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E-mail now an election question

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

With changes in technology, it may be time to pass a law governing the use of e-mail in New Mexico political campaigns, a state elections official says.

After a query from the Ruidoso News, election officer Larry Dominguez researched the question and said nothing in state statutes now covers the use of e-mail in campaigns.

"The way that media is being used nowadays, it may be time," he said last week. "Maybe there are some recommendations that need to be made to our senators and representatives in respect to changing the (election) legislation or implementing some new type of legislation. This call is the first that really piqued any type of interest at all."

The issue came up during the campaign for the March 5 mayoral election.

Leon Eggleston, who won a four-year term as mayor, beating incumbent Robert Donaldson, showed a copy of an e-mail that apparently started as one person's personal endorsement of his opponent.

That endorsement was sent to a friend, who forwarded it to the headquarters of a business-related board in town, and the e-mail eventually landed in the computer mailboxes of every member on the mailing list.

"Someone asked me if I saw it," said Eggleston, who also is a member of the group. "It was on my e-mail too."

People who think e-mail "mail outs" might impact negatively or positively the results of an election and believe that legislation is needed should talk to their state legislators, Dominguez suggested.



Jean Briley holds a bunch of daffodils that will be delivered to buyers March 14 to help support the local hospice program. Orders will be accepted through Monday.

SPRING FLOWERS

The Hospice of Lincoln County offers living beauty to ease death

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

To many, heading an organization with the goal of easing the passage of terminal patients and lessening the impact on their families might be depressing.

But Jean Vinson Briley said she loves her job because she can see the positive results from the effort of volunteers and paid staff. The creation of the hospice group in Lincoln

County five years ago added invaluable services to the area, she said.

Now part of Presbyterian Medical Services, the hospice movement still depends in part on donations and one of its major sources is the annual daffodil sale, which occurs nationwide.

However, all profit from the spring flower sale locally stays in Lincoln County, she

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High-density Country Club plan pulled

Village planners say 20 units too many

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A rezoning request to allow construction of townhouses in the Riverside Addition on Country Club Drive was withdrawn Tuesday to allow developers to design a lower density project.

"Twenty units was not going to work on Country Club Drive," said village planning and zoning director Mike Runnels. "A number of opponents sent in comments, more than a dozen. All of their concerns were basically the same."

"The topography there also varies. Part of it is in drainage and flood plain and part is rather steep and considered basically unbuildable in some respects. But I think the main concern was the density and the street there."

The owner's agent came into the planning office Tuesday and was talking about fewer units, he said. Because they were allowed to withdraw the application instead of the planning and zoning commission denying the request, the filing fee can be transferred to the new submission, Runnels said.

"There was no way we could approve R-4 (high density residential) there because that would have allowed anyone who wanted to, to put 20 units in there and that's just too much for that street. It's bad the way it is now, but there's nothing

much you can do about it," he said.

The application filed by Judith and Shawn Dunagan proposed rezoning from single-family residential on one acre divided into seven lots. Although other rental property exists in the area, planner Darrell Bremner wrote that the lots are considered a transition area between the single-family area and the higher density area.

Only 20 parking spaces were proposed and Bremner pointed out that the applicant would have to double that number to comply with rules.

"Country Club Drive, which provides access, is a narrow, steep and curvy street," he wrote. "Commission may want comment from the Street Department on the ability of the street to handle up to 40 more cars." The commission also:

- Recommended approval of a commercial site development plan in Riverside Addition, Lot 8A, Block 4, requested by Noss Water Art Wear. Encroachment questions will be worked out with neighboring owners on the construction behind an existing building of Suddarth Drive.

- Granted a one-foot variance for Ray Montes on Lot 12, Block 15, Town & Country North, Unit 2 Subdivision, to allow construction of an addition below an existing overhead deck.

- Granted a conditional use on a quarter acre lot with 3,000-square-foot building to process furniture in a Commercial 2 zone. The lot is at 1022 Mechem Drive. Scott Thompson asked for the change.

- Approved an amendment to commercial site development on Lot 24-27, Block 1 of Rushing Springs Subdivision. Applicant Terry Sodi wants to construct a 600-square-foot addition to her art gallery and shop in an area now used as a patio.

A dozen local artists fantasize the perfect cultural arts center

The Eagle Drive fire station is one possibility to house the project.

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

About a dozen local artists fantasized about the ideal community cultural arts center at a public meeting last Saturday. People divided up into four groups, based on their medium, and Mary Lea Lane, coordinator for the Ruidoso Arts Commission, facilitated discussion of the ideas generated.

After some sky's-the-limit brainstorming, people regrouped and prioritized their ideas, which included:

Flexible classroom and studio space for the visual arts, presentation space for performing arts, shared space for large equipment, an office, a library, bathrooms, a gift shop, a sculpture garden, which also would be performance space, and

good, locked storage space. Some of the pre-prioritization ideas included: rental space for studios and galleries, a computer center, a photo lab, a music room with a good piano, an art-supply coop, spaces for workshops, music festivals and small circuses.

The group also discussed options for a building, including the fire station on Eagle Drive and the old Furr's and Wal-Mart buildings on Highway 70. Several people offered to investigate these.

"I think this was very good input for the early planning stage," Lane said. "When we get a building, we certainly want to broadly involve the community. This gives us an idea of what could actually go in, should we get the fire station building."

The Ruidoso Arts Commission initiated The Great Bear Hunt as a

fund-raising project for a future community cultural arts center.

Lane brought a binder with design proposals by local artists to enhance or decorate the two bear sculptures designed by Anacleto Loya and Jim Mauritsen, whose maquettes were chosen for the six-foot tall, high-density foam bears to be covered with high-impact stucco for painting.

"I think this was very good input for the early planning stage."

Mary Lea Lane
Ruidoso Arts Commission

The painted or enhanced bears will be on public display in Lincoln County and Mescalero from Easter 2003 through October. Sponsors will begin selecting designs May 1, which is the deadline for artist designs, although the final deadline for submissions is Oct. 1.

"We need support from the community because this money has been earmarked and will be set aside until such time as a building



Ideas fly about a community cultural arts center. Clockwise, from left: Cody Jones, 10 years old; Dan Hood, musician; Mary Maxson, theater arts; Sandy Schiffman, interior designer; Elizabeth Amigo, quilter and woodturner; and Mary Lea Lane, Ruidoso Arts Commission coordinator.

becomes available that is adequate for our needs," Lane said.

Sponsors and artists are needed. Submission packets are available at the Ruidoso Public Library, Ruidoso

Village Hall, Capitan Public Library and Carrizozo Joe's, or contact Elizabeth and Frank Amigo, co-chairs of The Great Bear Hunt, at 336-7469 or Lane at 378-4302.

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Snow pack good

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Although February was dryer than normal, the snow-pack on the 10,280-foot high ridge in the Sacramento Mountains where Keith Kessler measures depth produced "average" readings.

"We didn't have any trouble getting there," Kessler said of the trek up the mountain with his son, Brandon. "We followed the tracks of the Snow-cat that Key Communications uses to get to its towers and we just carried our snowshoes. But we had to strap them on when we left the tracks."

For the past 15 years, Kessler, who manages the Bonito Lake Recreation Area and reservoir for the city of Alamogordo, has retraced his path up the mountain on the first day of February, March and April to provide data on the snowpack. That information helps people in the Bonito and Ruidoso drainages project the runoff that will feed those rivers and to estimate ground absorption that recharges the underground aquifer.

Measurements taken by Kessler this month from 10 points along the ridge averaged

39.2 inches for snow depth, with the most shallow at 25.5 inches and deepest at 41 inches.

That compares to an average 44.25 inches last year when the reading followed a storm that dropped 24 inches of snow in one week. However, this year's figures are better than 2000, when only four of the 10 points were covered with any snow and the deepest depth was a meager 6.5 inches. The average depth on March 1, 1999 was 31.5 inches.

Water content this year fared well at an average 9.95 inches, with a high of 13.5 inches and a low of 7 inches. Last year's water content registered 15.5 inches. The density factor this year averaged 90 percent, with a high of 93 percent at the deepest measurement point. That compares to a range of 22 percent to 29 percent in 2001, when Kessler said the run-off was about average.

"We've got a decent snow-pack this year, but there's not much on the south-facing slopes," he said. "We didn't gain a lot during the last month. There's no doubt, we will have some sustained runoff and it could start soon."

DAFFODILS: Volunteers vital

FROM PAGE 1A

said. Ordering for daffodils is under way and must be placed by the end of the working day Monday. For \$6 per bunches of 10 flowers, the gift can brighten someone's day and help the hospice program, Briley said.

"Because we don't turn anyone away, the donations are vital," she said.

One recent patient needed pain management medication and the donations provided that relief, she said. Some reimbursement also may come from Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance, she said.

Hospice, which allows care in the home among familiar surroundings instead of a hospital, doesn't necessarily mean patients spend their remaining days lying in bed, she said.

"Some continue to work and

continue to play," Briley said. "One man walked and traveled and we support that. We want to help a person continue their journey as easily as possible with a good quality of life."

Families also are part of the equation, she said.

To help them through the grieving process, hospice representatives continue their relationship with family members for one year after the loss. They may be referred to counseling.

A new component of the program is called "transition," which starts with a patient in home health care and helps them through the transition to hospice.

"A lot of that is done through our volunteer program," Briley said. "I credit Kitty Jelsovsky with pounding the pavement to find more volunteers and keep this program going."

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Tuesday's municipi-
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STALLINGS

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on Wednesday morn-
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councilors L. Ray

Nunley, Deborah Marcum-
Byars and Robert Hardeman,
and unopposed Municipal
Judge Mike Line will be
sworn in at 6:30 p.m. Monday
in village hall. An organiza-
tional meeting will follow.

In his office at Sun Country
Mortgage Wednesday, outgo-
ing Mayor Robert Donaldson
said voters' choice of a new
mayor follows a well-estab-
lished local pattern.

"I think what it really is -
and it's the reason I almost
didn't run to begin with -
since we went to four-year
terms more than 30 years ago,
we have never reelected a
mayor to consecutive terms,"
he said.

"I wish Leon well. This is
my home and I want govern-
ment to run well. We've done a
lot of wonderful things. I think
we really have put together a
great foundation to move for-
ward and hopefully, he can
build on it."

Eggleston said Thursday
he told Village Manager Alan
Briley to prepare copies of
every village contract and
pending lawsuit for the review
of new council members. He
intends to invite councilors to
sit in on meetings with Briley
to ensure they're always in
the loop, Eggleston said.

In Ruidoso Downs,
Magistrate Judge Gerald

Dean Jr., Village Clerk Carol
Viriden, a couple of lawyers,
board members and poll work-
ers gathered Wednesday
morning to watch the retabu-
lation and certification of
results. Besides the potential-
ly protested race, Margie
Morales and Rene G. Olivo
won four-year terms on the
board.

Capitan's Mayor Norm
Renfro lost his bid for a third
term, but he said he had a
good eight-year run. The man
who beat him was newcomer
Steven Sederwall.

"I would have liked to fin-
ish out some projects we start-
ed," Renfro said. "I thought I
ran a good race and had the
votes to win. We had a lot of
people voting."

Fifty-two percent of the
registered voters in that vil-
lage came to the polls, com-
pared to 28 percent in Ruidoso
and 25 percent in Ruidoso
Downs. Two new trustees,
Bobbi Shearer and George W.
Tippin, were chosen. A heavy
majority Jack Johnson as
municipal judge.

Mayor Manny Hernandez
won re-election in Carrizozo
with three-fourths of the
votes. Incumbent Eileen
Lovelace and LeeRoy Zamora
won the two open seats on the
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in that town was 55.4 percent.

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remember to put cigarettes out cold.

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Village Council Members. Although I was not fortunate enough to have
been one of the three elected Council members, I believe that the voters
made excellent choices in their election of all the candidates.

There is a new administration in the Village and a new attitude. I
look forward to working with Mayor, the six Village Governing Body
members and all citizens in whatever I can personally do to continue our
work on the many issues and opportunities facing our community.

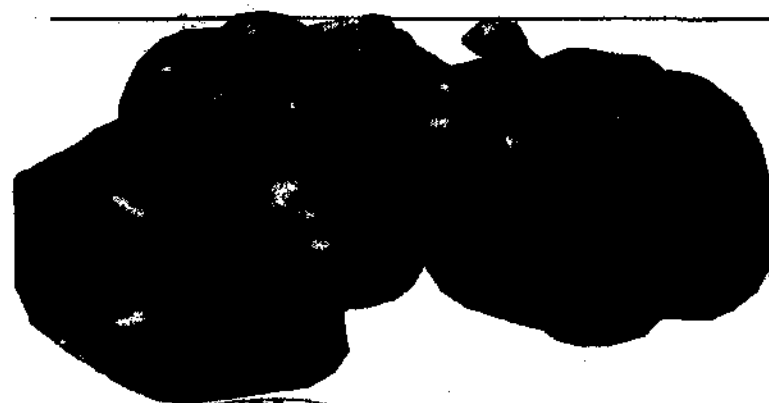
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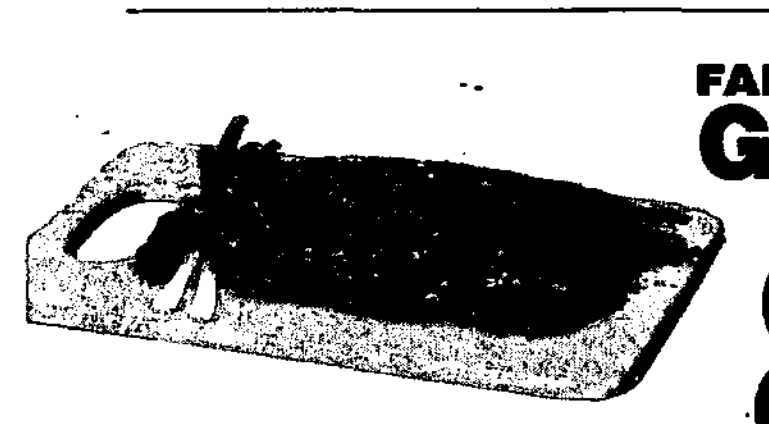
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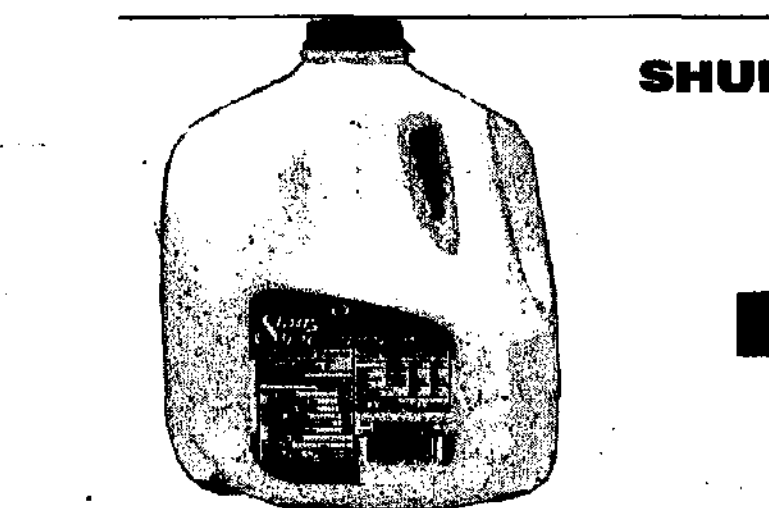
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OUR OPINION

What's good for the goose...

P&Z gives a technical 'no' to a village project

Whether or not any intent was involved, Ruidoso's Planning and Zoning Commission has set up an interesting first test for the incoming administration of Mayor Leon Eggleston.

"Affordable housing" has been a recognized need for years in our service-oriented tourist economy, and the prior administration pushed hard for such a development near Grindstone reservoir.

But when a 12.37-acre rezoning request for the project came to P&Z, members quickly pointed out that it simply didn't com-

ply under the village's comprehensive plan.

They turned it down, even as it was agreed that such a project is needed. But a new village administration (which becomes official no later than Monday) on Tuesday will decide whether a public hearing on rezoning from single-family residential to "residential planned unit" for the area should be scheduled.

Housing is needed, and a developer has been lined up to build several dozen apartments.

As noted, an interesting first political test for the Eggleston administration.

All those symbols of the third world

It seems unlikely that New Mexico will ever break out of the "third world" status so beloved of social commentators and at least one former governor. It continues to operate on the gratuities provided by state and federal politicians.



MOUNTAIN
ASIDES
KRITH GREEN

We say this, despite the fact that in dear old Ruidoso we acknowledge that dependency every day of the year.

Our main drag is called Sudders Drive, after State Highway Commissioner John Sudders, who got it paved and widened some 50 years ago.

Then there's Mechem Drive, named for former Gov. Edwin L. Mechem, who helped get that one paved a few years later.

And there are all those streets in the White Mountain neighborhood, named for former mayors of our village. Correction: Jerry Shaw (last mayor but one) Drive is the other side of Mechem.

We recall that back in the 1980s somebody in the state highway department decided no more highways would be named after living politicians, but anybody who's driven north on Interstate

25 through Belen will see the exit marked "Sosimo Padilla Boulevard."

Want to guess who Sosimo Padilla was? Right.

Then this week a fax crossed our desk from New Mexico Tech at Socorro advising that three - count 'em, three - buildings on the Tech campus will be named after living politicians.

A rather splendid, relatively new campus library, the Tech regents decided, will be known as the Joseph R. Skeen Library.

That does seem reasonable in our Banana Republic (as Gov. Tony Anaya called it one time); Congressman Skeen sent a lot of federal dollars in soft money to Tech over the years. (Yes, people in academia do have a fondness for "soft money," not just political parties. That's money from federal research contracts that need not be figured in the school's official, state-financed budget. College presidents love it.)

Those Tech regents also decided to name a couple of other buildings, and to us that seems to be reaching a bit: the "Joseph A. Fidel Student Services Center" and the "Ben D. Altamirano Student Apartments."

Fidel and Altamirano are longtime Democrat state senators who've headed committees having much impact on appropriations to colleges and universities. Tech's president, Daniel H. Lopez, knows how those things work; he's headed state cabinet departments under Democrat administrations.

They'll dedicate those buildings later, probably when the honorees can be present.

So what are we muttering about, anyway?

People who get elected to public office year after year probably do deserve some sort of monument to their sterling service, whether they want it or not. (Columnist Dave Barry, you'll remember, recently had a sewage lift station in North Dakota named after him.)

Which brings us around to mid-March, 2002, and Ruidoso's latest former mayor. If they finally complete that municipal-sponsored building project near Grindstone, let's name it "Robert B. Eggleston."

AFTER OUR TOP 10 REASONS TO
OVER THROW AL QAEDA, WE'LL
HAVE STUPID ECONOMIST TRICKS!



YOUR OPINION

Tallying the errors

To the editor:

Congratulations on your victory Mayor (Leon) Eggleston, Deborah Marcum-Byars and Ronald Hardeman!

My wife, I and many others voted for you, though we thought you had little chance of winning.

Please consider some of the mistakes made by the previous administration so that they or similar actions do not recur:

1. We lost Wal-Mart and their tax income.

2. We acquired a new police station behind closed doors; no vote, no public input. If we would have cut the size of the building, we wouldn't be paying for the old station and the new.

If they could catch the arsonist that is setting our town and the Mesquero on fire every year, then I would believe that the currently 20% increased Police budget during the previous administration could be justified, but nothing is being done.

3. We should have built the new prison near here or Fort Stanton, not

in Carrizozo. This would save a lot of time, money, and danger in prisoner transport. For that matter, the county seat should be here in Ruidoso - that would also save a lot of time and money.

4. I once lived on Timberline Drive. I had to move. How could the previous mayor allow Timberline, Gavilan Canyon and Mechem to be torn up and undrivable at the same time? How could anyone go north or south? Who was in charge of planning and spending?

5. Water? Please fix the leaks. If you can take into consideration the will of the majority of our people, not just the rich, with modest growth and minimal taxes, you will have overwhelming support.

Strong, determined leadership would have avoided all of the problems mentioned above.

I'm looking forward to that from our new team!

Mike Shimanek
Ruidoso

Shame on us

To the editor:

What a shame, that on the same day seven American soldiers are brought home to be buried, only 28 percent of Ruidoso voted.

Can't help but wonder how disappointed the veterans and current armed forces (members) are with us.

Linda Brooks Wilson
Ruidoso

Never, ever satisfied

To the editor:

I feel compelled to respond to Mr. (All) Jung's 12 items of complaint, which the mayor enumerated well in the next edition of the Ruidoso News.

Just for the record, I have lived in Ruidoso 33 years and gone through several administrations; and, Mr. Jung has never been happy with anything! It's pathetic.

My sympathy is with anyone who has to deal with him.

Betty Patton McCabe
Ruidoso

AMERICAN ISSUES

Medical-marijuana battle picks up support

NEW YORK - In a full-page ad in the March 6 New York Times, a national coalition of doctors, nurses, medical organizations, celebrities, and more than 300 state legislators asked President Bush to allow patients with serious illnesses to apply for government permission to use marijuana to relieve their symptoms.

Signatories include elected officials from 43 states and the District of Columbia, television journalists Walter Cronkite and Hugh Downs, former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Joycelyn Elders, best-selling health author Dr. Andrew

Weill, longtime Republican activist Lyn Nofziger (who was aide to Presidents Reagan and Nixon), the American Public Health Association, the National Association of People With AIDS, and the Nurses Associations of California, Hawaii, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Mexico, New York, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

The letter is also signed by such celebrities as Politically Incorrect host Bill Maher, actress Susan Sarandon, and comedian Richard Pryor, who suffers from multiple sclerosis. The letter, ad, and complete list of signatories

(including a state-by-state list of elected officials) are available at <http://www.CompassionateAccess.org>.

The ad features an open letter to President Bush. "Countless seriously ill people are already using marijuana because they and their doctors believe that it is the best medicine for them," the letter states. "These patients should not be treated like criminals."

Under current federal law, people who possess even small amounts of marijuana can be sentenced to a year in federal prison, with no exception for medical use.

In signing the letter, Hugh Downs, longtime host of the ABC News program 20/20, noted that he has long questioned laws barring medical use of marijuana. As far back as 1994, he explained in a radio commentary that marijuana "has established therapeutic use in a variety of medical conditions. But, since it is caught up in the hysteria of the drug war, doctors are prohibited from conducting research on marijuana and patients are deprived of its benefits."

"Seriously ill patients should not be threatened by arrest and jail due to their use of a treatment that can relieve their symptoms and suffering," commented American Public Health Association Executive Director Mohammad N. Akhtar, M.D., M.P.H. Former U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders, M.D., agreed, saying, "Seriously ill people should have the benefit of all medications recommended by their physicians, including legal access to medical marijuana."

Conservative activist Lyn Nofziger added bluntly, "The only people who oppose the use of marijuana for medical purposes are those who have never needed it, or have no member of their family who has needed it."

STREET TALK

QUESTION: How do you feel about the outcome of the Ruidoso municipal election?



"I was surprised that Eggleston won but pleased and particularly happy that Deborah Marcum-Byars is on the council."
Harold Tugler
Ruidoso



"I am happy that Ruidoso changes mayors every once in awhile. A politician shouldn't be in office too long. I agree with only one term of office."
Bill Hawker
Also



"I'm glad Donaldson didn't win because I feel he cares only for developing Ruidoso for the rich. ... I'm also glad Bill Chance didn't win ... somebody with real estate interests shouldn't be sitting on council."
Brian Johnson
Ruidoso

LETTERS POLICY

The Ruidoso News encourages letters to the editor, especially about local topics and issues. Each letter must be signed and must include the writer's daytime telephone number and mail address. The phone number and mailing address will not be printed; the hometown will be. The telephone number will be used to verify authenticity. No letter will be printed without the writer's name.

Letters should be no more than 300 words in length, of public interest, and free of bias; editing will be for length, grammar or spelling. Shorter letters are preferred and generally receive greater readership. The Ruidoso News reserves the right to reject any letter. Longer by-lined "Guest Commentaries" articles will be considered; ask the editor at (505) 257-4001.

Letters may be delivered to the Ruidoso News office at 104 Park Avenue, Ruidoso, N.M. 86325, or mailed to the editor at the same address.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

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Census Bureau's Current
Population Survey, or CPS, the
largest and longest-running
household survey in the coun-
try. It began in 1942.

During the week of March
17, a force of nearly 2,000
Census Bureau field represen-
tatives will conduct interviews
at about 57,000 households
nationwide to update the coun-
try's unemployment data. The
BLS will release the results on
April 5.

Reception for Greer

Gary and Cindy Lynch will
hold a reception for Earl Greer,
Republican candidate for the
U. S. House of Representatives
from New Mexico District II
from 5 p. m. to 7 p. m. today
at their office, Gary Lynch Realty,
at 616 Mechem Drive.

Greer announced his bid for
the congressional seat follow-
ing Rep. Joe Skeen's retirement
announcement. He lives in
Truth or Consequences and has
been a director of the National
Association of Realtors and a
lobbyist on real estate issues.

Virtual home tours available

Ruidoso photographer Frederic Moras adds his skills to two Realtor Web sites

■ Potential buyers of homes in
Lincoln County from anywhere in
the world can get an Internet pre-
view of available properties...in
motion and living color.

Prospective buyers of Ruidoso prop-
erty can now "walk through" homes for sale
without leaving their own home, via vir-
tual home tours on the Internet.

Photographer Frederic Moras is the
local authorized provider for virtual tours
for Homestore.com and REALTOR.com,
an Internet site that lists more than 1.7
million homes for sale across the coun-
try. The tours also are available on in-
dividual real estate companies' own Web
pages.

The virtual home tour is filmed with
digital technology, which produces a
360-degree view of the room. Anyone
with Internet access can view a virtual
home tour.

Scott Miller and Doug Siddens, real
estate associates with Century 21 Aspen
Real Estate, call it "a new era in real
estate."

It's like standing in the middle of the
room and turning slowly," Miller said.

Using a computer mouse, the viewer
can stop, reverse direction, look up at
the ceiling or down at the floor. Virtual
tours show off a home's best features —
custom kitchens, fireplaces, cathedral
ceilings, decks and scenic views.

Buyers can preview dozens of homes
before coming to Ruidoso.

"It saves everyone a lot of time,"
Miller said. "I deal with out-of-state
clients who have already looked at

homes over the Internet. They come to
town and know which ones they actually
want to see."

"Ruidoso is especially good for this
kind of marketing," Siddens said. "We're
somewhat remote and you have to make
an effort to get here. For me, the virtual
home tour is an essential marketing tool."

Siddens said both sellers and buyers
like the technology.

"Feedback from sellers is terrific
because of the increased exposure in
which their property is marketed world-
wide," he said. "And we get calls from
buyers from all over. It definitely leads
people to you. Just in the past year, the

number of e-mails that we get has
increased significantly."

Miller reported more than 1,200
"hits" at his Web site since he installed a
counter last August.

"The majority of people that I deal
with use the Internet," he said. "A virtu-
al tour can show so much more than a
still photo. In the near future, I think
people will expect this kind of informa-
tion to be readily available to them."

For more information, contact any
Ruidoso Realtor. E-mail Frederic Moras
at fkid@hotmail.com or call him at (505)
257-9507.

BEAUTIFICATION RECOGNITION



Susan Lutterman, chairman of the Keep Ruidoso Beautiful committee, presents a recognition
award to Charlie Moore of Texas-New Mexico Power, who, with other employees, helps each
year to recycle discarded Christmas trees into mulch.

The Economy and the Markets Manufacturing snags

HAEL SWINSON
UNCO & CO.

w utilization of manufac-
ing capacity has been cited
one of the major economic
problems preventing a strong
recovery. In fact, the current
utilization rate is the lowest
in over 10 years. With so
much manufacturing capacity
underutilized, there seems
no way for manufacturing
companies to raise prices (hurt-
ing profit margins) and no rea-
son for additional capital
expenditures (hurting manu-
facturing even further).

Unfortunately, the decline in
manufacturing capacity uti-
lization has come to a halt, and
based on historical patterns it
is reasonable to expect
that inventory liquidation
will be small but rapid recovery.
Equally important, not all
industries are suffering from
manufacturing over-capacity.
Industries such as oil
refining and even automotive
light truck manufacturing
are at strong or moderately
high levels of usage.

Industries currently at
low levels of capacity uti-
lization will not be under such
pressure in terms of
equipment, and are more likely to
use capital equipment
expenditures to grow their pro-
ductive capacity. These sectors
are contributing dispropor-
tionately to the rebound in cap-
ital expenditures.

Unfortunately, there are
sectors that are still
struggling with utilization. In comput-
ers, it is unlikely that demand
will bounce back enough
through an improving
economy to get computer man-
ufacturers back to levels where
they can generate sustainable
profits.

More plausible scenario
would be for a major amount of
computer manufacturing capa-
city to be taken out of service
during utilization to recover
short-term rates. This drop in
capacity could occur in two sig-
nificant ways. First, a major
computer manufacturer could
exit the market entirely.
Second, most of the comput-
er manufacturers could shutter
their plants based on their
high cost structures and
lack of strategic growth plans.

In any case, the large losses
suffered in this market
warrant these corrections to

come sooner rather than later.

Interest: fixed or variable?

The question on many bor-
rowers' minds at the moment is
whether they should lock in
their rates, or go with cheaper
variable rates and risk a rapid
increase later on. The answer
will depend entirely on the
length of financing needs and
the rate of the recovery in the
overall economy.

Typically, the Fed begins to
raise interest rates only when
the unemployment rate peaks
or starts to decline. Currently,
the fed funds futures market
shows the strongest odds of an
initial rate hike occurring in
July with fair number of
traders betting that June will
be the start. Given the current
economic outlook, the market
anticipates a 50 to 75 basis
point hike in the benchmark
short-term rate over the next
six months.

Most financing needs
extend much further beyond
September, and this means
that borrowers will have to
decide on their overall econom-
ic forecast and its impact on
short-term and long-term
rates. One of the simplest and
best guides to forecasting the
Fed Funds rate comes from
Taylor's rule. Taylor's rule says
that the Fed sets its short-term
rates to match a combination of
inflation and an equilibrium
growth rate.

Most likely, core inflation
increases should remain firmly
around 2 to 2.5 percent. The
equilibrium growth rate (a
more subjective value) falls
between 2 and 3.5 percent
depending on productivity
growth. The combination of
current inflation and economic
growth probably places the
low-end of Fed's target rate
anywhere between 4 and 6 per-
cent for Fed Funds over the
course of the next 24 to 36
months.

A weak or even moderate
recovery would most likely only
push Fed Funds up to 4 per-
cent, but a strong recovery
could move it to 6 percent. In
the end, each borrower needs
to balance out their own eco-
nomic forecast in combination
with their need to have certaint-
y in their financing costs.

These are not investment
recommendations. Consult
your financial advisors.

Existing-home sales should be at near record levels in 2002

"... a rise in
jobs and con-
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dence will more
than offset
slightly higher
interest rates."

David Lereah
NAR chief economist

WASHINGTON — With a
gradual growth in economic activ-
ity, existing-home sales in 2002
are expected to be very close to
last year's record, according to
the National Association of
Realtors.

David Lereah, NAR's chief
economist, said all the factors
necessary for a strong housing
market are in place again this
year. "As the economy picks up
steam in the second half of the
year, a rise in jobs and consumer
confidence will more than offset
slightly higher interest rates.
That will boost consumer confi-
dence in purchasing high-ticket
items such as homes and keep
the housing market in record ter-
ritory," he said.

NAR forecasts existing-home
sales to slip only 0.5 percent in
2002 to a total of 5.27 million
units, second only to last year's

record of 5.30 million sales. New-
home sales are projected to drop
4.1 percent from a record 906,000
sales in 2001 to a total of 870,000
units this year. Housing starts
are seen to decline 2.3 percent to
a total of 1.57 million units in
2002.

Lereah expects U.S. economic
growth, as measured by the
Gross Domestic Product, to rise
gradually to a 3.1 percent growth
rate in the fourth quarter.
Consumer price inflation for 2002
should be only 1.6 percent.

As the economy improves, the
association projects the 30-year
fixed mortgage interest rate to
rise to 7.3 percent by the third
quarter. "Despite an uptick in
mortgage interest rates, afford-
ability will remain favorable for
most households in most areas,"
Lereah said.

NAR expects the national

median existing-home price to
rise 5.1 percent to \$155,400 in
2002. The typical new home price
is projected to be \$184,700 this
year, up 6.1 percent from 2001.

The association projects the
unemployment rate to peak at 6.0
percent in the second quarter,
then gradually decline. Inflation-
adjusted disposable personal
income is forecast to grow 2.3
percent this year.

More detailed information
about the association's economic
outlook, as well as other analysis
of real estate industry statistics,
can be found in NAR's Real
Estate Outlook: Market Trends
and Insights. The publication
may be purchased by calling
800/874-6500.

The next existing-home sales
release is scheduled for March 25.
The next economic and housing
forecast will be released April 9.

Focus on Agriculture

Of songbirds, cows and government

BY RICK KRAUSE
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

When outside influences
threaten a way of life, many
people either lash back or give
up. When government efforts
to protect endangered song-
birds threatened to eliminate
livestock grazing at Fort Hood
in the Texas Hill Country, the
Central Texas Cattlemen's
Association took a third
approach, one that has bene-
fited both the songbirds and
grazing.

Two species of songbirds —
the black-capped vireo and the
golden-cheeked warbler — suf-
fer from cowbirds invading
their nests and substituting
their eggs for those of the
songbirds. As the name
implies, cowbirds hang around
cattle. So Army biologists
thought the only way to get rid
of the cowbirds was to get rid
of cattle grazing in the Fort
Hood area.

The association set out to
prove that grazing was not the

problem. Fort Hood had been
conducting a successful cow-
bird trapping program for sev-
eral years. But the problems
persisted, mainly because
cowbirds on neighboring pri-
vate lands came from up to 20
miles away. The association
wondered, "What if traps
could be placed on neighboring
private lands to reduce the
number of birds entering the
fort? Could an extensive trap-
ping program work just as
well as removing the cattle?"

There were several obsta-
cles to this strategy, but the
association persevered.

First, ranchers had to con-
vince federal and state biolo-
gists and the Fish and Wildlife
Service to give this novel
approach a try. Community
support was necessary. The
Texas Farm Bureau was an
early and ardent supporter.
After considerable effort, a
broad coalition was formed
that included such diverse
groups as Texas Farm Bureau,
Environmental Defense,

Texas Parks and Wildlife
Department, The Nature
Conservancy, Texas Wildlife
Association, Texas and
Southwestern Cattle Raisers
Association and Texas
Audubon Society.

Another problem was fund-
ing. As part of the proposal,
the ranchers agreed to build
the traps. Persistent visits to
Austin and Washington, D.C.,
secured funds from a number
of state and federal sources.

Supporting organizations
also chipped in funds.

There had to be places to
put the traps. Persuading
independent ranchers who
fiercely guard their private
property rights to participate
in the experiment was no easy
task.

Through the support of
agriculture organizations and
several meetings with
landowners, progress was
made.

The results of the experi-
ment are still coming in, but
the trends are encouraging. In

less than five years, more than
300 cowbird traps have been
put out on private lands and
the program has been expand-
ed to other parts of central
Texas beyond the Fort Hood
area. Cowbird parasitism has
reduced from more than 90
percent before the trapping to
less than 10 percent now.

Black-capped vireo num-
bers are climbing, and now
people are talking about de-
listing them sooner than most
would have thought possible.
A couple of ranchers have even
been appointed to the federal
Black-Capped Vireo Recovery
Team.

The project is being touted
as a model of cooperation and
innovative problem-solving.
Farmers and ranchers are
making a difference and are
part of the solution.

Rick Krause is the regula-
tory counsel and director of
regulatory relations with the
AFFB public policy team in
Washington, D.C.

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Hunting outfitter sued by Apache Tribe

A Ruidoso hunting outfitter was sued by the Mescalero Apache Tribe for trespassing on tribal property and killing a bull elk in 1997.

The lawsuit, filed in Otero County District Court late last year, stated that Joseph James Graham took a Wisconsin client onto the reservation in October 1997 during the state elk hunting season, according to information from tribal

spokesman Ed Moreno.

Hunting on the reservation is not allowed without a tribal hunting permit.

"Trespassing happens all the time on horseback or all terrain vehicles, basically hunting on the reservation. With all of the remote areas, it's hard to catch them," said Ray Beck, lead officer of the Mescalero Conservation Department.

The tribe asked the court for \$5,500 in compensatory damages and \$11,000 in punitive damages against Graham, Moreno said.

"The Tribe is the victim here," Beck said. "Elk have economic value to us. That bull could have been a trophy bull if it had lived a little longer. The potential for the Tribe selling that animal was there."

FUNERALS DEATHS

Delia V. Hardee

Memorial services for Delia V. Hardee, 42, of Ruidoso Downs, were Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Ruidoso Downs with the Rev. Randy Widener officiating.

Ms. Hardee died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2002, at her home.

She was born April 8, 1959 in Louisiana to Jesse and Irene Jenkins Hardee.

She was a U.S. Army veteran and was a casino dealer at the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

Survivors include a son, Jesse Milagro Hardee, of Ruidoso Downs; her father, Jesse Hardee of Shreveport, La.; and a companion, Sandra Ortiz of Ruidoso Downs.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Irene Hardee.

Arrangements are under the direction of Muffley Funeral Home in Clovis.

Lamar Casey

A funeral service for Lamar Casey, 79, will be at 2 p.m. today at the Rule Church of Christ in Rule, Texas, with John Greeson and the Rev. J. R. Williams officiating. Burial will follow in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home.

Mr. Casey, who died Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at a Haskell, Texas, hospital, once owned Casey's Cabins in

Ruidoso

He was born Dec. 17, 1922, in Rule, to Thomas Frank Casey and Katy Lee Bruton Casey.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in Normandy, northern France, the Rhineland, Ardennes and in central Europe. He married Marjorilene "Margie" Camper on Oct. 2, 1948, in Rule.

Along with his wife, he owned and operated the Bluebonnet and Drug Store Café in Rule for 50 years. He owned and operated Casey's Cabins in Ruidoso for 18 years. He was known for his beautiful yards and flowers and his good cooking.

Survivors include his wife, Margie, of the home; a daughter, Sonja Jeanne Casey Parr and her husband, David, of Rule; sons Gary Lee Casey and Thomas Rudy Casey and

his wife, Julie, both of Rule; a sister, Maxine Hertterberger of Rule; grandchildren Tonja Jeanne Parr Lowry, Thomas Lee Casey, Casey Wayne Parr, Michael Martin Casey; great-grandchildren Madeline Claire Lowry and Jack Henry Lowry.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Alyce Casey Simmons; and brothers Thomas Bruton Casey and Leroy Casey.

Olive Whitley

Graveside services for Olive Whitley, 90, of Alto, were Nov. 19 at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso, with the Rev. Bob Sawyer officiating.

Mrs. Whitley died Nov. 16, 2001, in Alamogordo.

She was born March 17, 1911 in Claremont, Minn.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Sheep shearing Saturday after delay

The wool will fly Saturday as sheep are sheared at Laughing Sheep Ranch in Lincoln. The event was planned for last weekend, but was postponed because of cold temperatures.

People who wonder about the origin of the wool in their favorite sweaters will get some answers from ranch owner Sally Canning. Head shearer will be David Cunningham, who also is a member of the U.S. Forest Service's Hot Shot wild-fire-fighting team.

People can arrange to stop by to see the shearing of the ranch's commercial Blackface and registered Rambouillet sheep starting at 9 a.m. and running through most of the day. For information about the location and for a good time to visit, call Canning at (505) 653-4041.

Alzheimer's meeting

The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at Heritage Senior Adult Program, 101

Raines Road, next to Lincoln County Medical Center, at 1:30 p.m. March 8. The support group meets the second Friday of every month. For more information, contact Angella Clair at (505) 624-1552 or (800) 777-8155.

White Sands tours

Ranger guided activities at White Sands National Monument next month will include a sunset nature stroll and a tour of Lake Lucero, the source of the sand dunes.

Through March 17, sunset stroll nature walks will be daily at 5 p.m. The time will be 6:15 p.m. March 18-31.

The Lake Lucero tour is set for 10 a.m., March 30. An automobile caravan and hike to the source of the white sands leaves promptly. Reservations will be accepted starting March 16.

Tour fees are \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children 16 and under, and for Golden Age Passport holders. For more information and reservations, call (505) 479-6124 or 679-2599.

PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT

and
Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment
for proposed widening and realignment of
U.S. Highway 70
from Mile Post 255.6 to Mile Post 261.3
Lincoln and Otero Counties, New Mexico
Project No. NH-070-(4)(30)254, CN 2514

The New Mexico Highway and Transportation Department (NMSHTD), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has completed an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposal to widen and realign NM Highway 70 in Lincoln and Otero counties between mile post 255.1 and 261.3. The project extends from BIA Road 4 at the turnoff to the Inn of the Mountain Gods on the Mescalero Apache Reservation to the intersection with NM 48 in Ruidoso. The purpose of the project is to widen the only remaining two-lane segment of US 70 between Ruidoso and Las Cruces, NM to four lanes to improve safety, and provide highway continuity. An option to add a traffic signal at Sutton Drive and NM 48 and close the Gavilan Canyon Road intersection in Ruidoso is also being considered to improve traffic flow and safety.

Two alternatives are currently being considered: the proposed project and no action. The proposed project would widen the highway to four lanes with shoulders and a raised center median in Otero County and four lanes, shoulders, and a center turning lane in Lincoln County. Sidewalks and street lighting would be added in Ruidoso.

A public hearing will be held to: 1) present the proposed project and findings of the EA; and 2) provide the public with the opportunity to comment on the proposed actions, cultural resource findings and recommendations for the project, and pedestrian, equestrian, and bicyclist issues associated with the project.

Date:	Tuesday, March 26, 2002
Time:	6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - open house 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - presentation 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - public comments
Place:	Ruidoso Convention Center 111 Sierra Blanca Drive Ruidoso, New Mexico

Copies of the EA are available for review at:

NMSHTD District 2 Offices
4505 West Second Street
Roswell, NM 88202
(505) 624-3301

Village of Ruidoso
313 Cree Meadows
Ruidoso, NM 88345
(505) 258-43403

NMSHTD Environmental Section
1120 Cerrillos Road - Room 213
Santa Fe, NM 87504
(505) 827-3254

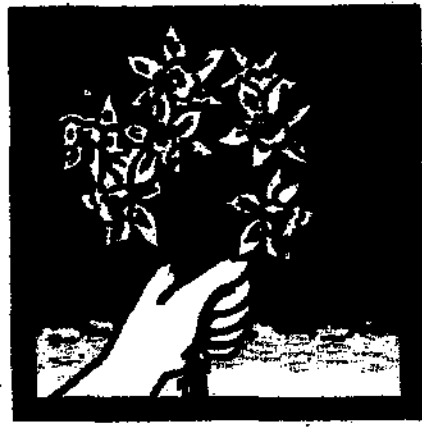
Bureau of Indian Affairs
112 Sage Avenue
Mescalero, NM 88340
(505) 464-4423

Ruidoso Public Library
107 Kansas City Road
Ruidoso, NM 88345
(505) 258-3704

Blue Earth Ecological Consultants
1345 Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, NM 87505
(505) 983-2687

Written comments on the EA will be accepted until close of business on April 8, 2002. Comments may be mailed or faxed to Karen Yori, Blue Earth Ecological Consultants, Inc., 1345 Pacheco Street, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Fax: (505) 983-2960. Comments may also be submitted via e-mail to: kyori@blueearthecological.com. Additional information about the EA or the hearings may be obtained from Karen Yori at Blue Earth or Steve Reed, NMSHTD Environmental Section, at the address and phone numbers listed above or from Dennis Feralta, NMSHTD Project Development Engineer, (505) 827-9853.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations for the meeting should contact Karen Yori at the above phone number or address at least two days prior to the meeting.



Daffodil Days for Hospice

Join us in celebrating
the first flowers of Spring
to benefit Hospice of Lincoln County

Thursday, March 14th - Friday, March 15th

Flowers will be on sale at Hospice of Lincoln County
1204 Mechem Road #1 Ruidoso

Or

Pre-order your daffodils, only \$6.00 for a bunch of 10.
With your order of 5 bunches or more, Hospice volunteers will deliver
your flowers on March 14th. Daffodils that are not delivered can be
picked up on March 15th at Hospice of Lincoln County.

For more information call 257-5189
Deadline to pre-order is Monday, March 11th.

Hospice of Lincoln County provides end-of-life care and comfort
to members of our community regardless of their ability to pay.



PRESBYTERIAN MEDICAL SERVICES

Hospice of Lincoln County

Building a Healthier Future

Water biggest legislative issue, area reps report

SECURITY

One of the biggest issues, Foley said, is who will be appointed as State Engineer. If the State Engineer imposes a "priority call" on water rights along the Pecos River, cities such as Ruidoso, Artesia and Roswell, which have "junior water right status," water could be cut off to users.

"We're going to try to treat water that comes out of oil operations, re-injecting the water back into the ground," Foley said, speaking of a new income tax credit for oil and gas operators who produce and deliver water to the Pecos River as a byproduct. Foley said 125,000 acre-feet of water are produced a year by this process and can be cleaned by reverse osmosis and dumped back into the Pecos River.

Proposals to remove the gross receipts tax on food and to deregulate the wire-

less telecommunications industry both failed, said J.D. Bullington, from the Association of Commerce and Industry. The ACI was neutral on the food tax, he said, but it had polled business people who feel the need to restructure the tax structure. New Mexico is one of the few states that taxes food, Bullington said.

Williams, who serves on the Education Committee, said one of the issues was to appropriate money to at least cover insurance for teachers, and he said he thought that may stay in.

Both legislators said New Mexico needs to be more friendly toward business to attract more of it to the state.

"We haven't had even a quarter of the growth that our neighbors have: Arizona, Texas and Colorado. It's taxes. We're very anti-business," Foley said.

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Motorcycle rider injured on Highway 48 curve

R. Buckner, 25, was in a motorcycle accident 5:25 p.m. March 3 near Honda motorcycle on a curve on Highway 48. Buckner was off the roadway, off the guardrail in services, according to police.

Buckner was conscious but in a fetal position on the side of the road and in pain, when he arrived on the scene. He suffered a fractured tibia/fibula, a dislocation and possible fracture of the elbow.

The victim reportedly told she had been drinking and it had been more than four years since she had a motorcycle. EMS and police smelled alcohol on her breath and she submitted a blood test. She was charged on driving under the influence of alcohol. A witness said the victim was following him north on Highway 48, closing the curve, entered the curve and off the roadway. The other witness said she hit him, hit the guardrail, and lost control and

she and the bike skidded along the guardrail about 150 feet until the bike flipped and landed on top of her, then traveled another 50 feet.

The police report states that impact points on the guardrail suggest the bike struck it several times before hitting the guardrail end-cap, which apparently caused her to be thrown from the vehicle.

Dr. Tom Ramage arrived to assess the victim until EMS arrived and assumed care.

Handgun taken

A \$8W handgun valued at \$500 was reported taken between March 4 and 6 from a duffel bag in the master bedroom of a rented condominium at High Sierra Condominiums, 504 Excelsior. Police interviewed personnel and everyone said they did not enter the condominium, and there was no sign of forced entry.

Cell phones gone

A Motorola cell phone valued at \$249 was reported taken from a vehicle while it was parked at the

Albuquerque airport or in the Ruidoso area between Feb. 21 and 27.

A Nokia cell phone valued at \$150 was reported taken from a vehicle parked at Lincoln Tower, 1096 Mechem

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Joint Policy & Technical Committee Meeting
Southeast Regional Long Range Transportation Plan

DATE: Wednesday, March 13, 2002
TIME: 10:00am
LOCATION: NMSHTD Training Academy
785 East Cummings, Roswell, NM

A Joint Policy & Technical Committee Meeting of the SERPO will be held to discuss the following items:

Action Items
Approval of the January 25 and February 13, 2002 Meeting Minutes.

Discussion Items
Discussion and Workshop of the Southeast Regional Long Range Transportation Plan include, but are not limited to, the following items: Table of Contents, Introduction, Compliance with USDOT Planning Requirements, Public & Local Government Involvement Processes, Citizen Planning Conferences in April and May 2002 scheduled through the NMSHTD Special Studies Section, Bureau of the Census 2000 Population Statistics, Transportation Planning Issues, Transportation Goals, Policies & Objectives of Local, County and Tribal Government Entities, Economic Development Studies and Issues, Alternative Modes of Transportation, Referenced Materials, Appendix: New Business Items, Long Range Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update, January 1998, Summary of Findings and Recommended Actions, Economic Development Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats Assessment of Southeast New Mexico, Next Meeting Date, and Adjournment.

Handouts / Maps Reviewed
MPO and RPO Maps and Incorporated Municipalities; Ride NM Project Development Map; North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Trade and Economic Development Corridors; Population Data of the State and Southeast New Mexico.

Representation is requested from all municipal, county and tribal governments within Lincoln, De Baca, Curry, Chaves, Roosevelt, Otero, Eddy & Lea counties. Any questions about the agenda may be directed to the SERPO Planner c/o Regional Planning Section, NMSHTD, P.O. Box 1149, Santa Fe, NM 87504-1149 or by calling (505) 827-3244. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, unless compelling reasons dictate otherwise, public meetings and hearings conducted by the Southeast Regional Planning Organization in conjunction with the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department will be held in accessible buildings. Given reasonable notice, interpreters and readers will be available to the hearing and visually impaired. Contact the ADA Coordinator at 505-827-1775 by March 11, 2002.

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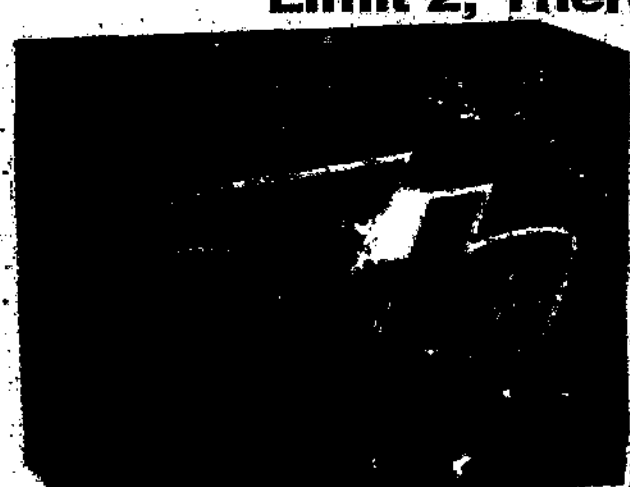


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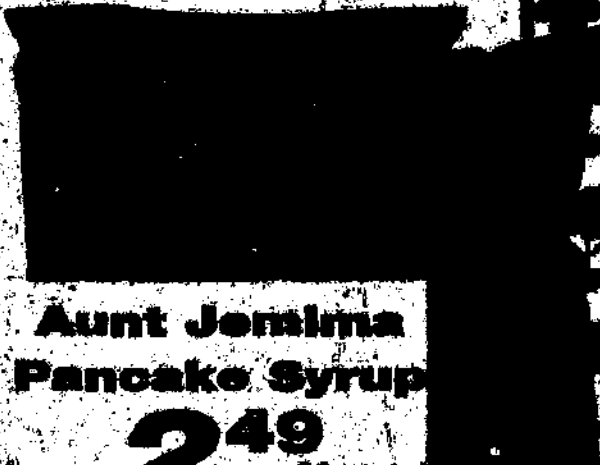
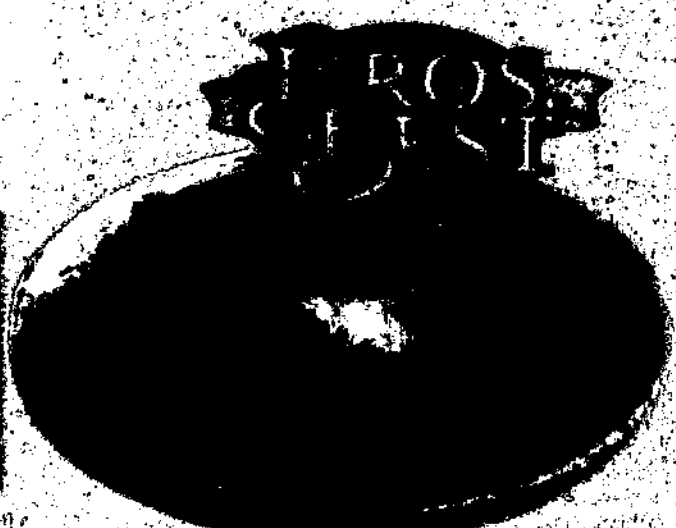
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LEGAL NOTICE

Whatver are the defendant's, the under- signed will offer for public sale to the highest bidder for cash at the front entrance of the Ruidoso Municipal Building, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, on the 18th day of April, 2002, at 9:45 a.m., all rights of the defendant's Thomas W. Whitley and Debra J. Whitley to the following described real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico:

Lot 9, Block 12, HIGH MESA SUBDIVISION, UNIT 3, 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 on October 6, 1972, in Tube No. 467.

Lot 7, Block 18, ALTO LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB SUBDIVISION, UNIT 7, 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 on April 29, 1971, in Tube No. 404.

Lot 253, DEER PARK VALLEY SUBDIVISION, UNIT 9, 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 on April 17, 1981, in Case No. 7 to 10, both inclusive;

Lot 201, DEER PARK VALLEY SUBDIVISION, UNIT 9, 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 on April 17, 1981, in Case No. 7 to 10, both inclusive;

Notice is further given that the court directed foreclosure of the lien on the Property and that the amount to be realized at said sale from the Property, with interest calculated to date of sale, are as follows:

Amount of Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club, Inc.'s Claim of Lien...\$15374.99

Costs.....\$385.82

Attorney's Fees...\$2008.59

In addition thereto there will be accruing interest, and costs of publication of this Notice, and the Special Master's Fee fixed by the Court in the amount of \$200.00.

The terms of this sale are that the purchaser must pay cash at the time the property is struck off to him, except that ALTO LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, INC. may bid all or any part of its judgment, plus interest without paying cash.

Witness my hand this 18th day of February, 2002.

/s/ Peter Beck, Special Master

#3954 4T (2) 27 (3) 8,13,20

LEGAL NOTICE

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Blanca N. Ortiz

Petitioner

Cesar D. Ortiz

Respondent

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

to the above-named Respondent, GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Petitioner has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled court and cause, the general object thereof being to dissolve the bonds of matrimony between the parties, to determine what debts or property exist and to allocate said debts or property to the parties, and for custody and support of the parties' two minor children.

Unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 18th day of April, 2002, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Name and address of Petitioner's attorney is:

Marc Prieto

1098 Mechem Drive, Suite #311, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345

Tel. (505) 257-3000

Fax. (505) 258-1707

WITNESS the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, Judge of the Twelfth Judicial

District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District

Court of Lincoln County, this date: 2-15-02

(Seal)

JAN PERRY DISTRICT COURT CLERK

By: /s/ Jolene Biggs Deputy

#3953 4T (2) 22, (3) 1,8,15

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF LINCOLN

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. CV-01-240-Div III

BANK ONE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ANNA JEFFCOAT aka ANNA MARIE JEFFCOAT, SIERRA BANK, JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants,

Defendants,

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 13, 2002, 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 at the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 414 Mary Drive, Ruidoso, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 16, BLOCK 7, OF TOWN & COUNTRY NORTH, UNIT 1, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY,

LEGAL NOTICE

NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN BY THE AMENDED PLAT OF TOWN & COUNTRY NORTH, UNIT 1, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON FEBRUARY 23, 1987, IN TUBE NO. 201.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on February 4, 2002, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$79,149.32, and the same bears interest to the date of sale at the rate of 12% per annum. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale, and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Lot 34, Block 14, ALTO LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB SUBDIVISION, UNIT 5, 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 on July 8, 1999, in Tube No. 944.

(hereinafter referred to as "the Property").

Notice is further given that the court directed foreclosure of the lien on the Property and that the amount to be realized at said sale from the Property, with interest calculated to date of sale, are as follows:

Amount of Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club, Inc.'s Claim of Lien...\$3950.81

Costs.....\$313.63

Attorney's Fees...\$1807.81

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Witness my hand this 11th day of February, 2002.

/s/ Jolene Biggs Deputy

#3945 4T (2) 15, 22 (3) 1, 8

LEGAL NOTICE

COUNTY OF LINCOLN

PO BOX 711

CARRIZOZO, N.M. 88301-0711

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold public hearings beginning at 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 21, 2002, to be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse (Commission Chambers) in Carrizozo, New Mexico, to consider the following items:

A. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDING, REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCES NO. 1891-12

B. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDING, REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING THE LINCOLN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL/HEALTH CARE ORDINANCE NO. 2001-06.

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the proposed ordinances may be obtained from the County Manager's Office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

MARTHA GUEVARA ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER.

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF LINCOLN

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

JERRY CLAUDE HOOPER,

PETITIONER,

VS.

VIVIAN LORRAINE HOOPER,

Respondent.

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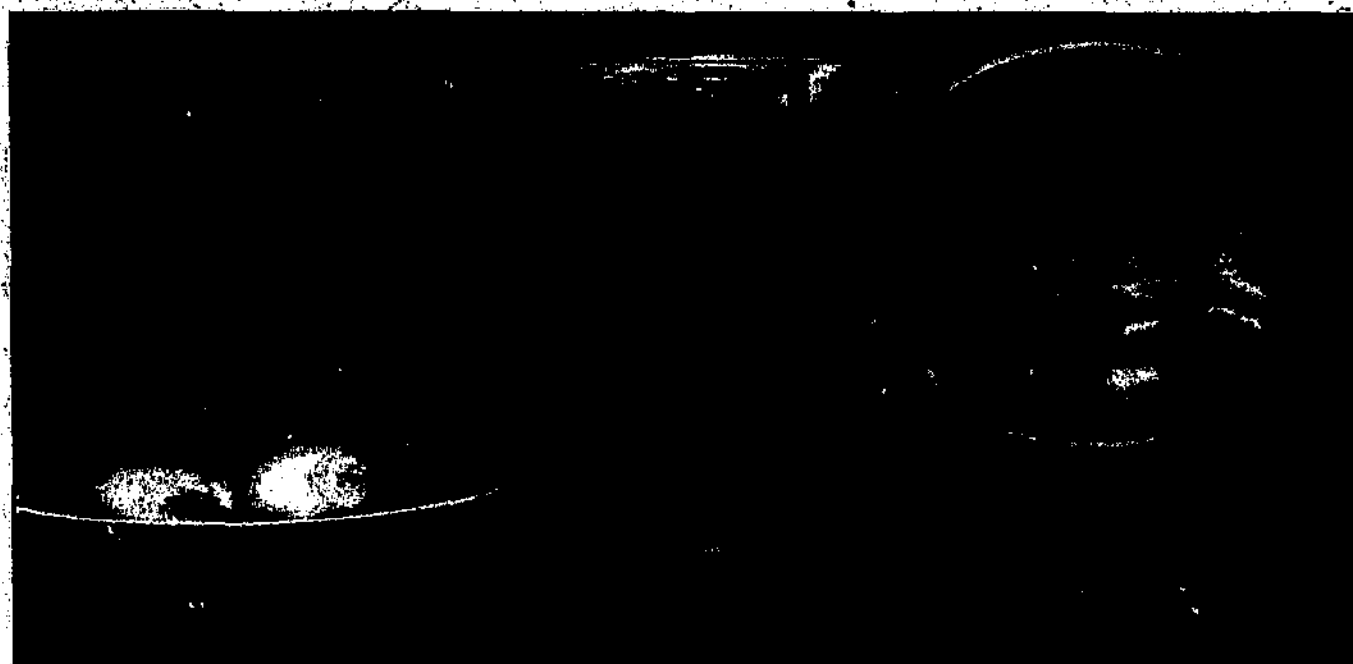
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ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

The work of Kenyon Thomas highlights an exhibit of local artists now gracing the Ruidoso Public Library

Story and photos by
Sandy Suggitt



striking pottery of Ruidoso ceramist Kenyon Thomas is on exhibit at the Ruidoso Public Library, and this and other exhibits will be featured at an opening reception for new works of the Private Art in Public Places program 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. today.

Thomas moved to Ruidoso almost six years ago from Santa Fe, where his pottery developed a unique style. He and his wife, Marcia, have an open gallery at 546 Sudderth Drive since then, his unusual blend of geometric shapes and his focus on nature is displayed.

Capitan Public Schools will exhibit artworks by students from kindergarten through high school. This is a traveling exhibit of works chosen from each grade, which were also used as a set of notecards for sale as a fundraiser for special projects.

Upstairs are exhibits of Teresa Montez, whose lamps, mobiles and other items she has made as Tree Fairy Art. In the Children's room downstairs are new exhibits of a Rabourn's Ruidoso Middle School art teacher and Tularosa art teacher Suzy Goza's works. These exhibits change each month. Also, Sawyer Ward will entertain with his harmonium.

Ruidoso Dance Conservatory will be performing the reception today, and music will be provided by Judy Pekelsma, Sally Wimbrow and Elaine Brannen. Refreshments will be served and the public is encouraged to attend.

For more information about the Private Art in Public Places project at the library, contact Diane Smith at 255-3704.



An opening reception for the Private Art in Public Places project will be from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. today at the Ruidoso Public Library. The surrounding works by Kenyon Thomas are but a taste of what awaits.



Grand Forks' schnapps thawed out Barry's frosty bobber

In last week's column, I described my January visit to Grand Forks, N.D., and East Grand Forks, Minn., which are also called "The Grand Cities" by about six people who are hoping this name will attract more humans to the area.

I went to The Grand Cities because I had poked some good-natured fun at the residents. They responded by good-naturedly inviting me up and formally naming a sewage pumping station after me in a ceremony that will forever remain a vivid memory in my mind, even though I have burned my clothes.

But that was not the end of their hospitality. They also exposed me to the popular northern sport of ice fishing, which gets its name from the fact that "ice fishing" sounds better than "sitting around drinking."

The idea behind ice fishing is that the northern winter, which typically lasts 43 months, eventually starts to make a guy feel weird, so inside his house, he

he goes out to the Great Outdoors, drills a hole in a frozen body of water, drops in a line, and then coops himself up inside a tiny structure called a "fish house" with a heater and some fishing buddies and some cigars and some adult beverages and maybe a TV with a satellite dish. It's basically the same thing as drilling a hole in the floor of your recreation room, the difference being that in your recreation room you'd have a better chance of catching a fish.

I started my ice-fishing trip at the Cabela's outdoor-supply store, which is close to the biggest thing in East Grand Forks, and which has huge tanks inside with fish swimming around. There I met a guy named Steve Gander, who had two snowmobiles running outside in the subzero cold. We hopped on and drove them at a high rate of speed, right through the East Grand Forks traffic. (By "the East Grand Forks traffic," I mean, "a car.") We snowmobiled down to the Red River, which divides East

Grand Forks from Grand Forks, and which gets its name from the fact that the water is brown. There we met Cabela's employee Matt Gindorff, who had drilled some holes in the ice. Matt dropped a fishing line into a hole, and within just 15 minutes — Talk about beginners' luck! — nothing happened. Nothing ever happens in ice fishing, because — this is my theory — there are no fish under the ice. Fish are not rocket scientists but they are smart enough to spend the winter someplace warm, like Arizona. The only fish anywhere near me and Matt were the ones in the tanks at Cabela's; they were probably looking out the window at us, thinking, "What a pair of morons."

TRUE FACT: Every January, The Grand Cities hold a day-long ice-fishing tournament called "The Frosty Bobber." The first year it was held, the total number of fish caught was zero. The second year, one person actually did catch something. It was a salamander.

ing," until our body temperatures had dropped to about 55 degrees. Fortunately, Steve had brought along a traditional beverage called "schnapps," which can be used, in a pinch, to fuel your snowmobile.

After the "fishing," Steve and I snowmobiled up to the Sacred Heart School, where the Grand Cities honored me with a benefit potluck supper, to which the entire community had been invited. It was a big deal. The Grand Forks Herald published a color-coded map that divided the Grand Cities into three sectors, and assigned the residents of each sector to bring one of the three basic potluck food groups: 1) Hotdish; 2) Jell-O salad; and 3) Bors, which are desserts cut into bars, and which often feature, as a key culinary ingredient, Rice Krispies.

The potluck supper was almost a disaster because the people who showed up first were all from the east side, which had been assigned to bring bors. This meant that for a while there, there were hardly any

hotdishes. This story was reported the next day on the front page of the Grand Forks Herald, under the headline (I am not making any of this up), "HOT DISH SCARE."

Fortunately, the hotdish people showed up. So did the Jell-O people, big time. I have never seen that much Jell-O in my life. Most of it had things suspended in it: fruits, vegetables, office supplies, you name it. But the food was delicious, and the people were wonderful to me. As I sat there in the Sacred Heart gym, surrounded by these good-hearted, hard-working, Jell-O-eating people, I felt, despite my big-city cynicism, a warm glow inside. You have got to try schnapps.

(Dave Barry is a humor columnist for the Miami Herald. Write to him c/o The Miami Herald, One Herald Plaza, Miami, FL 33132.)

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A dim trail: The story of Curly Bill Brocius, part 1

In an age when one could be, shall we say, "creative" with spelling, and proper names were frequently butchered by the press, William Brocius had a name to be reckoned with — at least as far as its spelling and/or pronunciation went.

Unfortunately for history, there were enough misspellings of "Curly Bill" Brocius's name to make his identity suspect in many situations that have been attributed to him. From "Bresnahan" to "Brociako," it is frequently difficult to say if they are talking about the Curly Bill of Tombstone fame or not. His origins are shadowy at best. Many writers believe to this day that his real name was William Graham and that he was from Texas — or maybe Indiana. Personally, I agree with author/historian Casey Isertiller, who thinks that William Graham was another man entirely.

Origins aside, it is difficult enough to trace Curly's activities during his Tombstone sojourn. There is, of course, one absolutely indisputable fact, and that is that Curly Bill Brocius shot Tombstone Chief of Police Fred White very dead on the night of Oct. 28, 1880 in an arroyo at the foot of the hill where the Bird Cage Theater, which was not there at the time, now stands.

The shooting, even though it is heavily documented, is still shrouded in mystery. There has been at least one piece of evidence that has always bothered

me, personally, and I'll get to that.

Fred White

In the films "Wyatt Earp" and "Tombstone," the character of Fred White was played by an older man (in "Tombstone," he was downright elderly), which is odd, because the real Fred White was 32 at the time of his death. Or maybe not so odd — Fred White was just sort of sounds old.

At any rate, White had been the duly elected Marshal of Tombstone and had responded to the sound of gunfire that fateful night. He had come rushing down Allen Street and looked down into the arroyo where some of the "Cowboys" (a local synonym for rustlers and thugs) were discharging their weapons, with great hilarity, at the moon. Two other men, Morgan Earp, and undercover Wells Fargo Agent Fred Dodge, were also on the scene, but had wisely elected to stay concealed around the corner of a small cabin that stood there at that time. As Fred White descended the slope to confront what would turn out to be his destiny, Wyatt Earp also arrived on the scene. Hollywood aside, Fred White was the only lawman at that location that night. Neither Wyatt or Morgan were working for the city of Tombstone at the time. And Virgil Earp was not even present.

As Fred White approached the man he assumed — correctly — to be the leader of the group, Curly Bill Brocius, Wyatt was

asking his brother and Fred Dodge for the loan of a pistol, as he was unarmed. Dodge was also unarmed and Morgan refused to give up his own weapon, stating that he might need it. Good point. Nevertheless, big brother Wyatt prevailed, and Morgan gave him his pistol. Wyatt rushed down the slope into the fray.

Fred White courageously demanded that Curly Bill Brocius, who, deservedly or not, was considered by just about everyone to be a dangerous man, give up the revolver in his hand. As he did so, Fred grasped the barrel of Brocius's pistol and tugged on it. At the same time Wyatt, who had come up behind Brocius, threw his arms around Curly Bill, pinning the outlaw's arms to his sides.

Personally, I can't imagine what Fred White was thinking when he put himself in such a position. There is no doubt that Fred was familiar with the weaponry of the time and yet he still grabbed a cocked revolver, in the hands of another man, with the muzzle pointed directly at him. This is not what could be even remotely described as "firearms safety." But that is what he did.

The pistol roared and the bullet slammed into the Marshal's groin, doubling him over. At the same moment, Wyatt Earp released his grip on Brocius just long enough to crack the outlaw over the head with brother Morgan's revolver. Brocius collapsed in a heap next to the fallen marshal.

White had been shot at such close range that his clothing had caught fire from the muzzle flash. Put out the fire in Fred's

clothes," said Wyatt Earp. His wife, according to Fred Dodge's later recollections, was as calm and even as always.

Flight and trial

Fred White lived for about a day and a half in great agony. He did state, however, that he felt the shooting to be an accident and that Curly's pistol had gone off when he (White) had tugged on it. Several other eyewitnesses corroborated that this did indeed appear to be the case. Regardless, rumors began to fly about Tombstone of the Marshal's impending demise and the fact that, even then, a "committee" was forming with the avowed intent of "jerk[ing] Curly Bill 'to Jesus,'" as they used to so colorfully put it. Wyatt Earp decided that it was better to avoid a lynch mob if one could and consequently bur-

ied Curly Bill into a wagon and transported him the 70 or so miles to the Pima County seat in Tucson.

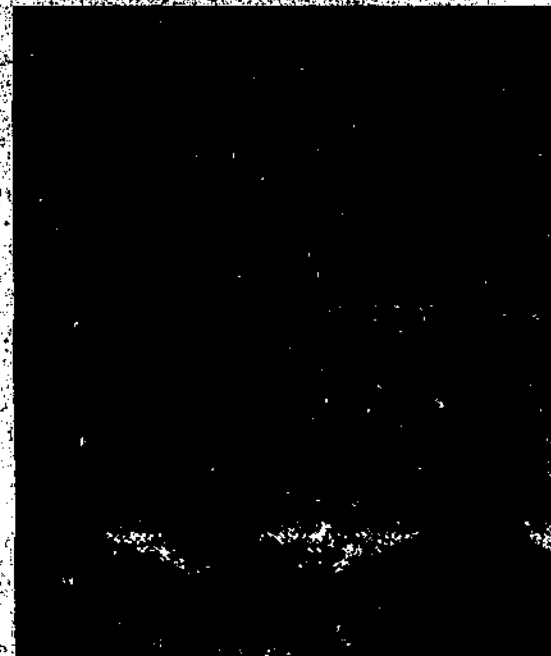
At the trial two months later, things got, in the opinion of this writer at least, downright interesting. Wyatt Earp

testified for the territory, although not so's you'd notice. I say this because his testimony was instrumental in getting Curly Bill off of the proverbial hook. Wyatt actually demon-

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Morgan Earp was none too excited to get between Curly Bill Brocius and Fred White.

CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK

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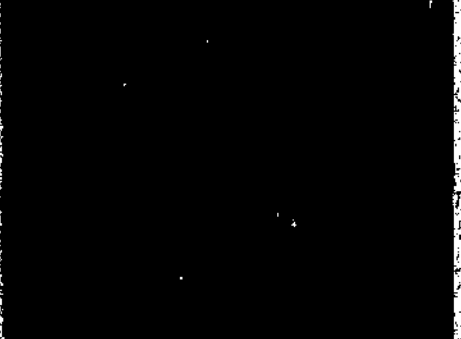


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Friday, March 8

Private Art in Public Places reception at Ruidoso Public Library from 4:30-6:30 p.m., refreshments, everyone welcome.

Saturday, March 9

Starb's Star Party, Mystic Springs Ranch Retreat in Arabela, 7 p.m., \$25 adults and \$12 children. Call 336-2098 for information.

Monday, March 11

The Lincoln County Rural Economic Development Through Tourism (REDTT) council will meet at 10 a.m. at Richards Ranch, north of the Capitans off State Highway 246. Lunch is \$5. Call 848-115 for directions (allow two hours driving time).

Thursday, March 14

Open Mic Night: Books & Beans, 2501 Sudderth Drive, 6-8 p.m. Information: Bob Yalling, 336-2249.

Friday, March 15

7 p.m., reception for featured photographer David Travis at The Cornerstone Bakery & Cafe, 359 Sudderth Drive.

Friday, March 15

Postmark deadline for an Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit sponsored by the Ruidoso Arts Commission open to New Mexico and regional artists; three works will be selected for location along Sudderth Drive from Mothers' Day through October 2002. Applications at village hall, Ruidoso and Capitan public libraries, Carrizozo Joe's or by calling the arts coordinator at (505) 378-4302.

Saturday, March 16

Jane Terrell teaches stone carving at the Hubbard Museum of the American West to fifth grade children and their families, 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m., \$7 materials fee. Call Elizabeth Becker at 378-4142.

GOMBER: Trail of Curly Bill

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strated to the court that the pistol was not functioning correctly and could, in fact, be fired at half cock. This, coupled with White's own statement, was enough to free a man who was considered to be one of the most devious and desperate criminals in the country.

There are many theories as to why Wyatt would do this. A popular one is that he did it for political favors, as Curly Bill was cozy with a number of county officials. But he may have simply been telling the truth, at least as far as he saw it.

Earlier, I said that there was a piece of evidence that has always bothered me and this is it: Curly Bill's pistol had only the one round - the one that killed White - discharged. There were five live rounds still in the weapon. Curly stated at his trial that he had been attempting to bring the other drunken shooters under control and had not even discharged his weapon until White arrived. He claimed that was why the weapon was still loaded.

Anyone familiar with single-action revolvers will understand what I am talking about (that's right Kent Martin, I mean you). No one, especially back in those days, loaded a six shooter with all six rounds. If you were to drop it and it landed on the hammer, it would discharge. Therefore, the one single safety feature that everyone on the frontier observed was to leave the hammer of the revolver on an empty chamber - or a spent cartridge - which was effective in preventing such accidents. Unless, of course, you expected to be going into a situation that might involve you in a gunfight where you just might need all six rounds ... and that is what bothers me. Why did Curly have all six chambers loaded? Especially if he did not plan on even firing the pistol, concerned as he was with the safety of the cit-

izens and all. It is difficult not to theorize that this was not an accident, but was, in fact, cold-blooded murder.

Curly's rep

Everyone knew that Curly Bill was something of a nasty character, but when Wyatt Earp revealed, via the local newspaper known as the Tombstone Epitaph, that Curly had confessed to him - on the road to Tucson - that he had killed a man in Texas, it cemented the opinion that Curly was a formidable gunman. He had become a well-known killer nearly overnight.

Apparently his new reputation went to Curly Bill's shaggy head. Almost immediately upon his release from jail, Curly Bill went on a drunken spree that is still talked about in Arizona. First, he and an equally disreputable crony decided to attend a dance in the small town of Charleston. At this dance, which consisted mostly of local Hispanics, these two drunken bullies forced the dancers to strip and dance naked for a half hour.

This drinking spree lasted days, because a day or so later, the two miscreants, still drunk, were in the town of Contention. (Neither Charleston, Contention, nor outlaw hangout Galeyville exist anymore, at least as far as the public is concerned.) At Contention, the pair drunkenly elected to "get religion." Staggering into a local church service, the outlaws interrupted the sermon with gunfire. They were not trying to hit the preacher, but they weren't trying very hard not to, either.

No regrets

That was on Sunday, Jan. 9, 1881. Curly Bill had been out of jail, after his acquittal in the death of Fred White, for only a few weeks. Obviously, he wasn't guilt-ridden over the incident, nor was he going out of his way to practice firearms safety. Newspapers in such faraway places as San Francisco picked up the stories of Curly's drunken antics,

and he basked in his newfound notoriety.

On Monday, Brocius rounded out his week by riding into Tombstone with a number of his Cowboy pals, taking over the Alhambra Saloon for a few hours and then thundering out of town as they fired their guns will-nilly, at whatever struck their fancy. New Marshal Ben Sippy (you realize of course that, had Ben been married, his wife would have been Mrs. Sippy, right?) decided that discretion was indeed the better part of valor and simply stayed home.

And still Curly wasn't finished. On the 18th, he rode into a place called Waterville, fired a few rounds at a passer-by and then relieved the fellow of \$50. When a deputy sheriff approached, Curly and a friend warned him away with Henry rifles.

Everyone, with the exception of Curly Bill and his Cowboy buddies, felt that things were out of hand. A letter in the Arizona Weekly Star succinctly stated that "This scab on the body politic needs a fearless operation to remove it."

The letter writer was correct, but no one was leaping forward to eradicate Curly Bill Brocius or his pals, who included such murderous luminaries as Johnny Ringo. But, as the saying goes, "give them enough rope..." Curly Bill, as well as Ringo and others, was destined to incur the wrath of Wyatt Earp. Wyatt already had ice water for blood and was a dead shot. And what the Cowboys did a little over a year later, in March of 1882, pushed him over the line into temporary insanity. Not a good combination, but that story will have to wait until next week.

Sources: Wyatt Earp: The Life Behind the Legend by Casey Tefertiller; The Winding Trail of Curly Bill by Kenneth Hayden; The Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters by Bill O'Neal and Wyatt Earp's Tombstone Vendetta by Glenn Boyer.

Newspapers educational, useful

Hard news, feature stories, goods and service ads in a newspaper are the best sources of information about a community/county. A newspaper helps people expand their thinking skills. Perhaps that is the reason that March 3-8 was designated "Newspaper in Education Week." Some schools celebrated the week-long event by using newspapers in the classroom in place of textbooks. The week was devoted to bringing newspapers into children's lives. A newspaper is the perfect tool to explore different worlds.

Students who learn what the newspaper has to offer are on their way to becoming independent learners who understand how to use the newspaper to solve problems. Many people work under tight deadlines to produce the newspaper so it can be delivered in time. A newspaper photographer is a professional artist. (Many column readers are aware that I was a news photographer for many years until I was distracted to other art forms.) Many newspaper photographs are fine examples of content, composition, and color. The graphics department makes a newspaper more interesting and informative. Political cartoons capture the gist of an issue.

Vamoose! features different forms of arts entertainment: music, theater, dance, visual art, movies, literature. The Ruidoso News also offers stories and reviews about a variety of cultural events with an ethnic focus. You can find news about politics, economics, society, real estate, weather, medical, and sports. Where to eat, what to eat, do, buy, rent and such ads are at your fingertips. The handy dandy TV guide allows you to make choices on what not to watch.

Editorials, letters-to-the-editor and opinion columns provide various suggestions. In this column, "Art, Craft & Such," I sometimes offer tips for recycling. A newspaper continues to be useful after you have read it. Check out the following ways to recycle a newspaper:

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- Deodorizer - Stuff newspapers into shoes or boots to remove unpleasant odors.
- Mulch - Shred newspapers and place around plants. Soak with water to hold in place.
- Gift wrap - Use as cheap wrapping paper.



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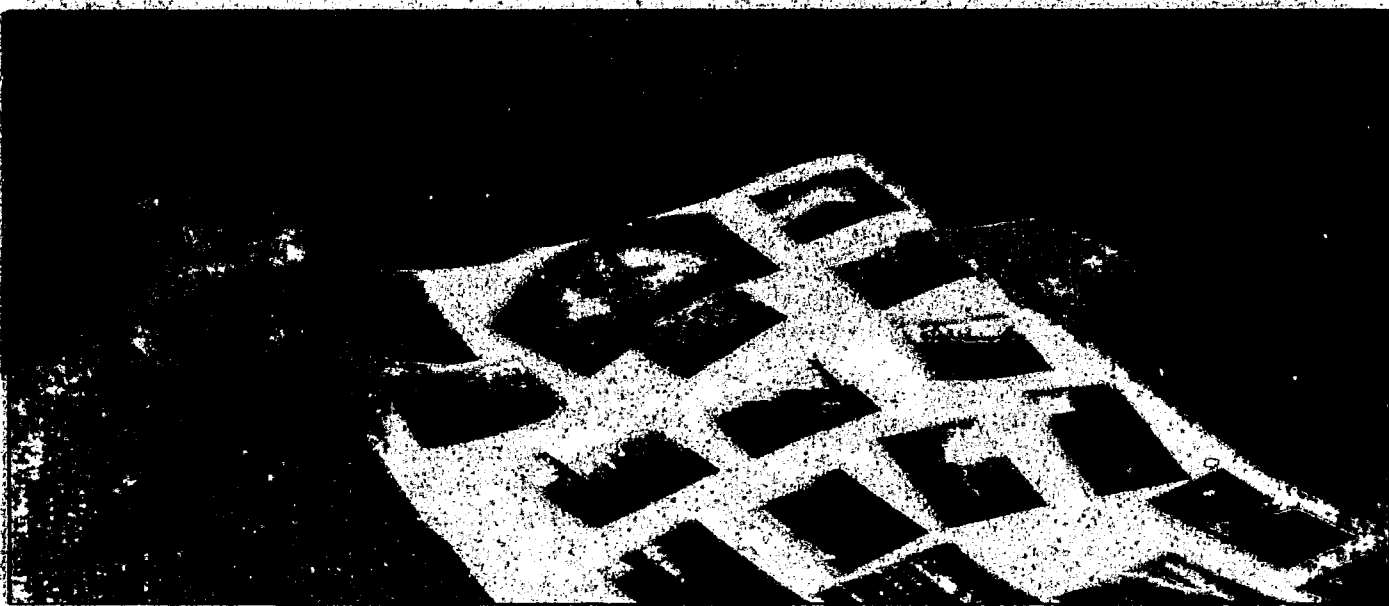
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HOME & FAMILY



Linda Berglund shows some of the photographs she took during a visit to the former island prison of Alcatraz in 1997, including her old apartment.

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The names of Leavenworth and Alcatraz conjure up unpleasant images for most people, but for Linda Berglund, they were "home."

Growing up, she lived in the employee quarters of federal prisons in Texas and California with her two siblings and parents. Starting from a more benevolent atmosphere at Seagoville Federal Prison near Fort Worth to the harshest, on the island prison of Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay, she was there during escapes and while some famous criminals were incarcerated.

"I was born in Fort Worth and my dad was with the federal prison system since I was 3 years old," Berglund said. "When I was 9, we moved to Lumpoc Prison, also in California, and at 12, we were at Terminal Island in Long Beach. I was still 12 when we moved to Alcatraz. We could hear the inmates from my window raking their cups across the bars or rioting. It wasn't unusual."

At some of the other prisons, trustees would watch out for the children, and she accepted the arrangement as the norm — but that wasn't the case at Alcatraz.

Inmates were sent to Alcatraz if they made trouble at other prisons. Conditions were harsh during much of the 22 years Alcatraz was used. Berglund lived there until she was 15, when the family left in February 1961. The prison closed two years later.

"Boy, was I glad to get to Leavenworth, because we could drive the car and have friends to the house — things we couldn't do on Alcatraz," she said. "But we did have our own post office and small store and a wonderful view out of our window."

A walkway below the apartment between buildings was used during filming of the movie, "The Rock," with Sean Connery.

One boat went to the mainland

at 6:45 in the morning; two returned in the evening. Children had to catch the early trip or they missed school, because the warden didn't think a special boat for the children was warranted. A race also was on in the afternoon to get back in time.

"You learned to be on time, because even if the boatman saw you running down the dock, he wouldn't wait. If we missed the first boat at 3:45 p.m., we had to stand on the dock in plain view until the second one came at 5:30 p.m., so that my father could see us in his binoculars and know we were all right," said Berglund. She described her parents as strict disciplinarians, but funny and loving.

Several other memories remain vivid — like the time she wrote a letter for a radio contest about why her family needed a vacation.

"We weren't suppose to talk about anything on the island," she said. "I wrote that I didn't need a vacation, but my parents did because people on the island always were complaining and the inmates were rioting and I'd lost my boyfriend."

When the letter was published, Warden Paul J. Madigan didn't find it amusing.

"My father came to get me at the school and said the warden chewed him out and we were going to have to move off the island," she said. "He told me to go straight to the dock and not to talk to any reporters. He was so upset, he left my sister there."

But they weren't forced to move after all, and her family continued to take advantage of their days in San Francisco by visiting every museum and ethnic restaurant, she said.

Most of the movies about Alcatraz were theatrical hype, she said. For instance, Robert Stroud, called the "Birdman of Alcatraz" and played by Bert Lancaster in the movie of the same name, never kept birds on Alcatraz.

"All his work was done at Leavenworth," she said. "He was transferred to Alcatraz after he killed a guard at Leavenworth. They kept him in a hospital room because he was so crazy, that he would never dress."

She also was living on the island when Aaron Burgett, a Missouri postal robber, and Clyde Johnson, a former public enemy, attempted to escape on Sept. 29, 1958. Both transferred from Leavenworth.

"My father told me they tied up Harold Miller, a young guard,

and put him behind the big sign down on the beach," Berglund said.

The two trustees were on garbage pick-up duty. After their failed attempt, prisoners were banned from that chore.

"We got down to the dock to catch the boat home from school, but it never came," Berglund said. "My mother and Ilene Mitchell were the only mothers to work in town. We could see the boat circling the island, along with Coast Guard boats."

About 6 p.m., the boat finally docked to take them home. Although her father was business manager for prison industries and not a guard, he participated in the search. Guards came around the apartment frequently to make sure everyone was safe.

They later found Johnson suffering from hypothermia near the rocks on the west side of the island, but it wasn't until 13 days later that authorities knew Burgett didn't escape.

The family caught the 7:30 a.m. boat to attend the Baptist church in town on that Sunday. A guard in the tower saw something hobbling in the water and called the boat officer. The vessel veered to investigate.

"When they pulled up beside the thing we were investigating, it was Burgett," Berglund said.

The body was covered with crabs. She didn't eat crabs for many years.

Authorities speculated Burgett was sucked into one of the caves under the island.

Jolene Babyak, a childhood friend on Alcatraz and author of "Eyewitness on Alcatraz," wrote that Johnson told officials Burgett wore insulating clothing and each had a raincoat with the idea they could catch some air and float. He also wore plywood fins on his feet. When Burgett hit the water, the undertow caught him and he disappeared.

Although the most famous escape occurred in 1962 and the bodies of the John and Clarence Anglin and Frank Lee Morris never were found, Berglund doesn't believe they were successful, because someone would have bragged about the coup.

However, that escape did point up the deteriorating condition of the prison, which had been built by military prisoners from 1908 to 1912. Although remodeled in 1934, corrosion on metal and concrete from salt sea air compromised the prison as early as the 1950s, Babyak wrote.

For the 60 families living on the island, being part of a prison meant many restrictions. No pets except fish and birds, only one pay telephone in the apartment complex hallway connected to the mainland. Newspapers were thrown directly into the bay, not put in the garbage.

"They (prisoners) weren't supposed to know what's going on in the world," she said. "They weren't allowed to listen to radio. The horror or Alcatraz was the isolation."

Those who continued to violate rules after they arrived were segregated even more, with solitary confinement. Guards would give them nutritional meals, but put the meat, vegetable and desserts in a blender, creating a not-too-tasty drink, Berglund said.

Some of the guards could be brutal, her father told her, but then they were dealing with the "baddest of the bad." To her father, the man with the coldest eyes he'd ever seen was Alvin "Creepy" Karpis, part of the Barker-Karpis gang that murdered people and robbed banks across the Midwest from 1931 to 1935.

Things improved at Alcatraz when Olin G. Blackwell, a reformer, became warden toward the end of the island's use as a prison. It officially closed March 21, 1963, although on three occasions, the latest in November 1969, it was occupied by "Indians of All Tribes," who claimed it as their own.

Babyak wrote that the occupation was significant because it was the first time Native Americans from many tribes came together for a common cause.

They are part of annual reunions conducted on the island, along with staff and their families and prisoners.

Berglund returned to Alcatraz in 1997.

"I had been there twice before," she said. "The apartment where we lived still had a hole in the wall I made when I was 13 and practicing basketball layups."

During her tour, six park rangers followed her around and took notes, she said.

"I spent from age 3 to 45 in the federal prison system," she said, first with her parents and then with her first husband.

Despite the restrictions of her life on Alcatraz, Berglund still remembers many of the good times — gathering starfish for a class, fishing for shark and holidays that were celebrated with open-house parties where everyone drifted through the circuit. She was part of a close-knit and unique community of about 60 families and many times has been asked by schools and other groups to talk about her life.

Berglund married Rick Berglund, a local teacher, five years ago. Now recovering from a motorcycle accident that permanently damaged her left leg, she will be dividing her time between her home in Fort Cobb, Texas, and Ruidoso.

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRABBOOK

MARCH 7, 1952

Progressive ticket picks Ratliff, Brown, Phillips

A group of Ruidoso citizens, meeting one night this week here, drafted and unanimously endorsed a ticket of three men for city offices in the municipal election set for Tuesday, April 1.

Listing their men as being on the "Progressive Ticket," the group urged and promised support for W. D. Ratliff, incumbent mayor, and Ralph Brown and Carmon Phillips for city council.

MARCH 9, 1962

Ortiz files, withdraws

S. M. (Sally) Ortiz, a Democrat and one-time Lincoln County Sheriff, and who also served as a state representative to the Legislature from Lincoln County, announced last Saturday night ... that he would be a candidate for the state Legislature again, and then filed for that position on Tuesday. Shortly after the county clerk's office closed Tuesday night, he announced he was withdrawing from the race.

Another Democrat, Lloyd Leslie Davis Jr., was the last to file in the county clerk's office in Carrizozo, two minutes before closing time at 5 p.m.

MARCH 10, 1972

Municipal voters choose

Ruidoso municipal voters Tuesday, March 7, in a new record number and with a record number of candidates, 16 in all, from which to select four open municipal elective positions, elected long-time Ruidoso resident Leon Farrar, 46, to serve a two-year term as mayor of the tourist-seasoned mountain village.

The voters also elected a 10-year resident, Abe Gunter, as trustee and elected to return Don Riley. Votes for municipal judge were overwhelmingly for Sam Nunnally.

MARCH 11, 1962

Siddens a candidate

Former Ruidoso resident Frances Siddens has announced her candidacy for the office of Lincoln County treasurer on the Republican ticket. Siddens and her husband, Ed, now live west of Carrizozo. She is employed at the treasurer's office.

MARCH 12, 1992

New officials take seats

Jerry Shaw and Frank Cummins were sworn in as new members of the Ruidoso Village Council Monday evening, and J. D. James was sworn to his second full term.

(Mayor Victor Alonso) pointed out that newly elected councilors have the certainty of a coexistence at the time of the election, but they soon lose that certainty.



Alcatraz consisted of three tiers. In front is Building 64, one of the places Berglund lived, and in back is the prison.

Late snow, cold keeps Lincoln and the Bonito Valley alert

Lincoln woke up to cold weather and a heavy blanket of snow on the morning of March 8.

Lee Rucker had some of his family visiting Sunday.

since we were in Tunisia. They are so sweet and juicy.

All the teachers are busy with their classes now.

Lincoln County is a beautiful area with many scenic views. The weather is perfect for a visit. The people are friendly and the food is delicious. The scenery is breathtaking. The history is fascinating. The culture is rich. The traditions are strong. The values are high. The spirit is free. The heart is open. The mind is clear. The soul is at peace. The world is a better place. The future is bright. The hope is endless. The love is eternal. The faith is firm. The courage is brave. The strength is great. The power is mighty. The glory is magnificent. The honor is supreme. The respect is earned. The admiration is deserved. The appreciation is heartfelt. The gratitude is sincere. The thankfulness is genuine. The joy is pure. The happiness is complete. The fulfillment is total. The satisfaction is absolute. The contentment is perfect. The peace is profound. The harmony is perfect. The unity is complete. The love is unconditional. The compassion is boundless. The empathy is deep. 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