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Ski Apache hopes high for snow

The ski area is scheduled to open on Thanksgiving Day — if the weather cooperates.

BY AMANDA WITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ski Apache is scheduled to open on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22, but it all depends on what Mother Nature does in the next few days.

As a result of unseasonably warm temperatures, the ski area hasn't received heavy snowfall and can't produce snow, general manager Roy Riker Davis said.

"It doesn't look likely." But the ski area will open as soon as ski-able snow is available, Parker said. The opening date will be pushed back to the weekend after Thanksgiving or the weekend after that.

"We haven't cancelled out the possibility of opening, but it doesn't look likely," marketing manager Riker Davis said. Parker said it was snowing lightly on and off Thursday, and 2 inches had accumulated. The National Weather Service said mountain snow showers are likely today.

An announcement will be made Monday on when Ski Apache will open.

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"We will not be producing chips," she said. "It's shavings, and no one else is doing that in this area. If people have to get round wood off their land, we're the only one within 50 miles who can take it."

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The trees need to be cut in 100 inch lengths and can be from 4 inches to 12 inches in diameter, she said.

"We can accept up to 22 inches, but people should call first, because we may be able to suggest other utilization," Barrow said.

She said the 100-inch logs will be fed into a shaving machine, which also produces a fine sawdust that is screened out and carried by an air handler to a 12 million-BTU burner. That burner will heat a 26,000-pound rotary dryer to sterilize the shavings and kill any beetles or insects.

No water is used in the process. "The bedding can be used for horses to hamsters," she said. The shavings that end up in horse stalls eventually will be scooped up with the manure and probably will end up in a garden somewhere, she said.

"It's a big eco-circle," Barrow said. As for a projected opening date, she reminded those eager to see the first bag of shavings that, "it's like building a house by 10 times," setting up the operation in the leased county building on U.S. 70.

For more information, land owners or timber and thinning contractors can call (505) 653-4980 or (505) 257-5508.

Good for the forest



Glen Barrow helps unload a four-stage, automated bagging machine that's a key component in a tree shaving operation he will head at the Glencoe Rural Events Center. Below, a crane takes over the job.

PHOTOS BY DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Machines to aid tree-thinning

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Using a crane and heavy-duty fork lift, Glen Barrow and a local crew inched an 8,000-pound bagging machine off the back of a 18-wheeler.

The four-stage automated bagging system is part of a wood shaving operation being assembled at the Glencoe Rural Events Center by Barrow and his wife, Sherry, under the business name of WUD Inc.



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Police chief: Crime down in Ruidoso

Maddox responds to critics

BY AMANDA WITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Rebutting complaints that police are not doing their jobs, Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny Maddox told village councilors of an overall drop in major crime.

The Ruidoso Police Department keeps track of the numbers for the Uniform Crime Reporting for the FBI, he said. "Everyone's doing their job."

Mayor Robert Donaldson said he heard complaints from people in the village that since the new police department was built and there is no jail, the police haven't been doing their jobs.

But Maddox pointed to statistics, attributing the drop in crime to "good police work."

"Everyone's doing their job," he said. Among figures he cited:

- Adult arrests this year number 187, down 13 percent from last year's 214.
- Juvenile arrests this year number 54, up 50 percent from last year's 36.
- Aggravated assault charges this year number 31, down 56 percent from last year's 71.
- Domestic violence incidents this year number 108, down 6 percent from last year's 116.
- Burglaries this year number 79, down 30 percent from last year's 113.
- Recovered property this year amounts to \$80,113.70, up 54 percent from last year's \$52,160.
- DWI charges this year number 42, down 66 percent from last year's 125. Maddox said there are many factors that caused the decrease. One of the larger bars shut down, the DWI program is good at deterring second offenses and drivers are more responsible Maddox said.
- Traffic accidents with injuries this year number 45, down 39 percent from last year's 74.
- Drug arrests this year number 32, up 50 percent from last year's 21.

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County won't meet in Ruidoso

Commissioners approve next year's meeting schedule — for Carrizozo

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

For the second consecutive year, no regular Lincoln County commission meetings are scheduled for Ruidoso.

The late commissioner Wilton Howell with support from Commissioner L. Ray Nunley and then-chairman Monroy Montes each year set a few meetings in Ruidoso. However, for the past two years, the majority of the board decided to keep all regular meetings in the county courthouse in Carrizozo, the county seat.

Last year, they agreed to conduct some special meetings in Ruidoso if the subject

matter was of interest to that area, which is the population center of the county.

"Last year, I asked for six meetings in Ruidoso," said Commissioner Leo Martinez, who is elected from one of Ruidoso's two districts. "This year I'm only asking for five."

Nunley, the other Ruidoso commissioner, agreed Thursday, saying, "I think we need to accommodate Ruidoso."

But Commissioner Rick Simpson, whose district includes Ruidoso Downs and areas east, said he prefers regular meetings at the main county office where records are readily available.

"If there are specific concerns for Ruidoso, and we want a special meeting there or anywhere else in the county, that's not a problem," he said.

"Amen," said Commissioner William Schwettmann, whose district covers Alto and Capitan.

Chairman Rex Wilson said the board can decide at the end of a regular meeting to change the meeting place for the next. The motion to approve the schedule as presented passed 4-1 with Martinez voting against it.

Commissioners left the starting time for meetings at 8 a.m.



AMANDA WITT/STAFF

TINSEL IN MIDTOWN

"Santa," Robert Topman of Mac's Electric Service begins the holiday season spreading cheer by putting up decorations on Sudderth Drive Wednesday

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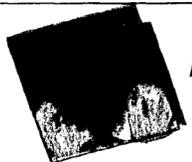
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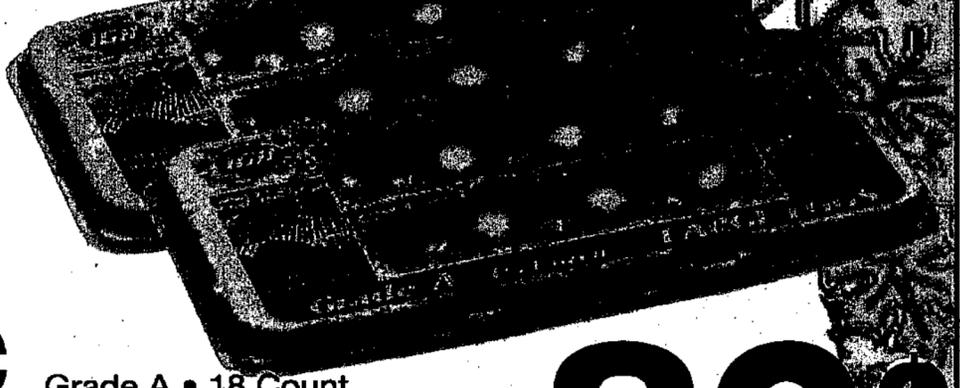
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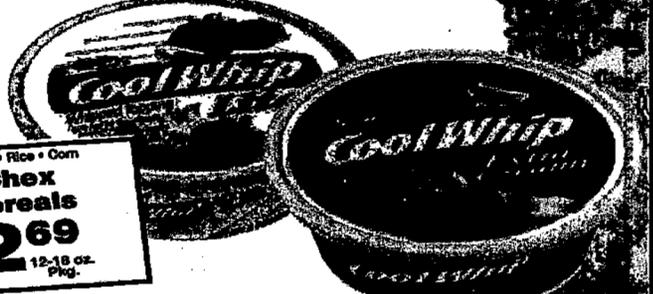
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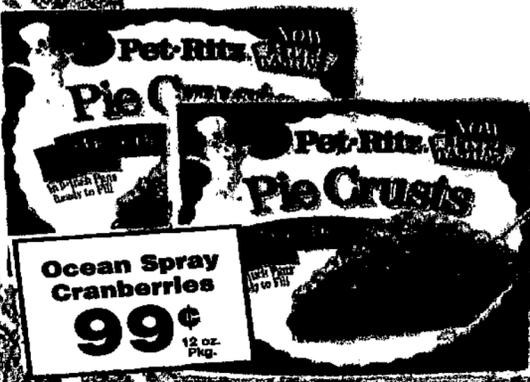


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Companies team up to offer high-speed Internet options

■ Valor Telecom and ZiaNet will offer digital subscriber lines in parts of Ruidoso.

BY AMANDA WITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Valor Telecom, with the support of ZiaNet and the community, will offer broadband Internet access by way of digital subscriber lines, or DSL, to a limited area of Ruidoso, both companies said this week.

"DSL is a consistent need in aggressive growing communities," William F. Kasdorf senior vice president of sales and marketing at Valor Telecom said.

Valor needed an Internet Service Provider, and the Las Cruces-based ZiaNet guaranteed the company a minimum of 75 lines out of the 3,000 accounts the company has in Ruidoso.

Kasdorf said it is an investment for Valor because the company has to install new equipment to support the service.

Anthony Smith, owner of ZiaNet, said his company already had plans to install fiber-optic cable in Ruidoso during the next two weeks.

Valor plans to install 4 miles of lines from the business office on Sudderth Drive, Kasdorf said.

The next step is to test the 75 lines to see if they work. Company officials are predicting that 60 percent of residents will be able to get the high-speed service. Valor is working on a way to get the service past the 4-mile area, and Alto already is under consideration for the service, Kasdorf said.

Kasdorf said there are three main concerns about installing digital service:

• There must be community interest.

• An Internet service provider must make an investment to connect with Valor.

• A cost-effective way to sell the service.

One of the advantages to having the service is that customers can use the phone while being on line, and therefore need only one phone line.

"People can be talking on the phone and downloading a file at the same time. Why would I buy it? For same reasons I would get cable TV instead of an antenna," Kasdorf said.

In the Ruidoso village council meeting, Mayor Robert Donaldson said it would free up phone lines in neighborhoods.

Kasdorf said digital service is the optimum way for busy people to use the Internet. Another advantage is to busi-

nesses from remote areas, he said.

The hospital would be able to connect to databases more quickly, and schools would be able to participate in distance learning.

Ruidoso is the first community in the Valor area to put up 75 lines, Kasdorf said. Work already has begun to set up the lines, and service will be established as quickly as possible, Kasdorf said.

Marianne Granoff, ZiaNet regional vice president, said the service will cost \$50 a month. It will offer speeds from 768 kilobytes per second to 128 kilobytes per second. In comparison, standard modems access the Internet at 56 kilobytes per second.

"It's little bit more for a lot more bandwidth," she said.

Charter Communications offers a modem cable for \$29.95 for cable customers with a speed of 500 kilobytes per second. If a customer does not have cable then there is a \$10 monthly charge, said a Charter representative.

"I'm excited about being part of this partnership; it will allow us to showcase the enthusiasm and passion for Ruidoso," Kasdorf said.

"I think it's a good deal for the community, better service for them and for us. It's a win-win situation," Smith said.

Signs to warn of county jake brake ban

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Truckers are welcome in Lincoln County, but not their noisy brakes.

County commissioners Thursday approved posting signs warning truckers about a new county law that requires mufflers on jake brakes.

Initially, commissioners approved a law banning the use of the loud braking system used as an alternate to regular brakes to save wear and tear, especially in hilly terrain.

But a month after approval, they back-tracked and decided it was the noise, not the brakes — which some argued were a safety measure — that was the problem.

They stuck with a county-wide ban on the noise because picking out certain sections of the county might create a nightmare for enforcement, they said.

County manager Tom Stewart recommended to commissioners Thursday that signs be posted at the major highway entrances to the county and in some specific locations where frequent complaints occur. The signs will read, "Un-muffled jake brakes prohibited in Lincoln County."

He estimated the cost at \$1,469.

Chairman Rex Wilson was hesitant.

"We're a tourist county," he said. "I don't like to see a sign at the entrance that says 'no.'"

Stewart said the entrance signs could be dropped. But County Attorney Alan Morel said to convict someone of violating the law, the person first must have received reasonable notification.

"Posting at the entrances is notification," he said.

Commissioners approved eight signs for U.S. 54, U.S. 380, U.S. 70, State Highways 55, 42 and 247 and Pine Lodge Road as they enter the county. Another 12 signs will go up on roads heavily traveled by truckers, including Gavilan Canyon Road, U.S. 380 through the historic settlement of Lincoln, State Highway 37 around Nogal Hill, U.S. 70 near Riverside, the Angus Hill area and Ski Run Road.

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The Ruidoso 24 Karat Gold Band and Rhythm & Gold Color Guard performed at halftime at the football game at Horton Stadium Nov. 9, augmented by 95 beginning band students from White Mountain Intermediate School. The band and color guard earned Best of Parade award at the Aspenfest Parade and placed third at the Tournament of Bands at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.

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OUR OPINION

Numbers do not create affinity

Commissioners struggle to solve a 'like interest' issue

The Lincoln County Commission's decennial struggle with political redistricting almost certainly will turn confusing indeed before it's over.

That's not really because they don't want to do the right thing.

It's that the confounded population keeps exploding, and it gets harder and harder to figure out how to protect the ranchers and farmers against those pesky intruders who came from everywhere else and think they ought to have a voice in county government.

Compounding the mess is the state law that says every

one of the five commission districts must have approximately the same population — well, within 5 percent anyway.

Commissioners took a look at four alternatives during Thursday's meeting in Carrizozo. It surely wasn't the last look, because they have all the way to Feb. 1 to come up with final boundaries, each encompassing (more or less) 3,880 people. Then, a directive also calls for districting taking into account areas of like interest and character.

That's going to be one very tough struggle, folks. It would be a shame if the courts had to carve up our county.

Showing appreciation for the Graham Brothers

The Graham Brothers Band — Slick, Hoyt and Dale — has pleased people with their brand of down-home music for dances, weddings and funerals in Lincoln County and around the Southwest for many years.

The first time we heard that particular band of brothers was at the Hubbard Museum — while it was still called the Museum of the Horse — as they played Western music and sang some old hymns at Ray Reed's funeral. (Reed was a fellow musician who had founded the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium about nine years before.)

But music has never been a full-time job for the brothers, and now Slick is in a long-term work hiatus because he got bucked off a horse while on a hunting trip in the Jackson Hole country of Wyoming on Oct. 8.

That, Slick said, happened because it was one of those dark-before-dawn moments, and it began to rain. He started unfolding a slicker, and that spooked the horse, and over Slick went. He landed on his head and

crushed a vertebrae between his shoulders and broke two ribs. The two others in the hunting party got him down to the Jackson Hole hospital, where doctors put him back together, fusing five vertebrae in the process.

The doctors also took a piece of bone from his hip to replace the crushed vertebrae.

Slick has been back in Ruidoso for about three weeks now, but admits that about all he can do is "walk and talk." That could be the case for months to come.

"I may be able to play a guitar, but I haven't tried to lift a bow yet," he said this week from somewhere up in the Camelot subdivision.

We heard about Slick's get-along difficulty this week when a flyer landed on our desk announcing an auction of an elk horn chandelier this Sunday afternoon at Win, Place & Show in Midtown Ruidoso.

Brother Dale said a couple of friends, Marlin Alston and Jimmy Millar, thought it might be a good way for other friends and fans to show appreciation for the good times Slick (aka Larry) and the band had provided over the years, at a time when some financial support would be helpful.

That's right, it's on Sunday at 3 p.m., and there's no cover charge. Dancing in the evening, too, but not to Graham Brothers music.



YOUR OPINION

The roads in Loma Grande need much attention

To the editor:

Patsy Hume is not the only resident concerned about road conditions and speeders in Loma Grande Estates (re: "Rural Roads" in your Nov. 7 edition).

Many of us in the neighborhood have addressed county commissioners and County Manager Tom Stewart about these problems in recent years — and we will continue to do so until corrective action is taken.

A couple of statements by officials in that Nov. 7 story beg comment: Commissioner L. Ray Nunley, for example, suggested making Juniper Springs Road a school bus route, rendering it eligible for co-op funds from the state. Fact is, it's already a school bus route. So we suggest commissioners get after those funds — and quickly, before these roads gobble up the school bus.

None of us out here understand County Manager Stewart's assertion that speed limit signs pose a liability to the county. Seems to us there's a greater liability in not having them, especially on broken-down, sub-standard roads such as those in Loma Grande, which were built as ranch roads but now serve a fast-growing residential community.

These roads should be posted 25mph, not 35mph, as specified by the state for rural roads in unsettled areas.

Liability aside, the county has seen fit to post residential areas on nearby Cora Dutton Road with 25mph signs. We want nothing less in Loma Grande Estates.

Dave and Jan Houser
Nogal

Appropriate celebration in Midtown Ruidoso

To the editor:

I would like to thank all the Midtown merchants for the Halloween trick or treat event provided for all the children and parents of Ruidoso and the surrounding area.

It's an event that provides a time of day that minimizes the possibility that any of them might be injured in a possible traffic mishap at night.

I have performed for tens of thousands of children and their families in Midtown at the 4-Seasons for folks from all over our country and many parts of the world for more than four and a half years, and they sure all seem to like that old cowboy music.

It's been an honor to do so. I would also like to thank the Ruidoso Police Department for patrolling the area on foot, to ensure the safety of all the participants during the event in our nation's greatest hour of concern regarding the safety of all the children. They aren't big enough to fight back.

Alan Framont
Ruidoso

No lost number at LCMC

To the editor:

Recently, I became ill and had to be taken to the LCMC emergency room. About a month later, I went through the same thing again, only this time with a three-day stay in the hospital.

I'm writing this letter to comment on the wonderful care I was given on both visits. I've lived in Ruidoso for 10 years and have heard conflicting reports.

My report is, I don't know how the care could have been better. Everybody was helpful, courteous and informative. The people from financial aid, housekeeping, laboratory and the cafeteria all went out of their way to be nice and helpful.

My special thanks to all the nurses who changed a frightening, painful episode into a comfortable, caring experience that I have fond memories of. Between the two visits, I was hospitalized for four days in a facility in Texas, and felt like a number that had been forgotten.

John Banks
Ruidoso Downs

The treasure that's Spencer

To the editor:

This is the very first time in my life that I've written a letter to the editor, but I feel that I must do so now. I had the extreme pleasure of going

to see "Ragtime" Wednesday night at the Spencer Theater. I have seen several plays on Broadway in New York, but nothing has ever topped this production.

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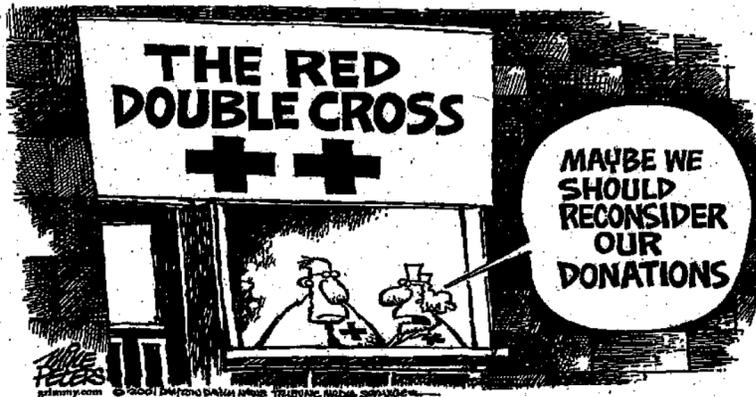
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MAGISTRATE COURT

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

Chanale D. Cobb, 21, of Ruidoso, through a plea agreement, pleaded no contest to counts of DWI-first offense and of a misdemeanor for abandonment or abuse of a child.

The charge of felony abandonment or abuse of a child was dismissed by the state. Cobb was sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 days suspended, 90 days of probation and ordered to pay a \$200 fine and court costs for the DWI offense.

Cobb was sentenced to 364 days in jail with 364 days suspended, 90 days DWI probation supervision, 274 days unsupervised probation and ordered to pay court costs for the abandonment or abuse of a child charge.

Simon Guerra, 55, of Ruidoso, through plea agreement, pleaded no contest to driving while license revoked due to a DWI conviction.

The charges of no insurance and speeding were dismissed by the state. Guerra was sentenced to 364 days in jail with 357 days suspended, 357 days of probation and sentenced to seven days at the county jail.

He was ordered to pay a \$300 fine and court costs.

Aurelio Enriquez, 35, of Las Cruces, through a plea agreement, pleaded no-contest to charges of driving without a driver's license and speeding.

Prosecutors dismissed the charge of speeding.

Enriquez was sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 days suspended and 90 days of proba-

tion. Enriquez was ordered to pay court costs.

Mario Portillo, 28, of Alamogordo pleaded no contest to driving without a valid driver's license.

The assistant district attorney dismissed the charge of driving while license revoked or suspended. Portillo was sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 days suspended and 90 days of probation. He was ordered to pay a \$50 fine and court costs.

Jason Paul Rocha, 21, of Mescalero, through a plea agreement, pleaded no contest to driving without a valid driver's license.

Prosecutors agreed to dismiss the charge of driving with a suspended license.

Rocha was sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 days suspended and 90 days of probation. He was ordered to pay a \$50 fine and court costs.

Monicarose Peso, 31, of Mescalero, pleaded no contest to DWI-first offense.

Peso was sentenced to 90 days in jail with 89 days suspended, given credit for one day served at the county jail and 89 days of probation.

Peso was ordered to pay a \$200 fine and court costs.

Phillip Coyote, 44, of Mescalero, pleaded guilty to charges of DWI-first offense and aggravated blood alcohol level of .31. He was sentenced to 364 days in jail with 354 days suspended, credited with two days in the county jail and ordered to spend eight days in jail with 354 days probation. He was fined \$500, and ordered to do 48 hours of community service.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Windows damaged

Police reported criminal damage to property in the 2000 block of Sudderth Drive at Clare Bay Trading Company at 2:25 p.m. Nov. 10.

Three windows were damaged valuing \$1,200, by flying gravel.

It appeared a vehicle entered the east driveway at a high speed and spun sideways throwing gravel onto the windows and chipping them, police said.

Charges filed

Police arrested Timothy D. Mullenniex, 49, of Ruidoso, in the 600 block of Wingfield Street on charges of criminal damage to property and injury

or tampering with vehicles at 2:25 a.m. Nov. 10.

A witness allegedly saw Mullenniex slashing a neighbor's tires and identified him to police.

Three sets of tires were slashed valuing \$200 per set. Mullenniex physically resisted police when being arrested, according to a police report.

He was also charged with another count of criminal damage to property over \$1,000 at the Ruidoso Police station at 6:42 a.m. Nov. 10.

Mullenniex allegedly damaged the cell door by kicking it and later tried to hang himself with his belt.

Man arrested

Police arrested Simon

Choneska, 43, of Mescalero, in the 100 block of Sudderth at Walgreen's on a charge of criminal trespass at 8:25 p.m. Nov. 11.

Police responded to a call from a clerk who said Choneska refused to leave after she wouldn't sell him alcohol because he was already intoxicated.

Damage reported

Police reported criminal damage to property larceny in the 100 block of Sierra Blanca at the Links at Sierra Blanca at 11:23 a.m. Nov. 4.

Damage included a torn fence, four sand rakes thrown into the pond and three pin flags stolen. Police said they would patrol the course during

the graveyard shift.

Vehicle damaged

Police reported burglary and larceny of a Schwann's vehicle in the block of Snowcap and McBride Drive at 12:21 p.m. Nov. 6.

The driver pulled off the road for safety reasons, and the doors were not locked, police said. A blue storage bin was stolen with seven frozen food dishes valuing \$58.41.

Business burglarized

Police reported commercial burglary in the 2000 block of Sudderth Drive at 7 a.m. Nov. 5. The back door of the Hummingbird Tearoom was kicked in and \$230 was stolen from the register, police said.

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FUNERALS DEATHS

Agnes May Jones

Visitation for Agnes May Jones, 85, of Ruidoso, will be from 9-11 a.m. today at LaGrone Funeral Chapel. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. today at the Angus Cemetery with Kenneth Stone officiating.



Mrs. Jones died Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2001, in Ruidoso.

She was born May 19, 1916, in Nogal.

She lived in Lincoln County until 1959, then returned to Lincoln County in 1999 from El Paso, Texas.

She married Samuel Virgil Jones on Sept. 24, 1934, and he preceded her in death.

Survivors include children Pearl Cheney and her husband, Joe, of Capitan; Della Harcrow and her husband, Donald, of Artesia; Carol Jones and his wife, Anita, of Henneesse, Okla.; Loretta Stahl and her husband, Stan, of San Angelo, Texas; Frances Saunders and her husband, Henry, of Roswell; Nancy Hatch and her husband, Brad, of Tucson, Ariz.; Vada Armstrong of Show Low, Ariz.,

Sam Jones of Deming, Roy Jones of Salt Lake City, Utah, Clyde Jones and his wife, Nancy, of Madison, Miss.; 21 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

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

Beth Robinson

The funeral Mass for Beth Robinson, 68, of Mescalero, was Thursday with burial at the Mescalero Cemetery.

Mrs. Robinson died Friday, Nov. 9, 2001, in Albuquerque.

She was born Oct. 29, 1933, in Mescalero and lived there all her life.

She was a homemaker and member of St. Joseph's Mission.

Survivors include sons Neil Robinson and Albert Robinson Jr., both of Mescalero; daughters Evelyn Guerra, Janel Perkins, Sonya Robinson, Liane Robinson and Hannah Kaydahzinne, all of Mescalero; brothers Clement Bigmouth and Lewis Bigmouth, both of Mescalero; and a sister, Wanda Mendez, of Mescalero.

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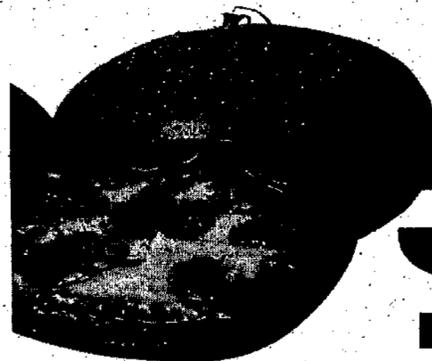
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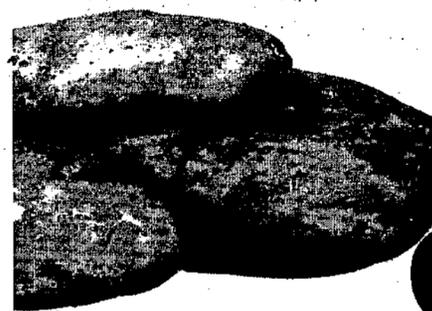
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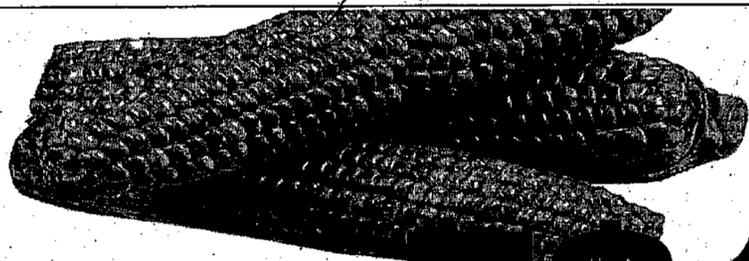
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School board goes ahead with Career Pathways

■ The program helps students discover their areas of interest and passion and also helps them choose the classes they take on the basis of that passion and interest.

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Ruidoso High School student parking lot became one-way Nov. 12 and high school principal Paul Wirth told the school board Tuesday that it's improved the safety within the parking lot, but hasn't solved the problem of traffic on Warrior Drive when parents drop off and pick up their children.

"There's a large freshman class and more and more parents dropping

off their kids at the school," Wirth said.

Signs went up on Monday and the school's Phone Master program was used to call and inform parents of the new traffic pattern. Parents are getting adjusted to it, he said.

The school board unanimously voted to go ahead with Career Pathways, a program to help students discover their areas of interest and passion, choose classes to develop these and get experience in the business community to try out these clusters of courses.

Gary Cozzens, School-to-Career coordinator with the Region IX Education Cooperative, said Ruidoso's plan is very innovative and "most of the districts in the state would drool over it." He said Ruidoso students have an advantage most students in

the state don't have: The Department of Labor goes to Ruidoso High School every Wednesday morning with direct databases of jobs all over the state and counsels with students.

Increasing counseling services will be needed to implement the plan, Wirth said, which means another counselor at the high school.

All students take 15-minute daily advisement classes, and Wirth is working with the New Mexico State Department of Education and the Legislature to have legislation passed and funding provided for districts with Career Pathways programs to fund a new counseling position.

A half-time teaching position has been funded through a grant to provide a teacher for the success skills class.

Internships in the community are

another focus of the plan, using the business community as an expanded campus because the district cannot offer all the classes students would need to gain exposure to different careers.

Booklets with curricula and course options for grades 8 through 12 will be in the hands of students by Feb. 1, Wirth said, and advisement classes will go over these thoroughly to help students plan next year's classes.

One of the Career Pathways, or course clusters, offered in the Ruidoso schools not traditionally offered is hospitality and tourism, due to the economies of Ruidoso and the state of New Mexico, Wirth said.

The other pathways are industrial/agricultural, business/media/technology, science/engineering/medicine, fine arts/liberal arts and human services.

With implementation of the plan, 25 credits will be required for graduation rather than 24, and three classes each in math and science, rather than two. These changes will be required of the 2002 freshman class, Wirth said.

The next meeting of the Ruidoso School Board will be at 7 p.m. Dec. 13, a Thursday rather than a Tuesday, to enable school board members to attend the band concert at the Spencer Theater on Dec. 11.

"... More and more parents (are) dropping off their kids at the school."

Principal Paul Wirth discussing student parking.

Workshop set for Dec. 7

BY AMANDA WITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Fred R. Heckman Jr. Child Development Center will be host to its 4th annual community workshop, "Disciplines and Collaboration," at 7:30 a.m. Dec. 7.

The Inn of the Mountain Gods West Conference Center will be the site of the all-day conference, which includes breakfast and lunch.

Pre-registration is required and a \$10 registration fee is due by Nov. 16., Jacqueline Lester, director of the center said.

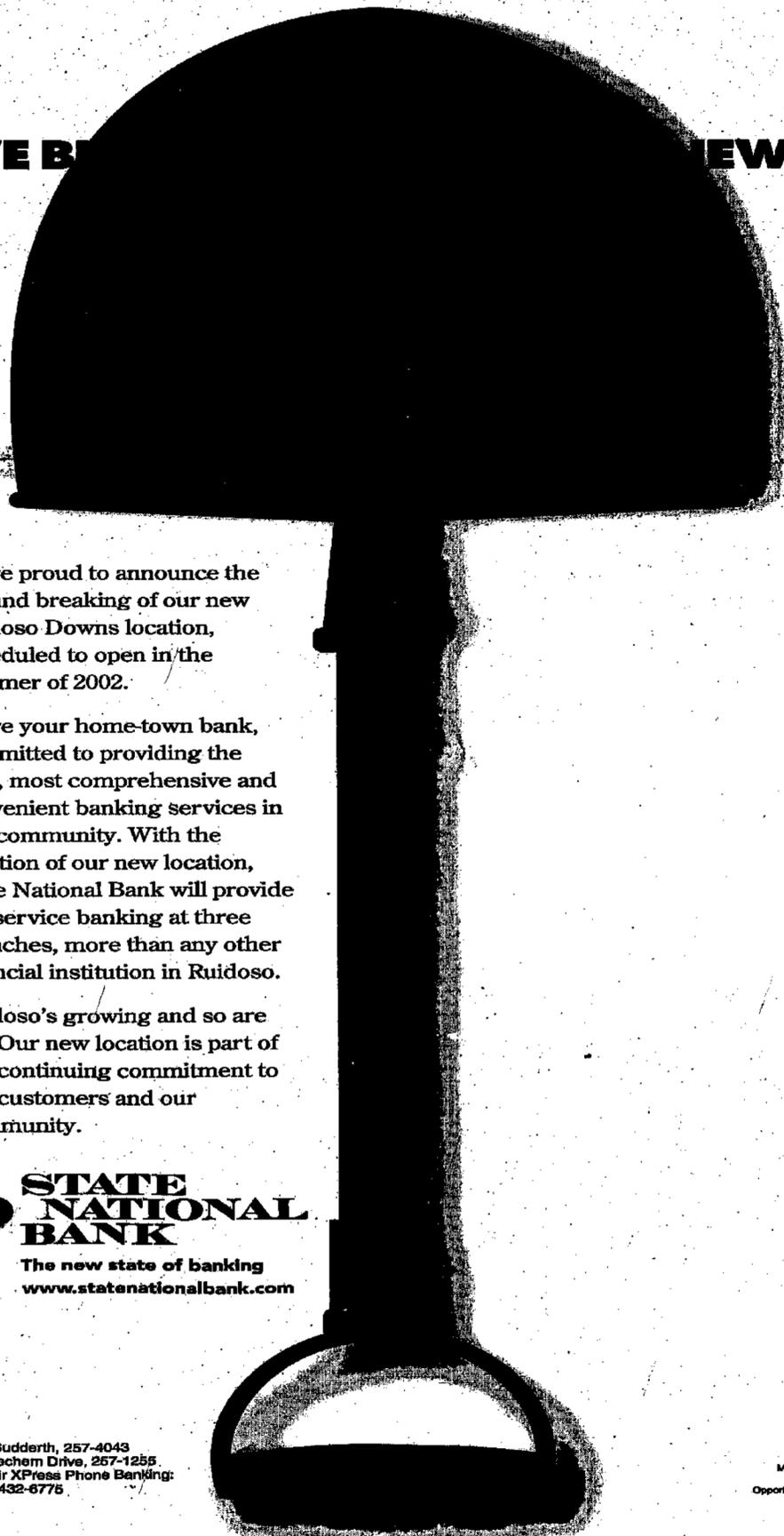
The workshop will include keynote speaker Barbara Coloroso, who will speak on raising responsible, resourceful, resilient and caring children.

The participants will work on Christmas crafts in a hands-on breakout session.

Participants are expected from Mescalero, Alamogordo, Ruidoso, Jemez Pueblo, White River Apache Tribe, Isleta Pueblo, Tularosa Schools, Mescalero Schools and Ruidoso Schools, Lester said.

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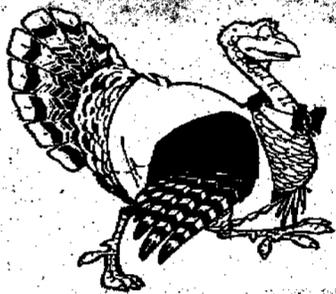
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SPORTS

Lady Warriors get started Tuesday

The Ruidoso girls are looking to improve on their 2000-2001 season this year.

BY WES SCHWENGELS
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

November means basketball, and the Ruidoso Lady Warriors hoops team officially gets started Tuesday.

Several varsity Warriors are fresh off a volleyball team that came within one win of a State Championship Saturday. Coach Albert Ronquillo said while they are still a little rusty, he believes they'll be ready to play.

"The girls who played volleyball — they're getting where they need to be," he said.

The team will have one chance to see how they stack up before the season commences. Ruidoso will travel to Las Cruces Saturday for an intersquad scrimmage with Ocate and some other schools.

Any improvements that need to be done will have to be made in a hurry, as Cloudercroft will pay the Warriors a visit on Tuesday. Ronquillo said that while the Bears are from a smaller school, he's not taking anything for granted.

"They're talented and big, a lot of size and quickness," he said. "It'll be a test for us."

After a 2000-2001 season that saw the girls post just a 4-19 overall record, Ronquillo said he is hoping for a better year.

The Warriors lost four

seniors from last season, including two 5'11" players. What his team lacks in height, it can make up for with quickness, the coach said.

Ruidoso will have its work cut-out for it in the always-tough District 4AAA. Rivals Portales and Lovington finished first and third in the state last year, respectively.

Ronquillo said Portales would have a big team this season, but that Lovington should be pretty young.

"Then again, so are we," he said.

Ruidoso's schedule outside of district doesn't get much easier. The Warriors are scheduled to take on Artesia as many as three times, on top of two games against Class 5A Carlsbad

and match-ups with 4A Roswell and potentially some bigger schools in the Goddard Tournament Dec. 27-29.

If the Lady Warriors have an advantage in their early-season schedule, it's that their first three games are at home.

After the Ocate scrimmage, Ruidoso doesn't hit the road again until Dec. 6 for a tournament in Artesia.

Ronquillo said the schedule is tough for a reason.

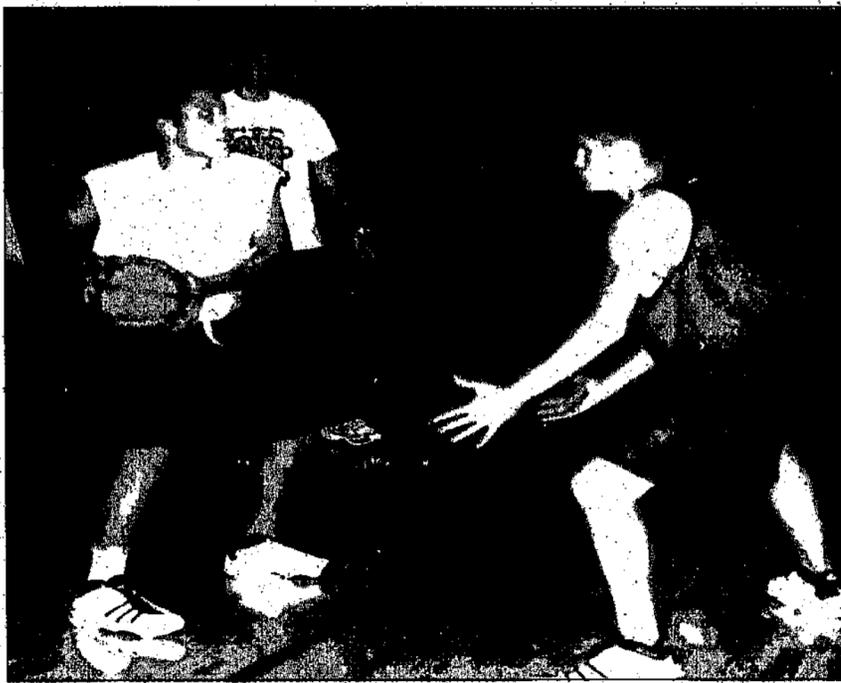
"It'll help us this year. We are going with these big schools to get us ready for district," he said.

Ronquillo said he also thinks the girls are getting reacquainted with the system fairly quickly. He said he expects to be able to compete right out of the gate.

Tuesday's game against Cloudercroft is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. at Ruidoso High School.

"It'll help us... We are going with these big schools to get us ready for district."

Albert Ronquillo, RHS girls basketball coach on his team's tough schedule



Ruidoso Warrior Jess Shendo looks for someone to pass to during Wednesday's practice. The Warriors don't have the experience of last year's team, but could still make some noise in District 4AAA.

As the fall sports come to a close, the cold weather signifies

Ruidoso

BY WES SCHWENGELS
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The game may look the same, but the faces won't when the Ruidoso High School boys basketball team starts the 2001-2002 season.

Gone are all five starters and four bench players from a team that came within a bucket of a State Championship last season. The only returner with any significant varsity experience is senior guard Christie LaPaz.

And while that would seem to point to a down year for the Warriors, head coach Billy Page said he is optimistic.

"I kind of like being in this position. No one is shooting for us," he said. "You get a little bit of an advantage by being the underdog."

And underdogs are exactly what the Warriors will be after a series of subpar performances at summer camps earlier this year.

But Page said those games are not representative of what his team is capable of. He added that they were missing some players for those camps.

"I hope (other schools) think we're as bad as we were this summer," he said.

And while the coach admitted that some of the new players struggle at times with their conditioning and other aspects of the game, he believes that the Warriors will be able to compete with everyone they play.

"The attitude is good. They need to step up and fill some shoes this year," he said. "...The new kids are still catching up. Some kids don't realize at this point what it takes to play basketball."

While the experience may not be there for

Ruidoso, the numbers certainly are. Page said more than 55 boys came out for the team this year and that he's looking to keep between 10 and 12 of them for varsity. The rest would play JV, freshman or "C" team ball.

The coach said he's hoping for a lot out of the most experienced Warrior, LaPaz.

"He understands what I expect from him," Page said.

But with 43 freshman and sophomores trying out, Ruidoso will have to accept a youthful team.

As always in District 4AAA, the Warriors will face a tough road. Figure in last year's State Champion, Portales, as well as tough squads at Lovington and the New Mexico Military Institute, and Ruidoso could go from the top of the heap to the bottom half of the pack.

Page said, based on paper, the Warriors could easily finish fourth. But that's why they play the games.

"My goal is to make the playoffs," he said. "We have the talent."

Some of the Warrior hoopsters got a head start on their conditioning by running cross country this year, including Nick Fajardo, Cody Small and Auston Beier.

Several football players are also making the transition, including quarterback-to-guard Josh Adams and David Rice, who Page said "could possibly be one of the best post players in recent years."

That doesn't mean those players have a locked-in spot on varsity all year, though. With all depth and numbers at Page's disposal, he has options.

"If some kids aren't working hard, someone else could take your spot," he said.

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"I kind of like being in this position... You get a bit of an advantage by being the underdog."

Billy Page, RHS boys basketball coach



WES SCHWENGELS/STAFF

Lady Warrior Jenna Carrasco puts up a shot during practice Wednesday. The Warriors kick off the 2001 season with a scrimmage Saturday in Las Cruces. Their regular season begins Tuesday at home against Cloudercroft at 4 p.m.

Ruidoso's new sport: dancing

Local resident brings ballroom dancing to Lincoln County in style

BY WES SCHWENGELS
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

It may not be traditionally thought of as a sport, but ballroom dancing has come to Ruidoso.

Local resident Andrea Reed and two of her ballroom students, Weldon Ganaway, of Ruidoso Downs, and Quint Lears, of Holloman Air Force Base, recently took part in the Sixth Annual Rocky Mountain Championships in Colorado Springs, Colo., taking several top honors.

As an instructor, Reed was not eligible for awards, but Ganaway took first place in eight different events, while Lears got three firsts, four seconds and three thirds in 10 events.

Reed said that was quite an accomplishment, as the Nov. 2-3 competition was the first for both students.

More than 100 individuals took part in the

championships.

Reed said she has traveled to such competitions for the past several years, usually averaging about one per year.

Dances at the event ranged from the waltz to the fox trot to the tango. Reed and her students entered in the beginning bronze level, one of many at the competition.

Reed has been teaching since 1999, with the help of ENMU-Ruidoso instructor Carol Ann Clark and Ganaway has been learning from her for about a year, while Lears has been taking instruction for

a few months. The teacher said she plans to get certified at the bronze level of both smooth dances, such as waltz, and rhythm, such as cha-cha.

"I'm just trying to learn as much as I can," Reed said.

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Andrea Reed, Ballroom dance teacher

Turkey and tennis

Tennis girl McDougal to hit Thanksgiving tournament

A major tourney in the Windy City will keep Heather McDougal out of town Nov. 22-26.

Thanksgiving will be in Chicago for local junior tennis player Heather McDougal.

She will travel to the Windy City for the United States Tennis Association's National Open Championship on Nov. 22-26 at the Mid-Town Tennis Club.

McDougal, an eighth-grade student at Ruidoso

Middle School will compete in the Girls' 14 division and will play both singles and doubles. She is one of 64 girls selected nationally for this tournament.

McDougal will be the only representative from the Southwest Section, which includes Arizona, New Mexico and El Paso, Texas.

Similar tournaments will also be held at Sunny Hills Racquet Club in Fullerton, Calif., Blairwood Tennis and Fitness Club in Louisville, Ky., and Roosevelt Island Racquet Club in Roosevelt Island, N.Y.

side line

Prep Scoreboard

Football
Nov. 2
NMMI 29, Ruidoso 22

Volleyball
Nov. 9
Ruidoso 3, St. Michael's 2
Nov. 10
Portales 3, Ruidoso 0
Ruidoso Class AAA Runner-up

Preps on Tap

Saturday, Nov. 17
Boys Basketball
Roswell, Mayfield at Ruidoso scrimmage, TBA
Captain scrimmage, TBA

On Deck

Basketball Officials
Officials are needed for the upcoming season to referee 7th and 8th grade and junior varsity basketball games. People interested can train to become NMAA officials. For more information, call Jovian Smith at 336-4357 ext. 219.

Softball Tournament
Sportspark El Paso will hold two softball tournaments between now and Dec. 1. The Thanksgiving Mixed Tournament will go Nov. 24 and 25. A \$10 entry fee is due by Nov. 21. The 1-Pitch Tournament will be Dec. 1, with a \$75 entry fee due by Nov. 28. For more information, call Chris Nejara at (915) 857-7676.

Youth Baseball
Sportspark El Paso will play host to a youth baseball tournament Thanksgiving weekend. The Thanksgiving Weekend Youth Invitational will run from Nov. 23 through 25. The entry fee is one by Nov. 22. For more information, call (915) 857-7676.

Big Boys

NFL
Philadelphia at Dallas, 11 a.m., FOX
Washington at Denver, 2 p.m., FOX
Detroit at Arizona, 2 p.m., FOX

NCAA
Saturday
Colorado St. at New Mexico, 1 p.m.
NMSU at Louisiana-Lafayette, 1 p.m.

Futurity champion is retired

Ausual Suspect will stand at an Oklahoma ranch after suffering an injury in the All American.

All American Futurity winner Ausual Suspect has been retired and will stand the 2002 season at Lazy E Ranch in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

"Due to the nature of an injury Ausual Suspect sustained in the All American, we have decided to retire him," said Charlie Therwhanger, who, with his wife, Deborah, owns the Strawfly Special colt. "This horse has been very good to us. He had surgery shortly after being shipped to California in September. He probably could have run again, but we feel this retirement is in the best interests of everyone."

The Therwhangers, who live in Lubbock, Texas, acquired Ausual Suspect for \$82,000 at the 2000 Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Yearling and Mixed Stock Sale. The colt won three of four races and earned \$1,003,564 to rank 32nd on American Quarter Horse racing's all-time earnings list.

"We weren't about to risk further injury to him or anyone else," he said.
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► 2001-2002 Ruidoso High School Girls Basketball Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Time | Date | Opponent | Time |
|------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|--------|
| Nov. 17 | Onsite scrimmage | TBA | Feb. 9 | at Portales | 6 p.m. |
| Nov. 20 | vs. Cloudcroft | 4 p.m. | Feb. 12 | at Santa Teresa | 5 p.m. |
| Nov. 27 | vs. Socorro | 4 p.m. | Feb. 15 | at Lovington | 4 p.m. |
| Dec. 1 | vs. Carlsbad | 5 p.m. | Feb. 19-23 | District | TBA |
| Dec. 6-8 | at Artesia/Journey | TBA | | District 4AAA game | |
| Dec. 11 | at Tularosa | 5:30 p.m. | | | |
| Dec. 27-29 | at Giddard/Journey | TBA | | | |
| Jan. 5 | at Carlsbad | 6 p.m. | | | |
| Jan. 8 | vs. Tularosa | 4 p.m. | | | |
| Jan. 10 | at Artesia | 4 p.m. | | | |
| Jan. 12 | at Socorro | 6 p.m. | | | |
| Jan. 18 | vs. Roswell | 4 p.m. | | | |
| Jan. 26 | vs. Portales | 6 p.m. | | | |
| Jan. 29 | vs. Santa Teresa | 4 p.m. | | | |
| Feb. 1 | vs. Lovington | 6 p.m. | | | |



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Removing flammable vegetation reduces the threat of fire. Follow these basic rules to create defensible space that works:

- Remove all dead plants, trees and shrubs from the site.
- Reduce excess leaves, pine needles, plant parts and low-hanging branches.
- Replace dense flammable plants with fire-resistant plants.
- The choice of plants, spacing and maintenance are crucial elements in any defensible space landscaping plan.

Tips for a Fire-Safe Landscape

- Create a defensible space perimeter by thinning trees and brush within 30 feet around your home.
- Beyond 30 feet, remove dead wood, debris and low tree branches.
- Eliminate small trees and plants growing under trees. They allow ground fires to jump into tree crowns.
- Space trees 30 feet apart and prune to a height of 8 to 10 feet.
- Place shrubs at least 20 feet from any structures and prune regularly.
- Plant the most drought-tolerant vegetation within three feet of your home and adjacent to structures to prevent ignition.
- Provide at least a 10 to 15 foot separation between islands of shrubs and plant groups to effectively break up continuity of vegetation.
- Landscape your property with fire-resistant plants and vegetation to prevent fire from spreading quickly.

Choose Fire-Resistant Materials

- Check your local nursery, forester or county extension service for advice on fire resistant plants that are suited for your environment.
- Create fire-safe zones with stone walls, patios, swimming pools, decks and roads.
- Use rock, mulch, flower beds and gardens as ground cover for bare spaces and firebreaks.
- There are no "fire-proof" plants. Select high moisture plants that grow close together and have a low sap or resin content.
- Choose plant species that resist ignition such as rockrose, iceplant and aloes.
- Fire-resistant shrubs include hedging roses, bush honeysuckles, currant, cotoneaster, sumac and shrub apples.
- Plant hardwood, maple, poplar and cherry trees that are less flammable than pine, fir and other conifers.

Maintain Your Home and Surrounding Property

- Maintain a well-pruned and watered landscape to reduce the risk of fire.
- Keep plants green during the dry season with regular irrigation, if necessary.
- Trim grass on a regular basis up to 100 feet from your home.
- Stack firewood at least 30 feet from your home.
• Store flammable materials, liquids and aerosols in metal containers outside the home at least 30 feet away from structures and wood.
- No matter where you live, always test smoke alarms on every level of your home. Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year. Consider installing the new long-life smoke alarms.

Maintain Home Heating Systems

- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned annually.
- Install chimneys and place spark arresters on the roof.
- Extend the chimney at least three feet above the roofline.
- Remove branches hanging above and around chimneys.

Have a Fire Safety and Evacuation Plan

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home.
- Test them monthly and change the batteries annually.
- Practice fire escape and evacuation plans.
- Mark the entrance to your property with signs that are clearly visible.
- Know which local emergency services are available and have those numbers posted.
- Provide emergency vehicle access through roads and driveways at least 12 feet wide with adequate turnaround space.
- Village ordinance requires you to have your street address visible (minimum 4" in height).

Follow Local Burning Laws

- Do not burn trash or other debris without proper knowledge of local burning laws, the village of Ruidoso does not allow outside burning of any type!

Did you know the Village of Ruidoso will pick up your pine needles and tree trimmings FREE of charge? Place near road, away from dumpsters and ditches. If commercial, please call for charges and arrangements for pickup. If you have any questions on pickup, call Solid Waste at 257-4001.



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RHS: Boys out to prove critics wrong

FROM PAGE 1B

And if the players do work hard, he said they can put all the low expectations to bed.

"Maybe it's just my nature to be optimistic, but I feel we can beat anyone we play."

Those are some tall words considering the Warriors' schedule. On top of two regular season games against Artesia, Ruidoso will also take part in the City of Champions Classic in Artesia Dec. 6-8. The Warriors are scheduled for an opening-round match-up with the Bulldogs.

Other tough non-district games come against Roswell Jan. 17 and in the season opener at Goddard Nov. 30.

The boys will get a chance to stack up against some competition Saturday when three teams, including Roswell, come to town for a scrimmage. That will be held at Ruidoso Middle School.

Page said he didn't think the two weeks between the scrimmage and the season opener will hurt his team.

As for last year's substantial crop of seniors, Page said that while he has stayed in touch with most of them, they haven't tried to come and help out their replacements.

"They know they left the program in good hands," he said.

How good those hands are is yet to be determined, of course. The coach said he's excited to find out.

"I'm anxious. I keep telling the kids, everyone says we're not supposed to be that good. This is our chance to prove some people wrong."

2001-2002 Ruidoso High School Boys Basketball Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Time |
|------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Nov. 17 | Scrimmage at RMS | TBA |
| Nov. 30 | at Goddard | 5:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 6-8 | at Artesia Tourney | TBA |
| Dec. 11 | vs. Tularosa | 6 p.m. |
| Dec. 14 | at Artesia | 6 p.m. |
| Dec. 15 | vs. Socorro | 4 p.m. |
| Dec. 22 | vs. Artesia | 6 p.m. |
| Dec. 27-29 | at Stu. Clark Tourney | TBA |
| Jan. 11 | at Portales* | 4 p.m. |
| Jan. 15 | at Santa Teresa* | 4 p.m. |
| Jan. 17 | at Roswell | 5:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 22 | vs. NMMJ* | 4 p.m. |
| Jan. 25 | at Lovington* | 4 p.m. |
| Feb. 1 | vs. Santa Teresa* | 4 p.m. |
| Feb. 9 | at NMMJ* | 4 p.m. |
| Feb. 12 | vs. Lovington* | 4 p.m. |
| Feb. 15 | vs. Portales* | 4 p.m. |
| Feb. 19-23 | District | TBA |

*District 4AAA game.



WES SCHWENGLS/STAFF

Warrior senior Christie LaPaz goes up for a layup during Wednesday's practice. He and his teammates are hoping to prove some critics wrong and make the state playoffs despite losing nine seniors from the 2000-2001 squad.

HORSE: Suspect is retired

FROM PAGE 1B

one else, so his racing career is over," said Therwhanger. "We're excited about his prospects as a stallion."

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SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Lincoln County Head Start children received their first free books through the Lincoln County Literacy Council, with shipping donated by Altrusa. Above, Altrusa volunteer Susan Vaughan demonstrates interactive books to be given to Head Start children at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center. Preschool teacher Lee Ann Longbotham is to Vaughan's left. In all, 621 books were provided for Lincoln County by First Books, a non-profit literacy organization for Family Literacy Month and Make a Difference Day, sponsored by USA Weekend Magazine and Points of Light Foundation. Children will receive another book at Christmas time and a third book on Feb. 14, National Read to Your Child Day.

Police identify impersonator

Woman who was arrested Nov. 3 gave officers someone else's name.

Chavez gave police the name, Krissie R. Lapaz at the time of the arrest and refused to sign her name or give her phone number or address, police said. Lapaz contacted the police and informed them that she had not been arrested.

She provided police with a copy of her driver's license and social security card and identified a picture of the suspect, Chavez.

"I want to know how she got my name. I didn't really know her," Lapaz said.

Police contacted magistrate court Nov. 13 and said charges were dismissed against Lapaz. Chavez appeared in court and told her real identity. She was sentenced to 182 days of probation and fined \$82.

"I want her to be prosecuted and pay for using my name," Lapaz said.

"I want her to be prosecuted and pay for using my name."

Krissie Lapaz misidentified

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Oct. 23, 2001, a son, Noah Tobias Duggar, to Lisa Duggar, 7 lb., 9.1 oz., 22"

Meeting Monday on ETZ regs

Two boards will discuss possible changes to regulations

Members of the two boards that oversee development in a 3-mile zone around the village of Ruidoso will meet Monday.

The joint meeting will give the Extraterritorial Zoning Authority and the ETZ Commission to discuss changes to the regulations governing

the district. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Ruidoso Village Hall.

The two groups have committed to drafting a new ordinance to cover items not foreseen in the 20-year-old document now used.

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Residents worry as area streams run dry

Water, its quantity, quality and location puzzle Lincoln County commissioners, plague prospective developers and worry existing homeowners. This story is part of a continuing series on the issue.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Sitting in their backyard, staring at a dry stream bed, Nora and William Midkiff recall years of seeing Eagle Creek flow during their visits to her parents' home in Lincoln County.

Two years ago, they bought that same house in a prime real estate area north of Ruidoso off Gavilan Canyon Road. Since then, they've seen neighbors' wells run dry and the intermittent creek stop running.

"I think we're the first casualty of the water management for the whole area," said Midkiff, an engineer. "There's not a person I've talked to in this area that hasn't suffered."

A major factor probably is the lack of rainfall and snow over an extended time period, Midkiff said. Underground water moves slowly and recharge can take years after a period of plentiful precipitation.

But other impacts may include water rights transfers for wells being pumped upstream, he said.

"What we've seen is a diminishment of the water all along Eagle Creek," he said.

He recalled that Nora's parents always were careful about their water use, but severe problems didn't crop up until this past summer.

The Midkiffs' well pump burned out and the new one can't produce enough water to keep up with the couple's water softener's demands.

"So I started inquiring with neighbors and I find that, without exception, they're suffering," he said, adding that the average financial impact per home is about \$10,000 with some 150-foot wells being dug to 450 feet.

Wells in at least two locations went dry and owners had to haul water. Others drilled to a greater depth to improve their wells.

"People moved here because it's an oasis in the desert," Midkiff said. "It's hard to put a value on the Ruidoso River. It's why Ruidoso exists. It's a similar situation here."

The Midkiffs question why the State Engineer isn't more involved in follow-up tracking

of the effects of larger production wells he approves for subdivisions, golf courses and closer to home, the village of Ruidoso. One aspect considered in any transfer of water rights is the possible impairment to owners of other water rights, Midkiff pointed out.

"I want to know if the law is being properly enforced and do we have the state to defend us or do we have to cough up the money?" Midkiff asked.

State Engineer Tom Turney, who was Midkiff's student when he taught water treatment at New Mexico State University, said affected property owners probably have to fend for themselves.

"After the permit is issued, we typically retain jurisdiction for 30 days," he said. "After that, I have no jurisdiction. Occasionally, if I am worried about impairment of existing wells, I will retain jurisdiction and I will go back and look at it in five years and I may modify it. But otherwise, I have no authority to go back in and open up an old permit."

Impairment also is open to interpretation, he said.

"It's not necessarily that you are being impaired just because you have to dig a deeper well," Turney said, citing a Supreme Court ruling from a case in Roswell.

He could not comment on this particular situation, but said when applications are received by his office, they are advertised and people have a right to protest.

Until recently, however, water rights transfers around Ruidoso often were advertised in an Albuquerque newspaper.

If protests are received, a hearing is conducted and possible impairment among other things is examined, he said.

If the wells or water rights transfers were approved, "We must have felt it was not going to impair anyone's water rights, or not substantially — that they could get water by digging a deeper well," he said. "Wells could be going dry from lack of precipitation, which is the condition throughout the Sacramento Mountains."

He advised anyone who is worried about the impact of other wells in their areas to check permits.

"We often hear about wells after the fact," he said. "We do not approve a lot of them. By drilling, they impact a lot of other wells."

While the Midkiffs dig into records and research data looking for answers, they watch old cottonwoods along the dry stream bed die and see fewer and fewer elk with no water to draw them.



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Nora and William Midkiff sit alongside a dry stream bed in their back yard. The couple recall seeing the creek flow during their visits to her parents' Lincoln County home. Since they bought their home two years ago, the intermittent stream has stopped flowing.

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Buggy makes trip to honor veterans at Fort Stanton

Driver's objective was to lay a wreath at cemetery

BY AMANDA WITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Terry Lee, 52, traveled in his biogenic buggy to Fort Stanton Cemetery Sunday in honor of Veterans Day Sunday to place a wreath on the Merchant Marines Memorial.

Last year in the Triple000Tour, Lee traveled 2,000 miles from Roswell to Washington, D.C. to place a wreath at the Arlington National Cemetery and the Firefighters Memorial at Emmetsburg, Md.

Lee lives in Tinnie and works at the Silver Dollar restaurant.

He first dreamed of traveling to Washington, D.C. by buggy 20 years ago, when he was doing a lecture series in Kansas.

While lecturing, he drove the team from Kansas to Arkansas, a 1,000-mile journey. Lee lectured on biogenics and pulled a small cart behind the buggy to show people that they don't have to have a large space to grow healthy food. Lee is a vegetarian.

"I took 20 years off and kept the horses and the buggy," Lee said.

He left Roswell on July 1 with the buggy, two horses and a trailer for the horse not pulling the buggy.

Lee traveled through New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia and Washington, D.C. and arrived in Washington, D.C. Nov. 10.

Lee placed the wreath at Arlington Cemetery on Veterans Day.

He traveled with two other people, one who only lasted two weeks and the other who lasted not quite half the trip.

"The last 1,100 miles I did by myself and with the help of people a long the way," Lee said.

Lee returned to Tinnie with the help of people he met on his journey who took him as far as they could with the help of his



AMANDA WITT/STAFF

Lee with one of the two horses that pull the "biogenic buggy." The two horses split the time for long journeys.

car trailer. He returned to Tinnie in February after staying with family for a month in Kansas.

"Once people found out my goals and objectives, they met me with open arms. The farther east I got, the more well known I was," Lee said.

This Veterans Day, he was joined by two young neighbors, Patrick and Holly Perkins from Tinnie.

Lee decided to place the wreath on the Merchant Marines Memorial as a result of meeting Merchant Marines who gave him the idea.

Lee is a Navy Veteran who served in Key West, Fla. from 1968 to 1969.

But despite the current situation in Afghanistan, he said he believes in promoting peace.

He is currently working on a book about his cross-country journey, which will feature photos of the states he traveled through.

As for next year, Lee plans to travel to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Eagle Nest.

"I continue to travel to memorials and always promote peace," Lee said.



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Terry Lee of Tinnie, shows his "biogenic buggy" that traveled to Fort Stanton on Veteran's Day where he placed a wreath at the Merchant Marines Memorial.

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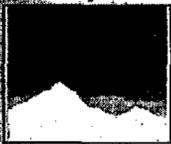
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FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8:00-2:00. 200 Gavilan Canyon space #3.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY and Sunday. Misc. home furnishings, tools, etc.

MULTI-FAMILY SALE, 117 Rim Road (Hull North to High Loop, right to Rim).

SATURDAY, 8:00-12:00. Space #77 Cherokee Mobile Village.

SATURDAY, 8:00-7, 101 Vall in Sun Valley, follow signs past Alto Post Office.

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THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO DOWNS is accepting applications for POLICE OFFICER. Non-Certified \$10.85 hourly. Certified \$11.33 hourly. Excellent benefit package. Must be 21 or older, possess valid Driver's License and High School Diploma or GED. Must pass background investigation, medical and psychological exam, firearms and drug screening. Complete Job Description and Applications at Village Hall, 122 Downs Dr., Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346. Phone 505-378-4422 or 1-888-505-4422 or fax, 505-378-4586. Deadline for application Friday, 11/30/01 at 4:00 PM. EEOE

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Eastern New Mexico University Ruidoso Instruction Center Ruidoso, New Mexico

Join our team of talented professionals at ENMU's Ruidoso Center! Applications are being solicited for the following Support Staff position: Library Assistant I Successful applicants must be a high school or GED graduate with at least two years of clerical or library experience. Preferred qualifications include previous college coursework and work experience in an academic library. Must be proficient in use of standard office equipment, multi-line telephone, computers and the Internet. Applicants should also possess excellent written, verbal, customer service, organizational skills. Successful candidates must have the ability to work flexible hours with limited supervision including early evenings and weekends. Bilingual skills (Spanish/English) are also preferred but not required. Beginning Salary is \$7.82 per hour (ENMU Grade 3 Level 5). Fringe benefits include group medical, dental, and vision insurance, and college tuition assistance. Full time position (40 hours per week). Anticipated Start Date: December 3, 2001

Interested applicants must provide a letter of application, current resume and a completed University application. Applications accepted until Position is filled. For more information, contact Mr. Jim Pawlak, Librarian the Ruidoso Center of ENMU 709 Mechem Drive Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 (505) 257-2120 http://www.ruidoso.enmu.edu ENMU is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Employer

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THE DEMING Headlight has an immediate opening for a full-time reporter with print experience. College graduate preferred but not necessary. Send resume, three professional references and three best clips to Editor, Deming Headlights, P.O. Box 881, Deming, NM 88031

The Ruidoso News is looking for a Telemarketer. Position is part-time Mon.-Fri. Base salary+commission DOE. Submit resume to Ruidoso News PO Box 128 Ruidoso, NM 88355 or email resume to btrout@ruidosonews.com EOE

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SUPPORT MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

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390 WORK WANTED

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400 SERVICES

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FIREWOOD Cedar • Juniper \$1300 per load 648-1888 Carrizozo

FIREWOOD: SEASONED split. Various types, lengths and amounts. Delivered, and stacked. 257-5808

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SEASONED FIREWOOD for sale, Juniper & Cedar. Delivered 257-3119

SEASONED FIREWOOD: Juniper, cedar, pinon. Pick up only. Also, seasoned Juniper, cedar, pinon, downed wood available to cut. Preston Stone 364-2356.

SEASONED PINON, Juniper, Pine mix. \$136 cord, picked up, half cord \$75. Delivery \$50 and \$35. Respectively. (No Carrying). 338-4524

450 AUCTIONS

CONSIGNMENT AUCTION DEMING, NM DATE: 11/17, 18 & 19, 2002 TIME: 9:30 A.M. Each Day LOCATED: 4 MILES SOUTH OF DEMING, NM ON HWY 111 (CORNER HWY 111 WATCH FOR SIGNS). PLEASE NOTE: This is an advanced notice of the auction. If you have any questions, please call. Call 257-336-3923. www.1111.com

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600 LEGALS

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Lot 4, Crest, A Town House Project, White Mountain Estates, Unit 4, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION. /s/Tim Vega Planning Department 8817-1T(11)16

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN 12 JUDICIAL DISTRICT Case No. CV00-282

First Bank Milwaukee, N.A. as Trustee for the Registered Holder of Suborn Bros. Mortgage Securities VII, Inc. New Century Asset-Backed Floating Rate Certificates, series 1989-NcB, Patne Webber

Plaintiff(s), vs. (1) Ann Ella Dullea (2) Beneficial New Mexico, Inc. (3) Unknowns: All Unknown Occupants And/OR Tenants Of The Subject Real Estate (4) Unknowns: All Unknown Spouses Of Any Party Hereto And All Other Persons Living Or Dead Whose Names Are Unknown, Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject real Estate

Defendant(s). Amended Notice of Special Master's Sale of Real Estate

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MATTER, THE SPECIAL MASTER INDICATED BELOW WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER IN LAWFUL MONEY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED BELOW.

THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF SAID SALE IS: Date: November 28, 2001 Place: Front steps of the Lincoln County Courthouse 300 Central Ave., Carrizozo, NM 88091 Time: 10:00 a.m.

Common Description: 215 S. Farnell Avenue Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346

Legal Description: Lot 4, Block 2, of Palo Verde Subdivision, Unit 4, Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the Plat Thereof filed in the Office of the County Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on December 28, 1944.

The date of the Court Order is September 10, 2001, pursuant to which an Order of Sale was issued on September 10, 2001. The referenced Court Order entered judgment for Plaintiff for \$58,853.12 plus interest, costs of this action, including all costs of the sale and costs to preserve the Real Estate, including as valorem property taxes. Additional interest of \$18.04 per day shall accrue to this date of said sale.

Special Master: Jennie Nancy Ruidoso, NM 88355 (505)258-2202

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/Philip M. Klein Smith, #6261 6038 Erin Park Dr., #203 Colorado Springs, CO 80918 1-800-842-8417 3790 4T(10)26, (11)2, 9, 16

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT No. CV-01-72-III

WELLS FARGO BANK MINNESOTA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, fka Northwest Bank Minnesota, National Association as Trustee for WFC Mortgage Loan Trust, 1999-BC4, Plaintiff,

vs. JAMES G. GILMORE, MARIELLA E. GILMORE, D.T. COLLINS JR, ADRIAN CIATES, P.C., RUIDOSO STATE BANK, JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE Notice is hereby given that on December 12, 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 107 Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs, and is situate in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 12, Block 4, of Palo Verde, Unit 1, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the Plat Thereof filed in the Office of the County Clerk and Ex-Officio recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on December 28, 1944.

The foregoing sale will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court on the above-entitled and numbered cause on October 23, 2001, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$69,322.57 and the same bears interest at eleven percent (11.00%) per annum from September 16, 2001. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,083.99. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff will apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

Notice is further given that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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Lot 9, Block 6, Town & Country Estates, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION. /s/Tim Vega Planning Department 3818 1T(11)16

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold its regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2001, at 7:00 p.m., to be held at the Community Church in Lincoln, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the November 20, 2001, meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting.

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

/s/Martha Guevara Assistant County Manager 3819 1T(11)16

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MEETING Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2001, at 10:00 a.m., at the Watson House in Lincoln, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the November 20, 2001, meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting.

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/s/Martha Guevara Assistant County Manager 3820 1T(11)16

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Lot 20A, Block CC, Central Sd Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION. /s/Tim Vega Planning Department 3821 1T(11)16

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MEETING Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Board for the Village of Ruidoso will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2001 6:30 PM, in the Village Council Room in the Village of Ruidoso Downs.

REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE for placement of Mobile Home by Dailish Ordorica, owner at 438 Downs Dr.

REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE at 302 Riverview requested by Natalie Koch, owner.

REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE for placement of Mobile Home by Tracy Cobos at Lot 28 Block 5, Valley View Subdivision.

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- 1 Kipling poem
- 11 Fixes
- 15 Shock
- 16 ___ above
- 17 Firing people?
- 18 Bonnie Tyler's "Heartache"
- 19 Recital hall shout
- 20 It may be armed
- 22 Part of a gym workout
- 26 Thing to steer clear of
- 27 It may be spiced
- 28 "Serpico" author
- 30 Sound units
- 31 Annual list preparer
- 35 Ship letters
- 36 Nanny's handful, to put it mildly
- 38 ___-Magnon
- 40 Wiltshire wonder
- 44 Profiteers from
- 46 Time and a half, e.g.
- 47 Poetic adverb
- 48 Partner for high
- 51 It borders Marie Byrd Land
- 53 Demi Moore was in it
- 55 Brits' thank-yous
- 56 90° from sur
- 57 Like an unhelpful explanation
- 62 Win
- 63 Together
- 64 High fliers
- 65 Who's there

DOWN

- 1 Fraud monitoring agcy.
- 2 Tail: Prefix
- 3 Livingstone resident
- 4 Conductor Mehta
- 5 Singer seen in the 1954 film "Secret of the Incas"
- 6 Peasants' Revolt leader
- 7 Hagen of Broadway
- 8 Brass component
- 9 Strangely, Frank Beard is its only beardless member
- 10 Like some questions
- 11 Sentence structure?
- 12 Efforts
- 13 They may be pulled
- 14 Parts of a union
- 21 Shots from the foul line: Abbr.
- 22 Some change: Abbr.
- 23 "Isn't ___ bit like you and me?" (Beal's lyric)
- 24 Bargains
- 25 French toast
- 29 Flavor
- 32 Began to act
- 33 Kind of nerve or artery
- 34 Tend
- 37 Stephen King title
- 38 Salad and dessert
- 39 Rapper's noise
- 41 WKRP news director Les
- 42 "You don't say!"
- 43 Time
- 44 Dries out, with "up"
- 45 Nurse
- 49 Russian retreat
- 50 Quite a display
- 52 Princess in Woolf's "Orlando"
- 54 ___ State
- 58 Stock ending
- 59 It's worth very little in Japan
- 60 Tar Heels' sch.
- 61 He ran with R.M.N.

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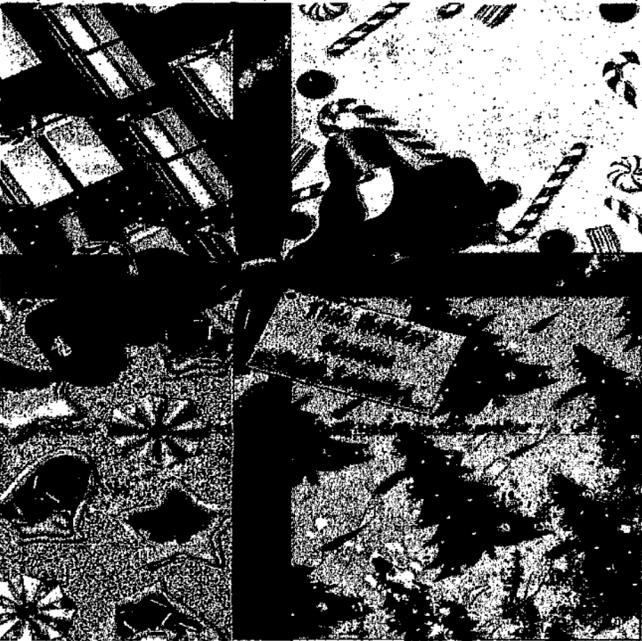
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HOME & FAMILY

The Lincoln County Ministerial Alliance continues its long-standing tradition A Community Thanksgiving

Music will provide the centerpiece Sunday, when some three dozen churches in the county join to give thanks — and support a program helping stranded travelers.

The 2001 Lincoln County Ministerial Alliance Community Thanksgiving Service will be Sunday at the First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road, beginning at 7 p.m. It is planned as something of a music spectacular.

The Ruidoso Community Bell Choir, directed by Sue Vinsant, and the Ruidoso Community Choir, directed by Danny Flores, will offer special hymns and anthems to highlight the ecumenical service.

Choirs from the First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs and the First Christian Church also will provide worship music. Pam Schuetz will direct the Downs choir, Vinsant the host church choir.

Preaching will be the Rev. Bob Sawyer, the new pastor at the Community Methodist Church in Ruidoso.

Others to participate in the service are the Rev. Harold Perry, Capitan Foursquare



Ministerial Alliance pastors taking part in Community Thanksgiving services Sunday include, from left, top row, Harold Perry, Charlie Hale, Randy Widener; bottom row, Jim Smith, Fran Redinger, John Penn.

Church; the Rev. Charlie Hale, Angus Church of the Nazarene; the Rev. Randy Widener, First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs; the Rev. Jim Smith, First Christian Church; the Rev. John Penn, the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount; and Fran Redinger, lay chaplain at the Lincoln County Medical Center.

Sunday's Thanksgiving service is one of four sponsored annually by the Ministerial Alliance, a group of clergy and chaplains representing some 39 churches in Lincoln County and on the Mescalero Apache Reservation in neighboring Otero County.

The alliance operates a common ministry to transients,

which provides help to people who find themselves stranded in Lincoln County, where minimal social services are available.

The transient program is operated in cooperation with a number of law enforcement agencies in the county, including the Ruidoso Police Department, the Ruidoso Downs Police Department and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

Carol Marsh, administrative secretary at the Church of the Holy Mount, has a close-up view of the role the alliance has in dealing with transients, "probably because this church is so visible."

Hundreds of transients are helped by the alliance every year, she said. "Often as not, we find

the best solution is to buy them a bus ticket and send them somewhere with more social services. Ruidoso doesn't really have any means for caring for the homeless."

She said, "Those of us who live here year-round or who frequently visit know that we have a great deal to be thankful for — beautiful scenery, an almost ideal climate, friendly neighbors and a supportive community, where we reach out to help each other when wildfire or other disaster threatens us. But what happens if you're stuck here because your vehicle broke down or the job you heard about doesn't pan out? Lincoln County can be a pretty dismal place to find yourself down on your luck."

The alliance's ministry often is the only source of hope and help for people who find themselves without funds, where there are no homeless shelters nor community kitchens, she said.

"It works closely with law enforcement; in fact, every person seeking help is checked against the national 'wanted' data bank."

Offerings from four ecumenical services — at Thanksgiving and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of Holy Week before Easter — are the primary source of money to help those stranded travelers, Marsh said.

"Please count your own blessings and share with those less fortunate," she said.

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

Nov 16, 1951

Car leaps 150 feet; none hurt

Neither of two passengers in a 1949 Chevrolet coach were injured when their automobile catapulted 150 feet down an embankment upon leaving the road on Highway 70, nine miles east of Green Tree Sunday afternoon. Patrolman S. J. Smith of Green Tree surmised the auto skidded on wet pavement... The car did not overturn and the two men, soldiers stationed at Walker AFB, Roswell, rode it 'til it stopped. The car was owned by Elvin Jackson, who was driving. His companion was Robert Griffie. The car was damaged considerably but only their nerves suffered any hurt.

Nov 17, 1961

New agency head at Mescalero

Promotion of Kenneth L. Payton, 35, to be superintendent of the Mescalero Indian Agency was announced last week by the Interior Department in Washington, D. C.

Payton has been acting as superintendent of the Con-Ute Agency in Ignacio, Colo.

During the time that former superintendent Johnson is attending a meeting concerning Indian affairs in Gallup, administrative officer Albert Rennie has been acting superintendent at Mescalero.

Nov 19, 1971

Thanksgiving service set

The annual Ruidoso Area Community Thanksgiving Service is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 24, in the sanctuary of the Church of the Holy Mount at 7 p.m., according to the Ministerial Alliance.

Guest speaker for the service is Rev. Frank Crown, pastor of the Ruidoso First Presbyterian Church. Rev. John Miner, pastor of the Church of the Holy Mount, will officiate the services. He will be assisted by Rev. Eugene Dolan, pastor of St. Eleanor's Catholic Church; Rev. Kenneth Cole, pastor of the Ruidoso First Christian Church; and Rev. Leon Bruce, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Ruidoso.

Nov 19, 1981

Ruidoso's Yule tree picked

Ruidoso's 1981 Christmas tree, a gigantic white fir picked by Chamber of Commerce members for its beauty Tuesday afternoon, was tagged with a yellow ribbon by Mike Funston, timber assistant for the Smokey Bear Ranger District. In the next few days it will be cut and hauled from the Krause Canyon area and replanted at the "Y" junction of Highways 70 and 37.

Nov 21, 1991

Villages mull Metro Police Force

A marriage of two small police forces could result in a Metro Police Department serving the villages of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs.

On Tuesday night, the elected officials of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs conducted a public workshop to explore the possibility of merging law enforcement into a more efficient and less costly... department.

Mayor Ronnie Addis of Ruidoso Downs... prefaced the workshop by stressing that it was for fact-finding and information sharing only.

The Mounds make a birthday a family affair — in 3 generations

BY AMANDA WITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Dick Mound, 69, and his son Sean Mound, 40, celebrated their birthdays together on Oct. 20 with the arrival of Sean's son, Jonathan, at 1:02 p.m. at Seton Northwest Hospital in Cedar Park, Texas.

Grandmother Carol said Dick and Sean always try to celebrate their birthdays together. This year, Carol and Dick traveled from Ruidoso to Cedar Park on Friday for the birthday celebrations. Cedar Park is about 60 miles northwest of Austin.

The baby was due on Nov. 7 but his mother, Patty Mound, went into labor on Saturday morning. Sean the father, was due on Oct. 27, Mound said.

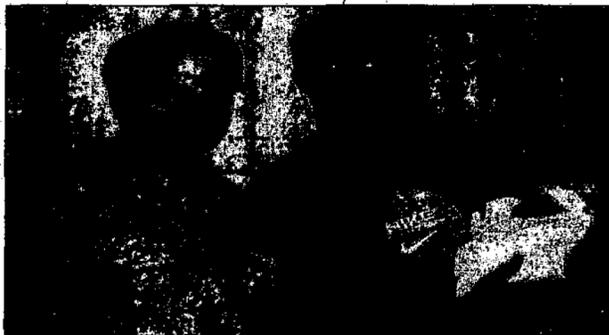
"We were very surprised that he came on that day," Carol Mound said. Mound's sister was born on her 14th birthday; she said it runs in her family.

Jonathan weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 19 inches in length. His mother was in labor with him for six hours. Carol Mound said Jonathan's father's birth was more difficult — he weighed 10 pounds, 5 ounces.

"We were in the room just 10 minutes after Jonathan was born. It was a family event," Mound said.

Sean said he was praying for the birth to be on Oct. 20 and told the school where he is employed that the baby would be born on that day. The doctor was planning to induce labor on Oct. 24. "I asked the doctor if we could induce on the 20th... he said, no way," Sean said.

He added that the family had no idea whether Jonathan was a boy or girl before he was born. "We wanted to be surprised," he said.



Sharing a birthday are grandfather Dick, father Sean and the newest arrival, Jonathan Mound

In the first part of the pregnancy, Sean thought the baby was a boy and that he might be born on his birthday because of how close it was to the due date. But later on, his wife's friends were convinced the baby was a girl and he started feeling the same, Sean said.

The baby's father noticed the baby was a boy even before the doctor could confirm the baby's gender.

Sean Mound graduated from Ruidoso High School in 1978. He now is a varsity basketball coach at Cedar Park High School. New mother Patty is a kindergarten teacher at Naumann Elementary School.

Jonathan has a sister, Chelsie, 11, and a brother, Patrick, 8.

"Chelsie wants to hold him as soon as she

gets home from school and wants to hold him all the time," Mound said.

Mound said his mother and father usually travel to Cedar Park to celebrate because it is the beginning of basketball season and it is difficult for him to get away. They usually attend the October Fest or eat at Joe's Crab Shack because his father enjoys them, Sean said.

Sean's aunt and uncle try to come up from Austin to help celebrate. "We try to get as much family together as possible," Sean Mound said.

This year the family, minus Jonathan and his mother, ate dinner at an Italian restaurant.

Grandfather Dick spent the day with his grandson, Patrick, who was in a baseball tournament, returning to the tournament after dinner. Although there was no birthday cake this year, they did enjoy some Italian desserts at the restaurant, Sean Mound said.

The Mounds are native New Mexicans; Dick and his family and have lived in Ruidoso since 1969. They also have a son, Rick, who lives in Flowerland, Texas, with his wife and two children and a daughter, Cindy, who lives in Albuquerque with her husband.

Jonathan's grandmother said the new baby is doing great. At his checkup on Nov. 5, he had grown an inch and weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces.

"I've always felt special, more in touch with my dad, because we were born on the same day," Sean said.

"As Jonathan gets older, I hope we are able to spend our birthdays together, as dad and I do now."

Old Lincoln remembers its veterans of many wars

Luminaries glowed in Lincoln town Sunday night. They were lit in memory of the service personnel of the area, of both the past and the present.

The memorial service was sponsored by the Lincoln State Monument.

Erica and Jennifer DeSantos opened the service with their rendition of "God Bless America."

Sara Gutierrez gave a presentation of our flag and the people who helped form the nation in the late 1700s.

Sara, who is a naturalized citizen, told how much it meant to her to be a citizen of the United States. It was her choice, and

the flag means so much to her. She does not believe we really appreciate the meaning of the flag.

She displayed a flag that has a special meaning — the people of Lincoln presented it to her when she became a naturalized citizen of the United States.

Veterans present gave a brief summary of their service in the Air Force, Marines... service in World War II, Vietnam, Desert Storm, the Philippines and other areas of conflict. Those who have had relatives in the service included World War I through today.

Erica and Jennifer then sang "Amazing

Grace."

Sonny Gonzales, 9 years old, was Sara's helper, holding the flag, and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Erica closed the service with the "Star Spangled Banner." It was so nice to have the younger generation participate in the services.

Refreshments were served after the services. A birthday cake celebrating the 22nd birthday of Monica Gonzales, was baked by her brother, Martine. Monica is currently in the service. She is the daughter of Sara Gutierrez and Manny Gonzales.

The Lincoln County FCE clubs held a joint meeting at the Capitan fair building Wednesday. Following a short meeting, Ralph Dunlap presented a program on Uzbekistan.

The Creative Memories group held their retreat at Fort Lone Tree over the weekend. Kendall and Marshall Wilson were working on their 4-H projects. The next retreat is scheduled for Feb. 8-10, 2002.

Our local author, Steve Havil, has had another book published.



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Ruidoso PA receives statewide recognition

David Vity of Ruidoso was recognized last month by the New Mexico Academy of Physician Assistants with the Distinguished Fellow Physician Assistant Award for 2001.

Presented by Lori Daggett, NMAPA president, the award recognizes Vity's service, educational involvement, support of the academy, and commitment to health care in New Mexico.

Vity received his bachelor of medicine-physician assistant degree in 1994 from the University of Florida College of Medicine. He has worked in Ruidoso since 1996. He has spent much of his medical career working in rural areas and now helps staff the emergency room and clinics associated with Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso.



David Vity of Ruidoso was honored for service.

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COMMUNITY THANK-YOU

Halloween effort benefits UNICEF

UNICEF "Trick or Treat" (or Kids Helping Kids) orange boxes arrived in Ruidoso on the afternoon of Oct. 30. They were in the hands of kids ready to help kids by noon on Oct. 31.

Within a three-day period, contributions totaled \$804. The United Nations Children's Fund matches each dollar with 25 cents.

Thanks to the mayors of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, and Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs firefighters.

Thanks also to kids from White Mountain Elementary School, White Mountain Intermediate School, principals and staff, teachers, parents.

And to the Chamber of Commerce, Rod Adamson, Truman and Phyllis Barnett, Jack and Beverly Carpenter, Coldwell Banker, First National Bank, Chuck

Hawthorne, Pioneer Savings, Pizza Hut, Rotary, Ruidoso MLS, Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino, SS Classes, Terrence and Lisa Smith, John Underwood, Walgreens, Wal-Mart, Bill and Zana Willey, KBUY, KRUI, TMS and the Ruidoso News.

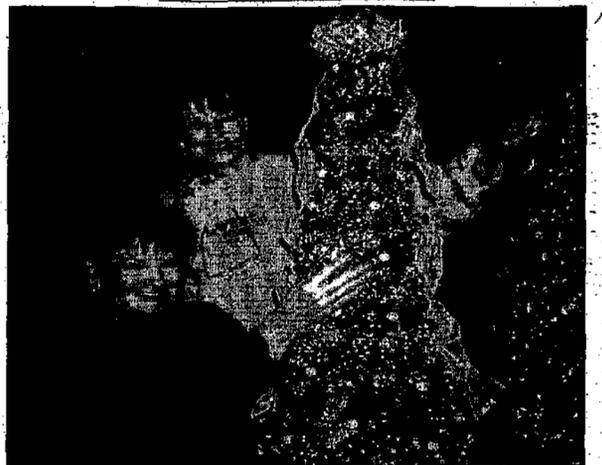
Thirty-eight pounds of change was counted at the First National Bank. There was much evidence of piggy banks being emptied.

Boxes returned contained many pennies and other change, as well as bills — \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20.

Each box had a personality of its own.

"Trick or Treat" for UNICEF was aired on CNN's Larry King Live as he interviewed three of the "Kids Helping Kids" from the U. S. A. UNICEF Ruidoso Volunteers

DISTINCTIVE TREES



COURTESY ALTRUSA

The Altrusa Club of Ruidoso will hold its second annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale and Pine Cone Christmas Tree drawing Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce building. Tickets for the 3-foot tree drawing are \$5 and will be available at the Chamber. Shown are Altrusans Terri Trotter and Bobby Millburn.

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| <p>BAPTIST Trinity Southern Baptist Church (south on Highway 48) Mt. Capitan Rd. 354-2044, Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Worship: 11 a.m.; AWANA-Sunday 4-6 p.m.</p> <p>CATHOLIC Sacred Heart Catholic Church Capitan, 354-9102, Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.; Monday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.</p> <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST Capitan - Highway 48, Les Earwood, Minister, Sunday Bible study: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.</p> <p>FOUR SQUARE Capitan Four Square 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.</p> | <p>METHODIST Capitan United Methodist Church Pastor Johanna Anderson 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.</p> <p>NON-DENOMINATIONAL Christ Community Fellowship Capitan, Highway 380 West, 354-2458, Ed Vinson, Pastor, Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.</p> | <p>ASSEMBLY OF GOD The Word of Life Church Rev. Chuck Fulton, pastor/648-2339, 711 E. Ave., Carrizozo, NM. Affiliated w/ the Evangelistic Assembly Church, Sunday 7:00 pm.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST Perry Zumwalt, minister, Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM, Sunday School 10:00</p> | <p>Worship Service 11:00 am; Evening Worship 1:15 pm; Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm.</p> <p>EPISCOPAL St. Mathias Episcopal Chapel Carrizozo, 6th & E Street, Sunday, Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>METHODIST United Methodist Church Parish Thirly - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846, Carrizozo, Johanna Anderson, pastor, Sunday school 10:00 a.m.; Sunday worship 11:30 a.m.; Choir Practice (1st & 2nd) 6:30 pm; United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wed. 1:00 pm; Fellowship Dinner 4th Sun. of month 12:30 pm.</p> <p>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.</p> |

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| <p>ASSEMBLY OF GOD Apache Indian Assembly of God Mesalero, 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>First Baptist Church 420 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345, (505) 257-2081, Tim Gilliland, Pastor, Service times: Saturday 7 p.m. Pre-Worship, Sunday - 8:15 a.m. Praise & Worship, 11 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.</p> <p>First Baptist Church Ruidoso Downs, Randy Widener, Pastor, Sundays, Worship hour 11 a.m. Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; Evening worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.</p> <p>First Baptist Church Thirnie, Bill Jones, Pastor, Sunday school: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m.</p> <p>Iglesia Bautista Vida 420 Mechem Drive (Boulevard Classroom) Ramon Robledo, Pastor, C. de Predicacion 3 p.m. Mesalero Baptist Mission Mesalero, Sunday: Sunday school 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.; Training union 6:30 p.m.</p> | <p>Wednesday services 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>BAHA'I FAITH Bahai Faith Meeting in members' homes, 257-2987 or 336-7739</p> <p>CATHOLIC St. Eleanor Catholic Church Ruidoso, 257-2330, Reverend Al Galvan, Sacrament of Penance: Sat. 5:00 p.m. or by appointment Sat. Mass: 6 p.m. (Bilingual); Sun. Mass: 10 a.m. (English), 11:30 a.m. (Spanish); Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 5 to 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass, St. Jude Thaddeus, San Francisco 8 a.m.</p> <p>St. Theresa Catholic Church Corona, Sunday Mass 6 p.m.</p> <p>St. Joseph Apache Mission Mesalero, Father Paul Botenbogen, Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Our Lady of Guadalupe Bent, Father Paul Botenbogen, Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.</p> <p>CHRISTIAN Crosspoint Christian Fellowship A Christ Centered Church Ruidoso Senior Center, 701 Sudderth Drive, 258-1492, Steve Knieps, Pastor, Pre-service prayer 9 a.m.; Sunday worship service 10 a.m.; Children's Church, 10 a.m. Small group meetings, including youth group, at various times and locations.</p> <p>First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Hull and Cavilan 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.</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Church of Jesus Christ LDS Mesalero 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.</p> <p>EPISCOPAL Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount 121 Mesalero Trail, Ruidoso, Father John W. Penn, Rector, Sunday Eucharist: 8 & 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Daughters of King: noon; Eucharist & healing: 5:30 p.m.; Choir practice: 7 p.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>FULL GOSPEL Mission Fellowship of Living Water San Patricio, Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Evening service: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday and Friday.</p> <p>SUNDAY PUBLIC Bible 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. Congregation Hispana</p> | <p>de los Testigos de Jehova 106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 336-7076, Don: Reunion Publica 10:00 am, Estudio de la Alaboya 10:50 a.m. Mart: Escuela del Ministerio Teocratico 7 p.m.; Reunion de servicio 7:50 p.m.; Jov: Estudio de libro 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>LUTHERAN MO. Synod Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church 1120 Hull Road, 258-4191, 257-5236, Kevin L. Krohn, Pastor, Sunday: Worship 8:30 a.m. (Wg. Oct.), 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Thursday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., call for location.</p> <p>METHODIST Community United Methodist Church Junction Road, behind "The Coffee House", Bob Sawyer, Pastor, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m., 10:35 a.m.</p> <p>PENTECOSTAL The Apostles of Lincoln County Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth, 364-4906 or 430-6654, Pastor, Art Dunn, Saturday evening worship 6 p.m.</p> <p>NAZARENE Angus Church of the Nazarene Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032, Charles Hill, Pastor, Sat. Alternative Worship, 6:30 pm; Sunday School, 9:45 am; 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.</p> <p>PRESBYTERIAN First Presbyterian Church 101 Sutter Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220, Cathy E. Crutler, Pastor, Sunday: Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; worship 11 a.m. Potluck fellowship after worship the third Sunday of every month. Mountain Ministry</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>REFORMED CHURCH Mesalero Reformed Mesalero, Bob Schult, Pastor, Sunday: Church school 9:30 a.m.; worship 10:30 a.m.; Junior high youth 6:30 p.m. Wed. - high school meeting 7 p.m. Thru: Kids Club (grades 1-5) 3:30.</p> <p>SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST Ruidoso Seventh Day Adventist 207 Parkway Agnes Fria, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4161, Pastor Earl Robertson 335-439-0769, Assoc. Pastor Wilburn Morrow 622-1206, Saturday Sabbath school 9:30 a.m.; Church service: 11 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.</p> <p>UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH Sacramento Mountains Unitarian Universalist Church, meeting in members' homes. Call 258-1881, www.unusm.com/ussmuc</p> <p>NON-DENOMINATIONAL Abundant Life Family Church 2810 Sudderth Drive, Suite 210, 257-1188, Mark Centry, pastor, Sunday worship 8:30 a.m. Thursday Bible study 7 p.m.</p> <p>American Missionary Fellowship Rick Smith, 662-2999, Monday: Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m. at Schlotzky's Deli. Tuesday: Ruidoso men's Bible study from at Pizza Hut, Mechem Drive, Wednesday: (Sept. through May) Captain Jo High and Sr. High Youth Groups 6:50 p.m. at Chris Community Fellowship. E-mail: Rick@americanmissionary.org</p> <p>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, 257-2234, Pastor Carlos Canedo, Resun General Jueves 7:00 p.m.; Domingo 10:00 a.m. Club Amistad Sabado 11:00 a.m. (niños). Christ Church in the Downs Ruidoso Downs, 378-8464, Al and Marty Lane, Pastors, Sunday: Children's ministries concurrent with Sunday Services 9:30 a.m.; worship 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.; Thursdays: 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 578-4840 for more info. Grace Harvest Church Cavilan 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, Joanne Price, Pastor, Morning chapel: 6:50 a.m. (Sept. - June); Sunday Service: 11 a.m.</p> |

BUSINESS

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Valor Telecom's customer service department will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22, and the next day, Nov. 23. Valor provides local telephone service in the Ruidoso area.

A Valor press release said the repair center will be open on Thanksgiving Day and the following day. Customers can call the normal repair number, 611 locally or (877) 520-5210 toll-free.

Customer Service will resume normal business hours on Monday, Nov. 26. The Monday after Thanksgiving is historically the heaviest customer service call volume day of the year for telephone companies.

Customers may experience delays when contacting Valor's Customer Service Department Nov. 26, the press release said.

Realtors set MLS tour

The Ruidoso Board of Realtors has announced plans for a consolidated Multiple Listing Service (MLS) property tour Nov. 16.

The tour is a collaborative effort by all Ruidoso real estate offices participating in MLS to tour new residential listings in the area.

"Many times the MLS tour is

the place that property will be found," Van Patton, new president of the Ruidoso Board of Realtors, said.

The tour had been conducted in the past, but Patton wanted to try it again. The MLS tour will be conducted on Wednesday and will allow agents to see more new listings without duplicating their own office tours, which are on Tuesday, Patton said.

SBA reacts to attacks

NEW YORK — The U. S. Small Business Administration has approved more than \$100 million in disaster loans to businesses and individuals in New York City following the Sept. 11 terror attacks on the World Trade Center, SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto said. In the disaster area around the Pentagon in northern Virginia, the SBA approved 30 disaster loans totaling more than \$4.8 million.

Barreto also noted that the SBA has a special economic injury loan program for small businesses that have suffered substantial economic injury because a key employee (including owners/operators) is a reservist and has been called to active military duty.



AMANDA WITT/STAFF

Angela Brazel sets a table in the newly refurbished Piñon Restaurant in the Cree Meadows Country Club. Some service clubs have already reserved the banquet room.

BY AMANDA WITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Cree Meadows Country Club reopened its restaurant and bar on Nov. 3 to a sold-out crowd.

The Piñon Restaurant looks something like a French bistro, with real linen tablecloths and napkins. The professional wait staff dresses in black and white with black tie.

"We have the best view in Ruidoso," Art Martinez, general manager of the restaurant, said.

Menu prices range from \$7 to \$21; the list includes everything from salads and "sandwiches," to steak and seafood.

The Piñon is open Tuesday through Sunday. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with some items served until 5 p.m. Dinner is served until 9 p.m. The restaurant also offers a Sunday brunch from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Following cleaning and substantial renovation, the restaurant has been sold out every night since it reopened, Martinez

said. He recommends making reservations.

The Ponderosa Bar has a Western motif and offers live entertainment or a DJ on weekends. The bar also boasts the widest screen, 8 feet by 8 feet, in Ruidoso to watch football or other entertainment, Martinez said.



Martinez

"My mission statement is to become a full-service facility to the community," Martinez said. Cree Meadows houses the Piñon Restaurant, the Ponderosa and the Joy of Catering under one roof.

The banquet room hosted more than 20 wedding receptions last summer, even before the restaurant was remodeled.

The room now has state-of-the-art audiovisual systems for professional computer presentations.

Martinez said the facility also contracts with the Inn of the Mountain Gods to do audiovisual presentations.

"We try to be the nicest place you can come to, from visual to audio to the aroma of the food," Martinez said.

Martinez owns Ruidoso Party rentals

One of Ruidoso's long-time dining spots returns with a new polish. It's called the

Piñon and it's at Cree Meadows

and leases the Cree Meadows facilities. He has lived in Ruidoso for four years and is originally from San Antonio, Texas.

The restaurant does catering for other facilities, such as the Ruidoso Convention Center. Joy Frawley, the executive chef of Joy of Catering, runs the No. 1 catering company in Ruidoso, Martinez said.

"We are a diverse company. Ruidoso needed a facility that was friendly, professional and clean. We are willing to work for the community for value pricing," Martinez said.

Cree Meadows was originally owned by James Cree who was the first to raise Longhorn and Black Angus cattle on his V. V. ranch on Little Creek. It has been a popular gathering spot for decades.

Following in the tradition of Cree, the restaurant takes pride in serving Black Angus steaks, the best steaks there are, Martinez said.

The restaurant will offer Christmas concerts and banquets with dinner and dinner theaters in February. And, come spring, Martinez said there are plans for a walkie-talkie on hole eight for golfers to order food and have it delivered on the course.

The Economy and Markets

Why confidence could rise

BY SUNG WON SOHN
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

Long-term interest rates pack a bigger punch and impact economic growth more than short-term rates. Through expansionary monetary policy and by canceling the 30-year bond auctions, the government is out to lower bond yields.

Mortgage rates have dropped to recent record lows fueling refinancing, but other bond yields have remained sticky. Even if long-term rates fall, low consumer and business confidence means that the economy is relinquishing its balance sheets instead of spending. Confidence will have to improve to boost sales and employment.

Can confidence improve anytime soon given the war overseas and bio-terrorism at home? Back in the 1920s, Frank Knight, an economist at the University of Chicago, argued that people convert ambiguity into risks and then resume more or less normal lives.

Under uncertainty, people expect the worst and stop spending money. With more information, however, individuals assign probabilities to potential outcomes, both good and bad, like a coin toss. For example, the British had faced terrorism for many years, but learned to live with it producing healthy economic growth.

Immediately after the Sept. 11 attacks, ambiguity and uncertainty dominated. Now, the process of converting uncertainty into risks has started. Confidence will improve as Professor Knight predicted.

Bonds: A winter straw hat
Ten-year Treasury yield has dipped to 4.24 percent, while a comparable inflation-indexed bond (TIPS) yields 2.93 percent indicating that the market expects the average inflation rate over the next decade will be only 1.31(4.24 minus 2.93) per-

cent. A war is generally inflationary. After this global recession, the central banks around the world are likely to be more generous with money supply.

Treasuries and Agencies provide safe havens for now. But, Corporates and Mortgage-backed Securities (MBS) have some attractive features; MBS sport relatively attractive yields. With the steep yield curve and soft loan demand, some bank mortgage originators have decided to keep MBS which have high quality and little credit risk.

On the other hand, prepayment concerns and the massive supply of new securities from the latest wave of refinancing represent risks. Also, lower rated Corporates will shine once the economy recovers.

Stocks: Upside potential

Since the Great Depression, there have been 10 bear markets. The average bear market lasted 16 months resulting in a 32 percent correction in price and a 38 percent shrinkage in the price-earnings ratio; during the ensuing two-year period, prices rose 50 percent.

The current bear market has lasted 19 months; at the recent bottom on Sept. 21, prices had fallen 38 percent and the price-earnings multiple based on trailing earnings had compressed 35 percent. Since the Sept. 21 bottom, the market rise almost 15 percent. Assuming the market trough was reached on Sept. 21, there remains a lot of upside potential if history repeats.

Risks remain. The recession is in its early stages. The war on terrorism is a big uncertainty. However, less risk exists now than earlier this year when prices were higher and economic stimuli were limited. The recovery in 2002 has become the focus of investors.

Recently, for example, small and mid-cap shares have outperformed the big caps; growth stocks have outperformed value stocks.

Cyclically sensitive stocks including technology have led the parade, while defensive sectors like healthcare have lagged. Also, there are tons of cash out there ready to be redeployed.

JUBILEE JOYS



KEITH GREEN/STAFF

Ruidoso's Christmas Jubilee kept the Convention Center full from noon Friday until Sunday afternoon. It was an annual event sponsored by the Ruidoso Valley Greeters, to initiate the holiday shopping season, and many local merchants took part.

Focus on Agriculture

Farmers and consumers in a united mode

BY TOM STEEVER
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

If the gap between rural and urban dwellers is closing, some credit is due the National Farm-City Council, an organization that promotes understanding between the two groups. Food and fiber producers are a shrinking segment of the population, but they are still important to those of us who live and work in cities.

We all have to eat, and farm and city depend on each other to make the American food system the best in the world.

"It's a two-way street. Our mission is to let the urban audience know how valuable farmers and ranchers are to them," says Gene Hemphill, chairman of the National Farm-City Council. "At the same time, it's also to let the farmer realize the interdependence they have on so many

parts of the urban area that bring their product to the consumer."

Farmers depend on industries to process, transport and distribute agricultural goods to the end users.

National Farm-City Week is Nov. 16 through Thanksgiving Day. The Council has been observing that week since 1955 with urban-rural dinners, farm days in schools and other events celebrating farm-city interdependence.

It's their effort to promote understanding between people who dwell on either side of that imaginary barrier separating town from country. Often the misunderstandings between these two segments of society appear contentious because of the often-used references to "farmers" and "consumers" as if it was "us versus them." The fact is, we all need the people

who work every day producing what we eat. Another fact is, we're all consumers.

One of the important messages to emerge from National Farm-City Week is that we can be confident of what we eat. "Food is safe," says Hemphill. "In the United States of America, if it's on the grocery shelf, that food is safe."

A great deal of headway has been made in getting the farmer's message to the urban population.

"We are focusing more of our efforts toward letting the urban audience know about agriculture," says Hemphill. "Even though only three percent of our population actually is producing the food, agriculture still is the very strong backbone of our country."

Soon after the horrible events of Sept. 11, President Bush urged Americans to go

back to work in an attempt to get the nation back to a sense of normalcy. Hemphill estimates that a great percentage of farmers heard the first news of the tragedy on pick-up, tractor or combine cab radios. "They never stopped working," says Hemphill. "That's the great thing about the agriculture of this country, it's always going to be there."

That's the Council's message for those who are removed from farm life. "When other things go awry, when we have some of the difficulties we've had in our country, you can always turn around and find agriculture there as a standard," says Hemphill. "That's going to keep us a solid country."

Tom Steever is a producer in broadcast services for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

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DISTRICT COURT

Criminal cases

The following criminal cases were filed in Lincoln County District Court in Carrizozo. They are identified by the date, the defendant, the charges and the docket number.

Aug. 16 - Freddie Baca, 25, Ruidoso: grand jury indictment on trafficking methamphetamines with intent to distribute, 3rd-degree felony; possession of marijuana less than 1 ounce, petty misdemeanor; distributing a controlled substance to a minor, 2nd-degree felony; possession of drug paraphernalia, special penalty misdemeanor; CR2001-100.

Aug. 16 - Melissa McKelvey, 32, Roswell: speeding, penalty assessment; possession of drug paraphernalia, special penalty misdemeanor; possession of marijuana more than 1 ounce, but less than 8 ounces, special penalty misdemeanor; possession of methamphetamines with intent to distribute, 3rd-degree felony; CR01-101.

Aug. 17 - Manny Medina, 35, Ruidoso: trafficking a controlled substance, 2nd-degree felony; CR01-102.

Aug. 16 - Frizzell Frizzell Jr., 19, Mesalero: grand jury indictment on possession controlled substance, cocaine, 4th-degree felony; possession marijuana more than 1 ounce, but less than 8 ounces, special penalty misdemeanor; possession drug paraphernalia, special penalty misdemeanor CR01-104.

Aug. 17 - John Garcia, 33, Las Cruces: criminal sexual contact with a minor, a child under 13, 3rd-degree felony; CR01-106.

Aug. 20 - Roger Jimenez, 40, Alamogordo: six counts embezzlement more than \$250, but less than \$2,500, 4th-degree felony; CR01-107.

Aug. 24 - Richard Lopez, 20, Ruidoso Downs: trafficking a controlled substance, cocaine, 2nd-degree felony; possession controlled substance, marijuana, less than 1 ounce, petty misdemeanor; possession drug paraphernalia, misdemeanor CR01-108.

Aug. 31 - John Bloomquist, 33, Ruidoso Downs: receiving stolen property more than \$250, less than \$2,500, 4th-degree felony; CR01-109.

Aug. 30 - Consuelo Vazquez, 23, Ruidoso: perjury, making

false affidavit, 4th-degree felony; CR01-110.

Sept. 4 - Melissa C. Trimble Kasehagen, 33, Ruidoso: embezzlement more than \$250, but less than \$2,500, 4th-degree felony; CR01-113.

Sept. 4 - Sharon S. Kasehagen, 30, Ruidoso: embezzlement more than \$250, but less than \$2,500, 4th-degree felony; CR01-114.

Aug. 30 - Luis Polaco, 61, San Patricio: embezzlement, 4th-degree felony; CR01-112.

Sept. 7 - Joseph David Peterson, 19, Manford, Okla.: possession stolen vehicle, 4th-degree felony; allowing self to be served, minor in possession of alcohol; CR01-115.

Sept. 7 - Troy Brewer, 38, no address: fugitive complaint from the state of Texas; CR01-116.

Sept. 11 - George Hatfield, 24, no address: fugitive complaint state of New York Board of Parole; CR01-117.

Sept. 17 - Domingo M. Lujan, 31, Ruidoso: two counts child abuse, no death or great bodily harm, 3rd-degree felony; CR01-118.

Sept. 20 - Michael A. Connor, 30, Ruidoso: robbery, 3rd-degree felony; criminal trespass, misdemeanor; battery, misdemeanor; disorderly conduct, misdemeanor; CR01-119.

Sept. 20 - April Johnson, 18, Las Cruces: forgery, concealing identity; CR01-120.

Sept. 25 - Miguel Ramirez, 33, Denver, Colo.: possession cocaine, 4th-degree felony; CR01-121.

Oct. 1 - Shawn Wear, 33, Ruidoso: custodial interference, felony; intimidation of a witness, felony; extortion; CR01-123.

Oct. 1 - David LaMay, 35, Carrizozo: aggravated assault with a deadly weapon against a household member, 4th-degree felony; two counts child abuse or abandonment, 3rd-degree felony; CR01-124.

Oct. 1 - Carlos Garcia, 20, Carrizozo: felon in possession of a firearm, 4th-degree felony; assault with intent to commit a violent felony, 3rd-degree felony; assault with a deadly weapon, 4th-degree felony; battery, petty misdemeanor; possession on marijuana 1 ounce or less, special penalty misdemeanor; and false imprison-

ment, 4th-degree felony; CR01-126.

Oct. 2 - Bobby Pannel, 22, Roswell; three counts forgery, 3rd-degree felony; tampering with evidence, 4th-degree felony; contributing to the delinquency of a minor, 4th-degree felony; CR01-127.

Oct. 2 - Walter Ronnie Gass, 67, Picacho: injury to livestock; CR01-128.

Oct. 4 - David McCoy, 19, no address: fugitive complaint from the state of Texas; CR01-129.

Oct. 10 - Russell Hammond, 36, Chaparral, N.M.: grand jury indictment on possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, 4th-degree felony; conspiracy to distribute marijuana, 4th-degree felony; and possession of drug paraphernalia, special penalty misdemeanor; CR01-130.

Oct. 10 - Justin Phillips, 21, Ruidoso: grand jury indictment on trafficking a controlled substance, methamphetamines by manufacture in a drug-free school zone, 1st-degree felony; conspiracy to traffic a controlled substance, methamphetamines by manufacture in a drug-free zone, 2nd-degree felony; possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamines, 4th-degree felony; contributing to the delinquency of a minor, 4th-degree felony; possession of drug paraphernalia, special penalty misdemeanor; CR01-131.

Oct. 10 - Dale Mullen, 28, El Paso, Texas: grand jury indictment on possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, 4th-degree felony; conspiracy to distribute marijuana, 4th-degree felony; and possession of drug paraphernalia, special penalty misdemeanor; CR01-132.

Oct. 10 - Rudy P. Chavez, 38, Las Cruces: perjury, 4th-degree felony; CR01-133.

Oct. 11 - Michael Treas, 30, Mesalero: failure to appear; eight counts worthless checks; CR01-135.

Oct. 13 - James Doran, also

known as Edward Foster, Joe Blake, Edward Doran, James E. Doran, Edward Ellis, James Edward Gonzales, Jose Blake, Edward Elias, James Edward, 41, Cherokee Village, Ruidoso; 12 counts possession of firearm; possession of stolen property, possession burglary tools, false evidence of title and registration, unlawful possession of a switchblade, possession of drug paraphernalia and trafficking a controlled substance; CR01-136.

Oct. 18 - Jeremy M. Peck, no age, Jemez Springs: notice of appeal of speeding conviction

in magistrate court; CR01-137.

Oct. 23 - Daryl Skiles, 40, Ruidoso Downs: notice of appeal of conviction in magistrate court on DWI first aggravated and speeding 47 mph in 35-zone; CR01-138.

Oct. 23 - Johnny Fierro, 46, Carlsbad: 75 mph in 65 zone, driving while consuming alcohol in open container, driving with revoked license, DWI; CR01-136.

Oct. 23 - Alvessa Rodriguez, 38, Ruidoso: possession marijuana less than 1 ounce, tampering with evidence, 4th-degree felony; CR01-140.

Oct. 23 - Alvessa Rodriguez,

38, Ruidoso: abuse of a child, 3rd-degree felony; CR01-141.

Oct. 23 - Nick Herrera, 28, Ruidoso Downs: grand jury indictment for making or permitting false public voucher and 11 counts of paying or receiving public money for services not rendered, 4th-degree felony; CR01-142.

Oct. 23 - Don Smith, 53, Ruidoso Downs: grand jury indictment on 11 counts paying or receiving public money for services not rendered, 4th-degree felony; CR01-143.

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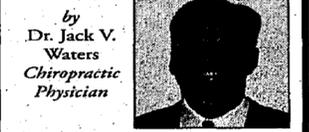
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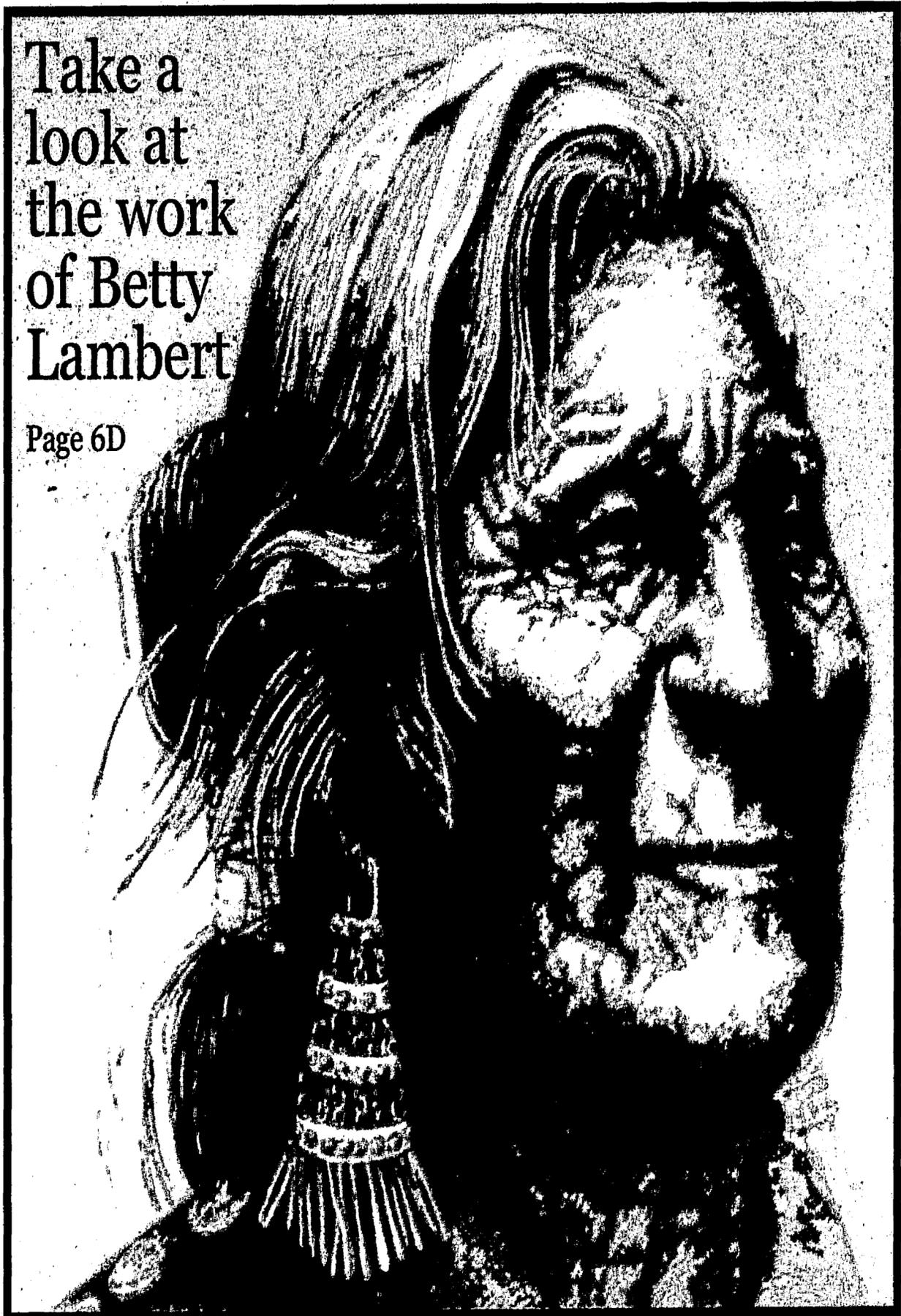
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Dianne Stallings

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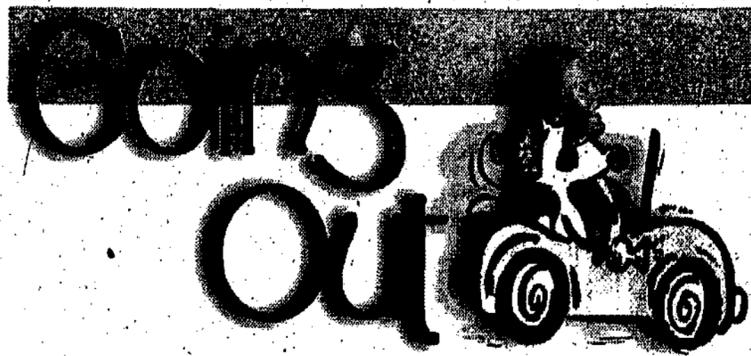
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Christmas in Lincoln County: Get en-lightened

Story by Sandy Suggitt
VAMONOS! STAFF WRITER

The holiday season promises to be enlightening this year as a new six-week "holiday" called the Festival of Light fills the streets and buildings with white lights for an area lighting contest, an electric light parade, street performances, caroling and many appearances of the jolly bearded man in the red suit. In addition are other holiday happenings from Capitan to Mescalero.



Courtesy

This youngster greets the holiday season, as the village will do starting Nov. 22.

Starting Thanksgiving night, Nov. 22, all of Ruidoso and Alto are hoped to light up with white lights to make the area visible from far and wide until January 6 — in the hope of attracting wise men and women from all over for a new holiday, the Festival of Light. Ace Hardware is "light central" for the event and has ordered a wide assortment of white lights. The Ruidoso Board of Realtors will provide and present first, second and third places awards — with prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 — as well as Griswald Awards and Patriotic Awards with prizes of \$75 each, and will put signs in the yards of the winners.

To enter the contest, pick up an entry form at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. Judging will be

Dec. 15, and awards will be presented at the Village Holiday Celebration that day.

A Festival of Light ornament and T-shirts with a festival logo designed by Michelle Maroney of Bear Sky Graphics will be on sale the first week of December for \$10 and \$15, respectively, at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and some downtown businesses. Proceeds will go toward next year's Festival of Light.

"Eventually we will have events every week from Thanksgiving evening through the weekend of the 12th day of Christmas, which is January 6," said Mary Lea Lane, arts coordinator for the Ruidoso Arts Commission and one of the planners of the six-week Festival of

Light. "There's a unified effort to make this an exciting time for locals and visitors with a good feeling of a hometown holiday."

The Festival of Light started out as a Ruidoso Arts Commission project, but the planning meetings soon included a lot of other organizations and businesses and promises to be a major annual celebration. This year, it's presented by the Ruidoso Arts Commission, Midtown Business Alliance, Villages of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, Lincoln County Lodgers Association, Ruidoso Board of Realtors, and sponsored by the Ruidoso News, and radio stations KWES-KBUJ, KDIX/KWMW/KRUI.

The lighting of School House Park in

Ruidoso Nov. 29 is the first event of the season, with the tree lighting and a welcome by Mr. Claus at 6:15 p.m., who will then pose for pictures for \$2 each. Sleigh rides at 6:30 p.m., with entertainment by Randy Jones and friends as well as the Community Children's Choir. Door prizes will fill the air with cheer. The Parks and Recreation Department event concludes at 7:45 p.m. with "Silent Night."

All American Boys Chorus

Not a part of the Festival of Light, but definitely part of the holiday season, the All American Boys Chorus Christmas Show will be at 8 p.m. at the Spencer Theater, and the Crisol Bufons will per-

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EVENTS: Christmas coming to town

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form a medieval concert as a benefit for St. Joseph Mission Church at 6 p.m. on Dec. 6.

Electric Light Parade

At 6 p.m. on Dec. 8 is the Electric Light Parade New Mexico State Championship — a big part of the Festival of Light.

The idea is to have the best floats from electric light parades all over the state take part in a state championship with locals in an annual parade in Ruidoso. Lodgers in the area are offering a 50 percent discount to participants in the parade to draw more floats.

"The more floats the better the parade will be," said Lisa Morales of the *Ruidoso News*, the local originator of the idea. She helped start one in Carlsbad and said it's a lot of fun and very community oriented.

"Now there's a theme each year (in Carlsbad), and it's a big thing. All the downtown area is open, they have choirs in front of the Court House and Santa. Usually, each town comes up with a theme, but because it's a

state championship, you don't want to dismantle and start over," so people can choose their own themes, she said.

Participation isn't limited to floats and the lights don't have to be white for the parade. Bikes, cars and people on foot can be in the electric light parade as long as they light up. Morales said people can buy cotton gloves and poke holes in them for battery-operated lights.

A "Best of the Best Golden Star" 24-karat electroplated trophy valued at \$300 and a second-place "Rising Star" 24-karat electroplated trophy valued at \$200 will be provided for first and second place lighted float entries, compliments of the Lincoln County Lodgers Association, and the winning entry will have lodging paid in full to enter the parade next year. If a local wins, Morales said, an equivalent prize will be awarded.

Floats must have a fire extinguisher aboard, vehicles must show proof of liability insurance, and people can't throw candy from the floats because at night it poses a danger for children who

may dart out to retrieve the candy.

It's free to enter the light parade and entry forms can be picked up at the *Ruidoso News* or the Chamber of Commerce, or call 257-4001 and Morales will fax one.

Ruidoso Schools Concert

On December 11, the Ruidoso Schools Band Concert will be at 6 p.m. for White Mountain Intermediate students and at 7:30 p.m. for the Ruidoso Middle School and Ruidoso High School at the Spencer Theater.

Street Festival

The Ruidoso Arts Commission's big day for the Festival of Light will be December 15 in Midtown, from 5 to 8 p.m., with performances, music, fires to warm by on the street, marshmallows and chestnuts roasting and the presentation of the lighting contest winners. Merchants will be open and serving refreshments and Lane hopes everyone will dress in turn-of-the-century clothing.

"We're visualizing that Santa

will come down and be followed by performers and choir and they'll all make the loop back to their performing spaces," Lane said.

Nisha Hoffman will do storytelling. The ENMU-Ruidoso Community Choir and church choirs from St. Eleanor's, First Christian and First Baptist of Ruidoso will carol; and the girls' ensemble from the studio of Waynta Wirth's sixth-grade drama class from White Mountain Intermediate School will perform, as will D.C. Young from the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. Anyone else wishing to perform can call Lane at 378-4302.

Other area holiday events

Capitan Merchants Open House will be various hours between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. on December 15. Christmas at the Park in Smokey Bear Historical Park with Santa and Smokey will be the same day in Capitan. Holiday Spectacular on Ice will perform at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Cloudcroft will

have Santa Town in Zenith Park from 5 to 7 p.m.

On Dec. 16, the Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery and Benson Fine Arts will have holiday receptions with refreshments and music at both galleries.

Also on the 16th, the Catholic Church in Cloudcroft will present the "Cantata," followed on the 19th with "La Posada," and on December 21, the Ballet Academy of Cloudcroft will perform "Nod to the Nutcracker" at The Lodge Pavilion.

On Dec. 22, Capitan's Horse-drawn Santa Parade starts about 12:30 p.m. at Mule Creek Traders, continues down Smokey Bear Boulevard and ends up at the library with gifts for children. To enter the parade, contact Kern Mattei at Mule Creek Trading, 354-4203.

"Caroling in the Clouds," a caroling parade, starts at 5 p.m. in Cloudcroft on the west end of Burrow Avenue, and Santa Town in Zenith Park. (For information about Cloudcroft events, call the Cloudcroft Chamber of Commerce at 682-2733.)

'Snow Queen' reigns at Spencer

by Sandy Suggitt
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

Animated snowflakes, flowers, imps, angels, butterflies, robbers, bees and frozen boys are some of the roles played by 31 area children for the performance of "The Snow Queen" at 7 p.m. tonight at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts.

This Lincoln County Children's Theater performance is co-directed by Sandy Kashmar and Nell Heller, who've been preparing the child actors for this and teaching theater skills twice a week for the last two months. Thursday the company performed "The Snow Queen" for student audiences at the Spencer Theater at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Kashmar said she chose this particular musical adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale because it has more potential for comedy, "which is important for the children's performances, and also important for the child actors," she said.

The costumes are luscious and many of the actors are "veterans," having performed in other productions at the Spencer Theater and elsewhere. The set was designed by Bob Sessions, Shelley Sweat designed the costumes, and Donna Willard is the show's accompanist.

The newly-formed theater company worked with the Elgin Children's Theatre for the performance of "Peter Pan" in April at the Spencer Theater

and had its first production this summer with "The Jungle Book," also at the Spencer.

"We're living and learning as we go," Kashmar said. "I feel wonderful about (the company), it's much more solid. We're going to do a longer semester in the spring; we need more time for them to get the adequate education as well as rehearsal time. This week we did 11 weeks. Next time we'll do 14 weeks."

"The Snow Queen" is sponsored by the R.D. & Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation and the *Ruidoso News*



Sandy Suggitt

At dress rehearsal, Nell Heller, Starnes Reveley and Samantha Knox rehearse a scene from "The Snow Queen."

High schoolers bring mystery to the stage

by Sandy Suggitt
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

For an evening of murder and mayhem at the Spencer Theater, don't miss "A Fatal Fifties Affair," performed by the Ruidoso High School Drama Department at 7 p.m. November 30 — and be prepared to participate.

Meet Barry West, quintessential talk show host — or wait a minute, is it Nick Hardy, private eye with the hard-boiled detective style of the '30s? One of his split personalities has gathered together the cast of the famous '50s sitcom "Make Way for Winky" and they're hashing over what we've done with their lives in the ensuing years. One is a U.S. senator, one a prominent psychologist, one a former famous child star who's writing a book

with all the nitty gritty details of the sitcom. One is a conservative lobbyist and another is a Country and Western star. All kinds of jealousies emerge while the cast chats ...

And one of them gets murdered. It'll be up to Nick Hardy and the audience to detect whodunit.

All of this is interspersed with a clue-hunt through the theater, a '50s costume contest, several dastardly deeds — and a chance to win prizes by solving the mystery.

Audience members can participate by forming their own teams (or sitting with friends) or be placed on a team.

Marilyn Orr, a Ruidoso High School English and history teacher with experience in community theater, is directing

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

Friday, Nov. 16

Snow Queen

Hans Christian Anderson's "The Snow Queen" will be performed by 31 area children at 7 p.m. at the Spencer Theater as part of the Lincoln County Children's Theater.

Saturday, Nov. 17

Capitan Art Exhibition

A reception for the Capitan Schools Art Exhibition will be held at 10 a.m. at the Anderson-Freeman Museum and Visitor's Center, Gallegos House in Historic Lincoln. The opening reception is sponsored by the Capitan PTA and The Hubbard Museum of the American West.

Monday, Nov. 19

Community Concerts

Wendy Chen will perform at 7:30 p.m. at First Christian Church as part of the Community Concerts series. Chen is an award-winning trained pianist who has played with many orchestras and philharmonics.

Friday, Nov. 23

Santa Town

Santa Town in Zenith Park will run from 5 to 7 p.m. in Cloudcroft. Late night shopping also begins today.

Ongoing

Open Studio Drawing Workshop

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

Blood Pressure Clinic

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565.

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• Pre-school reading hour every Thursday at 1 p.m.

• Spanish and English workstations available to the public. Free Internet access. Call to reserve a space.

• Adult Lecture Series first Friday of every month.

Meals on Wheels Senior Food Program Monday-Friday, noon at the Zia Senior

Center, Ruidoso Downs, in the dining hall. For the Ruidoso area. 378-4659.

Ruidoso Public Library

107 Kansas City Road (next to the Ruidoso Village Hall) 258-3704. New summers hours as of June 4: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

• Friends of the Library Book Shoppe is open 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

• Preschool storytime is every Thursday from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

• After-school movie Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

• Crafts and games after school Tuesday 3:30 to 5 p.m.

• Humane Society Pet Visit third Thursday of the month, 3 to 3:30 p.m.

Exhibits

'Cowboys & Indians'

"Cowboys & Indians: Images of the West," an exhibition, will open Nov. 23 at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. Find out how close Hollywood movies and tourist images are to the truth. Runs through 2002.

Chamber Exhibit of the Month

Jerry Rice is the chamber artist for the month of November. His pastel paintings will be on display all month.

Private Art in Public Places

Marcia Thomas exhibits "Toys On Wheels for Grownups" from November 13 to December 21 at the Ruidoso Public Library. Each toy is a wonderful, colorful creation with its own personality. Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Road, 258-3704 or 258-4619.

Santa Cruz Exhibit

Local artist Susan Weir Ancker will put on an exhibit of ceramic sculpture titled Kaleidoscopic Korai at Fuerza de Corazon, a gallery in Santa Cruz. The exhibit will run every Friday through Sunday until Dec. 2.

Photo Competition

The 10th Annual Fall American Photographic will run from Saturday, Nov. 3 to January 20, 2002, at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. It will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except holidays. Call 378-4142 for more information.

Movies

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

Kids/Family and Action/Adventure, 2 hr. 22 min.

Rated PG for some scary moments and mild language.

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone is an adaptation of the first of J.K. Rowling's popular children's novels about Harry Potter, a boy who learns on his 11th birthday that he is the orphaned son of two powerful wizards and possesses unique magical powers of his own. He is summoned from his life as an unwanted child to become a student at Hogwarts, an English boarding school for wizards. There, he meets several friends who

become his closest allies and help him discover the truth about his parents' mysterious deaths at the hands of a powerful adversary.

Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Richard Harris, John Cleese

Directed by: Chris Columbus

Produced by: David Heyman, Mark Radcliffe

Written by: Steve Kloves

Distributor: Warner Brothers

Showtimes: 9 a.m.*, noon, 3 p.m., 6 p.m., 9 p.m.

*Wednesday only

Shallow Hal
Drama, Comedy and Romance

Rated PG-13 for language and sexual content

The story revolves around Hal (Jack Black) who takes the advice of his dying father and dates only the embodiments of physical perfection. But that all changes after Hal has an unexpected run-in with self-help guru Tony Robbins.

Intrigued by Hal's shallowness, Robbins hypnotizes him into seeing the beauty that exists even in the least physically appealing women. Hal is smitten after meeting the morbidly obese Rosemary, as he sees her kindness and humor translated into the physical perfection that is Gwyneth Paltrow. After Hal's equally shallow friend Mauricio (Jason Alexander) undoes the hypnosis, Hal must face an unrecognizable Rosemary and make a fateful decision.

Starring: Jack Black, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jason Alexander, Garry Shandling, Susan Ward

Directed by: Peter Farrelly, Bobby Farrelly

Produced by: Bradley Thomas, Charles B. Wessler, Peter Farrelly, Bobby Farrelly

Written by: Ivy, Sean Moynihan, Peter Farrelly, Bobby Farrelly, Sean Moynihan

Distributor: Twentieth Century Fox

Showtimes: Friday-Tuesday: 11:15 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m.

Monsters, Inc.
Kids/Family and Comedy, 1 hr. 32 min.

Rated G

From the Academy Award-winning creators of *Toy Story* comes this new computer-animated comedy that opens the door to a world of monsters and mayhem. *Monsters, Inc.* is the largest scare factory in the monster world and the top kid scarer is James P. Sullivan (John Goodman), a huge, intimidating monster with blue fur, large purple spots and horns, known as "Sulley" to his friends.

His Scare Assistant, best friend and roommate is Mike Wazowski (Billy Crystal), a lime green, opinionated, feisty, one-eyed monster. Scaring children isn't such an easy job, though - monsters believe children are toxic and that direct contact with them would be catastrophic. The film's eclectic cast of characters also includes the factory's crab-like CEO Henry J. Waternoose (James Coburn), the beguiling serpent-haired receptionist Celia (Jennifer Tilly), and the sarcastic chameleon monster, Randall Boggs (Steve Buscemi), who schemes to replace Sulley as *Monsters, Inc.*'s top Scarer. Making an uninvited visit from the human world is Boo (Mary Gibbs), a tiny girl who turns the monster world upside down.



Courtesy

Daniel Radcliffe as Harry Potter looks on in shock as Seamus (Devon Murray) is surprised at the explosion of his wand in Warner Brothers' *Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone*.

Starring: Billy Crystal, John Goodman, Mary Gibbs, James Coburn, Steve Buscemi

Directed by: David Silverman, Pete Docter

Produced by: Daria K. Anderson

Written by: Andrew Stanton, Daniel Gerson

Distributor: Disney/Pixar

Showtimes: 9:15 a.m.*, 12:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 9:15 p.m.

*Wednesday only

Spy Game

Thriller

Rated R for language, some violence and brief sexuality.

Complications arise on the last day of work for a veteran CIA agent (Robert Redford) when he must organize the rescue of a young protege (Brad Pitt) who has been captured by the Chinese while on a personal mission.

Starring: Robert Redford, Brad Pitt, Catherine McCormack, Uma Thurman, Kimberly Paige

Directed by: Tony Scott

Produced by: Douglas Wick, Marc Abraham, Arnyan Bernstein, Max Wong

Written by: John Lee Hancock, David Arata, Michael Frost Beckner, Mike Van Diem

Distributor: Universal Pictures

Showtimes: Wednesday-Thursday: 10 a.m.*, 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

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Music

Cree Meadows Country Club

Live music every night: piano from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., dancing Wednesday through Saturday, 7 p.m.-11 p.m.

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Drawing on character

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Lambert prefers to work with Native Americans because of the "character in their faces."

Although her life has changed dramatically in the last few years, Betty Lambert's strong spirit, good nature and continuing curiosity inspires neighbors and friends.

Many remember her from the three decades she operated the Canyon Trading Post in Glencoe with her husband, the late Bob Lambert. But because of her unflinching modesty, few are aware of her artistic talents.

Neighbor Joan Chase points to one of Lambert's pen and color ink portraits of a Native American.

"Look closely," she directs. "There are millions of delicate lines. It's incredible work."

She's not the only fan. Oil man R. O. Anderson and the late Barry Goldwater, U.S. senator from Arizona and Republican presidential candidate, bought several of Lambert's pieces for their private collections.

"I would see Senator Goldwater's hanging on the wall behind him in the Washington, D.C. office when he was on television," Lambert said.

She recalled that the paintings were delivered to Goldwater at his department store in Phoenix, strapped to the sides of the Lamberts' truck, which was loaded with cattle.

"They weren't even framed, but he loved them," she said.

Each portrait took more than 1,500 hours of work, she said. The most common size was about 28 inches by 40 inches.

Lambert never allowed prints or other reproductions of her work. Part Cherokee herself, she preferred Native American subjects because, "I wanted people who were worthy of the time and had character in their faces."

Born in Prescott, Ariz., Lambert drew as a child to fit in with her two brothers in an all-boy neighborhood that wouldn't tolerate dolls.

Her parents, supportive of her talent, wanted her to attend college. Her father, who was on his own at age 9 when he arrived in Prescott, wanted bet-



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Dianne Stallings



Dianne Stallings

ter things for his children.

Lambert majored in art and minored in English, attending Stevens College in Missouri for one year until the Great Depression brought her back to Arizona, where she continued college in Flagstaff. But a romance and subsequent marriage with the college quarterback ended her studies and then ended, period.

Lambert attended the Marinello School in Tucson, one of the first beauty chain schools with centers all over the world. While there, she sold a series of hairdo sketches and realized the potential of her talent. School officials also recognized something special in their student and offered her a position on the manufacturing side of the business.

She spent seven years with the company during an era when cold waves were becoming popular and the company owned the only equipment to make lipsticks, she said. Lambert spent time in New York, Denver, Chicago and Minneapolis. When someone ran into a problem

with hair dye, she would be called in as the trouble shooter. She later was asked to design squaw-style dresses and was sent with her sketches to Window Rock to help with an advertising photo shoot.

In 1945, the Lamberts married. Later moving to Kingman, Ariz., they adopted a 5 1/2-year-old boy they named Cody.

He enriched their lives and brought them great pride, Lambert said. Cody was killed in a traffic accident after returning from Korea, but Lambert remains close to her daughter-in-law and grandchildren.

In 1969, the Lamberts bought the trading post in Glencoe, about 10 miles east of Ruidoso.

Over the years before moving to Glencoe and afterward at the trading post, Lambert met Native Americans who later became subjects of her pen and ink portraits.

"There were so many fine people, especially the Santa Domingo woman," she said. "I took photographs from different angles. These

were people I knew and respected. I could see something special in their faces. Some were Mescalero Apache and some in Prescott were Yavapai, a branch of Apache."

She also selected the faces of Plains Indians and Crow from the state of Washington.

"I always had a waiting list for my work. I never caught up," she said. Six people still are on the list hoping Lambert soon will start another portrait.

"I didn't do it for the money," she said. "It was entertainment for me."

She created about 60 portraits, usually not more than two a year.

"I would burn out, but then one day, I'd have the urge again," she said. "I would lose myself in it. Bob would fix breakfast and before I knew it, it was lunch time."

Operating a trading post was the perfect companion for her art and brought her many models as well as loyal customers who trusted the Lambert's ability to judge good quality merchandise.

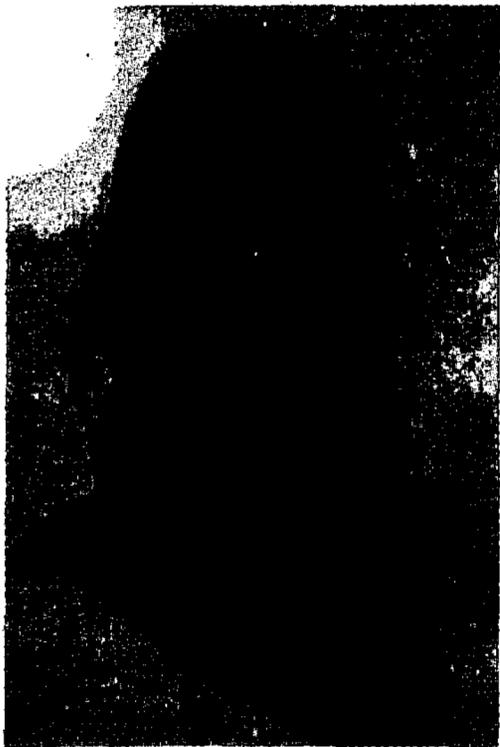
"I do just pen and color ink, no water color," Lambert said. "I thought I can get great effects with underpainting and overlays. I work with quill pens. I decided to experiment and I just fell in love with the technique."

Lambert uses poster board and heavy paper that doesn't buckle with the wet pen and ink.

One of her favorite models and traders was Leo Coriz from Santa Domingo, who died three years ago, two days before her husband. He would bring people with him when selling their wares and often, they would allow Lambert to photograph them.

"He (Coriz) only asked if he could have the first picture I took of him because that was the one that controls him," Lambert said.

To avoid possible fading, she plans to try acrylic as her color ink on her next portrait, Lambert said. With the trading post closed, Lambert focuses on friends and her art and looks forward to creating new pieces.



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Clockwise from top left, Lambert working several years ago; Lambert with some of her pieces today; a close-up of her hands at work; and two of her drawings.



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

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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.

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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. to 7:30 p.m. Friday - Sunday.

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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.

RHS: It's a murder mystery at Spencer

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the play and teaching the high school drama classes in the one-year absence of Cathi McIntosh.

This performance by Ruidoso High School advanced drama students will be at Spencer Theater for the

Performing Arts at 7 p.m. Friday, November 30. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and can be purchased at the high school office, at the Spencer Box Office (call to reserve, 336-4800) or at the door.



Sandy Suggitt

"A Fatal Fifties Affair" is a murder mystery with audience participation performed by Ruidoso High School advanced drama students. Shown above are (back) Nick Spence, Hayley Koontz, Chelsea Baca and Logan Fleharty, and (front) Kellie Blank and Alyx Nielsen (deceased)."

La Junta Art Show features local work

Another new event that planners hope will become annual is the La Junta Ranch Art Show and Sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 23.

This show will feature the wood carvings of Anacleto Loya and paintings and pottery of Judy Pekelsma and other local artists, contemporary Southwestern candles by Distinctively Candles and Rio Grande Stoneware of Albuquerque, contemporary Southwestern handmade Native American jewelry and homemade jams and jellies by Dorrie Robinson of Angus.

To get there, go to the Alto Post Office on Highway 48, take Sun Valley Road and follow the signs one mile to La Junta Ranch. Refreshments will be provided.

If you'd like information about being in the show, contact Sharon Stewart at 336-7752.



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Another traditional North Dakota item I received was buffalo jerky, which is a delicacy made from the jerky of a buffalo. If you are ever, at gunpoint, forced to choose between eating buffalo jerky and eating peat, my advice is: Go with the peat.

North Dakota is calling me. "Come on up!" it says. And then it adds: "Bring thermal underwear!"

This invitation resulted from a column in which I poked fun at North Dakota for wanting to drop the word "North" from its name, so that people will stop thinking of it as a cold, frigid, freezing, subzero, arctic, polar, wintry place characterized by low temperatures. My column also made fun of Grand Forks, N.D., and East Grand Forks, Minn., for marketing themselves as "The Grand Cities" and proclaiming that they are "where the earth meets the sky." My feeling was that there are a lot of places where the earth meets the sky, including most municipal landfills, but you don't see them bragging about it.

Anyway, that column got a big response. I got mail from every resident of North Dakota (a total of almost 150 letters). Many of these letters proudly defended North Dakota and its citizens (sample quote: "The people are friendly and warm-hearted. We don't usually shoot tourists like some other states").

Several Grand Cities political and civic leaders invited me to visit. They sent me information about the area, as well as gifts of typical North Dakota things, including a plastic baggie filled with peat. Peat is a substance that looks like frog poop but is actually formed from decayed swamp plants, and is used as a fuel. Either that, or the North Dakotans, as a prank, sent me a baggie full of frog poop, hoping that I would set fire to it.

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The jerky was sent by the mayor of Grand Forks, Mike Brown, who also made this generous offer: If I visit his city, he will name a sewage lift station after me. Really. According to the mayor, this is a major honor in Grand Forks. "That system moves 8 million gallons of sewage a day," he said, in a statement that tells us more than perhaps we want to know about the effects of jerky consumption on the human digestive system.

But having my name on a sewage lifter is not the only reason why I am attracted to the Grand Cities. There are a lot of exciting things going on up there. It's like Paris, Disney World and Las Vegas all rolled into one, minus the hotels, restaurants, attractions, Louvre museum, roads, etc.

But who needs attractions, when you have ... Cats Incredible! This is a huge annual summer event in the Grand Cities, judging from the Grand Forks Herald, which covers Cats Incredible in front-page stories with headlines the height of Bette Midler. As well it should. Because Cats Incredible is nothing less than the largest catfish tournament in the entire Grand Cities region, attracting thousands of spectators. When that many people turn out to watch other people fish, then you know you're talking about an area with poor TV reception.

No, seriously, Cats Incredible looks very exciting. The Herald ran a front-page photo of this year's winning team

— two men holding a fish that is way uglier than the thing that's always chasing Sigourney Weaver around the spaceship. The Herald article describes one of the winning anglers as "a catfish guide, seminar speaker and author."

Yes! Catfish seminars! Don't tell me this is not a great country.

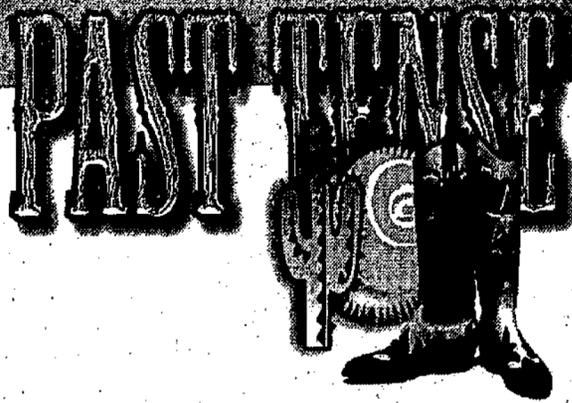
If you think Cats Incredible is the only excitement going on up there, think again. Because the Grand Cities also play host to — this is a real event — the Frosty Bobber. In a stark departure from the concept of Cats Incredible, which is a summer fishing tournament, the Frosty Bobber is ... a winter fishing tournament! It gets its name from the fact that, if you spend enough time sitting next to a hole in the ice, eventually your bobber gets frosty. This is why there are so few Canadians.

And there is much, much more to the Grand Cities. There is also the annual Potato Bowl, which I am sure is everything the name implies. And the mayor of East Grand Forks, Minn., Lynn Strauss, informs me that her city also boasts some powerful attractants, including "the largest beet sugar processing plant in the United States."

So call me crazy, but I'm seriously pondering a trip up to Dakota. I could use some excitement, not to mention some fresh air. Because this peat smoke is disgusting.

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Guns + liquor + one idiot = A bad night in Raton

Mack Sennett, who directed the old slapstick Keystone Cops comedies back in the early days of film, would have loved Gus Mentzer — at least, up to a point. While Sennet had to sit back and think of what sort of pratfalls looked the dumbest, and therefore funniest, to Gus Mentzer, such things came naturally.

As Jacqueline Meketa points out in "From Martyrs to Murderers," there are at least a half dozen versions of what happened back in Raton, New Mexico, one Monday night in the summer of 1882. There is a thread that runs through all these versions, though, and that thread tells us that Gus Mentzer, the main character in this black comedy, was both a natural born slapstick comedian, although he was never really aware of this gift, and a natural born killer as well.

Causes

The erstwhile hero of today's little tale — Gus Mentzer — seems to have been an Idiot's Idiot, which is to say an idiot who would be admired by all other idiots for his natural idiocy.

Before examining Gus' rampage,

for that is what it really was, we have to go back about six months to get the full story explaining what passed for the reasons for Gus' rage that night.

Mentzer was either in partnership with, or was employed by, a gentleman named William Burbridge, who was older (Gus was 24 at the time) and clearly more mature than Our Hero, at a place called the Bank Exchange Saloon in Raton. With cut glass, marble tables and French mirrors, it was the showplace among Raton's saloons, which seemed to be virtually everywhere back in 1882.

Whatever their business arrangement was, it was finally dissolved by Burbridge due to the fact that Gus just couldn't seem to stop drinking and carousing, even when he was working. As one can imagine, his discharge

Gus Mentzer suddenly amazed everyone by strolling into the place. He then proceeded to elbow his way to the bar, where he ordered a drink as though nothing had happened. The silence was deafening. Everyone stood for a long moment staring at Gus, who gazed pleasantly back at them as though everything was just fine.

did not sit well with Our Hero and his resentment began to simmer... and simmer... and simmer...

The evening begins

On this particular Monday evening, local Deputy Sheriff R.P. "Pete" Dollman was making his rounds when Gus, "under the influence," as always, it seemed, approached the officer and pulled a revolver. Thrusting his gun under the deputy's ribs for no apparent reason, Gus demanded that Pete Dollman surrender his weapon to him. Dollman, somewhat confused by this turn of events, refused. It would appear that Gus Mentzer was prepared to kill the deputy on the spot, but for the intervention of an alert passerby who lunged forward and knocked Gus' pistol away, just as it discharged harmlessly into the ground.

Alarmed and surprised that anyone would try to ruin his fun, Gus, without further ado, turned and ran toward the doors of the Bank Exchange Saloon. Dollman jerked his own revolver and sent a couple of rounds screaming after Mentzer. In what was to be a precursor of the rest of the evening's events, he hit an innocent bystander in the leg.

Inside the saloon, things got even more interesting. According to this version, Dollman, following Gus into the saloon, shouted out a warning to Burbridge, who was behind the bar. Burbridge misunderstood what was happening and, picking up a revolver from behind the bar, opened fire on Dollman. At the same time, Gus rounded the episode out by shooting, wily-nilly, at basically everyone. Well, no one likes to be shot at, and despite the ordinance against carrying firearms, everyone else in the bar suddenly pulled concealed weapons and in the next few seconds, there were bullets flying virtually everywhere. When it was over, there were no human casualties, with the

exception of Gus. He had sustained a minor wound that, considering his condition, he probably never even noticed.

Which is not to say that there were no casualties at all... The bar, as innocent a bystander as ever there was, was riddled. Most glasses and bottles were smashed - to the chagrin of just about everyone - and even the skylight had died instantly from a wild shot.

Having ineffectually emptied both of his guns during this wild melee, Gus decided that he needed to be elsewhere. It was a few moments after he raced out of the saloon that virtually all of the patrons gave chase, with an extremely angry Deputy Dollman in the lead.

It wasn't long before the irate citizens got a report that Gus had been seen lurking behind some piles of freight in the railroad yard. As the crowd - mob is a better description - arrived at the yard, so did the evening passenger train. One can only imagine the reaction of the passengers when the train was boarded by what must have seemed like the entire town - most of whom were more or less drunk, all in search of one man, Gus Mentzer - who was nowhere to be found.

A respite

Chasing a demented idiot around town can be thirsty work and in no time at all, certain members of the "posse," were beginning to realize this.

When they pointed out that perhaps a break should be taken over in the Little Brindle Saloon - the Bank Exchange being so shot up and all - everyone agreed, heartily and more or less instantaneously. For the next hour everyone congratulated each other about the great job they had done running Gus out of town and, after enough drinks had been imbibed, the crowd elected to go back to the Bank Exchange to survey the damage. They were beginning to call it "The Great But Bloodless Shootout." Unfortunately, it was not des-

tinued to remain bloodless.

They had been at the Bank Exchange only a little while when they entered the Twilight Zone. (Really, it would have been appropriate for Rod Serling to suddenly show up: "Submitted for your approval... the citizens of Raton, New Mexico, who are about to enter 'The Twilight Zone...'")

I say this because, amidst all the discussion of his whereabouts, Gus Mentzer suddenly amazed everyone by strolling into the place. He then proceeded to elbow his way to the bar, where he ordered a drink as though nothing had happened. The silence was deafening. Everyone stood for a long moment staring at Gus, who gazed pleasantly back at them as though everything was just fine.

From dumb to deadly

Suddenly, and as one, the crowd lunged at Our Hero, who did some lunging of his own. Jerking his now reloaded pistols from hiding, Gus raced out of the saloon into the middle of the street. As the crowd followed him out into the street, a few among them began shooting. Gus, deciding that the railroad yard would probably be a good place to go again, began returning fire as he ran, sideways and backwards, toward the yard. Unfortunately, at this point, the story goes from dumb to deadly.

A local named H.J. Latimer was standing on the platform when he saw Gus approaching, gun in hand. Latimer pulled a revolver of his own and the two men began trading shots. Latimer was hit twice, once in the leg and once in the chest. Gus barely paused and, running around the engine, suddenly stopped and took aim at the first of his pursuers to round the corner and come into view. As citizen S.H. Jackson shouted "There he is!" a bullet from one of Gus' pistols tore through his throat, mortally wounding him.

Leaping onto the untended

but running engine, Gus, whose knowledge of locomotives about equaled his common sense, began throwing every lever and pushing every button he could find. The engine just stood there. Gus, in a telling display of intelligence - or rather, lack of it - had failed to throw the lever that would take it out of "neutral."

Chaos ensued as the mob surrounded the engine and another local man, Hugh Eddleston, attempted to climb in. Gus pressed his revolver into Eddleston's belly and pulled the trigger. The fatal shot carried its victim back down to the ground.

It was at this point that Gus, much against his will, was forced to consider the consequences of his actions. Two of Raton's leading citizens lay dead and a third seriously wounded. Dumb as he clearly was, Gus knew what would happen to him should he surrender at this point. Unfortunately for Gus, while he was pondering this, Deputy Dollman managed to sneak onto the engine from the other side and finally overpower Our Hero.

Gus was taken forthwith to - what else - a saloon, the Little Brindle, the Bank Exchange being too shot up, etc., etc. There, Dollman deputized William Burgen, recently arrived from Canada, to hold Gus so that he couldn't go back to the railroad yards, where he seemed to enjoy loitering.

Dollman wasn't gone long when a local justice of the peace, Harvey Moulton, showed up. Harvey was not there in the interest of justice. Hugh Eddleston had been Moulton's partner in the - you guessed it - saloon business, and he was not about to wait for conventional justice to take its course. When Moulton demanded the prisoner and then pulled a revolver, Burgen, who seems to have taken his new duties quite seriously, pulled his own revolver and shot Moulton. Harvey

Moulton, in turn, managed to get off a round that struck the deputy in the belly. Both men went down, leaving Gus Mentzer standing and gaping moronically down at the two wounded citizens.

After a moment's pause Gus reached down, took off his shoe and removed one of the shackles from his legs, enabling him to dart out the back door as though the The Hound of the Baskervilles was on his tail.

The end

This time, Gus did not head for the railroad yard and instead attempted to hide out in a butcher shop, where he was more or less instantly recaptured.

The citizens of Raton had definitely had enough (can you blame them?) and without further ado, they dragged Gus, kicking, cussing, screaming and now sporting a rope around his neck, to the nearest elevated place they could find. As it turned out, this particular elevated place was quite in keeping with the activities of the previous few hours. A bank sign that had one side attached to the side of a building and the other to a sturdy post, collapsed almost immediately as Gus was hoisted skyward.

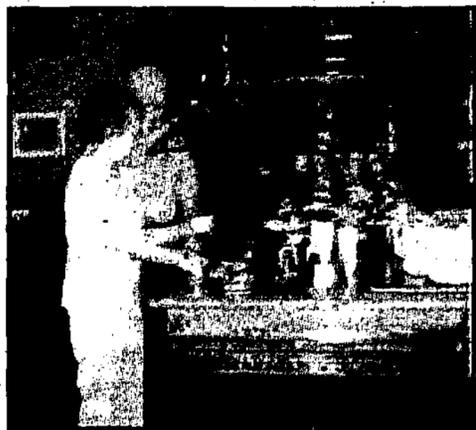
Boosting a young boy who had been watching this comedy of errors, to the top of the sign, they had him securely fasten it and this time, Gus did not come down until he was extremely dead - the next day, in fact. Of the three people Gus had shot, only Latimer survived.

However, if leaving Gus' body, which dangled all night long, was intended to be a warning to lawbreakers, it wasn't entirely effective. At some point during the night, someone climbed up and removed \$300 from Gus' pockets.

Sources: From *Martyrs to Murderers* by Jacqueline Meketa; *The Raton Guard*, files from 1882; and *The Raton Comet*, files from 1882.

Dining Guide

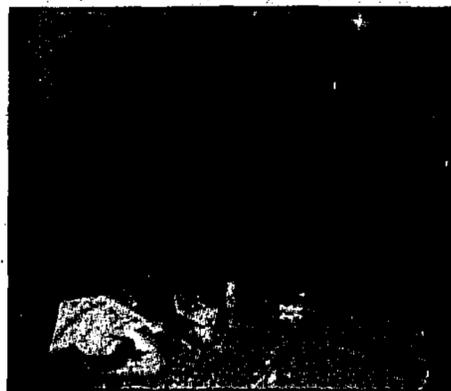
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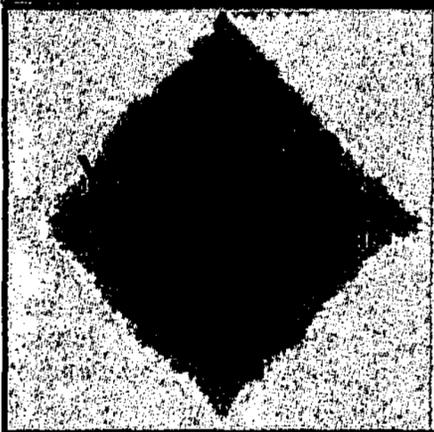


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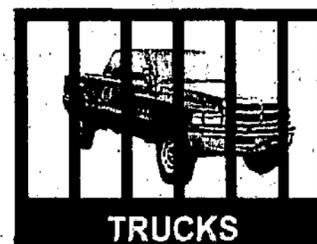
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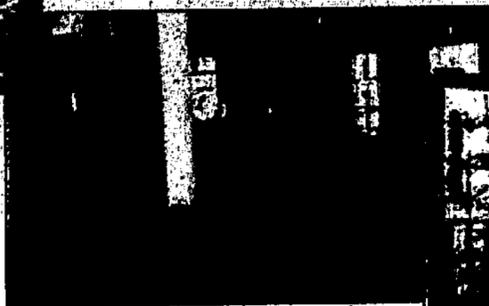
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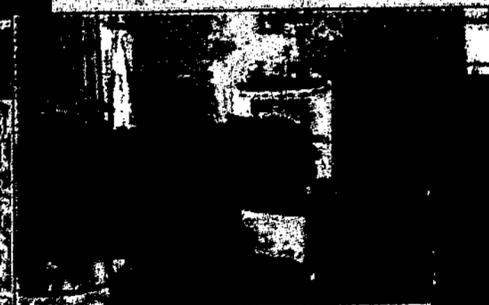
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RANCHES OF SONTERRA - 3



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COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES



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110 Delmar

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**Mike Reveley, Owner/President
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If you are considering purchasing a home, it might be a good idea to pre-qualify with an experienced mortgage professional. This will allow you and your agent the privilege of looking at property that not only meets your needs but is also within your budget.

Here is a checklist of things you can do to prepare for this process:

- 1) Meet with a qualified mortgage loan officer.
- 2) Discuss your goals and provide the necessary financial data he will need to pre-qualify you. This information will include:
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 - Bank statements to support enough funds for the down payment and closing costs.
 - A list of debts to include mortgages, installment loans and credit card balances.
 - A signed authorization to obtain a credit report.

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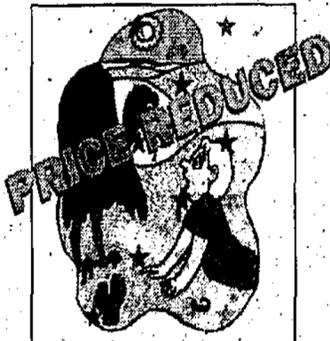


CARZOLI • \$375,000

547 Gavilan Canyon Rd.

Beautiful 3 bdrm/2 bath home. 2500 sq. ft. separate retail showroom with attached warehouse with overhead door - only 3 yrs. old. Multi-purpose use!

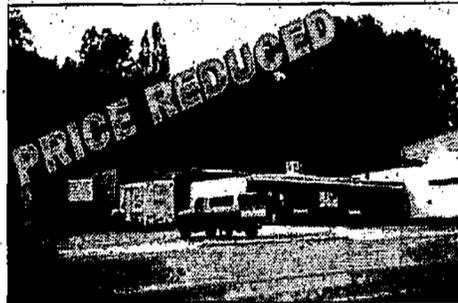
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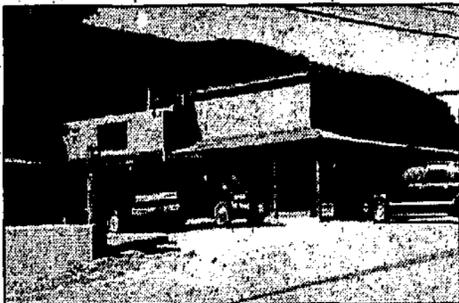


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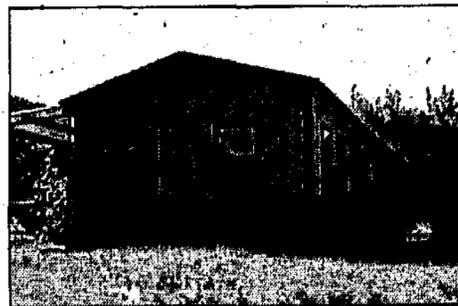
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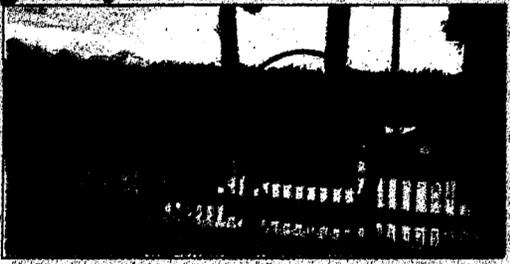
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J&J VENTURES • \$217,500
21 Edelweiss Dr.

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SKYLAND ADDITION



WHITTEN • \$139,500
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East Chapparral Dr.

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RUIDOSO DOWNS HEIGHTS



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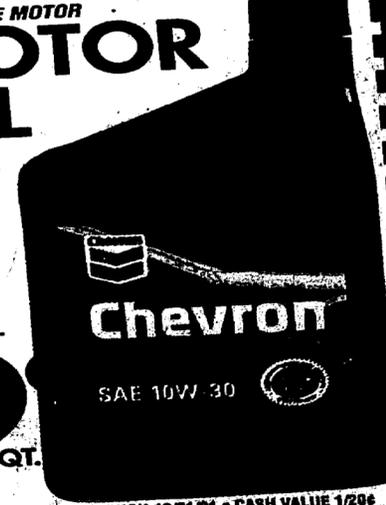
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