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## E-mail now an election question

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

## SPRING FLOWERS

The Hospice of Lincoln County offers living beauty to ease death

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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## High-density Country Club plan pulled

Village planners say 20 units too many

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

much you can do about it," he said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## A dozen local artists fantasize the perfect cultural arts center

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

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Ruidoso Arts Commission initiated The Great Bear Hunt as a

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

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

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

Mary Lea Lane  
Ruidoso Arts Commission

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

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



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

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

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

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

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

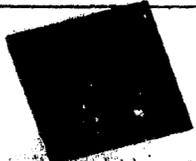
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# Snow pack good

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# DAFFODILS: Volunteers vital

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

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

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

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

"Some continue to work and

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

Families also are part of the equation, she said.

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

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

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

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# Closest possible in Downs vote

Other surprises Tuesday's municipal elections.

**STALLINGS**  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Test may be filed in a two-year term on a Downs Board of won by a one-vote

William Johnson, who 35 votes to incumbent Garrett's 136, said day, "I probably will a recount. With just te, there's room for

statutes provide six on the date election are certified to seek a A candidate must \$50 deposit or surety each precinct and \$10 machine to be retabu-

Ruidoso Downs has one t and used one voting e in Tuesday's election. were certified day morning. If the detects error or fraud could change the elec- sults, the money is d to the candidate.

use all winners must n by 7 p.m. Monday, if ge is warranted, the ould revoke the elec- tificate of the person eviously was designat- e winner.

rs delivered a few surprises in Lincoln Tuesday, as two may- t their bids for reelec- s well as some incum- presentatives. But gov- t didn't miss a beat as oved forward in all vil- to schedule oaths of or newly elected offi-

William Butts and Village Clerk Maddox handled cer- on Wednesday morn- on Eggleston, the new councilors L. Ray

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

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

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

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

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

In Ruidoso Downs, Magistrate Judge Gerald

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

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

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

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

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

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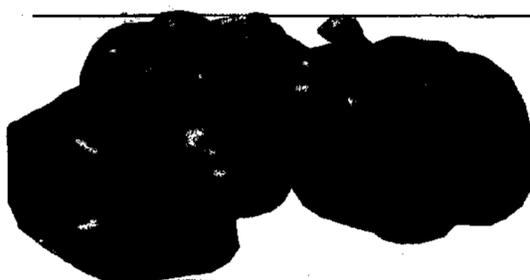
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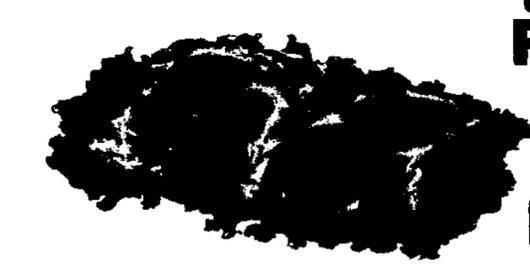
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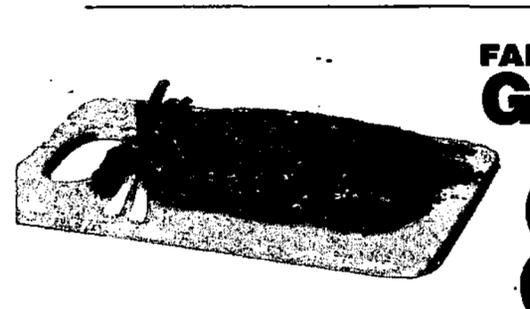
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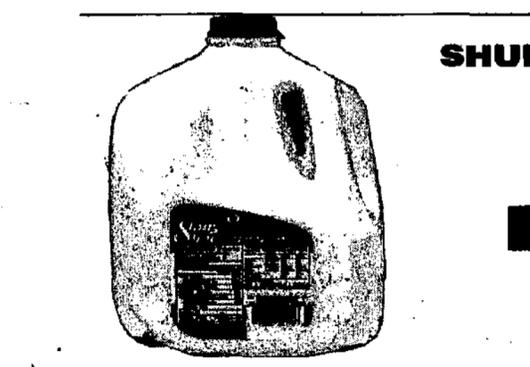
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There is a new administration in the Village and a new attitude. I look forward to working with Mayor, the six Village Governing Body members and all citizens in whatever I can personally do to continue our work on the many issues and opportunities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

For those who supported me as a relative newcomer in Ruidoso, THANK YOU. As a candidate I had the opportunity to listen to many residents about the issues important to each of you. I have learned a lot, and I have a lot to learn, from you, the voters. I thank you for the 538 votes that I received in my first effort at election.

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# OPINION

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### OUR OPINION

## What's good for the goose...

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

Whether or not any intent was involved, Ruidoso's Planning and Zoning Commission has set up an interesting first test for the incoming administration of Mayor Leon Eggleston. "Affordable housing" has been a recognized need for years in our service-oriented tourist economy, and the prior administration pushed hard for such a development near Grindstone reservoir. But when a 12.37-acre rezoning request for the project came to P&Z, members quickly pointed out that it simply didn't com-

ply under the village's comprehensive plan. They turned it down, even as it was agreed that such a project is needed. But a new village administration (which becomes official no later than Monday) on Tuesday will decide whether a public hearing on rezoning from single-family residential to "residential planned unit" for the area should be scheduled. Housing is needed, and a developer has been lined up to build several dozen apartments. As noted, an interesting first political test for the Eggleston administration.

## All those symbols of the third world

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

25 through Belen will see this exit marked "Sosimo Padilla Boulevard." Want to guess who Sosimo Padilla was? Right. Then this week a fax crossed our desk from New Mexico Tech at Socorro advising that three - count 'em, three - buildings on the Tech campus will be named after living politicians. A rather splendid, relatively new campus library, the Tech regents decided, will be known as the Joseph R. Skeen Library. That does seem reasonable in our Banana Republic (as Gov. Toney Anaya called it one time); Congressman Skeen sent a lot of federal dollars in soft money to Tech over the years. (Yes, people in academia do have a fondness for "soft money," not just political parties. That's money from federal research contracts that need not be figured in the school's official, state-financed budget. College presidents love it.)



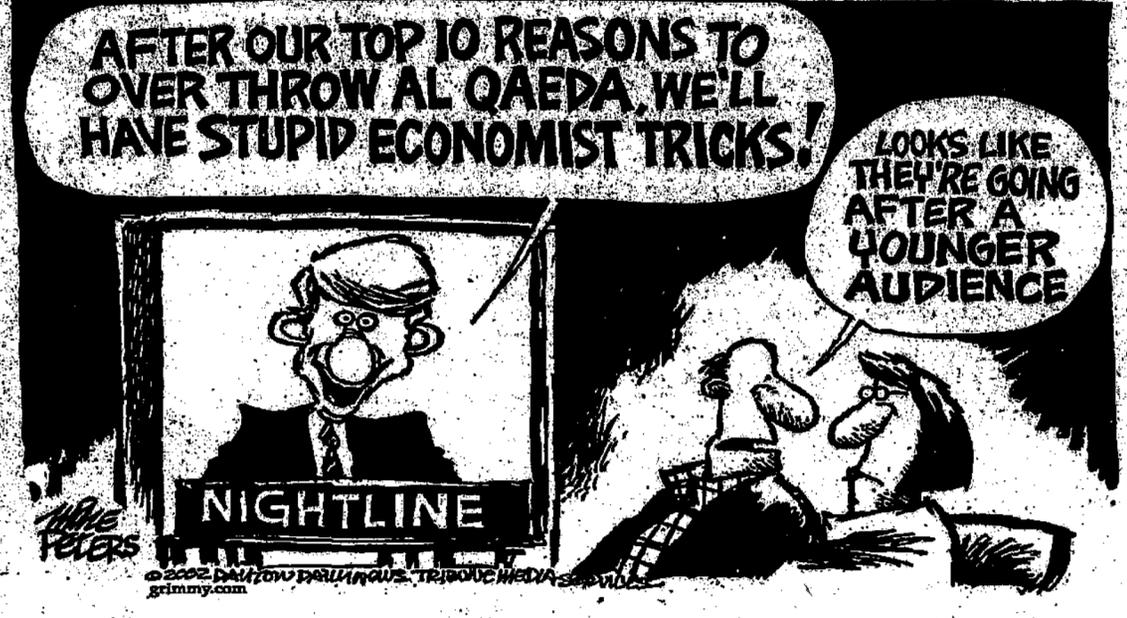
MOUNTAIN ASIDES  
KRITH GREEN

We say this, despite the fact that in dear old Ruidoso we acknowledge that dependency every day of the year. Our main drag is called S u d d e r t h Drive, after State Highway Commissioner John Sudderth, who got it paved and widened some 50 years ago. Then there's Mechem Drive, named for former Gov. Edwin L. Mechem, who helped get that one paved a few years later. And there are all those streets in the White Mountain neighborhood, named for former mayors of our village. Correction: Jerry Shaw (last mayor but one) Drive is the other side of Mechem.

Fidel and Altamirano are longtime Democrat state senators who've headed committees having much impact on appropriations to colleges and universities. Tech's president, Daniel H. Lopez, knows how those things work; he's headed state cabinet departments under Democrat administrations. They'll dedicate those buildings later, probably when the honorees can be present. So what are we muttering about, anyway? People who get elected to public office year after year probably do deserve some sort of monument to their sterling service, whether they want it or not. (Columnist Dave Barry, you'll remember, recently had a sewage lift station in North Dakota named after him.) Which brings us around to mid-March, 2002, and Ruidoso's latest former mayor. If they finally complete that municipal-sponsorship building project that Mayor Donaldson, let's name it "Robert R. Donaldson" building, is supposed to have started.

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

**LETTERS POLICY**  
The Ruidoso News encourages letters to the editor, especially about local topics and issues. Each letter must be signed and must include the writer's daytime telephone number and mail address. The phone number and mailing address will not be printed. The hometown will be. The telephone number will be used to verify authenticity. No letter will be printed without the writer's name. Letters should be no more than 300 words in length, of public interest, and free of bias; editing will be for length, grammar or spelling. Shorter letters are preferred and generally receive greater readership. The Ruidoso News reserves the right to reject any letter. Longer by-lined "Guest Commentary" articles will be considered; see the editor at (505) 257-4001. Letters may be delivered to the Ruidoso News office at 104 Park Avenue, Ruidoso, N.M. 86325. For advertising rates, contact the editor at (505) 257-4001.



### YOUR OPINION

#### Tallying the errors

To the editor:  
Congratulations on your victory Mayor (Leon) Eggleston, Deborah Marcum-Byars and Ronald Hardeman! My wife, I and many others voted for you, though we thought you had little chance of winning. Please consider some of the mistakes made by the previous administration so that they or similar actions do not recur.  
1. We lost Wal-Mart and their tax income.  
2. We acquired a new police station behind closed doors; no vote, no public input. If we would have cut the size of the existing one, we wouldn't be paying for the old station and the new.  
If they could catch the arsonist that is setting our town and the Mesalero on fire every year, then I would believe that the currently 20% increased Police budget during the previous administration could be justified, but nothing is being done.  
3. We should have built the new prison near here or Fort Stanton, not

in Carrizozo. This would save a lot of time, money, and danger in prisoner transport. For that matter, the county seat should be here in Ruidoso - that would also save a lot of time and money.  
4. I once lived on Timberline Drive. I had to move. How could the previous mayor allow Timberline, Gavilan Canyon and Mechem to be torn up and undrivable at the same time? How could anyone go north or south? Who was in charge of planning and spending?  
5. Water? Please fix the leaks.  
If you can take into consideration the will of the majority of our people, not just the rich, with modest growth and minimal taxes, you will have overwhelming support.  
Strong, determined leadership would have avoided all of the problems mentioned above.  
I'm looking forward to that from our new team!  
Mike Shimanek  
Ruidoso

#### Shame on us

To the editor:  
What a shame, that on the same day seven American soldiers are brought home to be buried, only 28 percent of Ruidoso voted.  
Can't help but wonder how disappointed the veterans and current armed forces (members) are with us.  
Linda Brooks Wilson  
Ruidoso

#### Never, ever satisfied

To the editor:  
I feel compelled to respond to Mr. (All) Jung's 12 items of complaint, which the mayor enumerated well in the next edition of the Ruidoso News. Just for the record, I have lived in Ruidoso 33 years and gone through several administrations; and, Mr. Jung has never been happy with anything! It's pathetic.  
My sympathy is with anyone who has to deal with him.  
Betty Patton McCabe  
Ruidoso

### AMERICAN ISSUES

## Medical-marijuana battle picks up support

NEW YORK - In a full-page ad in the March 6 New York Times, a national coalition of doctors, nurses, medical organizations, celebrities, and more than 300 state legislators asked President Bush to allow patients with serious illnesses to apply for government permission to use marijuana to relieve their symptoms. Signatories include elected officials from 42 states and the District of Columbia, television journalists Walter Cronkite and Hugh Downs, former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Joycelyn Elders, best-selling health author Dr. Andrew

Weil, longtime Republican activist Lyn Nofziger (who was aide to Presidents Reagan and Nixon), the American Public Health Association, the National Association of People With AIDS, and the Nurses Associations of California, Hawaii, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Mexico, New York, Virginia, and Wisconsin. The letter is also signed by such celebrities as Politically Incorrect host Bill Maher, actress Susan Sarandon, and comedian Richard Pryor, who suffers from multiple sclerosis. The letter, ad, and complete list of signatories

(including a state-by-state list of elected officials) are available at <http://www.CompassionateAccess.org>. The ad features an open letter to President Bush. "Countless seriously ill people are already using marijuana because they and their doctors believe that it is the best medicine for them," the letter states. "These patients should not be treated like criminals." Under current federal law, people who possess even small amounts of marijuana can be sentenced to a year in federal prison, with no exception for medical use. In signing the letter, Hugh Downs, longtime host of the ABC News program 20/20, noted that he has long questioned laws barring medical use of marijuana. As far back as 1994, he explained in a radio commentary that marijuana "has established therapeutic use in a variety of medical conditions. But, since it is caught up in the hysteria of the drug war, doctors are prohibited from conducting research on marijuana and patients are deprived of its benefits."

**STREET TALK**

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



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



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



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

*(Additional text from the letter and other sources is visible in the background of the page.)*

# BUSINESS

**BUSINESS BRIEFS**

**Banking officer named vice president at National Bank**

John L. Carson has been named senior vice president for consumer, agriculture and special lending at State National Bank.

Carson, based in Las Cruces, will travel to New Mexico and also will handle business in El Paso.

Carson has a banking industry experience of 17 years. He has a degree from New Mexico State University. Most recently he was appointed to the board of directors of the National Bank and Youth, Inc.

**Unemployment survey**

The nation's official unemployment rate in December was 5.8 percent. Over the decade, it has ranged from a high of 7.8 per cent in June to a low of 3.9 percent in October 2000.

The numbers come from the

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

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

**Reception for Greer**

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

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

## Virtual home tours available

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

■ Potential buyers of homes in Lincoln County from anywhere in the world can get an internet preview of available properties...in motion and living color.

Prospective buyers of Ruidoso property can now "walk through" homes for sale without leaving their own home, via virtual home tours on the Internet.

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

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

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

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

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

Buyers can preview dozens of homes before coming to Ruidoso.

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

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

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

Siddens said both sellers and buyers like the technology.

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

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

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

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

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

### BEAUTIFICATION RECOGNITION



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

## The Economy and the Markets Manufacturing snags

DAVID LEREAH  
NAR chief economist

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

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

Some industries currently at low levels of capacity utilization will not be under such pressure in terms of investment, and are more likely to use capital equipment expenditures to grow their productive capacity. These sectors are contributing disproportionately to the rebound in capital expenditures.

Unfortunately, there are some sectors that are still struggling or stuck at very low levels of utilization. In computing, it is unlikely that demand will bounce back enough through an improving economy to get computer manufacturers back to levels where they can generate sustainable profits.

Another plausible scenario would be for a major amount of under manufacturing capacity to be taken out of service through utilization to recover short-term rates. This drop in capacity could occur in two significant ways. First, a major computer manufacturer could exit the market entirely. In the end, each borrower needs to balance out their own economic forecast in combination with their need to have certainty in their financing costs.

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come sooner rather than later.  
**Interest: fixed or variable?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**"... a rise in jobs and consumer confidence will more than offset slightly higher interest rates."**

David Lereah  
NAR chief economist

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAR expects the national

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

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

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

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

### Focus on Agriculture

## Of songbirds, cows and government

BY RICK KRAUSE  
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

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

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

The association set out to prove that grazing was not the

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

There were several obstacles to this strategy, but the association persevered.

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

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

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

Supporting organizations also chipped in funds.

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

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

The results of the experiment are still coming in, but the trends are encouraging. In

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

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

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

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

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# Hunting outfitter sued by Apache Tribe

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

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

al spokesman Ed Moreno.

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

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

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

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

## FUNERALS DEATHS

### Delia V. Hardee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Lamar Casey

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

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

### Ruidoso

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Olive Whitley

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

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

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

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Sheep shearing Saturday after delay

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

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

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

### Alzheimer's meeting

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

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

### White Sands tours

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

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

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

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

## PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

Copies of the EA are available for review at:

<b>NMSHTD District 2 Offices</b> 4505 West Second Street Roswell, NM 88202 (505) 624-3301	<b>Village of Ruidoso</b> 313 Cree Meadows Ruidoso, NM 88345 (505) 258-43403	<b>NMSHTD Environmental Section</b> 1120 Cerrillos Road - Room 213 Santa Fe, NM 87504 (505) 827-5254
<b>Bureau of Indian Affairs</b> 112 Sage Avenue Mescalero, NM 88340 (505) 464-4423	<b>Ruidoso Public Library</b> 107 Kansas City Road Ruidoso, NM 88345 (505) 258-3704	<b>Blue Earth Ecological Consultants</b> 1345 Pacheco Street Santa Fe, NM 87505 (505) 983-2687

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

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



## Daffodil Days for Hospice

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

Thursday, March 14th - Friday, March 15th

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

Or

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

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

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# Water biggest legislative issue, area reps report

**LEGISLATION**  
**ON STATE WATER**

Review of the recently concluded session, Reps. Dub Williams and F. J. Foley told business people that water was the biggest issue the legislature this year. Williams' district includes Tularosa, part of Alto and Highway 70, said he spent half writing water bills, and Williams raised the consciousness of legislators that the water problem is a New Mexico problem, not a Ruidoso problem. Williams was able to raise \$90 million in water appropriations without taxes, Foley said. "We're one of the best-taxed states in the union and we're able to prioritize (to raise the money). We're in a water crisis."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## DOSO POLICE

### Motorcycle rider injured on Highway 48 curve

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Handgun taken

A \$8W handgun valued at \$150 was reported taken from a duffel bag in the master bedroom of a rented condominium at High Sierra Condominiums, 504 Excalibur. Police interviewed personnel and everyone said they did not enter the condominium, and there was no sign of forced entry.

#### Cell phones gone

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

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

A Nokia cell phone valued at \$150 was reported taken from a vehicle parked at Lincoln Tower, 1096 Mechem Drive, between 3 and 4 p.m. March 4. The police report states that the vehicle was unlocked with the windows rolled up and the cell phone was in the pocket of the driver's door.

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**Southeast Regional Planning Organization (SERPO) Joint Policy & Technical Committee Meeting**  
**Southeast Regional Long Range Transportation Plan**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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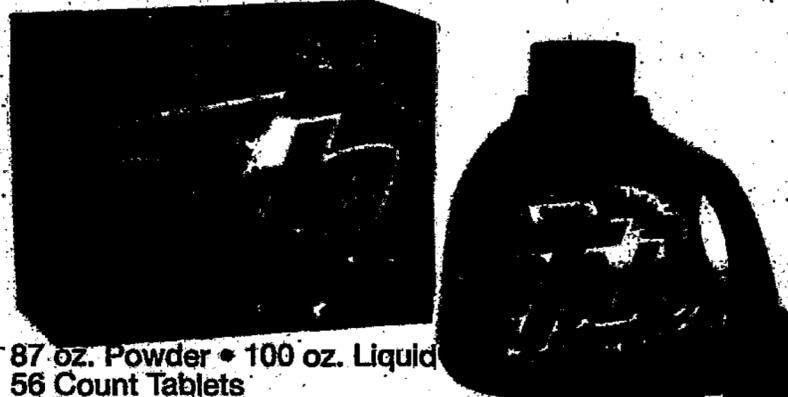


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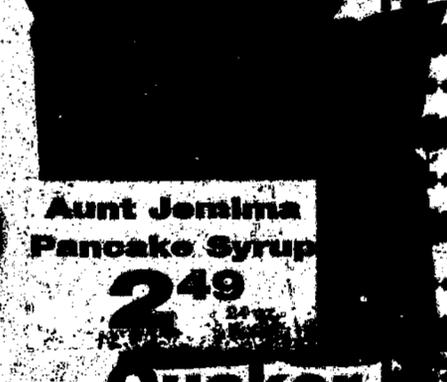
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# SPORTS

## Smith qualifies for Junior Olympics

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Ruidoso ski team member Smith didn't need to win the event, he just had to be good enough to land a berth at the Chevy Truck Junior Olympics during trials at Winter Park, Colo., Feb. 17-18. Smith will represent Ruidoso and New Mexico at the Chevy Truck Junior Olympics March 10th through 12th at Winter Park, Colo. The Junior Olympics will be the Olympic skiing of February were winding at Park City, Utah; the Ski and Snowboard Association's 2002 Chevy Truck Olympic series was kicked off for a February through March run at 13 ski areas across the country. Nationwide, nearly 100,000 junior skiers and snowboarders, ages 11-19, participate for fun, some for



Rett Smith flies down the slopes at Winter Park, Colo. during the slalom competition in the Chevy Truck Junior Olympic series. Smith had a combined time of 1:44.69, good enough to qualify him for the Junior Olympics.

Hubert Seigmann. "The team put out some great efforts, and we're very proud of Rett for qualifying."

With 4 inches of fresh snow on the ground, the trials started with the slalom. There were 49 gates on the women's course, and Nicole Doh finished 59th for the day.

The men raced through 45 gates on the first run and 49 gates on the second run. Smith set the pace with a time of 47.53 on the first run. His second run clocked in at 57.16, giving him a combined time of 1:44.69.

Smith was solidly within the top third of the racers, giving him his berth at the upcoming Chevy Truck Junior Olympics.

On the women's giant slalom course, there were 40 gates with 38 direction changes challenging the racers. Doh pushed it and came in 49th for the day. The men's course was set with 39 gates and 37 direction changes. Both Smith and Peter Zagone had difficulties with the course and did not finish the first run.

Michael Ginnings finished 42nd, and Stefan Seigmann followed him in 43rd. Eric Vaughn finished 50th.

One week before competing at Winter Park, Ruidoso Ski Team took to the slopes Feb. 10 for a slalom race at Taos Ski Valley. The race was part of the Southern Series which are races held in ski areas in New Mexico and Arizona.

Despite the weather and hard packed

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### Ski Report

**Ski Apache**  
New Snow Past Week: 1 in.  
Road at Report Time: Clear  
Midway Depth: 47 in.  
Surface Conditions: Variable  
Trails Open: All trails are open  
Lifts Open: All lifts are open  
Trails Groomed Today: 17 of 55  
Snowmaking Past 24 Hours: No  
Forecast: Variable cloudiness

### Prep Scoreboard

**Softball**  
March 5  
Dexter 16, Ruidoso 6  
Ruidoso 6, Dexter 3

### Preps on Tap

**Friday, March 8**  
**Tennis**  
Ruidoso at Belen, 3 p.m.  
**Track**  
Ruidoso at West Texas Relays in Odessa, 12:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, March 9**  
**Track**  
Ruidoso at West Texas Relays in Odessa, 12:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday, March 12**  
**Tennis**  
Ruidoso at Gadsden, 3 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 Captain 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.

**Senior Softball Needs Players**  
Men who want to play team softball in the state Senior Olympics in Las Cruces August 7-11, but don't have access to a local team that is entering, can play for a "Rainbow" team from across the state. To learn how to qualify, contact Bart Young, Lincoln County Coordinator at 257-3193.

**Drivers Meeting**  
There will be a meeting for racing drivers at the Eddy County Fairgrounds in Artesia at South 13th Street and Fairgrounds Road Sunday at 5 p.m. Racing drivers from around the area are invited for free barbeque and to discuss the upcoming season at the Lobo Speedway. For further information, contact Tracy Fields at 746-9503 or Richard Martin at 749-7987.

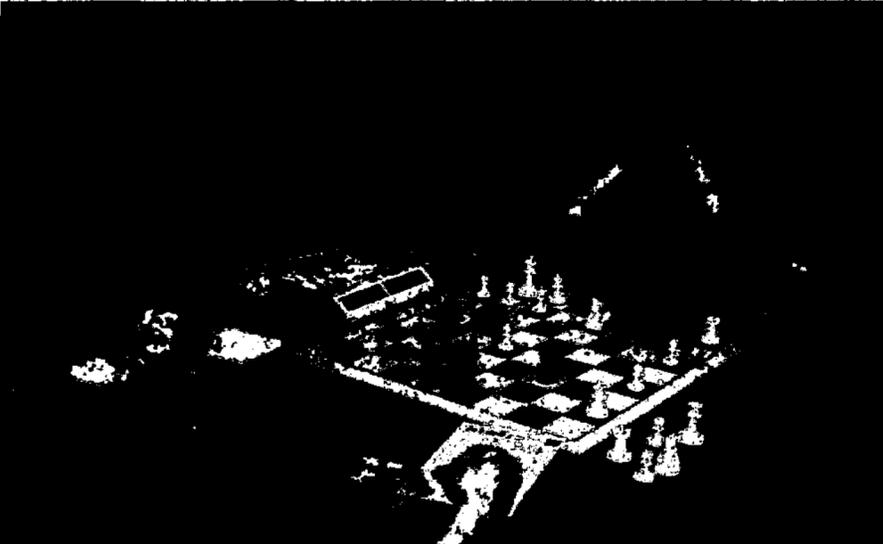
**Softball Team Forming**  
Team players are being asked to try out for a 10-and-under girls softball team to complete in the upcoming spring and summer season. For more information, contact JV Cadena at 378-2205, 484-0230 or 430-4391.

is more competitive among will be keenly aware that of their heroes in the sport are Junior Olympic bids at budding points of their "s," said Chevy Truck National Marketing and Sales Promotion Director Mac-Whisner. "This is the path for young American skiers and snowboarders takes when pursuing dreams of Olympic excellence." Among former Junior Olympians are of skiing's biggest names, includ-

ing 2002 U.S. Olympic Team members Bode Miller, Daron Rahalves, Picabo Street, and Kristina Koznick. In addition to Alpine skiing, the series includes events for Jumping/Nordic Combined, Cross Country, Snowboarding and Freestyle. Junior athletes qualify for the Chevy Truck series through Eastern,

Rocky Central and Western Region events. Qualifying for the Chevy Truck Junior Olympics is an impressive achievement for Smith, who was coming off a shoulder injury incurred while he was training in Austria. "The qualifying course was very challenging," said coach

## MASTERING THE GAME



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Chess player Brenden LaCount, right, represents Ruidoso at the number one board against Belen's Thomas Rota in the district playoff in the Ruidoso High School library Wednesday. LaCount helped his team to a berth in the tournament in April.

## Ruidoso chess players give new meaning to the word 'competition'

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said Ruidoso High instructor Galen Farrington, who serves as a district chess representative for the NMAA. "We go at least once a month, sometimes twice a month to these tournaments." The farthest the team has gone for a tournament is to Scottsdale, Ariz., to the All-America Cup, competing against 700 other United States Chess Federation players from around the country. "We've performed very well there as a team," Farrington said. "We've played seventh, fourth and third in the past." While the Warriors will be competing at state in Class 5A-5A, they play under a different classification at USCF events, with each player classified based on his or her past play-

Sort of like an RPI in basketball, each player is ranked according to their past record and strength of competition. Farrington stated most beginning players are ranked at about 400, with the top chess players in the country coming in at about 2,800. Ruidoso's players are ranked anywhere from 700-1,400. The top player for the Warriors is sophomore Brenden LaCount — a student Farrington claims "lives and breathes chess." He's their number one player, even though he's had very little actual playing experience. "Brenden has been playing for only two years," Farrington said. "Most of our players have some basic knowledge of the

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## Bowling can be fun!

Most people think sports writers practice what they preach, taking part in many of the same activities they write about. At the very least, most sports writers were active athletes in high school or college. I do not match that type. I played no varsity sports in high school nor college, and my activity level is actually depressingly low. I'm best at writing about sports, not participating in them. However, I've rediscovered a sport that I may not be all that great at, but one

which I can actually have fun doing. The sport, as you might glean from the headline of this column, is bowling. I was on a bowling team as a child. While in fourth and fifth grade, I played for a team called the "McKnight Molars," so called because the team was sponsored by the local dentist, Dr. Cyrus McKnight. I don't remember ever being that good, but at least I didn't leave the bowling lanes feeling thoroughly discouraged about my athletic

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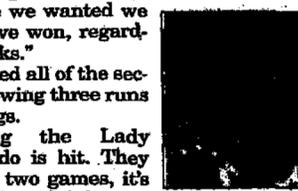
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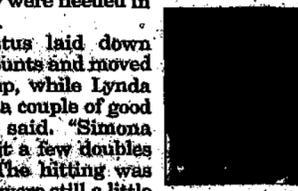
## Ruidoso girls get split in season-opening games

For four innings in their first game of the season, the Ruidoso Lady Warrior softball team had their opponent on the ropes. They led 6-3 over Dexter on Tuesday, only to see things come tumbling down in the midst of 12 walks, dropping the contest 16-6. The Lady Warriors rebounded in the second game, winning 5-3 in a game called because of darkness to even their record at 1-1. "We ended up walking way too many girls in the first game," said Ruidoso coach Billy Page. "We weren't able to get out of that fifth inning." Jessica Gibson started the game in the circle for Ruidoso, allowing just three runs through four innings, while her teammates pounded out hit after hit. Lisa Spur relieved Gibson in the fifth, and suddenly the ball couldn't find the plate. Page was quick to point out that walks weren't the only thing that hurt his team in that first game. "Offensively, we left the bases loaded twice,

that hurts," Page said. "We had a couple of errors in the game, but nothing that you could say cost us the game." "The pitching didn't really hurt us either. If we scored like we wanted we still would have won, regardless of the walks." Spurr pitched all of the second game, allowing three runs in three innings. One thing the Lady Warriors did do is hit. They had 15 in the two games, it's just too bad they didn't happen when they were needed in the first game. "Mara Justus laid down three perfect bunts and moved the runners up, while Lynda Celusniak hit a couple of good shots," Page said. "Simona Ramos also hit a few doubles and singles. The hitting was OK, but some were still a little tentative at the plate. "We've got some girls that have got to come through with people on base. But we'll learn that as we go."



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<p><b>022 HOUSES FOR RENT</b>          1 BDRM apt. River view. \$450/mo., all bills paid including cable. No Pets. Deposit required. Sam 257-3759.</p>	<p><b>023 HELP WANTED</b>          COMMERCIAL SPACE for Rent. 1600 SqFt. 3bd/2ba Rock home or office &amp; 750 SqFt. bldg for garage or studio. Many possibilities. Totally remodeled with lots of Mountain Charm &amp; lots of parking. High Tech. 427 Mechem. 257-6779</p>	<p><b>024 HELP WANTED</b>          SOWDER APTS on River. 2bd/1-1/2 ba, carpeted, unfurnished with major appliances. W/D dishwasher. Very Clean, patio, outside storage. Very low utilities. Convenient Location. No Pets. Available march 1. 338-4659 leave message.</p>	<p><b>025 HOUSES FOR RENT</b>          ALTO HOME weekly/monthly rental furnished 3bd/2ba views/big deck \$15-685-3380. (max 6 people)</p>	<p><b>026 HELP WANTED</b>          ONE BEDROOM House \$425/mo. plus \$250 dep. Utilities included. NO PETS. 378-4492.</p>	<p><b>027 HELP WANTED</b>          GARY LYDCH REALTY          257-4011          www.ruidosoreto.com</p>	<p><b>028 HELP WANTED</b>          CAPTAIN, 116 East 2nd St. 2 big bedrooms/2 baths, large, modern, secure, spacious, storage. 257-5381</p>
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 We want to thank the entire public and customers for your tremendous efforts in the cardboard recycling program. So far this year we have baled 310,650 pounds (lbs) of cardboard. Recycling such a valuable resource helps the environment and saves a tree (as well, keep it out of the fire, some helpful tip: when depositing cardboard into these dumpsters:

**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY FOR SALE**

**MASTIC INVESTMENT** rental income property. 2 bedroom units, 1 one bedroom unit, 2 mobile home. 1 and 1 RV space all currently rented. Recent appraisal and survey on file. **PRICED UNDER MARKET** at \$135,000. Owner is motivated!

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 2704 Sudderrth Drive  
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**FOR SALE:** used oil field pipe, 2 3/8" diameter, 3 grades, 3 prices. Call Randy or Jim at 336-4377.

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 Antiques • Art • Accessories  
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 Alamogordo Fairgrounds  
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**ALL STEEL** Building. 40X28 Was \$7,780 Now \$3960. 1-800-292-0111

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**YARD SALE - Misc. items.** Sat. only, 9:00 AM. No early birds! 229 Fir.

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**F150 FORD 4X4 1997** all options. Book \$16,750. Will accept \$14,000 OBO. Call 630-5003

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Lot 411A, Skyland Addition Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.  
 /s/ Tim Vega  
 Planning Dept.  
 #3976 1T (3)B

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**COUNTRY CLUB**  
 New Log cabin/chalet. This will be starting construction, hurry to add your special touches!  
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 3 Br, 2 Ba, with a super Sierra Blanca view. Fully furnished, newly painted. Great vacation retreat in the tall pines. Seller says bring me an offer. \$185,000. #55868  
 Call Joseph A. Zagone at 420-3807

**UPPER CANYON TREASURE**  
 2 Br, 2 Ba, main house w/beautiful rock fireplace, sun room. Guest cottage. 1 Br, 1 Ba, perfect for guests. Wonderful Ponderosa pines. \$175,000. #96497  
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**CREE MEADOWS TOWNHOME**  
 3 Br, 2 Ba, no townhouse feel! Fully furnished, single car garage. Super access & location & just a few steps to the golf course! \$134,500. #99518  
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**VIEW OF SIERRA BLANCA**  
 From this 80x14 singlewide. Super covered deck, 2 Br, 2 Ba in quiet location in the trees. Fenced, ref. A/C. \$79,500! #95913  
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 This full-time position requires a current NM Registered Nurse License with a bachelor's degree in nursing or other health-related field. Five years of acute clinical experience and three years clinical case management/Utilization review experience preferred.  
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 We have a full-time case manager position open in our Case Management Department. This position is responsible for patient assessments, continued review and coordination of discharge-planning activities. Case management experience preferred, but will train. Must be a New Mexico licensed RN.  
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**WONDERFUL NEIGHBORHOOD.** secluded, nice uphill street, with almost 94 acre of deer feed woods! Priced at only \$7,799, this home site would be the perfect place for that special mountain cabin. MLS# 94618  
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**LOVELY, 2000 DOUBLE WIDE** with all the nice added 2nd construction, textured walls w/white crown, wood cabinets, and heavy load roof. Deck, RV parking, workshop and storage building. MLS# 95508 at \$119,700.  
**LAND, LAND, LAND!** Rare find. 22 acres of heavy forest growth with creeks, hills, roads, concrete well, pastures and views. Close to National Forest. MLS# 95119 \$220,000.  
**LEVEL MOUNTAIN LIVING** AT ITS BEST! 4 bdr/2.5 bath with huge landscaped yard. Call today for more info. 25 acre lot. Large living area, dining area, kitchen with island breakfast bar. Much more! \$119,500. MLS# 95292  
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**7-4228**  
**Bill Pippin**  
**REAL ESTATE**  
**UNIQUE CABIN, PRICED REDUCED!** Recently remodeled, 1 bedroom, 7.5 bath built around a travel trailer. Nice deck with fireplace, loft area, screened in porch, deck. On fully fenced, pine covered lot. \$49,900.00.  
**PRICE REDUCED TO \$21,000.00!** 2 bedroom, 1 bath, singlewide mobile. Nice views, fenced for animals, plenty of outside storage. Would make a great rental.  
**JUST LISTED!** Great get-a-way. Clean and comfortable older mobile with add-on. 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, mostly furnished. On pine covered lot. \$32,500.00.  
**BEAUTIFUL BUILDING LOT** in one of the most exclusive areas in Ruidoso. 59 acre, city utilities available, partial view of Sierra Blanca. Owner will consider trade. \$69,500.  
**THREE LOTS** with burned-out structure. Tucked away in tall pines on secluded street with city water available. Lots being sold together "AS IS" \$80,000.  
**1.55 ACRES.** Beautiful, secluded lot with some dirt work already done for home site. Has 102 of the 48 frontage, manufactured sbt wide okay. \$25,800.  
**WELL MAINTAINED MOBILE.** Pride of ownership shown in this, clean and comfortable single wide, 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, partially furnished lot. Ready to enjoy! Located on beautiful wooded lot. Large covered deck, city utilities, close to shopping. \$29,900.

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 Come out, check our quality construction with custom cabinets, lots of tile and many other custom features. Absolutely the best construction you can find. Come see our model home and select your own carpet and tile.  
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 • New on the market 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. New carpet, tile, paint. Has sauna and Jacuzzi. Completely furnished. Top Quality Furnishings. Garage and lots of storage. \$135,000 with owner financing. (Owner/Broker)  
 • 3 Bedroom, 2 1/2 Bath, older townhouse in good repair. Furnished. Ready to move-in. \$89,500.  
 • 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Furnished. Nice. \$92,000.  
 We have others. Come out and take a look!  
**Great Western Realty, Inc.**  
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LEGAL NOTICE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO

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begin at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case #PV02-003 a Variance request for the following described property:

Lot 20, Bloc 9, Juniper Hill Sd. Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

LEGAL NOTICE

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION. /s/ Tim Vega Planning Dept.

#3977 1T (3)S LEGAL NOTICE

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Lot 1, Block 16, Palmer Gateway Sd. Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION. /s/ Tim Vega Planning Dept.

#3978 1T (3)S LEGAL NOTICE

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ruidoso-Lincoln County Extra Territorial Zoning Authority, County of Lincoln, conducted a public hearing on March 4, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. in a "Special" meeting and adopted the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE 2002-02 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RUIDOSO-LINCOLN COUNTY EXTRA TERRITORIAL CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO ARTICLE V SECTION 1 TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES, ADDING NEW SECTION."

Copies of Ordinance 2002-02 are on file in the office of the Planning Department of the Village of Ruidoso and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

/s/ Tim Vega Planning and Zoning Dept.

#3975 1T (3)S

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. CV-00-229

FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, PLAINTIFF,

VS. LOY ASKEW AKA LOY VAN ASKEW,

DEFENDANTS,

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 8, 2002, at the hour of 10:00 am, the undersigned Special Master will, at the northeast entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above named Defendants in and to the herein after described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 103 Cadle Drive, Alto, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lots 9, 10 and 12 of Tract L V L V L EIGHTS SUBDIVISION, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of

LEGAL NOTICE

Lincoln County, May 20, 1988, in Tracts No. 176,

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on February 1, 2001, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$72,110.79 and the same bears interest at 8.125% per annum from January 16, 2001. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$7,111.08. 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

FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, an 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

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to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on this property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any zoning violations concerning the property. 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 383 Carrizozo, NM 88301 (505) 648-2217

#3981 4T (3)S, 15,22,29

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to 3-21-1 at sec. NMSA 1978 Comp. NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a public hearing on April 2, 2002 at 2:00 p.m., Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive in the Village of Ruidoso. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider amendment of the zone map area for the following described property:

Lot 147A, Skyland Addition

vs. Plaintiff,

KIM NELSON, PEGGY TRUEBLOOD, and TMS MORTGAGE INC., dba

Defendants

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THE FOREGOING

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The object and purpose of the said suit is a complaint for breach of contract and damage to property.

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that unless you enter your appearance or file pleadings herein on or before March 24, 2002, the Plaintiffs will make application to the Court for a satisfaction of judgment which will be rendered against you as prayed for in the complaint.

The name of the Plaintiff's attorney is **CHARLES E. HAWTHORNE** and whose address is 900 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345.

**WITNESS** my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico this 25th day of Feb., 2002.

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Copies of the agenda for the March 19, 2002, meeting will be available at the office of the County manager prior to said meeting.

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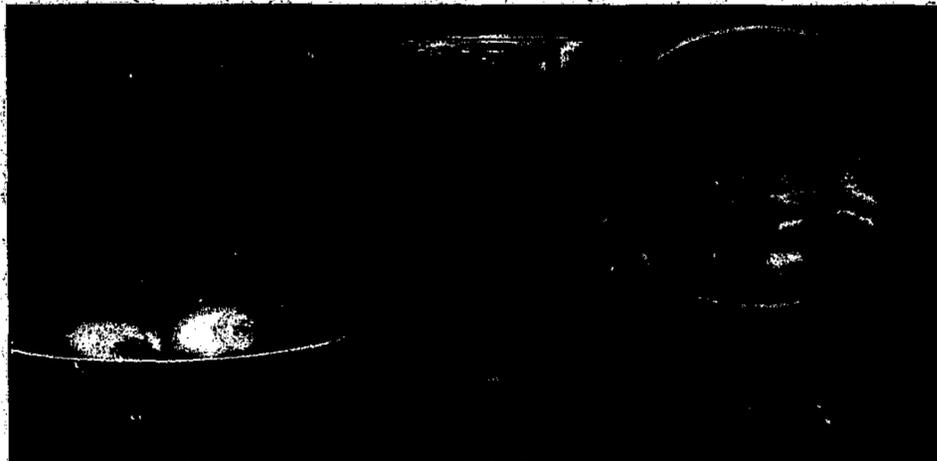
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## ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

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

Story and photos by Sandy Suggitt



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

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

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

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

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

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



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



## Gindorff's schnapps thawed out Barry's frosty bobber

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

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

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

The idea behind ice fishing is that the northern winter, which typically lasts 43 months, eventually starts to make a guy feel

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

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

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

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

So Matt and I sat there, "fish-

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

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

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

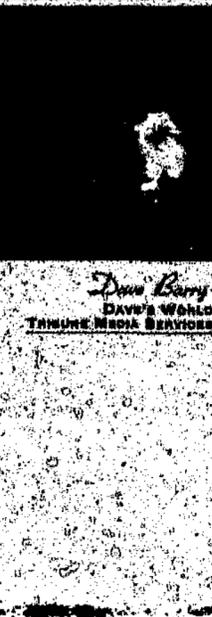
hotdishes. This story was reported the next day on the front page of the Grand Forks Herald, under the headline (I am not making any of this up), "HOT DISH SCARE."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Fred White

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Flight and trial

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

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

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

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

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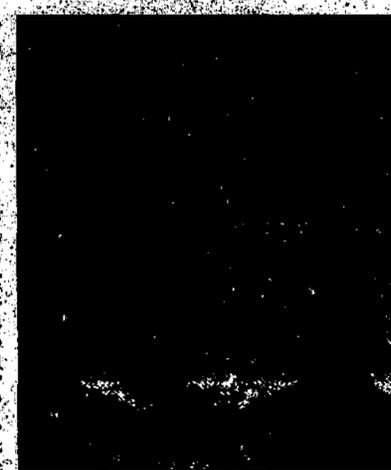
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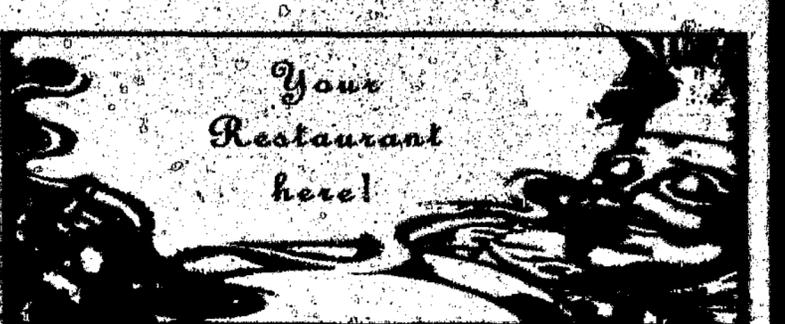


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**BAPTIST**  
First Baptist Church  
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**CATHOLIC**  
St. Eleanor Catholic Church  
Ruidoso, 257-2331, Reverend Al Galvan, Sacrament of Penance: Sat. 5:00 p.m. or by appointment; Sat. Mass: 6 p.m. (Bilingual); Sun. Mass: 10 a.m. (English), 11:30 a.m. (Bilingual); Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 5 to 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass, St. Jude Thaddeus, San Patricio: 8 a.m.; St. Theresa Catholic Church  
Corpus: Sunday Mass 6 p.m.; St. Joseph Apache Mission  
Mesalero, Father Paul Botenbagen, Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.; Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Bent, Father Paul Botenbagen, Saturday Mass 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass 8 a.m.

**CHRISTIAN**  
Covenantal Christian Fellowship  
401 Sudderth Dr.  
Ruidoso Senior Center, 701 Sudderth Drive, 257-1492, Steve Kravitz, Pastor; Preservice prayer 9 a.m.; Sunday worship service 10 a.m.; Children's Church 10 a.m.; Small group meetings, including youth group at various times and locations.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Gateway Church of Christ  
415 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-4381, Jay Williams, Minister; Sunday worship 9:30 a.m.; Sun. school 10:45 a.m.; 6 p.m. Wed. Bible study 7 p.m.

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Mesalero Branch, 671-4631, Wray Schildknecht, President, 671-9926. Sunday Sacrament meeting 10 a.m.; Sunday School and Primary 11:30 a.m.; Priesthood and 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 roost; Eucharist & healing: 6:30 p.m.; Choir practice: 7 p.m.

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**NON-DENOMINATIONAL**  
Christ Community Fellowship  
Capitan, Highway 380 West, 354-2438, Ed Vinton, Pastor Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.

**LUTHERAN MO. SYNOD**  
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church  
1120 Hull Road, 258-4191, 257-5296, Kevin L. Kohn, 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, 7:30 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  
Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth, 354-4906 or 430-8664, Pastor, Art Dunn, Sat. evening worship 6 p.m.

**NAZARENE**  
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Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8052, Charles Hall, Pastor. Sat. Alternative Worship, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Tuesday Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Worship, 6:30 p.m.

**PRESBYTERIAN**  
First Presbyterian Church  
101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220, Cathy E. Caudle, Pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:30 a.m.; worship 11 a.m. Fellowship after worship the third Sunday of every month.

**MOUNTAIN MINISTRY**  
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Ancho, Reverend Scott King, Sunday worship: 9 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.

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**REFORMED CHURCH**  
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207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4161, Pastor Earl Robertson 505-439-0760; Assoc. Pastor William Morrow 622-1206. Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m., Church service: 11 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

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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, Mesalero Drive. Wednesday: (Sept. through May) Captain Jr. High and St. High Youth Group 6:30 p.m. at Christ Community Fellowship. E-mail: Rick@americanmissionary.org

**Calvary Chapel**  
433 Sudderth Drive in the Gateway Center, 257-6915, Pastor John Marshall, Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Mid-week bible study 7 p.m.

**Carroll Christian Fellowship**  
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**Centro Cristiano Casa de Oracion**  
139 El Paso Rd., Ruidoso, 257-2324, Pastor Carlos Carrero, Reunion General Jueves 7:00 p.m.; Domingo 10:00 a.m. Club Amistad Sabado 1:00 a.m. (niños).

**Christ Church in the Downs**  
Ruidoso Downs, 378-9464, Al and Marty Lane, Pastors. Sunday: 8:00 Sun. a.m., 10:45 a.m. Children's ministries concurrent with late Sunday Services. Sat. outreach at 1pm, at church. Thursday: 7 p.m. Cornerstone Church  
Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth Drive, 257-9265, John & Joy Wyatt, Pastors. Sunday School 9:45, Church, 10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. with Children's Church Sun. Eve. 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 378-4840 for more info.

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**BAPTIST**  
First Baptist Church (south of Highway 48) Mt. Capitán Rd. 394  
104. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Worship: 11 a.m.; RVANA Sunday 4-6 p.m.

**CATHOLIC**  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
Ruidoso, 257-9122, Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.; Monday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Highway 48 & Las Harwood, Mesalero Sunday Bible study: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

**DUNQUAZEE**  
Dunquazee Community Church  
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**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
The Word of Life Church  
Rev. Chuck Pullon, pastor/548-2339, 711 'B' Ave., Carrizozo, NM. Affiliated w/ the Evangelistic Assembly Church. Sunday 7:00 pm.

**BAPTIST**  
First Baptist Church  
Hayden Smith, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.; Church training: 8:30 p.m. Sunday

**CATHOLIC**  
Santa Rita Catholic Church  
648-2833, Father Dave Reno, 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 Al 12th, Carrizozo, NM. Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 7:15 pm Wednesday Bible

Study 7:00 pm.

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

**METHODIST**  
United Methodist Church Parish  
Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846, Carrizozo: Johanna Anderson, Pastor. Sunday school 10:00 a.m.; Sunday worship 11:00 a.m. Choir Practice (Nov. - Feb.) 6:30 pm. United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wed. 1:00 pm. Fellowship Dinner 4th Sun. of month 12:30 pm.

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Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)  
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# Outdoors

**Friday, March 8**  
Private Art in Public Places reception at Ruidoso Public Library from 4:30-6:30 p.m., refreshments, everyone welcome.

**Saturday, March 9**  
Starah's Star Party, Mystic Springs Ranch Retreat in Arabela, 7 p.m., \$25 adults and \$12 children. Call 336-2098 for information.

**Monday, March 11**  
The Lincoln County Rural Economic Development Through Tourism (REDTT) council will meet at 10 a.m. at Richards Ranch, north of the Capitans off State Highway 246. Lunch is \$5. Call 849-115 for directions (allow two hours driving time).

**Thursday, March 14**  
Open Mic Night, Books & Beans, 2501 Sudderth Drive, 6-8 p.m. Information: Bob Young, 336-2249.

**Friday, March 15**  
7 p.m., reception for featured photographer David Travis at The Cornerstone Bakery & Cafe, 359 Sudderth Drive.

**Friday, March 15**  
Postmark deadline for an Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit sponsored by the Ruidoso Arts Commission open to New Mexico and regional artists; three works will be selected for location along Sudderth Drive from Mothers' Day through October 2002. Applications at village hall, Ruidoso and Capitan public libraries, Carrizozo Joe's or by calling the arts coordinator at (505) 378-4302.

**Saturday, March 16**  
Jane Terrill teaches stone carving at the Hubbard Museum of the American West to fifth grade children and their families, 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m., \$7 materials fee. Call Elizabeth Becker at 378-4142.

## GOMBER: Trail of Curly Bill

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

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

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

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

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

### Curly's rep

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

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

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

### No regrets

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

and he basked in his newfound notoriety.

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

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

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

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

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

## Newspapers educational, useful

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

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

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

- Duster - To reach ceiling corners and high places, roll lengthwise into a loose tube. Secure with tape and cut one end into fringe.
- Glass cleaner - Crumple up and use to dry windows after washing.
- Deodorizer - Stuff newspapers into shoes or boots to remove unpleasant odors.
- Mulch - Shred newspapers and place around plants. Soak with water to hold in place.
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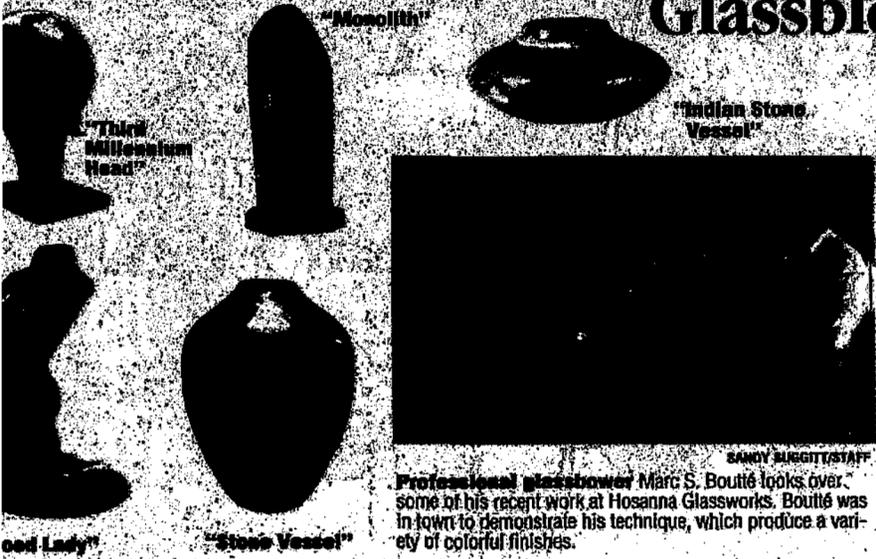
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# Glassblower treats Ruidoso to his craft



BY SANDY SUGGET  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Marc S. Boutte, a Washington glassblower, visited Ruidoso recently to demonstrate his techniques at Hosanna's Glassworks, 2204 Sudderth Drive, where his work is featured.

Reminiscent of Tiffany blown-glass objects, Boutte's pieces involve a complicated and skilled process that produce a variety of finishes from mirror-like to iridescent.

Boutte got into glassblowing in 1986 through a friend in Tesuque, north of Santa Fe. Before that he'd been making pottery for 12 years while working offshore for an oil company in the Gulf of Mexico.

"I took a class for six weeks at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge and decided to quit my job," he said.

In 1989 he was invited, first as an assistant and then as a glass artist, to work at the International Glass Museum in Ebeltoft, Denmark, for a year and a half.

In 1990-92, Boutte worked with Pilchick Glass School in Stanwood, Washington, as coordinator and technician, and later with Pipe Dreams Glass Studio in Wimberly, Texas; Tesuque Glassworks in Tesuque; and Skagit Bay Glass Studio in Camano Island from 1996. In 2001, he opened his own studio, Marc Boutte Glass, in Stanwood, Wash.

"For me, the most challenging and difficult part is sculpting and wine goblets," he said, adding that he makes perfume bottles and bowls that are displayed at the Corning Museum in Corning, N.Y.

"You can do practically anything you want to with it. Its possibilities are infinite. You can sculpt, blow, sandblow, carve, grind and polish, slump it and fuse it, kiln-cast it. You can make windows, and you can make it look like other mediums, for example, glass, glass rock, and make it look old or new."

Boutte's work is in collections all over the world and in Ruidoso at Hosanna's Glassworks.

## THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

**Romance and Drama**  
**PS-13** for thematic material and mild sensuality. Why is a supernatural thriller about a man (Kevin Costner) who says that his deceased wife (Suzanna Thompson) is trying to communicate with him through the near-death experience of her patients.

Cast: Kevin Costner, Joe Morton, Ron Rifkin, Kathryn Erbe. Directed by: Tom Shadyac. Screenplay by: Mark Johnson, Tom Shadyac, Gary Barber, Roger L. Simon. Produced by: David Seltzer, Brandon Camp, Mike Thompson. Showtimes: 9 p.m.

**Science Fiction/Fantasy**  
for intense sequences of action violence. In the movie, Haridogen (Guy Pearce) invents a time machine in the 2000s that takes him 800,000 years into the future. There he meets a race that mankind has evolved into two races: the Elol and the Krolks.

Cast: Guy Pearce, Mark Addy, Samantha Mumba, Jeremy Piven, Philip Bosco. Directed by: Simon Wells. Screenplay by: Walter F. Parkes, David Valdes. Produced by: John Logan, Simon Wells, H.G. Wells. Showtimes: 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

**War**  
The second star to the right, then straight on till morning. This is the most loved Disney character of all time, returning to the screen in a new Disney Pictures animated motion picture.

ture, Return to Neverland. Now, Wendy is all grown up with children of her own, and as the Blitzkrieg rages, she calms them with tales of Peter Pan, the boy who refused to grow up. Wendy's stubborn 12-year-old daughter, Jane, has no patience for such nonsense... until Captain Hook himself uses the girl as a pawn in capturing his arch-rival, Peter Pan, Tinker Bell, and the Lost Boys come to her aid; however, even they cannot make Jane a believer in the magic of imagination. Unless she believes, she cannot fly, and there is no other way for her to return home. Worse, without Jane's belief in fairies, Tinker Bell cannot survive. As the plot slowly begins to fade, Peter strives to find a way to rescue the girl from the dangerous clutches of Captain Hook and show her that with faith, trust, and pixie dust, anything is possible.

Starring: Harriet Owen, Blayne Weaver, Corey Burton, Jeff Bennett, Kath Soucie. Directed by: Robin Budd, Donovan Cook, Ian Harrowell. Produced by: Chris Chase, Michele Pappalardo-Robinson, Dan Founds. Written by: Temple Mathews. Showtimes: 1:30 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m.

**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. Screenplay by: Randall Wallace. Showtimes: 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:20 p.m.

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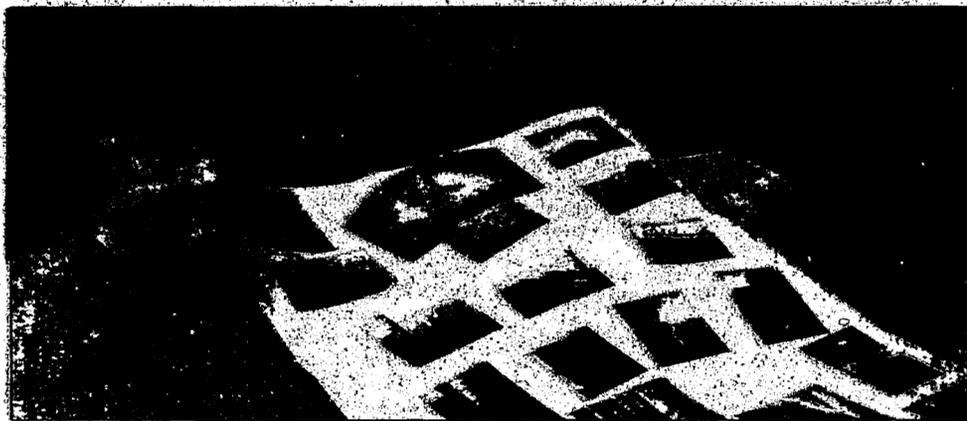
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# HOME & FAMILY



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

One boat went to the mainland

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Berglund returned to Alcatraz in 1997.

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

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

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

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

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

## looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRABOOK

MARCH 7, 1952

### Progressive ticket picks Ratliff, Brown, Phillips

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

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

MARCH 9, 1962

### Ortiz files, withdraws

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

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

MARCH 10, 1972

### Municipal voters choose

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

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

MARCH 11, 1962

### Siddens a candidate

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

MARCH 12, 1992

### New officials take seats

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

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

## Late snow, cold keeps Lincoln and the Bonito Valley alert

Lincoln woke up to cold weather and a heavy blanket of snow on the

Lee Rucker had some of his family visiting Sunday.

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

All the speakers are busy with their

