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At only 5 month old, Moriah 'Hope' Taylor faces a daunting future as doctors plan surgery to mend



HER HEART

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A 5-month-old Ruidoso baby probably will face open-heart surgery within the next two months to correct a defect discovered during a routine check up.

Physician's assistant Helen Serbousek, with whom Marian Taylor works, discovered a heart murmur in Taylor's baby daughter, Moriah "Hope" Taylor. That led to additional tests showing a ventricular septal defect in the heart.

The baby was scheduled for surgery March 22 at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque, but Taylor heard some good news this week.

"We saw her cardiologist Tuesday and she had gained a pound and they see something that appears to be a flap forming, so the surgery was postponed a month," she said. "The doctor the longer they can put it off, the stronger she will be."

"It's like a miracle. We've been praying."

The "we" besides co-workers and friends includes Taylor's two children, ages 13 and 10, from a previous marriage, and a 16 month-old son.

Even if the flap is forming, Moriah's heart must perform double duty to circulate her blood and most of the calories she consumes are poured into that extra effort.

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Helen Serbousek, standing, and Marian Taylor admire the quilt that Serbousek sewed to raise money to help the Taylor family during baby Moriah's surgery and recuperation.

Pressure grows for zoning regs in rural county

Proposed development restrictions lack majority support on the county commission, but voters could force the issue.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Earlier this week, Lincoln County planning commissioners debated whether muscle or gentle persuasion is the best way to implement land use planning in the county.

Members of the board and more than a dozen developers and real estate agents in the audience pulled no punches about the possibility that voters in Ruidoso could decide whether zoning should be implemented countywide.

The majority of the five county commissioners don't support zoning, but with the signatures of 25 percent of the registered voters who participated in the last general election, the county commission could be forced to implement zoning countywide, said planning commission chairman Charles Rennick.

According to records in the office of County Clerk Martha Proctor, a valid petition would require the signatures of 1,418, or one-quarter of the 5,672 people who voted in the last general election.

In that November contest, 4,375 people were registered to vote in the four precincts that make up Ruidoso.

But zoning board member James Sanchez, who worked for the passage of a zoning ordinance about 12 years ago, preferred the gentler approach.

Though the law is on the county's books, it never was implemented because state rules require maps detailing zones of land use.

On a suggestion from Realtor Cindy Lynch, he proposed pulling out the old ordinance, updating it and then zoning everything in the county agricultural outside of the five incorporated villages. Existing uses would be "grandfathered" in and not threatened by new zoning. To change from the agriculture designation, a petitioner would have to request a special use permit. That would give the county control on all development, he said.

Currently, the county has subdivision rules, but any other type of land use is unregulated.

Real estate people said immediate help is needed along the major roads in the county before they become so unsightly that newcomers are discouraged from moving or investing money here.

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Village faces EPA fine over waste water

Alleged violations involve a treatment plant used by both Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs

The village of Ruidoso is trying to get a federal agency to include the village of Ruidoso Downs in a matter that could bring a hefty fine.

"We are proposing a civil penalty of \$27,500 based on violations of the Clean Water Act," said David A. Bary, with the United States Environmental Protection Agency region office in Dallas.

The alleged violations involve the waste water treatment plant used by Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs.

While Ruidoso village manager Alan Briley believes a fine may be coming, he said the wastewater treatment plant is owned jointly by Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs. He said on

Thursday that EPA officials have told him agency that they are drawing up a new violation complaint that will list both municipalities.

The wastewater treatment plant allegedly discharged 200,000 gallons of solid waste into the Rio Ruidoso July 31, 2000 after a septic hauler deposited a load at the treatment plant, according to a Feb. 15 administrative complaint issued by the EPA. In addition the village is charged with failing to timely renew its permit that sets standards for discharging treated wastewater into the river.

The EPA complaint stated the former permit expired on August 31, 1999 and a renewal application should have been submitted 180

days earlier. A partial application was submitted on April 10, 2000, the complaint alleged. A complete application was not received by the EPA until June 2000. EPA officials said it was a violation of the Clean Water Act to discharge anything into the Rio Ruidoso without a current permit.

Briley said the plant should not be penalized for the late permit application because the EPA never sent notification of a need to renew the permit.

He said a newspaper article last year showed nearly 30 other New Mexico communities never received notification to submit new permit applications.

Boxer Johnny Tapia and another driver faced charges stemming from the June 2000 incident on Airport Road

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

An Alto area road rage case, that allegedly included prize fighter Johnny Tapia and another man, will not be going to trial today as scheduled.

Trials for the two men have been canceled on the belief stipulated settlements have been reached.

The case named Tapia of Albuquerque, who owns a home northeast of Ruidoso, and Alan Korzan of Alamogordo.

The cases had been set for trial today in Magistrate Court in Ruidoso.

Attorneys representing the two men failed to return calls that sought information on the stipulated settlements that court officials said had been reached.

The prosecutor in the cases also failed to return phone calls. The settlement documents had not been filed in court as of Thursday.

The case goes back to June 27, 2000. Tapia's family said the incident involved a vehicle that had been tailgating their auto on Airport Road and on Little Creek Road. The driver of the vehicle allegedly fired a gun. A call to 911 suggested it

was the Tapia auto that was tailgating.

Tapia was charged with misdemeanor assault, for allegedly threatening Korzan in a manner that caused him to believe he could be battered, a criminal complaint stated.

Korzan was charged with misdemeanor negligent use of a deadly weapon for allegedly endangering the safety of another person by using a firearm.

Police stopped several vehicles, including Korzan's and Tapia's on Airport Road following the June 27 evening incident.

An investigating state police officer said at the time that there were questions as to the involvement of both parties. The officer had said the altercation got out of hand very quickly.

The trials would have been the first court appearances by the two in the case. In August, Korzan waived an arraignment hearing and entered a written plea of not guilty.

Tapia also waived an arraignment hearing and entered a written plea of not guilty. Tapia has held a number of title boxing titles in recent years.

Settlement reported in road rage case

Boxer's loose-dogs trial set for Tuesday

Professional boxer Johnny Tapia is set to stand trial at 2 p.m. Tuesday on a charge of allowing his two Neapolitan mastiffs to run loose last year.

A neighbor of Tapia's in Rancho Ruidoso contends the dogs entered a goat pen while the family was away May 7, killing 17 prize show animals, including several that were pregnant.

Lincoln County sheriff's deputies found the dogs covered in blood inside the enclosure, according to reports filed at the time.

Judge Ted McCutcheon is scheduled to preside over the trial in Carrizozo magistrate court.

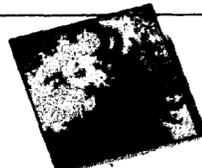
The family of 14-year-old Wesley Hall also has filed a civil lawsuit against the boxer to recover damages from the incident.

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ACUWEATHER SEVEN DAY FORECAST FOR RUIDOSO

Day	High/Low	Conditions
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Tuesday	54°/34°	Partly Sunny
Wednesday	56°/36°	Partly Sunny
Thursday	53°/32°	Partly Sunny
Friday	54°/32°	Partly Sunny
Saturday	54°/34°	Partly Sunny

REGIONAL WEATHER

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

An ice storm in Iowa on March 7, 1990, caused \$60 million in damage. Power lines occurred for over a quarter of a million people.

SUN AND MOON

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wed	6:24 a.m.	6:04 p.m.
Thu	6:22 a.m.	6:05 p.m.
Fri	6:21 a.m.	6:06 p.m.
Sat	6:20 a.m.	6:07 p.m.
Sun	6:18 a.m.	6:07 p.m.

MOONRISE

Day	Moonrise	Moonset
Wed	4:00 p.m.	5:10 a.m.
Thu	5:12 p.m.	5:58 a.m.
Fri	6:22 p.m.	6:37 a.m.
Sat	7:31 p.m.	7:15 a.m.
Sun	8:37 p.m.	7:51 a.m.

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Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

BABY: Five-month-old faces open-heart surgery to repair valve

FROM PAGE 1

"She only weighs 9 pounds at 5 months," her mother said of her daughter, born on Oct. 12.

"We have her on a special diet to keep her calories up."

Despite her problems and the major medications she must take every day, Moriah is a happy baby and is not developmentally delayed, her mother said. But while most baby's hearts are the size of walnuts, Moriah's is enlarged.

The blood to the lungs and body are being intermingled in the two lower chambers of her heart, Taylor said.

"She has to breathe harder to oxygenate her blood - it's similar to congestive heart failure in older adults," she said.

Because the defect exists in the lower portion of the heart, the surgery can't be accomplished through the carotid artery and will require break-

Burrito benefit to help family

A Breakfast Burrito Moriah "Hope" Taylor, the five-month-old baby facing open heart surgery, is planned for Monday.

But to sign up for delivery of the tasty wake-up treats,

orders must be placed by 5 p.m. today. Delivery will be between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. Monday, only to businesses.

To order, call the Internal Medicine Associates office at (505) 257-2151 or Dana Huffmon at (505) 378-5681.

ing her chest bone and stopping the heart to perform open heart surgery, the mother said.

"If there is enough flap, they will connect it," she said. "If not, there will be a patch between the two areas to repair it. They said in 10 years, she should be like any normal child."

To help Rob and Marian Taylor pay some of the extra expenses they will incur during Hope's surgery and recupera-

be part of the package.

The quilt will be displayed at the Pink Shop in the Lincoln County Medical Center starting Monday. People can buy tickets to be in the running to become the new owner of the duo. All of the money raised will go to the Taylor's expenses.

Marian works in the office of Internal Medicine Associates and her husband is a general contractor.

Working in the medical field has its good and bad points in this situation, Taylor said. While she may be more knowledgeable about the procedures, "you also know all of the complications that can occur after a triple by-pass," she said. "This is my baby."

Lee Evans, a patient who overheard a conversation about the baby's problems and Serbousek's quilt, brought in a wooden quilt rack Thursday to

work on it. Serbousek created a colorful quilt to raise money. "It took about six weeks," she said Thursday. "Yesterday I worked until 10 p.m. because I wanted to finish it. A friend also came over with her machine at one point. She worked one section while I did another."

Although Hope has a team of pediatric surgeons, the lead physician will be Dr. Carl Larserstom with Presbyterian's cardiology department.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following couples were issued marriage licenses by the office of Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor in Carrizozo during the months of January, February and the beginning of March.

- Nicholas Martin Baker, 23, and Kimberly Anne Brock, 26, issued on Jan. 8 and used on Jan. 12.
- Camerona M. Williams, 28, and Angela T. Cordova, 24, issued Jan. 8 and used Jan. 13.
- Frankie D. Cannon, 54, and Sandra Russell, 46, issued and used Jan. 12.
- Oliver Christopher Gonzales, 26, and Ariel Dorinda Shanafelt, 22, issued Jan. 17 and used Jan. 20.

- Junde Raeal Vega, 28, and Amanda Macael Duran, 22, issued Jan. 18 and used Jan. 26.
- Pablo Roberto Campos, 20, and Monica Nicole Tagle, 17, issued and used Jan. 19.
- Alan D. Archer, 30, and Michelle M. Looney, 26, issued Jan. 19 and used Jan. 22.
- Kevin Swanson, 34, and Jane Grandgeorge, 41, issued Jan. 19 and used Feb. 3.
- Rocky Wayne Brakebill, 39, and Karla Deane Foley, 30, issued and used Jan. 19.
- Robert Arden Foyt, 61, and Marjorie Naomi Thompson, 47, issued and used Jan. 22.
- Eric Samuel Lopez, 44, and Vicki Lynn Moore, 39, issued and used Jan. 24.
- Wesley Billips, 22, and

- Nicole Williams, 17, issued and used Jan. 26.
- George A. Kenemore, 48, and Lyudmyla G. Peredyko, 32, issued Jan. 30 and used Feb. 2.
- Carlos M. Gutierrez, 67, and Virginia Garcia, 60, issued and used Feb. 5.
- Johnnie Williams, 46, and Teresa Williams, 45, issued Feb. 8 and used Feb. 14.
- Terry Dean Martin, 37, and Regina Ann Kendall, 34, issued and used Feb. 8.
- Shawn Kyzer, 30, and Kristal Kuzer, 29, issued and used Feb. 12.
- Richard L. Weldon, 63, and Ruby Lillian Erwin, 56, issued and used Feb. 12.
- Dwayne L. Hill, 66, and Peggy R. Nunn, 71, issued Feb.

- 12 and used Feb. 14.
- Victor Rodriguez, 25, and Judith Lynn Savisky, 31, issued and used Feb. 14, reissued Feb. 20 and used Feb. 21.
- Tony Vargas, 25, and Mary Lou Escobar, 31, issued and used Feb. 16.
- Paul Franks, 41, and Lori L. Carpenter, 28, issued Feb. 22.
- Clyde A. McDonald, 61, and Marjie L. McDonald, 58, issued and used Feb. 22.
- Joe K. Dunlap, 67, and Merle McElroy, 62, issued Feb. 26.
- Henry Sanchez, 40, and Dena Ballard, 38, 38, issued and used March 2.
- Thomas Dale Huddleston, 42, and Barbara Ann Knight, 44, issued March 2.

ZONING: Voters could force issue

FROM PAGE 1A

"We're a National Scenic Byway...to have people come in and view trash is atrocious," Lynch said. "This (the county ordinance) is a living document. We need something on the books soon or we will be missing the boat."

Rennick said to meet that need, the land along those arteries could be looked at in more detail while other areas, especially remote sections in the north of the county, remain under the broad agricultural classification. Another alternative would be to create development zones with comprehensive plans along the roads, eliminating a battle over zoning with residents from other areas of the county.

But former zoning chairman Ralph Romero, Sanchez and several others said County Attorney Alan Morel told them that approach amounts to spot zoning, which is prohibited by law. Rennick, also an attorney, disagreed but said he would meet with Morel.

Board members reviewed a map generated by satellite photography showing the number of structures built on Sierra Blanca Airport Road and Old Fort Stanton Road, two of several roads selected by the board for more intense scrutiny.

"When I first saw the map, I thought I was looking at Ruidoso," Rennick said. "It seems to me the future of this area is suburban development in various subdivisions. If not, I'd

be interesting in hearing what you think it will be."

With the potential already for more than 2,000 homes in the area and figuring a 30 percent year-around occupancy like Alto, at least 2,800 people will be living along the airport

road, he said.

"That's twice the size of Capitan," Rennick said. "If it continues to grow, it will need schools, clinics, churches and other services. I think agricultural tracts one by one will disappear over time."

"It's important that we hear from the remaining owners of larger tracts. Do they believe it will remain ranch land or are they being prepared for subdivision."

Planners also should look at existing and designated, but unbuilt roads to see how different subdivisions can tie together, Rennick said.

Real estate agent Carolyn Henson said development won't wait for the board. A new service station and convenience store already is planned for the corner of Ski Run Road and SH 48.

"So in terms of land use, we need to think about what these are appropriate along these routes," Rennick said.

Realtor Gary Lynch said a good place to start would be prohibiting junk yards and manufacturing within view from the major roads.

"You can't take a way a person's livelihood, but you could require a buffer," he said. "There have got to be compromises, but on roads in and out of Ruidoso, we don't want to see them totally junked up."

Planning board member James Crouse from Nogal said he's seen too much zoning and that it builds bureaucracy.

"You can't take away a person's right to develop his property," he said. But he noted that if he was zoning, one of the first things he'd do would be to ban house construction in a 10 mile buffer around the airport to protect from future lawsuits.

P&Z board meeting brief

Commission votes to keep the status quo

Ruidoso's Planning and Zoning Commission, in a two-minute meeting Tuesday, voted to retain the "status quo" of commission hierarchy.

With no public hearing material and no old business on the meeting's agenda, the only new business was the elec-

tion of a panel chairman and vice-chairman.

The commission's motion to "keep the status quo" maintains Glen Barrow as commission chairman and Phillis Barnett as vice-chairman.

Alternates are commissioners Rick Silva and Tim Hoyt.

Art reception to be held on Friday

Artists and art lovers will gather in Santa Fe next Friday for the opening reception for "Lincoln County Art: The New Millennium" in the Governor's Gallery.

The show featuring the work of 35 artists will run through May 11 at the capitol building. The reception is from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

It's the first time a collection

of the work of Lincoln County artists has been exhibited in the gallery since the 1980s.

Lincoln County Art

Opening reception is 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, March 16 at the capitol building in Santa Fe.

Fifth suspect arrested in alleged pyramid scam

A fifth south central New Mexico woman was arrested Monday in connection with what police said is an illegal pyramid scam.

Frances Stubblefield, 68, of Tularosa, was charged with pyramid and multilevel sales, a fourth degree felony.

The arrest followed charges that were filed against four other women a week ago.

Jalane Birkelbach, 48, and Alexis Barnett, 27, both from the Ruidoso area, as well as Francine LaMay, 30, of Tularosa and Verlaine Davies, 56, from Las Cruces were arrested as search warrants were

executed.

The program, called Women Gifting Women or Women Helping Women, required \$5,000 payments, an investigator said. The alleged pyramid said to have involved women across New Mexico and parts of Texas. Police had said an estimated \$600,000 was received from victims.

A month long investigation in Lincoln-Otero-Dona Ana counties was handled by the New Mexico State Police and the 12th District Attorney's office. The New Mexico Attorney General's office is also looking into the activity at other state locations.

Sheriff investigates reports of larceny

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Department is investigating several larceny cases reported earlier this month.

A burglary at the River Ranch RV Park on U.S. Highway 70 east of Ruidoso Downs, reported Feb. 10, resulted in the loss of an estimated \$3,000 in largely antique items.

Among the items listed as missing were antique wine glasses and an antique roll-top desk.

A large barrel horse feeder was reported stolen Feb. 9 from a ranch along U.S. Highway 70 near Hondo.

The feeder had a value of \$200. A pair of skis were reported stolen Feb. 5 at Ski Apache.

The \$600 Volki Vertigo skis were valued at \$600. The person who lost the equipment told deputies the skis had been left in a ski rack while he went into the ski hill's lodge.

CORRECTION

The delivery day for daffodils to benefit FMS Hospice of Lincoln County is Wednesday, March 14. Flowers can be picked up at the hospice office at 1204 Mechem Drive on Thursday and Friday, March 15-16. Based on incorrect information provided to the newspaper, a story Wednesday listed other dates.

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MAGISTRATE COURT

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

• Elvis Cleveland, 37, Ruidoso, pleaded guilty to charges of battery against a household member and interference with the driver of a vehicle. Cleveland was sentenced to 30 days at the Lincoln County Detention Center, placed on probation for 152 days, ordered to have no contact with the victim and assessed \$90 in court fees.

• Rickie Silva, 30, Tularosa, pleaded guilty to charges of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs—first offense and a stop sign violation. Silva was placed on probation for 90 days and required to pay \$538 in fines and costs.

• Verman Jim, 20, Ruidoso Downs, pleaded guilty to charges of second offense DWI-aggravated, two counts of driving with a suspended license, speeding and a registration violation. Jim was sentenced to 30 days in jail, put on probation for 706 days, assessed \$1,075 in fines and costs and required to perform 48 hours of community service.

• Sean R. Donaldson, 19, Ruidoso, pleaded no contest and was convicted of being a minor consuming or possessing alcohol and being in a restricted licensed liquor establishment. Donaldson was placed on 182 days probation, ordered to pay \$182 in fines and court fees, and must perform 30 hours of community

service. His conviction would be cleared after properly serving probation under a conditional discharge provision.

• Delilah Aparicio, 28, Ruidoso, through a plea agreement, was convicted of misdemeanor attempt to contribute to the delinquency of a minor and shoplifting, a petty misdemeanor. A charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor was dismissed. Aparicio was put on probation for 364 days, ordered to pay \$82 in court fees and commanded to not enter any Wal-Mart property.

• Dean Silva, 36, Ruidoso Downs, pleaded no contest and was convicted of possession of drug paraphernalia. Silva was ordered to pay \$176 in costs and fines.

• John Jay Tayaba, 28, Ruidoso Downs, pleaded no contest and was found guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia. Tayaba was required to pay \$176 in costs and fines.

• Filman H. Vicenti, 27, Dulce, was convicted of possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of less than one ounce of marijuana and having an open container of an alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle. Vicenti was credited for one day served at the Ruidoso Police Department jail, put on 363 days probation, and assessed \$396 in fines and fees.

• Hubert S. Dedios, 40, Dulce, pleaded no contest and was convicted of second offense DWI-aggravated, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession

of less than one ounce of marijuana, a lane violation, having an open container of an alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle and driving without liability insurance. Dedios was sentenced to seven days in jail, put on probation for 721 days, assessed \$1,089 in fines and fees and ordered to serve 48 hours of community service.

• Brent J. Bouoma, 18, El Paso, Texas, was found guilty of receiving stolen property, a petty misdemeanor. Bouoma had his sentence deferred with a conditional discharge and the charge dismissed without an adjudication of guilt. Bouoma paid \$51 in court costs.

• Chad T. Felder, 18, El Paso, Texas, was found guilty of petty misdemeanor larceny. Felder had his sentence deferred with a conditional discharge and the charge dismissed without an adjudication of guilt. He paid \$51 in court costs.

• Kyle S. Bright, 18, El Paso, Texas, was convicted of petty misdemeanor larceny. Bright had his sentence deferred with a conditional discharge and the charge dismissed without an adjudication of guilt. He paid \$51 in court costs.

• Robert Sean Pascuzzi, 32, Ruidoso, was convicted of battery against a household member, a petty misdemeanor. Pascuzzi was credited for one day served in jail, put on probation for 181 days, assessed \$51 in court costs and commanded to have no contact with the victim.

Sticking with it



Dianna Stallings/Ruidoso News
Bailey Huffmon looks suspended in air as the back of her Velcro suit hangs her up on the special wall. Fourth graders at White Mountain Elementary enjoy the reward of getting stuck on a Velcro wall. They earned the fun by meeting goals of their Accelerated Reading program.

Extension service to hold workshop on controlling gophers

A workshop on gopher control is set for 10 a.m. Monday at the Carrizozo Recreation Center. The session was put together by the Cooperative Extension Service. For more information, call (505) 648-2311.

Waste authority announces schedule change

Solid waste Poly-Cart pickup service in Carrizozo, Capitan and Ruidoso Downs will be advanced a day beginning Monday, said Rick Simpson, manager of the Lincoln County Solid Waste

Authority. Once-a-week service in Ruidoso Downs will be on Monday, Carrizozo on Tuesday and Capitan on Wednesday. Simpson said the revision was to solve scheduling prob-

lems and to improve LSCWA. He also urged LCSWA patrons to bag all items going into the Poly-Carts, especially cold ashes, because dumping of loose items creates a hazard for handlers.

Advertisement for the play 'Jekyll & Hyde' at the Spencer Theater. The ad features a large, stylized title 'Jekyll & Hyde' and a black and white photograph of a woman's face. Text includes: 'YES, WE HAVE TICKETS!', '8 PM Wednesday & Thursday March 21 & 22 • \$35 & \$38', 'Isn't it time you found out what all the screaming is about?', and 'SPENCER THEATER'. At the bottom, it says 'THANK YOU WINTER SEASON SPONSORS' and lists several local businesses.

Advertisement for Ruidoso News. It features a photo of a man reading a newspaper. Text includes: 'When I need to know, I read...', 'Your Best Bet!', 'the Ruidoso News', '(505) 257-4001', and 'www.ruidosonews.com'.

Advertisement for Ruidoso Ready Labor. It features a logo with a mountain and the text 'RUIDOSO READY LABOR' and 'TEMPORARY SERVICES'. Text includes: 'Temporary workers AVAILABLE NOW; 24 hours a day, seven days a week.', 'Clerical, Housekeeping Food Service, Construction Homeowner Services', 'RISK FREE 1 Hour Guarantee, you pay only for the hours worked (4 hr. min.)', 'Call Today! 257-7876', and 'www.ruidosolabor.com'.

Advertisement for Security Finance. It features a logo with a shield and the text 'SECURITY FINANCE'. Text includes: 'Your Friend When You Need \$\$\$\$\$', 'LOANS \$100 - \$500', 'No Credit - No Problem', 'Phone Applications Welcome', '257-4000', '1400 Sudderth Mon. - Fri. 9 - 5', and 'Lending Hands Foundation supports the Children's Miracle Network'.

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OUR OPINION

A playground for everyone

Let's get this done

The Ruidoso area will be blessed with a special event in the near future...a community-planned and -built interactive playground. The site for this wonderful structure will be south of the White Mountain school complex on a little more than an acre of land.

Leathers and Associates, of New York, will handle the design. It has experience in designing interactive playgrounds in Alamogordo, and in Texas and North Dakota, to name a few.

The great thing about this playground is that this community, through its children, will have input in the design. They know best when it comes to the most exciting playground equipment, although we understand

there may be a few things for "big kids" to enjoy. The design meeting will take place on March 26 in the schools and in a community meeting.

Once the design is complete, the community - volunteers, donated materials and tools, parents, civic organizations, and others - will rally together to construct the playground in just four days. The goal to begin construction is early June.

With everyone moving in their own direction in today's incredibly fast-paced world, this is an excellent opportunity to pull together, in one direction, and do something great for this area and its kids.

Volunteer your time, materials and resources, and let's get this done.

YOUR OPINION

Medical marijuana

To the editor:

I am writing to encourage everyone to support Gov. Gary Johnson's proposal to help sick and dying patients by supporting medical marijuana bills.

By legalizing the medical use of marijuana, New Mexico will join a growing number of states nationwide, including Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Nevada, Oregon and Washington, that permit seriously ill patients to use marijuana to relieve pain and suffering, based on their physician's recommendation.

Marijuana is an effective treatment for a variety of illnesses. The research indicates cannabis is effective in reducing the vomiting and nausea associated with cancer and AIDS treatment, stimulating the appetite of individuals suffering from AIDS wasting syndrome, reducing intraocular pressure of glaucoma and limiting muscle spasms associated with epilepsy, paraplegia and quadriplegia.

A doctor, not the government, should determine what treatments are best for patients with conditions such as cancer, AIDS or chronic pain.

And if doctors inform some of their patients that marijuana may be beneficial in the treatment of a serious condition, surely those patients should not be subject to arrest and imprisonment.

Prestigious groups such as the National Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Medicine, the Federation of American Scientists and the American Public Health Association have publicly endorsed the medical use of marijuana. Recent Gallup Polls have shown that 78 percent of the public nationwide favors the use of marijuana for medical purposes.

Please help in supporting medical marijuana bills currently before the Legislature. Call or

write our state representative, Dub Williams, or our state senator, Pete Campos. They can be reached at (800) 432-4407, or at the State Capitol, Santa Fe, N.M. 87503.

Susan S. Ruch
Ruidoso

The 'why' of legalization

To the editor:

I believe that almost all drug legalization proponents merely want the ban on drugs to be lifted so they can legally use drugs for recreational purposes only.

I'm for allowing doctors to prescribe all types of drugs for medicinal reasons. Prescription drugs are only semi-legal. I'm also for drug rehabilitation and harsher punishments for drug abusers.

During my 8 1/2 years in Vietnam, my signal battalion had more casualties due to drug abuse than to the enemy.

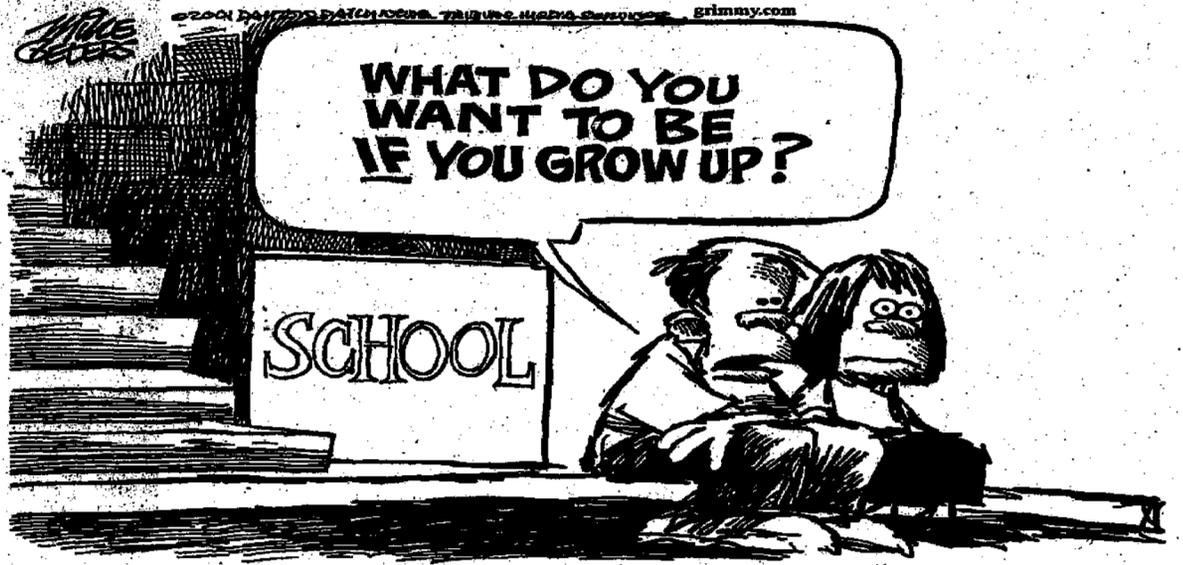
Our nation, as does Holland, has a juvenile drug abuse problem. Maybe the drug dealers don't go door to door, but they do go to our schools and playgrounds. A few years ago, a drug ring was uncovered at Roswell's Goddard High School.

I feel that adults who provide illegal drugs to children must be executed; therefore, I must be sick. I'm also tired. I'm sick and tired of adult drug dealers, child molesters and child abusers preying on our state's youth.

I find it mind-boggling that most politicians, judges, parents and our society at large don't seem to care.

By the way, my sister has been to Holland and I've been to a tropical rain forest. Contrary to what has been implied, growing marijuana in New Mexico won't save the rain forests. The tropical forests are primarily threatened by increasing populations in the rain forest areas.

Franklin L. Boren
Tinnie



GUEST COMMENTARY

It's time to invest in New Mexico

BY RAY POWELL,
N. M. COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

In these times of great need for our education system, we must find innovative ways to create new, nontax derived revenue sources. We must also stop exporting our most valuable resources - our children - who are often forced to relocate to other states to seek a decent living wage.

To increase spending on education, without providing the type of jobs that will allow them to continue to make New Mexico their home, is a terrible return on our educational investment. It also tears our families and communities apart.

New Mexico's economy depends on the creation and growth of small businesses. The lack of available venture capital is an impediment to the start-up and growth of these businesses in our state. Commercial production of technology created at our universities and national laboratories will occur in some other state - unless local sources of venture capital are enhanced.

I am supporting a legislative initiative to amend the existing "venture capital" law of New Mexico to empower the State Investment Council, when appropriate, to choose venture capital investment firms, which invest in New Mexico businesses. This will allow our outstanding state investment officer, Phil Archibeque, and his very capable staff to get an even better investment return.

Strong investment in public education, research and development infrastructure, and job skills training are core to developing a state economy that

is healthy and sustainable. These investments ensure that we have a highly educated workforce.

Today our state's land grant permanent fund stands at about \$8 billion. The money that is invested in the fund comes from the use of state trust lands by the private sector. The State Investment Council is charged with growing these funds through wise investments. These lands are held in trust for New Mexico's public schools, universities, and public hospitals. About \$350 million of this fund is presently available for venture capital investment in New Mexico. To date, only a small portion of this money has been invested in New Mexico.

As State Land Commissioner, it is my duty to manage the trust lands that have created this fund. Also, as a member of our State Investment Council, I know we can do an even better job of putting these funds to work for New Mexico.

This proposed "venture capital" legislation will do the following:

1. Provide an incentive to encourage the appropriate use of the venture capital portion of the land grant permanent fund for the establishment and growth of business in New Mexico; and

2. Increase revenues for public education, without the need for increasing taxes or diminishing the land grant permanent fund.

The legislation would direct the State Investment Council to consider the entire return to the beneficiaries (our schools) in its evaluation process. This would help the investment council look at the "big picture" and become the trustee it truly should be. Appropriate investments of this nature will create good quality jobs and also increase revenues for education in New Mexico. These can occur while we are growing our permanent fund.

The lease of the state trust lands would create additional income for those beneficiaries, while the proper development of those lands by the private sector would increase the value of the land itself. Thus, the State Investment Council would be legally authorized to invest in New Mexico, as opposed to other states' high-tech businesses.

Such an incentive would encourage venture capital investment firms to assist and encourage business to stay and grow in New Mexico. Use of this incentive would only be necessary and appropriate when the choice is New Mexico or somewhere else.

In summary, investing a portion of New Mexico's land grant permanent fund in New Mexico businesses that locate on New Mexico's trust lands makes good sense. It not only helps those businesses to grow, but provides jobs and funds education. Creating opportunities for New Mexico business to flourish and produce good jobs while providing a public good, is the goal of public/private partnerships.

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'Service above self' is for real

This is about three Ruidoso men in mid-career who have taken the time to do things for other people that the rest of us seldom have the time (or don't take the time) to do.

One of them is Lynn Willard, a veterinarian and long-time community contributor who this weekend will be in Juarez with a number of other people helping to plaster the walls of an orphanage in one of that Mexican city's barrios.

Another is Bert Brunell, he representing the most recent generation managing the long-lived clothing store in Midtown bearing his name. Brunell is a Ruidoso Warriors booster of the dedicated kind, ready to travel almost anywhere to support our young athletes, and a dedicated battler of trash along the highway - especially along Warrior Drive. Both, by the way, have been presidents of the Rotary Club of Ruidoso.

Then there's Alberto Robles, a proud naturalized American and Ruidoso real estate agent who hasn't forgotten his roots south of the border.

Robles this weekend will lead a

band of Rotary brothers to Juarez to continue a project he instituted nearly two years ago - improving the property (and therefore the lives of the residents) of an orphanage where - he and Willard agree - the children are loving, polite and determined.

This orphanage project received major impetus this month with word from Rotary International that a Rotary Foundation grant request had been approved which will, with the support of Rotary districts in New Mexico and Chihuahua, provide \$20,000 to continue upgrading that orphanage.

Those three Ruidosans this week were honored by their Rotary brothers with designation as Paul Harris Fellows. In the world of Rotary, that's the ultimate accolade, especially when it comes from their local club members.

To become a Paul Harris Fellow, a



MOUNTAIN ASIDES
KEITH GREEN

minimum donation of \$1,000 must be made to the Rotary Foundation. The fellowship is named for Paul Harris who founded Rotary in Chicago in the early years of the last century.

Socorro's club, with 70-plus members, now boasts something like 15 Paul Harris Fellows (plus a few who have transferred from other clubs), according to Frank Sawyer, who made the presentations at Tuesday's regular first-of-the-month meeting in the The Pea Lounge at Ruidoso High School.

For the record, we do understand that the world of Rotary isn't totally admired by some people; Rotary has been the butt of many jokes and jeers in movies and TV shows and political speeches - too staid, too square, too pontifical for some people's taste.

But we know from experience that Rotary's "service above self" slogan is for real; that clarity may start at home, but extends around the world. Rotary, almost alone, has wiped out polio as a childhood disease around the world, for example.

And it's proved that slogan for almost a century now.

Charges dismissed in Midtown death case

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A Ruidoso man, charged in connection with the Jan. 9, 2000 death of an El Paso man outside a Midtown Ruidoso bar, had two felony counts dismissed Wednesday.

Following a three-hour preliminary hearing, Magistrate Judge William R. Butts ruled the state had failed to meet its probable cause burden on the charges filed against Shane Eidson, 27.

Eidson had been charged with aggravated battery resulting in great bodily harm, a third degree felony, and involuntary manslaughter, a fourth degree felony.

In an unusual move during

a preliminary hearing, Eidson was called to testify by his attorney Gary C. Mitchell. Eidson admitted he shoved two men outside the Win Place and Show lounge.

One of the men, Kevin Wayne Holmes, 34, fell and struck his head on the back of a vehicle. Holmes was pronounced dead at the Lincoln County Medical Center about two hours after the 1:45 a.m. incident.

Holmes was in Ruidoso for a retreat with a group of El Paso area professionals, two friends testified. Four of the group were in Win Place and Show about half-an-hour before the 2 a.m. Sunday morning closing.

"A lady came over and said I

was in her seat in not so nice terms," testified "Scott Tefsteller, one of the El Paso group. "That's when Mr. Eidson hit me in the back. I picked up a beer bottle, put it down and then went outside."

Jessica Nosker, the woman Tefsteller referred to, said she was friend of Eidson.

"I asked if I could have my chair back," Nosker said. "He (Tefsteller) said you can have it back if you say please. I took that as crude. Then he was knocked out of my chair by Shaw (Eidson). I don't know how he nudged him but. He fell to the floor. He was mad."

Eidson said he had grabbed Tefsteller and pulled him out of the chair.

"The guys left," Eidson said. "Then they came back in. The big guy, Mr. Holmes, tapped me on the shoulder. He said 'let's go.'"

Eidson said he remained seated at the bar. Ten minutes later Holmes returned, asking that Eidson come outside, the defendant testified.

"Outside, he was aggressive and his buddy was doing the same," Eidson said. "I responded just like everyone else would. I shoved him (Tefsteller). I was threatened so I pushed him away. I wasn't going to let anyone hit me."

Holmes was pushed next, Eidson testified.

"He stumbled backwards and fell," Eidson said.

Firefighters help with falling tree

A group of Ruidoso firefighters helped a tree felling crew Tuesday when the 50-foot Ponderosa pine decided to lean in the direction of an adjacent structure.

"The wind started taking it toward the house," said Paul Chavez, one of three crew members originally working to bring the tree down.

Firefighter Robby Hall,

also an experienced tree remover, said a fire truck just happened to be passing the location, at 416 Hull Road, when they were flagged down. The crew was trying to keep the tall pine from dropping the wrong way.

After bracing the tree, Hall and two other firefighters helped bring the pine down in the right direction.

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Downs council looks at business licensing

Two separate ordinances would merge into one

The Ruidoso Downs village council is scheduled to approve the publication of a proposed new business license ordinance.

At the Feb. 12 council meeting, village legal council Dan Bryant told trustees the municipal business registration and business licensing ordinances needed to be merged into a single ordinance.

The agenda for Monday's council meeting also seeks approval to solicit proposals for village general services, described as grant administration and related services.

On the planning and zoning portion of the agenda, trustees

will be asked to approve a Planning and Zoning Board recommendation involving a 1976 mobile home located at the River Cove Mobile Home Park.

Another Planning and Zoning Board recommendation would require notification and published public notice involving the moving of mobile homes.

A public input item, for residents to ask questions or make comments, is an included part of the meeting.

The Ruidoso Downs village council meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m., at village hall, 122 Downs Drive.

Motorist hurt on Highway 70

A motorist on U.S. Highway 70 in the Hondo Valley suffered a broken shoulder and broken arm in a single-vehicle accident March 6.

Renee M. Marquez, 23, reportedly fell asleep at the wheel, went off the pavement and over-corrected, causing her 1995 Chevrolet pick-up truck to roll, according to an accident

report. Marquez was traveling west on the highway at mile post 184. She was transported to the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso.

Marquez, who had no home-town listed, is believed to be a New Mexico resident. She was cited for careless driving. Marquez was the only occupant of the vehicle.

DATE BOOK

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

Monday, March 12 - 5:30 p.m., Ruidoso Downs village council, Ruidoso Downs village hall. 6:30 p.m., Ruidoso ETZ Authority, Ruidoso village hall.

Tuesday, March 13 - 9:30 a.m., Ruidoso Utility Council, Ruidoso village hall. 6:30 p.m., Ruidoso village council, Ruidoso village hall.

Wednesday, March 14 - 12 noon, Ruidoso Library Board, Ruidoso Public Library. Saturday, March 17 - 9 a.m., Ruidoso Downs Planning and Zoning Workshop (update zoning ordinance), Ruidoso Downs village hall.

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Keithley's Korner Bad career choices and Hawaiian shirts

I should have been a television weatherman.

There is nothing I enjoy more than listening to their predictions and weather forecasts. I find the art of prediction fascinating.

Picking the horses on Sunday afternoons is sort of like being a weatherman, only people tend to trust weathermen more than horse players.

Probably the reason why weathermen get more respect than horse players is because they wear expensive suits and have nice, well groomed hair.

We horse players normally make our predictions wearing Hawaiian shirts and canvas loafers. Come to think of it, our outward appearance may be the only difference between us.

At least we back our predictions at the windows with our own hard-earned cash. What did last night's right-or-wrong forecast set him back? Not a red cent.

I got a big kick out of this week's "blizzard of the century" that was to hit New York City. It shut everything down before the first snow flake. The false forecast sent everyone clearing the store shelves. I'll bet Furr's wishes they could get

such a favorable forecast in New Mexico.

For many years, I've gotten most of my weather information from the Farmer's Almanac. I figure it's been around for a long time, so it must have gotten the forecasts right at least a time or two. They did predict the big snow on Superbowl weekend correctly, but they predicted dryer-than-normal conditions in February and March. Wrong.

I do watch all of the forecasters pretty closely. KBIM-TV's Patrick Hammer is the best I've seen — in a suit.

• Mike Fisher of Cattle Barons Inc., has released the list of performers for this year's Pinestock celebration, June 9 and 10, at the Eagle Creek Softball Complex.

Grammy Award winner Delbert McClinton (Givin' It Up For Your Love), will be the top act and is expected to draw heavily from his West Texas roots. His performance will anchor the event on Saturday, June 9.

"Delbert has just released a new album, and we were fortunate to get the tour date," Fisher said. He

remains one of the top concert acts in the country, and we're very excited about having a headline act of his stature in the music industry."

Sunday's featured performer will be Jack Mack and the Heart Attack. Other bands that have signed up to participate include Chris Daniels and the Kings, the Tony Furtado Band, The Motet and Larry Joe Taylor.

Pinestock is being combined with the annual Connoisseur Classic Southwest Wine Competition, which is presented by Special Events Resource Group. For ticket information, telephone 1-877-877-9322.

• If you buy your sweetie flowers, that's scoring some major points. If she also knows that the sale of the flowers goes to charity, expect to have a nice little weekend.

The Red Cross is selling roses right now to raise money for its general fund. They'll sell you a dozen of them for only 20 bucks, which is a pretty good deal by any stretch of the imagination. "We're selling dozens and

dozens of roses," Steve Olson said. He is the director of the local chapter. "All of the proceeds of the sale stay right here, which helps us with our everyday expenses."

Olson said that one in six New Mexicans receive some assistance from the Red Cross at some point in their lives.

Telephone 257-7579 to order the roses.

• Another great local organization is Hospice, which offers support to cancer victims and their families. They're selling daffodils for \$6 a bunch this month.

"This is our major fundraiser each year," Don Lindley said.

He is the president of the group.

"This allows us to assist members of our community who have been diagnosed as having a terminal illness by providing physical, emotional and spiritual comfort."

To order daffodils, telephone 257-5189.

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

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STATE BRIEFS

Men allege beatings

ESPANOLA — Two police officers in Espanola have been on paid leave for more than a month pending an investigation into allegations they beat two Santa Fe men who had been arrested.

David Aranda, 19, alleges the officers beat him and Hector Orozco, 19, after they were booked at the Espanola jail. Aranda also said officers made racial slurs against Orozco, a Mexican immigrant.

Cpl. Bobby Wright and officer Solomon Romero were placed on administrative leave Jan. 25 after City Manager Leonard Padilla viewed a videotape made at the jail while Aranda and Orozco were booked earlier in the month.

Padilla said what he saw on the tape raised questions about whether the officers followed procedure.

The two men have sued the Espanola Police Department.

The 8-cent disconnect

ALBUQUERQUE — Jerilyn Bowen was seeing red after a mistake of 8 cents on a check brought her a disconnect notice from the Public Service Company of New Mexico.

"This would be funny if it weren't for its rather grim implications," Bowen said.

Bowen, a graduate student at the University of New Mexico, shares her small home near campus with her sister, and they split the utility bills.

When the PNM bill arrived in January, they somehow made a mistake with the math and wrote a check for 8 cents less than the \$211.80 they owed.

At the beginning of February, their bill showed they were 8 cents in arrears. The bill included a notice saying that unless the amount owed was received by Feb. 23,

Bowen's house would be disconnected.

It took Bowen several attempts and long waits to reach a PNM customer service representative, but once she did, she was told her electricity and gas would not be shut off for such a small amount.

Ruins endangered

BANDELIER NATIONAL MONUMENT — Bandelier National Monument's fragile caveate pueblos have been added to a list of New Mexico's most endangered historic places for 2001.

The caveates, remainders of large stone pueblos built against cliff faces 400 to 600 years ago, are nestled between the Rio Grande and Jemez mountains on the Pajarito plateau. Visitors to the monument can see them from trails in the Frijoles Canyon and in the Tsankawi Unit.

The New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance added the 1,200 recorded caveates to the list last month, she said.

Other sites on this year's list include the Deming Train Depot, Buffalo Mountain in Santa Fe County, historical commercial signs on Route 66 and the Rio Grande theater in Las Cruces.

Woman survives crash

ALBUQUERQUE — Erica Sanchez believes she's alive because she's short.

The 25-year-old woman walked away unhurt after her 1980 Camaro blew a tire and veered under the trailer of a tractor-trailer rig Tuesday. She believes her size — 4-foot-11 — is one reason why.

The top of her car was sheared off, and the truck dragged it for nearly a quarter of a mile before stopping, but Sanchez received only a bruised leg.

Some fear N.M. bases could close

■ Bases would be closed because the military still has too many for the size of the Armed Forces.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Bush administration proposal to close military bases has gotten the attention of advocates for the four installations in New Mexico: Kirtland, Cannon and Holloman Air Force bases and White Sands Missile Range.

Communities near those bases could be hit if they close, but could gain if out-of-state units transfer in.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., have introduced a bill calling for more rounds of base closures, in 2003 and 2005.

Four previous rounds between 1988 and 1995 shut down 97 major bases.

Bases would be closed because the military still has too many for the size of the Armed Forces, which have been cut since the end of the Cold War.

President Bush's proposed budget notes that "with 23 per-

cent in estimated excess infrastructure, it is clear that new rounds of base closures will be necessary to shape the military more efficiently."

The military estimates the first four rounds of closings will have saved \$25 billion by 2003 and \$6 billion a year thereafter. A General Accounting Office report, however, said savings are difficult to estimate and might not be that high.

The process, called Base Realignment and Closure, or BRAC, pits states against each other as they fight to save jobs. In the past, independent commissions were set up to determine which bases should close.

The military is not allowed to publicly advocate for its own bases, so business-supported groups serve as a local defense during the process.

Cannon Air Force Base, the source of about one-third of the economy of nearby Clovis, could be targeted simply because it would be easy: Cannon's F-16

fighter wing could be moved elsewhere.

But Doc Stewart of the base support Clovis Committee of 60 said Cannon has room for a second fighter wing. It's in the middle of vast, open areas for flight training and has quick access to the nearby Melrose bombing range.

Stuart Purviance, executive director of the Kirtland Partnership Committee, said future base closings will only get harder.

"It's going to be a big one. The low-hanging fruit has been taken." Stuart Purviance, Kirtland Partnership Committee

In previous rounds, New Mexico lost only Fort Wingate, a small conventional weapons Army depot outside Gallup.

Kirtland had been targeted for severe cuts in 1995. The military planned to move most major tenants elsewhere, costing 6,850 jobs. The military estimated that would have cost an additional 5,000 indirect

jobs supporting the base — a total of 3.6 percent of the area's jobs at the time.

Research by Kirtland supporters showed the military's estimate of cost savings were wrong, and the base stayed open.

Kirtland is an atypical base since it has no single, defining mission, unlike bomber or fighter bases. It's a nuclear weapons depot and laser and military space research center and is home to the Energy Department's Sandia National Laboratories, an Air National Guard fighter wing, a special operations pilot training wing and dozens of smaller tenants.

Kirtland advocates say that while it could be targeted again, it also has room to grow and could pick up new missions, such as the Space and Missile Systems Center from Los Angeles Air Force Base.

Holloman Air Force Base and White Sands Missile Range have unique research and test facilities that would be prohibitively expensive to move, advocates say. Holloman also has specialized equipment to care for the nation's stealth fighter wing based there.

Johnson wants legislators to trim spending in state budget

BY BARRY MASSEY ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SANTA FE — Gov. Gary Johnson's administration wants the Legislature to scale back its proposed spending in a \$3.9 billion budget package and take a long-term financial view to avoid potential cutbacks if the economy slows and revenues drop.

"They're not making the attempt to balance the books, as far as I can see," Harold Field, the governor's top budget adviser said.

His comments came a day after the Senate approved a budget package that calls for an 11 percent increase in spending from the state's general budget account in the fiscal year that starts July 1.

The Senate's four-hour debate over the

budget exposed the lingering bitterness and fractures among the Senate's Democratic members over a leadership fight that ousted Sen. Manny Aragon of Albuquerque as president pro tem after 12 years running the chamber.

Aragon and his loyalists tried unsuccessfully to revamp the budget package that was supported by a bipartisan coalition.

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Council meets Tuesday

A quick meeting of the Ruidoso village council is on tap for Tuesday.

Just nine items, on the consent agenda, are listed for the meeting.

They are:

- Approval of the renewal of an agreement for on-call appraisal services.
- Approval of a property lease and equipment transfer of an airport non-directional beacon to the Federal Aviation Administration.
- Approval of an agreement with Seely and Associates for the acquisition of funds for village projects.
- Adoption of a resolution to

amend the 2000-2001 fiscal year budget.

- A bid award dealing with the solid waste department's trailer equipment.
- A bid award for an air compressor for the street department.
- A bid award for a compactor lease for the street department.

The agenda also includes approval of the minutes of the last council meeting.

The village council meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. on March 13. The session will be held in the council chambers of village hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

RUIDOSO POLICE

News rack missing

Ruidoso police are investigating the theft of a newspaper vending machine.

A representative of the Roswell Daily Record reported the machine, at the Sierra Mall on Mechem Drive, missing on March 7.

The value of the device and an estimated amount cash and product added up to \$400. The case has been posted as a felony larceny. The machine was believed to have been removed between 5:30 a.m.

March 3 and 5:30 a.m. March 7.

Police probe burglary

The police department's Criminal Investigation Division is looking into a reported felony burglary, misdemeanor criminal damage to property and misdemeanor larceny.

Ruidoso Ice and Water Company on Sudderth Drive reported a burglary on March 5. A police report stated that someone initially attempted to

fish money from a payment slot at the business. The front glass-door of the business was then broken by a rock to get to a bucket of money below the payment slot. The glass damage was set at \$350. The amount of cash taken was estimated at \$100.

Battery alleged

A criminal complaint was lodged against a Ruidoso man by an alleged victim who told officers she was battered. The woman charged she

was grabbed by the throat, punched in the face and thrown to the ground. The man named in the complaint, Joseph Bookhamer, 29, told police the woman attacked him. The alleged incident at a Randle Drive residence, was reported March 6.

Break-in reported

A resident in the 200 block of Camelot Drive reported to police that her apartment was broken into between 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on March 6.

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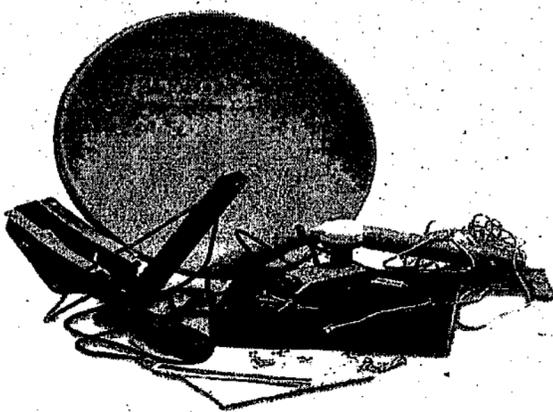
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 Road at Report Time: Chains needed on 2WD, road plowed and salted
 Midway Depth: 74 in.
 Surface Conditions: Powder and packed powder
 Skiing Conditions: Excellent
 Trails Open: 65/65 All trails are open
 Lifts Open: 11/11 All lifts are open
 Trails Groomed This Morning: 22/55
 Snowmaking Past 24 Hours: No
 Forecast: Partly cloudy and warmer

Prep scoreboard

Thursday March 8
 Ruidoso, 68, St. Michaels 62

Preps on tap

Class AAA State Tournament at University of New Mexico Arena, Albuquerque

Friday March 9
 Boys basketball
 Class AAA Third Place game, 7 p.m.
 Track
 Ruidoso at West Texas Relays, Odessa, TX, 12:30 p.m.

Saturday March 10
 Boys basketball
 Class AAA Championship game, 11:07 a.m.

Softball
 Goddard at Ruidoso, 1 and 3 p.m.

Baseball
 Ruidoso at Alamogordo, 10 a.m. and noon
 Tennis
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On Deck

Senior Olympics

The 2001 Lincoln County Senior Olympics schedule of events follows:
 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, Carrizo 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, Carrizo 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 - 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.

Pecos Valley Stampede

The 20th annual Pecos Valley Stampede, 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 8 a.m., with 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 for 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.

Little League registration

Registration for the upcoming Little League baseball season will be Thursday, March 8, from 5-7 p.m. at Captain School. For more information please call Matt at 258-2109 or Angela at 354-2887.

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-sixth 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 18. For more information or an entry form, call Mark Garigan at (800) 787-3265 or tournament director Mike Huston at 884-2686.

Youth Soccer League

The Lincoln County Youth Soccer League will be holding sign-ups Tuesday, March 20, from 5:30-7 p.m. and Wednesday, March 21, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the White Mountain Elementary School cafeteria. The registration fee is \$25, which includes a shirt. A \$10 late charge will be assessed for sign-ups after March 21. Children ages 4-13 may register. Kids must be age 4 by July 31. For more information, call Sherry at 257-1079 or 257-5324.

BY WESLEY SCHWENGELS
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

ALBUQUERQUE — The Ruidoso High School basketball team needed four extra minutes to determine whether they would play for first or third place in the state championship.
 They opted for first.
 Solomon Barnett had 21 points and J.R. Floyd added 12 as the Warriors squeaked past the St. Michael's Horsemen 66-62 in Thursday's state semifinal.
 "When we go into overtime, we win," said

head coach Billy Page. "We're in better condition, and it's our ball game."
 Due to some sloppy play and questionable officiating, the Warriors trailed at halftimes 28-23.
 Page said to his team in the locker room that they "can't worry about a referee."
 They came out with a spark in the third quarter though, outscoring the Horsemen 24-14 in the period.
 A stingy second half full-court press caused St. Michael's problems. They fell behind by seven at one point.

But the Horsemen came back to take a 53-52 lead late in the fourth, only to have the Warriors take it right back.
 The Horsemen then tied it at 54, and the Warriors missed two shots with less than 10 seconds to push it into overtime.
 The overtime also went back and forth, but Ruidoso took over from the free-throw line and outscored the Horsemen 12-8.
 "This is a really awesome feeling," Page said afterward. "We just had a great crowd." Up next for the Warriors is the state championship game Saturday.

Four Lady Warrior hoopsters receive District 4AAA honors

BY WES SCHWENGELS
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The basketball season ended on a high note for four Ruidoso Lady Warriors, as two were named to the 4AAA All-District Team, while two more were listed as honorable mentions.

Junior post Carrie Line and freshman guard Clarissa Silva were named to the 13-girl team for their outstanding play this year, while senior guard Mindy Brunell and freshman post Dusti Franklin also received honorable mention nods for a terrific season.

"It's a very deserving award," said Lady Warrior coach Albert Ronquillo. "(Carrie and Clarissa) were two of the top players in district and the others were right up there too."

Silva, who averaged 9.6 points per game and shot 45 percent behind the three-point arc, said that while it is a great honor, she doesn't deserve all the attention.

"Coach (Ronquillo) made us work hard," she said. "I have to give credit to the other girls."

Line, who scored 10.7 points per game and pulled down nearly four rebounds per game, also called the award a "big honor" and noted the tough competition in District 4AAA.

That competition included state champion Portales and Lovington, who took third in state. But those two school are graduating a number of girls, according to Ronquillo, while the Warriors will return three of their five starters, only one of whom will be a senior.

"Our number one goal is to be competitive and win a district championship," Ronquillo said. He expects his team to be capable of that as early as next

4AAA Ladies All-District Basketball Team

Carrie Line — Ruidoso
 Clarissa Silva — Ruidoso
 Luci Lee — Portales, District MVP
 Kristi Harp — Portales
 Keasha Erdman — Portales
 Olivia Brown — Portales
 Jaytha Cuipepper — Portales
 Sandy Avallor — Santa Teresa
 Angelica Olivas — Lovington
 Alexis Lopez — Lovington
 Janessa Duffy — Lovington
 Kat Magraw — Lovington
 Alex Ridemour — Lovington

Honorable Mention: Mindy Brunell — Ruidoso, Dusti Franklin — Ruidoso, Melissa Grajeda — Santa Teresa, Katie Topkin — Lovington.



Ruidoso Warrior basketball team members board their bus Wednesday before leaving for the state tournament in Albuquerque. The Warriors beat St. Michael's Thursday afternoon 66-62 in overtime.

Parents organize 'spirit train' to take Warriors off to state

BY WES SCHWENGELS
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Ruidoso High School boys basketball team got a spirited send-off Wednesday as they left for Albuquerque and the state tournament.

The "spirit train," put together mostly by parents of Warrior basketball players, featured a late lunch of pizzas, provided by radio station KWES, and cake. After that, the team loaded up onto their bus and hit the road for the state title.

Head coach Billy Page said he and his team appreciated the backing provided by everyone there.

"This shows the support (the players) have from the community," Page said. "This hasn't been a basketball town and we're not trying to convert the town, but we're trying to get support for the kids."

The support was evident, as approximately 50 people showed up to congratulate the team and follow their bus out of the parking lot and onto the highway.

"These kids are pumped," said Becky Lewis, mother of All-District Warrior Sean Sebastian. Lewis was one of

the people who put the spirit train together in what she called a "collaborative effort."

Ruidoso superintendent of schools Mike Gladden was among those present and said such an event gives a shot in the arm to the community. He said he likes the Warriors' chances.

"We're expecting them to do the best they can," he said.

"If they do that, they'll be fine."

As for the game against St. Michael's Thursday, Page seemed confident.

"I think we're ready," he said. "We just have to take care of business."

Senior Nathan Stalaland felt the same.

"(We have to) play hard, as usual," he said, adding that he believes the team will win, "as long as we play together."

Win or lose, the Warriors are destined for another game. The winner will be in the state championship Saturday at 11:07 a.m., while

the loser will play for third place Friday at 7 p.m.

Page lent some insight on the other two teams remaining in the tournament, saying Portales could upset the second-ranked Pojoaque Elks in the semifinals. The Elks recently lost starting guard Marcos Rivera to a broken leg in their district championship loss to St. Michael's. Page also said he had noticed some animosity between the Pojoaque players.

"Portales seems more disciplined," he said.

Page also acknowledged how hard his own players have worked all season, both on the court and in the classroom, where four Warriors are enrolled this semester in AP calculus.

But the spirit train was about fun, as the Ruidoso players and fans obviously enjoyed themselves.

"This is just great," Page said. "I really appreciate all the people who supported us all the way. Those are the special ones, the ones I want to thank. But everybody else who wants to jump on the bandwagon, well hop on, we're playing (Thursday) at 3:30."

"I really appreciate all the people who supported us all the way."

Billy Page, RHS head basketball coach

Linksters look to repeat

BY TOM RUTTS
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Ruidoso Warriors golf team is gearing up to make a run at another at a state title.

The weather has not allowed the linksters to prac-

tice as much as they would have liked.

Not to be deterred, the Warriors were on the golf course Wednesday afternoon

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Braves wrap up their season

The Ruidoso Middle School Braves wrapped up their season at the Santa Fe wrestling tournament, missing third place by seven points behind them. Their best finish came in Bales where they captured a third place.

The Braves should come back strong next year with only three wrestlers moving on to the high school program. One already has a little experi-

ence with the high school wrestling program.

Cody Huffmon had the opportunity to challenge Brian Martinez for a position on the varsity team in the 103 weight class. Huffmon didn't get the position, but he got experience.

"They are a great group of kids. I am really looking forward to having them again next year," said coach Brian Brown.

Members of the Braves wrestling team are, back row, Brian Leadingham, Cody Huffmon, Cory Welborn, Bronson Riser, Coach Brian Brown, Josh Pior, Joseph Godines, Dustin Marko, Joey Garcia. Front row, Micheal Sanchez, Greg Crow, Dayne Hall, Francisco Sandoval.



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Todd Byrnes/Ruidoso News
Ryan Shaver a sophomore at Ruidoso High School, takes aim at the flag Wednesday at Cree Meadows Golf Course. Shaver was a member of last year's 3A state championship team.

GOLF: Ruidoso varsity out for another title

FROM PAGE 1B

despite the cool, rainy weather.

The Warriors are looking to have another good season. Having won the district title for the last nine years. They are eyeing a 10th straight district title. That is only the beginning.

The Warriors have won the state title for the last two years. This team took its first state championship in Las Cruces two years ago. The same team returned the following year and won the state championship in Farmington. The Warriors are looking to make it a three-peat this year.

Having lost only one golfer, Ben Andrews who graduated last year, the Warriors are confident they have a chance of winning three state championships in a row. They played three tourna-

ments in the fall qualifying in all three. This allows them to go to the state tournament again this year.

"We have some good solid kids. They work hard independently on their own," said Coach Ron Wall, "So it's just a matter of getting together as a team. Get back in the swing of things so to speak. Getting their mental game and their scoring down."

The varsity Warriors begin their season March 20 in Roswell at the Spring River golf course.

"The kids need to stay focused. They need to know what they're doing. We have given them some objectives. Now it's their duty to see it through," coach Eric Eggleston said. Besides coaching the Warriors, Eggleston is also the golf pro at Cree Meadow golf course.

Eric Eggleston
coach

"The kids need to stay focused. They need to know what they're doing. We have given them some objectives. Now it's their duty to see it through."

■ It is one of the biggest tourist periods of the year, and Ruidoso students plan to take full advantage of it.

Village gets ready for spring break

BY SUMMER BROOKS
RUIDOSO NEWS INTERN

Merchants and lodgers in Ruidoso are bracing for the annual rush of visitors that comes with spring break, but for many Ruidoso school students, the break from school means an opportunity to work.

And with this year's abundant snow at Ski Apache — 74 inches at midday as of Thursday afternoon — this year's late-winter tourist season could exceed recent years.

Jill Cleveland, manager at the Swiss Chalet, employs teens significantly more during the spring break season.

Many businesses in town — especially the ski shops, restaurants and other tourist-related businesses — rely on extra help during the spring break season.

Ruidoso teens look forward to the opportunity to work extra hours.

"I'm looking forward to working some extra hours to get extra money to fix up my car," said Adam Phelps, a Ruidoso High School junior who works at the Wild West Ski Shop.

Like Phelps, many local students will spend their time off from school to help accommodate the traditional influx of the extra tourists during the late winter peak.

"Spring break is second to Christmas for a week period during the winter season," Ski Apache gener-

al manager Roy Parker said. He added that the busiest week is expected to be March 10-19.

A review of the village lodgers tax collections for the 1999-2000 fiscal year illustrates the impact of spring break visitors. In February and April last year, the village took in just more than \$24,400 in revenues from the tax paid by visitors who stay in Ruidoso hotel rooms.

In March, however, the revenues shot up to more than \$33,400. This does not include tourists who stay in vacation homes, with friends or relatives but still spend money in the area.

"Spring Break brings a lot of people to town for a vacation during a slow time which is not a traditional holiday," said Eddie Parker the Visitors Center information specialist. Spring Break is considered such an important factor

in the Ruidoso economy, the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce keeps a schedule of spring break dates for colleges and high schools across New Mexico and Texas.

The Comfort Inn is completely booked today through March 15 and the following weekend.

Comfort Inn manager Valerie Chavez, a 10-year veteran of the lodging business, said, "In the past, Texas has spread their spring breaks out during the month of March but this year it seems like it is all coming in the first week."

Eddie Parker also said this spring break could be busier than usual with the abundance of snow and many of the lodges and hotels filling up.

Summer Brooks is a journalism student at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso.



Summer Brooks/Ruidoso News
Cody Phelps, left, a Ruidoso High School junior, talks with fellow employees at Wild West Ski Shop. Phelps, like many Ruidoso students, will spend his spring break on the job.

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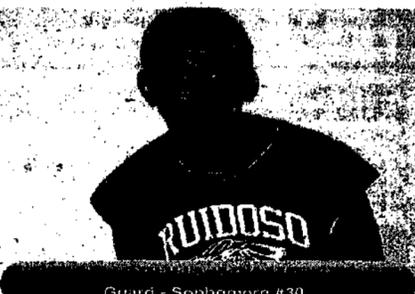
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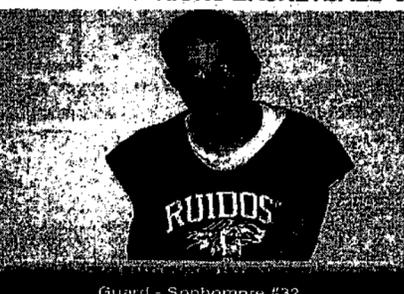
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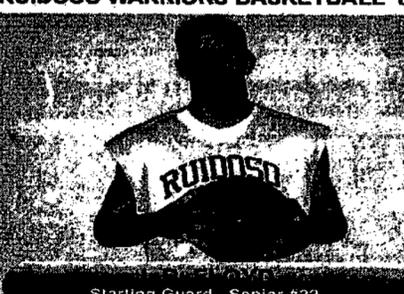
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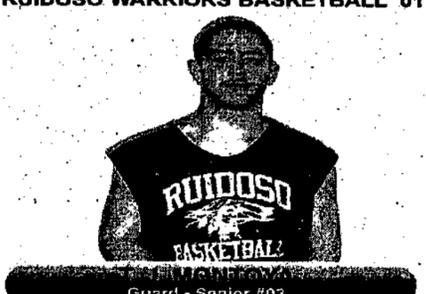
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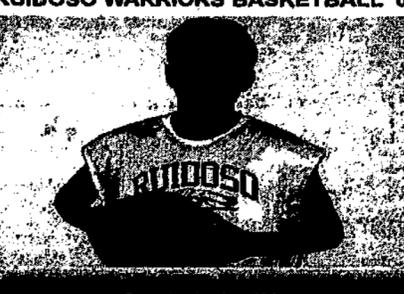
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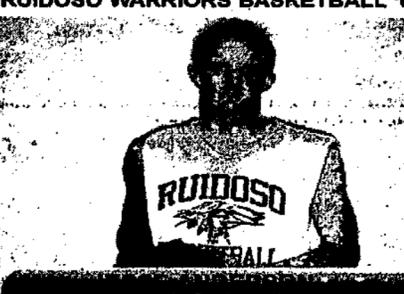
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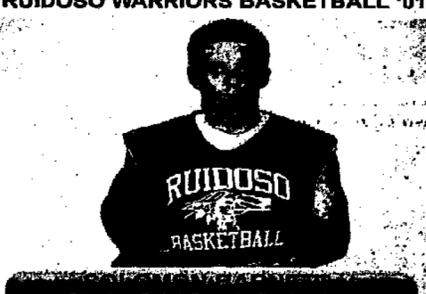
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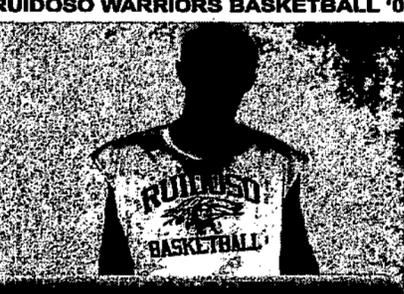
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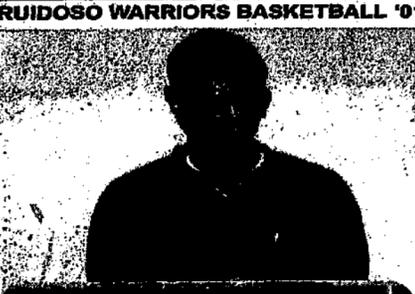
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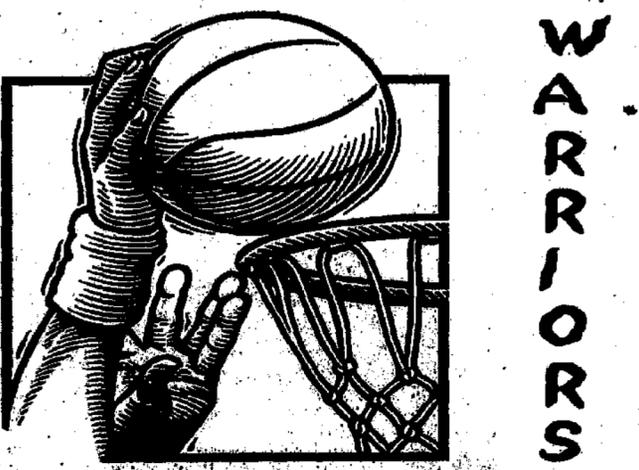
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2BD/2BA UNFURNISHED appliances only, garage, \$750 plus utilities. Available now. Call Casas de Ruidoso toll free 888-257-7577 or local 257-7577.

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3BD/-1/2BA, level entry, gas, like new inside. \$695/mo 1-800-953-2555 or 258-8600

3BD/2BA, UNFURNISHED 2400 sq. ft. Country Estate in Loma Grande on 8 acres. \$1,500/mo. plus utilities. Call Casas de Ruidoso, Inc. toll free 1-888-257-7577 or local 257-7577.

3BD/2BA, UNFURNISHED, newly remodeled, deck, hottub, tp, near MidTown. \$750/month + utilities. \$750 deposit + last months rent. 630-2063

3BD/3BA + BONUS room in Alto Village w/1 car garage. Great views. \$1225/mo unfurnished. Less with lease. Also available furnished. 336-1313

ALTO - FURNISHED 4BD/3BA, 2 car garage, very nice. Need references, minimum 1 year lease. (817) 430-8621

080 APARTMENTS FOR RENT LAS CASITAS DE ROSA, excellent location. 2 bedrooms upstairs; 1.25 bathrooms; and w/d hookups. \$525 plus utilities. Call 505-258-9202.

APARTMENTS ON NOB HILL All new Santa Fe Style 4-Plexes Move in Specials 257-2511

1 BD APARTMENT available in Capitlan. \$290/mo. plus deposit. Water, trash and sewer paid. 384-0023 or 354-2711.

1BD/1BA, fireplace, washer/dryer, all appliances, \$575/mo. plus utilities. Small ranch in Lincoln, will trade part of rent for caretaking. 505-653-4041. References/1yr. lease required.

3BD, UTILITIES PAID, appliances furnished, \$575/month + deposit. No pets. Call 258-4509 evenings or 257-2121 days or 430-8502

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SECLUDED 2BD/1BA unfurnished home. Washer/dryer hook-up. \$695 a month plus deposit plus utilities. No pets. Call Jodi 336-8377

SUPER CLEAN, QUIET, large 1BD duplex - Fireplace, washer/dryer hook-ups. Great location. \$525/month \$300 deposit. 1-888-356-1349

THREE BEDROOM Home on four lots for rent \$550/mo. First and last month rent. For information call Rod at 257-0251 leave message.

UNFURNISHED HOUSE. Cree Meadows, 1 acre lot. 3/Bedroom 1-1/4Bath washer/dryer, refrigerator, dishwasher, disposal, electric stove, very clean. \$750/mo 6 month lease. Dog ok. April 1st. 505-434-6652 Alamogordo

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CIMARRON CONDOS, \$325/mo. plus deposit. 378-5280.

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

MODERN, CLEAN newly painted, one bedroom apartment. Lots of closets and storage. Covered parking, great neighbors. \$425 plus electric only. Lease and deposit. (505)521-4057.

NICEST TWO BEDROOM, one bath apartment in town. Cathedral ceilings, washer/dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator, stove included. Gas heat/hot water. "LOW UTILITIES". 915-757-8043 for details.

090 MOBILES FOR RENT 1/BD UNFURNISHED, private land, no ppts - 1st & last months rent \$350/mo + \$100 cleaning deposit. 1 year lease \$325. Daytime 378-5265

3BD/2BA, MOBILE HOME. Partially furnished at Gavilan Hwy. 48 on Timber Lane. 336-4580

SMALL 1-1/2BD \$250/MO \$X30, one bedroom \$200/mo, RV spaces Carrizozo Canyon Rd. \$150. Captain RV spaces \$140. 257-5388

UNFURNISHED 2BD/2BA mobile on large private lot. Close to race track. \$650 + deposit & utilities. 378-4661

100 CONDOS FOR RENT 2BD/2BA CONDO, \$650/mo. Call Ritter & Associates at 378-8191.

3BD, 2-1/2BA, level entry, gas, like new inside. \$695/mo/1-800-953-2555 or 258-8600

ONE MONTH FREE RENT! 2bd/1ba Condo. Fireplace, single level, unfurnished. Get one month free rent with year lease. \$475/mo, includes water. No pets. Security deposit required. Call Condor - 258-5200. NM license #13789C

UNFURNISHED 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo; fireplace, washer and dryer. Farley's area. No pets. \$550, plus deposit. 257-4442

110 CABINS AND VACATION RENTALS NICELY FURNISHED, excellent condition, long or short term rental, 3/1, Alto area. \$750/mo. or \$125/night 1-877-297-7107 (505) 625-1443

ONE & TWO BDR cabins w/kitchen, furnished, 311 Mechem Drive 257-2435

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PARK CABINS: one bedroom, full kitchen, winterized construction, different floor plans, siding, lofts, porches, etc. Land leases by river available, prices from the \$20,000's. Sierra Blanca Realty 616 Sudderth 505-257-2576

140 WANT TO RENT HOUSE MATE \$500/MO and split utilities. Very large log home. Central location no smoking. References 258-5356 night 257-4027 day

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

ALL SIZES STORAGE units available. Affordable Storage, 253 Carrizo Canyon. Call for special! 257-9417.

FORTRESS MINI Storage at the Castle, Highway 70. All sizes, including (2) 20x60 in Prestige Cabinet Showroom. 257-0313 or 257-7622.

L & D SELF STORAGE Hwy 48. Space available. 258-4599 or 257-9463.

170 BUSINESS RENTALS AVAILABLE NOW retail or office space, 750 sq. ft. store front. \$750 per month. Attic Complex, 1031 Mechem. 258-5338.

COMMERCIAL BUILDING 1-1/2 miles east of race track. 271 East Hwy. 70 Approximately 1,800 sq. ft. \$600/month + deposit. 378-4661

FOR LEASE: Four office suites, approx 1000 sq. ft. plus shared reception area, kitchenette/storage, partially furnished. 1206 Mechem 258-4030

FOR LEASE: PRIME office space. Executive suites with conference room. Also, larger multi-office suites. Interior or golf courses/mountain views. Abundant parking. 505-268-5924.

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Looking for a weekend getaway? A seasonal retreat? A reason to smile? GREAT GETAWAY IN THE MOUNTAINS 1971 mobile homes, 12x60, partially furnished. Washer/dryer hook ups. 8x12 shed, circular driveway. Nice size lot. \$29,500. #93694 CALL LOANDA LOCKRIDGE INVEST YOUR MONEY... Beautiful views, 2/1-14x50, 1984 mobile home. All utilities in. Approx. 1.08 acres, horses allowed. Privacy, beautiful trees & wild life, treated deck. Has had water damage & is being sold "as is" for \$34,900. #93119 CALL JORISSE HENRY RUSTIC ELEGANCE ABOUND... Full golf membership. Located on a charming cul-de-sac & backs up to #2 Tee Box. Level year-round access. Beautiful flagstone inside & out. Parquet oak floor in kitchen, refig. air, garage has heat & air. \$495,000. CALL COLLEEN WHITAKER 4 LOTS + Home on top of the mountain, yet good access. Tall pines, all level, nice views, quiet seclusion. 3/2/2 with big decks on 1+ acre, refrigerated air, good storage & large fenced area. \$169,500. #94597 CALL JOSEPH A. ZAGONE CENTURY 21 Aspen Real Estate 727 Mechem Drive • Ruidoso 257-9057 • 1-800-858-2773 101 High Mesa Drive • Alto 336-4248 • 1-800-887-6602 Visit us on-line at c21aspenruidoso.com • E-mail us at: homes@alainet.com Real Estate for the Real World!

Sierra Blanca Realty Motivated seller asking for offers. Let me show you the special 3 bedroom home at 205 Whitney \$195,500. Feels good, everything about this 3 bedroom home is special, the views, kitchen, storage, immaculate condition, seeing is believing, 103 Monica's Ct. (\$217,000 - A great value) Mountain tracts, view, privacy, all utilities except septic, and of Pamela Lane, call Owner/Agent \$88,900 each. 616 Sudderth • e-mail: sbr@alainet.com • 505-257-2576

CALL: Allyson Mansfield at REMAX OF RUIDOSO 258 - 5833 office • 258 - 4877 home • 910 - 4787 cell 1009 Mechem, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 LOOKING FOR A QUIET- Secluded home, nestled in the pines? Must see this 1 level, easy access home with great deck and good location. \$112,000 MLS# 94759

366 Sudderth Drive • Ruidoso, NM 88345 OFFICE (505) 257-4700 • FAX 257-2060 OUT OF TOWN 800-257-0811 Pine Mountain Realty NORTH OF RUIDOSO Cute 3 bdrm, 2 baths. Pallet fireplace, small deck. Located on corner lot w/level access. Priced \$84,500. MLS #94723 A BEAUTIFUL LOG LOOK HOME. 3 bdrm, 2 baths. Hot tub-game room. Covered deck in front running the length of the home. This log home is decorated with a southwest touch of elegance. Attached 2 car garage. This home sits among nice trees, covering 27 acres. \$299,000. MLS# 94568 ESTABLISHED BUSINESS! RV park includes 3/2 Dble wide (1250 sq.) Fleetwood 12 X60 2 bdrm. Sgl. wide 12x28 1 bdrm. Sgl. wide 14x80 3 bdrm. Sgl. wide 20 mfr. home sites & 23 RV sites. Books available to qualified buyers. Price \$550,000. MLS#94586 TULAROSA RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT -about 1 mile with beautiful waterfalls. Two cabins-fully fenced-unique and beautiful setting abounding w/wildlife. \$2,300,000. MLS#94410 FANTASTIC VIEWS from this 8.96 acres in Ranches of Sutterth. 1100 FT well (cased) producing approx. 30 gal/min. Almost 9 acres of Mt. beauty w/360 degree views. \$115,000. MLS #92788 VERY NICE LAND w/4 top ridge terrace, w/views-along w/and below running Lincoln Rd., partially fenced. Adjacent 4 acres listed-will sell both together \$39,500. #94589 PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT http://www.sbrnet.com/pmr

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THE RIVER HOME HAS room, flagstone walk, Large artist studio, must see on over 1 One level home with large New interior 12x12 tile, #93949. 2 level home on 5 lots, 2 BR, 2 BA, LR, DR, and 2 1/2 baths. Unbeatable location. Great deck. \$159,500. Call ANNE OF BAY #94450.

Ahhhh! Ruidoso! LARGE MOBILE ADD-ON on corner lot. 5 br, 2.75 ba, 2 car carport. Remodeled in '98 w/carpet, washer/dryer, dishwasher, garbage disposal. You must see the great inside! \$91,500. #93953 ALTO LOT. Great social membership lot in Alto. \$15,000. #94634

MARCH 2001

170 BUSINESS RENTALS

FOR RENT Commercial restaurant building and equipment at entrance to Upper Canyon. Monthly rental \$2,200 plus utilities. Property also FOR SALE.

Call James Paxton CENTURY 21 Aspen Real Estate 257-9157 or 801-658-2773

Great office located in North Creek Professional Park. Two levels, large open offices - bathroom on each floor. Excellent condition and location. Please call James or Marjane, CENTURY 21 Aspen Real Estate 257-9057 or 1-800-658-2773. Owner is a licensed NM Real Estate Broker.

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A + M&M/MARS Established Vending Route. Will sell by 3/18/01. Under \$9K minimum investment required. Excellent monthly profit potential. Finance available good credit. 1-800-637-7444

CABIN OPERATION: 15 units; some rented monthly, some nightly. Also includes owner's home with garage. Many possibilities, \$395,000.00. Call Joseph A. Zagone at 420-3807. #91465

ESTABLISHED BUSINESS FOR SALE! All inventory & 2 vehicles, large customer list, sales & service business only. Serious inquiries only. Wind Dancer Realty 257-0320

FOR SALE Restaurant, down town, great window traffic, in full operation. Appraised at 35K. More information call 378-4513.

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070 HOUSES FOR RENT

DON'T WORRY... WE HAVE RENTALS!

HOUSES: 110 ANNE-COURT - Fully furnished, 3 BR, 2 BATH, 2 living areas, large deck area and lots of windows, many extras \$1,400.00 per month + utilities. One year lease.

215 VALLEY VIEW CIR. - What a view! Unfurnished 3 BR, 2 BATH w/one-car carport, storage shed, stove, dishwasher, W/D hookups, no refrigerator. \$875.00 per month + utilities.

113 WINDFIELD - Unfurnished 2 BR (possibly 3 BR), 1 BATH with lots of room. Stove, refrigerator, W/D hookups. \$650.00 + utilities.

819 SIERRA DRIVE - Unfurnished 3 BR, 2 BATH with carport. \$700.00 + utilities.

APARTMENTS: 111 BOURBON - Unfurnished 1 BR, 3/4 BA w/ fireplace. Renovated to \$800/month, includes basic utilities. NO PETS.

MOBILE HOMES: 1023 GAVILAN CANYON RD. - Unfurnished 2 BR/1 BA mobile, \$400 per month (includes water) + utilities. On market, month to month.

CONDOS: LOCKHART MANOR L1 - Fully furnished, 2 BR, 1 1/2 BA. Stove, Refrigerator, Dishwasher and Washer/Dryer. \$950/month, includes utilities, basic cable and telephone. NO PETS.

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NEW SNYDER, TX BRICK plant now open. Buy direct and save! Call 916-673-1572.

PARKING LOT Sweeper Business, major accounts in Ruidoso & Alamogordo, no competition, potential to expand. Grosses \$74,000. Money maker priced to sell (ill health). Call now 505-556-1287.

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1998 Honda CRV EX 4x4, Alloy Wheels 0 - Down, \$19,999

1998 Toyota Camry XLT Leather Sunroof, Auto Trans 0 - Down, \$29,999

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95 FORD EXPLORER XLT power seats, locks, windows, CD changer, fully loaded. \$12,000 OBO, will trade. (505)258-5020 (505) 420-3338

1971 FORD 34 Ton heavy duty suspension 300, 4 speed, camper shell, mechanically sound, first reasonable offer, call 257-1504

1984 FORD F-150, 4X4, good work truck w/flatbed. Has 3000 sq cylinder, good gas mileage. Call after 6:00pm \$2,000 420-3188

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1992 DODGE RAM 3/4 ton, 4WD Tuff Box body \$5,300 378-6612

1995 CHEVROLET 4X4 Crew Cab pick-up, Dark blue with Silverado trim. 271 off road package. 105,374 miles. \$12,000 Call (505)354-9101

4X4 EXPLORER XLT 93 Ford V-8 automatic, loaded, tilt cruise, EL/VEW, new tires. Runs great. priced below book. 258-1826

99 F-250, 4 X 4 \$15,500 58,000 miles very good condition. 354-2832. Call after 6:00 pm

CANDY APPLE RED, 1995 Ford, 5 speed, 4 cylinder, Ranger. Good truck. Take car in trade or other pt. After 6:30 pm 378-1758

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210 VANS FOR SALE

1993 GMC VANDURA LWB conversion van. Tinted windows, power windows, A/C, captain chairs, TV/VCR, towing package, 118K miles. Looks and runs great. \$6300. 354-6206

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1989 HARLEY Davidson Heritage Soft Tail, mint condition, low miles, w/washer. \$12,800. 336-1537

HONDA ODESSEY 250CC in good condition. Call Chris at 258-5833 or evenings 336-9431.

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5TH WHEEL, 28 FT. Starcraft, clean and in good condition. (505)257-4888

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IMMEDIATE OPENINGS for Ruidoso CARE CENTER has openings for: 1. Certified Nursing Assistants 2. Nursing Assistants (we will train) 3. Laundry 4. Housekeeping 5. Prep Cooks "Competitive" wages, benefits available, vacation/sick pay RUIDOSO CARE CENTER 257-9071 M/S/HV EEOC

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SOCORRO GENERAL Hospital needs FT Rehab services manager for busy Rehab dept. Bachelors/NM PT license 5-8 years experience. Competitive package. P Miller 505-835-8701

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Feature of the Week

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 13, 2001, Cedar Creek Cabin Owners Assn., P.O. Box 2696, Ruidoso, NM 89355, filed application No. H-188 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change location of well by casing the use of existing shallow well H-188 located in the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 8, Township 11 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., and drilling a well 6 inches in diameter and approximately 360 feet in depth at a point located in the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 8, Township 11 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., for the continued diversion of 32.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for subdivision and domestic related purposes.

The old well is to be plugged.

Both the move-from and move-to wells are located in Cedar Creek Subdivision, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

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600 LEGALS

by the granting of the application, shall have standing to file objections or protests. Provided, however, that the State of New Mexico or any of its branches, agencies, departments, boards, instrumentalities or institutions, and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The objections or protests shall be in writing and shall set forth specific reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Thomas C. Turney, State Engineer, 1900 W. Second St., Roswell, New Mexico 88201, not later than ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. If no valid objection or protest is filed, the state engineer will evaluate the application for impairment to existing water rights, public welfare of the state, and conservation of water within the state.

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Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the objector's water right shall have standing to file objections or protests. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state and showing that the objector will be substantially and specifically affected

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Golf hazard
 - 8 Abound
 - 9 A few
 - 12 Law (old Germanic legal code)
 - 15 Lunchbox treat
 - 16 Opposite of under
 - 17 Having feet pointing inward
 - 18 Physics calculation
 - 25 "Tender" (1983 Robert Duvall film)
 - 27 "Holy smokes!"
 - 28 Surfing site
 - 29 Dutch airline
 - 30 Not much for mixing
 - 37 Attire
 - 39 Onetime Yugoslav chief
 - 40 The time of one's life
 - 41 Brenda of the comics
 - 42 Markets
 - 43 Bewitch
 - 44 Having keen vision
 - 47 Baby beagle
 - 48 Nonlateral tumor
 - 49 Tusk to dawn
 - 49 34th Prez
 - 49 New Jersey hoopsters
 - 49 In clan homes
 - 49 Soup dishes
 - 50 PC alternative
 - 51 Home plant in a 1978-82 sitcom
 - 52 One of the McCartneys
 - 53 Dairy workers
 - 53 Cinery Field team
 - 54 Like one's fun house mirror image, maybe
 - 54 Baseball's Moses
 - 56 Sallinger dedicatee
 - 61 Lace place mat
 - 62 Journalist Hamill
 - 63 Arousing
 - 64 Protected
- DOWN**
- 1 Recipe amt.
 - 2 Attire
 - 3 Search for the unknown?
 - 4 Jetty
 - 5 Pole on a reservation
 - 6 God of love
 - 7 Very wide, shoe-wise
 - 8 In a humble way
 - 9 Polson
 - 10 Book after Amos
 - 11 Bit of E-mail
 - 12 Hosp. areas
 - 14 Foolish
 - 15 Cairo's river
 - 22 Flexible, like some lamp shades
 - 23 "Scream" director Craven
 - 23 Choreographer Avin
 - 24 Big Apple subway stop for short
 - 25 Feminine pronoun
 - 26 Rebellious time
 - 27 Casino machines
 - 28 Soldiers' pineapples
 - 29 Quick swim
 - 37 Raucous card game
 - 38 Tiny Tim's instrument
 - 39 August birthstone
 - 40 Where Atlanta is
 - 43 1810 on corinthians
 - 44 "Naughty, naughty!"
 - 47 Like most N.B.A. players
 - 48 Follow
 - 50 Boy in Life cereal ads
 - 55 Hip-hop
 - 57 Put to work
 - 58 Hair coloring

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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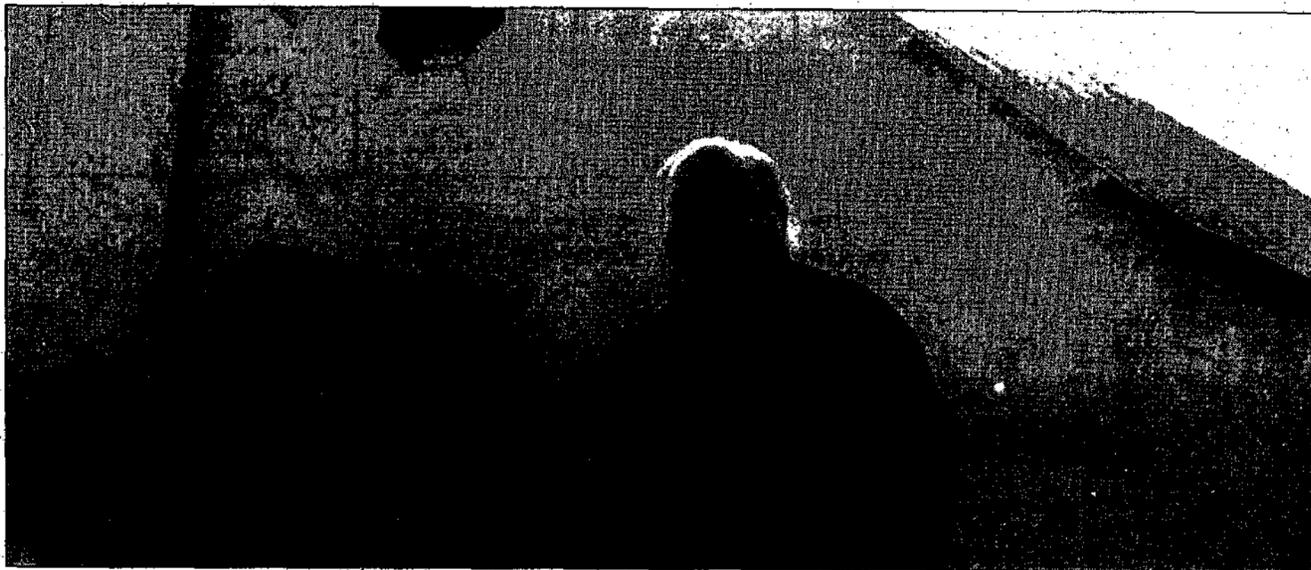
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Puzzle by Peter Gordon

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-800-420-5656 (75¢ per minute). All other subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7ACROSS.

HOME & FAMILY



Dave Bergs has spent more time in Lincoln County than in his Wisconsin hometown.

JAMES KALVELAGE/STAFF

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK*

MARCH 8, 1901

From the Capitan Progress

The town of Capitan passed its first milepost last Tuesday, it being one year old on that date. The first town lot in the town of Capitan was sold on the 4th of March 1900. Within one short year the town has grown until it now has a population of about one thousand, nearly all classes of business represented and the place is in a flourishing and healthy condition. The U. S. Marine Hospital, which is an important factor in the support of the town will be enlarged.

The grading for the extension for the E. P. & N. E. from Carrizozo is being pushed. About 500 men and 30 women are now employed throwing dirt and preparing the way for the iron horse that will soon be making its way across the vast plains.

MARCH 9, 1951

Amelia DeFord marks 89th

Mrs. Amelia DeFord celebrated her 89th birthday at her Ruidoso home this week. She was born on March 5, 1861 in Alsace, France. Her father was a wealthy miller and after the Franco Prussian War in 1872 ... he chose to leave as a French citizen and not stay to have his family become Germanized.

MARCH 10, 1961

Around Town, by Nosey Waters

Our thanks to Bill Leftwich, local artist, for a copy of the book "The Cow Killers" he illustrated, and which was written by Fred Gipson from research of Bill's. It ... tells of Bill's experience when he worked with the joint U.S.-Mexican commission to destroy cattle in Old Mexico during the hoof and mouth disease epidemic in the land below the border.

MARCH 12, 1971

City open house draws guests

Around 200 guests attended the formal open house ceremonies for the recently remodeled Municipal Building Friday, March 5. The entire remodeling project, costing less than the anticipated \$28,000, reportedly received high praise from those attending the four-hour open house.

... The building, constructed in 1937 by the WPA, was for years used as the Ruidoso elementary school. The municipality secured the building in 1954 as a municipal building. This is the first major change in the structure since being secured by the village.

MARCH 12, 1981

Western Highlands sold to track

Ruidoso-Sunland Incorporated has announced purchase of the Western Highlands facility, located just east of the Ruidoso downs race track.

The 24-acre tract was purchased March 2 by the corporation, according to Sunny Edwards, chairman of the Ruidoso-Sunland board.

Barns and a training track located at Western Highlands will be utilized for the 1981 racing season, and construction of additional facilities will probably begin this fall, Edwards said.

MARCH 14, 1991

MainStreet schedules meeting

A board of directors election and election of officers will be highlights of the annual membership meeting of MainStreet Ruidoso, March 20.

Other facets of the program ... will include awards presentations by Bill Hirschfeld, president of the organization... Mary Maul will give a project director's report, including what assistance was obtained from the Legislature.

Janet Reed was scheduled to move up from vice president to the presidency, but she will be married three days after the annual meeting and will be moving

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

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Variety is the spice of life for a pastor who has served congregations in Lincoln County for much of his 25 years as a Catholic priest.

The Rev. Dave Bergs, the spiritual leader of parishes in Carrizozo, Capitan and Corona, will celebrate 25 years of ordained service March 19. The celebration with his friends will take place Saturday, March 17.

"I don't think there's anything else I could have done where you meet people at important times in their lives," Bergs said of his 25 years as a priest. "You're there when children are born and parents die. You're invited into people's lives at their greatest moments and deepest crises."

"Father Dave" was ordained as a diocesan priest in Santa Fe in 1976, after growing up in Wausau, Wisc., and serving an Air Force stint in Vietnam. In 1978 he was assigned to the Santa Rita parish at Carrizozo, a post that at that time included churches in Corona, Capitan, Lincoln and Fort Stanton.

"I think it is a very interesting area," he said of Lincoln County. "There is a tremendous amount of variety. In Capitan (Sacred Heart Catholic Church), there are people who are poor side by side with millionaires in church. There are people who have never left the county and those that have traveled the world. There are very few places with that kind of variety. There are few occupations where you work with a whole cross-section of people."

That variety, he believes, is a part of the reason he's been able to stay on in the communities he loves. Often Catholic priests are moved to different parishes periodically, in part to provide the variety.

As with many churches in the tourism-dependent area, the pastor sees many visitors in the winter and summer. A lot of them, he said, are regular visitors.

The priest, who had served as pastor at St. Eleanor's Church in Ruidoso from 1985 to 1990, said he has seen a big difference over the past 25 years in how people approach church.

"Now they go because they want to," he said. "They're more involved."

He said the Vatican I liturgical changes played a role. And a dwindling number of priests has brought more involvement by lay people.

"In 1978, when I was first in Carrizozo, hardly anybody was coming to church," Bergs said. "Then I saw increases. Grandma and grandpa were going to church and they wanted the rest of the family to go."

Boosting church attendance, in Bergs' eyes,

means creating a strong sense of community.

"You do it by allowing people to relax. They need to know that someone saw them walk in the door. A small percent come only on Christmas. Some only once a month. We know that, but we need to recognize people whenever they walk in."

The priest believes the next 25 years will force more involvement by parishioners.

"Obviously, we'll see a lot of change in the church," he said. "There will be even fewer priests. It will mean more lay involvement. I think it will be a very healthy situation. I think the next five years will see a fair amount of turmoil as we define what a priest is to do."

The early days of Christianity offer plenty of historic "models" on how the church operated, Berg said. He foresees some of those being used once more in parishes that will have much non-clergy involvement.

Bergs would like to see increased community involvement with youth.

"It's where we do make a significant difference by helping them make choices. When I look back at members of our youth group from the past it's more than just (catechism) classes. We've steered some to college in an area where most didn't go to college."

He said higher education helps many young people break from the poverty that remains evident in the area.

Over the past 25 years, the priest has experienced his own advanced education by learning from his congregations.

"It's seeing how all the different worlds work," he said.

In 2002, the pastor will take a six-month sabbatical in Guatemala to study Spanish. When he returns, he hopes his tenure in Lincoln County will continue.

"I've lived in this county longer than I did in Wausau," he said.

The 25th-anniversary bash will begin March 17 with a 2 p.m. Mass at Santa Rita, celebrated by Bishop Rafael Ramirez. Friends of the parish priest at the event will include about 20 relatives coming from Wisconsin.

A dinner and dance at the Carrizozo Country Club will follow.

That event, Bergs said, will include the "party animals" he's come to know over the years.

STORY AND PHOTOGRAPH BY JAMES KALVELAGE, RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A hectic week for your correspondent

Last week turned out to be a hectic one for the Dunlaps. We were getting ready to attend a spinner's workshop in Tucson, Ariz., when we received word that Ralph's older brother had died unexpectedly in Phoenix.

We journeyed to Tucson, accompanied by Muriel Davis of Roswell and Elaine Brennen of Capitan. We attended the first day of the workshop. On Wednesday we attended the funeral and visited with family and were overnight guests of our granddaughter, Patricia Coleman.

We were able then to attend the third and last day of the

workshop and also visited Ralph's brother and wife, Kenneth and Carol Dunlap, at Willcox.

Celia Quinn of Alaska conducted the Spinner's Workshop at the Botanical Garden. We worked with all kinds of fibers, both natural and manmade, and all combinations. Quinn talked so fast we couldn't take notes, but a lot of it we had in hand-outs. Many ideas and tips were passed amongst those who attended.

We stayed with Bill and Liz Taylor (also a spinner), who were great hosts. Both the Taylors have been overseas, so we had a

lot of experiences to share.

Little Jacob Taylor Strahan arrived Feb. 24. The proud mother and grandmother are Jennifer and Shelda Strahan of Roswell. The young man weighed in at 6 pounds, 14 ounces. Kay Rucker is a proud great-aunt.

The home of Kay Rucker was the setting for the bridal shower for Lacine Salazar, bride-elect of Allen Brown of Capitan. The gift that received the most ahhs was a beautiful bridal doll, among many lovely gifts. Mother Colleen and sister Dorian,

helped Lacine in opening the gifts. Kay Rucker and Beth Stilwell hosted the shower. (And happy birthday to Beth.)

Kathy Ford of Las Cruces suffered a badly broken leg below her knee. She was helping her dad, John Thomas, feed his cattle when she slipped and fell in the mud getting out of the back of the pickup. It had been raining and the ground was very slick. She is hospitalized in Las Cruces.

Neighbors said we had several days of nice rain while we were gone.

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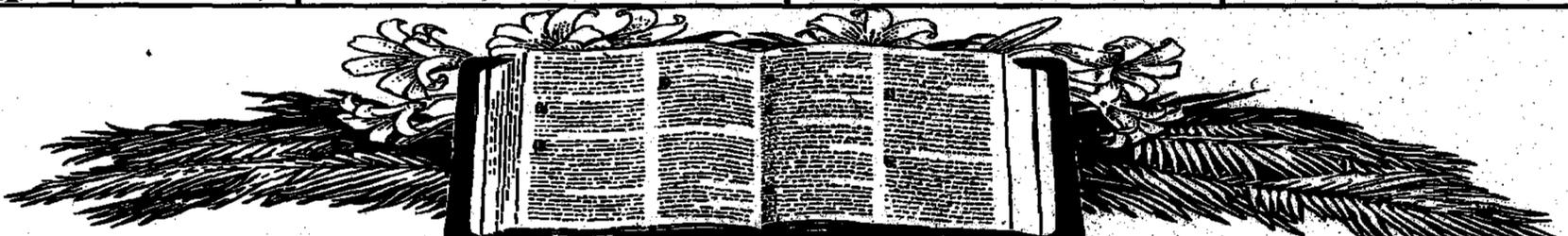
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BAPTIST
 Trinity Southern Baptist Church
 (south on Highway 48) Mt. Capitan Rd. 354-2044.
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Worship: 11 a.m.;

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7:00 pm.

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

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

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

RUIDOSO DIRECTORIES

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

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

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

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

First Baptist Church
 Ruidoso Downs. Rev. W. A. ... Pastor. Sunday: Worship 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; Evening worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

BAHA'I FAITH
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CATHOLIC
 St. Eleanor Catholic Church
 Ruidoso, 257-2330. Reverend Al Galvani. 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.

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

St. Joseph Apache Mission
 Mescalero. Father Paul Botenhagen. Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Bent. Father Paul Botenhagen. Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel
 Glencoe. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

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

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

Congregacion Hispana de los Testigos de Jehova

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

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

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

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

NAZARENE
 Angus Church of the Nazarene
 Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-3052. 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Groups 6:30 p.m. at Christ Community Fellowship.

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

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

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

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

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

Grace Harvest Church
 Gavilan Canyon Road, 336-4218. Sunday: morning prayer 8:30 a.m.; Sunday school 9 a.m.; service 10 a.m.

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

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

BUSINESS

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Work force funds increase

Additional funding will be provided to local Workforce Development boards. The New Mexico Department of Labor has made the extra funding available for "capacity building."

Capacity building is designed to strengthen the caliber of services provided under the Workforce Investment Act. The services include training, technical assistance, staff development and other related activities that will assist in improving performances.

"Continued development of an effective work force development system is essential for training individuals for careers," said Clinton D. Harden Jr., secretary of the state Labor Department. "Effectively applied, these funds will improve the quality of services to New Mexicans utilizing employment services throughout the state."

New Mexico has four regional work force boards, made up of private and public sector members who are appointed to oversee work force development programs in their areas. The boards were established last year.

Funding to help startup came from the governor's

Workforce Investment Act. Each of the four regional boards have been allocated \$125,000 in additional funding.

Contest for beef recipes

Beef producers from Lincoln County are hoping some local recipes will be entered into the biennial National Beef Cook-Off.

Through beef checkoff-funded programs like the National Beef Cook-Off, Lincoln County beef producers seek to promote new, convenient beef products and encourage new and innovative uses for old favorites like ground beef.

Producers, through their \$1 investment on each beef animal they sell, is helping consumers find easy answers to the last-minute question, "What's for dinner?"

Recipes must contain no more than six ingredients and must be main dishes with a preparation and cooking time of 30 minutes or less.

Categories include fresh beef, prepared beef, fresh beef and fresh potatoes, or prepared beef and prepared potatoes.

For more information, or to enter on-line, the Web site www.beefcookoff.org can be accessed. For a list of the cook-off rules phone (800) 848-9088.

Gross receipts, lodgers tax don't track

November and December 2000 reports contain an anomaly that the village's finance department can't explain.

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

While Ruidoso's gross receipts tax (GRT) collections appear to be poised to establish a record for the fiscal year ending June 30, receipts faltered for the last two months of 2000.

The early winter turnaround in tax revenues flies in the face of what many have called a stronger winter season, thanks to adequate snowfall for skiing.

Total GRT revenues in November 2000 were \$496,991, according to figures from the village's finance department. In November 1999, the level was \$542,305. A year earlier, it had been \$602,391. Likewise, December 2000's total distribution was \$558,205. A year earlier the level had been \$621,998. In December 1999, the village received \$622,251. The tax receipts, collected by the state, normally arrive at municipalities two months after collection.

The recent dips followed months of advancing tax receipts. It also runs contrary to village lodgers tax collections, which have soared.

December's lodgers tax brought in \$74,013, the most for a December since Ruidoso began keeping a historical file in July 1995. December 2000 far outdistanced December 1999 when the tax brought in \$57,594. A year earlier the level was \$58,945. The previous three Decembers were under \$50,000. And November 2000 outpaced the five previous Novembers.

Lorri McKnight, Ruidoso finance department director, was at a loss as to why GRT began falling at the start of a strong tourism season. State revenue officials also had no explanation, she said. With January through April distributions yet to be included in the fiscal year, Ruidoso has realized 76 percent of its budgeted \$6.68 million GRT collections.



JAMES KALVELAGE/STAFF
Midtown Ruidoso late last year appeared busy, but gross receipts tax collections now suggest purchasing was down from a year earlier. Despite the reduced GRT receipts to Ruidoso last November and December, lodgers tax revenues were up.

UNM employees seek union

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — About 1,000 University of New Mexico workers will vote March 22 on whether they want a union to represent them.

The election will be the first of two approved by the UNM regents for two separate groups of workers in the educational support and technical staff areas.

The group voting this month includes professional staff members in more than 75 different job categories ranging from academic adviser and sous chef to financial aid adviser and child care worker.

An organizing committee known as United Staff UNM has affiliated with the New Mexico Federation of Educational Employees and is seeking to represent the employees.

Susan Carkeek, associate vice president and director of human resources, said the university has good working relationships with its staff. A staff representative sits at the table with the Board of Regents, she said.

"I think they have wonderful access so I don't particularly see the need for a union," she said.

A Ruidoso Survival Kit

Chamber directors are developing a brochure giving tips on how to succeed in business in a resort community

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce will be putting together a "business survival kit," a brochure on how others in the Ruidoso area have been successful in business.

Chamber executive director Joan Zagone said the guide, which will contain information from businesses that have succeeded, will be useful for existing businesses and for those considering the start of a new enterprise.

The guide was discussed last week during the chamber board's regular meeting.

"This is one of our goals the board set at its retreat in July," said Alberto Robles, board chairman.

"You're an example of a successful business as a new business person in Ruidoso," Robles said to board member Deborah Byars, who with her husband owns Sierra

Cinema. "We're taking these as role models."

Robles was referring to responses already received from some business owners.

Another board member, Michelle O'Brien, said there have been some great responses. Notable has been "if you don't know how to do business in a resort town, one year seems like a lifetime."

Robles, holding a U.S. Postal Service moving guide that details what steps are needed to keep mail delivery to those who relocate, said it was a good example of what the Business Survival Kit might look like. In addition to tips from successful businesses, Robles said the guide will tell those starting a new business what hoops have to be jumped through in dealing with governmental agencies.

Questioned about the difference between the upcoming Business Survival Kit and

the chamber's relocation guide, Zagone called the relocation packet the "glitz and glamour" of the community. The new package will seek to make entrepreneurs "bottom-line survivors." She told the board the survival kit would, however, be a good addition to the relocation guide.

The kit will probably be in a folded brochure form that could include paid advertising inserts to help cover the cost of printing the guide. Robles said it may be similar to the information package Welcome Wagon distributes to new residents.

The Business Survival Kits would be available at the chamber as well as locations such as banks, real estate offices and stores.

The deadline for business to submit their perspectives on succeeding in the Ruidoso area is March 10. The packets could go to the printers in May.

Everybody's Business

Money watch: Bank accounts

BY ROSALYN ROBINSON
PIONEER BANK



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When considering a banking relationship, select a bank where it's intimate and you get to know the staff. Knowing the personnel in a bank branch can help when you run into a problem on your account or need a loan.

Acquire brochures in advance to understand what services are offered and determine what best meets your requirements. Below, I have provided only a few of numerous account options available.

Depositors generally gravitate toward interest-bearing accounts. Be aware that if the balance falls below a certain amount, you will pay a fee and/or earn less than the posted interest. Low-balance depositors might be better off with a low-cost, noninterest-bearing checking account.

If you write only a few checks per month, inquire about a "no-frills" account. The accounts require a low minimum balance and low or no fees if you write fewer than 10 or 15 checks each month. If you're considering the interest-bearing account, find out when interest is credited. If interest is paid at the end of the month or quarter, and you close your account ahead of time, you lose money.

Another option is the

money market account. The account pays a variable interest rate, usually more than a passbook savings. Some banks pay a higher interest rate as the balance increases. Certain limitations exist as to the number of withdrawals per month.

Depending on the economic market, certificates of deposit could provide the highest interest among the various accounts mentioned. These accounts are great if you don't plan on using your money for a while. There is a maturity date of three months or longer. If you need your money before maturity, you will pay a penalty for early withdrawal. (You may inquire about a loan using the certificate of deposit as collateral.)

Once an account relationship is established, you develop a history with the bank. If you handle your accounts responsibly, that history might help when it's time to obtain a loan.

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N.M. officials committed to border development

SANTA TERESA (AP) — The border area is a likely target for economic development, an aide to Gov. Gary Johnson said during the first meeting of the New Mexico and Chihuahua Business Connection.

Lou Gallegos, Johnson's chief of staff, said last week there was great potential for commercial trade and enhanced economic development between New Mexico and Chihuahua.

"We are two states that are not only tied together by the frontiers, but also by history, blood, culture, and a patrimony. This *cultura* between New Mexico and Chihuahua is the heart of this body," Gallegos said.

And he said New Mexico officials are committed to promoting economic development along the border.

"Why is economic development so important?" Gallegos said. "It is the last dimension to freedom. By working together, we will explore the econom-

ic emancipation of this region. The best chance of economic development in (New Mexico) will occur here. It will occur here.

"We can't do less because there's so much more to do," he said.

Juan Alberto Blanco, president of COPARMEX in Chihuahua, said: "We are just at the beginning of a long-term relationship. I hope this is an opportunity to do some match-making so that companies in both states can take advantage of what each has to offer."

Mark Lautman, president of Santa Teresa Development Corp., said despite the close geographical proximity between New Mexico and Chihuahua, there had been a business gulf between the two.

"The economies between Chihuahua and New Mexico are really not connected in any way," Lautman said. "But the good thing is that we are starting to wake up and realize this is an opportunity for all of us."

Only two (U.S.) states have had less business with Mexico since NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) started — West Virginia and New Mexico.

The New Mexico and Chihuahua Business Connection affords business and government leaders from both sides of the border to meet and get to know the types of products and services available.

"I believe our company in Janos will be able to do some business with some of the companies from New Mexico that we talked to," said Eloy Porras-Irres, who works for a textiles plant. "We learned a lot about our New Mexico business neighbors that we didn't know before. We share some of the same problems and have some of the same successes. This is a step in the right direction for increasing trade between Chihuahua and New Mexico."

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Area caves of 'critical concern' to agency

By September, BLM officials hope to come up with a final plan and environmental assessment and to release that plan in October to start the 90-day public comment period.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Officials with the Roswell office of the Bureau of Land Management have mapped out a schedule to come up with a management plan for the Roswell Cave Area of Critical Environmental Concern, which includes several caves in Lincoln County.

They expect to use the existing plan for the Fort Stanton Cave, part of the Fort Stanton Area of Critical Environmental Concern, as an example, said Howard Parman, BLM public information officer.

The Roswell ACEC includes nine cave systems: the Angora-Corn Cave and the Bat Hole Cave in Chaves County; Coachwhip Cave and Martin-Antelope Gyp in De Baca County; Crockett Cave, Crystal Caverns-Devil's Well and Millrace Cave on the lava flow in Lincoln County; Torgac Cave and Zia Christine Cave in the middle part of the county.

An open house to look at maps and outlines of management plans is set for 6 p.m., April 17 in the BLM Roswell office's conference room.

Part of the session will include a review of existing cave management plans for Fort Stanton, Torgac and Crockett caves.

"I'm hoping one of these cave groups will step forward and offer to help write the management plan using this as an example," Parman said.

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tal assessment and to release that plan in October to start the 90-day public comment period.

The Area of Critical Environmental Concern covers 11,894 acres of public land and 4,920 acres of private land. The management goal is to protect the natural and scenic values of caves, while allowing access for limited recreational, commercial, scientific and education use.

The job of the team putting together the management plan will be to fill in the details of the broader prescriptions for management, which include:

- That Crockett, Crystal Caverns, Martin-Antelope Gyp, Torgac Annex and Torgac caves will be closed to visitor use annually from Nov. 1 to April 15 to protect bat hibernacula. Seasons of use and visitor use restrictions will apply to any other caves or portions of caves found to have a significant bat hibernacula or nurseries.

- That the federal mineral estate in the ACEC, nearly 15,000 acres, will be closed to the future leasing of oil and gas, the disposal of saleable minerals and the leasing of solid minerals. The federal mineral estate also will be proposed for withdrawal from entry under the general land laws, including the 1872 Mining Law.

- That the BLM will acquire access easements to caves where legal access doesn't exist. Targeted are 1.25 miles for Crockett Cave, 2.2 miles for Crystal Caverns-Devil's Well caves and .33 miles for Millrace Cave.

- That all public land in the ACEC will be retained and about 4,920 acres of private land will be acquired, if possible, to protect the caves and their hydrologic processes.

- That fenced enclosures will be constructed around cave entrances when necessary to control access or reduce impacts to cave resources. No livestock will be

allowed within any cave enclosure. Gazing will be excluded on as many as 1,000 surface acres in the ACEC after enclosures are constructed.

- That the ACEC will be managed to maintain the cave systems in their natural condition. Management will include actions such as graffiti and trash removal, protection against vandalism and limiting the extent and locations of trails where appropriate.

- That research and scientific use will have priority over other uses, but will be curtailed if in conflict with the protection of unique cave values.

- That commercial cave guiding will not be allowed in caves of the ACEC until a comprehensive inventory of the biota and natural resources is accomplished.

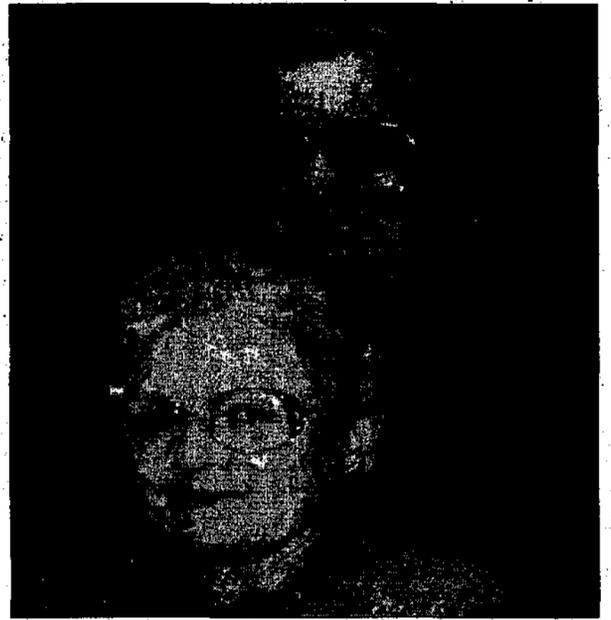
- That wild fire suppression will include the protection of caves and karst (irregular limestone features with sinks, underground streams and caverns) from surface disturbance by prohibiting the use of heavy equipment to construct fire lines within 200 meters of known cave entrances, passages or aspects of caves or significant karst features or within the enclosures around caves.

- That about 500 acres of public lands will be designated closed to off-highway vehicle use and on the remainder of the public lands, use will be limited to designated roads and trails.

- That Bat Hole Cave will be closed to all visitor use except administration or research. Coachwhip Cave, a typical gypsum cave, will be closed to all visitor use and managed as a control cave for future research and management programs.

For more information, contact outdoor recreation planner Jerry Ballard in Roswell at (505) 627-0278 or write Ballard at the BLM Roswell Field Office, 2909 West Second, Roswell, NM 88201.

50TH ANNIVERSARY



COURTESY

Paul and Ariene Jones of Ruidoso will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary during a come-and-go reception from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Enchantment Inn in Ruidoso. Friends and family are invited. The family requests no gifts.

County GOP to hold convention

The Lincoln County Republican Party will hold its Biennial Organizational Convention at 10 a.m. March 31 at the Lincoln County

Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Purpose of the convention is to elect county officers, state delegates and central committee members.

Four men sentenced for violating U.S. Forest Service rules

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Four men recently were sentenced for violations in the Lincoln National Forest around Ruidoso.

According to information filed by U.S. Forest Service law enforcement officer Barry Majjala, Luis Hernandez, 33, San Patricio, and John Cox, 40, Ruidoso, were charged on multiple counts in September 2000 for entering a posted closed rehabilitation area near Blue Lake and cutting trees with a chain saw.

On Feb. 22 in magistrate court, Hernandez was fined \$730 for closed road violations, violation of a closure order, littering and removing forest products without a permit.

Cox was fined \$855 for those same violations, plus off road travel.

The two, who appeared to have been drinking, also were cited for nonfederal traffic offenses, Majjala said.

In his report, the officer said that he was off duty hunting deer

on Gavilan Ridge in an area still open to vehicle travel, when a blue Ford pickup driven by Hernandez passed his parked truck and entered a posted "Forest Closed" section farther up the road.

The truck left the closed area after about 40 minutes, but returned later, Majjala said. The officer said he saw Hernandez begin cutting an alligator juniper lying in the grass. After checking on his personal cell telephone for possible wood cutting permits in the area, Majjala said he was told no

permits were issued and that the truck, registered to a company, was being used by two employees.

Majjala said he went back on duty and followed the truck, now loaded with the illegal wood, onto another closed forest road.

While waiting for a deputy to arrive, he saw Hernandez leave in a white pickup and Cox drive out in the blue pickup.

With the help of the deputy, the trucks were stopped and the officers found out the two men were driving on suspended or revoked

licenses, Majjala said.

In the other cases heard Feb. 22, Majjala said:

- Todd R. Buchanan, 27, Albuquerque, was fined \$250 for removing firewood without a permit on Dec. 5. He was convicted of removing about a quarter of a cord of wood he claimed he found on forest land, the officer said.

- Julian Romer, 33, Capitan, was fine \$100 and \$25 in court fees for allowing unauthorized grazing of three horses on forest land.

Arbor Day events planned

Each year, Keep New Mexico Beautiful Inc. celebrates Arbor Day, the second Friday of March, by sponsoring an event in a community where one of its member associations is located.

The 2001 Arbor Day Celebration and tree planting is set for Friday at Montessori of the Rio Grande in Albuquerque, a KNMB 2001 Arbor Day grant recipient.

Tim Durant of Albuquerque Mayor Jim Baca's office and State Rep. Rick Miera, D-Bernalillo, are scheduled to speak.

The campus is at 1650 Cabalton Road. From 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., visitors can enjoy music, poetry and art work by students and a light lunch. The campus features a wetlands and old cottonwood trees.

The organization is funded by membership dues, donations and a grant from New Mexico Clean and Beautiful of the New Mexico Department of Tourism and the New Mexico Highway and Transportation

Department.

The organization has 1,200 members statewide and 32 board members in 12 communities. For more information, contact executive director Helen Evans at 1-800-760-KNMB or (505) 883-5559.

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REAL ESTATE UPDATE

Bill Stroud
WHO ARE THE BUYERS

QUESTION: Can you classify types of buyers and how each class operates?

ANSWER: Basically, there are three classes of people who look at homes. The first is in a hurry to move. They may have been transferred or already sold their present home. These are the buyers. The second kind is looking for a real bargain. They look only for ads by owners and for thousands of dollars under fair market value. The third kind will never buy. They enjoy looking at homes for a pastime.

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Celtic celebration coincides with St. Patrick's Day

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

■ Weekend of fellowship to follow Celtic traditions through scripture, story, song and dance, event organizers say

A celebration of Celtic Spirituality – a weekend of song, dancing and history – starts Friday, March 16, at Sacramento Methodist Assembly in Sacramento.

"This will be a weekend of fellowship in the Celtic tradition through scripture, story, song and dance," said event spokesman Nancy Conner. "We'll be learning about how Christianity came to Ireland."

The event host is Rev. Martha Singletery, associate pastor at Albuquerque's Central United Methodist Church. The timing coincides with St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

Guest speaker is Dr. Deborah Cronin, author of "Holy Ground: Christian Celtic Spirituality" published by Upper Room Books.

Recently appointed as associate council director of the South Indiana

Conference of the United Methodist Church, she formerly was district superintendent in the Western New York Conference. She serves as adjunct faculty at United Theological Seminary and Colgate Rochester Divinity School in New York State.

According to information about her book, Cronin created a personal guide through the revitalizing traditions of Celtic Christianity. She mapped her own journey to understanding and to claiming her Celtic heritage by exploring the stories of Patrick, Columba and Brigid, as well as the art and symbols Celts used to express their faith.

In the book, she reminds readers that they are standing on holy ground wherever they are because God is active and offering mankind love and a way to serve.

Conner said events at the Sacramento center draw heavily from

the Ruidoso area and she hopes to see many familiar faces.

The weekend will start Friday with an open session, introductions, Celtic crafts and vespers.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be part of Saturday's schedule with lectures, meditation on Celtic prayers and writings, story time, an overview of Celtic lands and people, a session on Celtic images, a gathering of tribe for interaction and a session on Celtic crafts.

From 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, "An Evening of Celtic Song, Dance & Story" is scheduled featuring "The Two Roses," flautist Bonnie Dils and harpist Donese Mayfield from Albuquerque, a dance troupe from Cloudfcroft's Dance Academy led by Deborah Rinderknecht, and story telling.

Breakfast, a workshop, a Celtic Christian closing worship service and

lunch will end the three-day celebration on Sunday.

Most of the event will take place in the log cabin chapel, a historical building four miles from Weed in Otero County.

The Sacramento Methodist Assembly, established in 1931 as a year-around retreat center and camp, is surrounded by the Lincoln National Forest. It is owned and operated by the New Mexico Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Facilities available for "Holy Ground: A Celebration of Celtic Christian Spirituality" include dormitory rooms for \$89, which covers two nights, five meals and all programs, or rooms in the lodge and Trinity cabins for \$115. Participants also may elect to limit their time to certain days and not stay overnight.

For more information on fees and events, call 1-800-667-3414

Legislators dissect lyrics of state's proposed official Western song

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

When State Rep. Dub Williams first read a Democratic analysis of his legislation to designate a local entertainer's composition as the state's official Western song, he thought it was a joke.

The analysis, the author of which he still hasn't determined, criticized James Hobbs' tribute to the natural and cultural beauties of the state because "all señoritas don't have brown eyes," Williams said. "I can just see Jim trying to write lyrics with 'blue eyed, green-eyed, brown-eyed señoritas.'"

The writer also contended that all "cowboys" are Anglo, something that many Hispanic and Native American wranglers in Lincoln County would dispute, Williams said.

In fact, some of them did.

Andy Nunez, who grew up on a sheep ranch on Picacho Hill and is now a state representative, stopped Williams in the hall to voice his support for the song, and other cowboys showed

up at the last committee meeting, Williams said.

The measure passed the Consumer and Public Affairs Committee by a slim 4-3 vote. When it landed in the Government and Urban Affairs Committee Tuesday, the chairwoman wanted to amend some of the lyrics to more politically correct jargon.

"She comes from the East although she lives in Albuquerque now," Williams said. "But she doesn't have much of a concept about us. She wanted to amend the song to 'cow people.' I told her I can't change the composer's lyrics."

Only the chairwoman voted for the amendment. The bill passed 5-1 and will go to the floor of the House next, he said.

"As I walked up to retrieve my tape recorder, one woman on the committee pulled me down and whispered, 'Don't change one word.' Another said she grew up on a ranch and her father had no sons, so she

was his cowboy," Williams said.

The representative said he hopes that Hobbs and the Flying J Wranglers will be allowed to play and sing the song on the floor for legislators. If not, he'll play a tape recording.

The analysis of the song from his side of the political aisle was extremely positive, Williams said. Hobbs operates the Flying J Ranch, an entertainment complex, north of Ruidoso on State Highway 48.

In other legislative issues, Williams said his number one priority for capital outlay is \$198,000 to be used to bring in \$2.7 million in federal money for improvements and expansion at Fort Stanton Merchant Marine and Military Cemetery.

His bill to exempt from the state procurement code contracts negotiated by counties for the management of their hospitals was on the

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Rep. Dub Williams
Glencoe Republican

House floor, but was sent back to the Appropriations and Finance Committee, Williams said.

"Any time we have something to do with the procurement code, they want their eyes on it," he said. "It's a political maneuver. Some people play these games."

He hopes to get it out of that committee and back to the floor quickly because the legislative session ends March 17.

In the Judiciary Committee earlier this week, Reynaldo Valcarcel of Ruidoso Downs was the only person to speak against the measure. Valcarcel led a group seeking a grand jury to investigate the county's method of handling its contract with Presbyterian Healthcare Services, but a judge rejected their argument and validated the county's approach.

However, the state attorney general's office has issued a differing opinion, contending such contracts fall under the state procurement code and require competitive bidding and state Finance Board review.



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Myanmar: 'Quite unlike any land you know about'

BY ELLEN AND HANK BARONE
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS



The Barones

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

We were about to discover an entirely new world along the banks of the Ayeyarwady River in Myanmar (Burma). A century ago, Rudyard Kipling visited Burma and thought it "quite unlike any land you know about."

Today, it remains so. The life on the edge of the Ayeyarwady is a mobile one, because during the rainy season the river basin floods, raising its level by 7.5 meters. At that time the width of the river varies between 1 and 4 miles.

As we cruised down the river aboard the *Road to Mandalay*, a luxury cruiser, we were constantly fascinated by the life we observed, the temporary housing low down on the banks, the agri-

culture, the use of the river to bathe, wash clothes and as a highway traveled by a huge variety of watercraft. The placid river has always been the major north-south transport route and, as we traveled its length, as if we were moving through another time, another place.

After a leisurely day cruising, we arrived in Bagan, the capital of the first Burmese Empire, which flourished from the 11th century until its defeat by Kublai Khan's Mongols in 1287. Bagan has been described as "the most remarkable religious city in the world," and was at that time home to 13,000 pagodas and monasteries. Today the ruins of more than 2,000 temples remain, of which perhaps 100 are world-rank-

ing monuments, rivaled only by Angkor, Cambodia, and Borobudur, Java, Indonesia.

At Bagan, we visited a typical outdoor market in a small, nearby town. As we found everywhere in Myanmar, people were eager to have their photographs taken. In many other places in the world we've found that children love to have their picture taken but adults often resist. Here, even the adults flocked to our cameras. We had been warned, however, not to take photographs of anything military anywhere in the country.

The most striking feature of Burmese girls, women and even young boys, is the yellow daubs of "thanaka" (the "h" is not pronounced) powder on their cheeks,

noses and sometimes foreheads. Thanaka is traditionally used by women to tighten the pores and control oiliness, giving a smooth, unblemished skin and acting as an effective sun block. It's not uncommon for women who work in the fields to layer not only their faces with thanaka, but also their arms and exposed parts of their legs. Thanaka is obtained from the bark of the thanaka tree and ground into paste for application.

A Burmese, it is said, never feels comfortable wearing anything but a "ongyi" (a panel of cloth or sarong wrapped around the waist, pronounced long-gee). For centuries, the longyi has been the mode of dress for all Burmese — from the commoner to members of the

royal court. It is a practical outfit, and one size fits all. The longyi easily accommodates weight lost or gained. Nearly everyone we saw wore one. Even our shipmates were taking to wearing them as we enjoyed far too many of the excellent meals prepared aboard the *Road to Mandalay*.

There's a whole new world to discover in Myanmar. Actually, it's more like traveling to an old world, where the bullock horse carts are the common transport of the people, and time stands still in rural villages untouched by the outside world.

An excellent source for information on Myanmar, as well as other destinations, is "Insight Guides" published by Langenscheidt Publishers Inc. To book a cruise on the *Road To Mandalay*, call 1-800-524-2420; e-mail orient-express@trains.com.

Park City ski resort gets a boost from plentiful snow and the coming Winter Olympics

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — After tourists stayed home last year due to Y2K concerns, visitors are catching the early Olympic spirit and flocking to the capital of Utah resort skiing.

Early snowfall in November, the Sundance Film Festival and the America's Opening

World Cup ski races boosted Park City's tourist numbers early in the season, and Christmas and Presidents Day weekend have continued the trend.

"I don't think there's any doubt the early November snows created a psychology where people were going to go

skiing. That's been the big trigger," said Lynn Goss, manager of business and visitor services for the Park City Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Bureau.

Park City Mountain Resort, the lodging-locator arm of Park City Mountain Resort, recorded a 100 percent increase in bookings this

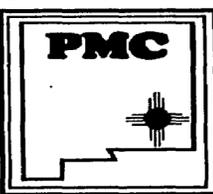
Christmas over last.

"Last year, it wasn't only poor snow, it was the Y2K scare. There was this mass exodus out of Park City the 27th and 28th (December 1999) get outta Dodge," said Melissa O'Brien, communications director for Park City Mountain Resort.

Both the excellent November snows and America's Opening, running successfully this year after last year's cancellation, combined to fuel snow-crazy psychology.

Dirk Beal, director of sales at Deer Valley Resort, said the upcoming Olympics also helped. Many, he said, thought they were going to beat the Olympic rush next season.

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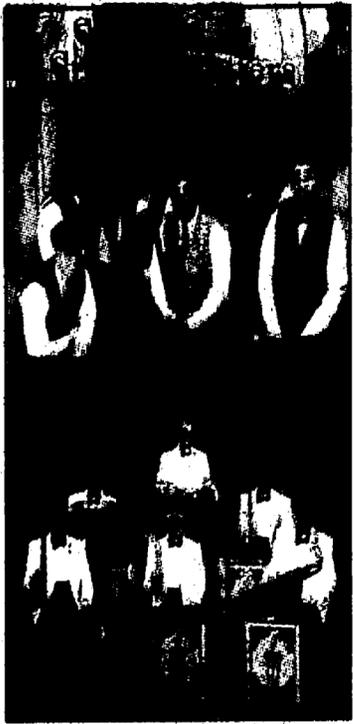
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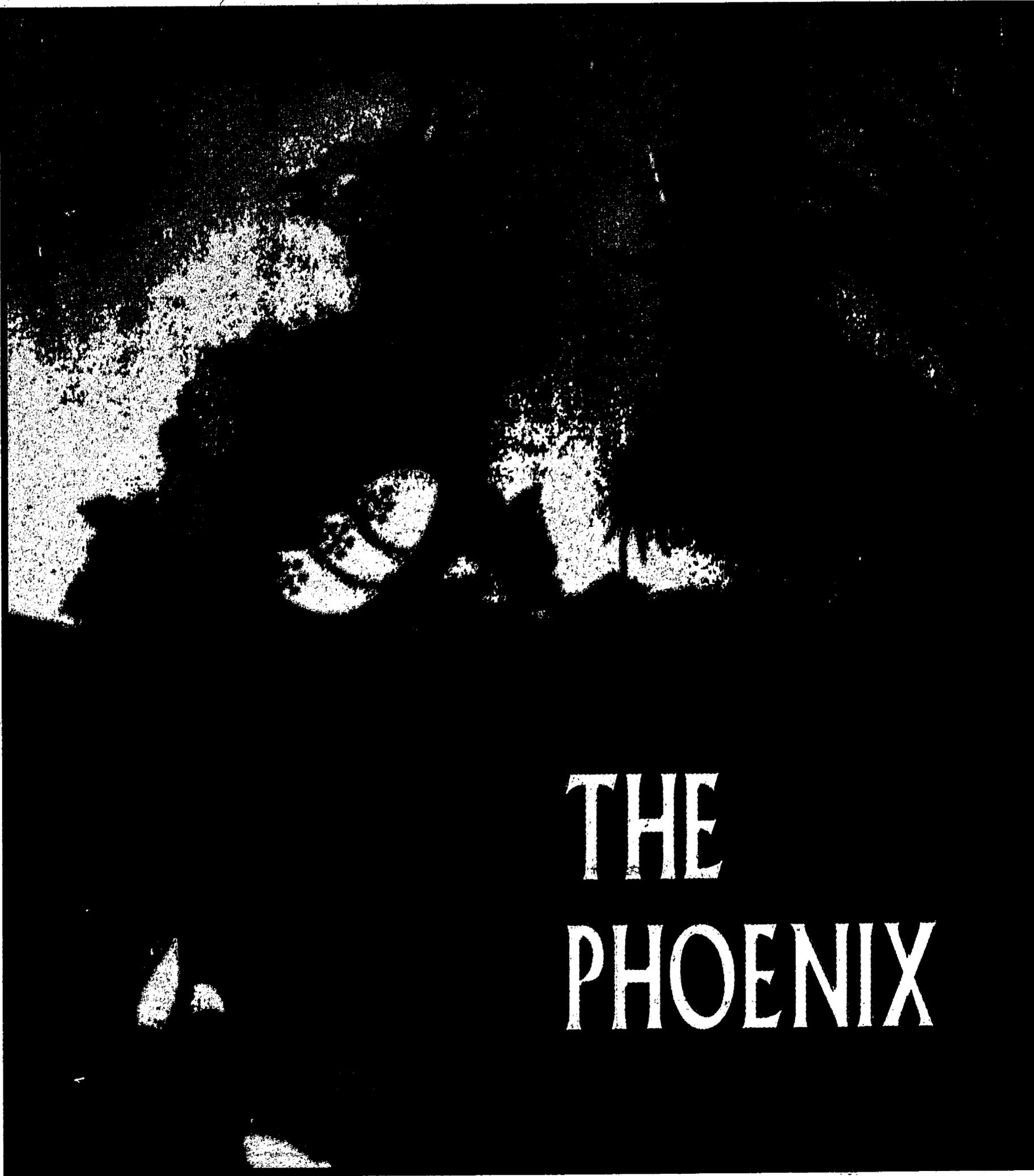
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Side Street Strutters

by Sandy Suggitt
¡VÁMONOS! EDITOR

The Side Street Strutters will take the Ruidoso Community Concert audience on a journey back to the roots of jazz at 7:30 p.m. on March 12 with their Dixieland band from Disneyland.

The group formed in 1983 and in 1984 won the National Association of Jazz Educators Dixieland Jazz Award. They made their international debut at the Cervantino International Music and Arts Festival in Mexico and since have performed in Canada, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Sweden, Belgium and Holland.

The Side Street Strutters won first place at the Breda (Holland) International Jazz Competition — the only Americans to receive the award since its inception in 1970. The Strutters also have performed for former President and Mrs. Reagan and appeared on "The Today Show," "The Merv Griffin Show" and "The Jerry Lewis National Telethon."

Some may have heard the band in other parts of New Mexico or in one of the 49 states they've performed (and they've been touring with Community Concerts for seven years), but new this year is jazz pianist Mark Massey, who follows the lineage of Herbie Hancock, Bill Evans and Chick Corea, and is both a composer and improviser.

Robert Verdi, who will act as master of ceremonies, talked about how the group evolved.

"My brother (Vince) and I, along with my dad who was a school teacher and also a self-taught drummer, had our own



combo," Verdi said. "He suggested we start the band when we were in Arizona going to college. ... We won a national jazz competition, which was pretty exciting for us and gave us some exposure, got us on popular TV shows, back in 1984.

"Then a year later, in 1985, Disney heard about us and offered us a full-time position."

"We've been together 20 years," said Verdi. Recently trombonist Joey Sellers left the band to take a teaching job near

Chicago, and was replaced by Massey and David Ryan.

Massey began playing piano when very young and studied music composition under Philip Weston, later graduating from California State University, Long Beach with bachelor's and master's degrees in music. He received the Carmen Dragon Fellowship for composition and has performed in Europe, Russia, the Far East and India (reflected in his debut album, "Acoustic Piano International,"

includes nine compositions), as well as throughout the U.S., and has performed with David Benoit, Freddie Hubbard and others.

Trombonist David Ryan, also new to the group, moved to Los Angeles after graduating from Central Michigan University, has been performing professionally for more than 20 years and his trombone can be heard on many albums and television and movie soundtracks, including "Star Trek, First Contact."

"We needed two guys to fill Joey's shoes," Verdi said. "(Piano) adds a whole new dimension to the show." Audiences can expect some solo piano pieces with "some breakdowns like a trio or quartet piece, a couple of rare and unusual instruments." He is a collector of vintage saxophones and will bring along the smallest and the largest ones in the world, 12 inches and 6 1/2 feet tall, respectively, both workable saxophones. He was the featured soloist with the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra and performed in various chamber ensembles while working on his degree in music education at Arizona State University in Tempe.

Vince Verdi, his older brother, also studied at Arizona State University and has been playing clarinet since age 10 and is a self-taught drummer. He has been the business manager and tour director for the Side Street Strutters since 1983.

Greg Varlotta, on trumpet and trombone, began studying trumpet at age 5 and received his degree in music from Arizona State University in 1985. He also sings and plays banjo, piano, guitar, tuba and slide trumpet and has a special interest in music technology.

Paul Johnson attended Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan and studied jazz performance at Arizona State University. As a drummer, he backed up Milton Berle, Red Skelton and Sammy Davis Jr. before touring with Woody Herman's Thundering Herd.

John Noreyko, jazz tuba, also ended up at Arizona State University, via Interlochen and the University of Illinois. Noreyko performs with symphony orchestras, brass quintets and other chamber groups and received the American

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New Broadway Musical Thriller

"Jekyll & Hyde" At Spencer Theater

by Sandy Suggitt
VAMONOSI EDITOR

Jekyll & Hyde," the classic tale of good and evil, comes to the Spencer Theater at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21 and Thursday, March 22 with startling new life. "Jekyll & Hyde" is the smash hit musical direct from Broadway with music by the legendary songwriter and Academy Award winner Leslie Bricusse.

Excellent seats are available for \$35 and \$38. Call (505) 336-4800 or (888) 818-7872 for ticket information or visit the theater's Web site at www.spencertheater.com. Tickets are also available at Furr's locations in Ruidoso, Albuquerque and Santa Fe. An evocative tale of romance and the epic battle between good and evil, "Jekyll & Hyde" the hit Broadway musical, takes the Spencer Theater stage in two performances March 21 and March 22.

Called "A Phenomenon!" by the New York Times, "Jekyll and Hyde," contains some of the most hauntingly sweet new music to come off Broadway in recent years. Featuring a book and lyrics by the two-time

Academy Award-winning lyricist Leslie Bricusse and a score by Grammy Award-nominated composer Frank Wildhorn, "Jekyll & Hyde" is a fresh and romantic adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's allegorical tale. Now in its fourth year of sold-out performances at New York's Plymouth Theatre, "Jekyll & Hyde" comes to the Spencer Theater in its first national tour by NETWORKS Productions (which previously presented "Annie", "Victor/Victoria" and "Big" to Spencer audiences).

"Jekyll and Hyde", which won both the Drama Desk Award and the prestigious American Theatre Wing Design Award for special scenic design, is set

in gothic, old Victorian London where the brilliant Dr. Henry Jekyll is the toast of the town. Always working in pursuit of medical advancements well beyond the imagination of his peers, Dr. Jekyll experiments on himself to prove there are two dynamics to every soul — shadow and light. His goal is altruistic: to rid the world of evil. The dicey experiment backfires, however, as Dr. Jekyll gives life to an evil alter-ego that is charismatic, villainous and very deadly.

Played with "genteel pomposity and brutal vulgarity" (Flint Journal) by Guy LeMonnier, Dr. Jekyll evolves on stage from the stuffy, self-absorbed scientist into the rough and creepy Mr. Henry Hyde. The latter is full of terror which Jekyll finds he

cannot control.

Romance and passion resonate as Jekyll battles against his beastly shadow-side and violates the love in his life. The latter comes in the guise of two women: Jekyll's sophisticated fiancée (Shani Lynn Nielsen) and the unlucky dance hall prostitute (Annie Berthiaume) who gets involved with both Jekyll and Hyde.

With a supporting cast of over 20, the absolute thrill of "Jekyll and Hyde" is complete with fantastic lighting design (which also won the American

Theatre Wing Design Award and a Tony nomination), costumes, choreography and sets that thoroughly evoke a whirlwind odyssey into the darkness of the soul.



Side Street Strutters

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Bandmasters Association Award for outstanding musicianship and the outstanding soloist award at the Breda International Jazz Competition in Holland.

Five of the six original members of the band are with the Side Street Strutters, and they continue to be the Disneyland band. During their vacation time, they tour with Community Concerts, which "keeps us fresh," Verdi said. "We're also fortunate to have a good management that realizes we have to do these other things to keep us fresh, so they give us time off so we can give these concerts and school clinics and ... we challenge ourselves musically and

artistically."

This year they'll do about four tours ranging from 10 days to three weeks each, on top of their full-time jobs at Disneyland.

"We've been 16 years with Disney," Verdi said. "For jazz musicians to have steady employment and have that security is rare. We play jazz five days a week and get medical pay, sick accrual. If you can put up with the routine of it, you wouldn't want to look anywhere else."

The down side is that it's an eight-hour day — an unusual schedule for a musician, but the Side Street Strutters get a half-hour break every hour, so they only end up playing four hours a day. They use the breaks to file

music, attend meetings and work on their wardrobe.

The concert in Ruidoso will focus on the first half century of jazz — from the Big Band swing era of the '30s and '40s to pop, and the audience can expect to get a little workout, as the band gives an energetic performance.

The band will bring a stage set with the flavor of New Orleans for the first half of the show and, for the second half, an art-deco set to go with the white dinner jackets and tux pants they'll be wearing.

"We don't just stand there and play," Verdi said. "We're going to sing a little, dance while we play, tell a few jokes and do some really unique lighthearted

musical arrangements, some antics, and also just some great straight-ahead serious jazz music as well."

Part of the uniqueness of the Side Street Strutters is due to the arrangements written by Sellers.

"We've compiled a couple hundred arrangements, all memorized," Verdi said. "Some of the big band stuff we do, we're only seven but we sound like a big band. You've got to credit the arranger because of the way he writes for the band; he gives it that unique sound."

The band's latest project debuted a month ago in Tulsa with a symphony pops orchestra program, with Sellers incorporating a full symphony orchestra

into their arrangements.

"This is a brand new project for us. I can't tell you how exciting it is to stand there playing with a full orchestra behind us," Verdi said.

Seven CDs are out now and a live in-concert video of one their show, and these will be on sale after the concert — and the musicians will be on hand to meet and greet the audience.

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8 p.m. at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. Hal Holbrook masterfully assumes the curmudgeonly character of Mark Twain in the one-man show that launched Holbrook's career over 40 years ago. Tickets (\$48 and \$50) are wait-list only. Call (505) 336-4800 or (888) 818-7872 for ticket information.

"Die Zauberflöte" on FM radio
"Die Zauberflöte" by Mozart will be broadcast in Ruidoso from 11:30 a.m. to 2:55 p.m. on KENW, 91.3, with Sebastian Weigle conducting. The cast includes Sylvia McNair (Pamina), Mary Dunleavy (Queen of the Night), Michael Schade (Tartino), Simon Keenlyside (Papageno), John Creek (Speaker) and Kurt Moll (Sarastro). The Magic Flute guides the young prince Tartino and his beloved Pamina through many dark trials toward the light of the truth and enlightenment in this allegorical mixture of comic and serious elements.

Sunday, March 11

Cirque Nudge at Popejoy Hall
7:30 p.m. performance in Albuquerque. Surreal acrobats, mesmerizing aerial feats, audacious balancing acts, and breathtaking displays of strength. Tickets are \$28, \$32, \$35 available from tickets.com or by calling (800) 905-3315, online at www.tickets.com or by visiting any tickets.com outlet.

Tuesday, March 13

Boys of the Lough at Popejoy Hall
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Carman and ZOEgirl at the Pan American Center
7 p.m. performance in Las Cruces. This free concert also features up-and-coming Christian music trio ZOEgirl. Tickets may be purchased from the Pan Am Center Ticket Office by calling (505) 646-1420, all Ticketmaster outlets, online at www.ticketmaster.com, or by calling (505) 532-2060 in New Mexico or (915) 544-8444 in Texas.

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

Wednesday, March 14

AARP free tax assistance

1-4 p.m. the AARP free tax assistance program for seniors and middle and low-income individuals at the Capitan Senior Center. The next and final program will be held next Wednesday at the San Patricio Senior Center. **Pre-school Storytime** 10:30 a.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library. Call 258-3704 for more information.

Thursday, March 15

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

Ongoing

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

The American scene: Prints from the Permanent Collection
The prints of artists such as Thomas Hart Benton and Grant Wood defined the American scene of the 1930s and 40s. This exhibition, displayed through May 27 is comprised of works from the museum's extensive holdings of American realist prints, explores how artists pictured everyday life in different regions of the U.S. in the first half of the 20th century. The museum is closed Monday and holidays; open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free on Sunday; \$1 for adults; 50 cents for students and children. For more information, call the El Paso Museum of Art at (915) 532-1701.

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 Zolbrod and Tim Maxwell, the afternoon workshops will explore both historical and current issues. 3-5 p.m. Thursday afternoons with Zolbrod March 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.

Cyber Arts
Cyber Arts 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 Nunn at (505) 476-1219 or Jennifer Marshall at (505) 476-5001.

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

Solarman and Wolves IMAX Films
Showing at the Alamogordo Space Center through March at noon, 2, 3, 4 and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m., noon, 2, 3, 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information about schedules and prices, call (877) 333-6589.

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Exhibits & Receptions

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Photographer Melanie Sanchez is the March 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.

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Visions of Paradise



Story by
Sandy Suggitt
IVÁMONOS! EDITOR

Murals, paintings, etching, painted rocks, furniture and glass, even poetry — you name it, Susanna Angolani has done it. She's also designed and painted logos on trucks, made video and CD covers and designs with computer programs — and worked with literary magazines.

SUSANNA ANGOLANI IS SHOWN ABOVE with a new series of paintings "Keep Passing Open Windows."

Born in North Hollywood, Angolani started drawing with pen and pencil at an early age, and signs for Graziano's Ristorante in Petaluma, children's art, landscapes, and, at Viansa

ing a three-day visit. Her mother lives in Portales and visiting her from Alto takes three hours rather than three days.

"Everyone told me about Ruidoso. All my mother's friends and acquaintances come here when they want a short vacation," she said. "I was visiting her in May last year and we came down. I looked around for three days and found and bought a house — and

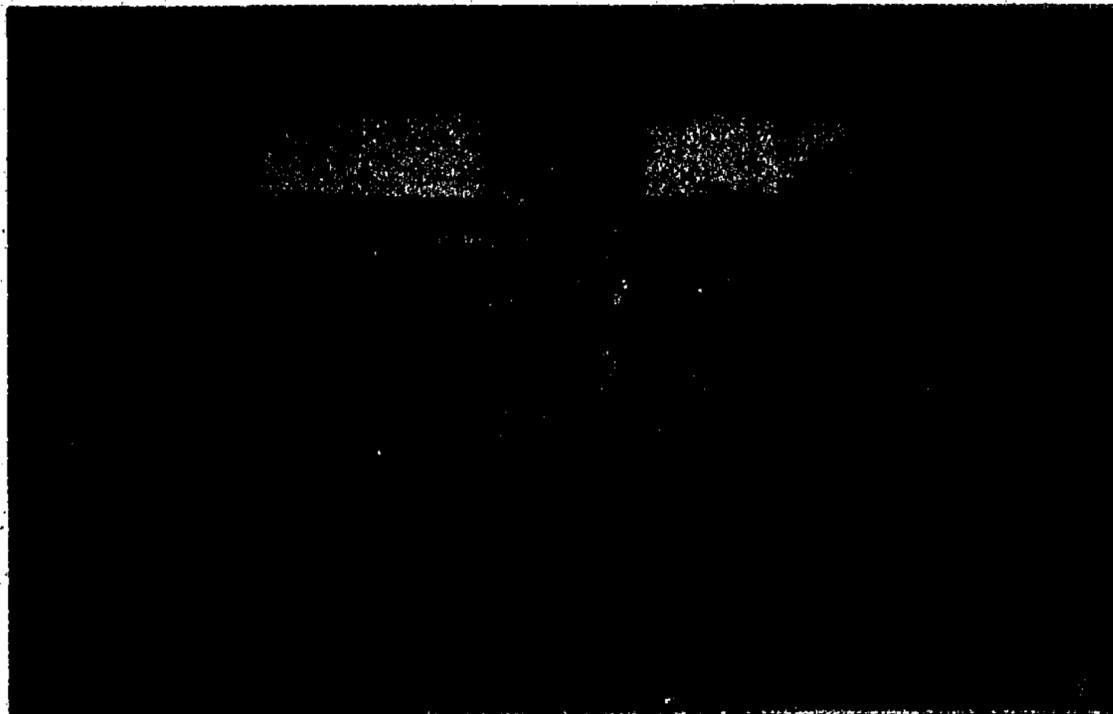
two months later, I moved here." Although Angolani's studio is in her home, she met Tom Darrah at the reception for the new village arts coordinator, Mary Lea Lane. She and Darrah became friends and joined forces to do mural work locally.

"I think there's a lot of potential for this type of work in the area," she said.

Angolani said she loves doing walls of children's rooms.

"I could do children's work forever," she said. "Pooh being a favorite, dancers and clowns. Happy walls make happy children."

"Surprisingly, the children like it and leave it alone. It has a fixative mixed in with the paint and can be wiped down," she said. "There's a lot of mud and pain in the world and I don't want to do that in my work."



"JIM MCCRARY'S ALLEY" trompe l'oeil mural for this Hollywood photographer.

copying comic strips and drawing horses. She majored in fine art at Northridge State University from 1969-1972 and studied fine art, photography, graphic art and computer-aided design at Santa Rosa Junior College and Sonoma State University in California. In 1992, she received a bachelor of arts degree in English literature from Sonoma State University. But she attributes her skill at mural painting to her Italian husband, whom she met when she was 18. Together they painted murals and commissioned fine art pieces from 1973 to 1978 in Italy.

The couple continued to paint murals in the Los Angeles area, and in 1982 she moved to Sonoma County to pursue a solo career painting murals and commissioned works. Angolani is adept at painting in any style, and her work in California includes art deco-style panels



DETAIL of "The Tiger Mural."

Winery in Sonoma, Raphaellesque cherubs and a neo-classical mural.

She served as assistant editor and page designer of a Santa Rosa Junior College literary review and assistant editor and organizer for Sonoma Mandala, Sonoma State University's literary review.

Over the years, she's also been involved in Sonoma Country restaurants as general manager, floor manager, marketing assistant, page designer, menu and wine-list developer, waitress, hostess and bartender.

"I make my living in art, but I've had to work in restaurants to supplement my income,"

Angolani said. "It's a good combination — working in a fine dining place keeps me mobile and strong."

After 17 years in northern California, Angolani moved to Alto in August, having chosen her new home dur-



"PIARINA" a mural for Viansa Winery in Sonoma County, California.

What she likes to paint when she's not working on commission work is "windows that open up into a scene; four panels producing a faux finish background. I'm working with ancient icons in sparse silhouettes," she said.

"One reason I love art so much is that there are no mistakes in art" Angolani said. "Everything you do is very subjective and can be whatever you want it to be. I do a lot of work just for myself, but I can produce a style that mimics anyone else."

Angolani's work will be exhibited at Darrah's Gallery in June.



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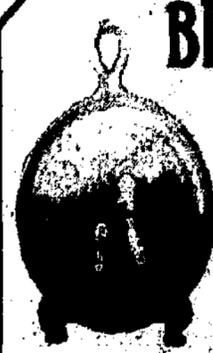
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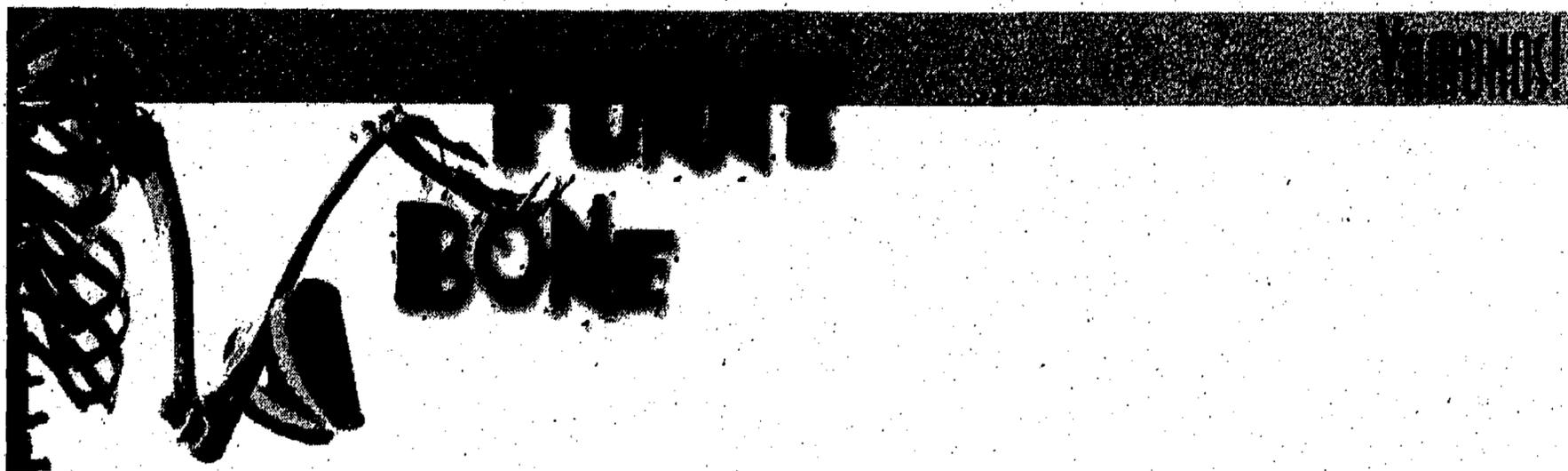
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Budget surplus problem solved: build a bus museum



Dave Barry
DAVE'S WORLD
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URGENT TAXPAYER BULLETIN: The Federal Budget Surplus Crisis has become so severe that there is now serious talk in Washington of LETTING YOU KEEP SLIGHTLY MORE OF YOUR OWN MONEY.

That is correct: The government has been taking in so much of your money that EVEN CONGRESS is having a hard time spending it all. Not that Congress isn't trying! In fact, in recent years Congress, faced with the alarming buildup of your money, has come up with some truly creative things to spend it on. My favorite is the Greyhound Bus Museum.

I am not making the Greyhound Bus Museum up. It's located in Hibbing, Minnesota. ("Gateway to the Greater Hibbing Area"). As every history student should know, Hibbing is the birthplace of Greyhound, which started as a small bus company and then grew, in historic fashion, into what it is today: a large bus company.

I'm sure that every taxpayer — especially every taxpayer who has ever had to take a long bus trip sitting near the toilet — often thinks: "I hope and pray that at least some tiny portion of the tax money I worked so hard for is used to help finance a bus museum in a city that I will probably never visit unless I happen to be in a plane that crashes there!"

Well, taxpayers, your prayers have been answered, thanks to U.S. Representative Jim "Jim" Oberstar, who represents (surprise!) Hibbing. Not only did Jim procure \$80,000 in federal money for the Greyhound museum, but he also boasted about it in a press release, which I imagine you taxpayers also paid for.

This press release states that the \$80,000 came from an act of Congress called the "Transportation Efficiencies Act for the 21st Century." The release further states that, initially, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MN/DOT) "wasn't certain" that the Greyhound museum "fit the criteria" for the Transportation Efficiencies Act. But as Representative Oberstar points out, he was "a key architect of the legislation," and thus was "in a better position to help MN/DOT understand how Congress intended the money to be used."

You tell 'em, Jim! Don't let those dopes at MN/DOT prevent you from

spending our money as you see fit! If a bus museum doesn't epitomize the true meaning of Transportation Efficiency for the 21st Century, then I don't know what does!

Of course, the bus museum is only one of many, many examples of how

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Congress is working to ease the dangerous buildup of your money in Washington. Thanks to Congress, you're also paying \$1.5 million for sunflower research, and \$176,000 for the Reindeer Herders Association. No, really!

Unfortunately, we cannot put a serious dent in our dangerously high budget surplus by spending pathetic amounts like \$1.5 million. That is why we should be thankful to leaders such as U.S. Sen. Robert Byrd (D-W. Va.), who has, over the years, spent more than one billion taxpayer dollars in his relentless ongoing effort to improve West Virginia by covering the entire surface of the state with a gigantic slab of federal concrete (which will be named "The Robert Byrd Concrete Slab").

And let us not forget Sen. Trent Lott (R-Miss.), a man so concerned about our naval preparedness that he demanded that the U.S. Navy be given — for starters — \$375 million for a helicopter assault ship to be built in (surprise!) Sen. Lott's home-

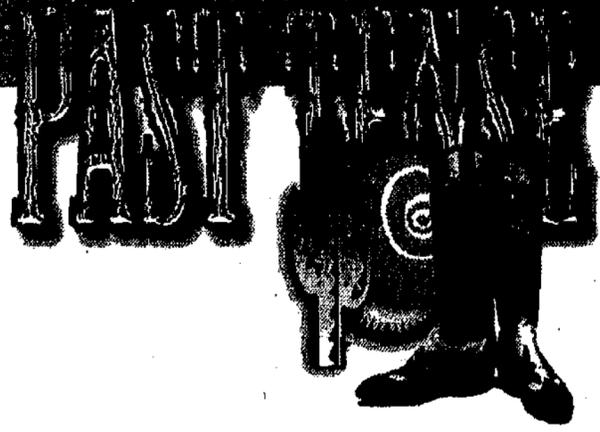
town. In pushing this vital naval project through, Sen. Lott had to overcome the resistance of ... well, the Navy. That's right: The Navy did not want this ship. Fortunately, Sen. Lott is not the kind of candy-pants leader to let some upstart outfit like the U.S. Navy tell him what our naval needs are, any more than Rep. Oberstar is going to let the so-called "Minnesota Department of Transportation" tell HIM about transportation.

I could talk about many other heroic efforts by our leaders to reduce the federal budget surplus. But the tragic fact is, they have failed. The surplus has reached such alarming levels that it now appears likely that Congress may actually reduce your taxes slightly. Of course, Congress must first argue for months about exactly which of you taxpayers are worthy of being allowed to keep slightly more of your money. And no matter what Congress decides, the odds are that you, personally, won't get much tax relief — certainly nowhere near Reindeer Herder Association money.

But still, thanks to the generosity of Congress, some day — perhaps as early as next year — you might be able to afford a slightly nicer summer vacation! The Greyhound Bus Museum is open from May 15 through the end of September.

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Bass Reeves

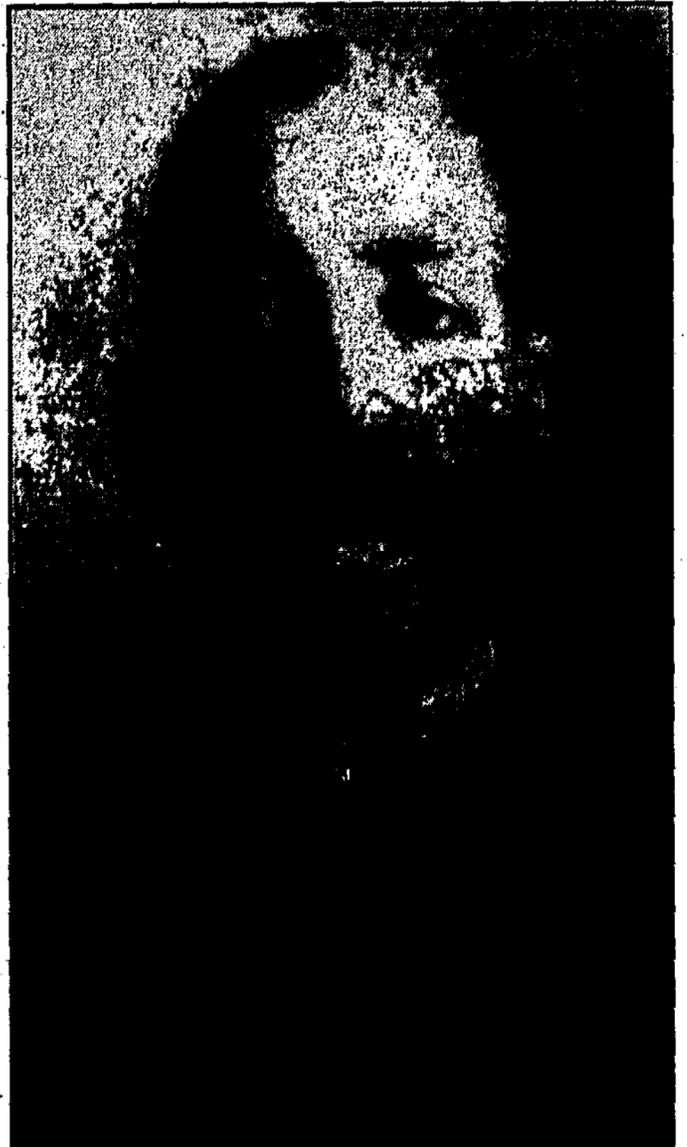
While Reeves was not the only black marshal in the employ of Parker — there were others, such as Grant Johnson — as well as John Garrett and Ike Rogers, both of whom were killed in the line of duty — Bass was easily the most famous.

Much has been written about the courageous "Buffalo Soldiers," the black troops who served so honorably and nobly on the frontier. And, during the last few decades, it has been noted — finally — that there were a lot of black cowboys and settlers on the frontier, too. But what of the black lawmen? Yes, there were a number of them, too. For the most part, they worked for Judge Isaac Parker, the legendary "hanging judge" out of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and their records as lawmen are comparable to the records set by the Buffalo Soldiers for sheer courage.

Beginnings

Bass Reeves grew up as a slave in Lamar County, Texas. At 6'2", he was a husky man, known for his strength, good humor, abilities as a tracker and as a superb marksman. He also had a way with languages, becoming fluent in the Creek language and also developing a fine working knowledge of the languages of the other Five Civilized Tribes living in what was then known as the "Indian Nations" or, quite simply, "The Nations." Today, we call it Oklahoma.

All of these skills were to become quite handy for Bass in what was to become his chosen profession: lawman. But back in the days of slav-



Courtesy

BASS REEVES
1851-1901

ery, being a lawman, or anything else (other than a free man) was a long way from Bass' mind. It seems that he had a fairly good relationship with his "master," as the two played cards together regularly. Unfortunately, it was those card games that would lead to Bass' first life-threatening trouble.

One night the two were playing cards when an argument erupted over the game. Little is known of the exact details other than the fact that Bass' "master" became enraged, and the two came to blows. In less time than it takes to tell it, Bass left the white man unconscious on the ground.

Bass Reeves was no fool. He knew that, regardless of the circumstances, he was in big trouble. In those days, for a slave to strike a white man was a "capital offense," and Bass was acutely aware of what would happen to him for laying out his own "master."

Leaving Paris, Texas, at a pace that was less than leisurely, Bass made his way to the nearby Red River and crossed it into the Nations — and his destiny.

Post-slavery

After the Emancipation Proclamation and the end of the War Between the States, Bass, no longer concerned with the incident that had put him on the run, settled down to farm at Van Buren, Arkansas. He did well. His farm prospered, he married and eventually had ten children. In 1875, for the first time, he pinned on a Deputy U.S. Marshal's star to become one of the first marshals to work for Judge Isaac Parker. He was one of what would eventually become a couple of hundred lawmen assigned to police Parker's jurisdiction, which was the Nations — all 70,000 square miles of it.

There was a saying in those days that went like this: "No Sunday west of Saint Louis, and no God west of Fort Smith." And it was no exaggeration. While Reeves was not the only black marshal in the employ of Parker — there were others, such as Grant Johnson, as well as John Garrett and Ike Rogers, both of whom were killed in the line of duty — Bass was easily the most famous. This was partly because of his large, recognizable size and personality (he had a booming, infectious laugh) and because of his deadly effectiveness in the pursuit of lawbreakers.

Another interesting quote from the period was offered by an old-timer concerning a small village called Bragg's Station. "Braggs was the wildest and roughest place I was ever in. There were 36 persons killed in that settlement in three years. Some were killed in old grudge fights, and others were robbery killings. Some of the Indians killed each other, but usually they left the whites alone and let the whites kill each other." It is a telling statement as to the time and place and also gives one a vivid picture of just exactly how tough Reeves' "beat" really was.

32 years a hero

For 32 blood-curdling years, Bass went, usually alone, after law-

breakers, and in all that time, he failed only once to bring in a miscreant who he was tracking. It became a common sight — Reeves coming and going into the lawless Nations — and frequently bringing back wagonloads of shackled criminals. Bass was proud of the fact that he never fired on a man who did not fire on him first, and it is a tribute to his courage and skill with a gun when one realizes that, in the course of his career (and in the line of duty) he killed 14 outlaws.

Which is not to say that Reeves was foolish. In the words of Tombstone's Sheriff John Slaughter (whose own career, as far as the law went, could best be described as "questionable"): "Shoot first and shout 'throw up your hands' afterwards." This was an approach used by many of the old-time lawmen. Shouting "halt" at an outlaw who was in the process of disappearing into the brush and then actually following him can only be described with the words "death wish."

Bass' own approach was quite simple. "I will go and get this man or bring his boots," he said. And he did, too. It should be noted as well that Reeves, whenever possible, DID bring them in alive. And in some cases, even the men he pursued admired him.

Jim Webb

Jim Webb was a man from the Brazos who carried the reputation of a dangerous shooter. In 1893, for reasons that were never made clear, Webb killed a preacher in the Chickasaw Nation. Bass Reeves caught up with him and another outlaw in a memorable encounter. As he approached, Reeves' attitude was one of a man having a good time. Joking loudly, he managed to get close enough to Webb and his companion and then suddenly reached out and grabbed Webb by the throat. As he did so, the other outlaw went for his gun and, never loosening his grip on Webb, Reeves jerked his six-gun and killed the other, outlaw. At that point, Jim Webb suddenly decided that it would be a good idea to go with this giant of a lawman back to Fort Smith. It was safer there.

However, Webb jumped bond shortly after their arrival, irritating Bass to no end. For the next two years he carried a warrant for Webb in his pocket and finally, in 1895, got the opportunity to serve it. Surprising Webb in a store in the Chickasaw Nation, Reeves demanded that Webb surrender. Webb inad-

visedly decided to both make a run for it and make a fight of it at the same time. As he took off running, he turned and made the mistake of taking a shot at Reeves. Bass' deadly revolver cracked three times and Webb fell to the ground, dying. As he handed Bass his Colt, he gasped out "Give me your hand, Bass. You are a brave, brave man."

Another fellow, a well known horse thief by the name of Tom Story, made the incredible mistake of trying to draw his weapon when Bass stepped out of the brush, gun in hand, and ordered him to surrender. In the words of one of Bass' acquaintances, "Right there, Tom Story committed suicide."

Which is not to say that Bass didn't keep his sense of humor. Once, when he returned from Seminole with a prisoner, the fellow challenged him to a horse race. If the outlaw won, he was to be allowed to simply keep going. Bass felt that this bet was a sure thing and that he could not lose. Wrong. As the prisoner's horse pulled away, Bass could have easily pulled his gun and shot the man down. Instead, he pulled out the warrant for the fellow and tore it up.

The only time that Bass ever found himself on the other end of the law was in 1887, when he was tried for murder. Bass was an animal lover and when his cook, in a fit of anger over some morsel that Bass' favorite dog had stolen, shot the animal, Bass immediately shot the fellow dead. A jury decided that the shooting was "accidental" (I don't have a problem with that), and Bass returned to doing what he did best: hunting men.

Fun in The Nations

Bass Reeves was a man with a firm belief in God and was known to occasionally preach to captive outlaws. His faith was put to the test when one of his own sons murdered his wife — Bass' daughter-in-law — and then fled into The Nations. None of the other marshals, out of respect for Bass, was eager to go in pursuit, so Reeves went himself.

Thankfully, when he caught up with his son, the lad came meekly along and poor Bass had to watch as the boy was convicted of murder and sent to prison. And then, out of the blue, something touching happened. The citizens of Muskogee, all of whom were aware of the fact that this great lawman had been risking his life for them for years, petitioned for clemency in the case of Bass' son.

Eventually, the boy did receive a pardon — not because he deserved it, but rather because his father was a brave and efficient lawman, respected by virtually all who knew him.

Bass led an amazingly lucky life as far as bullets were concerned. Like Wyatt Earp, it seemed that bullets would hit everywhere around him, but Bass was never seriously wounded. He had a bridle knocked from his hands by bullets, his belt creased, buttons shot from his coat and numerous hats riddled. He served as a deputy marshal until 1907 when, at the age of 70, he finally retired.

He had served under seven different U.S. Marshals over a period of 32 years. He had watched (and lent a helping hand) as the Indian Nations became the Oklahoma Territory and finally the state of Oklahoma. Even after his retire-

ment, he just couldn't stay away from law enforcement. The Muskogee City Police Force was delighted to have the nearly 70-year-old lawman join their ranks. He served honorably there, too, right up until his death in 1909.

In the words of historian Robert Barr Smith, the MUSKOGEE PHOENIX "said it all." Bass' obituary in that paper stated that "In the history of the early days of Eastern Oklahoma the name of Bass Reeves has a place in the front rank among those who cleaned out the old Indian Territory of outlaws and desperadoes."

There is nothing I can add to that.

Sources: Bass Reeves by Robert Barr Smith and *Black, Red and Deadly* by Art Burton.



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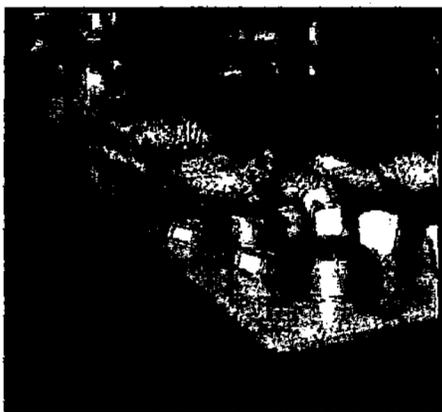
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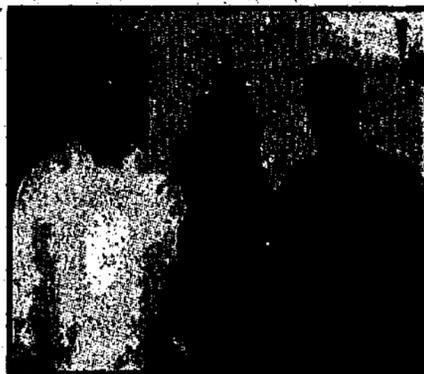
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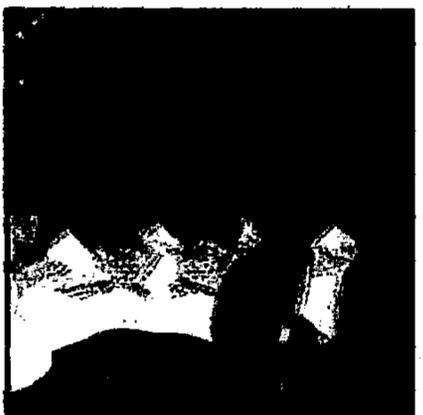
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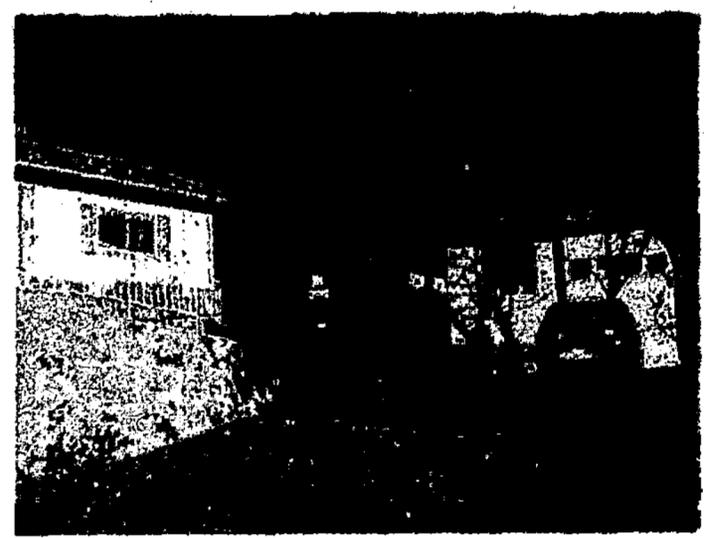
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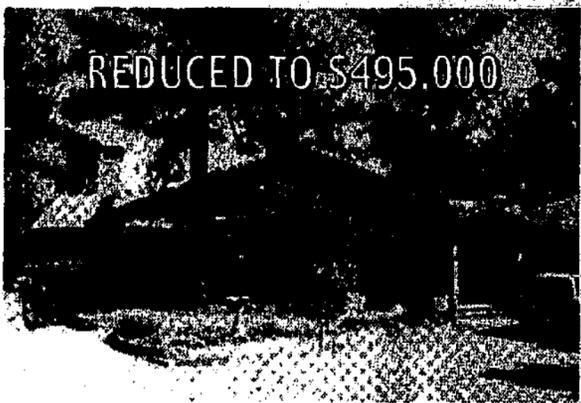
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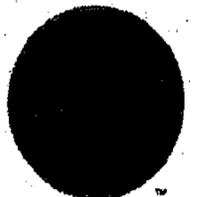
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Dymsza • \$82,500 • 110 Deer Park Ct.

Just off Deer Park Dr. (1 acre lot).

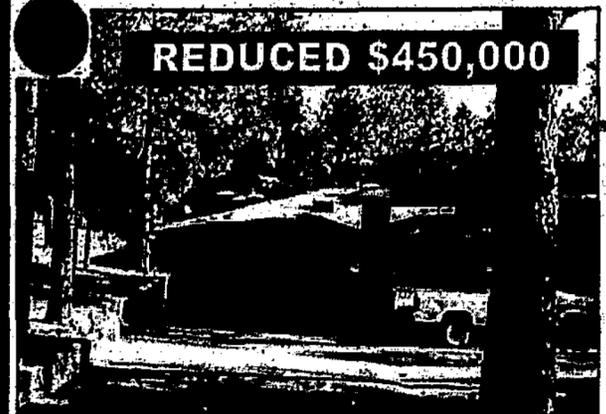
Very buildable. Big Views.



Alto Alps

Ploen • \$120,000 • #13 Alto Alps Condo

3 bdrm, 3 bath, 1500 sq. ft. Fully furnished. Secluded deck with wooded view. Social membership, lot to ALGCC included.



REDUCED \$450,000

Young Heights

Graves • \$499,500 • 116 Grove Dr.

4 bdrm, 4 bath, 2 car carport, RV port, 3958 sq. ft. on 2.08 acres. Home is all 1 level - large living room, larger den. Every aspect of this home is on a grand scale. Perfect for a 2 family type situation. Appt. through list agent.

REDUCED TO \$269,000



Country Club Estates

Carey • ~~\$289,000~~ • 100 La Luz

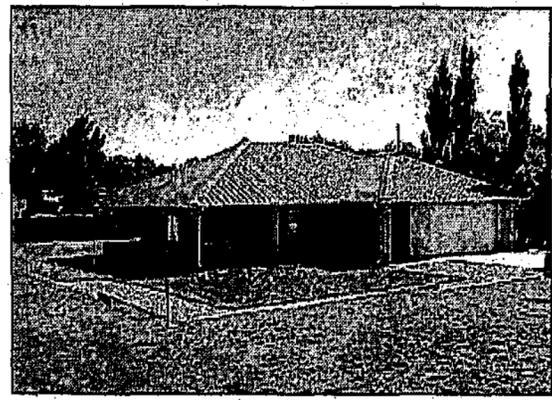
Five bedrooms, 2 3/4 baths. The breath taking Sierra Blanca view only few homes in Ruidoso have. Corner lot - approximately 3400 sq. ft. Two real moss rock fireplaces!



Sunny Slope

Reyes • \$225,000 • 205 White Mtn. Meadows Dr.

New 4 bdrm, 3 bath stucco with 1 year warranty. A must see. 2870 sq. ft.



Capitan

Cummins • \$129,000 • 434 Fifth St.

3 bdrm, 2 bath, very nice stucco home. Great floor-plan with master bdrm which is separate from other bdrms.

Call

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Angela Moebus (Cell 420-5327) or

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Gavilan Acres

Rhodes • \$65,000 • North Road

Three bedroom, 2 bath 1979 double wide, septic, domestic well, natural gas. Furniture addendum on file.



Ponderosa Heights

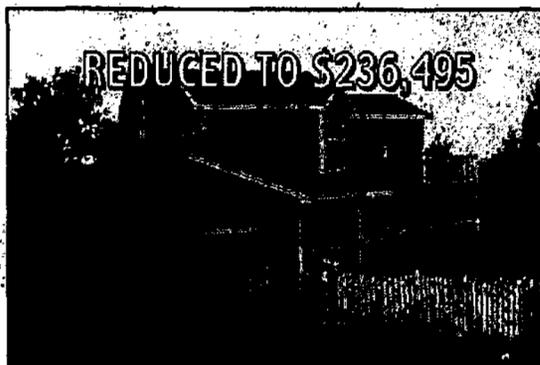
Cooper • \$98,500 • 122 Aspen Circle

Three bedrooms, 2 baths. Excellent renter. Home is 1 level. 2-car garage. Motivated seller.

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White Mountain Meadows

Radziewicz • ~~\$240,500~~ • 110 Coker Lane

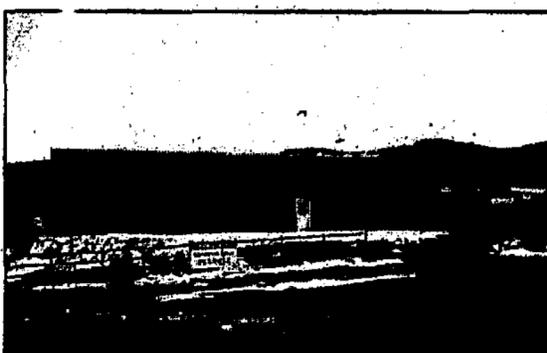
Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2-car garage, fenced yard. Hardwood floors - nice hobby or office room downstairs. Large bedrooms - bright interior - Victorian styled. A must see home!



The Crest Townhomes

Vanecek • \$259,900 • Unit #13-110 Granite Dr.

3 bdrms, 3 baths - beautiful interior - Sierra Blanca view - 2 car garage - wet bar - atrium - awesome!!



New Commercial Building

Smith • \$249,900 • Corner of Hwy 70 & Canyon Rd.

5000 sq. ft. Slab floor, 16' ceilings - 3 bays (2 are 1,000 sq. ft. each, 1 is 3,000 sq. ft.) Utilize 1, leave out 2. All have overhead door - toilet & lavatory. Metal roof, great highway exposure!



Alto Alps

Plumlee • \$159,500 • #48 Alto Alps Condo

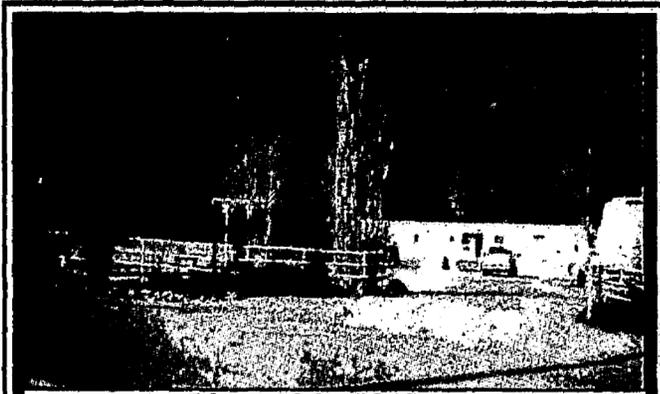
4 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath. Level entry, just remodeled, new carpet. New satillo tile. New appliances, 2 car garage, swimming pool and club house. Elevator - Seller financing.



Valley

Lewicki • \$950,000 • 11+ acres on River

Beautiful 3,000 sq. ft. home. 14 x 80 mobile with 2-car carport. 1400 sq. ft. barn. This is a unique piece of property with water rights! Seller will consider dividing this property. Will sell mobile and barn separately.



Riverside RV Park
Daulton • \$595,000 • Gavilan Canyon Rd.

20 Space RV Park on the River with additional commercial lot for expansion. Beautiful 2 bdrm, 2 bath home on the river w/deck and jacuzzi tub. Also a 14x70 mobile in mint condition. City sewer, private well. Very nice clientele base.



REDUCED \$400,000

Skyland Subdivision
Graves Ent. • \$475,000 • 1605 Sudderth Dr.

Commercial Bldg. on 8 1/2 lots. Corner of Willow and Sudderth. All city utilities, overhead door; new metal roof. 4500 sq. ft. All one level, plenty of parking and high visibility.



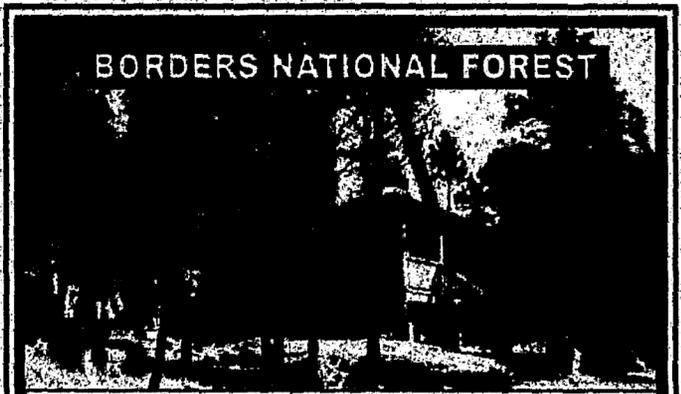
Commercial
Knight-Mark • \$105,000 • 629B Sudderth Dr.

Approx. 2400 sq. ft., lots of potential. Multi-use. Sierra Blanca vi.w from 2nd level. Character, Kiva-styled fireplace. Glass block windows.



North Cedar Creek
Duran • \$235,000 • N. Cedar Creek Rd.

3 bdrms, 2 bath, 2 car garage. All one level cactus pine siding, long covered porch with great views. Home is on 1.25 acres, fairly secluded. 2 years old - Owner builder.



BORDERS NATIONAL FOREST

Palo Verde Ranchettes' "Log Cabin Home"
Rogers • \$200,000 • East Chapparral Dr.

Built in 1998 - borders forest, 1.81 acres, fenced for horses. Doll house - 3 Bdrm, 2 bath, hobby loft, covered porch, wood stove. Tip of Sierra Blanca view. Well beautiful quiet setting.



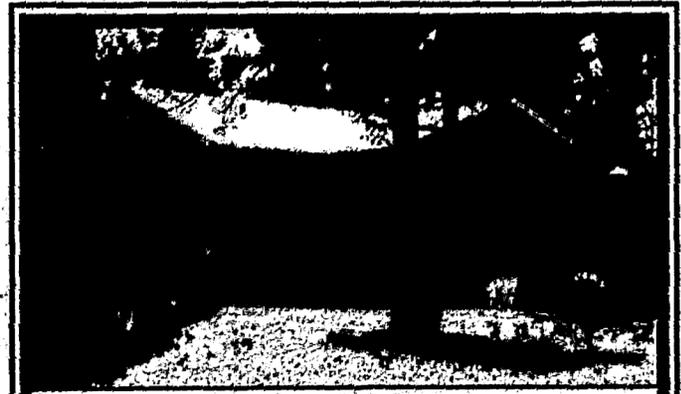
Alto - Sierra Blanca Unit 3
Lenggenhager • \$184,000 • 205 Lakeshore Dr.

3 bdrm, 2 bath, full golf mbrshp. Woodsy mtn. Chalet surrounded by tall pines. Nice deck overlooking Alto Lake. Rock fireplace. Paved drive and parking. Fully furnished.



Alto
Bayless • \$450,000 • 300 French Drive

5 bdrm, 3 1/2 bath, full golf. On 2 lots. 5,800+ sq. ft. Panoramic views. Exceptional value!



Alpine Village
Downey • \$139,500 • 119 Big Bear Rd.

4 bdrm, 3 bath — this home is remodeled, but appears new. New carpet, fixtures, appliances, etc. 2000 sq. ft., 12x40 heated hobby-workroom.