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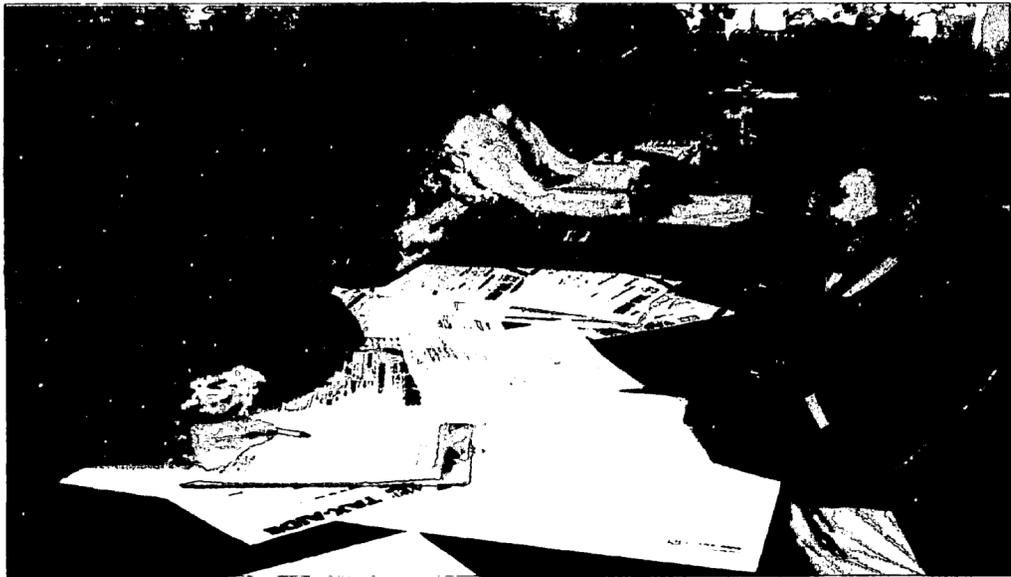
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Ranchers struggle as drought persists

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Volunteer Sherry Taylor (left) helps Lucy Orasco with her income tax forms. Trained tax counselors under the auspices of AARP and IRS will be at the Ruidoso Senior Center every Thursday and Friday through April 12 to help the elderly, disabled or those with qualifying low incomes.

County lacked 'normal' precipitation for the last 7 or 8 years, Wilson says

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The number of active ranches in Lincoln County is declining as a multi-year drought prompts owners to reduce their herds or sell off all their livestock.

"I know some people who have sold all their cows," said Rex Wilson, a rancher and chairman of the county commission. "We haven't had what we used to call a normal year (of precipitation) for seven or eight years."

Moving cattle to other grazing areas and back involves freight costs, he said. Even if they stay on the ranch, extra feed must be provided.

Last year's drought was more spotty, but involved a larger geographic area, said Pete Gnatkowski, county agent.

"Some tried to lease land with grass but the dry area was so big, it was virtually impossible to find any," he said. "I'd estimate that at least 50 percent - probably higher - of the normal forage did not grow this year. It's a serious situation."

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Pete Gnatkowski
County agent

Wilson agreed. "People are having a hard time. But the recent moisture certainly is encouraging. If we could have a wet summer, we could have a fast turn-around."

Carol Ruiz, lead program technician at the Agricultural Service Center in Alamogordo, said ranchers in Otero and Lincoln counties have been hard hit by the drought. She judges that, in part, by the number enrolling in a congressionally funded Non-insured Assistance Program.

In Lincoln County, 23 people have paid for the coverage that reimburses ranchers for loss of native grasses. Another 10 from Otero signed up, she said.

"It's an ever-changing figure," Ruiz said. "We notified people about this in November. After the first of the year, more and more are coming in all the time."

The program was passed by Congress in 2001 in a continuing effort to improve the "safety net" for those in agriculture, she said. It covers any crop including native grasses. A rancher buys the coverage each year, just like an insurance policy, she said.

"There are some particularly poor areas in Otero and Lincoln," Ruiz said. "We have a lot of producers who have had to sell off an awful lot of livestock."

The two counties were designated as Presidential Declaration Disaster Areas, and that opens up the avenue for tax breaks and emergency loans.

"In some areas of Lincoln County, the drought is so bad, they

How dry we are: Stats reveal deficit

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Precipitation levels in Lincoln County lag significantly behind historic averages.

"Overall, the whole county is below average to some extent," said Greg Haussler, district conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Capitan. "Ruidoso is the lowest for the growing season in the county, but Carrizozo is 53 percent below average. The 40 percent mark represents the beginning of drought conditions."

The readings come from seven stations, six in Lincoln County and one at nearby Grant Quivera for the northwestern portion of the county. The growing season is considered to be from April through October, he said. The readings over 48 months. Fifty-two percent or 25 of those months were at 40 percent or more below average - drought conditions. About 17 percent, equating to eight months, were above average and 83 percent, 40 months, were below average.

In 2001, Corona ranged from 90 percent below average in October to 12 percent below average in August with only one month, July, showing a reading on the positive side of the average for an overall deficit of 23 percent.

Picacho, at the eastern edge of the county received more precipitation with four months below and four months above average. On the minus side, June was the worst with 83 percent below average and April was the best with 163 percent above average for an overall deficit of 30 percent.

Ramon, in the far northeast of the county experienced an overall deficit of 27 percent of average; Gran Quivera, 64 percent; Carrizozo, 53 percent; Capitan, 21 percent; and Ruidoso 10 percent.

are beginning to lose the turf," Ruiz said. "This is the difference between short grass and no grass."

In some cases, ranchers using public land for grazing were asked by the federal agency managing the land to reduce their herds for 2002, she said.

"It is an ongoing problem and they are trying to get through it as best they can," she said.

Ranchers are reimbursed based on a formula that establishes the percentage of grass loss and the previous carrying capacity of the land. The program pays about 55 percent of the formula figure, she said.

Public land is not covered, only private deeded land.

Council to let taxpayers speak

Village officials indicated support for allowing a public comment period toward the end of council meetings

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

People who aren't on the agenda of Ruidoso Village Council meetings will be given a chance to speak on issues not on the agenda and to ask questions, members agreed Tuesday.

At their next meeting, councilors will consider the scheduling of a public forum and rules to govern presentations.

Councilor Linda Flack, who is not running for re-election, said she would like the reinstatement of a public comment period to be approved before she leaves office in March.

"One of the main reasons we've been criticized is the perception that we don't allow enough public input," Flack said. "I want to change the perception that the council is not open to public input."

Mayor Robert Donaldson said he doesn't see a problem inserting a public question period before the council goes into executive session, usually toward the end of the twice-a-month meetings. But he doesn't want to see the opportunity turn into a soapbox

for political agendas or non-relevant issues.

Council Member Bob Sterchi looked out at the audience, which consisted of one village employee and five other people.

"Only six people are in the audience, so there isn't an overwhelming demand," he said. "If we had a public forum, they may take advantage of it with some parameters."

Donaldson said subjects covered should be limited to issues dealing with the village. Off-limit topics would be complaints against village employees and pending legal actions, he said.

Donaldson said those speaking would not have to preregister.

Teen takes the steering wheel when her dad suffers seizure

15-year-old had just qualified to apply for a driver's license

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A 15-year-old girl whose father had a seizure while driving her to school managed to take the steering wheel and safely stop the vehicle.

Brent Waugh was driving his daughter, Rachele M. Waugh, on N.M. Highway 48 from the top of the hill when he had a seizure. Rachele Waugh noticed the car drifting toward the left side of the road, "so she grabbed the wheel and steered it back on course and to the right toward Alto Crest," her mother, Carla Waugh said.

The teenager couldn't reach the brake, though, so she reached the

brake with her hand and stopped the car, her grandmother, Betty Hicks said, and bumped her head, bruising it a little. The vehicle knocked over a stop sign, according to the police report.

"The paramedics and the school nurse came over and said she's a hero, that she saved her daddy's life. They couldn't pat her on the back enough," Hicks said.

Three days earlier Rachele Waugh had received the certificate she needed to apply for a driver's license, her mother said.

The accident report stated that the driver lost consciousness while he was driving and passed out at the steering wheel.

Boxer settles case of dogs killing goats

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A settlement was reached this week in a July 2000 lawsuit filed in connection with a dog attack that killed show goats raised by 15-year-old Wesley Hall.

The two Neapolitan mastiffs were owned by professional boxer Johnny Tapia, who lived near the Hall home in Ranches of Ruidoso.

Details of the settlement are confidential. Hall filed the suit over the deaths and maiming of 19 pregnant or milking goats and 13 unborn fetuses, estimating the prize-winning animals' value between \$148,000 to \$168,000.

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GOATS: Lawsuit settled in case of dogs vs. goats

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J. Robert Beauvais, attorney for the Hall family, said his clients insisted that Tapia and his wife attend the settlement hearing, which they did. Despite being on the opposite side of the case, Beauvais said he was impressed with how Tapia handled himself.

"He was very nice. He could not have been more of a gentleman and he appeared to recognize the family's loss," Beauvais said. "It was a tragic accident, not deliberate."

As for Hall, Beauvais said the young boy was involved in the lawsuit every step of the way and in the final decision. Although the incident was horrible, the process turned into a growing experience for the boy, he said.

Beauvais, who also raises goats with his wife, Kim, said he plans to co-author an article with Hall detailing how to handle such an experience practically, emotionally and legally.

"We plan to submit it to one of the trade publications

because every time you look at goat-related sites on the Internet, you read about someone's goats being attacked," he said.

Hall's goats were kept to show and breed for profit and were winners of several awards, according to the suit. They were kept in a series of pens enclosed by a five-foot chain link fence.

As an additional precaution against attacks by predators or dogs, the family excavated and buried a portion of the fence underground.

Tapia was out of town when the incident occurred, but a relative was checking on the dogs periodically, the suit stated. The Halls also were gone, attending a horse show. But neighbors related details of the attack to deputies and the blood-covered dogs were found in the pen with the dead and injured goats.

A Lincoln County ordinance prohibits dogs from running at large. Owners of dogs that kill or injure live stock are responsi-

ble for any damages sustained as a result of attacks, Beauvais pointed out in the suit.

The family asked for fair market value for the goats, veterinarian costs and other compensatory and consequential damages, as well as punitive damages to deter similar future conduct.

Tapia also faced criminal charges in connection with the attack. He was accused of allowing his animals to run at large and not vaccinating them.

On June 5, 2001, he pled no contest to both of those charges and was found guilty by Otero County Magistrate Judge Ted McCutcheon.

Sentencing was deferred and he was ordered to pay court costs and a \$31 fine on each charge. Tapia was represented by attorney Billy Ray Blackburn and District Attorney Scot Key handled the prosecution.

Because the civil case already was filed, restitution was not covered.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

WORK IN PROGRESS

Mike Gladden, superintendent of the Ruidoso Municipal School District, approves the progress made by Gentry Construction on the high school fine arts center. The stem wall has been poured and the return air duct placed in a hole where the seating area will be in the new auditorium. Sheet rocking will begin next week, Gladden said. Construction started Nov. 12, 2001, on a project that was approved in a bond issue in 1997.

Candidates to face off in Capitan

The forum will begin at 7 p.m. Feb. 25 at the Capitan school complex.

Candidates for municipal office in Capitan will review their credentials and answer questions during a forum Feb. 25 at the Capitan school complex.

The session put together by citizens will start at 7 p.m. and will be moderated by Jerry Burchett of Hondo. Organizers said school facilities are larger and more people can attend comfortably than at a previous session conducted by the chamber of commerce.

All races in Capitan are contested heavily with three people and a write-in candidate vying for mayor, 10 for positions on the board of trustees and six for municipal judge.

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Hearing Tuesday on annexations

Representatives of village departments are to testify that services will be provided.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A hearing on the proposed annexation of pockets of unincorporated land in and around the village of Ruidoso is set for Tuesday.

Members of the Boundary Commission will meet at 1:30 p.m. in the Ruidoso Convention Center.

One of the major areas up for annexation starts at the village limits on Carrizo Canyon Road and runs to Carrizo Lodge, one block deep. The majority of the other tracts are vacant, but one in Upper Canyon contains one or two of the units belonging to Dandee Cabins, Village Manager Alan Briley said Tuesday.

In briefing members of the village council, Briley said the council directed him last year to pursue annexation of the

designated areas. The hearings are quasi-judicial, he said. Representatives of various village departments will attend to testify that municipal services will be provided, he said.

Councilor Bill Chance questioned if owners of the land were notified properly. Briley said that's the responsibility of the Boundary Commission, but would include legal advertisements and posted signs.

Cleatus Richards, who heads special projects for the village, previously said seven areas are targeted that are either small geographically or in terms of population. The village was unable to muster the backing of more than 50 percent of the property owners in the those areas to initiate an annexation by petition to the council. To accomplish the annexation goal, the council had to pursue the more costly and time-consuming route

through the appointed Boundary Commission.

"One hearing will be conducted to consider all areas," Richards said Wednesday. "The Boundary Commission at that hearing will make a determination. If they are approved, members will sign off on the plats and file them with the county. There is a 30-day period for appeal. If no appeals are filed, the action is final. If there is an appeal, the issue will go to district court."

"One hearing will be conducted to consider all areas."

Cleatus Richards
Village special projects head

Other areas to be considered Tuesday include a tract between Upper Canyon and Black subdivision, land Forest around Lookout Tower, a tract in Carrizo Canyon, south of and including some of Barney Rue's property on a hillside, a tract on U.S. 70 north of Cherokee Village, and an area along Gavilan Canyon on either side of the street and including the Ruidoso School District bus barn and a field complex.

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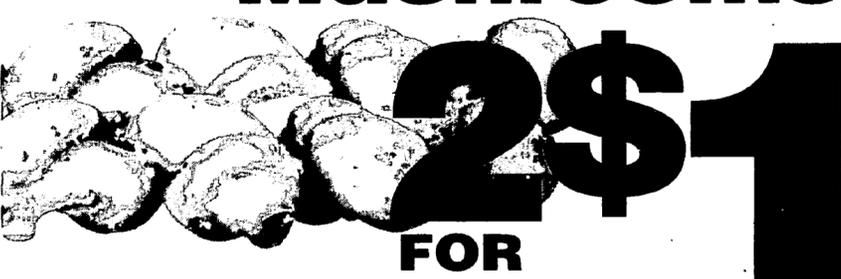
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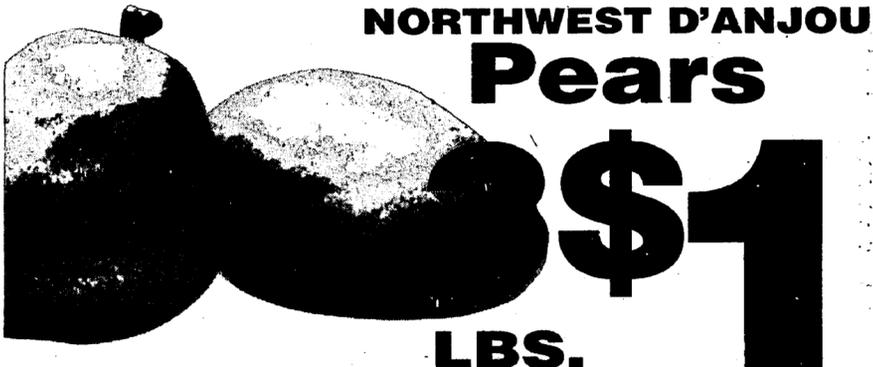
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Therapy stolen

An expired insurance card was used to pay for \$1,380 in physical therapy treatments at Ruidoso Physical Therapy between Nov. 5 and Dec. 4, 2001, 439 Mechem Drive.

The case was forwarded to the Criminal Investigation Division of the Ruidoso Police Department.

Vehicle stolen

A 1998 Ford Expedition SUV was reported stolen between Feb. 7 and Feb. 11

from the 100 block of Dover Place.

Car, cash taken

A 1991 Lincoln Continental vehicle and \$135 were reported stolen between 9:30 p.m. Feb. 10 and 7 a.m. Feb. 11.

The owner lent the car to a friend, who never returned, the police report states.

Possession alleged

Ruidoso police cited Timothy David Mullinnix,

49, Scotty L. McMullen, 33, and Dennis E. Gile, 54, all of Ruidoso, charging them with possession of less than an ounce of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Police officers had gone to the residence in the 400 block of 4th Street to provide civil standby while Mullinnix got items from his house to spend the night elsewhere, and noticed drug paraphernalia on the kitchen table.

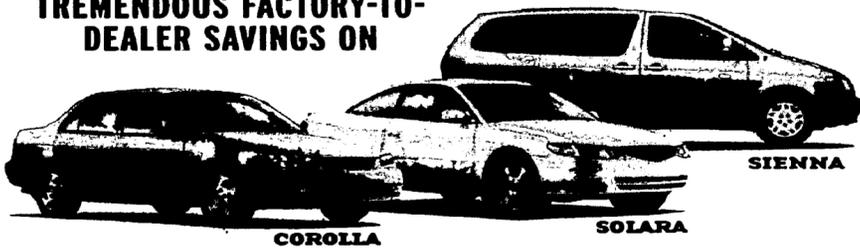
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OUR OPINION

First, you have to get their attention

Ruidoso's municipal judge does just that

Face it, and pay up. It's the proper, not to say cheaper, thing to do.

Municipal Judge Mike Line has set out to collect a decade's worth of unpaid traffic citations issued in Ruidoso, but he's doing his best not to be nasty about it.

Yes, he's trying to get those scofflaws' attention. One way to do that is to order a driver's license suspension.

The judge, without apology, notes that those receiving a license suspension notice have

had four prior chances to clear the citation — for speeding, lack of seat belts, careless driving or whatever.

A 30-day amnesty the judge declared in 1998 resulted in just three people seeking to clear their records.

Now, he's raising the stakes. In a civilized society, people who don't cooperate in self-governing, and self-policing, do end up paying the extra cost.

And don't wait for a new judge. Mike Line has no opposition in the March municipal election.

Memorable moments at the National Prayer Breakfast

When you say prayers with the President of the United States, it has to be a bit memorable.



MOUNTAIN ASIDES
KEITH GREEN

That was the case for Tom and Juanica Battin, certainly — and for Sara and Gilbert Misque of Mescalero.

All four, along with 2,000 or so others, were checking through the security gates at the Washington Hilton Hotel at 6 a.m. back on Feb. 7 to be present for the 7:30 a.m. start of the 2002 National Prayer Breakfast.

The breakfast is a long-standing tradition, and President George W. Bush and the First Lady were on hand, as has been the case for their predecessors for the past half-century. Their presence, Battin said, accounted for the tight security. "The area around the hotel was blocked off for hours," he said.

Notes Battin kept indicated that representatives of 170 countries, including eight heads of state and the head of one American Indian tribe, were present.

That was Sara Misque, president of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, and therein is a story.

Battin has had close ties with the Mescalero Apache Tribe as a banker (Ruidoso State Bank and now State National), and through his work over the years with the with the Campus Crusade for Christ had become acquainted

with some key people involved with the annual prayer breakfast — Doug Coe and Harold Cole of the Cedars Foundation.

They, for years, sought to have Native American representation at the breakfast. In the fall of 2000, they flew to Ruidoso to personally invite President Misque, and Battin, to the 2001 prayer breakfast.

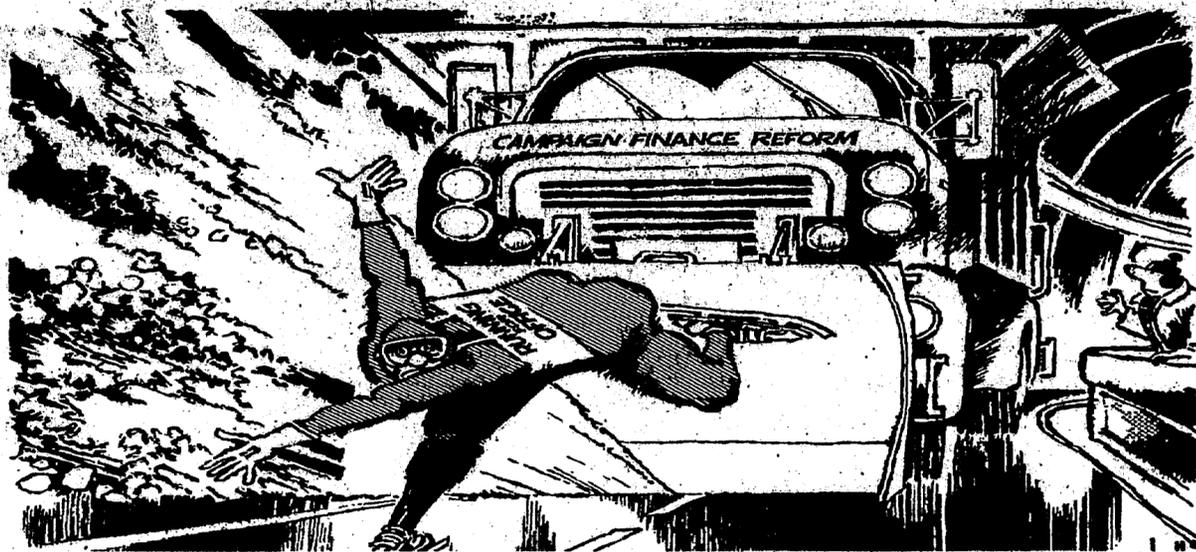
But, Battin recalled, Misque had a meeting conflict. And he was involved in the sale of Ruidoso State Bank to El Paso-based State National Bank.

The invitation was renewed for 2002. But it was touch and go for Misque; she couldn't be sure she would be president of the tribe until that second tribal election on Jan. 9 and her inauguration two days later.

But that cleared the way, Battin said, and although it was a last-minute thing, the trip was scheduled. They left New Mexico on Tuesday and returned the next Friday, Feb. 8.

During their stay, the two couples met any number of government people, and Battin recalled that President Misque had a chance to do some lobbying for some key reservation projects, particularly for a nursing home and dialysis center. She also spent considerable time with Sen. Daniel Akaka of Hawaii, talking about the similar problems of Native Hawaiians and Native Americans.

As to the breakfast itself, Battin said he was a bit astounded that they were sitting just opposite the President and First Lady; that cabinet members and faces familiar on TV newscasts were everywhere.



YOUR OPINION

Behind the cost of natural gas in Capitan, Carrizozo

To the editor:

After reading the letter from Ms. Mary Brothers, whom I thought attended the same meeting as I did on Jan. 30 ... regarding the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Company, I conclude that we must have been at completely different meetings. Ms. Brothers' husband is running for trustee of the village of Capitan, and three times asked the same question to Mr. Robert Beauvais, CCNG's attorney, regarding the reasons for CCNG's higher rates.

Mr. Beauvais's answer made it quite clear that CCNG's board of directors has nothing to do with the gas rates that are charged, but that the higher rates were due primarily to the fact that Zia Natural Gas was charging us exorbitant prices for delivering and distributing the gas.

Moreover, at the meeting I attended, Mr. Beauvais said that the Public Regulatory Commission had asked, at his and the CCNG board of directors' behest, that these rates be reviewed.

Thus, Ms. Brothers's argument that replacing the mayors of

Capitan and Carrizozo will solve all of CCNG's gas-rate problems proves that she was unable to comprehend Mr. Beauvais's answers to questions concerning the dilemma that Zia Gas has placed CCNG in, in its efforts to take over the company.

Furthermore, I believe that Ms. Brothers demonstrated an insufferable amount of presumption by assuming that the citizens of Carrizozo need the advice of a Capitan newcomer to make a choice in what is, after all, their mayoral election.

Lionel W. Lippmann
Capitan

Traffic views reaffirmed

To the editor:

Here we go again. (Monday's) fatal accident near Hondo reaffirms my attitude. I have been coming to the mountain village of Ruidoso for about the last three years, at least three weekends per month. The debate of widening U.S. 70 has been an ongoing issue for years. I have read in your newspaper the majority of the debate.... widen to a four-lane

or protect the serenity of the valley. I respect the issues of the individual landowners, but, folks, lets get real here. What was it?, a year and half or so ago, a church van going to a burial at Tinnie was rear-ended, causing multiple deaths. It seems to happen, every so often. Believe me, I don't condone the activity on this stretch of road, but this is a major throughfare.

I would like to point out that I do possess a CDL (Commercial Drivers License) and have driven the big rigs. If the people who are against the modification of this stretch of roadway are so adamant against the future four-lane proposal, maybe they should consider relocation.

People, the traffic is not going to go away, and as the attraction of the mountains and horse racing and skiing, and the allure of the uniqueness of the area, increases, the traffic is only going to get heavier. Let's do something about it. — soon.

Skebo Norris
Carlsbad/Ruidoso

GUEST COMMENTARY

Mayor expresses pride in council, administration

■ The facts of village problem-solving "speak for themselves."

BY ROBERT P. DONALDSON
MAYOR OF RUIDOSO

This is in response to the letter to the editor in Wednesday's paper titled "a list of a dozen unsolved problems." The facts really do speak for themselves:

1. High Taxes: The total tax mills the village residential property owners pay has dropped from about 36.772 mills in 1996 to 27.997 mills in 2001. The sales tax the village is in control of is the same as it has been for at least the last six years.

2. High cost of village services: Basic trash pickup went up 22 percent, not 1,000-fold, when the village took over. We added additional services (forest and yard waste pickup) on top of that for an additional fee. The quality of service has improved dramatically since the village took over. The basic water rate was increased 50 percent, but we had not had an increase in 18 years. The rates did not even cover the cost of operations and our system was in total disrepair. Our rates are now in line with other communities.

3. Failure to consider impact fees: The citizen advisory committee recommended "no" to impact fees and the council ultimately agreed with the committee. It was considered.

4. Failure to complete a water study: The village has completed a 25-year water master plan and is im-

ishing up on a 40-year plan as we speak. Included is the funding plan as well.

5. Convention center: We do comp local organizations on a regular basis, but the center should be trying to recoup some of the costs of operations for the taxpayers.

6. Failure to publish bond and sales tax information: We present and publish these in every budget. Those budgets are available at the library and Village Hall for public review. We will be placing the budget and other similar information on our Web site in the near future.

7. Failure to audit golf course lease: The course is audited on a regular basis, including this year; again it is available at city hall.

8. Hotel operation: The hotel has only been open seven months. It will be required to meet any reporting requirements that are in the ground lease. They are, however, a private company, not a village department.

9. Failure to establish a plan for Grindstone: Grindstone Lake and its facilities are now completely developed for the citizens' water needs. All water treatment, full storage, leak pumpback, storage facilities and water transportation facilities are in place. The state environment department is discouraging further recreation development on the lake so as to protect our water supply. We are developing a park for groups and events below the dam area.

10. Failure to address forest fire threat: We have thinning projects going on both in and outside of the

village. We now have laws that allow private owners to better protect their property. We have required utility companies to clear their easements. State forestry considers Ruidoso a model for what other forest communities need to do.

11. Failure to create advisory committees: We have the same amount or more committees than when the letter writer served on the council. We encouraged the formation of a lodger's organization and a Midtown merchant's association. This facilitated our ability to work with them on their specific needs. We actively participate with the Chamber and its various committees. What we don't need is duplication of committees.

12. Councilor participation: We openly discuss issues before us. What we don't do is fight and yell and call each other names. The fact that the same people have elected all of us would normally mean for the most part we agree in the direction the village is going. Details of a proposal are often changed or compromises are reached, but action is taken, not put off and put off as in the past or at other levels of government.

I am proud of what this council and administration has been able to address and to accomplish.

There are still many challenges that confront us to prepare Ruidoso for the future. It will take an aggressive mayor and council to meet these challenges. We must never go back to the days of passive local government. The choice is ours, please vote on March 5.

LETTERS POLICY

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

Letters should be no more than 300 words in length, of public interest, and free of libel; editing will be

for length, grammar or spelling. Shorter letters are preferred and generally receive greater readership.

The Ruidoso News reserves the right to reject any letter. Longer by-lined "Guest Commentary" articles will be considered; call the editor at (505) 257-4001.

Letters may be delivered to the Ruidoso News office at 104 Park Avenue, mailed to P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso, NM 86855; faxed to 257-7063; or sent by e-mail to ruidosonews@zianet.com.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Optimists recruiting

The Optimist Club of Ruidoso will launch a membership drive on Feb. 20 at K-Bob's Restaurant at the U. S. 70-State 48 "Y."

President Emmett Hatch said recruits are wanted from the community who are interested in serving the needs of children.

Some of the Optimist projects include the Coats for Kids collection and distribution, Calls from Santa (an essay and oratorical contest in which winners advance to higher levels and can win scholarships), bicycle safety, and various community awards for educators, law enforcement and outstanding youth.

Hatch invites anyone interested in learning more about the Optimist Club to attend the meeting. Call Hatch at 258-5717 or Jim Wood at 258-9218 for more information.

Party affiliation tilts

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Contrary to the findings of some other polls, The Harris Poll finds that more people still identify themselves as Democrats than as Republicans. However, the

Democratic advantage is down to five points, which equals the lowest lead they have enjoyed at any point since Harris Interactive began reporting party identification in 1969.

This is the result of replies to a question about party identification asked in several of Harris Interactive national surveys throughout 2001, involving more than 14,000 interviews conducted by telephone. The Harris Poll surveys for previous years also involved more than 10,000 interviews each year.

The 2001 surveys show the Democrats at 36 percent, the Republicans at 31 percent and Independents at 22 percent.

The long-term trend has been relentlessly downward for many years. Until 1977, more than 45 percent of all U.S. adults always identified themselves as Democrats. This fell below 40 percent for the first time in 1981 when Ronald Reagan was president and now stands at 36 percent, little changed over several years.

For this issue of The Harris Poll, the numbers cover the whole year, January through December 2001. Some other polls report that since Sept. 11 the Republicans have equaled or pulled ahead of the Democrats.

A medical center on Porr Drive just off Mechem Drive now is under construction. It is the largest single project issued a building permit by the Ruidoso planning department during January.



KEITH GREEN/STAFF

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET

January construction surges

BY KEITH GREEN
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Terrorist destruction on Sept. 11, 2001, put a crimp in the nation's economy late in the year, but by Jan. 1, 2002, at least one small segment was going strong — construction in Ruidoso.

The village's planning department, which tracks the numbers through the issuance of building permits in and around Ruidoso, reported total building activity was almost 59 percent higher than in the same month a year earlier.

Strength in both residential and commercial building permits supported the \$3.319 million in permits issued this January.

Single-family residence permits were \$2.338 million of the total, up 59.6 percent from January 2000. Residential alterations and additions, at \$245,210, also were up strongly from the prior year. Manufactured home permits were valued at \$53,000. None were issued a year earlier.

The average price of a single-family residence for 14 permits issued this January was \$167,000, compared with an average of \$136,000 for 11 permits a year ago.

New medical offices for Dr. Frank DiMotta at 208 Porr Drive accounted for \$400,427 of the total of \$412,329 in new commercial construction. It also

accounted for a 356-percent gain from January 2000, when just \$90,400 in permits were issued.

The only categories tracked by the village showing lower numbers this January were commercial alterations and additions (\$192,954 vs. \$276,571) and "other" (\$22,573 vs. \$57,969) that includes such items as fences, decks and carports.

The largest single-family residential permit issued in January was for construction at 121 Bellavia Circle Drive in Buena Vista Estates, at \$321,487. Lowest cost of the single-family permits, at \$64,488, was for construction on Kokopelli Ranch Road.

N.M. home sales gain leads U.S. in fourth quarter

WASHINGTON — Total existing-home sales, which include single-family, apartment condominium and co-operative sales, rose in 40 states in the fourth quarter of 2001, compared with the same period in 2000, while one state — Delaware — was unchanged, the National Association of Realtors reported Tuesday.

Sales declined in only nine states and the District of Columbia.

NAR's latest report of existing-home sales showed that nationwide, the seasonally adjusted annual rate was 5.92 million units in the fourth quarter, up 2.6 percent from the 5.77 million-unit level in the fourth quarter of 2000. However, fourth-quarter sales were off 1.0 percent from a pace of 5.98 million units recorded in the third quarter.

The strongest annual increase was in New Mexico, where the fourth quarter resale pace rose 24.2 percent compared with the fourth quarter of 2000. Idaho existing-home sales rose 19.2 percent from a year earlier, while West Virginia posted the third highest increase, up 18.2 percent.

NAR President Martin Edwards Jr. said the report demonstrates the importance of achieving the American dream of homeownership. "With both new- and existing-home sales setting records in 2001, homeownership also is in record territory with 68 percent of American households owning their own homes. However, it's important to keep this dream alive for all segments of our society, and that's why we applaud President Bush's plan that includes a community homeownership

tax credit in the 2003 budget," he said. "The tax credit will help bridge the gap between the cost of developing affordable housing and the price at which these homes can be sold in many lower-income neighborhoods. Also, enhancing loan programs such as those insured by FHA and VA will help to expand housing opportunities for all runs of the housing ladder."

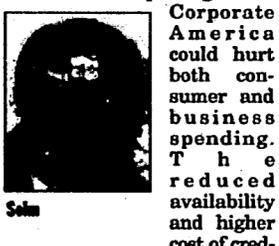
David Lereah, NAR's chief economist, pointed to low interest rates as the most significant factor in the strong state home sales report. "Mortgage interest rates in the fourth quarter were almost a percentage point below the same period in 2000. Combine that with a growing number of households who have the desire and means to afford housing and strong home sales are a fairly reasonable result," he said.

The Economy and the Markets

Funky accounting's impact

BY SUNG WON SOHN
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

The loss of confidence in the financial reporting of the



Corporate America could hurt both consumer and business spending. Reduced availability and higher cost of credit

as well as the desire to strengthen the balance sheet could cause firms to postpone capital spending plans and accelerate layoffs.

If this pattern continues, it would be very difficult for consumer spending, two-thirds of the economy, to gain momentum. The poor job market and the lackluster stock market could hurt consumer confidence as well.

However, there will be some benefits in the long run. There should be fewer accounting gymnastics and increased transparency in financial reporting. For now, economic fundamentals are strong enough to sail through the scandals.

The recovery should unfold in three stages. First, the inventory swing from liquidation to accumulation has started the recovery. Second, consumer spending will strengthen gradually. Third, capital spending will kick in during the second half of the year. The key to a sustained recovery is an end to business retrenchment.

Bonds: Back to quality

Before accounting concerns intensified, the prospect of economic recovery and the shift of funds to higher yielding assets had caused Treasury rates to rise and the Corporate spreads over Treasuries to narrow.

The spreads over Treasuries have begun to rise again, reflecting investor cautiousness. The rating agencies criticized for lax monitoring of businesses are eager to downgrade firms with added zeal. As long as the accounting concerns last, Treasuries will

remain overvalued, keeping yields low.

However, this could be a buying opportunity for Corporates. With economic recovery, credit concerns will diminish shrinking the spreads over Treasuries. Mortgage-backed securities are a particularly good place to invest. Housing is well insulated from the kind of reporting problems plaguing Corporates.

The government or one of the government-sponsored agencies guarantees mortgages. In addition, there are high quality assets — houses — backing the credit. Moreover, the mortgage sector already has gone through the accounting turbulence associated with sub-prime lending.

Stocks: Accounting winds

Equities are stuck in a rut for the time being. Investors are shunning stocks that face accounting and financial problems. There is fear that heavily indebted companies will have to issue large amounts of stocks to repair their balance sheets.

In view of accounting irregularities, foreign investors could question the premium on U.S. stocks, deciding to invest closer to home. The contagion from the U.S. could infect firms overseas. If capital flows into the U.S. slow, higher interest rates and lower stock prices would be needed to attract international money in order to cover huge U.S. current account deficits.

No one knows how many land mines lie ahead, but the improving economic fundamentals accompanied by rising earnings should prevail.

So far, the earnings reports for the final quarter of 2001 have been better than anticipated. During the first year of recovery, volume, margins and productivity rise, boosting corporate profits despite the lack of pricing power. On the average, profits rose 36 percent during the first year of the recovery while output and prices rose 10 and 3 percent, respectively; the key was the margin, which jumped 23 percent.

Focus on Agriculture

A fair argument: America founded on tobacco

BY STEWART TRULESEN
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

No legal crop has been more vilified than tobacco because of the linkage between tobacco products and health problems. But to the colonists who struggled to gain a foothold in this new land, tobacco was a god-send. In the future, it may reclaim some of that luster through biotechnology.

Scientists are using the plant to produce a protein for a vaccine against cervical cancer.

In their book, "An Empire of Plants - People and Plants that Changed the World," Toby and Will Musgrave recognize tobacco as one of seven plants that changed the world. The others are tea, sugar, cotton, opium, quinine and rubber. These plants were a big reason for much of the world's exploration and expansion.

"And while the apparent

connections between tobacco smoking and life-threatening illnesses has left a legacy of complex lawsuits in the United States, it is ironic that the nation's founding colonies were largely sustained by the profits from the 'tawny weed' itself," say the authors.

According to "An Empire of Plants," the colonists at Jamestown struggled with finding something of value. They tried growing hemp, flax, dye crops, vines and mulberry trees for silk production.

It wasn't until they grew tobacco that their fortunes changed dramatically. "They were now literally able to plant money and watch it grow," say the authors. No wonder money used in the Revolutionary War was stamped with a tobacco leaf.

Almost from the beginning though, the native American plant was controversial. The explorer Rodrigo de Jerez, was

the first person to light up a smoke in Spain after observing it among natives in Cuba. But Jerez was thrown in prison for frightening people with the smoke coming out his mouth and nose. By the time he was released, smoking was widespread in Spain.

Tobacco was hailed by some as having great medicinal powers, a claim that modern science may yet substantiate. One of the claims was that it would ward off bubonic plague. England's King James I objected to the smell of tobacco smoke and sought to discourage tobacco use. The king's subjects paid little attention to him and went right on smoking.

James decided to tax them for it by imposing a hefty duty on imports. His personal distaste for tobacco led to a remarkable discovery that has enriched governments to this day: tobacco taxes.

John Rolfe cultivated the first commercial crop in America in 1612. By the mid-1680s, exports to Britain reached 28 million pounds. In "An Empire of Plants," the Musgraves note that "the new sense of prosperity on the mainland, combined with an increasing antipathy to their British masters, set the colonists on the long road that would eventually lead to the establishment of the United States of America." Without tobacco, American independence might not have occurred on history's schedule, if at all. We owe plenty to the founding fathers of this country, and they most certainly would acknowledge the importance of their tobacco crops.

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

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Manager: Valve ends pressure spikes

Many homeowners don't know whether they have one, village council told

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Uneven water pressure that damages appliances when it spikes could be eliminated with the installation of a pressure reduction valve, Ruidoso Village Manager Alan Briley says.

But many homeowners have no idea if their water lines are equipped with a valve, he told members of the village council Tuesday.

"We've had about five tort claims in the last three years dealing with high pressure popping out fittings on appliances," he said. All but one claim was denied after an investigation by the village's insurance carrier, because the rest didn't have pressure reducing valves, he said.

Those valves are required under building codes adopted by the village in the 1970s. But without a certified plumbing inspector on staff, the village can't enforce the regulation and must rely on state inspectors, he said.

"We need to get the word out that they are required," Briley said.

His efforts include putting a notice on village water bills, and sending a letter to the state con-

struction division's plumbing section asking for help because of the village's uneven pressure zones. A letter also will go to the local builders association to alert their subcontractors.

Before plans are approved for construction of new homes, builders will have to check off that a regulator will be installed, he said.

An ideal time to install a regulator would be when a person is notified that the village will be upgrading the size of water lines in their areas, a process going on throughout the village, Briley said.

"With larger and newer lines, they are going to have increased volume and pressure," he said. "It would be a good time to install pressure valves. They can call for more information."

Council Member Ron Anderson suggested that when new water taps are ordered, the village could supply the meter, a cut-off valve and a pressure-reducing valve as part of a package of equipment to be purchased.

"That's not a bad idea," Briley said.

Mayor Robert Donaldson said if a person's home was built in the 1970s, chances are no

valve was installed because construction quality tended to be unreliable. Even new homes may not have them, he added.

Although the village construction code inspector could check to see if a valve is installed, he can't order it to be done or ensure it has been installed correctly, because he's not a certified plumbing inspector, Briley said.

If static water pressure is more than 80 pounds per square inch, damage can result, the manager said. A regulator is installed on the service line between a house and the village's water meter. Some may be in the basement of homes.

A regulator can bring the pressure down to between 45 psi to 70 psi, he said.

"Because of our situation to get 45 psi at the top of a hill, you need more than 80 psi of pressure at the bottom," he said.

Regulators that can handle up to 350 psi of pressure cost from \$42 to \$52 at local dealers, he said. They include strainers internally or externally to keep out debris. Installation costs were quoted by local plumbers as between \$50 to \$225, depending on where the box is located and how difficult it is to reach.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Dorothy Crumpton

Services for Dorothy Crumpton, 84, of Lubbock, Texas, will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 18, at Southside Church of Christ with Tommie Hicks officiating. The family will receive friends from 6-7 p.m. Sunday at Rix Funeral Directors in Lubbock. Burial will be in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Crumpton died Saturday, Feb. 9, 2002, at Heritage Oaks Rehabilitation and Nursing Care. She was born Aug. 3, 1917,

in Rising Star, Texas.

She had been a resident of Lubbock since 1930. She married Cecil Crumpton Nov. 10, 1934, in Lubbock and he preceded her in death on July 14, 2000. She was a homemaker and a charter member of Southside Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Bob W. Crumpton of Ruidoso; a

daughter, Deelia Ceacile Alexander of Bastrop, La.; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Niha Ruth James on July 10, 1992.

The family suggests memorials to Southside Church of Christ, 8501 Quaker Avenue, Lubbock.

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Capitan mayor says people like gas utility, but not high rates

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Capitan Mayor Norm Renfro said most residents of that village want to retain ownership of a municipal natural gas company shared with the town of Carrizozo, but they'd like to see their rates go down.

"We had some people who wanted a public hearing on the issue," the mayor said Tuesday about a meeting a week earlier. "About 60 people attended and they wanted to know about the future of the company."

J. Robert Beauvais, the attorney for the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Company gave a brief history and a look at where the company may be headed in the future.

"After hearing that, I think the consensus of the people was to keep the company, but to find a way to lower prices and we're working on that now."

Options include borrowing money to tie into Zia Natural Gas company's line, which would eliminate a delivery cost now being imposed by the larger company that serves much of Lincoln County.

The municipal company,

CCNG, also filed a case with the state Public Regulatory Commission challenging Zia's distribution rate.

"We pay 53 cents to 54 cents (per gas unit) as a transportation rate and then Zia charges us \$1.54 on top of that as a distribution rate for a total of \$2.08," Renfro said. "We're trying to get the \$1.54 knocked off. If we can do that, we can be competitive."

Beauvais said CCNG also has a lawsuit in 12th Judicial District Court that would interpret whether a minimum delivery pressure should have been included in a 20-year contract with Zia. Without that minimum, Zia could elect to deliver at such a low pressure that CCNG could not commercially serve its customers, he said.

Four representatives of Zia attended the meeting, Beauvais said.

Debra Ingle, a member of the Capitan Board of Trustees and a candidate for mayor, said Thursday she doesn't think 60 people can represent the wishes of 1,050 metered customers.

Arguments for the sale of the municipal gas company to Zia include that the smaller

company has too few meters to be viable or rate-competitive.

"Until you have at least 50 percent of the gas users signed up as customers or potential customers, that's the case," she said. "We have people now complaining they don't want to stay on propane, but the rates from CCNG are too high. And there's not enough money to hook up other people who want to be customers."

But Renfro said he's worried about the loss of control locally if the company is sold.

"Once you let go, you've lost control of an essential utility in the future," he said. "It's a big issue in the March municipal elections."

Beauvais said he was there only to present information.

"There were proponents and opponents," he said. "People told me later it was balanced. There were direct cost comparisons associated with both companies for the same service."

One of the most interesting questions from the audience was why the two villages sold the gas line to Zia in the first place and why the rates changed so dramatically.

"The numbers showed that

last year from a fluke, CCNG's rates were actually cheaper than Zia because their supplier had gone bankrupt and they had to buy on the spot market," he said.

That's not the case this year. Zia's rates dropped significantly when gas prices went down and they secured a contract with a reliable supplier, he said.

Explaining the reasons for selling the gas line to Zia a decade ago, Beauvais said, "At the time when Zia purchase the Ruidoso Gas Co., they put us on notice that the system was reaching capacity on the existing four-inch line and they planned to aggressively expand their market. They said they would build an eight-inch bypass line, because we couldn't handle (Zia's demand). We still owed \$400,000 in debt for the line."

If Zia decided to build its own line, CCNG would be saddled with the debt with limited resources for repayment. Engineers hired by CCNG placed the cost of enlarging the company's lines to accommodate Zia at \$1.9 million, Beauvais said. Wanting to expand, Zia had to either put in

a new line, persuade CCNG to enlarge its line or buy the CCNG line and replace it in stages.

"They offered to purchase the pipeline and do the new line in phases," Beauvais said.

Zia took over CCNG's debt and gave it a preferential rate that expired last year, Beauvais said. Zia's president has estimated the value of that subsidy over the past nine years at \$1 million, the attorney said.

Officials in the two villages were faced with selling and becoming distribution cus-

tomers of Zia or putting in a new line, adding debt and hoping Zia didn't decide to install its own line anyway, stranding CCNG, Beauvais said. At the time, CCNG was using about 20 percent of the capacity on the line and Zia was at 80 percent. Officials hoped to build the municipal company's customer base in the nine years it operated without debt, he said.

"It was a well thought out economic decision with the agreement of the experts we hired," Beauvais said.

Bonito firefighters hold recognition event and banquet

Harvey "T" emceed the annual awards banquet of the Bonito Volunteer Fire Department, with Chief Chris Denne presiding over recognitions and award presentations recently.

Glen and Barbara Crane of Prudential in Ruidoso presented the department with a grant from the Prudential Helping Hearts Program for the purchase of a portable cardiac defibrillator. Special department recognition was given to Pete and Cheryl Blanchard and Jack and Virginia Pruitt for their community fund raising efforts and on-going support of the Bonito Fire Department.

Kenny Ellard received the Five-year Longevity Award, Lisa Bartley was recognized as Rookie of the Year. Mark and Mary Stanbaugh were awarded a special Outstanding Achievement Recognition for service within the department and heading up the Volunteers of Bonito Fire Department Organization. Joint Distinctive Service Awards were made to Carl Bartley and Tony Combs for time and service contributions they have made to the department.

The announcement was made that Jack Orio, after many years of service, had retired as assistant chief, although he remains active with the department. Tony Combs has been elected as the new assistant chief.

Group seeks vets

An organization that honors Vietnam veterans not eligible for the memorial wall in Washington, D.C., will accept applications through Feb. 22 for a fourth annual recognition ceremony.

U.S. Rep. Tom Udall, D-NM, assigned to the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, called attention to the group that is searching for veterans who died as a result of their service, but who do not meet governmental requirement for having their names added to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

The Memorial Fund, a non-profit organization, is accepting applications for the fourth annual "In Memory Day" ceremony set for April 15 at the memorial.

Applications can be obtained by calling 202-393-0080.

WEDDINGS ENGAGEMENTS

Henry-Stehr

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Henry, former residents of Frederick, Okla., now of Alto, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kylie Dawne Henry, to Heath Lane Stehr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stehr of Willow, Okla.

The ceremony will be at 3:30 p.m. June 1 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Mangum, Okla. After the ceremony, a reception and dinner dance will be held at The Sacred Heart Hall.

Kylie attended Frederick Public Schools through eighth

grade before moving to Alto. She graduated from Ruidoso High School in 1997.

She currently attends Western Oklahoma State College and works at the Frederick Golf and Country Club.

Heath is a 1995 graduate of Mangum High School and 1999 graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics. He teaches algebra at Frederick High School and is a coach for the Frederick Bomber Athletic Department.



Heath Lane Stehr and Kylie Dawne Henry

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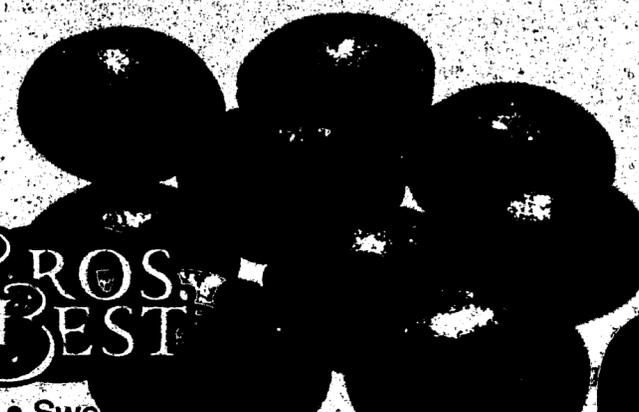
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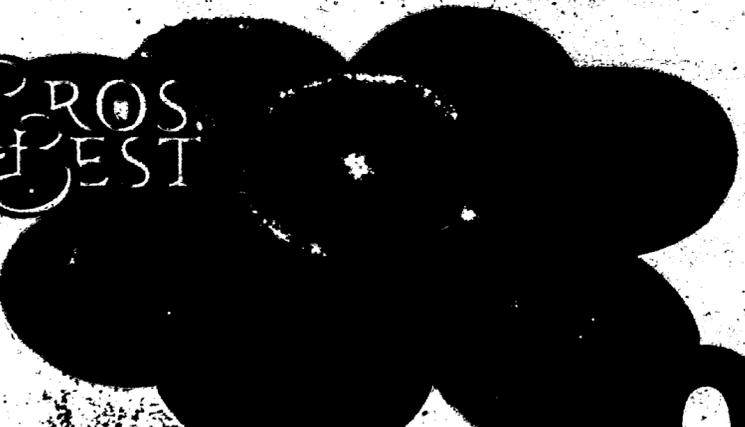
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Professional boxing coming to Inn next month

Former WBC and WBB world champion Eric Holland will headline the March 23 event.

BY WES SCHWENGELS
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Professional boxing is coming to Inn of the Mountain Gods. Let's get ready to rumble!
Former WBC middleweight and WBB junior middleweight world champion

Eric Holland headlines the card for the March 23 fight, the first pro boxing event to be held at the inn.

Holland, an Alamogordo native, said he's looking to get back to the top and to give his hometown fans a chance to see him in action.

"I took a little break for the holidays ... and now I want to stay at home and fight for a while," Holland said. "Fans around here don't get to see me much."

The fighter said if things go

well, it would take about a year and a half for him to get back in title contention.

Holland's opponent for the bout has not been named, but Kenneth "Butch" Bryant, co-organizer of the event, said that announcement will be made soon.

Bryant, also from Alamogordo, will fight on the multi-bout undercard.

"I have as long as I want left in boxing."

Eric Holland
Former WBC and WBB title holder

Bryant and co-organizer Tony Holden of Ruidoso said they are looking to book more fights at the resort and the Ruidoso area.

Holland's been fighting for 20 years, but said he's as fit as he was in 1982.

"Most people my age are supposed to be near the end of their careers," he said. "But I have as long as I want left in boxing."

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the fight will take place in the west conference center at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. Tickets can be purchased, and sponsors wanting to get in on the event can get more information by calling (505) 439-8233 or at the resort.

Bryant and Holden are also working on a boxing program in the Ruidoso and Alamogordo areas for people interested in getting into boxing. Call the above number for more information.

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Ski Report

Ski Apache
Head at Report Time: Clear
Midway Depth: 54 in.
Surface Conditions: Packed powder
Trails Open: All trails are open
Lifts Open: All lifts are open
Trails Groomed Today: 16 of 55
Snowmaking Past 24 Hours: No
Forecast: Partly cloudy

Prep Scoreboard

Girls basketball
Feb. 10
Mescalero 53, Hondo 47

Boys basketball
Feb. 10
Mescalero 66, Hondo 57
Feb. 12
Lovington 67, Ruidoso 47

Preps on Tap

Friday, Feb. 15
Wrestling
Ruidoso at Individual State, Tucuman, TBA
Boys basketball
Capitan at Cloudcroft, 7 p.m.
Portales at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.
Mescalero at Roy, 6:30 p.m.
Girls basketball
Capitan at Cloudcroft, 5:30 p.m.
Ruidoso at Lovington, 7:30 p.m.
Mescalero at Roy, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 16
Wrestling
Ruidoso at Individual State, Tucuman, TBA

Monday, Feb. 18
Boys basketball
Hondo at Lake Arthur, 8 p.m.
Mescalero at Gateway, 8 p.m.
TBA at Capitan, TBA
Girls basketball
Vaughn/Bosque at Corona, 6 p.m.
Lake Arthur at Mescalero, 6 p.m.
Gateway at Hondo, 6 p.m.
Capitan at TBA, TBA

Tuesday, Feb. 19
Boys basketball
Corona at Carrizozo, 6 p.m.

On Deck

Little League Sign-up
Sign-ups for the upcoming Little League baseball season will be held around Lincoln County in March. They will be at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center March 9 from 10 a.m. to noon, March 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. and March 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. Sign-ups will also be at Capitan Schools cafeteria March 9 from 1 to 3 p.m., March 12 from 5 to 8 p.m. and March 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info, call Valerie at 354-3500. Volunteer umpires are also needed. Call Scott at 354-9154 for more information.

Basketball Tourney
An open Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament will be held March 1-3 at Mescalero Community Gym. Ten men's and 8 women's teams will be allowed with 10 players per roster. Entry fee is \$150. A \$75 fee must be turned in no later than Feb. 15th. No Checks accepted. The rest due upon first game. Prizes for 1st to 4th place. For more info, please contact Head Start 464-9183/9456.

Big Boys

NCAA Basketball
Saturday
Arkansas St. at NMSU, 7 p.m.

Chiefs 3rd in district after topping Hondo

BY WES SCHWENGELS
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

A strong fourth quarter against Hondo Sunday gave the Mescalero Lady Chiefs an important win and the third seed in the upcoming District 8A Tournament.

The Chiefs overcame an offensively futile third quarter by scoring 18 in the fourth to post a 53-47 victory at home. It was their second strong final period in as many games, as they notched 24 points in the fourth against Alamo Navajo Feb. 8.

"We put pressure on the basketball, got some turnovers and were able to turn those turnovers into buckets," Mescalero coach Roland Bradford said.

The win set up a first-round tournament matchup with No. 6 seed Lake Arthur on Monday at 6 p.m. That game will be in Mescalero, as will a second-round game if the Chiefs beat the Panthers.

Bradford said he expects to meet Hondo again on Tuesday in that second-round contest. The Eagles will have to win a home game against Gateway Christian for that to happen.

Hagerman is the district's top seed, followed by Mesilla Valley in the No. 2 slot.

But before that, the Chiefs have to contend with nondistrict foe Roy on the road tonight. Bradford said that he's not concerned about any potential fatigue heading into the tournament, though.

"We've been pushing on conditioning and it showed against Hondo and Alamo Navajo," he said.

Bradford said several players had large parts in

the team's win over the Eagles Sunday. Sheriene Davis and Sasha Enjady led the team in scoring, while Augusta Lang had some key rebounds and putbacks in the fourth quarter.

But Bradford said he has really been impressed with the maturity and leadership of Nicole Dolan.

"She did an excellent job of leading us and that's what we've been looking for," he said.

And it's come just in time for the Chiefs, who will need to win three games to make the regional playoffs. That would include a road contest at Mesilla Valley. The Sunblazers have beaten Mescalero twice this year, although both games have been close.

"We've got a good chance of being able to win this district, but we've got to overcome our turnover problem," Bradford said.

The Chiefs had Mesilla Valley down through three quarters on the road on Jan. 29, but started coughing up the ball too much in the final period, eventually falling by two points.

The coach added that he knows the tourney will be tough. "You sit here and you've got a dream, but every other team and girl has the same dream."

► Lady Chief basketball

Mescalero 53, Hondo 47
• The Chiefs used a strong fourth quarter to lock up third place in district.



Warrior A.J. Richardson (5) puts up a running shot in a 67-47 loss to Lovington Tuesday night.

PHOTO BY TODD BUTTS

Looking better

Warriors play most impressive half of year before falling

BY TODD BUTTS
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Ruidoso Warriors boys basketball team looked great against the first-place Lovington Wildcats Tuesday night for the first half of the game. Ruidoso put on a good show and seemed to have come together as a team in the first two quarters before falling to the Wildcats, 67-47.

The Warriors were the first to score with an inbound pass to Sophomore Chance Hooper in the paint. It was a defensive battle for both teams in the first minutes of the game. Lovington tied the game 8-8 with a little less than four minutes left on clock.

Warrior David Rice hit the offensive boards and Junior Nick Spence nailed two 3-pointers, giving Ruidoso the lead at the end of the first quarter 20-15.

Lovington was the first to score in second quarter. It was the hot shooting of Wildcat Jawaan Payne, who nailed two 3-pointers, that gave Lovington the lead. The Warriors trailed by one going into the locker room 27-26.

"If we played the whole game like we played the first half, there is no doubt we would have come out ahead. We are capable of being that kind of team," said Warrior head coach Billy Page.

"It's just a matter of getting the confidence in the kids and then just doing it. The people who

were here saw a great first half. The kids are enjoying themselves and playing hard."

The Warriors' good ball control and patience with the offense disappeared in the second half when Payne hit another 3-pointer to give Lovington a 10 point lead, 38-28.

Lovington extended its lead in the third when Payne hit another 3-pointer to end quarter at 51-35. Payne had 23 of his 39 points in the second half, including seven three-pointers for the game.

The game got a little physical in the fourth quarter. An intentional foul by Wildcat Will Payne against Warrior David Rice forced Lovington to take a timeout. Rice hit two freethrows to make the score 53-38.

Lovington slowed down their offense taking time off of the clock as they defeated the Warriors, 67-47.

"They are young and going to be a team to reckon with," said Wildcat head coach Rick Black. "I know that because I have been in his (Page's) situation."

Warriors Nick Fajardo, David Rice and Nick Spence were the high scorers for Ruidoso with nine points each.

The Warriors will host the Portales Rams in their last regular season District 4AAA game tonight with the game beginning at approximately 7 p.m.

Tonight is parent appreciation night and all alumni are invited to attend Flashback Friday.

"If we played the whole game like we played the first half, we would have come out ahead."

Billy Page
RHS boys basketball coach

Grizzlies getting ready for district tournament

Carrizozo's girls already have a regional playoff spot locked up.

BY WES SCHWENGELS
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Carrizozo High School basketball team have made a long way since the start of the year, when they had a tough time putting together wins.

Boys and girls head coach Mel Holland said it was those early season struggles that propelled the Lady Grizzlies to the

top seed in the upcoming District 7A Tournament and the boys to a solid third-place during the regular season.

"We played some awfully tough competition early in the year and I think it's paid off," Holland said.

The Grizzly boys are especially hot, after winning their last two games, including a big victory over Vaughn Feb. 8 that knocked the Eagles out of the top spot in district.

The Lady Grizzlies were as solid as ever during the district

season, going 8-0. They have not lost a district regular season or tournament game in three years.

"Hopefully that tradition will continue," Holland said. The Zozo girls are guaranteed a regional playoff spot and will likely play either Mountainair or Corona for the district title Feb. 22 at 6 p.m.

The boys will play host to Corona in a first-round matchup Tuesday at 6 p.m. and will have to go through Vaughn to get to the title game.

BY TODD BUTTS
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Ruidoso Warrior Cheerleaders represented themselves, the community and the state when they traveled to Orlando, Fla.,



COURTESY

The Ruidoso High School cheerleading squad poses after competing in the 2002 UCA National High School Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, Fla. last weekend. The squad finished 28th out of 58 teams.

over the weekend to compete in the UCA National High School Cheerleading Championship.

The Warrior cheerleaders earned their way to championship by winning first place at the Regional tournament held in Albuquerque in December 2001. The UCA Championship is the most prestigious school cheer event in the country.

Hundreds of squads and more than 6,000 cheerleaders made the journey to Orlando to see who would be National Champion.

It was the first time the Warriors had competed at the national level. The cheerleaders competed in the small varsity division, which consists of 12 cheerleaders or fewer. The Warriors placed 28th out of the 58 squads that attended the competition.

Pikeville High School from Kentucky took home top honors in the small varsity division.

"Our goal was to hit a good clean routine and have the girls be proud of what they did," said cheerleading coach Rebecca Durham. "They were not intimidated by the competition. We are real proud of them."

The cheerleaders said they enjoyed the competition and are looking forward to the State Championship on March 22 and 23.

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CAR CLUBBING



WES SCHWENGLS/STAFF

Members of Ruidoso's Pine Top Rod and Custom Club pose with the many trophies they won at a show in Lovington over the weekend. Tom McFarlin, Bobby and Bernadene Bridges, Jim and Cheryl LaDuke, Dean and Mary Shade, Doug, Heather, Amy and Bud Babcock, John and Sanna Obermiller, Don and Nancy Stockstill and Ray Tutill combined to take eight cars that won a total of 10 trophies.

Hondo boys downed by Mescalero in District 8A regular season finale

BY WES SCHWENGLS
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Hondo, Eagles boys hoopsters nearly put together their first district win of the year, but a spirited comeback fell short, as did Hondo, 66-57, at Mescalero Sunday.

The Chiefs jumped all over the Eagles in the first quarter, 22-7, and that proved to be the difference. The spread shrunk over the next three periods, but not enough for Hondo to come out on top.

Eagle coach Eddie Chavez said a slick Mescalero floor threw his team off balance early.

"We just weren't ready to come out and play in those conditions. It took a quarter for us to stop making excuses," he said.

The Eagles finished the district season at 0-10, while the Chiefs ended up 2-8. Hondo will take on Lake Arthur, a team that has beaten the Eagles soundly twice this year, in the first round of the District 8A Tournament Monday at 8 p.m. Mescalero will travel to Gateway Christian in Roswell at 8 p.m.

The tourney holds a long road for both teams, as it will take three wins to make the regional playoffs.

And while Chavez admits his boys' chances of getting there are small, he thinks things will be different in 2002-2003.

"They're on their way. Next year we'll be a lot better. We've got a tough district (this year)."

But the Eagles still have at least one game before then, with Lake Arthur. Chavez said that for his team to win, it will have to beat the defensive pressure of the Panthers and stay focused on what it has to do.

"It took a quarter for us to stop making excuses."

Eddie Chavez
Hondo boys basketball coach

"We don't have enough experience to play that kind of ball. If we take care of that, we'll be in the game," he said.

Hagerman and Mesilla Valley are the top two seeds in the district tourney, followed by Lake Arthur, Gateway, Mescalero and Hondo.

Course challenges ski team

BY LAURA DOTH
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Battling extremely cold temperatures and a challenging former World Cup course, the Ruidoso ski team faced the first Junior Olympic Qualifying runs on Feb. 2 and 3.

The J.O. Qualifiers for 13- and 14-year-olds was held in Breckenridge, Colo., and featured two Super G races. Six young skiers from Ruidoso competed at the qualifying competition.

The J.O. Junior Olympics will be held March 10 through the 16 in Winter Park, Colo. The Ruidoso team will compete at a second J.O. Qualifier this weekend in Colorado. The two best times out of six total races will be used to determine whether the skiers make it to the Junior Olympics in March.

Coming off of a great training run, Nicole Doth hit a rut on the course during her first run and had to stop in order to make her next turn. She was able to regain her balance and completed the course. Doth ended the day in 64th place.

The men's division followed, and Stefan Seigmann had the best finish of the Ruidoso men, coming in 56th with a time of 1:08.97. He was followed by Michael Ginnings in 61st and Travis Ingels in 71st.

Teammates Eric Vaughn and Peter Zagone had difficulties handling the course and did not finish the race.

On Sunday, the weather warmed up a bit, and the Super G race course proved faster than the day before. Nicole Doth bettered her time by a full second, and finished 58th for the day.

In the men's division, Peter Zagone hit the course hard and finished 58th with a respectable 59.01. Eric Vaughn also mastered the course on Sunday and finished 66th with a time of 59.86. Michael Ginnings was 68th and Travis Ingels finished 85th. Stefan Seigmann fell during the afternoon run and did not finish.

The Ruidoso team headed to Taos the following weekend for two slalom races. From there, the team travels to Winter Park for the second of the qualifying races.

Results from Breckenridge follow.

Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002
Women's Super G
(54) Nicole Doth 1:07.18
Men's Super G
(56) Stefan Seigmann 1:03.97
(61) Michael Ginnings 1:04.83
(71) Travis Ingels 1:11.14
(DNF) Eric Vaughn
(DNF) Peter Zagone
Sunday, Feb. 3, 2002
Women's Super G
(59) Nicole Doth 1:06.37
Men's Super G
(58) Peter Zagone 59.01
(66) Eric Vaughn 59.86
(68) Michael Ginnings 1:00.33
(85) Travis Ingels 1:05.01
(DNF) Stefan Seigmann

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DISTRICT COURT

Criminal cases

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

Jan. 4 - Vicki Chavez, 43, Lincoln County Detention Center; forgery, a 3rd-degree felony; CR2002-01.

Jan. 4 - Bobby Ray Zamora, 21, Carrizozo; larceny more than \$250, 4th-degree felony, in the alternative, embezzlement more than \$250, less than \$2,500, a 4th-degree felony, and resisting, evading or obstructing a police officer; CR02-02.

Jan. 17 - Justin Erin Baker, 24, no address; fugitive complaint from the state of Texas; CR01-03.

Jan. 17 - Paul LeCompte, 29, Capitan; six counts of forgery; CR02-04.

Jan. 10 - Ronald K. Stephens, 31, Ruidoso Downs; failure to use turn signal, unable to produce driver's license on demand, concealing identity and felon in possession of a fire arm; CR02-06.

Jan. 22 - Jose Martinez, also known as Julio Cesar Gonzalez, 23, Ruidoso; escape from jail, 4th-degree felony, resisting and attempting to evade officer, misdemeanor, and criminal damage to property \$1,000 or less, petty misdemeanor; CR02-08.

Jan. 22 - Luis Gonzales Jr., 29, Dexter; burglary, larceny more than \$2,300, less than \$20,000, criminal conspiracy; CR02-09.

Jan. 22 - Freddy Ray Baca, 25, Ruidoso Downs; forgery, 3rd-degree felony, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor, 4th-degree felony; CR02-10.

Jan. 22 - Angel M. Saenz, 23, Las Cruces; possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of paraphernalia and possession of forfeitable property; CR02-11.

Jan. 22 - Rick Aldridge, 54, Ruidoso; creating a public nuisance; petty misdemeanor; polluting a water source, misdemeanor; CR02-12.

Jan. 31 - Mikell Hendricks, 29, Roswell; two counts criminal sexual penetration; CR02-13.

Feb. 1 - Samuel Zamora, 29, Carrizozo; possession of controlled substance, methamphetamines, 4th-degree felony; conspiracy to commit felony, to wit distribution of methamphetamines, 4th-degree felony; and possession of forfeitable property; CR02-15.

Feb. 1 - Samuel Zamora, 29, Carrizozo; possession of controlled substance with intent to distribute, 3rd-degree felony, and possession of drug paraphernalia, misdemeanor; CR02-16.

Feb. 1 - Thelma Zamora, 8, Carrizozo; conspiracy to commit a felony, distribution of methamphetamines, and possession of controlled substance, methamphetamines; CR02-17.

Feb. 4 - Jon T. Harlacker, 20, no address listed; two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, dangerous use of explosives and desecration of a church; CR02-18.

Feb. 5 - Ramona Bell, 24, no address listed; four counts of forgery, 3rd-degree felony; CR02-19.

Feb. 5 - George Giron, 55, Roswell; DWI-4th or subsequent offense, driving on a suspended or revoked license and open container of liquor in a vehicle; CR01-20.

Feb. 5 - Adam Rodgers, 20, Roswell; four counts of auto burglary; larceny more than \$250 and less than \$2,500; two counts of larceny less than \$100; larceny more than \$100, less than \$250; and criminal damage to property; CR02-21.

Domestic relations

The following domestic relations cases were filed in Lincoln County District Court in Carrizozo. They are identified by the date, the plaintiff and

defendant, the type of action and the docket number.

Jan. 3 - State of New Mexico, Human Services Department, state of Colorado and Cindy L. Smith vs. William Walter Wetzel; statement for registration of foreign support order and clerk's notice; DM2002-02.

Jan. 3 - State of New Mexico, Human Services Department, and state of Montana and Susan A. Snell vs. Sandra Snell; statement for registration of foreign support order and clerk's notice; DM02-03.

Jan. 3 - Shanna Shea Richardson vs. Chad Edward Richardson; divorce; DM02-04.

Jan. 3 - State of New Mexico, Humane Services Department, state of California and Mary Marlene Bledsoe vs. James Spencer Bledsoe; statement of registration of foreign support order and clerk's notice; DM02-05.

Jan. 4 - Shirley Lynn Salas vs. Lisa Marie Putts or Putz; petition for an order of protection from domestic abuse; DV2002-02.

Jan. 9 - Chelsea Noblett vs. Riley Stufflebeam; domestic abuse petition; DV02-03.

Jan. 10 - Kathleen M. Pritchard vs. Joseph A. Depta; domestic abuse petition; DV02-04.

Jan. 14 - Raymond Swansen vs. Sason Allen Christensen; domestic abuse petition; DV02-06.

Jan. 18 - Debra Van Tussenbroek vs. Daniel Van Tussenbroek; domestic violence petition; DV02-07.

Jan. 22 - William F. Carwile vs. Valinda E. Carwile; divorce; DM02-08.

Jan. 22 - Amber Canning vs. Dale Ray Nixon; domestic abuse petition; DV02-09.

Jan. 22 - Selina Vazquez vs. Johnny Vazquez; domestic abuse petition; DV02-10.

Jan. 24 - Alyssa J. Rankin vs. Kevin J. Rankin; divorce; DM02-10.

Jan. 25 - Vincent Straley vs.

Jackie Fenchel Straley; divorce; DM02-11.

Jan. 25 - Dorothy Lucille Rickman vs. Drew Allon Rickman; divorce; DM02-12.

Jan. 28 - Anifa Garcia Estrada vs. Reymundo Estrada; divorce; DM02-13.

Jan. 29 - Kimberly J. Wood vs. Thomas E. Wood; divorce; DM02-14.

Jan. 30 - In re: the matter of Linda Betancourt Soto, petitioner, and Jeremy Scott Crotts, and concerning Asha Renee Crotts; a child; petition to establish paternity, custody, support and visitation rights; DM02-15.

Feb. 5 - Lorraine La May vs. David La May; divorce; DM02-16.

Feb. 7 - Melissa Valdes vs. Bennie J. Robinson; domestic abuse petition; DV02-11.

Civil cases

The following civil cases were filed in Lincoln County District Court in Carrizozo. They are identified by the date, the plaintiff and defendant, the type of action and the docket number.

Jan. 2 - Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp. vs. Brian Cunningham also known as Brian James Cunningham, and Deborah B. Cunningham; foreclosure; CV02-01.

Jan. 3 - Michael Andrews vs. Beatrice A. Gomez, individually and as parents of minor Randi D. Gomez; petition for approval of settlement; CV02-02.

Jan. 3 - Greenwich Capital Financial Products Inc. vs. Sharon An Nix; foreclosure; CR02-03.

Jan. 4 - United States acting through the Rural Housing Service, vs. Elibbya Y. Richardson, Clarence B. Richardson II, state of New Mexico Taxation and Revenues Department, Beneficial New Mexico Inc. doing business as Beneficial Mortgage Co., and state of New Mexico Department of Labor; foreclosure; CV02-04.

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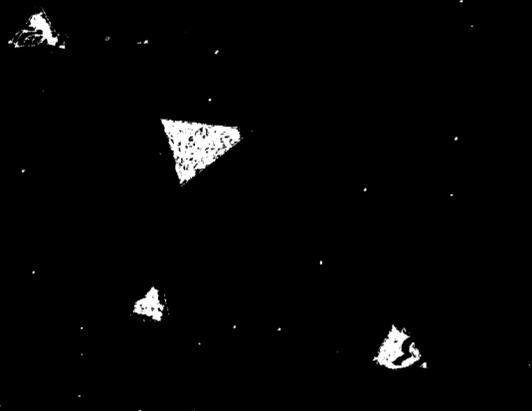
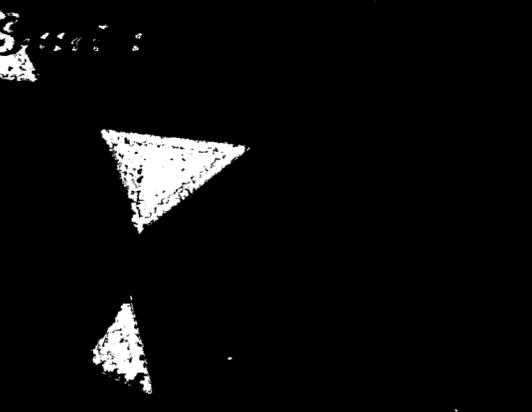
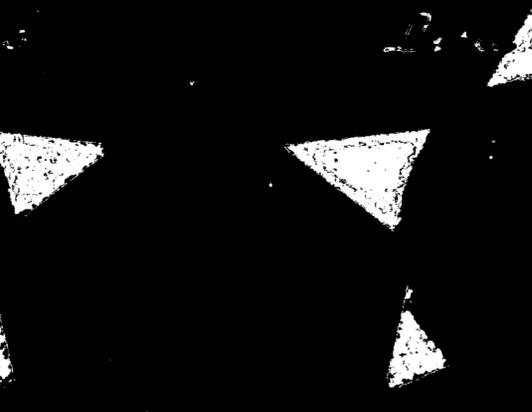
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¡VAMONOS!

New 'Odd Couple' plays at Spencer

■ Barbara Eden leads a veteran cast in Neil Simon's revised classic.

Looking as vibrant as she did in her "I Dream of Jeannie" days, Barbara Eden, who has starred in numerous TV series, stage shows and films, has been making the rounds in recent months.

She has appeared on such popular TV magazine/talk shows as Charlie Rose, Larry King Live and 20/20, proving to be one of those rare performers whose success and popularity translates far beyond her initial "Jeannie" fame. The celebrated star is the key attraction in Spencer Theater performances of "The Odd Couple," Sunday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and with her saucy co-star Rita McKenzie, ("Ruthless!", "Frasier" and "Caroline In The City"), full capacity levels are expected inside the hall.

When Neil Simon rewrote his long-running smash hit "The Odd Couple," he did more than just switch the sexes, he infused the original humor with characters that reflect feminine quirks and concerns and lots of humor. Here we have the neurotic neatnik Florence Unger (Eden), who is deserted by

her spouse, and the slovenly Olive Madison (McKenzie), who takes the distraught and overwrought Unger into her home. Upstairs, instead of the Pigeon sisters, we have the swinging Costazuela brothers, two handsome Spaniards who work for Iberia Airlines. And the weekly poker game has become a comical match of Trivial Pursuit.

The original "Odd Couple," which opened on Broadway in March 1965 and ran for more than two years, later became a successful film and TV series starring Tony Randall and Jack Klugman. The revised "Odd Couple" opened on Broadway in 1985 starring Sally Struthers and Rita Moreno. Eden and McKenzie's national tour of the show continues through April.

The duo has garnered positive reviews, clearly endearing audiences with their well honed comic delivery. Also, their charm, beauty and substantive talents keep patrons keyed into the essence of Simon's reworked characters. But so does the amazing cast of supporting characters, all of whom deserve their own star dressing rooms at the Spencer Theater.

The cast includes Georgia Engel, still remembered as

Potter works his magic

When Glencoe artist Roy Brown isn't busy throwing pots, he works outside, enjoying Lincoln County

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The reds are what catches the eye on Roy Brown's pottery, then the intricate woven-look detailing on the sides and bottoms of some of the storage jars, the decorative rope work and leaf patterns and the steel "pulls" or handles.

Brown carves the designs with a porcupine quill, carving the leaves or ropes after the clay is leather hard, before the first firing. Many of his pots have this meticulous, labor-intensive stamp.

"I'll be living here for a reasonable facsimile of the rest of my life."

Roy Brown
Glencoe potter

Other engaging aspects to his work include storage jars with copper rings to hold plastic wrap on — for an elegant way of dealing with leftovers, the detail work on the lips of vessels, ghost

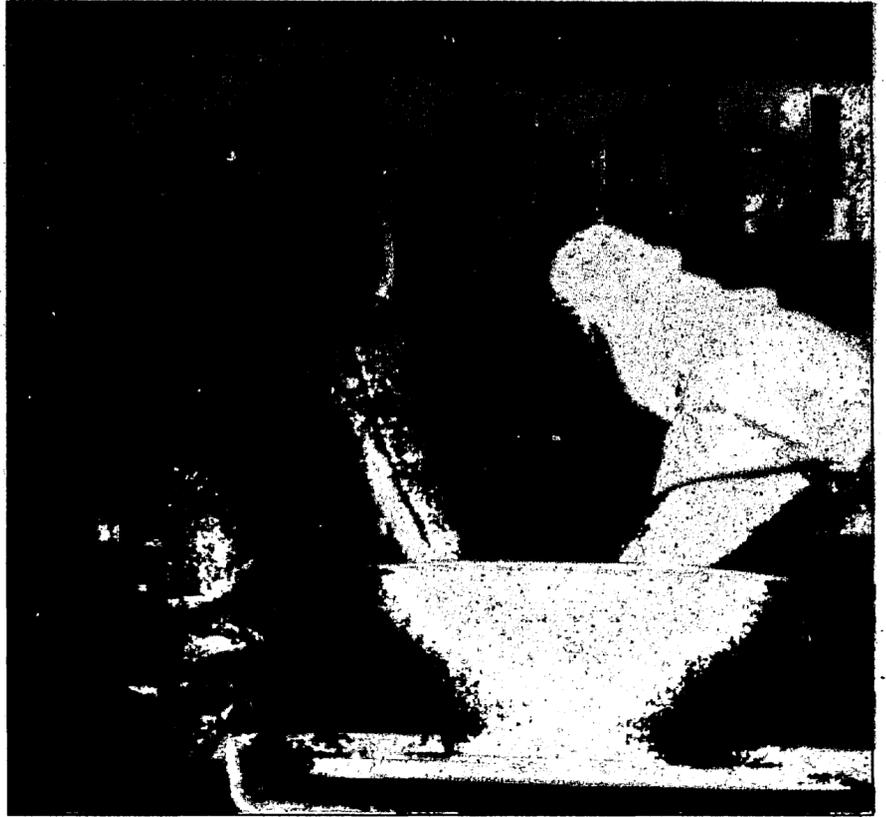
images of birds and rabbits in the bottoms of some of the pots and the use of raw clay body.

As far as the unusual range of reds, Brown says "I happen to have a glaze that works."

Modesty aside, Brown has been throwing pots for 30 years, attended college in San Marcos, Texas, for four years, has a bachelor of fine arts degree from New Mexico State University and a master of fine arts from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

"My second year in college I took pottery courses and just kept it and went straight into a fine arts degree," the Balinger, Texas, native said. At SMU he was in an honors program on a full scholarship. Since then, he's taught at small colleges and craft centers.

Brown's business is called Design Origins, and he sells his pottery at White Mountain Pottery in Ruidoso and Creative Decor in Ruidoso — which will be opening a gallery in Scottsdale, Ariz. He also travels to about eight art shows



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Artist Roy Brown turns a pot. He doesn't always wear a cowboy hat, but it seems to help him balance here.

a year, including an Epilepsy Association benefit in Amarillo, and shows in Lubbock, Midland, and Austin, Texas, Sedona, Ariz., and Angel Fire.

Besides all that, he's a part-time cowpoke on the 54-section Eagle Creek Land and Cattle Company ranch, where he spends time welding, running water lines and fixing fences.

"I enjoy it," he said. "It gets me out. If you're not out to enjoy this scenery, it's not worth living up here."

He's also on the Private Art in Public Places committee of the Ruidoso Arts Commission and his work will be exhibited in Village Hall in June.

Brown and his two sons moved to Glencoe three years ago from Tularosa, where he'd lived for 15 years, and put his kiln and pottery shop behind his house on the river.

"It's a great creative outlet for me. I've done it all my life and I love it," he said. About his place in Glencoe by the river, he's plumb content: "I'll be living here for a reasonable facsimile of the rest of my life."

To see his work, visit one of the galleries or call for an appointment at 378-8273.



COURTESY

Barbara Eden, of "I Dream of Jeannie" fame, stars in an updated version of "The Odd Couple," coming to the Spencer Theater Sunday.



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At left, the variety of items Brown creates is displayed, with the large, carved, natural clay pots in front and various mugs, bowls, pitchers and jars. At right, this large red jar shows what Brown can do — both with the color red and with his carved designs on the bottom and lid of the vessel.



Asteroid nearly destroys Earth. See story, page 64A

You can skip this column. I'm sure you have more important things to do. You don't need to waste your valuable time reading about how millions of people, possibly including you, recently were almost killed by a giant space rock and there are more coming and nobody is doing anything about it.

Excuse me for going into italics mode, but I am a little upset here. In case you didn't hear about it, which you probably didn't: On Jan. 7, an asteroid 1,000 feet across — nearly three times the current diameter of Marlon Brando — barely missed the Earth, which is most likely your planet of residence.

What do I mean by "barely"? I mean that this asteroid, traveling at 68,000 miles per hour, came within 400,000 miles. In astronomical terms, that is nothing.

To get an idea how close this thing came, imagine that your head is the Earth. Now hold your right hand, representing the sun, at arm's length. Now take your

left forefinger, representing the asteroid, and move it toward the Earth at 68,000 miles per hour until your pinkie is up to the knuckle in your left nostril. Now try to type a sentence. That is what I mean by "barely."

What if this asteroid had hit the Earth? According to British asteroid expert Benny Peiser, as quoted in the National Post of Canada, "Such an object could literally wipe out a medium-sized country." So if you live in a large country, you have nothing to worry about!

No, really, if this thing had hit anywhere on Earth, it would have been seriously tragic. And don't think you're safe just because this one missed. There are plenty more asteroids and asteroids (which are your female asteroids) whizzing through space, and eventually one will hit us. Some already have. Astronomers believe that 65 million years ago, a large asteroid struck Earth and wiped out the dinosaurs; in 1985, a smaller one obliterated the career of Henry

"The Fonz" Winkler. It is only a matter of time before disaster strikes again.

I'm sure this information raises some troubling questions in your mind, the main one being: There's a British asteroid expert named "Benny?" But also you're wondering: What is the astronomy community doing about this?

Good question. As it happens, the American Astronomical Society was holding a conference in Washington at the very same time as the asteroid nearly hit the Earth. I know this because The New York Times covered the heck out of the conference. Here's the scary part: The Times did not print one word about the asteroid. Instead, as this thing whizzed past, The Times printed the following exciting astronomy news:

Jan. 8—Astronomers have discovered that certain gamma rays, which they used to think came from billions of light-years away, in fact came from only a few hundred million light-years away!

Jan. 9—Having studied the far edges of the universe with the Hubble telescope, astronomers now believe that roughly 14 billion years ago, stars formed more quickly than was previously thought!

Jan. 10—Astronomers "peering deep into the heart of the Milky Way" have discovered more than 1,000 sources of "powerful X-rays," far more than were previously known!

So there you have it: While the Giant Space Rock of Death was coming this close to turning our planet into a cosmic Whack-a-Mole game, the astronomy community was equating at the far edges of the universe. This is like two police officers standing in the park, and a screaming woman runs past, chased by muggers, and one officer says to the other: "Look over there! An albino squirrel!"

No, the astronomers aren't going to save us. Humanity must take matters into its own hands! Step One, of course, is for everybody to lay in at least a two-week

supply of margarita ingredients. Step Two is to mount a massive international project, based on the movie "Armageddon," to watch for an incoming asteroid, and then send up a rocket, commanded by Bruce Willis, to blow it up with a hydrogen bomb. Except of course we can't really use Bruce, because he'd want \$20 million, plus a percentage of the asteroid. So we need someone else—someone with courage, skill and a proven ability to perform in the face of grave danger. There is one name comes immediately to my mind, as I'm sure it does to yours. Geraldo, your planet needs you.

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Hard men: On the trail of a notorious gang

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A veritable hailstorm of lead had ripped through the hollow where Charlie Pitts and the Youngers had taken cover and it looked like broken gear everywhere. Broken guns, some in working condition, some not, and bloodied bodies laying everywhere. The possemen kicked away any firearms lying on the ground and picked anything else up that might be used as a weapon. One of the posse rolled a man over who was lying face down. Dark, with a mustache and beard, he rolled over to stare up into the trees with sightless eyes. It was Charlie Pitts and he had, just as he had predicted, "died game."

At this point, much to Sheriff Glispin's disgust, several of the men who had remained up on the hill during the battle decided that it was finally safe enough for them to come down and act brave for everyone else's benefit.

Captain Murphy bent over one of the other outlaws, a heavy-set man and, opening the fellow's coat, removed two hide-out guns. The man, although bleeding profusely, was still combative. Rising up on one elbow, barely able to remain conscious, he still wanted to fight! "Come on! I'll fight any two of you sons-of-bitches!" Glispin and the others stepped warily back and watched him. Rising to his knees, Cole Younger declared "I'll take on any two of you bastards in a fair fight!" Cole tried to raise his fists, but had trouble managing

to raise both of them at the same time. "Come on!" he screamed, "Let's go!"

At this point, his brother Bob, in excruciating pain, said "Give it up, Cole, or they'll hang us for sure." "What's the difference," replied Cole, "if we hang tomorrow or today? Let's get it done."

When Bob had referred to Cole by name, it got some of the possemen's attention. But when they asked the desperados their names, Bob replied by asking for a "chew." As they brought the bandits, now loaded in a wagon, out into the light, the possemen, for the first time, saw the extent of the wounds that the outlaws had sustained. Glispin walked over to Jim Younger and, laying his hand on his shoulder, said "Boys, this is horrible, but you see what lawlessness has brought to you?"

The wounds

Talk about tough hombres... in the story of the Northfield robbery, the only men who come across as anything less than tough as nails are the men who chose to remain on the hillside during the final gunfight. Physicians marveled at the condition of the outlaws and the fact that they were still alive. Keep in mind that many of these wounds were inflicted before they left Northfield and the outlaws had carried all this lead in them for two weeks with absolutely no medical attention. The extent of their wounds is worth mentioning simply because it is difficult to wrap

one's mind around the fact that despite these wounds, they still ran around the rainy, muddy countryside for those two weeks all shot to pieces, and were still prepared to fight it out at the end!

Bob Younger's shattered elbow was almost healed by the time he was captured and had to be re-broken and set. At Hanska Slough, he was hit by a bullet that entered just below the right side of his shoulder blade, passing around the body and exiting near the nipple. In 1889, complications from this wound would lead to tuberculosis from which Bob did not recover.

Jim Younger was hit by buckshot in the fleshy part of his middle thigh and another bullet entered the center of his upper jaw, pulverizing nearly half of the upper jawbone. When the doctors worked on him, witnesses saw large pieces of jawbone removed in which there were two or three double teeth. His upper lip was quite sore and it was nearly impossible to understand what he said.

Cole Younger seems to have won the how-much-lead-can-you-get-in-your-body sweepstakes. Cole took four bullets in the back, buckshot had shattered his left shoulder blade and another two of them were lodged inches below. A third entered his left arm and embedded itself about two inches inside. Another buckshot passed behind the armpit. Still another bullet entered just behind the angle of the right side of his jaw, passing over the palate arch and lodging itself in the left side of the upper jaw. Due to the heavy rains and mud that they had walked through, his feet were develop-

ing what we would have called "jungle rot" in Vietnam. When they removed his boots, his toenails came off with them.

Expectations

The Youngers expected to be hanged, either legally or otherwise, and were all quite amazed at the warm hospitality awarded them by not only their captors, but the people of Madelia, where they were brought. Madelia was too young to have constructed a jail yet, so the outlaws were housed in the Flanders hotel. The wife of one of the possemen supplied clean sheets to wrap the body of Charlie Pitts in, and also supplied clean underclothing and shirts for the Youngers, who seemed to have been genuinely touched by all this kindness.

Flowers were sent by Mrs. Guri Sorbel, whose son was the one who had alerted the countryside to the outlaws' presence, and she requested to be able to speak with the prisoners. When her request was granted, she begged Bob Younger not to send other outlaws to kill her son in revenge. Such a thing had never even occurred to him. Moved by her pleas, he took her by the hand and said, "I have nothing to blame you for, madam." Many local women brought the boys all the pies and food they could eat.

Several ladies representing the local churches came to speak to the boys about the terrible lives they had led. Bob's comment was "Ladies, we are rough men, used to rough ways." But when these same ladies brought up the subject of the Youngers' mother, tears began streaming down their cheeks. And with that, all of the women present broke down,

with "audible sobs of grief."

Stillwater

The Younger brothers, who had expected to be hanged, appeared to actually be relieved when they received sentences of 25 years. They were offered more lenient sentences if they would identify their confederates in crime. Of course, by now everyone had figured out just who their partners in crime were, they just wanted the Youngers to say it out loud - something that they were not about to do. Not then. Not ever.

Stillwater Prison was a dank, dark place and would certainly make any of our modern prisons look like country clubs. Bob's chest wound never really

healed and eventually, in that dank climate, he contracted tuberculosis, as stated earlier, from which he died in 1889.

Cole and Jim stuck it out all the way through the end of the 19th century. And no matter how many times they were asked, they always stuck to their story - long after Jesse's death in 1882, the Youngers professed to have never known anyone named "Jesse James."

Frank James surrendered after the assassination of Jesse, to none other than the Governor of Missouri himself. There was much public sentiment on Frank's behalf - as there always had been in Missouri - and he never,

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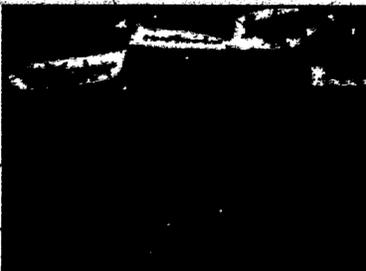
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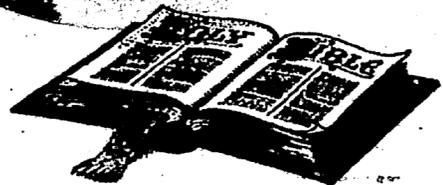
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Calvary Chapel
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Carrizo Christian Fellowship
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378-1789

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CATHOLIC
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
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CHURCH OF CHRIST
Capitan - Highway 48. Les Earwood, Minister. Sunday Bible study: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.
FOUR SQUARE
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NON-DENOMINATIONAL
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EPISCOPAL
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METHODIST
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Christ Church in the Downs
Ruidoso Downs, 378-8464. Al and Marty Lane, Pastors. Sunday: 8:00 Sun a.m., 10:45 a.m. Children's ministries concurrent with late Sunday Services. Sat. outreach at 1pm, at church.
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CARRIZOZO CHURCHES

GOMBER: James/Younger gang was hard to kill, to say the least

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despite 15 years of robbing banks and trains, spent so much as one night in jail.

Finally, in 1901, 25 years after the botched Northfield raid, and without any time being removed from their sentences, Cole and Jim Younger were released into a world that had changed dramatically during their incarceration. Automobiles, electricity and telephones had become commonplace. Their pardon was not a full one, however, and they were forced to stay in Minnesota, unable to return to their native and beloved Missouri.

Jim met a lady and fell in love, but he was jilted and that, along with his inability to return to Missouri, or even find a job, was just too much for

him. One night less than a year after his release from prison, Jim rented a seedy hotel room and shot himself.

In 1903, Cole received an additional pardon, allowing him to return to Missouri for brief periods. Cole saw this differently. As far as he was concerned, once he was out of Minnesota, if they wanted him back, they could come and get him.

The Wild West

For a time, Cole and his old friend Frank James formed a touring company of a wild west show and toured nationally — although not to Minnesota — and ultimately, he went on the lecture circuit. His lectures were later compiled in book form as "The Story of Cole Younger by Himself." It is an

interesting read. In one chapter, Cole tells us about how he has become a born-again Christian. In the next, he flatly states — yet again — that he never met anyone named Jesse James. Jesse who?

The aging outlaw did have a tale to tell, but could never quite bring himself to tell it — at least as it really happened. It is understandable, in a way. How can you tell the story of the James/Younger gang when you are claiming that you never met Jesse James? The only people who were treated to what may have been the real story were the neighborhood children who enjoyed hearing the old outlaw's stories. Needless to say, these children did not keep any record of his words.

Cole's old wounds began to

cause him trouble as time went by and he became more and more infirm. In 1915, his old friend Frank James died, making Cole the last known survivor of the infamous James/Younger gang.

In 1916, Coleman Younger died quietly on his farm, surrounded by loved ones. If you had been there and not known his identity, you would have thought that a saint had just passed. Cole Younger, last of the Younger brothers, was beloved, not only by his family, but by the entire state of Missouri — and then some.

Sources: I, Jesse James by James R. Ross; Jesse James by John Ernst; The Story of Cole Younger by Himself and The Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters by Bill O'Neal.



Cole Younger swore he never met Jesse James, pictured above.

COURTESY



Exhibit starts in Roswell

Roswell Artist-in-Residence Edie Tsong will exhibit her work at the Roswell Museum and Art Center from Feb. 22 through April 21. A lecture by the artist is scheduled at 4 p.m. Feb. 22, with an opening reception from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Tsong's exhibition explores community portraiture through the basic forms of expression — drawing and writing. The show consists of "Drawing Roswell/Roswell Drawing," a project in which the artist drew portraits of Roswell residents, then asked them to draw her. This project has served the artist as a way to explore her own identity in a new community, getting to know a range of people and integrating them into her creative process.

The museum also opens an exhibit titled "Flora, Not Fauna" on Feb. 22. This exhibit includes a diverse sampling of floral compositions from the museum's permanent collection, including dazzling works by notable Southwest artists Henriette Wyeth, Barbara Latham, Andrew Dasberg, B.J.O. Nordfeldt, Joseph Henry Sharp and Olive Rush. The exhibit continues through June 9.

Workshop at Sierra Dove

Dr. Don Cornwell will teach a workshop for energy workers, "Windows of the Sky," Sierra Dove Center for Healing, 1729 Fort Stanton Road. Classes will be held March 8 from 6 to 9 p.m., and March 9-10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Massage therapists receive C.E.U. credits for the workshop, which covers a series of acupuncture points used to connect heart and mind. For information, call Julia Price at 336-1037.

Alamogordo circus begins

Circus Chimera, the biggest circus coming to Alamogordo in 2002, will set up at the Otero County Fairgrounds for two daily shows at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m., Feb. 25 and 26, sponsored by the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce.

Award-winning performers from nine countries under the "World's Tallest Big Top" will present tightly orchestrated acts on the ground and in the air, including aerial contortion, juggling, tumbling, balancing, flying trapeze and jump roping.

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Free writing workshop

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Learn about xeriscaping

The Hubbard Museum of the American West will offer an informative discussion on xeriscaping in the mountain areas at 10 a.m. Feb. 23 in the board room of the Hubbard Museum in Ruidoso Downs.

Rod Shaw, landscape architect for Hubbard Enterprises will share tips on proper planting seasons for shrubs and flowers, hints on which plants grow best in our climate and advice on converting to low-water plants in landscaping. The talk is free to the public. For more information, contact Elizabeth Becker at 378-4142.

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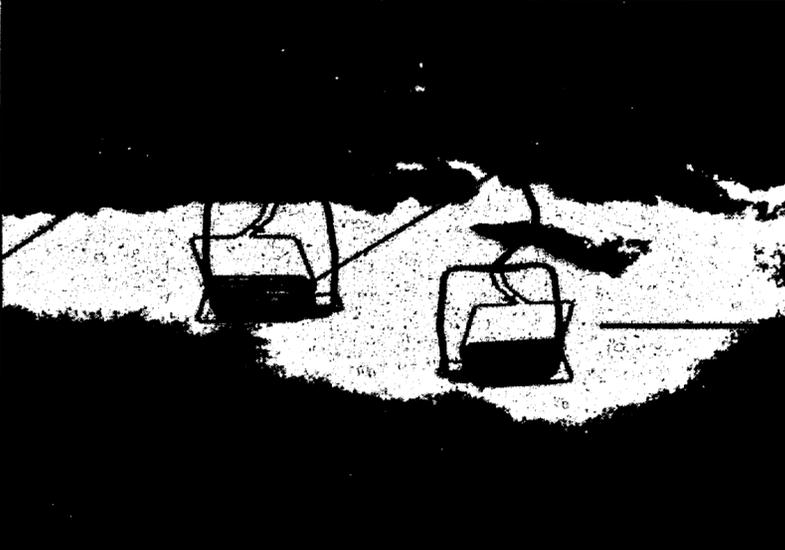
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COUPLE: Eden, McKenzie bring Broadway hit to Spencer Theater

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the lovable Georgette from The Mary Tyler Moore Show. Here she is a treasure, stealing multiple scenes by playing her naive for laughs. Humor escalates with Larry Thomas, made famous as The Soup Nazi in "Seinfeld," as he plays one of the Costazuela brothers (upstairs neighbors to Olive Madison) that regularly mangle the English language.

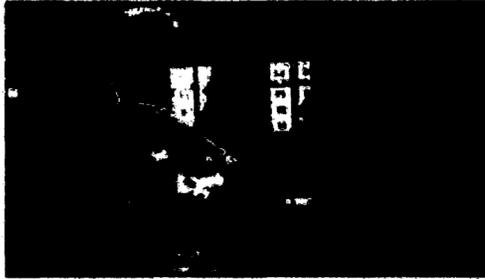
David Castro, whose film and TV credits include "St. Elmo's Fire," "Pearl Harbor" and "Lonesome Dove," plays Jesus Costazuela. Elizabeth Alley, who patrons might recognize from the TV series "Frasier," or her appearances in "The Young and the Restless," "All My Children," "Ryan's Hope" and "Another World," plays Renee, a girlfriend to Olive and Florence. So does Mary Pat

Gleason as Mickey, who recently appeared in the sensational film Traffic as well as TV shows "ER," "NYPD Blue" and "Friends," and Shirley Prestia as Sylvie, whose credits include the films "Wag the Dog," "Hoffa" and "Final Analysis."
Call the Spencer Theater at 505-336-4800 or 888-818-7872 for tickets. "The Odd Couple" is presented in part by KRUI.

THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Snow Dogs
Action/Adventure and Comedy
1 hr. 37 min.
Rated PG for mild crude humor.
The world's greatest team of sled dogs—Diesel, Scooper, Nana, Yodel, Sniff, Mack, Duchess, and Demon—are about to get a new owner: Miami dentist Ted Jones (Cuba Gooding Jr.). When Ted finds out that he's been named in a will, he travels to Alaska thinking he's going to be rich, but his dreams of wealth turn to mush: he's been left the racing dogs, who have got it in for him. Making matters even worse is the crusty mountain man Thunder Jack (James Coburn), who can't wait for the city slicker to hoof it back to warmer climes. As Ted's life goes to the dogs, he vows to learn to mush, no matter what it takes.
Starring: Cuba Gooding Jr., James Coburn, Sisco, Graham Greene, Brian Doyle Murray
Directed by: Brian Levant
Produced by: Jordan Kerner, Christine Whitaker, John Avnet
Written by: Jim Kouf, Tommy Swerdlow, Michael Goldberg, Mark Gibson, Phillip Halperin, Scott Alexander, Larry Karaszewski, Philip Halprin
Distributor: Walt Disney Pictures
Showtimes: 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m.

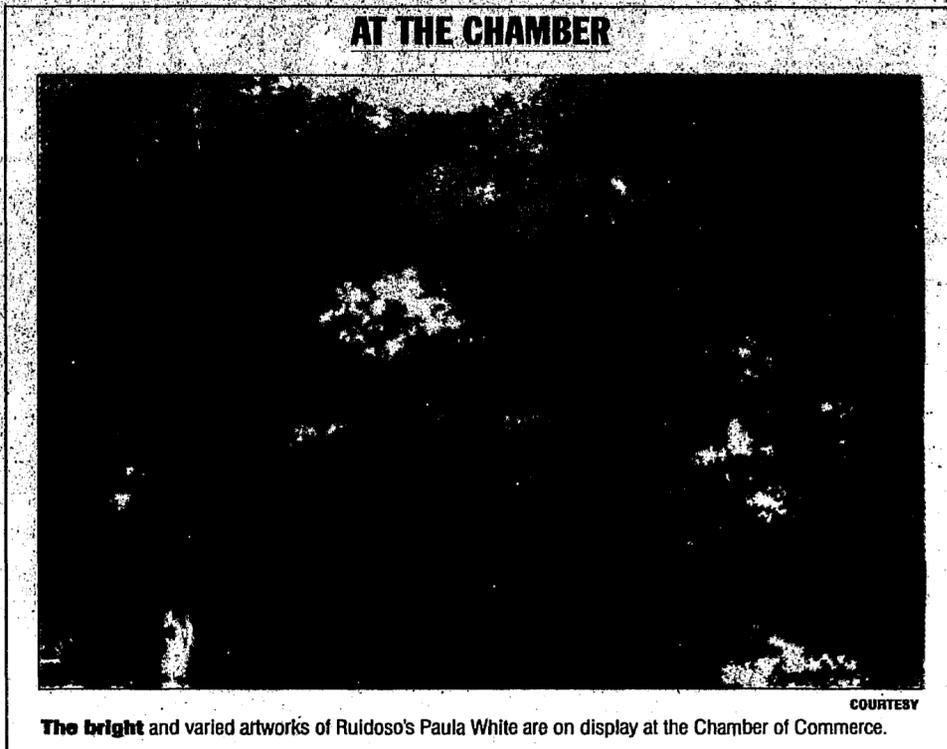
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Collateral Damage
Action/Adventure, Thriller and Science Fiction/Fantasy
1 hr. 49 min.
Rated R for violence and some language
Collateral Damage tells the story of family man and firefighter Gordon Brewer (Arnold Schwarzenegger), who is plunged into the complex and dangerous world of international terrorism after he loses his wife and child in a bombing credited to Claudio "The Wolf" Perrini (Cliff Curtis). Frustrated with the official investigation and haunted by the thought that the man responsible for murdering his family might never be brought to justice, Brewer takes matters into his own hands and travels to Colombia to track down the terrorist.
Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Francesca Neri, John Leguizamo, John Turturro, Elias Koteas
Directed by: Andrew Davis
Produced by: Steven Reuther, David Foster, Peter McGregor Scott
Written by: Peter Griffiths, David Griffiths, Ronald Roose, Nicholas Meyer
Distributor: Warner Brothers
Showtimes: 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:25 p.m.
*Friday and Saturday only



COURTESY

Kevin Connolly, Kimberly Elise and Denzel Washington in New Line's John Q.

John Q.
Action/Adventure and Drama
1 hr. 58 min.
Rated PG-13 for violence, language and intense thematic elements.
After collapsing on the baseball field, a young boy is rushed to the hospital where it's discovered that he needs a heart transplant. When the hospital learns that his down-on-his-luck father's insurance won't cover the operation, he's promptly taken off the donor list. As a result, the boy's father takes over the hospital's emergency room until the doctors agree to operate.
Starring: Denzel Washington, Robert DuVall, Anne Heche, James Woods, Eddie Griffin
Directed by: Nick Cassavetes
Produced by: Mark Burg, Oran Koules
Written by: James Keams
Distributor: New Line Cinema
Showtimes: 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:30 p.m.
*Friday and Saturday only



AT THE CHAMBER

The bright and varied artworks of Ruidoso's Paula White are on display at the Chamber of Commerce.

Hubbard Museum looking for volunteers

The Hubbard Museum of the American West is seeking volunteers for the museum in Lincoln. The museum consists of the Anderson Freeman Visitor's Center, the Dr. Woods House and Annex, the Luna House, the Gallegos House and the ruins of the Aragon-Whelan Store.

trasts Mescalero, Hispanic and Anglo cultures. The tour is performed for fourth-grade students; however, plans are being made to include grades 5-7. The success of this program has sparked plans to extend the three cultures theme into family-based learning activities. The museum has proposed to build an interactive center that will allow families to explore the three cultures through various hands-on activities.

The Anderson-Freeman Visitor's Center displays artifacts pertaining to the Apache, Hispanic and Anglo cultures that settled in this area. Visitors can learn about the Buffalo Soldiers at Fort Stanton, the cattle kingdom of John Chisum and the Lincoln County war. The Dr. Woods House Museum tells the story of a turn-of-the-century country doctor's life.

In December, the Hubbard Museum of the American West received a \$1 million "Save America's Treasures" grant from the National Park Service aimed at preserving significant historic properties. Preservation activities are set to begin in Lincoln this year.

Changes have been underway for the museum in Lincoln. Last spring, retired educators from Lincoln, Capitan and Ruidoso developed, and are currently presenting, a first-person tour, "Three Peoples, Three cultures," which compares and con-

If you are interested in finding out more about the volunteer opportunities at Lincoln or at the museum in Ruidoso Downs, call (505) 378-4142 and ask for Elizabeth Becker or Trink Edmonds.

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2. Voters in the absent voter precinct will vote at the Office of the Municipal Clerk...

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3. The following Precinct Board members have been appointed:

1. For Judge in Consolidated Precincts 2A and 13: Margie Baca

For Clerks in Consolidated Precincts 2A and 13: Patsy Vallejos...

For Alternates in Consolidated Precincts 2A and 13: Margo Lindsay

For Translator in Consolidated Precincts 2A and 13: Margie Baca...

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Notice is hereby given that a Precinct Board Election School will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2002...

Dated this 6th day of February, 2002.

/s/ Leanni Weibrecht Municipal Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE. AVISO DE NOMBRES DE CANDIDATOS PARA CARGO PUBLICO...

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Con respecto a la eleccion municipal regular que se llevara a cabo el 5 de marzo de 2002...

2. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que los siguientes electores call-

lados son candidatos para puestos publicos del Pueblo de Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico.

1. Para el puesto de Alcalde por un termino de cuatro años.

Glenn E. Moche, Manuel R. Hernandez, Norman R. Van Gorder, Gary Stout

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2. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que las siguientes locales para votar se usaran para la eleccion municipal regular que se llevara a cabo el 5 de marzo de 2002.

1. Votantes en los Recintos Consolidados 2A y 13 dentro del linder municipal votaran en: Town of Carrizozo Council Chamber, 100 4th Ave. Carrizozo, NM

2. Votantes en el recintos de votantes absentista votaran en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad: Town of Carrizozo City Hall, 100 4th Ave. Carrizozo, NM

3. Votantes en el recinto para votar antes de la eleccion votaran en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad: Town of Carrizozo City Hall, 100 4th Ave. Carrizozo, NM

3. Los siguientes miembros del Cuerpo Directivo del Recinto han sido nombrados:

1. Para el juez en los Recintos Consolidados 2A y 13: Margie Baca

Para escribanas en los Recintos Consolidados 2A y 13: Patsy Vallejos, Cheryl Smith, Beatrice Beltran

Para la suplente en los Recintos Consolidados 2A y 13:

Margo Lindsay. Para el traductor en los Recintos Consolidados 2A y 13: Margie Baca, Patsy Vallejos, Beatrice Beltran

2. Para el juez en el recinto del votante absentista: Margie Baca

Para las escribanas en el recinto del votante absentista: Patsy Vallejos, Cheryl Smith, Beatrice Beltran

Para la suplente en el recinto del votante absentista: Margo Lindsay

Para el traductor en el recinto del votante absentista: Margie Baca, Patsy Vallejos, Beatrice Beltran

5. Para el juez en el recinto para votar antes de la eleccion: Margie Baca

Para las escribanas en el recinto para votar antes de la eleccion: Patsy Vallejos, Cheryl Smith, Beatrice Beltran

Para la suplente en el recinto para votar antes de la eleccion: Margo Lindsay

Para el traductor en el recinto para votar antes de la eleccion: Margie Baca, Patsy Vallejos, Beatrice Beltran

4. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que se llevara a cabo una "Escuela" sobre la Eleccion del Cuerpo Directivo del Recinto el dia 26th de febrero de 2002...

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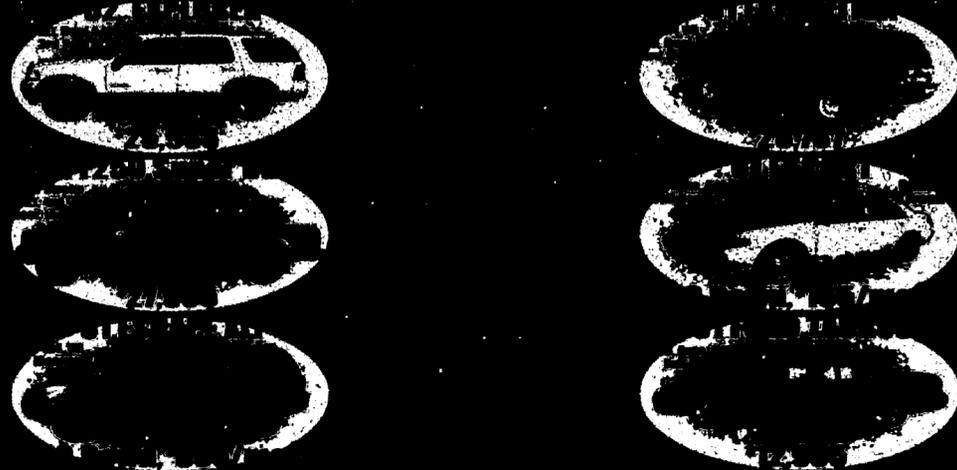


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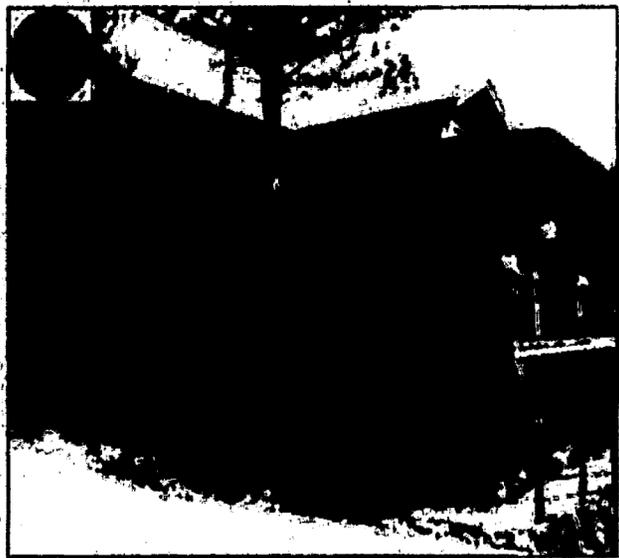


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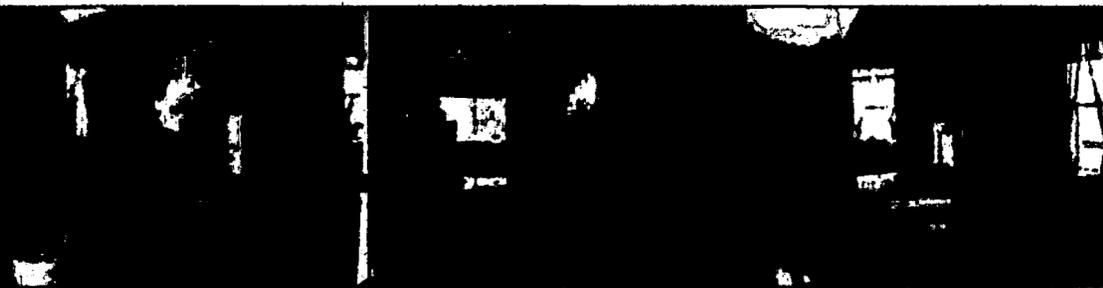


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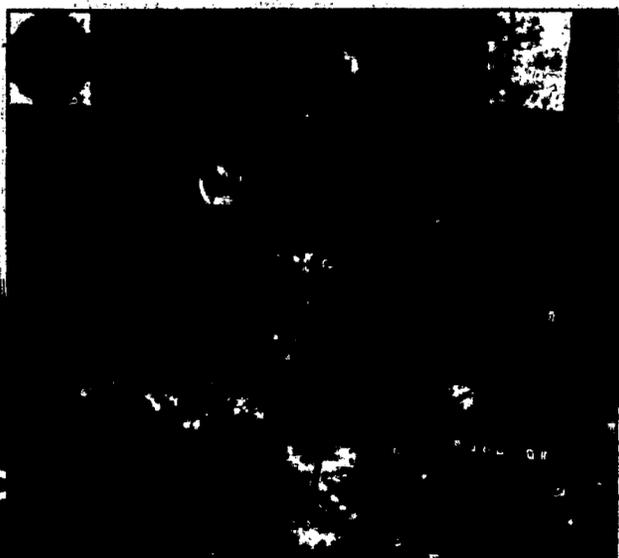


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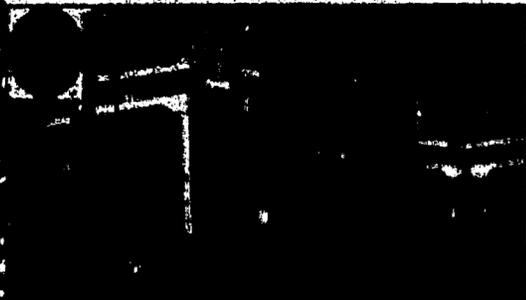
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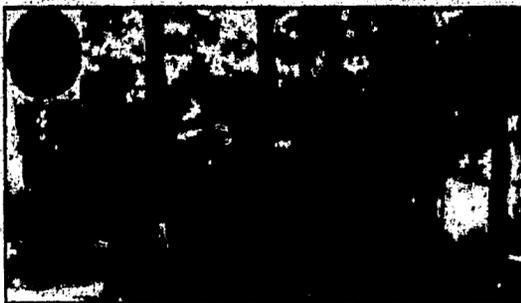
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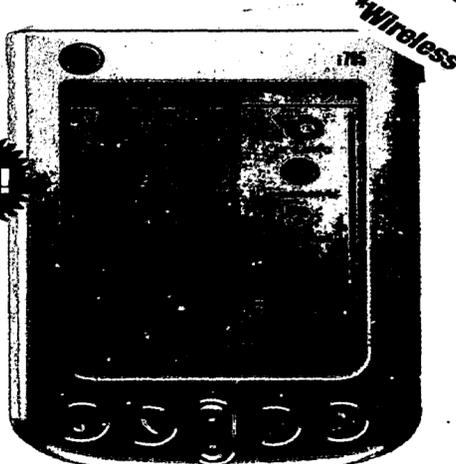
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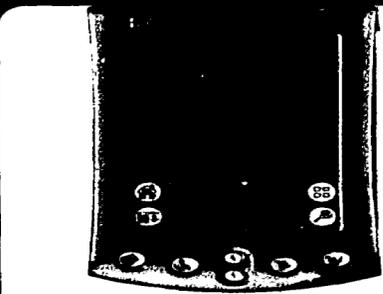
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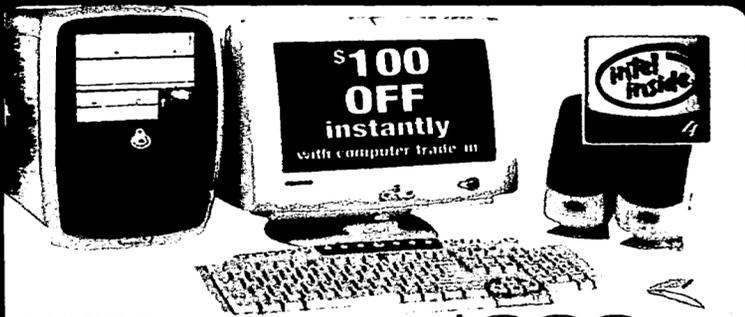
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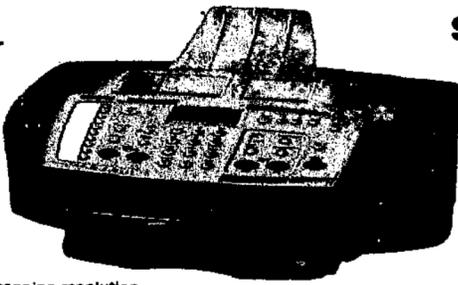
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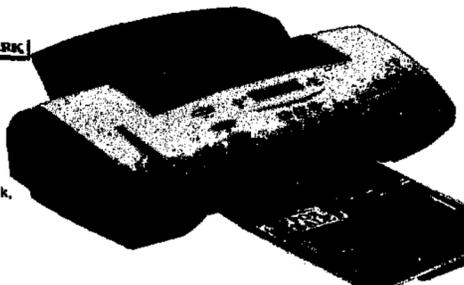


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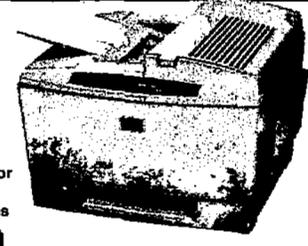
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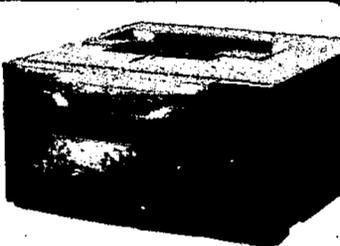


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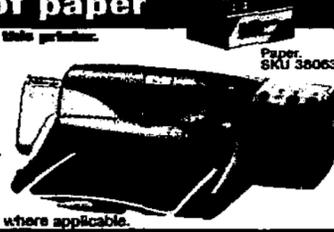
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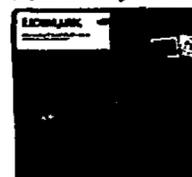


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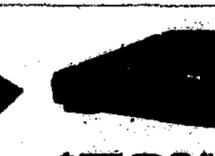
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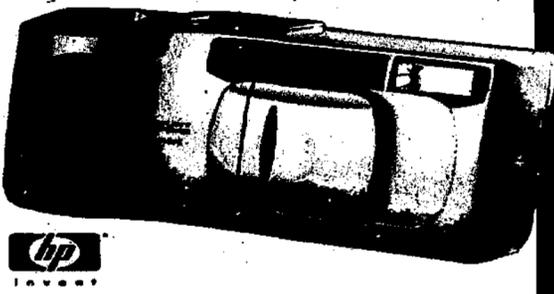
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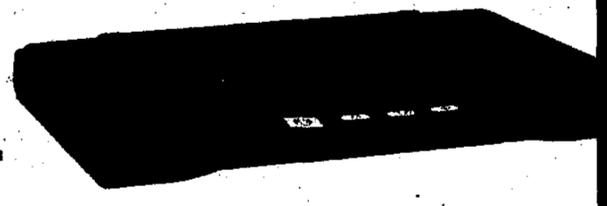
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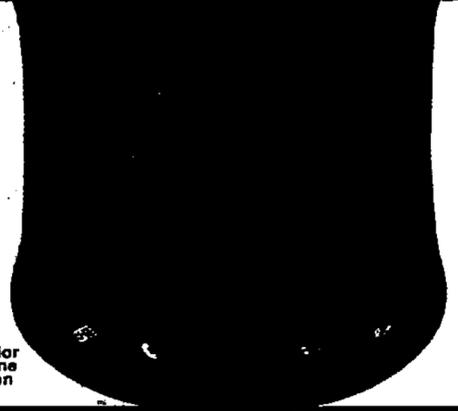
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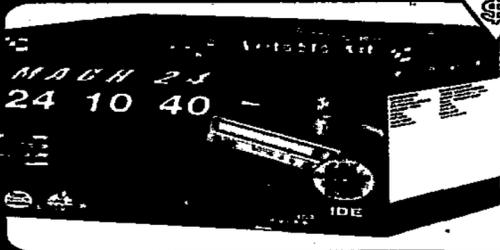
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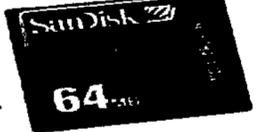
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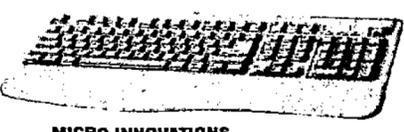


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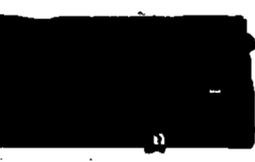
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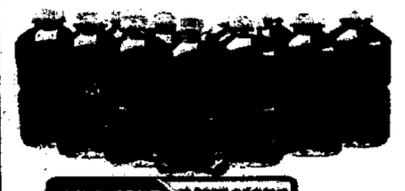
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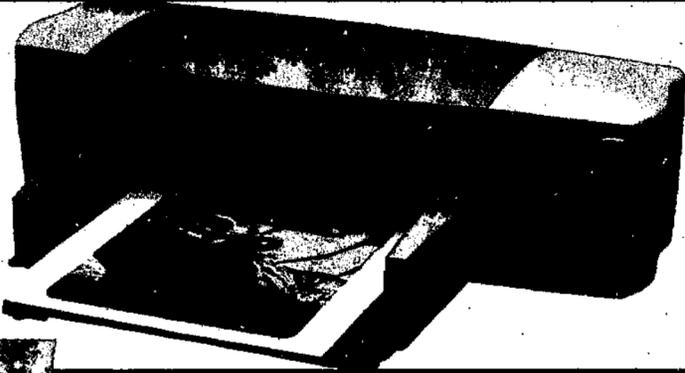
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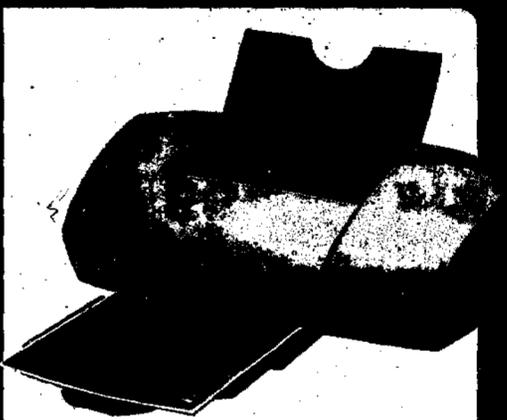
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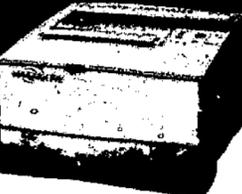
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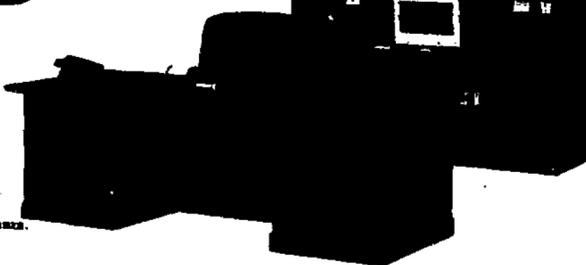
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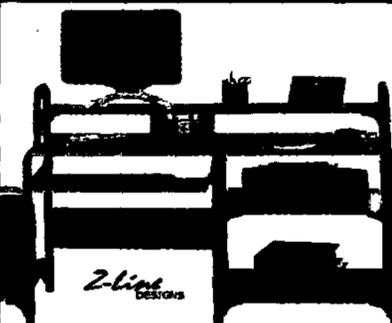
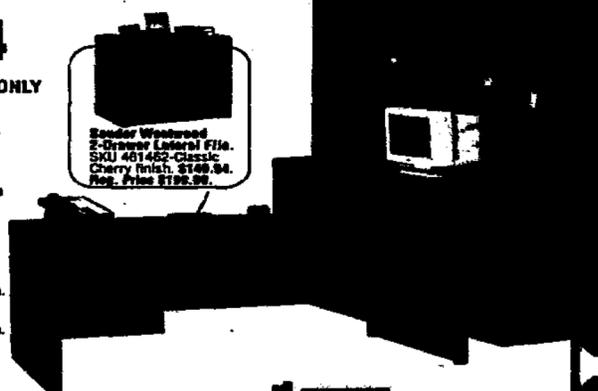
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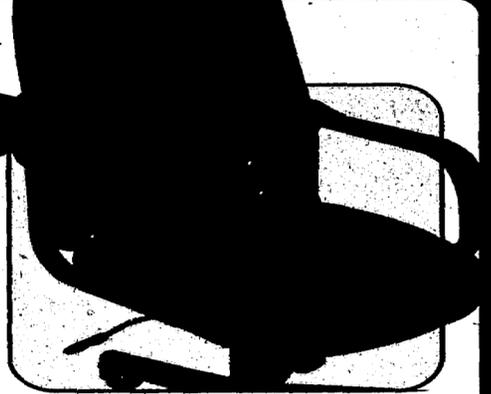
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