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'Time for new blood'

17 years as magistrate enough for Gerald Dean

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Gerald Dean Jr., who has served 17 years as magistrate court judge in Carrizozo, will not seek re-election this year.

"At this point in life, I will have fulfilled the requirement for judicial retirement for the time I have served and later this year, for the age," the 59-year-old Dean said Thursday. "Maybe it's time for new blood."

"I wanted to announce my decision far enough ahead to give people interested (in running) time to be ready to sign up in March."

The non-partisan race is for a four-year term as Division I magistrate judge.

The affable Dean said he decided in 1985 to run for office after researching the job and attending a few judicial training colleges on his own.

"I wasn't an attorney, but I had a great interest in the position and thought it was a good way to serve the people of Lincoln County and try to the best of my ability to see that justice was done," he said.

His run for judge was Dean's first attempt at public office. Dean's family operated a hardware store for eight years in Capitan, where, before entering the judicial branch, Dean owned a wholesale oil operation and a saw shop.

Area to receive grant money

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Capitan, Corona and Lincoln County will receive Community Development Block Grants this year.

The three are on a list of 35 entities whose grant applications were picked under rural and non-rural categories.

Those selected requested a total of \$10.1 million and received about \$8.7 million.

Lincoln County will see \$250,000, its complete request, for construction of a 4,096-square-foot building to house the county public health office in Ruidoso.

The move will free up some of the existing 2,400-square-foot county suboffice on Kansas City Road next to the construction site.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has committed \$491,880 toward the project.

In other awards, Capitan received \$280,000 of the \$360,000 officials requested for storm drainage improvements. Corona was allocated \$223,010, exactly what officials asked for to renovate quarters for a village health clinic.

Lt. Gov. Walter Bradley announced the awards Tuesday.

A WELCOME SIGN



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

A new welcome sign commissioned by the Village of Ruidoso went up in School House Park Thursday. Shown holding the sign are, from left, Jeff Ammons and Jim Smith, with Don Smith, owner of Signs by Smith, fastening it from above.

Village to sell cord of wood for 10 bucks

Already cut in 2- to 4-foot lengths, the load-yourself wood offer is a byproduct of the village's ongoing forest thinning work.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Starting Monday, the village of Ruidoso will be selling \$10 permits for residents to pick up precut wood in the Grindstone area.

Cut in 2- to 4-foot lengths, the wood is the byproduct of a project aimed at thinning city-owned forest land to reduce fuel for wild-fires.

Village forester Rick Delaco said Thursday the permits can be purchased from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the planning and zoning office in village hall on Kansas City Road and Cree Meadows Drive.

One permit per person for one cord of wood will be issued. The permit lasts for one month.

"As of now, we're only going to open a designated area off Resort Drive from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays," Delaco said. "People will be given a map and some instruction when they buy a permit. They should call on Friday to see how accessible the area is. With snow, access may be restricted to four-wheel-drive vehicles."

If the weather really is bad, the area may be closed, he said. "We're not taking a road grader up there to clear snow," he said.

Someone will be at the gate to check what people haul off to help Delaco track the amount of wood moved and so that people in smaller trucks can make return visits to collect a full cord.

A saw probably isn't necessary, but if someone wants to cut smaller pieces while there, the chain saw must bear an inspection sticker for its spark arrester from the Ruidoso Fire Department at the intersection of Eagle and Sudderth drives, Delaco said.

The wood primarily is piñon and Ponderosa pine, with some juniper, Douglas fir and white fir.

"People will be given a map and some instruction when they buy a permit."

Rick Delaco
Ruidoso village forester

Audit finds waste agency problems

Auditor alleged former director lacked documentation, skirted procurement code

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The auditor for the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority reported this week that a former manager failed to turn in documentation for per diem and mileage money he collected and that he bypassed procurement code procedures on at least three occasions.

Auditor Dan Austin said Tuesday that Rick Simpson, while he was acting manager of the garbage collection coalition, was paid \$3,450 without verifying his expenses.

Simpson should either produce the documentation or repay the money, he said.

Board members voted to send a letter to Simpson, who is a county commissioner, laying out the options.

After a closed session with their

attorney, Don Dutton, they decided the attorney should contact Simpson to discuss that situation and other apparently unrelated problems.

Simpson resigned as manager last May, but recently was reappointed to represent the county on the authority board, which is a coalition of six government entities. Simpson was in Santa Fe this week for the funeral of his step-son and unavailable for comment.

In going through the audit for a one-year period ending June 30, 2001, Austin said the agency lost \$258,804. Some of the deficit was offset by proceeds from an environmental gross receipts tax for a net loss of \$114,753.

But the authority ended the year with \$135,809 in cash, primarily because of cuts in budgeted expenses,

he said. The accounts receivable system has improved with new software, Austin said.

While the authority appears in good shape overall, Austin said he's bothered by the cited violations.

"They are material enough to be reported in this audit," he said.

In one instance, the authority contracted for a service and paid more than \$10,000, but did not go out for bids.

In a second situation, the authority contracted for a pump trailer and did not complete all procurement requirements, then later pulled out of the purchase, he said.

In the third instance, a walking floor trailer was purchased without following all procurement regulations, Austin said.

Archaeologists excavate centuries-old cave

The rock shelter is just off U.S. Highway 70 on the Mescalero Apache reservation and in the future highway right-of-way.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The wind howled and the sky threatened snow, but a prehistoric hunter sought refuge in a cave set into the side of a mountain.

He knew from generations of use that in the morning when the sun emerged, he would receive its full heat and that a stream running nearby would quench his thirst.

For the first time in hundreds of years, the face of that cave again was exposed to sunlight, as a team headed by

archaeologist Yvonne Oakes dug and dusted away dirt that accumulated over time around its entrance.

This isn't the first local site excavated by Oakes, who uses her 24 years of experience to guide team members Dorothy Zamora and Phil Aldritt in their efforts to recover as many artifacts and as much information as possible before the cave becomes part of the right of way for the widening of U.S. 70 west of Ruidoso.

In early 1999, under the auspices of the New Mexico State Museum, she led a group on a major project along the Rio Bonito, which yielded 40,000 artifacts. At the time, she estimated from 30 to 50 people lived in the settlement sometime between 1200 A.D. and 1300 A.D.

The team started work on the U.S. 70 cave site in mid-November.

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DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Yvonne Oakes, left, head archaeologist on the team, surveys the view from the cave shelter.

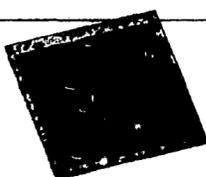
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Village officials respond to speeding issue

Clearing things up/ 4A



VAMONOS!

Marty Lane finds her art a complement to her work in the ministry.

County workers get a raise in pay

Not quite 2 percent/ 5A

CAVE: Archaeologists dig into ancient cave before highway crews begin their work

FROM PAGE 1A

"This was tested five years ago during surveying of the highway and they found (pottery) shards," Oakes said. A 1.2 meter test pit showed evidence of human use at multiple levels.

"They decided there was something here worth excavating. The rock shelter lies in the future right of way and on Mesalero (Apache) land. Tribal officials gave permission to dig it. The Mesalero have been extremely nice. They stop once a day. They're very interested and we appreciate that."

At lower levels, the team uncovered projectile points

Oakes estimates date from 1000 B.C. to 1500 B.C. Shards of pottery run the gamut of Jornada Mogollon culture from AD 600 to AD 1300 and animal bones are abundant inside and outside of the cave.

"None of what we have found looks to be for permanent use," she said.

"The cave probably was for traveling from the Tularosa plains to and from the Roswell area to chase bison, or by someone coming from the plains to the mountains to hunt deer. But it had constant use over a long period."

At first, the researchers left

the interior alone and dug around outside.

"We've taken out about six feet of dirt and are still finding items," Oakes said. "But we aren't seeing hearths or surfaces (of living quarters) and there are no features to indicate full-time residence. Just cultural material."

"This rock creates a big bump and the soils around it eroded and filled it in. It was a good spot because water was nearby, it provided shelter from the wind and faced the sun all day during the fall and winter. There was enough room for two to three people to sleep."

"The cave probably was for travelling ..."

Yvonne Oakes
archaeologist

She speculated that it probably was used as a way stop or the equivalent of a hunting lodge.

"They were sitting in there and throwing things outside here," Oakes said pointing to the area in front of the cave.

"We found some animal bones and some ash inside, which makes sense if they were cooking over a fire," she said. "We found lots of charcoal for

Carbon 14 dating samples, so we hope we can date each stratigraphic layer to see how time changed things."

They also found a huge pack rat nest.

"We had to take it out, but it shows the vegetation at the time," she said.

Over the next two weeks, Oakes said she plans to clear out the shelter and dig down another 20 centimeters. Previous work was broken up by the holidays, weather conditions and other demands.

"Some weeks, we could only work a few days at a time," she said.

NEW MEXICO VITAL FACT

In 2000 the homicide rate was higher in rural areas than in urban areas.

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Woman named to head mental health program

Valerie Pierce will head The Heritage Program for Senior Adults, a mental health program offered through the Lincoln County Medical Center.

Pierce, originally from Michigan, was named the new director this week.

According to information from Presbyterian HealthCare Services, which manages the county-owned hospital in Ruidoso, her experience spans mental health, addictions, hospice and domestic violence

issues.

She earned a master's degree in social work from Barry University in Miami, Fla., and is certified in New Mexico as a licensed independent social worker.

Presbyterian is the state's largest not-for-profit health care delivery system. Besides the county hospital, the company manages the Carrizozo Health Center, a primary center offering dental and medical services in Carrizozo and Corona.

No thanks, county tells donor

When is a gift not a gift? When it will cost more money than it's worth, Lincoln County commissioners say.

At their meeting in December, commissioners decided to reject the donation of a lot in Alto by Kerry A. Young.

County Manager Tom Stewart explained that Young conveyed the lot in Unit 3 of High Mesa subdivision to the county and all of its employees. He subsequently was advised by Stewart not to include the employees, but he insisted.

County Attorney Alan Morel advised that because the county didn't ask for the property

and didn't pay anything for it, it can be conveyed back to Young in a quit claim.

"Reportedly, Mr. Young purchased the property at auction and found out that the Alto Country Club would not excuse back social membership dues," so he transferred the land to the county on Dec. 4, Morel said.

"You don't have to accept property given to you. You can quit claim it back to him or you can accept it and try to sell. He can't force you to take it."

About \$600 a year is charged for a social membership fee, he said.

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Southeast Regional Planning Organization (SERPO) Joint Policy & Technical Committee Meeting

Southeast Regional Long Range Transportation Plan

DATE: Friday, January 25, 2002
TIME: 10:00am
LOCATION: NMSHTD Training Academy
785 Earl Cummings, Roswell, NM

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

Action Items
Approval of the November 8 and December 12, 2001 Meeting Minutes.

Discussion Items
Discussion of the Southeast Regional Long Range Transportation Plan include, but are not limited to, the following items: Table of Contents, Introduction, Compliance with USDOT Planning Requirements; Public & Local government Involvement Processes; 2000 Bureau of the Census Population Statistics; Transportation Planning Issues, Goals & Objectives of Local, County and Tribal Government Entities; Economic Development Studies and Issues; Alternative Modes of Transportation; Reference Materials; Appendix: the February 13, 2002 SERPO Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendation's (RTIPR) meeting; New Business Items; and Adjournment.

Handouts
Summary of Findings and Recommended Actions, Economic Development Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats Assessment of Southeast New Mexico (review and discussion of study of OFP Implications).

Representation is requested from all municipal, county and tribal governments within Lincoln, De Baca, Curry, Chaves, Roosevelt, Otero, Eddy & Lea counties. Any questions about the agenda may be directed to the SERPO Planner c/o Regional Planning Section, NMSHTD, P.O. Box 1149, Santa Fe, NM 87504-1149 or by calling (505) 827-3244.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, unless compelling reasons dictate otherwise, public meetings and hearings conducted by the Southeast Regional Planning Organization in conjunction with the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department will be held in accessible buildings. Given responsible notice, interpreters and readers will be available to the hearing and visually impaired. Contact the ADA Coordinator at 505-827-1775 by

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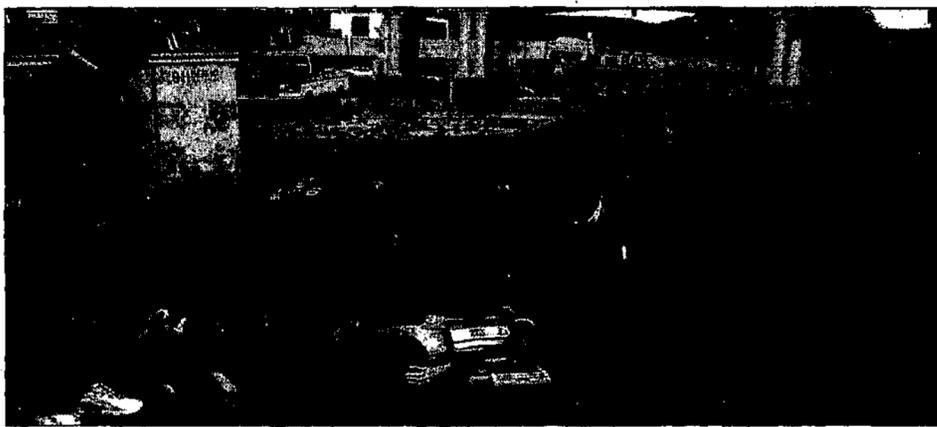
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DEMONSTRATION



SANDY SUGBITT/STAFF

CPR isn't enough to save a heart attack victim after 6 to 8 minutes of spasmodic contractions or fibrillation, said Bonito Fire Chief Chris Denne. Barbara and Glen Crane presented the volunteer fire department with an automatic external defibrillator as part of the Prudential Helping Hearts Program. Above, from left, are Glen Crane, owner of Prudential Lela Easter, Realtors, Denne, "Annie Mannequin," Jim Stover, director of Ruidoso and Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services, and Barbara Crane. The program donated \$1,000 and the State EMS Fund Act \$1,500 for this life-saving device.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Oil leads to suspect

Ruidoso police arrested Robert G. Bullard Jr., 41, of Ruidoso, charging him with driving while intoxicated and not giving notice of an accident on Jan. 9.

Officers found a light post down in the 2800 block of Sudderth Drive and followed a trail of oil to the defendant's residence and his "heavily damaged vehicle," the report states.

Beer theft reported

On Jan. 12, an employee of Mr. Burger told the manager of Pizza Hut, 1201 Mechem Drive, that he saw a male taking two beer kegs from the back of the restaurant and putting them in a green truck. The employee apprehended the suspect shortly after and the beer was returned to Pizza Hut.

The manager chose not to press charges, but police arrested Michelle T. Palmer, 31, of Mescalero, the driver of the vehicle, charging her with driving while intoxicated and giving or selling alcohol to minors.

Two passengers were cited for being minors in possession of alcohol.

Break-ins attempted

Police reported an attempt was made between Jan. 3 and 10 to break into Mountain Art, 2530 Sudderth Drive, through the rear door.

Also, two attempts were made to break into a residence in the 100 block of Sky Lane Jan. 9 between 11:20 and 11:24 p.m., according to police reports.

The resident heard someone shake the back door and then go to another door and shake it.

Man found dead

Making a welfare check on Leonard E. Davis, 74, of the 600 block of Main Road Jan. 10, police found Davis had been dead for many days, by natural causes and with no signs of foul play, according to the report.

Teen arrested

Police arrested a 16-year-old from Mescalero Jan. 11 after making a traffic stop at Highway 70 and Lancashire Lane. They charged him with concealing his identification and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Dog taken

Police report a red full-blooded, 3-month-old pit bull, was taken from a yard in the 100 block of Willow Road between 9:30 p.m. Jan. 5 and 9:30 p.m. Jan. 6.

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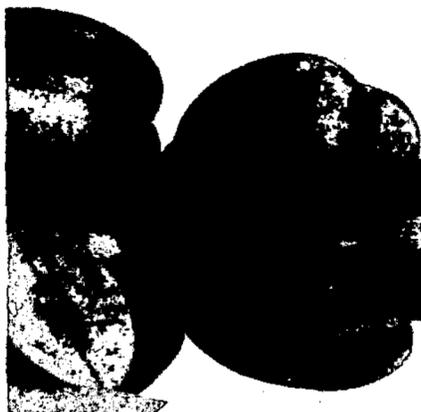
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OUR OPINION

Water, water... somewhere else

Many people tackle a problem on many fronts.

Water, water everywhere, the Ancient Mariner lamented. But not in Lincoln County, where nobody has enough. The State Engineer says a proposed water rights transfer for a planned new golf course would be too damaging to neighboring walls. The county's appointed planning commissioners will try again to get the county's elected policymakers to buy the idea that developers of new subdivisions with 100 or more lots be required to install a community water system. The county fathers first would like to see some solid information about

water availability. Those same county planning commissioners would like to eliminate any reference to the State Engineer in the county's subdivision regulations; to assure limits even tighter than the state's for developers, based on local water availability. You just might get the impression that Lincoln County has a water shortage problem. Here in River City, some residents will be without water for a while on Tuesday while some valves are replaced. Those people will get a small taste of reality as to what might happen if our county really, truly runs out of water.

Newsroom games

One of the somewhat childish games played in newsrooms across the state (and the nation, for that matter) is judging newly announced political candidates by the evidence of their own news releases.



MOUNTAIN ASIDES
KEITH GREEN

It's ultimately a game of trying to guess the winner. Right now, with both Democrats and Republicans coming out in droves for a chance at Gov. Gary Johnson's chair come November, fax machine messages are stacking up in newsrooms across the state, right along with e-mail. (We do note, though, that whether it's technology impairment or lack of staff, most of the candidates seem to prefer to generate paper.)

But one thing is clear — everyone of the gubernatorial hopefuls is trying to use the weapons at hand as he reaches out to influence potential voters. A couple of examples:

- Lt. Gov. Walter Bradley, an announced candidate to take over Johnson's seat, wasn't present when the Community Development Block Grants were handed out Tuesday, but got the honor of announcing funding to 50 or so communities around the area, including Capitan, Corona and Lincoln County.

- Larry Ahrens, another Republican who'd like to administer state government, was quick to pick up a challenge the governor delivered in his final "state of the state" address, and promised to carry on Johnson's "seven principles of good government."

Ahrens was capitalizing on his

own strengths: He used fax and e-mail to get the word out, as befits an experienced communicator whose morning talk program on the state's most powerful AM radio station has made him a household name just about everywhere except in these mountains where reception is uncertain.

Those seven principles, by the way, are pretty solid, whether you believe Johnson exercised them or not. Here they are:

1. Become reality driven. don't kid yourself or others. find out what's what and base your decisions and actions on that.
 2. Always be honest and tell the truth. It is extremely difficult to do any real damage to people who are willing to tell the truth regardless of the consequences.
 3. Always do what's right and fair. Remember, the more you actually accomplish, the louder the critics become. Learn to ignore them. Maintain your integrity and continue to do what's right.
 4. Determine your goal and develop a plan to reach that goal. Then act — don't procrastinate.
 5. Make sure every one who ought to know what you're doing does know what you're doing — communicate.
 6. Don't hesitate to deliver bad news. Acknowledge mistakes immediately. There may still be time to salvage things or to make corrections. Take Henry Kissinger's advice: "Anything that will be revealed eventually should be revealed immediately."
 7. Be willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done. If your job doesn't excite you enough to follow this principle, resign and get a job you love enough to do what it takes.
- OK, politicians — keep those faxes and e-mails coming.



Officials respond on 'speeding visitors' issue

Editor's note: An article on page 1 of the Friday, Jan. 11, edition of the Ruidoso News about speed-limit enforcement drew strong reactions from many readers. While the accuracy of the article is not in dispute, village councilors Ron Anderson and Bill Chance and police Chief Lanny Maddox asked for an opportunity to clarify their positions on the issue.

In response to the article by Dianne Stallings in Friday's newspaper and subsequent letters to the editor and opinion by the Ruidoso News, a clarified response would deem appropriate by all parties indicated:

We need to look at the content of the article as a whole and ask the question, were issues taken out of context by those writing letters to the editor?

Councilor Ron Anderson

"I would like to make it very clear to our citizens, that speeding on our roadways will not be tolerated! However, the method of enforcement can take many shapes. Traffic control in peak seasons is the main concern. When we realize that an extremely busy condition exist we can enforce and control this with officer visibility,

as when the Spencer Theater lets out and when the racetrack lets out. My main concern regarding speeding during peak times is to address the known areas when it happens most and reduce the speeding through increased signage and officers in plain sight recording speeds and writing lawful citations.

"There is no difference under the law between locals and visitors, however when a peak situation arises, whether tourist related or a local event for locals, we need to consider traffic control. I am in full support of our police department and the job they have to do, however we are always in changing times which may require alternative measures to achieve lawful compliance."

Councilor Bill Chance

"Public safety and welfare for all citizens, locals and visitors alike, is paramount! During our open and constructive discussion at our council meeting, ideas were being presented as possible effective alternatives to mitigate speeding in lieu of ticketing. I specifically said to Chief Maddox, "Possibly the negative connotation comes from the appearance of a speed

trap at the bottom of Alto Hill." We are all in agreement that safety is our main concern, but we also absolutely do not want to be considered a speed-trap-oriented community! My thought was to incorporate a technique which has proven very effective in our Midtown area in the deterrence of speeding. The radar speed monitoring device posts the lawful speed limit and notifies all drivers of their exact speed at that point in time. If anyone speeds after that notification, then absolutely enforce with citations for those who choose to speed."

Police Chief Lanny Maddox

"We are here to ensure that we provide our community with the best possible law enforcement services available. It is imperative that we continue having the excellent working relationship we have enjoyed with our mayor and governing body and the support we graciously receive from our community. We will continue to assert our efforts in keeping Ruidoso a safe, enjoyable and productive resort community and will continue our commitment in ensuring the health, safety and welfare of our citizens as our No. 1 priority."

YOUR OPINION

Amazing library support

To the editor:
Capitan's Public Library has had such a great year, thanks to many people...
In March, because of a very generous donation from a patron, we were able to purchase a new building for the library. People walked in off the street and offered to help renovate the building. We had so many dedicated people help us — it was truly amazing.
In a month's time, we had completed enough of the renovations to open the doors to the public.
Because of the additional space, we

are now able to offer programs for the public. Each first Friday night, we hold an adult lecture at 7... In addition to our summer reading program and Thursday preschool reading hour, we have added a monthly after-school program.
We continue to hold fund-raisers, as this — along with donations — is the mainstay of our operating expenses. We thank all of you who donate time and materials, who spend your money at the fund-raisers and who give so generously.
A project started last year by Ken Matzel of Mule Creek Trading contin-

ued this year. Our Cowboy Christmas Santa parade and gift program was a huge success.
Because of the generous donations of merchants and patrons, we were able to give over 100 gift bags. The bags ... were gauged to the age and gender of the child. Thanks to Kern, Richard Rumph and Mike Pearson for helping put this together, along with a great deal of hard work and dedication by the staff.
Again, thanks to our patrons, supporters and the community for your continued support.
Pat Garrett
Capitan Library director



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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Growing a business not always the goal

WASHINGTON — While 51 percent of small-business owners want to grow their business, just 13 percent say that growth is one of the most influential factors in evaluating the current success of their business.

Most who wish to grow have modest goals. Forty-three percent prefer to remain the same size.

These are some of the findings from Success, Satisfaction, and Growth, the latest report from the National Small Business Poll developed by NFIB and Wells Fargo.

"Business success is a flexible yardstick against which the owner can judge his or her enterprise and subsequently adjust plans, operations and procedures," said William Dennis, NFIB senior research fellow and author of the survey. "Small-business owners do not have to own a large or rapidly growing business to feel that theirs is successful."

More than three-fourths (81 percent) of small-business owners feel their business is a success, while nearly a quarter (21 percent) consider their businesses extremely successful. Only 17 percent rate their businesses less than successful.

Long-distance rates

ALBUQUERQUE — Consumer advocates have criticized long-distance telephone companies for double-digit rate hikes, accusing the giants of hurting millions of customers.

"This is a travesty," said Gene Grant, executive director of the Competitive Alliance of New Mexico.

AT&T and other big long-distance companies announced increases on basic rates of 10 to 20 percent, he said, some rates going up as much as 35 cents per minute at peak periods.

He said a MIT professor reported that with local and long-distance competition, New Mexicans could save \$65 million annually.

Lincoln County's 115 employees Saturday will see an increase of not quite 2 percent in their paychecks, but commissioners still worry about next year.

PAY RAISE FOR COUNTY

■ A study by the county manager shows the pay hike just about matches the increase in the cost of living.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Lincoln County's 115 employees will receive a 1.96 percent boost in pay effective Saturday.

During their December meeting, county commissioners followed the recommendation of County Manager Tom Stewart to grant the step increase, which will cost the county \$48,526 for the next six months.

"The current Consumer Price Index shows a 2 percent to 2.1 percent annual change," Stewart said, adding that looking at the CPI history, county pay increases track well. In 1981, a select group of items retailed at \$90.89. The same group in October 2001, cost \$177.70.

"That's just under a 100 percent increase," Stewart said. "If you look at salaries in July 1980, the average was \$10,635, and on Dec. 23 2002, it was \$22,751."

The cost of the step increase for a full year is calculated at \$114,697, increasing the annu-

al salaries and benefits for all departments from \$3,988,705 to \$4,053,402, he said during the midyear budget review.

The most recent salary hike for county employees consisted of a 1.9 percent step increase in December 2000.

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Chairman Rex Wilson said the county must exercise restraint in hiring new employees or granting increases, because next year, the PILT payment could be dropped to zero. Counties receive the money to offset the loss of taxes

on federal land within their borders — primarily under the Bureau of Land Management.

"We will be very diligent in budget," Stewart said. "I certain we're not being... tious with our

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Commissioner Rick Simpson questioned whether the county is falling behind in providing vehicles for the sheriff's office and other departments, but Stewart said four new vehicle were purchased this year.

"I think we're OK," he said. Stewart said one of the major increases at mid-year is

the operation of the new county jail by Correctional Systems Inc., the firm that manages the jail. But revenue from housing federal prisoners should help offset the budget increase of \$233,933, along with the construction loan refund, he said.

"What do we do next year when we don't have the offset from the loan?" Commissioner William Schwettmann asked.

"I think it will work out," Stewart said, adding that he will closely track revenues and expenses connected to the 100-bed jail in the Carrizozo Industrial Park.

"If it becomes unprofitable, then it will be time to consider someone else other than CSI," he said.

Commissioner Leo Martinez said the commission should set aside some money for repairs to the courthouse complex, including replacement of old carpet and fixing leaks.

"I think this has been overlooked," he said.

Stewart said at mid-year he reviewed each department and adjusted line by line. When he was finished, an additional \$27,761 was needed from the general fund. He noted that the Zia Senior Citizens operation is self-supporting and uses no money from the county's general fund.

The Economy and the Markets

A consumer spending slip?

BY SUNG WON SOHN
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

How can we count on consumers to lead the recovery when the debt burden is high,



pent-up demand limited and net worth in the stock market cut? Moreover, wage gains typically decelerate coming out of a recession.

The debt-to-income ratio for consumers has been trending up for the past 50 years. A lion's share of the increase has come from mortgages, a form of investment.

Mortgage refinancing has actually lowered the debt-service burden of consumers, adding tens of billions of dollars to consumers' balance sheets. Consumer liquidity is at an all-time high; cash, savings and money-market funds amount to about \$5 trillion dollars. Despite the recession, delinquency rates on consumer loans have remained stable. This is hardly a picture of consumers suffering from high debt burden.

Despite the setback in stocks, the bulk of consumers' net worth comes from housing, which continues to rise. There may not be a huge pool of pent-up demand, but the recent events, including the zero-percent financing for cars and the heavy discounting by retailers, have shown that consumers have the ability and willingness to spend given the right incentives.

The tax cut, lower interest rates and cheaper energy boost spending. To be sure, corporate retrenchment continues, sapping consumer pocketbooks. However, the rate of job losses has slowed, a good first step toward stabilization. The concerns listed above are the arguments for moderate, not powerful growth in consumer spending. During the first year of economic recovery, real consumer spending typically rises about 5 percent; it is more likely to be in the 2.5 to 3.5 percent range in 2002.

Bonds: Front and attraction Short-term Treasuries will benefit from accommodative monetary policy. The Federal Reserve...

interest rates anytime soon. After the 1989-92 easing cycle, the central bank waited 17 months before raising the interest rate.

However, Treasury bond yields will trend up. Valuation models show that Treasury bond yields are still too low. The prospect for economic recovery is encouraging investors to shift funds to riskier assets including Corporates and Mortgage-backed securities.

Corporate spreads over Treasuries are high by historical standards. However, the ratings migration is moving in the right direction.

Moodys reports more upgrades than downgrades. In this environment, callable securities will outperform non-callables. Mortgage-backed securities are attractive as well. Prepayment fears and interest-rate volatility have diminished and the spreads over Treasuries remain high given the high credit quality of these instruments.

Stocks: Hopes too rosy?

After the worst setback in corporate profits since 1938, earnings are projected to jump in 2002.

Corporate profits are determined by two factors: volume and margins. The best measure of volume is industrial production, not economic growth. As inventories are rebuilt, production will rise faster than economic growth. The lack of pricing power will be a problem, but margins can still rise due to a slower rate of increase in wages and salaries; this is exactly what happened after the 1991 recession.

The market has already factored in healthy economic rebound and rosy earnings; the market is somewhat overvalued and some disappointments are likely.

For example, about 60 percent of the increase in profits in 2002 is supposed to come from the tech sector, which doubled in price since the bottom on Sept. 21. The sales and earnings in the tech sector may not match the expectation of the market.

Aside from the strength of economic recovery and rich valuations, there are other risks including energy costs, Japan, etc. Unlike the 1990s when the bulls punched through all the barriers, the market now is more sensitive to the surrounding economic and political environment.

Valor details plans for TV, Internet services

Valor Telecom, the Ruidoso-Capitan area's local telephone service provider, has detailed its intent to provide both high-speed Internet and digital satellite TV service throughout its four-state service area.

In a news release from its Irving, Texas, headquarters, Valor said a retailer and license agreement had been signed with EchoStar Communications Corporation to offer StarBand high-speed Internet services and Dish Network digital satellite TV in Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Arkansas.

The agreement is part of an initiative for Valor customers and communities, said Julie Burnett, vice president, Long Distance and Emerging Services. "Since the beginning, our goal has been to make high-speed Internet service available to virtually all of Valor's customer base, in all exchanges, and satellite technology is a key component in our strategy."

Plans for the new service were announced here by Layne Lee, Valor's Ruidoso retail service manager, in early January.

Charter Communications, a national cable company, now provides digital television service in Ruidoso under a franchise agreement with the village.

Valor's TV and Internet service through EchoStar will use a single satellite dish antenna for two-way, high-speed Internet service without a telephone connection; Dish TV programming services will come through the same dish antenna, according to Valor.

"The selection of satellite technology is consistent with Valor's overall broadband deployment strategy," Burnett said. "While the company continues to evaluate offering Digital Subscriber Line (or DSL) service in select markets, there's widespread consensus in the telecommunications industry that a single technology will not meet the needs of all customers, particularly in

rural areas such as Valor's service territories."

The company said that over the past months, it has evaluated broadband alternatives in addition to DSL, which assures high-speed data connectivity, but cannot be made available to everyone because of network loop conditions or distance from a telephone central office. StarBand high-speed Internet service provides Valor with an alternative for virtually all customers, it was reported.

Valor Telecom, privately held, was formed in 1999 to acquire GTE lines in the four states. It now operates more than 650,000 local access lines.

Dish Network, trademark of EchoStar, operates direct broadcast satellite TV capable of offering more than 500 channels of digital video and CD-quality audio programming, as well as advanced satellite TV receiver hardware and installation, the news release said.

Focus on Agriculture

'Optimism by the acre' part of farming

BY STEWART TRULSEN
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

Patriotism abounded at the American Farm Bureau annual convention in Reno. American flag-bearing state Farm Bureau presidents took their place on stage while "Stars and Stripes Forever" played for the crowd of thousands. There were moving tributes to the people lost on Sept. 11, and expressions of gratitude for the heroic actions of those in uniform.

"Patriotism is rampant," said American Farm Bureau Federation President Bob Stallman in his keynote address. Optimism is much more measured, however. Farm Bureau members were deeply disappointed in the failure to pass a farm bill before the end of the year.

Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-KV, who received the Award...

zation's Distinguished Service Award, predicts a bill will now be completed by March. Stallman pledges that Farm Bureau is going to work to make it happen, and the sooner the better.

The mood of the convention was one of cautious optimism. As the saying goes, agriculture has been down so long that it is starting to look like up. Stallman says the 4 million people involved in farming are getting lots of exercise but little profit.

"Some farmers that I've heard say it's not as much fun as it had been in the past. You know, it seems like with the bureaucracy, it hits us from a lot of different angles," says Delaware farmer Bill Powers.

Michigan farmer Jerry Huehl believes farming has a future and a good one at that, but he says "As far as the

elder farm generation, you are seeing some looking closer to retirement and selling out."

"Personally for me, I'm fairly optimistic," says John Applegate, a cow-calf operator in the foothills of California. "I think the economy will turn around this summer and everything will work out well."

One of the most optimistic people at the convention was Peter Reese, a Wisconsin agripreneur and author of "New Hope for Family Farms." Reese is not only confident about the future; he's actually quite excited about it and was at the meeting to spread his message of "optimism by the acre." Reese believes one of the keys to success is for farmers to have a constantly changing portfolio of enterprises and not be tied to one idea or one market. He also advises farmers to visit

big cities and food industry trade shows to find trends and food marketing ideas.

"If you are in an area where there is urban encroachment, you can say it's terrible or you can say my market is coming to me. People that I have worked with have seen it that way and have had tremendous success, bringing their family back to the farm, building enterprises," says Reese.

There may not be optimism by the acre right now for the farm economy, but family farmers at the American Farm Bureau annual convention haven't lost hope. They are more intent than ever in finding opportunities for a more prosperous agriculture.

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

FUNERALS DEATHS

Justin Ortega

A funeral Mass for Justin Ortega, 18, of Glencoe, will be at 10 a.m. today at our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Santa Fe. A private burial will take place at a later date.

Mr. Ortega died Monday, Jan. 14, 2002, in Santa Fe, after an automobile accident.

He was born Sept. 25, 1983.

Survivors include his parents April and Rick Simpson and Gilbert Ortega and Gloria Lujan; brothers and sisters Diego, Thomas, Laura, Felicia Lujan and her husband, Mike; grandparents Charlie and Celine Ortega, Tom and Roxe Sheets, Robert and Barbara Schoppach; uncles Mark, Jim, Randy Sheets and Chris Schoppach; aunts Charline Speck and her husband, Billy Jo, Margaret Murray and her husband, Shaun; and many cousins.

Elmer Dale Buffington

Services for Elmer Dale Buffington, 87, of Roswell, were Thursday at the First Christian Church.

Mr. Buffington died Monday, Jan. 14, 2002, at a Roswell nursing home. The Roswell Veterans Honor Guard provided military honors.

He was born Oct. 10, 1914, in Wellston, Okla., to Elmer and Sarah Goggin Buffington.

He graduated from Wellston High School and attended Oklahoma State

University in Stillwater, Okla., for two years.

He married Grace on May 23, 1943, at the First Christian Church in Stillwater, Okla. He was in the Air Force during World War II and spent two years in combat in the southwest Pacific as crew chief on a C-47.

He, his wife and son, John, moved to Kansas and then to Roswell in March of 1953. He retired from the maintenance department of the Roswell Independent School District in July of 1980.

He had been an active member of the First Christian Church since 1953.

Survivors include his wife, Grace, of the home; a son, John, and his wife, Patti, of Ruidoso; a granddaughter, Lisa Bradford, and her husband Ranson, of Ft. Worth, Texas; a great-granddaughter, Grace Bradford; and a sister, Alberta Arnwine of Bethany, Okla.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel and Crematory of Roswell.

Bartley S. Hodges

Services for Bartley S. Hodges, 86, of Austin, Texas, were Jan. 14 in Austin.

Mr. Hodges was born in Odenville, Ala., on Jan. 25, 1915.

He graduated from the University of Alabama, and in 1941, wed Ruth (Jinx) Stockdale, who preceded him

in death in April 2000.

In World War II, he participated in the North African and Italian campaigns and retired at the rank of colonel after the war.

He wrote a syndicated humor column carried in more than 50 newspapers across the U.S. and published a book, "Life's Little Dramas." He earned a master of letters degree from the University of Houston in the mid-1950s and entered the insurance business with New York Life. He and his wife moved their family to Austin in 1955.

He was a longtime member of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd where he had served on the Vestry. He was also active in the Downtown Austin Rotary and a past-president of the Austin YMCA. Until recently, he served as president of the Alto Village Townhouse Association of Alto.

He had a home in Alto.

Survivors include daughters Lybeth Hodges and Bunny Hodges of Denton, Texas, and Mindy Croom of Austin; sons-in-law Jeff Robb, David Anderson and John Croom; grandchildren Erland Rowan Robb, Stephen and Jonathan Anderson, and Loren, Adrian and Betsy Croom; a brother, Terry Hodges; and a sister-in-law, Dot, of Anniston, Ala.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Arrangements are by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar, Austin, Texas, 452-8811.

Former Lt. Gov. Mike Runnels to head village planning office

Mayor Robert Donaldson said the appointment will be short-term while the office undergoes a reorganization.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A former lieutenant governor may head Ruidoso's planning and zoning department for the next six months.

Mike Runnels, who served under Gov. Toney Anaya from 1983-86, is in the middle of the hiring process, said Tammy Maddox, village clerk. Because that process hasn't been completed, no starting

date or salary figure have been set, she said.

Mayor Robert Donaldson said Thursday when Village Manager Alan Briley suggested a possible six-month situation with Runnels, he was in full support of the concept.

"This will be a short-term situation," the mayor said. "Alan is reviewing the structure (of the department) as per the council's request. There's also a chance that Joseph (Patoskie) may come back if his family situation changes."

After a three-month family medical leave of absence during which he returned to Hawaii, Patoskie stayed only a few weeks in Ruidoso late last year before he resigned.

Donaldson said in six months, Runnels, who is an attorney, may be able to handle several issues that need action.

Well known in Ruidoso, Runnels served as associate village attorney for the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Board from 1987 to 1989. He also was county attorney for Cibola and Valencia counties and a city councilman in Santa Fe.

Most recently, he was district attorney for the 10th Judicial District, where he was in charge of general supervision and budget for a three county-area.

Runnels was unavailable for comment Thursday.

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County works to solve problem created by land donation

Not until she was cleaning up legal issues after the death of her father did Marjorie Slaten realize his act of kindness to the Hondo Volunteer Fire Department landlocked some property owned by the family.

County Manager Tom Stewart told Lincoln County commissioners at their December meeting that Slaten discovered the landlocking occurred when her father, M.K. Slaten, gave a fire station site to the organization.

She can't sell the property without a permanent easement for access, he said. Stewart recommended granting an easement and commissioners directed him to coordinate with the county attorney in reaching an agreement.

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WORK GOES ON



SANDY SUGITT/STAFF

Construction of the new Ruidoso High School auditorium is under way, with a road cut in from Gavilan Canyon Road to the construction site at the east end of the fine arts building and the old entrance there removed. The target date for completion is August.

Drain remained, lawsuit alleges

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A Las Cruces physician, who formerly operated at the Lincoln County Medical Center, is accused in a lawsuit of leaving a drain in a woman's abdomen.

Maedens Cash, who lives in California, sued Dr. Thomas Gormley on Nov. 30 in Lincoln County District Court for medical negligence. She claimed that on Dec. 3, 1998, she was admitted to the county-owned hospital in Ruidoso for a surgi-

cal procedure that involved using a Fomose Drain.

The suit claims the drain was left in Cash's body. In June 1999, she was admitted to Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo for a gallbladder attack. While performing x-rays, a foreign body was discovered in her abdominal area, the suit states.

The drain removed by surgery is believed to be the same one used six months earlier, the suit states.

Cash is asking the court in Carrizozo for damages and is

represented by attorney Lisa K. Durrett.

Gormley's attorney, Gary Gordon said Wednesday that the case already went before an administrative panel, as do all medical malpractice cases. The panel ruled in Gormley's favor, he said.

A note attached to medical records specifically affirms the removal of the drain, Gordon said.

"There certainly are questions about the central allegation, which we deny," Gordon said.

Firbromyalgia sufferers form group

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A support group is being formed in Lincoln County for a chronic health condition affecting 6 million people in the United States, that is often difficult to diagnose.

Fibromyalgia syndrome (FMS) shows itself in unexplained widespread musculoskeletal pain, multiple tender points, persistent fatigue and sleep disturbances.

The organizational meeting of the support group is set for 6 p.m., Jan. 29 in the meeting room of K-Robs restaurant on U.S. 70 in Ruidoso.

The focus will be to set goals for the group.

According to information from one of the organizers, FMS first was described in 1816 by a physician at the University of Edinburgh.

The condition can be accompanied by many other symptoms and it afflicts varying ages and both genders.

The condition is lifelong

and presently has no cure, although some treatments are available.

The syndrome can lead to total disability and may take several years to diagnose because no definitive laboratory tests exist.

FMS is classified as an autoimmune disease and rheumatologists often are the ones who diagnose the syndrome.

The county is lucky that a number of physicians, as well as alternative and holistic practitioners, know about treatments for the syndrome,

organizers said. Research projects on the condition are being conducted worldwide.

Recent research shows that pain is amplified in FMS patients and those with the syndrome have permanent central nervous system changes that affect the way the body works.

Depression may occur because of the losses experienced and building a support system can be of great help to sufferers in coping on a daily basis, organizers said.

For information, call (505) 354-3046 and leave a message.

Skeen won't seek another term

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Congressman Joe Skeen said Friday he will not seek a 2th term in Congress as representative from New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District.

The Republican from Roswell and Picacho revealed several years ago that he suffers from Parkinson's Disease. His announcement comes about two weeks after a court decision that will keep the boundaries of the state's three congressional districts largely in place. Several plans submitted for redistricting, tied to the U.S. Census 2000 and shifts in population, would have dramatically changed the lines.

Skeen's departure will leave a vacuum that several candidates - Democrats and Republicans - are rushing to fill.

"The people of New Mexico's 2nd District saw fit to have me represent them in Congress for the past 22 years," Skeen said in a prepared statement. "I will always be thankful they put their faith in me. I like to think that faith was justified. But after much deliberation, I have decided not to seek re-election in 2002. I will serve the remainder of my present term to complete the work I was elected to do.

"I made this decision with mixed emotions. On one hand, I look forward to spending full time at the ranch (in Picacho) - a place that was at the center of my upbringing and shaped my character and principles in life. On the other hand, I am leaving behind a career of public service - a professional experience that gave me the opportunity to have such a positive influence on people's lives."

Skeen was born in Roswell and earned an engineering degree from Texas A&M University. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1945 to 1946 and in the U.S. Air Force Reserve from 1949 to 1952. In 1962, he worked as a soil and water engineer for the Zuni and Raman Navajo Indians. He was a member of the New Mexico State Senate from 1960 to 1970 and served six years as Senate Minority Leader and three years as state Republican Chairman.

Skeen first was elected to Congress in 1980 and became the third person in history to win a congressional seat as a write-in candidate. He ran again every two years and consistently won reelection by wide margins and was unopposed in 1988 and 1990.

Early in his federal career, he worked on plans to replace the airport at Ruidoso because of the many fatal crashes at the original site. He worked to establish the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, the nation's first repository for defense-related waste. He introduced legislation to set aside land for the site and money for road

improvements and construction in New Mexico.

During President Bill Clinton's administration, Skeen led efforts to overturn a presidential line item veto that threatened three military projects in New Mexico, two at White Sands Missile Range Test Facility and one at Kirtland Air Force Base. The line item veto authority later was ruled unconstitutional.

In 1985, he became a member of the powerful House Committee on Appropriations. In 1995, he was appointed chairman of the Agricultural Appropriations Subcommittee and secured higher levels of funding for nutritional programs such as Women, Infants and Children, and environmental programs such as the Conservation Reserve Program

and the Wetlands Preservation Program.

In 2001, he rotated into the chairmanship of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee. He was considered a moving force in establishing the National Park Service Vanishing Treasures program aimed at training and employing Native American and Hispanic citizens to help them repair and maintain ancient ruins throughout the Southwest.

He considers himself a champion of states' rights, pointing to his successful effort to kill the 55 mph federal speed limit.

"I know I should not have been surprised when this issue created as much controversy as any I faced in 21 years in Washington, D.C.," he said.

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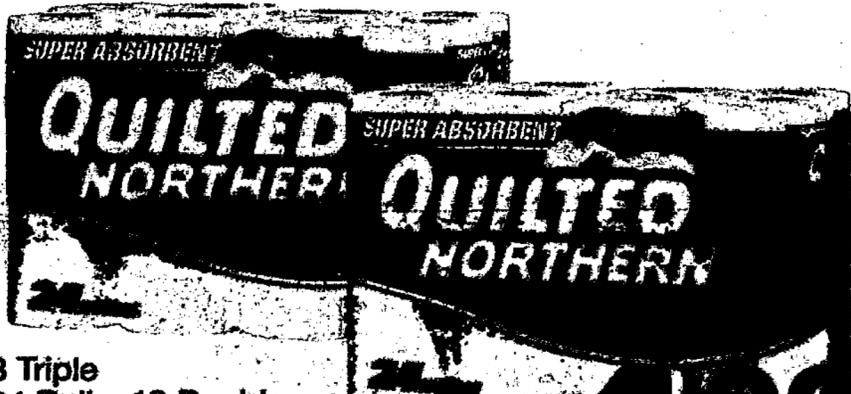
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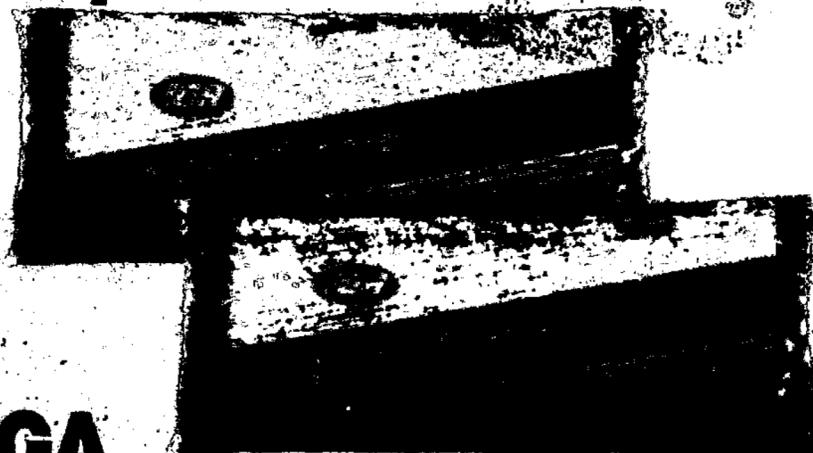
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Capitan squads miss out

The Tiger boys and girls had their chances.

BY WES SCHWENGLS
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

If missed opportunities were an illness, the Capitan Tiger basketball boys and girls would have been pretty sick in their most recent games.

The Tiger boys (6-8) fought a tough Dexter Demons squad Tuesday, only to find themselves with the ball, trailing by three with eight seconds to go.

But what chance the Tigers had went by the wayside when they turned the ball over before they could get a shot. Capitan was forced to foul, and Dexter hit both free throws to make the final score 56-51.

The game could have swung the other way if Capitan hadn't gone dead from the field in the second quarter. The Tigers jumped out to a 10-1 lead early in the first quarter, but managed only six points for the rest of the first half.

"We were playing good defense and were rebounding well. We just weren't able to score," said Capitan coach Royce Brown.

The loss came just three days after the boys fell to Tatum, 62-49. It also guaranteed the Tigers would be under .500 heading into district play, which starts Saturday when Lordsburg comes to town.

The Lady Tigers (7-7) also saw a good chance disappear Saturday in their game with Tatum. The girls were tied with the Lady Coyotes heading into the fourth quarter, but by the time the final buzzer had sounded, Tatum had won by 10, 46-36.

Capitan girls coach Rusty Wilcox said poor outside shooting and missed free throws sealed his team's fate.

The Tigers were just four for 12 from the line, while Tatum made 15 of their 18 attempts. "I think the kids realize that we definitely could have won the game," Wilcox said. "We just didn't put the ball in the hole. But we didn't have a problem getting open shots."

The girls also will see their first district foe of the year against Lordsburg Saturday. That game will tip off at 2 p.m. Wilcox said his team will be prepared.

"The bottom line is, when the ball goes up, you've got to play. Whatever they throw at us, we've got something to counter it."

Warrior Chance Hooper is stifled by the Santa Teresa defense Tuesday. Ruidoso fell to the Desert Warriors, 57-48, and dropped to 0-2 in district play.



WES SCHWENGLS/STAFF

Santa T tops RHS

57-48 loss first to Desert Warriors in Page's tenure

BY WES SCHWENGLS
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Ruidoso Warriors boys basketball team saw a fourth-quarter tie disintegrate into a nine-point loss Tuesday night at home against Santa Teresa.

The Warriors fell to 0-2 in District 4AAA (1-14 overall) in what coach Billy Page called "our worst loss" of the season, a 57-48 defeat. It was Ruidoso's first loss to the Desert Warriors in Page's four years at the helm.

And while the Warriors trailed by 10 at halftime, eight at the end of the third period, it looked like they might rally all the way back in the fourth quarter.

Ruidoso used buckets by Nick Fajardo and Chance Hooper to cut the lead to four early in the fourth. After a Santa Teresa hoop, the Warriors scored six straight to tie it up at 43 with 5:24 left. The Desert Warriors showed their frustration during that stretch, drawing a technical foul.

But Santa Teresa quickly pulled itself together, scoring the next 11 points to put the game away for good. Ruidoso never got within eight from that point. Ruidoso's Auston Beier and the Warrior bench also drew technicals in the final minute. Page said he felt Santa Teresa was getting away with overly-physical play inside defensively.

"It's our worst loss," he said. "We tied it up and had our chances, but there were a couple mental lapses and it got out of hand again."

The coach added the Santa Teresa did not do anything he wasn't expecting, but that "we need to make better decisions (with the ball)."

The loss does not bode well for the Warriors. Santa Teresa has been the usual cellar-dweller in District 4AAA the past few years. But with the New Mexico Military Institute, Portales and Lovington looking

pretty strong, the Desert Warriors took a step toward putting Ruidoso beneath them. Page said the key to notching some wins is to forget about the past.

"You've got to forget about it. You work on the positives and try to keep the attitude and spirits up. There's nothing we can do that going to let us win this game."

The teams were close to even from the line, as Ruidoso made 65 percent of its free throws (15 for 23) and Santa Teresa hit 17 of 29, or 59 percent.

Warrior Chance Hooper led his team with 12 points, while senior Kendall Bishop had 11. Christie LaPaz added eight before fouling out with 40 seconds to go, but the rest of the team combined for just 15 points.

Santa Teresa led almost the entire way. Ruidoso led just twice, both early in the first quarter. The 43-43 tie was the closest the Warriors came to taking the lead after the game was knotted at eight early.

Page said it was important for the boys to keep a positive outlook.

"I'm proud of the kids. I know they're trying hard, I can see it in their faces," he said.

Ruidoso played its final nondistrict game of the season Thursday at Roswell High. Results were not available at press time.

The Warriors get back to district action Tuesday when they play host to NMMI, which Page has called the toughest team in 4AAA. That game will start at approximately 7 p.m.

"I know they're trying hard, I can see it in their faces."

Billy Page, RHS boys basketball coach

► Warrior basketball

Santa Teresa 57, Ruidoso 48

• The Warriors fell to 0-2 in district in their first loss to Santa Teresa under head coach Billy Page.

Eagle boys fall, begin district 0-2

BY WES SCHWENGLS
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The new year has not been very kind to the Hondo Eagles boys basketball team (1-13, 0-2 District 8A), especially in district play.

The Eagles dropped their first pair of district games to two of the toughest teams in the state, Mesilla Valley and Hagerman. They also fell to the Tatum JV in a non-district game on Tuesday.

And while Hondo's 62-33 loss may seem lopsided, Eagle coach Eddie Chavez said his team played much better than against Hagerman.

"We couldn't do anything with them (Hagerman)," he said of the 87-11 blowout. "They're tough. It's pretty disappointing, both games, but we're getting better."

Both Hagerman and Mesilla Valley are ranked near the top of Class A boys basketball.

Against Tatum, the Eagles fell victim to the full-court press early, allowing the Coyotes to jump out early. And when Hondo figured out the press, it had problems hitting open shots.

"If we would have made half the open shots we missed, it would have been a 15-point game," Chavez said.

Eddie Valenzuela had 15 points in the loss.

The Eagles take on Corona in a make-up game Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

side line

Ski Report

Ski Apache
Road at Report Time: Clear
Midway Depth: 34 in.
Surface Conditions: Packed and machine groomed
Trails Open: 46 of 55
Lifts Open: All lifts are open
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Snowmaking Past 24 Hours: Yes
Forecast: Cloudy

Prep Scoreboard

Girls basketball

Jan. 12
Corona 43, Vaughn 30
Socorro 56, Ruidoso 35
Tatum 46, Capitan 36

Boys basketball

Jan. 12
Vaughn 46, Corona 39
Tatum 62, Capitan 49
Hagerman 87, Hondo 11
Jan. 15
Santa Teresa 57, Ruidoso 48
Dexter 56, Capitan 51
Tatum JV 62, Hondo 33

Preps on Tap

Friday, Jan. 18
Boys basketball
Carrizozo at Vaughn, 6 p.m.
Girls basketball
Roswell at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.
Wrestling
Ruidoso at St. Mike's Tourney, 1 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 19
Boys basketball
Lordsburg at Capitan, 3:30 p.m.
Carrizozo at Mountainair, 3:30 p.m.
Corona at Hondo, 2:30 p.m.
Girls basketball
Lordsburg at Capitan, 2 p.m.
Carrizozo at Mountainair, 2 p.m.
Wrestling
Ruidoso at St. Mike's Tourney, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 22
Boys basketball
NMMI at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.
Capitan at Tularosa, 6:30 p.m.
Mesalero at Lake Arthur, 7:30 p.m.
Mountainair at Corona, 7:30 p.m.
Girls basketball
Tularosa at Capitan, 6:30 p.m.
Mesalero at Lake Arthur, 6 p.m.
Mountainair at Corona, 6 p.m.

Ruidoso native shares her Olympic trial story

At 18 years old, Tristan Gale became the youngest member of the National Skeleton Team. Now 22, Gale, a Ruidoso native who moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, when she was 8, won the Olympic trials earlier this month and will represent the U.S. in February.

Women's skeleton - like luge, but face down and headfirst - will make its debut at these Olympics.

Following is the second installment of a multi-part diary written by Gale. In each installment, she will document the difficulties and rewards of training for the 2002 Winter Olympics.

You win or you lose! That was crystal clear to every athlete on Dec. 28, the first day of Olympic trials. With only one male and female spot available, the pressure was more than I have ever experienced in my career. Going into the Olympic trials, I was ranked second among U.S. women and I needed to be first at the end of the trials. Four of us were serious threats for the one Olympic spot. I could place first or fourth. However, the difference was either being an Olympian or simply watching the event on television.

Since the second grade, I have always wanted to be an Olympian. So all I had to do was win. The actual trials were slightly more complicated than that. There were four days of races, two heats per race, spread out over a two-week period. Yes, two weeks of torture - I mean races.

Race 1, Dec. 28
In the first race I was fairly nervous. OK, I'll be honest, I was having trouble being alive. Breathing, sleeping and eating

all seemed like endless tasks and were extremely taxing. But when I stood at the starting line, it all came together for me. My push times were personal bests and the fastest of that day. I was in second after my first run. I knew then that I would win. My second run was very clean and when I came through the finish line and saw the No. 1 next to my name, I think I had a heart attack. One down, three to go! That takes the excitement away real quick.

And as dangerous as the sport is, I was injured during this race. Not from smacking the wall or making a driving error at 80 mph, but from a teammate who hugged me so hard that cartilage was torn from my sternum. I actually had to go to the hospital. I was relieved that the races were spread out so that I had time to recover.

Race 2, Dec. 30
I can't really explain where I was mentally for this race. I was hurt and hoping that I could hang on and finish in the top three at the end of the second heat. I was hesitant and apprehensive during my first run, which ultimately landed me in fifth place. At the beginning of the second heat, I told myself, "You can do this." I wound up with the fastest second run and moved into second place overall for the day. I was in a tie for first place. The race was now closer than when it started.

Race 3, Jan. 4
It was difficult for me to sleep. I couldn't close my eyes without running the track in my head. Oh well, who needed sleep anyway? It was still anyone's race. I began by doing my race-day rituals, which consist of cereal and

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Lady Warriors can't get road win over Artesia, Socorro

BY WES SCHWENGLS
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Ruidoso High School girls basketball team may have been out of gas Saturday against Socorro after nearly getting the best of Artesia on Jan. 10.

The Lady Warriors (4-11) fell in Socorro, 56-36, despite trailing by just two at halftime. Coach Greg Marez said second-half mental mistakes cost Ruidoso any chance it had at the game.

Carrie Lina scored 15 points before fouling out in the fourth period. Dusti Franklin also fouled out.

The Socorro loss came just two days after the Warriors gave Artesia all it could handle on the road. The Bulldogs squeaked out a 59-53 win after trailing for part of the final quarter.

"We had a couple of mental mistakes

and they capitalized on some of our turnovers," Marez said.

And while the two losses were somewhat disheartening, Marez said he saw a lot of good things in them.

"We're moving toward our goal of having less turnovers in games. I think we're about to where we want to be come district time."

That time is near, as Portales will pay a visit to Ruidoso Jan. 26. The Lady Warriors have seven games remaining, six of them against district foes.

The only nondistrict game is tonight at home against a tough Roswell squad. The coach said that while a win would certainly boost his team's confidence, he feels just the experience will be a big boost.

"I think the quality of teams we're playing will help us in district," Marez said.

"I think we're about to where we want to be come district time."

Greg Marez, RHS girls basketball coach



WES SCHWENGLS/STAFF

An Artesia Bulldog looks to shoot in a game earlier this season. Artesia beat Ruidoso 59-53 Jan. 10.

Aggies hammer Eastern in intrastate rivalry match-up, 98-82

■ NMSU dominated in Las Cruces Tuesday.

Dennis Trammell led four Aggies in double figures with 21 points as the New Mexico State Aggies cruised to a 98-82 nonconference victory over Eastern New Mexico.

Chris Jackson had 16 points, nine rebounds and nine blocks in just 22 minutes while James Moore had 16

and Jason Fontenet added 11.

Jonathan Cooper led the Greyhounds with 28 points and Cedric Palmer added 27.

The Aggies led 49-28 at the half and increased their lead to 26 points five times in the second half, leading 98-62 with 4:28 left in the game.

Senior guard Eric Channing, the Aggies' second-leading scorer at nearly 15 points per game, missed his first collegiate game with a bruised heel. It

broke his streak of 110 consecutive games played.

He is expected to be back for the Aggies Saturday night conference game with UL-Lafayette.

With Channing out, the Greyhounds employed a zone for most of the night, but the Aggies exploited the defense in the first half, hitting six of 13 three-point shots attempted. The Aggies finished nine of 21 from three-point range for nearly 43 percent.

Fontenet was especially effective, hitting three of five three-point shots and scoring all 11 of his points in the first half.

Moore used his 6-foot-8 frame to shoot over the smaller Greyhounds, scoring 12 points in the first half. He finished the game hitting six of eight shots from the floor, made all four free throws and blocked three shots in just 25 minutes.

The Aggies shot just under 55 per-

cent from the floor in the first half. Eastern did not make a three-pointer in the first half, missing all three attempts, and shot 41 percent overall. No Greyhound scored more than three points in the first half while the Aggies had three players in double figures — Moore with 12, Fontenet with 11 and Trammell with 10.

The Aggies hit 53 percent of their shots for the game, the team's second best shooting night of the season.

Trainer Bassett penalized by state

2001 All American winner banned for 45 days after drugs detected in horse

John Bassett, the top quarter horse trainer who won the 2001 All American Futurity, has been banned from New Mexico racing for 45 days because a horse in his stable tested positive for cocaine last year.

Bassett the \$2 million All American Futurity in September 2001, with Ausual Suspect. He also won the race in 1999 with A Delightful Dasher.

Bassett's problem started in June 2001, when Mega Dark, a 2-year-old quarter horse he was training, tested positive for two derivatives of cocaine — benzoylecgonine and methyl ester ecgonine — after finishing fourth in a race at Ruidoso Downs.

The horse had 25 nanograms

of benzoylecgonine and 14 nanograms of methyl ester ecgonine in his system, the drug test showed.

A nanogram is one-billionth of a gram, but New Mexico's zero-tolerance policy for banned drugs in race horses means any amount can produce a positive test.

An assistant trainer who had worked for Bassett for 28 years tested positive for cocaine, when the trainer's barn was searched by track officials and his employees were subjected to drug tests.

Bassett said the assistant trainer had been treating Mega Dark for a cut inside his mouth. The assistant trainer used his hands to apply an ointment on

the injury to treat it.

Bassett said the assistant trainer likely had cocaine on his hands while treating the horse, thus resulting in the positive test.

"I had nothing to do with it, but I've got to do the time and all the lawyers' fees," Bassett said after the ruling Tuesday.

The stewards at Ruidoso Downs suspended Bassett for 45 days, fined him \$1,500 and placed him on a year's probation.

According to New Mexico racing regulations, a trainer is held accountable for the condition of all horses in his stable. Any positive test on a horse puts the trainer in violation of the trainer responsibility rule.

GALE: Former Ruidosoan secures Olympic spot

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cartoons. Mom packed my lunch, which is always a PB&J sandwich.

I started to load the car and the nerves began to kick in. I arrived an hour early and now I really had time to think things over. I tried to pull myself together as my start drew closer. I gave myself a pep talk while walking to the start line. It was then that I started to relax and get a grip on things. It must have worked because I had the fastest runs in both heats, but when the points were calculated, it turned out I still had to win the last race or

lose my Olympic spot.

Race 4, Jan. 6

My race rituals were changed for a day. For luck, I used hair gel that has dye in it and striped my hair red, white and blue. It started snowing slightly but looked like it could dump any moment. I don't slide well in the snow so I really wanted it to blow over. I picked up my start number for the day and it was my lucky number, three. At least that was going my way. Stress, stress, stress!

The racer I knew I needed to beat drew a number before mine. She went down and I glanced at

her time. There were bells, horns and screams of encouragement from over 100 well-wishers. My coach looked at me and said, "They're all here for you, go for it." I put my sled in the track and ran toward the Olympic podium. I came in first place. I am now the first female Winter Olympian from New Mexico.

Tristan Gale, a skeleton slider, is one of 40 Olympic hopefuls across the country who received vehicles from Chevrolet The Team Behind The Team, a program designed to help relieve some of the burdens of Olympic training.



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RUIDOSO REALTY GROUP 601 Mechem Dr. St. 2 Ruidoso, NM 88341. Ellie Weinreich - selling New Mexico for 18 years. CLASSY IN ALTO COUNTRY CLUB. Be ready for spring! Full golf membership. Three bedrooms - Cozy den opens to the glass doors to the wood deck.

Home, Get away from it all. Attached 2/2. Call ALYSON. Also includes ALTO GOLF. Call ANNE or

COLDWELL BANKER SDC Realtors 307 Mechem Ruidoso, NM 88345. (505) 257-5111 • (800) 626-9213. EXPECT THE BEST. COUNTRY SETTING AWAITS... New, 3/2 one level stucco. Floor & accents, kiva fireplace. Room in back to build your garage/workshop or put your horse. Sierra Blanca View, top \$160,000. #96448

GARY LYDCH REALTY 616 Mechem Ruidoso, NM 88345 garylyndchrealty.com 257-4011. ALTO VILLAGE FULL GOLF MEMBERSHIP. This wonderful chalet-style 4 bedroom, 2 bath home is nicely situated in the trees. Fireplaces, large hot tub, decks and a Sierra Blanca view. \$200,000. Lot on either side also available for purchase - create your own privacy!

Bill Pippin REAL ESTATE 257-4228. THE PRICE IS RIGHT! 2 bedroom, 1 bath singlewide mobile. Nice views, fenced for animals, plenty of outside storage. Would make a great rental. \$29,000. PRICED TO SELL! 2 Bedroom, 1 bath, 1755 sq. ft. cabin with separate 1 bedroom, .75 bath apartment. Large deck in back overlooking creek, needs TLC, but has lots of potential! \$57,500.

Sales FOR SALE Rentals ALTO ALPS CONDOMINIUMS NEW CONDOMINIUMS UNDER CONSTRUCTION: Come out, check our quality construction with custom cabinets, lots of tile and many other custom features. Absolutely the best construction you can find. Come see our model home and select your own carpet and tile. Resale Condominiums • New on the market 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. New carpet, tile, paint. Has sauna and jacuzzi. Completely furnished. Top Quality Furnishings. Garage and lots of storage. \$135,000 with owner financing. (Owner/Broker)

380 HELP WANTED

OUTSIDE SALES - BELL Cellular ONE service in NM and Texas and make high commissions. Training and inventory provided. Apply @ 200 Mechem Dr. (Ruidoso), or @ 905 W. 2nd (Roswell).

PALMER DRUG ABUSE Program, a 12 step recovery program, is seeking a substance abuse counselor. Personal recovery required. Benefit package. Send resume to PDAP P.O. Box 5185, Hobbs, NM 88241.

PART-TIME FRONT desk position. Wanted reliable and flexible person to take care of our lobby a few days a month. Seniors welcome. Contact Inebuck Lodge, 601 Suddeth Dr. 257-4071

PART-TIME housekeepers. Must have experience. Apply at The Holiday Inn Express, 400 West Hwy. 70.

PART-TIME NIGHT auditor. Must be dependable and experienced. Apply in person at Ramada Limited 1420 Hwy. 70.

BANK TELLER POSITION

Are you ready for your year round employment with HEALTH AND VACATION BENEFITS? CONTACT ANDREA REED AT THE RUIDOSO CARE CENTER, 257-9071, TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS: NURSES (RN'S & LPN'S), NURSING ASSISTANTS, DIRECT CARE STAFF, HOUSEKEEPING.

TIRE OF WORKING SEASONALLY? ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR YEAR ROUND EMPLOYMENT WITH HEALTH AND VACATION BENEFITS? CONTACT ANDREA REED AT THE RUIDOSO CARE CENTER, 257-9071, TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS: NURSES (RN'S & LPN'S), NURSING ASSISTANTS, DIRECT CARE STAFF, HOUSEKEEPING.

Ruidoso Ready Labor Daily Work/Daily Pay Construction, framers, general labor, food service, housekeepers, clerical. All skill levels. Apply today! 257-7876

449 Suddeth Drive In Gateway Center

Sonic Drive-In is now accepting applications for dependable, mature, enthusiastic, friendly crew members - all shifts. Apply in person 7-10:30 a.m. at 102 Horton Circle. EOE

STAY HOME & WORK! Flexibility. \$500-\$700/mo. in your spare time. Step-by-Step System. Complete Training. Free information. www.wfnbz.com. 800-936-6222

380 HELP WANTED

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

THE LOOK SALON seeking qualified hard working people who enjoy the ambiance of a full service salon. All Positions available. Call Terry 257-7791, Tuesday-Saturday.

WANT AN OFFICE WITH all comforts of home? Work at home! Avon representative work when and where they choose. Lets talk. 885-942-4053.

WANT TO MAKE money? Are you willing to work six days a week (55-60 hrs. per week)? Our average sales person made \$50,000 plus in 2001. You must be honest, a team player and be willing to work. Contact Jack at Ruidoso Ford Lincoln Mercury, 378-4400. Only if you can handle what this advertisement says.

390 WORK WANTED

Brilliant Construction Thomas Brilliant Redwood-Decks - Remodeling Painting - New Construction Lic. 883719-258-5188 (Roswell, N.M.)

CARPENTRY, DECKS, additions, roofs, new construction. Licensed. 954-2859 or 420-1693

EXPERIENCED in carpentry, plumbing and electrical. Looking for small or large projects. Call Ed 257-1897.

GARDEN GREEN & Super Clean, yard work, hauling, light housekeeping, removal, pine needles, roof/gutters, estimates. 257-2172 or 420-5226. dangerous@zianet.com

J.F. CONSTRUCTION INC

WE RENT LATE MODEL cars, local only. No major credit card required. Village Auto Sales, 258-5067 or 910-0374.

Custom Work at Affordable Prices! KITCHENS, BATHS, METAL ROOFS, CERAMIC TILE, DECKS, ETC. TRIMLINE CONSTRUCTION 258-9186

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Construction New Homes Metal Roofs, Additions, Decks, Hemingway 20 years experience 257-4272 or 630-2715

METAL ROOFS Decks, Additions, Painting, Garages, Remodels, Carpets, Home Repairs, Free Estimates Bal-co Builders 257-6357 NM Lic 8013280

COMPLETE YARD CARE Tree removal, pruning, hauling, raking, mowing, gutters. Free estimates everyday. Referrals available. 257-5808

FUZZ BUSTERS HAULING: WILL HAUL away unwanted household items. Reasonable rates. Senior discounts. 258-5958

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420 CHILD CARE

DEPENDABLE AND loving babysitter or elderly care in your home. Days, nights, weekends, anytime. References available. Own car 258-1138, 491-5146

400 SERVICES

HOMECARE OR house-keeping. References available. 20 years experience. For more information call 257-3538

LET ME LIST YOUR home. Call me today! Century 21, Aspen Real Estate, Georgia Underwood, 257-8057.

METAL ROOFS JOHN LYNN ROOFING

SEASONED FIREWOOD - Juniper, cedar, pinon. Pick-up only. Also, seasoned Juniper, cedar, pinon, downed wood available to cut. Preston Stone 354-2356.

SEASONED PINON AND Pine mix. \$135 cord picked up, half cord, \$75. Delivery \$50 and \$35 respectively. (No carrying) 336-4524

SPLIT PINE FIREWOOD, \$95-cord. El Molino Sawmill, 336-1237.

490 PERSONALS

FREE PREGNANCY test. Caring and confidential assistance. 258-1800

600 LEGALS

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Para mas informacion, favor de llamar a Leann Wehbrecht, Escribana de la Municipalidad 257-1.

Leann Wehbrecht, Escribana de la Municipalidad 3893 2T(1)9, 18

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FIREWOOD: Seasoned, split. Various types, lengths and amounts. Delivered and stacked. Also Chimney Sweep service. Free Estimate. 257-5808

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LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-01-255-Div. III CONSECO FINANCE SERVICING CORP. Plaintiff,

vs. BRANN, HYER, HOLLINBERG & ARTELY CALVIN HYER, JR. P.O. BOX 1807 Albuquerque, NM 87103 (505)243-3525

Witness the Honorable Jerry H. Ritter, Jr. Lincoln County District Court Judge, and the seal of the Lincoln County District Court, this 1-4, 2002.

JAN PERRY CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Elizabeth Yeast, Deputy Clerk 3899 4T(1)11, 18, 25, (2)1

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3906 2T(1)16, 18

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NO. PB-01-45 DIV. III

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VICKI TERRELL BURDINE, DECEASED

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Dated 12/28/01

Timothy L. Terrell 8 Flowergate Circle Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

Dated 01/01/02

Trae Terrell Diede 1249 Watson Avenue Costa Mesa, CA 92626

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DOTTON BLEDSOE, TIGHE & DAWSON, P.C. P.O. Box 2776 Midland, Texas 79702-2776 (915)684-5782 (915)685-5782 (fax)

3912 2T(1)18, 25

LEGAL NOTICE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

TABATHA RUE a single person,

vs. ALFRED and STELLA BACA, husband and wife, DOROTHY SKARDA, JASON PARNELL, KITTY SALAS CANDELARIA HOPE SALAS, and DION SALAS,

GROUP I DEFENDANTS; and

DOE I-10, GROUP II DEFENDANTS,

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: Group II Defendants, The known and unknown Heirs of Celedonio T. Salas, deceased and Jacob Alexander Salas, Jr., deceased

Notice is hereby given to Group II Defendants, and each of them, that Tabatha Rue has filed a petition to Quiet Title and to obtain a prescriptive easement to lands located in the NE 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 14, Township 11 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, out of the Pedro Salas y Nunez Tract, more particularly described in said Complaint.

The attorney for Plaintiff is The Dutton Firm, Ltd., 1095 Mechem Drive #229, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88348 (505) 258-2323.

If you do not file an answer or other responsive pleading within twenty (20) days from the last date of publication of this Notice, Plaintiff will request the court to grant her the relief sought in the complaint.

WITNESS MY HANDS AND SEAL OF THE DISTRICT COURT of Lincoln County, New Mexico on the 10th day of October, 2001.

Jan Perry District Court Clerk Elizabeth Yeast By: Deputy

3907 4T(1) 18, 25, (2) 1, 8

LEGAL NOTICE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO DOWNS

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the Village of Ruidoso Downs has adopted Ordinance 94-05 ENTITLED "DRUG/ALCOHOL REPEALING ORDINANCE 94-05 ENTITLED "AMENDMENT TO GRIEVANCE POLICY REPEALING ORDINANCE 97-02 ENTITLED "SEXUAL HARASSMENT"

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 3 ENTITLED "POLICIES ARTICLES 1-12 OF THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO DOWNS MUNICIPAL CODE BOOK REPEALING ORDINANCE 94-05 ENTITLED "DRUG/ALCOHOL REPEALING ORDINANCE 94-05 ENTITLED "AMENDMENT TO GRIEVANCE POLICY REPEALING ORDINANCE 97-02 ENTITLED "SEXUAL HARASSMENT"

Copies of Ordinance 2002-01 are on file in the office of the Village Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Village of Ruidoso Downs this 15th day of January 2002.

Carol Virden, Village Clerk

3909 4T(1)18, 25 (2)1, 8

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN

STATE BANKING BANK, A Texas banking corporation, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO RUIDOSO STATE BANK,

Plaintiff,

vs. MONROY R. CHAVEZ and JOANNE CHAVEZ,

Defendants.

NOTICE FOR FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 13, 2002 at 9:00 A.M., at the front entrance to the Village of Ruidoso Municipal Building located at 313 Great Meadows Drive in Ruidoso, New Mexico, the undersigned Special Master will offer at public sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described real property:

Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Block 1 of Palo Verde, Unit 1, Lincoln County, New Mexico as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Public Records of Lincoln County, New Mexico on December 28, 1944;

and

The E1/2 of the alley way lying between Lots 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, Block 1, Palo Verde, Unit 1, Lincoln County, New Mexico, on December 28, 1944;

The physical location of the property is 1871 W. Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico.

The Special Master's sale will be conducted pursuant to the Default Judgement,

600 LEGALS

Berly L. Hale, Mortgagee, and Aames Funding Corporation, Mortgagee, being Lot 11 of High Sites Subdivision, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico the address being 103 Montague Court, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Be advised that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before February 28, 2002, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Name and address of Plaintiff's Attorney:

BRANN, HYER, HOLLINBERG & ARTELY CALVIN HYER, JR. P.O. BOX 1807 Albuquerque, NM 87103 (505)243-3525

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600 LEGALS
 Decree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered by the Court on January 7, 2001, an action for foreclosure of Mortgage. Plaintiff Judgment directed foreclosure of the real property to satisfy the following judgment liens:
 Appropriate principal as of 2/13/02 \$219,001.85
 Accrued interest 2/13/02 \$22,918.13
 Costs of suit \$430.94
 Attorney fees \$5,286.48
 Special Master's fee \$200.00
 \$247,237.40
 In addition to the judgment liens noted above, there will be accruing interest and costs, including costs of publication of this notice.
 The Special Master may continue the date of sale by appearing at the time designated in this notice and announcing the postponement to another specific date.
 WITNESS my hand on January 10, 2001.
 /s/ Bobbi Shearer
 Special Master
 /s/ Lee Griffin
 LEGAL SERVICES INC., P.C.
 1096 Mechem Drive, Suite 102
 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 3910 4T(1) 18, 25 (2) 1, 8

600 LEGALS
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 CV-02-05, Dist. III
PATRICIA S. WHISENANT, a widow,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
GROUP I
THE ESTATE OF THELMA G. OSBORN, DECEASED, AND HER UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND ASSIGNS, AND THE ESTATE OF R. W. H. I. S. E. N. A. N. T. DECEASED, AND HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, ASSIGNS, AND
GROUP II
JOHN DOES 1 THROUGH 100 and their UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS; and
GROUP III
ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF.
 Defendants.
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT
 TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS AGAINST WHOM CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE IS HEREBY SOUGHT TO BE OBTAINED:
 The Estate of Thelma G. Osborn, Deceased, And her Unknown Heirs,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 The Plaintiff's attorney is Lee Griffin, Legal Services Inc., P.C., 1096 Mechem Drive, Suite 102, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345.
 PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you intended to contest this suit, you must respond to the Complaint on or before February 28, 2002, being 20 days from the last date of publication of this notice.
 WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court this 16th day of January, 2002.
 Jan Perry
 CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
 BY: Elizabeth Ysaal
 Deputy
 3911 4T (1) 18, 25, (2) 1, 8

600 LEGALS
 Devisee and Assigns, and The Estate of R. W. H. I. S. E. N. A. N. T. Deceased, and His Unknown Heirs, Devisees, and Assigns.
 John Does 1 Through 100 and Their Unknown Heirs, Devisees And Assigns; and
 All Unknown Claimants of Interest in This Premises Adverse to The Plaintiff.
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff has filed a Complaint to Quiet Title in the above captioned cause wherein you are named as the Defendant.
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the general object of this action is to quiet title to real property, as more particularly set forth in the Complaint on file in the above-captioned cause.
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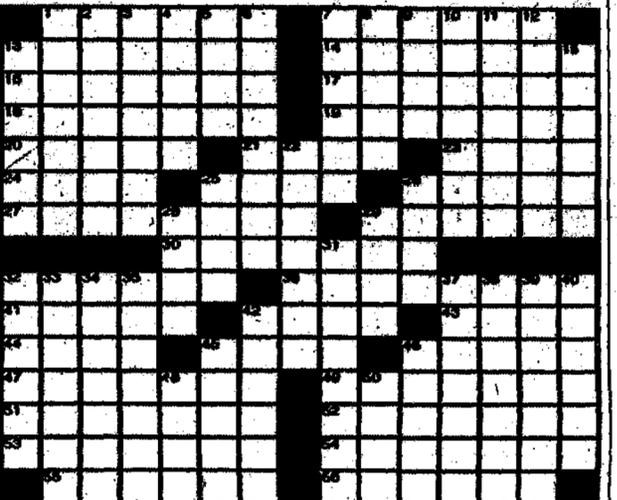
Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0302

- ACROSS**
 1 Be short with
 7 Brunch dish
 13 Servitude
 14 Inmate
 16 Using less than due deliberation
 17 Follower
 18 More frequently
 19 Gathers abundantly
 20 Shouldered
 21 Living units: Abbr.
 23 Studio sites
 24 "You lose"
 25 Doctor in "A Passage to India"
 26 Memorial marker
 27 Discussing excitedly
 28 Tertiary products
 30 Brian who wrote "The Rise and Fall of the Soviet Empire"
 32 Bantu language
 36 Bond with
 41 A year in Provence
 42 Weizman of Israel
 43 Chemical compound
 44 The opponents
 45 "Fools Die" author
 46 Made common cause (with)
 47 Certain delay
 49 Bit of salt

- 51 Like wind and water
 52 "The Ten Commandments" role
 53 Resident
 54 It may go up in an airplane
 55 "Justine" author, 1791
 56 Polite title: Abbr.
DOWN
 1 Coastal birds
 2 Air intake site
 3 Good listener?
 4 "The Liberty Tree" writer
 5 Pulitzer winner James
 6 Atrium flooring
 7 Hard rock
 8 Tragic James Fenimore Cooper character
 9 Comment after an accident
 10 Popular pizza
 11 Provincial, so to speak
 12 License
 13 Cause for inaction, maybe
 15 Strains
 22 Flair
 25 Something in the air
 26 "You betcha!"
 28 A train?
 29 Very, in Born



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

BACH DEAF SNAPS
 ELLA LINGA QUIET
 HIBTZSCHE ULTRA
 TEACUP HELLSTIN
 HBO DOSE
 NEA ISPIETZSCHE
 ORDINALS EYHAN
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 OCALA APPROVED
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 GURUS ISSMARTRE
 ALAMO TOTO STEW
 REPEL SOLT ONES

Puzzle by Manny Nassar
 31 Bit of fine calligraphy, maybe
 32 Sang
 33 Jobless
 34 Flower said to have sprung from the blood of Adonis
 35 Batman, to the Riddler
 37 Hollywood father and son combo
 38 Product enjoyer
 39 Like sandals
 40 First-born
 42 Gant, hero of "Look Homeward, Angel"
 45 Easy to drive on
 46 Emma of "Dynasty"
 48 "___ of Lambeth" (Maugham's first novel)
 50 Exceptional
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Brightening life

Ruidoso resident Marty Lane got out of the restaurant business and into ministry — and really colorful art

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

When art made a come-back in the life of Ruidoso restaurateur Marty Lane, she thought she'd get into commercial art.

But to her surprise, watercolor got into her when she went back to school at New Mexico State University-Alamogordo — and her paintings started selling. So much for commercial art.

Lane's magnified views of plant life, luscious tomatoes perspiring behind glass, highly detailed missions and old churches — all with the most intense of colors, all larger-

than-life — characterize her paintings.

She also likes to sketch and to dabble with colored pencil, and some of these pieces look like oil paintings. Working plein aire, from photos, and imagination, Lane only uses two or three colors to achieve her starkly realistic effects.

A signature member of the New Mexico Watercolor Society, she's placed five times in the last seven shows and has shown at the Northwest Arts Council Show in Farmington, twice at the All American Show at the Hubbard Museum of the American West and was chosen to represent Lincoln County at the Governor's Gallery in Santa Fe.

She's also in the Hubbard Museum's "Lincoln County Art: The New Millennium" exhibit. Her ink drawing of St. Joseph's mission in Mescalero was chosen to promote the restoration project. Her paintings were on display in August at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Her cards are for sale all over town, and now she's work-

ing on a Ruidoso-themed package of cards with pictures of some of the local favorite scenes, such as the Old Mill and Sierra Blanca.

Lane has been drawing and painting since she was a child. Winning a national contest at the age of 8 — with a depiction of Indians and teepees — catapulted her interest in art.

She studied art in school and attended college at Central Missouri State University and the Kansas City Art Institute. She was an animation artist in Kansas City for Calvin Films, and then put art on the back burner.

But she has since moved it to the front burner again, where it shares time with a ministry she and her husband, Al, have together at Christ Church in Ruidoso Downs.

"I would love to sink my teeth into it and do it 60 hours a week," she said. "To be all you can be as an artist, you've got to sacrifice your life for your art."

Lane does what she can, though, and rises at 4 a.m. every day to paint.

"I feel like it's a gift I need to exercise. I think we have gifts we need to use, and to not use that would be kind of a travesty," she said.

"I don't think it's a mistake that I'm bivocational: With the ministry, which is very demanding and high stress, I need that creative diversion and I think it really complements what I do."

For more information about her paintings or cards, call her at 336-7746.

"To be all you can be as an artist, you've got to sacrifice your life for your art."

Marty Lane
Ruidoso artist



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Lane's juicy watercolor "Tomato Medley" is larger than life — 22-by-30 inches, to be exact. Colorful and lively fantasy figures, such as "Lorenzo," below, come from her imagination.



Marty Lane paints vivid, technically difficult watercolors in her Ruidoso home.

SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Volunteers wanted to help plan kids' art program

The first planning meeting for the annual Fine Arts in Historic Lincoln summer art program for children will be at 10 a.m. Jan. 26 at the Anderson-Freeman Visitor Center in Lincoln.

The program began in 1999 with the intent to expose children to fine arts and give them an opportunity to work with local masters in music, drama and visual arts. The program provides three weeks of intensive workshops in a

specific discipline, exposing the children to the basics of the process and providing background on the history and significance of the discipline.

If you are an artist who has worked with children, a parent whose children like art or an interested community member, the museum invites you to help design this year's program. For more information, contact Elizabeth Becker at the Hubbard Museum in

Ruidoso Downs at 378-4142.

Photo exhibit

The Cornerstone Bakery & Cafe is featuring the photographs of Ben Passmore and Judith Gouth in an exhibit to run through March 15. The exhibition features a collection of color and black-and-white photographs taken during two trips to China. Passmore won a first in the 2001 Fall American Photography Competition

with a photo of a Tibetan temple. The Cornerstone Bakery, 359 Sudderth Drive, will continue to feature the work of members of the Lincoln County Photographic Society throughout the year. For more information, call 257-1842.

Young poet

Marlie Robinson, a fifth-grade student at Capitan elementary School, wrote a poem, "Thanksgiving Day," accepted for publication by

Creative Communications for an anthology, *A Celebration of Young Poets*, available later this year.

Marlie's poem was submitted by her teacher at Capitan, Tiffany Menix, along with other students for the Fall 2001 young poets poetry contest. Marlie also has a chance to receive one of several cash prizes. She follows her mother, Orallee Robinson, a freelance writer and photographer, and her older sister,

Shauna, whose short story was published in a collection in 1998.

Writers meeting

The Lincoln County Writers Association will meet Monday at 7 p.m. The group puts together meetings on the first and third Mondays each month. Those interested in writing of all genres are invited to attend. Call 258-4006 or 257-2904 for the meeting location.

No truth to those Penelope-Dave romance rumors

Before all these rumors and innuendos get out of hand, I want to set the record straight regarding me and Penelope Cruz.

In case you have not heard, Penelope and I recently were both on the "Today" show on exactly the same day. As I am sure you are aware, Penelope is a top female star who has been romantically linked to Tom Cruise. Prior to that, she was romantically linked to Matt Damon and Nicolas Cage. Penelope is just one of those female celebrities who are natural linkers. Whenever she gets into a confined space with a male celebrity, boom, they become linked, and nothing can separate them, until another male celebrity comes within range.

So as you can imagine, the "Today" show created a potentially torrid situation when it booked both me and Penelope to appear on the show only minutes apart. She was there to promote her latest movie, by

being glamorous and charming; I was there to promote my latest book by making flatulence noises with my hands. You could have cut the sexual tension with a meat cleaver.

But let me make this very clear: Penelope and I did not experience any kind of linkage. For one thing, we are both very happy in our current relationships. For another thing, we did not, technically, meet. Yes, there was a brief, tension-charged moment when I glimpsed a dark object that I have reason to believe was the back of Penelope's head. I can't say for sure, because Penelope was surrounded by an entourage the size of my high school graduating class. But that is all that happened. So I am calling upon the international news media to stop spreading these vicious rumors, which can only cause pain to me, and Penelope, and Tom, and their respective entourages. We have all suffered enough.

Now that I've cleared that up, you probably want to hear about the other celebrities I met that morning, and what they were like in person. Probably the biggest name was the late George Harrison of the Beatles, whose sister, Louise, was on the show. I rode in the elevator with her, in person, and although we did not speak, she seemed very nice.

Also on the show was Julia Roberts, but she had been videotaped earlier, so I can't tell you what she was like in person. I can tell you that, on the videotape, which I watched in person, she seemed to be not at all "stuck-up," and very easy for Katie Couric to talk to. In person, Katie Couric — and you may quote me on this — is very nice.

I personally shook hands with Al Roker, the jovial and portly NBC weatherperson. I would imagine that, at one time or another in his career, Al has shaken hands with many top celebrities, including Brad Pitt, the Backstreet Boys, Britney

Spears, Donald Rumsfeld and "J. Lo," although none of them were there on this particular morning. Nevertheless, in person, Al was every bit as jovial and portly as you would hope.

One little celebrity "tidbit" that I can pass along — and I know this is true, because she looked me right in the eye and told me so herself — is that Claudia Kaneb, the wardrobe person at the "Today" show, who personally removed the dandruff flakes from my sport jacket, has also, in her career, worked on sport jackets belonging to Mr. Geraldo Rivera. I asked Claudia what they were like, in person, and she told me that they were — and this is a direct quote — "very nice jackets."

I was interviewed by Bob Costas, who was filling in for Matt Lauer, who was on vacation at an undisclosed location, which I am sure is very nice. While we were off-camera, Bob brought up a column I wrote about baseball several months

ago in which I mentioned Bob's name in connection with the song "Who Let the Dogs Out," by the Baha Men. Bob stressed to me that he has nothing to do with that song. So let me state for the record: *Bob Costas is not now, nor has he ever been, one of the Baha Men.* Although I am sure they are nice.

After I got off the air, I called my wife to ask her how I did on national television. My wife did not want to talk about that. All she wanted to talk about was whether I thought Penelope Cruz is as beautiful as everybody else seems to think she is. I assured her that, from what I could tell, Penelope, in person, is a woofing dog. I try to be nice, but I am not a total idiot.

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DAVE'S WORLD
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The wild history of entertainment at the Oriental

In an early scene in the film "Tombstone," Kurt Russell, playing one of the more historically inaccurate Wyatt Earps that Hollywood has given us, enters the Oriental Saloon in Tombstone. He believes up to the bar and strikes up a conversation with the bartender, who also turns out to be the owner, Milt Joyce.

When "Wyatt" inquires as to the lack of business the place seems to be experiencing, Joyce explains it is because of a gambler sitting at the other side of the room named Johnny Tyler. Johnny, it seems, has been hollering and intimidating nearly everyone who enters the place, and essentially, running off any potential business.



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Finally, "Wyatt" walks over, bluffs Tyler, slaps him around a bit and then, taking Tyler by the ear, "Wyatt" tosses him into the street.

As is usually the case with Hollywood, they get a number of important things wrong and a whole lot of insignificant things right.

The beginning

Dick Clark, Lou Rickabaugh and Bill Harris were well-known high rollers all over the frontier, and when Milt Joyce opened his Oriental Saloon in booming Tombstone, the trio headed for southeastern Arizona. By the time the Oriental opened in 1880, the three gamblers had already made arrangements with Joyce to lease the gambling rooms in the saloon. And what a saloon it was! According to the Tombstone Epitaph, "The saloon comprises two apartments. To the right of the main entrance is

the bar, beautifully carved, finished in white gilt and capped with a handsomely polished top. In the rear of this stand a brace of sideboards which are simply elegant and must be seen to be appreciated. They were made for the Baldwin Hotel of San Francisco, but being too small, Mr. Joyce purchased them. The back apartment is covered with a brilliant body Brussels carpet, and suitably furnished after the style of a grand clubroom with conveniences for the wily dealers in polished ivory. The selection of the furniture and fixtures displays an exquisite taste, and nothing seems to have been forgotten - even to a handsome stock of stationery. Tombstone takes the lead and Messrs. Joyce & Co., our congratulations."

Clearly this was no dusty and dirty saloon like we tend to see in the movies and TV. And, as things worked out, its opulence was the cause of one of its first problems. Because the Oriental was such a classy place and because most gamblers - and everyone else - flocked to it when its doors were opened, it instantly gained the enmity of every other saloon and gambler in town. "Messrs. Joyce & Co." should have seen this coming. Did they think that their competition would just sit idly by and watch all of their business be taken away? If they did, they were sadly mistaken.

Enter Johnny Tyler

Johnny Tyler really was, in both the film and real life, a bully and local thug who was available for just about any dirty deed as long as he himself was not put at risk. He

was the type of character that most frontier towns seemed to have in abundance and for the most part, they tended to wind up dangling from some local tree, or other appropriately elevated place.

When the owners of the other gambling establishments in Tombstone began tasing about for someone to make trouble at the Oriental, they quite naturally came up with the name of Johnny Tyler. Apparently, Tyler and other thugs that he had gathered about him figured that if they made enough trouble in the Oriental, Joyce and his partners would either pay them protection money or possibly even offer them a percentage of the gambling.

Tyler, like most bullies, tended to assume that he was the "biggest and baddest" around. It was an assumption that would prove to be a mistake. It was, after all, Tombstone in the year 1880.

Lou Rickabaugh, Bill Harris and Dick Clark, seasoned frontier gamblers that they were, were not about to stand for the likes of tinhorn Johnny Tyler running roughshod over them. These three had a friend, a fellow gambler from Dodge City, who had also recently arrived in Tombstone. However, unlike Rickabaugh, Clark and Harris, this man had been a policeman in some of the toughest towns on the frontier and he was more than qualified to deal with Tyler. His

name was Wyatt Earp.

The deal

The three gamblers offered Wyatt a percentage of the gambling concession (many have mistakenly assumed he owned part of the saloon, but it was only the gambling concession) and in return, Wyatt would exercise his skills as dealer, guard and most significantly, as a bouncer.

And the fact is that dealing with Johnny Tyler was no strain at all for Wyatt Earp, who had routinely dealt with far tougher and more dangerous men in the past.

Tyler was not unaware of



Doc Holliday was just part of the Oriental's colorful history.

the fact that Earp had been hired, but he vastly underestimated the man. Gathering his fellow thugs around him in the Oriental, Johnny Tyler convinced himself that no one would dare oppose him. All of his friends agreed with him, too. Right up until the moment that Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday strolled into the Oriental...

OK. Here, I would like to pause and point out the things that were actually right about the scene in the film "Tombstone." Mostly, what was right was the Oriental itself. Much as I might be inclined to complain about Kurt Russell's odious performance as Wyatt Earp (Dana Delany was wonderful as Josephine, though!), I feel obliged to point out that the saloon that Russell walks into is a nearly exact duplicate of the original. And you know what? Wyatt really did take Johnny by the ear and physi-

cally eject him from the place.

And where, you may well be asking, were Johnny's friends when Wyatt was dealing so unceremoniously with their leader? Well, that's where Doc Holliday entered the picture. Doc never actually drew his pistol. He just tapped his fingers on it's grip and smiled at Tyler's compatriots, none of whom were overly anxious to test the veracity of Doc's killer

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GOMBER: Oriental witnessed its share of violence, characters and Old West history

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reputation. "Still running, Johnny?"

Johnny Tyler, again like so many other bullies, seems to have suffered from an overabundance of ego and pride. Not willing to merely take his medicine and let it go at that, he decided that the situation needed to become terminal and went in search of a firearm. Finding a pistol down the street, Johnny, shaking with anger over his public humiliation at the hands of Earp and Holliday, stormed back into the Oriental. Wyatt was further down the bar, but Doc Holliday was standing right near the door, and when Johnny came in, Doc, still smiling, confronted him. Having Doc suddenly appear in his face took some of the wind out of Johnny's sails, but not all. After a moment's pause, he invited the "Deadly Dentist" out into the street to settle the matter once and for all.

Big mistake. Doc saw no need to go all the way outside. The smile suddenly vanishing from his face, he rushed right up to Tyler so that they were only inches apart. Doc suggested that, instead of stepping outside, they shoot it out right then and there. At this point,

whatever gumption Johnny may have possessed abandoned him completely. As he turned and ran out the doors of the Oriental, Doc laughed and called out "Still running, Johnny?"

And from that moment on, every time Johnny Tyler would appear on the street, someone would call out "Still running, Johnny?" and all present would dissolve in laughter. In the end, Johnny Tyler was, quite literally, laughed out of town.

Epilogue

Some years later, in Colorado, Johnny and Doc would meet again and Johnny would hire another local thug to go after Doc. All this thug got for his trouble was a bullet in the arm in what would turn out to be Doc Holliday's final gunfight before consumption, as it was known then, or tuberculosis, as it is known now, got the better of him.

And the Oriental? It continued on as one of the West's premier saloons and gambling emporiums. But the violence that would occur in its confines was far from over. In 1881, Luke Short and Charlie Storms, two gamblers who had, at one time, been friends, stepped outside of the Oriental to settle an argument. In a matter of moments, Short stepped out of the cloud of gunsmoke in front of the Oriental

and back inside to continue gambling. Charlie Storms lay dead outside.

Buckskin Frank Leslie, one of Tombstone's more dangerous gunmen, was the most famous bartender to work the place, telling tall tales and jokes to the customers, most of whom were quite fond of him. Most, but not all. Billy Claiborne, a small-time criminal associated with the "cowboy" faction in Tombstone, had been smart enough to depart the O.K. Corral at a velocity approaching light speed when the guns began to roar on Oct. 26, 1881. But he was, apparently, not quite bright enough not to pick a fight with Buckskin Frank.

One sunny day in 1882, Claiborne was drunkenly ejected from the Oriental by Leslie, (who actually had powers of arrest inside the Oriental itself) and instead of just going home, went for a rifle. When he returned, he stood about 10 feet out into

Allen Street challenging Buckskin Frank to come out and fight. Finally, Leslie stepped out the side door of the Oriental, still wearing his bartender's apron, called out "Oh Billy!" and when Claiborne turned, Frank shot him very dead. Leslie never even took the cigarette out of his mouth during the encounter.

The stories go on and on. Today, when you walk into the Oriental, you have to look closely to recognize the bar underneath the mountain of gifts and souvenirs, but it's still there. With a little imagination, you can almost see Buckskin Frank wiping it down and Wyatt Earp leaning against the wall in the back, watching the play. It was a wild place, but actually, it was all typical for Old Tombstone.

Sources: Files of the Tombstone Epitaph; Wyatt Earp, the Life Behind the Legend and Aristocracy's Outlaw by Sylvia Lynch.

THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

A Beautiful Mind

Drama, 2 hrs. 25 min. Rated PG-13 for intense thematic material, sexual content and a scene of violence. From the heights of notoriety to the depths of depravity, John Forbes Nash Jr. experiences it all. A mathematical genius, he made an astonishing discovery early in his career and stood on the brink of international acclaim. But the handsome and arrogant Nash soon found himself on a painful and harrowing journey of self-discovery. After many years of struggle, he eventually triumphed over this tragedy, and finally, late in life, received the Nobel Prize. Starring: Russell Crowe, Ed Harris, Jennifer Connelly, Adam Goldberg, Paul Bettany. Directed by: Ron Howard. Produced by: Brian Grazer, Ron Howard. Written by: Akiva Goldsman, Sylvia Nasar. Showtimes: 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:20 p.m. *Friday through Sunday only

Kate & Leopold

Romance and Comedy, 2 hrs. 11 min. Rated PG-13 for brief strong language. Kate McKay (Meg Ryan) is a modern-day executive, a 21st century woman driven to succeed in the corporate world. Leopold (Hugh Jackman), the Third Duke of Albany, is a charming bachelor in the 19th century. Each has grown weary of waiting for love. But when a dramatic twist of fate lands Leopold in present-day New York, they must confront the prospect of a love affair 100

years in the making. Starring: Meg Ryan, Hugh Jackman, Liev Schreiber, Bradley Whitford, Natasha Lyonne. Directed by: James Mangold. Produced by: Cathy Konrad. Written by: Steven Rogers, Carrie Fisher, James Mangold. Showtimes: 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m. *Friday through Sunday only

Black Hawk Down

Drama and Action/Adventure, 2 hrs. 40 min. Rated R for intense, realistic, graphic war violence, and for language. *Black Hawk Down* is director Ridley Scott's adaptation of the true war story as told in Mark Bowden's novel of the same title. The film takes place in 1993 when the U.S. sent special forces into Somalia to destabilize the government and bring food and humanitarian aid to the starving population. Using Black Hawk helicopters to lower the soldiers onto the ground, an unexpected attack by Somali forces brings two of the helicopters down immediately. From there, the U.S. soldiers must struggle to regain their balance while enduring heavy gunfire. Starring: Josh Hartnett, Tom Sizemore, Ewan McGregor, Sam Shepard, William B. Dyer. Directed by: Ridley Scott. Produced by: Jerry Bruckheimer, Ridley Scott. Written by: Ken Nolan. Showtimes: 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9:15 p.m. *Friday through Sunday only

PUBLIC NOTICE & NEWSPAPERS

Protect Your Right To Know The Actions of Your Government

How important are public notices in newspapers?

As your newspaper looks to the future and toward continuing to provide the essential information that local citizens need in a timely fashion, it is appropriate to review the concept of Public Notice in newspapers. This concept is based on two fundamental principles:

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- Second, a Democracy is a system of checks and balances in which it is inappropriate to rely on the government to be the exclusive printer, repository and gatekeeper of information.

Government has a duty to make information accessible to the entire community in a place where the Public seeks and expects to find community news. Independent publication of Public Notice is essential to maintain the trust of the people.

A newspaper is a historical record that cannot be altered, is absolutely secure, and provides information that is essential to an informed citizenry. Newspapers, therefore, are the best and only way of ensuring an informed Public and to help guarantee government conducts its business openly.

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| 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. | CHRISTIAN Crosspoint Christian Fellowship A Christ Centered Church Ruidoso Senior Center, 701 Sudderth Drive, 258-1692. Steve Kravitz, Pastor. Pre-service prayer: 9 a.m.; Sunday worship service: 10 a.m.; Children's Church 10:30 a.m. Small group meetings, including youth group, at various times and locations. | Church of Jesus Christ LDS Ruidoso Branch, North on Hwy 48, between Ruidoso and Capitan, Joe Magill, 336-4359. Sunday schedule: Sacrament starts at 10 a.m.; Sunday School: Friendship and Relief Society. Church of Jesus Christ LDS Mesalero Branch, 671-4630. Wray Schildkreier, President, 671-9906. Sunday: Sacrament meeting 10 a.m.; Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m.; Friendship Relief Soc. & Young Women, 12:10 a.m. | METHODIST United Methodist Church Parish Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846. Carrizozo. Johanna Anderson, pastor. Sunday school: 10:00 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11:00 a.m. Choir Practice: Tues. 6:30 p.m.; United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wed. 1:00 pm; Fellowship Dinner 4th Sun. of month 12:30 pm. |

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| FIRST ASSEMBLY of God El Paso Road, Ruidoso. Rev. Bill Lenard, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday morning worship: 10:45 a.m. (includes children's church); Sunday evening prayer: 6 p.m.; Wed. family night: 7 p.m. | EPISCOPAL 121 Mesalero Trail, Ruidoso. Father John W. Penn. Rector. Sunday Eucharist: 8 & 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Daughters of King; noon Eucharist & healing; 5:30 p.m.; Choir practice: 7 p.m. Episcopal Chapel of San Juan Lincoln. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.; St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel Mesalero. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9 a.m. | SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST Ruidoso Seventh Day Adventist 257 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4161. Pastor Earl Robertson 505-439-0760. Pastor Wilbur Morrow 622-1206. Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m.; Church service: 11 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m. | NON-DENOMINATIONAL Abundant Life Family Church 2810 Sudderth Drive, Suite 210, 257-1188. Mark Gentry, pastor. Sunday worship 8:30 a.m. Thursday Bible study 7 p.m. |
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HOME & FAMILY



Barbara Morgan runs a business, Ruidoso Store, but still finds time to volunteer, working with children as a Court-Appointed Special Advocate, the only one in Lincoln County.

SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

An advocate for children, with love

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

To drive a car, a person needs to learn, practice, take written and driving tests and be licensed, yet vehicular accidents are common. To be a parent, there are no requirements and no licenses, and — for the children involved — no guarantees.

More than 23,000 calls were made to the Children, Youth and Families Department in New Mexico in 1999 about the abuse and neglect of children, and many of these children wind up in three foster placements and have three social workers in their first year in "the system."

Their parents have attorneys to help them through the process, and the children have attorneys appointed by the courts to represent their legal interests, but these aren't enough for a child undergoing family disruptions.

This is where volunteers from the community come in, "Court Appointed Special Advocates" who investigate all areas of children's lives, including how they're doing in school, if there are gaps in treatment programs mandated by the social workers, what their home life is like.

These volunteers are appointed by the courts to be the "eyes and ears of the judge, and to meet with the child and other parties involved and to report to the court what the volunteer feels is in the best interests of the child," said Joe Chambers, chairman of the Otero and Lincoln County CASA advisory board.

CASA volunteers go to the schools and meet with teachers, visit the therapists of the parents or the children and recommend changes if they feel it would be better for the child, talk to the children and play with them.

Barbara Morgan of Ruidoso has been a CASA for children involved in custody cases since 1998 — an often heart-breaking process, but one that can be equally rewarding when things go well. She has considerable contact with parents, too, sometimes picking them up to take them to AA meetings or therapy, but her major focus is how to make the tangled custody process smoother and less disturbing for the children involved.

"Children need someone to make it less scary for them when court proceedings con-

"I'm sitting here with six cases that don't have (advocates) because I just don't have anybody."

Alyce Gabel
Otero-Lincoln CASA director

cern them," she said. "My grandchildren are as much responsible for me doing this as anybody. I think, 'What if it was them going through this.' I would want someone to be on their side. That's what is so frustrating to kids: It feels like everybody gets to speak their peace except them."

Morgan was one of three Ruidosans who took the training course three years ago. The other two have moved away, and now Morgan works alone from Lincoln County. Alyce Gabel, executive director of Otero and Lincoln County CASA Inc., supervises 21 volunteers who speak up for the more than 120 children in 80-plus abuse and neglect, domestic relations, domestic violence and juvenile cases.

She often drives from Alamogordo to cover cases in Lincoln County.

"We need volunteers and board members from Lincoln County," Gabel said. "I'm sitting here with six cases that don't have CASAs because I just don't have anybody. They still have the caseworkers and the Guardian ad Litem (child's lawyer, appointed by the courts), but as far as having someone that is there just for them, they don't right now."

CASA has recently been added to the list of work stations for RSVP, the volunteer program at the Ruidoso Senior Center coordinated by Charlotte Seitz.

"This is an area RSVP likes to get involved with because we like working with families and with children. We try to fill in the gaps with the agencies that need help. We're always looking for additional help," Seitz said.

Morgan said she talks to the children to see what they think and gathers information from all the sources relevant to their lives, always in search of what's in the best interests of the child. In the case of infants, she said, she has to make a judgment.

"Sometimes what they want isn't in their best interest," Morgan said. "Especially

when they get older, they want the things that may not be the best for them — like someone who doesn't make any rules to follow."

In the beginning, a case takes between three and four hours a week on average, she said, as she follows the child through the lengthy and complicated labyrinth of the court system. She goes into the home to see the family, and she will talk to the foster parents, teachers and counselors.

"It's really a sensitive situation when they're first taken out of the home," she said. "No matter what Mom and Dad have done, they're Mom and Dad and they love them still and want to go home."

In the beginning of a case, she said, "I tell them I'm their court-appointed advocate and I'm here to find out what they need, what they want. Then I'll pass them on to someone who can fulfill their needs or let the judge know what they want."

"Sometimes I feel like a grandparent to everybody. The young ones will just run up and grab you by the legs and hug you. With the older ones, it takes a little more time. Sometimes the children aren't ready to get close to anyone outside their family; they don't want to take the risk. They don't know how long I'm going to be involved with them."

The hardest part for Morgan is dealing with parents who aren't equipped to be parents. Some of them go through parenting courses and drug and alcohol treatment programs. Drugs and alcohol are common problems bringing many of the children into the court system, she said.

Volunteers are needed from Lincoln County. Gabel said she would hold the training here if just three volunteer. For more information, contact her at 443-1086.

It's not all painful work and there is a kind of compensation, or, in Morgan's words, "winning the lottery."

One of the families she's worked with for a year and a half has recently been reunited. She now sees them around town and they don't have to answer to the Children, Youth and Families Department anymore.

"The biggest payoff is when the children and parents work out their problems and the family is kept whole...seeing the children in an atmosphere where they can be children, where they can grow...to see them just being happy, laughing children."

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

JAN. 18, 1951

Tinnie news, by Alma Rogers

Carrizozo isn't the only place the wind blows; the way the wind is now blowing down here, we don't know if we'll have any soil left to do our gardening. Nevertheless, with all the wind blowing and all, we think we have a community hard to beat, climate and all.

If all these ice-melting cities want to find a real climate, they should come to the Hondo Valley, because we know what we've got without any contest or alibi.

JAN. 19, 1961

Seven jailed for local thefts

Seven members of a Walker Air Force Base burglary gang awaiting arraignments were transferred to Carrizozo Thursday night last week.

Lincoln County Sheriff Glen Bradley, deputy Albert Richardson and Ruidoso Chief of Police J.P. Bobo left Roswell with the men about 8 p.m. Thursday...

Five other members pleaded guilty before Justice of the Peace J. C. Jones in Roswell Thursday.

JAN. 21, 1971

Judge won't seek reelection

Ruidoso Municipal Judge Austin A. Pritchett Wednesday announced that he will not seek re-election to the municipal judgeship in the March 7 Ruidoso municipal election.

... The highly respected judge is completing his third consecutive term as municipal judge for Ruidoso. He was elected first in July, 1966, on a write-in campaign that reportedly was one of the largest and most successful in the municipality's history.

JAN. 21, 1981

Puckett heads Bonito department

Howard Puckett was elected chief of the Bonito Volunteer Fire Department at the department's Jan. 11 meeting.

Serving with Puckett for the coming year are Mark Mulholland as assistant chief, Rudy Luker as captain, Don Rash as treasurer and Yvonne Lanelli as secretary. C.R. Patterson was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors.

JAN. 23, 1991

No quick profit in recycling

Recycling may be the wave of the future, but it will be a long while before it will be profitable in a small community like Lincoln County.

That was the assessment of Dave Warren, who's with the Infrastructure Development Assistance Program of the University of New Mexico.

Last week, while members of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority were trying to recruit Otero County into a regional landfill, Otero officials were attempting to interest Lincoln in a \$7 million recycling system.

"We went down looking for a landfill partner and they gave us this to look at," said authority chairman Victor Alonso, who also is mayor of Ruidoso.

Have you ever wondered where those special days come from?



Art, Craft and Such

Practical, Creative Ways to Include Fun in Every Day Living
By Polly E. Chavez

Historic anniversaries and religious holidays are some of many dates recognized. Birthdays of important political figures, authors, celebrities of the film industry and others are remembered. Have you ever wondered how special days, weeks, and months get designated?

The president, congress, sponsoring organizations, and just individuals are active in seeing that special dates are observed.

Monday, Jan. 21, is the birth anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr., civil rights leader, minister and advocate of non-violence. This will be as good a day as any, to contemplate a few observances in January.

January includes National Clean-Up-Your-Desk Day, to provide a day early in the year for every desk

worker to see the top of the desk. (Ditto for the desk at home.)

In January there is a National Thank God It's Monday! Day. Besides Monday holidays, people somewhere start new jobs, live people have birthdays, celebrate promotions and begin vacations on this first weekday.

An event created by newspaperman Harold Pullman Coffin and first observed in January 1973 is National Nothing Day, to provide Americans with one national day when they can just sit without celebrating, observing or honoring anything. (Best observed on your day off or you may soon be looking for a new job.)

Check out the following, among hundreds, of events that were

observed just in the first half of January:

- Betsy Ross's birth was on Jan. 1, 1752. Her sewing and making of flags were well known. According to legend, needle worker Betsy, created the first stars-and-stripes flag in 1775.

- Universal Letter-Writing Week was held recently. The purpose of this week was for people to begin the New Year with a good start by sending letters and cards to friends and acquaintances. I challenge you to lay off that e-mail, take a pen and paper and write a letter.

- National Handwriting Day is this month. It is observed on the

birthday of John Hancock to encourage more legible handwriting. Back to the computer.

- International Printing Week was observed this month to develop public awareness of the printing and graphic arts industry. (If people in this field had taken the week off, you would not be reading this newspaper.)

- Trivia Day was held early in the month in celebration of those who know all sorts of facts and/or have doctorates in uselessology.

The writer is a Carrizozo artist and teacher who frequently has contributed articles to the Ruidoso News.



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YOUNG HEIGHTS



GRAVES • \$450,000
116 Grove Dr.

Everything about this home is truly on a grand scale! Very well appointed floorplan includes 4 bdrms/4 baths. Private electric entry gate with remote leads you into a 2-car carport and RV port w/hook-ups. Nice large deck for fun entertaining, gazebo, and opens to 2.08 (+/-) acres. Enter into large, sunny kitchen and breakfast area then right into spacious living room w/fireplace. Step out into the sunroom for casual visits or into formal dining room on special occasions. All bedrooms are like a master bedroom but one has a fireplace so you choose. Owner has maintained the quality and integrity of this fine home, please come see!

NORTH HEIGHTS PARK



JOHNSON • \$229,900
105 Scenic Dr.

4 bdrm, 3 bath, 2 fireplaces - awesome Sierra Blanca view. Paved driveway, 2 car garage. Sunny deck to enjoy the view. Motivated! Lease/Purchase Possible!

SHANGRI LA



BANKSTON • \$189,500
#2 Shangri La Dr.

Pretty setting on 6.50 acres +/- This 1987 sq.ft. home has an unfinished 1st floor of 1369 sq.ft. Could be finished for additional living space. Fenced yard, horses allowed with multiple riding trails nearby. Adjacent to National Forest.

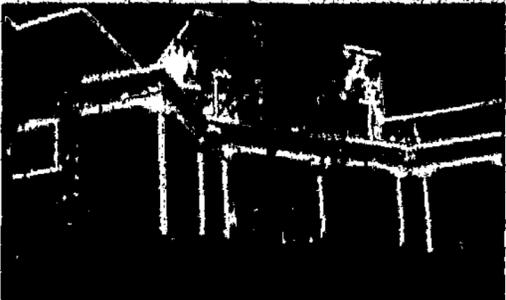
MIDDLE CEDAR CREEK



CLEAR • \$129,500
102 Musket Ct.

Tucked away in the pines this home sits atop its own little mountain. It's cute as can be with very functional floorplan. Nice living room w/fireplace that opens out to covered concrete slab for BBQ. Roomy 2 bedroom with 2 baths plus sleeping loft. Cabin style with skylights and lots of windows plus much wood accents throughout. Situated on nice wooded lot and has gravel drive. Exciting possibilities for permanent home or weekend retreat!

RANCHES OF SONTERRA



GERRON • \$585,000
61 Sandesta Dr.

Acreage on the creek! Absolutely beautiful Southwest Stucco home with acreage on Bonito Creek. Approx. 5.17 acres and 3326 +/- sq.ft. home built in 1998. 4 bedrooms, 1 full bath and two 3/4 baths. Family room with 18ft. ceiling and large, inviting fireplace. Great patio for outdoor entertaining, formal dining area and nice open kitchen concept for family gatherings. Truly outstanding home.

NORTH CEDAR CREEK



DURAN • \$229,500
N. Cedar Creek Rd.

3 bdrm/2 bath, 2 car garage. All one level cactus pine siding, long covered porch with great views. Home is on 1.25 acres, fairly secluded. 3 years old - Owner builder. Outstanding workshop area. Private park!

RANCHO RUIDOSO ESTATES



GRAHAM • \$439,500
Little Creek Road

Dream of a Dream Ranch Home! So much to offer, check this out... 3310 sq.ft., 4 bdrm 2 1/2 baths, exquisite details - wire brushed cedar walls, 2 flagstone fireplaces, gracious entryway, elegant living room with flagstone columns. Fantastic views of Sierra Blanca, new sunroom with spa! Barn is 2200 sq.ft. and property is on 5.64 acres +/- . Extensive list of features, call us today!

HIGH MESA SUBDIVISION



NUNN • \$209,900
336 El Camino

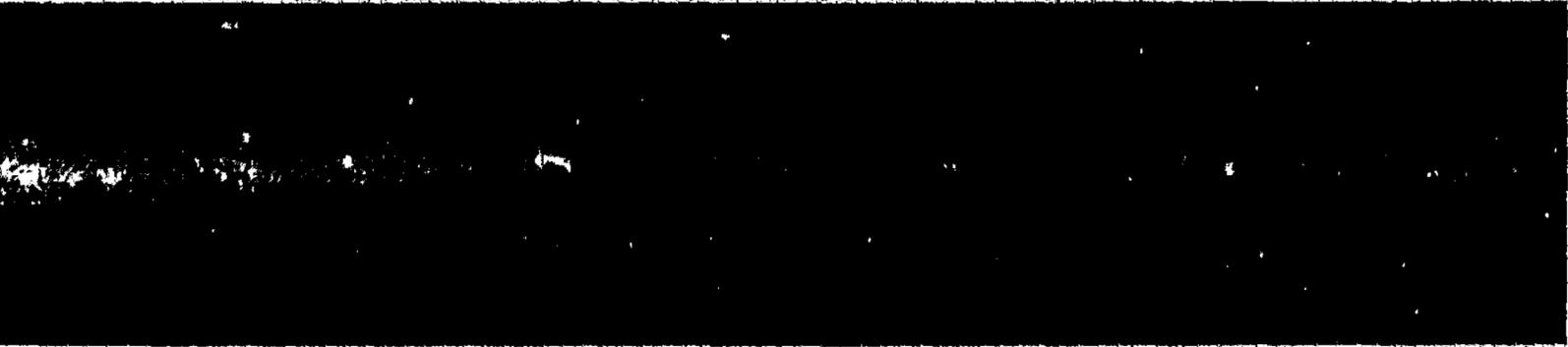
Cozy mountain chalet in Alto! 3 bdrm/2 bath, includes full golf membership. Walk into the spacious master bedroom w/private deck. Wrap around deck off living area and huge wooded valley views! Very peaceful and good for the soul! Call Angela Moebus for more details: Alto office 336-4248 or cell 420-5327.

SHAUNA DOWNS ESTATES



BLANK • \$395,000
Silver Star Lane

Large rustic home mountain home, 4 bdrm/2 3/4 bath, cactus pine ceiling, fir wood walls; vigas, big open kitchen, wonderful deck partially covered. Enormous two level barn on concrete slab with 3 large roll type doors plus living quarters and 2 baths. Also has EID approved kitchen. Great country living! Situated on 4.81 acres +/-.



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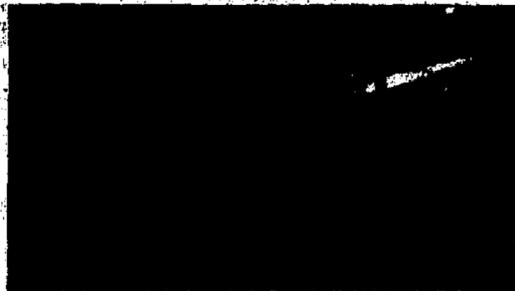
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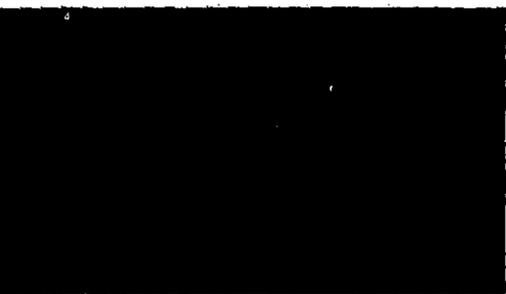
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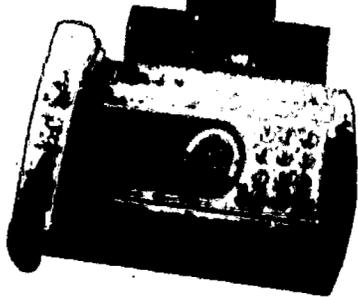
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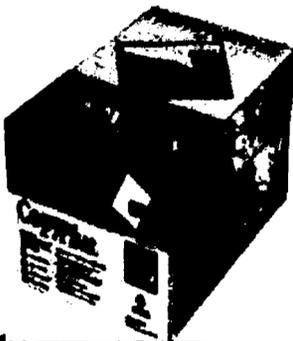
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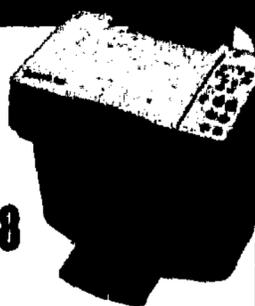
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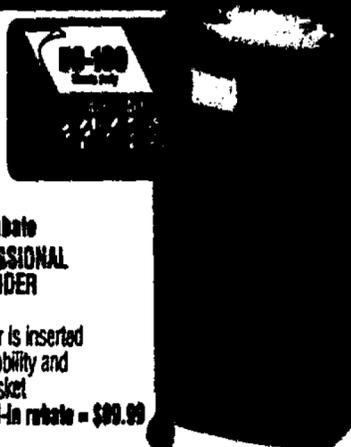
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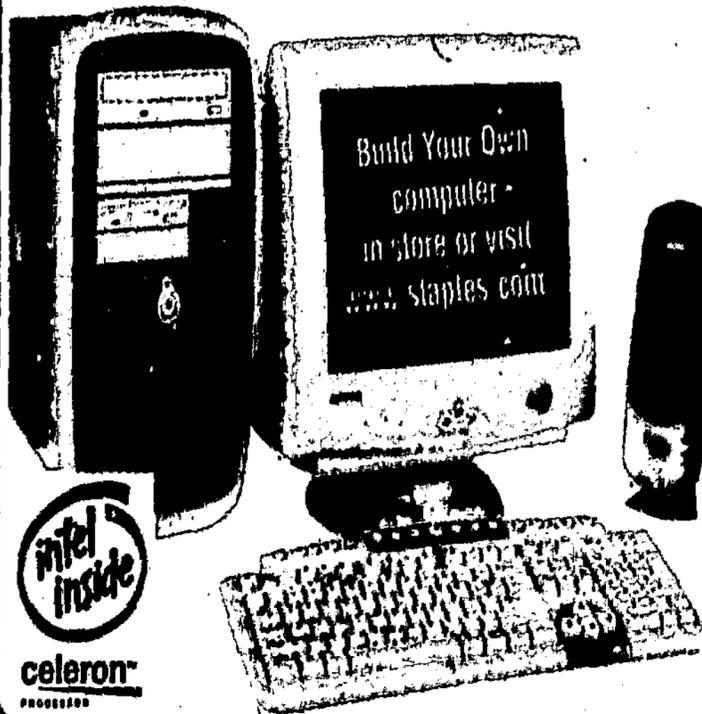
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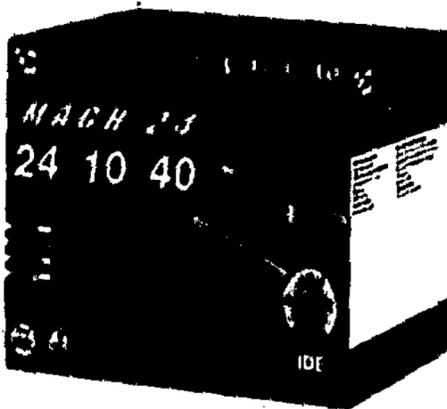
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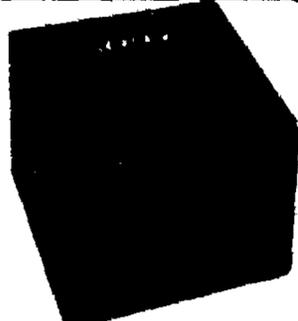
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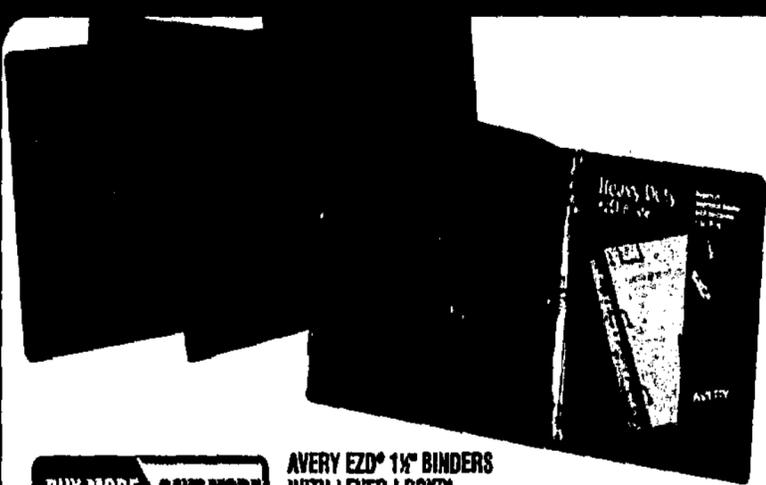
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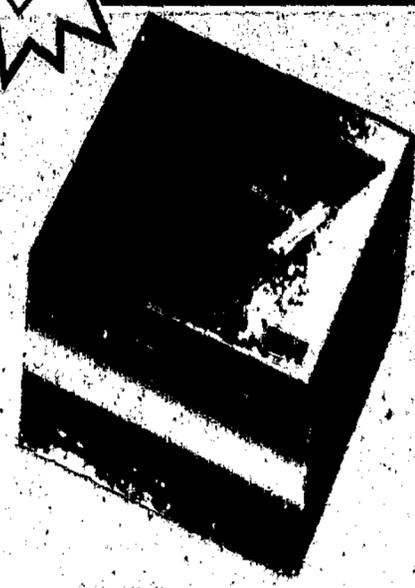
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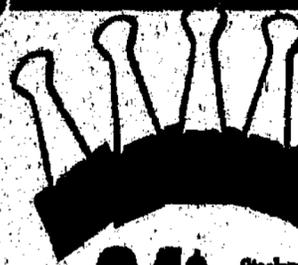
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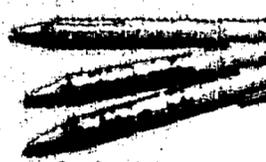
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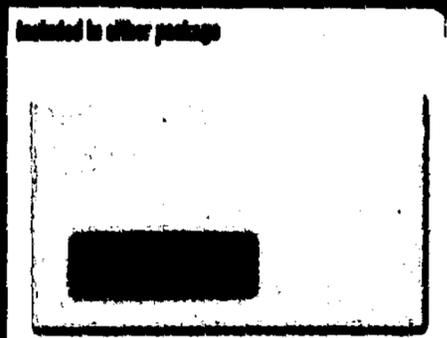
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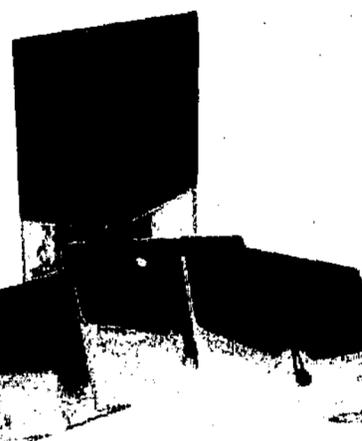
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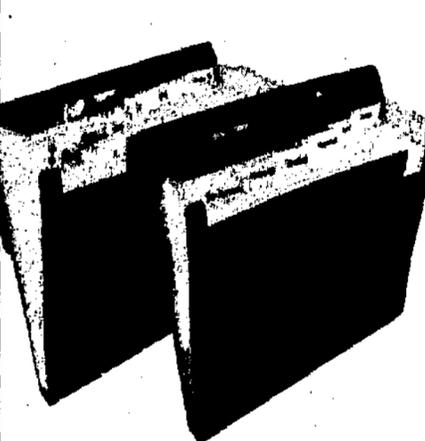
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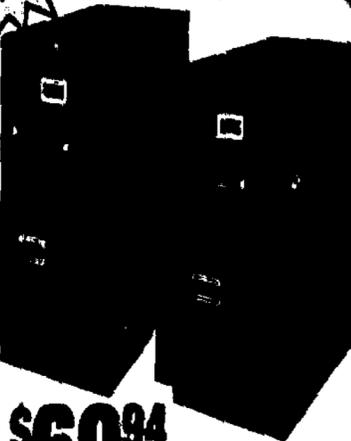

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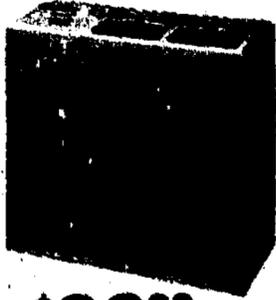
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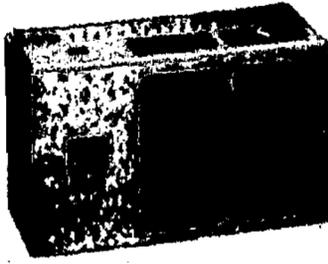
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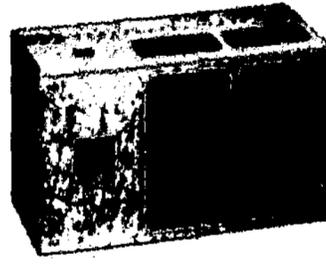
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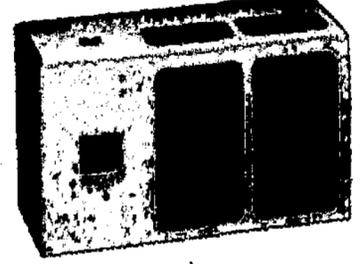
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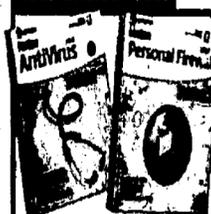
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