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Village council passes fire ordinances

Councilors feel urge to improve forest health, approve four new rules for property management at Tuesday nights' meeting

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Only a few people other than members of the Ruidoso Forest Task Force bothered to show up Tuesday for a chance to learn about four new ordinances that will significantly impact their homes, property and pocketbooks.

The new rules, based on recommendations from the task force and on model ordinances from California and Colorado, were passed to the village council with the blessing of the village planning and a zoning board in what was a dazzlingly fast process compared

to government's usual time clock.

The ordinances weren't in final form when the planning and zoning public hearing last week was advertised. Council members scheduled a hearing before they were sure the ordinances would be recommended.

The urgency felt by council members to reduce the fire hazard in the community. But former village councilor Linda Flack said some out-of-town owners aren't even aware that the new measures will affect landscaping

and home construction, have increased the fee for yard debris collection and may bump up property taxes by as much as 3 mills.

"I'm afraid of some further erosion of freedoms."

Jo Perryman
Local resident

New Mexico taxes on one-third of market value. One mill equates to \$1 for each \$1,000 of taxable property value.

Resident Jo Perryman asked councilors to "really think about this," before

acting. She pointed to the dangers of abuses by assigning too much power to village employees, who may assume an "I'm in charge attitude."

"You are assuming as property owners, we're too ignorant to do this ourselves," she said. Avoid a knee jerk reaction, she urged, "Like several years ago when you couldn't cut a tree without a permit." Many land owners are responding without being forced.

"I'm afraid of some further erosion of freedoms," she said. "I'd like to see if this city can be made safe by guidelines, and suggestions. No one knowingly would create a fire hazard. For the few

who would, you want to put out laws for all of us. We're punished instead of those who are starting the fires."

Perryman's voice was the lone dissent. Dick Goines and Flack questioned where the village would find money to pay for more employees and enforcement, and Goines objected to the entire financial burden for village expenses falling on property taxes, but they didn't object to the measures.

Councilor Deborah Marcum-Byars said, although she personally will be hit hard if the property tax is increased, property owners — rather than tourists

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Man arrested in Mescalero arson string

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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A Mescalero Apache reservation resident was arrested Wednesday in connection with a series of arson-caused fires on the reservation that abuts Ruidoso.

Paul James "P.J." Valdez, 27, was picked up about 11:30 a.m. at the Federal Bureau of Investigation/Bureau of Indian Affairs office in Mescalero. He was charged in a sealed indictment handed down Tuesday by a federal grand jury with committing arson on an Indian reservation and furnishing false information to a federal agent, according to Doug Beldon, supervisory special agent for the FBI.

Valdez is charged with intentionally starting a fire on the reservation June 1. If convicted, he could face a maximum of five years in federal prison on each charged count.

Valdez is employed by the Mescalero Tribe with the

Department of Resource Management and Protection. He works as a Mexican Spotted Owl surveyor.

A friend of Valdez said he lives in the Three Rivers area.

"I can't believe he would do something like that," she said.

Valdez was taken to Roswell after his arrest, where he appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Kee Riggs. The judge remanded him to the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service pending a hearing set for 9:30 a.m. today.

The investigation was conducted by the Wildfire Arson Task Force, which is looking into various fires in the Mescalero area. The task force is composed of the FBI, BIA, U.S. Forest Service, the New Mexico State Police, the Otero County and Lincoln County sheriff's offices.

Anyone with information is asked to call the FBI in Albuquerque at (505) 224-2000 or the BIA office on the reservation.



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Mescalero Apache maidens celebrating their puberty rites Thursday through Sunday are from left in back, Louise Glossop, Cherylee Enjady and Elizabeth Duffy. In front are Dashina Cochise, Lindsey Pellman and DeShawna Morgan.

Coming of age

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

At dawn Thursday, a four-day rite of passage will begin for six Mescalero Apache maidens.

In one of the most important ceremonies of the tribe — which consists of the Mescalero, the Lipan and Chiricahua Apache — the ritual moves the girls into womanhood under the gaze of friends, family and guests.

The celebration Thursday through Sunday gives visitors to the Mescalero ceremonial grounds on U.S. 70 a brief glimpse of the tradition and heritage that binds the Mescalero as a people.

Deciding to debut a daughter through a ceremony is a major commitment for a family. Preparation often begins as much as a year in advance with the gathering of sacred items such as roasted mescal heart and pollen from water plants.

Dancers must be arranged and a medicine man or medicine woman must participate. Finding a ceremonial dress, either from a relative who previously went through the ceremony, or made for the occasion, is important, as it is a symbolic part of the rite.

A significant portion of the family's obligation is to prepare a feast for each day of the ceremony and to share that bounty with all who attend. Gifts also are given. Meals usually are served about noon and at 6 p.m.

Participating this year are:

- Louise Emilia Glossop, 14, who is in ninth grade at Mescalero High School.

She is the daughter of John and Sharlene Glossop and has one brother, Jacob.

Her grandparents are John Glossop Sr., Marge Standley, Pauline Murphy, Sophie Sago, Devern Torres and Evelyn

Gaines, the late Sturgis and Shirley Torres, John and Lavina Gallerito, Eustace and Nora Fatty, Sara Starr, Famie Castillo, Ames Gaines, Paul and Louise Bennett and Rita Salas.

Joe Padilla will act as medicine man and Ginger Ortega as medicine woman. The dance group will be Houston Murph.

Louise likes sports, including basketball, track, swimming, cross country, softball and baseball. She plans to attend college and to join the military to become a pilot.

- Cherylee Marie Enjady, 13, is in the eighth grade at Ruidoso Middle School.

She is the daughter of Kevin and Sherlee Enjady and is sponsored by Arden Comanche and Patrice Enjady.

She enjoys basketball and has four brothers.

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Attempted murderer to be paroled Monday

■ Ex-local Boyd Bartlett was convicted for attacking two women with an ax.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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A former Ruidoso resident convicted of attacking his estranged wife and her friend with an ax in 1990 will be released on parole Monday.

A victim's advocate for the state of New Mexico, Patricia

Herrera, said Boyd Bartlett is scheduled to be released to the care of his mother in Artesia for two years of parole.

In 1998, the state Parole Board denied an early-release medical parole requested by Bartlett, who suffers from chronic hepatitis.

At that time, Eduardo Lucero, director of the board, said that after hearing from Bartlett and receiving informa-

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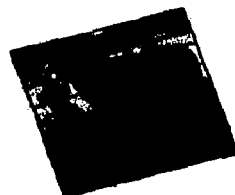
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Fourth of July promises something for everyone

Were you singin' in the rain Sunday?

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YOUR MAKE YOUR MODEL PAYMENT WE GOT IT

MAIDENS: Mescalero ceremony will begin Thursday

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Her grandparents are Martin Enjady, the late Thedora Enjady, Joe Allen of Cove, Ariz., and Esther Balatche.

Dashina Rae Cochise, 14, who is going into the ninth grade at Mescalero Apache High School.

She is the daughter of Angel and Millette Saenz, the granddaughter of Silas and Inez Cochise Sr., the late Lawrence and Marie Bigrope. She is the great-granddaughter of Amelia Naiche and the great-granddaughter of the Chiricahua leader, Cochise, also a descendant of Shanta Boy.

She is the sixth generation of the Cochise family. Her paternal grandparents are Richard Saenz of Tularosa, and Maybelle Mendez of Mescalero. She has two brothers, Dustin and Angel, and one sister, Janna.

Dashina is an A and B honor student, a cheerleader and a basketball player. Her hobbies are spending time with friends and playing basketball. She plans during the next school year to play volleyball and basketball and to try out again for cheerleading. Her future goals are to finish high school and attend college to become a physician.

Lindsey Phoebe Pellman, 14, is a sophomore at Mescalero Apache High School.

Her family includes her parents, Marlene and Leland Pellman, her brother, Kevin, and sister, Melene. She is the maternal granddaughter of the late Phoebe Shanta and Miguel Torrez Sr., and the paternal granddaughter of Bunch Pellman and the late Fred Pellman Jr.

Her hobbies include golf, traveling, reading and playing basketball and softball. Her future plans are to attend college and to pursue a career in the medical field.

Elizabeth P. Duffy, a student at Ruidoso Middle School, is the daughter of June Denny and the late Shelby Duffy.

She enjoys running, playing basketball, riding horses and going to youth group meetings. She also likes listening to the stories of the power of her ancestors and their ability to withstand hardships. Her goal is to broaden her knowledge of her culture by educating herself in linguistics, historical preservation and collections of tribal artifacts, artwork and photographs.

DeShawna C. Morgan, 14, a freshman at Ruidoso High School.



She is the daughter of Charlene and the late Damian L. Morgan and the granddaughter of John and Norma Adams, Nancy Duffy and Richard and Clarice Rocha, all of Mescalero.

Her sponsors are Willard Evans, Ceda Shanta, Marilyn Blaylock and the Abraham Chee dance group.

Her hobbies are basketball, volleyball and working with arts and crafts. DeShawna enjoys spending time with her favorite cousin, Deidre Davis.

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Feds OK airline grant

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Two weeks after eliminating a \$100,000 subsidy for Rio Grande Airlines in Ruidoso's 2002-2003 budget, village officials received notice of a federal grant award for air service.

Airport manager Tim Morris put the \$100,000 match in the budget when he filed for the grant, but village council cut it, deciding with tight finances, they no longer wanted to subsidize Rio Grande Airlines.

Wednesday, U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., and U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman and U.S. Rep. Tom Udall, Democrats from New Mexico, announced a \$500,000 grant will be shared by Taos and Ruidoso as part of a new federal program. Bingaman helped create to enhance air service in smaller communities.

Taos and Ruidoso jointly applied to the U.S. Department of Transportation, naming Rio Grande as the servicing airline. Village Manager Alan Briley said Morris is checking to see if a request for proposals could be sent out to look at other airlines.

Rio Grande Air recently issued a temporary suspension of air service to Ruidoso, but Domenici said he hopes the grant will allow service to resume soon. The new money should provide the impetus needed to re-establish flights into the mountain village, he

said.

The transportation department approved the Taos-Ruidoso proposal with the caveat that the villages of Ruidoso and Taos Ski Valley contribute \$200,000 in local funds, which will be combined with another \$200,000 in state funding, Domenici said.

As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Domenici last year championed the \$20 million appropriation to support the federal Small Community Air Service Program, authorized as part of the Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century.

The grant is especially important to Taos and Ruidoso "which rely on tourism to support local economics," Domenici said. The grant also can be used to promote a marketing campaign aimed at increasing ridership and touting the communities.

Briley said he will submit the information about the grant to the village council, which could take action at its next regular meeting in July.

Bingaman wrote a letter on May 17 asking Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta to support the grant request.

The department received 179 proposals from 47 states, seeking a total of \$142.5 million.

The Small Community Air Service Development Pilot

Program cosponsored by Bingaman, allows the department to award grants to a maximum of 40 communities.

Under Bingaman's legislation, DOT gave priority for grant awards to communities that:

- Have high air fares compared to others.
- Contribute financially to the project from sources other than airport revenues.
- Have established or will establish a public/private partnership to improve their air service.

• Submitted proposals that will benefit a broad segment of the public by providing greater access to the national transportation system.

In addition to New Mexico, 37 other states are being awarded grants totaling the full \$20 million in the first year of the program, according to Udall, who was instrumental in funding the program in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"Each rural area in the country has unique issues and challenges in providing reliable service," he said. "New Mexico is no different. The fact is, small airports are an important part of our national aviation network and without improved commercial air service, economic development will suffer in smaller cities and rural areas."

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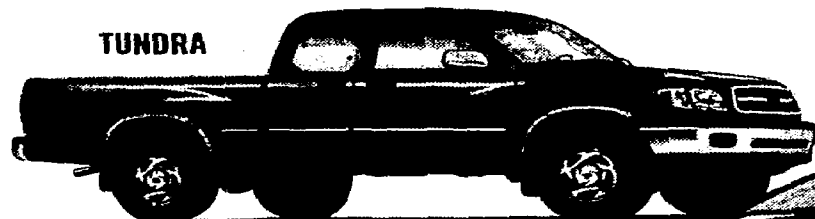
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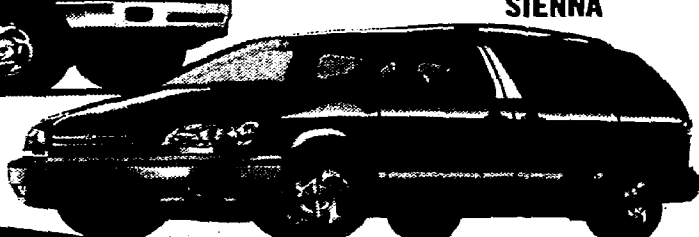
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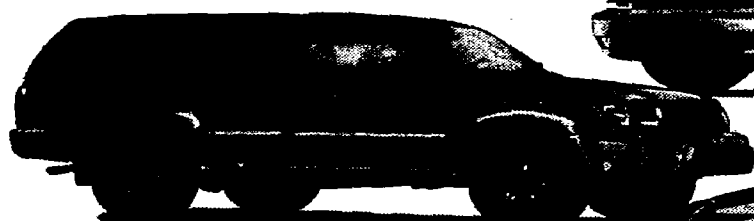
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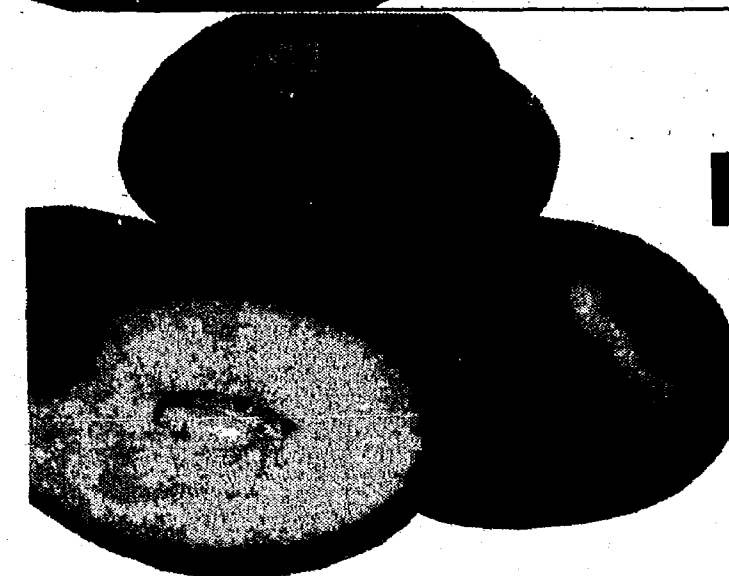
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OUR OPINION

Act in haste, repent in leisure

Ruidoso's property owners dealt an expensive hand

Now they've done it — and everybody in Ruidoso will be complaining about it, paying for it and trying to change it for many years to come.

"It," of course, is that package of new ordinances that puts the cost of wildfire protection in the village squarely on the backs of the property owners.

The newly constituted village council and mayor acted much too quickly Tuesday night in putting new rules in place, undoubtedly in response to a fearful season of wildfires.

Yes, a forest fire is a deadly thing. Yes, clearing undergrowth and small trees from residential lots (in use or not) offers benefits in the long term.

Yes, rules forcing construction of fire-resistant homes is theoretically beneficial in reducing insurance rates in the future.

But many, many questions remain. The village's stated position that the regulations were adapted from those in effect elsewhere doesn't cut it.

But as property owners in Ruidoso struggle with what they have been handed in the months and years to come, they must realize that they had their chance this week — and didn't take it.

Without a dissenting vote, and with hardly an observer present, the council Tuesday sent Ruidoso land owners down a largely unmapped road to a doubtful destination.

Sometimes the facts trip up the bureaucrats

Timing is everything, and please God don't let you and me forget it.

It's tough working in government, no doubt, and everybody in government wants to look good for the boss.

But I doubt that anything could be more inept, timing-wise, than the news release sent to the media earlier this month by the director of the federal Bureau of Land Management.

Kathleen Clark, the lady in charge of millions of acres of land, on June 18 let it be known that her agency fully endorses President Bush's Healthier U.S. Initiative, which, the news release said, is "to promote improved health through the benefits of physical activity and the stress-reducing experiences that visiting federal public lands provide."

Can't argue with that, except for the timing. The BLM does administer more than 20 million acres of land available to the public for recreation, in national monuments, conservation areas, wild and scenic rivers, wilderness and wilderness study areas, and miles of historic and scenic trails.

And hundreds of thousands of those acres in the West were burning this week.

Families were evacuated, homes were destroyed, highways were closed. Eastern Arizona was ablaze. Approaches to Denver

from the south and west were problematic at best. Durango-area fires were towering infernos.

Whole states, including New Mexico, were under a pall of smoke, even as they fought their own less-publicized fires.

President Bush got a look at the Arizona monster, and declared it a disaster area, as he detoured west before heading to Canada for international monetary talks.

People in Arizona and Colorado, and New Mexico earlier this spring, indeed got a lot of physical exercise provided by their recreational forests, as they fled for their lives.

I doubt that they got much stress-reducing experience though.

But, wait, there's more:

The BLM boss lady said, "The public lands, including our 'Jewels of the West,' provide nurturing for the soul and the beauty and solitude of a natural art museum. We are proud to manage places where a person can experience both peace and reinvigoration."

Well...all that, after all, was in a news release from a federal bureaucrat, and written by a staffer, no doubt, so you have to allow some leeway.

The boss lady's bright idea — on the face of it pretty neat — was to advise everybody that the BLM was foregoing entrance fees last weekend to BLM places like Colorado's Anasazi Heritage Center...

There's absolutely no doubt that BLM's Kathleen Clarke deserves the 2002 National Award for Inept News-Release Timing.

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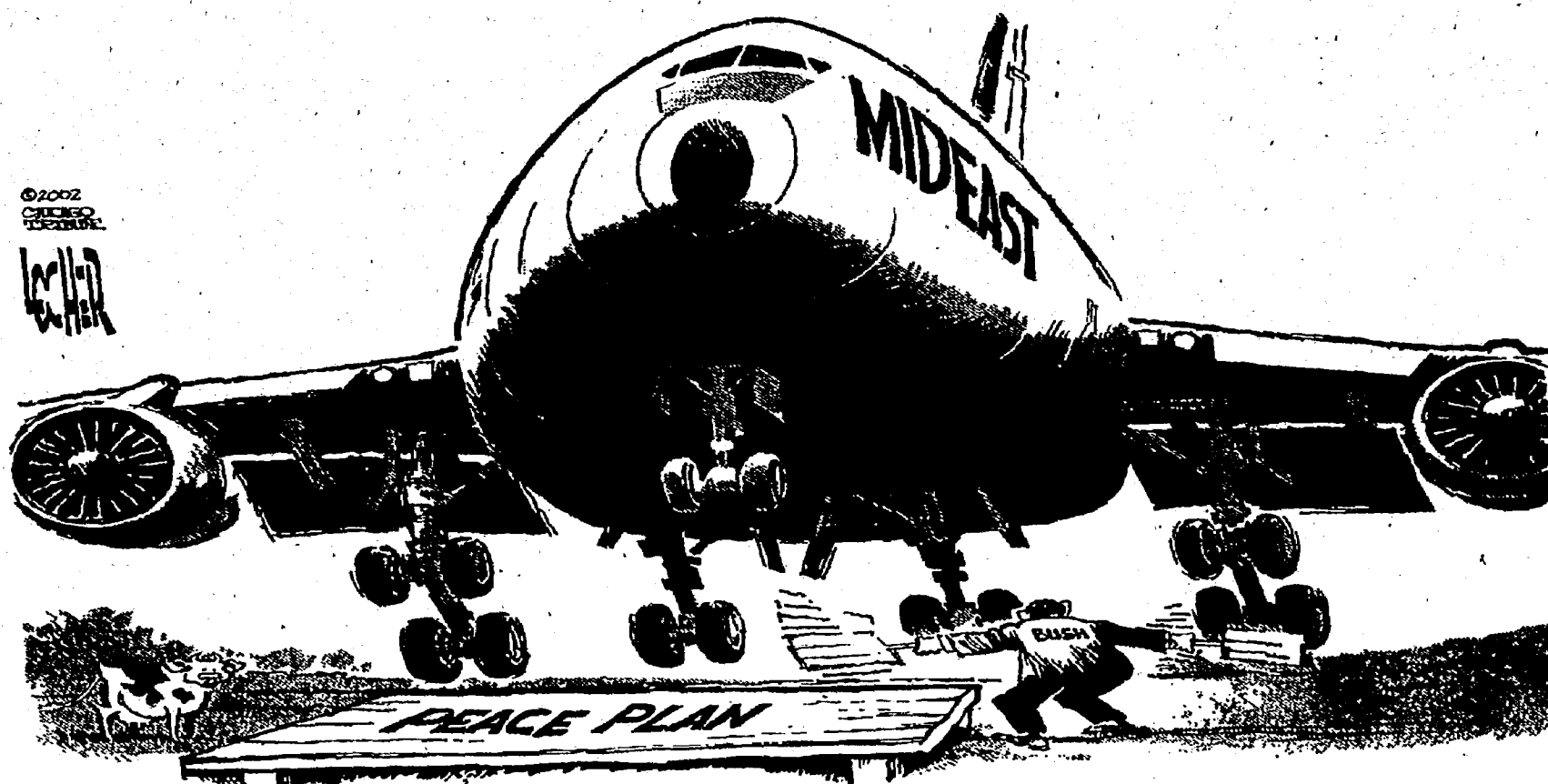
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YOUR OPINION

Where are our property rights going?

To the editor:

Can you tell me who is in charge at the village of Ruidoso? I was under the impression that the mayor was the CEO and the city manager was the chief operating officer, or has things changed in the past?

The mayor also had the discretion and the authority of removing the city manager, chief of police, village attorney and the finance officer, but apparently that is not the case. From all indications, he is no more than a puppet on a string...now, who would want this position?

The mayor nominated a Forest Health Task Force to submit ideas and suggestions. They made suggestions with increased fees, more personnel, more equipment. At the village meeting of June 11, I asked if their suggestions were a done deal. They said no, but in the three prior publications of the Ruidoso News there were articles (quoting) the city manager and others that with the increased fees they would be able to do so much more.

Now the Planning and Zoning Department wants the adoption of fire ordinances to further restrict and hinder private property rights. Each time an ordinance is passed concerning property, this takes away additional rights of the owner of property, until one of these days we will not have any rights.

The city manager stated in the late May issues of the Ruidoso News that the budget for the coming year was very tight, with no frills and no additional money to spend, unless personnel or programs were slashed. Now in the June 11 meeting, the village council approved the purchase of... real estate...

I did not realize that the village was in the real estate purchasing business

at the taxpayers' expense. If the budget was that tight, where did this additional money come from?

Maybe someone can explain to me how the village ... can have 18 water wells drilled at an expense of \$60,000 each and then have 15 of them capped due to the GPM of no gallons per minute. This was done under the Shaw and Donaldson administrations.

Questions, questions with no answers.

William Smith
Ruidoso

Seeing green or red?

To the editor:

Now you've done it! In Wednesday's paper you said, in your editorial comment:

"Right now, they provide a green-with-environment touch in the otherwise brown neighborhoods of water-conscious residents who do try to be good citizens and good neighbors."

Perhaps you are GREEN with envy, but I only see RED every time I pass one of the homes whose owners are so selfish, inconsiderate and irresponsible as to plant grass that requires daily watering to stay "that" green. And then insist on watering it under the guise of private well ownership, watering at midnight or whatever subterfuge they use.

And then there is this, overheard on the village of Ruidoso radio frequency.

Enforcement officer to dispatcher: "Would you contact someone in school administration and ask them to please show a little discretion by not watering the football field at 2 p.m. on a hot Wednesday?"

Dispatcher (mocking tone): "I spoke to the superintendent ... and he told me

they are permitted to water any time they please!"

Seeing RED yet?

J.L. Schuller
Ruidoso

Spreading the word

To the editor:

I'd like to thank a bunch of people for making something happen June 21 that made a big splash in El Paso, one of our prime drive markets.

KROD-AM, El Paso's top-ranked news-talk-sports-formatted station, broadcasted seven hours live from Ruidoso, four hours of "Back Talk" (6 to 10 a.m.) from the Spencer Theater with host Paul Strelzin and three hours of "Sports Talk" with Steve Kaplowitz (3 to 6 p.m.) from Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino.

Thanks to those who went on air from the Spencer, talking positive (despite the forest being closed and the kindling nature of all of Lincoln County), including Marieann Gould of the Forest Service, Police Chief Lanny Maddox (loved the bear stories), Condotel's Cindy Clayton, Ellis Store's Ginny Vigil and Cindy Hobbs and the Flying J Wrangles (their singing brought tears to Strelzin's eyes).

An equal thanks to those who went on air from the track during the afternoon broadcast.

The biggest thanks, though, to our partners who helped make it happen where it counts most, from the pocket-book: Tim Keithley and the racetrack crew, Mark and Laura Doth on behalf of the village of Ruidoso, and Cindi Clayton's vital housing support through Condotel properties locally.

The broadcast anchors and their significant others went on to experience the Flying J Ranch Friday night and the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra Saturday under the stars at the Spencer.

It's something that they'll be talking about on air for sometime, proving that there's lots to do in Lincoln County, even with the forest closed.

When life deals you lemons, make lemonade. And talk of it fondly, and often.

Brad Cooper
Spencer Theater marketing director

STREET TALK

QUESTION: What were you doing when it rained almost half an inch on Sunday?



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Linda DeConcini
Ruidoso



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Margie Lyle
Ruidoso



"I was thrilled to death. I'd been working outside and came inside to watch it."

Wanda Wallhall
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SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

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NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1

Downs man cited for poor welding control

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A Ruidoso Downs man was cited for starting a fire that burned three acres off Sierra Blanca Airport Road last week.

Tory Irons was charged with improper handling of fire by allowing flames to escape or spread from his control. He is scheduled to be arraigned in the Carrizozo court of

Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean at 9 a.m. Monday.

Irons was cited by Lincoln County Deputy Sheriff Robert Shepperd, who is part of the area arson task force.

In the charging documents, Shepperd wrote that when he arrived at the scene of the fire, Irons told him he was welding a fence when the fire started and got away from him. Shepperd conducted his own

investigation and determined the cause to be welding slag, he states in the report. He also determined that Irons didn't have adequate resources to suppress any fire that might have occurred from the welding or to prevent the spread of fire.

According to court documents, the criminal complaint was filed June 2, after Shepperd consulted with Assistant District Attorney Reed Thompson.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Drug arrest

Police charged two juvenile females with possession of drug paraphernalia June 23, informed the Juvenile Probation Office, and released them to their parents.

Minor in possession

At Schoolhouse Park June 5, police arrested a 17-year-old Capitan male who had been on probation, charging him with being a minor in possession of alcohol, and cited Shauna Michelle Villado, 18, of Ruidoso for the same charge.

Hubcaps stolen

The front hubcaps of a truck at 202 Eagle Drive were reported stolen between 9 p.m. June 20 and 6:55 a.m. June 21. The hubcaps are valued at \$80 each.

Drug paraphernalia

Police arrested Elizabeth A. Conley-Welch, 27, of Ruidoso, charging her with disorderly conduct and possession of drug

paraphernalia after being dispatched to Mechem and Cedar Creek drives June 25. During booking, the officer found a pipe in her front pocket.

Suspects sought

Police are investigating a case of battery allegedly suffered by a visitor to Swiss Chalet, 1451 Mechem Drive June 22. The victim and his family were in the pool area when unknown Hispanic people walked into the area with a case of beer, appearing "highly intoxicated." The visitors left and found some personal belongings missing from the area they shared with the suspects, according to the report, and the victim asked one of them if he'd seen the missing property. That person allegedly pushed the victim to the ground and two others from his party kicked him in the head several times.

"The victim fought off the attack with minor injuries to the facial area and reported to hotel management, and the police were called," the report

states. All the suspects had fled prior to the arrival of the police. The Swiss Chalet will press charges if they are located.

Disorderly conduct

Police cited Misty D. Beckham, 22, and Clinton Beckham, 29, both of Ruidoso, charging them with disorderly conduct for drinking alcoholic beverages by the cliff area of Grindstone Lake June 24.

Criminal trespass

Gary Blackburn, 38, and Randy L. Ford, 44, both of Ruidoso Downs, were cited with disorderly conduct and criminal trespass June 24 after a police officer saw the passenger drinking an alcoholic beverage.

Warrant arrest

Police arrested Claralyn M.

Hosetosavit, 37, of Mescalero at milemarker 261 on Highway 70 June 26, charging her with battery on a peace officer, after arresting her for a failure-to-appear warrant. They also charged Thurman Sago, 38, of Mescalero, with disorderly conduct.

Public intoxication

Misty D. Stone-Baker, 27, of Tulsa, Okla., was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct for public intoxication under the Disorderly Conduct ordinance.

Domestic assault

Responding to a dispatch about a domestic altercation in progress, police arrested Beau J. Allen, 18, of Ruidoso June 24 in the 100 block of Fir Drive, charging him with possession of drug paraphernalia and battery against a household member.

Ex-councilor proposes Upper Canyon vigilance

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A former Ruidoso village councilor is calling for a 24-hour patrol in the Upper Canyon section of town, where heavy fuel for wildfire exists and escape routes are limited.

Al Junge said although the usually rainy monsoon season may start in two weeks, until then, the fire hazard still exists.

"I would like to suggest a 24-hour patrol to be set up in the canyon area until the

rains begin," he wrote Mayor Leon Eggleston. "A small fire in that area could be disastrous unless noticed and put out before a large fire developed. I made this suggestion to a member of the council to no avail."

Eggleston Tuesday said he doesn't recall hearing the suggestion before and appreciates Junge's input.

"Basically our whole village is watching for anything," he said. "I think the citizens and employees both are on the alert 24 hours a day."

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Mall coffee shop goes for entertainment

Mountain Java and Dreams has changed its opening hours to accommodate the wishes of its customers. The coffee shop on the lower level of the Four Seasons Mall at 2500 Sudderth Drive now is open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Co-owners Dawn Kryder and Pam Naples, from the Seattle area, will feature karaoke and comedy nights on Friday and Saturday, poetry readings, music, art shows and other activities for families.

"We're really focused on what the locals want," Kryder said.

Bread and water

Olga Gerber bought Ruidoso Ice and Water in April and recently added a bread outlet to her store at 1605 Sudderth Drive.

New Mexico Bread Store and Ruidoso Pure Mountain

Water supplies homes and businesses with dispensers and water in containers from a half-liter bottle to a five-gallon jug.

Gerber, of Gerber Distributing in El Paso, offers bread, cakes and other bread products at reduced prices.

Store hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sonic 'hot' company

OKLAHOMA CITY - Sonic Corp. has been named to Business Week Magazine's "Hot Growth Company" list for the first time.

The list is based on companies that have excelled in three-year results in sales growth, earnings growth and return on invested capital.

"Sonic's inclusion on this list validates the company's multi-layered growth strategy and financial strength," said Patty Moore, Sonic's president.

The nationwide drive-in restaurant chain has an outlet in Ruidoso.

The Economy and the Markets

Consumers are shopping

BY SUNG WON SOHN
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

Don't give up on consumers. After a spending spree, consumer spending has slowed from a pace of 4.6 percent during the past two quarters. Retail sales fell in May, but overall, the second quarter will still show a respectable gain.

Detroit, which previously trimmed incentives, has reintroduced discounts. Weekly chain store sales, including Wal-Mart, indicate that sales have rebounded in June. The lethargic stock market should not have a major impact on consumer spending. For consumers, houses - whose prices continue to rise - are far more important than stocks.

In the future, job creation holds the key to sustaining economic growth. Industrial production has been rising so far this year. The Purchasing Managers Index (ISM) points to revival in manufacturing. Businesses are trying to meet rising demand and rebuild depleted inventories.

The stunning productivity gains and the cautious hiring plans by employers have limited job gains, but higher productivity won't be enough to meet the expected increase in demand; employment will rise at a steady pace in coming months sustaining consumer spending. Initial jobless claims, an excellent and timely indicator of employment trends, have been falling for weeks.

Bonds: Tightening rates?

The FOMC should take the summer off. There is no rush to change the interest rate. A rate cut would simply reinforce pessimism, hurting the economy. At the moment, a tighter policy is out of the question. Inflation remains subdued.

Chairman Alan Greenspan has pointed out that higher productivity has raised long-run growth potential providing sufficient room for the economy to grow before inflation becomes a problem.

However, higher interest

rates later this year should not be ruled out. The deflationary threat is diminishing as evidenced by the widening spread between Treasuries and TIPS. If the economy rebounds as we expect, the Federal Reserve will be more comfortable hiking the interest rate.

In the meantime, treasury yields have been moving in lockstep with equity prices. Normally, bond yields should be rising at this stage of an economic recovery, but investors are waiting for the slide in the stock market to end.

Even after confidence and earnings stabilize in the stock market, shell-shocked investors won't shed the safety of bonds entirely. In recent weeks, the Intermediates have outperformed other Treasuries, Corporates have outperformed Treasuries and Mortgages have underperformed Treasuries.

Stocks: Confidence crisis

The crisis of confidence, lackluster earnings and high valuation are the primary concerns for equities. No one expects confidence to rebound soon. However the expected double-digit gains in earnings during the second half of the year should send some sunshine through the cloud cover.

Sequentially, corporate profits had already bottomed out during the third quarter of 2001 and have since risen nicely, thanks to expanding margins coming from excellent productivity gains. Even on a year-over-year basis, earnings troughed during the first quarter.

Outside of technology, valuation is more attractive. Once earnings recover as we expect, the multiple will fall. The median price-earnings ratio, not the average, is reasonable on a historical basis. In the foreseeable future, defensive stocks - like consumer staples - and small and boring companies (including many "Old Economy" businesses) will continue to outperform the rest of the market. However, cyclical firms and large multinationals with foreign exposure will benefit from economic recovery and the dollar depreciation.

These are not investment recommendations. Consult your financial advisers.

Glass, window firm breaks ground here

BY MELANIE SATTLER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Wayne and Cheryl Metcalfe began construction of a 6,000-square-foot glass-manufacturing facility this month at the northwest corner of Airport and Old Fort Stanton Roads.

Their company, Double Tree Glass and Windows, introduces Ohio company Edgetech's "super spacer" warm edge insulated glass, a product unique to the state.

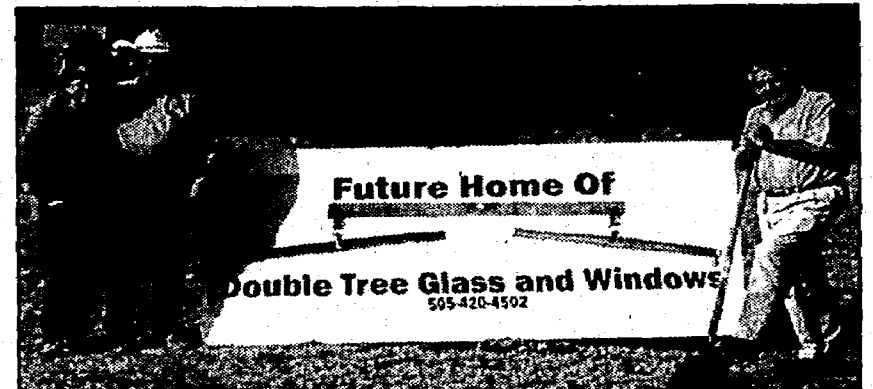
Double Tree will supply glazing contractors, custom window manufacturers and building supply companies in the region with glass units produced to

order.

The assembly process uses a rigid silicone foam in place of the standard aluminum box spacer. This reduces the transfer of heat and cold through the edge of the unit, which enhances each unit's performance and extends its useful life.

"We intend to offer a superior product combined with unsurpassed service and timely delivery," said Wayne Metcalfe, a 40-year veteran of the glass industry.

Metcalfe also has developed a new delivery process to keep the glass clean during shipment and to simplify



COURTESY DOUBLE TREE GLASS

Cheryl and Wayne Metcalfe, left, broke ground on their new business this month, with the help of R. D. Hubbard, their mentor and former business partner.

fy the unloading of customers' orders.

The Double Tree company will bring 10 to 12 job

openings to the region and will start manufacturing in late September, Metcalfe said.

Echo spoils digital cell phone gains

BY MELANIE SATTLER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

"Everything I say echoes back at me," said Mark Mobley of Tall Pines Realty. That was all the comment he could make before his cell phone cut out.

As a Verizon Wireless customer, Mobley places or receives 20 to 30 cell phone calls a day and is frustrated with the service he is receiving.

Verizon Wireless switched to digital from analog service this month in order to more than triple the capacity of calls it can handle on its network, said a spokesperson for the company.

"Bringing digital [service] to Ruidoso is part of our efforts to continue to expand the network," said Jenny Weaver.

She is unaware of an echo. James Stephens, owner of Ruidoso's Radio Shack, which provides Verizon Wireless products, said the echo on outgoing calls was a problem with analog service as well, and that his customers com-

plain less about disconnected calls.

"I've had everyone tell me how much better it is," Stephens said of the connection and clarity.

The battery life of digital phones is five times longer than with analog, he said.

Weaver pointed out additional features available: Increased security and data products like two-way text messaging, mobile Web service, caller identification and voice mail.

A Cellular One spokesperson said that while more features are available, digital service "wouldn't make a big difference in quality."

Cellular One offers analog service in the Ruidoso area and plans to upgrade to digital "in the near future," he said, but couldn't give a date.

Stephens said he doesn't know when the echo problem will be fixed but that Verizon Wireless is working on it.

"They don't like it any more than we do," he said.

Stephens said the company might need

to install additional equipment, which is currently in high demand since cell phone companies nationwide are focused on upgrading to digital service.

The Federal Communications Commission is requiring all wireless phone service providers to switch to digital technology because it uses less bandwidth, allowing for a more efficient network of radio transmission, Stephens said.

The FCC Web site compares digital and analog cellular service, rating rural area access for both services as poor. While a nationwide network for analog is complete, digital service coverage is still in progress.

Expansion of cellular service nationally and into the Ruidoso market continues, but until the technology improves, customers like Mobley are feeling left in the lurch.

"The little guy on the TV that says, 'Can you hear me now?,' hasn't been to Ruidoso," Mobley said.

Postage going up

New postage rates go into effect Sunday, June 30. The cost of a first-class stamp increases to 37 cents, and post cards are 23 cents.

The new stamps are currently available, including a 3-cent make-up stamp to use with the old 34-cent stamps.

The U.S. Postal Service raised their rates to cover increased operating costs.

Additional information is available at www.usps.com, or by calling 1-800-ASK-USPS.

Existing-home sales at historic high

WASHINGTON - Existing single-family home sales were essentially unchanged in May and remained at historically high levels, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Existing-home sales slipped 0.3 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.75 million units in May from a level of 5.77 million units in April, which was the third-highest sales pace since record keeping began in 1968.

Last month's sales activity was the fourth highest on record and was 6.5 percent above the 5.40-million unit pace in May 2001.

David Lereah, NAR's chief economist,

said sales activity is exceptional. "So far this year we've already recorded the four highest monthly sales rates on record for existing-home sales, but the pace can't stay at unprecedented levels indefinitely," he said. "What this means is that housing is continuing to be a significant factor in sustaining the U.S. economy."

NAR President Martin Edwards Jr. said low interest rates are helping to fuel home sales.

"Historically low mortgage interest rates have kept the cost of borrowing low at the same time there has been a fairly stable relationship between home costs and family income," he said.

Focus on Agriculture

Walt Disney's world includes farming

BY STEWART TRULSEN
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

"He liked the animals and he liked being close to the soil," reads a biography of one of the most influential men of the last century. If he had not become an entertainment magnate there is no doubt that Walt Disney would have liked being a farmer. Many of the characters Disney drew were inspired by boyhood experiences on a Missouri farm.

Walt Disney's interest in agriculture is continued today at Epcot, the discovery theme park at Walt Disney World Resort in Florida. Young Walt liked to ride the back of one of his father's hogs and have it dump him in a pond. Fewer and fewer Americans have any farm experiences, certainly none like that.

But at the Land Pavilion in Epcot, visitors cruise through scenes of America's agricultural heartland and tour a green-

house that uses state-of-the-art technology to grow crops. The boat ride through the "Living with the Land" exhibit is familiar to millions of guests. It's as close as some of them ever get to farming.

Biographer Steven Watts says Walt Disney's father failed as a farmer in part because he didn't like to use fertilizer. But at Epcot, science and agriculture go hand in hand. USDA has a small biotech lab on the premises and Disney itself employs agricultural scientists and provides a wonderful opportunity for students to intern.

"We do concentrate a lot on the science that allows agriculture to happen, and the importance of agricultural research in making sure that we can continue to feed the world," says Mary Schon, manager of science communications at Epcot.

One of the facts visitors

learn is that pests destroy a third of the crops around the world, but there is considerable hope to improve on that record through IPM (integrated pest management) and biotechnology.

Beneficial insects are let loose in the greenhouse to control tiny pests that get inside, but IPM also is used throughout Disney World to keep harmful and annoying insects in check.

Lettuce grown in the greenhouse is harvested for use in Disney restaurants, but some crops are just attention getters. "We select showy crops. We are Disney; we are here to have fun and put on a great show for our guests so we love crops with really big fruit, crops that grow 15 feet into the air, crops that show roots hanging in midair. These are the things we think get our guests really excited about food production," says Schon.

Many of the crops at the Land are grown hydroponically, that is in a nutrient bathed solution. Others are rooted in a sandy medium. Disney agronomists have conducted a lot of research on the nutritional needs of vegetable plants and share this information with universities. Disney engineers developed and patented a weighing lysimeter, a device that basically allows plants to let growers know when they need water.

The boat tour travels a canal past aquaculture tanks, but animal agriculture is largely missing here, unless you count the farm animals that became Disney cartoon characters. You'll find them everywhere at Walt Disney World.

Stewart Truelsen is the director of broadcast services for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Jerry Rose Nighbert

A private memorial service will be held for Jerry Rose Nighbert, 80, of Capitan.

Mrs. Nighbert died Tuesday, June 25, 2002, in Ruidoso.

She was born Feb. 12, 1922, in Chicago, Ill.

The longtime Albuquerque resident moved to Capitan 20 years ago. She was a member of Christ Community Fellowship Church in Capitan and was homemaker. She married Dale L. Nighbert in 1946 at the Longhorn Ranch in New Mexico, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 27, 1999.

Survivors include daughters Daylene Huey and her husband, Kenneth, of Capitan; and Karen Nighbert of Capitan; grandchildren Tiffany Menix, Kimberly Elsey, Heath Huey, Nathan Roybal, Danian Roybal and Veronica Roybal; great-grandsons Kenneth David Elsey, Zechariah, Elsey and Aidan Huey.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Unit at Ruidoso Care Center.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso, 341 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345, 257-7303.

John Hall

Services for John Valton Hall, 55, will be held in Ruidoso

at the Holy Mount Episcopal Church, at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 29.

Mr. Hall died at his home in Scottsdale, Ariz., on Friday, June 21, 2002, following complications of back surgery.

He was born in Texas on March 15, 1947.

Survivors include his beloved dog, Robbie; his parents Marjorie and Valton Hall of Midland, Texas; a sister, Marganna, and her husband, Ray King, of Seattle, Wash., a nephew, Charles Dye, of Seattle, Wash., a niece, Adelaide, and her husband, Hussein El Zein, and their children Eimanne and Hassan, living in United Arab Emirates; an uncle, Lee Ellis Weber, living in Maui, Hawaii; a girlfriend, Christine Vert, of Santa Monica, Calif.; his ex-wife, Tina, of Big Spring, Texas; a friend, Linda, of Alabama; and many close and personal friends.

Mr. Hall started Sierra Development Company Realtors in Ruidoso in the early 1970s and purchased the Coldwell Banker franchise in early 1980s. He started Hall and Company Construction business in the late 1970s. He built many homes in the Ruidoso and Alto areas while maintaining his real estate development business. He earned his private pilot's license and volunteered his time to the following positions: secretary/

treasurer of the Ruidoso Board of Realtors 1976-1977, vice president, 1977-1978, president, 1978-1979, Realtor Political Action Committee (RPAC) chairman, 1984-1985, owner broker advisor, 1987-1988, and was on the Mediation Committee, 1988-1989.

He sold Coldwell Banker, SDC Realtors in the late 1980s and joined Hubbard Enterprises in which he was instrumental in obtaining for the Hubbards the Ann Straddling Museum of the Horse, which was relocated from Arizona to its present location at the now Hubbard Museum of the American West. Mr. Hall was also instrumental in putting together the Hubbard Excellence in Art award, which showcased many famous artists. In addition, he was instrumental in bringing together famous artists from Russia to a showing at the Hubbard Museum.

He achieved a Juris Doctor Degree from University of Tulsa Law School in 1994 and established the law firm Hall & Hall with his wife, Tina, in Santa Fe in 1995. He later acquired his securities and exchange license and worked for Merrill Lynch in Ruidoso before relocating to Scottsdale, Ariz., where he was employed by The Householder Group as a financial advisor.

The family suggests memorials to the Episcopal Church Memorial Prayer Garden Fund.

TOP TEN

The following checks topped the list of amounts written by Lincoln County government in March, excluding salaries and tax distributions.

1. \$85,124 to Correctional Systems Inc. for contract services in February to operate the county jail in Carrizozo.

2. \$13,219 in two checks to Caterpillar Financial Services for seven contracts on heavy equipment for the road department.

3. \$9,207 to Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas for six departments.

4. \$7,716 to White Swan Inc. of Lubbock, Texas, for nutritional supplies in the Zia Senior Citizens program.

5. \$7,302 to New Mexico Demographic Research for redistricting work for elections.

6. \$6,985 to AWC Propane for fuel for volunteer fire departments and the road department.

7. \$5,737 to Triadic

Enterprises Inc., contract services and additional installation and other costs.

8. \$5,291 to Spatial Data Research, completing phase B of work in the county assessor's office.

9. \$5,166 to Roswell Tire and Appliance for sheriff's department tires.

10. \$4,675 to Howard Hughes to build and install bookcases in 12th Judicial District Judge Karen Parsons chambers.

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DOWNS POLICE

DWI arrest

Police pulled over Jason Oliver, 29, of Ruidoso, for weaving from one side of the road to the other on U.S. Highway 70 and arrested him for DWI, second offense, aggravated, on June 21 at 8:30 p.m.

DWI stop

Police charged Zack Turner, 25, of Tularosa, with DWI third offense, aggravated on June 22 at

11:51 p.m. after stopping him for failing to dim his headlights. According to a police report, Turner was driving under a suspended/revoked license and refused to take a blood alcohol test.

Speeding warrant

Ruidoso police picked up Brandon Taylor, 21, of Katy, Texas, on June 22 at 4:15 p.m. on a municipal warrant issued by Ruidoso Downs police. The warrant was for failure to pay fines and costs previously imposed on a speeding citation.

PAROLE: Former local to be released

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tion from people in the community, the board ruled that his medical condition didn't warrant an early release. Bartlett, who was 34 then, contended he was dying from a related liver condition.

Bartlett became eligible for parole for the attempted murder charge in March 2000, but

also had to serve another two years of a five-year sentence for a prison escape in 1992. He was found in Montana and brought back to New Mexico.

Terry McDaniels, the friend who took the worst of Bartlett's attack, suffered major injuries to her head, limbs and body.

John Valton Hall

How could words paint the picture of John?

Kind, generous, magnetic, radiant, witty, loyal, imaginative, dynamic, artistic are only a few words that come to mind in time of grief. No one had more passion about life. John, we will all miss you so much. You leave many broken hearts. You soared with eagles. You did it your way. We celebrate your life with us and release you with love to a higher power.

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THRU THURSDAY 7/4

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SCOOBY-DOO (PG)	12:00	1:45		6:45	
MINORITY REPORT (PG-13)		3:45			9:00

RULES: Council gives OK

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should pay because the work will improve their land and structures by reducing the risk of fire.

Councilor L. Ray Nunley, who also serves on the Lincoln County Commission, said Thursday he has scheduled a review of the ordinances by the commission at its July meeting.

"I want those guys to have an opportunity to look at them," he said. "I think we have a lot of vulnerable areas around Alto, Kokopelli and Ranches of Sonterra. We need to address these fire issues countywide."

Acknowledging that with no zoning or code enforcement departments, the county would have a tough time enacting laws governing building codes and fuel reduction, Nunley said, "I hope volunteer cooperation will help a lot. We possibly could pass a resolution to that effect."

One option would be to impose the rules in the three-mile extraterritorial zone around the village in which the county and village share jurisdiction and the village could handle enforcement, he said.

The adoptions of the four ordinances established a mechanism for construction and fuels management, village planning and zoning director Mike Runnels said during the meeting Tuesday.

"The Wildland/Urban Interface code has specificity and flexibility," he said. "One objective was to give land owners various ways to deal with a fire hazard problem."

The first ordinance adopted the code that details ways to reduce the hazard to a structure and adjoining structures or from spreading to wildland fuels. It contains a fire hazard ratings form that will place property in the medium threat range with 40 to 60 points, the high risk at 60 to 74 points and the extreme risk category of more than 75 points.

The second ordinance established an overlay zone that will identify high-risk-action priority areas, subject to the strictest rules, laying out development standards, defensible space standards, the application and review process. The third ordinance deals with standards for fire safety and fire handling. It empowers the village to force measures to reduce a fire hazard and to place liens on property if owners refuse to take action and the village or a contractor must do the work.

The fourth deals with terrain management, forest management, landscaping and related design standards, including standards for tree removal.

"We can't guarantee that the community will be fire-proof, but we can mitigate the risk," Runnels said. "We spend plenty of money fighting fires, but there never seems to be enough money up-front for prevention."

He told the council much work needs to be done before the new ordinances will kick in and

that will include defining the overlay zone, deciding on how to approach the mitigation and then establishing funding.

An extended interview with Runnels will appear in the July 3 *Ruidoso News*.

Councilor Ron Anderson, who offered all four motions for adoption, said he'd prefer not having to pass laws to force action to reduce fire hazards on private lots, "But unless people get after it 200 times more than they have, it's not going to do it."

Although he favored the measures, insurance agent Dave Parks warned council members, "You can ask Ruidoso residents to do anything, but you can't tell them to do squat."

Urban forester Rick Delaco said clear-cutting never will be required or recommended.

Although cutting the forest material and then removing it is the preferred option, in some locations, piling the material to be burned during the right season or to naturally degrade are other acceptable options.

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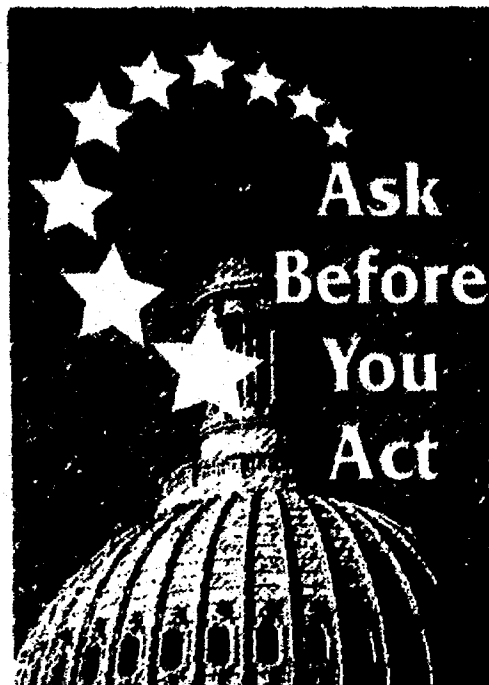
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PILT set to issue county \$800,000 reimbursement

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A check for \$814,522 already is set aside for Lincoln County for fiscal year 2002-2003 under the federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes program that compensates counties for the property taxes they lose each year on federal lands within their border.

County Treasurer Joan Park said the amount was awarded to the county Monday. The money should show up in the county's bank account by today.

The total is a significant increase from this year's check of \$778,636, which was a huge jump from the previous year's \$472,661. Of the 3,109,312 acres in the county, the federal government, through the Bureau of Land Management

and the U.S. Forest Service, oversees about one-third, or 1,090,000 acres.

Another increase should be in store for counties next year if U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici's version of the Fiscal Year 2003 Interior Appropriations bill is approved. The Republican from New Mexico said the bill contains \$220 million for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program, \$10 million more than the current level and \$56 million more than President George Bush's request.

The House also includes \$220 million for PILT in its version of the bill, he said.

The bill was approved Thursday by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. From there it will move to the conference committee and a vote in both houses. The final version will be sent to the president for his signature.

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CORRECTION

The Ruidoso Ford Lincoln Mercury advertisement titled "NO TAXES THIS SUNDAY" that ran in the Wednesday, June 26th edition published in error.

The correct ad that will be honored is titled "1ST PAYMENT FREE; OPEN SUNDAY"

The Ruidoso News apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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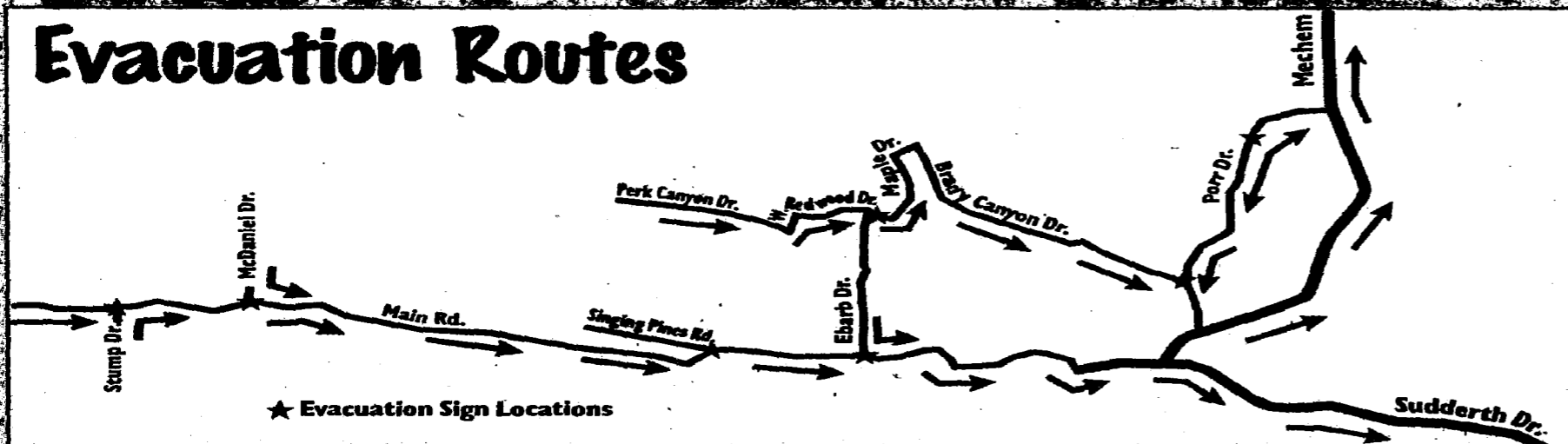
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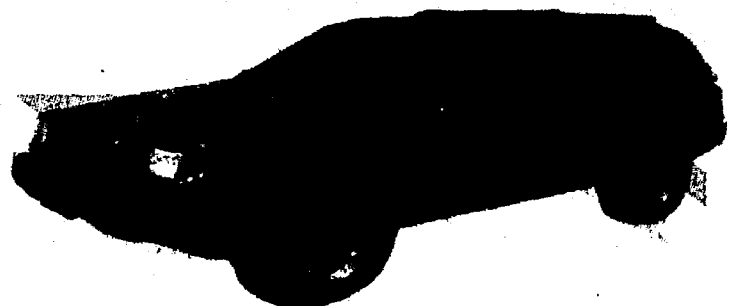
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PAGE 1B

Big weekends coming to the Downs

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The first of four fabulous days of New Mexico-style racing began Thursday at Ruidoso Downs with trials for the Zia Futurity.

Approximately 90 2-year-old horses, all bred in New Mexico, jumped at the chance to be a part of the \$250,000 race, to be run during the Zia Festival July 14.

Dooley For Cash took top honors, racing for an official time of 17.672 as the fastest qualifier. Placing second was Bedmir with a time of 17.755, A Medley Of Chicks at 17.801, That'sa Blazin Chick with a 17.810, Red Rime at 17.840, My Darlin Blaze with 17.844, Nowwherehavinfun with a time of 17.856, Deans Honor Roll at 17.881 and BRC Justaharefaster at 17.884.

Agua Mineral and Dean Can Tango tied for the 10th spot in the race, and the tie will be decided today with a shake-off in the racing office at 8 a.m.

Other action today includes the running of trials for the Zia Derby, with trials for the Rio Grande Senior and Seniorita derbies — both for 3-year-old Thoroughbreds — to be run Saturday.

The weekend closes Sunday with the running of the \$20,000-added Fern Sawyer Handicap.

All this action is the kickoff of what promises to be an exciting three weeks at the track, as next weekend's July 4th festivities include the Rainbow Derby and



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

A Sudden Blaze, right, ridden by Bonafacio Perez, streaks to a win in the sixth trial for the Zia Futurity Thursday at Ruidoso Downs. A Sudden Blaze's time of 17.966 was fast enough to beat Mighty Quick Call, left, but was only fast enough to qualify for the Zia Futurity Consolation.

Futurity trials and a concert by country music star Toby Keith.

Zip First, fresh off his win in the Ruidoso Futurity June 9, will be entered into trials for the Rainbow Futurity — the second leg of the Quarter Horse Triple Crown — for a shot at this year's \$4 million bonus to any horse that can win the Ruidoso, Rainbow and All-American futurities.

Following that will be the Zia Festival, featuring 11 stakes

races — all with New Mexico-bred horses as the contestants.

Neal Mullarky, director of marketing at the track, said the number of entries into this weekend's trials bodes well for the future of New Mexico horse breeding.

"I expect it to be bigger than last year, nominations are up on that," Mullarky said. "We've had some supplements in both the futurities and derbies — people

are wanting to shell out a little bit more money, just to take a chance on winning those races.

"It's a great opportunity for us to showcase our New Mexico bred."

For a horse to be considered state-bred in New Mexico, both the sire and dam must be registered with the New Mexico Horse Breeders Association, and the horse must be bred and foaled in the state.

Don't let that horse walk under that ladder

"Never bet on a gray horse."
"Always bet the gray horse."

These two contradictory pieces of betting advice are imparted throughout the world of horse racing with all the gravity of invoking one of the Ten Commandments. Which is correct? It all depends on your superstition.

A recent determinedly unscientific survey of racing people at Ruidoso Downs Race Track turned up a number of racing superstitions, revealing that a belief in magic or chance and a willingness to ignore factual evidence plays a large role in the sport. (Please note that most of the respondents in the survey denied having any superstition of their own. It was the other guy's they reported.)

One superstition that everyone agreed on was: "No peanuts at the racetrack." No one could say just why there should be no peanuts at the track, although one observer suggested it kept the elephants away. A variation forbade peanuts in the jockey room because, as it goes, a jockey was eating peanuts and was killed in the next race.

"Don't urinate in the stall" has obvious sanitary reasons to recommend it, but the important thing is that it brings bad luck.

Pat Means, farrier and exercise rider, related that one, along with "Don't bet on your own horse." Interesting. Where, then, does that big chunk of change that is wagered on the 40-1 shot one minute before post time come from, Hollywood Park?

Rider-trainer Shawnette Sherbino offered, "Don't set your racing helmet on the bed" and "Always put your right boot on first." The helmet-bed superstition probably comes from the old cowboy prohibition on setting your hat on the bed, which includes the admonition that you put it crown down wherever you set it. In fact, many track superstitions are simply variations on the general run of popular beliefs.

But some are clearly racing-specific: "Winning the first race at a new track is bad luck for the jockey"; "It's bad luck to change a horse's name"; and "Never wish good luck to a rider or owner before a race." There was some disagreement on this last one. Stewards Bobby Allison and Richard

Bickel, both former jockeys, said they didn't mind a bit if someone wished them good luck. They figured when they were riding they could use all they could get.

Some bettors don't want anyone wishing them good luck, according to Trish York, a teller in the Turf Club. York has had enough customers protest against her good-luck wishes that she has quit giving them.

Other betting window oddities involve two-dollar bills and 50-dollar bills. Many people refuse to be paid off in 50s or two-dollar bills: bad luck. On the other hand, some bettors arrive at the window with stacks of two-dollar bills. They won't bet any other denomination: good luck.

Once the denomination problems are solved, bettors had better remember that it's bad luck to change a ticket. Get it right the first time, or buy a new one.

The one person in this survey who admitted to racing superstitions was trainer Steve Farris. Farris has used the same tongue-tie for three years now and he's not about to give it up. He keeps it tied to the

See SUPERSTITIOUS, page 2B

Bowden is excited to lead Ruidoso

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

He's the third head football coach at Ruidoso High School in three years, yet Ridge Bowden says there's more consistency in the Warrior gridiron program than most might think.

"There are a number of things we were doing last year that we will continue to do, even from the year before," Bowden said. "Knowing the players is a plus, too. A lot of them I've had in class and they know my rules and the way I



Bowden

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Your first chance to see the horses is when they come from the barn area, through the tunnel and to the paddock. The paddock, as you face the track, is to your far left. Next is the jockey quarters and to the right of that building is the winners circle where the winning horse and its connections come after winning the race for trophy presentations and photos.

To the right of that is the infield tote board, which shows the amount a \$2 winning ticket will return if that horse wins. The tote board on ground level under the grandstand reflects the percentage of money bet on a horse in relation to the total money wagered to win.

The paddock is where the horses are saddled and brought to the walking ring. The jockeys enter the paddock, mount their horses and are led to the track where pony riders will lead them to the gate. Two out riders are responsible for preventing the horses from acting up during the post parade.

A horse may be scratched — taken from the race.

If you have bet on a scratched horse you can exchange your ticket for another horse or get your money back.

Odds: The tote board will show the morning line odds — the approximate odds quoted before wagering begins. The odds will keep changing as the public places its bets. Final odds will be shown at post time.

Jockey Quarters: Where the riders weigh in before the races. They rest and change colors — either standard track or owners silks — and get ready for their next race.

You have parked and entered the grandstand, bought a program and tip sheet, selected your seating preference and are ready for the races. Watch a race and mentally walk through something like this. You can make a bet or cash a ticket at the same window. Go to the window five minutes before post time.

From the tip sheet you selected No. 7 race No. 3 horse and you are going to bet to win. Go to the win-

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side line

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Friday, June 28
Horse Racing
Zia Derby trials at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Saturday, June 29
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Sunday, June 30
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Fern Sawyer Handicap at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

On Deck

Golf School at the Links

A Performance Golf School will be conducted at The Links at Sierra Blanca June 29-30. Cost for a full two days of golf instruction with on-course play is a modest \$250, while junior golfers pay only \$185. Included in the fee is personal instruction, unlimited range balls, at least six mini-clinics, a copy of the PGS instructional manual Secrets of the Game, 18 holes of golf with cart, prizes for on-course competition, a certificate of completion and an embossed cordura shoe bag for a tee prize. Lessons cover swing basics, full shots with woods and irons, chipping and putting, bunker play and the mental game. There is also advice on equipment, rules, etiquette and playing in tournaments.

Annual Alien Chase at Roswell

The Center for Ambulatory Surgery and Endoscopy of Southeastern New Mexico, the Roswell Runners Club and the Roswell Recreation Department present the eighth annual Alien Chase, to be held July 6 in Roswell. The event will feature a 5K walk, 5K run, 10K walk and 10K run.

The races will begin in the south parking lot of the Roswell Museum and Art Center at 10th and Richardson, and cost to enter is \$15 if received before June 30. Registration is \$20 thereafter. Awards will be given for the first and second overall female and male in each event and each age division, as well as a prize for the best costumed athlete.

Packets may be picked up at the Roswell Civic Center and 912 N. Main St. on July 5 between 4-6 p.m. Packets may also be picked up on race day from 6-8:30 a.m. at the starting location. For more information, contact the Roswell Runners Club at 627-5507 or the Roswell Recreation Department at 624-6720.

Wellness Challenge Run

There will be a Mesalero Wellness Challenge Run Saturday, July 6 beginning at 8 a.m. The run will feature a 10K run, 5K run and one mile fun walk. Registration is from 7-8 a.m. on July 6 and t-shirts will be given to the first 100 participants. There is no cost to enter. For more information, call Leoma at 464-6383, Gleda or Beckie at 464-4441 or Glenda at 464-4039.

Carrizozo to host Camp

Carrizozo High School will host a volleyball camp July 8-9 at the Carrizozo gym for grades 7-12. Cost of the camp is \$60, and the camp's instructor will be Western New Mexico University head volleyball coach Jim Calender. There will be two sessions each day. For more information, contact Bill MacVeigh at 354-2601, Gwen Huston at 648-2348 or Mandy Baca at 648-2881.

Volleyball camp at Ruidoso

This year's volleyball camp at Ruidoso High School will be held July 10-12 in the RHS gym from 9 a.m. to noon daily. The camp will feature instruction in basic volleyball skills by Charity Savedra, head junior college volleyball coach at New Mexico Military Institute. Cost for the camp is \$50 per student. The camp is open for students grades 7-12. For more information, contact Brigid Herrera at 258-4910 or 336-7433.

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Does it work? That's not really the question

There is no definitive word on superstition, especially around a racetrack. Chance and hunch and belief are such vital parts of the sport. But we could do worse than listen to Phil Doyle, the philosophical bartender in the Turf Club, who quotes Yogi Berra on the subject: "I'm not superstitious myself, but it's bad luck to talk about it."

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"When I first started coaching, my goal was to be a head

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"I want to help these young men develop into adults — hopefully encouraging them to make themselves better after football," Bowden said. "I just want to make sure they have a positive experience, but also take something away from football other than the drills and fundamentals."

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"Still, with the way 3A has been re-aligned, Ruidoso should have a good chance of getting to the playoffs," he added. "We've got the toughest district in the state, but that's the best way to have it in my mind."

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Downs fire department gets defibrillator grant

BY MELANIE SATTLEY

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso Downs will begin to see cash in its coffers, City Administrator John Waters announced at the regular meeting Tuesday.

Jim Badjar, assistant fire chief, received notification that Prudential Financial Services awarded the fire department a grant of \$1,000 toward the purchase of a portable defibrillator. First responders to emergency scenes use the electronic device to apply an electric shock to a patient's heart.

The city's firefighters are trained as first responders in case of a medical situation, Waters said, and could use the defibrillator to possibly save a life before an ambulance arrives.

A state representative informed him that the city will receive a contract for a \$25,000 grant to complete a comprehensive master plan and sewer plan. The comprehensive master plan will provide a road map for the city to follow over the next 20 years and will help the city's chances when requesting funds in the future.

The state wired \$25,000 to the city's bank account to reimburse it for the first of four projects it completed under Special Appropriation Grants from 1998 to 2000.

The previous administration had been awarded the grants, completed the projects with then-village funds and did not ask the state to reimburse it the money.

"It's housekeeping from a previous administration. Not only are we looking to the future, but we're cleaning up the past," Waters said.

The city expects to receive three more payments from the state, totaling \$105,000, within the next month, Waters said.

Valor Telecom replied to the city's request for reimbursement of franchise fees that had not been collected since April 2000. To date, the city has received \$11,732. Utility companies contract with municipalities to provide services to their residents, agreeing to pay a fee for the use of rights-of-way.

"If you don't ask, you're not going to get it,"

Waters said.

The council also settled an ongoing planning and zoning matter, granting Corena Baca and Ron Yue's request for expansion of non-conforming use of their property at 1961 Wood Lane.

Baca will now be allowed to keep up to five horses on the property. Prior to this ordinance, the non-conforming use provision would expire if the property was vacant of horses for a period of 90 days. The council lengthened that time period to 180 days in a rolling calendar year, stipulating that the new rule applies to the current owners and will not transfer to any subsequent property owner.

"Is there any way that I can get that in writing?" said Baca, who has been trying for more than two months to get permission from the city to temporarily keep horses on the property.

Dan Bryant, city attorney, said he would provide her documentation of the agreement.

The council awarded a plaque to Patrolman Jason Kinnick, who, with two Ruidoso police officers, entered a burning building March 30 to secure it and rescue a dog. The Ruidoso Police Department Police Citizen Advisory Committee had recognized the three policemen a week earlier.

Mayor Bob A. Miller commended Kinnick for his bravery.

"Thank you very much. We're real proud of our department and support it wholeheartedly," said Miller.

Trustees accepted a bid from Artesia Fire Equipment for \$4,995 to purchase wildland personnel protective gear, including helmets, goggles, cordless headlights, radio chest packs and fire shelters. The equipment replaces other fire department gear and will be paid for in part by a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant.

The City of Ruidoso Downs' next regular council meeting takes place Tuesday, July 9, at 5:30 p.m. in the Hubbard Room of the municipal building on Downs Drive.

"Not only are we looking to the future, but we're cleaning up the past."

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Moon Mountain project starting

■ State land commissioner Ray Powell is pushing the effort.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Work designed to restore the health of the forest on Moon Mountain will begin this summer.

The project is part of an effort by Ray Powell, state commissioner of Public Lands, to restore the watershed on state trust land between Gavilan and Paradise canyons in Ruidoso.

He will use a state legislative appropriation that allows money earned from state trust land to be used to maintain the health of the land and preserve it. Watersheds are land areas from which surface runoff drains into a stream channel, lake reservoir or other body of water. Healthy watersheds are critical factors to maintain the health of plants animals, soil and hydrology.

"Working with our lessees, the Natural

Resource Conservation Service, the U.S. Forest Service districts, the Cooperative Extension Service offices, counties and local communities, we can leverage our limited resources to keep our state trust lands productive and healthy," Powell said. "This is the first time that the state land office has been allowed to reinvest some of the money we earn from the land to improve the health for future generations."

Field office personnel have developed strategic plans to thin trees and brush that adversely impact watershed health and create a potential wildfire threat to nearby communities, including Moon Mountain.

Biological and cultural resource surveys were conducted prior to designing plans for forest thinning.

About 8,600 acres of state trust land lie in and around Ruidoso. About 60 acres will be targeted during the effort on Moon Mountain this fiscal year. Legislative money also was used to launch similar

efforts for watersheds near Capitan, Angel Fire and the Rio Grande Bosque around Albuquerque.

In all, \$1.22 million was appropriated by the Legislature to pay for the clean-up efforts, reduce fire danger and enhance ecological conditions on state trust lands. The money also was targeted for river restoration projects, stabilization of a 300-year-old pueblo site in northwestern New Mexico and management of noxious plants that threaten native plants, animals and agriculture.

The commissioner of public lands is an elected state official responsible for administering the state land grant trust, consisting of 13 million acres granted to the state in 1898 and 1910. Each tract is held in trust for public schools, universities, special schools and hospitals that serve children with disabilities.

In fiscal year 2001, the trust lands and permanent funds produced more than \$322 million in income for the beneficiaries.

Fireworks or not, Spencer July 4 party is open to the public

July at the Spencer Theater kicks-off with patriotism galore.

All patrons are invited to party at its annual Independence Day celebration, starting at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 4, a celebratory event usually held exclusively for theater contributors. The festivities include professional fireworks (if permitted by county commissioners); live musical entertainment, all-you-can-eat hot dogs, hamburgers and chips with soda or beer.

Tickets are \$25 per person: call the Spencer Theater Box Office at 336-4800 or log on the theater's secure server at www.spencertheater.com.

All theater contributors still receive complimentary passes and may bring a limited amount of guests based on their level of contribution; the Founders Club will remain restricted to Founders Club members and their guests. All contributors must call for complimentary event passes by July 3rd.

Most notable in the evening's line up of family fun is a special appearance by four members of the Holloman Air Force Base Honor Guard, performing a traditional flag ceremony as dusk grows into dark.

"We thought a special, formalized tribute to our country's great freedoms and recent losses would be appropriate," says theater Executive Director Charles Centilli, who arranged for participation of the Honor Guard.

"The ceremony will be very traditional and touching."

The night's celebration begins at 7 p.m., with theater gates opening at 6:30 p.m. On the back stage patrons will be entertained by the classic jazz quintet, The Michael Metz Jazz Ensemble.

Playing trumpet, piano, drums, bass and saxophone, the ensemble brings back memories of the 1950s and 1960s "Golden Age of Jazz," when Art Blakey, Cannonball Adderley and Miles Davis reigned supreme. Twice awarded "Best Local Jazz Band" in 2000 by the Weekly Alibi, the New Mexico-based ensemble plays in a solid, straight ahead style with open-ended improvisations and sensitive ballads.

In the Founders Club, exclusive to members, the Windsor Creek Trio performs a repertoire of rousing medleys with their crisp acoustic sound. The venerable folk musicians are known the world over, having been in performance for over 30 years.

Currently, fireworks are banned throughout the county, so there is a strong possibility the Spencer will not have a fireworks show this year. A decision to rescind the ban, based on significant relief of drought conditions, could be made by county commissioners a day or two prior to July 4. But even without fireworks, this year's party will be spectacular.

Drought causes NMDGF to cut farming

Department considering raising number of elk hunting licenses by 20 percent this fall

Responding to the extended drought, the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish reduced its farming operations in the middle Rio Grande Valley.

"In recognition of the needs of the Rio Grande silvery minnow and consideration for other farms in the valley, the department decided to severely reduce the use of water on the Ladd S. Gordon Waterfowl Management Complex," said Lisa Kirkpatrick, assistant chief of the department's Conservation Services Division.

"The primary purpose of the waterfowl areas is to provide feed and resting areas for migrating water-

fowl during the winter months. Because of water shortages, the department decided not to plant corn this year and will purchase corn to be placed in the fields for feed this fall."

Alfalfa was planted in the spring and was harvested in May to provide some hay for the department to feed wildlife in areas where drought conditions are creating forage shortages that may increase depredation problems on private land, Kirkpatrick said.

Feeding and watering wildlife is a provision of the State Drought Emergency Plan implemented earlier this spring when Gov. Gary

Johnson declared a state of emergency.

Larry Bell, director of the department, also is prepared to use his authority to increase by up to 20 percent the number of elk hunting licenses authorized for the fall, if necessary. The move would be aimed at protecting wildlife habitat and private crops, he said.

"We would rather harvest animals during legal hunting seasons than allow them to do extensive damage to our range lands on a starvation diet," Bell said.

The Fisheries Division staff is monitoring water supplies for its hatcheries and will either stock fish or

move them to another hatchery if problems develop, said Jared Langenegger, assistant chief of Fisheries. If water levels in some lakes are too low, stocking won't be able to take place, he said.

The department also is prepared to assist the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other agencies in the capture and recovery of wild Rio Grande silvery minnow eggs and hatchlings, if necessary. The department's Rock Lake Hatchery near Santa Rosa is prepared to handle the endangered species.

The Rio Grande's flow was 12 percent of normal May 1 and the temperature of the water was increasing.

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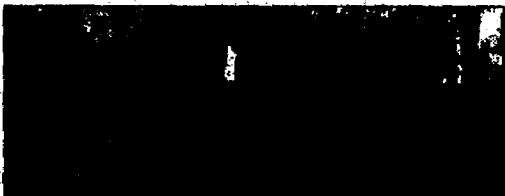
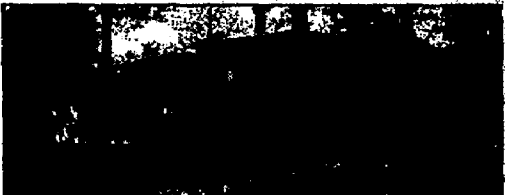
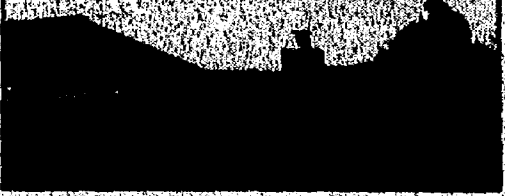
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HEAVY EQUIPMENT Operator available. Blade, Dozer, Back hoe, Crane. 25 yrs experience. 258-2191

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FOR SALE: Hard Top for Jeep CJ Wrangler. Like new-\$1200 OBO 257-6606 Leave message.

FOR SALE: Beautiful, Handmade, Authentic Lincoln County Log Flower Pots. 378-1190

FOR SALE: used oil field pipe, 2 3/8" diameter, 3 grades, 3 prices. Call Randy or Jim at 336-4377.

GAME MOUNTS for your wall. Elk, Buffalo, Deer, Javelina-others. Mule Creek-Capitan- 354-4203.

OUTSIDE SADDLE tack and tool sale. July 4th thru July 7th. Primetime Flea Mkt. across from Race-track. Buy, sell, trade.

PICK-UP BED off a 1997 Dodge LWB w/ tailgate, white. \$500. 630-1716 or 336-4572

SHOPSMITH MARK V Home workshop system, \$1200. Renken Deep V Boat, 140 HP OMC, very good condition \$3000. '94 Chevy Full Trail Ton, clean, new tires. \$4000. 336-9663 after 6 PM.

SLIP-ON TOW Mirrors. Chevy/GMC Yukon, Suburban 92-99, Pick-up 92-98. Excellent set \$30 258-4003.

WOOD BURNING stove & 4 piece sectional sofa. \$350. 258-1065.

ANTIQUES & MORE 2825 Suddeth 630-9070 Summer Hours 9-5 closed Tuesdays. Buying/Selling coins-antiques-collectibles.

LOTS OF Goodies. Antiques, new home accessories and gifts, denim clothing, quilts, heritage lace, log furniture, blue cow pottery, clocks, etc. COTTAGE CENTRAL MALL, 616 Suddeth, 630-1122

WASHER AND Dryer. old and noisy, but works fine. Take them both for \$150. 257-1097.

FOR SALE

1 Square D. Electrical Box \$150.00
1 GE Load electrical Box \$50.00
1 15" X 26 Formica Counter with 38.5 End \$100.00
1 5'x25' Formica Counter \$75.00
1 76"x22" Formica Counter 6 Shudders \$25.00
Call 257-4748

MALIN Construction Materials Acrylic Stucco Waterproofing Gracoat www.malinconstruction.com 505-257-6464

FOR SALE

Computers and equipment, file cabinets, a/c, oak book case, lounge chairs, misc. 336-4948.

STICK WELDER- Miller Thunderbolt AC 30' extension. Barely used-like new \$300 Mule Creek-Capitan 354-4203.

FOR SALE: Nice futon. Paid \$1000. Sell for \$300. Also Antique rocker. \$40. Best offer on both. 257-6815

FRENCH PROVENCIAL Sofa and Deck Furniture (Settee Chair Ottoman and Coffee table, 4 chairs) All White. 336-1810

Mansfield Furniture NEW & USED FURNITURE & MATTRESSES WE BUY SELL & TRADE 1000 Suddeth Drive 257-3108

QUEEN MATTRESSES and box springs. \$10 ea. Pillows and blankets, cheap. 257-9131

VILLAGE FURNITURE NEW & USED FURNITURE & MATTRESSES We Buy, Sell & Trade 650 Suddeth/257-7575

WINE RACK- custom made mahogany and walnut. 42" high-holds 85 bottles. A beautiful piece of furniture \$125 Mule Creek-Capitan- 354-4203.

ROWING MACHINE: Like New, Schwinn Airdyne rower. \$1000 Value for \$300 OBO. 336-1758

107 ARAPAHO Saturday June 29 10-4. Home decor, two frosted glass doors, a little bit of everything. NO EARLY BIRDS!

3 FAMILY Yard Sale. 400 South Street. Go past Ca-bevision, turn left on South. June 28, 29, 30.

ALTO 102 Woodbrier. Follow signs. Golf stuff, kid stuff, house stuff, and more stuff. Saturday only 9-2. 336-1088

ESTATE/GARAGE SALE: Friday, Saturday & Sunday. 8 to 7 Items from 73 years of marriage, plus multi-family Misc. 410 Hull

FRIDAY & Saturday. 311 Morgan Dr. (off Mechem, turn at Barnett Capital, right 2 streets, turn right) Elk horn floor lamps, Deer horn fireplace sets, collectibles.

GARAGE SALE 118 Deodar Dr. right off Ponderosa to Candle Wood, turn right on Candle Wood. Fri-Sun. Misc. items.

GARAGE SALE Friday and Saturday, June 28 & 29. 111 High Loop Drive. 8-3. Clothes, toys, misc.

GARAGE SALE Saturday. Misc items, clothing, craft items. 8 to 4. Hwy 48 north to mile marker 11 turn rt on Enchanted Forest and follow signs.

GARAGE SALE: Friday and Saturday, June 28th & 29th from 9-5. 134 Paradise Canyon. Plenty of Goodies

GARAGE SALE: Friday, Saturday & Sunday. 8 to 7. Antiques, Collectibles, glassware. Also car and van 302 Mechem

GARAGE SALE: Items not included in last week's successful, gigantic garage sale. Desk, file cabinet, dishes, washer/dryer and more. Paradise Canyon to Hart across the bridge to 108 Bradley. Friday 4 to 6 PM

GARAGE SALE: Saturday 8 to 7. Lots of misc, childrens, infants, clothes, household. 115 B Metz

LCMC AUXILIARY Thrift Store 1/2 Price Sale July 8 - 22 10 am to 2 pm For more info 257-9234

MOVING SALE 102 Aca-guia (Cedar) Downs, Hwy 70 exit Griffith, 2nd left. Hot items/furniture, patio, and bar stools.

MOVING SALE June 28, 29. 104 Mimosa (off Brady Canyon) Lots of everything

MUST GO! Everything in condo. King bed, complete chest, many pictures with good frames, large sofa - L Shape style with two recliners & queen bed. Queen bed metal frame, appliances in working order - range, fridge, washer/dryer, dishwasher. Make offer. Lookout Manor, 417 Mechem, Upper 2. 258-8225.

REFRIGERATOR, ELECTRIC: 30" stove, fan, lawn mower, tools, fishing reels, TV, VCR, Lounge chair, tool boxes. Saturday 195 Juniper Rd.

YARD SALE 102 Hickory. Sat-Sun 8 a.m. Tools, clothes, and much more!

YARD SALE 107 Broken Arrow, Fawn Ridge Addition. Lots misc., furniture, clothing. Saturday & Sunday. 8 AM to 7 PM

YARD SALE Sat/Sun 8-3. Big estate and moving sale. 3 households. Queen Waterbed, sofa, table, toys, more. 1 1/2 east of race track.

YARD SALE Saturday only. 8 to 5. Lots of goods - fish tank, pictures, clothes. 219 Groves.

YARD SALE- 2091 Hwy 70/Ruidoso. Downs, Next to Frank's Fruit Market. Sat. June 29th 8:00 a.m.-? Arts and crafts, house hold, yard art, and good junk.

A+ LAWN Service Mowing, weeding, pineneedles, gutters, and spread grass seed. Free Estimate. Day# 910-3198 or 257-4619. Evening# 336-4619.

All Complete Yard Care. Tree removal, thinning, pruning, hauling, raking, mowing, gutters. Free estimates everyday. Referrals available. 257-5808

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YARD MAINTENANCE mowing, weeding, raking, gutters cleaned, hauling. Free estimates. 257-3007.

TREE Pine Needle & Underbrush Removal References Available Licensed & Insured Ask for Yogi 257-0610 or 430-3712

Tired of UNSIGHTLY Dead Branches? Trees trimmed up starting @ \$5.00 & up. References Available Licensed & Insured Ask for Yogi 257-0610 or 430-3712

1989 OLDS Cutlass, 4 Dr. All Power, A/C, New tires. Very comfortable. \$2000. 354-7032

1991 FORD Taurus, 4 Door. Gray in color. Very well cared for. A must see at \$2,900.99. Please call (505) 378-4195.

1996 DODGE Avenger ES. Loaded. Only 34K mi. excellent condition. (needs paint touchup) \$8,000 firm. 505-439-0679 or 505-434-6971

1996 GMC JIMMY SLS. 2 door. Beautiful Fully loaded. Push button 4x4. 10-disc CD. \$7000 OBO. 1993 Nissan Altima GXE loaded! \$3000 OBO. (505) 910-4636.

1999 DAEWOO Leganza CDX. 4 door, automatic, air, CD, sun-roof, leather, 31 mpg. \$5000 firm price. 257-2817

1999 DODGE Durango, in good condition, white, 4 doors and 4 wheel drive. Call 430-8000.

1994 CHEVROLET K2500 4x4 Extended cab. Only 58,000 original miles. Air, am-fm-cassette, power windows, door and lock, New tires/alloy wheels, equalizer hitch and spray on bedliner. 2 yr GM extended warranty. Beautiful truck \$13,500.

1995 NISSAN Pathfinder V-6. Automatic w/ security alarm, power & air. NICE! \$7,500. firm price 257-2817

1997 JEEP Wrangler. 6 cy 5 spd. Special seats. 3 Top-hard, soft and Bik AM/FM CD Stereo. New Tires, lift kit. \$7800. Call Donna 257-7577.

FOR SALE: 1983 CJ7 hard top jeep 258 straight 6. Runs good, automatic 4WD, excellent condition original 68,000 miles \$7500 OBO 354-0231

1989 FORD 1/2 Ton Ex-Cab. New motor & Trans. Must sell \$3850. Call 354-0268 Leave message.

FOR SALE Chevrolet Silverado, 3/4 ton, heavy duty, 4x4, Duramax Diesel, Allison transmission, 25,000 miles, garaged, really nice! Call 257-2165.

FOR SALE: 2002 Yamaha Warrior. Hardly used. \$4000 OBO. 505-442-9517

1982 YAMAHA Heritage Special. 650. Mint Condition. 5,500 miles. Asking \$1500. 354-6404.

MOTOR HOME, 38ft Holiday Rambler 2000 Diesel pusher, 10,200 miles. Loaded, excellent condition. Call 258-5820 \$117,900.

"72. Good motor & generator." \$1000. Also Travel Trailer, 20 ft. \$1000 420-3198

1997 30' Tag-Along RV. slide-out. 1999 F250 Quad Cab 47,000 miles. New tires. Both \$25,000 but will separate. 258-4465

2001 FRANKLIN coach, 40ft, 5th wheel, 3 slide-outs, W/D, dishwasher, new condition. \$33,500. 505-653-4382

36 FT 5th Wheel w/ tip-out. Newly remodeled. Can be seen at Tall Pines RV Park #5. Call 257-3187 or talk to Manager.

FOR SALE: 1993 31 ft. Snowbird 5th wheel with slide out. 2000 Dodge diesel 3/4 ton PU with less than 20K. Call 505-258-3770 or 915-338-3646

LEGAL NOTICE

Case No PB-02-19 (111) STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RAMONA EVELYN KELLER SPIRES, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Twelfth Judicial District Court within and for the County of Lincoln at the following address: Twelfth Judicial District Court, Post Office Box 725, Carrizozo, New Mexico, 88301-0725.

Dated: June 12, 2002 /s/Richard A. Jennings 3307 19th Street Lubbock, Texas 79410 (806) 780-6500

/s/ Alan P. Morel, P.A. Post Office Box 1030 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355-1030 (505) 258-2202 Attorney for Personal Representative

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LEGAL NOTICE

Ruidoso Municipal School District
Board of Education
Monthly Board Meeting
Dates
2002-2003

August 13, 2002 7:00 p.m.
September 10, 2002 7:00 p.m.
October 8, 2002 7:00 p.m.
November 12, 2002 7:00 p.m.
December 10, 2002 7:00 p.m.
January 14, 2003 7:00 p.m.
February 11, 2003 7:00 p.m.
March 11, 2003 7:00 p.m.
April 8, 2003 7:00 p.m.
May 13, 2003 7:00 p.m.
June 10, 2003 7:00 p.m.
July 8, 2003 7:00 p.m.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Lincoln County Planning Commission for (3) three members to serve on the Commission. Nominees must be domiciled and registered to vote within the County of Lincoln. In making appointments to the Planning Commission, the Board of Commissioners shall give consideration to maintaining a balance of interests and skills of the Commission, and to individual qualifications of the candidates, including their experience and knowledge of the community.

Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Planning Commission.

Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 A.M., July 16, 2002.

Martha Guevara
Assistant County Manager

#5087 2T (6)28 (7)4

LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CONTRACTING FOR AUDIT SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001/02

The Town of Carrizozo is requesting proposals for their annual audit services for the 2001/02 fiscal year. Multi-term proposals will be considered. Proposals will be received by the Town Clerk, 100 4th Street, P.O. Box 247, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 4:00 PM, Friday, July 19, 2002.

The examination is to be conducted in accordance with the Audit Act, Section 12-6-1 through 12-6-14, NMSA 1978 Compilation. Examination to include all of Carrizozo funds. Evaluation proposals will be based on the audit contract proposal evaluation form prepared by the State of New Mexico.

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The Town of Carrizozo will award the audit proposal at their regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2002 at 6:00 PM, Conference room, Carrizozo, NM and be based in the best interest of the Town of Carrizozo.

The Town of Carrizozo reserves the right to reject any/all RFP's.

For further information, please contact Leann Weibrecht, Town Clerk at (505) 648-2371

Leann Weibrecht, CMC
Town Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Carrizozo.

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OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. NOTICE

According to Article IV, Section 3 of the By-Laws, the Board of Trustees of Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc. must appoint a committee on nominations not less than thirty (30) nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the meeting at which trustees are to be elected. The committee, made up of cooperative members from different sections of the project area, shall post their nominations for trustee at least twenty (20) days before the meeting at which trustees are to be elected. Nominations may also be made by petition, by any fifteen (15) or more members who are residents of the district for which a nomination is made, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting at which trustees are to be elected. Such nominations will be posted with the nominations made by the Committee. The Secretary of the Cooperative shall mail a statement with the names and addresses of candidates for each position at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting of the members. The following members have been appointed to serve as the committee on nominations:

Don Ludwig Alto
Tim Rabon Alamogordo
Tom W. Runyan Pinon
Mary B. (Lee) Wilson Cloudcroft
Robert Cave Cloudcroft
James McDaniel Capitan
Roy Broussard Capitan
Scott Shafer Carrizozo
Jonathan Adams Mesquite
Bill Collins Pinon

Incumbent Trustees whose terms expire in 2002 are:

Arthur L. Blazer Southwest District
Gary Wood Central District
Bill Bird Northeast District

The Committee on Nominations will meet on Tuesday, July 9, 2002 at 10:00 A.M. in the office of Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc. in Cloudcroft, New Mexico.

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LEGAL NOTICE

MEETING EXTRATERRITORIAL ZONING BOARD CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Extraterritorial Zoning Board will hold their regular meeting on Monday, July 8, 2002 at 3:30 p.m. at the City of Ruidoso Downs Village Hall Hubbard Room, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso

LEGAL NOTICES

Downs, N.M.

Agenda will be posted in accordance with Resolution 2002-06, Twenty-Four hours prior to meeting date. Meetings are open to the public.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the City of Ruidoso Downs Hall at least one week prior to meeting or as soon as possible.

/s/ Carol Virden, CMC
City Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico will hold a public hearing in conjunction with the regularly scheduled meeting on July 9, 2002, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building of the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico. The public hearing is concerning the approval of new Restaurant Beer and Wine only License. The State of New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department Alcohol and Gaming Division has given preliminary approval of this license.

The name of the applicant is Rainbow Lake Cabin and RV Resort, Inc., whose address is PO Box 7220, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88355, to be used at the business known as Rainbow Lake Lodge Cafe, located at 806 Carrizo Canyon Road, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345.

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO
BY: Tammie J. Maddox,
Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Ruidoso Downs Parks & Recreation Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 6, 2002 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs. Meetings are open to the public.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the City Clerk at City of Ruidoso Downs Village Hall at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

/s/CAROL VIRDEN
CITY CLERK/TREASURER

LEGAL DEADLINES

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AN AMERICAN TRADITION

47th annual Smokey Bear Stampede promises fun for the whole family

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BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

A rodeo is as much an American icon as baseball, hot dogs and apple pie. And this year the Lincoln County Fair Board will be celebrating the Fourth of July in that American tradition with the 47th annual Smokey Bear Stampede.

Over four days and nights, July 3-6, at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan residents of the area will be treated to tons of barbecue, country dancing, and rodeo, rodeo, rodeo. "It's one of the biggest amateur rodeos in the state," said Scott Daniel, who is a member of the Lincoln County Fair Board and will take part in the festivities. "In the past we've brought in 6,000 to 10,000 people for the weekend. It's a major economic impact on the area."

The Stampede rodeo is so large — with about 200 entrants thus far from New Mexico, Texas, Arizona and Colorado — that only 10 contestants are allowed each night to perform for the audience in seven events; bareback, bull riding, saddle bronc, calf roping, ladies breakaway roping, barrel racing and team roping.

The rest of the entrants have to wait until the final public performance to take their shot, and the competition lasts well into the night and early morning.

"That's so the spectators aren't there until 2 a.m.," Daniel said. "That's about when we finish the team roping."

There will be a number of Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association members in this rodeo, but the event is still listed as an amateur event. That doesn't mean the level of competition will drop any, though.

"This ought to be as good as it gets," said Lincoln Fair board president Billy Bob Shafer. "This is all to help the kids of Lincoln County."

All proceeds from the gate — \$5 per person — as well as proceeds from the barbecue and dances, will go toward improvements to the fairgrounds and to fund the Lincoln County Fair, to be held Aug. 5-10.

Entry fees for the rodeo, from \$50-\$120 per event, will be used for prize money.

Besides the actual competition, those attending will also be treated to a show by famed rodeo cowboy Bob Weir and his Weirmobile, who will banter with announcer Skeeto Norris during slower periods of the rodeo.

On July 4th, the rodeo queen will be crowned shortly after the grand entry, and the fireworks display will take place just before the final bull riding performance of the night — fireworks before the fireworks.

"It's a \$4,000 fireworks show," Daniel said. "That may not be a lot for some people, but that's big for us, and bull riding is always the most popular event."

Ranch Rodeo

In addition to the regular rodeo, there will also be a ranch rodeo July 5-6. Like the Lincoln County Ranch Rodeo held May 25 at the fairgrounds, this event will feature real ranch hands



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Bonita Canyon Ranch team member Scott Daniel gets a lasso around his horse during the Lincoln County Ranch Rodeo May 25 at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan. Daniel will get another chance to show off his skills during this year's Smokey Bear Stampede.

performing actual tasks needed in their job.

All events — team penning, team branding, team tying, horse catching and wild cow milking — will be timed. Daniel said every second counts in these events.

"You pick up little things that might save you a couple of seconds," said Daniel, who will be competing in this year's event with the Bonita Canyon Ranch. "If you can knock that off, it might boost you into the next level."

The competition is a bit more stiff this time around; 20 teams are entered, and Daniel said there's a waiting list after that.

All the extra teams don't phase him, though.

"It's very tough competition," he said. "But we're going to win it."

There will also be a youth timed-roping event for ages 13-15 and 16-17 July 3-4 at 12:30 p.m. each day, as well as steer roping July 4-6 beginning each day at 8 a.m.

Also, for the really little kids, ages 10 and under, there will be a calf scramble during each day of the Smokey Bear Stampede — with Smokey Bear himself handing out buckles for prizes.

Add the nightly dances which run from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., and you've got something happening at the fairgrounds almost every hour of every day.

"You have to take naps where you can," said Shafer, who is one of nine members of the fair board that has already spent every available hour at the fairgrounds, getting them ready for the big weekend.

Supplier of stock

You can't have a rodeo without animals, and more than 180 head of horses, bulls, calves and steers will be brought into Capitan by Casper Baca Rodeo Company, supplier of stock for rodeos throughout the Southwest.

Among the events Casper Baca supplies stock for is the Professional Bull Rider finals in Las Vegas, Nev., but Cheryl Baca said the Smokey Bear Stampede gives even that big event a run for its money.

"This is the largest open rodeo in the Southwest," Baca said. "There are more contestants in one day than most rodeos have over three or four days. This

particular rodeo is a family-type deal and we love taking part."

Volunteers needed

The Smokey Bear Stampede is the only concerted fund raising effort put on by the fair board, but Shafer said donations — both of money and time — are always accepted.

"We're not just raising money for the fair, but also for the riding club, the junior rodeo club, 4H, Boy Scouts," Shafer said. "We get \$19,000 from the county each year, and that's not much."

"Anybody who wants to help can volunteer," he added. "Those who want to help can call me and we'll get them put where we need some help."

Those interested in being a volunteer for the Stampede can contact Shafer at (505)-849-1418.



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Patrick Hightower, of the Lazy Y G Ranch, acts as his team's cutter during competition at the Lincoln County Ranch Rodeo May 25 at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan.

Mohair: Ready to save the United States all over again



Dave Barry
DAVE'S WORLD
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If you're like most American taxpayers, you often wake up in the middle of the night in a cold sweat and ask yourself: "Am I doing enough to support mohair producers?"

I am pleased to report that you are, thanks to bold action taken recently by the United States Congress (motto: "Hey, it's not OUR money!"). I am referring to the 2002 Farm Security Act, which recently emerged from the legislative process very much the way a steaming wad of processed vegetation emerges from the digestive tract of a cow.

The purpose of the Farm Security Act is to provide farmers with "price stability." What do we mean by "price stability"? We mean: your money. You have already been very generous about this: Last year alone, you gave more than \$20 billion worth of price stability to farmers. Since 1996, you've given more than \$1 million apiece to more than 1,000 lucky recipients, many of which are actually big agribusinesses. Some of

the "farmers" you've sent your money to are billionaires, such as Ted Turner and Charles Schwab, as well as major corporations, such as Chevron, DuPont and John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance.

But that is NOTHING compared with how generous you're about to get, taxpayers! Thanks to the Farm Security Act, over the next 10 years, you'll be providing farmers with 70 percent MORE stability, for a total of \$180 billion. At this rate, in a few years farmers will be so stable that they'll have to huddle in their root cellars for fear of being struck by bales of taxpayer-supplied cash raining down on the Heartland states from Air Force bombers.

Perhaps you are asking yourself: "Wait a minute! Isn't this kind of like, I don't know ... WELFARE?"

No, it is not. Welfare is when the government gives money to people who produce nothing. Whereas the farm-money recipients produce something that is critical to our nation: votes.

Powerful congresspersons from both parties, as well as President Bush, believe that if they dump enough of your money on farm states, the farm states will re-elect them, thus enabling them to continue the vital work of dumping your money on the farm states. So as we see, it's not welfare at all! It's bribery.

But let us not forget the element of National Security. This is where your mohair comes in. As you know, "mohair" is the hair of any animal whose name begins with "mo," such as moose, mouse, mongoose or moray eel.

No, wait, sorry. "Mohair" is actually wool made from the hair of a goat. During WWII, mohair was used to make military uniforms, so it was considered to be a strategic material, and Congress decided that you, the taxpayer, should pay people to produce it. But of course today mohair has no vital military purpose, and so ... you are STILL paying people to produce it! And thanks to the Farm

Security Act, you will continue to pay millions and millions of dollars, every year, to mohair producers!

As I say, this is for National Security. If terrorists, God forbid, ever manage to construct a giant time machine and transport the United States back to 1941, and we have fought World War II again, WE WILL BE READY.

You will also be thrilled, as a taxpayer, to learn that the Farm Security Act provides new subsidies for producers of lentils and chickpeas. And not a moment too soon. This nation has become far too dependent on imported lentils and chickpeas. Try to picture the horror of living in a world in which foreigners, in foreign countries, suddenly cut off our lentil and chickpea supply. Imagine how you would feel if you had to look your small child in the eye and say, "I'm sorry, little Billy or Suzy as the case may be, but there will be no lentils or chickpeas tonight, and all because we taxpayers were too shortsighted

to fork over millions of dollars in support for domestic lentil and chickpea producers, who thus were forced to compete in the market like everybody else, and ... HEY, COME BACK HERE!"

Yes, that would be a horrible world; all right. And that is why I totally support the Farm Security Act. I hope you agree with me, though I realize that some of you may not; in fact, some of you may be so angry about this column that you've decided to never read anything by me again.

Well, guess what? I don't care! Thanks to the Humor Security Act recently passed by Congress, I'll be getting huge sums of money from the federal government to continue grinding out these columns, year after year, even if nobody wants to read them!

No, that would be stupid.

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An independence celebration Thursday in Capitan

Fireworks, parade and rodeo headline the holiday events

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Fourth of July celebration in Capitan promises to be bigger and brighter than ever, running from Wednesday, July 3, through Saturday, July 7, with fireworks in the fairground arena before the final bull rides.

The big Fourth of July Parade will honor area firefighters this year, and grand marshals will be accompanied by Smokey Bear. The parade is organized by Friends of Smokey-Capitan and will start down Highway 380 from Capitan High School at 10 a.m.

Because of the extreme fire danger, some changes in the parade will be made to accommodate the participating firefighters. Those who wish to be a part of the parade can obtain an entry form and return it to Friends of Smokey-Capitan. There is no fee to enter. Entry forms can be picked up at the Smokey Bear Historical Park on Highway 380 in Capitan or by calling 354-2748 or 354-3104.

Admission to the fairgrounds is \$5, but most of the events throughout town are free.

Wednesday, July 3

From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., the Wildland Firefighter Museum will offer historic carriage rides for \$5 (children under 5 free), and Laurie's Grill & Game Room will have classic country music from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Youth timed rodeo events start in the Lincoln County Fairgrounds at 12:30 p.m., with the 47th Annual Smokey Bear

Stampede and Smokey Bear Calf Scramble at 7 p.m. (see related story for details) and a dance to the music of North of the Border from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. for \$5.

The Big Day - July 4

• 8 a.m. 22nd Annual 10K and 2-Mile Smokey Bear Fun Run, registration at 7 a.m., \$10 entry

• 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Capitan Public Library Bake & Book Sale

• 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Third Annual Smokey Bear Art Festival & Music, Friends of Smokey Visitor Center, next to Shell Station

• 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Smokey Bear Fair, Capitan High School Gym

• 10 a.m. 47th Annual Smokey Bear Parade

• 11 a.m. Classic & Antique Car Show, Shell Station

• 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Sixth Annual Capitan Music Festival & Celebration of the Arts, Capitan Municipal Schools courtyard

• Fireworks display in arena of Lincoln County Fairgrounds before final bull rides

• 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Dance to North of the Border at Lincoln County Fairgrounds, \$5

Friday, July 5

See related story for events at Lincoln County Fairground

• 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Smokey Bear Fair

• 10 a.m.-6 p.m., the Wildland Firefighter Museum's historic carriage rides, \$5 (children under 5 free)

• 9 p.m.-1 a.m. dance to Cliff



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

The Fourth of July Parade in Capitan starts at 10 a.m. at Capitan High School and loops through town. This year's grand marshals are Lincoln County firefighters, and firefighters will be recognized. For entry forms, stop by Smokey Bear Historical Park or call 354-3104 or 354-2748.

Notes, \$5.

Saturday, July 6

See related story for rodeo events at Lincoln County

Fairground

• 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Campfire

BBQ, \$7.50 per plate

• 9 p.m.-1 a.m. dance to Cliff

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Music festival, arts and crafts all part of July 4th happening

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The sixth annual Capitan Music Festival, a Celebration of the Arts show and the Smokey Bear Fair will be at the Capitan Municipal Schools, in the courtyard and in Traylor Gym, all day July 4. Food will be available there as well as downtown.

A raffle for a 1990 Plymouth Laser valued at \$3,000, donated by Sierra Blanca Motors, is a fundraiser for the Capitan Schools band program. Virginia Jones, coordinator of the Capitan Music Festival, said band uniforms cost \$50-90

and band competitions are expensive. Entrants don't need to be present at the drawing to win.

Raffle tickets are \$3 each or five for \$10 and will be available at the fairgrounds all day July 3 at the entrance to the grandstand. Look for young people wearing Capitan Music Festival T-shirts. They'll also be along the parade route on July 4 and at the music festival, where the car will be displayed. On Sunday, June 30, the car and some of the young people will be in front of Art and Artifact in Capitan, and raffle

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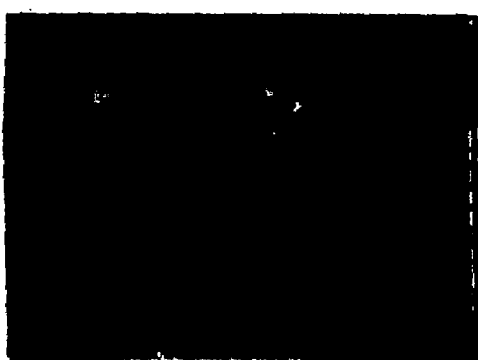
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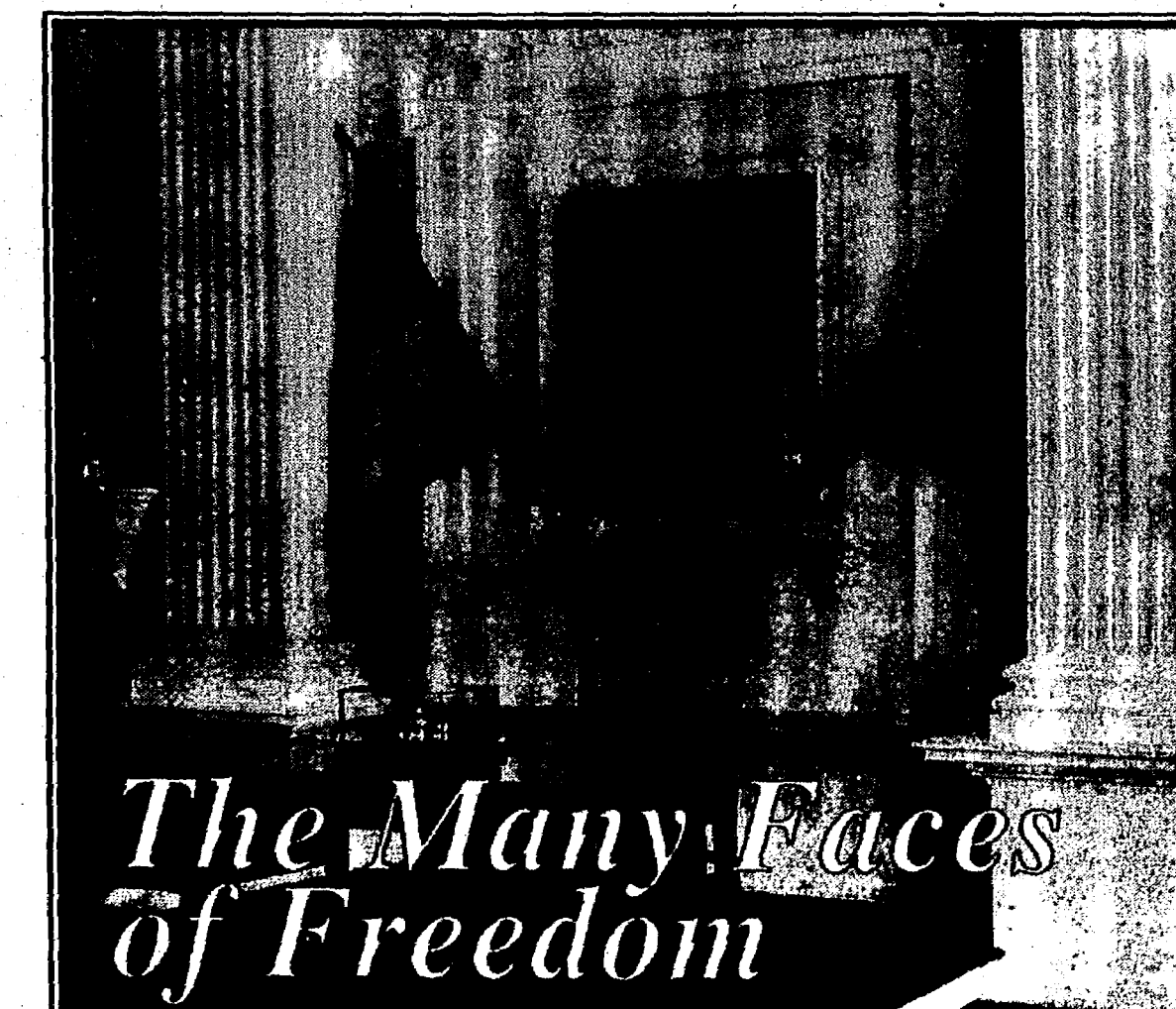
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Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount
121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso. Father John W. Penn,
Rector. Sunday Eucharist: 8 & 10:30 a.m.;
Wednesday: Daughters of King: noon; Eucharist &
healing: 5:30 p.m.; Choir practice: 7 p.m.
Episcopal Chapel of San Juan
Lincoln. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.
St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel
Glencoe. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9 a.m.
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San Patricio. Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Evening ser-
vices: 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday.
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall
106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 257-3871.
Sunday: Public Talk 10:00 a.m.; Watchtower: 10:50
a.m. Monday: Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Thursday:
Ministry School 7:30 p.m.; Service Meeting 8:20
p.m.
Congregacion Hispanola de los Testigos de Jehova
106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 336-7076. Dom:
Reunion Publica 1:00 p.m.; Estudio de la Alayala
1:50 p.m. Mart: Escuela del Ministerio Teocratico 7
p.m.; Reunion de servicio 7:50 p.m.; Juev: Estudio
de libro 7:00 p.m.

LUTHERAN MO. Synod
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
1120 Hull Road, 258-4191, 257-5296. Kevin L.
Krohn, Pastor. Sunday: Worship 8:30 a.m. (May-
Oct.), 10:30 a.m.; Sun. School & Adult Bible Class
9:30 a.m. Thurs. Eve. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., call for
location.
METHODIST
Community United Methodist Church
Junction Road, behind "The Coffee House". Bob
Sawyer, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday
worship: 8:30 a.m., 10:55 a.m.
PENTECOSTAL
The Apostles of Lincoln County, UPC
Renoir Center, 1029 Mechem Dr., Unit #1,
Pastor: Art Dunn. Sunday afternoon, 4:30 PM,
Adult, children's & youth classes. Wednesday
evening, 7:00 PM, Bible Study.
NAZARENE
Angus Church of the Nazarene
Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-
8052. Charles Hall, Pastor. Sat. Alternative Worship,
6:30 p.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening
Worship, 6 p.m.; Tuesday Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.;
Wednesday Youth Worship, 6:30 p.m.
PRESBYTERIAN
First Presbyterian Church
101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220.
Cathy E. Cougle, Pastor. Sunday: Church school
9:30 a.m.; worship 11 a.m. Fellowship after
worship the third Sunday of every month.
Mountain Ministry
Parish Community United Presbyterian Church
Ancho, Reverend Scott King. Sunday worship: 9
a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Carona Presbyterian Church
Reverend Scott King. Sunday: Church School, 10
a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
Nogal Presbyterian Church
Reverend Bill Sebring. Adult Sunday School: 10
a.m.; worship 11 a.m.

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Mescalero Reformed
Mescalero. Bob Schut, Pastor. Sunday: Church
school 9:30 a.m.; worship 10:30 a.m. Mon.: Junior
high youth 6:30 p.m. Wed.: high school meeting 7
p.m. Thurs.: Kids Club (grades 1-5) 9:30.
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school 9:30 a.m.; Church service 11 a.m.
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Centry, pastor. Sunday worship 8:30 a.m. Thursday
Bible study 7 p.m.
American Missionary Fellowship
Rick Smith, 682-2999. Monday: Women's Bible
study 6:30 p.m. at Schlitzky's Deli. Tuesday:
Ruidoso men's Bible study noon at Pizza Hut
Mechem Drive. Wednesday: (Sept. through May)
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p.m. at Christ Community Fellowship. E-mail:
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Calvary Chapel
127 Vision, next to Cable Co., 257-5915. Pastor John
Marshall. Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday:
Mid-week bible study 7 p.m.
Carizo Christian Fellowship
Leonard Kanesevich III, Pastor. 56 White Mt. Dr.,
mi. W. of Inn of the Mountain Gods/Mescalero.
Sundays 10:30 & 6:30, Wed. 6:30 378-1789

Centro Cristiano Casa de Oracion
139 El Paso Rd., Ruidoso, 257-2324. Pastor Carlos
Carreon. Reunion General Jueves 7:00 p.m.;
Domingo 10:00 a.m. Club Amistad Sabado 11:00
a.m. (niños).
Christ Church in the Downs
Ruidoso Downs, 378-8464. Al and Marty Lane,
Pastors. Sunday: 8:00 Sun a.m., 10:45 a.m.
Children's ministries concurrent with late Sunday
Services. Sat. outreach at 1 p.m. at church.
Thursday: 7 p.m.
Cornerstone Church
Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth Drive, 257-9265.
John & Joy Wyatt, Pastors. Sunday School, 9:45
Church, 10:30 a.m.; 6:30 p.m. with Children's
Church Sun. Eve. Handicapped Services 11 a.m. Wed.
Leadership Class 6 p.m. & Prayer 7 p.m. Wed. Bible
Study Adult 7 p.m. Thurs. and Youth, Thurs. 7 p.m.
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a.m.
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Peace Chapel International (UIC)
Alto North, 336-7073. Jeanne Price, Pastor.
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Service: 11 a.m.
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Spiritual Awareness Study Group
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Kokopelli's Golf Course - 257-1569

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2044. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Worship: 11 a.m.; AWANA Sunday 4-6 p.m.
CATHOLIC
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Capitan, 354-9102. Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.; Monday Adult
Bible Study: 6 p.m.
CHURCH OF CHRIST
Capitan - Highway 48. Les Earwood, Minister. Sunday Bible study: 10 a.m.;
Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.
FOUR SQUARE
Capitan Four Square Church
Highway 48, Capitan. Harold W. Perry, Pastor. Sunday School: 10 a.m.;
Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

METHODIST
Capitan United Methodist Church
Pastor Johanna Anderson and the congregation of Capitan United Methodist
Church welcome Lincoln County residents and visitors alike to attend Bible
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Third in Capitan. 505-648-2846.
NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Christ Community Fellowship
Capitan, Highway 280 West, 354-2458. Ed Vinson, Pastor. Sunday school, 9:45
a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
The Word of Life Church
Rev. Chuck Fulton, pastor, 648-2339, 711 'E' Ave., Carrizozo, NM. Affiliated
w/ the Evangelistic Assembly Church. Sunday 7:00 p.m.
BAPTIST
First Baptist Church
Hayden Smith, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7:15
p.m.; Church training: 6:30 p.m. Sunday
CATHOLIC
Santa Rita Catholic Church
648-2853. Father Dave Berpa, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass:
11 a.m.; Tuesday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.
CHURCH OF CHRIST
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am; Worship Service 11:00 am; Evening Worship 1:15 pp; Wednesday Bible

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

Come on, Emilio, let's go to the movies

Well, it's that time again. Every now and then, I get, oh so weary of people arguing that what they see in the movies is accurate history. And oh, when that makes me weary, I don't try a little tenderness. I attack Hollywood movies and all the horrible misconceptions that they perpetuate — with a vengeance.

"Why, it's just entertainment," one might say. Well, yes, to be sure, but the problem is that people want to believe what is portrayed as history to them in the movies, and then, it becomes my bailiwick when I have to deal with argumentative amateur historians — especially those who hate to have their heroes die. And for that particular group, I have a message: You are right. I am wrong. Pat Garrett didn't kill Billy the Kid. Billito is alive and living with Elvis in Waldwick, N.J. Jesse James and Jim Morrison are there, too, but don't tell anyone.

I also like to seize an opportunity now and then to see if my editor is really on his toes. I have long suspected that no one at the paper really reads my column, which means that, in the future, if this is in fact true, I can say anything I like, possibly in an obscenely offensive, but of course, humorous and historically significant vein. Of course, this is a big joke if you are in fact, reading this, Wes. Just a little historian humor. Pay it no mind.

This July is the 124th anniversary of the climactic battle of the Lincoln County War, in Lincoln, so I thought that, just for fun, I would maliciously attack and tear apart the film "Young Guns." I won't even bother with "Young Guns II," as it was such historical hogwash. The first one, at least, was closer to the actual events than any other film to date. Of course, this is not to say that it wasn't 90 percent wrong, either. It's just that the others

were 99 percent wrong. In some cases, the only thing that they got right was the name "Billy the Kid."

There is so much, I'm not even sure where to begin.

Regulators

In the opening scene of the film, we find a 60-ish John Tunstall (he was about 24 at the time) and Doc Scurlock, as played by Sutherland in Lincoln discussing

whether or not Tunstall will "allow" the youthful Scurlock to have a drink. In real life, Doc Scurlock was in his late 20s and John Tunstall, who was Doc's junior, telling him that he couldn't take a drink would probably have sent Doc into paroxysms of hysterical laughter.

They then find Billy (Emilio Estevez) running from some Murphy henchmen for some unknown crime. The kindly Tunstall, who only wants to help young frontier vagabonds, immediately takes the youth home with him, sort of like a puppy. Newcomer Billy meets Jose Chaves y Chaves (Lou Diamond Phillips), who is described as a "Navajo." In real life, Jose was 100 percent Hispanic. So much for his big dramatic performance about how Murphy had murdered "my people."

Then there is Charlie Bowdre (Casey Siemaszko), who is nervous in the extreme where gunplay is involved and, in fact, seems to wish that he is elsewhere throughout the film. Prior to the Lincoln County War, the real Charlie was involved in several incidents that involved the poor usage of firearms in combination with alcohol. In all cases, what these incidents proved was that the real Bowdre had not the slightest compunction where the promiscuous discharging of weapons was concerned. Could this have been a garbled refer-

ence to the real Bowdre's attempts to go straight before Pat Garrett's posse permanently ended the negotiations at a place called Stinking Springs in late 1880? You got me.

Let's see... what about the "little China girl" who is Murphy's unwilling mistress that the Scurlock (Sutherland) character romances and later escapes with "to New York City"? In "Young Guns II," — OK, I know I said I wouldn't talk about it, but it's my column and no one can stop me but the editor, who isn't reading it, anyway. Just kidding, of course, Wes. Heh, heh.

Anyway, in the sequel, Doc is brought forcibly back from New York City and killed. The real Doc would have been amazed, as he lived to a ripe old age in Eastland, Texas, with his wife, who was of Hispanic origin.

Charlie Sheen's Dick Brewer was Tunstall's foreman, just as the film claimed. However, he also owned his own spread and had ranches in Lincoln County for some time prior to John Tunstall's arrival. He was, in short, far more than just an employee.

Dermot Mulroney's character "Dirty Steve" Stephens was an interesting choice. He was a real Regulator, all right. But he was a Regulator about whom almost nothing is known. Except for a reference here and there, he barely seems to have existed, historically speaking. The choice indicates that, at some point, someone involved in the film must have actually done some homework, although they still get a failing grade in history.

And finally, there is Emilio Estevez's Billy. While Emilio's engaging giggle was certainly in character, the film failed to point out a few little details about Billy, like, say, his fluency in Spanish and affection for the local Hispanic people, both of which were important aspects of his personality. In the film, he seemed to be being portrayed as a borderline screwball, which the Kid was most definitely not.

Oh yes, one other thing. There were a few more Regulators than the six portrayed in the film. About 35 more... And did I mention that it is highly unlikely that the Regulators at any time, were up in the hills "tripping" on peyote?

Events

Then, there are the scenes purporting to be actual events. In the film, Morton and Baker are captured and killed in a matter of minutes. This is what you might call condensed. In real life, they were captured, but not killed for a couple of days, on the way to Lincoln. No one really knows what happened, other than the fact that Regulator McCloskey attempted to defend the two prisoners and paid for this error in judgment with his life. Whether or not he was a "traitor" is anyone's guess. But there is no evidence to indicate that he was anything but sympathetic to two men who were about to be murdered. One aspect that the movie did seem to get right was Dick Brewer's outrage at the killings. There is little chance that decent, honest, brave Dick Brewer would have sanctioned such a thing. It must have happened suddenly and rapidly.

Then again, maybe it happened just as the Regulators later claimed. Morton and Baker seized McCloskey's gun, killed him with it and were themselves killed by the Regulators. Uh, yeah, right.

Brady

In the film, Billy skips right out into the street behind Sheriff Brady before single-handedly gunning him down. In real life, the Kid and the others shot the Sheriff from behind a gate. The Sheriff was riddled by bullets from the guns of six men. Billy was wounded in the affray, too, which is not shown.

Of knives and guns...

And what about this business of Chaves y Chaves being a "knifemith"? The real Jose was a deadly man with a pistol, according to all accounts, none



COURTESY PHOTO

Yes, Billy the Kid was involved in the Lincoln County War. And that's about all Hollywood gets consistently right.

of which mention knives. Besides, Jose Chaves y Chaves was no idiot. He would never have brought a knife to a gunfight.

Buckshot Roberts

Buckshot Roberts seeks out the Regulators in "Young Guns." (Credit where credit is due — there is a mill shown in the film, which is correct). In real life, at this point, there were about 14 Regulators having lunch when Roberts approached. Far from seeking them out, he had been attempting to avoid them and had simply had the bad luck to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

When the gunfight began, Roberts most certainly did not back into an outhouse. As a real life participant in the Lincoln County War would later discover, in an outhouse, there is only one direction one can go to avoid being shot: down.

Buckshot really did kill Dick Brewer that day. But it was not with a couple of rounds to the chest — it was one bullet in the eye that took off the back of his head, which would have been an unseemly end for a movie

star of Charlie Sheen's standing.

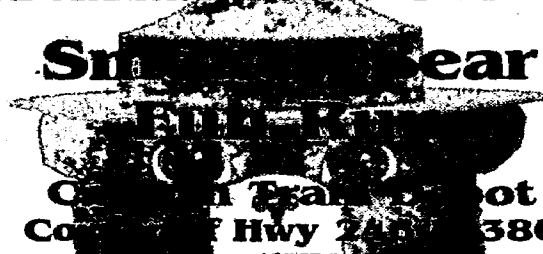
Roberts actually backed into an out-building at Blazer's Mill in Mesquero, where the gunfight took place. One thing they did get right: Roberts definitely whooped the Regulators' butts, although he paid the ultimate price for the privilege. Because of so many composite characters, the wounds the Regulators received were inaccurately distributed (actually, this is understandable). One was hit in the chest (did you notice that Lou Diamond Phillips' bullet in the chest doesn't seem to bother him much after that?), and one WAS hit in the hand. Also in real life, the Kid was greased, and another Regulator had the wind knocked out of him when a bullet ricocheted off of his belt buckle. The real Roberts took a bullet in the groin, from which he died in agony the next day.

The Five Day Battle

In the movie, the climactic Five Day Battle of the Lincoln County War is shortened to an overnighter. The one-story adobe McSweeney home becomes a two-story frame and the

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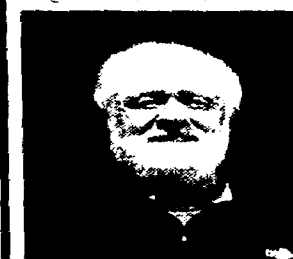
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Art that comes at you

Three-dimensional decoupage; dimensional sculpture or 3-D paper tole is an art and craft of depth, contour, and perception. The realistic 3-D pictures are made from numerous flat art prints. The subject matter can be flowers, people, animals or birds. The 3-D effect is created by cutting out certain parts of identical prints, then shaping, layering and gluing the pieces to a base print. The use of lacquer or glaze is selective, and depending on the image itself, the crafter may not want to use any sort of finish.

I was recently introduced to this 3-D art form by Nona Church of Albuquerque. She has received numerous awards for her 3-D sculpture in recessed frames. Nona teaches 3-D art classes and has partici-



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pated in many prestigious fairs and events in New Mexico, Florida, Texas, California, and Oklahoma. She formed the New Mexico Art Association in 1997, with the object being to bring together students who have taken the classes.

3-D decoupage art origins vary. The Japanese have for centuries shaped and folded paper into designs, transforming two-dimensional pieces of paper into 3-D creations. Oriental lacquer work formed the basis of the development of the 17th century art form called *decoupage*, which is the embedding of paper designs into furniture by applying them with successive coats of lacquer. The French called the art form *decoupage* from the verb *decouper* mean-

ing "to cut." 3-D art developed and moved from these techniques to actual paper sculpting. Initially only three or four copies of identical prints were used.

"The French called it *'vue d'optique'*," the French Canadians improved it and called it *"paper tole."* Americans simplified it even further and called it 3-D art," says Nona, surrounded by her own magnificent 3-D art. She is participating in the Smokey Bear Fair to be held at Capitan High School Gym on July 4 and 5.

Nona is no stranger to Lincoln County. At age 9 she lived in Palo Verde, later known as Green Tree and today as Ruidoso Downs. She attended nearby Stetson School. Her grandfather was William Sublette. Her father, Newman, was among the workers who built the race-track. Her father's cousin, Roy Sublette, had an auto shop in Palo Verde and Roy's son-in-law, Jim Harris, was a sawmill owner.

Fourth of July barbecue

The Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce will have its Fourth of July Deep Pit Barbecue from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Carrizozo Golf Course east of Carrizozo on Highway 380.

Tickets can be purchased for \$5 at the Carrizozo Visitors Center Caboose, the Carrizozo Police Department, Carrizozo Hardware, Eileen's Hands and Hoofs and from chamber members. Tickets at the gate are \$6. The dinner is deep pit beef barbecue, coleslaw, watermelon, French bread and iced tea.

The Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department will present fireworks display at the golf course following the barbecue, at about 8:30 p.m.

People are asked to stay off the greens of the golf course and help by disposing of their own trash.

Blooming in June

The Blooming in June Arts & Crafts Fair will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 29, at First Presbyterian Church of Ruidoso at Sudderth and Sutton. Many local and regional artists and crafters will display their work. A wide variety of arts and crafts will be available, including wood-turned bowls, quilting, needlepoint, metal art, pottery, stained glass and furniture.

The Presbyterian Women's Organization is sponsoring the show, and proceeds will go to the building fund of the church, which is adding on and furnishing new areas. The fair will be "throughout the whole church

— hallways, offices, choir room — any space that can easily be walked into will be used," said Linda Field.

Art show

Local artist Jodie Taylor will show his paintings at the Holiday Inn Express on Highway 70 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 29. Door prizes will be awarded at 5 p.m. Taylor's work has been accepted in juried shows, including the Midland Arts Association Spring Exhibit and Pastel Society of New Mexico 10th Annual National Painting Exhibition. Two of his paintings were accepted in the PSNM National show last November and he received an award for "Wooded Seclusion," which is now available in giclee.

Free improv workshop

Lynn Price will offer a workshop in improvisational acting from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, July 1 at Cruise Vacations, 714 Mechem Drive. Call 257-4991 for details.

Spencer Fourth of July

Tickets for the Fourth of July Party at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts are \$25. Call 336-4800 for information.

Book review

Readers are invited to "brief-review" a favorite book at the next meeting of the Ruidoso Book Review and Discussion Group at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 3, at the Ruidoso Public Library. Everyone is invited.

Art After Hours

The First Friday gallery

Walk for July, sponsored by the Ruidoso Arts Commission, is from 5 to 8 p.m. July 5 at Expressions in Bronze Gallery, Misha's Gallery, GD Garrett Fine Art and Creative Deco Gallery, all in Midtown on Sudderth Drive.

Friday lecture

The First Friday Adult Lecture Series at Capitan Public Library will be held on the second Friday in July. Lon Taylor will present a program about cowboy poetry called "What the Cowboy Said," running about 45 minutes with time afterward for questions. The lectures are free and refreshments will be provided. Taylor will also be at the Hubbard Museum of the American West at 10 a.m. July 13 to lecture on the development of the American Cowboy. For information, call 378-4142.

Call for artists

All artists are invited to work and exhibit in "Art in the Street on Gallery Row" in Carrizozo from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 13 and 14.

To reserve a location, call Gary Eklund, Zozo Gallery, 648-0005.

StreetPlayers needed

Performing and visual artists are sought for StreetPlayers Festival, Saturday, July 27 in Midtown. People whose art forms adapt to performing or demonstrating on the street are needed. For more information and to be included on the schedule, call Mary Maxson at 354-3033 or Mary Lea Lane at 378-4302 before July 15.

THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Mr. Deeds

Comedy and Romance, 1 hr. 36 min. Rated PG-13 for language including sexual references and some rear nudity. In this homage to the 1936 Frank Capra classic Mr. Deeds Goes to Town, Adam Sandler plays Mr. Deeds, a young man from the small town of Mandrake Falls, N.H., who inherits controlling interest in a massive media corporation from his deceased uncle. He then starts injecting his small town values into its various businesses. Starring: Adam Sandler, Winona Ryder, Steve Buscemi, Peter Gallagher, Jared Harris. Directed by: Steven Brill. Produced by: Sidney Ganis, Jack Giarraputo. Written by: Tim Herlihy, Clarence Budington Kelland, Robert Riskin. Showtimes: Friday-Tuesday: 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:30 p.m.; Wednesday-Thursday: 12:30 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9:20 p.m.

Minority Report

Action/Adventure, Thriller and Science Fiction, 2 hrs. 20 min. Rated PG-13 for violence, brief language, some sexuality and drug content. Based on the short story by Philip K. Dick, Minority Report is set in a 2054 Washington, D.C. judicial system in which killers are arrested and convicted before they commit murder using a psychic technology. Tom Cruise is the head of this Precrime unit and is himself accused of the future murder of a man he hasn't even met. Starring: Tom Cruise, Colin Farrell, Samantha Morton, Peter Stormare, Max Von Sydow. Directed by: Steven Spielberg. Produced by: Gerald R. Molen, Bonnie Curtis, Walter F. Parkes, Jan de Bont. Written by: Jon Cohen, Scott Frank, John Cohen. Showtimes: Friday-Tuesday: Noon, 3 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9:15 p.m.; Wednesday-Thursday: 3:45 p.m., 9 p.m.



Adam Sandler and Winona Ryder in Columbia's Mr. Deeds.

Scooby-Doo

Kids/Family and Comedy, 1 hr. 27 min. Rated PG or some rude humor, language and some scary action. Scooby Doo and the Mystery Inc. gang take their animated antics to the big screen as a live-action movie. In this story, Fred, Daphne, Velma and Shaggy have a bit of a falling out and go their separate ways, but they're drawn back together again by fate, in this case taking the form of the mysterious Spooky Island amusement park and the strange behavior being exhibited by the young visitors to the attraction. This is a case that only the Mystery Machine gang can tackle — if only they can get over their differences. Starring: Sarah Michelle Gellar, Freddie Prinze, Jr., Matthew Lillard, Linda Cardellini, Rowan Atkinson. Directed by: Raja Gosnell. Produced by: Charles Roven, Richard Suckie. Written by: James Gunn (II), Craig Titley, James Gunn, Andrew Gunn, John August. Showtimes: Friday-Tuesday: 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; Wednesday-Thursday: Noon, 1:45 p.m., 6:45 p.m.

The Bourne Identity

Thriller and Action/Adventure, 1 hr. 58 min. Rated PG-13 for violence and some language. Set against dramatic European backdrops, The Bourne Identity is the story of a man (Matt Damon), salvaged, near death, from the ocean by the crew of an Italian fishing boat. When he recuperates, the man suffers from total amnesia. He is completely without identity or background, but possesses a range of extraordinary talents in fighting, linguistic skills and self-defense that speak of a dangerous past. He sets out on a desperate search — assisted by the initially rebellious Marie (Franka Potente) to discover who he really is, and why he is being pursued by assassins. Starring: Matt Damon, Franka Potente, Chris Cooper, Clive Owen, Brian Cox. Directed by: Doug Liman. Produced by: Doug Liman, Patrick Crowley, Richard N. Gladstein, Pat Crowley, Richard Gladstein. Written by: Tony Gilroy, William Blake Herron, W. Blake Herron, David Self. Showtimes: Friday-Tuesday: 4:30 p.m., 9 p.m.

Men in Black II

Science Fiction, Action. Rated PG-13 for sci-fi action violence and some provocative humor. Agents J and K (Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones) are back for more battles with alien rabble-rousers who take the form of a host of estrogen-charged extraterrestrials. These aliens are led by an archnemesis played by Lara Fynn Boyle. Of course, the notorious worm creatures from the original film will return to wreak havoc as well. Starring: Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones, Lara Fynn Boyle, Johnny Knoxville, Michael Jackson. Directed by: Barry Sonnenfeld. Produced by: Walter F. Parkes, Laurie MacDonald. Written by: Barry Fanaro, Robert Gordon. Showtimes: Wednesday-Thursday: 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK

by
Dr. Jack V.
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Chiropractic
Physician

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Tension and cervicogenic headaches, which originate in the neck, are two of the most common non-migraine headaches. A large percentage of adults experience less than one mild tension headache a month; 20 to 30 percent suffer from these headaches monthly. About 3 percent have chronic tension headaches 180 days per year. A 2001 review from Duke University, "Evidence Report: Behavioral and Physical Treatments for Tension-type and Cervicogenic Headache," compared the safety and effectiveness of drugs, behavioral and physical treatments for these types of ailments.

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Taylor, a six year resident of Ruidoso, has exhibited in numerous regional, national and international art exhibitions, including: Midland Arts Assn Spring Exhibition, Masterworks of NM Spring Show, 15th Annual Santa Fe Trail International Art Show and the Pastel Society of NM 10th Annual National Painting Exhibition.

In 2001, Taylor's "Wooded Seclusion" was honored by the New Mexico Pastel Society of New Mexico and is NOW available in giclee.

Bikers to get involved with The Great Bear Hunt

BY MARY LEA LANE
RUIDOSO ARTS COORDINATOR

"Biker Bear" is a great new idea for artist participation within The Great Bear Hunt. The brainchild of Ruidoso Arts Commissioner Sam Swearingin, designs for "Biker Bear" are being sought from artists based in Lincoln County and Mescalero. Entry deadline is July 15, and the selected "Biker Bear" must be created before Sept. 1.

Tickets will be sold for a charitable drawing to be held during the Golden Aspen motorcycle rally in Ruidoso in September. Unlike the other bears in The Great Bear Hunt, this "Biker Bear" will be shipped to the person holding the winning ticket, and so will not be displayed as part of next summer's Great Bear Hunt.

The artist submitting and creating the selected bear will receive \$500 after the winning ticket is drawn, and also 10 percent of the total tickets sold.

Design submissions for the bigger "Great Bear Hunt" are still coming in

and will be accepted until the Oct. 1 deadline. Early submissions are encouraged for the greatest chance of being selected by a sponsor.

Excitement is mounting as early sponsors have chosen their bears from artists' designs submitted to date. West Winds Lodge and Condos have selected "Party Animal" by Ardis Hood. "The Things We Love," by Dawna Garvin, was the choice of Ponderosa Cabins, while Connie Bell's design for "Oso Mucho" was selected by State National Bank. The Ruidoso Arts Commission chose Leroy Anderson's "Star Bear." Studio W selected "Waiting for the Cedar Creek Bear Show to Begin," and The Friends of Eastern (ENMU) chose "Vincent Van G'Oso," both designed by Ardis Hood.

An out-of-state sponsor, Joseph T. Pelano Jr., from Lake Elmo, Minn., will be working directly with artists Zoe de Negri and Cynthia La Coeur to create "Earth to Ursa."

Maquettes of the bears have been delivered to Dallas, and the Arts

Commission expects delivery very soon of the first shipment of the life-sized bears, manufactured from high-density foam.

Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso is collaborating with the Arts Commission, making a large space available to artists to use as a common studio. The public will be welcome to visit the artists at work at ENMU and enjoy the progress of the creation of the bears.

Sponsorship of a bear is open to everyone; and the Ruidoso Arts Commission is hopeful that many summer residents will take this opportunity to support their "home-away-from-home" town. Groups of private individuals, strip shopping malls, or same-interest businesses might band together to share a sponsorship.

The sponsorship of a bear is \$2,500, payment of which can be extended into 2003. Sponsors select the location of the bear anywhere in Lincoln County or Mescalero, so long as the location is outdoors and acces-

sible to the public.

The Great Bear Hunt will be on exhibit from spring to October 2003, and close with an auction of the bears. Net proceeds of the project will be used to develop a cultural arts center to benefit children, adults, and tourists of all ages with classes, performances, workshops and gallery space.

More information on the "Biker Bear," The Great Bear Hunt, and sponsors, as well as artist submission forms are available at the Ruidoso Public Library or by calling Elizabeth and Frank Amigo, co-chairs of The Great Bear Hunt, at 505-336-7469.

The Ruidoso Arts Commission is sponsoring the following free events you won't want to miss:

Friday, July 5, Art After Hours Gallery Walk, from 5 to 8 p.m. Featured are Expressions in Bronze Gallery, Misha's Gallery, G. D. Garret Fine Art, and Creative Décor Gallery, all within walking distance on the east end of Sudderth in mid-town

Ruidoso. Look for other galleries that might also be staying open late that night.

Sunday, July 7, Concert-in-the-Park, the full 62nd Army Band from Fort Bliss, Texas, will give a performance of patriotic music from 2 to 4 p.m. in School House Park, 501 Sudderth Drive.

Friday, July 12, Art in Public Places will host receptions from 5 to 7 p.m., to honor the artists exhibiting in three of Ruidoso's public buildings — Village Hall, Ruidoso Public Library and the Senior Center.

Sunday, July 21, Concert-in-the-Park, featuring the relaxed music of Cedar Creek Band in School House Park, 501 Sudderth Drive, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Saturday, July 27, StreetPlayers Festival returns with 100 performing and visual artists participating in a day-long celebration of the arts on the streets of Mid-Town Ruidoso. Artists interested in participating should call Mary Lea Lane, Arts Coordinator, at (505) 378-4302.

FOURTH: Arts, crafts, music all part of annual Fourth of July Capitan festival

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tickets will be available. Or call Jones at 354-2316 for tickets.

Exit 101, a Capitan punk rock band, headlines the music festival with original songs on life's foibles written and performed by Capitan High School freshmen Andrew Silva, Matthew Silva, Rustin Brewer and Josh Patterson.

The Celebration of the Arts,

also in the quadrangle of the Capitan Schools, features the watercolors of Jim Mack of Carrizozo, the jewelry of Zoë de Negri, arts and crafts of Jim Wall and Jagged Edge Creative Clothing, which is also making the music festival T-shirts.

In Traylor Gym, the Third Annual Smokey Bear Fair will run both July 4 and 5, with about 30 arts and crafts dealers

from the region, including silver and turquoise jewelry, Western art, blown glass, woodwork, leather and beadwork, hand-made frames, string puppets, soaps and candles, handpainted clothing and a petting zoo.

There's still lots of space left for more artists in both shows, and booths run \$50. Call Jones for information on the Celebration of the Arts booths at

354-2316. Call Jackie Powell for information on booths at the Smokey Bear Fair at 257-6171 or the Capitan Chamber of Commerce at 354-2273.

The music festival begins at 10:55 a.m. with the National Anthem sung by Lisa Rich, followed by:

•Mike Rowe and Sierra Blanca Boys, traditional, 11 a.m.
•Tommy Martin, rock and

country, 11:30 a.m.

•Mark Remington, Western and country, noon

•Gila Mountain Dulcimers, 12:30 p.m.

•Michael Beyer, soft sounds, 1 p.m.

•Jeanette Hobbins, folk and pop, 1:30 p.m.

•Randy Jones, rock and country, 2 p.m.

•Hobbs family, traditional, 2:30 p.m.

•Lanny Maddox, Native

American flute, 2:50 p.m.

•Lisa Rich, gospel and country, 3:20 p.m.

•Elliot Topper, original and folk, 3:40 p.m.

•Rose White, country duet, 4 p.m.

•Usual Suspects, oldies, originals, blues, 4:30 p.m.

•Fat Bottom Blues, 5:15 p.m.

•Exit 101, Capitan's own punk rock band, 6:05 p.m.

•Drawing for automobile, 7

GOMBER: 'Young Guns' at the top of a poor heap

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escape is executed in broad daylight, starting with a trunk containing Billy the Kid being thrown from the second story of the McSweeney house. (Nope, nope, nope. What if it had landed upside down?) Oh yeah, this happens in the film. Sure, McSweeney is a bit of a physical comedy actor, but his character, Colonel Nathan Dudley, commander of Fort Stanton (nope).

During the resultant shootout, Billy takes a bullet in the shoulder (nope), which doesn't seem to bother him much. "Dirty Steve" is killed as he attempts to escape from the McSweeney house (nope). Alexander McSweeney is riddled by a Gatling gun as he waves at the Regulators, exhorting them

to ride away (definitely nope). And Billy rides back into Lincoln long enough to shoot L.G. Murphy between the eyes, with a handgun, from the back of a horse, at a range of about 50 yards (heavy sigh). This would have been one hell of a happy ending. In real life, it would have been a hell of a shot, as Murphy was in Santa Fe, in another part of the Territory, at the time (he later died there of natural causes, by the way).

I will say this: the first "Young Guns" was the most accurate in a field of inaccurate films. To my knowledge, it was the first film to use the real names of the Regulators (well, some of them, anyway). Sadly, like all the other films, it fails to portray the important Hispanic

involvement in the Lincoln County War.

The gunfights were, more or less, in the correct order. Except for the first one, at that sleazy house of ill-repute or whatever it was supposed to be, which was entirely fictional.

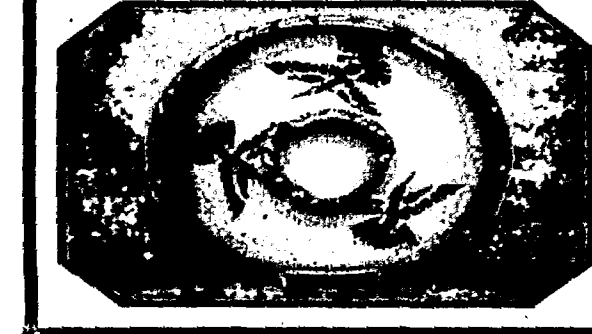
So, other than the previous 1,900 words that only scratch the surface of the film's historical inaccuracies, it is probably the most historically accurate film so far.

Here's a thought: Hollywood always says that they change history to make it more interesting, right? Hmmm... Let's see. Now think about it... For it to become history, it has to be the most interesting, exciting and important events to have ever happened. That's what

makes it history. Right?

Or do I have that wrong? Next week: Alright already. I'm done for another year or so — I'll be back in storytelling mode next week.

Sources: My own fevered brain, which has clearly seen too many movies and gone around the bend.



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Staying in the Art Loop

Annual tour of county artists starts up July 13

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

"Herding artists is kind of like herding cats," Dennis Dunnum, president of the Art Loop this year, said about organizing the loop around the county.

"The event itself is growing every year and more and more people are planning their trips around it, which adds to the whole up-and-coming expansion of Lincoln County art beyond the chain saw bears and ski bums," he said.

Dunnum sees the Art Loop as an opportunity for newly arrived artists to make themselves known — that's what he did three years ago when he moved to Carrizozo.

Most of the 19 artists in the loop, though, are professionals who have participated in other years. Dunnum said last year he visited all 20 artists' studios on his motorcycle.

"Very few do all 19 or 20 artists in the loop," Dunnum said. "Some do. It's a matter of pride — or obsession."

Fortunately, artists will serve up tasty refreshments to give visitors energy to go on to the next stop.

The Art Loop is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 13 and 14, winding from Ruidoso Downs to the Hondo Valley, through Lincoln to Capitan and Carrizozo and then looping up to Nogal, for a scenic drive through the mountains and the art of Lincoln County. Brochures with maps are widely available, or visit www.artloop.org.

Hondo Valley's

Paula White

This is White's fourth year in the Art Loop, but even those who've visited her studio before will see a lot of new work: new abstract work, new acrylics on

paper and "roses coming out the ears," she said.

White has been practicing and teaching art for more than 25 years, beginning her career by being the third generation in her family to learn the art of porcelain painting. She's a certified teacher of the International Porcelain Artists and Teachers Inc., a member of the Professional Porcelain Artists Association — and editor of its journal from 2000-2003. She's produced five art instructional videos and written a book, *The Essence of Lustre in Porcelain Art*, and many articles for professional artists' magazines.

White has taught many workshops and seminars and was art director of Carriazo Lodge Art School in Ruidoso in the 1980s. She founded the Paula White Home Study

School of Art and publishes *The Grapevine Quarterly*. She has won awards in national art shows and has work in many private collections nationally and abroad.

"This is the way I make my living," she said, "doing all this arty stuff ... If I couldn't see, I might try sculpture."

Her works can be seen at The Adobe in Ruidoso and Gallery Fifteen in Clovis.

Lincoln's

Susan Weir-Ancker

The ceramic creations of Susan Weir-Ancker are often figures of women and animals, sometimes abstract and sometimes figurative. Her work deals in ideas and symbols, and a recent series, *Keidoscopic Korai*, "is symbolic of the forces of nature, the power of the dance and the roles of women in the world," she writes.

Weir-Ancker came to ceramics after many years of drawing and painting. She returned to school to finish a bachelor of fine arts degree, took a ceramics

course — and got hooked.

"I started painting on ceramic instead of canvas," she said. "That's what did it. I like the fact that you can go all the way around it — the three-dimensional aspect of the work as you walk around the piece — you have the surprise, rather than just the one aspect."

She went on to earn a master's degree in art therapy, and taught art in schools in Ohio, as well as workshops.

In 1994 she moved to Lincoln from Cleveland, Ohio, and worked at Swan Ceramic Studio there. Since then, she's been an instructor for Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso, teaching ceramics, art history, art appreciation and design.

Her sculptural ceramics can be seen at Benson Fine Art Gallery in San Patricio, and, in preparation for the Art Loop, at Capitan Public Library.

Capitan's Susan Burke

This is her third year in the Art Loop, but Susan Burke has worked with porcelain and stoneware for more than 25 years, experimenting with glazes to create the subtle earth tones she uses.

Although simple in design, many of her pieces are unique: berry bowls with holes in the bottom for water to drain off; chopstick bowls with holes on the side to keep the chopsticks from rolling off; egg-beater vessels with whisks and spouts. Some pieces are whimsical. For her armadillos, the body is wheel-thrown, the head and features are sculpted and an open-weave fabric covers the entire piece, giving it texture.

For some of her pots, Burke uses a technique of dropping lace on clay and stoneware slip; when the lace burns out, the echo of the lace remains.

"I enjoy experimenting with textures in clay by decorating with vines and local twigs," she said. "I combine hand-building as well as wheel work and I use luster glazes that give a metallic finish — a process that requires a third firing."

Burke moved to Capitan in 1998 from the Boston area, where her work was in many juried shows. For five years, she taught in her own studio in Lakeville, Mass., on five kick wheels, and she's given numerous workshops.

"Working with clay is a creative outlet for me," she said. "It's my passion."

Her work can also be seen at Hometown Deli in Capitan on Highway 48.

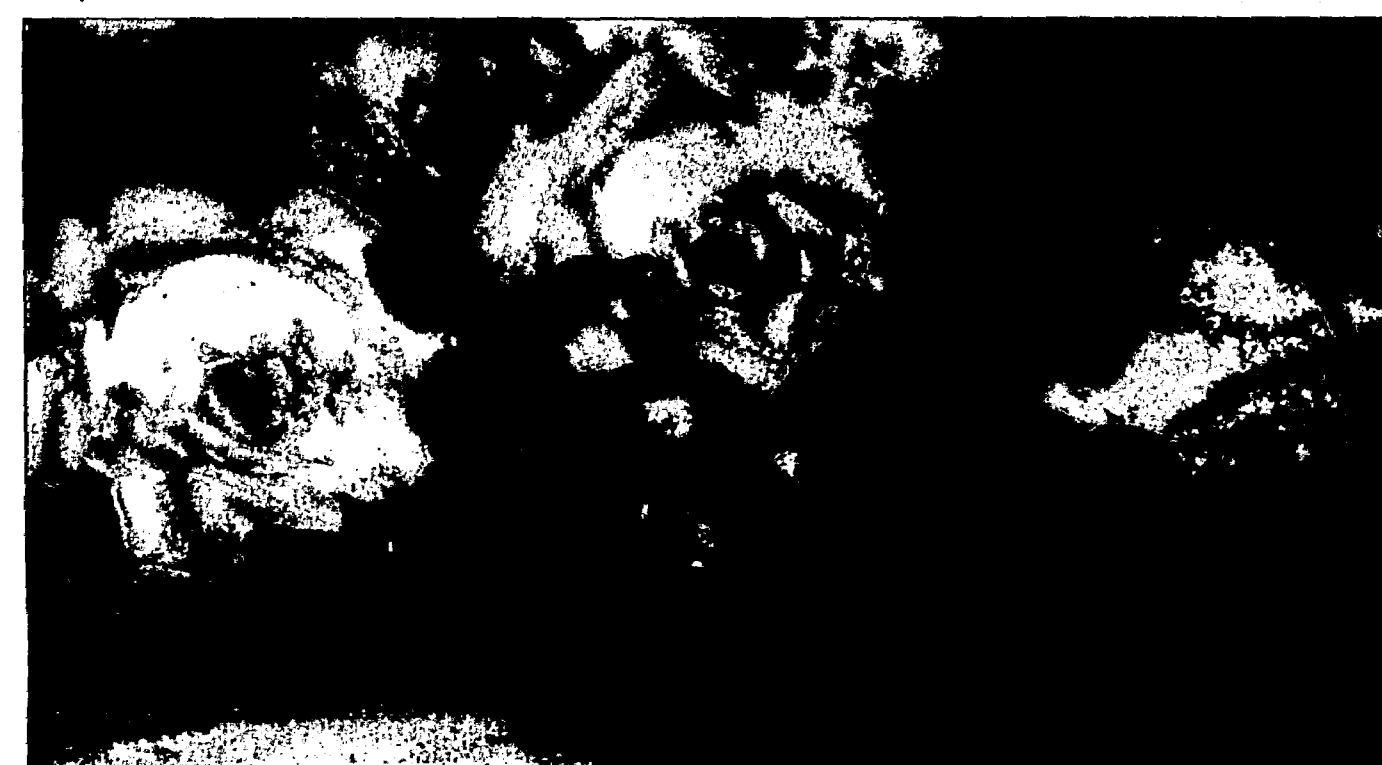
Nogal's Mike and George Lagg

The Lagg's have lived in the area for 12 years, growing a reputation for finely crafted woodwork of all kinds — functional pieces with sculptural and often



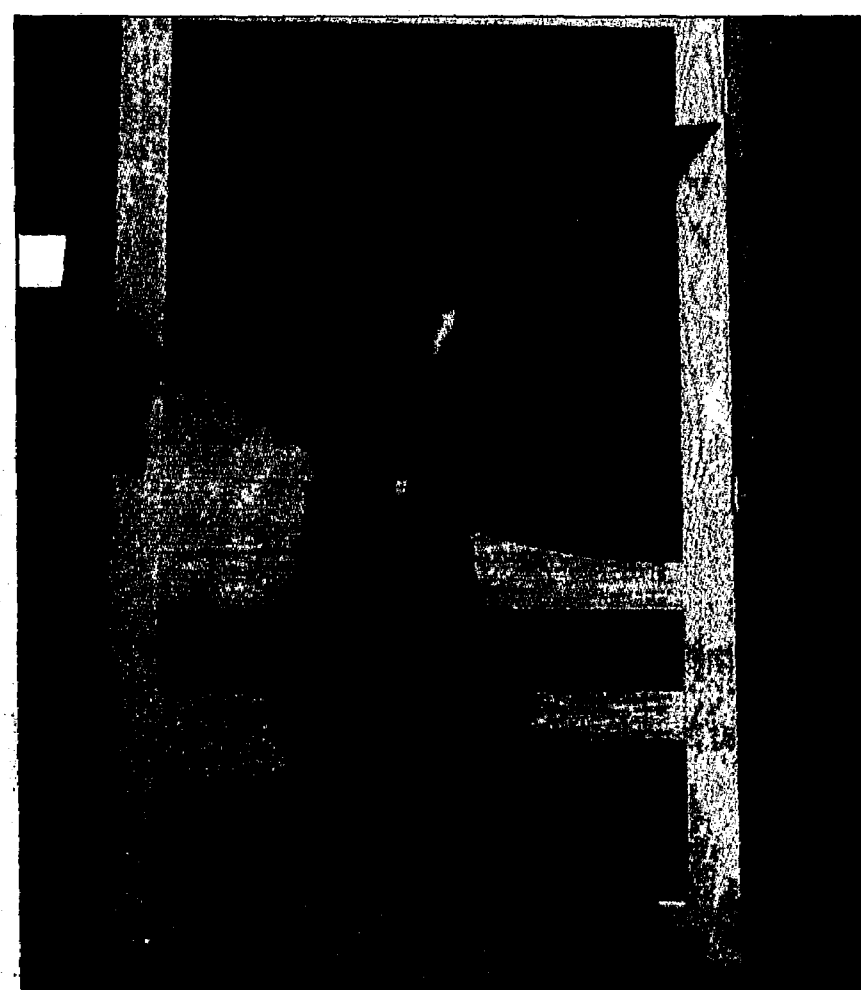
COURTESY PHOTOS

Artists on the loop this year include Susan Weir-Ancker, whose "The Bone Dancers" is above, and Paula White, who painted the colorful still life below.



COURTESY PHOTOS

The creative craftsmanship of Dennis Dunnum, above, and the pottery work of Susan Burke, right, will be featured on Art Loop stops.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

of recycling old lamp bases, tables and anything else that catches his eye, and making something beautiful, unique and functional of it. He calls himself a "creative remodeler," and his background working with alternative construction companies in the 1970s gave him some of the skills he uses.

His skill at "scrourging" came from life in Cerrillos/Madrid, then a small ghost town south of Santa Fe where he started an alternative elementary school with \$1,500 retirement money from four-plus years teaching in the Santa Fe schools. Weekly trips to the dumps reaped untold treasures for families living in Cerrillos, and Dunnum began learning to use what others had thrown out or used up and breathe new life into them.

With the construction skills and the "junk" he picked up, he built a 2,400-square-foot dome in the 14 years he lived there. Dunnum moved to Capitan three years ago, after founding and operating two AIDS organizations and directing a medical clinic for the homeless in Albuquerque. A year-long motorcycle trip brought him to a falling-down house on the edge of Carrizozo that he's turned into a model of "inhabitable art" and an advertisement for what he can do for others' houses.

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Mike and Georgia Lagg do beautiful work with wood, making all sorts of furniture, including the door at left.

People in Capitan watched the house grow, and grow, and grow...until it became clear that it truly is a

Mansion on the hill

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Wendell Powers had gained weight working for IBM over the years, so he got back in shape by building a Georgian-style mansion on the highest hill in Capitan.

"At age 62, I wanted to build a house," he said. "Someone in Tucson suggested Lincoln County."

Wendell had taken early retirement from IBM, worked five years as a lobbyist for Associated General Contractors in Tucson, Ariz., and besides that, was an OSHA instructor and a teacher and school principal. He'd built three houses for his family and designed many houses for others, but he'd never built a colonial-style house.

He and his wife, Elaine, bought the land in 1990 and came for vacations and weekends from Tucson, staying in a trailer on the property until they moved onto the land and began building in 1995.

The site was chosen for the views all around the property, and the house started out as a one- or two-story house based on 1780s colonial-style blueprints. But Wendell Powers didn't know when to quit, and kept adding on and upward — ending with a four-story house with five bedrooms, five living rooms, four fireplaces, three decks, two covered porches and a laundry chute from the top three floors.

Powers' favorite reading had long been Colonial Homes Magazine, and his father was a master carpenter who built round barns in New England and involved his sons in all aspects of his work.

"I used to work with Dad and my brother on old colonial homes and used to visit a lot of them," he said. "My mom loved old homes; she'd knock on doors. We got to see more homes that way."

This house, started in October 1995 and finished in October 1998, was patterned after East Coast houses on the ocean, which is why it has a widow's walk on the roof, originally for wives to check on the progress of their fishing or sailing spouses. The Powers use their widow's walk to make sure all is well in Capitan. Every one of the 28 windows in the house has a spectacular view — including all the bathrooms.

"You can see Nogal Peak, Sierra Blanca and look right into the ski area," Wendell said.

"At night I check all around to make sure there's no fires and to make sure everyone's all right," Elaine added.

Having moved from Syracuse, N.Y., to start up the IBM operation in Tucson, the Powers bought the hill in Capitan in 1994, and moved into a double-wide mobile home and then began building. They moved into the house in October 1997 and finished the last year's work from the inside. Wendell trained Capitan youth to work with him on the construction, and some of them now work in the construction industry. Electrical, plumbing and heating were the only things he didn't have a hand in.

"I liked the warmth and character of an old, old home, the intricate woodwork. We had a million-dollar view. What kind of house were you going to design to take advantage of that?"

Elaine said she had wanted only a cellar and an attic and one floor.

"It was like Topsy, who grew and grew," she said. "(Wendell) remarked that we have five children; they will come so we need another floor. Every day I would look and it would grow bigger and bigger."

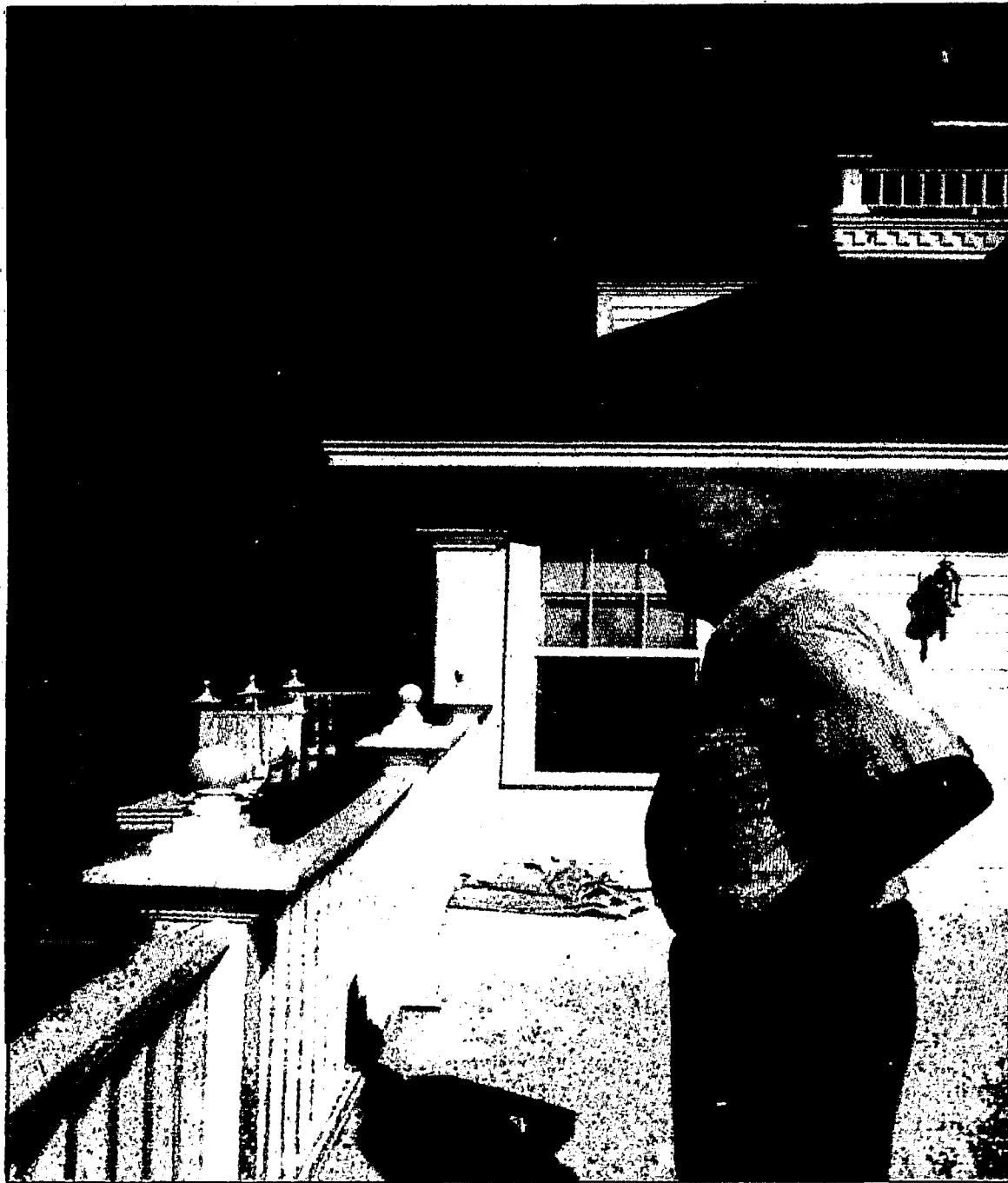
From the finished basement — with a living area, weight room and game room — to the widow's peak is 40 feet. The attic is a studio apartment with skylights, window seats, a full bathroom, kitchen area, fireplace and living area. Three decks on the upper floors and two covered porches on the first floor take advantage of the views all around the house. Each room is meticulously finished with wainscoting and crown molding — except one of the family rooms.

This room, Wendell said, represents the tradition of a one-room colonial cottage that was built first and then added onto generation after generation, so he intentionally left it rough hewn and rustic, with beams exposed. All of the rocks

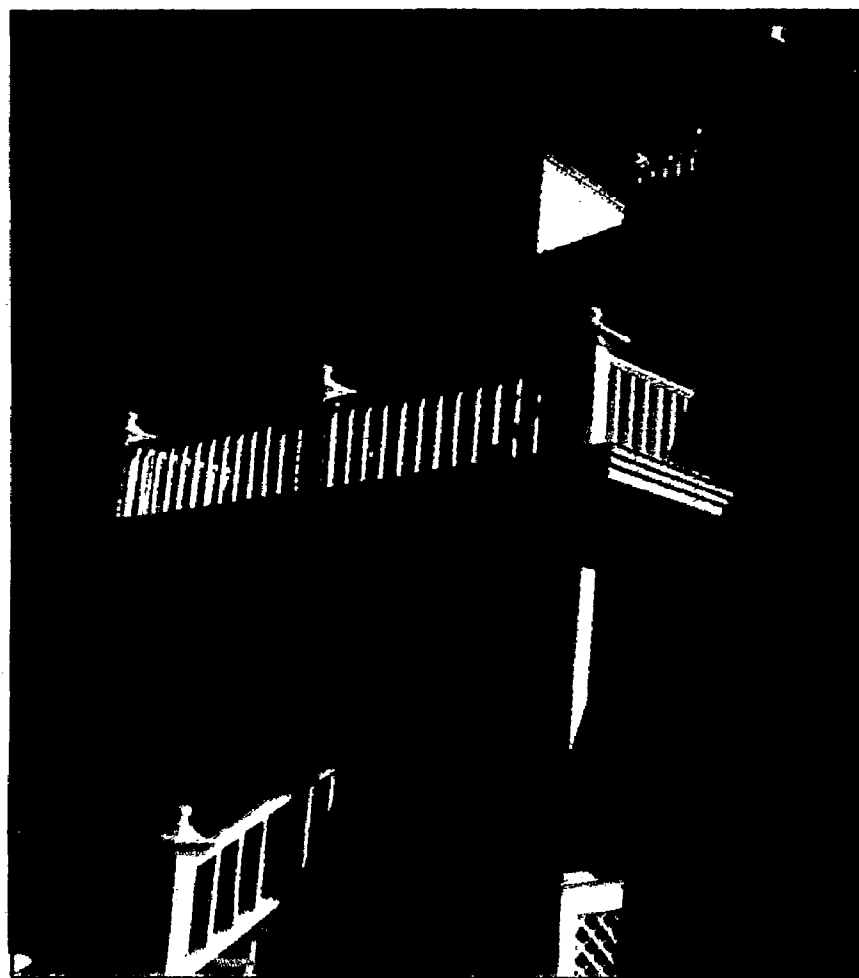
used in the fireplace and on the front wall are petrified wood and plant fossils uncovered during excavation for the foundation.

Wendell said people in Capitan call his dream house the "ghost house." A 7-year-old girl who visited called it a Mary Poppins house.

"I call it McMansion," Elaine said dryly. "The Realtor calls it 'The Mansion on the Hill.'"



Wendell Powers surveys his domain from the deck off the master bedroom. Some Capitan people call him "King of the Hill."



This house grew like a bean sprout from blueprints of 1780s colonial houses and the lively imagination of Wendell Powers.



Elaine's kitchen has a large, revolving pantry, a built-in double convection oven, halogen counter-top stove and tile floor. Elaine cooks in it, but she can't read blueprints so she didn't have a say in its design.

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

JUNE 27, 1952

New Lions officers

New officers of the Ruidoso Lions Club will be installed for the 1952-53 club year in a ladies night program next Tuesday at Navajo Lodge. The program committee for the evening will be Carl DeBord, Joe Hawkins and Vic Lamb.

Lou Elliott, district governor of Lions, from Las Cruces, will be present.

JUNE 29, 1962

Ruidoso shooters win

Seven men from the Ruidoso Gun Club attended the New Mexico State Championship .30 Calibre Rifle Matches at White Sands June 23 and 24. They were Walter Harrach, Leck Cowden, Buck Morrison, Grad Eldridge, Wade Hedgecock, Tom Gatewood and R. H. Hedgecock.

The local riflemen won six trophies, including the Edwin L. Mechem trophy, which is given for the New Mexico State Team Championship. This is the 10th time in 12 years the Ruidoso team has won the championship.

JUNE 30, 1972

Downs hires new clerk

The Ruidoso Downs Village Council hired Wanda Glasscock, on a trial basis, last Monday evening to replace village clerk Hazel Lawing, who had previously submitted her resignation.

The council also approved a request from the Marshall's office for the purpose of a base station microphone.

JULY 1, 1982

Writers honor Eve Ball

Noted Ruidoso writer Eve Ball traveled to Santa Fe this week to accept the most prestigious award of the Western Writers of America — The Saddleman.

Ball, 92, was accompanied by Lynda Sanchez of Lincoln and Nora Henn of Alamogordo. The three collaborated on the book, "Indeh: An Apache Odyssey."

JULY 2, 1992

Hondo grad honored

Richard Montoya, a Hondo school graduate, was honored recently by the United States Forest Service. The son of Juan and Eva Montoya, he won the 1991 Stewardship Award for the Southwest Region, which includes New Mexico and Arizona.

Montoya and his wife, Denise, now live in Cuba, N.M., where he works as a range conservationist.

Steve and Kathleen Havill leave Lincoln to live in Raton



LINCOLN TRAILS
ROSALIE DUNLAP

Author and former teacher Steve Havill and his wife, Kathleen, have moved to Raton after many years in Lincoln County.

They will be missed.

Matt and Becky Borowski are in Roswell where Matt is taking treatments.

Their daughter Alena is working at the Anderson-Freeman Museum. Alena and Alex are also busy taking care of their 4-H pig project.

Husband Ralph Dunlap arrived in Albuquerque Sunday night after spend-

ing some weeks in Uzbekistan, and was to be in Lincoln sometime Monday.

He brought back a number of the Uzbekistan shawls.

Dick and Susie Kuns of Arizona have been busy. They finished a successful gin tournament recently in Las Vegas.

They then traveled to Pismo Beach, Calif., where they celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary and enjoyed the ocean.

Their next stop was to attend the eighth-grade graduation of their twin granddaughters, Maryann and Michele, at Solvang, Calif. (sometimes called

Danish America).

Susie reported the graduates were beautiful in their long gowns and the boys in their tuxes.

After returning home, Dick visited in Lincoln.

The Perry/Coe family held a family reunion recently. There were 85 in attendance.

Our new neighbors next door are busy getting their new business open. More on this next week.

Lincoln County residents have friends and relatives in the Arizona and

Colorado fires.

So many living in and near the fire areas are losing their homes or are on standby to evacuate.

Allie Cooper visited with her daughter Donna and son Brad last week.

Ted Allen's mother, Helen, is returning to her home in Rhode Island. She will be visiting with friends and relatives on her way. Helen has been visiting with Ted and Glenda for the past few months.

I know a little grandson named Rowan that is going to miss his grandmother.