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Census: County grew 59% during '90s

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Lincoln County was the second-fastest growing county in New Mexico, according to Census 2000 figures released Thursday.

A 59-percent increase in population here was only outdone in the state by Torrance County, where the growth in full-time residents was 64 percent since the 1990 census, according to the Associated Press.

Raw numbers from the 2000

Census were unavailable as of press time. Ten years ago the county's population was pegged at 12,219.

The hefty growth in Lincoln County was attributed to the appeal of the area, opined Joan Zagone, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

"It's a product of this quest for quality of life," she said. "And we are a Mecca for that."

Zagone said an added factor

was the numbers of people who purchased land in the Ruidoso region ten and twenty years ago, who now are in situations that allow them to move to the area and build homes.

While relocated Texans continue to be a strong factor in Lincoln County's growth, Zagone said Ruidoso has become a magnet for those leaving the Midwest.

Ruidoso, the county's most populous community, is expected to total 7,600 permanent residents,

said Mayor Robert Donaldson.

"That's the number I heard late today," Donaldson said Thursday. "There's no question we're over 8,000."

The mayor called the numbers disappointing, but not a surprise.

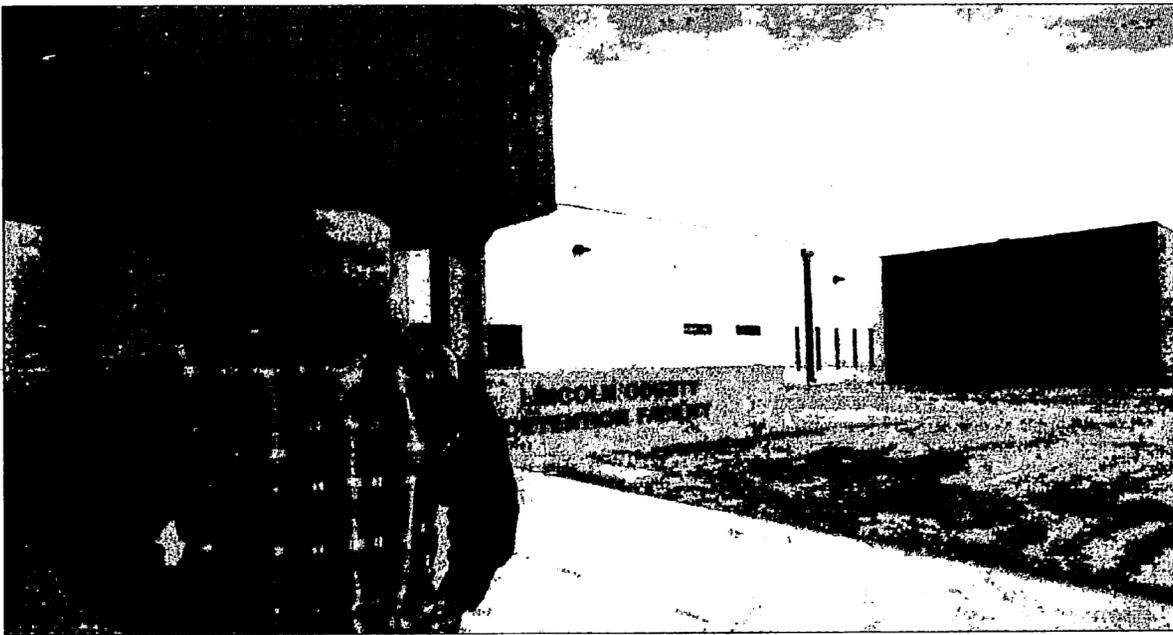
"Frankly, I think the census is low," Donaldson said. "This is a conservative county. There are many citizens who believe it's (census data gathering) an intrusion into their personal back-ground."

He also believed Census 2000 data gathering in Ruidoso was poor because most residents do not have mail delivery to their homes. Donaldson said he knows census forms missed some subdivisions in the village.

Zagone agreed with the mayor, that the area was likely undercounted.

"There was an undercount nationally," Zagone said. "But 59 percent, it shows we're so very attractive."

GETTING THERE



Vernon Parker, who headed construction of the Lincoln County Detention Center in Carrizozo for Famco Inc., based in Albuquerque, stands in front of his project. An open house is set for April 4.

Parents object to applicant for school board post

Candidate for vacant position was defeated in Feb. 6 vote

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

HONDO — More than 100 Hondo parents asked the school board Tuesday not to appoint former board member Lucinda Loveless to fill a vacant board position.

Loveless was defeated in the Feb. 6 election by challenger Dennis Nosker, 122 to 48 votes.

Tommy Dickenson presented the Hondo School Board with a petition signed by 120 parents asking that Loveless not be appointed to the position vacated by Salem Sager, who resigned as of March 1. No one ran for that position in the election.

Dickenson read the petition, which stated: "Lucinda Loveless lost by a large margin due to lack of responsibility and honest dedication to the school board. We, the undersigned, do not feel she should be appointed."

Loveless, a founder and officer of a Las Cruces bank, did not return a telephone call Thursday seeking comment.

Teacher Irene Nosker said many parents attended the meeting because they thought the board would appoint a new board member and they wanted to voice their concern about Loveless being appointed.

Superintendent Barbara Casey told the board that three people had applied for the vacant position on the board and that she hadn't had the chance to get the applications to the board members, so they wouldn't be able to vote on the position.

The three applicants are Rita Dickenson, Loveless and artist Luis Jimenez.

Rita Dickenson expressed surprise about the third applicant, Jimenez.

The reason the applications were not in the board packets prior to the meeting, Casey said, was because she had to attend a session of the Legislature in Santa Fe.

The school board directed Casey to set up a time convenient to the applicants and to the school board members for a special board meeting to interview the applicants after spring break, which is next week.

The board expects to vote on the applicants at its next board meeting, 6 p.m., April 17 in the Multipurpose Room.

Auditor: Give no notice

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The auditor who annually reviews the tax records of randomly selected lodgers in Lincoln County offered some suggestions to the county commission on how to improve the system.

Although three of the four lodgers audited were not cited for exceptions or significant deficiencies, the fourth still hasn't provided everything he asked for, Ronnie Hemphill said last week.

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Community playground moves to design stage

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
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The process of putting together a community built playground as envisioned by preteens, will move into the design stage Monday.

While kids are the driving force on what the playground will look like, the rest of the community will see the design begin to take shape at a playground meeting 7 p.m. Monday at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

"Basically the designer will take over the meeting," Ellen Bizzell, parks and recreation department supervisor said. "He'll be meeting with kids all day," she said of the earlier sessions on Monday.

Before classes start at schools Monday, designer Dennis Wille is scheduled to visit the site of the yet to be planned playground, Bizzell said. Once classes start he'll meet with students at the primary, elementary and intermediate schools. She said efforts are under way to have Wille connect with Nob Hill kindergarten and first graders. Later in the day additional ideas will come from 75 kids on a Children's Subcommittee. Bizzell said the subcommittee includes kids up to the age of 12 from Ruidoso schools, home schooled students and special needs kids.

In advance of the fact gathering day by a

designer from Leathers and Associates, Inc., an Ithaca, New York firm that specializes in community designed and built playgrounds, area children have been putting their thoughts on posters.

On Thursday parks and rec staff began reviewing the first batches of posters that

depicted kids ideas of their playground.

"There's slides and swings and monkey bars," Bizzell said. "And there's mazes, tree houses, castles, little Fort Stanton and a river. There's some really good posters. These kids

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Looking at playground drawings from Ruidoso area kids. Village Parks and Recreation Department supervisor Rafael Salas, department supervisor Ellen Bizzell and sports coordinator Claudia Brannum Thursday check out the youthful ideas for a community built playground

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Study shows impact of slots at tracks

Permanent jobs, more state money/ **3C**



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Area students exhibit their art at the Henriette Wyeth High School Art Show at the Hubbard Museum

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Public meeting is scheduled/ **7A**

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PLAYGROUND: Community project moves into design phase

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are thinking." The best posters will be named Monday, with prizes to be awarded. Bizzell said the poster contest was to get youngsters to ponder their ideas of their dream playground. Salas said the designer will sit down for a couple of hours with the posters to collect those ideas.

"The (7 p.m.) meeting is to narrow down the ideas into a concept," Rafael Salas, parks and recreation department director said. "Then it will go to a steering committee on what would be acceptable." A final design by Leathers and Associates could come in two to four weeks. In addition, area children

will take part in another contest, to name the playground. With \$148,500 in a budget for the activity park Salas said once a blueprint is forwarded the department will know if the community built project can be done with available finances. The Monday evening playground meeting will also ask for more volunteers. The volun-

teers are needed on a number of fronts, from actual construction of the playground to dishing out food to the workers and more. Salas said hopes are to begin construction with plenty of volunteers around the beginning of June. "We want to get the community enthusiastic because it will be community built."

AUDIT: Village advised that no-notice examination could be best

FROM PAGE 1A

Three of the four lodgers audited were late consistently in filing reports and didn't keep their records in the county, he said. "I would suggest that if you really want to see if lodgers are complying that it may be best not to give notice of the audit," he said. "We give these guys three to four months to respond. If I was cheating, my records could be immaculate by then." The village of Ruidoso passed a law requiring that records for lodging businesses in the village must be accessible in Ruidoso, he said. He also recommended increasing the amount of the late fee. The county treasurer's office sends notices and

charges a \$10 late fee, but in Ruidoso, the late fee is \$100. County Attorney Alan Morel said when the ordinance was drafted in the 1970s, \$10 was the amount set by state statutes and the terms need to be updated. The process may be easier for lodgers if the date for reports to be filed coincides with the due date on gross receipts tax reports required on the 25th of each month by the state, Hemphill said. Clarification also is needed on what qualifies as taxable lodging income, he said. Property managers in particular tend to separate out the cost of maid service to clean the lodgings and recreational vehicle parks don't charge the tax on cable and utility service

although they are part of the lodging fee, he said. "You may want to make the definition more broad and bring that into the revenue subject to lodgers tax," Hemphill said. Although Tony Seno of the county's Libertarian Party objected to lodging owners being forced to collect a tax when they aren't paid for the service, Hemphill responded, "If you want to operate a lodging in the county, you have to comply with the laws and they say you have to collect the tax." The names of the business selected for audits each year is confidential under law. Hemphill said only about 4 percent of the money collected comes from nightly rentals. Most are longer term, but stays

30 days or more are exempt from the lodgers tax. "Much of the revenue from the ones I examined were long term and the owners kept good records," he said. Joan Zagone, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, told commissioners that she used to own a lodging business and that compiling reports shouldn't be a problem because lodgers have to submit information to the state anyway. Commissioner Rick Simpson said any business operating in the county should have records maintained locally. Commissioner Leo Martinez asked Morel to draft some proposed changes to the law for commission review next month.

Council to hold hearing on land annexation issue

A public session on whether to add 440 acres along State Highway 48 will precede Tuesday's meeting of the village council

Scenic Byway, approval of an amendment to a professional services agreement for the visitors center at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, and approval of a renewal of an agreement for plumbing, heating and air conditioning services for village owned buildings.

Two mayoral proclamations are scheduled to be presented. One would declare April as Library Month. The other would label April as Keep Ruidoso Beautiful Month.

The Ruidoso village council meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. March 27 at Ruidoso City Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

Ruidoso school board sees theater model

BY SANDY SUGGITT

At the Ruidoso School Board meeting Tuesday, Architect Scott Stafford brought a scaled model of the proposed theater addition to the Ruidoso High School Fine Arts Center. Some alternatives will be proposed for upgrades or additions to the auditorium, depending on the how the bids come in for the construction," said Caren Snow, business manager for the school district. The district has applied to the Public School Capital Outlay Council and the Legislature for supplemental funding to make some of the upgrades, Snow said. Of these, \$200,000 was requested as a special appropriation for the fine arts building, including the sound system, curtains and rigging for the 350-seat auditorium.

The request was tabled until the governor decides what the total outlay projects. The district also requested about \$1 million for other capital outlay projects including additional classrooms at the high school, renovating some classrooms for a school health facility, and various repair projects at the high school, the middle school and Nob Hill Early Childhood Center. A parking lot was proposed in front of the theater addition, to be funded in part by state highway funds if they become available, Snow said, and the district has about

\$28,000 in highway funds now. "We're going to make another application." Caren Snow business manager. The existing parking lot in front of the Fine Arts Building is dirt, and the rest of the high school lot "has deteriorated over the years and needs improvement. The high school was built in 1985; that's 16 years and no major upgrade since then." The public is welcome to view the model and drawings, which are on display at the

Administration Building. Snow said the architects expect it'll take another couple of months to finalize the plans for the theater facility, and then the board will call for bids. Construction is expected to take 8 to 10 months, given the right weather conditions. Superintendent of Schools Mike Gladden said the school board accepted the resignation of high school principal Bill Green, who accepted a position as superintendent of schools in Quemado. Green will finish his contract with the school district, which ends June 30. The contracts of all the administrators at the Ruidoso Municipal Schools were renewed, except that of Helene Kobelnyk, principal at White Mountain Intermediate School.

In other agenda items the council is expected to -

- Discuss and take possible action to schedule a public hearing on an ordinance that would adopt national and state electrical codes. The ordinance would also set provisions for village inspections, permits, fees and enforcement actions pertaining to electrical work.

- Take action on consent agenda items, which include approval of National Scenic Byway grant agreements with the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department, approval of an addendum to Grindstone Graphics and Marketing Services agreement for brochure distribution about the Billy the Kid National

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The new tennis court construction at White Mountain Recreational Complex is at 60% complete and should be available for play by mid-May, 2001. The courts are open to the public and may be reserved by calling 258-5500.

Community Built Playground Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 26, 2001, at 7:00 p.m., at the Convention Center. At our last meeting we had 30's ideas commit to the project. We invite you to attend this meeting to see our kid's ideas are a great come true. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Streets Department will begin construction on the road around Grindstone Lake next week. If you need the water turned off/on at the Village of Ruidoso water meter, you must call the Billing Department and request it be done. There are penalties for tampering with Village's water meter.

It is spring clean up time! The Solid Waste Department has seen that there are a few suggestions when placing the yard waste out for pickup:

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Meeting set on fuel reduction program

Ruidoso and state forestry officials are calling on forest products companies to gather Monday to hear about future fuels reduction projects and potential contract requirements.

Rick DeIaco, village urban forester, said the contract jobs will likely materialize as efforts are stepped up to address forest health issues.

"We're looking for forest utilization people," said Rick DeIaco, Ruidoso's urban forester.

He said those could include tree cutters and others who work with forest products.

DeIaco said the informational meeting, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at Ruidoso village hall, will seek to assemble a list of cutters for potential future contracts. He said those awarded future contracts, as the effort to fix an unhealthy, fire-prone forest continues, need to be licensed and insured for contracts in the village.

Questions companies will also be answered at the meeting, DeIaco said.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Burglary case grows

A Dec. 15 felony burglary case has grown, according to a Ruidoso police report.

A vending machine operator had told Ruidoso police in December that he had removed money from a machine in a lobby of the Ruidoso Downs Wal-Mart Supercenter and restocked the device.

After placing the collections in his pick-up truck the vendor went back into the store. Returning to his vehicle about 15 minutes later the vendor found the pick-up truck had been broken into.

Reported missing at the time was \$1,294 in cash, \$638 in watches and \$216 in stuffed animals.

Ruidoso police were informed on March 17 that an additional \$4,396 was taken in the burglary. The additional monies represented the vendor's business receipts for November 2000. The additional loss was detected in discus-

sions with the vendor's wife and an accountant, according to a supplemental police report.

Ruidoso police were called to investigate the case because the vendor is also a member of the Ruidoso Downs Police Department.

Homeless man arrested

A man described as homeless was arrested March 22 by Ruidoso Downs police on a charge of abuse of glue.

Jeffrey K. Williams, 44, was taken into custody after the deputy police chief said he observed Williams walking along U.S. Highway 70 with both hands to his face.

According to a police report a Wal-Mart cashier refused to sell beer to the man on the contention he appeared to be intoxicated. Williams then reportedly purchased plastic model glue.

One tube of glue was found open, its contents mostly emptied into a plastic bag, when

police questioned Williams. Four other tubes of airplane glue were found in the man's possession, according to the police report.

Teen motorcyclist injured

A Ruidoso teen was injured March 20 in a motorcycle incident on Mechem Drive.

William C. Beveridge, 16, was taken by ambulance to the Lincoln County Medical Center for injuries received in the 3 p.m. accident.

An accident report indicated the teen had exited a private driveway and entered northbound Mechem Drive near Alpine Highway Road. The motorcycle slid on loose gravel and fell on the highway pavement. Beveridge was not wearing a helmet.

The cyclist was issued five citations, for violations that included not having an operator's license, no registration and no liability insurance.

DATE BOOK

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

- Monday, March 26 - 5:30 p.m., Ruidoso Downs village council, Ruidoso Downs village hall.
- 7 p.m., Ruidoso community meeting on community built

playground design, Ruidoso Convention Center.

- Tuesday, March 27 - 6:30 p.m., Ruidoso village council, Ruidoso village hall.

- Saturday, March 31 - 9 a.m., Ruidoso Downs Planning and Zoning

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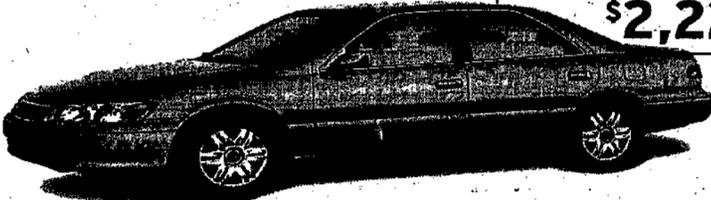
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OUR OPINION

Who's going to help after the shootout?

Our state government's wondrous ways

Sometimes we wish for the old days in Lincoln County, when everybody packed six-shooters in open holsters — and nobody hesitated to help when someone got shot.

The Hondo area, a verdant valley with many good neighbors, has been struggling for years to get a health clinic up and operating. Everything looked fine not long ago, with the Hondo schools providing the space and oversight, the county providing some up-front money, and management in place.

Then along comes the state's Department of Finance and Administration local government division.

The DFA didn't like the joint powers agreement between the county and the school board; it

said the \$1 per year lease wasn't any good either. Neither was the management contract with La Casa de Buena Salud of Roswell.

Those glitches in the deal must be cleared up, says the state, before the county can help with an already approved property tax levy to keep the clinic running. The state's position, no doubt, is quite legal and appropriate. Everybody has to obey the law.

Meanwhile, our lawmakers have made *concealed* six-guns legal if you pass a test and pay an annual fee. The governor probably will sign it, if he hasn't already.

Considering the possible consequences, we need to get that clinic up and running — pronto.

OTHER VIEWS

'Midlife crisis' usually isn't

ITHACA, N.Y. — Although more than 25 percent of Americans over age 35 think they have had a midlife crisis, more than half of these were no more than "stressful life events," says Cornell University sociologist Elaine Wethington.

And contrary to the traditional view, she says, women are just as likely as men to believe they have had a midlife crisis.

The associate professor of human development bases her conclusions on the largest study ever done on midlife, funded by the MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Successful Midlife Development. Her research, based on the study's midlife crisis section, which she conducted, is based on intensive follow-up surveys of 724 respondents aged 28 to 78 years and is published in the October 2000 issue of the journal *Motivation and Emotion*.

The larger study is called the "Midlife in the United States Study."

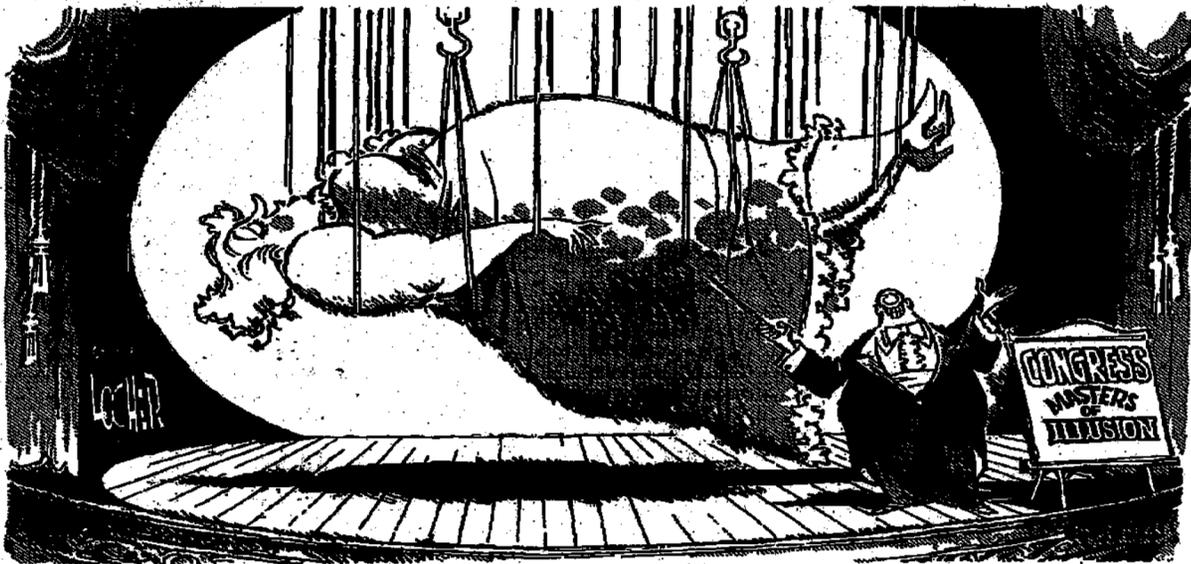
A midlife crisis is defined by researchers as personal turmoil and coping challenges in people age 39 through 50 brought on by fears and anxieties about growing older. Most people who told the researchers they had had a midlife crisis, however, were describing stressful life events that had occurred before age 39 or after age 50, rather than the type of turmoil defined as a midlife crisis. Wethington notes that the stressful life event identified by many respondents is a challenging situa-

tion brought on by specific transitions or events that may or may not be associated with typical aging, such as a life-threatening illness or job insecurity.

Wethington reports that one-fourth of her adult population sample said they had experienced a midlife crisis; of those aged between 40 and 53, however, about one-third thought they had had one. The average age of the "crisis" was 46. About one-fifth of those who said they had suffered a midlife crisis said it was the result of their awareness that they were aging and time was passing them by. Few connected the crisis to feelings of impending mortality or approaching death.

Nevertheless, the midlife crisis is not universal for either men or women. "Most Americans readily recognize the term 'midlife crisis' and pretty much agree that such a crisis occurs on a widespread basis in people's 40s," says Wethington. "Yet, previous studies, including our own, debunk the midlife crisis as an inevitable, nearly universal experience of psychological turmoil in the 40s or at any age, for that matter."

She notes that although most people characterize a midlife crisis as a negative thing, many responses hinted that the myth of the midlife crisis has its good side. "Many people at midlife use the so-called midlife crisis as a tool for constructing meaning in their lives. They see this time as a time to catch up to where they would like to be or expected to be when they were younger," says Wethington.



YOUR OPINION

Enforcing the ETZ

To the editor:

The enforcement of the Extraterritorial Zoning Ordinance is so misunderstood that I feel compelled to set the record straight. The reason that this is unenforceable is that the guidelines in the ordinance are antiquated. No matter how much "expertise" someone has, the ordinance is too vague and lacking in guidelines to be enforceable.

It is not the county's fault that the ordinance has not been updated, because I have a copy of a letter which I wrote to the (Ruidoso) village attorney dated July 25, 1996 outlining 16 deficiencies that I had found at that time. Later I found others, and as of this date those changes have not been addressed. The ET authority, of which Mayor Donaldson was a member at the time, officially requested that these changes be made. Again, those changes were never made or addressed by the village attorney, who by ordinance was the legal counsel. I do not believe that just because any item is not addressed in the ordinance, it should have Ruidoso standards applied. Just simply update the ordinance!

Mayor Donaldson's claim that residents had to drive to Carrizozo for any permits in the ET zone is totally wrong. Only about 1 percent of these ever had to drive to Carrizozo. The rest was handled by telephone, after which I drove to the site involved to issue permits. (Ask any of those who were issued permits by me.) The ordinance was enforced numerous times where setbacks or zoning changes were requested. When any discrepancies were found, I scheduled a meeting of the ET Commission and the ET Authority. That was the only time that those bodies met, when this office was "enforcing" the ordinance. So, yes, the county was enforcing what was enforceable under the ordinance.

The original Joint/Powers Agreement and the county called for Ruidoso to pay one-half of the salary of the ET secretary. In the nine years that I was involved, the village did not pay any of this.

Patsy Sanchez
Lincoln County Planning Dept.
Carrizozo

Special playground needs

To the editor:

As has been noted in several articles ... as well as letters, the Community Built Playground offers Ruidoso a unique opportunity. Previous letters have emphasized the chance to strengthen our sense of community. We unite to devote our time and resources to the enrichment of our young people, and our community's future, by building a place they can call their own — built for them and by them. However, when all is said and done, not everyone will feel that they have had their say in the process. Although hundreds of children may participate in the poster contest with its deadline of March 31, another 70 or more children will provide direct contact with the architect on Design Day, March 26, someone will inevitably feel left out or unheard.

Therefore, as coordinator of the Design and Special Needs Committee, I am offering everyone the opportunity now to call me prior to design day with your concerns for any special needs you might think will get overlooked. Already some concerned parents and teens have expressed the need to have a place to include our youth ages 13 to 17, and the architects are already well aware of providing for children with disabilities. I will compile a list of special needs expressed by those who contact me and make sure the architects have this information to include for consideration in their work.

Various constraints may exist making it impossible to meet all our special needs, but at least you will have been heard and your concerns considered. This is an inclusive activity, so even if you don't have children or think your

children are "too old" for this playground, you may still have an opinion or concern. This is your chance to be heard.

David Clarke
Ruidoso

Moriah's past and future

To the editor:

Since Ms. (Dianne) Stallings' kind article in the paper regarding my daughter Moriah, I have received a lot of phone calls from people letting me know they were praying for her. Some have called to let me know they also have children who had this same defect. These children have either outgrown this or have had the surgery and made miraculous recoveries.

People who told me of their struggles with their sick children and for me not to give up hope. Ever since I heard Moriah's diagnosis I have prayed for a miracle. Hour after hour I would pray: "Dear Lord if it is YOUR will please give us a miracle to heal her heart." In answer to my prayer, I have been sent my own version of "Touched by an Angel."

All the people at Internal Medicine and White Mountain Medical have been so great, so caring, so giving that I feel I may never be able to say thank you enough. Every one of you have truly been my guardian angels. Thank you! All the people who have put us on their prayer lists, prayer chains, or have just simply said "you're in our prayers," I thank you. To Thrifway Supermarket (Bob Crumpton) and to Wal-Mart, thank you for your generosity and kindness. To everyone who bought a burrito, raffle ticket, and/or made a donation, I thank you sincerely. To Mr. and Mrs. Bill Long, thank you. To everyone at LCMC you have been so caring, you guys are so great, thank you. Lastly to Mary, Helen, Suzie, Lori, Roxanne, Dana, Wendy and Chris, thanks for being my guardian angels.

I know that Moriah's future is still uncertain and very scary, but I know that with the love and support of our family, friends and community we will get through this. I am a firm believer in miracles.

Marian and Rob Taylor
and children
Ruidoso Downs

OUR RIGHT TO KNOW

The First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

When measles mark growth

Does southern Lincoln County have the measles? A map being circulated these days would make you think so.

A broad swath of territory north of Ruidoso — Alto, Angus, North of Grande, the Ranches of Sonterra, Rancho Ruidoso and all their subdivided neighbors — is depicted on the map.

Hundreds and hundreds of tiny black squares, each representing a house, speckle the map.

That map is being used to illustrate what supporters of rural planning want to reveal — unregulated development along the corridor: Highway 48, Airport Road, Fort Stanton Road, Chay Rennieck and Cindy Lynch were circulating the map at this week's Ruidoso Rotary meeting, and talking



MOUNTAIN ASIDES

KEITH GREEN

up the need for rural planning — especially along those main routes.

Rennieck, a Ruidoso village attorney and extraterritorial zoning adviser, was touting a meeting on rural planning scheduled for the fairgrounds Tuesday, April 3, at 6 p.m.

Lynch, a long-time real estate agent and president of the state association of Realtors, is in a business that measures success by growth.

But she also recognizes that unregulated growth is a form of blight that

can ruin neighborhoods and adversely impact property values. She's joining in urging attendance at that Capitan meeting, too.

Both have their sights on the county commission, where the action has to be if anything is to be done — with new regulations or increased enforcement, or whatever.

Naturally, there is another side on that coin. Read the letter on this page from county planner Patsy Sanchez, who's also concerned that a different kind of illness seems to have infected official River City — loss of institutional memory, maybe.

Attorney Rennieck assumes that some rural anti-planners will be out in force at Capitan on April 3.

We'd be awfully surprised if they weren't.

LETTERS POLICY

The *Ruidoso News* encourages letters to the editor, especially about local topics and issues. Each letter must be signed and must include the writer's daytime telephone number and mail address. The phone number and mailing address will not be printed; the hometown will be.

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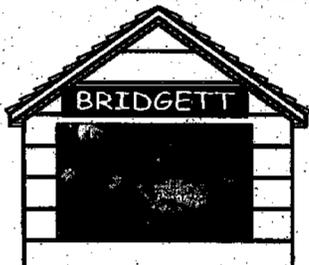
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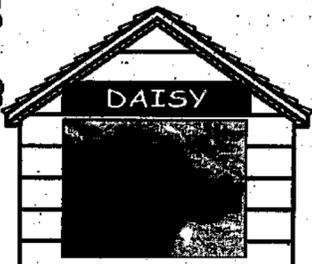
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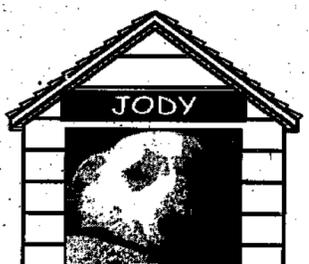
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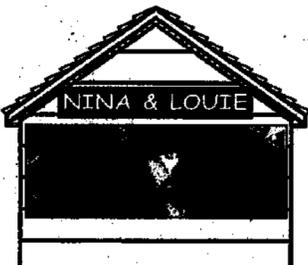
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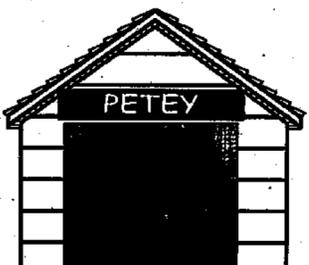
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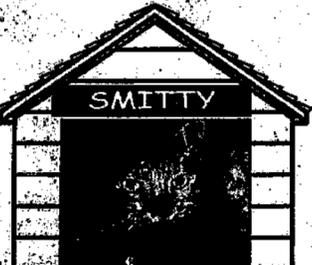
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FUNERALS DEATHS

Joann Kingston

Memorial services for Joann Kingston, 63, of Ruidoso Downs, will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs, with the Rev. Randy Widener officiating.

Mrs. Kingston died Sunday, March 18, 2001 in Ruidoso.

She was born Oct. 11, 1937 in Portales, where she was a school bus driver. She was a member of the Baptist church.

She married Archie Kingston on Dec. 11, 1951 in Clovis and he preceded her in death on Feb. 16, 2000.

Survivors include daughters Vickie Smith and her husband, Randy Day, of Portales, and Sharla Ryen and her husband, Gary Ryen of Ruidoso; a nephew, Davy Tipton of Portales; a sister, Bessie Tipton of Portales; her stepmother, Marnie Oney, also of Portales; grandchildren Julian Rue, Joshua Rue, Shandy Smith, Rhiannon Tovar, Nataasha Ryen, Seante Ryen, Devon Ryen, Chance Ryen, Randy Day and Roxanne Day; three great-grandchildren and one on the way; nieces Candra Reynolds, Robbie Crowley and Debbie Southern. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Twilla Jo Kingston.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

Minnie Rebecca Burns

Services for Minnie Rebecca Burns, 90, were held at Northgate Christian Church in El Paso, Texas, on Wednesday, with a Fort Bliss National Cemetery graveside service at 2:30 p.m.

County's precipitation mixed for 2001

Carrizozo has received more precipitation than normal so far this year, but Ruidoso is lagging behind normal, according to the latest preliminary figures from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

As of March 18, the figures were: Carrizozo, 3.65 inches

Mrs. Burns died Sunday, March 18, 2001, after a brief illness.

She was born in Killeen, Texas and spent her formative years in Lorenzo, Texas, where she recently celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends.

Mrs. Burns and her husband of 49 years spent many happy years throughout Texas and the the New England area, followed by several decades living in Roswell and Ruidoso, moving to El Paso in 1973.

She worked with Mountain Telephone and Telegraph for many years, but her true love was being a wife to John A. Burns, who preceded her in death.

While in Ruidoso, she was a member of the First Christian Church, Lincoln County Extension Club and the Women's Club of Ruidoso. She loved to play bridge and was an active member of several clubs in El Paso, and was known to play a rousing game of poker with her many friends. She was also a member of the Northgate Christian Church.

Survivors include a son, Michael Burns and his wife, Annette, of Dallas, Texas; a daughter, Michelle Propsner and her husband, Roy, of Ruidoso; grandchildren and great grandchildren Jacqueline Anne Burns of Dallas, Clinton Lee of Ruidoso, Jason Propsner of Atlanta, Marisa Propsner of Ruidoso, Peter Van Lee of Ruidoso, and Michael Anne Burns of Dallas.

She asked that friends make memorial contributions to Northgate Christian Church at Yvette Avenue and Dyer in El Paso in lieu of flowers.

(normal year-to-date is 1.74 inches). Ruidoso, 2.01 inches (normal is 3.61 inches).

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Free food draws attention to satellites

Wanna know who deserves a raise?

The Taco Bell marketing guy who came up with the idea that everyone in America gets a free taco if the Russian Mir Satellite hit their giant logo out in the South Pacific Ocean last night.

That big bell was over the news all week — for free.

The chance that something would have hit that Taco Bell sign was about as high as me winning the lottery, and I don't buy tickets, Victoria Wiggins said. She is the educational director for the Alamogordo Space Center.

Victoria and the other space center employees were watching the fall of the Mir with interest this week. The satellite was expected to fall to the Earth at 11:30 p.m. our time last night.

"Much of the satellite will burn as it enters the Earth's orbit," she said. "But there still will be several large

pieces that will hit the ocean just west of Japan."

In other words nothing is free; not even space tacos. But our hat's off to any guy who figures out a way to get free national advertising by making us think we actually have a shot at getting a free taco.

April Fool's Day is coming up; here's a good one.

Drop by 102 Center Street in downtown Ruidoso and buy a package of Deb Bailey's gag-scratch lottery tickets.

"You buy the fake tickets and then stick one in with a couple of real tickets," Deb said. "Then you give them to someone who will soon scratch off three pots of gold that indicates they've won \$10,000."

The joke is on them, when they turn the ticket over to find out that they've been had. April Fool.

What's the best April Fool's joke you've ever

played? E-mail me at tkeithley@zianet.com.

I'm onto my second pick for the Kentucky Derby.

I'm now hopping aboard a horse named Point Given after his big stakes win in California last weekend.

Looks like a champ. My former pick, Millennium Wind, has apparently come down with a soft foot while running a sharp second during the Louisiana Derby.

It's amazing; the dumb luck involved in the major thoroughbred or quarter horse race.

My newspaper buddies are excited about next week's town hall meeting at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

The March 30 event, sponsored by Ruidoso News, gives the public a chance to comment and ask questions of local officials about several important issues in

Lincoln County.

"We're going to talk to experts in the fields of water, the forest, Fort Stanton, and the road construction," Brad Treptow said.

He is publisher of the paper.

I think Brad is sort of in the same boat as the Taco Bell marketing guy. He knows the one thing that will certainly draw some attention to any satellite-drop or public forum — free food.

"We're providing a complimentary breakfast to everyone who calls for reservations in advance," Brad said. "That number is 378-4001."

A little scrambled eggs and bacon can get anyone started talkin' about ugly orange barrels.

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

County reviews animal control, easement, speed-limit ordinances

In an effort to eliminate, update or substitute new versions, Lincoln County commissioners will review each of the county's ordinances over the next year.

The first three on the block to be examined in April are a 1975 law for control of dogs and cats, a 1974 law for telephone utility easements and an ordinance on speed

limits. County Attorney Alan Morel said he prepared a new animal control ordinance better reflecting current conditions.

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STATE BRIEFS

Boys accuse social worker

SPRINGER (AP) — Two teen-agers at the New Mexico Boys' School have reported a female social worker sexually abused them, joining allegations made earlier this month by two other boys.

The social worker has been on paid leave since the allegations were made by the first two teens last month. Authorities would not release the social worker's name.

Deputy District Attorney Casey Irwin of Raton, who is handling the case, was out of state and could not be reached for comment.

The four teen-agers were transferred from the Springer facility to the Youth Diagnostic and Development Center in Albuquerque, said Romaine Serna, spokeswoman for the state Children, Youth and Families Department.

The case remains under investigation and the social worker has not been charged, she said.

Serna did not know why the second pair of boys did not report the allegations when the first pair did on Feb. 28.

Image to stay on display

SANTA FE (AP) — Despite criticism from members of Our Lady of Guadalupe parish, the state Museum of International Folk Art plans to keep on display a collage depicting the Virgin of Guadalupe in a floral bikini.

"There are no plans to remove it from the exhibition," said museum director Joyce Ide.

The work of California artist Alma Lopez is part of an exhibit at the museum titled "Cyber-Arte: Where Tradition Meets Technology."

The exhibit opened quietly in February, but Lopez's work

quickly drew attention after it was featured in a museum mailing.

Our Lady of Guadalupe parish deacon Anthony Trujillo and activist Jose L. Villegas Sr. had asked that Lopez's image of the scantily-clad Virgin Mary be removed from the state-operated museum.

But Ice said Monday that the piece fits into the educational mission of the museum, which chronicles history and trends in folk art around the world.

"One of the things that we're interested in is cultural change — the ways in which tradition emerges and the way cultural changes adjust to meet contemporary needs," Ice said.

Lopez has said that the work was a playful expression of her own faith and attitude about the female body.

She said she was inspired by the work of author Sandra Cisneros, who once wondered in print what the Catholic saints wore under their normal clothes.

The museum plans to keep open lines of communication with critics and supporters of Lopez's work, Ice said.

"As an educational institution, the museum should be a place where we can have civil discussions about diverse artistic expressions ... and be able to disagree in a respectful manner," she said.

Girl wins sneaker contest

MONPELIER, Vt. (AP) — The smells wafting through Vermont's capital on the first day of spring were unmistakably seasonal — melting snow, warm air, wet earth, and rotting sneakers.

Rebekah Fahy, 11, of Las Cruces was found to be among those contributing to the foul odor Tuesday, as she was crowned the winner of the

annual Odor Eaters rotten sneaker contest.

How did she achieve her award-winning stench?

"By wearing a certain pair of socks over and over again and not washing them," Rebekah said.

In the 26th annual smelly sneaker contest, eight participants from as far away as Alaska and California vied to disgust a panel of judges with the foulest smelling and most decomposed sneakers around.

Rebekah won a \$500 U.S. savings bond and a trip to New York City.

She'll also have her shoes enshrined in the Hall of Fumes, an airtight display of past winning entries.

Loader snaps power line

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — About 32,000 Public Service Company of New Mexico customers were without power after a front-end loader snapped a power pole support wire.

PNM officials said the wire struck a transmission line, knocking out electricity for up to three hours in some areas.

Ten power substations and customers in the south and northeast parts of the city were affected, said PNM spokeswoman Julie McCabe.

Among those affected were the University of New Mexico, three area hospitals and the Albuquerque airport. The hospitals and airport immediately went on backup generators.

Airport spokeswoman Maggie Santiago said that although some phone lines at the airport went dead, no flight operations were affected.

PNM officials said power was restored in about 35 minutes to most customers, while some others remained in the dark until about 11 a.m.

Salvage logging would yeild tons of timber, officials say

The Forest Service will hold a public meeting next week on the plan to cut up to 25 million board feet from the burned area

PECOS (AP) — Officials with the Santa Fe National Forest are planning a salvage logging operation that could yield huge amounts of timber left behind by a wildfire that burned nearly 30,000 acres near here last year.

The Pecos ranger district plans to hold a meeting next week to hear public comment on its plan to cut up to 25 million board feet of timber from a small section of the burned area.

Chris Napp, a planner for the ranger district, said Tuesday that logging could begin next year. However, he said the agency expects challenges from local environmental groups.

Once a forest burns, Napp

said, there's a limited amount of time during which the timber can be salvaged for commercial purposes. He said the U.S. Forest Service believes the timber from the Viveash Fire will survive long enough to be cut next year.

The Forest Service is only now getting around to the salvage operation because it has been busy on projects to reduce flooding in the denuded area, Napp said.

Crews last year planted grass seed and performed stabilization projects to try to reduce flooding and erosion in the area.

The ranger district expects to have an environmental assessment on the timber salvage's effects completed by the end of September. It must be done before any logging can take place.

Sam Hitt of Forest Guardians, a Santa Fe environmental group, said Tuesday that salvage logging slows down the forest's recovery time.

"We've opposed every salvage logging operation in New Mexico for the last decade ..."

Sam Hitt
Forest Guardians

"We've opposed every salvage logging operation in New Mexico for the last decade because of the ecological impacts, especially in the Viveash area," Hitt said. "Because not only is the sale massive, but that whole area from Elk Mountain to the town of Pecos is very biologically impor-

tant." Hitt said raptors, big game and native trout call the area home.

There are some approaches, such as leaving cut trees in particular patterns and planting native grasses, that Hitt said would benefit the burned land.

Clovis to sell water for power plant

Houston company wants to build natural gas-fired station south of the city

CLOVIS (AP) — The Clovis City Commission has agreed to sell treated waste water to a Texas company for a proposed power plant in eastern New Mexico.

Houston-based Cobisa Corp. wants to build a 600-megawatt natural gas-fired plant just south of here. It would be the company's third project in New Mexico.

"We are very excited about this. The project will be a major shot in the arm," said Clovis city manager Rodger Bennett.

Cobisa has agreed to pay 45 cents per 1,000 gallons for the treated waste water. The Clovis treatment plant processes an average of 8 million gallons a day, enough to provide an estimat-

ed 70 percent to 80 percent of the plant's cooling needs, Bennett said.

Cost estimates for construction of the plant range between \$225 million and \$300 million. Construction is expected to last up to two years and provide as many as 350 jobs.

Once operational, Bennett said the plant will provide 25 to 30 permanent jobs and enough electricity to power about half a million homes.

Cobisa has not yet applied for state regulatory approvals.

If permitting goes smoothly, the plant could be operational in late 2003 or early 2004, said John Curl, utility division director at the state Public Regulation Commission.

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County commission gives nod to Lincoln water system work

■ Scaled-down project in Lincoln will cost about half the original price

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

By downsizing the project, at least the basics for improvements to the Lincoln water system could be accomplished, Lincoln County commissioners decided last week.

On a recommendation from water association official Ralph Dunlap, commissioners accepted \$44,000 of the \$88,553 low bid for the project from Jack Johnson Excavating of Alto.

Four bids were received ranging from \$88,553 to \$108,776. The State Engineer estimated the project would cost \$97,235. By dropping fencing, fire hydrants and a three-quarter inch line replacement, Johnson's bid could be cut in half, Dunlap said.

Money for the project comes from a \$17,438 appropriation from the state Legislature. Dunlap proposed the county and association each pick up \$13,500.

"We thought we could pledge \$30,000, but we need a reserve," in case the association needs new wells, a pump or chlorination, he said.

Trying to secure a loan from the New Mexico Finance Authority would take too long, County Manager Tom Stewart said. It's possible the county could apply for money from a Rural Infrastructure Program under the state Environment Department, he said. But his recommendation was to move ahead on the half-project and

then ask the state Legislature next year for money to finish.

Commissioners authorized Stewart to negotiate the best price.

Dunlap said one storage tank with lead-based paint put up in 1972 also must be replaced, but the association will wait on that project.

He said 49 percent of the water used by association customers is consumed by five conservators, including the Hubbard Museum of the American West and the state Monuments Division. A flat fee of \$45 per quarter is charged plus \$1.50 per thousand gallons of water is charged. Dunlap said the association will look at rate increases to generate more revenue.

"We feel we're supporting people from the outside," he said.

"You might want to review that structure and place the financial burden on those who are creating the most demand," said Commission Chairman Rex Wilson.

"We're looking at \$2 per thousand," Dunlap said.

Morel said he would examine possible legal problems with the county giving money to a private, non-profit group like the association.

Dunlap said the state created the association and in 1973 it was reorganized to be eligible for low interest government loans.

"If the state gave them money, I would think we could," Wilson said. "I don't want to slow the process but we need to know that first."

"In all honesty, this is a health issue."

In other business, commis-

sioners:

• Appointed Ralph Romero to the Extraterritorial Zoning Commission, Commissioners Bill Schwettmann and Rick Simpson to the Joint Municipal-County Zoning Authority, and held off appointing anyone to the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee until Joan Zagone, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, comes back with some nominees next month.

Commissioner Leo Martinez was about to appoint Tom Seno of the county Libertarian Party, but Zagone said it would be more appropriate to select someone who supports the tax and its purposes of promoting the county.

• Set April 20 as the deadline to submit budget proposals for the 2001-2002 fiscal year, with the first public sessions for special program presentations to the commission May 3.

• Heard from Stewart that county efforts to secure \$250,000 from the state to create a hydrological model of the county probably will not succeed, but he hopes State Sen. Pete Campos (D-Las Vegas) included some money in the state budget to start the process.

Chairman Rex Wilson said about 50 water-related bills were introduced during the 60-day legislative session that ended Saturday. One would require entities applying for the transfer of water rights to advertise in local newspapers.

This may be the year to call a special session to do nothing but talk about water problems, studies and solutions, Wilson said.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Historic sign recovered

An historic sign valued at \$1,000, stolen from a Lincoln location on March 2, was recovered March 15.

The cast aluminum sign, taken from the Tunstall-McSween Store in Historic Lincoln was found in the Cibola National Forest east of Albuquerque, according to a Lincoln County Sheriff's Department report.

Cabin vandalized

Sheriff's deputies are investigating a break-in at a cabin in Nogal Canyon. The seasonal dwelling was entered sometime between Dec. 27 and March 18.

While nothing was reported

missing from the cabin, windows, furniture, dishes and other items were broken, according to a report.

Some of the vandalism resulted from bullet holes.

Texas skier reports theft

A skier from College Station, Texas reported the theft of a compact disc player and cash from a back pack while he was at Ski Apache.

The skier had left the back pack on a ski lift for the return trip from the top of a slope while he skied down.

The back pack was turned into the lost and found office of Ski Apache. The CD player was valued at \$450. The amount of money missing was listed as \$158.

Work site burglarized

An estimated \$2,000 in tongue-and-groove lumber and numerous tools were reported taken from a construction site on Saddle Slope Road in the Cedar Creek area west of Ruidoso. The burglary was reported to the sheriff's department on March 12.

Poodle taken from yard

A resident in the Ruidoso Downs area reported her poodle was taken from her Cedar Road property on March 4.

The missing black and silver poodle was reported to the sheriff's department on March 14. The woman said wires holding a gate closed were removed from the gate.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters benefit golf tournament May 3

The annual golf tournament sponsored by the Ruidoso Association of Realtors and the Ruidoso News to benefit the

Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization will begin at 12:30 p.m. May 3 at the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club. Entry

fee is \$75. Last year, the tournament awarded \$600 in prizes and raised \$2,200 for the group.

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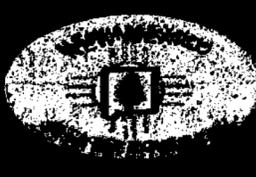
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Warriors rally in 15-10 win over Coyotes

BY TODD BUTTS
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Ruidoso Warriors (2-2) showed true grit when they faced the Dora Coyote (1-3) baseball team Thursday morning. It was a shaky start for the Warriors, as the game began with the Coyotes jumping out to a 8-0 lead in the first inning.

Ruidoso came from behind though and defeated Dora 15-10 at the Colt Classic Baseball Tournament in Roswell.

"I thought the kids did super," said coach Mike Morris. "They came back and now they know they can win. I am proud of the boys. They came back when they had to."

Warrior freshman pitcher Jamie Urban struggled through the first inning, partly because of the umpire's tight strike zone.

"We spotted them eight runs and we told them they can't get them all back in one inning," said Warrior assistant coach Mike Swanner. "They showed a lot guts, kept fighting, got on top and stayed that way."

Ruidoso settled down and reversed the momentum in second inning. The Warriors got the Coyotes out in order. By the end of the second inning the Warriors had cut the lead to 8-2.

The third inning was all Ruidoso. Urban lead off with a double. The Warriors loaded the bases and Willie Lundquist stole home to cut the Coyote lead in half, 8-4. Next, A.J. Kopacka stepped to the plate and hit a single into left field, driving in two RBIs. By the end

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Capitan high jumper Bo Sparks isn't levitating, it just seems like it. Sparks won the high jump and took second in the javelin throw.

TODD BUTTS/STAFF

Off and running

Capitan, Carrizozo, Hondo track teams take part in Sanchez Relays

BY WES SCHWENGELS
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

While Capitan High School won both sides of their home meet, the Henry Sanchez Relays, Tuesday, other school stole the show as the Carrizozo girls qualified for nine state meet positions and three Hondo athletes performed nobly.

Capitan scored 137.5 points to take the girls' meet and Carrizozo came in third with 102. Only two girls, Pam and Josephine Fietek, competed for Hondo, but still netted six points.

Capitan girls' coach Zale Woodward said the biggest difference was the Tigers' depth.

"We had all 28 girls

there," he said. "For most of us, it was the first track meet."

"Having depth is helping us," he added. "We haven't had that many people in recent years."

On the boys' side, the Tigers also took first place, scoring 197 points, over 100 more than second-place Anthony (Texas) High. Carrizozo finished with 88 points and the lone Hondo runner, Eddie Valenzuela, scored 15 points and was third-best overall individually.

Tiger coach Ed Davis reiterated the importance of depth.

"We had the whole team, everybody was there," Davis said.

For the Lady Tigers,

Lindsey Bush took a gold medal and qualified for state with a 103-foot-1/2-inch toss of the discus. Jessica Neal and Jessica Becker, who had both qualified for state in the 100-meter hurdles and shot put, respectively, at Dexter March 16, set qualifying marks again. Neal won her race while Becker took second in the shot.

Other first-place Capitan girls were Jessica Castaneda in the high jump and the 3200-meter run, Stephanie Kelsey in the 400, Ginger Cupit in the 800, and Randi Goss in the 1600.

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Tiger Jared Joy (above) hurls the discus in Tuesday's meet at Capitan. Joy won the event, as well as the shot put. Below, Tiger KayCee Gilson tries to clear a hurdle Tuesday. She got sixth in the 100-meter hurdles and third in the pole vault.

TODD BUTTS/STAFF

RHS dufers swing into state playoff berth, girls improving

BY WES SCHWENGELS
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Ruidoso High School boys golf team earned a qualifying leg for state competition Tuesday by shooting a collective 321. But the players weren't exactly pleased with their performance.

"The boys weren't happy with their score," explained Warrior golf coach Eric Eggleston. "They all felt like they played poorly."

The team finished fourth overall at the Roswell Invitational in a field including Class 5A powerhouse La Cueva and 4A-Goddard. The team also trailed NMMI.

Leading the way individually for the Warriors was Colton English, who finished sixth overall and shot a four-over-par 75. Chris Duncan had a 79, Ryan Shaver an 82, Todd Schrader was at 85 and Jared Leadingham scored an 84 for Ruidoso.

Eggleston said he was not overly concerned with the team's round.

"In four years here, we have never played our first spring tournament very well," he said.

While the team missed its goal of shooting 310, it did lock up a spot in the state playoffs, which will be held May 7-8. Eggleston said he believes the team will reach its goal, especially as senior Todd Schrader, fresh from the basketball team, gets more practice in.

The coach said he thinks the Warriors are getting a lift

tle "greedy," but in a good way. "They all have room for improvement," he said, "yet they still qualified."

The girls golf team did not fare as well, shooting 430 as a team. Coach Les Carter said the score was not indicative of how the girls played though.

"They hit the ball really well," Carter said, "they just weren't able to score."

The coach said he is optimistic for the rest of the season and even more so for the future. The team of 12 has just one senior and one junior.

"We've got a lot of girls who are dedicated to the program," he said.

The Lady Warriors were led at Roswell by LeeAnn Henson with a 94. Following her were Aimee Powers at 109, Cala Wimberly at 110, LeeAnne Gibson with a 117 and Kelly Rigsby at 125.

While the team was not entirely pleased with its performance, Carter feels they will get better.

"I would definitely look for improvement next week (at NMMI)," he said. "They're working hard."

Carter said the biggest problem for the girls right now is their short game.

"Everybody wants to hit the ball as far as they can," he said.

Both the boys and girls squads will be at NMMI Saturday. They will also host the first of four benefit scrambles at Cree Meadows Country Club Sunday at 1 p.m.



Tapia fights to sixth-round TKO over Gomez

BY PETE HERRERA
AP SPORTS WRITER

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — Four-time world champion Johnny Tapia still has plenty of fury left.

The 34-year-old Tapia used a barrage of right-hand punches and left jabs to stop Famosito Gomez of Mexico in six rounds in their non-title super bantamweight bout Saturday night.

Tapia (49-2-2, 26 KOs) scored a lopsided win over the game but overmatched Gomez, whose face was covered in blood when the fight was stopped after the sixth

round.

After the win, Tapia said he was ready to pursue a fifth title.

"I don't need another (tune-up) fight, I'm hungry for another title shot," said Tapia.

Gomez (48-9, 28 KOs) landed several rights to Tapia's head and occasionally rocked the former champion. But Gomez, 30, paid a heavy price, taking rights to the head and to the nose.

Gomez suffered a cut to the left side of his head in the second round and was bleeding profusely from the nose and mouth in the fifth and sixth

rounds. Gomez was taken to a hospital to have his injuries checked.

"I don't want to put the referee down, but when somebody takes punches like that and he's still smiling, I wonder if he's human," Tapia said. "I wish they had stopped it sooner. He was spitting up blood. I'm sad, and I hope he's OK."

If Tapia can't get a title bout soon, he's hoping to fight undefeated Englishman Prince Naseem Hamed, provided Hamed beats Mexico's Marco Antonio Barrera next month.

Fishing Report

Ruidoso NM and area — 3/19/01

Rio Ruidoso: The River was stocked on March 12 with 1000 hungry Rainbows. The best subsurface fly selections remain for Rainbows or Browns remain the Bead head Pheasant tail nymphs or Bead head Prince nymphs. Green Rock worms and Bead Head Cased Caddis Larva continue as producing patterns. South fork — Iced up in places — not much water.

Bonito Lake: Remember — Bonito Lake closed December 1, 2000. Bonito will reopen on April 1, 2001. The lake was stocked two weeks ago with over 2,500 1/2lb. Rainbows in preparation for the April 1 opening. Eagle Lakes: These lakes are now closed for the season. Eagle should open here Memorial Day. Grindstone: Water level continues to drop, however, the fishing is fair to good. Skip a woody bugger or a streamer 8 to 10 ft. and strip — hang on. Fishing has as usual best just before dark. Lake Mesclero: The lake level is

quite low, but is fishing well. Dark woody buggers have been taking a few fish late in the day. Remember to get your day pass at the front desk. Please practice Catch and Release wherever and whenever you can. We have moved our local shop — New address is 2501 Sudderth Dr. — Come see us for daily fishing information. Check out our improved and expanded website for community information. Jim Shoop — Fly's Etc. 505-257-4968 flyset@zanet.com www.fly-etc.com

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Trails Groomed This Morning: 13/55
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NMMI Colt Stampede at Roswell
March 22
Ruidoso 15, Dora 10

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Ruidoso vs. NMMI/Tularosa winner
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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 and 30, Ruidoso Bowling Center; 1:30 p.m. March 23, 24 and 29, Carrizozo Recreation Center. Singles, doubles, mixed doubles and team.
Golf — 1 p.m., March 31, The Links at Sierra Blanca.
Recreational events — 9 a.m. March 24, Ruidoso High School gym (Frisbee, soccer kick, basketball free throw).
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 \$25. 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.

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 257-8324.

Softball Meeting

There will be a softball meeting for coaches, managers, umpires and players interested in the men's and women's softball league for the 2001 season. It is important that a representative from each team attend the meeting. Topics to be discussed include fees, insurance, rule changes and league by-laws. The meeting will take place Thursday, March 29, at 6 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center, 501 Sudderth Dr.

Golf Scrambles

The Ruidoso High School golf teams will be hosting their annual scrambles. The first scramble will be held at Cree Meadows Country Club at 1 p.m., Sunday, March 25. The next scramble will be at Alto Lakes Country Club at 1 p.m., Sunday, April 1. The third will be at the Links at Sierra Blanca at 1 p.m., Sunday, April 8. The final scramble will be Sunday, April 29 at 1 p.m. at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. The entry fee for the event is \$80 for all four scrambles or \$25 for each. Contact Cree Meadows Golf Shop at 257-5815 to sign up for any or all of the events or for more information.

Party on the Pecos

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

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TRACK: Area teams strong at local meet

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Amy Irvine also took a second-place finish in the 400.

Woodward said he was impressed with the girls' performances since this meet took place right after spring break.

"This was a tough meet," he said. "We just had a short practice Monday. We weren't mentally or physically ready. We limited our events, hoping not to get anybody hurt."

Woodward added that while he doesn't expect the team to be at 100 percent for Saturday's meet in Hagerman, "we'll have something that resembles a week of practice under our belt."

The Capitan boys set seven state qualifying marks and also had their share of individual victories, as Ryan Kimbrell won the javelin, long jump and pole vault, Tyler Haughness took the 1600 and 3200, Jared Joy won the discus and shot put, Bo Sparks took the high jump and Chuck Van Winkle won the 110-meter hurdles. The Tigers also took the 400-meter and medley relays.

Davis said that while he was happy to have won, that he is more pleased with the number of state berths the team earned.

"We're not trying to win yet, just qualify," he said. "When it comes to District, we'll try to get the victory."

Davis said because the season is so young, he has not set who will be on the different relay teams and that he doesn't want to rush the team.

"The key is to not have any injuries," he said. "We're trying to figure out what we can qualify the best."

Up next for both squads are the Alfalfa Relays in Hagerman, Saturday. Woodward said he expects much tougher competition, possibly even Santa Fe Prep, which always has "a strong team." Woodward said he's just hoping for a strong showing.

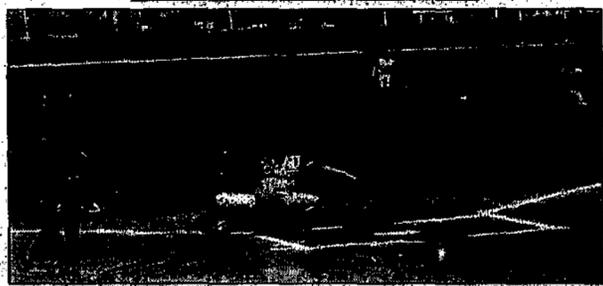
Henry Sanchez Relays results:

Boys
Overall: 1, Capitan, 197; 2, Anthony, 90; 3, Tularosa, 41; 4, Carrizozo, 33; 5, Alamo Navajo, 31; 6, Hondo, 15
Individual:
Javelin — 1, Kimbrell, Cap, 158-6 1/2; 2, Sparks, Cap, 150-1/2; 4, Marquis, Car,

132-5
High Jump — 1, Sparks, Cap, 5-4; 2, Langley, Car, 5-2
1600m — 1, Haughness, Cap, 5:10.32; 2, Lea, Cap, 5:30.47; 3, Nicolet, Cap, 5:34.60
Discus — 1, Joy, Cap, 134-7; 2, Glass, Cap, 130; 3, Brazel, Cap, 117-3/4
110m hurdles — 1, Van Winkle, Cap, 15.88; 2, Dixon, Car, 18.53
400 relay — 1, Capitan, 47.34; 4, Carrizozo, 49.30
Triple Jump — 2, Armendariz, Cap, 37-7; Kimbrell, Cap, 37
100m dash — 2, Saiz, Cap, 11.78; 3, Valenzuela, Hon, 11.91; 4, Marquis, Car, 12.08
Long Jump — 1, Kimbrell, Cap, 19-2; 2, Armendariz, Cap, 18-10; 3, Brazel, Cap, 17-10; 4, Valenzuela, Hon, 17-8
Pole vault — 1, Kimbrell, Cap, 11-8; Van Winkle, Cap, 10
800m relay — 2, Capitan, 1:38.78
Shot put — 1, Joy, Cap, 42-6; 3, Glass, Cap, 40-3 1/2; 4, Butler, Cap, 38-4
400m — 3, Valenzuela, Hon, 57.56; 4, Aldaz, Cap, 58.43
800m — 3, Martin, Cap, 47.54; 300m hurdles — 2, Van Winkle, Cap, 43.90; 3, Martin, Cap, 47.54; 4, Zamora, Cap, 52.96; 5, Haynes, Cap, 54.50
Medley relay — 1, Capitan, 3:56.87; 4, Carrizozo, 4:51.63
200m dash — 3, Valenzuela, Hon, 24.82; 4, Marquis, Car, 24.93
3200m — 1, Haughness, Cap, 11:19.25; 3, Nicolet, Cap, 12:03.78
1600m relay — 3, Capitan, 3:56.21; 4, Carrizozo, 4:00.44

Girls
Overall: 1, Capitan, 137.5; 2, Tularosa, 115; 3, Carrizozo, 102; 4, Anthony, 74; 5, Hondo, 6
Individual:
High Jump — 1, Castaneda, Cap, 4-4; 3, A' Burr, Car, 4-2; 4, Tully-Mitchell, Cap, 4-2; 5, Sparks, Cap, 4-0
Pole vault — 3, Gilson, Cap, 5-6
Javelin — 2, Frank, Car, 101-4 1/2; 3, Brockman, Cap, 85-7; 4, Bush, Cap, 85-7; 5, Zamora, Car, 82-8; 6, Brewer, Car, 75-6
Shot put — 1, Frank, Car, 32-4; 2, J. Becker, Cap, 31-9; 3, Bush, Cap, 30-10 1/2; 6, Lamay, Cap, 25-10
100m hurdles — 1, Neal, Cap, 17.49; 3, Burr, Car, 19.32; 6, Gilson, Cap, 22.25
400m relay — 1, Carrizozo, 52.71; 3, Capitan, 55.62
Triple Jump — 1, Burr, Car, 31-5; 4, M. Becker, Cap, 28-7; 6, Turner, Cap, 28
100m dash — 1, A. Burr, Car, 12.22; 4, Irvine, Cap, 13.09; 5, Baker, Cap, 14.02
Long jump — 1, Vallejos, Car, 14-6; 4, M. Becker, Cap, 12-8; 6, Irvine, Cap, 11-6
3200m — 1, Castaneda, Cap, 14:34.12; 3, Goss, Cap, 15:25.13; 5, P. Fietek, Hon, 17:37.41
800m relay — 2, Carrizozo, 2:05.35; 3, Capitan, 2:09.94
Discus — 1, Bush, Cap, 103-1/2; 2, Holland, Car, 93-10 1/2; 3, Frank, Car, 91-10 1/4; 4, J. Becker, Cap, 90-7 3/4; 5, Lamay, Cap, 77-3 1/2; 6, Beltron, Car, 75-7 1/2
400m — 1, Kelsey, Cap, 1:07.72; 2, Irvine, Cap, 1:10.66; 5, J. Fietek, Hon, 1:16.72; 6, Sheehy, Cap, 1:17.74
800m — 1, Cupit, Cap, 3:02.97; 6, P. Fietek, Hon, 3:17.16
300m hurdles — 1, Vallejos, Car, 50.68; 2, M. Burr, Car, 51.83; 3, Neal, Cap, 53.25; 4, Thomas, Cap, 54.22
Medley relay — 2, Carrizozo, 5:10.57; 4, Capitan, 5:16.70
1600m — 1, Goss, Cap, 6:48.02; 200m dash — 3, Irvine, Cap, 30.05; 4, M. Becker, Cap, 30.91; 6, J. Fietek, Hon, 31.53
1600m relay — 1, Carrizozo, 4:34.02; 4, Capitan, 5:18.79

THE PLAY AT THE PLATE



Warrior catcher Ben Lundquist tries to prevent a Dora run Thursday.

WARRIORS: Win at NMMI

WARRIORS, FROM PAGE 1B

of the third inning it was a 10-8 Warrior lead.

"Fourteen errors is not going to cut it," said Dora coach Ty Thatcher. "You're not going to win very many games with 14 errors. That is one thing we need to improve if we are going to win."

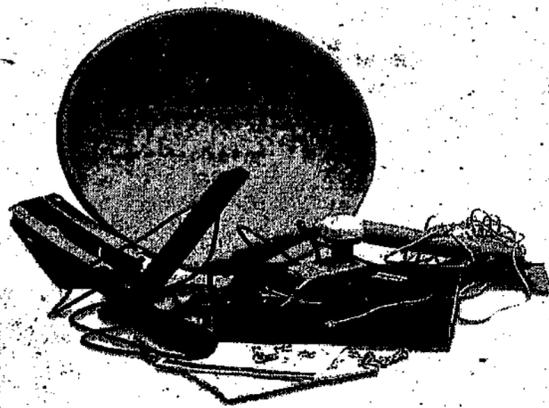
The Coyotes tried to mount a comeback, cutting the lead to one in the fourth inning. Dora managed to tie the game 10-10

in the fifth before Warrior pitcher Chad Swanner struck out the Coyote batter to end the inning.

The bottom of the fifth and the sixth innings belonged to the Warrior offense as it racked up five more runs before the game was called because of time restrictions.

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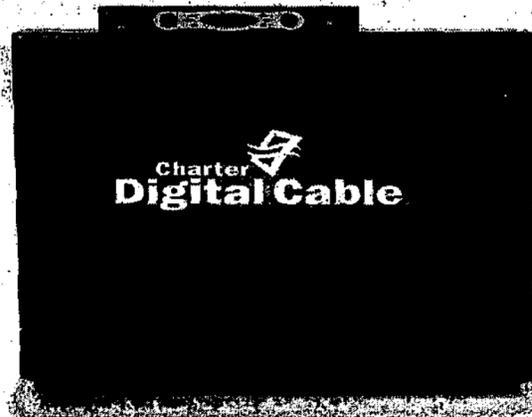
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LINCOLN COUNTY STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BENJAMIN F. KELLY, JR. DECEASED) No. 1888)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Benjamin F. Kelly, Jr., deceased. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims (i) within two months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or (ii) within two months after the mailing or delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or be forever barred.

/s/Pat Thompson Kelly P.O. Box 1136 Ruidoso, NM 88355

LEGAL NOTICE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DORIS VAUNDEEN KING Cause No. PB-01-08 Division III

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at P.O. Box 1912, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 or filed with the Twelfth Judicial District Court. Dated: 3/5/2001

/s/Grancis Wayne King 405 Frandstone Canyon Rd Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 Personal Representative

/s/Adam D. Ralkin P.O. Box 1912 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 (505)257-0128/257-0113 fax Attorney for Personal Representative

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/s/Thomas F. Stewart, Lincoln County Manager 3392 1T(3)23

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-00-244

CONSECO FINANCE SERVING CORPORATION aka Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

GARNER W. WILLIS aka GARNER WILLIS, JENNIFER D. WILLIS aka JENNIFER WILLIS and WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. aka Norwest Bank New Mexico, National Association,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on April 11, 2001, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the northeast entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant(s) in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 208 Del Norte Drive in Ruidoso, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 14, Block 1 of FOURTH ADDITION TO AIRPORT WEST, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, September 20, 1976, in Tube No. 575.

The foregoing sale will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on March 5, 2001, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property.

The Plaintiff's judgment under Count 1, which includes interest and costs is \$94,968.45 on the earn bears interest at nine point seven five zero percent (9.750%) per annum from March 1, 2001. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,065.45.

The Plaintiff's judgment under Count 11, which includes interest and costs, is \$18,419.44 and the same bears interest at thirteen point five zero percent (13.500%) per annum from March 1, 2001. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$298.62.

The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit his bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of his judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

Notice is further given that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all liens, mortgages, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the valuation of the property by the County Assessor for all personal property, fixtures of any mobile or manufactured home to the land,

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deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

Notice is further given that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

/s/Nick Vega, Special Master

Nick Vega, P.O. Box 983, Carrizozo, NM 88301 3380 4T(3)16.23.30(4)8

LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners is hereby accepting nominations to the following Committees:

- (1) Joint Lincoln County-Ruidoso Extraterritorial Zoning Commission
(2) Joint Lincoln County-Ruidoso Downs Extraterritorial Zoning Commission
(3) Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee
(4) Lincoln County Planning Commission

Nominee(s) shall be a property owner and must be domiciled and registered to vote within Lincoln County.

Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the above-mentioned Committees.

Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 a.m., April 12, 2001.

/s/Martha Guevara, Assistant County Manager 3401 1T(3)23

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that competitive sealed bids will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Avenue (P.O. Box 711), Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 11, 2001 at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids not received by the time and date indicated above will not be accepted for consideration and will be returned unopened.

Bid No: 00-01-032 RESURFACING OF VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review the bids and make their final determination during a regular County Commission meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

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Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, or by calling Jane Williams at (505)648-2385.

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

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/s/Jane Williams, Purchasing Agent 3398 1T(3)23

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the Planning & Zoning Committee of the Town of Carrizozo will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2001 at 6:00PM, City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Agenda will be posted in accordance with Resolution No. 2000-18, unless otherwise specified. The agenda shall be available to the public at least twenty-four hours before any regular meeting.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact Leann Weinhrecht or Margaret LaBelle at (505)648-2371, City Hall, Carrizozo, New Mexico at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

/s/Leann Weinhrecht, CMC Town Clerk/Treasurer Town of Carrizozo 3399 1T(3)23

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COURTESY HUBBARD MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN WEST
One of Miller's major contributions to Lincoln County was the development of the Lincoln Heritage Trust Museum in Lincoln. He stands next to the only recognized authentic photograph of Billy the Kid, who at one point was jailed in Lincoln.

BY DUANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Besides a successful career in art, Gary Miller has proven over the years that he can create on a grander scale by pulling together new museums across the country — two in Lincoln County.

In a few weeks, Miller, who operates a studio in Lincoln, will be leaving for Hawaii, where he will direct the establishment and development of the Military Aviation Museum of the Pacific there for the Air Force.

"This project combines two of my great loves, aviation and putting a museum together," he said. "The museum will portray the history of military aviation in the Pacific and is intended to develop into a world-class international tourist attraction. It will tell the story of air power in the Pacific from World War II through Korea, Vietnam and beyond.

"The museum will have a strong educational presence and will be more than a repository for artifacts. It also will educate its visitors, particularly the younger generation, about the men and women who sacrificed to ensure our country's freedom."

A graduate of New Mexico State University and former Air Force navigator and bombardier with the 416th Bombardment Wing, Strategic Air Command, Miller flew "Arc Light" combat missions out of U-Tapao, Thailand, in support of United States operations in Southeast Asia in 1970-71.

He left the air force in 1972 with the rank of captain.

Before and after his military service, he attended New Mexico State University, earning bachelor and graduate degrees in art with the idea of teaching there — and he also met his wife Dee, another art major. Although he was born in Seattle,

Wash., Miller traveled all over the world because of his father's naval career. His mother was an artist.

"When it came time for college, I was intrigued by the Southwest because I had never been here," he said. "After a year, they couldn't get me out."

But before he could sign on for a teaching post, Miller met artist and collector John Meigs. He attended classes with artist Michael Hurd, son of Peter Hurd, who was a member of the Lincoln Heritage Trust board.

They recommended him as the choice to develop a new museum being created in historic Lincoln by oilman and rancher Robert O. Anderson, chairman and chief executive officer of Atlantic Richfield Oil Co., who established the trust in 1976.

"It was kind of a bare-bones project in a somewhat isolated locale," Miller said. "But the trust was looking for someone young with visual talents and administration talents, which I gained in the Air Force."

He was named founding director of the Trust and pulled together the operation there.

In 1991, he was asked by R.D. Hubbard, owner of Ruidoso Downs Race Track, to become founding director of the Museum of the Horse, now called the Hubbard Museum of the American West. Two years ago, the trust properties in Lincoln were included under the Hubbard umbrella.

After designing the exhibits and developing the Hubbard museum, Miller was appointed by Lt. General E.G. "Buck" Shuler, USAF (now retired), as the founding director of the Mighty 8th Air Force Heritage Museum in Savannah, Ga.

Each museum poses unique challenges, he said.

"But there are three or four points that must be brought together," Miller said. "There must be a general interest and commitment, such as at Fort Stanton (an 1855 fort northeast of Ruidoso). A basic plan must be developed, which the Air Force, Navy and a private foundation, the Military Aviation Museum of the Pacific Association, already have worked on in Hawaii. A financial package must be assembled and then the creation portion has to attract visitors with visuals, history and entertainment elements that all fit together."

He anticipates being gone for two to three years to move the museum toward completion, but a total project from start to finish may take five years, he said. In Miller's absence, son Doug Miller will maintain a photography studio and run the family gallery.

Two site are being considered for the museum in Hawaii — Hickam Air Force Base or Ford Island, already the site of several museums.

At Ford Island, the Arizona Memorial signifies the start of World War II, the USS Bowfin Memorial Submarine Museum tells the story of undersea operations in the Pacific and the USS Missouri Memorial symbolizes the conduct of surface naval operations and the war's end.

Miller said this is a chance to complete the picture by establishing a military aviation museum on the site of the original Ford Island air station, Luke Field.

"I think it's intriguing that Dee and I will be migrating to Hawaii, where Peter Hurd and John Meigs met ... and then I was associated with both of them," Miller said. "It's kind of a completion of the circle. People from Lincoln County go to Hawaii and come back."

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK*

MARCH 22, 1901

From the Capitan Progress

Refugio Trujillo, who was tried before Judge Hurt last Saturday for cattle stealing, was released as there was no incriminating evidence against him. Trujillo is one of the oldest Mexican settlers in the county.

G. T. Payne, one of the merchants at the new town of Carrizozo, was in town this week attending to business. Alfredo Gonzales, Lincoln County's sheriff, was in Capitan Tuesday of this week transacting business.

A party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Bradford, and Messrs. H. C. Barnes, Abner, Jessie and James Mundell, Sam and Waugh Williams visited the Fort Stanton cave Sunday. They explored the cave some distance and reported a pleasant time while in this great underground passage.

MARCH 23, 1951

Perry home destroyed by fire

Saturday night of last week about 7:30 p.m., the Elzy Perry home in Glencoe caught fire and burned before help arrived. The Green Tree fire trucks came as soon as possible and put the fire out completely and perhaps saved nearby buildings.

... Mrs. Perry was severely burned when she went in for a lock box containing valuable papers.

MARCH 23, 1961

Bonito VFD seeks incorporation

The Bonito Rural Fire Department recently held an important meeting at the Angus Community building. Twenty men were present.

Richard A. Parsons of Ruidoso, assistant district attorney, was engaged to be at this meeting to start action on the incorporation of the fire department. The reason for incorporating is to relieve any individual member of any liability of operation at any time they might be on duty, it was reported.

MARCH 26, 1971

RHS Student Council officers

Four Ruidoso High School students were elected last Tuesday to the RHES Student Council. The election climaxed several weeks of vigorous campaigning and promotional efforts by the candidates and their campaign team members.

Those elected will begin serving next fall, and include Dingo Dunagan, president, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Dunagan; Susan Starkey, vice-president, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Starkey; Kim Glenn, secretary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Glenn; and Eileen Posey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Posey.

MARCH 26, 1981

The Silver Lining, by Dan Storm

The 80th birthday celebration was held at the home of Paul and Nellie Ruth Jones in Glencoe on Sunday, March 22, for a man who certainly does not look his age, our friend of many years, Fred LaMay.

His parents ... came from Kansas in covered wagon and arrived in Lincoln County in 1899.

MARCH 28, 1991

King OKs funds for local college

When Gov. Bruce King signed the 1991 state operating budget, he was approving an appropriation of more than \$150,000 for an off-campus instructional center in Ruidoso. The money will be available July 1.

Coupled with a special property tax levy passed by Ruidoso voters in February and anticipated student tuitions, enough operating capital for the center will be in place for classes to begin next fall, according to Eastern New Mexico University officials.

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



COURTESY GARY MILLER

Captain Miller in his Air Force days.

"... I was intrigued by the Southwest because I had never been here. After a year, they couldn't get me out."

Gary Miller
artist

MILITARY SERVICE

Krystal D. Enjady

Krystal D. Enjady has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program, which gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$60,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job special-

ty.

Enjady, a 2000 graduate of Mescalero High School, will report to Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla., for basic training.

She is the daughter of Olinda J. Morgan and Harry D. Enjady, both of the Mescalero area.

Scott B. Kennedy

Marine Corps Pvt. Scott B. Kennedy, son of Kevin D. Kennedy of Capitan, recently completed basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif.

The 12-week course concluded with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort. The boot camp included physical conditioning, classroom and field assignments.

Kennedy is a 2000 graduate of Capitan High School.

Ophelia Prins

Navy airman recruit, Ophelia Prins, the daughter of Florine Smith of Ruidoso, recently reported for duty with the Commander Fleet Air at Keflavik, Iceland.

Prins is a 2000 graduate of

Mescalero High School and joined the Navy in June of 2000.

Jon M. Spurlock

Jon M. Spurlock of Ruidoso was promoted to the rank of petty officer 3rd class in the U.S. Navy at Naval Weapons Station in Goose Creek, S.C.

The promotion was based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

Spurlock is a 1999 graduate of Ruidoso High School.

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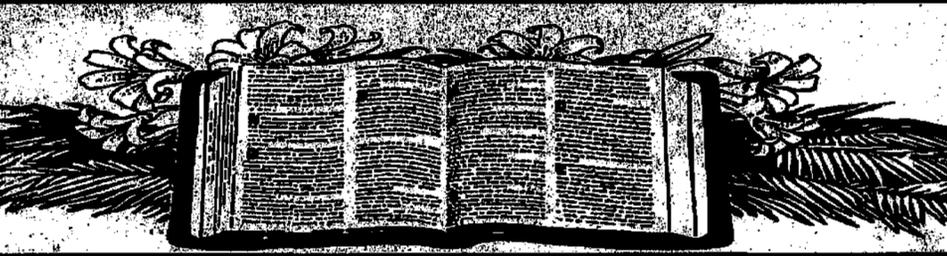
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Capitan - Highway 48. Les Earwood, Minister. Sunday Bible study: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.
FOURSQUARE
Capitan Foursquare Church
Highway 48, Capitan. Harold W. Perry, Pastor. Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Sunday 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.
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Rev. Chuck Fulton, pastor/648-2339. 711 'E' Ave., Carrizozo, N.M. Affiliated w/the Evangelistic Assembly Church. Sunday 7:00 pm.
BAPTIST
First Baptist Church
Hayden Smith, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.; Church training: 6:30 p.m. Sunday
CATHOLIC
Santa Rita Catholic Church
648-2853. Father Dave Bergs, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 11 a.m.; Tuesday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.
CHURCH OF CHRIST
Perry Zumwalt, minister. Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM. Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11:00 am; Evening Worship 1:15 pm; Wednesday Bible Study

7:00 pm.
EPISCOPAL
St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel
Carrizozo, 6th & E Street. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
METHODIST
United Methodist Church Parish
Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846, Carrizozo. Tom Woodward, pastor. Sunday school 10:00 a.m.; Sunday worship 11:10 a.m. Choir Practice (Tues.) 6:30 pm; United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wed. 1:00 pm; Fellowship Dinner 4th Sun. of month 12:30 pm.
NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)
Johnnie L. Johnson, pastor. Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186. Children's Church 10:30 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm.

RUIDOSO DIRECTORIES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Apache Indian Assembly of God
Mescalero, 671-4747. Donald Pettey, pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday services: 7 p.m.
First Assembly of God
El Paso Road, Ruidoso. Rev. Bill Lenard, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday morning worship: 10:45 a.m. (includes children's church); Sunday evening praise: 6 p.m.; Wednesday family night: 7 p.m.
BAPTIST
Bent Tree Baptist Church
Sunday, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. White Mountain Plaza on Mechem. Rev. James Crowder, 336-1979.
First Baptist Church
420 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345. (505) 257-2081. Tim Gilliland, Pastor. Service times: Saturday - 7 p.m. Praise & Worship; Sunday - 8:15 a.m. Praise & Worship, 9:45 a.m. Sunday School all ages, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship, 5:30 p.m. Youth Power Hour, 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. Discipleship classes for all ages.
First Baptist Church
Ruidoso Downs. Randy Widenor, Pastor. Sunday: Worship hour 11 a.m.; Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; Evening worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.
First Baptist Church
Thunie, 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 8 p.m.
Mescalero Baptist Mission
Mescalero. Sunday: Sunday school 10 a.m.; Worship: 11 a.m.; 7:15 p.m. Training: Infant 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.
BAHAI FAITH
Baha'i Faith
Meeting in members' homes. 257-2987 or 336-7739
CATHOLIC
St. Eleanor Catholic Church
Ruidoso, 257-2330. Reverend Al Galvan. Sacrament of Penance: Sat. 4:30 p.m. or by appointment; Sat. Mass: 5 p.m. (Bilingual); Sun. Mass: 10 a.m. (English), 11:30 a.m. (English); Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 4 to 4:30 p.m.; Wed. 6 to 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass, St. Jude Thaddeus, San Patricio: 8 a.m.
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 Christain Fellowship
A Christ Centered Church
Ruidoso Senior Center, 701 Sudderth Drive, 258-1492. Steve Kreins, Pastor. Free 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 Kingdon; Eucharist & healing: 5:30 p.m.; Choir practice: 7 p.m.
Episcopal Chapel of San Juan
Lincoln. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.
St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel
Glencoe. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9 a.m.
FULL GOSPEL
Mission Fountain of Living Water
San Patricio. Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Evening services: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday and Friday.
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall
106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 257-3871. Sunday: Public Talk 1:30 p.m.; Watchtower: 2:20 p.m. Monday: Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Thursday: Ministry School 7:30 p.m.; Service Meeting 8:20 p.m.
Congregacion Hispana de los Testigos de Jehova

106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 336-7076. Dom. Reunion Publica 10:00 a.m.; Estudio de la Atalaya 10:50 a.m. Mart: Escuela del Ministerio Teocratico 7 p.m.; Reunion de servicio 7:50 p.m.; Juev. Estudio de libro 7:00 p.m.
LUTHERAN MO. Synod
Shepherd of the Hills
1120 Hull Road, 258-4191, 257-5296. Kevin L. Krohn, Pastor. Sunday: Worship 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Third Sunday Evening Bible Study, 5:30 p.m., call for location.
METHODIST
Community United Methodist Church
Junction Road, behind "The Coffee House". Harry Riser, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m.; 10:55 a.m.
PENTECOSTAL
The Apostolics of Lincoln County
Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth, 354-4906 or 430-6654. Pastor, Art Dunn. Saturday evening worship 6 p.m.
NAZARENE
Angus Church of the Nazarene
Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Charles 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 Schut, Pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:30 a.m.; worship 10:30 a.m. Mon.: junior high youth 6:30 p.m. Wed.: high school meeting 7 p.m. Thur.: Kids Club (grades 1-5) 3:30.
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Ruidoso Seventh Day Adventist
207 Parkway, Agua Fria, 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.
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
Sacramento Mountains Unitarian Universalist Church, meeting in members' homes. Call 258-1881. www.mtnsun.com/smuuc
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.
Antlerian Missionary Fellowship
Rick Smith, 582-2503, Monday: Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m. Tuesday: Ruidoso men's Bible study noon at Pizza Hut, Mechem Drive. Wednesday: Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m. at Schlotzsky's Deli. Capitan Jr.

High and Sr. High Youth Groups 6:30 p.m. at Christ Community Fellowship.
Calvary Chapel
433 Sudderth Drive in the Gateway Center, 257-5915. Pastor John Marshall. Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Mid-week bible study 7 p.m.
Centro Cristiano Casa de Oracion
139 El Paso Rd., Ruidoso, 257-2324. Pastor Carlos Carreon. Reunion General Jueves 7:00 p.m.; Domingo 10:00 a.m. Club Amistad Sabado 11:00 a.m. (ninos).
Christ Church in the Downs
Ruidoso Downs, 378-8464. Al and Marty Lane, Pastors. Sunday: Children's ministries concurrent with Sunday Services 9:30 a.m.; worship 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.; Thursday: services 7 p.m.
Cornerstone Church
Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth Drive, 257-9265. B.A. Thurman, Pastor. Sunday services: Adult and children's Church, 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study Adult and Youth, Wednesday: 7 p.m.
Cowboy Church
Noon Sundays at the Glencoe Rural Events Center. Everyone welcome. Preacher Buster Reed of Amarillo. Call 378-4840 for more info.
Grace Harvest Church
Gavilan Canyon Road, 336-4213. Sunday: morning prayer 8:30 a.m.; Sunday school 9 a.m.; service 10 a.m.
Living Word Church
441 Mechem, 257-3470. Pastors: Terry and Suzanne Lewis. Sunday: Renewal services Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday: intercessory prayer noon; mid-week services 7 p.m.
Peace Chapel
Interdenominational (ULC)
Alto North, 336-7075. Jeanne Price, Pastor. Morning chapel, 6:50 a.m. (Sept. - June); Sunday Service: 11 a.m.

BUSINESS

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Legislative review due in Ruidoso

The New Mexico Association of Commerce and Industry over the next month will host 20 legislative review sessions around the state, including one in Ruidoso.

The meetings, called regional 2001 Roundhouse Reviews, will feature local legislators and include a briefing on how key business issues were addressed during the 60-day session of lawmakers that ended last week.

The Ruidoso session is scheduled for April 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Best Western-Swiss Chalet. The event will include lunch. A question-and-answer period will be included.

The 2001 Roundhouse Reviews are spearheaded by ACI and local chambers of commerce. Sponsors of the session are Presbyterian Healthcare Services, Alltel, Cattle Baron Restaurants, and Citibank.

To RSVP for the April 24 session in Ruidoso, contact the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce at 257-7395.

Zagone top N.M. agent

Ruidoso-area real estate agent Joseph A. Zagone has been recognized as the top Century 21 agent in New Mexico, based on unit sales during 2000. He also was second in sales volume for the year.

Zagone, who is an agent with the Century 21 Aspen Real Estate office in the Ruidoso area, had been recognized last year as the number one Century 21 agent for unit sales.

At the state Century 21 convention earlier this month

in Albuquerque, Zagone was recognized as one of only two New Mexico agents ever inducted into Century 21's Centurion Master Hall of Fame. The designation notes consistently high quality of service and production for many years, according to the company.

Lab helps businesses

A seven-month-old Sandia National Laboratories program to help small New Mexico businesses solve pressing technical problems is off to a fast start, lab officials said.

With nearly 200 businesses applying for such help, more than 110 projects are under way or completed.

Projects throughout the state cover a range of businesses and problems, from helping a small-town firm make a better lava aggregate building material to helping a rural winery solve a processing problem.

Funded by the state through a unique agreement that went into effect in mid-2000, the New Mexico Small Business Assistance program allows Sandia to provide up to \$10,000 annually in technical advice and assistance to small businesses in New Mexico.

There are several requirements for small business participation — mainly that companies be for-profit New Mexico businesses and Sandia can help only when such help is unavailable for a reasonable cost through private sources.

Small New Mexico businesses wanting detailed information about the program can phone (800) 7665-1878 or e-mail sbspadmin@sandia.gov.

Substantial increases in revenue for the state, more employment and higher expenses have resulted from slot machines installed at the state's four horse racing tracks.



Billy the Kid Casino, part of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track complex, has added substantially to race purses.

New study reveals impact of track slots

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A newly released study on the economic impacts of adding casinos to New Mexico's four horse racing tracks contends there has been explosive growth in jobs and revenues to the state.

The 1997 legislative approval of limited gaming at racetracks allowed each track to install 300 slot machines. The racing industry had argued Indian gaming put tracks near the verge of collapse.

The report, assembled by Armando Gutierrez of A. Gutierrez and Associates Inc. of Albuquerque, stated taxes and fees paid by the tracks increased 500 percent from 1998 to 2000.

In 1998, the last year before casino operations were allowed at state tracks, taxes and fees paid to state and local governments was almost \$5.8 million. In 2000 the figure reached more than \$29.8 million.

Industry figures from 1998 pointed to 3,638 jobs directly related to horse rac-

ing. Those included positions such as groomers, jockeys, trainers, owners, breeders, veterinarians and racetrack personnel, both full- and part-time.

Based on increased payroll amounts, the report estimated the number of horse racing industry employees at 10,200. Expense figures show the 1998 industry payroll of \$6.5 million had jumped to \$18.8 million by last year.

Locally, the nearly \$1.5 million payroll at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track in 1997 increased more than three-fold to \$4.8 million last year.

"There can be little doubt but that the legislation passed in 1998, allowing limited gaming at New Mexico horse race tracks, has had a phenomenal impact on the health of the New Mexico economy," Gutierrez stated in the report.

"Looking specifically at employment ... the pattern remains unmistakable. The introduction of gaming to New Mexico horse race tracks has dramatically impacted the economy of the state and of the localities where these tracks and the horse breeders are situated."

"Significantly, many of these added jobs are permanent jobs ... unlike many race track jobs."

Armando Gutierrez
author of study

1998 that increased to \$5.8 million; in 1999 to \$7.4 million; and last year to \$8.9 million. New Mexico's three other tracks saw dramatic increases beginning in 1999.

Total purses for the four tracks went from just under \$10 million in 1997 to more than \$31 million in 2000.

Likewise, operating expenses, which includes the cost of running facilities, capital expenditures and payroll, rose over the period.

At Ruidoso Downs, 1997's \$5.3 million in operating expenses grew to \$18 million last year. For all the state's tracks, 1997 expenses of \$18.6 million increased more than four-fold to \$78 million in 2000.

The industry report also includes what are described as hypotheticals to "further and continue this revitalization" of the tracks.

The hypotheticals suggest the state allow more slot machines at race tracks, add to the 12 hours per day the track casinos can operate, allow flexibility in race scheduling and let tracks have additional gaming venues.

At the Ruidoso Downs Race Track, total purses in 1997 were \$4.9 million. In

Everybody's Business

The pros and cons of FSBOs

BY ROSALYN ROBINSON
PIONEER BANK

Nobody appreciates paying unnecessary fees. Selling your home sounds attractive when you don't have to pay real estate commissions. You also might assume that the transaction would move quicker without the middleman. Further, there is a never-ending availability of data on the Internet to provide tools with which to sell your house.

However, have you considered the potential liability of selling your own home?

I've spoken to Realtors and title companies alike, and both have provided input similar to that of a lender. While selling your own house appears easy, there are certain aspects of selling that you should be aware of.

Issues that were common among Realtors, title companies and lenders involved disclosures, surveys and inspections.

Truman Barnett, The Title Company, stated that "sellers open themselves up for lawsuits when they don't provide the appropriate disclosures." Truman added, though, that he does not discourage FSBOs (homes "for sale by owner"); it's just that they are handled differently than those transactions in which a Realtor is

involved.

Mary Austin, Coldwell Banker SDC Realtors, related that "the agent protects the seller against liability through educating and providing the appropriate disclosures."

Another source, Bill McCoy, a recognized educator about real estate out of Albuquerque, stated that in FSBOs there is a contract issue. "Generally, private sellers may not have access to updated contracts covering the legal issues of a sale." Inspections would cover lead paint, pest, structural or deferred maintenance issues.

Other inspections include land or improvement surveys covering encroachments, encroachments or right-of-way considerations. The survey would uncover any potential problem with providing a clear title to the buyer. It is also important to obtain a title search early in the process.

Truman Barnett, as well as I, as a lender, have experienced sellers with liens on their properties that they were unaware of. In particular, there might be mechanics' or tax liens. These liens would have to be paid by the seller before title to the property can be transferred.

Look for my next article on April 6, covering additional concerns that sellers and buyers should be cognizant of in FSBO transactions.

Rosalyn Robinson has more than 25 years lending experience. Call 253-5555 or e-mail pioneerbank@zianet.com.

Jobs up, unemployment rate level in county

Preliminary figures from the New Mexico Department of Labor indicate Lincoln County's January unemployment rate was nearly unchanged from a month earlier.

The latest jobless rate, 5.7 percent, was one-tenth of a point higher than December 2000's revised rate of 5.6 percent. The Lincoln County rate was, however, 1.5 points higher than January 2000, despite 176 more people working this

January compared to a year ago.

"That contrasts with neighboring counties," Dan Hall, labor economist supervisor with the department, said of the increased employment level. "The number of jobs, year-to-year, went down in Chaves and Otero counties. Whatever growth took place in Lincoln County, though, was little."

Labor analysts said earlier

that 2000 appeared to be a year of job growth in Lincoln County, but the labor pool increased faster than new jobs.

In Otero County employment January 2000 to January 2001 was down 338 workers. Likewise, in Chaves County the number of jobs fell 308 over the same period.

The Otero County unemployment rate for January was preliminarily set at 6.4 percent, compared to 6.1 percent the

month before and 4.5 percent a year earlier.

In Chaves County the preliminary jobless rate in January was 7.7 percent, up from December's 6.4 percent and ahead of January 2000's 6 percent.

Statewide, the unemployment rate for January was 5.6 percent versus 4.9 percent the month before. New Mexico's rate a year earlier had been 5 percent.

Ruidoso building permits in slight comeback

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

After a slower start to the year in January, village of Ruidoso construction permits rebounded in February.

Fourteen single-family permits, with a combined valuation of \$2.8 million were issued by the village.

That was a 28.4 percent increase over February 2000.

While new commercial construc-

tion permits were nil last month, commercial addition or alteration permits added up to \$239,374, twice the level posted in February 2000.

Total February permits in Ruidoso rang up \$3.7 million, compared to \$3.3 million a year earlier.

But the two-month total so far in 2001 is down, both in the number of permits and the valuations of projects. Total year-to-date permits, at 63, are 15 percent below the same period of 2000. Total permit values over the

time period are off 12 percent.

In Ruidoso Downs, two construction permits were issued in February, totaling \$105,000. Both were for new single-family dwellings.

The February figures followed January's single permit for a new commercial building with a value of \$30,268.

Year-to-date, the three building permits, and one additional permit, issued by Ruidoso Downs add up to \$137,968.

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COUNTY COMMISSION

Support stops short

Lincoln County Commissioners, on the advice of their county attorney, stopped short of calling themselves partners with the Small Business Development Center, but pledged their "association."

Eugene Simmons, executive director of the center and its advisory board, said last week he needed a resolution of partnership to enhance the chances of obtaining more grants.

The Small Business Administration provides 20 percent of the office's budget and start-up money, and legislation provides the balance from state sources with a small amount from local contributors, he said.

More than 1,000 development centers are located around the nation — 18 in the state — mostly affiliated with two-year institutions. In Roswell, the center is aligned with Eastern New Mexico University and covers the counties of Chaves and Lincoln, he said.

They offer assistance in writing business plans, loan applications, consolidating loans, developing marketing and analyzing cash flow problems.

"We saw 90 clients last quarter," Simmons said. "Over half were from Lincoln County" representing about \$2 million in financial help. Not all qualified to start a new business.

Most of the businesses started employ two or three people, he said.

"The quality of living is one of this county's strongest assets," he said. "A lot are semi-retired and looking for other businesses."

Simmons said that all help offered comes with a disclaimer that employees are acting in a strictly advisory capacity and all decisions are the clients'.

When Commission

Chairman Rex Wilson asked about helping a small businessman who is looking for a market for wood chips, Simmons said two grant applications for the man were completed the day before the commission meeting.

Postal complaints persist

Complaints about mail service continue in Lincoln County, says County Manager Tom Stewart.

"A letter postmarked Feb. 27 from Brownfield, Texas advising us of the inspection of our workman's comp records on March 8 didn't arrive until March 13," he told commissioners last week. "I'm hearing about people hit with finance charges and late fees on their charge accounts. I told them to keep copies and send them to the postal service."

County Commissioner Rick Simpson said he recently received an "undeliverable" brochure mailed May 1998 when he ran for office. The return date was Feb. 27, 2001.

County Clerk Martha Proctor said two absentee ballots were mailed at the same time to a husband and wife for the March school board election, but the wife didn't receive her ballot until after the election.

The battle with postal authorities in Albuquerque and Washington, D.C. started two years ago when they decided to move a mail sorting center from Carrizozo to Alamogordo. At the time, postal representatives pledged that service would not decline.

In a letter to U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, R-NM, responding to complaints lodged by Stewart, Renee A. Gadson, government relations representative, denied that nine jobs were lost in the transfer.

"There were no lost jobs as a result of this change," she wrote. "Some of our employees

now report to the facility in Alamogordo instead of Carrizozo, however."

The drive between the two cities is about 100 miles round trip.

She also pointed out that the move was necessary to streamline the operation.

Lee Salazar, district manager of customer service and sales, wrote Stewart acknowledging his opposition to the change, but asking for cooperation in trying to ensure service standards are maintained for the Carrizozo area.

Commissioner Leo Martinez said while he sympathizes and had problems himself with the mail, trying to fight the postal service may be a waste of energy.

"I want restitution, but you're not going to get it," he said.

Oscuro resident Jerry Carroll reminded commissioners that postal representative defended the lack of public involvement in the decision by saying the operation was not a government department.

"If they're a private corporation as they said they were, they can be pursued in a lawsuit," he said.

No demand for truck

A request for the Lincoln County Commission to ask for the immediate return of a 1916 American La France fire truck previously stationed at Fort Stanton, but now located in Sandoval County, was rejected by the county commission last week.

Although they want the truck returned by the state fire marshal, commissioners on the advice of County Manager Tom Stewart decided to wait until a plan is developed for its restoration, preservation and use.

Sally Burkstaller, vice presi-

dent of Fort Stanton Inc., who requested the memorandum of understanding or resolution, said she doesn't object to the decision "as long as the county attorney and county manager have your concurrence to work to get the truck back."

Stewart said well-meaning, but uncoordinated efforts by some people to by-pass bureaucratic channels on several issues surrounding the fort were counterproductive.

"We're making enemies at the state level with so many groups and efforts," he said.

Chairman Rex Wilson said while he appreciates volunteers, county officials met a year ago with Gov. Gary Johnson, who pledged \$50,000 toward a study of future uses for the work. Stewart was named as point man for the fort effort.

"But now Santa Fe has been bombarded and they're not happy with it," he said.

"You're absolutely correct," said Burkstaller, who emphasized that Fort Stanton Inc. members have tried to work with and through the state property control division of the General Services Department and with State Rep. Dub Williams, R-Glencoe.

Sheriff Tom Sullivan asked who authorized the removal of the truck, adding that for the 10 years he worked at nearby Camp Sierra Blanca, then a minimum security prison for men, the truck was well tended and often used in parades.

State Fire Marshal George Chavez previously said he asked GSD approval to remove the truck for restoration after finding it in a garage. He said the unit was the oldest recorded fire truck in the state.

Burkstaller said the deterioration noted by Chavez could have been due to a leaking roof, one of many at the fort.

Fire on reservation chars about 5 acres

No buildings were threatened as blaze controlled

Approximately 5 acres of Mescalero Apache Reservation forest lands burned last week in what has been named the Saltwell Fire.

The fire, about 6 miles south of Ruidoso, was reported about 10 p.m. March 14, said Rachel LaPaz, fire prevention technician with Mescalero Forestry.

LaPaz said the cause of the fire is unknown, though it is believed to have been human sparked.

"No buildings or homes were threatened," LaPaz said. "By 1 a.m. (Thursday) they had it controlled. And at 12 noon it was contained."

LaPaz said firefighters wanted to corral the fire

overnight because of a concern winds might pick up during the day Thursday.

"There were no problems," she said. "It was pretty easy to control and they didn't call for any more resources."

An incident command type-three manager was brought in to direct a Mescalero "short crew" of 10 firefighters. Fire incident types are rated from one to four based on their size and type, with one being the most severe. Two wild land engines were also used to snuff out the fire.

The fire location, off Botella Road, west of U.S. Highway 70, was easily accessible to fire fighting members, LaPaz said.

"It was pretty easy to control and they didn't call for any more resources."

Rachel LaPaz
Mescalero Forestry

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REAL ESTATE UPDATE

Bill Stroud

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Board rejects plan for mini-storage units

■ Last month, the ETZ Commission tabled the request to give the ETZ Authority time to consider a provision that would allow falling back on Ruidoso village zoning rules.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Five months after he started the process, Jim Brown finally received an answer Monday on a proposed project from the Extraterritorial Zoning Commission.

But it wasn't the answer he hoped to hear.

The board rejected mini-storage units for his quarter-acre lot in the Hutson Carrizo Addition, which already contains a home and a shop.

Last month, the board tabled his request to give the ETZ Authority, composed of one one village councilor and two Lincoln County commissioners, time to consider adopting a provision that would allow falling back on Ruidoso zoning rules when situations arise not covered in the ET ordinance.

But village planner Tim Vega said the authority didn't meet in March because of illness in the family of one member. Without the authority's concurrence to use Ruidoso zoning law, the commission can't approve mini-storage because they aren't an existing land use in commercial districts under the ET rules, explained board attorney Charles Rennick.

Member Frank Higgins said the board should stop dragging out the process and give Brown some action so that he can change his plans, if that's what it takes.

He said the board can table the

application until after the authority meets on April 9, turn down the project outright or allow Brown to continue to work on changes that might pass.

"My main concern is that we're trying to put a project that normally would require one acre onto a quarter acre lot and maybe that's a fatal flaw," Higgins said.

Brown said the first time he heard about the requirement for one acre for storage units was minutes before last month's ETZ commission meeting when he was handed the staff report. He had been working with the staff for four months, he said. The report also contained 18 items to be satisfied before the project could be approved.

Vega contended he told a representative of Brown about the one-acre requirement the first time they met on the project, but Brown was not present.

Patoskie said he spoke with Brown earlier in the evening about scaling back from mini-storage to lockers. But member Reynaldo Valcarcel said the space is just too tight.

"Regardless of your previous effort, we just got this application last month and under the current code, we have to reject it," he said.

Brown reminded board members that when the property he previously sold reverted back to him, part of the problem was "an environmental disaster" that he had to clean up. He's now trying to find an option that complies with rules so that if he sells it again, the value will improve, Brown said.

Although in a last ditch attempt to secure immediate approval, Brown said he would cut the number of units and asked the board for other options, Higgins said that's not the board's job.

"You have a house there," Rennick said. "The lot's original

Member gives resignation, criticism

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Figuring the best way to get his message across to Lincoln County Commissioners was to deliver it personally, Al Junge submitted a resignation letter to the Extraterritorial Zoning Commission and followed up with a statement.

Commissioner Leo Martinez read the letter, which stressed the importance of zoning controls in the one-mile zone around Ruidoso, but criticized the the plodding pace of the board and the ETZ staff.

Junge said the board meets once each month with an agenda of one or two items, but often votes to table the issues until the next meeting. That's ridiculous, he stated.

"The matter of customer service is lacking and only the matter of strict adherence to the applicable ordinance is observed," Junge said. "To heck with the taxpayer wanting to improve his property."

He contended that suggestions he offered over the last three years to improve the operation were rejected by other members of the ETZ commis-

sion.

Joseph Patoskie, director of planning and zoning for the village of Ruidoso, which manages the ETZ, said Monday that he has not read Junge's statement and therefore can't comment on any specifics.

"I can only say we are doing best job we can with the resources at our disposal and that I hope to do a better job in the future," Patoskie said. "That's always my goal."

Junge said it's time for the county commission to pay more attention to the ETZ's operation.

"I can't recall the matter of the (ETZ) decisions ever appearing on the monthly (county commission) agenda for a report and discussion," he stated. "This is a mistake."

Junge was especially critical of the handling of a recent applicant, who had worked with the department for several

months and then just the day before the ETZ Commission meeting was handed 18 additional requirements, he said.

He characterized the atmosphere of the session as judges seated in comfortable chairs deciding the fate of an applicant at the podium.

Postponing decisions from month to month wastes everyone's time, he contended. Some applicants become so frustrated, they leave the area, he claimed.

Junge also said when customers come in for help, they are handed a long application and are told to fill it out and bring it back.

"The clerk might say instead, 'Sir, come in. We have an application to complete. I will be glad to help you fill it out and answer any questions you may have,'" Junge wrote.

"This is called customer service - a vital element of good planning and zoning."

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Joseph Patoskie
Ruidoso planning and zoning director

use was residential and at some point a commercial building was placed there. Now it has two uses. It's a quarter acre lot and you're trying to consume the entire lot.

"This isn't a simple problem. We're trying to be user friendly, but the commission feels this lot - which is steep in places and not flat - is being over built."

Higgins' motion to reject the application passed 5-2 with Mike Reveley and Al Junge voting against it. Junge said the board could have told Brown in the first few minutes of the meeting and not wasted so much of his time. He proposed tabling the proposal for another month until the authority could act.

Brown can appeal the decision to the ETZ Authority.

Chairman Glen Barrow questioned why the issue was on the agenda because the authority hadn't met and nothing had changed from last month. Vega explained that when an item is tabled, it is placed on the next month's agenda.

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BY ELLEN AND HANK BARONE
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

He looked and acted the part of a carefree yachtsman. He wore canvas sailing-shorts, flip-flops and a brightly colored Hawaiian shirt, and behaved with the confident — yet casual — manner of a man accustomed to wealth. The slight paunch around his waistline suggested there may have been previous nights like this one. Nights spent drinking with near strangers, swapping tall tales and telling jokes in a Caribbean beach shack.

As we watched him throw back a double-shot of 151-proof rum, we wondered if he'd still be standing later. Casually, he lit a cigarette lighter. Then, suddenly, a spray of rum burst from his mouth, igniting and sending out a blazing flame. There were several startled exclamation

tions, gasps and a woman's scream, as the flame headed toward the thatched roof of the bar. The bartender yelled, and both he and the bouncer went straight for the reckless culprit.

It was the final night of a four-day, inaugural, Virgin Island cruise aboard the brand-new, 160-foot sailing cruise yacht Arabella, and we'd come ashore for one last bash.

Arabella is a luxury, 22-state-room, three-masted schooner with gleaming brass fittings and polished wood trim. There were 30 of us aboard, an interesting mix of adventurous Americans looking to play Robinson Crusoe with a gold card.

Three days ago, we left the busy port city of Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, under the warm glow of a late afternoon sun. That evening's sunset sail had been short, as our port of call, Cruz Bay, St. John, was practically next door. We dropped anchor there for the night.

As we did every evening aboard

Arabella, after on-board cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, we headed ashore for dinner. Our destination was La Tapa, a charming island-style restaurant/bar where locals, guests and the yachting community mixed congenially. Back aboard, the ship's hot tub provided the perfect ending to a tiring day, most of which had been spent traveling.

The Virgin Islands are known as the ultimate yachting destination, an idyllic combination of sun, sea and varied landscapes, where it is possible to wake up every morning with a new island off the bow.

From our first morning aboard Arabella, the quiet, peaceful period before breakfast was our favorite time of day. With a steaming cup of fresh-brewed coffee in hand, we'd head up to the main deck taking advantage of the cool morning air that would soon be replaced by the moist, afternoon heat of midday. It was a time to enjoy the company of other early-risers or find a deck railing from which to admire the extra-

ordinary blue water, emerald green lagoons, secluded bays or picturesque island villages.

From St. John, we set sail for the West End of Tortola (the BVI's main island) to pass through customs at Soper's Hole. Only two miles separate the islands of St. John (USVI) and Tortola (BVI), but the American and British islands are light years apart in style. The British Virgin Islands are laid back with a more traditional West Indian feel, and local life proceeds at a distinctly leisurely pace.

With their unblemished white-sand beaches, wave-washed reefs and famous trade winds, the BVIs were the ideal place to drop off the map for a while, guided by the whims of the wind and waves.

(To be continued next week.)

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Deal on discount passes might take 'busiest' title from Breckenridge

Vail, other resorts make a comeback

■ Colorado's ski resorts come roaring back after two lousy seasons.

DENVER (AP) — Colorado's ski industry is within a few snowflakes of its 1997-98 record after two poor seasons.

Skier and snowboarder numbers were up 11 percent through Feb. 28 and within .01 percent of the record.

"These numbers continue to indicate that Colorado has returned to normal business levels and we are very optimistic about the rest of the season," said David Perry,

president of Colorado Ski Country USA.

Vail Resorts has been the big winner in the nation's No. 1 ski state. The company reported a 47 percent increase in net income in the second quarter, mostly because of increased skier visits at its four resorts.

The Vail Valley Tourism and Convention Board said reser-

"... Colorado has returned to normal business levels and we are very optimistic about the rest of the season."

David Perry
Colorado Ski Country USA

ations and group sales are up 70 percent so far this season.

Not only was the snow bountiful and early, Vail Resorts has also surrendered to pressure from local merchants and is allowing discount season pass holders at Breckenridge and Keystone to use their passes 10

times this season at Vail. It means Vail will probably

retake the title of the nation's busiest ski resort from Breckenridge.

But Breckenridge is also seeing lots of business.

"We are five months into a six-month season and we have high hopes for April in that April has for years presented a great opportunity for our business, especially for resorts like Breckenridge," said Breckenridge spokesman Jim Felton.

"You are skiing on the deepest snow of the year, the days are longer, it's warmer, and lodging and lift tickets are less expensive."

Cortez, Colo., nixes cycle rally

CORTEZ, Colo. (AP) — The Iron Horse Motorcycle Rally is still looking for a new home.

Montezuma County commissioners said they are sticking with their January decision to deny a permit for the rally.

Rally supporters met with commissioners last week to argue that the event was being unfairly portrayed as too violent and too large. It has a permit again for next year in La Plata County but its future after that is uncertain.

Kent Lindsay, chairman of the Montezuma commission, said he and fellow commissioners were worried about public safety. He cited concerns about "noise, traffic congestion, plus you must take into consideration the fear of violence or

immoral behavior. Overwhelming demand on our public services was high on the list; also there are negative tourism impacts."

Rally organizers wanted to stay at the county fairgrounds on U.S. 160 east of Cortez.

The rally, which attracted an estimated 80,000 people last September, has been looking for a new home to replace the Sky Ute Events Center in Ignacio. As the rally has grown, complaints from police and citizens have increased.

La Plata County Sheriff Duke Schirard has complained of drug sales, drug and alcohol abuse, public urination, nudity and sex. Supporters say the problems have been blown out of proportion.

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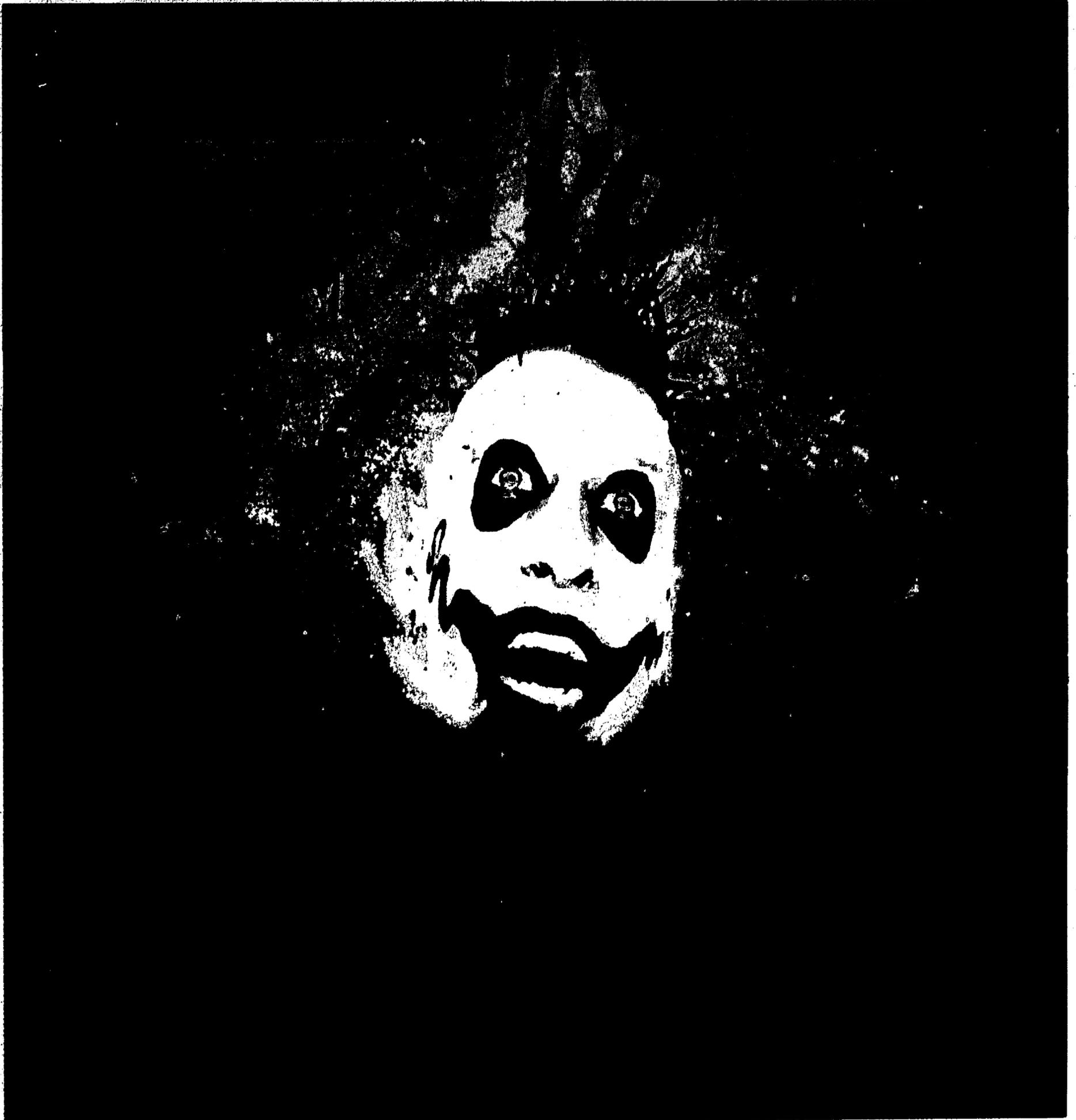
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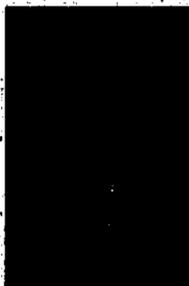
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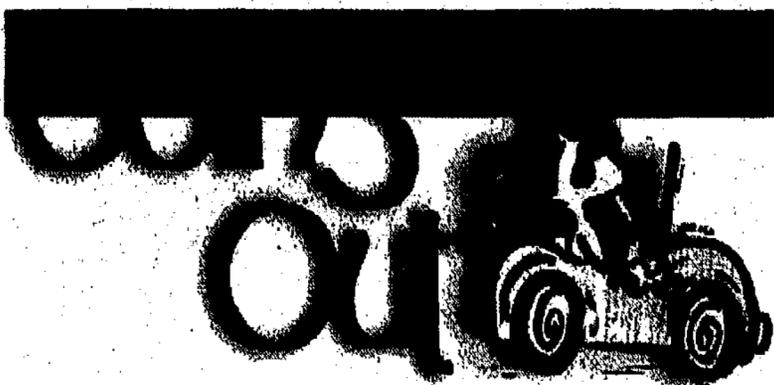


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Pure magic

The winner of the 1992 Best Musical Tony Award, "Crazy For You," is a 1930s-style musical comedy filled with a great collection of unforgettable songs from George and Ira Gershwin and a lovable boy-meets-girl, boy-loses-girl, boy-gets-girl plotline.

Hailed as "pure magic" by critics and audiences from New York to London, Tokyo and Australia, the hit musical "Crazy For You" has everything you want in a Broadway show: a zany plot, loveable characters, unforgettable songs, rousing music, great dancing, costumes, sets, lighting — the whole kit and caboodle.

This "lost paradise" of the great American musical sweeps the Spencer Theater stage with fun and love in two shows Friday, March 30 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Both shows are currently wait-list only, but patrons are encouraged to have their names placed on the waiting list. Call the box office at (505) 336-4800 and add your name today.

Produced by the national touring company Mainstage (which brought "Hello, Dolly!" to the Spencer stage last year), "Crazy For You" is based on the George and Ira Gershwin songs from their 1930s musical "Girl Crazy." The revised story retains the loveable boy-meets-girl, boy-loses-girl, boy-gets-girl plot line as well as the best of the original shows' timeless songs: "Bidin' My Time," "Embraceable You," "But Not For Me" and "I Got Rhythm." Making this musical even more delightful is the addition of a number of hits from other Gershwin musicals that provide just the right song for the right moment.

The winner of nine Tony Awards in 1992, including Best Musical, Best Choreography and Best Costume Design, as well as Best Musical for the 1992 Drama Desk Awards, the 1992 Helen Hayes Award and 1992 Outer Circle Critics Awards, "Crazy For You" is about a banker (who longs to be in show business) named Bobby Child. Bobby is sent by his overbearing mother to foreclose a mortgage on a property in Deadrock, Nevada while he is also trying to escape from his overbearing debutante fiancée, Irene. When Bobby arrives in Deadrock, he learns that the property he is to foreclose on is a theater. He meets and promptly falls in love with the town's postmistress, Polly, who just happens to be the daughter of the theater owner, the man with the mortgage. In a bid to win Polly's affection, he tells her he can convince the great Broadway producer to come and do a benefit show for the theater.

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Carrizozo artists' and crafters' spirits were high, despite the weather



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TIM O'LEARY stands in front of his display of folk art — painted wooden animals and mirrors with colorful frames.



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FOLK ARTIST GAY SPEIRBHAIN poses with Peter Wolf, owner of Carrizozo Hardware.

Although it snowed in the morning in Carrizozo and in the afternoon in Ruidoso, exhibitors at Carrizozo Arts and Crafts Show last Saturday were pleased with the visitors.

Organizer Karen Callahan said another arts and crafts show is planned for later in the spring.

Jazz piano virtuosos Bob James and Keiko Matsui bring 'Four Hands, One Piano' to El Paso



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A concert performance by renowned contemporary jazz pianists Bob James and Keiko Matsui at 8 p.m. on April 11 in the Camino Real Hotel Ballroom in El Paso kicks off the special events series of Lola Productions and Public Radio KXCR.

James and Matsui are touring the country with their collaboration "Four Hands, One Piano" tour, which showcases them in solo as well as duo performances. The tour is an offshoot of James' and Keiko's collaboration on James' latest CD, "Dancing on the Water."

"One of the unique aspects (of the CD) was composing, arranging and playing four-hand piano," James said. "I think many people may not even be aware of the four-hand piano genre, a very special one where two people are sitting at the same piano playing together. There are lots of logistical problems, avoiding collisions with the hands and avoiding notes overlapping each other."

James' astonishing career as a jazz piano virtuoso is highlighted by countless honors, awards, chart-topping albums, gold and platinum records and ground-breaking musical advances. He has produced 30 solo albums, including three classical releases. He has collaborated on a number of hallmark jazz recordings, two of which received Grammy Awards ("One on One" with Earl Klugh and "Double Vision" with David Sanborn). He's received 13

Grammy nominations and is an accomplished film and TV composer/arranger.

Matsui has captured live audiences for more than 10 years. After six acclaimed albums, the master composer/key-boardist continues her stellar climb and is regarded as America's No. 1 female contemporary jazz artist. She's received numerous awards, including the Essence Award by the American Society of Young Musicians. She is the only female nominated several times for the "Best Jazz Album of the Year" at the Soul Train Music Awards.

Tickets are available for \$50 through KXCR at (915) 542-2900. Reserved seating is available only through group or corporate tables.



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Saturday, March 24

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'Nabucco' by Verdi will be broadcast in Ruidoso from 11:30 a.m. to 2:20 p.m. on KENW, 91.3, with James Levine conducting. The cast includes Maria Guleghina (Abigaille), Marlanna Tarasova (Fenena), Fabio Armiliato (Ismalele), Juan Pons (Nabucco), Samuel Ramey (Zaccaria). In ancient Babylon, the Jews are held captive by King Nabucco who proclaims himself God, but later frees them, and converts to Judaism.

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Sunday, March 25

Henriette Wyeth High School Art Show Opening and Reception

1-3 p.m. at the Hubbard Museum of the American West; admission is free. Awards will be presented by Western artist, Gordon Snidow. High School artwork will be on display through April 8.

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Wednesday, March 28

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Thursday, March 29

After-school movie

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

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Chamber Exhibit of the Month

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

Roundup El Paso Museum of Art Exhibit

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Movies

"Heartbreaker"

Comedy and Romance. Rated PG-13 for sex-related content including dialogue.

Starring: Sigourney Weaver, Jennifer Love-Hewitt, Gene Hackman, Nora Dunn and Anne Bancroft.

Directed by David Mirkin. Produced by Scott Kroopf, John A. Davis and John Friendly.

Written by Scott Buck, David Mirkin and Phil Alden Robinson. Distributor: MGM

Synopsis: A mother and daughter form a con-man team based out of Palm Beach, Florida. Their scheme is a lucrative one whereby the mother marries a rich man, the daughter seduces him, and the divorce settlement is the jackpot. It's a plan that works every time,



Courtesy

EDWARD BURNS and Robert De Niro in New Line's "15 Minutes."

except once ...

Showtimes: *1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., *9:15 p.m.

"15 Minutes"

Thriller and Comedy.

1 hr. 59 min.

Rated R for strong violence, language, and some sexuality.

Starring: Robert De Niro, Edward Burns, Melina Kanakaredes, Kelsey Grammer, Avery Brooks.

Directed by John Herzfeld.

Produced by David Blocker, John Herzfeld, Keith Addis and Wechsler.

Written by John Herzfeld.

Distributor: New Line Cinema

Synopsis: Robert De Niro is a police detective investigating a brutal murder committed by a psychopath who was seeking his 15 minutes of fame. As media sources are pulled into the case, a sensational atmosphere develops. Television reporters and tabloid journalists devour and exploit each new detail, obscuring the truth. Written and directed by John Herzfeld, "15 Minutes" is a driving mystery-suspense thriller.

Showtimes: *1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., *9:20 p.m.

"The Mexican"

Action/Adventure, Comedy, and Romance.

Rated R for violence and language. Starring: Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts, James Gandolfini, Bob Balaban, J.K. Simmons.

Directed by Gore Verbinski.

Produced by John Baldecchi and Lawrence Bender.

Written by J.H. Wyman.

Distributor: Dreamworks SKG

Synopsis: Jerry Welbach, a reluctant bagman, has been given two ultimatums: The first is from his mob boss to travel to Mexico and retrieve a priceless antique pistol, known as "The Mexican," or suffer the consequences. The second is from his girlfriend Samantha to end his association with the mob. Jerry figures alive and in trouble with Samantha is better than the more

permanent alternative, so he heads south of the border. Finding the pistol proves easy. Getting it home is another matter. The pistol supposedly carries a legendary curse — a legend Jerry is given every reason to believe ... especially when Samantha is taken hostage by a hit man to ensure the safe return of the pistol.

Showtimes: *2 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m., *9:30 p.m.

* Friday and Saturday Only

Music

Cree Meadows Country Club

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

Hollywood Inn and Cantina

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

Le Bistro

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

Screaming Eagle Lounge

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

The Quarters

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

Time Square Deli/Books 'N Beans Classical Guitarist Tomas Vigil performs Fridays 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Win, Place & Show

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



'LINCOLN COUNTY MERCANTILE' (watercolor and pen and ink) by Lem Bartley, a senior at Capitan High School.

Museum director Bruce Eldredge said the high school art show started four years ago.

"We had a show of student art work and had already agreed to borrow art work of Henriette Wyeth through her gallery," Eldredge said. "She died four days before the show and everyone thought it would be good if we named the show after an important, American, woman artist who was very interested in education and children's things."

Eldredge said the purpose of the student

art show is to say to youth, "You too can be an artist if you stick to it."

Snidow, whose paintings sell for more than \$100,000, helped spur the Western art movement by joining with others to form the Cowboy Artists of America and the first show at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in 1965. He went on to win numerous medals and best-of-show awards and his work has been displayed all over the world. He was instrumental in the creation of the 1990 Hubbard Art Award and he helped put Ruidoso on the map, living here from 1977 until 1988, and moving back to town in 1998.

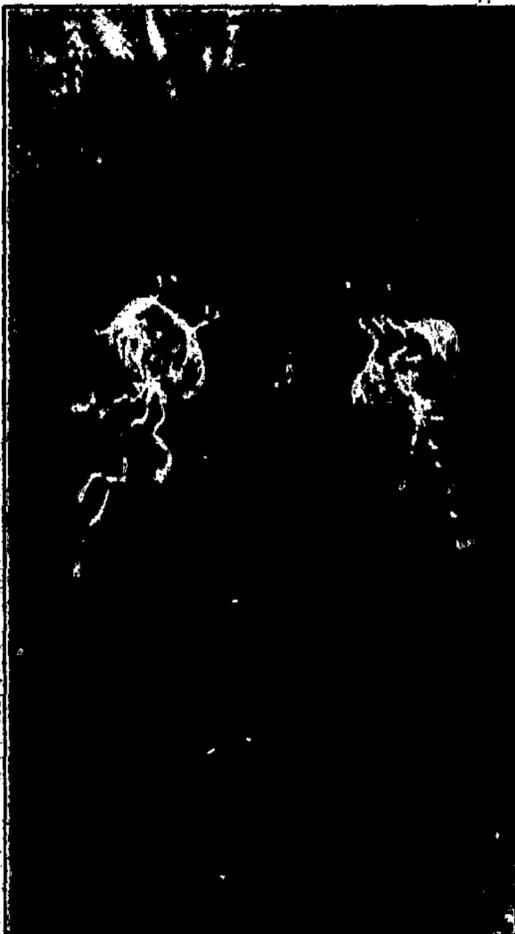
Snidow recently returned from a vacation in Tahiti with his family, and said he looks forward to judging the show at the Hubbard Museum.

"A good show is what we're looking forward to," he said. "There's a lot of talent in the area. When I first moved here there weren't many artists or an attitude of people coming here to look for art. I think the Hubbard Award did a lot for that and ... having a museum all adds to the fact that this is becoming an art community."

"Along with the Spencer Theater, two of the elements that this community really needed are now here. It's a great area to live in anyway, but with the performing arts and a museum, it sort of takes up that cultural vacuum."



'NEWPORT' (colored pencil) by Jasmyne Amezcua, a senior at Ruidoso High School.



'GEMINI' (acrylics) by Ashley Johnston, a senior at Cloudcroft High School



'FOREST FIRE' (acrylic) by Kate Miller, a senior at Cloudcroft High School

Adobe, The
2905 Sudderth Drive, 257-5795, 257-4489

Original paintings, silver jewelry, pottery, wrought iron and wood by local artists, and unusual items from around the world.

Art and Artifact
107 S. Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, 354-2316

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

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

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

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

Expressions in Bronze
2002 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-3790

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

Fruit of the Trees
Highway 380 between mile markers 95 and 96, 653-4699

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

G.D. Garrett Fine Art
2306 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-7695 or 257-6977

Featuring original art and prints by local artist Gary Garrett. Originals and prints of Sierra Blanca and local wildlife.

Handwoven Designs
102 Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, 354-2008
Maggie Doyle is a nationally recognized, fourth-generation hand weaver with a working weavery in Capitan. She draws inspiration from the landscapes of her New Mexican home for her handwoven clothing. Open Thursday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery
Off Highway 70 in San Patricio, 653-4331
Michael Hurd's latest works plus works by Peter Hurd, Henriette Wyeth Hurd, Andrew Wyeth, Jamie Wyeth, Carol Hurd Rogers and Peter de la Fuente. Works can be viewed Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment on Sunday.

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

Lorene & Larry's Frame & Art
268 Main Road, Capitan, 354-2605
Original art, watercolor painting, Southwestern prints and custom design furniture by Larry.

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

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

Lincoln State Monument
Highway 380, Lincoln, 653-4372
Montano Store and exhibits highlighting the Montano family, Hispanic contributions to the area and adobe architecture. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday - Sunday. Admission fee included in the \$6 daily pass at the Courthouse for admission to seven buildings, including those of the Hubbard Museum.

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

Mtn. Arts Gallery & Framing
2530 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9748

Originals and prints by local artist, Teri Sodd, prints by B. Jaxon, D. Terbish, A. Shade, Henle, J. Larson, B. Carver, G. Snidow, S. Wamsley. Open 7 days, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Nogal Store & Gallery
Highway 37, Nogal
Featuring the works of Nogal and Lincoln County area artists and craftsmen. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday - Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday.

Piñon Pottery Studio & Gallery
2.8 miles east of Wal-Mart on Highway 70, 378-4270

Vicky Conley's functional and decorative raku pottery, etchings, block prints and monotypes. Bridal registry available. Original paintings, prints, silk scarves, jewelry and funky clocks by local artists. Tuesday - Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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

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

Spring Canyon Gallery
2206 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-1561

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

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

T-Cross Antler Lighting & Home Furnishings
107 Alamira Drive, Alto, 336-9171
Scott and Trish Thorp's creative antler lighting, log, iron, antler and leather furnishings features their custom designs or yours. Call for appointment.

The Tree's House
Nogal Canyon Road off Highway 37 between mile markers 9 and 10, Nogal, 354-4206

The Lags are woodworkers who design and create a variety of functional artworks, including doors, screens and lamps. Located in Nogal at Highway 37 and Nogal Canyon Road.

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

Western Trails Gallery
320 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan 354-4203.

Original Western oils, a collection of quality Indian jewelry and artifacts, unique ethnographic and regional crafts.

White Mtn. Pottery Gallery
2328 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-3644

Established in 1975 and featuring a collection of talented clay artists, it offers tableware, lamps and accessories by local and nationally known potters. Call for hours.

White Oaks Pottery Studio & Gallery

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

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

Wildland Firefighter Museum
Across the street from the Smokey Bear Historical Park, Capitan, 354-4251

Features equipment from the past, gift shop, T-shirts from fires and agencies (USFS, BLM, State FS and BIA), educational. Admission is free. Open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week, April through Oct. 28.

Women in Art: 'Fertile Minds'

Students from a New Mexico State University-Alamogordo class on women in art history have put together a show at the Eagle Ranch, 7288 Highways 54 and 70 between Alamogordo and Tularosa, "Fertile Minds." The exhibit brings versatile and eclectic styles of art in abstract and realistic mediums from painting to printmaking, sculptured jewelry to large three-dimensional relief sculpture, pottery to tipis.

Teachers, students, business women and homemakers, the exhibitors include pastel nature artist Kelly Petruzzi; retired art teacher Gretchen Golly's three-dimensional media, jewelry, wood-carving and bone sculpture; Connie Hare's raku, horsehair and smoke-fired ceramics; Ramona Bischoff's brilliant mixed media abstracts; Paula Brown's Prisma color and wrapped coil baskets; Laura Price's pottery, floral arrangements and bath salts; Kathie Mongaraz' silk and watercolor paintings; Dusty Runge's folk-art, painted furniture and accessories; Lydia Aspen's abstract paintings; CJ McAlley's children's illustrations; Sharon Edwards' horsehair pottery; Mary Simmons' hand-made soaps; Pamela Savage's prints and portraits; Patti Greer's sculpture and copper whimsies; Nancy Apprill's watercolors and pottery; Mary Jo Gussett's acrylics, oils, watercolors and colored pencil works; Judy Flowers' leather-hide paintings; Judy Siebenaler's prints and pottery; and Laura Brown Daves' masks and tipis.

A reception to meet the artists will be from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, April 6. For info on weekend tipi-raising demos, call 434-0035.

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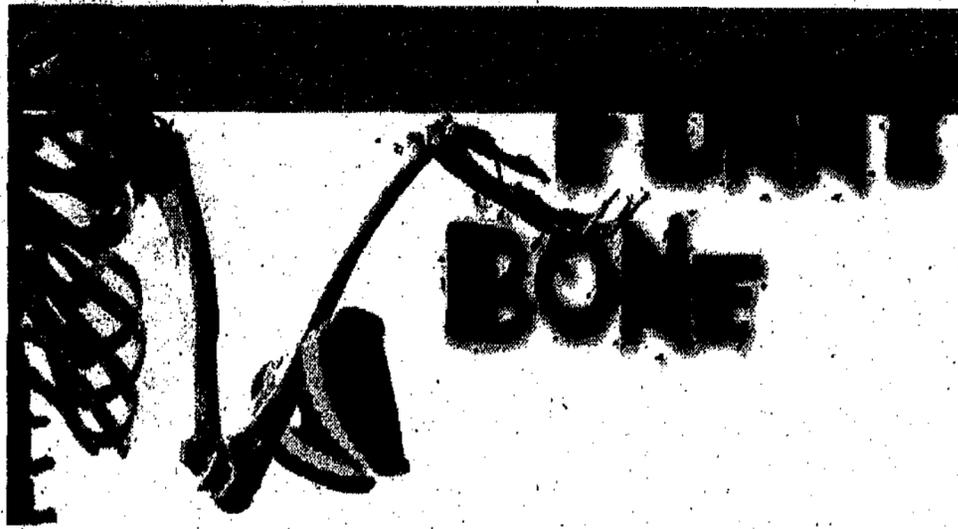
Artist's Bulletin Board

LESSONS IN WATERCOLOR by Paula White, 10-week class, beginning May 31, 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3 p.m.
Emphasis is on color, design and composition, watercolor and acrylics, beginner and intermediate projects, with a class size limited to six, \$30 per 5 1/2-hour class at Josie's Framery, 2809 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso. To register, call White at (505) 653-4203 after April 17 or Josie at the Framery at 257-4156.

FIVE-DAY CLASS ON PAINTING ON PORCELAIN, July 22-28. \$450 includes six nights double occupancy, five days lessons, three light meals with participants' help and studio fee. Day rates; \$225 includes lunch, studio fee and five days lessons at Riverstone Ranch in Hondo Valley. To register, call White at (505) 653-4203.

"THE FUN OF WATERCOLOR" class/workshop will be offered by Barbara Rizzo on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Beginners are welcome. Learn to see, think and create in watercolor. For more information, call 258-3258.

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



Travel in Kyrgyzstan requires consonant vigilance



Dave Barry
DAVE'S WORLD
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It's time for "Foreign News Notes from Abroad." Our top story today is the recent presidential election held some time last year in Kyrgyzstan.

By way of background: Kyrgyzstan is an actual nation located in the western hemisphere. Or possibly the eastern hemisphere. It's definitely in a hemisphere. Historically, Kyrgyzstan is part of the group of nations — also including Pakistan, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and Kurdistan — that were founded by a tribe of men named "Stan."

Unfortunately, most Americans know little about Kyrgyzstan. Most Americans can't even SPELL "Kyrgyzstan," although it's easy if you remember this simple rhyme:

First there's a "K"
Then a "Y" comes your way
Which is followed by "R"
Then the hell with it.

But getting back to the Kyrgyzstan presidential election: An alert reader named Saruhan Hatipoglu sent us a news report stating that the winner was the incumbent president, Askar Akaev, although the results were challenged by the loser, Al Gore.

No, seriously, the loser was Omurbek Tekebaev, who, according to the report, asked for, but was denied, recounts in Djalalabad, Issyk-Kul, Talas, Chu and Osh.

Why are we interested in this? Certainly it is not because we are juvenile wisenheimers who think these names sound funny. No, it is because, as Americans, we need to learn about the many fascinating non-American nations that share our planet (Earth) in case they might be good places for us to buy T-shirts. That is why we spent several minutes extensively researching Kyrgyzstan on the Internet, where we found these fascinating but true facts:

— The capital of Kyrgyzstan is Bishkek, which used to be named "Frunze." (Before THAT, it was "Pishpek.") According to one Internet travel guide, Bishkek is — prepare to be strongly attracted, as a tourist — "the only town in the world named after a

wooden plunger."

— Kyrgyzstan has a bunch of history that occurred in the past. Among the famous kyrgyz historic figures was a person who went by the moniker of "Moghul Baber the Lion."

— Kyrgyzstan currently has an economy. Among the businesses thriving there are the Kurulush Bank, which can proudly boast of being — this is a direct quote from the "Kyrgyzstan On-Line" Web site — "one of those several kyrgyz banks which came into 1999 without loss!"

At this point, you're probably on the phone with your travel agent, planning your dream Kyrgyzstan vacation ("It's spelled K, Y, R, umm. ... never mind"). If it helps, the Internet says the best way to get to Kyrgyzstan is to fly to Kazakstan, then take a bus. As the French say, "Bon voyage!" (literally, "Carry antibiotics!").

A word of warning: If your route takes you

through Egypt (which may be in the same hemisphere) you should be cautious around sheep. We base this statement on our second Foreign News Note from Abroad, concerning a fatal incident involving an Egyptian man who was raising a sheep on the roof of a three-story building. The man intended to kill the sheep as a

religious sacrifice; according to a newspaper report sent in by several alert readers, "Many Egyptian city-dwellers keep livestock on rooftops" for this purpose.

Ironically, before the man could perform the sacrifice, he was butted off the roof by — you guessed it — Al Gore.

No, really, the sheep did it. The report does not say whether this was an accident, or — we cannot rule this out — evidence that sheep have formed a religion that requires its members to sacrifice humans.

Speaking of animals acting up: Our final Foreign News Note from Abroad comes from India, which is also located — this cannot be mere coincidence — in a hemisphere. According to a *Los Angeles Times* item sent in by several alert readers: "At least 10,000 monkeys have occupied government offices in the Indian capital of New Delhi, where they have threatened workers and shredded important documents."

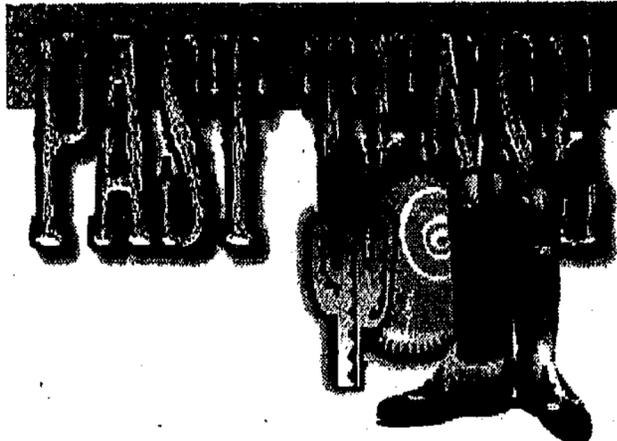
The story states that the Indian government is having a hard time getting rid of the monkeys. We know we speak for all animal-loving Americans when we say to India: "Hey, send US your monkeys! We'll give them a good home! In the headquarters of the Internal Revenue Service!"

This concludes today's edition of Foreign News Notes from Abroad. We hope it inspires you to visit some other countries, experience other cultures ... maybe even learn a new language! A good word to start with is "Baa."

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ters of the Internal
Revenue Service!"*



Drew Gamber
HISTORIAN,
THE HUBBARD MUSEUM
OF THE AMERICAN WEST

To look death in the face

John Wesley Hardin was one of the few famous shootists to actually write his own life story. Needless to say, the document is sympathetic in the extreme to Hardin, who frequently tells the reader how all the "best men" in the area "said I did a good thing."

Over the years, many have asked me who was "the fastest gun in the West." It is a question to which there is no easy answer. Much of the "fast draw" mystique is modern, foisted on us by Hollywood and other myth-makers. Of course, there is no doubt that it was important to get one's firearm into action as quickly as possible. It was also important to take aim, but the most important thing was to remain calm. That seems simple enough, but when bullets are whistling by one's head, remaining calm and cool tends to suddenly become very complicated.

In fact, there are very few references to fast draw from contemporary documents of the Old West. The only one I can recall offhand is Jeff Milton's reference to John Wesley Hardin's amazing speed in El Paso in 1895, shortly before Hardin's death. Perhaps famed lawman Bill Tilghman said it best when he stated that the best thing a man could do in a gunfight was to "make haste slowly."

Recollections

John Wesley Hardin was one of the few famous shootists to actually write his own life story. Needless to say, the document is sympathetic in the extreme to Hardin, who frequently tells the reader how all the "best men" in the area "said I did a good thing." Nevertheless, Hardin's autobiography, published posthumously in



JOHN WESLEY HARDIN.

Courtesy

1896, is a fascinating document and one that historians have marveled at for years, not so much for its historical accuracy, but for Hardin's incredible ability to remember names, dates and places decades after the events of which he was speaking.

Most of the Old West gunmen had vastly inflated reputations, that were, in fact, frequently inflated by the shootists themselves. It was a good thing to have someone who might be thinking about starting trouble to have to consider the "fact" that the man he was contemplating confronting may have dispatched a dozen or so just like him to the Hereafter. It was, as you can imagine, a sobering thought.

John Wesley Hardin was the exception to this rule. He never had to beef up his "kill record." In his autobiography he owns up to killing 27 men. Most historians feel that the total is closer to

40, the number generally agreed upon, with Hardin killing his 40th man on his 21st birthday. However, it is possible — amazing as it may seem — that Hardin killed even more than 40. The fact is, we will probably never know the exact number, but even a casual observer gets the idea ... Wes Hardin was about the last man in the world that you would want to have angry with you.

John Henry Hopkins Speights

John Henry Hopkins Speights, referred to by Hardin in his autobiography as "Sonny Spites," had one claim to fame: He had been in a gunfight with John Wesley Hardin, the deadliest gunman of all time, and lived to tell the tale. Other than that, little is known of him. He was a state policeman under Governor E.J. Davis, automatically making him one of the most hated men in Texas.

During Reconstruction, Governor Davis organized the state police, supposedly to preserve law and order. Unfortunately, requirements for becoming a state policeman were not overly stringent and a large number of disreputable men applied for the job. Many, many prisoners were "shot trying to escape." And for anyone who actually believes that those unfortunates were really trying to escape, please call me. I have a bridge up in Brooklyn, New York, that is for sale. Cheap.

Then, just to rub salt in the wound, Davis plugged any holes in the ranks with freed slaves. In fact, a large number of the state police had formerly been slaves. You can imagine how that went over in Reconstruction Texas. In fairness, it should be noted that in comparison to their white co-workers, most of the ex-slaves conducted themselves honorably, although some definitely had axes to grind — which is pretty understandable, looking back as we are from the 21st century.

Anyway, Speights encountered Hardin at Hemphill, Texas in July of 1872. Their altercation came about because Hardin disapproved of an arrest that Speights had made. And that fact in itself is kind of funny when you think about it. I mean, were there any arrests made by the state police of which John Wesley actually approved?

In this particular case, Speights had arrested a traveler named O'Connor. It was legal for anyone traveling between counties to carry a pistol, but Speights arrested O'Connor anyway and took him to Hemphill where the traveler was fined \$25 and forced to relinquish his weapon. When Hardin heard of this "outrage," as he called it, he went to a local magistrate, complained and actually got O'Connor a new trial. This time, O'Connor was acquitted. However, he was broke and Speights proceeded to sell O'Connor's horse and saddle to pay court costs.

At this point (and all of this is according to Hardin) a boy of about 10 began berating Speights for his behavior and Speights threatened to arrest the lad. This only seemed to spur the youth on and he dared Speights to arrest him. When the policeman threatened to whip the boy, the kid once again dared him to do it. As Speights stepped forward to do so, Hardin stepped in.

Hardin told Speights that if "he was in earnest" to "slap a man." Speights threatened to arrest Hardin, who made a flip-pant reply at which the boy who had started the ruckus laughed. That did it. Speights immediately and inadvisedly went for his gun. John Wesley reacted in his usual fashion: "I pulled a derringer with my left hand and my six-shooter with my right and instantly fired with my derringer."

For once, the deadly Hardin's shot did not kill his opponent and Speights took off for the courthouse at a speed approaching Mach 1. Speights had been hit in the shoulder, but the wound was not serious. Hardin stated that he would not shoot a fleeing man — "not even a policeman" — but that wasn't the end of it.

Hardin had enough experience with the state police to know that they would be coming for him and he went for his horse, but not quite quickly enough. The boy who was taking down fence rails so Hardin could ride away was not quite quick enough either and John Wesley was forced to put the spurs to his horse and jump the remaining rails. Nevertheless, Hardin's horse (Would you believe that over 20 years later he still remembered the horse's name? It was Joe.) was

hit twice in the neck as they cleared the fence. Both horse and man survived and escaped, with John Wesley going on his way to still more lethal adventures.

The other state policeman

As I mentioned above, John Wesley Hardin had previous experience with the state police. Actually, that is an understatement. In the course of his career, Hardin alone managed to create many vacancies in the ranks of Davis' state police. It does seem though, that Hardin may have mistaken some bounty hunters for state policemen also. That happened in 1871, the year prior to his confrontation with Speights. Three men, who Hardin thought were state police, captured him and on the trip to jail were not quite as alert as they should have been. Hardin got hold of a gun and killed all three.

Then there was Green Parramore and John Lackey. These two black state policemen were unlucky enough to run afoul of the deadly gunman in October of 1871. Hearing that the pair was hunting him, Hardin sought them out, finding them in a grocery store, eating cheese and crackers. After Hardin inquired as to whether they had ever seen John Wesley Hardin and being informed that they had not, but intended to arrest him when they did, John Wesley gave the policemen an unpleasant surprise. Suddenly shouting "Well, you see him now!" Hardin jerked a pistol and opened fire. Parramore was killed outright and Lackey, though shot in the mouth, dove through a window and leapt into a lake where he swam to the middle, remaining there until he was assured that Hardin had departed the area. He lived to see Hardin another day many years later.

Remaining in the small town where the altercation took place, Lackey wisely decided to seek a new line of work — he became the town blacksmith. Gradually, his gunfight with Hardin became his claim to fame and he was always happy to tell anyone who wanted to listen how he had "mixed it up" with John Wesley Hardin. Over 20 years after the shootout, a couple of strangers in town came by wanting to hear the story. After Lackey had finished, one of the strangers asked him if he would recognize Hardin

if he were to see him again. When Lackey replied that he did not know, the man responded with the exact same words that Hardin had used over two decades before "Well, you see him now!" Badly shaken, Lackey was enormously relieved when Hardin extended his hand — this time without a gun in it — and said "Forget it, John. We're friends."

In any case, his first meeting with Hardin places Lackey firmly in the same unique place as Speights: two men who shot it out with Hardin and actually lived!

The gunfight with Hardin was also Speights' claim to fame. Other than that, as previously stated, little is known of him. After recovering from his wound, Speights married a young widow in 1883 and the couple eventual-

ly had a total of eight children. As I said, the description of the gunfight was exclusively Hardin's, so whether or not Speights ran as Hardin claimed is open to conjecture. Personally, I think that he probably did, but not out of cowardice. After all, he had been hit in the shoulder (or possibly the arm, as other accounts claim). *Whatever* the case, with one arm out of action and facing the deadliest gunman who ever lived, I personally do not think that Speights showed cowardice. I think he showed excellent judgment!

Sources: *Gunfire in Hemphill* by Chuck Parsons; *The Life of John Wesley Hardin as Written by Himself* and *The Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters* by Bill O'Neal.

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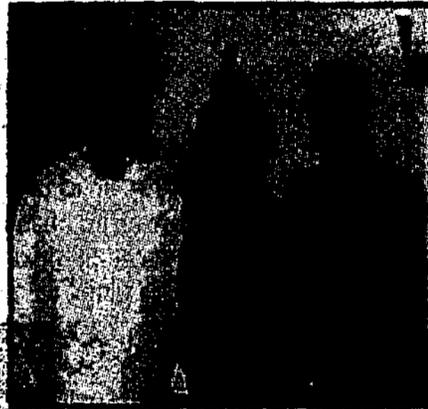
Sensational steaks, seafood and a 46-item salad bar are featured on Cattle Baron's menu. Fresh trout, catfish, Pacific snapper and King salmon and speciality dishes like filet mignon with green chili bear-naise sauce are also patron pleasers.

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257-9355 • 657 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso
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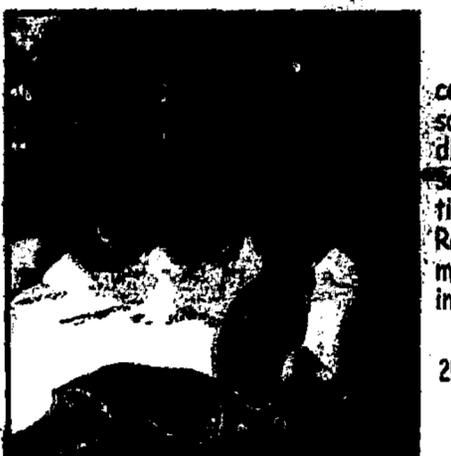
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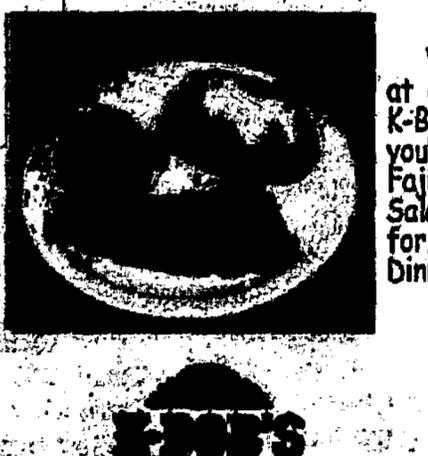


Low chandelier lighting, softly draped ceilings, lush flower arrangements and soothing music is merely an introduction to a dining experience fulfilled by meticulous service and unforgettable gourmet menu times including Salmon, Steaks, Veal Chop, Rack of Lamb, and Duck to name a few. The meals are enhanced by an excellent wine list including vintage bordeauxs.

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Alto

Barnes • \$495,000 • 107 Timber Court

2 bdrms, 2 1/2 baths. Full golf - 2 car garage, easy access, backs up to #2 tee box. A true Ruidoso styled home - lots of wood - tons of character - first time available for sale!



Alto

Rampy • \$295,000 • 416 High Mesa Drive

4 bdrms, 3 baths. Sierra Blanca view. Large open living - dining and bar - perfect for entertaining. Full golf close to entrance of Alto Village.



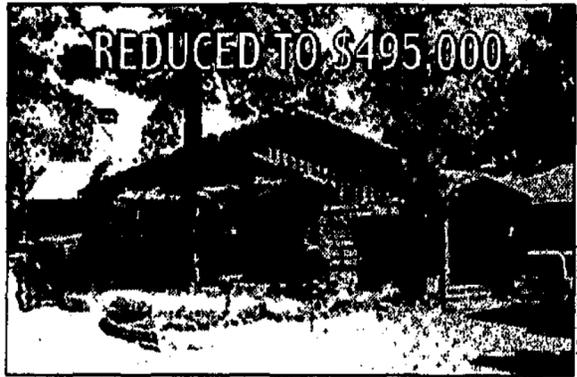
**The Pines of Gavilan-Commercial Home Office
Carzoli • \$395,000 • 547 Gavilan Canyon Rd.**

Beautiful 3 bdrm, 2 bath home. Separate retail showroom with attached warehouse with overhead door - only 3 yrs. old. Multi-purpose use!



**"Bank Repo" - River Park Addition
State National Bank • \$35,000 • 315 Westview Dr.**

Mobile add-on, 1 bdrm, 1 bath. Partially fenced. Being sold "as is." Seller financing.



REDUCED TO \$495,000

Alto

Spiral, Inc. • \$550,000 • 632 Midiron Dr.

3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath. Beautiful log home on 1.52 acres. Full golf membership. Overlooking #12 green. Refrigerated air - cherrywood cabinets, cedar closet, Sierra Blanca view and Capitans. 3 car garage.



Alto

Bloyd • \$239,900 • 130 Mira Monte Rd.

3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage. 1 level stucco home in immaculate condition with Alto social membership. Both living and den: river rock fireplace. Tile, new carpet, nice covered deck and level sunny lot.



Agua Fria Estates

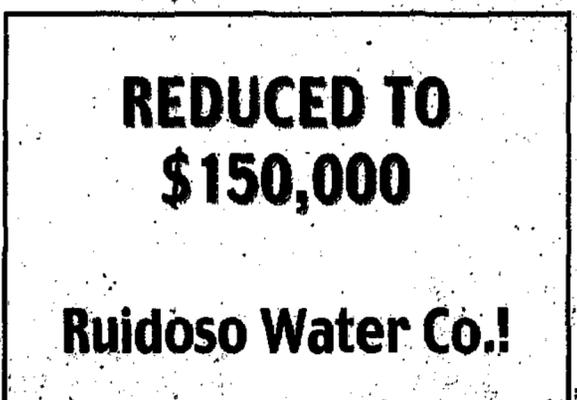
Residential lots from \$31,000 to \$45,000 and ranging in size from .75 acres to 1.9 acres. All building sites are restricted to southwestern styled architecture with underground utilities. Excellent water, some Sierra Blanca views, beautiful valley views, and gentle slopes. Unique appeal for natural landscaping. Commercial sites also!



Alto

Womack • \$139,900 • 229 Brentwood Dr.

3 bdrm, 2 bath - partially furnished - social membership - nice lot affordable Alto!



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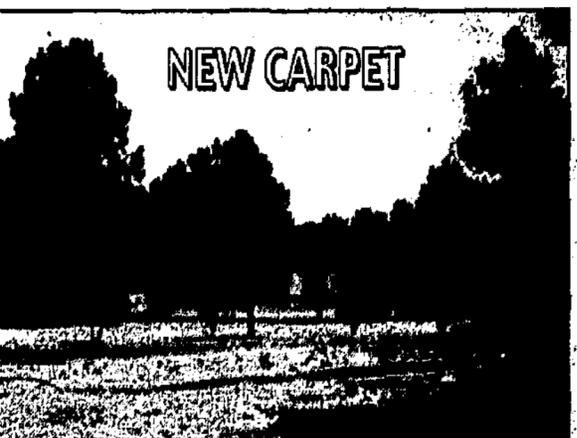
Ruidoso Ice and Water. Water business only. \$175,000. Well established local business and 116 commercial accounts. Equipment and inventory included. Bldg. is also for sale.



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.

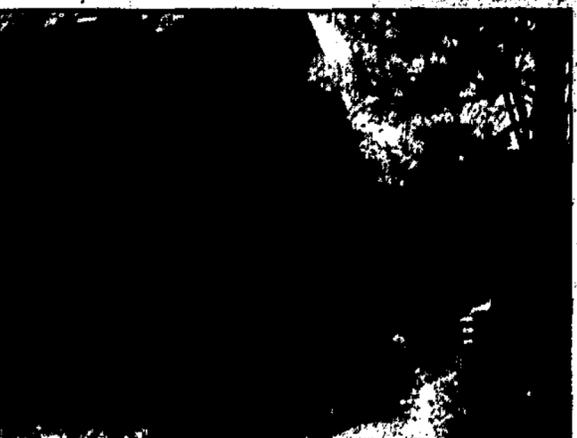


NEW CARPET

Alto

White • \$250,000 • 810 Deer Park Drive

Three bedroom, 2 bath, single car garage on flat corner lot with nice decks and full golf membership! Complete with furniture addendum.



Alto

Blaugrund • \$250,000 • Country Club Condos #A5

Full golf, on the golf course. 3 bdrm, 2 baths, nice patio and refrigerated air.



Cherokee Addition

Key • \$109,900 • 300 James Place (aka Locke Dr.)

3 bdrm, 2 bath, fully furnished - sleeps 12 - corner location - cute and clean.



Alto

Bayless • \$450,000 • 300 French Drive

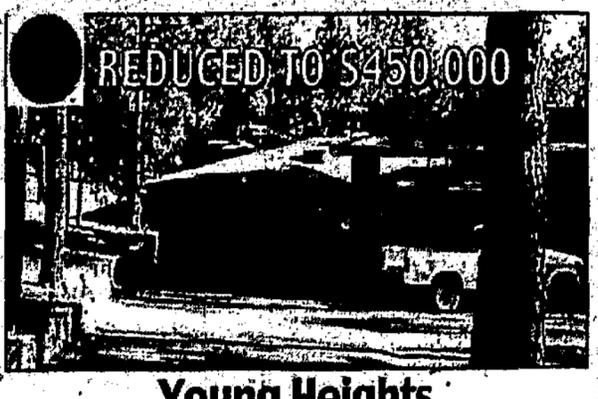
5 bdrm, 3 1/2 bath, full golf. On 2 lots. 5,800+ sq. ft. Panoramic views. Exceptional value!



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.

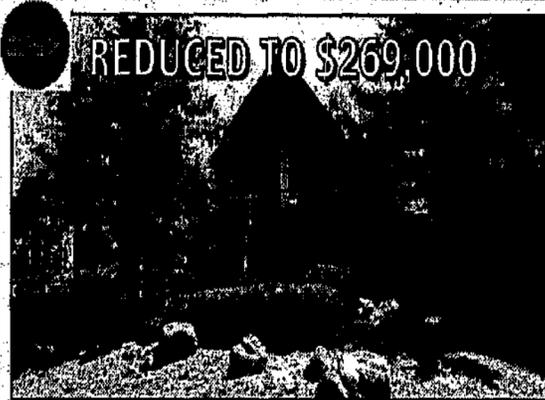


REDUCED TO \$450,000

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.



Country Club Estates
Carey • ~~\$289,000~~ • 100 La Luz

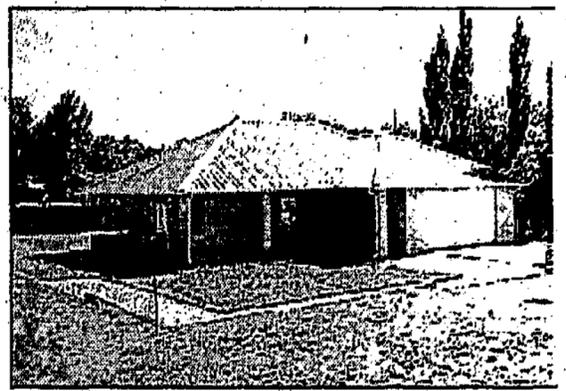
Five bedrooms, 2 3/4 baths. The breath taking Sierra Blanca view only few homes in Ruidoso have. Corner lot - approximately 3400 sq. ft. Two real moss rock fireplaces!



Sunny Slope

Reyes • \$225,000 • 205 White Mtn. Meadows Dr.

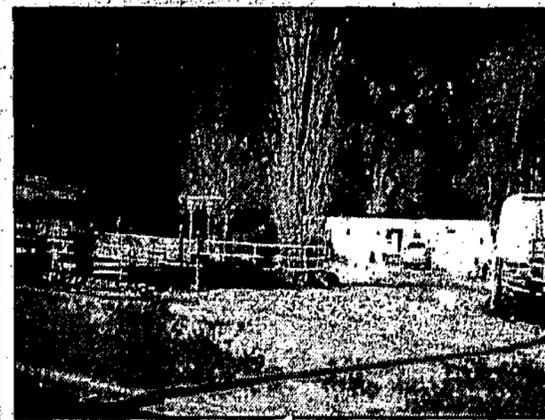
New 4 bdrm, 3 bath stucco with 1 year warranty. A must see. 2870 sq. ft.



Capitan

Cummins • \$129,000 • 434 Fifth St.

3 bdrm, 2 bath, very nice stucco home. Great floorplan with master bdrm which is separate from other bdrms.



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.



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.



Commercial

Knight-Mark • \$105,000 • 629B Sudderth Dr.

Approx. 2400 sq. ft., lots of potential. Multi-use. Sierra Blanca view from 2nd level. Character, Kiva-styled fireplace. Glass block windows.



REDUCED TO \$236,495

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!



UNDER CONTRACT

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.

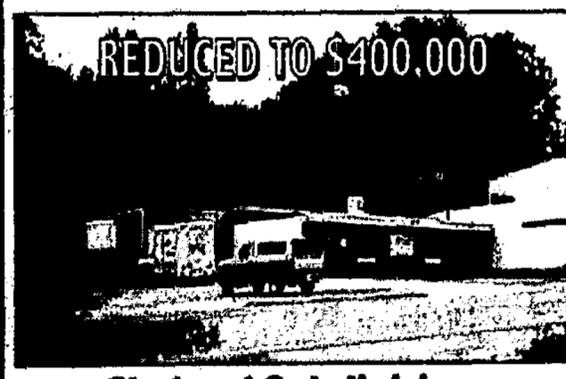
5000 sq. ft. Slab floor, 16' ceilings - 3 bays (2 are 1,000 sq. ft. each, 1 is 3,000 sq. ft.) Utilize 1, lease out 2. All have overhead door - toilet & lavatory. Metal roof, great highway exposure!



Alto Alps

Plumlee • \$159,500 • #48 Alto Alps Condo

4 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath. Level entry, just remodeled, new carpet. New satio tile. New appliances, 2 car garage, swimming pool and club house. Elevator - Seller financing.



Skyland Subdivision

Graves Ent. • \$475,000 • 1605 Sudderth Dr.

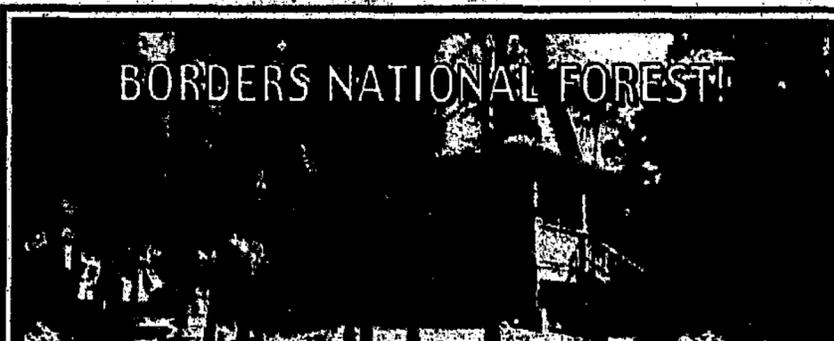
Commercial Bldg. on 8 1/2 lots. Corner of Willow and Sudderth. All city utilities, overhead door. new metal roof. 4500 sq. ft. All one level. plenty of parking and high visibility.



Cedar Creek

Crawford • \$160,000 • 405 Cedar Creek Rd.

2 bdrm, 2 bath, darling furnishings, hardwood floors, mtn. flavor deluxe on the creek, surrounded with trees, 2 car garage. Wow!



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Palo Verde Ranchettes' "Log Cabin Home"

Rogers • \$200,000 • East Chapparral Dr.

Built in 1998 - Borders National 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.



Ranches of Sonterra - 3

Bailey-Ameel • \$650,000 • 352 Tierra Nueva

New 4200+ sq ft home - panorama views, 26" ceilings in living room on .510 acres. 1052 sq ft bonus room with full bath. All baths are tiled-glass enclosure - 3 bdrms, 4 baths total, 3 car garage - study, jacuzzi, butler's pantry and more!



Alpine Village

\$319,900 • 304 Alpine Village Road

Private setting on 3 lots (1.76) acres, panorama views including Sierra Blanca, 3 bdrms, each with a full private tiled bathroom. 2 fireplaces, over 3000 sq. ft. High ceilings mtn. flavor deluxe. Bird & deer feeders for the nature lover!



Alto

Carter • \$182,000 • 619 Midiron Dr.

3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1920 sq. ft., approximate Chalet style in heavily wooded setting.



Skyland Addition

Whitten • \$149,500 • 910 Südderth Drive

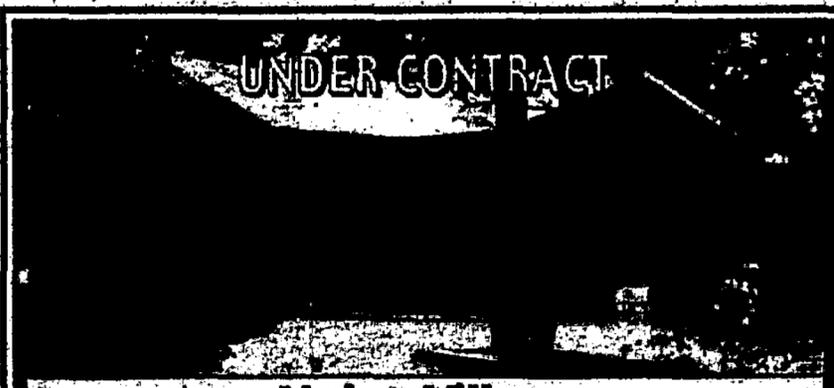
Small older home and 3 small older mobiles. Cute, needs up-dating. Live-in one, rent out three. C-2 zoned on a knoll on .48 acres. 1st time on market.



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.



UNDER CONTRACT

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.

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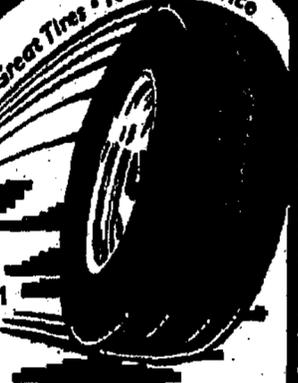
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