restructuring of electric utilities.

"If that moves ahead, we will face the same situation as with gas," he said. "The price of power will not be regulated and will be subject to the vagaries of the market. The fear is that not only will gas prices be high, but electric too. Coupled with gas, it will pose a very significant challenge to all of New Mexico."



Source: Zia Natural Gas

Factors combine to drive up the price of propane

Extended nationwide cold temperatures, record-breaking natural gas prices and continuing high crude oil prices combined to cause rapidly rising propane prices and localized distribution problems, according to Rose Riccetti of the National Propane Gas Association based in Illinois.

Propane is a by-product of crude oil refining and natural gas processing and is impacted directly by unexpected or unusual shifts in the supply and price of those fuels.

An analysis by a gas industry consulting group released in December noted that gas processing plants in Louisiana were shut down because natural gas prices were higher than the gas liquids that usually are extracted from the raw stream. The usually more expensive liquids can be sold for much more if they remain the natural gas than if they are sold downstream, she said.

About 1.8 million house-

holds use propane gas to fuel their home-heating systems. Industry experts contend ample supplies of propane are in place to finish out the winter, although prices are higher due to several factors, including:

- Some refiners who usually produce propane by refining crude oil are using that propane to fuel their own refineries instead of selling it to retail distributors.
- Pacific Northwest and West Coast refiners were the first to begin using their own production as a boiler fuel to counteract the high cost of natural gas, creating temporary spot shortages in many western states.
- Most natural gas processing plants - the other source of propane besides refineries - have the ability to leave more of the propane and other natural gas liquids in the natural gas stream when natural gas prices are higher instead of taking them out.
- Natural gas price increases and the reduction in wholesale propane sales are driving up refinery prices.
- "These are the kinds of problems that cannot be anticipated by the propane gas industry," said Patrick Chesterman, chief operating officer of Ferrellgas Inc. of Liberty, Mo., and chairman of an NPGA Infrastructure Improvements Task Force.

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Johnson calls on state to reduce energy use

Apparently, home owners aren't the only ones wincing when monthly electric and gas bills are received.

The high price of power and natural gas prompted Gov. Gary Johnson to call last month for conservation in the operation of state-owned properties.

Noting that California's power shortages are impacting New Mexicans, the governor approved a "Short-term Conservation Strategy," which identified conservation measures for government agencies, including schools and institutions of higher education.

It also provides recommendations on what citizens and businesses can do to reduce their energy consumption and save money.

"New Mexico and other western states are experiencing the effects of tight energy supplies in the form of higher electricity and natural gas prices," Johnson said. "The West essentially is a single energy market, particularly with respect to electricity."

"Consequently, what is happening in California with their severe energy shortfall has serious repercussions here. The current situation has hurt many of our citizens who were unexpectedly hit with higher prices."

He especially is worried about senior citizens on fixed incomes and low-income residents, he said.

"There are, however, a number of low-cost and no-cost measures that each of us can implement to reduce energy consumption and our utility bills - things as simple as setting back your thermostat or turning off unused lights. I am therefore calling on all New Mexicans to do what they can to conserve energy, with the New Mexico state government leading the way," Johnson said. Early in January, Johnson

and the governors of eight other Western states committed to work together on emergency, short-term energy conservation measures to free up electricity supplies for the next few years to avert shortages and to mitigate future higher energy prices not only in the winter but also summer.

As a result, Johnson directed the state Energy, Mineral and Natural Resources Department to develop a New Mexico-specific strategy for achieving energy savings.

Some of the measures recommended in the strategy include:

- Lower water-heating temperature setting and use less hot water, for example, by showering instead of bathing.
- Lower space-heating temperature settings in winter and raise cooling settings in summer.
- Use less artificial lights, shift to compact fluorescent bulbs.
- Turn off lights and other electric devices when not in use.
- Shift use of appliances and other large energy-consuming equipment to off-peak hours.
- Clean or replace furnace and air-conditioning filters.
- Find and seal air leaks by weather proofing doors and windows.
- Use fireplaces sparingly, keep dampers closed when a fire isn't going.
- Insulate water heaters and connecting pipes.
- Open shades and drapes on south-facing windows during the day and close them at night.
- Cover "swamp coolers" and air conditioners in winter to reduce heat loss.
- Purchase energy-saving appliances and computers when replacing equipment.

Homeowners can contact their local utility company for information about budget billing. Information on the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program is available from the Income Support Division of the New Mexico Human Services Department at 1-800-283-4465.

More strategy information is available from the Energy Conservation and Management Division at 1220 S. St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87506 or call (505) 476-3310.

Feds arrest man on weapons charges

Search allegedly turns up explosives

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
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A Ruidoso man was arrested Thursday on weapons charges after federal agents carried out a search warrant at a Gavilan Canyon Road residence.

Ralph Owen Nosker, 38, was charged with 11 federal counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm, a count of possession of an illegal machine gun and possession of explosives, according to a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court at Albuquerque.

All the charges are felonies. The explosive materials were reportedly seized in Thursday's action.

Agents with the Bureau of Alcohol,

Tobacco and Firearms delivered Nosker to Albuquerque Thursday where he could face a federal magistrate as soon as today. Federal law forbids having the type of automatic weapon deemed the machine gun.

Those convicted of a felony are federally prohibited from possession of firearms or explosive materials.

Nosker was convicted in 1994 of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon as well as two counts of battery, all felonies.

Nosker had been charged earlier this month locally with 10 counts of possession of a firearm by a felon, unlawful carrying of a firearm in a licensed liquor establishment, and unlawful possession of a switchblade,

according to an earlier Ruidoso police report.

He had been bound over for trial in state District Court after waiving his right to a preliminary hearing last Friday.

Nosker was initially taken into local custody on Feb. 8 after a 911 call to police about a gun at the Screaming Eagle Lounge on U.S. Highway 70 in Ruidoso.

Several bar patrons told police they saw a gun fall from Nosker's clothing to the floor of the night club. Police said they found a second firearm in Nosker's vehicle.

A search warrant, executed on Feb. 9 reportedly turned up additional weapons at Nosker's residence.

COUNTY COMMISSION

Lincoln County Commissioners approved \$3,560 in promotion and advertising of county events recommended by their Lodgers Tax Committee.

Miner's Day Celebration chairman Ruth Birdsong received \$1,000 to cover advertising and \$560 toward the purchase of a large covered wagon.

The annual Art Loop received \$1,000 for advertising requested by Susan Weir and the Capital Public Library was given \$1,000 to develop a brochure rack, shelving and literature related to tourism. The request came from Kay Finkel-

stein. In other business, commissioners:

- Renewed County Attorney Alan Morel's flat-fee contract for another year. Morel is paid \$9,000 a month. The contract first was approved last year after soliciting requests for proposals and is good for four years, renewable annually.
- Approved the transfer of a liquor license from Johnson's Village Store Inc. to Little Creek Storage LLC doing business as TR's Food Mart on State Highway 48 and Sun Valley Road in Alto.

Approved lending the Landsat Thematic Mapper imagery CD (compact disk) to the village of Ruidoso, requested by Village Manager Alan Briley. Although County Manager Tom Stewart recommended charging \$6,000, half the cost to the county of acquiring the disk, commissioners said to charge only the administration cost connected to the action.

Decided not to select one company out of six that submitted proposals for architectural-engineering projects. Instead, the county manager will use companies on different projects based on their particu-

lar strengths, as long as the charge is under \$25,000.

Purchased one Dodge Grand Caravan Mini-Van from Gauge Sales of Belen for the sheriff's office for \$27,453.

Accepted the dedication of a 50-foot right-of-way on Nogal Canyon Road as part of a lot line boundary adjustment.

Appointed Martha Proctor to the Board of Registration along with Doris Nelms, Wayne Bergeron, Darrell Nyder, Polly Gammage and Kirk Corbin.

Approved paying \$985 for liability insurance to cover the Senior Olympics event.

Altrusa event to benefit scholarships

The Ruidoso Chapter of Altrusa International is offering an evening of dinner, games and dessert to benefit the Altrusa Scholarship Awards Program.

Each semester, the organization gives scholarships based on need to adults in the Ruidoso community to go back to school and further their education.

The benefit event will be Tuesday at Alto Lakes Country Club in Alto at High Mesa and French Drive.

Prices are:
• Dinner buffet, dessert and games, \$18 per person
• Dessert and games only, \$10.

Games will include Scrabble, checkers and others. People also are encouraged to bring their own games.

For reservations, call 336-4233.

Group to hold Mardi Gras party

The Junior Daughters of the King will have a Mardi Gras Party from noon to 1 p.m. Sunday at the Episcopal Church of Lincoln County.

The building is directly in front of the parking lot. Entry is by the side door.

Donations will be accepted to help children who are going to a foster family.

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OUR OPINION

It's simply a question of trust

County commissioners have started talking about the possibility of representation on the community board overseeing (but not governing) Lincoln County Medical Center. Arguments are plentiful, pro and con, but we think the cons have it.

Yes, the community board is appointed by Presbyterian Healthcare Services, the entity that operates the county-owned hospital under contract, and that means its power is limited. Recommendations, yes; orders, no.

Yes, the elected county commissioners own the physical facility and control LCMC's capital expenditures — now more thoroughly than in past years.

Yes, the state has criticized the relationship between the commission and Presbyterian, and we're not totally convinced that it shouldn't be changed — if the Legislature doesn't change it this session.

But the fact is, LCMC's board is made up of unpaid appointees, some of whom have broad legal and financial backgrounds. They are fully capable of serving as watchdogs for the commission, and can go public at any time if problems are discovered. At this point, we have no reason to believe anything is being hidden from the board.

So why add a politician to the mix?

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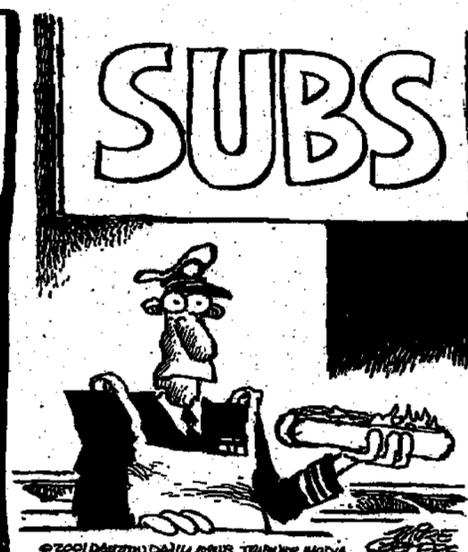
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YOUR OPINION

No exceptions for animal cruelty

To the editor:

Two or three years ago the New Mexico Legislature passed a comprehensive animal cruelty law, which made it a felony in this state to torture and abuse animals. Unfortunately, that law has a gaping hole in it, since it exempts holders of a USDA license from prosecution.

There currently is a bill before the Legislature (S.B. 35) that would close that loophole. I hope everyone will support that bill.

It makes absolutely no sense that the people holding some federal license be given preferential treatment over other people who are committing the same acts, which are otherwise a crime in New Mexico.

If a person commits an act of animal cruelty, he should be punished, notwithstanding whether he holds a USDA license.

An animal who is being tortured or cruelly treated suffers the same pain regardless of whether the person who is torturing it holds a license or not.

I say if you do the crime you do the time, no matter who you are. Let's support S. B. 35.

Robert L. Trumble
Glencoe

A tilt to the left?

To the editor:

I have noticed a marked anti-Bush, anti-Republican theme in your recent last few months' editorial page, with cartoons unflattering to conservative, Republican views.

I purchased your newspaper for its anti-liberal, anti-Clinton leanings and am most concerned and annoyed by the change.

I am proud of George W. Bush, a gentleman, a scholar, Yale/Harvard, a military pilot, F-102 aircraft qualified, as well as proud of the Republican agenda, lower taxes, smaller government and local administration of schools.

I am also fed up with tax-and-spend liberals and the Clinton years — lies, perjury, womanizing, File-Wate, Watergate, China-Gate, Travel-Gate, etc.

Please explain your rationale and future intentions so I might evaluate continuing my subscription.

Robert L. Johnson
El Paso, Texas

The price of cable

To the editor:

For the second time in about a year, I am forced to cancel my cable (service) due to price increases. When we first got cable a few years ago the monthly cost for basic was about \$28. In a very short time it went to over \$40 a month, including tax. As soon as I saw the major increase, I phoned and cancelled until a special \$20 promotion came up.

I was almost ready to accept the current price increase until I read the reason in the paper, which prompted me to closely read the letter from the cable company. As residents of Lincoln county see a decrease in income due to higher prices, heating bills and other services, we are told that "sports figures are making a fortune"

so we should pay a higher cable bill. How about giving up sports for a while, and show them that you can live without sitting in front of the TV watching them.

I also cannot understand how a company can force all of the residents of a community to pay for cable services that we don't need. If your contracts with a particular station require 100 percent participation, I suggest you say no. We do not watch sports at all, and can live without Disney if they are so strict to deal with.

I am sure that many like myself really only have cable because there is no reception at all without it. I would estimate that I watch 80 percent network TV and the other 20 percent is when sporting events take over the networks. Why can we not have a real "basic cable" cost of about \$15 a month for people like me?

I was told once that we pay higher rates because of all the transient people in Ruidoso. They said they cannot have a lower price for full-time residents and more for part-time ... Why not? Long-term commitments mean lower prices with a lot of businesses. One year vs. three months should count for something.

When we gave up cable last year from March to September, we really quite enjoyed it. We read, talked, played games and enjoyed each other. Getting it back was a mistake that I thank the cable company for encouraging me to correct on Feb. 28, when I will once again go back to a healthier lifestyle of no television.

Lynn E. Price
Ruidoso

SCIENTIFIC/RESEARCH

Life begins with 'perfect pitch'

SAN FRANCISCO — The ability to identify a note on the musical scale without a single reference point — known as absolute or perfect pitch — is a rarity even among musicians, but new studies with infants suggest that everyone may begin life with this remarkable talent.

Psychologist Jenny Saffran, director of the Infant Learning Laboratory at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has discovered this latest evidence of the complex architecture babies use to acquire knowledge. The work provides another example of how infants and adults hear and process sounds in fundamentally different ways.

In past studies, Saffran has demonstrated that infants use statistical learning, or the practice of detecting consistent patterns in sounds, as a foundation for learning language. For example, statistical learning helps babies define where individual words begin and end in a spoken sentence.

As in language, Saffran is now showing that infants apply these same talents as "little sta-

tisticians" to understanding music. In a test for infants and adults, Saffran devised a way to measure whether subjects show a preference for absolute or relative pitch in recognizing different tunes. Relative pitch, unlike absolute pitch, relies on tracking intervals between notes.

Not surprisingly, the adults in her test all performed well on measures of relative pitch and poorly on absolute pitch. But the infants showed exactly the opposite pattern, excelling at absolute pitch but unable to recognize changes in relative pitch.

"We certainly know that infants are not blank slates, and that they enter the world with a structure or hard-wiring that helps them learn," Saffran says. "But the structure is probably general to many complex forms of learning, including music."

Saffran presented her work, which appeared in the January 2001 issue of the journal *Developmental Psychology*, at the annual conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Science Feb. 19 in San Francisco. Saffran was part of a

symposium discussing some of the innate tools that help infants with the complex task of learning language.

Absolute pitch provides a remarkably detailed tool for this cartography of sound, giving infants the ability to track extremely fine-grained information regarding everything they hear. But people eventually lose absolute pitch, Saffran argues, because it is simply too detailed to be functional in everyday life.

"Absolute pitch is too fine a form of categorization," she says. "If that's all we know, we couldn't generalize any of the sounds we hear. If we only used absolute pitch as adults, we wouldn't understand that 'Happy Birthday' in two different pitches is the same song, or that the word 'cup' spoken by a man and a woman was the same word."

Human language may be the most complex product of the human mind, Saffran says, and it's something 1-year-old babies accomplish with remarkable efficiency.

A Web of information

A neatly addressed copy of the beautiful Smithsonian Magazine popped up in our mail box awhile back, and posed something of a mystery for a few days. Yes, we'd been through the castle on the Mall in Washington, D. C. that is headquarters for the institution, but not in quite a long time...

Then, thanks to an acknowledgment in the mail a bit later, the mystery was solved. We'd become members of the Hubbard Museum of the American West right here in Ruidoso Downs last summer — and that made us associate members of the Smithsonian (since the Hubbard had become affiliated some months before). Nice surprise.

And that led us to the Smithsonian Web site (www.si.edu) to find out how closely the two museums are related. Sure enough, a click on the Smithsonian site led us to the Hubbard, and the real goal of our search — the 2001 Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium.

The site reminded us that this year's event will be Oct. 12-14 (with a special Bob Wills salute concert on Thursday, Oct. 11) and that as museum members we can get discounted tickets to the events, all at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino.

We still remember founder Ray Reed thrilling the crowd at the Glencoe Rural Events Center at the first of those special salutes — to songwriter Cindy Walker and guitarist Roy Shamblin — a year or so before Reed's death in 1998.

We still remember the first chuckwagon cook-off we attended that same year — the circled wagons on the hill above Glencoe, the smoke from cook fires laden with the scent of beef and gravy drifting down the slope.

It's a Lincoln County memory not soon forgotten, and it's reinforced by the symposium Web site — www.zianet.com/lccs. The site is loaded with relevant information and a ticket order form, pictures of Reed and some of last year's musical performers. (One neat thing is that so many of Western swing's great performers come back every year.)

Oh, yes: There's a picture of a chuckwagon setup, too — on the hill behind the Glencoe center. But that's not quite what first-time visitors will see this October.

The race track's oval doesn't have quite the authenticity of a brushy hillside, even if the food smells just as good.

OUR RIGHT TO KNOW

The First Amendment

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NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1

MOUNTAIN ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN
RUIDOSO NEWS

RUIDOSO POLICE

Capitan woman arrested

A traffic stop for speeding on Mechem Drive turned into an arrest for a Capitan woman. A Ruidoso patrol officer detected a vehicle traveling 54 mph on the highway's 40 mph zone about 5:18 p.m. Feb. 12. After pulling the vehicle over the officer said he saw two open cans of malt liquor in the vehicle.

Michelle P. Samora, 21, said she did not have identification. When the officer asked the driver to look in her purse, Samora reportedly handed the officer the purse, in which a tin foil package was found.

The package field tested positive for having had contained methamphetamine, a police report stated. Samora told the officer "that's not mine."

She was charged with misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia and having an open container of an alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle.

Juveniles charged

Ruidoso police nabbed two juveniles Feb. 19, charging them with four instances of shoplifting.

Police found \$33.80 in merchandise, which the 10 and 14 year old boys admitted stealing.

The merchandise was allegedly taken from several businesses near the west end of Midtown. In addition the two are believed to have shoplifted in the same area a day earlier.

Windows broken

Glass on an entry door at a residence in the 100 block of Evans Road was damaged, likely by a metal nut. The injury to property case,

reported Feb. 19, is similar to several other vandalism cases in recent weeks in the same neighborhood.

A window was broken out between midnight and 1 a.m. Feb. 14 at a residence in the 100 block of Nob Hill Drive. The value of the window was listed at \$250.

Two windows were broken Feb. 21 at the Lincoln County Medical Center.

A member of a cleaning crew heard one of the windows break about 8:46 p.m. Police could find no suspects upon arrival, but they did find a second window had been broken.

A police report said the windows appeared to have been punched out with a stick or bar. The value of the two windows was estimated at \$250.

Las Cruces man charged

A criminal complaint was filed against a Las Cruces man in the wake of an alleged road rage incident on Feb. 17.

A motorist told police he had been stopped on Mechem Drive at White Mountain Drive, waiting for the light to turn green. The vehicle ahead of him stalled, and the driver of the truck behind him began blowing the horn. Later the motorist claimed the truck driver forced him into the oncoming traffic lane.

Later, when the motorist was waiting to make a left turn near the southern end of Mechem Drive, the driver of the truck allegedly stopped, began swearing, and said he was going to kill the motorist.

The truck driver then reportedly left. Ruidoso police found the truck driver who alleged the motorist had run him off the road. The motorist told police he

wanted to press charges, resulting in an assault complaint against the Las Cruces man.

Domestic battery alleged

Ruidoso police arrested a village man Feb. 22 on a charge of misdemeanor domestic battery against a household member. Terry W. Simmons, 44, was charged after officers responded to a 1 a.m. report of a battery.

The victim, who complained of back and neck pain, said she had been choked and held down. The alleged incident occurred at a residence on Ebarb Drive.

Wallet taken at work

An employee at Cattle Baron Steak and Seafood Restaurant on Sudderth Drive reported to police that her wallet was missing from a purse.

The purse had been placed in an area behind the restaurant's bar about 1:30 p.m. Feb. 17. The wallet was missing half-an-hour later. The wallet, valued at \$200, contained credit cards, a check book and \$8 in cash.

Credit card taken, used

A Juarez, Mexico area woman notified Ruidoso police that a credit card stolen while visiting Ruidoso last month has seen \$1,354 in unauthorized charges.

The woman was with a group of vacationers in Ruidoso from Jan. 10-12. The woman said when she returned home she realized the credit card was not with her luggage.

The case is being investigated as a felony theft of a credit card and felony fraudulent use of a credit card.

Village ponders zoning addition

BY JAMES KALVELAGE RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

More than 400 acres of village of Ruidoso-owned land, proposed for annexation, would not be the first multi-use zoning area of the village. Three other areas of the village already have been designated as planned-unit development zones.

The Grindstone area, purchased by the village about ten years ago, the Links at Sierra Blanca Golf Course, and Snowflake Ridge are locations that are designated as PUD zones.

"There are percentage designations, on how much can be commercial and residential," Joseph Patoskie, Planning Department director said of the PUD areas.

Village ordinance states the intent of planned unit development is to allow a harmonious selection of uses and groupings of buildings, parking areas, movement and open spaces.

The code calls for development that compliments the resort character of the village. A planned unit development can include one or more principal uses or structures. A minimum area of a PUD must be at least 5 acres.

In the case of the 430 acres near Eagle Creek, proposed for annexation, the designation would be mixed use planned unit development.

"This allows for open space, green space," Patoskie said of the annexation properties. "It's as close as we could come to keep it in a preserved state."

The planning director said he believed the M-PUD designation would be the most appropriate for the lands. "It

Annexation on council agenda

The Ruidoso village council Tuesday is scheduled to discuss the proposed annexation of 439 acres of municipally owned land in the area of State Highways 48 and 532.

In addition to annexing the property currently adjacent to the village boundaries, the acreage is proposed to be zoned with a multiple planned use development designation. In addition to council discussion, the governing body may also schedule a future public hearing, which would be required to annex and establish a zoning designation.

Councilors are expected to hear a presentation on xeriscaping, a landscaping method that provides for water conservation.

On the consent agen-

da, councilors will vote on approval of a land lease agreement for the construction of a hanger at the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, approval of a grant agreement with the New Mexico Department of Public Safety-Office of Emergency Management, consider a bid award for two or more vehicles for the Ruidoso Police Department, consider a bid award for a new van for the police department, and consider authorization with a playground engineering firm for a proposed interactive, community built playground near the White Mountain schools complex.

The council meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers of the Ruidoso administrative offices, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

will keep the industrial stuff out, he said."

The M-PUD section of the zoning ordinance permits any combination of land uses developed under a single concept. The use mix would require approval by the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission and must conform to the village's comprehensive plan.

"By allowing it to be M-PUD nothing can go on in that area without formal planning commission hearings," Patoskie

said. "And the village cannot do anything without conforming to the comprehensive plan. I think it's the best for the community. The community at large should feel very comfortable with this."

The annexation pursuit is listed as a discussion item on the Feb. 27 agenda for the Ruidoso village council. The council would have to schedule a future public hearing to proceed with the annexation and the M-PUD zoning designation.

Undocumented aliens, driver apprehended west of Capitan

Five undocumented aliens were taken into custody Wednesday after a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 380 west of Capitan.

The five were discovered in a van stopped for a traffic violation by a New Mexico State Police officer about 12:45 a.m. Officers with the U.S. Border

Patrol were called and took the five into custody. The driver was also apprehended by the Border Patrol, according to a state police report.

Drug overdose suspected in Carrizozo man's death

The death of a Carrizozo man last week may have been the result of a drug overdose.

Carrizozo Police Chief A. I. Vega said the New Mexico Office of the Medical Investigator told him Tuesday that an autopsy suggested the death of William R. Rhetta, 48, was from a drug overdose.

Investigators were called to a 10th Street residence about 5:20 p.m. Feb. 15 concerning a death. Vega said there was no reason to suspect foul play, but his department treats any unattended death as a

homicide until an autopsy indicates otherwise. Rhetta was found in an overflowing bath tub at his residence.

In addition to Vega, investigators from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, Ruidoso Police Department, the district attorney's office and New Mexico State Police assisted in the probe.

"I would like to thank every agency assisting in this investigation," Vega said. "With teamwork between the sheriff's office and the police department an investigation can be expedient and thorough."

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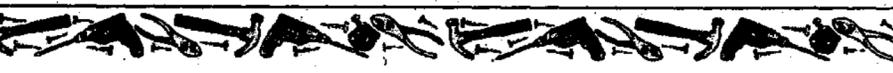
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Innovator



Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News
Hollis Fuchs of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, representing the New Mexico section of the International Society of Range Management, presented the Lincoln County Commission with the Range Innovator of the Year Award. The honor was shared with several other villages and agencies in the county for their rehabilitation work to prevent flooding and silting after May wildfires. The award was accepted by county road superintendent Albert Hernandez, whose crews handled much of the work. Fuchs said he was proud of the cooperation and "uniquely innovative teamwork" showed by entities after the severe fires, without concern for who was in charge or received credit.

Water storage on Downs council agenda

Ruidoso Downs is poised to move closer to additional water storage capabilities.

The village council Monday is scheduled to consider bids for the construction of two 100,000 gallon water tanks, according to a draft council meeting agenda.

Three firms have submitted bids, Village Clerk Gladys Dillard said.

One of the tanks would replace an old tank at the Denton Well, near the village's All American Park.

The second tank would become part of the Aqua Fria water system.

The effort to erect new tanks has been a several year process.

Among other general business items, the council will consider paying the expenses of elected village officials to attend Ruidoso Downs Day at Rillito Park, a horse racing track in Tucson.

A Planning and Zoning

Administrator position to be workshop topic

After Ruidoso Downs village trustees earlier this month indicated a desire to possibly re-establish a village administrator position, a workshop has been scheduled for today to explore the potential.

The village council workshop will provide for resident input, both written and verbal.

A notice of the workshop states the topics as discussion of a job description and the feasibility of hiring a village administrator. The session will also look at a potential revision of the village's organizational chart.

"I have gathered some job description information," said Gladys Dillard, village clerk. "The mayor has said he wants to explore the feasibility (of hiring an administrator)."

The village hired its first full-time village administrator a year ago. Bob Durrett resigned the position in late June. The council decided to wait on beginning a search for a new administrator after some village employees said a micro-manager wasn't needed.

But at their Feb. 12 meeting trustees said an administrator with experience in municipal government should be reconsidered.

While the workshop subjects were not listed Thursday as agenda items for next week's Feb. 26 village council meeting, Dillard said there was a possibility they might be added.

The workshop, at village hall, is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. today.

DATE BOOK

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

Monday, Feb. 26 -
• 5:30 p.m., Ruidoso Downs village council at Ruidoso Downs village hall.

Tuesday, Feb. 27 -
• 6:30 p.m., Ruidoso village council at Ruidoso village hall.

hall.

Friday, March 3 -
• 9 a.m., Ruidoso Downs Planning and Zoning Workshop (to update zoning ordinance), Ruidoso Downs village hall.

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

DWI Prevention Program plans event Saturday

Elected officials from Lincoln County are scheduled to make a pledge not to drink and drive.

The first ever such event in the county, hosted by the Village of Ruidoso/Lincoln County DWI Prevention Program and the Lincoln County Community Youth Asset Building Team, is set for 7 p.m. Saturday at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

"New Mexico is consistently ranked among the top states for DWI violations," said Vicky Hisil, DWI Prevention Program administrative assistant. "This event will be a great opportunity to set a national example for others to follow in combating this epidemic."

Hisil said the pledge program, titled A Declaration of Love: Stop DWI,

seeks to raise public awareness to stop intoxicated driving.

The pledge program's intent is to make the event a festive occasion embracing the love theme, to include love of family, neighbors and community.

The event will include entertainment, refreshments and guest speakers.

*It's my only day to sleep in!
*I have to work on Sundays!
*I always fall asleep during the singing!



Three reasons not to go to church?
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2 arrested after 'fixing' flat

Two Chaves County men have been charged with receiving stolen property after the two were accused of replacing a flat tire with a wheel from another vehicle.

Ruidoso police were called to the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport about 2 a.m. Feb. 4, after an airport employee said he saw a blue 1997 Ford Taurus station wagon leave a parking area across from the air terminal. The employee then noticed a front left wheel was missing from a 1995 Taurus station wagon.

About 3:30 a.m. a Ruidoso patrol officer stopped a blue

1997 Taurus station wagon on Mechem Drive. The driver and passenger told the officer they had just arrived in town from Roswell. The officer claimed the wheel and tire on the right front of their vehicle was the same type as what had been taken from the auto parked at the airport. He also saw a flat tire in the back of the station wagon.

Arrested were Everett Brakeman, 48, of Roswell, and Kenneth Carnes, 52, of Hagerman. The two men denied the wheel on their station wagon was stolen and denied they had been at the airport.

MAGISTRATE COURT

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

Kelli Ness, 28, Anthony, through a plea agreement, was found guilty of first offense driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs. Charges of aggravated DWI and speeding were dismissed. Ness was credited for one day served at the Ruidoso Police Department, put on probation for 89 days, and charged \$499 in fines and fees.

Gerald Magoosh Jr., 41, Mesalero, pleaded guilty to charges of aggravated, first-offense DWI, speeding 55 in a 40-mph zone and careless driving. Magoosh was sentenced to two days at the Lincoln County Detention Center, placed on 178 days probation and charged \$677 in fines and costs.

Janet Butchofsky Howser, 49, Nopal, pleaded not guilty and was convicted by the court of speeding 46 in a 25 mph zone. Howser was found not guilty of DWI and driving without liability insurance. Howser was assessed \$139 in fines and costs.

Keithley's Korner Earnhardt's death felt even in Ruidoso

Tough week. Many who don't follow NASCAR may not realize it, but most everyone else has been pretty upset since last Sunday's death of Dale Earnhardt Sr. in the Daytona 500. We never met him, but we felt like we knew him.

He looked like my Uncle Johnny; that grin behind the bushy mustache and only speaking when having been spoken to. Every family has an "intimidator" guy. This one drove a cool-looking black Chevy.

Terry Stubbs has taken the death of her hero pretty hard.

The Ruidoso resident and owner of Ameriprint has a collection of Earnhardt merchandise at home, and grew up in a racing family. She called home to Clovis after the wreck and talked to her dad over his

tears. "I always felt that if I could ever meet Dale and shake his hand, that I would have it made," Terry said. "He was my guy."

Greg Widener of Ruidoso is another huge Earnhardt fan who describes this week's events as shocking and sad. "It certainly won't be the same without No. 3 out there."

Ruidoso continues to make progress on the tourism front.

The latest lodger's tax statistics from the Tourism Association of New Mexico shows that in the third quarter of last year, our town ranked fourth in New Mexico behind Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Taos as a tourist destination.

The fourth-place ranking is the highest Ruidoso has ever been.

"A couple of year ago, we used to have trouble cracking the top 10 in New Mexico," Mark Doth said. He is owner of Grindstone Graphics, which markets the town.

"When you add the lodger's tax numbers from Ruidoso Downs with ours, we're at the same level as Taos for July through October of 2000. That's an incredible jump, and evidence that the word is getting out about Ruidoso," Doth said.

Heading down the list is Carlsbad, which used to be the state's top draw. Surprisingly, a vacation to the see the caverns isn't as popular as it used to be for tourists. Poor bats.

Doth said he expects Ruidoso to stay at No. 4 for the near future, particularly given the fact that we've had such a strong ski sea-

son this year.

One of Ruidoso's biggest parties of the year will take place over at Farley's Food, Fun and Pub next Tuesday night, when KIDX Radio hosts a Fat Tuesday party.

"We actually have more beads than we could possibly pass out," Brian Cleckler said. He is manager of the restaurant. "The company that we bought the beads from made a mistake and gave us twice as many as we ordered," he said.

The party starts at 6 p.m., and will include a dance contest, a crowning of a Mardi Gras king and queen and a grab-bag of prizes.

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

Preservation activist denies need for another Lincoln County golf course

Development company's lawyer counters that water-rights transfer would not harm area but would allow more credit for return flow

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Lincoln County doesn't need seven golf courses, said activist Reginald Richey.

The water and preservation activist told county commissioners Thursday that the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board, based in the historic district around the settlement of Lincoln, is protesting the transfer of water rights for the proposed development of a 700-lot subdivision and golf course south of Sierra Blanca Airport Road.

"This is reappropriation of water rights transferred in 1996 and 1999 from the Rio Bonito," he said. "This is

now a new ball game and can be questioned. In our letter of protest we're asking why move the rights from the Rio Bonito, where the recharge could be recovered, to Little Creek, where it cannot."

A "phenomenal" amount of water is being used for golf courses in the county, Richey said. That's something "this county with its heritage should be addressing," he said.

John Underwood, attorney for the Rainmaker development, explained that the application is to transfer a portion of the water rights from Rancho Ruidoso from domestic use to irrigation.

"I understand that not everyone is

behind the golf course," he said. "But with irrigation use, we will get more return flow credit. It's a sign of the times that everyone is protesting everything to do with water."

The approach of developers of the community with single-family, multi-family and commercial lots is to use treated wastewater to irrigate the golf course and to get enough homes on ground to make that feasible, he said.

"We will go through the process

and prove to the State Engineer that we are eligible for the return flow credit," he said. "I was aware protests had been filed. These people are perfectly within their rights to protest. We will prove to the county and to the state engineer there is sufficient water there."

It's a sign of the times that everyone is protesting everything to do with water."

John Underwood,
lawyer

349,375 acre-feet per year of shallow groundwater from four shallow wells

to a 3,342 acre subdivision.

One acre-foot of water equals 325,851 gallons. The use also would be changed from domestic to irrigation on 78.71 acres.

The company asked for 3.2 acre-feet per annum for the irrigated land which will be metered separately, and for domestic use return flow credit which will be metered as effluent. The domestic use return flow credit will transfer water to Little Creek from the wastewater treatment plant discharge.

The "move to" and "move from" place of use are identical and are located about 4 miles northeast of Alto.

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- the Ruidoso Convention Center had over 76,196 visitors attending conventions, and special events in 2000.
- the featured artist for the month of February is Paul "Polo" Bianchini and his photography at the Ruidoso Public Library.
- the Parks and Recreation 2001 brochure will be available in the Village for upcoming planning activities.
- Planning and Zoning Department's friendly reminder for those who need site development approval from the Village for your development project, please start early and preparation or tree removal. This will help keep Ruidoso neighborhoods safe, beautiful and your neighbors will thank you!

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PLANNING ZONING

Ruidoso's Planning and Zoning Commission Tuesday approved a variance to allow the replacement of a building on a lot at 107 Main Road.

The applicant, Charles E. Craig, sought approval to remove a storage building and replace it with a new garage and storage building on the property, which is zoned C-1 (neighborhood commercial).

The variance would allow the reconstruction within setback lines at the back and a side of the property boundary.

While village ordinance requires screening between C-1 developments and adjoining residential lots, village attorney Charles Rennick said the commission had some discretion in requiring the screening.

"A fence 1 foot from the building would be worse," Rennick said of the screening requirement. "You can determine that screening would be detrimental to light and air for neighbors. I don't think you need a variance (to eliminate the screening guideline)."

Craig said there was no realistic location for the new building except in the setback area where the old structure

exists.

In addition to approving the setback variance, the commission endorsed a site development plan for the reconstruction. A requirement for a drainage report was added to the approval.

In other action, the planning commission —

• Approved a variance to allow a property owner at 101 Nopal Lane to enclose a covered patio in a side-lot line setback. The expansion of the home would be in a lot set back where the home owner owns the adjacent property.

• Approved a variance to allow the construction of a fence taller than 8 feet at a residence at 125 Sarah Lane. Mark Henson told the commission he and a neighbor can both look directly into each other's homes. Planning staff determined the slope of the property made a standard height fence too low to provide privacy.

The variance allows the placement of a fence that would be 12 feet high at two locations.

Workshops aimed at fire hazard awareness

BY JAMES KALVELAGE RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A pair of workshops this spring will attempt to impress on Ruidoso-area residents and leaders the importance of reducing the hazard of a devastating wildfire.

The workshops, titled "Fire Wise," will "show by demonstration and get it down to the people," said Rick Delaco, Ruidoso's urban forester.

"We had a Cree Fire last spring," Delaco told those attending Wednesday's meeting of the Lincoln County Local Emergency Planning Committee. "That certainly was a wake-up. We get our winds out of the southwest. If the Cree Fire had been in the west we'd have been in bad shape."

While Delaco said the workshops will be a planning process for fire fighting officials, county commissioners, planners, bankers, architects and others who deal with development, he added that the public needs to be involved as well.

The workshops, will be held April 20

and 21. Times and other details will be announced later.

One segment will be especially geared to those involved in development planning to look at fire-mitigating measures such as metal roofs versus wood shake roofs. Delaco said that workshop segment could lead to new ordinances designed to reduce fire damage.

The other segment will address defensible space around homes and other buildings.

While not mentioning a recent village of Ruidoso survey that suggested residents wanted the municipality to address the issue of living in the wildfire-urban interface, Delaco said Ruidoso officials had been pressed in the past to pay attention.

"A few years back we had the Forest Health Coalition. They said we're in a fire

trap in Ruidoso. They got the village to get grappling trucks to pick up pine needles. And Ruidoso hired a guy like me as their urban forester. We have Project Impact."

Delaco said forestry officials with the U.S. Forest Service as well as state, tribal and municipal lands are working together to coordinate thinning efforts on the Ponderosa pine forests in the area.

"If the Cree Fire had been in the west we'd have been in bad shape."

Rick Delaco, Ruidoso urban forester

"The village has some 630 acres we are going to thin," Delaco said. "The tribal lands are a perfect example of what can be done. The Forest Service is working on the perimeter around Ruidoso."

Delaco said, however, that resident involvement is needed as well in areas such as defensible space.

"That's the tangible part for the public," Delaco said. "What they can do in their own backyards."

Event planned for April

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On Deck

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.

Cahoon Park Run

The annual Cahoon Park Run, sponsored by the Roswell Parks and Recreation Department, will be Feb. 24. Check in and late registration is from 8:30-9:30 a.m. with the run starting at 10 a.m. Entry fees for the 10K run, 3 mile fun run/walk and 2 mile walk are \$8 before Feb. 21 and \$9 after. The fee includes a T-shirt for the first 150 participants, ribbons to the first-third place finishers in each race, a commemorative city collectible to the overall winners and age group winners. For more information, call Damian Chestnut at (505) 624-6720.

Softball tournaments

Sportsworld 1-pitch softball tournaments, for men's and co-ed class C and D teams, are set for Saturday, Feb. 24 and March 10. Registration is \$75 per tournament. 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 sportsparke@comcast.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 sportsparke@comcast.com.

Senior Olympics

The 2001 Lincoln County Senior Olympics 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)
For more information, call Bart Young at 257-3193.

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.sdc.org/~ssr/mntdu>, e-mail to matt@pmc-inc.com or call Matt Perini at (505) 638-1610.

Pecos Valley Stampade

The 20th annual Pecos Valley Stampade, a half-marathon run, 10K run, 2 mile run and 2 mile walk will be March 24 at Cahoon Park. The half-marathon will start at Cahoon Park. The remaining races starting at 9 a.m. The entry fee is \$20 before March 13 and \$25 thereafter. Participants will receive sweat pants and a T-shirt, and will be eligible for post-race door prizes. Awards will be given for the top male and female finisher in each event, with medals to the top three male and female finishers in each age division. For more information, call Clyde or Michael McKee at (505) 622-1668 or Bob Edwards at (505) 627-5507.

Basketball tournament

North American Youth Sports still has openings in its annual spring youth basketball tournament April 6-8 at Del Norte High School in Albuquerque. The 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 \$90 and guarantees each team a minimum of two games. Awards will be presented in each bracket. The entry deadline is March 16. For more information or an entry form, call Rick Garrison at (800) 787-3265 or tournament director Mike Hubson at 884-7686.



Ruidoso Warrior J.R. Floyd is just one of the Warriors flying high as they prepare to host the District 4AAA championship game this Saturday at 7 p.m.

Warriors end season with win

No. 1 seed Ruidoso to be host of district championship game

BY TODD BUTTS
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Ruidoso Warriors wrapped up their season with a victory against the Portales Rams. The Warriors are the No. 1 seed in the District 4AAA division playoffs and will be host of the championship game.

The Warriors defeated the Portales Wildcats 46-37 in their final game of the 2000-2001 basketball season.

Ruidoso will now reap the rewards of its hard work this season by playing in and hosting the District 4AAA Championship game at 7 p.m. Saturday.

The Warriors have invited the community to come out and support them in their hunt for a district title.

The road to the championship game began Monday night with the Lovington Wildcats beating Santa Tere-

sa. The Wildcats won against the New Mexico Military Institute Colts to move on in the district playoffs.

The Warriors were to face the Portales Rams Thursday to decide who will test their game against the Warriors Saturday night.

Due to time constraints the results were not available at press time.

Mescalero girls off to regionals

BY TODD BUTTS
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Mescalero Chiefs worked their way up the girls District 8A playoff ladder to take second place in their division.

They took a young and inexperienced team, worked hard and now are moving on the regionals for the first time in five years, since the inception of the girls basketball program.

The Chiefs faced the Hondo Eagles Friday night in the semifinals. It was a back-and-forth game through the first three quarters. Mescalero trailed by 7 points in the fourth quarter.

They pulled themselves up by their bootstraps and, with teamwork and patience, the Chiefs came back to beat the Eagles 44-42.

In the District 8A Championship game Saturday the Chiefs faced the Hagerman Bobcats.

It was a close game through the first half. The Chiefs stayed within striking distance with the score at half-time 27-24.

"In the championship game, my girls played a super first half," Coach Rol Bradford said. "We came out in the third quarter and missed a bunch of shots. We let them get a lead. We never could recover from it. Hagerman is a good enough team, you can't do that with them."

The Chiefs got in trouble in the third quarter.

One of the leading rebounders for the Chiefs, Agusta Lang, got three fouls in the first half. She had to sit out most of the third quarter and finally fouled out in the fourth quarter.

With the Chiefs' most productive rebounder out, it allowed the height of the Bobcats to take the Chiefs off the board and let Hagerman extend its lead in the fourth quarter.

The Bobcats beat Mescalero 50-38 and won first place in District 8A. Hagerman now will move on to Deming to participate in the regionals being held there. The Chiefs go to Hobbs Friday to face Grady in regional action at 2 p.m.

Mescalero Boys
The Mescalero Chiefs started



The Mescalero girls, above, will battle the Grady girls in Hobbs today at 2 p.m. to see who moves on in regional play. Below, Mescalero Chiefs Tony Chimal will be rising to the occasion when they take on Lake Arthur in District 8A tournament play Thursday night.

their District 8A playoff run with a convincing victory over Gateway Christian 68-52.

The Chiefs are looking to move on to the regionals for the first time in the short history of the basketball program.

The teamwork of the Chiefs has them eyeing a chance to move on to the District 8A Championship game Saturday.

First, they have to get past the Lake Arthur Panthers. The Panthers defeated the Hondo Eagles 68-55 to move on to the next round against the Mescalero. They were to play the Panthers Thursday night at 6 p.m. in Lake Arthur.

Due to time constraints the results were not available at press time.

The winner will play the Hagerman Bobcats Friday night. The winner of Friday's game will go to Mesilla Valley Saturday to play for the District 8A championship.



Hondo, Capitan suffer district losses

In local district basketball action:
Lake Arthur 68, Hondo 55

LAKE ARTHUR — The Hondo Eagles played a good game against the Lake Arthur Panthers Tuesday night. It was a hard-fought game, but it was the Panthers knocking out the Eagles 68-55 in the first round of District 8A tournament play.

"This was the first game all season that they played four quarters. We didn't get off to a slow start. We played even with them," Coach Eddie Chavez said. "Until the end of the third, we were within two to four points behind them most of the game."

The Eagle players who kept the team in the game for three quarters were Manny Lopez with 16 points, and Eddi Valenzuela with 14.

The third quarter was when the Eagles got into foul trouble, which is what ultimately cost them the game. And in the fourth quarter, the Eagles lost their point guard to fouls.

"I think the biggest factor in the game is the fouls. They went to the free-throw line 23 times. They're a pretty good free-throw shooting team.

That was the difference in the game," Chavez said.

The Panthers will be host to the Mescalero Chiefs at 6 p.m. Thursday in Hagerman

Cloudcroft 64, Capitan 55

CLOUDCROFT — The Capitan Tigers ended their season last Monday with a loss to the Cloudcroft Bears in the first round play of District 5AA. The Tigers had their opportunities, but in the first quarter they got down by 10. From there on out, they played pretty even with the Bears.

The Bears leading the way in scoring were point guard Thomas Pruitt with 19 points, followed by Sheldon Moor with 16.

"The three years I have been a varsity coach, I think they have played together as a team better than any I have had," Coach Royce Brown said. "It didn't matter if we were down 40 or up by just a few. It was always the same effort. They were going to get after you. It was a fun year even though it was a building year. They're a great group of kids."

Ruidoso athlete J.R. Floyd signs at West Texas A&M

Ruidoso sports standout J.R. Floyd has signed a national letter of intent to play football this fall at West Texas A&M University, the school announced.

Floyd last year had 74 receptions and 1,160 yards and 17 touchdowns.

In 1999, he made 72 catches, 1,469 yards and 15 touchdowns.

The school is in Canyon, Texas, in the Amarillo area.

"We will be losing six of our eight receivers, so that might be an indication that he has a good chance of seeing some playing time," Paul Sweetgall, West Texas A&M University spokesman, said.

Floyd also played basketball for the Warriors.

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EASY ACCESS, LARGE LOT WITH THIS HOME All on one level, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with living room and separate den. Large covered deck, 2 car garage and easy access. Let us show you this one! Only \$139,500!

GORGEOUS SIERRA BLANCA VIEWS! This property located behind Cedar Creek area has 37 1/2 acres, owner will sell all or part. It is already divided into 4 separate tracts. This property also boasts large pines and that real mountain feeling! Priced under \$8,000.00 an acre.
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Vaulted ceiling in living room, clerestory windows, inviting fireplace, berber carpet, covered deck. Sitting area in master bedroom and dressing area in guest room. This 2 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath home is fully furnished and ready to enjoy. Alto full golf membership. Reduced to \$149,900!

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In Ruidoso Downs with super accessibility. Approx. 1540 sq ft. wood stove, 10x20 workshop, split rail fence. Custom floor plan, skylights, super decks, gas lighting. Fenced backyard. \$99,800. #94885
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FANTASTIC BUY ON ALTO MEMBERSHIP LOT! Full golf & pretty treed views, very buildable! Owner to sell home in Alto is anxious to sell! #94262 \$26,900.

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LOVELY, NEW 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, fully furnished foot lovely Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates. Level access w/extra parking. R.V.I. #93940 \$87,900.

PANORAMIC VIEWS - 3.89 acre tract, 3/2 mobile but many beautiful sites to build! Has well, septic, electric, propane, level new road to lot! #94557 \$89,900.

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MT. FLAVOR WALTO SOCIAL. Covered decks, loft den or 3rd bd., Jacuzzi, gas fp starter, open LR, kit, dr. for entertaining. #94484 \$221,777.

WONDERFUL NEW CONST. IN ALTO. Full golf. Spacious & well built. Open concept - 3 bdr/2.5 bths. Level lot, tall pines. #94028 \$259,000.

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RARE FIND! 58 acres with river frontage, water rights, adjoining National Forest, cute 1 bedroom apartment, tack room, feed room, 2 stalls with self watering and runs. Large hay storage area, corrals, divided into five pastures.

PEACE & QUIET. Located on 78 acres, beautiful 4 bedroom, 3 bath manufactured home, out buildings, well, windmill, fenced and cross fenced, partially wooded, good views, forest close by for horse back riding. \$195,000.

WIDE OPEN SPACES with great potential and a variety of land uses. 181 acres with water rights, completely fenced and well improved with older mobile home, barn, pipe corals, five wells, irrigation system and outbuildings. Perfect location for the horseman or pistachio/pecan farmer. \$210,000.

BONITO LAKE AREA. Great get-a-way for hiking, horseback riding, fishing or just kicking back. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 14' x 60' living room add-on with fireplace. \$37,500.

ALTO FULL GOLF MEMBERSHIP. Choice building site, community water available, zoned for duplex with highway 48 frontage. \$29,950.

\$3 BACH MONDO VALLEY. Very well maintained, 3/2 older home, barn, bunkhouse, commercial building with US Highway 70 frontage, 75 free orchard with water rights. Commercial building presently used as a cafe, but rural zoning allows lots of possibilities. \$349,000.00.

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1BD/2BA, FURNISHED quest house in Upper Canyon on the river. Cable, electric & water paid. \$575/month 257-9502 References a must!

2BD 1-1/2 BA, WASHER dryer. In town location, just painted, gas and water pd. \$625 Call 336-4924

2BD/2BA UNFURNISHED, appliances only, garage. \$750 + utilities. Available now. Call Casas de Ruidoso Toll Free 888-257-7577 or local 257-7577

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3BD/2BA, UNFURNISHED, 2400 sq. ft. Country Estate in Loma Grande on 6 acres. \$1,500/mo. plus utilities. Call Casas de Ruidoso, Inc. toll free 1-888-257-7577 or local 257-7577

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AVAILABLE MARCH 1ST, 2BD/2BA, 2 level, 2 car carport, unfurnished condo. Champions Run \$675 plus utilities. Call Casas de Ruidoso, Inc. Toll Free 1-888-257-7577 or local 257-7577

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BEAUTIFUL HOME FOR Lease/Sale. 2,100 sq. ft., 3BD, 2.5BA, large kitchen, gameroom, stone fireplace, RV carport, large backyard, easy access, great neighborhood. Will consider lease/purchase. \$1,400/month 258-2668



Champions Run Condo

2 bed/2 bath \$825/month \$600/deposit 6 month to year lease

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HOUSES & APARTMENTS SOME ARE ALL bills paid. Call 258-2212

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NICE AND BIG, 2BD/1BA Duplex with office wood floors, washer/dryer connections, front porch, yard and storage. 1/2 block from school in Capitlan. \$485, 6 month, \$450 1 yr. References and deposit. Paula 336-1145

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1BD APARTMENT. Available in Capitlan. \$290/mo plus deposit. Water, trash and sewer paid. 354-0023 or 354-2711

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APARTMENTS ON NOB HILL

All new Santa Fe Style 4-Plexes

Move in Specials

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3BD/2BAMOBILE, W/D hook-up, large fenced yard. Call 258-2212

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2BD/2BA CONDO, \$650/MO. Call Fitter & Associates at 378-8191.

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WANTED RETAIL SPACE: 500 sq ft between 2100-2700 Sudderth Drive. 8 month lease 800-670-3534 or 602-863-9411

AA STORAGE; 378-7030, Inside-Outside storage. 2247 Hwy 70 West, Ruidoso Downs, NM, between Denny's and Big O Tire Co.

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170 BUSINESS RENTALS

AVAILABLE NOW RETAIL or office space 750 sq. ft. store front \$750.00 per month. Atto Complex 1031 Mechem 258-5338

BUILDING FOR LEASE. Excellent Mid-Town location. 1,250 sq. ft. of beautiful retail space. Available immediately 2610 Sudderth (505)252-9178

COMMERCIAL BUILDING on Hwy 70 East. 1 mile east of race track. \$600/month. Water, sewer, & garbage paid. 378-4661

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FOR LEASE: PRIME Office Space. Executive suites with conference room. Also, larger multi-office suites. Interior or Golf Course/mountain views. Abundant parking. 505-258-5824

FOR RENT - COMMERCIAL Restaurant building and equipment at entrance to Upper Canyon. Monthly rental \$2,200 plus utilities. Property also for sale. Call James Paxton, Century 21 Aspen Real Estate 257-9057 or 800-658-2773

LEASE-LONG TERM. Office building on lower Mechem Drive. 4 offices + reception area. Handicapped accessible, air conditioned, excellent condition. \$1,450 per month. 1-888-558-1349

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1988 PORSCHE TURBO 944. Show-room new, 34K miles, Sport leather seats, sun roof, Colgan front end mask, 5 speed, A/C, new Blaupunkt, AM/FM/CD Radio. \$14,500 Firm Call (505)336-1244

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1995 MAZDA 626, 5 SPEED, one owner, with new tires, fully loaded with sunroof. Call 257-6499

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1994 FORD BRONCO 4x4, excellent condition, CD/stereo. \$2,950 Call 257-8502

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1999 OLDS BRAVADA, Loaded, 4x4, leather interior, 35,000 miles. Owner motivated. 258-3255 or 420-3914 Leave message

78 DODGE, 1/2 TON PU Club Cab. \$18 Engine, automatic transmission 4x4. Good work truck. \$625 257-5808

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95 FORD EXPLORER, Control Trac 4 WD. \$8,950 258-1299

98 DODGE 3/4 TON 4X4 Diesel SLT Quad Cab. Loaded, including leather, CD, one owner, excellent condition \$28,500 257-5842

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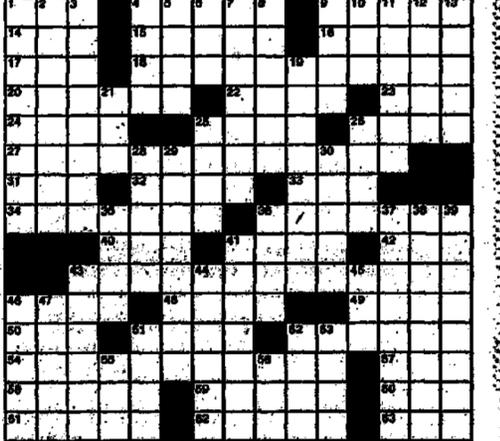
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LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico calls for sealed bids on Bid #00-020.

The Village of Ruidoso seeks to enter into a Lease Agreement for a New Articulated Single Drum Asphalt Vibratory Compactor.

Interested bidders may secure a copy of the specifications from the Purchasing Department at the Village of Ruidoso Centralized Purchasing Warehouse, 421 Wingfield St. in Ruidoso, (505)257-2721 (mailing address: 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345).

Sealed bids must be received by the Purchasing Office, if hand delivered, to the Ruidoso Purchasing Warehouse at 421 Wingfield St., Ruidoso or if mailed, to Purchasing Department, 313 Cree Meadow Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345. Bids will be received until Tuesday, March 6, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. local time, then publicly opened and read aloud at the Village of Ruidoso Water Department, 419 Wingfield, Ruidoso, New Mexico. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

The Village of Ruidoso reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids to waive all informalties and technical irregularities as allowed by the State of New Mexico Procurement Code.

By the Order of the Governing Body
/s/ Morris McGowan
Purchasing Agent
Village of Ruidoso

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Notice is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico calls for sealed bids on Bid #00-021.

The Village of Ruidoso is accepting bids to purchase a Heavy Duty Portable Air Compressor mounted on a Two Wheel Trailer.

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NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations, the following proposed ground water discharge plan(s) have been submitted for approval to the New Mexico Environment Department. The information in this notice generally has been supplied by the applicant and may or may not have been confirmed by the NM Environment Department.

DP-1085, REESE TEXACO, Underground Storage Tank Bureau, New Mexico Environment Department, proposes to renew the discharge permit for the discharge of 67,600 gallons per day of treated ground water from an under ground storage tank remediation system. The facility is located in Ruidoso in Section 25, T11S, R13E, Lincoln County. Up to 57,600 gallon per day of hydrocarbon contaminated ground water will be treated using an air stripper and then discharged into a injection wells and an infiltration gallery. Ground water below the site is at depth of approximately 15 to 65 feet and has a total dissolved solids concentration of approximately 800 milligrams per-liter.

Any interested person may obtain further information from the Ground Water Pollution Prevention Section of the NM Environment Department, telephone (505) 827-2900,

and may submit written comments to the Ground Water Pollution Prevention Section, NM Environment Department, P.O. Box 26110, Santa Fe, NM 87502. Prior to ruling on any proposed discharge plan or its modification, the NM Environment Department will allow thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice to receive written comments and during which a public hearing may be requested by any interested person. Requests for public hearing shall set forth the reasons why the hearing should be held. A hearing will be held if the NM Environment Department determines that there is significant public interest.

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LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lincoln County Enhanced 911 Committee has rescheduled their special meeting from Tuesday, February 21, 2001 to Tuesday, February 27, 2001. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Purpose of the meeting is to continue with the naming of roads in the county with no name or those with duplicate names for E-911 Rural Addressing purposes.

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LEGAL NOTICE

CORRECTED NOTICE OF MEETING DATE CHANGE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board has rescheduled their regular meeting from Tuesday February 20, 2001, to March 6, 2001. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Church in Lincoln, New Mexico. This was necessary due to meeting place renovations.

Copies of the agenda for the meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting.

Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours prior to meeting to make the necessary arrangements.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

Upper Canyon Storage Unit #14 Household & Misc Items Last known owner: Casa Bonita International 2230 Sudderth Ruidoso, NM 88345 LIEN SALE WILL BE HELD: Date: March 10, 2001 Time: 10:00 a.m. Location: Upper Canyon Storage 110 Vision Ruidoso, NM 88345

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Joint Lincoln County-Village of Ruidoso Downs Extraterritorial Zoning Commission for three members to serve on the Commission. Nominee(s) shall be a property owner and must be domiciled and registered to vote within Lincoln County.

Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Joint Lincoln County-Village of Ruidoso Downs Extraterritorial Zoning Commission. The members of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

Plaintiff, vs.

NO. CV-00-110

PAUL A. KEITH, RENEE KEITH, KAREN D. RICHARDSON, THE PACESETTER

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on March 7, 2001, at 10:00 a.m., at the main entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

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. 487

This 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 \$82,738.65, 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

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LEGAL NOTICE

REGULAR MEETING NOTICE

Lincoln County Medical Center Community Board of Trustees Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 26, 2001 8:00 PM Hospital Conference Room Lincoln County Medical Center

Agendas available in the Administrators office the Friday before the meeting.

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MAINTENANCE



Feb. 23, 1951

Needed water system assured; work to start

The Board of Trustees of the Village announced following the last regular meeting of the board that the new water system for which the village has been striving for a period of 5 years since incorporation, will become an established fact in the near future.

The Board has concluded all arrangements for construction and financing of the system and engineering work is now under way.

The engineer's estimate of overall cost is in the amount of approximately \$414,000.

Feb. 24, 1961

Ernest Blood named president of local bank

Ernest Blood, operator with his wife of Blood's Dairy in Alto for many years, and a pioneer resident of Ruidoso, was elected last week as president of Ruidoso State Bank. He succeeds Roswell attorney and mayor Lake J. Frazier, who resigned that position when he disposed of his stock interest in the local bank early in 1961 to a local resident.

Blood has been a member of the bank's board of directors since its organization 7 years ago. He was elected by his fellow board members.

Feb. 26, 1971

Ruidoso skier prospect for Olympic team

Kathryn Campbell, Ruidoso prospect for the U. S. Olympic ski team, will compete Saturday in the Elite Invitational Down Hill Meet in Winter Park, Colo.

The Invitational is a preface to selecting the Junior National Ski Team. Miss Campbell, daughter of Mrs. Barbara Campbell, has been a member for the past two years.

Other Sierra Blanca Ski Club members will be competing this weekend in all classes of the Giant Slalom Ski Race for the Southwestern title of the Rocky Mountain Division. Ruidoso (team) members are Danny Estes, Kevin Crawford, Mark Wimberly, Dale Pearson, Alan Campbell, Greg Mobley Linda Mobley and Sawyer Ward.

Feb. 26, 1981

The Silver Lining by Daniel Agnew Storm

On Feb. 22, the Church of the Holy Mount and the parish hall were filled to overflowing for the final service in the 35-year career in the ministry of father Delbert Achuff.

This Feb. 1 marked 5 years of Father Achuff's service as priest of the Episcopal Church in Lincoln County. His last sermon, as all his sermons have been, was deeply inspiring and comforting.

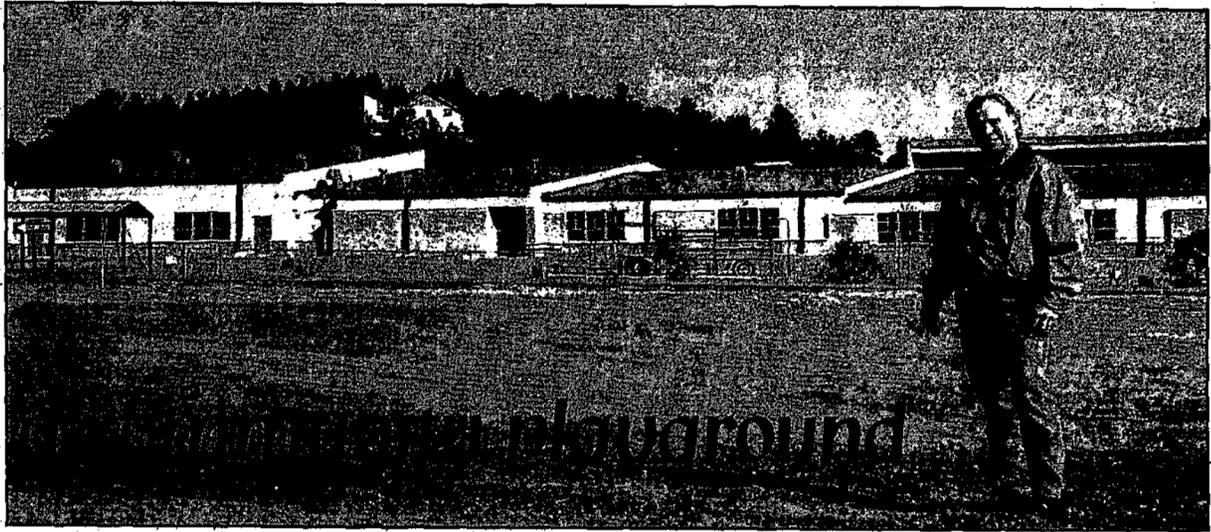
Feb. 28, 1991

Robby Hall is Ruidoso's village employee of month

Robby Hall of the Ruidoso Fire Department was named employee of the month by the Ruidoso Village Council and presented with a plaque at the council meeting last Tuesday.

Acting village manager Leon Eggleston said Hall was a very dependable and responsible employee that is always at work on time.

With a little money and a lot of help from residents, Ruidoso is planning on
Raising



Village Councilor Bill Chance stands in the area behind the White Mountain schools where the community-built playground will rise from the earth come spring.

BY SANDY SUGGITT
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A community-built playground at the White Mountain Recreational Complex has become more tangible with the choice of Leathers and Associates to do the design.

Back in November, the Ruidoso School Board approved a joint powers agreement between the school district and the Village of Ruidoso for an interpretive playground on about an acre of school district land, to be funded by a \$150,000 grant from the state to the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department.

Village Councilor Bill Chance, who's been in charge of the project from the beginning, said representatives from Leathers and Associates will come to Ruidoso on "Design Day" and meet with children from the elementary schools "to get their input as to the type of playground they want, what they envision in their playground — themes (such as) ships or planes or totem poles."

The children will be asked what kind of playground they'd want if they could have any kind they want. The architects will then design the playground, integrating the children's wishes.

"They meet with the kids in various formats," he said. "A majority of the kids will have an opportunity to meet with the engineer and architects and designers of the playground."

The Ithaca, N.Y. firm was one of three bidders for the design-built project, Chance said. It also built Kid's Kingdom in Alamogordo. Its slogan is "Community-Built Builds Community." Only a few companies in the country come in and interact with children, get their ideas and make a design based on them.

"My kids and my kids' friends all go to Kid's Kingdom in Alamogordo," he said. "So I thought, 'Why not have the same quality option for our people in town?'"

Chance said he began thinking of it about a year and a half ago, at the time a recreation center was being



Children are actively involved in the design process. Leathers staff looks to them for ideas and inspiration.

discussed, and that the mayor appointed him as catalyst for the project. The playground in Alamogordo intrigued him because of the large role of the community from conception to finish of the project. And community involvement stayed high once the project was complete.

"Families are there all the time; you'll see kids of various ages from knee-high up to teens, and moms and dads ... it's a family quality experience," he said. "So I felt it was important for our community to have a project where kids can be involved in the design, that some of their dreams can become a reality in the playground concept."

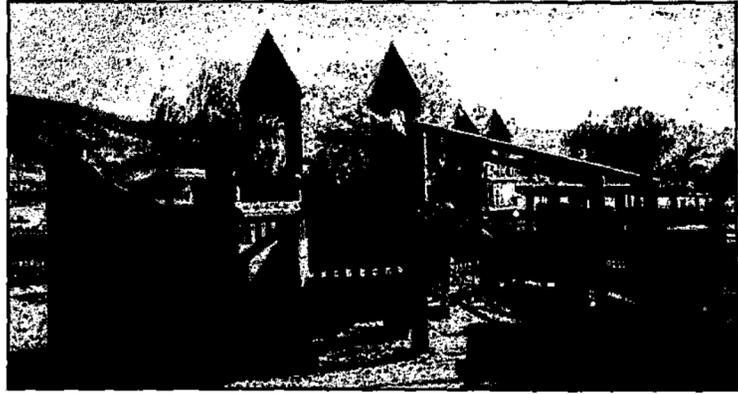
Chance researched companies that involve children and the community in the design and the construction and spoke to children, teachers, principals and parents about the idea.

"Everyone is excited to get it going," he said, adding that the Optimist Club, Rotary and Altrusa have been raising money for the project.

Sierra Vista Primary principal Danny Flores said Ruidoso school administrators are very excited about the partnership between the school and village to provide these play-

ground facilities for the children. Close to 300 of the 400 elementary children have visited Kids' Kingdom in Alamogordo on field trips, he said, and the teachers will love having such a facility nearby.

"It'll be a great reward and incentive," Flores said. "We're excited and we like the location. ... Everybody's involved from the very beginning. Like the Little Red Hen, we're going to plan it and bake it, not just go out



Kids' Kingdom in Alamogordo is another community-built project of Leathers & Associates.

and play in it."

Right now, Chance said, Design Day is being chosen, and children will meet with the architects and do some drawings for their playground. In the spring, the building materials will be assembled on the site, and for four or five days, volunteers from the community will build the playground, which is expected to be finished by summer.

Recycled materials will be used where possible and everything will be low tech, Chance said. Besides playground equipment and facilities, there will be picnic tables and a low-tech restroom like one at the Links Golf Course. Staff from Leathers will come to Ruidoso on Design Day, Organization Day and for the construction period, when they'll work with local volunteers. The biggest concern will be maintenance, Chance said, because the playground will be built mostly from wood.

"There'll be a lot of maintenance, but we're committed to do it," Chance said. "It'll be vandalism-free because it's community owned."

"We'll be doing lots of slide presentations to inform the community and set up committees," Chance said.

Anyone wishing to volunteer for the project can contact Rafael Salas with the Parks and Recreation Department at 257-5030.

Carrizozo Masonic lodge honors its sweethearts

The Carrizozo Masonic Lodge No. 41 held its annual Sweethearts night for wives and friends.

There were 75 in attendance, with 28 ladies.

The Masons presented each lady with a red rose. Several gave talks on the history and stories of the Lodge.

Ralph Dunlap gave a short presentation of his work in Uzbekistan last year. (And a thank-you to the lady that gave a Ralph a rose for me, as I was unable to attend.)

Mrs. Jess Garrison fell at the end of the evening and broke her leg. It was one of those unfortunate accidents. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The Lincoln Pageant and Festivals group met at K-Bob's Sunday evening for the first meeting of the year.

The barrier near the ticket stand and the plaque for Dan Storm was discussed.

It was decided to dedicate this year's pageant to Betty Shrecengost. I do believe she was the oldest member of the cast, having participated since its inception in 1940.

The Christmas luminarias were a success. I hope I have the spelling right, but Kurt Maddy of Muleshoe, Texas, brought his horse and buggy and it was a big attraction. It is hoped they will come back this year.

The group discussed participating in the "Pioneer Days" in March at Roswell. The Roswell people will be dedicating the activities to John Chisum, with a parade and the dedication of a bronze statue. They would like to be part of the parade, since it is

too difficult to get enough together to present a short pageant performance.

Lee Crandall will look into the purchase of walkie-talkies for use during the pageant. This should help with some of the communication problems.

Of course the highlight of the evening was enjoying the photos of the new granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hobbs, Tumey Jean Stokes.

The present officers were re-elected by acclamation: Kent McInnis, president; Lee Crandall, vice-president; Cheri Hobbs, treasurer; and Laura McInnis, secretary.

Checks were presented to the following young pageant participants for their participation at the Lincoln County Fair: Chance Van Winkle, Colt Freemole, Chaubry Metts and Patrick Luna.

Ralph Dunlap informed the group that they would have a fire hydrant just outside the pageant grounds during the new maintenance and con-

struction of the Lincoln Water System. They were to be let Tuesday, Feb. 20.

We are still are having friends and neighbors suffering from the two-day bug that is going around. It isn't fun but it doesn't last long.

Patricia Burk of Fullerton, Calif., visited her aunt and uncle, Leota and Peg Pfingsten over the weekend. Pat and Leota worked on Leota's photographs.

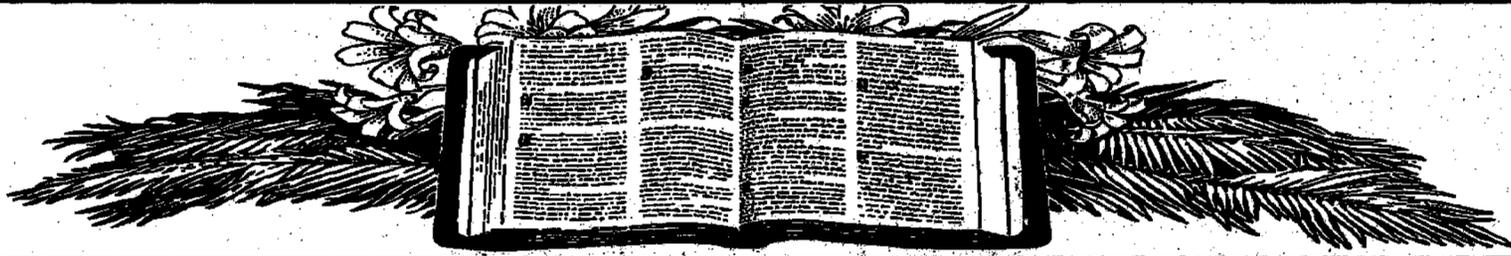
Pat said everyone is conserving on electricity in California, with stores not having so many lights on, offices closing early, etc. The most severe problems are farther north, but everyone is trying to help with cutting down on the use of electricity.

We have had some very nice weather this past week. It is a pleasant change, especially with very little wind.

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| CATHOLIC Sacred Heart Catholic Church Capitan, 354-9102. Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.; Monday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m. | EPISCOPAL St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel Carrizozo, 6th & E Street. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.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. | METHODIST Capitan United Methodist Church Pastor Tom Woodard 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. |
| FOURSQUARE 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. | 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. |
| 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. | CHURCH OF CHRIST 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. |

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| ASSEMBLY OF GOD Apache Indian Assembly of God Mescalero, 671-4747. Donald Pettey, pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday services: 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. | 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. | CONGREGACION HISPANA 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. |
| 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. | Baha'i FAITH Baha'i Faith Meeting in members' homes. 257-2987 or 336-7739 | 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.; Relief Society; Priesthood and Relief Society. | 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. |
| 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. | CATHOLIC St. Eleanor Catholic Church Ruidoso, 257-2330. Reverend Al Galvan. Sacrament of Penance: Sat 4:30 p.m. or by appointment; Sat. Mass: 5 p.m. (Bilingual); Sun. Mass: 10 a.m. (English), 11:30 a.m. (English); Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 4 to 4:30 p.m.; Wed. 6 to 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass, St. Jude Thaddeus, San Patricio: 8 a.m. | 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. | 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. |
| First Baptist Church Ruidoso Downs. Randy Widener, Pastor. Sunday: Worship hour 11 a.m.; Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; Evening worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m. | St. Theresa Catholic Church Corona. Sunday Mass: 6 p.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. | PENTECOSTAL The Apostolites of Lincoln County Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth, 354-4906 or 430-6654. Pastor, Art Dunn. Saturday evening worship 6 p.m. |
| First Baptist Church Tintie. Bill Jones, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m. | St. Joseph Apache Mission Mescalero. Father Paul Botenhagen. Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m. | JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall 106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 257-3871. Sunday, Public Talk 1:30 p.m.; Watchtower: 2:20 p.m. Monday: Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Thursday: Ministry School 7:30 p.m.; Service Meeting 8:20 p.m. | NAZARENE Angus Church of the Nazarene Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Charles Hall, 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. |
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Residential real estate sales increase in 2000

Ruidoso-area residential real estate sales were up 7.5 percent during 2000, according to the Ruidoso Board of Realtors. The number of vacant properties sold was up 19 percent.

The value of sales increased an estimated 2 percent over the previous year. The information was published in the New Mexico Labor Department's Labor Market Review, issued Jan. 31.

Building permits drop

Building permits issued by the village of Ruidoso in January plummeted compared to a year ago.

The number of permits fell by nearly one-third, to 43. The value of the permits dropped by 35 percent, to more than \$2 million.

While new construction permits, both on the residential and commercial fronts, fell by 57 percent, commercial alteration and addition permits were up in value by 80 percent compared to January 2000.

Single-family home permits issued last month added up to \$1.5 million. In January 2000 the value was nearly \$2.4 million.

Wintery weather this year versus a year ago was cited earlier this month by a village official for the decline in building permits.

In Ruidoso Downs just one permit, for a new commercial building with a value of \$30,268, was issued in January.

Contractor appointed

A licensed contractor from Ruidoso has been appointed to the board of the Southern New Mexico Building Officials Association.

Ron Ludwick, a 20-year resident of Ruidoso, was named to the board at a meeting of the group in Alamogordo earlier this month. Ludwick will assist with the planning and scheduling of training programs for the professional building inspection organization.

A graduate of the Ameri-

can Inspectors Institute, Ludwick has been an independent real estate inspector for seven years in Lincoln and Otero counties.

Wells Fargo again rates as the 'most admired'

A bank with presence in Ruidoso and much of the West and Midwest, has been ranked the "most admired" super regional bank in the U.S. by Fortune magazine. The determination marked the second consecutive year Wells Fargo has been so designated.

For the survey, published in the Feb. 19 issue, Fortune asked 10,000 executives, directors and analysts to rate the nation's largest companies for innovation, quality of management, employee talent, financial soundness, use of corporate assets, long-term investment value, social responsibility and quality of products and services. Wells Fargo ranked 40th among all 535 companies in 63 industry categories in the survey.

Wells Fargo has 5,600 offices in the country, including branches in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs.

Silent auction succeeds

This year's silent auction for the Disabled Skiers Program has been labeled a success.

The event, to help those with disabilities learn to ski at Ski Apache, auctioned more than 750 items donated by Ruidoso-area businesses.

The auction raised more than \$15,000 to fund the one-on-one ski instructions for people who have all types and degrees of disabilities.

"We don't turn anyone away because of the extent of disability or financial considerations," said Brett Maul of the Disabled Skiers Program.

"All the support from local businesses like Subway has been outstanding."

Subway Sandwiches supplied a 6-foot sub to the participants in the auction.

"We're glad the auction was a success and that Subway could be a part of it," said Joe Phillip, manager of the store at 148 Sudderth Drive.

EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Forecast for real estate

BY ROSALYN ROBINSON
PIONEER BANK

Commercial and residential real estate markets ended the year 2000 with records of prosperity. If these levels are to be sustained, real estate is cyclical, as we learned during the crashes of the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Residential: Everyone needs a place to live. Home-ownership in the U.S. stands at record levels. More than 67 percent of American households own the homes they live in. Interest rates, employment, housing prices and inflation all impact the housing market. Indicators as we enter the year 2001 are strong.

Interest rates have fallen at least 1 percent from the middle of 2000. The Federal Reserve's decision recently not to increase rates, reinforces confidence that rates might remain low for awhile. Unemployment remains low. The almost non-existent rate of inflation combined with low unemployment leads to consumer confidence.

All would be great if it were not for the jump in housing prices. Nationally, the median jump was 7.6 percent

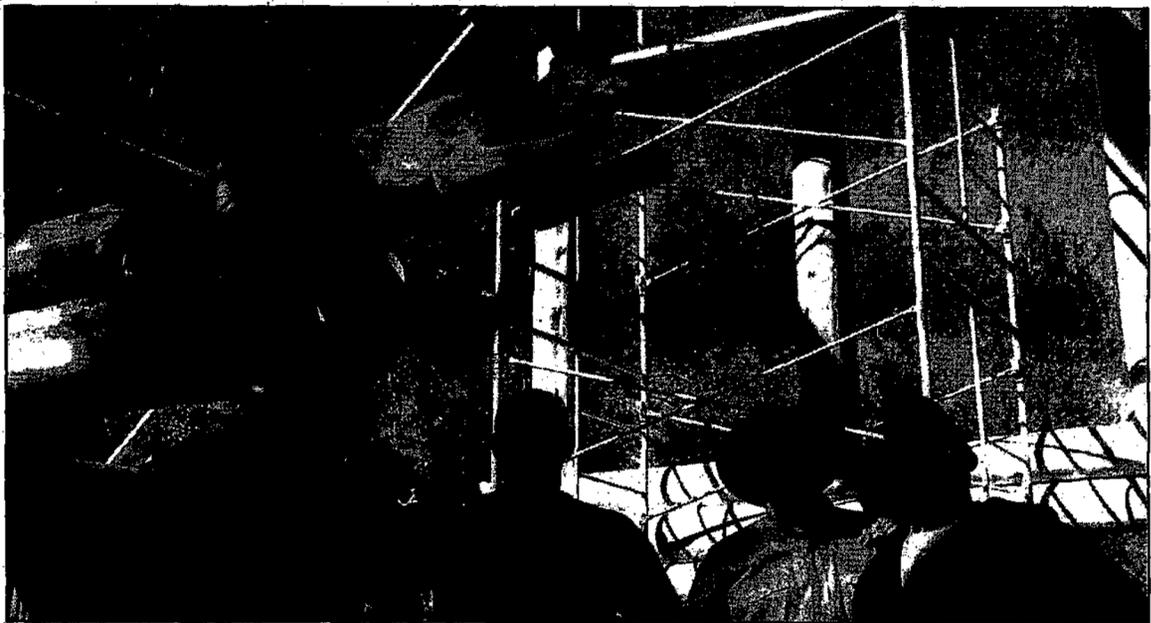
between January and August 2000. While this helps those refinancing, barriers are created for new would-be buyers.

Commercial: Commercial real estate is cyclical, with periods of shortage followed by periods of overbuilding. Commercial real estate transactions are generally leveraged, dependent on cash flows and sensitive to interest rates. Longer construction periods lead to lag time, during which the economic environment can change prior to a project's completion. It is critical that your lender understand their market and your needs.

Commercial real estate falls into five categories: office, industrial, retail, multi-family and hotel. Lag time is greatest for hotels and office structures and shortest for industrial and multifamily projects. Nationwide, commercial construction hit bottom during the credit crunch of the early 1990s.

Summary: As long as unemployment and interest rates remain steady and at current levels, the residential market should be positive in 2001. Commercial real estate will remain unpredictable.

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A new log home was erected this week in Ruidoso. Beaming with satisfaction are Andy Koberwitz, president of West Coast Log Homes; Avery Sturdivan, foreman; Gerald Dietz, president of Alturas Log Homes; and Christopher Smith, construction superintendent. Dietz said the public is invited to an open house at the Resort Drive location on Saturday.

Big logs make big house in Ruidoso

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

With a handful of log home suppliers already in the Ruidoso area, a new company has entered the market.

Alturas Log Homes LLC operators say they offer something massively different.

"We use Western red cedar," said Gerald Dietz, who owns Alturas with his wife, DeDe. "The logs have a 15-inch average diameter."

Andy Koberwitz, president of West Coast Log Homes, in British Columbia, Canada, said the red cedar logs come from trees that are more than 100 years old. He and several other supplier company officials were on hand earlier this week as crews began stacking the huge logs for a home going up on Resort Drive in Ruidoso.

"We'll make it into a very Southwest motif," Dietz said, "with an adobe fireplace. Everything will be top of the line. There will be radiant heat, tile inside. It will be a custom home with a lot of Hispanic culture."

Dietz said the 2,050-square-foot structure definitely will not be low-end. "This house will be here long after we're gone," he said.

He and his wife established Alturas Log Homes in 1997. Previously constructed log homes by the couple's company were in northern New Mexico and

southern Colorado.

"We built one, and it was really hard," Dietz said. "And I realized why people build one or two. But I'd wanted to do this since I was in my early 20s — log homes in the mountains. This area is ready for this type of home. It's upscale."

Although crews were just unloading a tractor-trailer filled with pre-cut logs Saturday, Dietz said the shell of the home would be erected in just a few days.

Cedar logs from West Coast Log Homes are not only pre-cut, they're numbered. The supplier actually puts up the log shell at the factory north of Vancouver, then dismantles the pieces, numbering each component for restacking at the job site.

"We bring it to a new extreme," said Koberwitz. "We're doing 10 (log homes) per year now. We send packages as far away as Japan. Our main goal is happy customers."

Koberwitz praised the quality of Western red cedar, contending the wood will "hold up."

He also said the size of the round logs provides a thermal mass that helps maintain the home's temperature. The logs are stacked with a process he said makes the structure air-tight.

"They're not so big," Dietz said of West Coast Log Homes. "We take people (customers) there. They pick the logs to match what they want."

Each home is custom-designed, and includes a beam that is carved at an end to serve as the ultimate custom design. The home going up on Resort Drive has a mountain lion carved at the end of a beam that guests will see when they enter through the front door. Koberwitz said every home package leaving his factory includes a carving. And the log stacking phase includes a group from the factory.

The cost of Western red cedar homes isn't cheap. Dietz said construction costs average \$150 to \$165 per square foot.

"It's tailor-designed to the people who have the taste," Dietz said.

Problems that had plagued the log home industry in past years seem to be waning, said both Dietz and Koberwitz. They noted that building inspectors have warmed up to the increasing number of log homes. Appraisers and mortgage lenders have also become more open to dealing with would-be log home buyers.

And the general populace has become more inquisitive of massive amounts of wood.

"We're getting people that are stopping and asking about it," said DeDe Dietz at the construction site.

The new home, not being built for a specific owner, will be for sale. The Dietz' encourage those driving by the construction site to stop and check out the activity.

More multi-day conferences sign up for 2001 at Ruidoso Convention Center

Convention business in village growing

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Working to pack 'em in, the Ruidoso Convention Center last year should easily break this year's level of 76,000 guests.

"Our weekends are largely full," said Robyn Cooper, director of sales for the convention center. "We're getting new groups that haven't been here before."

Cooper said 80 percent of the conventions that come to Ruidoso are repeat customers, so the new groups could return in the future.

Among the first-time organizations that have booked at the convention center in the coming months are the South Plains Association of Governments based in Lubbock, Texas. They have conferences set for March, July and September, with 150 people expected to attend. The New Mexico Funeral Services group, with 80 conventioners, will arrive in mid-June. A football coaches workshop, with coaches from New Mexico and Texas, will bring 200 people to the convention center for three days in June.

"One that had been going up north decided to check us out," Cooper said. The New Mexico Auto Dealers Association, with 80 people, will roll in for three days, right after funeral directors leave. A Texas banking group will be in town in July.

"What's great is they'll be playing golf and doing off-site dinner functions," Cooper said.

Many of the new groups will be convening during week days, a time period the Ruidoso Convention Center sales director said fills a void. And most of the conventions are multi-day events.

"The longer they stay the more money they spend," Cooper said.

Ruidoso will be working on a study to determine the economic impact of convention groups, but Cooper said a Las Cruces study showed a convention attendee spent, on average, \$135 daily in the community.

Other new convention groups this year will include a number of governmental organizations, such as New Mexico Emergency Managers and the New Mexico Association of Museums.

Cooper said those groups were lured to Ruidoso thanks to prodding by local officials involved in the organizations. "The great thing about Ruidoso is the people in the community who are active in state organizations," Cooper said.

The gathering of state emergency managers will bring 200 people to the village for three days in August. The museums group involves 150 people for three days in September.

Repeat events and conventions coming to the center include the late-April gathering of EMS officials. Its 400 attendees for a week makes it one of the biggest annual conventions in Ruidoso.

One new-to-Ruidoso organization already has booked the convention center for 2002 and two others are tentative. Cooper said those were the result of sitting down with meeting planners at a recent trade show in Austin, Texas.

The business community in Ruidoso is now being kept apprised of the convention business. The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce's monthly newsletter includes a six-week forecast of what's coming up at the convention center. Cooper said that allows businesses to bring their brochures and discount coupons for inclusion in welcoming packets given to conventioners.

"It lets groups know what's available during their off-site hours," Cooper said.

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Cloudcroft, Tularosa students included

Area high-schoolers get exposure to rocket science and technology

Approximately 100 students and teachers from area high schools will launch 18 high-powered rockets in a project co-sponsored by the New Mexico Space Grant Consortium, the Boeing Co. and the New Mexico State University College of Engineering.

Built by students from Onate, Tularosa and Cloudcroft high schools, the 4- to 6-foot-tall rockets are capable of reaching altitudes of 2,500 feet and will carry payloads of electronic equipment that tell their builders how high and how fast each rocket goes, said Maria Cortez, education administrator for the New Mexico Space Grant Consortium.

The launches will occur at 8 a.m. March 2 on the Jornada Experimental Range, about 15 miles northeast of Las Cruces.

The students and their teachers get their first encounter with the science of building the rockets and of launch technology at a week-long summer workshop held at NMSU and co-sponsored by the Space Grant Consortium, the College of Engineering and the Boeing Co.

The Space Grant Consortium has sponsored the project for seven years.

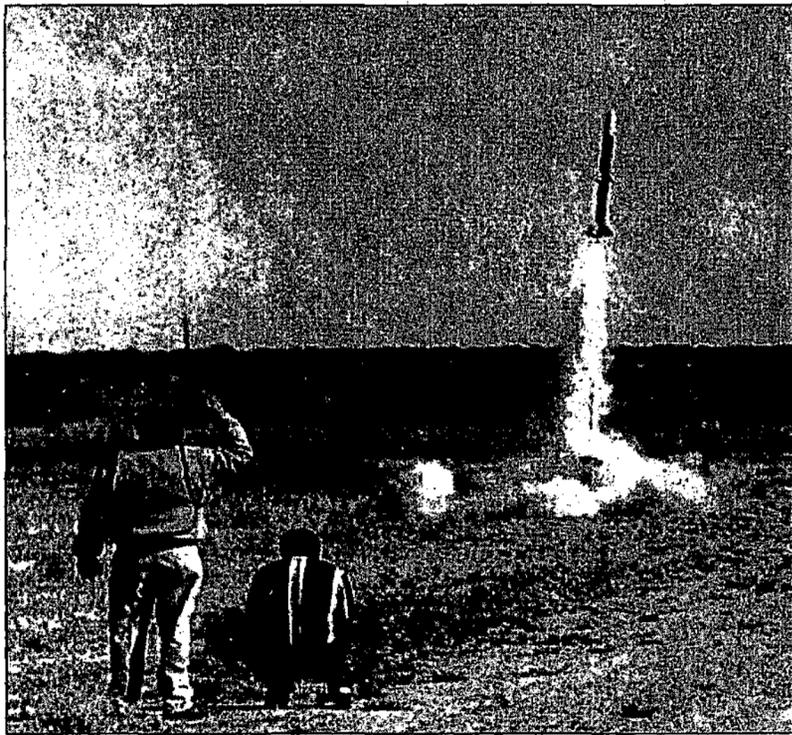
During that summer week, the student-teacher teams are instructed in basic principles of rocketry, engineering and physics.

Each team receives a kit containing all the parts they will need to construct a 4-foot rocket and its accompanying payload, Cortez said.

Once the teams return to their schools, they teach other students in their science and math classes what they have learned at the summer workshop, then build the rockets and payloads as part of their regular science and math curricula.

After the rocket launches, they can retrieve the payloads and analyze the data recorded there with computer software, Cortez said.

The summer workshops give New Mexico students a unique opportunity



One of several rockets built by area high school students in cooperation with the New Mexico Space Grant Consortium, the NMSU Department of Engineering and the Boeing Co. takes off during a previous rocket launch on the Jornada Experimental Range.

to interact with scientists and engineers at NMSU, White Sands Test Facility and White Sands Missile Range, Cortez said.

"Launch Day is a way to increase awareness and understanding of the New Mexico Spaceport effort and related job opportunities in the space launch industry. The program prepares students, parents and teachers for the

coming spaceport by educating them on the launch industry and all its implications," she said.

The public is welcome to attend the launch.

Directions to the launch site, as well as more information on the launch, are available at the office of the New Mexico Space Grant Consortium, mcortez@pathfinder.nmsu.edu.

Professor says tax cut would benefit state

With Congress beginning debate on a tax cut, a New Mexico State University economics professor said there are several reasons lowering taxes would benefit the country and New Mexico.

President Bush has presented Congress with a \$1.6 trillion dollar tax cut package, to be phased in over 10 years. Democrats have responded with a smaller, approximately \$900 billion, tax cut package that is structured so that a greater percentage of its benefits would go to low income earners, said Christopher Erickson.

Whatever package is approved, a tax cut could have several benefits, he said.

Erickson noted that the Federal Reserve Board approved two one-half percent interest rate reductions in January — among the sharpest rate cuts in the Fed's history —

aimed at stimulating an economy that apparently had slowed to near zero in late 2000. He said an economic slowdown, increases the argument for a tax cut, because a tax cut stimulates consumer spending.

The Bush proposal would lower marginal tax rates, from 39 percent to 33 percent in the highest bracket and from 15 percent to 10 percent in the lowest bracket.

Lower marginal taxes encourage work, because workers get to keep more of their investment income, Erickson said. Also, in the wake of a growing surplus, some argue that lowering taxes is only fair, because government should not tax its citizens at a rate greater than is needed to pay for government services, he said.

But there is a deeper economic reason why some authorities are beginning to argue for a tax cut, he added.

"When the government runs deficits, it finances that debt by issuing Treasury bills and Treasury bonds. Only a certain amount of that debt comes due each year. But when we run a surplus, instead of issuing debt we retire it and, if the surplus is too high, we have to buy back the debt before it matures," he explained.

"But the T-bill market is a trillion-dollar-a-day market and T-bills are a major source of liquidity for many banks, insurance companies, even foreign countries. If that debt is paid off too quickly, all of these entities will have to find alternative means of maintaining liquidity," he said.

Finding those alternative sources would not be easy or practical and the whole process could disrupt financial markets, he said.

Locally, the impact of a tax cut will depend on how it affects federal finances, Erickson added.

"This is a low-income state, and New Mexico residents would generally receive less personal benefit from a tax cut than those in other states, which is not to say they would get no personal benefit. A tax cut should stimulate spending, which is a benefit to retail and manufacturing sectors," he said.

"On the other hand, New Mexico is a large net recipient of federal dollars and, if a tax cut means less money for New Mexico-based federal programs, it could have an adverse affect. But the Bush budget, with its support for missile defense and other defense research projects, seems likely to treat New Mexico well. It could be good for us, at least based on the budget Bush discussed in his campaign," he added.

"A tax cut should stimulate spending ..."

Christopher Erickson, economics professor

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Emergency services chief to review fire district lines

Bonito Fire District requested the move after four decades without change

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

As one of her first assignments, Lincoln County's new emergency services coordinator will look at needed revisions to district boundaries of county volunteer fire departments.

County Commissioners voted Thursday to direct Rosemary Hernandez to work with department chiefs who would be affected by a proposed change in the Bonito Fire District requested by Chief Chris Denne, as well as those in other districts.

"We might as well do them all at once," said Chairman Rex Wilson.

Denne said his district hasn't changed since it was conceived in 1960, and now it overlaps into the village of Ruidoso, onto federal forest

land and into areas more easily covered by the Nogal department. Pockets of coverage also are located inside the village limits such as Carrizo Canyon and Cedar Creek, although the Ruidoso department can more effectively respond to those areas.

The state fire marshal has reviewed and agreed with the change that would shrink the district from 109 square miles to 95 square miles, but include areas developing along Sierra Blanca Airport Road and State Highway 48.

Wilson said more formal mutual aid agreements also should be worked out to ensure unfettered and fast responses to fires.

As part of the motion, County Attorney Alan Morel was told to create a resolution to redefine the Bonito Dis-



Rosemary Hernandez, Lincoln County's new emergency services coordinator, was introduced last week to county commissioners.

trict based on Denne's description. Commissioners suggested Hernandez conduct a meeting with all fire chiefs to discuss boundaries and other common problems to prepare for the coming fire season.

Junge quits ETZ post

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Citing a lack of lead time to review applications before the Ruidoso-Lincoln County Extraterritorial Zoning Commission, Al Junge resigned his position on the board Monday.

For the past few months, the former Ruidoso village councilor has criticized the pattern of agendas not being ready for a Monday meeting until the previous Friday.

His comments seemed to tie in with an applicant before the board Monday, who said he wished that members had time in advance to come out to his project site and see first-hand what he has in mind.

"My plan asked that agendas be mailed to the E.T. members one week in advance in lieu of a phone call to come to the village hall and pick up your agenda," he said. "I am not employed by the village administration and resent having to drive to the hall instead of receiving the agenda by mail."

He added later, "Why ask members to decide something on the spur of the moment based on the testimony of two to three people instead of seeing for themselves?"

Junge stayed away from last month's meeting in protest over the handling of agendas. His protest was mentioned at the time by member Reynaldo Valcarcel.

"Although Chairman (Glen) Barrow has not discussed the matter with me, nevertheless, he stated that the status quo was okay," Junge wrote in his letter to the board that he read into the record. "The vice chair agreed. So without any discussion, the whole matter is being shelved. The chairman's position - without any discussion - is

quite clear. "Some hills are worth the effort climbing. This one is not."

Barrow disagreed that the issue wasn't discussed.

"We discussed it at length," he said. "We did get comments from staff about trying to get out the agendas sooner, but we respect that they have a tremendous load. The responsibility of the ETZ was added on with no more staff."

Junge said if the rest of the board is satisfied, he won't pursue the issue, but cautioned that as activity in the zone increases, the time should come that, to do a good job, members will have to go out and view site proposals.

"I don't think you're going to, so I'd like to do something else," he said.

On Tuesday, Junge, who said he has served on the ET board about four years, added to his observations, saying he doesn't consider the planning department customer-minded.

"They're ordinance-minded," he said, pointing to "last minute" notice of additional requirements for an applicant Monday.

Over the past year, agenda items have averaged only one to two a month, he said.

"Are you telling me that only 12 to 15 people a year are wanting to be served in that zone," he said of the one-mile district around the village. "I think the ET is a valuable asset to be protected. It can be made to work with some changes, but I can't do it, so I'm gone."

He will send his resignation to Village Clerk Tammie Maddox, he said, "because I don't know who heads this thing. I was appointed by the county, but the ETZ Authority is over us and the village handles administration."

State, federal funds combine

\$100,000 grant to help improve water quality

A \$100,000 grant recently was awarded to the Upper Hondo Watershed Coalition to improve water quality in an area that includes all of the major drainages in Lincoln County.

Dick Wisner, a member of the coalition formed more than a year ago to protect, restore and sustain water resources of the Rio Hondo watershed, announced the grant from the federal Environmental Protection Agency through the Surface Water Quality Bureau of the New Mexico Environment Department.

Along with a required 40 percent match, the grant cre-

ates a budget of \$167,000 that the group will spend on water quality projects in the upper Hondo watershed and for the development of a long-term restoration strategy, Wisner said. The strategy will serve as the basis for proposals for future grants under the 1997 Clear Water Action Plan, he said.

The plan directed each state to identify watersheds that were most in need of restoration and to give priority to those watersheds for grants.

Within New Mexico, the Rio Hondo was pinpointed as one of the state's 21 most

impaired watersheds. The coalition was formed to access the money.

Members of the coalition think the receipt of the current grant puts the group in an ideal position for going after future grants over the next few years, Wisner said.

The formation of the coalition was sponsored by the Ruidoso River Association, of which Wisner is executive director. He also serves as the initial chairman of the coalition.

Members include diverse stakeholders in the watershed, including the Mescalero Apache Tribe, the villages of Ruidoso

and Capitan, the Lincoln County Commission, the city of Alamogordo and Holloman Air Force Base, the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District, the Rio Bonito Preserve, the Ford Secure Trust, the Public Land Use Action Committee of Lincoln County and the river association. Its advisory board includes representatives from the state Environment Department, the State Land Office, the office of the State Engineer, the federal Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Geologic Survey.



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ON THE GO WITH HANK AND ELLEN

Scorpions for lunch in Singapore

BY ELLEN AND HANK BARONE
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

What a change! We arrived in a tropical paradise 38 hours and 9,418 miles after leaving New Mexico in a snowstorm. From blizzard conditions, we came to the heat and humidity of the equator, to the city/island/nation of Singapore. We had come to take the Eastern and Orient-Express rail trip through Malaysia to Bangkok, Thailand, and later to travel down the Ayeyarwady River on the river cruiser "Road to Mandalay" in Myanmar/Burma.



The Barones

We had been looking forward to our first trip to southeast Asia, having read memorable stories and seen movies about that part of the world — Rudyard Kipling's "Mandalay," "The King of Siam (Thailand)," "Murder on the Orient Express," "The Bridge Over the River Kwai," to name a few. The trip more than lived up to our expectations.

Upon arrival in Singapore, we were transported to the aptly named hotel, Shangri-La, with its own rain forest complete with waterfall, green trees and flowering plants throughout the grounds and hotel interior. It was a magical haven. The entire city is full of such greenery. We noticed it as soon as we disembarked at Singapore's Changi

International Airport. Several complex mini-jungles thrive right in the airport's terminal buildings. Flowering plants and trees are everywhere. Since the late 1960s, Singapore has pursued a policy of making the environment green with parks and plantings designed to humanize the concrete jungle.

Not only was the city of Singapore unique with its beauty and cleanliness, but we were immediately enamored with the Singaporeans we encountered. Our love of traveling isn't based only on our desire to see new places, but to meet new people too. The Singaporeans we met made us feel comfortable in a strange city.

Although Singaporeans come mainly from four nationalities, Chinese, Malaysian, Indian and Eurasian, there is a definite sense of unity. When we asked our new friend, Annie Tan, what nationality she was, she immediately replied, "Singaporean."

Singapore has no shortage of fine dining opportunities, but one unforgettable meal was lunch at the Imperial Herbal Restaurant, with its on-site doctor to advise you on what to eat to cure what ails you. Our meal began with Yu Sheng (raw fish salad). After the waiter added all the ingredients, everyone at the table stood up and shared in tossing the salad. It was to bring us luck and prosperity and is to be eaten during the Chinese New Year, which was being celebrated during our visit. We drank Jasmine tea and ate an egg-white custard with scallops. Later,

there was chicken with Ginkgo Biloba for the memory, spicy shrimp with walnuts and mushrooms with snow peas.

The most memorable dish, by far, was a deep-fried scorpion on a fish cake. That's right, a scorpion! Complete with little pincers and curled tail. There was one for each of the four of us, but we sat there looking at them, and thought, "There's no way!" Memories of unpleasant run-ins with scorpions in a Mexican rental home flooded back. But our friend, Michael, ate his and Missy started on hers, so, after looking at each other, we joined in. They really weren't bad — just crunchy. We smile when remembering Missy with just the scorpion's tail sticking out of her mouth. In our travels we had eaten ants, grasshoppers, rattlesnake and barracuda, but we didn't know anyone ate scorpions. They're supposed to help detox your body, our waiter informed us.

We could easily have spent our entire vacation in Singapore but were excited to board the train for Bangkok where another exciting city awaited.

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Federal funding boosts 4-H outreach in N. M.

Six new agents to be hired with Justice money

LAS CRUCES — New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service will receive \$1 million in federal funding for 4-H outreach to at-risk youth and strengthening 4-H clubs in New Mexico.

4-H, which stands for head, heart, hands and health, is the world's largest youth organization, with 6.4 million members. It helps young people gain the life skills they need to become productive citizens, using a hands-on, "learn by doing" approach. New Mexico 4-H programs began in 1912.

U.S. Justice Department funding approved Feb. 1 for New Mexico includes about \$750,000 for at-risk youth programs and nearly \$300,000 for 4-H youth development program support.

The money will be used to hire six new 4-H agents for three years, said Jesse Holloway, 4-H department head.

The program will target areas with at-risk youth populations and understaffed county extension offices, he said.

"The new 4-H agents will spend three-quarters of their time in outreach to youth at-risk, to establish new clubs with those groups," he said. "The other quarter of the agents' time will be spent in

working with the 4-H programs already in place."

Six counties will be selected for new staff, based on proposals submitted to district extension directors this month. New agents are expected to begin work in the fall, Holloway said. The 4-H funding stems from a very supportive congressional delegation, he said.

"This fits very well with one of the major goals we're emphasizing, which is strengthening our 4-H club programs," Holloway said. "Adding six new agents to work with new audiences and in areas where we're not represented should certainly strengthen our overall 4-H program."

Currently, 50,200 youth in New Mexico participate in 4-H. About 7,600 are enrolled in traditional 4-H clubs, and the rest take part in school enrichment or special-interest programs, Holloway said.

"This funding will provide additional 4-H opportunities for youth from various communities and settings to experience hands-on learning," said Linda Schultz, state 4-H specialist. "Any time we can help youth succeed and gain skills in the process, we all win as a society."

NMSU's Miley Gonzalez returns home after years as top USDA deputy in Washington

LAS CRUCES — For nearly four years, I. Miley Gonzalez basked in the public limelight as a top Washington, D.C. power broker. As the U.S. Department of Agriculture's undersecretary for research, education and economics, he oversaw four major agencies with a total budget of nearly \$2.2 billion, managed a staff of almost 10,000 employees, and hopped around the globe with President Clinton and top officials.

With the White House in new

hands, Gonzalez has returned to Las Cruces. He is associate dean of New Mexico State University's College of Agriculture and Home Economics and director of the Agricultural Experiment Station, the college's research arm.

"It's terrific to be back home," said Gonzalez, who was on unpaid leave as the college's associate dean for academic programs while at USDA. "The Washington experience was wonderful, and I do miss some of

the excitement of being at the center of issues where decisions have international implications. But New Mexico provides another set of opportunities, and it's great to be living in the Southwest again."

Only one other New Mexican has served in a top-level USDA post: Clinton P. Anderson, who was secretary of agriculture from 1945 to 1948.

Gonzalez became undersecretary in August 1997 after six years at

NMSU.

The Southwest native was born in Texas, lived in La Union, N.M., and was raised in San Simon, Ariz., along the state line between Arizona and New Mexico.

At 54, he has worked in agriculture his entire adult life. He started out managing spice farms in Arizona and Mexico. Since 1969, he has worked as a professional educator with bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Arizona and a

doctorate in agricultural and extension education from Pennsylvania State. His Hispanic roots and youthful experiences in Mexico planted an international seed that has blossomed throughout his career, guiding Gonzalez to head agriculture-related programs around the globe.

Gonzalez will concentrate on strengthening collaboration between New Mexico State and other research institutions involved in all walks of science.

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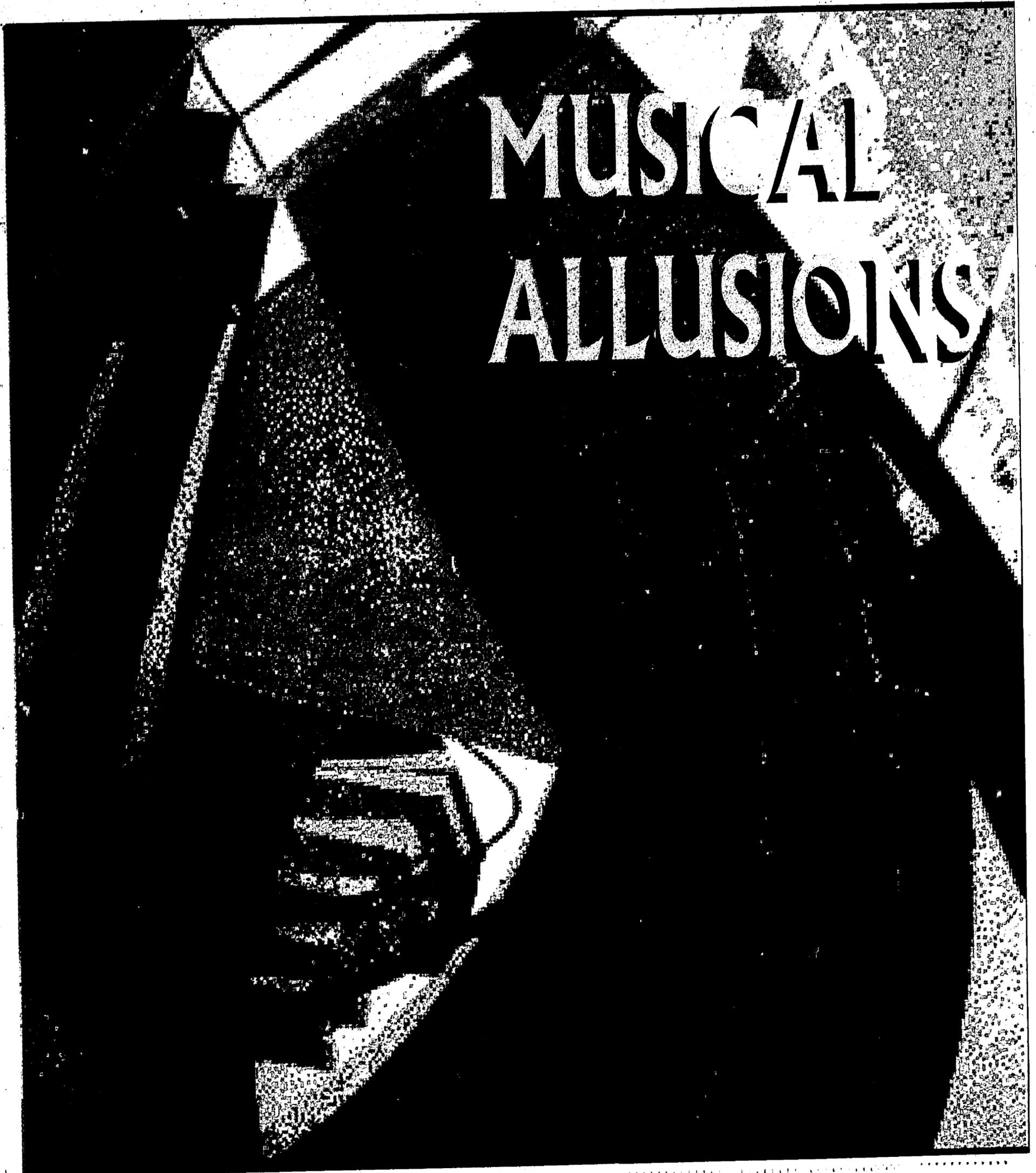
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Artist's Bulletin Board

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BOOK ART WORKSHOPS will be offered at Fruit of the Tree, Highway 380, mile marker 95.9, in Lincoln. Instructor Mita Saldana is a bookbinder, boxmaker, silversmith and owner of Against the Grain Center for Book Arts in Albuquerque. She exhibits her books and jewelry in the Albuquerque and Chicago areas and has taught in many places in New Mexico.

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 co-op 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 co-op with 5-10 other artists. For your chance at one of the spots, call Suzanne Butler-Marra, 354-6206, or e-mail to aa5dx@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.

Museum kicks off 'Informed Vision'

The Roswell Museum and Art Center's "Informed Vision" lecture and performance series offers four outstanding programs for the 2001 season. Series price for all four programs is \$8. Tickets can also be reserved for individual programs at \$3. Seating is limited and, pending availability, tickets will be sold at the door. To reserve tickets, call (505) 624-6744, extension 10.

The series starts at 6:30 p.m. today with a lecture by artist Walter Cotten, following the opening of his exhibit, "Mnemonic." A reception for the artist will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cotten is professor of art at San Diego State University and holds a master of fine arts degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara. He is an artist-in-residence with the Roswell program, which is administered by the RMAC Foundation. Cotten uses the technology of pinhole photography to create subtle and unusual compositions that explore the wonder and complexity of the found object. In his talk, Cotten will explain his technique and discuss aspects of his imagery.

On March 8, Dave Barnett will present a Chautauqua performance, "John S. Chisum, Cattle King of the Pecos." Hear the story of Chisum's successes and failures running the largest ranch in the West (at that time). Listen to his views on the War on the Pecos, the Lincoln County War, Billy the Kid and the gunfights, justice and misadventures of his life and times. Barnett is a Carlsbad actor, teacher and artist. His performance is made possible, in part, by a grant from the New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities. This program coincides with the dedication of the John Chisum sculpture in Roswell's Pioneer's Plaza on March 10.

The third program of the series, "John Brandi: Reflections in the Lizard's Eye," is scheduled for 7 p.m., March 22. Brandi's writing — hailed by novelist John Nichols as a "bittersweet, hardass, heartfelt swan song to the disappearing vestiges of a more truthful way of life" — celebrates maverick New Mexico cowboys, Hopi mesa dwellers, iconoclast truckers, Mexican folk artists, Hispanic curanderas, fellow poets and hardscrabble wanderers of slickrock and sage.

"Artful Lives — Living Portraits of Women Artists: Georgia O'Keeffe and Frido Kahlo" will be presented by Boston-based actress Robin Lane will be at 7 p.m., April 5. Lane, acclaimed for her depictions of historical figures, has drawn sharply-etched portraits of some of the greatest artists of all time. She re-enacts episodes and anecdotes from these two famous artists' lives. The script is authored by Lane and she does one costume change during the show, which uses projected backdrops of the artists' works and domestic surroundings.

ON THE COVER



Sandy Suggitt

KEYBOARDS AND ORGAN PIPES orchestrate the combination sculpture-paintings of Bruce Dietrich. Tune in on PAGE 6D.

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'Swan Lake' presented by the Moscow Festival Ballet

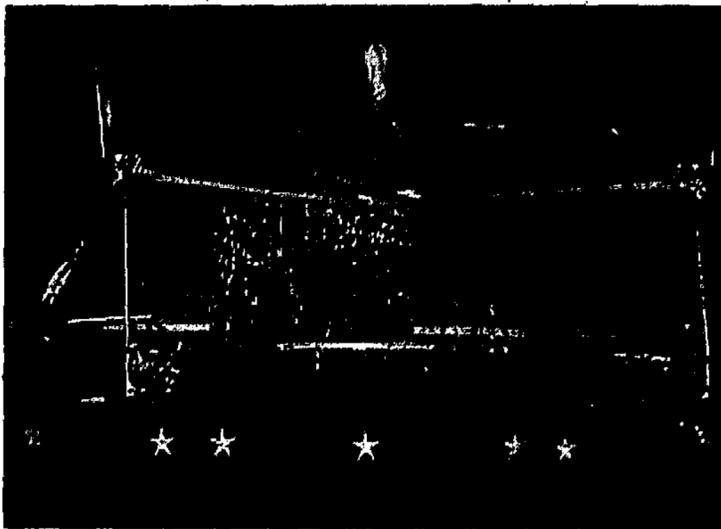


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The four-act ballet was performed by the 12-year old company, the Moscow Festival Ballet, under the direction of principal dancer Segei Radchenk at Spencer Theater on February 10.



This was the circus that was



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The American All-Star Circus presented two shows at the Ruidoso Convention Center on February 16, and plenty of animals got into the act.



Ruidoso Arts Commission

by Gail J. Gillem
SECRETARY

The Ruidoso Arts Commission held its rescheduled meeting on February 15. Virginia Watson Jones reported that Terry Bumpass, the judge for the Lincoln County Artist Governor's Gallery Show would be in town on March 6. Bumpass will pick up the juried art and take it to Santa Fe. The show opening is to be March 16 at the Governor's Gallery. Local artists and residents are encouraged to attend. It is a wonderful chance to represent Lincoln County's interest in the arts and meet with the Governor.

Santa Fe artist Paul Evans' four large metal sculptures, "Slanted View," have now been placed at the Ruidoso Convention Center and Village

Hall. Gail Gillem and The Ruidoso Arts Commission would like to thank Sandy Suggitt for the wonderful article and photographs in the February 9th issue of *Vámonos!*. We also would like to commend the village workers for their enthusiasm and good work in moving the sculptures. Title plaques will be added to the pieces soon, and the public is invited to enjoy them.

The guidelines for the Ruidoso Visual Arts Jury were approved and discussion moved to the statewide "Trail of the Painted Pony" project. Apparently, project manager Rob Barker of Santa Fe neglected to inform key people involved in the arts in Lincoln County about the project in time for Ruidoso to participate. Gaylon Gillem, general manager of Classic Bronze, said that he spoke to Barker on

the phone and was told we were too late this year. He said the foundry and Phoenix Gallery would have gladly sponsored a pony for the exhibition if they had been informed earlier. He also stated that several other local artists had been interested in sponsorship and all assumed it was a nonprofit state organization promoting the Painted Pony Trail. Pam Cromwell, editor of the new *Bob* magazine, said that although many have been misled, the Painted Pony Project was indeed a for-profit project by Barker. Much discussion followed, including comments about using animal art to promote our community with a sense of humor. Lizards are being used in Orlando, Florida and 100 cows are displayed in Plainview, Texas. Everyone felt that we should do our own promotion

project. Commission member Joan Zagone agreed. She is interested in implementing a plan for a community project that will make art more accessible to the public as well as educate the public about cultural tourism activity. The Painted Pony Project discussion was tabled indefinitely. The new project will be on the March agenda for discussion.

The subcommittee formed last month to discuss a possible venue for an art showing for Lincoln County artists will meet February 21. The committee will include Vice Chairman Virginia Watson Jones, Secretary Gail Gillem, Arts Coordinator Mary Lea Lane, artist-instructor Susan Weir Ancker and artist Jack Schuller. For the Education Committee, Cathi McIntosh reported that a model is now available of the planned school

auditorium and it is hoped that the groundbreaking may be before the school year is over. Resolution 2001-01 concerning reasonable notice of public meetings was amended and approved. A new Arts Commission Member Directory has been prepared by secretary, Gail Gillem and is available to anyone upon request.

The Ruidoso Arts Commission meetings are scheduled monthly, every second Thursday at 4 p.m. at Village Hall. February's meeting brought nine visitors. The commission members would like to thank the visitors for attending and encourage others interested in the arts to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for March 8 at 4 p.m. An agenda will be published in the *Ruidoso News* on March 7. The commission continues to explore the best ways to promote local art.

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

Friday, February 23

Museum Kicks Off "Informed Vision"
5:30-6:30 p.m., a reception for Walter Cotten is followed by a lecture from the artist at the Roswell Museum and Art Center. Cotten uses the technology of pinhole photography to create subtle and unusual compositions that explore the wonder and complexity of the found object. In his talk, he explains his technique and discusses the unique aspects of his imagery. For more information or to reserve tickets call the call the museum at (505) 624-6744 extension 10.

Saturday, February 24

'Così fan tutte' on FM radio.
'Così fan tutte' by Mozart will be broadcast in Ruidoso from 11:30 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. on KENV, 91.3, with Patrick Summers conducting. The cast includes Melanie Diener (Fiordiligi), Susan Graham (Dorabella), Dawn Upshaw (Despina), Paul Groves (Ferrando), Rodney Gilfy (Guglielmo), Michele Pertusi (Don Alfonso). Betting on the fidelity of their ladylovers, two gentlemen get more than they bargained for.

Sunday, February 25

Cyber Arte
Cyber Arte opens in the Contemporary Changing Gallery, a component of the Hispanic Heritage Wing at the Museum of International Folk Art in Santa Fe through October 28. Focusing on the computer-inspired art by Hispanic, Latina and Chicana artists who combine "folk" elements with state-of-the-art technology to create a new aesthetic for the 21st century, the exhibition promises to be a virtual extravaganza highlighting this recent movement in contemporary art. Museum admission is \$5 for adults; \$1 on Sundays for New Mexico residents with I.D.; free for ages 16 and younger. The Museum of International Folk Art is located on Camino Lejo off Old Santa Fe trail, Santa Fe. For more information contact Dr. Tey Marianna Nurni at (505) 476-1219 or Jennifer Marshall at (505) 476-5001.

ENMU Symphony Orchestra Concert
3 p.m. at the School of Music's Buchanan Hall in Clovis. Tickets are \$6 for general admission and \$2 for students. Seating is limited to 230. All proceeds will benefit the University Symphony League Scholarship fund. Tickets are available at the ENMU School of Music, Valley Furniture, 101 South Main, Portales and Mc Daniels Furniture, 1020 Main, Clovis.

Carnaval Veracruzano at Popjoy Hall
2 p.m. performance in Albuquerque. Salsa music and buoyant dancers celebrate Carnival, with a party in the lobby before they start. Tickets are \$17, \$22, \$25 available from tickets.com by calling (800) 905-3315, online at www.tickets.com or by visiting any tickets.com outlet.

El Paso Pro-Musica's 2000-2001 Season February Concert
2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 805 Montana, El Paso. Tickets are \$17.50 for adults, \$12.50 for Seniors and \$5 for full-time students with I.D. Tickets are available from UTEP Ticket Center and all Ticketmaster outlets. For more information call the El Paso Pro-Musica at (915) 833-9400.

Tuesday, February 27

After-school Tuesdays

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

Wednesday, February 28

Evening of Western folk music hosted by museum
7 p.m. at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum in Las Cruces. The museum is accepting monetary donations that will go to the performers. Performers include Lorraine Rawls, Gail Steiger, Skelly Boyd and Ginger Evans. For more information, call (505) 522-4100.

Pre-school Storytime
2 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library. Call 258-3704 for more information.

Thursday, March 1

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

Alamogordo Space Center Shuttle Camp
Shuttle Camp registration opens. For more information call (505) 437-2840 or (877) 333-6589.

Indian Arts and Culture Master Classes
The Museum of Indian Arts & Culture in Santa Fe initiates a series of master classes exploring topics in Native American art and the archaeology of the Southwest. The Insights series consists of two, three-part programs that promise to dig deep into cultural history and art interpretation, shedding new light on the living traditions of the Southwest's Native people. Conducted by Paul Zollbrod and Tim Maxwell, the afternoon workshops will explore both historical and current issues. 3-5 p.m. Thursday afternoons with Dr. Zollbrod March 1, 15 and 29; 4-6 p.m., Wednesday afternoons with Maxwell, March 28, April 4 and 11. The cost of the three-part master classes is \$50 per person and \$45 per person for museum of New Mexico Foundation members. The master classes are held at the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, 710 Camino Lejo, off Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe. Call (505) 476-1271 for registration and more information.

Friday, March 2

Rick at the Flick
7:30 p.m., Country music star Rick Trevino will perform at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts in Alamogordo. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$16 for children. Call the Flickinger Center at (505) 437-2202 and reserve tickets or come by 1110 New York Avenue to purchase them.

Ongoing

Sacred Places Exhibit
Open through May 27 at the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture on Camino Lejo, off Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe. 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. Tickets are \$1 on Sundays for New Mexico residents with I.D., \$5 for adults, no charge for 16 years of age and younger. For more information contact Duane Anderson at (505) 476-1251 or Jennifer Marshall at (505) 476-5001.

Open Studio Drawing Workshop
9-noon Tuesdays, at the Fruit of the Trees, (505) 653-4699.

Solarium and Waves MAX Films
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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
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• **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
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Ruidoso Public Library
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Exhibits & Receptions

Chamber Exhibit of the Month
Photographer, Melanie J. Sanchez is the February Exhibit of the Month at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

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

Movies

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Romance.
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Starring: Michelle Yeoh, Zhang Ziyi, Chang Chen, Chow Yun Fat, Sihung Lung.
Directed by Ang Lee.
Produced by Ang Lee, Bill Kong and Li-Kong Hsu.
Written by Hui Ling Wang, Kuo Jung Tsai, James Schamus, Wang Hui Ling and Kuo-Rong Tsai.
Distributor: Sony Pictures Classics



Courtesy

ZHANG ZI-YI and Michelle Yeoh in Sony Pictures Classics' "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon."

Synopsis: Known for making films about familial relationships, director Ang Lee surprised everyone with his martial arts epic "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." Based on a novel by Wang Du Lu, "Crouching Tiger" starts with the revenge plot common in the wuxia stories that Lee loved as a child, then adds a feminist twist. Li Mu Bai (Chow Yun Fat) is a legendary martial artist who has decided to pass on his sword, the Green Destiny, to a friend. Soon afterwards, the sword is stolen by a masked female, setting in motion events that test the bonds of family, love, duty, and sisterhood. Chow appears with three generations of female stars: Cheng Pei Pei, a 1960s action heroine; Michelle Yeoh, the beauty queen turned 1980s action goddess; and newcomer Zhang Ziyi, who smolders as the princess who wants more than domestic tranquility. Famed action choreographer Yuen Wo Ping (The Matrix) stages jaw-dropping zero-G fights across rooftops, rivers, and bamboo trees, while Yo Yo Ma punctuates the fistcuffs with dramatic cello solos. Described by Lee as "Sense and Sensibility with martial arts," Crouching Tiger recalls the best wuxia films of the 1960s and pushes the genre in new directions.
Showtimes: *1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., *9:30 p.m.

Save The Last Dance
Romance.
Rated PG-13 for violence, sexual content, language and brief drug references.
Starring: Julia Stiles, Sean Patrick Thomas, Blanca Lawson, Fredro Starr, Kerry Washington.
Directed by Thomas Carter.
Produced by David Madden and Robert W Cort.

Written by Cheryl Edwards, Duane Adler and Tori Ann Johnson.
Distributor: Paramount Pictures
Synopsis: With her dreams of becoming a professional ballerina decimated by the accidental death of her mother, Sara Johnson (Stiles) is forced to move from her quiet Midwestern town to her father's ghetto apartment on the south side of Chicago. The stark urban environment's contrast of race and class compound Sara's loss and her misplaced guilt, which are both exacerbated by the fact that her mother had been en route to her dance performance at the time of her death. But when she meets Derek (Sean Patrick Thomas), a popular black student with a passion for hip hop and a future brighter than his troubled past, her repressed ambition and sorrow are released through a revitalized interest in the cathartic and expressive power of dance. Their friendship and mutual interest in dancing inexorably lead to a passionate romance that raises the sadly typical, bigoted resistance from Sara's white father and Derek's black friends. Widely hailed by critics for being as sophisticated and intelligent as it is viscerally passionate, "Save The Last Dance" enjoyed the top of the American box office in its first weekend in release, playing to sold-out

shows across the country, a landslide affirmation that Sara and Derek are not as alone as they think.
Showtimes: *2 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m., *9:40 p.m.

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 Laurentis, Edward Saxon, Martha De Laurentis and Ridley 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: *1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., *9:15 p.m.

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The Arts

Musical allusions

Story by
Sandy Suggitt

RAMONOS! EDITOR

Painter, sculptor, photog-

rapher, musician — Bruce Dietrich is all of these, because he creates in visual form what he hears and what he plays on the organ he's had since he was 16 years old.

His sculptures tower, exploding around the viewer as the piece of music it alludes to explodes in the ear drums of the listener.

Dietrich explains the reason for his 16-foot painting-sculptures: "You can't escape music, so you shouldn't be able to escape my painting. How can you get any explosive feeling from a one-foot picture?"

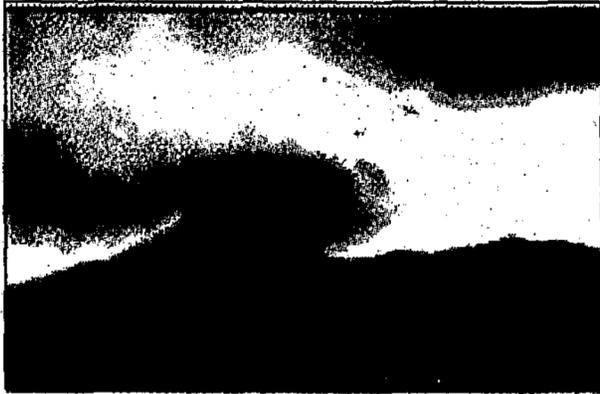
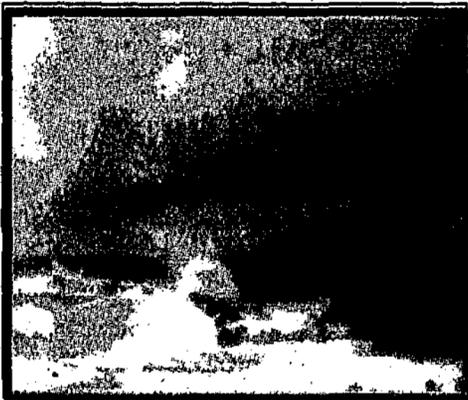
Some of his sculptures are so large that he designed them to be hung

from the ceiling; another had to be cut to fit into his house in Ruidoso.

Discussing his love of Bach and his visual expressions of it necessarily mixes metaphors and confuses the musically unschooled.

He began playing the organ at age 7 and by age 11 was playing for a church in Virginia Beach, Virginia, where he grew up. When he first heard music by Bach, also at age 11, he was entranced by the penetrative qualities or the "brain-wave organizational ability" of it, and found that with it he could control the symptoms of Tourette's Syndrome. Bach's music, Dietrich found, helped to maintain his internal balance.





"The first Bach piece I heard flushed all the way through me," he said. It was the third movement of Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 4 and he became totally engrossed in it.

Then he found that he could paint his experience of the music for a similarly healing effect because, he said, "Painting is a manifestation of the order of the music ... a union of thoughts and sensations (or) an amalgamation of all that energy being biochemically released and 'dumped out' on a canvas."

"That feeling of internal resolution in what I hear results in the internal resolution in what I paint as a visual, and it's further translated into color and geometry.

"I paint the representations of the notes and then the representations of the sensations that occur within me when you hear the polyphony."

Although Tourette's Syndrome forced him to embrace Bach's music, and he could play anything by ear, Tourette's prevents him from reading music and he was forced to give up performing.

For Dietrich (and for Scriabin and Rimsky-Korsakhov, who each have their own systems of color-to-sound correspondences), each key has a color and each instrument its own shape. For example, D major is uplifting and cheerful and uplifting, and therefore yellow. A flute is "round-sounding" and therefore represented by circles, while a piano is an isosceles triangle.

Photography was his first passion, which he took up at age 14, studying camera and lighting techniques and developing in both black and white and color. Here, too, his art benefited from his Tourette's Syndrome compulsion to assimilate information, and as with painting, his photographs are composed and framed in musical allusions.

Dietrich moved to Ruidoso from Virginia Beach seven years ago, leaving behind a career as an industrial engineer for Nabisco "to become a starving artist in New Mexico." He came to Cimarron, in northeast New Mexico, when he was 16, to learn survival skills at a Boy Scout ranch, and fell in love with the state then.

He attended Old Dominion College, majoring in music, but "they found out I couldn't read music after two years. That's when I started painting it," he said. "The same mechanism that allows me to play by ear lets me play by eye."

Georgia O'Keeffe's use of colors inspired him, and he says he painted flowers to learn to blend and manipulate color.

"Then I realized I could paint music because I could see it, specifically baroque music — Bach, Mozart."

The influence of Escher is also apparent in his geometric designs, and Dietrich admits that he likes to paint optical illusions (as well as allusions), and that he paints onto the canvas as it comes out of his head.

His sculptures are so large (upwards of 1,000 pounds) that he invented a (10-foot) global protractor so his 12-foot keyboards will always appear to face the viewer, no matter from which angle they're viewed, like Mona Lisa's eyes.

Time is as elastic as a note to Dietrich: He spends days creating a color for a keyboard, and some of his sculptures have taken a couple of years to complete.

Several of the sculptures are made from some 100-year-old organ pipes Dietrich rescued from a bonfire at a synagogue in Norfolk, Virginia, which intensifies his purpose because he's also a one-man rescue mission

as well as an artist.

Dietrich had to suspend work on one of his sculptures when he ran out of room in his house, but he's in the process of buying a large building in Carrizozo where he'll open a gallery and be able to create even larger pieces.

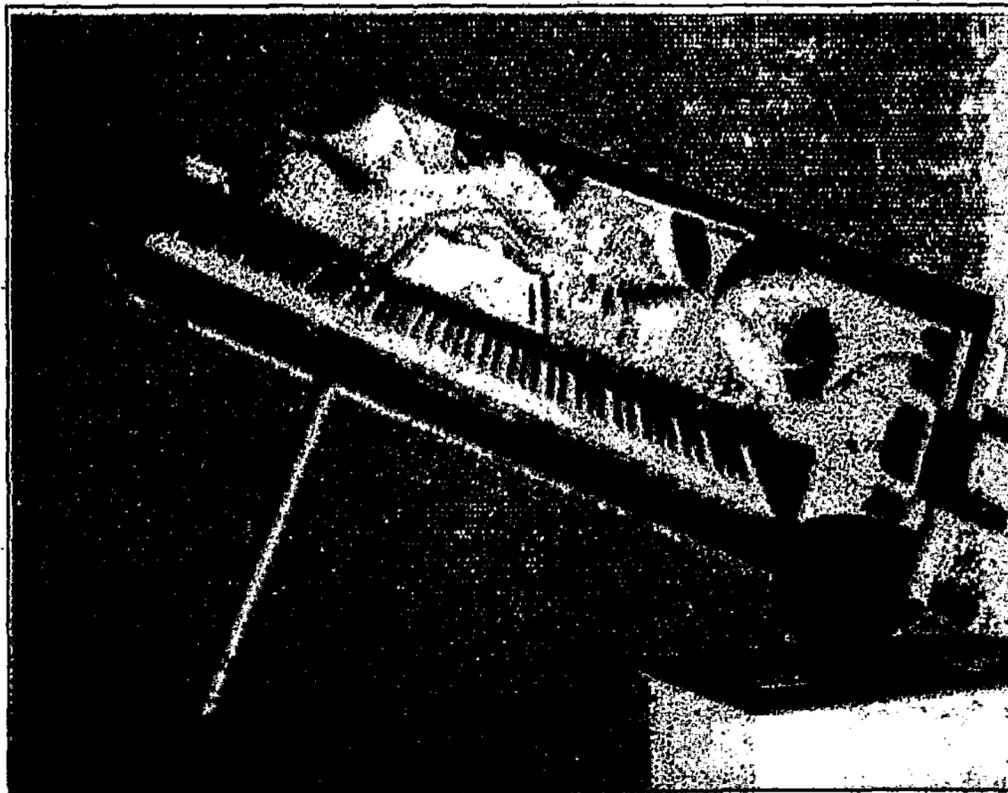
Although his work won first place from the Graphic Arts Technical Foundation in 1986 and a painting was juried into the 1999 Hubbard Museum art show, the size of his work has prevented him from exhibiting in most galleries. His enthusiasm waxes as he envisions living and working in a building large enough for his sculptures to grow in.

"I can put in a pyramidal skylight to house larger pieces. I plan to have an 8-foot pyramid of glass for illumination in the studio and gallery for natural light ..."

THE PHOTO on the opposite page shows Bruce Dietrich with his macaw, Silly, in front of the sculpture "Toccata." Clockwise from left on this page are photographs "Passacaglia" and "Climax." Above is "Mozart Rehearsing 'the Jupiter.'" Below is "Fuge in C" and Dietrich's poster, "Chromatic Phantasia." Photos on this page were furnished by Dietrich; Sandy Suggitt took the photo of Dietrich and Silly and of the poster at left.



BRUCE MICHAEL DIETRICH
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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.

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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.

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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
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From her adobe studio, potter Ivy Heymann makes functional porcelain, sculptures and lighting in the shadow of Patos Mountain. A one-hour drive north from Ruidoso. Open 7 days, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

CALL FOR THE ARTS

Poetry contests seek poets

The International Library of Poetry

The International Library of Poetry has announced that \$58,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Poetry Contest. The International Library of Poetry, founded in 1982, is the largest poetry organization in the world.

Poets from the Ruidoso area, particularly beginners, are welcomed to try to win their share of more than 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is April 30. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free.

"Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner," said Christina Babylon, contest director. "When people learn about our free poetry contest, they suddenly realize that their own poetic works of art can win cash prizes, as well as gain national recognition," continued Babylon.

To enter, send one original poem, any subject and any style to The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19910, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by April 30, 2001. You may also enter online at www.poetry.com.

Celestial Arts

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a new poetry contest sponsored by Celestial Arts, free to everyone. A whopping \$50,000 in prizes will be awarded during the coming year. "Even if you have never entered a competition before," says poetry editor Michael Thomas, "this is your opportunity to win big. Even if you have written only one poem, it deserves to be read and appreciated. Beginners are welcome."

To enter, send one poem, 21 lines or less, to Celestial Arts, P.O. Box 1140, Department Free Contest, Talent, OR 97540. Or enter online at www.freecontest.com

Be sure your name and address appear on the page with your poem. The deadline for entering is March 10.

Religious poems

The Bards of Burbank is offering a \$1,000 grand prize in its poetry competition, free to everyone. The deadline for entering is March 17.

To enter, send one poem 21 lines or less, to Free Poetry Contest, PMB250, 2219 W Olive Avenue., Burbank, CA 91506, or you may enter online at www.friendlypoets.com

"We think religious poems can invite achievement," said John Scribner, the organization's contest director. "We're especially keen on inspiring amateur poets, and we think this competition will achieve that. New Mexico has made many wonderful poets over the years, and I'd like to discover new ones from among the Ruidoso-area grass roots poets."

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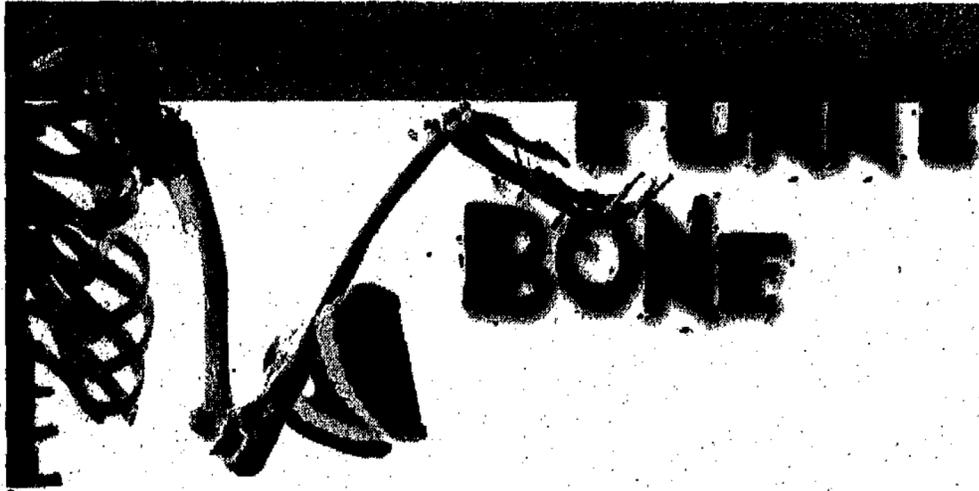
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If it looks like a dad, talks like a dad, it's a duck



Dave Barry
DAVE'S WORLD
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Sometimes people ask me: "Dave, what is the essence of parenthood?"

I always answer: "Lowering your standards."

For example, recently I was in a restaurant, having a bite to eat with my brother-in-law, Steve. And when I say "having a bite to eat," I mean "not having a bite to eat," because also on hand were my daughter, Sophie, who is 11 months old, and Steve's daughter, Juliana, who is 15 months old. They're "toddlers," which means they have figured out how to walk but they have no destination in mind. In fact, it is not altogether clear that they have minds.

But they have plenty of energy. During a standard restaurant meal, a standard toddler can easily toddle 58 miles in totally random directions, while your hamburger cools and eventually reverts to a frozen patty. You have to follow toddlers closely at all times, because they could cheerfully toddle right out the door and into the path of a cement truck.

So Steve and I were clumping along behind Juliana and Sophie as they wandered aimlessly around the restaurant, pointing at things and saying what they were. Juliana actually knew the right words for some things; Sophie called pretty much everything "duck." This is her favorite word, and she applies it to anything that is remotely

duck-like, including pelicans, certain trees, and Vice President Cheney.

Anyway, the two girls were pointing at a vending machine (or, as some prefer to call it, a "duck") when I suddenly noticed a distinctive fragrance in the air — what the French call "eau de doody." Somebody had definitely done something. I knew it wasn't me, and I ruled out Steve, because he is 352 months old.

I said, "Do you smell that?" And Steve said, "Yes." Without another word, we both executed the same maneuver, which consisted of picking up our toddlers, pulling out the backs of their diaper waistbands, sticking our noses down there, and taking a whiff.

"It's not Sophie," I said, greatly relieved.

"It's definitely Juliana," said Steve, staggering slightly.

My point is this:

Most of us grow up believing in a set of core values, and one of them is that we will never sniff another person's butt in a restaurant. But parents do this kind of thing ALL THE TIME. I don't want to get too graphic here, but under certain conditions, when the take-a-whiff method is not feasible, veteran parents will check a diaper by what is known as the "dipstick method."

And hygiene is not the only area where parents of babies have to lower their standards. There is also the area of intellect. When I'm home alone with Sophie, there are entire days when the single longest sentence I say is: "Down came the rain and washed the spider out!" Also, I am reading a lot of books with names like "Conrad Cantaloupe Has a Sad Day." As far as I can tell,

modern children's books are written by people who (a) get paid by the page, and (b) are hitting the bourbon pretty hard. The books all sound like this:

PAGE ONE: "Conrad Cantaloupe was sad."

PAGE TWO: "He was very sad."

PAGE THREE: "He was sad, sad, sad."

PAGE FOUR: "He went to see his friend Earl Eggplant."

PAGE FIVE: "He said, 'Earl Eggplant, I am sad.'"

PAGE SIX: "Earl Eggplant said, 'Why are you sad, Conrad Cantaloupe?'"

PAGE SEVEN: "Conrad Cantaloupe said: 'I will tell you why I am sad, Earl Eggplant.'"

PAGE EIGHT: "But not on this page."

And so on. It is no wonder American students get such lousy test scores; they grow up listening to this dreck, while parents in foreign countries are reading to THEIR babies from literary

masterpieces such as "The Brothers Karamazov" ("The Brothers Karamazov were sad. They were very sad. They were sad, sad ...")

Also, did I mention that my car, which used to be spotless, now contains roughly 250 million free-range Cheerios? But I'm not complaining, because it's all worthwhile when I look at my baby girl, and she looks back at me, and her face lights up with a smile that tells me I am very, very special to her. And then she calls me "duck."

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"Most of us grow up believing in a set of core values, and one of them is that we will never sniff another person's butt in a restaurant. But parents do this kind of thing ALL THE TIME."

Chamber Calendar

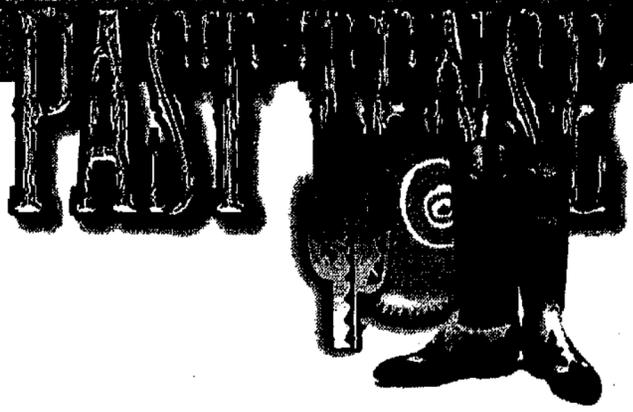
Scheduling conflicts and inadequate publicity are often the cause of poor attendance at many local events and activities. The Ruidoso Arts Commission and the Chamber of Commerce recognized the need for a central calendar to coordinate and promote arts and cultural events in the community.

With partial funding from New Mexico Arts the chamber created the calendar, which is available as a free public service to Ruidoso and Lincoln County.

Erin Berry, administrative assistant at the chamber, is in charge of organizing items for the calendar. This monthly calendar includes the year's projected events, is updated weekly, and the information is featured on the community Web site, www.ruidoso.net. It is sent to local and state newspapers, publications, radio and TV stations. It is available at the chamber for visitors and residents and is included in all promotional mailings. The events calendar is one of the most requested items on telephone inquires to the chamber and walk-ins. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this valuable information resource, including artists, arts presenters and organizations, galleries, schools, churches, service organizations and clubs. It is a useful tool in timing and publicizing concerts, performances, lectures, book reviews, exhibitions, fundraisers, workshops, trade shows, health fairs, poetry readings, etc.

"Some people may not think their event is important enough to include in the calendar," said Joan Zagone, chamber director, "but the more activities in our community the more attractive it is to visitors. No matter what you're doing someone is going to share your interests." Berry recommends submitting items at least three weeks in advance of the scheduled event or earlier if possible.

All information must be submitted in writing to: Erin Berry, P.O. Box 698, Ruidoso, NM 88355, (505) 257-7365, fax (505) 257-4693.



Drew Gamber
HISTORIAN,
THE HUBBARD MUSEUM
OF THE AMERICAN WEST

The Wilcox train robbery

It had taken about two hours, but in the end, the bandits were successful and departed the area with 19 scarf pins, 29 gold-plated button pairs, four Elgin watches and a whole lot of money.

Initially, estimates were in the vicinity of \$30,000, but in 1904 it was revealed that the take was actually closer to \$50,000, some of which was in gold.

Anyone who has seen the classic 1969 western "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" will remember the scene where the outlaws used more dynamite than they should have to open an express car's safe. Surprisingly, that scene, like many others in the film, were, in actuality, quite close to what really happened. Of course, it wasn't exact, but ...



Courtesy

SHOWN ARE, FROM LEFT: Harry Longabaugh (Sundance Kid), Will Carver, Ben Kilpatrick, Harvey Longan (Kid Curry), Butch Cassidy.

The Robbery

It was raining that Friday morning of June 2, 1899, in Wyoming. The Union Pacific's Overland Flyer No. 1 had two sections, each pulled by its own locomotive, which, for all intents and purposes made it two separate trains. As the first section approached milepost 609 at 2:18 a.m., the engineer, a man named Jones, spied two men flagging him down with a lantern just ahead. Jones knew that just beyond was a small wooden bridge and he feared that it might have washed out and these men were trying to warn him. *Wrong.*

As the locomotive screeched to a stop, the two men jumped onto the cab and Jones knew that he had made an error. The two men were wearing masks and brandishing heavy caliber revolvers. They commanded Jones and his fireman, Dietrick, to pull up to the bridge where they had them stop again. One of the bandits leapt off the train and darted under the bridge where he ignited the fuses on dynamite charges that had already been placed. These bandits were most definitely not amateurs.

The man jumped back into the cab and instructed Jones to pull across the bridge and "be quick about it." Jones, who was quite well aware that he was about to pull over a trestle that had been charged with dynamite, the fuses of which had already been ignited, did not have to be told twice. Nevertheless, he did not move quick enough to suit the desperadoes and one of them gave him some incentive by striking him over the head with a gun butt. Even so, the train had barely cleared the other side when the dynamite exploded. The bridge did not go down, but the bandits had accomplished their purpose: the train's second section would not be able to follow. On that side of the bridge, after traveling another mile or two, they were greeted by four more outlaws.

After this maneuver, they uncoupled the passenger cars from the mail and express cars, which were, of course, what really interested them. A trio of the bandits forced Jones and Dietrick over to the mail car, where they demanded that the two clerks inside,

Robert Lawson and Burt Bruce, open the door. The two clerks refused and the bandits immediately began laying more dynamite at the door, which they blew easily.

Woodcock

Pickings were decidedly slim in the mail car and the bandits then walked over to the express car. Inside the express car was express messenger Charles Woodcock (just like in the movie!), who also refused to open the door. Unfazed, the bandits simply blew that door, too. Woodcock was badly dazed by the explosion and was unable (or unwilling) to supply the outlaws with the combination to the safe. Once again, the outlaws fell back on their seemingly-endless supply of dynamite.

This time, however, they grossly over-estimated the size of the charge necessary to blow the safe. Consequently, (just like in the movie) they inadvertently blew the entire car to smithereens. It had taken about two hours, but in the end, the bandits were successful and departed the area with 19 scarf pins, 29 gold-plated button pairs, four Elgin watches and a whole lot of money. Initially, estimates were in the vicinity of \$30,000, but in 1904 it was revealed that the take was actually closer to \$50,000, some of which was in gold.

After the immensely-pleased bandits had departed the scene, Jones and Dietrick slowly advanced into Medicine Bow, where Jones telegraphed Union Pacific officials at Omaha, Nebraska, telling them that "... We were ordered to pull over bridge just west of Wilcox, and after we passed the bridge the explosion occurred. Can't tell how bad bridge was damaged. No one hurt except Jones; scalp wound, and cut on hand. — Jones, Engineer."

The outlaws

Speculation, much of it in newspaper print, began to appear as to the identities of the outlaws. A Rawlins, Wyoming, newspaper immediately suggested that one of the outlaws was Tom O'Day, a known member of Butch Cassidy's Wild Bunch. They also mentioned a couple of local brawlers and a few days later decided that O'Day was really someone named Cavanaugh.

Professional lawmen knew

better. The modus operandi of the robbery matched perfectly that of past Wild Bunch holdups. Also, the little description they had of the thieves caused them to raise their eyebrows. One of the bandits was described as "...about 31 or 32 years of age ... 5'9"... 185 lbs. ... blue eyes ... peculiar nose, flattened at bridge." Well, even to me, over a century later, this is clearly a Wild Bunch member named "Flatnose" George Currie (by the way, he was portrayed in the movie, too). Two of the other bandits supposedly "looked like brothers ... 5'7" and 5'5"... about 28 and 30 ... very dark complexion ... dark hair and eyes." This could easily have been the Logan brothers, Lonnie and Harvey, aka "Kid Curry." Hollywood has not seen fit to portray him, but Kid Curry was one of the deadliest gunmen the Old West ever produced.

It was a known fact that the Logans and Currie often rode together (in fact, Kid Curry had taken his alias from Currie, whom he considered to be his "mentor"). This, along with more descriptions, led most professional lawmen to speculate that the other three robbers were all known Wild Bunch members. And they were right. The other three were Will Carver, Ben Kilpatrick aka the "Tall Texan," and Harry Longabaugh aka the "Sundance Kid." Contrary to the film, Butch Cassidy was not present, although it is not out of the question to consider the fact that he may have been the mastermind.

Butch

I say that Butch Cassidy may have been the mastermind for several reasons: Even though Butch denied taking part (a clause of his 1896 pardon stated that he must never again commit crimes in Wyoming — is it me or is that sort of like saying that it is OK to commit them elsewhere?), there is evidence that he received a share of the loot. Additionally, and most significantly, posses noted that, while trailing the outlaws, they found that another rider had joined the original six. The new tracks were assumed to have belonged to Cassidy, and considering what went on next, it is a pretty safe assumption.

One of the things Butch Cassidy always did while planning a robbery was to set up

"relay stations" where the outlaws would have fresh horses waiting for them, and that was the case with the Wilcox train robbery. After outrunning any posses on their immediate trail, the gang paused long enough to split up the loot at a place called "Lost Cabin," which was southwest of Hole-in-the-Wall. They then took different trails to further elude any pursuit. Flatnose Currie, Harvey Logan (Kid Curry) and Sundance all made a brief rest stop at the CY Ranch near Horse Ranch, Wyoming. The owner reported the visit and on June 6th, four days and 75 miles from the holdup, a Converse County posse tracked the trio to Castle Creek, a deep ravine bordered by boulders and large crevices.

When Sheriff Joseph Hazen led his posse into the ravine, they inadvertently rode right into the outlaws camp, much to the surprise of everyone on both sides. Hazen had the bad luck to find himself face-to-face with the ever-deadly Harvey Logan, who immediately shot the lawman. Hazen was a brave man, but was no match for Logan. His wound was mortal.

Unfortunately, Hazen appears to have been the only courageous man in the group, as the rest of the posse, seeing Hazen go down, immediately took cover. No, that is not an accurate description of what they did. What they really did was run and hide. Luckily for the cause of law and order, the outlaws were unaware of the posse's lack of gumption and, thinking the rest of the men were of the same caliber as Hazen, they snuck away, leaving not only their horses, but a portion of the loot.

When they finally figured out that the outlaws were no longer present, the possemen came from their places of concealment and transported the dying Sheriff Hazen back to Douglas, Wyoming. There, they claimed that the outlaws ambushed them, using smokeless powder (one of those new-fangled inventions) and for that reason, they could not see where the desperadoes were firing from and were forced to uh, well, seek safer climes.

The good guys and the bad guys

To fully understand much

of what went on in the Old West, it is necessary to understand the politics of the time and place. During the recent Johnson County War, it had become painfully apparent that "justice" was more than occasionally on the side of the rich, regardless of right or wrong. For that reason, many of the smaller ranchers tended to side with the outlaws. A local rancher named J. Elmer Brock put it into perspective in his book about life on the Powder River in those days. He claimed that Sundance, Logan and Currie, who were polite and generous (they knew that it was in their best interest to have the "common folk" on their side) passed through his place. Needless to say, a posse led by lawman Joe LeFors (also portrayed in "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid") arrived soon thereafter.

However, in sharp contrast to the outlaws, when the posse departed, they confiscated nearly all of the Brock

family's food and blankets, prompting Brock to state, "Isn't it strange that as many outlaws as had been in that place, that the first people to commit petty larceny should be a bunch of United States Marshals?" Rather difficult to disagree with him, isn't it?

For whatever reason, it is a matter of historical fact that local residents supplied the outlaws with lodging, horses, food and information whenever possible. Whatever their relationship with the locals, lawmen were determined to put a stop to Butch Cassidy and the Wild Bunch. As far as the Wilcox train robbery went, the pursuit was just getting started, and the events that followed displayed just how determined these lawmen were.

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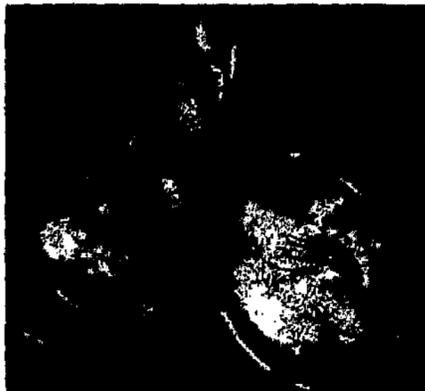


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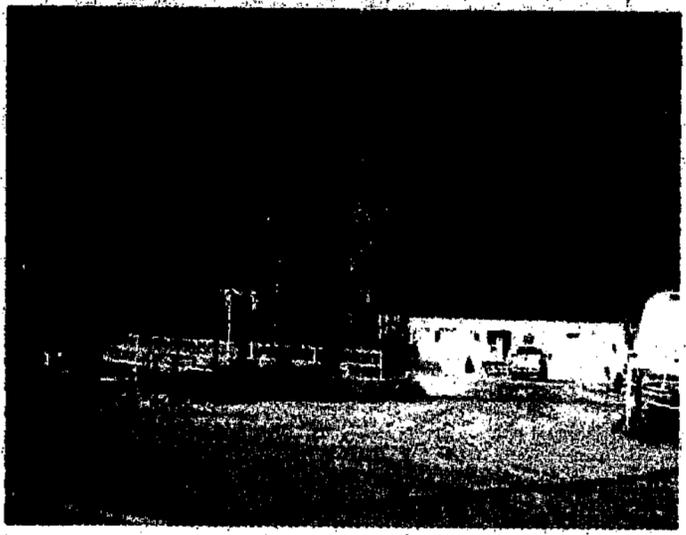
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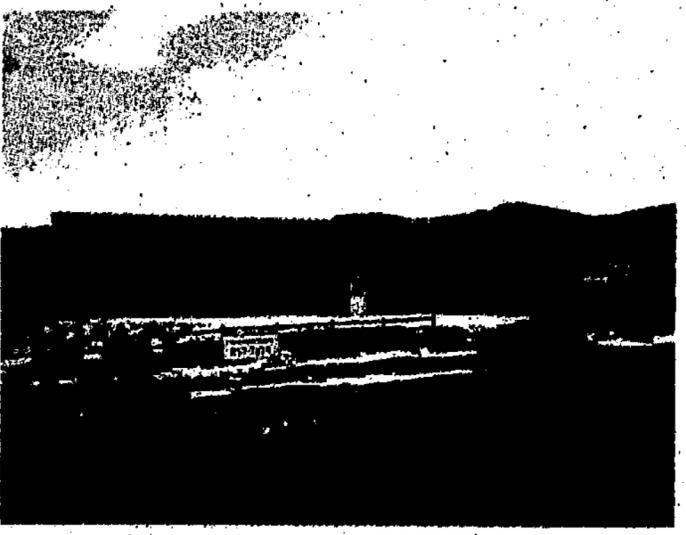
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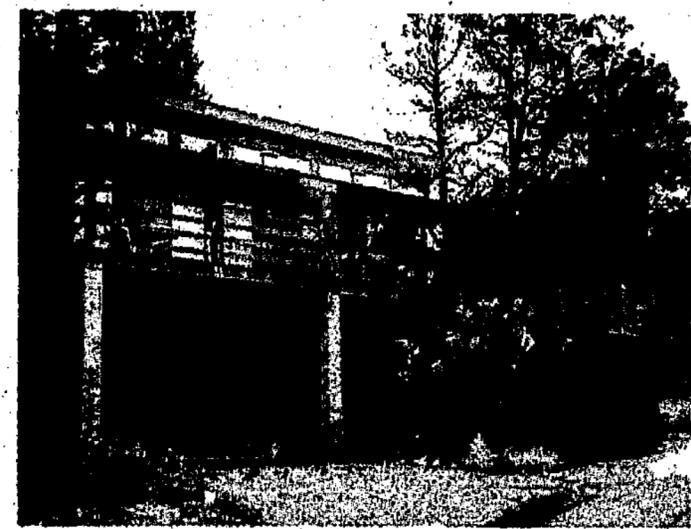
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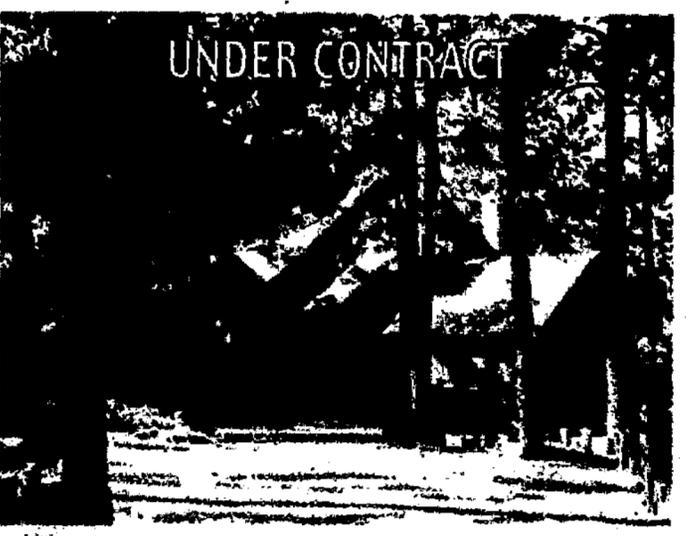
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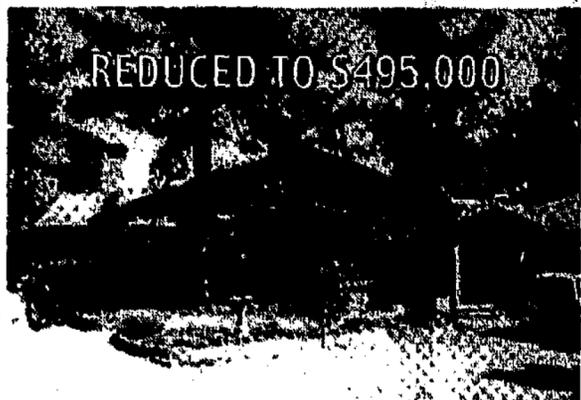
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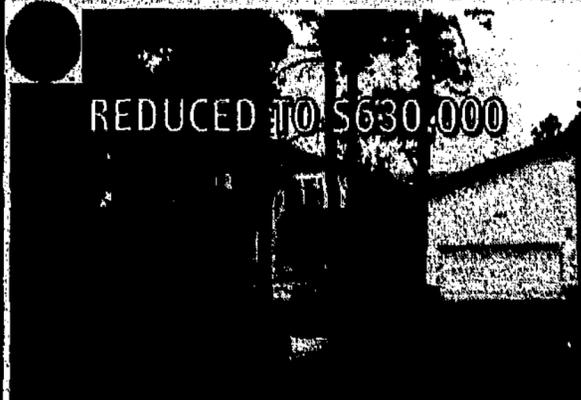
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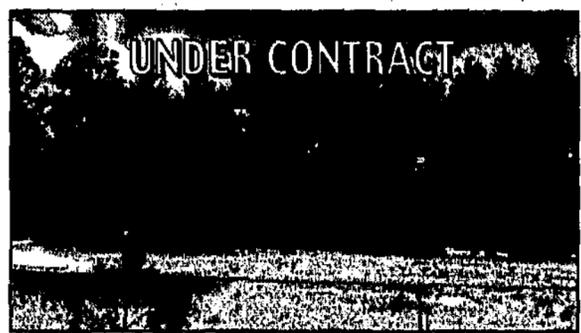


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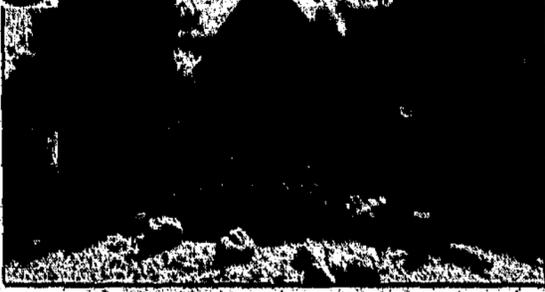


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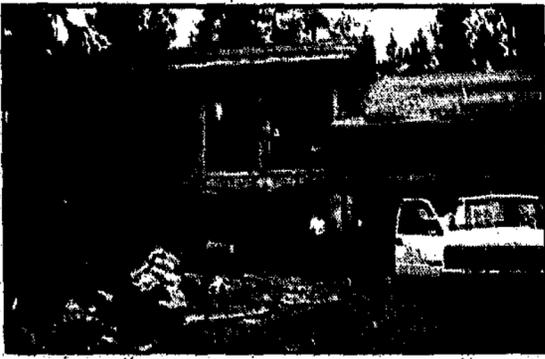
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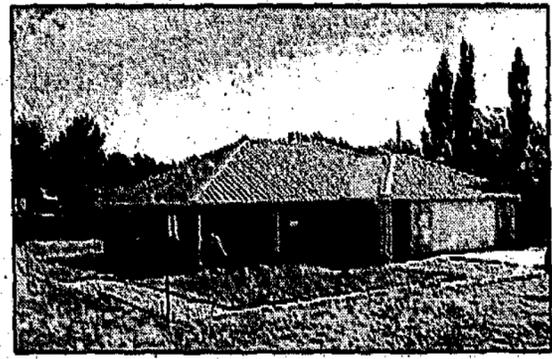
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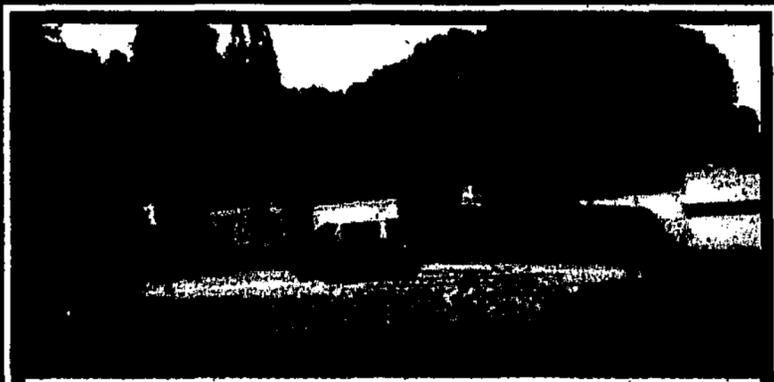
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