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## Mescaleros may build new inn, casino

Temporary site would be built before the current inn gets torn down to make room for larger, more modern resort facilities.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Plans for the Mescalero Apache Tribe to be more competitive with other casinos and hotels in New Mexico call for the possible demolition and replacement of the Inn of the Mountain Gods and Casino Apache.

In a letter to tribal members last week, President Sara Misqueze said the tribe will attempt to lessen the impact by first building an interim casino with a hotel where employees

can continue to work while a new and grander gambling center and resort are constructed.

In her letter, Misqueze asked tribal members to ignore rumors that the casino and inn would be torn down, throwing employees out of their jobs. The opposite is true, she said. The tribe is thinking ahead to provide interim employment, to become more competitive and create more jobs in the future, she said.

"By that end, the Mescalero Apache Tribal Council last week

approved going ahead with its plans to build a facility on U.S. 70, consisting of a casino slightly smaller than the current Casino Apache, with the addition perhaps of a small hotel, gas station, convenience store and smoke shop," she wrote.

The U.S. 70 wrote would open in December, she said.

"Then about this time next year, demolition of the existing Inn of the Mountain Gods/Casino Apache complex would happen and construction of a

new resort would start, consisting of a new and larger combined hotel, casino, convention center, spa and expanded parking, and better access," she wrote. "When both projects are fully completed, job opportunities would be greatly expanded, as well as revenues from the two facilities."

Speaking for Misqueze Thursday, tribal public relations representative Ed Moreno said the project is in the early stages.

"A decision had to be made to start the process of evaluation,"

he said. "A lot of things have to fall in place to have it happen."

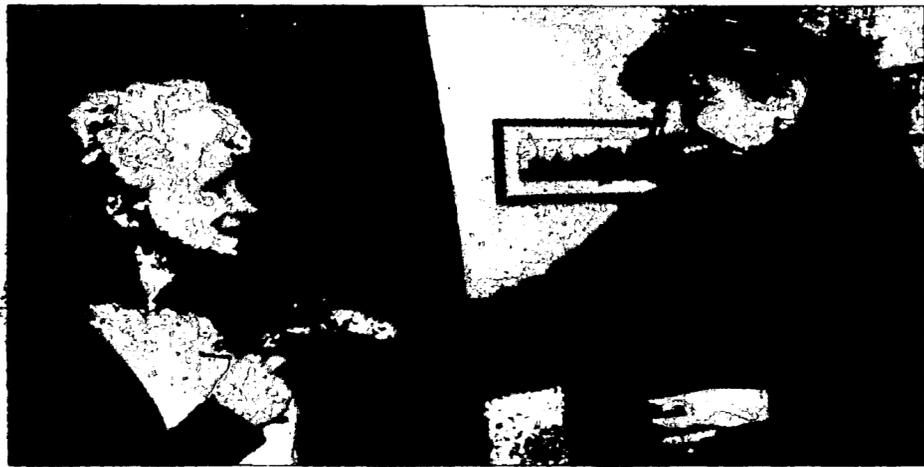
In mid-March, the tribal administration will ask design firms to come up with some proposals on the interim casino/hotel complex, he said. When tribal officials see those plans, they still must find a suitable site for construction and must decide if the project and financing are feasible, he said.

In her letter to tribal members dated Feb. 19, Misqueze said that during the construction phase of

the new resort complex, the tribe plans to "over-hire" at the U.S. 70 site to provide as many jobs as possible for existing employees with emphasis on Mescalero and Indian preference. Those employees who can't be hired will be offered a two-year paid training program specific to jobs at the new hotel/casino.

Misqueze wrote that the goal is to return the Inn of the Mountain Gods to being 'New Mexico's Most Distinguished Resort' once again."

### EVERY VOTE COUNTS



Judy Beauchamp, a two-year resident of Ruidoso, receives her "I Voted" sticker from Irma Nava, Ruidoso deputy clerk. Early voting for the March 5 municipal election ends at 5 p.m. today at village hall on Cree Meadows Drive.

## Accelerant likely in blaze

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The fire that took the life of a Ruidoso Downs woman is still under investigation, and the chance that an accelerant was used to start the fire is high, said Albert Vanegas of the New Mexico State Police.

Vanegas dropped off evidence to be analyzed Thursday, and the body of Delia V. Hardee, 42, who died in the master bedroom of the trailer at 1003 North Street in Ruidoso Downs, was sent for an autopsy.

The investigation was turned over to the DEA and the Otero County Arson Task Force, which includes the Alamogordo Department of Public Safety, the Otero County Sheriff's Office and the New Mexico State Police, which "found a lot of information," Jim Badjar, assistant fire chief of Ruidoso Downs, said. He added that the residence was released from the investigation and turned over to the owner, Jennifer Varbel, of Alamogordo.

The fire occurred about noon on Sunday, Feb. 24. The deceased was in the bedroom when her 14-year-old son smelled smoke and tried unsuccessfully to open the door. He then went to neigh-

bors and called 911. The major damage was in the bedroom, although the rest of the trailer had broken windows and smoke damage, according to Charles Anderson, Ruidoso Downs Police Chief.

"At this point we don't know what caused the fire," Vanegas said. "We will after the lab results are in... Samples were taken from the burnt area, the master bedroom."

"Mainly what we're looking for is if an accelerant was used and what type. Information from an arson investigator at the scene leads us to believe that the probability that an accelerant was used is high."

Vanegas said the DEA was involved in the investigation because it was suspected that the cause of the fire might have been due to a meth lab, and the DEA went through the residence first to make sure there weren't any chemicals or dangerous substances. The results were negative.

Two other residents of the trailer, Sandra Ortiz and Sonia Luna, had been at the trailer several hours before the fire.

Vanegas said he expected another three or four days of full time, ongoing investigation on the fire because investigators continue to interview people.

## Delaco calls wood permit program a success

■ Saturday is the last day that people who already have permits can use them.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

With about 122 permits sold, Ruidoso urban forester Rick Delaco said a program to clear piles of cut wood and help out homeowners in need of fuel was successful this winter.

"To date, with one more weekend to go, they extracted about 60 cords of wood," he said Monday. "A lot of folks went up with

their pickups, loaded it and called it a day even though they weren't taking a whole cord back with them."

Permits cost \$10 with homeowners doing their own work picking up piles of wood cut in fireplaces lengths that were left after efforts to thin trees on municipally-owned forest land around Grindstone reservoir.

In comparison, a delivered cord of wood might run about \$140.

Most of the juniper is gone and no more permits are being sold, Delaco said. But those who already bought permits and haven't shown up at all - about 20 according to his figuring - still can use them this

Saturday, he said. Plenty of green Ponderosa pine that could age for use next winter is available on ground, he said.

"We'll take a break during this weekend, but depending on conditions, we may open up this or another area in the summer and fall," Delaco said. "I consider this very successful. It really helped in terms of forest health. We eliminated habitat for beetle infestation and reduced the fire hazard."

While someone else manned the entrance, he roamed throughout the area to answer questions and check on permit holders.

"Everyone seemed to have a good time," he said.

## Don't forget to vote Tuesday

Municipal elections are Tuesday in Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Capitan, Carrizozo and Corona.

Capitan is especially a hotbed of political action, as 10 candidates are running for council seats, four for mayor and six for municipal judge.

Ruidoso has mayoral, judge and council races, while Ruidoso Downs had

open board of trustees positions.

Residents in Carrizozo and Corona will vote for a mayor and councilmen.

Polls open at 8 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. in each municipality.

For a closer look at the two mayoral candidates in the village of Ruidoso, Robert Donaldson and Leon Eggleston, turn to page 6A.

## Ruidoso Care Center recovering from turbulent year, looking to admit more residents

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Leaning forward on her ladder, Daylene Huey draws the tip of her paint brush across a wall seam as she works on the renovation of her mother's room at the Ruidoso Care Center.

Huey is just one of several who have contributed materials and their time and muscle to brighten up and modernize the rooms of their family members at the center since it was acquired by a community non-profit group.

"We're so indebted to the community and the families," said center administrator Ruth Wade, who will

be leaving in mid-March to start a new life and marriage in Alaska. But Wade stayed through a stressful past year after Integrated Health Services announced first the closing of two wings of the center and then the entire facility.

She stood strong trying to help patients stay at the center instead of being pushed to transfer to another nursing home out of town and she helped during the transition after IHS sold the Lincoln County Care Center Inc., a group of local business people.

"This now is something you don't find often," she said Tuesday. "It is a community-owned nursing home. I can't think of anything better for a community."

**"This truly is more of a care facility, as it is appropriately named. The staff really cares."**

Steve H. Gaskell  
Admissions coordinator

employees, who are vested in the community.

Moving to Ruidoso last November from Houston, Texas, he sees the dif-

ference from a big city center. One of the most obvious is the lack of offensive odors throughout the facility and the presence of birds for companionship, including a new aviary with doves and finches.

"I've worked for both profit and non-profit and one of the things I like about non-profit is that it allows for more creativity, more input in-house and a willingness to implement ideas," he said. "This truly is more of a care facility, as it is appropriately named. The staff really cares."

"Right now the important thing is to get the word out that we still are open," said Gaskell, who was an outreach counselor for eight years work-

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Daylene Huey applies another coat of paint to the room she is remodeling for her mother, a patient at the Ruidoso Care Center. Families created an Adopt-a-Room program to brighten up the community-owned center.

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# Straw poll has Donaldson winning

The incumbent led by 38 votes in the poll, while Nunley, Chance and Hardeman won council seats

If a recent straw poll conducted by the Ruidoso News is any indication, Robert Donaldson will be re-elected as mayor.

Donaldson received 45 of 52 votes cast by readers, while his opponent, Leon Eggleston, got just seven.

Of the five candidates running for three council seats, L. Ray Nunley, Bill Chance and Ronald Hardeman got the most votes. Nunley received 38, Chance 37 and Hardeman 30, com-

pared to Deberah Marcum-Byars's 23 and Jules Videau's 15.

Whether to widen U.S. 70 was the third issue on the poll, and it was the most one-sided.

Forty-five votes were cast in favor of going to four lanes, while only four were opposed. Three ballots did not have the issue marked.

The Ruidoso News would like to thank all who took part in the straw poll and encourages everyone to vote on Tuesday.



# Garbage bills dropping slightly

The 6,000 customers of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority will see a 60-cent reduction on their monthly bills starting April 1.

Members of Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority voted Tuesday to cut in half the \$1 fuel sur-

charge that was imposed with rising gasoline and diesel prices.

Debra Ingle, operational supervisor, said she hopes by July 1 to eliminate the charge completely, if she is able to install a fuel tank at the authority's headquar-

# CENTER: Still going after tough year

FROM PAGE 1A

ing with psychiatric and chemically dependent clients. As recently as last month, officials with a hospital in Alamogordo thought the center was closed, he said.

The building's maximum capacity is 85 patients, but during the turmoil, the census dipped to 44 on Dec. 1.

"Right now, we're at 58," he said. The center accepts Alzheimer patients, those needing skilled and intermediate care and the developmentally disabled.

To meet payroll and all the needs of the center, the census needs to be 65 and to be in a position to improve the building and pursue enhancement projects, 70 patients are needed, Wade said.

"We really need to get to that point to reinvest the extra

money into repairs," Gaskell said. "We are non-profit and owned by local folks, so the money stays here. We employ about 80 people."

Twelve more could be added when the census approaches its cap, Wade said.

Unfortunately, during the transition, many felt pressure to move their family members to other nursing homes out of the area. Many were traumatized by the experience and some died, Gaskell said. In other cases, after reviewing and being satisfied with the patient's new situation, the care center staff and families preferred not to disrupt them again with another move, he said.

The staff and family members tend to be close, he said.

"We're real grateful for that," Gaskell said. "The families were great throughout this. We

genuinely want to thank the community for sticking by us through the transition."

The Adopt-a-Room program was started by the families, Wade said.

"They do the work and buy the materials. Four rooms are completed," she said.

The center has applied for a loan from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, which should help with some of the renovation demands and buy some furniture, Gaskell said.

"We have some particle board armoires that need to be replaced and upgraded," Gaskell said.

"We've been trying to do that for years," Wade agreed.

The center welcomes donations of money, services or appropriate furniture. For more information about the center, call (505) 257-9071.

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What you saw in last Friday's Ruidoso Newspaper... the picture of burning trash from one of our refuse trucks. The Village of Ruidoso... almost lost a very valuable piece of equipment... to unload the burning refuse to prevent it from... less individual disposing of firewood ashes in... reaction of the driver and Fire Department...

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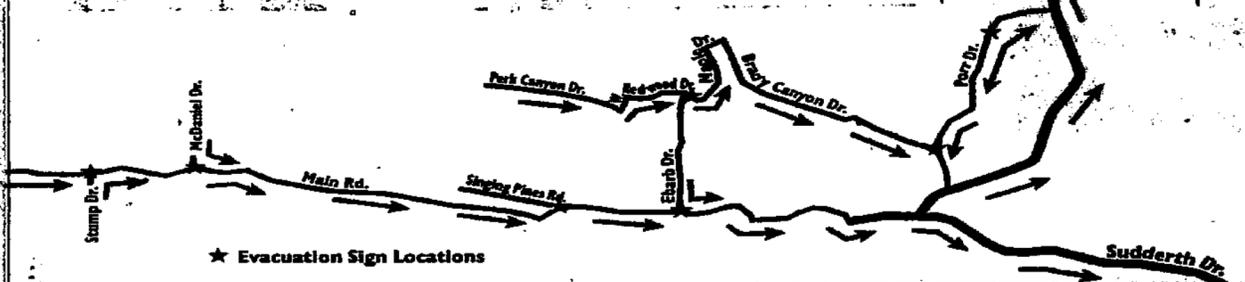
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# Evacuation Routes



### Why talk about a Family Disaster Plan?

- Disaster can strike quickly and without warning. It can force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your home. What would you do if basic services, such as water, gas, electricity, or telephones were cut off? Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone right away.
- Families can and do cope with disaster by preparing in advance and working together as a team. Knowing what to do is your best protection and your responsibility. Learn more about Family Disaster Plans by contacting your local EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE AT THE NUMBERS BELOW.

### Here is how to create your Family Disaster Plan:

- Meet with your family and discuss why you need to prepare for disaster. Explain the dangers of fire, severe weather, a 1 earthquake to children. Plan to share responsibilities and work together as a team. Keep it simple enough so people can remember the important details. A disaster is an extremely stressful situation that can create confusion. The best emergency

### plans are those with very few details.

- Discuss the types of disasters that are most likely to happen. Discuss what to do in each case. Make sure all family members are not together. Discussing disasters ahead of time will help reduce fear and anxiety and will help everyone know how to respond.
- Pick two places to meet: Right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, like a fire. Outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home or are asked to leave your neighborhood. Everyone must know the address and phone number of the meeting locations.
- Develop an emergency communication plan. In case family members are separated from one another during floods or other disasters, have a plan for getting back together. Separation is a real possibility during the day when adults are at work and children are at school.
- Ask an out-of-town relative or friend to be your "family contact." Your contact should live outside of your area. After a disaster, it is often easier to make a long distance call than a local call. Family members should call the contact and tell him or her where they are.

### Plan how to take care of your pets.

- Pets (other than service animals) are not permitted to be in places where food is served, according to many local health department regulations. Plan where you would take your pets if you had to go to a public shelter where they are not permitted.
- Post by phone emergency telephone numbers (fire, police, ambulance, etc.). You may not have time in an emergency to look up critical numbers.
- Quiz your kids every six months so they remember what to do, meeting places,

### Evacuation Sign Locations

Evacuation signs are placed at strategic locations throughout the Village of Ruidoso. Each driver should know the location of each driver's evacuation sign. Select alternate routes in case the main evacuation route is blocked during an actual disaster. Mark your evacuation routes on a map. Keep the map in your Disaster Kit. The service of local officials during evacuation situations. They will direct you to the safest route, away from fire and other hazards that may be blocked or put you in further danger.

### Evacuation Supplies Kit

- Kit basics are:
- A portable, battery-powered radio or television and extra batteries.
  - Flashlight and extra batteries.
  - First aid kit and first aid manual.
  - Supply of prescription medications.
  - Credit card and cash.
  - Personal identification.
  - An extra set of car keys.
  - Matches in a waterproof container.
  - Signal flares.
  - Map of the area and phone numbers of places you could go.

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# County gets fire-prevention funds

■ A piece of \$2.1 million in federal funds set aside for fire breaks is on its way.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

More money for fire protection and prevention is coming Lincoln County's way.

As one of 10 areas designated at high risk for wild fires, the county will receive a portion of \$2.1 million to develop fire breaks, thin forested areas and create defensible space around homes. The village of Ruidoso Tuesday also approved a cost-sharing fire hazard abatement project for

\$185,089. All of the money comes from the National Fire Plan, developed after a summer of fires in 2000 that swept across the West. The President asked that a national strategy be developed to prevent the loss of property and livelihoods in the wildland/urban interface. The plan includes five key points: fire-fighting preparedness, rehabilitation and restoration of hazardous areas, reduction of hazardous fuels, community assistance and accountability.

In securing approval from the Ruidoso Village Council Tuesday, village urban forester Rick Delaco explained that the \$185,000 is new money left in the 2001 National Fire Plan budget. During that same year, Ruidoso received \$300,000 for clearing and another \$300,000 went to Cloudcroft, Timberon and Mayhill. At that point, the money flowed through local Resource Conservation and Development districts.

This time, the village will be its own fiscal agent and probably will be paid about \$50,000, he said. But the same procedures for assessment of what needs to be accomplished and

designing a plan for thinning will be followed, he said. The same list of landowners will be used who previously signed up.

"We want to keep it consistent," Delaco said. "Areas have been identified already for light to medium to heavy thinning."

With the consensus of the Ruidoso Wildland Urban Interface Working Groups, a coalition of related agencies and community, the village has targeted Upper Canyon Sun Valley and the Dude Mesa area around Crown Point condominiums, Delaco told village council members.

Because federal dollars are involved and the program is designed for private land, the village faces no violation of the state anti-donation law.

"We're getting service for the money through the elimination of fuel for fires, so that wouldn't be a problem anyway," went Robert Donaldson said.

Delaco said a land owner can do the work himself or hire a contractor. The owner's time at \$15.97 per hour would be part of his 30 percent match for the grant.

"When they finish, they submit the cost and the land is inspected, Delaco said. "Then we request the money from the state."

The \$600,000 for the county as fiscal agent is new money and comes from the 2002 budget, the forester explained.

"The question was if the grant would be a 50-50 match with property owners or 70/30," County Manager Tom Stewart said Wednesday. "We found out the grant will pick up 70 percent of the cost of clearing identified trees off the property."

To collect the money, a property owner must contact either Delaco or Capitan District Forester Barbara Luna for a review of the property and to come up with a plan for removal of trees. If the owners follow through, 70 percent of the cost will be reimbursed, he said.

The property targeted lies primarily in the urban/wildlife interface around Ruidoso and that's why the local Interface group will be involved with monitoring the projects, he said.

In discussing the new \$2.1 million allocation, Betty Rivera, new Secretary of EMNR department, and State Forester Toby Martinez said the fire break funding will go to the counties of Lincoln and Otero, Red River, North and South 14, the western Mora County interface, the Gallinas Watershed, the Rio Grande Bosque and to the northern Rio Arriba Wildland/Urban Interface. The 10 communities were selected through a competitive process involving 17 western states.

"Our 20 community strategy continues to make great progress," Martinez said. "Fifteen communities have begun assessments to evaluate the risks of the surrounding forests."

**"We want to keep (thinning) consistent."**

Rick Delaco  
Urban forester

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**TO THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO VOTERS**

**FROM JULES B. VIDEAU, CANDIDATE FOR VILLAGE COUNCIL**

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, our Village will vote on our Mayor, Municipal Judge, and three of our six Village Governing Body Councilors. I am asking for one of your three votes for Village Council.

During the past several months, I have spoken with and listened to many of our citizens regarding the issues and opportunities facing the Village. I have also heard that voters want more participation in their municipal government as well as a strong and active Village Council to work through the many issues facing our community.

A major issue facing us is GROWTH. How do we manage the growth? Growth, which will continue whether we want it to or not, affects a number of issues facing all of us, including: water rights & availability, affordable housing, midtown transportation & parking, zoning, fire & safety, the future of the Rio Ruidoso and success of future tourism.

As one of your Village Council candidates I will bring, if elected, a strong analytical & business approach in addressing these issues. My background and experience is a combination of: Engineering, Business and Law. I pledge to work with the Village administration, the Mayor, other members of the Village Council and with all our citizens in keeping myself informed and on top of the issues that are important to the Village.

I want both a stronger Village Council and more citizen participation. I will increase our citizen advisory participation and encourage individuals to present their ideas, requests and complaints to the Village Council.

I would appreciate one of your three Village Council votes.  
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### OUR OPINION

## That predictable East Coast mentality

Rules for big cities don't work way out west

All of us who choose to live west of the Hudson and the Beltway — and outside metropolitan areas — quickly learn to expect federal laws to fit badly.

Forget the spotted owl. Forget those unreal BIA and Forest Service regulations of yesterday.

Consider the latest — a proposed reduction in federal reimbursement for ambulance service. The "balanced budget" amendment making its way through Congress would whack a third of the reimbursement fund for ambulance service under Medicare.

The word is that the feds would like to set a standard fee Medicare would pay for

an ambulance run, whether of a mile or 90 miles. As the area EMS boss, Jim Stover, puts it: "San Diego would be the same as Corona" for reimbursement.

It looks like once again the Congress is listening only to the "experts," and experts are always from somewhere else, usually a big city.

If this particular budget item survives unchanged, rural folks everywhere will pay through the nose, directly or in other taxes, to keep the EMS ambulances rolling.

It's hard to imagine that President Bush — who does know the wide open spaces — would let such a budgetary miscarriage happen.

## This most intense election season

With another election upon us next Tuesday, it must be stated right now that we're not going to say who we're going to vote for.

That might be considered unfriendly, but we're just not going to do it.

What brought this up was a call from someone the other day advising us that he wanted to vote, but just didn't know enough about the candidates to do an intelligent job of it.

We do admire that kind of honesty. There are few people who freely admit they don't know who's running their government, or who wants to.

Some newspapers around the state of New Mexico make a big deal out of election season; those papers even prior to an election will recommend or support those candidates they believe would do the best job.

This newspaper, by policy, takes the position that its readers should make up their own minds, without depending on endorsements from some arrogant editor somewhere.

We can state unequivocally, right now, that we're going to vote. But we won't say for whom our vote goes.

We can say that in Ruidoso, two men are running for mayor — Robert Donaldson as an incumbent and Leon Eggleston, a councilor who's challenging. About all we know for sure is that in a radio forum this week, Eggleston said he was for more "open government." Being nosy news hunters, we could hardly argue with that. On most everything else, the candidates seemed to agree — recognizing the importance of water in a desert, sewers to take the water away and sufficient streets to drive on.

Running for three council seats are incumbent Bill Chance, a real estate man who sometimes is a nay-sayer in an otherwise unanimous council, and some newcomers — Deborah Marcum-Byars, who owns a movie theater; Jules Videau, with lots of education; and L. Ray Nunley, a pharmacist who's leaving the county commission and apparently can't stand the thought of being out of public policy-making.

Now, that's not a lot of people to track. Consider the folks in Capitan, with 10 candidates for council seats, four for mayor and six more for municipal judge. But since we don't live there, we won't say who we'd vote for there, either. They had a public forum at the school there the other night, and the county sheriff ran it. If all was pretty peaceful, despite advance billing — maybe because Sheriff Tom Sullivan said bearing arms on school grounds was illegal.

It is a pretty intense season in Lincoln County, this election season. But, predictably, one man will say who he's voting for. Ruidoso's peripatetic Al Junge is handing out slips with his selections to any one who asks.

We didn't ask, but we got one.



### YOUR OPINION

#### Administration OK

I read with interest the letter titled "Taxpayers Should Be Allowed To Speak" printed earlier this week in the Ruidoso News. As a Village Councilor, I believe I can speak for the entire council in saying that we agree but believe there is a misconception by some in the community that that is not the case.

I have served for the past eight years on the Village of Ruidoso Council. The Village and Council's policy has always been to let citizens speak on all issues that are presented.

In fact, this particular council and administration have been more accessible than any I can remember. The current administration have taken their job seriously and have spent an enormous amount of time doing their homework on such important issues as water and have talked with citizens all over this community about where we were and where we have come. We have spent countless hours talking with village residents, even on the telephone at all times, day or night.

I have been proud to serve as a council member with the current administration over the past eight years, but the action plan of this administration is not complete. ... Our community is in much better shape than many others in New Mexico and the current administration deserves much of the credit.

It is an honor to serve the citizens of this community and it has been a pleasure to do so with such a forward looking administration. I hope that our community will recognize the wonderful job they have done.

Frank Cummins  
Ruidoso

#### A 'paws' for thanks

To the editor:  
On behalf of the board of directors and staff, we "paws" to thank everyone who generously supported the Sixth Annual Cross Your Heart Ski Cup and Auction to benefit the Humane Society of Lincoln County.

The races were tons of fun and the auction was a huge success. More

than \$3,200 was raised, with all profits going toward our spring Prevent-A-Litter campaign. With this campaign, we hope to provide 250 spay/neuter certificates to the community and thus save the lives of thousands of unwanted dogs and cats from competing for homes when there aren't enough to go around.

Thanks, again, to everyone who participated and donated toward this worthwhile cause.

Wanda Muhlke  
Board president, HSLC

#### Those cell phone towers

To the editor:  
I have been told by informed sources that those citizens in opposition, including my wife and I, are riding a dead horse; that this issue of allowing cellular towers in residential areas of the ETZ is one of the many "done deals" without public input that seem to occur with some frequency in our local government.

In response to a statement made by staff of Ruidoso city hall, "federal law requires that a community accommodate telecommunications. You have to do it." — By insinuation, that they have to be allowed in residential areas. This is simply not true. I have read the Federal Communications Commission regulations dealing with cellular towers. I wonder if any of staff have. In dealing with restricting placement of towers, the FCC states only that towers cannot be completely zoned out. They have to be allowed in some designated area decided by the pertinent governing bodies of local government. Public input is encouraged, not discouraged. The irony of this issue is that the ETZ is already in compliance with the FCC in the existing ordinance. There is no regulation by the FCC that says towers have to be allowed in residential areas. The cellular phone system is not a public utility.

Is this proposed ordinance site specific? This question asks if this proposal attempts to make legal a specific site previously selected for tower placement.

This is called "spot zoning" and is illegal.

If by a large stretch of imagination this proposal is not site specific, then legislation passed by other jurisdiction area restricting cellular towers that have similar terrain problems as Ruidoso must be considered.

The city of Sedona, Ariz., doesn't allow cellular towers in residential areas at all. In other designated areas where they are allowed that border residential areas, a setback of twice the height of the tower is required with no allowance for variance of his distance.

The county of Santa Fe does allow towers in residential areas, but with very tough restrictions. The cellular company has to prove to all concerned parties that there is no possible alternative site other than residential that will provide the service wanted, and then setbacks from other residential property must be a minimum of 100 feet or twice the height of the tower, whichever is larger, with no allowance for variance of this distance.

The proposed ordinance appears to be written by the cellular company. If not by them, it is certainly written for them. This ordinance, contrary to the first stated purpose of this document, "to protect residential areas," does in fact do just the opposite. It in essence allows towers to be erected anywhere the cellular company deems fit.

These cellular companies are big boys. They can find alternative sites other than residential areas that will work just as well. It just might be less convenient and more costly for them to do so. Life is like that sometimes, even for the common folk.

There is a public meeting of the ETZ Authority to hear this issue scheduled for Monday, March 4, 6:30 p.m. at Ruidoso Village Hall. The ETZ Authority is made up of three honorable people. Here's hoping that, as guardians of the public welfare, at least two of them vote for the people and not for the personal agendas of some members of Ruidoso city hall.

This is a request for all concerned to attend this meeting. It may not be much fun, but it will certainly be educational.

Astride the dead horse and charging the bastion...

Bryan C. Williard  
Ruidoso

### LETTERS POLICY

The Ruidoso News encourages letters to the editor, especially about local topics and issues. Each letter must be signed and must include the writer's daytime telephone number and mail address. The phone number and mailing address will not be printed; the hometown will be. The telephone number will be used to verify authenticity.

No letter will be printed without the writer's name.

Letters should be no longer than 300 words in length, or published, 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, Ruidoso, N.M. Box 1239, Ruidoso, NM 86054, or by e-mail to rnews@ruidosonews.com.



### OUR RIGHT TO KNOW

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NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Roundhouse Review in Ruidoso today

The Associate of Commerce and Industry of New Mexico in conjunction with local Chambers of Commerce has scheduled regional 2002 Roundhouse Review breakfast and lunch sessions.

A meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at Cress Meadows Country Club and others around the state will feature local legislators and include a briefing on how key business issues were addressed during the 2002 legislative session. A question and answer session will be included.

Order from the menu; Dutch treat. For reservations, call the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce at 257-7395.

Roundhouse Review sponsors are Citibank, New Mexico Restaurant Association and Presbyterian Healthcare Services.

### New computer service

A new mobile computer service and repair firm has opened

in Ruidoso.

Steve Lee said 24-7 Computer Services offers sales, service and repair, along with in-home training and tutoring, data backup and recovery, disaster recovery plans and a wide range of other computer-related services. Technicians are certified.

The new firm's mobile numbers are 430-3561 (Steve) or 430-6162 (Stephanie) during business hours, or 378-4499 after hours. E-mail to 24-7@zianet.com.

### Confidence slips

NEW YORK — The Conference Board's Consumer Confidence Index, which had been on the rise since December, lost ground in February. The Index now stands at 94.1 (1985=100), down from 97.8 in January.

The Present Situation Index declined from 98.1 to 94.8. The Expectations Index fell from 97.6 to 93.6. The Consumer Confidence Survey is based on a representative sample of 5,000 U.S. households.

## The Economy and the Markets

### Japan's economic pain

BY SUNG WON SOHN  
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

Deflation: Consumer prices in Japan have fallen for more than two years. Government subsidies, banks' willingness to prop up bad credits and zero interest rates have added to excess capacity contributing to deflation. Deflation

has raised the real interest rate and the real debt burden of both consumers and businesses.

The jobless rate reached a post-war record. Retail sales have dipped for three years. Over 19,000 small and medium-sized businesses failed last year. Additionally, deflationary expectations further delay or postpone spending when businesses and consumers expect things to be cheaper in the future.

Banking System: Bad loans continue to mushroom in Japan. As old loans are written off, deflation and recession create new ones at an even faster pace. The banks have been reluctant to call problem loans. Instead, banks provide fresh loans to hide bad loans. At the same time, the fear of bad loans prevents banks from making new loans to creditworthy customers. Without bank lending (about 80 percent of credit in Japan), the economy can't grow.

Debt Bomb: The total debt in Japan amounts to \$30 trillion, six times Japan's GDP. For the U.S., the comparable number is \$19 trillion, two times GDP. In international credit markets, Japan and Chile have the same credit rating. Japan's credit rating might fall to the same level as Poland and South Africa. Worried over the debt bomb, Japanese consumers and businesses retrench and save instead of spending.

### Reforms are hard to do

Political Will: Prime Minister Koizumi, a maverick, won his job based on the slogan, "Change the LDP; change Japan." Unfortunately, he has failed to deliver any meaning-

ful reform. Unchanged, the LDP continues the policy of business as usual. His popularity rating, the source of his power, has plunged. The nitty-gritty details of who would bear the pain make reform extremely difficult. What Japan needs is an external bully. No major reform succeeds without significant pain and outside stimuli.

Make Inflation: Inflation would lower real interest rates and cut real debt burden, improving the balance sheet of debt holders, eventually leading to more consumption and investment. Despite "quantitative easing" by the Bank of Japan, however, monetary growth has not increased much. Bank loans outstanding have been falling for the past four years. A prominent U.S. economist suggested that the government throw money from helicopters. A weaker yen is not a panacea; trade accounts for only about 10 percent of the Japanese economy compared to over 25 percent in the U.S.

### Global economic impact

Exporting Deflation: The combination of deflation and the weak yen makes Japanese goods more internationally competitive. Toyotas become cheaper. Therefore, other auto manufacturers have to cut prices to remain competitive, exacerbating a global deflationary tendency and so on. Sixty percent of Korean exports compete directly with the Japanese goods. China is worried. Competitive devaluation in Asia cannot be ruled out.

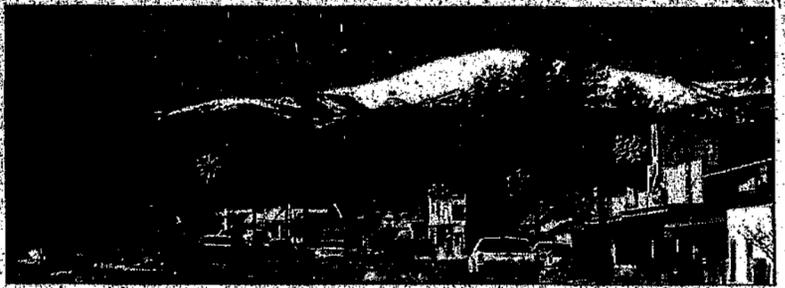
Largest Lender: Much of its \$3 trillion lending overseas is in liquid assets, such as \$383 billion of Treasury securities and loans in the U.S. The Japanese banks, pulling \$118 billion of loans right after the collapse of a medium-size bank, Hokkaido Tokai, precipitated the Asian economic crisis of 1997-98.

The U.S. is not immune. During the first half of 2001, the Japanese banks have repatriated \$17 billion. With much of the world in recession and the U.S. expansion just beginning, any interruption of credit flows from Japan would delay global economic recovery.

These are not investment recommendations. Consult your financial advisers.

## Winter's promise DELIVERED

A snowy Sierra Blanca spells winter success for Ruidoso. Chamber manager Patric Pearson confirms it: Inquiry calls and walk-ins are on target, January's lodgers' tax revenue was up 3 percent, the chamber is gaining members and store closings are down in seasonal comparison. And last September's lodgers' tax revenue was up 15 percent, despite Sept. 11.



Midtown's artificial snowflakes, lit at night, helped spark the winter season.

KEITH GREENSTAFF

## Counties to examine unfunded mandates

The state requires substantial spending by counties for a variety of services, but doesn't provide the funding.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Although some legislation will perish without the signature of Gov. Gary Johnson, one bill that could be important to counties doesn't need his approval.

Samuel O. Montoya, executive director of the New Mexico Association of Counties, said Tuesday the Legislature passed a bill directing a legislative committee to study the impact of unfunded state mandates on counties.

State Rep. Gail C. Beam, D-Albuquerque, was the sponsor of the bill proposed by the association.

"What we want to do is to get a very distinct (picture) of how much counties are paying to provide things like space for district court, juvenile probation, the district attorney and public health office," Montoya said. "By state statutes, counties are required to provide all of those, includ-

ing security. One of the things we want to include in the discussion is jails. We hold a lot of state prisoners and don't get compensated. It's an unfunded mandate as well."

The association hopes to focus attention on how much money counties pay for those services, he said. County residents, through property and gross receipts taxes, bear most of the operational burden.

"I don't think anyone has focused on this whole issue for a long time," Montoya said. "I think the important thing is to look at the statewide impact."

The association compiled a quick survey on unfunded mandate costs during the legislative session that ended earlier this month. Of 33 counties, 13 responded.

"We hope to get the balance of the surveys now that the session is over, but of the 13 responding, the impact over a five-year period was more than \$100 million," he said. "We probably are looking at \$230 million by the time the rest of the counties are added in, and that's a lot of money."

"The state needs to understand we're making our contribution and we want to talk about some possible ways of sharing the load."

Issues pushed by the association that passed as legislation but await the governor's signature include:

- An initiative to provide a 15 percent salary increase effective Jan. 1, 2003 for all county elected officials. "It would not be mandatory," Montoya said. "It's permissive so each county, depending on its financial condition, can decide." No one serving in mid-term would collect the raise, unless they run for re-election successfully, he said. The last increase, also 15 percent, was approved in 1998 and signed by Johnson.

- An increase in the fee for marriage licenses from \$25 to \$40 to generate more revenue for county clerks to buy equipment.

- An increase from \$2 to \$4 in the document recording fee in the county clerk's offices.

Montoya said other legislation affecting counties that the association assisted to pass include an increase in the per diem rate, a county emergency services tax specifically targeted for dispatch operations and a directive to study the costs of transporting state inmates.

He reported that the association saw five of its seven priorities passed. That's a good outcome in comparison to the Legislature's overall record with 987 bills introduced in the 30-day session. Of that number, 126 passed — 13 percent of the total, not including resolutions or memorials.

## Realtors oppose banks' move into real estate industry

WASHINGTON — More than nine out of 10 Realtors oppose a pending Federal Reserve and Treasury Department rule that would allow big banking conglomerates to enter real estate brokerage and management, and 96 percent support efforts by the National Association of Realtors to stop the rule, according to a new membership survey conducted earlier this week by NAR.

The survey found widespread support among broker-owners as well as salespeople. Some 82 percent of brokers support NAR's position, according to the survey.

The survey also found that 55 percent of Realtors want NAR to be even more aggressive in its efforts.

"Realtors are speaking loud and clear. They want NAR to keep banks out of real estate for the sake of the real estate industry, consumers and their local communities," said NAR President Martin Edwards Jr.

"A handful of fewer than 50 brokers recently announced they oppose NAR's efforts. They represent only themselves as individual Realtors. Their colleagues and their employees clearly support

NAR's position. NAR is a one-person, one-vote organization, and the vote is 800,000 for our position and 50 against," said Edwards. He said the group of brokers announced they had sent him a letter and white paper and asked for a response. No such documents have yet been received by NAR or by Edwards.

"Those brokers last year voted to remain neutral on this issue. We would hope that they will look at this member survey data and continue their neutrality," he said.

"As of Monday, 166 mem-

bers of Congress have cosponsored legislation to keep banks out of real estate and the number grows every day," said Edwards.

The survey of nearly 6,500 Realtors was taken over the weekend. It was conducted electronically from a random sample of NAR's membership database.

The National Association of Realtors, "The Voice for Real Estate," is America's largest trade association, representing approximately 800,000 members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate industries.

## Focus on Agriculture

## Modified corn not harming monarch butterflies

BY TOM STEEVER  
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

Good news just doesn't sell. In 1999, an article in an issue of the scientific journal Nature raised the possibility that Bt corn, genetically enhanced to be toxic to European corn borers, might be a risk to monarch butterflies.

Monarch caterpillars feed only on milkweed leaves and the article said that if Bt corn pollen happens to be shed onto milkweed leaves where the caterpillars are feeding, they could be harmed.

That story was widely reported within and outside the scientific community, which of course, lead to concerns about the environmental compatibility of the biotech corn hybrid.

This occurred even though use of Bt corn means less need to apply pesticides that control destructive corn borers.

Since that well-publicized

alarm was sounded, the USDA's Agricultural Research Service helped to sponsor research to find out just how much Bt corn pollen it takes to do damage to monarch caterpillars as well as to determine what the chances are of encountering that dose under natural conditions.

"I knew that this had to be addressed," said Rick Hellmich, a research entomologist with the Agricultural Research Service. Hellmich organized a consortium of researchers to examine the questions raised by the original Nature article.

The scientists tested pollen from six Bt hybrids. What they found was that pollen from most of the hybrids, some as dense as 1,000 grains of pollen per square centimeter, had no effect on the caterpillars. One of the types — BT176 — caused harm, even at low density. But BT176 has never

been planted on more than 2 percent of corn acres and will likely be phased out within the year.

The research further shows that during peak pollination, which lasts one to two weeks, milkweed leaves within cornfields rarely accumulate more than 600 grains of pollen per square centimeter.

Although the ARS research was published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, one of the most prestigious scientific journals, the story saw little exposure to the public at large. Part of the reason, according to Hellmich, is the timing. It was published on Oct. 9, 2001.

"Unfortunately, it's confounded with the events of Sept. 11," says Hellmich. Still he doubts whether his research would have gotten the attention of the original article even if terrorist attacks had not happened.

"I think the reason is that good news doesn't sell newspapers," says Hellmich, "but bad, and especially controversial news, does."

"No matter what we say, there are going to be a lot of people in the world who are going to believe that monarch butterflies are going to be harmed by Bt corn," says Hellmich referring to the original article.

"A bell has been rung and you can't un-ring it." But that isn't what matters most to Hellmich. "The important thing is that we educate those people who should know," says Hellmich, "so that the policy makers know, so that the academics know, so that the growers know what the research results are."

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

# Red Cross rose sale being conducted now

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The American Red Cross chapters of southeastern New Mexico are currently conducting their 12th annual rose sale in honor of National Red Cross Month. Roses will be delivered March 27 and 28, between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. each day.

The Rio Hondo, Zia and Southeastern New Mexico chapters are joining to "blanket all of southeastern New Mexico with roses," a spokesman said.

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# Local volunteer Keyes honored

Nearly 30 years of service at LCMC has earned Jodie Keyes a volunteer of the year nomination.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Being nominated as volunteer of the year in Ruidoso came as a complete, but pleasant, surprise for Jodie Keyes. "I'm real proud," she said Tuesday. "It seems to me I haven't done that much besides my work with the library, the Woman's Club and the hospital auxiliary. So many other people also dedicate many hours as volunteers."

Keyes was the choice of the Sierra Blanca Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for Community Volunteer of the Year in part for her 28 years of service with the auxiliary of the county-owned Lincoln County Medical Center.

Born in Dawson, Texas, Keyes moved with her family to East Grand Plains

near Roswell at the age of six. She attended grade school in East Grand Plains and high school in Roswell. In 1937, she married Conrad Keyes and they will celebrate 65 years of marriage on March 28.

"We plan to bring the whole family together over Easter at The Lodge in Cloudcroft," she said. That will include a son, Conrad Jr., his wife, Tywilla, two grandsons and two great-granddaughters.

Keyes joined the hospital auxiliary in 1973 and helped open the thrift shop in 1983. Money generated by that business buys equipment for the hospital while providing a necessary outlet in the community for low-cost, good quality clothing. The thrift shop caught on so well that the year after it opened, the operation was moved from an former gas station to a building purchased by the group.

In the ensuing years, Keyes has stayed active in the thrift shop and also was selected for many positions with the "Pink Ladies," including vice president, director of volunteers twice and buyer for

the Pink Gift Shop in the hospital. She also finds time to knit about 100 pairs of house shoes each year, which are sold in the thrift shop.

Keyes volunteers for community blood drives and with the Ruidoso chapter of the American Cancer Society. Other volunteer pursuits also come through her membership in the Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club and First Methodist Church, where she sends prayer cards to members and friends of members who are ill.

In 1990, she received a Life Membership in the Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary in honor of her many years of service and last year, was presented with a 25-year certificate for her "dedication, devotion and the giving of herself to volunteer work." In 1993, she was selected by the auxiliary as its volunteer of the year.

In those rare hours she reserves for herself, Keyes spends time at home with her husband and enjoys gardening and playing bridge at the Woman's Club.

## RUIDOSO POLICE

### Assault charged

Feb. 25

A criminal complaint was filed against Donna C. Jakse, 44, of Ruidoso, charging her with assault on a household member and battery of a household member after an police incident report was filed.

### License plate taken

A 1988 silver Dodge with license plate CYM778 was reported taken sometime after 6 p.m. Feb. 22, according to Ruidoso police reports.

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# P&Z approves video store development plan

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

With some reservations about allowing two access points, members of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission Tuesday approved a commercial site development plan for a new video store.

Approval also carries a 2-foot, 7-inch variance on setbacks to allow parking spaces for the store in Palmer Gateway subdivision requested by M.G. Ruidoso LLC and managing member Odell Spurlin. The applicant must verify soil compaction on the property across Sudderth Drive from Arby's restaurant.

Although some board members preferred only one drive-

way be allowed into the property, a review by the state Highway and Transportation Department allowed use of two existing access points.

Mike Runnels, director of planing and zoning for the village, said some members worried about the safety of vehicles turning into and exiting from the lot in close proximity.

Runnels said he will try to develop a closer relationship with the highway department staff on such issues for the future.

"We can't just turn those decisions over to the department's Roswell office," he said.

In other action, the board: Recommended approval of a preliminary and final plat for the Don Miner Tract off Old Fort Stanton Road and Airport Road. Miner wants to divide the property into two tracts of three acres and 1.05 acres. The lots

are designated for residential use. The village council will consider the recommendation Feb. 26.

• Tabled a commercial site development plan for Lot 9A, Block 4 of the Riverside Addition, submitted by Noley Water Art Wear because some questions still were unanswered.

• Approved a conditional use application to allow a modular home to be built on a quarter-acre lot in McCarty Subdivision off Terrace Drive. The land is zoned community commercial. Petitioners Douglas and Beverly Gould also received approval of their commercial site development, which covered construction of the modular home.

• Recommended approval of pre-

liminary and final plats for Lot 7 in Gavilan Hills Subdivision, requested by Paul Jewell of Texarkana, Texas. He asked for the 4.57-acre tract to be divided into two lots, one with 3.57 acre and the other with 1.10 acres. Because no improvements are proposed, Jewell wants a waiver of a requirement to post a bond. The village council will consider the request at its meeting Feb. 26.

• Recommended approval to vacate public right of way along Lot 3, Block 7 of Wingfield Homestead, 2nd Addition, requested by Carlos Acosta. He recently bought the lot and mobile home and wants to cure an encroachment. The council will consider the recommendation Feb. 26.

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Concerns:

- ✓ Replenish and protect ground water, surface water, Rio Ruidoso watershed
- ✓ Forest health as well as maintenance and thinning of private property
- ✓ Citizen input and participation in municipal government
- ✓ Improve village infrastructure
- ✓ Competitive salaries for public servants (firefighters, police officers, and other village employees)
- ✓ Affordable housing, as originally proposed, on property sold by the village for that purpose

Vote March 5th

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## HUNRAIS DEATHS

### Monty Cotter

Memorial services for Monty L. Cotter, 71, of Ruidoso, formerly of Amarillo, Texas, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors Ivy Chapel, 2820 Virginia Circle, Amarillo, Texas, with Dr. Marcus Adair of Marcus Adair Missions.

Mr. Cotter died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, in Amarillo.

He was born April 24, 1930, in Spearman, Texas.

A native of Spearman, he is a 1948 graduate of Spearman High School. Following his graduation, Mr. Cotter joined the U.S. Navy on June 28, 1948. He served four years in the Navy, attaining the rank of petty officer and receiving four hash marks for excellence in service, two years in the National Guard and one year in the Army Reserve.

Mr. Cotter served as a member of the Texas department of Public Safety for 2 1/2 years.

He then became involved in the insurance adjustment field. On May 15, 1974, he again entered public service as a deputy sheriff for Hutchinson County, Texas, and later attained the rank of chief deputy. In 1985, he retired and became an independent catastrophic claims adjuster as owner of Center Claims Services, which he continued until his death.

He married Pat Guillot March 10, 2001, and the couple resided in Ruidoso.

Survivors include his wife, Pat, of the home; a daughter, Cynthia Carter of White Rock; a son, Omar Cotter of Arlington, Texas; a stepson, Billy Mitchell of Austin; stepdaughters Vicki Tindall of Austin, Texas, and Neta Lawson of Fritch; a brother, John D. Cotter of Arlington; seven grandchildren; and seven step-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Marcus Adair Missions, Box 844, Canyon, TX 79015.

## Class explores county history

Lincoln County history will be presented from a new perspective in an ENMU-Ruidoso course beginning Wednesday March 6. Field trips, guest speakers, video and Internet resources will be used in the course to explore and discuss Lincoln County's colorful past. The course will meet Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9 to 11:30 a.m., March 6-May 8. Historian Cynthia Orozco will teach the course. Textbooks will not be used in the course; tuition only will be charged.

Walk-in, mail-in, phone, in-person and Web registration are available for interested individuals who must register by Feb. 28. Call 257-2120 and 1-800-984-3668.

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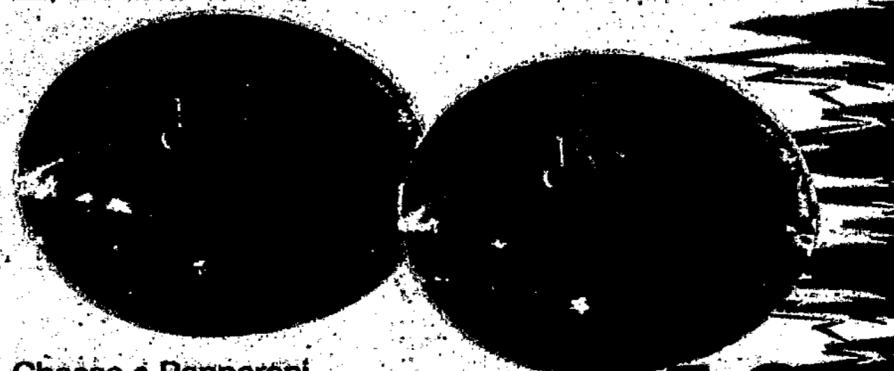
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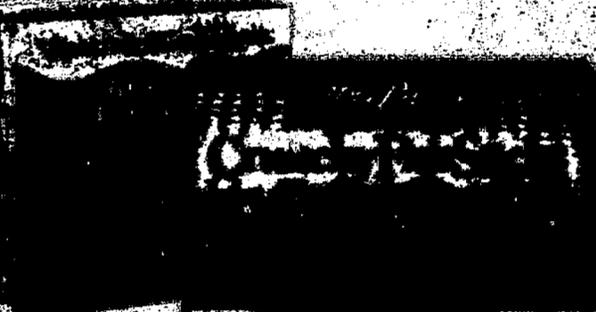


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# SPORTS

## FINISHING WITH A BANG



TODD BUTTS/STAFF

**Warrior Senior** Luke Bates puts a move on Shiprock's Herman John during the State Wrestling Tournament in Rio Rancho. Bates helped his team clinch third place in Class A-AAA with the final match as the Warriors beat Shiprock, 42-30.

## Warrior grapplers take third at state

BY TODD BUTTS  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Ruidoso Warriors wrestling team set some high goals for their season this year and they accomplished some first-time high marks for the RHS wrestling program.

The Warriors traveled to Rio Rancho High School in Albuquerque Feb. 22 and 23 for the State Team Duals Championships.

The Warriors brought home a third-place finish in the Class AAA dual championship, the highest finish for the Warriors at the State Duals Championship. This, coming off seven Warriors placing at the State Individual Championships, also a first in the history of the Warriors' wrestling program.

"Our expectations were really high. We talked about being State Champions. That's good because we had the potential to do that. What people need to understand is this is the best team Ruidoso has ever had in school history," said Warrior coach Jerrett Perry. "The best Ruidoso has ever placed was fourth. This year we placed third. So we reached a milestone. So we had a great year."

The Warriors rolled over the Wingate Bears in the first round of the Championship. Ruidoso defeated the Bears 68-18.

The Warriors would face the West Las Vegas Dons next in the semifinals. The Dons beat Coble 52-18 to move on to the

second round. Ruidoso was hoping to take down the Dons for the second time in three weeks.

Ruidoso won over the Dons at the Sierra Blanca Invitational to keep the first-place trophy at their home tournament.

The Warriors dug themselves a hole to begin the meet against West Las Vegas. Ruidoso lost the first five matches with Warriors David McNally, Tanner McGarvey, Luis Hernandez, Luke Bates and Ricky Phillips getting pinned.

It was Warrior Patrick Hodges trying to turn the momentum around for Ruidoso.

Hodges pinned his opponent with 12 seconds left in the second round, posting the first points in the semifinal match.

Warrior Shawn Gurule followed up with a win in the next match with a 14-9 decision. Gurule narrowly avoided a loss by slipping out from under a pin in the last seconds of his match.

The next three matches went to the Dons. Warrior eighth-grader Dayne Hall was pinned. Jeremy Pritchett and Justin Huffman fell to decisions giving the Dons a 36-14 lead.

Proving the Warriors never quit was Tye Phillips. Phillips fell behind 9-0 in his match, but fought back and pinned the Dons' Marvin Archuleta to make the score 36-20.

Warrior Junior David

pinned and Elijah Hedin having to forfeit gave the Dons the 54-20 victory and a trip to the Championship match.

The Robertson Cardinals took the Class AAA State Championship by defeating West Las Vegas 40-25.

"This is the best we have wrestled the whole season. We peaked out at just the right time. They are wrestling at their best right now," said West Las Vegas Dons coach Steve Sanchez. "Robertson didn't win State for nothing last year and they have all their guys back."

The consolation match to see who would take home the third-place trophy had the Warriors taking on the Shiprock Chieftains. The Chieftains' road to the consolation match was close victory over the New Mexico Military Institute Colts, 37-36, and a loss to Robertson, 59-15.

The Warriors took the early advantage with first round pins by Hodges and Gurule giving Ruidoso a 12-9 lead.

The Warriors battled hard for the next six matches, but found themselves trailing the Chieftains 29-12 after losing five matches to decision and one to a pin.

If the Warriors had any hope of doing better than their fourth-place finish last year, the remaining wrestlers would have to step up. And that is what they did.

Warrior Junior David

## Happy to call Ruidoso home

Change is inevitable, it's the one constant in this world we can all count on. And anyone who is a regular reader of these pages will note that a big change has occurred in the sports section of the Ruidoso News.

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Todd Fuqua, lately the sports editor at the Roswell Daily Record and former writer for the Clovis News Journal and Portales News-Tribune. I came to Ruidoso mostly out of economic necessity, and luckily found myself this job.

I call it luck, but I know I would not have the job if my past work had not impressed editor Wes Schwengels and publisher Brad Treptow. To them I extend my gratitude.

To you, the reader, I extend a brief history of where I'm from and what you can expect from me.

Wes wrote a brief story on all the changes here recently, and asked me for a short quote detailing what I wanted to do while I was here. I didn't come up with anything the Pulitzer committee would find scintillating, so I am writing this now.

It's been a little difficult at first, coming in during the basketball playoffs and at the beginning of several spring sports. It's also a bit of an adjustment to go from a daily to a bi-weekly paper. Not having any Associated Press connection is something new as well.

But those are minor considerations, and I am excited about being able to cover all the teams (and I do mean ALL

the teams) and other sporting events in the Ruidoso area.

In my brief quote, I mentioned I had family in the area. That I do, as well as several friends and acquaintances from my past. I originally hail from Portales, my parents both having been employed by Eastern New Mexico University. It now seems the entire town of Portales — or at least a majority of retiring ENMU employees — are

moving here. My father is Larry, formerly the registrar at ENMU and currently working at the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Ruidoso Downs. My mother Cindi is a first-grade teacher at Sierra Vista Elementary.

Yes, it's my aunt Susie who works at the McGary Studios, and my uncle Doug is a teacher in Tularosa and has a regular gig playing piano at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. I even have family in Capitan. My father's cousin, Anna Gale and her husband Gene Grassie live up there.

So now you see, I may not be from here, but I definitely have some roots transplanted here. Thus I take the coverage of all sporting events — no matter where or how small — very seriously. This is a community newspaper, and I'm committed to that community.

Thus far, I've had a chance to speak with only a handful of the coaches and athletes I'll be involved with during my time here. But judging from that minimal contact, I think I'm going to like it here.

I hope you enjoy having me. Or as my dad likes to say, "It's great to be had."

### ON THE DDOT



BY TODD FUQUA  
SPORTS EDITOR

## side line

### Ski Report

**Ski Apache**  
New Snow Past Week: None  
Road at Report Time: Clear  
Midway Depth: 47 in.  
Surface Conditions: Hard packed powder to packed powder  
Trails Open: All trails are open  
Lifts Open: All lifts are open  
Trails Groomed Today: 19 of 66  
Snowmaking Past 24 Hours: No  
Forecast: Possibility of snow showers

### Preps on Tap

**Friday, March 1**  
Girls basketball  
Region A Tournament  
at Albuquerque  
Carizosa vs. Des Moines, 4 p.m.  
Region B Tournament  
at Logan  
Mescalero vs. Logan, 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 6 to 8 p.m. and March 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info, call Valerie at 354-3600. Volunteer umpires are also needed. Call Scott at 354-9154 for more information.

**Softball League Meetings**  
There will be a softball meeting March 19 at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center, located at 501 Suddeth Dr., at 6 p.m. The meeting will be for all coaches, managers, umpires and players interested in the men's and women's softball league for the 2002 season. It is important that a representative from each team attend the meeting. Topics to be discussed are fees, insurance, rule changes and league by-laws.

**Softball Team Forming**  
Team players are being asked to try out for a 10-and-under girls softball team to compete in the upcoming spring and summer season. For more information, contact JV Cadena at 378-2205, 464-0230 or 430-4391.

## Warrior tennis teams young, but experienced

BY TODD FUQUA  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Usually, a young team means an inexperienced team. And that can translate into a long, long season for most programs.

But for the Ruidoso High School boys and girls tennis teams, youth does not necessarily belie experience. True, their oldest players are but sophomores and they have several 8th-graders and freshmen on both rosters, but they also boast a wealth of experience from last season.

"We have a strong team, but I'm not talking about win-loss," said tennis coach Celeste Franklin. "I'm talking about potential. I don't know if we're going to win it all, but we've got a lot of potential."

That potential starts with eighth-grader Heather McDougal, a nationally-ranked player who will serve at the girls team's number one singles. Following at number two girls is freshman Beth Robinson.

Robinson will likely move down to the number three spot when fellow freshman Christine Brown returns from a broken ankle she suffered during a basketball game in the Goddard Invitational back in December. Brown, last year's District 4-3A champion, is one of those naturally gifted athletes that can take up tennis and play it as well as anybody else.

Franklin said that's a rarity in this sport. "Tennis is a building sport, so you have to

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Date	Opponent	Site	Time
March 2	Alamo Tounney	Alamogordo	5 a.m.
March 5	Belen/Sandia Prep	Sandy	3 p.m.
March 12	Goddard	Alamo	3 p.m.
March 22-23	Goddard Invite	Portales	TBA
March 26	MIAMI	Portales	4 p.m.
April 9	Portales*	Portales	3 p.m.
April 11	Santa Teresa	Home	3:30 p.m.
April 23	Santa Teresa*	Away	3 p.m.
April 28	Lovington*	Home	3 p.m.
April 27	Artes*	Home	10 a.m.
May 3-4	District	TBA	TBA

\*Doubles District 4-3A match

## Lady Warrior softball team hopes for return trip to playoffs

BY TODD FUQUA  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

In softball, a good pitcher/catcher combination can make all the difference.

For Ruidoso, that combination of Crystal Gheer and Cathy Hightower meant a trip to regionals against Shiprock.

The Lady Warriors lost that combo to graduation, but not much else. And with a not-so-new coach at the helm, they hope to make waves again in this year's playoffs.

"We have a couple back, like Simona Ramos as shortstop, Mara Justice, Dany Franklin, Erin Nutting, and then Vicki Cebuenak," said head coach Billy Page, who is the head coach after serving as the assistant from the program's inception. "We've got good numbers, about 27 girls out for both varsity and JV."

But before they get to regionals, they have to get out of district, which means defeating Lovington. The Lady Wildcats are only the defending Class 3A state champions.

"They're looking to repeat and will be tough to beat," Page said. "Portales has had a couple years had to beat them in a playoff to get to the region-

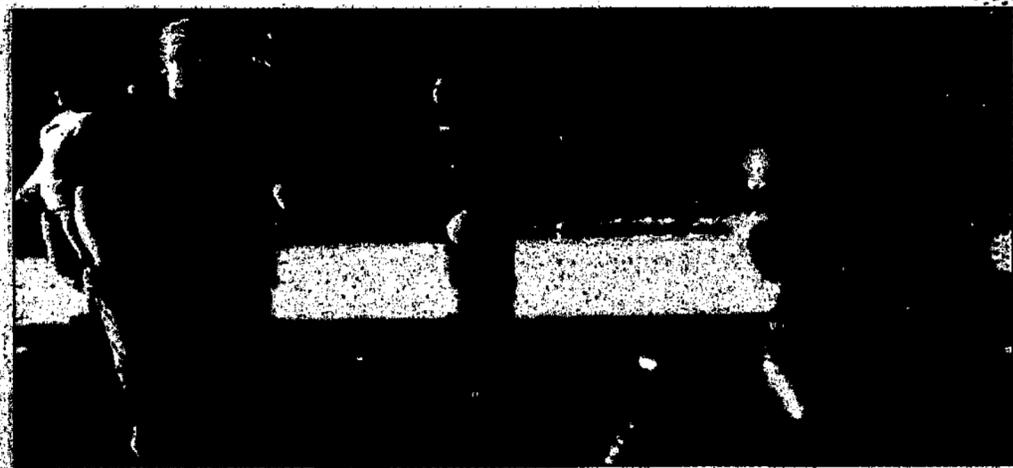
als. Santa Teresa is also competitive. It will be tougher to get out of district than last year, and will come down to hitting."

While Ruidoso will have to work on their performance at the plate, and hopefully improve in

See SOFTBALL, page 2B

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
March 5	Dexter (2)	Away	3 p.m.
March 15-16	Socorro/Toumey	Away	TBA
March 18	Dexter	Home	6 p.m.
March 19	Roswell (2)	Away	4 p.m.
March 22-23	T Or D Tourney	Away	TBA
March 30	Portales* (2)	Away	noon
April 4	Goddard (2)	Home	4 p.m.
April 6	Lovington (2)	Home	1 p.m.
April 11	Santa Teresa* (2)	Away	4 p.m.
April 12	Socorro (2)	Home	4 p.m.
April 16	Portales* (2)	Home	4 p.m.
April 20	Lovington (2)	Away	11 a.m.
April 23	Santa Teresa* (2)	Home	4 p.m.
April 28	Socorro	Away	6 p.m.
April 27	District	TBA	TBA
May 3-4	District	TBA	TBA

\*Doubles District 4-3A game



Ruidoso pitcher Lisa Speer hurls one toward catcher Nalley "Nails" Clawson during a Ruidoso softball practice Thursday at the Ruidoso Downs softball complex. The Lady Warriors begin their season next Tuesday with a doubleheader at Dexter.

TODD FUQUA/STAFF

# TENNIS: The potential is there

start them real early," she stated. "They can't just walk on. A lot of these kids were here last year and it's still a very young team."

On the boys side, freshman Matthew Johnston holds down the number one position, taking the place of junior Paul Brown, who will be at the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell this season.

The rest of the team play on the junior varsity squad and are primarily in sixth and seventh grades.

"One thing I've noticed

about these kids is that they really rise to the occasion," Franklin said. "They play over their heads in some situations and give it all they've got. They've got a lot of heart."

"They've come from the bottom and they know what it's like to have to work for it."

The team will begin working for it Saturday when they travel to Alamogordo for the Alamo Invite, a tournament in which most of the bigger — and stronger — tennis teams play.

"It's an eye-opener for the kids," Franklin said. "But a lot of these kids played this summer in the Warrior tennis camp. They were able to win the team tournament in Hobbs, so they have that experience."

"It will be a learning year, but they've still got a lot of years left. It's exciting."

# SOFTBALL: Eager to make return to playoffs

FROM PAGE 1B

pitching, Page said his team's biggest strength is defense.

He has a good solid infield returning, one which could make hitting quite difficult for opposing batters.

"I'm not too worried defensively. I just want to score at least three runs an inning," Page said. "That's 21 points a game. When you score 21 points, you're gonna win some games."

District comes quick this year — less than a month after their season-opening game next Tuesday at Dexter. That means the Lady Warriors will have to get good, very quickly.

"We want to get a lot of games under our belt," Page said. "I believe our district will be the toughest in the state, especially with Lovington. We want to be able to compete with some good teams before we get to that."

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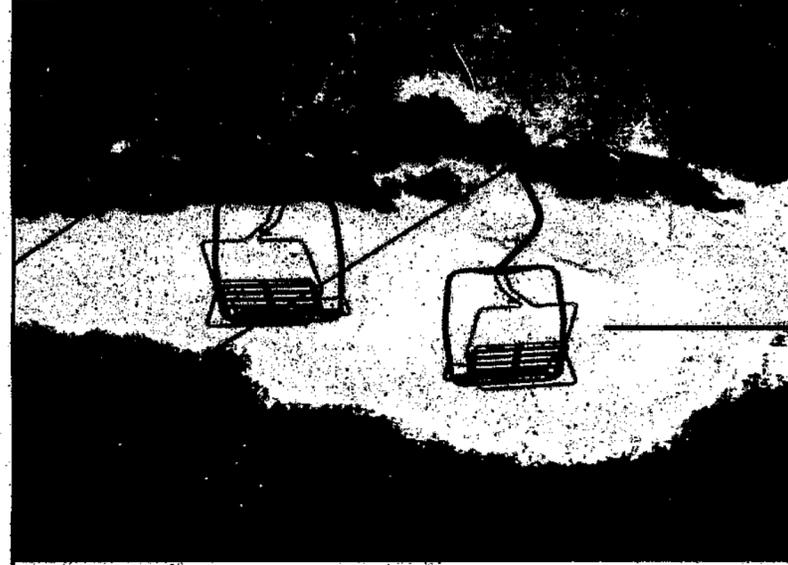
# RHS: Third place at State

FROM PAGE 1B

McNally said that it is "awesome" to be part of a team that supports each other. It gives them the mentality that they can do anything, he added.

Ruidoso wrestlers Pior, McNally, McGarvey, Hernandez and Bates all recorded pins in their matches to give the Warriors a 42-30 victory, and the third place trophy.

Warrior Senior Luke Bates showed his leadership by closing out for Ruidoso. He said he would not have had it any other way except, of course, for the winning the State Championship.



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As Mayor, I have worked hard to learn as much as I could about the complicated issues facing our community and southeast New Mexico. The answers are not simple but we believe that we have made great progress. While areas north of Ruidoso struggle with water problems, we have taken the necessary positive actions, with more in the works, to meet the water needs not only for us but our children and grandchildren.

We created a water task force that includes New Mexico's leading water attorneys, hydrologists and consultants. Its mission is to enhance our water rights, push our water applications through the state engineer's office and enhance the production of our current wells as well as locate new wells and water supplies. We have detailed each person's responsibilities, expected performance timetables and outlined short, medium and long-term goals. We meet regularly to assess our performance in meeting these goals.

We developed and have begun implementation of a 25-year water master plan that addresses Ruidoso's water needs, now and in the future, including system repair and improvements and continued system maintenance. The necessary resources have been put in place to fund this plan.

Our water needs have been and will always be my personal top priority as Mayor. Thank you for your past support. I need your vote on March 5th to continue our work on water.

Robert Donaldson

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DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Anita Sombrano, standing, oversees members of an agricultural class from Carrizozo High School. Students came to watch Lincoln County commissioners in action.

**P&Z head to enforce sign code**

■ Mike Runnels said he's mainly looking to crack down on "permanent temporary signs."

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso's new planning and zoning director is trying to come up with a workable enforcement approach to the village's rules about temporary signs.

Director Mike Runnels said his office received complaints when code enforcement staff members told them to remove signs that they considered temporary. One let visitors know that chains were sold at a business, another touted live entertainment at a restaurant and a third promoted a sale at a carpet store, he said.

"Temporary signs are against the ordinance, but we're trying to enforce in a reasonable manner," he said. "I want to sit down and determine the intent of the ordinance. I don't want to tell the cheerleaders they can't have a poster board sign for their car wash."

"On the other hand, someone who puts out a sign from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day and calls it temporary is wrong. It's a permanent temporary sign."

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The following couples were issued marriage licenses by the office of Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor from mid-December through early February.

• Tully Neal Stufflebeam, 22, and Shannan Lynne Sellers, 17, issued and used Dec. 14.

• Joel Gonzalez, 39, and Cecilia Ortiz, 31, issued Dec. 14 and used Dec. 22.

• Shawn Matthew Kern, 18, and Shannan K. Freemole, 18, issued Dec. 19 and used Dec. 24.

• Shane Haberstroh, 31, and Julie Barham, 23, issued Dec. 20 and used Dec. 22.

• Jim Robinson, 67, and Lynda Patton, 57, issued Dec. 20.

• William H. Ferguson, 68, and Frances P. McKinney, 66, issued Dec. 20 and used Jan. 1.

• Travis Leonard, 25, and Julianne Hufstедler, 30, issued Dec. 20 and used Jan. 5.

• Billy Weldon Binnion, 59, and Glenda Sue Perkins, 59, issued Dec. 26 and used Dec. 27.

• Jesse Seaton, 44, and Lisa Springer, 34, issued Dec. 26 and used Dec. 28.

• Richard A. Cohea, 38, and Linda A. Flower, 41, issued and used Dec. 26.

• Todd Allen Yen, 35, and Sheri Lynn Mellon, 32, issued Dec. 27 and used Dec. 29.

• James Brazeal, 61, and Cynthia Morales, 38, issued and used Dec. 27.

• Audie Dale Davis, 30, and Lindsey Des Exum, 24, issued Dec. 28 and used Dec. 29.

• Michael Richard Brockland, 34, and Cinda Kay Campbell, 33, issued and used Dec. 31.

• Carl A. York, 70, and Clara B. York, 74, issued Jan. 2 and used Jan. 4.

• Robert Alcoverde Coas, 49, and Barbara Ann Wolfe, 54, issued and used Jan. 7.

• Dylan L. Smith, 21, and Kayla J. Wallace, 19, issued Jan. 14 and used Jan. 15.

• William Russell Daugherty, 49, and Amy Jo Zamora, 25, issued Jan. 17 and used Jan. 18.

• Charles Glen Cecil, 54, and Jamie Carol Slack, 54, issued Jan. 22 and used Jan. 24.

• Robert E. Hutsell, 74, and Melva Jean Sweatt, 74, issued Jan. 25.

• Christopher W. Margis, 20,

and Cassandra J. Stearns, 18, issued Jan. 25 and used Jan. 28

• Nick H. Higgins, 51, and Donna E. Duke, 42, issued Jan. 29.

• John Michael Zaleski, 31, and Jesalyn Naomie Walston, 30, issued Jan. 29 and used Jan. 30.

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- APPROVAL of the Drainage Management Plan
- Implementation of the Village Personnel Policy
- Moratorium on the Extraterritorial Sewer Connections
- Dialog with Lincoln County Solid Waste to improve village services
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# Boundary Commission approves pocket annexation

Members of the Boundary Commission Feb. 19 approved the annexation of seven pockets of unincorporated land in and around the village of Ruidoso.

Mike Runnels, director of planning and zoning for the village, said the hearing didn't take long. Members will sign off on the plats and file them with the county. If no appeals are

filed within 30 days, the action is final. Appeals go to district court for resolution.

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, according to

Village Manager Alan Briley.

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. The

council had to pursue the more costly and time-consuming route through the appointed Boundary Commission.

Other areas annexed Tuesday include a tract between Upper Canyon and Black Forest subdivision, land around Lookout Tower, a tract in Carrizo Canyon, south of and including some of Barney Rues' 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 ball field complex.

# Janet Drive drainage problem finally gets solved

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

More than a year of discussion finally ended in a cooperative agreement that will help property owners along Janet Drive and Lincoln County solve drainage problems.

After the Cree Fire in May 2000 burned off vegetation above the road, summer rain dug deep crevices in the street and shoulders, sending water and mud across busy Gavilan Canyon Road. The problem was compounded because Janet Drive never was built to county standards and hadn't been accepted for maintenance under the county road system.

But Thursday, a compromise was struck in part because of the willingness of property owners Shamie and Don Huband to pay for road improvements and to install culverts.

Commissioners unanimously agree the county would pay for the necessary culverts and deliver them to the site, but the Hubands and any other property owners along the road would be obligated to install the culverts and construct the road to county

specifications.

County road superintendent Albert Hernandez estimated the cost of materials at \$9,555, which includes \$3,034 for 16 culverts and 5 bands.

"It's a public safety issue with the water crossing Gavilan," County Attorney Alan Morel said.

County Manager Tom Stewart said another \$8,000

will be added to the project for the county to turn water at the Janet Drive entrance to the canyon and send it down Gavilan instead of across that major road.

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# Attention to detail

Gary Eklund's paintings may be large – sometimes 20 square feet – but it's the little things that draw the eye

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Throw together the artistic genes of Diego Rivera, Luis Jimenez and Charles Schultz, and you'll have many of the colors Gary Eklund uses in his 4-foot by 5-foot pen-and-ink drawings, and some of the stories his pictures tell, but you'll need Gary Eklund genes to come up with his personal vision – which is quirky, political, satiric, historic, and, above all, thought-provoking.

"I like to create things that ask questions rather than provide answers," he said. "Each piece contains a political satire and any personal experience or opinion I have comes out in my work. I work from the inside out."

Marionettes, puppets and clowns are frequent visitors to his work, because he can put them in any position. In one piece devoted to marionettes, "Pass It On," two large marionettes are each working on two slightly smaller marionettes that are, in turn, working on two smaller marionettes, and on down to a mass of "ant people" escaping and then going back into a congregated unit. This allows Eklund to draw the marionettes in five different styles and five different color schemes.

Eklund plans out his pictures in his mind, seeing first the shapes, then the colors and finally the storylines and choosing the components from things he's

seen throughout his life. He adds about 20 percent of the details while he's working.

One picture, "Rolley Polley Wip Wop," came to him in a dream.

"I was interviewing an 8-year-old boy, asking him what he wanted in an amusement park," Eklund said. "The next night I dreamed about him again, and realized the 8-year-old boy is me."

Many of his pieces have historical or political themes, and most a comic element. The humor, he said, comes from "having so much fun doing it that I get in a light-hearted mood and might make a character more humorous. ... I'm having fun every single moment. I'm serious about my lack of seriousness. I'm not frivolous about it, but that doesn't mean I'm not having a good time."

One of Eklund's stamps is to have stories within stories, such as in the case of "WPA Works," which is a painting of workers working on WPA projects, including some painting a painting of workers working on WPA projects.

"Everything I'm doing is symbolic and has at least two meanings," he said. "It's almost unconscious. Multiple meanings just happen."

Eklund was in the lumber business before he decided to return to his childhood love of drawing, and he applied the same time and energy to art as he had to self-employment, getting up between 4 and 5 every morning and working all day "until it's done, staying with a project seven days a week," and compiling a huge body of work in a few short years. His 4-foot by 5-foot pieces take about a week to complete.

He's been in close to 200 juried shows, 20 solo exhibitions at art museums, and won numerous awards. One of his works on paper was included in the 20 best paintings of 1999 in the winter 2000 issue of Watercolor Magic Magazine. Another, "Juke's Joint Jam," was at Carnegie Hall in the 1997 International Art Expo. He won the National Graphics Award from the Salmagundi Club on Fifth Avenue in New York, the oldest art club in America. He's a signature member of the Georgia Watercolor Society, Texas Watercolor Society and the Watercolor USA Honor Society and winner of the Grumbacher Gold Medallion.

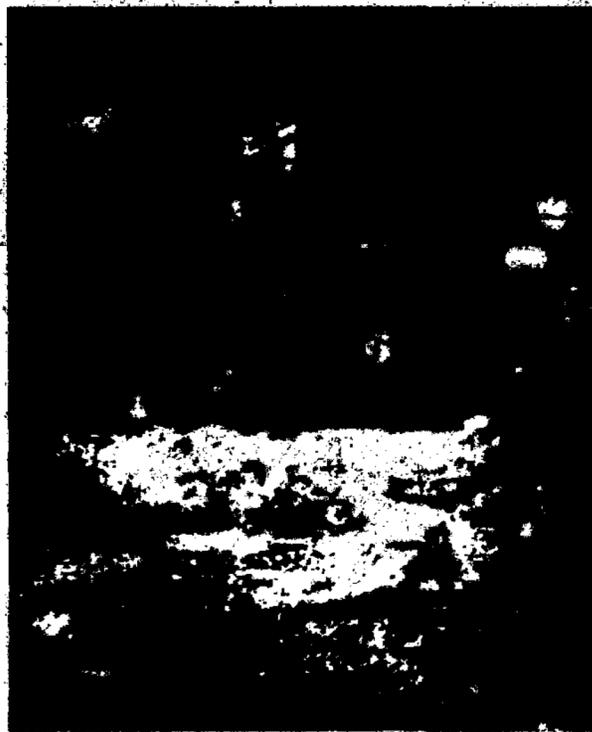
Tired of the show circuit, Eklund recently bought a two-story adobe building on 12th Street in Carrizozo, with the 2,000-square-foot Zozo Gallery downstairs, and a 1,000-square-foot Upstairs Uptown Gallery – where else? – upstairs. In the front gallery he plans to have sculptural works by other artists as well as his own paintings, with a sculpture garden at the back of the building. Upstairs, he plans to have open, fee-less shows for other artists. He's already hung posters for the first show: Black & White Art Show, to open May 4 (see "Calls to artists" on page 4C).

Eklund is undaunted about becoming a gallery owner on top of being an artist; he was curator for the Mitchell Museum of Art in Trinidad, Colo., where he lived for 10 years before moving to Zozo.



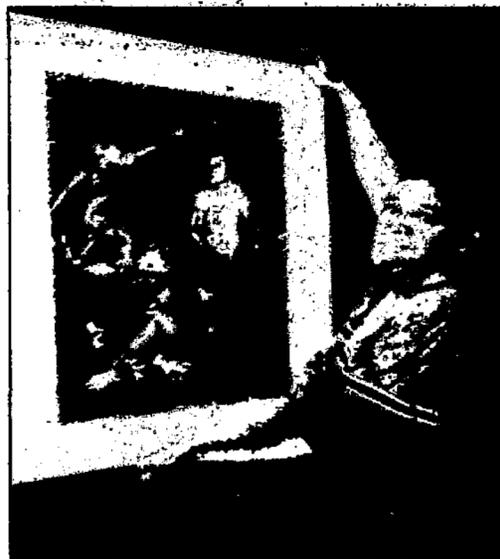
"Up in the Air," 27x37, pen and ink by Gary Eklund. "It's almost ecstasy doing it – a sheer joy," Eklund said of his detailed works on paper.

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"Back Yard," 50x38 by Eklund. "I think the work has changed me, made me a rounder, person, nicer," he said.

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SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Eklund holds one of his many colorful, detailed works. Humor and multiple meanings can often be seen in his paintings, which can be as big as 4 feet by 5 feet.

# N.D.'s new Barry Building will take your breath away

My advice to aspiring humor columnists is: Never make fun of North Dakota. Because the North Dakotans will invite you, nicely but relentlessly, to visit, and eventually you'll have to accept. When you get there, they'll be incredibly nice to you, treating you with such warmth and hospitality that before long you feel almost like family. Then they will try to asphyxiate you with sewer gas.

I found this out when I went to Grand Forks, N.D., in January. I had made fun of Grand Forks and its sister city, East Grand Forks, Minn., for calling themselves the Grand Cities and declaring that they are "where the earth meets the sky." (This turns out to be slightly inaccurate: In between the earth and the sky, there's a layer of really hard ice.)

I arrived at Grand Forks International Airport on a subzero Tuesday night. I have never been so cold in my life. And that was inside the terminal. Outside it was much worse. I'm pretty

I staggered across the wind-whipped parking lot, wondering if there could be a colder place on the planet. Unfortunately, there was. The interior of my rental car, which had liquid oxygen on the seats.

The way the North Dakotans deal with this is to leave their cars running. The state fuel-economy average must be around .000008 miles per gallon, because everywhere you go, you see unattended cars with the motors running. Many people start their cars with remote-control devices, but I believe that some of the smarter cars also spontaneously start themselves to keep warm.

The thing is, nobody steals the unattended cars, or anything else. During my visit, roughly once every four minutes a North Dakotan would remind me, in a nice way, that they have hardly any crime up there, in stark contrast to my city, Miami, where, as the North Dakotans understand it, you can't hear yourself think for all the machine-gun fire. But I can't argue with them.

It does feel very safe up there, and everybody does seem to get along, despite the fact that the population is quite diverse, ranging all the way from people whose ancestors immigrated from Norway, to people whose ancestors immigrated from a different part of Norway.

I spent part of a day driving around the Greater Grand Forks area, where you can see many breathtakingly spectacular vistas if you have taken hallucinogenic drugs. Otherwise you'll see a lot of really flat agriculture covered by snow. But the people, as I may have mentioned, are very nice, and I saw absolutely no crimes committed, even though there were many cultivating machines sitting around unattended.

The Grand Cities themselves are more urban, featuring stores, restaurants and other buildings, with the occasional unattended car running outside. The Grand Cities are trying hard to attract more tourists and businesses, so I urge everybody to go up there and check it out.

There is plenty of parking.

Without question, the most memorable experience I had in Grand Forks was a public ceremony in which a municipal sewage pumping station was formally named after me. I am not making this up. They took me in a limousine to the station, where more than 100 people had gathered, despite the fact that the temperature was an estimated 8,500 degrees below zero.

The mayor of Grand Forks, Mike Brown, who is also an obstetrician/gynecologist, read a nice speech in which he flatteringly compared my work to the production of excrement. Then came the big moment when I unveiled a big sign on the side of the building, with large letters stating: DAVE BARRY, LIFT STATION NO. 15.

Words cannot convey what it feels like to look at a building with your name on it – a building capable of pumping 450,000 gallons of untreated sewage per day – and at the same time hear the unmistakable whupwhup-whup of North Dakotans enthusiastically applauding with heavy gloves. It was a wonderful occasion, until they took me on an official tour of the pumping station. When they opened the door, whoosh we were engulfed by a cloud of pent-up fumes from the Outhouse from Hell. Trees wilted as far away as Wisconsin.

Fortunately, I survived and went on to have several more memorable experiences in the Grand Cities. Next week, I'll tell you about the sport of ice fishing, which is irrefutable proof that prolonged exposure to cold causes brain damage. I'll also describe a tradition called the "potluck supper," which poses a serious threat to the world's dwindling reserves of Jell-O. Until then, keep your engines running.

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# Ledbetter: Iron man of the Indian Territory

James F. "Bud" Ledbetter is not one of those legendary lawmen immortalized by popular history, such as Wild Bill Hickok or Wyatt Earp, but he should be. In 1907, in Muskogee, Okla., Ledbetter was involved in a gunfight that was not nearly as famous as the legendary "Gunfight at the OK Corral," but was equally remarkable.

Racism has always been a good excuse for the less-than-bright to vent their frustrations on the innocent. Of course, its perpetrators never actually call it racism; they find other, more vague expressions (or excuses) — "justice" has always been popular as a substitute word for what have always been clear cases of mindless hatred.

In the Oklahoma Territory, at the turn of the last century, racism of all sorts was rampant. And, as is frequently the case, the government had created a situation that was destined to end in violence.

The Oklahoma Territory was also known as the Indian Territory, primarily because the government had promised it to the Indians. Of course, while these promises were made in good faith, the terms of office for the men who made them inevitably expired and other men took their places. Usually they were men who had no intention of honoring the promises of their predecessors.

## Causes

An unusual situation existed after the Civil War in the "Nations." A treaty that was agreed upon by the U.S. Government and the Creek Nation made all Creek Indians, black ex-slaves and their descendants full citizens in the tribe. The former slaves, aka "Freedmen," were permitted to vote and hold office in the Creek Nation. However, while Freedmen were allowed to sell their land allot-

ments received from the government, Creek Indians were not permitted to do the same thing. The result was that the ex-slaves had more rights in tribal government than the Creeks themselves.

White citizens had even less rights (for a change). They received no land allotments and had no voice at all in tribal affairs. It was almost like a fiefdom inside the parameters, specifically the Indian Nations, of the United States. While the Creeks were certainly dissatisfied, they couldn't hold a candle to the dissatisfaction of their white neighbors. Clashes between whites and black freedmen became more and more frequent.

## William Wright, aka "General Grant"

The leading light among the freedmen and the man most responsible for causing all the tension was a black preacher by the name of William Wright, who was from Wagoner, known at the time as "The Queen City of the Prairies." Wright appears to have been something of a demagogue. More interested in personal power than justice, he played upon already existing prejudices in the population. We have all seen his like many times before. There was a fellow back in Germany in the 1930s who was much like that.

Wright had about 200 followers who he called the "10th Cavalry," after the legendary unit of Buffalo Soldiers. Wright himself preferred to be called "General Grant." But when Wright publicly proclaimed himself to be an agent of the U.S. Government, the Secret Service shut down his organization.

Relocating to Muskogee, Wright launched a new organization that he called the "United Socialist Club." Each new member was issued a badge

(that represented nothing) and a promise, somewhat vague, of ultimately receiving 160 acres. Master historian Glenn Shirley put it best when he said that "Wright not only taught the Scriptures, but anarchy and the supernatural! He told his followers that, by wearing a "Voodoo" sash, they would be entitled to occupy any property that struck their fancy without having to pay a cent." Wright also promised them immunity from certain other social ills, most notably death itself!

## Violence flares

When the "socialists" began refusing to pay any rent, local constable John Coffield was sent to serve an eviction notice. The two freedmen occupants of the place in question shot him fatally in the chest when he attempted to do so. When another freedman (who was not one of Wright's followers) witnessed the murder, he went to the authorities. The local chief of police immediately dispatched two lawmen to the scene and also sent word to Deputy U.S. Marshal Bud Ledbetter. Bud rounded up two of his own deputies and headed for the house in question.

The two shooters' names were Sam and Elbert Barker and they had absolutely no intention of going into hiding. Ledbetter and his two deputies reached the house before the other lawmen to find that the Barkers, along with two other "socialists," were waiting for them. The Barkers stood, heavily armed, on the porch and the other two men, Tom Jackson and J.T. Terrill, were standing at the corners of the house, each cradling a rifle in his arms.

Ledbetter stepped out of the backboard that the lawmen had arrived in, and with the two deputies flanking him, began walking toward the house. "Throw down your guns and surrender!" shouted Ledbetter. Instead of throwing

down their guns, Sam and Elbert Barker exchanged glances and then Sam held up a document that he had gotten from Wright proclaiming that he had the right to defy any and all authorities. Bud Ledbetter was unimpressed and kept advancing. At that point, a female voice emanated from inside the house, screaming "Give it to Ledbetter!"

Then, a number of things happened at once. Sam Barker cocked the shotgun in his hands and began to raise it to firing position. Ledbetter drew his .45 and swung into the classic shooters stance, giving only his profile as a target. Bud dropped Sam Barker with one shot to the chest and when Sam's brother Elbert attempted to bring his revolver to bear, the lawman coolly dropped him with a shot to the head.

Suddenly a freedman named James Brown appeared at the window and took aim at Ledbetter. One of Bud's officers, a black policeman named Paul Smith, caught the movement and immediately opened fire, undoubtedly saving his boss's life. His bullet struck Brown in the arm, causing him to jerk his head back inside the window. At the same moment, another freedman in the house, by the name of Scott, appeared at an upstairs window with

a shotgun. However, before he could get a shot off, Ledbetter's deadly .45 sent a round screaming into his belly. Scott turned and ran down the stairs and out the back door. He didn't get far, though. He crawled under a wagon out back and died there.

By this time, the firing had become general. Jackson and Terrill, the two men who had been standing at the corners of the house, were both hit. Both of them, along with James Brown, survived their wounds. The same could not be said of the Barkers and Scott. Like the more famous "Gunfight at the OK Corral," the battle left three dead.

## Aftermath

After all this violence, many began to look upon preacher William Wright with something less than admiration. Of course, Wright denied any responsibility for the shootout, claiming that he had been receiving instructions from a "very old white man with a white flowing beard." Of course, Moses, or whoever he was, was never identified or located, probably because he never existed in the first place. The rest of the black community, who were decent, law-abiding folks, refused to have anything to do with either Wright or his followers. In fact, both officers and citizens came up with a pretty good description of Wright. They said he was "crafty, crooked, and insane." Wright left the Territory and his "socialists" were no more.

So, immediately after the gunfight, when a number of agitated whites and Creeks showed up expressing concern about the possibility of a race riot, Ledbetter put their concerns to rest with his usual understatement: "There ain't no riot," he announced casually, "they're all dead. You fellows better get shold of Charley Moore (the local undertaker) and help pick up the remains."

## Prelude and Epilogue

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**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Apache Indian Assembly of God  
Mesalero, 671-672, Donald Pettey, pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday services 7 p.m.

**First Assembly of God**  
El Paso Road, Ruidoso. Rev. Bill Lenard, Pastor. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday morning worship 10:45 a.m. (includes children's church); Sunday evening praise 6 p.m.; Wed. family night 7 p.m.

**BAPTIST**  
Baptist Church  
Sunday 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.  
White Mountain Plaza on Mechem. Rev. James Crowder, 336-1976.

**First Baptist Church**  
420 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345. (505) 257-2081. Tim Gilliland, Pastor. Service times: Saturday - 7 p.m. Praise & Worship; Sunday - 8:15 a.m. Praise & Worship, 9:45 a.m. Sunday School all ages, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship, 5:30 p.m. Youth Power Hour 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. (Drop-in service for all ages).

**First Baptist Church**  
Ruidoso Downs, Randy Wideman, Pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; Eve. worship 6 p.m.; Wed. Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
Therese, Bill Jones, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship 11 a.m.

**Valley Baptist Vida Eterna**  
40 Mechem Drive (Gasoline Classroom) Ramon Robledo, Pastor. Culto de Predicacion 3 p.m.

**Mesalero Baptist Mission**  
Mesalero, Sunday School 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; 7:15 p.m. Training union 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday services 6:30 p.m.

**Knappa Baptist Church**  
126 Church Drive, Palmyra Gateway. Wayne Joyce, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship 10:45 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m.

**BAHAI FAITH**  
Baha'i Faith  
Meeting in members' homes. 257-2367 or 336-7739

**CATHOLIC**  
St. Eleanor Catholic Church  
Ruidoso, 257-2330. Reverend Al Galvan, Sacrament of Penance Sat. 5:00 p.m. or by appointment; Sat. Mass 6 p.m. (Bilingual); Sun. Mass 10 a.m. (English), 11:30 a.m. (English); Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 5 to 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass, St. Jude Thaddeus, San Patricio 8 a.m.  
St. Theresa Catholic Church  
Corona, Sunday Mass 6 p.m.  
St. Joseph Apache Mission  
Mesalero, Father Paul Botenheger, Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.  
Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Bent, Father Paul Botenheger, Saturday Mass 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass 9 a.m.

**CHRISTIAN**  
Covenant Christian Fellowship  
A Church of Christ Church  
Ruidoso, Pastor Carlos, 201 Garden Dr., 257-1492. Steve Krebs, Pastor. Pre-service prayer 9 a.m.; Sunday worship service 10 a.m.; Children's Church 10 a.m. Small group meetings, including youth groups, at various times and locations.

**First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**  
Hill and Garden Canyon Roads.  
Rev. James M. Smith, Pastor. Sunday School, K-12/Adult 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.; Chancel Choir: Wednesday 7 p.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Gateway Church of Christ  
215 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-4361. Jay Wilkinson, Minister. Sunday Bible study 9:30 a.m.; Sun. worship 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m.; Wed. Bible study 7 p.m.

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LDS**  
Church of Jesus Christ LDS  
Ruidoso Branch, North on Hwy. 48, between Ruidoso and Capitan, Joe Magill, 336-4359. Sunday schedule. Sacrament starts at 10 a.m.; Sunday School; Priesthood and Relief Society.

**Church of Jesus Christ LDS**  
Mesalero Branch, 671-672. Wray Schildknecht, President, 671-9505. Sunday: Sacrament meeting 10 a.m.; Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m.; Priesthood, Relief Soc. & Young Women, 12:10 a.m.

**EPISCOPAL**  
Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount  
121 Mesalero Trail, Ruidoso. Father John W. Penn, Rector. Sunday Eucharist 8 & 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Daughters of King noon; Eucharist & healing 5:30 p.m.; Choir practice 7 p.m.  
Episcopal Chapel of San Juan  
Lincoln. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.  
St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel  
Glencoe. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9 a.m.

**FULL GOSPEL**  
Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship Int'l  
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e-mail: roririce@ruidoso-online.com

**Mission Fountain of Living Water**  
San Patricio, Sunday School 10 a.m.; Evening service 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday and Friday.

**JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**  
Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall  
106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 257-3871.  
Sunday: Public Hall 10:00 a.m.; Watchtower: 10:50 a.m.; Monday: Bible Study 7:30 p.m.; Thursday: Ministry School 7:30 p.m.; Service Meeting 8:20 p.m.  
Congregacion Hispanica del Testigo del Jehova  
106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 336-7076. Don: Reunión Publica 1:00 p.m.; Estudio de la Biblia 1:30 p.m.; Mari Escuela del Ministerio Teocratico 7 p.m.; Reunión de servicio 7:50 p.m.; Juev. Estudio de libro 7:00 p.m.

**LUTHERAN MO. Synod**  
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church  
1127 Hill Road, 258-4191, 257-5296. Kevin L. Krohn, Pastor. Sunday: Worship 8:30 a.m. (May-Oct.), 10:30 a.m. Sun. School & Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Thurs. Eve. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., call for location.

**METHODIST**  
Community United Methodist Church  
Junction Road, behind "The Coffee House". Bob Sawyer, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m., 10:55 a.m.

**PENTECOSTAL**  
The Apostles of Lincoln County  
Cormorant Square, 613 Sudderth, 354-4906 or 430-6654. Pastor, Art Dunn. Sat. evening worship 6 p.m.

**NAZARENE**  
Angus Church of the Nazarene  
Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Charles Hill, Pastor. Sat. Alternative Worship, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Tuesday Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Worship, 6:30 p.m.

**PRESBYTERIAN**  
First Presbyterian Church  
101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220.  
Cathy E. Canale, Pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:30 a.m.; worship 11 a.m. Potluck fellowship after worship the third Sunday of every month.  
Mountain Ministry  
Parish Community United Presbyterian Church  
Ancho. Reverend Scott King. Sunday worship: 9 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Corona Presbyterian Church  
Reverend Scott King. Sunday: Church School, 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.  
Nogal Presbyterian Church  
Reverend Bill Spring. Adult Sunday School: 10

**REFORMED CHURCH**  
Mesalero Reformed  
Mesalero. Bob Schut, Pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:30 a.m.; worship 10:30 a.m. Mon: junior high youth 6:30 p.m. Wed: high school meeting 7 p.m. Thurs: Kids Club (grades 1-5) 3:30.  
Ruidoso Seventh Day Adventist  
207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4161.  
Pastor Earl Robertson 505-499-0760; Assoc. Pastor William Morrow 622-1206. Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m.; Church service: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH**  
Sacramento Mountains Unitarian Universalist Church, meeting in members' homes. Call 258-1881. www.mtsun.com/umnuic

**NON-DENOMINATIONAL**  
Abundant Life Family Church  
2810 Sudderth Drive, Suite 210, 257-1188. Mark Centry, pastor. Sunday worship 8:30 a.m. Thursday Bible study 7 p.m.  
American Missionary Fellowship  
Rick Smith, 682-2999. Monday: Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m. at Schlotzsky's Deli. Tuesday: Ruidoso men's Bible study noon at Pizza Hut, Mechem Drive. Wednesday (Sept. through May) Capitan Jr. High and St. High Youth Groups 6:30 p.m. at Christ Community Fellowship. E-mail: RickS@amermissionary.org  
Calvary Chapel  
433 Sudderth Drive in the Gateway Center, 257-5915. Pastor John Marshall. Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Mid-week bible study 7 p.m.  
Carrizo Christian Fellowship  
Leonard Kanesvagh II, Pastor. 56 White Mt. Dr. 3 mi. W. of Irm of the Mountain Gods/Mescalero. Sundays 10:30 & 6:30, Wed. 6:30 378-1789

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**Centro Cristiano Casa de Oracion**  
139 El Paso Rd., Ruidoso, 257-2324. Pastor Carlos Carron. Reunion General Jueves 7:00 p.m.; Domingo 10:00 a.m. Club Amistad Sabado 11:00 a.m. (info:).  
Christ Church in the Downs  
Ruidoso Downs, 378-8464. Al and Marty Lane, Pastors. Sunday 8:00 Sun. a.m., 10:45 am. Children's ministries concurrent with late Sunday Services. Sat. outreach at 1pm, at church.  
Thursday: 7 p.m.  
Comenstone Church  
Comenstone Square, 613 Sudderth Drive, 257-9265.  
John & Joy Wynn, Pastors. Sunday School, 9:45. Church, 10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. with Children's Church Sun. Eve. Handicap Services 11 a.m. Wed. Leadership Class 6 p.m. & Prayer 7 p.m. Wed. Bible Study Adult 7 p.m. Thurs. and Youth, Thurs. 7 p.m. Cowboy Church  
Noon Sundays at the Glencoe Rural Events Center. Everyone welcome. Preacher Buster Reed of Amarillo. Call 578-4840 for more info.  
Grace Harvest Church  
Gavilan Canyon Rd., 336-4213. Sun. morning prayer 8:30 a.m.; Sunday school 9 a.m.; service, 10 a.m.  
Miracle Life Ministry Center  
Ron Rice & Catherine Callahan, Ministers. Available 24 hours for healing prayer. 354-0255. e-mail: miraclelife@ruidoso-online.com

**Peace Chapel Interdenominational (I.L.C.)**  
Alto North, 336-7075. Joanne Price, Pastor. Morning chapel: 6:50 a.m. (Sept. - June); Sun. Service: 11 a.m.  
**NON-SECTARIAN**  
Spiritual Awareness Study Group  
Minister: George N. Brown, Ph.D. U.L.C. Sundays 1 p.m. - 101 Mechem Lane. Alto across from Koppel's Golf Course - 257-1569

#### CAPITAN CHURCHES

**BAPTIST**  
Trinity Southern Baptist Church (south on Highway 48) Mt. Capitan Rd. 394-2044. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.; AWANA-Sunday 4-6 p.m.

**CATHOLIC**  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
Capitan, 394-9102. Saturday Mass 8 p.m.; Sunday Mass 9 a.m.; Monday Adult Bible Study 6 p.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Capitan - Highway 48, Los Encinos. Minister: Sunday bible study: 10 a.m. Sunday worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m.

**FOUR SQUARE**  
Capitan Fellowship Church  
Highway 48, Capitan, Harold W. Perry, Pastor. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m.

#### METHODIST

Capitan United Methodist Church  
Henry Johnson Anderson and the congregation of Capitan United Methodist Church welcome Lincoln County residents and visitors alike to attend Bible study, Sunday morning at 8:30, followed by worship services at 9:10. Communion is offered during worship on the first Sunday of every month, and a potluck luncheon is served the third Sunday at 12:30. White Oaks and Third in Capitan. 505-448-2846.

**NON-DENOMINATIONAL**  
Christ Community Fellowship  
Capitan Highway 48 West, 394-2458. Ed Vinton, Pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:50 a.m.

#### ASSEMBLY OF GOD

The Word of Life Church  
Rev. Chuck Fulton, pastor/648-2338, 711 E Ave., Carrizozo, NM. Affiliated w/the Evangelistic Assembly Church. Sunday 7:00 p.m.

**BAPTIST**  
First Baptist Church  
Hayden Smith, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.; Church training: 6:30 p.m. Sunday

**CATHOLIC**  
Santa Rita Catholic Church  
648-2853. Father Dave Berge, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 11 a.m.; Tuesday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Perry Zumwalt, minister. Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM. Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11:00 am; Evening Worship 1:15 pm; Wednesday Bible

#### STUDY 7:00 p.m.

**EPISCOPAL**  
St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel  
Carrizozo, 6th & E Street. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

**METHODIST**  
United Methodist Church Parish  
Windy - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846, Carrizozo. Johanna Anderson, pastor. Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Sunday worship 11:00 a.m.; Choir Practice (lives) 4:30 p.m. United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wed. 1:00 pm Fellowship Dinner 4th Sun. of month 12:30 pm.

**NON-DENOMINATIONAL**  
Carrizozo Community Church (ACC)  
Johnnie L. Johnson, pastor. Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186. Children's Church 10:30 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm.

# Calls to artists

## Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit Deadline Near

March 15 is the postmark deadline for an Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit sponsored by the Ruidoso Arts Commission, open to all New Mexico and regional artists. Three works will be selected for location along Sudderth Drive for display primarily from passing vehicles. The sculptures will be on exhibit from Mothers' Day through October 2002. Submit views from three sides of the work, along with an application form available in Ruidoso at the Village Hall or the Ruidoso Public Library, the Capitán Public Library and Carrizozo Joe's, or by calling the Ruidoso arts coordinator at (505) 378-4302.

The deadline is April 15 for submissions to the Black & White Art Show at the new Upstairs Uptown Gallery and the Zozo Gallery, 412 12th Street in Carrizozo. All artists are welcome to submit. All media, no jury, no fees (except 30 percent commission on sales). The show opens May 4 and will run all of May. For more information, contact Gary Eklund at 648-0005.

## Craft Show

Crafters and artisans from around New Mexico are invited to exhibit in the second annual Craft Show and Silent Auction April 20 at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center. Booths are \$35 and going fast. For information or to register, call 257-9041.

## Art in Public Places

Exhibition space is available to all Lincoln County and Mesquite artists for the

Art in Public Places Project in Ruidoso Village Hall, Ruidoso Public Library and the Ruidoso Senior Center. This is an ongoing project so the deadline is open. Call the arts coordinator of the Ruidoso Arts Commission (378-4902) to schedule an exhibit.

## The Great Bear Hunt

Early submission deadline for artist designs is May 1, when sponsors will begin selecting designs for production. Final deadline for submissions is Oct. 1. This is open to all artists or groups of artists in Lincoln County and Mesquite. Artists receive \$500 honorarium and 10 percent of the selling price of the bear at auction. All proceeds of the project will be used to develop a community cultural arts center.

Designs are sought for bears that will be painted or otherwise enhanced for a major public art project scheduled for the spring, summer and fall of 2003. Maquettes of bears sculpted by J. Mauritsen and Anacleto Loya are on display at the Ruidoso Public Library. These maquettes will be enlarged to about 6 feet and will be constructed of high-density foam covered with high-impact stucco for painting. Complete artist information and submission packets are available at the Ruidoso Public Library, Ruidoso Village Hall, Capitán Public Library and Carrizozo Joe's. For further information, call Elizabeth and Frank Amigo, co-chairs of The Great Bear Hunt, at 338-7489 or the arts coordinator at 378-4302.

# Price is chamber artist for month of March

Julia Hope Price is the artist for March at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Price has painted professionally for more than 20 years and participated in many solo and group exhibitions nationwide. Although she has painted since childhood, she also received four years of training in painting, drawing, sculpture and design from the New Orleans Academy of Fine Arts. On scholarship there, she helped organize painting groups and served as proctor in the life-drawing classes. During her student years, she was the recipient of several awards of excellence.

Since then, Price has gone on to receive many national and international awards, including the

Eclipse Medallion Award at an international exhibition in Vancouver, Canada, and Best of Show among Southern Representational Painters in 1996.

Price currently exhibits her work at Carol Robinson Gallery in New Orleans and at LaCouture Fine Arts in Ruidoso.



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## CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK

by Dr. Jack V. Waters, Chiropractic Physician

### AFTER YOUR FIRST CHIROPRACTIC VISIT

People often feel different after their first treatment at the chiropractor. Many patients do not realize that their bodies have been adjusted to a better state of health. Some patients feel a sense of relief and lightness, and others feel a sense of well-being. This is because the chiropractor has adjusted the spine, which is the foundation of the body. The chiropractor will adjust the spine to correct any misalignments, which can cause pain and discomfort. The chiropractor will also provide advice on how to maintain a healthy spine and prevent future problems.

On the other hand, when a chiropractor makes spinal adjustments and relieves pressure on the nerves, the body may have difficulty adjusting to the change. This is because the body has been used to a certain state of imbalance, and it takes time for the body to adjust to a new state of balance. The chiropractor will provide advice on how to maintain a healthy spine and prevent future problems. The chiropractor will also provide advice on how to maintain a healthy spine and prevent future problems.

Presented as a public service to the community by Dr. Jack V. Waters, 257-2626. DRUIDOSO AMERICAN BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIANS, 1100 N. 1ST ST., SUITE 100, RUIDOSO, NM 87801. NEW PATIENTS ACCREDITED... CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT. PROVIDER FOR MEDICARE, MEDICAID, BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD.

## Open-Mic Night

The Second Thursday Open-Mic Night, free poetry and music series continues at Books & Beans, 2501 Sudderth Drive, Times Square Plaza in Midtown, from 6:15-8 p.m. March 14. Poets and musicians are invited to read and play their original works. Poets and musicians are asked to arrive at 6 p.m. to sign up. For more information, call Books & Beans at 630-2328 or Bob Yehling at 336-2249.

## Eagle Ranch Show

The paintings of Patsy Blasdel will be on exhibit at Eagle Ranch Gallery, 7288 Highway 54/70 in Alamogordo this month.

Blasdel thrives on watercolor, pastel and oil painting. She began her career in art as a hobby in San Angelo, Texas, where she worked as a registered nurse. She worked in watercolor exclusively until she moved to Ruidoso in 1995 and became a full-time artist, branching out into oils, painting with a palette knife and then with brushes.

Her work can be seen at The Adobe Gallery in Ruidoso and The Lamisen Gallery in Las Cruces.

will perform at the opening reception, and Judy Pekefama and Sally Wimbro will perform music.

## 'Windows of the Sky'

Dr. Don Cornwell from Albuquerque will teach his "Windows of the Sky" technique at Sierra Dove Center for Healing. This method uses acupressure points to connect the heart and mind and opens the pathway to a higher level of spiritual awareness. The workshop is 6-9 p.m. March 8 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 9 and 10 for \$250.

## Star Party

The first event of the Mystic Springs Ranch Retreats 2002 season, Star's Star Party will be Saturday, March 9 in Arabela. Astronomer Geoff Goins of Red River will talk to guests about the constellations and planets in the New Mexico sky as they peer through a 24-inch telescope. Hiking, a campfire and other activities are planned. Advance tickets are \$20 per adult and \$10 per child or \$25 per adult and \$12 per child at the gate. An exclusive dinner with the astronomer will be at 7 p.m. for \$45 for the evening. Lodging is available on site. For more information, call 336-2093.

Session 1 is from 9 a.m. to noon and is open to children grades 5-8 and their parents. Session 2 is from 1-4 p.m. and is open to children grades 6-8 and their parents. These classes focus on each family creating a landscape scene together. A materials fee of \$7 per family is required. Space is limited to 20 people per session. Call Elizabeth Becker at 378-4142 for more information.

## 'Cowboy Mafia'

Texas author Roy Graham will review his book Cowboy Mafia, a true account of the largest marijuana operation in Texas history, at the next meeting of the Ruidoso Book Review and Discussion Group at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, at the Ruidoso Public Library. Refreshments will be served and everyone is invited to attend.

## Library Art Reception

March exhibits at the Ruidoso Public Library open with a reception from 4:30-6:30 p.m. March 8, and include artwork from Capitán Public Schools; the pottery of Kenyon Thomas; "Tree Fairy Art" by Teresa Montez and artwork by Megan Rabourn's Ruidoso Middle School art class. The Ruidoso Dance Conservatory

## First Friday Lecture

John Muehl, an artist featured in the book Painted Pony, will be the speaker in tonight's First Friday Lecture at Capitán Public Library at 7 p.m.

## Arts Center Meeting

An opening meeting will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso to discuss plans for a community cultural arts center. The meeting, coordinated by the Ruidoso arts coordinator, is open to the public with an invitation to artists of every discipline.

## Diabetes Cooking School

The Lincoln County Cooperative Extension Service and the New Mexico Department of Health are offering a series of Saturday cooking classes from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. March 2, 9, 16 and 23 at the Ruidoso Middle School home economist's room, 134 Reese Drive. Space is limited; please call Betty McCreight at (505) 648-2311 for information.

## Family Art Classes

Join Paula White, Hondo artist and owner of the Red Rose Gallery, Saturday for a class on palette knife painting with acrylics at the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

# GOMBER: Bud was one tough lawman

FROM PAGE 2C

Back in 1894, an outlaw known as "Texas Jack" Reed and his gang attempted to rob a train that was guarded by Bud, Sid Johnson and Paden Tibbert, all lawmen with whom it was a bad idea to tangle. After a wild gun battle in which Reed was wounded by the deadly revolver of Bud, the train was not derailed. Bud, the experience that he turned himself in to Judge Isaac Parker in return for a reduced sentence. He ended his days as a preacher railing against all of the things that formerly comprised his life, namely, crime.

Al Jennings was a lawyer who trans-

formed himself into one of the more inept train robbers in history. But after his capture, when he was wounded, and after he got out of jail, Jennings portrayed himself as one of the Old West's premier bad men. Hollywood picked up on him and he has been portrayed in several different movies. Can you guess who it was that wounded and arrested him?

After a remarkable career that spanned nearly five decades, Bud Ledbetter retired in 1928. Having won his last election as Sheriff of Muskogee County at the age of 72, Bud Ledbetter finally retired in 1928. In 1937, at the age of 84, the old lawman finally cashed

in his chips. One of the finest tributes paid him by another officer after his death was from U.S. Marshal Leo Bennett. The Marshal made a long statement that concluded with "... he is honest, straightforward and reliable, and a man upon whom (sic) I can depend with a certainty that if any living man could do the work entrusted (sic) to him to look after, he is that man."

Sources: U.S. Deputy Marshall Bud Ledbetter by J.D. Haines; Hell's Half Acre by Richard F. Selcer and The Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters by Bill O'Neal.

## THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

**Dragonfly**  
Thriller, Romance and Drama  
1 hr. 30 min.  
Rated PG-13 for thematic material and mild sexuality.  
Dragonfly is a supernatural thriller about a man (Kevin Costner) who believes that his deceased wife (Susanna Thompson) is trying to communicate with him through the near-death experiences of her patients.  
Starring: Kevin Costner, Joe Morton, Ron Rifkin, Kathryn Erbe, Linda Hunt.  
Directed by: Tom Shadyac  
Produced by: Mark Johnson, Tom Shadyac, Gary Barber, Roger Birnbaum  
Written by: David Seitzer, Brandon Camp, Mike Thompson  
Showtimes: 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.  
\*Friday and Saturday only

**The Count of Monte Cristo**  
Drama and Action/Adventure  
2 hrs. 11 min.  
Rated PG-13 for adventure violence/swordplay and some sensuality.  
The Count of Monte Cristo is Alexandre Dumas' classic story of an innocent man wrongly but deliberately imprisoned and his brilliant strategy for revenge against those who betrayed him. Dashing young sailor Edmond Dantes (James Caviezel) is a quick-witted and honest young man whose peaceful life and plans to marry the beautiful Mercedes (Dagmara Dominczyk) are abruptly shattered when his best friend Fernand (Guy Pearce), who wants Mercedes for himself, deceives him. Haunted by the baffling course his life has taken, over time everything he ever believed about right and wrong is abandoned and replaced by all-consuming thoughts of vengeance against those who betrayed him. With the help of an equally innocent fellow inmate (Richard Harris), Dantes plots and executes in his mission to escape from prison, whereupon he transforms himself into the mystic-

ous and wealthy Count of Monte Cristo. With cunning ruthlessness, he cleverly insinuates himself into the French nobility and systematically destroys the men who manipulated and enslaved him.  
Starring: James Caviezel, Guy Pearce, Dagmara Dominczyk, Richard Harris, Luis Guzman  
Directed by: Kevin Reynolds  
Produced by: Chris Brigham, Roger Birnbaum, Gary Barber, Jonathan Glickman  
Written by: Jay Wolpert  
Showtimes: 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9:15 p.m.  
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**We Were Soldiers**  
Action/Adventure and Drama  
Rated R for sustained sequences of graphic war violence, and for language.  
Based on the true story of Lt. Col. Hal Moore (Mel Gibson), who led 400 American soldiers into the first bloody battle of the Vietnam War.  
Starring: Mel Gibson, Barry Pepper, Bruce Willis, Greg Kinnear, Sam Elliott  
Directed by: Randall Wallace  
Produced by: Stephen McEveety, Bruce Davey, Steve McEveety, Mel Gibson, Todd Garner, Randall Wallace  
Written by: Randall Wallace  
Showtimes: 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:20 p.m.  
\*Friday and Saturday only



James Caviezel, Helen McCrory and James Caviezel in The Count of Monte Cristo.



# How to become a chef, at least on a small scale

When I remember Lincoln's Walter Henn (1916-1999) I think of his successful early career in commercial art as director/production manager for a large Dallas agency.

He accomplished much in Lincoln County but I remember him most for his collection of sketches in his "A Stroll Through Old Lincoln" portfolio. I had always aspired to do ink drawings of old buildings in Carrizozo. Many times I ran into Walter and his wife, Nora, at Lincoln County Days events, museum functions, and historical association and society group meetings. Just before he passed away I told him in jest, "When I grow up I want to sketch old buildings just like you." I wanted to pursue many artistic paths; now I am narrowing the list.

After reading Sandy Spigitt's fascinating story of Omar Gonzales and his culinary mastery, it brought memories of when I wanted to become a chef of some sort. Perhaps a chef de froid, who designs and prepares decorated foods and artistic food arrangements, makes ice sculptures, molds butter into funeral designs and decorates food trays using colored fruits and vegetables. Or a sous chef, who supervises and coordi-

nates the activities of cooks who prepare, portion, and garnish foods. Or a pastry chef, who supervises and coordinates activities of cooks preparing pastries, desserts, ice cream, and other confections. Dreams. I have a souvenir, a root canal, in my attempt to become a cake decorator.

My husband and I raised two daughters and four sons. My kitchen was the classroom laboratory where I would create nourishing, creative and penny-pinching meals. My kids were the only kids in the neighborhood to have two choices on the menu for each meal: "Take it or leave it." The following are some tried-and-true food shortcuts:

- Cut potatoes into bite-size pieces before boiling. Then drain and add the other ingredients to make potato salad.
- For lump-free pancakes, mix all ingredients in a blender then pour the batter straight onto the griddle.
- For a quick rice pudding, prepare a box of vanilla pudding. Stir in leftover cooked rice, add cinnamon and raisins.
- Lettuce piecrust dough can be used to make cookies. Roll dough and cut into desired shapes. Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar and bake.



An Cook and Such Practical, creative ways to include fun in everyday living by Polly E. Chavez

# CelticFusion dances into the Spencer Theater

The show, which mixes traditional and contemporary Irish dance and music, hits the stage Saturday.

**AUTO** - CelticFusion is a dazzling spectacle from creator, choreographer, and "Riverdance" star Liam Harney. Featuring a lively cast of dancers, singers, and musicians, CelticFusion blends traditional Irish arts with contemporary music and vivid choreography into a colorful, pulse-pounding "Celtic rock musical."

With 20 dancers well versed in traditional Irish dance, tap, ballet and modern dance forms, CelticFusion is refreshing and electrifying.

This sensational show takes audiences on a virtual journey through music and dance, with original choreography, authentic tap, clogging and even breakdancing. Celtic music and singing. The CelticFusion band performs a score that blends traditional and original music by Ivan Drever, former member of Scotland's Wolfstone.

Created by Liam Harney and co-director Kevin Patterson, CelticFusion features the Liam Harney Irish Dance Company - a group of multi-talented artists, most of whom trained at the Academy of Performing Arts in San Diego.

This energetic dance company has toured to critical acclaim throughout North America, South America, Australia, New Zealand, Asia, and

Europe. The ensemble has also shared the stage with prominent Irish entertainers such as the Chieftains, Sinead O'Connor and "Irish tenor" Frank Patterson. Liam Harney and his dancers have also appeared on PBS television in the film *Blown Away*, starring Tommy Lee Jones, and in the acclaimed musical production "Flight from the Hungry Land" at Lincoln Center.

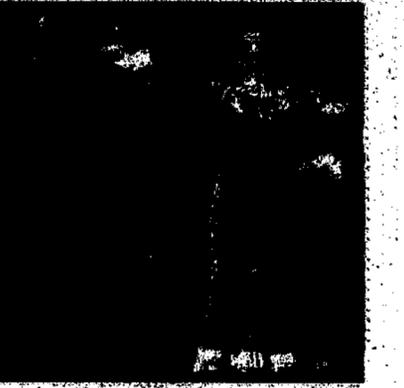
Dubbed the "Baryshnikov of Irish Dance," Liam Harney is a world champion Irish step-dancer. He has starred in the London production of "Riverdance," performed at the White House for Presidents Reagan and Clinton, and played the lead in the hit dance musical "Waves."

In addition to his numerous performing credits, Harney has choreo-

graphed an array of television and film productions, including the documentary "Those Wicked Feet," the benefit concert Great Famine Commemoration, and a national commercial for Folgers Coffee. His expertise in a number of dance forms, including step dancing, ballet, and modern dance, has made him one of the most exceedingly talented performers of our time.

Irish America Magazine named Harney one of the top 100 Irish Americans. Other recipients have included Liam Neeson, Aiden Quinn, and Phil Donahue.

For Celtic Fusion wait-list information, call toll free at (888) 818-7872, locally at (505) 336-4800, or visit the theater's website at [www.spencertheater.com](http://www.spencertheater.com).



CelticFusion mixes old and new Irish dance and music. COURTESY



Liam Harney, of "Riverdance" fame, stars in CelticFusion. COURTESY

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# HOME & FAMILY

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Spousal abuse, often with children present, is a fact of life in Lincoln County — one all too familiar to victim advocate Dawna Reyes and most police officers.

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

**D**awna Reyes' cheerful face often is the first face seen at the Ruidoso Police Department because she's the receptionist. But she has another job, in another office in another part of the building — a job requiring empathy.

Reyes is a victim's advocate, and she counsels the victims of primarily domestic violence crimes, the more prevalent ones, but also victims of sexual assault, survivors of murder cases, survivors of DWI accidents, and victims of child and elder abuse.

Last year, Reyes spent 2 to 4 hours each talking with 184 victims of domestic violence in the Ruidoso area. Many of the victims are referred by police officers who have been called to homes to intervene in violent domestic situations, although some of them seek help on their own. Occasionally she'll go to the scene to help with the investigation of a case, she said, but usually the victims come in the day after police have intervened for counseling on the remedies available for them and their children.

"Once a victim is referred to me, I review the (police) incident report and ask them what do they want. If she says, 'I really love him and can't leave him because of the kids,' then I talk about a restraining order so the court can order him to take substance abuse counseling if that's a problem, or if there's a history of severe physical abuse, she can ask the court to mandate that he take anger management."

"It's not my job to determine this guy's a bum and they should leave him," Reyes said. "They need to be aware of the remedies available. Most people don't know about restraining orders or shelters or resources in the surrounding community."

The Family Crisis Center operates an emergency shelter for 1-3 days and another shelter with limited space is available for longer stays, she said.



Dawna Reyes, victim advocate at the Ruidoso Police Department, keeps in touch with police officers responding to domestic violence calls. She is shown here with Cpl. Charlie Wolf.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics indicates that the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 reduced the incidents of violence against women by intimate partners by 21 percent from 1993 to 1999, and the number of murders committed by intimate partners was lower than in any year since 1976 (according to a press release on May 17, 2000). Ruidoso Chief of Police Lanny Maddox attributes the reduction to this law mandating arrests of domestic violence offenders based on probable cause and discharging officers from criminal or civil liability for making arrests in good faith. Previously, the victim was required to press charges in order for prosecution of a case, but now the prosecution can go ahead without the victim's cooperation.

"If the victim doesn't want to prosecute, the officer can file a criminal complaint for domestic battery, whereas previously the victim needed to testify," Reyes said.

The law also requires officers write detailed informational reports after responding to 911 calls, and these are in the records at the police department,

along with copies of restraining orders, so all officers can respond to calls with knowledge of the history or pattern of particular cases. These investigations take from two hours to an entire shift to complete, Wolf said.

"I refer them to community agencies for substance abuse counseling, anger management and battered woman syndrome," Reyes said. "Diane and Gary Harmon have victim support groups. The support groups seem to be beneficial because participants can identify with one another."

Reyes has a degree in psychology, an "almost-degree" in nursing and is a licensed social worker.

"Criminals have rights, victims are also entitled to rights," she said. "Somebody has to be an advocate for people who have no voice and who are vulnerable. I'm just a caretaker. My role in life is to help others. I just feel this was my calling."

## Fear right at home

• Of the 184 incidents of domestic violence handled by victim advocate Dawna Reyes in 2001, 79.5 percent of the victims were women and 20.5 percent were men.

• About 85 percent of the victims and 82 percent of the offenders were between the ages of 19 and 45.

• There were 73 children at the scene of 49 violent incidents, at least 39 of them infants or under 5 years of age.

• No arrests were made in 77 incidents, 50 suspects were arrested and both parties were arrested in 7 incidents. Suspects left the scene in 35 incidents.

(Law Enforcement Domestic Violence Data Collection Form for 2001, Ruidoso)

• As many as one in three women will be assaulted by a domestic partner in her lifetime (American Medical Association, 1992).

• Among all female murder victims in 1992, 29 percent were slain by boyfriends or husbands; 4 percent of male victims were slain by their wives or girlfriends (Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1992).

• The average prison sentence of men who kill their women partners is 2-6 years; women who kill their partners are sentenced, on average to 15 years (National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 1989).

## Court restraints help women — or men — when fear replaces companionship

**A** restraining order is issued for people who "have a fear of potential danger to their physical being" ... that he or she requests protection from the court to ensure her physical safety, Dawna Reyes said.

The restraining order prohibits the named person from going within a certain distance of the victim, going to the home or place of business, calling, writing or sending a friend with a message, and is in effect for varying lengths of time up to the death of both parties, said Cpl. Charlie Wolf. If the person named vio-

lates the restraining order, he or she can be arrested and incarcerated for up to 364 days.

The person must carry the restraining order on his or her person at all times. The other party must be served with the restraining order before it is in effect, however, Reyes warned. If the person cannot be found to be served with the restraining order, arrangements can be made to provide shelter to protect the victim until it can be served.

Reyes said the victim has to take the first step and contact the police department so officers can

make a report, then file a petition to district court and take the petition, along with the victim statement, to the district court clerk.

The clerk gives the paperwork to Judge Karen Parsons. If the temporary restraining order is approved, the parties must not have contact until a hearing with the domestic violence commissioner, Darrell Brantley, seven to 10 days from the date the petition is filed. Both parties are required to attend the hearing and the restraining order is either dismissed or instated for varying lengths of time, with other condi-

tions taken into consideration, such as special counseling services.

"There's no filing fee if they come through my office," Reyes said. "The courts recognize the Victim Advocacy Program and don't want to make it hard for victims."

In emergency situations, if the victim indicates fear of imminent danger and the officers determine this is the case, they contact the district judge at the time of the investigation, and an emergency restraining order can be issued.

## looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

Feb. 29, 1952

### Storm enters Senate race

Dan Storm of Glencoe is announcing his candidacy for state senator from Lincoln County on the Democratic ticket.

Storm is widely known in Lincoln County and has the welfare of every man, woman and child in the county at heart.

For the last three years he has appeared in the historical pageant ... "A Day in Old Lincoln," taking the part of Buckshot Roberts, pioneer resident.

March 2, 1962

### Hospital closing opposed

Wendell Chino, president of the Mescalero tribal council, today placed the council and the Apache tribe squarely on record in opposition to proposals of the U. S. Public Health Service to close the Indian hospital in Mescalero and to substitute a health center in its place.

"Our people are very unhappy about the situation," Chino said, citing a history of efforts on the part of the PHS to effect the change ... over a period of several years.

March 3, 1962

### Votel Votel Votel

It is not the policy of the Ruidoso News to endorse a candidate for an elective office ... but it is the serious policy of the Ruidoso News to solicit you to vote for the candidate of your choice. Make a sincerely dedicated effort to vote Tuesday, March 7. ... VOICE YOUR VIEWS BY VOTING!

March 4, 1962

### White, Junge, Saylor win

The largest turnout of voters in Ruidoso's history, 1,212, Tuesday elected George White mayor with 730 votes, to 470 cast for incumbent mayor Lloyd L. Davis Jr. in his bid for reelection to a third consecutive term.

In the race for two trustees' seats, Al Junge polled 608 votes, with incumbent Frank Saylor winning re-election with 481.

March 5, 1992

### Downs votes for a change

With several candidates to choose from ... Ruidoso Downs voters retained two incumbents and voted in two candidates who are new to Downs politics.

In the race, mayor, Joe Hayhurst will be the new anchor. Trustees will be Charlotte Craig and Judy Miller. Harold Mansell will stay on as municipal judge.

## El Paso, Juarez university students spend time in area

Some 180 UTEP students and 25 University of Juarez students on a retreat at the Lone Tree Ranch recently. It was a program to get the students to know each other and share experiences.

Some of the activities included rappelling and having a new car all day without knowing it and then dropping it.

of Jon Amastio of UTEP

Lincoln's college students are doing quite well. Congratulations to all of them.

Not much news as we were gone for a few weeks. We received word that ...

Woodard passed away last week. He and his wife were very active in the Lincoln Sheriff's posse and other community activities.

Bob had just lost his tool shop last month and the cancer had spread all at the same time. Our condolences go out to his family.

The Lincoln Pageant and Festival ...

and Elaine Brannen, Captain, attended the spinning and weaving workshop at Las Cruces recently.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
No. CV-01-240-Div III  
BANK ONE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JANNA JEFFCOAT aka JANNA MARIE JEFFCOAT, SIERRA BANK, JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 15, 2002, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the northeast entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carizozo, New Mexico, sell at the right title and interest of the above named Defendant in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 414 Mary Drive, Ruidoso, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

**LOT 16, BLOCK 7, OF TOWN & COUNTRY NORTH UNIT 1, RUIDOSO DOWNS, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN ON THE APPROVED PLAT OF TOWN & COUNTRY NORTH UNITS 1 & 2 FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON FEBRUARY 23, 1997, IN TUBE NO. 201.**  
THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on February 4, 2002, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment includes interest and costs, is \$78,148.32 and the same bears interest to the date of sale will be \$2,481.27. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens, not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to the jurisdiction of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.  
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.  
NICK VEGA Special Master PO Box 393 Carizozo, NM 88301 (505) 648-2217  
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**COUNTRY NORTH UNITS 1 & 2 FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON FEBRUARY 23, 1997, IN TUBE NO. 201.**  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
BLANCA M. ORTIZ Petitioner  
vs.  
CESAR D. ORTIZ Respondent  
**NOTICE OF SUIT**  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Respondent, GREETINGS:  
You are hereby notified that the above-named Petitioner has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled court and cause, the general object thereof being to dissolve the bonds of matrimony between the parties; to determine what debts or property exist and to allocate said debts or property to the parties, and for the parties two minor children.  
Unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 18th day of April, 2002, judgement by default will be entered against you.  
Name and address of Petitioner's attorney is: Marc Prelo 1094 Mcpherson Drive, Suite #311 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345. Tel. (505) 257-9000 Fax. (505) 258-1707  
WITNESS the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, this date: 2-15-02  
(Seal)  
JAN PERRY DISTRICT COURT CLERK  
By: /s/ Jolene Biggs Deputy  
#3953 4T (2) 22, (3) 1, 8, 15  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
STATE NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
EASTERN SAVINGS BANK, FSB  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JESSICA ARREOLA, JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants,  
Defendants.  
**NOTICE OF SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 6, 2002, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the northeast entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carizozo, New Mexico, sell at the right title and interest to the above named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 120 Willis Horton Drive, Ruidoso, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:  
LOT 26, BLOCK 6, OF WHITE MOUNTAIN ESTATES, UNIT 5, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON FEBRUARY 23, 1997, IN TUBE NO. 344.  
(hereinafter referred to as the Property).  
Notice is further given that the court directed the proceeds of this sale on the Property to be realized at said sale from the Property, with interest calculated to date of sale, are as follows:  
Amount of Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club, Inc.'s Claim of \$260,651.00  
Court's Fees... \$1807.51  
In addition there is there will be accruing interest on the proceeds of this sale and the Special Master's Fee paid by the Court in the amount of \$200.00.  
The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

must pay cash at the time the property is struck off to him, except that ALTO LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, INC. may bid all or any part of its judgment, plus interest without paying cash.  
Witness my hand this 11th day of February, 2002.  
/s/ Jolene Biggs Special Master  
#3945 4T (2) 15, 22 (3) 1, 8

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**COLN COUNTY NEW MEXICO ON MAY 20, 1981 IN CABINET D, SLIDE NOS. 13 AND 14.**  
THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on January 25, 2002, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment includes interest and cost, is \$360,854.23 and the same bears interest at 11.500% per annum from January 18, 2002. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$5,684.50. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.  
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JERRY CLAUDE HOOPER, PETITIONER,  
VS.  
VIVIAN LORRAINE HOOPER, Respondent.  
**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT**  
To: ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PETITIONER'S  
GREETINGS: Vivian Lorraine Hooper.  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in the District court of Lincoln County, State of New Mexico, a certain cause of action wherein Jerry Claude Hooper is the Petitioner and you are the respondent, the same being Cause No. DM-01-120, Division III.  
The object and purpose of the said suit is to obtain a Final Judgment and dissolution of Marriage.  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that unless you enter your appearance or file pleadings herein on or before March 22, 2002, the Petitioner will make application to the Court for Decree by Default, and decree by Default will be rendered against you as prayed for.

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico calls for sealed bids on:  
ALTO LAKE INTAKE STRUCTURE  
This project is to include: constructing a new reinforced concrete intake structure to upper Alto Lake, the intake control structure will include an electric operated 18-inch by 18-inch sluice gate with all necessary controls and appurtenances; a 6-inch Parshall flume with end sections, tranquilizing racks, pipe connections, and with flow monitoring equipment, mounting bracket, sonic transducer monitoring sensor, all necessary electrical equipment, the inlet control structure, a 12-inch by 12-inch sluice gate with all necessary appurtenances; all necessary piping; Site earthwork and placement of wire-enclosed rip-rap over the majority of the intake; maintaining sufficient water and drainage practices throughout the construction process; and restoring work site to pre-construction conditions. All work shall be for the Alto Lake Intake Structure in Ruidoso, New Mexico.  
Interested bidders may secure a copy of the Plans and specifications for a deposit of Thirty Five Dollars (\$35.00) per set from Wilson & Company, Engineers & Architects, 4900 Lang Ave. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109 (505) 348-4000, or by personal pick up at the Purchasing Office at the village of Ruidoso, Centralized Purchasing Warehouse, 421 Wingfield, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345, (505) 257-2721 (mailing address: 313 Cree Meadows drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345). The deposit is refundable, providing sets are returned in good condition within ten (10) days after bid opening.  
Technical questions concerning the project and bid may be addressed to Wilson & Company, c/o Denise Brand, P.E., at (505) 348-4000.  
Sealed bids must be received by the Purchasing Officer at 421 Wingfield, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345, (505) 257-2721, no later than Thursday, March 21, 2002, at 3:00 p.m. local time, at which time the bids will be transported to the Village of Ruidoso Water department, 419 Wingfield, where they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid that is received after bid closing time will be returned unopened.  
The Village of Ruidoso reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive all informalities as allowed by the State of New Mexico Procurement Code.  
By Order of the Governing Body  
Fernán Herrera Purchasing Agent Village of Ruidoso  
#3960 1T (3) 1  
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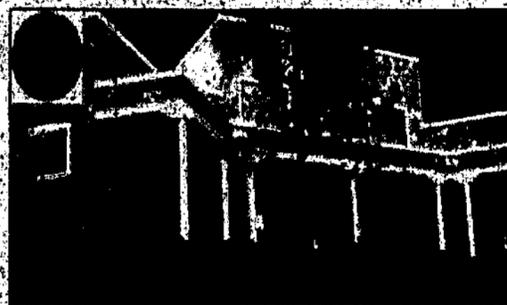
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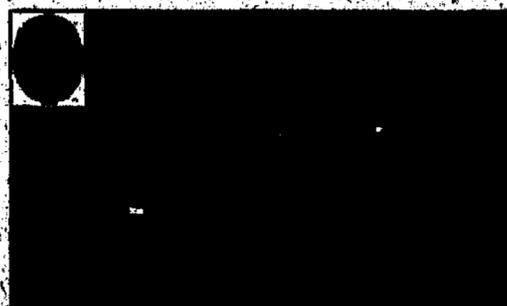
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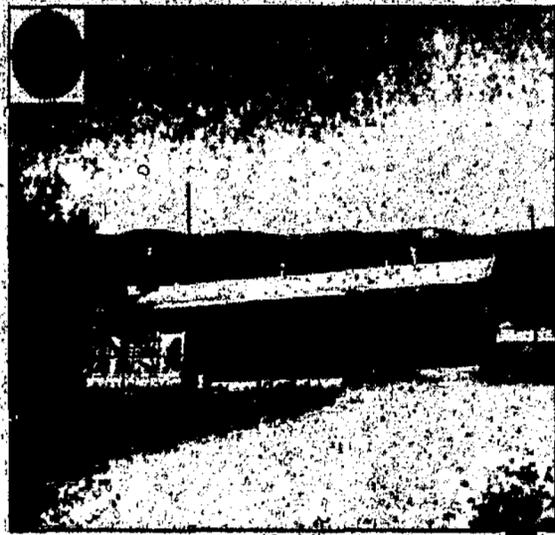


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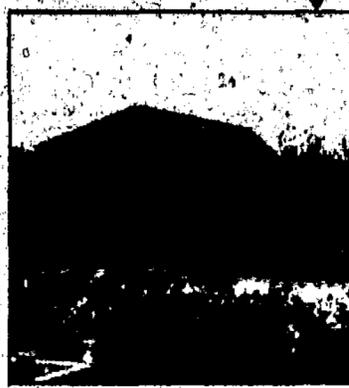
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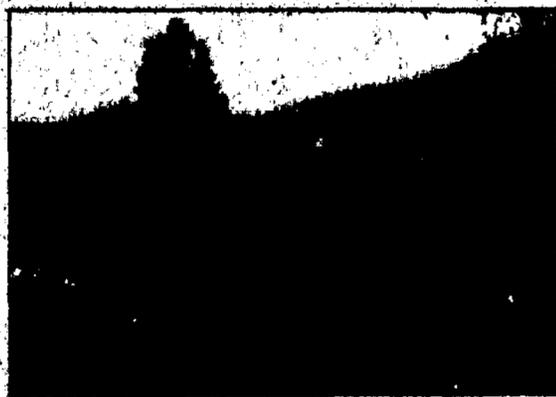


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**RANCHES OF SONTERRA****BAILEY-AMEEL • \$650,000**  
352 Tierra Nueva

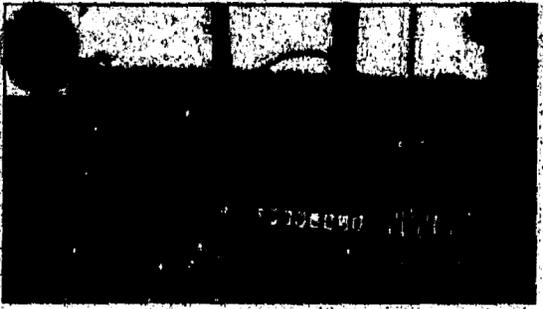
**NEW EXECUTIVE STYLED HOME!** Built in 2000 and located on beautiful 5.10 acres. Huge panoramic views! This 3 bdrm/4 bath home includes another large room that could be used as gameroom, guest room or multi-use room, has its own bath. Master suite with private deck and hot tub. All other bedrooms have their own full baths and are accented with tile-glass enclosures. Living room has 20' ceilings, fireplace, and fantastic view of the valley and Capitan Mtns. Kitchen is open concept to breakfast nook w/sun porch and living room. All the modern appliances for complete functionality and loads of storage throughout. Spacious 3-car garage, lots of deck area, exquisite window coverings. **LUXURY GALORE!** #94670

**WHITE MOUNTAIN ESTATES****NEW CONSTRUCTION • \$185,000**  
906 Hull Rd.

Super location in nice subdivision, private and paved entry drive right to double garage. Pleasing earth-tone stucco exterior and metal roof. Big back patio for entertaining or relaxing. Home completed in 2000, one level, 3 bdrm/ 2 full baths. Fine tile and carpet throughout shows attention to detail. Open kitchen w/breakfast bar to living room and view of forest from all angles. Give us a call today, this home is a real value! #98180

**RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY****WEILER • \$185,000**  
Chisholm Trail

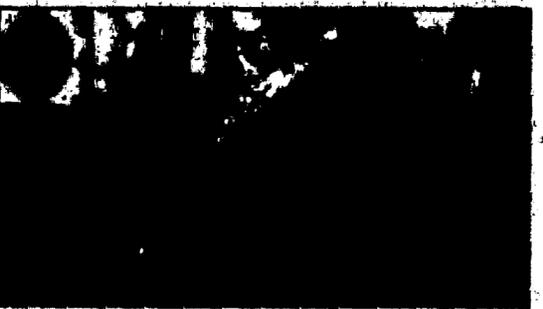
**PRETTY MODULAR WITH ALL THE EXTRAS!** Spacious 3 bdrm/2 full bath on lovely 3/4 acre corner lot location. Very bright and sunny interior, kitchen has lots of cabinets and island for even more room to utilize. Covered back deck facing giant valley views, big detached workshop and two car garage. Property is fenced, lots of fruit trees and adjoining lot is included in sale for a total of 1.144 acres +/- or may be purchased separately. Let me show this one to you today! #98518

**GAVILAN HILLS****JEWELL • \$295,000**  
214 Gavilan Hills Rd.

You'll be on top of the world! Spectacular panoramic views with a view of Sierra Blanca! This home comes with all the extras and is a real beauty. 3 bdrm/2 bath 1512 sq. ft. +/- on 3.93 acres +/- Spacious patio with custom wood railing, neat & clean and fully furnished. #95819

**CAPITAN****HOBBS • \$119,900**  
143 W. Deer Trail

Historic ranch house in the country! Original High Mesa Ranch House, remodeled and moved from Alto to Capitan. 3 bdrm/ 1 3/4 bath on 2 acres +/-. Lovely sunroom, large livingroom, cobblestone fireplace, knotty pine paneling and other custom features throughout. View of Sierra Blanca from front porch. You must see this beauty! #96078

**RUIDOSO SPRINGS****RUCH • \$129,900**  
114 Texas St.

Ruidoso charm at its best! Very short walk to midtown yet secluded on a quiet street. 3 bedroom/2 bath home with large rock fireplace in living room, lots of windows, private enclosed patio with big hot tub! What a find this is. Darling set-up, comes fully furnished. Perfect weekend retreat or move in permanently today! #95889

**ACROSS FROM CREE MEADOWS COUNTRY CLUB****PARR • \$249,900**  
102 Cedar Creek Rd.

Nicely situated in a cul-de-sac on the creek. This home has charm deluxe, 5 bdrm/2 full bath and 2 fireplaces. Upstairs has an open concept into big dining area and living room w/fireplace. Downstairs has living room w/fireplace, guest bedrooms and baths. Lots of decks, windows, and a hot tub on open deck. Completely furnished, what a deal! #95417

**EDELWEISS RESORT VILLAGE****J & J VENTURES • \$195,000**  
21 Edelweiss Dr. (on Ski Run Road)

**NEW Stucco home** in a quiet mountain setting! Sits just off ski run road for privacy yet so convenient to head up the mountain or into town. Nice level lot and easy year round access. This home has 3 large bedrooms and 2 large baths. The kitchen has an open concept into huge living room w/built-in fireplace and lots of windows to experience the seasons in the woods. Loads of deck area covered and uncovered and Sierra Blanca view as a bonus! Wouldn't it be nice to have a place to call your own? Call us today to view this home, we'd love to show it to you. #95528

**NORTH CEDAR CREEK****DURAN • \$229,500**  
N. Cedar Creek Road

**GORGEOUS SECLUDED HOME IN THE QUIET MOUNTAINS!** Immaculate 3 bdrm/2 full bath and 2 car garage. Home is 3 years old, all one level with cactus pine siding and an extra-long covered porch. Great views on approximately 1.25 acres, seclusion and privacy, and outstanding workshop all wrapped up in one complete package. What a great find! Let me show this property to you today. #94029

**RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY****STATE NATIONAL BANK • \$74,900**  
#4 Mustang Ct.

**WHAT A DEAL, THIS ONE IS UNDER APPRAISAL AND BANK OWNED!** Generous 3 bedroom/2 bath 1989 Manufactured Home on comfortably wooded lot. Contemporary style, brand new carpet, tons of windows to enjoy the valley views and has flat parking area. **PRICED COMPETITIVELY WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION.** Summer retreat, great year 'round get-away or move in permanently, don't let this one slip by! #95713



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