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'A LITTLE MORE TO THE LEFT'



KEITH GREEN/STAFF

Village workers get another section of storm drain in place on White Mountain Drive. The drain, which is replacing a ditch, is meant to improve safety after several accidents occurred on the road in recent years.

Erosion control starts

Rehabilitation of areas burned by Kokopelli Fire will take time, official says

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Rehabilitation and erosion control assessments of the area burned by the Kokopelli Fire were underway Thursday.

Officials with the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the state Forestry Division were walking the scorched land to determine what immediate actions and long-term repair are needed to the land.

"I'm going out this afternoon with Greg Haussler (of NRCS) who was looking at some parts of the Cree Fire this morning to determine any additional actions needed there," said Bill Duemling with state forestry.

In May 2000, the Cree Fire swept through 6,500 acres of mostly national forest land. Within a month of the fire, 9,000, 25-foot straw wattles were laid horizontally on steep slopes stripped of vegetation by the blaze to try to control erosion. Pilots spread 40,000 pounds of seed from the air. Still, when summer rains arrived, mud cascaded down gullies and threatened homes once more that had survived the fire.

Some problem areas still exist from that fire, but at least the flames burned primarily on the Lincoln National Forest. This time, the situation is more complicated because the blaze blanketed 962 acres of mostly

private land.

"I've identified well over 100 acres severely burned that will need long term and short term applications," Duemling said. "Certainly the areas in Little Creek, Hunters Draw and Pine Canyon can expect to see a lot of extra water this year come through, and Rancho Ruidoso is right in the path of the drainage for a floodplain."

An area especially hard hit was about 30 acres at the east end of the fire, where piñon, juniper and ponderosa pine were severely burned, Duemling said.

The NRCS staff contains the experts who will decide what's needed, he said.

However, the forestry division is receiving or administering grants awarded to other entities, such as the Lincoln County Commission, to be used for fire prevention measures such as reducing the number of trees on private land.

"These are cost sharing programs, most at 70 percent reimbursable for property owners, if they follow the approved plan," he said.

The district office in Capitan has more than 100 fuel reduction projects on-going in the Ruidoso area, he said.

"We funded more than 80 in the first phase, but that money is about gone," he said. "If you've called, you're on the waiting list, but it could take a few months."

A debate began after the Kokopelli Fire destroyed several homes over the weekend where thinning and creation of defensible space occurred. But Duemling said he knows of at least one home in Pine Canyon where 1.6 acres was thinned and chipped just before the blaze and the house survived.

"There's no way to 100 percent guarantee a fire-proof house."

Bill Duemling
State forester

"I think it kept the fire on the ground" instead of allowing it to climb into the crown of the trees and ignite the roof, he said.

Several issues may be brought up for discussion in Alto Village as a result of the fire, he said. For homeowners who can't afford concrete tile roofing, which may have saved at least two homes in an otherwise leveled neighborhood, the architectural standards now don't allow use of some less expensive fire-resistant alternatives, he said.

"There's no way to 100 percent guarantee a fire-proof house," Duemling said. "This fire got so big so fast, the fire fighters would try to drive in front of it, but it would outrun them."

Airport aims to finally get permanent emergency generator

The village had to rent a generator for the facility during the recent fire.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Last year when fires threatened the Ruidoso area, the village council pledged to buy back-up generators to ensure the proper operation of the police department and airport.

A generator was installed for the police, but problems with

bids on two more units slated for Sierra Blanca Regional Airport and a water plant at Grindstone delayed those purchases.

When the Kokopelli Fire broke out over the weekend, the village was forced to rent a generator for the airport at \$300 per day. Village Manager Alan Briley told the village council Tuesday. On the first try, the unit was too small and a second generator was brought out to the airport.

"We want a permanent one

ready to be plugged in," he said.

Former council member Al Jungo said while waiting for a generator, gasoline couldn't be pumped into airplanes used to drop fire retardant on the flames.

A spokesman for the village-owned airport confirmed that power is needed to pump gasoline from storage tanks into a truck to load the planes and is required to pump water from a well to use with the slurry-type retardant.

Councilor Deborah Marcum-Byars said airport manager Tim Morris was pleased with the performance of the single engine air tanker from Arizona stationed during fire season at the airport for use by the village and the Mescalero Apache Tribe.

Morris told her it was able to fly in higher winds than the larger air tankers and could maneuver closer to targets, she said.

Some good timing on the fire occurred with the installation

last Friday of the automatic telephone dialing emergency alert system, Mayor Leon Eggleston said.

"It was tested on Friday," he said. "And suddenly they had to use it on Saturday."

Councilor Ron Anderson said the people alerted to the fire by

the automated system were glad they received the call, but were confused about exactly what they were to do in response.

"They didn't understand the directions," he said.

Briley said he would check the taped message.

Mason shares time between fire, police duties

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

His face may be a whole lot more familiar today than just a week ago.

With the ignition of the what was dubbed the Kokopelli Fire last Saturday, James Mason, public information and fire prevention officer with the Ruidoso Fire Department, suddenly found himself thrust in front of television cameras giving updates on the blaze that gutted 30 structures northeast of Ruidoso.

The two intense days over the weekend and the following mop-up work



Mason

illustrated better than any other example the volunteer spirit that Mason hopes to continue to encourage through participation in the Ruidoso Police Reserves.

"The response was in the spirit of what President Bush talked about - volunteering," he said. "So many people came out to help on their own and with groups like the American Red Cross, volunteer fire departments and local churches."

"On top of that, we had members of the National Guard giving their time to the community." Part of the volunteer mix was the police

reserve, said Mason, who is a sergeant and reserve commander with the local group.

In the past, reserve members rode along with certified officers, but the organization has become more structured recently, with a commander and assistant commander, he said.

Members now must pass a physical test, qualify on firearms and train in defensive tactics and arrest procedures. They also receive updates on changes in the law, Mason said.

"We help the department with staffing," he said, citing the Kokopelli Fire and happier events such as the annual Aspenfest Chili

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FROM GUATEMALA TO RUIDOSO



COURTESY

Various traditional Guatemalan weavings hang in the background while a member of the Lopez de Santos family weaves, as she will this weekend at Rio Trading Company, 2200 Sudderth Drive. For more information, turn to page 9A

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MASON: Volunteerism is back

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 look-off and parade. "By taking on those responsibilities, we help keep regular officers on the street. Without the extra volunteer manpower, their time would be taken up doing those things. We help the regular police officers do what they do best instead of overseeing a parade."

Generally, reserve members are used in low-risk environments, he said. "We still do ride-alongs to keep our skills honed and develop new ones, but uncertified officers must be accompanied by certified officers," Mason said.

Joining the reserves is a good way to get a foot in the door at a time and to start some training, he said. People who have retired from law enforcement, but would like to stay involved in the community, can dedicate a few hours a week.

Originally from Albuquerque and previously in the Navajo,

Mason moved to Ruidoso six years ago to take a job with the police department.

"We love this area and wanted to be part of this community," Mason said of himself and his wife, Mary, a kindergarten teacher at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center. "I took my training here through the New Mexico Department of Public Safety academy."

After three years with the police department, he transferred to the fire department, remaining a municipal employee and a certified police officer.

"I like the idea of seeing the full aspect of public service," Mason said of his decision to switch departments. "I get a little of everything by still working with the police reserves. I'm trying to get a rounded public service background. That's my interest. I like involvement on all levels. This is an ideal community to give it a try."

"Both are great departments

with great staff."

His aim is to get more people to join the police reserve unit, which meets at 8:30 p.m., the first Tuesday of each month at the police department on Mechem Drive across from the U.S. Post Office.

"We think it's the right group for people with an interest in law enforcement or who retired from the military or police," he said.

To join, they must undergo a background check and pass the physical test and take training sessions, he said.

"No one in the reserves makes any money," Mason said. "It's strictly for the love of the work."

"I think that spirit of volunteerism is coming back. We as a community need all we can get not just for disasters, but for parades and other events so that they can represent our community to the many tourists who come to this town."

Fire restrictions up to Level One

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Effective today, the village of Ruidoso imposed Level One fire restrictions.

Fire Chief Virgil Reynolds said the village acts in coordination with the U.S. Forest Service in elevating to more restrictive fire danger levels because it's easier to have one set of prevailing standards.

Earlier in the week, it appeared the year-round ban on open burning of trash, the use of fireworks and careless tossing of cigarettes would continue to be the standard until Monday or see if the weekend delivered some rain or snow.

But Thursday, acting Lincoln National Forest Supervisor Gerald Hawkes explained, "Since the weather outlook calls for warmer temperatures, high winds and continued dry conditions, we feel it is necessary to take these precautions. We want our visitors to be fire-safe while enjoying their national forests."

In the village, Level One prohibits open

flames such as campfires, outdoor burning stoves or grills that use charcoal briquettes on public or private property. In the national forest, campfires, charcoal grills and stove fires are prohibited without a permit except in Forest Service developed camp and picnic grounds where grills are provided.

Gas grills that conform with Fire Underwriters Laboratory safety standards are allowed, including propane and Coleman cooking stoves in both the village and the forest.

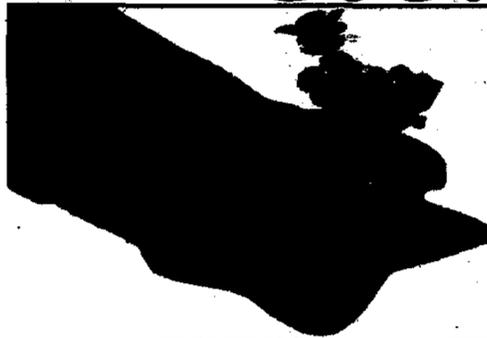
Smoking is allowed only in designated areas in the village. On forest land, smoking is permitted within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter and free of all flammable material.

No fireworks are allowed in the village or the forest. Spark arresters are mandatory on all internal combustion engines on the forest.

In the village, warnings will be given for first-time violators, but citations will be issued on a second offense. If convicted, the fine could be as

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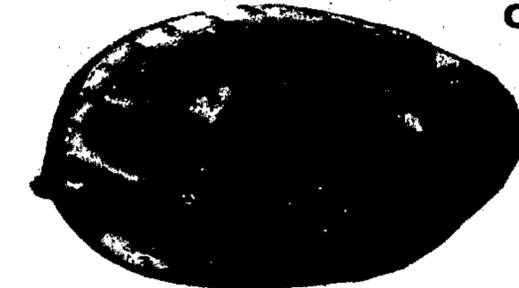
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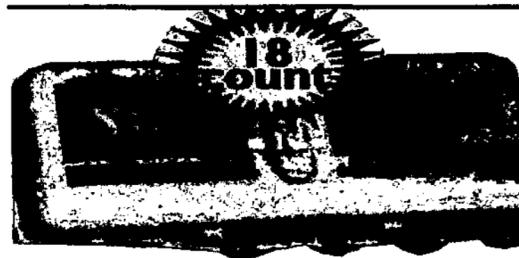
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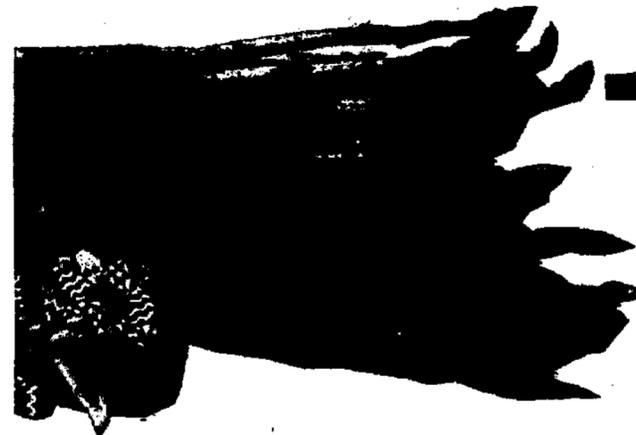
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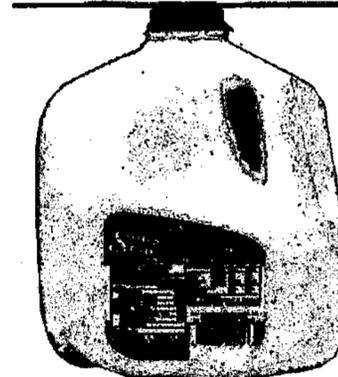
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OUR OPINION

Rising like a Phoenix from the ashes of Alto

Outrageous fortune in reality is just another challenge

Recovery from such a disaster as the Kokopelli Fire won't happen quickly, even if most of the 29 homes destroyed were "second homes" for the owners.

Often as not, second homes in a beautiful land are a self-reward for success after a lifetime of work. Much agonizing will be in order for many of them: Rebuild? Take the insurance money and run? Wait?

A few of those lost homes were owned by local teachers and professionals. One burned while its owner worked the fire lines trying to protect others' homes. For these people, there isn't much choice but to rise, Phoenix-like, from the ashes.

Friends in the community are helping.

Meanwhile, the cleanup continues. Electricians and telephone workers face endless hours of work in restoring service to areas devastated. An irony is that in all the rubble, some homes stood essentially untouched, but without utilities.

Insurance adjusters will develop mounds of paperwork in the weeks ahead. After that, in many cases, architects and builders will find more work, replacing what was lost in flames.

All this will happen, because few people surrender to the slings of outrageous fortune.

Scanning the frequencies of disaster

Once in a while, we do something in a timely fashion. Not often, mind you — but occasionally. Like last Friday, when after considerable



MOUNTAIN ASIDES
 KEITH GREEN

head-scratching and consultation with the folks at Radio Shack, we invested in something called a scanner.

That's a high-frequency radio receiver which can be programmed to "scan" the channels used by emergency service agencies — local and state police, sheriff's department, Forest Service, airport — whatever. Perfectly legal, too. Discussion leading up to the purchase of something so — for us at least — out of left field had to do with memories of two years ago when our first memorable Ruidoso forest fire occurred — the week-long exercise in wind-blown disaster that edged on, but did not invade, Alto.

That fire, dubbed Cree, got lost in the Cerro Grande Fire reports from Los Alamos, but was real enough for us.

And, last year, came a miserably disruptive fire on the Mescalero Apache Reservation that had much more potential for bad things happening to Ruidoso.

That one threatened the Inn of the Mountain Gods. We stood on Sudderth Drive at noon and could see flames licking the ridges to the southeast.

And, without warning, Ruidoso lost electric power. It was simply a

deliberate outage for a main line south of Ruidoso, done to prevent even greater problems as the forest fire raged along the line.

But in that blaze, many, many of us in Ruidoso learned for the first time just how much we depend on electricity; power did not come on until dusk.

We were breaking out candles, and wondering where the devil we had stored a seldom-used, near-antique kerosene lamp.

Worst of all, of course, was the lack of information. No power, hence no television, no radio (not even a useful car radio, because the local transmitters were without power).

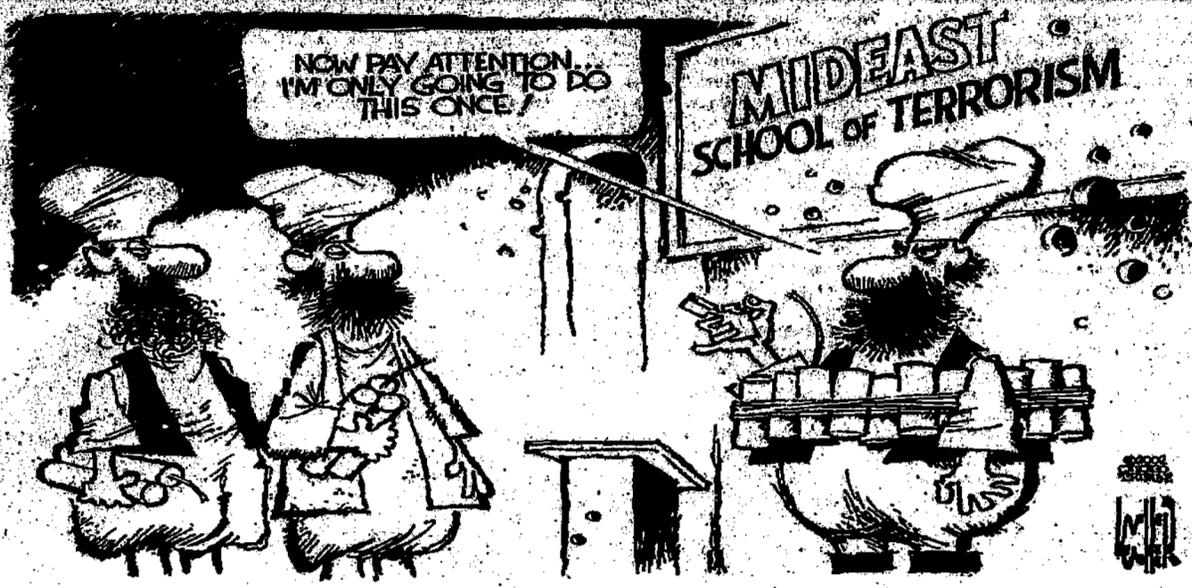
Even the scanner at the newspaper office — the one we were familiar with — sat dumbly on a shelf, powerless and useless.

All that went into our decision to invest in a scanner. We didn't want to take a chance, going through another fire season and suddenly finding ourselves in information limbo, without power and without knowledge of what was happening.

So we looked at scanner radios, and found that Radio Shack could furnish all the frequencies we would need. We did feel a bit foolish; the fire season seldom cranked up until April or May.

We debated briefly about whether a battery-powered portable or a plug-in-the-wall model was most appropriate. Remembering last year, the portable won.

And the next day was Saturday, and as we drove up Highway 48 from Capitan, we learned the value of a scanner, in excruciating detail.



GUEST COMMENTARY

What Easter really means to mankind

BY JULIAN WELLS
 RUIDOSO RESIDENT

Through Jesus's resurrection, He showed the world the truth of the reviving, restoring power of God's spirit within.

As we approach Easter this year, let us put our thoughts on the true meaning that Easter represents — God's love for us. If we are to understand anything about the love of God, we must begin at the end of the earthly life of Jesus, at the Cross.

By the Cross we know that infinite love suffered infinite pain to travel the infinite distance between God and man. The Cross was not just a moment in history; it was a hallmark of the kind of love that God has for you and me.

"For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." — John 3:16.

"Gave His only begotten son." This was not only the greatest act of love,

but the greatest act of forgiveness, forgiveness for you and me. How far are we willing to go in our forgiveness for one another? I'm sure the need is great for this forgiveness for most of us; I know mine is.

No, Easter is not about the Easter Bunny, but it is about the most profound state of mankind, and God's love for mankind.

May our awareness of the true meaning of Easter be greater than ever this year and every year to come.

YOUR OPINION

A welcome change

To the editor:

A 180-degree turnaround in one's thoughts and purpose can be a difficult matter, but more so in politics.

The present (village) council's decision to open up a dialogue with its constituents is good news indeed. At the first council meeting since the election, a good start was made, and with a few refinements in the future, all of us will benefit.

Allowing speakers to speak at a time midway in the agenda will prove to be a success in encouraging speakers. No restrictions are placed on those speaking, except that good sense and good manners prevail.

There is one idea that will help both the council and those wishing to speak: To come before the council to speak about matters such as potholes and failure to pick up pine needles, the complainant should first contact the department involved and, failing in this attempt, only then address the council. This places the responsibility where it belongs. This is not an effort to relieve the council or mayor of their responsibility.

It would assist the council greatly if

more of the citizens of Ruidoso would attend council meetings. It would help the council to do the job you elected them to do.

J. A. "Al" Jungo
 Ruidoso

That Ruidoso.net Web site

To the editor:

Last year I wrote a letter to the editor regarding the Ruidoso.net Web site and the volunteers that support it, specifically Dick Weber.

I don't think it ever got published. As a Ruidoso business owner who lives in Houston, Texas, I still believe strongly that this Web site is under appreciated by the citizens and businesses of Ruidoso.

The quality of the site and service levels of the volunteers who support it are head above cities with populations in the millions.

I had an issue today (Saturday, March 23) for the first time in over six months. I sent Dick an e-mail in the morning and within two hours he responded, telling me he would look into the problem. Two hours later I received an e-mail from Dave Shultz with a resolution to the problem. On a Saturday afternoon!

As the CEO of a large national consulting firm, my team can learn something from the dedication, and uncompromised commitment to quality that these guys provide to their community. Please give them some credit. They deserve it.

Ivo Nelson
 Houston, Texas

Outlawry glorified

To the editor:

Admirably, in January 2002, Mooresville, Indiana, once again rejected a John Dillinger Festival proposal.

Sadly, since 1940, Lincoln County has honored Billy the Kid as an outlaw through the annual "The Last Escape of Billy the Kid" pageant. Remember, we tout the Kid as an outlaw and nothing more; therefore, the pageant glorifies outlawry.

It has been said that the book titled "The Real Billy the Kid, with New Light on the Lincoln County War" is the most truthful account of the Kid. The noted "Gansmoke" philosopher, Festus Hagen, once asked the following rhetorical question:

"How does the feller who reads the writin' know if the feller who writ the writin', writ the writin' right — don't ya see?"

I wish to add that eyewitnesses are usually unreliable; therefore, history is largely fiction, based on a dab of reality.

Illogically, people have a tendency to make heroes out of villains. In addition, we humans often irrationally rationalize our own behavior and beliefs.

Those of us who have been critical of the glorification of Billy the Kid have been told to "chill out and get a life."

I feel that it's more important for the juveniles to have a life free from delinquency. Adults, please set a proper example by praising morality instead of immorality.

Franklin L. Doren
 Tinnie

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STREET TALK

If you had 15 minutes to evacuate your home, what would you take with you?



"Everything else can be replaced except your life. I'd take me and my husband (and) something to wear to get through the crisis."
 Jackie Woods
 Ruidoso



"Probably it'd be the dog and cat, my life box that has all my files and a change of clothes."
 David Sanchez
 Ruidoso



"Probably the most valuable things I have and my pets — three cats and three dogs. Stuff I got from my grandparents like pictures, maybe quilts."
 Frances Flecks
 Ruidoso

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Unemployment benefits extended

WASHINGTON - U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici has confirmed that President Bush has signed into law an economic stimulus package that he believes will help nudge a recovering economy forward and benefit New Mexicans in need by offering an additional 13 weeks of unemployment benefits.

Bush has signed the bipartisan Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002 (HR.3090) that the Senate gave final approval to earlier this month.

Domenici, the ranking member of the Senate Budget Committee, said the scaled-down economic stimulus package will also provide an additional \$6.5 million to New Mexico to support welfare beneficiaries.

"This stimulus bill can be viewed as insurance to help the recovery from a rather shallow recession. Even though the downturn wasn't as bad as it could have been, it still hurt

many workers and their families," Domenici said.

Tourney help sought

The Ruidoso Board of Realtors has begun solicitation for support of the Realtor-sponsored Big Brothers-Big Sisters annual benefit golf tournament on May 23.

Sheri Bailey, executive director of the Ruidoso Board of Realtors, said the board is looking for corporate and hole sponsors as well as door prize sponsors.

The tournament, with a shotgun start, will be at Cree Meadows Country Club.

Fishing for workers

SANTA FE - In an effort to get summer help, The Bishop's Lodge, an up-scale resort near here, is sponsoring a "Career Expo" event from 10 p. m. to 6 p. m. Saturday.

A highlight to bring out potential employees is a drawing for a new Honda Civic automobile. The resort is seeking full-time and seasonal staff.

SAFETY FIRST

Village workers were well into installing a storm drain on the south side of White Mountain Road this week. Upon completion, the buried drain will run from Hull Road to Mechem Drive, eliminating a deep drainage ditch that has been the scene of any number of auto crashes in recent years. The \$170,000 project, authorized in the last administration, survived a budget review because of the safety issue. And, according to J. R. Baumann, the supervisor, the storm drain will be topped with a jogging path.



KEITH GREEN/STAFF

Realtors plan for spring meeting in Taos

Officers and directors of Ruidoso's Board of Realtors will be in Taos April 11 to 13 for the annual spring meeting of the Realtors Association of New Mexico.

Cindy Lynch of Ruidoso heads the state association this year.

Local participants also will include Van Patton, president; Ron Wright, president elect; Alberto Robles and James Paxton, directors; and Sheri

Bailey, executive director.

Meanwhile, the National Association of Realtors has begun preparations for the 2002 American Home Week celebration by announcing the theme - "Get Ready. Get Set. Grow!" - and providing promotional materials to its 1,700 state and local associations.

American Home week, to be marked April 7 to 13 this year, will highlight the Realtor organization's initiative to promote

affordable housing opportunities for everyone in every section of every community.

To ensure that Realtors are involved in this initiative and celebration, an American Home Week kit was sent to association executives in mid-March. The kit provides specific information to assist state and local associations in gaining attention from local media and support from community groups for their efforts.

"The housing opportunity crisis is one that is well established and fed by an area's economic, demographic and regulatory characteristics. Most disheartening is the fact that this is an issue that will not go away on its own. Without reasonable housing opportunities families are stressed to the breaking point, neighborhoods decline, jobs go unfilled and the quality of life suffers for all of us," NAR President Martin Edwards Jr. said.

"As Realtors, we are in the unique position to be the best advocates and educators for, and promoters of, real solutions to today's critical housing needs. Celebrating American Home Week, Realtors can be the catalyst for change by making a commitment to address these issues - a commitment that makes good business sense and ensures protection for each of our stakes in tomorrow."

To further the American Home Week theme of "Get Ready. Get Set. Grow!" the symbolic seeds of change will be planted through a "plantable" bookmark as one of many giveaways that may be purchased and distributed to members, clients, prospects, and others.

The kit includes an update on "Within These Walls..." NAR's partnership with the Smithsonian Institution that symbolizes Realtors' commitment to housing opportunities and homeownership for everyone.

The Economy and the Markets Economy front loaded

BY SCOTT ANDERSON
WELLS FARGO & COMPANY

The stars appear to be aligning in the economy's favor. The recovery is going to be more front-end loaded than previously thought. GDP growth should be approaching rates seen in past recoveries.

Two factors are behind the cheerier short-term forecast. First, inventory building is already well on its way, and manufacturing will begin contributing to the recovery in the first quarter, sooner than most had dared to hope. Second, housing has unexpectedly bounced back from some signs of modest weakening in the fourth quarter of last year, adding to growth in the first quarter.

Backlogs of orders and late comers to the home-buying party are rushing to get their piece of the American dream before the Fed begins to tighten interest rates and financing costs rise.

However, risks remain beyond the first quarter. That leads us to believe that the recovery will lose some steam over the balance of the year. The burst of growth in the housing market is similar to the rush to get to a store before the end of a sale.

Stronger growth will necessitate the Fed taking back the liquidity in the economy sooner, forcing interest rates higher and throwing cold water on the housing market. Consumption will also remain relatively sluggish as aggressive discounting dissipates and a lack of pent-up demand keeps consumers from playing a starring role in the recovery. February's retail sales lend some credibility to that view, coming in at an anemic 0.2 percent growth.

Bonds: Inflation fears

Inflation fears continue to dominate action in the Treasury markets. The strength of the recovery continues to surprise and the latest CPI report for February, while not blaring the message danger inflation ahead, indicates that the best news regarding prices may be past us; core-CPI is creeping higher.

In particular, service prices remain stubbornly high, driven by rising healthcare, shelter, and tuition expenses. Treasury yields have respond-

ed smartly with the 10-year Treasury yield currently about a half a percentage point above where it was a month ago. This may force the Fed to move faster and more aggressively on interest rates. Sharply higher long-term rates could do more damage to the economic recovery than rising short-term rates, since mortgage rates and corporate bonds are often tied to them. Yields are expected to rise across the board this year, but forecasts still indicate a curve-flattening trend.

Focus will remain on the Federal Reserve and its transition from emergency loosening of monetary policy back toward a more sustainable stance by year-end.

The Fed has pumped more liquidity into the financial system than anytime in the last 20 years. However, the money supply growth rates are beginning to ease as the Fed has shut the flow of money off. Money supply growth will turn negative over the coming year as the Fed raises interest rates to keep inflation in check. The current futures market expectation is for the Fed Funds rate to reach 3.5 percent by year-end.

Stocks: Holding risk

Equity prices still have upside potential even as the Federal Reserve begins to raise interest rates. With bond performance expected to suffer as interest rates rise, capital that sought out the safety of those instruments will be forced back into equities.

Historically, when the Fed begins tightening interest rates back to neutral, the stock market produces only modest gains. The best gains occur towards the end of the tightening cycle when rate increases are nearly through.

Because stock valuations remain so high, a buy-and-hold strategy that worked so well over the past 20 years will not work well in the present market environment. Stock volatility will remain high as investors buy on the dips and sell on the peaks, and gains are likely to remain modest, similar to the market behavior in the mid-1960s/early-1970s.

These are not investment recommendations. Consult your financial adviser.

HUNGRY NOON



KEITH GREEN/STAFF

Wells Fargo Bank played host with a barbecue and fixins lunch for many local people on March 22 as the parent firm marked its 150th anniversary in business with a "customer appreciation day."

Focus on Agriculture

Survey finds young farmers 'more optimistic'

BY MACE THORNTON
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

Looking at agricultural markets over the last four to five years, there haven't been many reasons for optimism. During that span, those with the most valid rationale for cynicism about the farm economy were food and fiber producers with the fewest unencumbered capital resources and highest debt loads.

In most cases those were the people just starting out - our nation's youngest farmers and ranchers.

In spite of the fact that profitability continues to be the top concern of America's young farm and ranch families, their optimism is clearly on the rebound, with 59.27 percent saying they were more optimistic about farming than they were five years ago. After hitting a historic low just two years ago (52.9 percent), young farmer optimism again is building across the nation. In fact, according to an informal survey of 296 young farm-

ers and ranchers, ages 18-35, conducted by the American Farm Bureau Federation, a growing number of those young families say they are better off financially than they were five years ago.

At least on the emotional and attitudinal fronts, things are looking up. Overall, the 10th annual survey of participants in AFBB's Young Farmer & Rancher (YF&R) Program shows that the future of American agriculture is in competent and caring hands. Despite economic challenges, today's young farmers and ranchers are continuing to invest in new technology and business practices to sharpen their competitive edge, while providing for their families and protecting the environment.

So, just what do young farmers worry about? According to the survey, the top concern, expressed by 27.5 percent of the survey group, was for the fourth consecutive year, overall prof-

itability of their farm or ranch. That was followed closely by concerns about the limited availability of land and other resources (23.7 percent) and complying with government regulations (16.8 percent).

While reluctant to admit they needed government economic involvement, young farmers did have a few ideas on how the government could productively assist them. The top response, for the fifth straight year, was to boost U.S. agricultural exports (26.2 percent). They also would like to see the strengthening of their rights as property owners (19.3 percent) and additional tax cuts and reform (10.9 percent).

They expressed a strong commitment to protecting the environment. Nearly two-thirds (64.5 percent) said they use conservation tillage on the farm, which helps lessen soil erosion and protect water quality.

Approximately 92 percent of the young farmers said they

select farming practices based on both environmental and economic reasons.

The young farmers are harnessing computer and communications technology in their quest to feed the world. Computer, cellular telephone and Internet use continues to hold steady as more than 75 percent reported using these technologies.

Today's young farmers are committed to their profession. Most of those surveyed (91.8 percent) said they planned to be life-long farmers and 84.7 percent said they would like to see their children follow in their footsteps as farmers.

Such a strong response should leave little doubt about their willingness to do what's right for the land, and their children, making the future of American agriculture a bright one.

Mace Thornton is director of news services for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Red Cross needs financial support

About \$50,000 more is needed to cover fire relief operations.

By **JUANNE STALLINGS**
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Officials with the Rio Hondo Chapter of the American Red Cross estimate another \$50,000 is needed to support the Kokopelli Fire relief operation to its conclusion.

Nevada Linford, chief executive officer of the chapter that includes Lincoln County, said to date \$7,600 was spent.

"As of (Wednesday) afternoon, 15 families came to the Ruidoso service center for assistance and more are expected," she said. "Since the service center opened

Monday, the Red Cross provided vouchers for goods and services such as groceries, clothing and shoes, medication needs and referrals for additional counseling services."

The service center in the Red Cross office at 2810 Sudderth Drive provided clean-up kits to those residents whose homes suffered smoke damage. Staff also is prepared to provide more financial assistance with additional cleaning needs not covered by insurance.

Assistance also is available

for the first month's rent on a temporary dwelling and for replacement of occupational tools or supplies, if they were lost in the fire. Personal living

"Fifteen families came to the Ruidoso service center for assistance, and more are expected"

Nevada Linford
Red Cross official

tools, such as cooking utensils, basic bed and bath linens and replacement of basic furnishings is available for homeowners whose insurance doesn't cover those items, she said.

The Red Cross provided immediate needs of food, shelter, clothing, emergency medication replacement and counseling services for those evacuated during the fire.

Damage assessment by

Red Cross is completed, and volunteers are working one-on-one with each family that suffered a loss.

All Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people, Linford said.

To help victims of this and other disasters, contributions can be sent to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund by calling 1-800-HELP-NOW or 1-800-267-7575 in Spanish, or checks can be sent to the Rio Hondo Chapter at 413-B East College Boulevard, Roswell, NM 88201. For credit card donations, call 1-888-822-4370 locally or visit www.redcrossalbuquerque.org

County Commission to meet, follow up on weekend's blaze

A follow-up on the Kokopelli Fire and a review of bids for metal buildings for the county fairgrounds in Capitan are on the agenda of a special meeting of the Lincoln County Commission, set for 9 a.m. Tuesday.

The commission will meet in the Capitan Village Hall.

Other items listed include a resolution in support of the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation, a review of bids for a cardiac monitoring system and approval of an emergency purchase of digital imaging system for the clerk's office.

Kokopelli Fire victims are eligible to apply for disaster relief assistance

Victims of the Kokopelli Fire can apply for disaster relief assistance at Christian Services of Lincoln County, located at Gateway Church of Christ.

They are eligible to receive assistance with food, clothing and used furniture, as well as

financial help. Apply in person at 415 Sudderth Drive. Christian Services is a benevolence ministry supported by five local churches and many area individuals and businesses.

Narrow streets designated for no parking signs; fire restriction put in place by Downs council

By **JOHN FUKUA**
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Street safety and zoning ordinances were the order of the day Tuesday during the regular meeting of the Ruidoso Downs Village Council.

In a return to a debate familiar to local residents, Village Administrator John Waters introduced a list of streets in the village which had been designated for no parking signs.

Waters pointed out these streets had been measured and some, including Turkey Canyon Road and West Drive, were as narrow as 11 to 13 feet across.

Responding to public criticism questioning how local residents are supposed to get to their homes if they are not allowed to park on these and other streets, Village Attorney Dan Bryant asked for patience.

"It's a small inconvenience, and we ask that you give the village a chance to

improve these roads," Bryant said. "I don't want anyone running over a child that has darted out from behind a parked car on these narrow roads."

The Village Council also passed a fire restriction ordinance meant to reduce any chance of wildfire in these current extreme drought conditions.

According to resolution 2002-11, passed unanimously by the council, a ban is proclaimed on all open flames, campfires, trash fires and the selling or use of fireworks.

Waters explained this ban includes charcoal grills, but not gas grills. He added that the council cannot force retailers such as Wal-Mart to discontinue selling charcoal, but that they would suggest warning signs regarding the fire ban be placed next to the items in the store.

In other business, the council: Passed an ordinance designed to remove a traffic safety fee. Waters stated the village cannot charge this fee by

state law and the ordinance is meant as a house-cleaning bill to remove this fee which is buried in many ordinances;

• Passed an ordinance changing connection fees to the village sewer system. Rather than making citizens pay a \$100 connect fee for village employees to make the connection, now the village only requires a \$25 inspection fee and residents can use a private plumber of their choice;

• Passed a request for a proposal for engineering services on the first phase of the village's drainage improvement project in the River Park area;

• Passed resolutions on this year's Community Development Block Grant and a citizen participation plan, and;

• Passed a resolution authorizing signatures of Mayor Bob Miller, Mayor Pro Tem Susan Garrett, Village Clerk/Treasurer Carol Virden and Village Administrator John Waters for payment of Ruidoso Downs accounts.

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Mayor defines future forums

The uproar over the last session "will never happen again," Eggleston said.

BY DIANNE STILLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Setting the tone for the next four years, new Mayor Leon Eggleston started off his second Ruidoso Village Council meeting in a conciliatory mood.

He offered an apology for his handling of the reinstated public forum time on the agenda at his first meeting two weeks ago and set up new rules for the future.

He had hoped the forum would give residents a chance for "valid input," not "non-constructive grandstanding," he said Tuesday. The council, with three new members besides the mayor, didn't set up any strict rules initially, but that allowed someone to seriously abuse the privilege, he said.

"One councilor was criticized in part because he refused to have coffee with the speaker," Eggleston said. Village Attorney John Underwood also was criticized and Eggleston said he erred by not giving the attorney a chance to respond.

"I apologize for the oversight," he said, emphasizing that Underwood has his complete support and reiterating his "sincere apologies" to Councilor Bob Sterchi and the attorney.

Later in the meeting, Eggleston laid out a few ground rules for future public forums, warning that if a person becomes unruly or disruptive, they will be gavelled down.

Speakers will be required to state their names, the subject of their comments and its relevance to the village. They may not direct negative remarks at village personnel. Presentations will be restricted to three minutes, but if more time is required, the council could grant an extension.

"What happened last time will never happen again," the mayor said.

FEMA to pay majority of fire fighting cost

Under an authorization issued Saturday, the Federal Emergency Management Agency will pay 75 percent of the state's eligible fire fighting costs on the Kokopelli Fire as part of an approved grant for managing, mitigating and controlling designated fires.

FEMA officials issued the authorization within four hours of being contacted by the state. The wind-driven fire northeast of Ruidoso destroyed 29 homes and a barn within

hours of the first report of flames after noon Saturday.

"The authorization is the first granted for New Mexico this year," said R. David Paulson, FEMA's U.S. Fire Administration administrator. "FEMA is working with state officials to monitor extremely dry conditions in the state as the traditional wild fire season is beginning."

Federal fire management assistance is provided through the President's Disaster Relief

Fund and is available through FEMA to assist in fighting fires when they threaten to cause a major disaster. FEMA recently streamlined rules for the program to better support state and local fire fighting efforts.

Eligible state fire fighting costs covered by the aid can include expenses for field camps, equipment use, repair and replacement, tools, materials and supplies, and mobilization and demobilization activities.

ENGAGEMENTS ANNIVERSARIES

50th anniversary

Don and JoAnne Mincey will mark 50 years of marriage today with a simple romantic night out in Ruidoso. The Minceys have lived here for several years, attracted by the panoramic views, pines and change of seasons.

Both were raised in Long Beach, Calif., where they met on a double date as teenagers. They eloped to Chicago while in college. "It was love at first sight," JoAnne said, "but it took a few more years to convince my parents he would amount to something."

They settled in the San Francisco Bay Area where they raised three children. Retiring after 35 years, Don turned his sights to creating a special home for Jo and himself. "After living here for several years, we knew this was the right place to build and we are now about half way through construction," says Don.

With two children and their families still in California and one child in Hawaii, getting everyone together for a reunion is tough. But a Thanksgiving gathering is in the works, according to Deejie Mincey, the couple's youngest child.



JoAnne and Don Mincey

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Maddox-Wetzel

Jim and Cyrena McGee of Ruidoso have announced the engagement of their daughter, Desiree Sheree Maddox, to Justin Wayne Wetzel, son of Toni Wetzel and James Gruwell of Silver City. The couple will exchange vows Saturday, May 25, at First Baptist Church in Las Cruces.



Desiree Maddox and Justin Wetzel

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RUIDOSO POLICE

Items stolen

A residence was broken into in the 700 block of White Mountain Drive between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. March 27, according to the Ruidoso Police Department. Entry was made through an unlocked window and a video camera, valued at \$350 and a ring valued at \$50 were taken.

Whitney Drive March 26. Pry marks were visible on the frame where the door was forced open, the police report states, but there were no signs of damage or of anything missing. The residence was placed on close patrol.

Disorderly conduct

Police arrested Thomas Garcia, 44, of Mesquite, charging him with disorderly conduct and public intoxication March 26 at Cherokee Mobile Home Park, 101 Pinecrest Drive.

Criminal damage

A break-in and criminal damage were reported at a residence in the 100 block of

DOWNNS POLICE

DWI charged

Ruidoso Downs police arrested Mona Farris, 40, of Claunch March 23, after stopping her vehicle because it was reportedly swerving severely into the outside lane of Highway 70. She was charged with fourth-offense DWI and driving without a license.

Casino DWI

Police arrested Donald Hungerford, 41, Levelland, Texas, March 25, charging him with aggravated third-offense DWI, after finding him passed out in his vehicle, which was in the parking lot of Billy the Kid Casino with the vehicle running.



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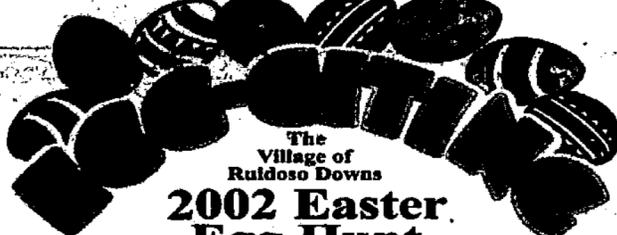
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Johnson challenges Downs vote

BY NANCY STALLINS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A candidate who lost her bid for a two-year term on the Board of Trustees in Ruidoso Downs earlier this month is contesting the election.

On behalf of his client, Camille Johnson, attorney J. Robert Beauvais Thursday filed action in Lincoln County District Court contesting the March 5 election in which Johnson lost to incumbent Susan Garrett.

A recount of the votes in the two machines used by the municipality occurred March 15, but the results were the same.

But Beauvais said definite violations of the municipal election code occurred. Whether they are sufficient to reject one or more of the ballots in the early voting precinct will be decided by the court, he said.

"My client believes the philosophy of the management governing the town would be altered if she was elected to the board and that combined with the slim margin, justifies the action," Beauvais said.

In the suit, Beauvais states that irregularities detected in the election include the failure of the municipal clerk to comply with mandatory provisions of the

municipal election code.

The 22 votes cast in the early election process were tainted and must be rejected, he contended. He asked the court to impound the early voting ballots, as well as the applications and early voter roster, required reports for the locking and unlocking of the office containing the early voting machine and the election signature roster used in the March 5 election.

He listed these reasons:

• Early voter Harold Mansell was not a resident of Ruidoso Downs as defined under election law and therefore, was not a qualified elector to cast a ballot.

• The municipal clerk failed to substantially comply with election law by not notifying the county clerk of the early voter roster resulting in the early voter designation not appearing on the election signature roster.

• The municipal clerk failed to substantially comply with election law by not unlocking in the presence of one other municipal employee the office where the early voting machine was maintained, or by failing to properly denote that procedure on the early voting duty report.

The municipal clerk failed to substantially comply with elec-

tion law by not verifying the signature roster and early voter list to ensure that each person voting early had the word "early voter" written next to their names on the signature roster, Beauvais stated in the suit.

The court should reject the ballots from early voting and find Johnson got the plurality of the legal votes cast in the election, Beauvais said in the suit.

Contacted Thursday, Mansell, who serves as municipal judge in Ruidoso Downs and signed up to run for magistrate judge in Carrizozo in the June primary election, said his legal residence lies inside the village.

"I haven't seen the lawsuit," he said. "But she (Johnson) and I are divorced and the property settlement is in district court in Carrizozo. Back in October, she locked me out of the house and I sought court action to go back into the house. I totally intend to move back into that house, I own half."

He said in October, he leased a house at 100 Miller Road in Ruidoso Downs.

"Since the municipal election, I signed up to run for magistrate judge and updated my voter registration to reflect that new address," Mansell said.

Exotic weavings are coming to Midtown

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Guatemalan weavers will come to Ruidoso this weekend to demonstrate their craft at Rio Trading Company, 2200 Sudderth Drive.

Mariquita and Eugenia Lopez de Santos, originally from the Antigua area of Guatemala, but now living in Santa Fe, will be in town Saturday and Sunday and will set up their looms and explain how they create the exquisite fabrics and designs their Central American country is famous for. They will also have colorful jackets and other garments for purchase at Rio Trading Company.

The Ruidoso connection arose from the family's friendship with Ronnie Lewis, of Odessa, Texas, when he visited the country 10 years ago. Lewis, in turn, is friends with Chuck Reynolds, the owner of Rio Trading Company. When Mariquita and Eugenia Lopez de Santos joined other family members in Santa Fe, Lewis conceived the notion of getting them to Ruidoso to show what they do.



One of two Guatemalan weavers who will be at Rio Trading Company in Ruidoso Saturday and Sunday, demonstrating work on the back loom is shown above.

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SPORTS

A TEAM WORTH CHEERING FOR

Cheer squad at Ruidoso High comes home with trophies of their own

BY TODD FUQUA

RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

For nine months out of the year, they sweat and toil just as much as the teams they root for. Come March, they get a chance to compete for rewards of their own.

Anyone who thinks cheerleading isn't an actual sport hasn't seen the Ruidoso High squad practice or perform. They also haven't talked to any of the team members.

"Try it, it's that physical," said Jaelyn Bolden, one of only two seniors on the team. "In every practice, we'd have to hit each routine perfect for it to count. If we missed a stunt, it didn't count and we'd have to start over."

The Warrior cheerleaders began working on their routines in July and finally wrapped up in March, cheering on other teams all the while.

They put up with things all other sports teams put up with — sometimes irate coaches, long practice sessions, and periods of self-doubt.

But these girls fought off all the physical and mental fatigue and, March 23 at the Pit in Albuquerque, the Ruidoso cheerleaders got their chance to shine. They came away from this year's spirit championships with a trophy declaring them the state 3A champions.

"We all sit in a circle at the end of practice and the coach



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

The 2002 Class 3A state champion spirit squad, featuring their trophies for Best Performance Cheer, Best Cheer with Music, Best Stunting Performance, and State Champion. Back row, from left, Heather Jackson and Stephanie Leland. Middle row, from left, Kelly Paton, Ashley Brillante, Rachael Smith and Jacque Rankin. Front row, from left, Sarah Wirth, Ashlee Powers, Jaelyn Bolden and Caitlin Thomson. Not pictured, Sydney Davis and Courtney Dillard.

asks us, what is our goal," Bolden said. "For every single one of us, our goal was to become closer to one another and to finish first at state."

"We didn't want to go in at state with a big head, we just wanted to do well to the best of our abilities."

The Warriors took second in 3A last year to Raton, and came into this year's tournament after a strong showing at the Universal Cheerleader Association National High School Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, Fla. They took 28th out of 63 teams

in the small varsity division, and were ready to show what they could do.

"We didn't want to place in nationals, we just wanted to show who we were and what we were capable of," Bolden said. "We don't watch other squads so we don't become intimidated

by them, so we didn't know what we were up against."

Ruidoso was more than up to the challenge, and took first place in all phases of the tournament, including Best Performance Cheer, Best Cheer with Music and Best Stunting Performance.

According to sophomore Caitlin Thomson, this came as a complete surprise when the winners were announced at the end of the competition.

"We went in with confidence that we could win the championship, but not every award," Thomson said. "They kept saying, Ruidoso, first place, Ruidoso, first place."

For fellow sophomore Ashley Brillante, the state title was all the more sweet because of all the labor they put into their routines.

"We've been working since last August on all this, it's so much more rewarding to know that all our hard work paid off," Brillante said. "There were times that we just wanted to lie down."

Those times came for all the girls, but there was one thing that wouldn't let them give up — their desire to be state champs.

"These are your sisters and you have to put out as much effort for them as they do for you," Bolden said. "If you love doing it, it doesn't really wear you down."

Warriors earn split at Portales

BY TODD FUQUA

RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

All Ruidoso baseball coach Mike Morris wanted was a sweep of Portales to start this year's District 4-3A season Tuesday, and for one game and one inning, he got it.

Riding the strong pitching arm of Chad Swanner and timely hitting in the top of the order, Ruidoso won the first game against Portales 6-5, but the Rams teed off on the Warrior pitching in the second inning of game two and scored eight runs en route to a 15-1 win and a split on the day.

Swanner (4-0) was the man of the day for Ruidoso in game one, going seven innings for the win and allowing five runs — three of them earned — while striking out 12 Rams.

He pitched the first scoreless inning of game two before bowing out in favor of Kendal Bishop, who got lit up for 14 runs on 12 hits in just two innings of work.

"We just ran out of pitchers," Morris said. "There were just too many walks and errors."

The Warriors (4-4, 1-1 in district) committed only three errors in the second game — actually the same amount that Portales had — but all three of those errors came in the big second inning, and Bishop (0-2) walked a total of eight batters overall.

Ruidoso was able to muster just one run off of Portales pitcher Seth Clabaugh on a single by Swanner to score Austin Beier in the fourth inning.

It was a marked contrast to game one, in which Swanner had to hang tough in the face of numerous Ram rallies, and saw his team rally when it needed to.

The Warriors had a 2-0 lead going into the fourth inning, when Portales (2-5, 1-1) scored four runs on three more Ruidoso errors and two singles.

Ruidoso responded in kind in the sixth on consecutive RBI singles by Julian Serna, Beier and Matt Berry to retake the lead.

"We did a great job hitting in that first game," Morris said. "Then we held them down when we needed."

RUIDOSO	
District 4-3A	
Regular Season Standings	
Game 1	Game 2
Portales 15-1	Ruidoso 6-5
Ruidoso 6-5	Portales 15-1
Pitching	
Chad Swanner and Austin Beier, Angelo Garcia and Lopez W. — Swanner (4-0), L. — Swanner, 5B — For, Bryan Luca, LOB — For 7B, For 8.	
Pitching	
Chad Swanner, Kendal Bishop (2), Matt Berry and Austin Beier, Seth Clabaugh and Lopez W. — Clabaugh, 1. — Bishop (0-2), 2B — For, Bryan Luca, LOB — For 8, For 7.	

Portales got a run back in the sixth on an RBI double by Bryan Luca, but with pinch runner Wes King on third as the potentially tying run, Swanner was able to strike out Stephen Austin to end the inning.

A 1-2-3 seventh inning ensured the win for the Warriors.

Ruidoso is scheduled to face Santa Teresa at 3 p.m. April 2, but the Desert Warriors were unable to play their scheduled double header against Lovington on Tuesday because of a lack of players. No word on Santa Teresa's future in the District baseball standings was available at press time.

Priority re-evaluation

No golf this week. And if you need me to tell you why, you haven't been paying close attention to what's been going on around here recently.

For those who are unfamiliar with what I'm talking about, I'll bring you up to speed.

This past Sunday, I was supposed to play my first full round of golf in a Ruidoso High School fundraising golf scramble at the Alto Lakes Country Club.

My biggest concern was whether I'd make too much of a fool of myself on the links, but actions beyond my control made those concerns seem very, very trivial.

If you've been reading the front page of our newspapers, or if you remember just how hazy it got on Saturday, you know the Kokopelli Fire made things hard for everyone, not just would-be golfers.

The Alto Lakes Country Club was overtaken by firemen, relief workers and dispossessed home-owners, many of whom saw their residences literally go up in flames.

That no one lost their life in

this fire is certainly a cause for celebration. It might also be noted that many of these were vacation or luxury homes and not a primary place of residence.

But that shouldn't really matter. These were homes. These were places people had put a great deal of time, effort and emotion into.

These are strong people and they will move on — things could have been much worse. But they did lose things very near and dear to them. And we must remember that we're all surrounded by the same forest, and those could have been our homes.

With that in mind, allow me to thank and congratulate all those firefighters who came and toiled endlessly to see that this blaze didn't do any more damage than it did. They were at great risk, and we must remember just how hard and sometimes thankless a job they have.

There will always be other days to golf, let's just be glad we have those opportunities.

ON THE DDOT



BY TODD FUQUA
SPORTS EDITOR

Lady Warrior golfers win Socorro tournament

BY TODD FUQUA

RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Now the girls are almost at state. The Ruidoso girls golf team got their second qualifying leg Tuesday, and came away with the top score at the Socorro Tournament.

The Lady Warriors combined for a 404, good enough for a qualifying leg and two better than tournament host Socorro at 406. West Las Vegas came in third at 440.

LeeAnn Hansen shot a 93 to take first place individually, and was the only girl at the tournament to get a state-qualifying score.

Tournament Les Anne Gibson finished

fourth at 101, while Kelly Riggsby came in sixth.

Despite their qualifying leg, Ruidoso coach Les Carter felt his team could have shot better.

"We didn't hit the ball real well, but they were able to think their way around the course," Carter said, emphasizing that the course will also be the site of this year's 3A championship tournament. "They've matured as golfers and worked hard."

The Lady Warriors now take a week off through spring break and won't play again until April 5 when they travel to Farmington for the Piedra Vista Tournament. During that time, Carter hopes the girls

work quite a bit on their own.

"We need to work on our short game and putting," Carter said. "If they can understand that, it makes my job a whole lot easier."

Now with just one leg left to get to state, and two days of the Leroy Gooch Tournament at local golf courses coming up, Carter said he's confident he can get that last-qualifying score.

Of course, he's pretty certain he can get that score regardless of where his team plays.

"I'm pretty sure we can play well on any given course this year," Carter said. "These girls have really progressed as far as experience."

side line

Ski Report

Ski Apache
Final day of skiing will be April 1
Road at Report Time: Clear
Midway Depth: 32 in.
Surface Conditions: Variable
Trails Open: 45 of 65
Lifts Open: eight of 11
Trails Groomed Today: 13 of 45
Snowmaking Past 24 Hours: No
Forecast: Clear to Partly Cloudy

Prep Standings

Softball Standings		
District 4-3A		
all records as of games played March 26		
District	Overall	
Lovington	0-0	4-2
Ruidoso	0-0	4-5
Santa Teresa	0-0	1-5-1
Portales	0-0	0-5

Baseball Standings		
District 4-3A		
all records as of games played March 26		
District	Overall	
Lovington	0-0	4-3
Ruidoso	1-1	4-4
Portales	1-1	2-6
NMMI	0-0	4-2
Santa Teresa	0-0	0-7

Prep Results

Baseball
Tuesday, March 26
Ruidoso 6, Portales 5
Portales 15, Ruidoso 1

Preps on Tap

Saturday, March 30
Softball
Ruidoso at Portales (2), Noon
Tuesday, April 2
Baseball
Ruidoso vs. Santa Teresa at Ruidoso Field (2), 3 p.m.
Track
Capitan, Carrizozo in Roadrunner Relays at Dexter

On Deck

Sierra Blanca Scramble
The 10th Annual Sierra Blanca Scramble, benefiting Optimist International of Ruidoso, will be held Saturday, May 11 at the Cree Meadows Country Club. Entry fee is \$35 per golfer, and there's included green fee and prizes. For more information, contact Eric Eggleston at 257-5815 or Lane Adams at 257-4033.

Gus Macker in Alamogordo
The 26th Annual "Saturday in the Park" in Alamogordo will feature a Gus Macker 3-on-3 basketball tournament, and calls for teams are going out. The tournament will be held May 18, and anyone interested in participating can call 437-8120.

Senior Olympic Events
Several qualifying events for the State Senior Olympics in Las Cruces will be held in the Lincoln County area. For more information on registration, contact Bart Young at 257-3193 or e-mail at mbyoung@zianet.com.
Table Tennis — May 3 at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 10 a.m.
Bowling — May 8-10 at the Ruidoso Bowling Center, 1:30 a.m.
Horseshoes — May 14 at Carrizozo Country Club, 1 p.m.

Local cagers named all-stars

A slew of local athletes was named recently to both All-district and All-state basketball teams recently, with the Capitan girls leading the way.

The Lady Tigers landed eight total members on the District 5-2A team, with Jessica Becker and Jessica Tully-Mitchell each named to the first team.

Catherine Wood was an honorable mention, and joined Becker and Tully-Mitchell on the all-academic team.

Also named as all-academic team members were Lorena Brockman, Ginger Cupit, Kaycee Gilson, Stephanie Kelsey and Nicole Murtagh.

Carrizozo senior Brandon Langley was also honored, as he made it to the state Class 1A boys team as an honorable mention.

"We didn't hit the ball real well, but they were able to think their way around the course. They've matured as golfers and worked hard."

Les Carter
Ruidoso girls golf coach

Local boxing matches at Inn not what expected

BY TODD BUTTS
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The "Rumble in the Pines" — held March 28 at the West Convention Center at the Inn of the Mountain Gods — was not what the Ruidoso boxing community was expecting. The Kokopelli fire may have hampered the turnout, but lack of organization by the promoters Bubba Bryant and Chuck Scovone turned out to be the downfall for the boxing event.

time. This made it a "smoker" — a non-sanctioned event.

Main event boxer Eric Holland, the former WBC middleweight and WBB junior middleweight world champion with a record of 22-30-4, was a no show — as was Scovone.

The fights were to begin at 7 p.m., but they were still setting up the ring when the local fans started arriving and it was not complete until almost eight. The weigh-ins had been canceled twice in the last two days and nobody knew exactly who was going to fight.

There were four fights that looked like sparring

matches. The first featured Tim Johnson from Alamogordo vs. Manny Chavez of El Paso. Johnson seemed to be winning, but in the second round a flurry by Chavez forced Johnson to quit, giving Chavez the technical knockout.

The second fight pitted El Pasoans Jorge Cruz against Mike Zubia. Cruz's only highlight in the fight was losing a point for low blows while Zubia, the more skilled fighter, won the fight after a knockdown and some hard body shots forced the referee to stop the fight in the third round.

The last fight was the most entertaining. Former USBA Champion Louie Burke (23-3) was

at the fight as a reporter and was asked to step in the ring with Jose Cataneo (25-21-2), former IBO middleweight champion.

Burke, who had not been in the ring as a fighter in 15 years, put on a show as he defeated Cataneo in four rounds by unanimous decision.

Burke said he fought because the fans who showed up deserved a little entertainment.

Tony Bolden, who was only supposed to be an advisor, seemed to be running things himself and was trying to give the fans at least some sweat and blood from the fighters they finally put in the ring.

Capitan boys, girls cruise to title at Henry Sanchez Relays

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Capitan boys and girls track teams made a clean sweep of things at their own meet on Tuesday, winning the Henry Sanchez relays with room to spare.

Each team easily outdis-

tanced their closest competitor by twice as many points, with several competitors finishing first individually.

Senior Ryan Kimbrell took the top spot in javelin, 100-meter dash, pole vault and long jump competitions, while the Tigers placed first in the 400 and 800-meter relays.

In fact, Capitan finished first in all but two events on the boys side and amassed 262 points for first place, well ahead of Mountainair in second with 56.5 points.

Carrizozo was fourth with 24 total points, while Hondo finished fifth with 17

and Mesalero came in sixth at 13.

On the girls side, the Lady Tigers doubled up on second place Carrizozo, scoring 187 points to the Lady Grizzlies 90. Mesalero scored six points while Hondo had but one.

Capitan finished first in all but five events, with Carrizozo taking the top spot in everything else. Jessica Becker led the way for her team, with first-place finishes in the shot, javelin and discus, while Jessica Tully-Mitchell won in the 800-meter dash and high jump.

Carrizozo's Ariel Vallejos won the long-jump competition and came in second in the 100-meter hurdles and 100-meter dash to help lead her team to the second place finish.

Both the Capitan and Carrizozo boys and girls teams will be at the Roadrunner Relays at Dexter Tuesday, April 2.



Capitan senior Ryan Kimbrell out-paces Carrizozo's Lane Dixon, right, and others in the field during a running event at the Henry Sanchez relays March 26 at Capitan. Kimbrell won four events and helped the Tigers to an easy first place finish at the meet.

Ruidoso girls to start district at Portales

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Now the Ruidoso softball team has to get ready for games that are real.

Not that they have been playing any easy games lately. They finished fourth at the Truth or Consequences tournament last weekend after defeating a very good Deming team in the first round, then dropping contests to Hatch and Santa Fe Indian.

It's just that on Saturday, they begin play in District 4-3A with a noon double-header at Portales, and every game from here on out is critical.

"Last year, we got into a playoff situation with them (Portales) and shouldn't have," said Ruidoso coach Billy Page. "It comes down to being consistent, and we want to go to Portales and beat them soundly, let people know we're possibly the best team in the district."

Saturday's games mark the first of only 12 district games in the next four weeks, making every game of the utmost importance.

And with the Lady Warriors again down to one pitcher, with an ankle injury to Jessica Gibson, Page is more intent than ever to win these first two games.

"It's a confidence-builder. If we can beat Portales, we'll have confidence in ourselves when Lovington gets here," Page said. "Plus, Portales knows they can't split with us or they'll be behind."

Of course, it's not all about pitching; the Lady Warriors can hit. It's just that they've not been hitting when they most need it and have been leaving runners on base.

Page said they're still scoring, but they could be scoring a whole lot more, and they have to keep the other team from scoring with their defense.

"We've got to score, move runners around and get hits with people in scoring position," Page said. "I'm willing to sacrifice a run to get an out, but we'd better be able to get that run back. If we keep hitting, we can win."

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Village officials give thanks to local fire fighters

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Village employees and members of fire fighting and victim aid groups received kudos all around from Ruidoso Village administration officials Tuesday for their efforts during the Kokopelli Fire.

"It was remarkable how every entity's team worked toward a common goal, to put out the fire, and to protect the safety of homeowners," Village Manager Alan Briley said.

Councilor Deborah Marcum-Byars said she's proud of the village staff and its quick response.

"There was no looking at maps to see the village limits," she said.

Briley said Chet Southard, a village fire fighter, lost his home.

"We're setting up a separate account for Chet and are

asking village employees to help out," he said. "Fire Stations 1 and 2 also are accepting donations for them of things like blankets, and will take things for other victims and will make sure they get to them."

Mayor Leon Eggleston said, "Chet could see his house burning and he still stayed on fighting fires. He said, 'It's my job.'"

Briley said he went out to view firsthand the damage from the fire that swept through four high-dollar subdivisions northeast of the village, over the weekend, and destroyed 29 homes and a barn.

Looking at the pattern of houses that were burned by the intense flames, driven by high winds, and those left standing, Briley said he was amazed.

"Some with very good

defensible space around the house still burned," he said. "The fire would burn two or three, then skip a house and burn another two or three. Looking at it, it appeared to be pretty much luck."

Byars said creating defensible space and thinning the number of trees on a piece of property are ways of minimizing risk, but aren't guarantees a house won't burn.

"It's time to look at the entire village," she said.

"We'll never eliminate fires," Councilor L. Ray Nunley said. "But the effort to reduce the number of trees and clean up fuels for fires needs to be year-round. We need more money to keep Forest Service people on the job year-round." He plans to meet with the state's two United States senators to talk about that need on an upcoming trip. Money also is avail-

able through the state Forestry Division for cost sharing with private land owners who want to reduce fire fuels, he said.

During the fire, village fire department spokesman James Mason pointed out that the homes burned in the initial drive of the fire pushed by 60 mph winds.

Council members asked Village Attorney John Underwood to draft an amendment to the village's fire prevention ordinance that would prohibit dumping hot ashes in regular dumpsters or outside. Specific guidelines on how to dispose of the ashes should be distributed to home owners as well as tourists, along with other fire-related information, they said. Pamphlets could be placed in lodging rooms.

The new councilors on the village board asked for infor-

mation about village fire restrictions.

Fire Chief Virgil Reynolds said open fires never are allowed because of the forested nature of the community. Fireworks also are banned, as is the careless disposal of cigarettes.

"There's a \$500 fine for tossing one out of a car," he said. But Briley added that during roadside cleanups, thousands of cigarette butts are picked up. People must not be paying attention, he said.

Councilor Ron Anderson said he sees people smoking all the time who just flick their cigarettes to the ground. Nunley said the village should enforce no outdoor smoking year-around rather than take a chance.

"I think that's very good," Anderson agreed. "We have a very fragile environment."

Victim aid groups didn't go unnoticed either for their work during the Kokopelli fire.

Christmas in July Bazaar plans in motion

Money raised by the event will go to area foundations.

Members of the St. Anne's Guild of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount are preparing for their 42nd Annual Christmas in July Bazaar.

"As in years past, a giant garage sale, a boutique, homemade gifts, pastries, bread, jellies and jams will be sold, as well as the guild's famous toffee," said spokeswoman Betty Mason. "There also will be a seated luncheon in tier parish hall. Hot dogs and drinks will be available

in the area outside the Boy Scout Pavilion."

Mason said the money generated by the bazaar set for July 20, helps support several outreach programs.

Money is sent annually to Grace House in Carlsbad, a non-profit residential treatment home for adolescent boys ages 13 to 18. Established in 1996, Grace House is designed to provide a safe, healthy, nurturing home environment for abused, abandoned, neglected or troubled boys, while helping them to acquire the skills, education and attitudes to facilitate their re-entry into

mainstream living, she said.

The treatment program provides services to adolescents and their families struggling with a variety of problems and issues, Mason said. Field trips also are part of the process, combined with participation in Red Cross and Boy Scouts.

Another program supported by the guild is Assurance Home in Roswell, which was opened in 1979 as a therapeutic group home for boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18, victims of abuse, neglect, abandonment or who are homeless. They are involved in athletics, drama

and dance, Teen Court and other activities, she said.

Assurance Home provides scholarships to young people who have lived there and want to continue their education, Mason said.

"The students were particularly thrilled this past year with visits from Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and former astronaut and U.S. Sen. Harrison Schmitt," she said.

The non-profit corporation is governed by a local board of directors and is affiliated with The United Way. About 1,000 children have participated.

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EXPERIENCED BUSINESS manager wanted. New charter high school in NM resort town. Set up accounting and reporting. Competitive salary. Fax resume by May 15 (505) 377-6364.

EXPERIENCED FIELD Help needed for Land Survey office. AutoCAD experience preferred. Call 257-2818.

EXPERIENCED TEACHERS wanted. New Paldeia high school in NM resort town. Socratic seminar experience preferred for humanities. Competitive salaries. Fax resume by May 15. (505) 377-6364

EXTRA INCOME 2002 \$200-\$500 weekly mailing travel brochures. For more information send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Cambridge Travel, P.O. Box 90098, Springfield, MA 01139.

GUARDIOLA CONSTRUCTION seeking a heavy construction Foreman, must be experienced with Heavy Equipment, Utility Construction, able to shoot grade. Call 257-2279

Great Pay! Very busy, established Ruidoso electrical company seeking Journeyman Electrician for immediate employment. Must have New Mexico Journeyman License in good standing. Two year experience required for commercial and residential projects. Fax applications 257-3331.

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IMMEDIATE SCHOOL Bus Driver Positions. Training available. Great hours; perfect for retirees or stay-at-home Moms. Starting \$9.50/hr. Bonus available. Call 378-5410.

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LINCOLN COUNTY is now accepting applications for a RECIDRIS COORDINATOR in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, located in Carrizozo, New Mexico. Applicant must have skills in bookkeeping, use of personal computer, and records maintenance. Employment will be conditional upon applicant's successful completion of a physical examination and substance abuse test. Obtain applications and job description at the Lincoln County Managers Office in Carrizozo or by calling 505-648-2385. Applications must be received no later than 6:00 P.M. Monday, April 1, 2002, Lincoln County, Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA Requirements, Title II-A.

HEAD START Clerk - Region IX Education Cooperative, Lincoln County Head Start is seeking highly qualified individual committed to early childhood programs. minimum Qualifications: 1. High School diploma required; post secondary training/experience preferred; 2. 2 years successful secretarial/clerical experience; 3. Computer skills in word processing, databases, spreadsheet production; and Desk Top publishing; 4. Strong written, verbal and interpersonal communication skills; and 5. Bilingual Spanish/English preferred, not required.

LOCAL FINANCE Company has full-time position available. Must have reliable transportation and auto insurance. Benefits include health insurance, paid holidays & bonuses. Apply at 258 Sudderth

LOOKING FOR Employees and Friendly Employees. Hiring for all Positions: Managers, Crew members. Competitive Wages and advancement. Apply 854 Sudderth

LOS ALAMOS Police Department is looking for full and part-time police recruits/lateral officers. Salary range: \$7,815.23 - \$17,200.00 with a maximum \$23/hour. Part-time \$15/hr. (505) 662-8228. info/www.la.lanl.gov. m.us/jobs.asp>New Mexico Press

MR. BURGER now taking applications for counter help and cook positions. Apply 11am - 2 pm or 5 pm to 9 pm. 1203 Mechem.

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NOW HIRING experienced day and evening servers, bussers, bartenders. Must have NM Server Certificate and verifiable references. Kokopelli Club, 201 High Mesa Rd., Alto. No Phone Calls Please. Apply in Person.

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

PERSON NEEDED as Service helper @ Ruidoso Lincoln Ford Mercury. Washing vehicles, cleaning service dept are main job responsibilities. We pay a \$500 signing bonus. Contact Ron 378-440

THE CORNERSTONE Bakery & Cafe is now hiring counter and cook positions. Please apply in person 359 Sudderth, 7 AM to 5 PM, Mon-Sat.

THE VILLAGE of Ruidoso Downs is accepting applications for Communications Officers. High School diploma or GED required. Must be a US Citizen. Knowledge of Police Standard Operating procedure manual and knowledge of equipment used in law enforcement communications preferred. Must obtain New Mexico State Police Field Dispatch Office Certification within one year of date of hire. Starting pay rate is \$8.49 per hour for Uncertified to \$9.03 per hour for NM Certified Dispatch. Full benefit package. Must pass drug screening. For complete job description and application visit Village Hall at 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs, NM call (505) 378-4422 or email us at village@village.com. Deadline for application is April 5, 2002 at Noon. EOE

TR'S MARKET Now Hiring Cashier/Checker 57-8/yr. Paid Vacation every 6 mos. Apply in Person. Ato 338-7819.

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PROFESSIONAL DO-MESTIC - Assistant 3 days/week 12-3 PM. Car required - shopping, errands, etc. Cleaning, ironing, prep of nutritional meals. Bonded. \$15.00/hr. Available to start April 3. Contact Arnie 257-321-5330

RUIDOSO TAXI CAB NOW HIRING FULL & PART TIME MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION DRIVERS Only Sober Minded. Call Arnie 633 Hwy 70 Ruidoso, Downs 378-4848

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

SUPER 8 MOTEL is now accepting applications for Desk Clerks. Customer service skills essential! Bilingual a plus! Apply in person; no applications on file Hwy 70 West.

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TENDER TOTS is now hiring part-time teaching assistants. Call 257-5704

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VEGA ISD is looking to fill the following teaching positions for the 2002-2003 school year: H.S. English, H.S. Spanish. Please send a letter of application and a resume to: Vicki Stanley, H.S. Director, P.O. Box 190, Vega, TX 76082

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BEAURO JOB ANNOUNCEMENT Full time position for Education / Transition Manager. For information and qualifications call: 434-9183 or 257-2204. Send resume to: Mescalero Apache Head Start or 638 Management Office Mescalero Community Center

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THE CITY OF ALAMOGORDO is accepting applications for the following: UNTIL FILLED Full-time Seasonal Park Maintenance - Bonito Lake, \$6.50/hr and Park Maintenance Foreman, \$7.50/hr. (Complete will be provided in exchange for individual to be hired.) For more information, call the job line at 439-4100. EOE

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REWARD! CHOCOLATE Lab... Last seen March 8th... 354-2002 or 810-0717

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ATTENTION OWNERS... 400-450-9033

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FOR SALE Kokopelli Club... 1-800-530-0091

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LEGAL NOTICE

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO DOWNS REGULAR MEETING LODGERS' TAX COMMITTEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lodgers' Tax Committee of the Village of Ruidoso Downs will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2002 in the Village Hall Hubbard Room at 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs.

Agenda will be posted in accordance with Resolution 2002-06 Twenty-four (24) hours prior to meeting date. Meetings of the Village of Ruidoso Downs are open to the public.

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

/s/Carol Virden Village Clerk/Treasurer

#4005 TT (3)29

LEGAL NOTICE

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO DOWNS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING LODGERS' TAX COMMITTEE

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AGENDA ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO DOWNS LODGERS' TAX COMMITTEE

- 1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Election of Officers
5. Other Business
6. Adjournment

/s/Carol Virden Village Clerk/Treasurer

#4006 TT (3)29

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Village of Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico, calls for sealed bids for Computer Equipment.

Interested bidders may acquire a copy of the specifications from Purchasing Department at the Village of Ruidoso Downs Village Hall, 122 Downs Drive in Ruidoso Downs or by calling (505) 378-4422.

Sealed bids must be received by the Procurement Manager, 122 Downs Drive Ruidoso Downs, or if mailed, PO Box 348 Ruidoso Downs, N.M. 88348. Bids will be received until Thursday, April 11, 2002 at 2:00 p.m., and then publicly opened at the Village of Ruidoso Downs Village Hall. Any bids received after closing time will be returned unopened.

The Village of Ruidoso Downs reserves the right to reject any/all bids and to waive all formalities as allowed by the State of New Mexico procurement Code.

By order of the Governing Body

/s/John Waters Village Administrator Village of Ruidoso Downs

#4006 TT (3)29

LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a regular meeting on April 15, 2002 at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case # P102-007 a Variance request for the following described property:

Lot 14, Block 4 of Green Meadows Addition, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

#4007 TT (3)29

LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a regular meeting on April 15, 2002 at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case # P102-008 a Variance request for the following described property:

Lot 549, E. 550, Skyland Addition, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

/s/Tim Vega Planning Department

#4010 TT (3)29

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to 9-21-1 et seq. NMSA 1978 Comp. NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a public hearing on April 16, 2002 at 2:00 a.m., Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive in the Village of Ruidoso. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider Annexation and Initial Zoning of area for the following described property:

Lots 8, 9, 10 and 11, Ethridge Sd.

Lot mentioned and exact maps are available for viewing at the Planning Department at Village Hall between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, Ruidoso, NM

Above referenced area is now zoned C-1 Commercial General by the Extra Territorial Commission and will be considered for C-2 Community Business by the Village of Ruidoso.

By order of the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso, N.M.

/s/Tim Vega Planning Department

Case # AX01-001 and ZA02-004

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 3, 2002, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. 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 hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 103 Cade Drive, Aho, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: Lots 9, 10 and 12 of Tract L VALLEY HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, May 20 1963, in Tube No. 175.

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 18, 2001. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$7,111.98. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit his 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 contained herein will be sold subject to any and all pending mortgages, judgments, liens, claims, and other interests not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, signature of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, description of the title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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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, PG Box 383, Carrizozo, NM 88301, (505) 648-2217

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. CV 00-162

BANK ONE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE (FKA THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO AS TRUSTEE),

Plaintiff,

vs.

KIM NELSON, PEGGY NELSON aka PEGGY TRUEBLOOD, and TMS MORTGAGE INC. dba THE MONEY STORE

Defendants

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LOT 14, BLOCK 4 OF GREEN MEADOWS ADDITION, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, AUGUST 29, 1968, IN TUBE NO. 165.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on October 18, 2000, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is 483,069.43 and the same bears interest at 10.125% per annum from October 18, 2000. After accounting for the amounts paid by the Defendants Kim and Peggy Nelson while under the bankruptcy action with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Mexico, Case No. 7 00-16132 SF, entitled "In Re Kim Allen Nelson and Peggy Banette Nelson," in which bankruptcy action the Plaintiff obtained an Order Granting Relief from Automatic Stay, and additional advances made by Plaintiff after judgment, the amount due on the judgment including interest to January 31, 2002 is \$95,925.30. The amount of interest to the date of sale will be \$1,649.85. The sales may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all pending mortgages, judgments, liens, claims, and other interests not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, signature of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, description of the title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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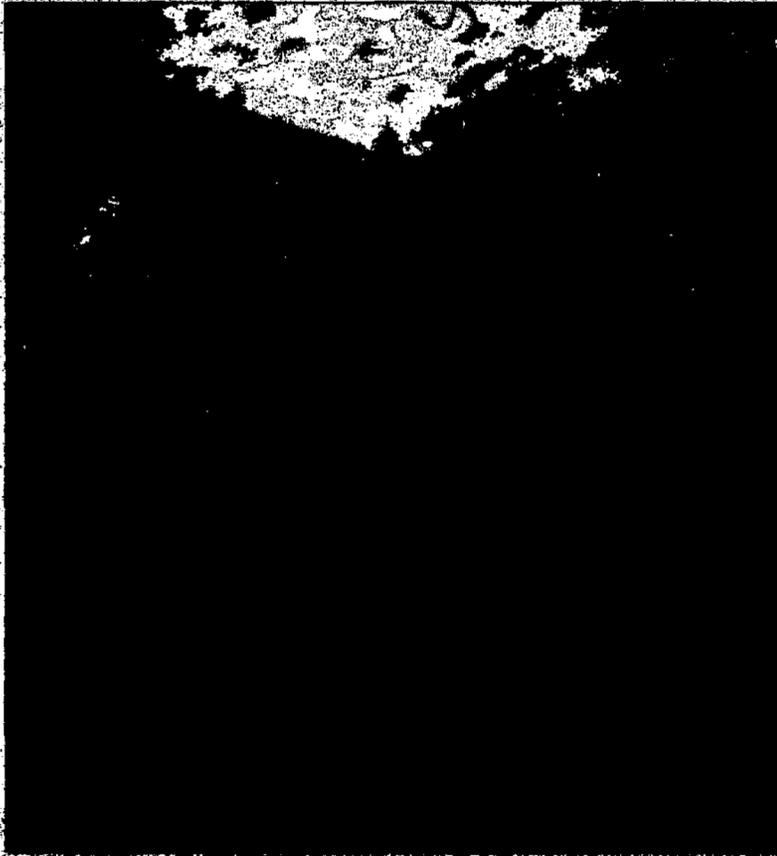
Advertisement for Ruidoso Ford-Lincoln-Mercury featuring a grid of car images and prices. Prices range from \$23,595 to \$26,568. Includes text: 'RUIDOSO FORD-LINCOLN-MERCURY' and 'Don't get behind!'.

Large advertisement for Ruidoso Ford-Lincoln-Mercury. Features a silhouette of a car in a frame and the text 'Don't get behind!' and 'RUIDOSO NEWS'. Includes contact information: Carrizozo, NM 88301 (505) 648-2217.

VAMONOS!

When Derralynn McMaster wants to paint, an Alternative canvas

is often what she ends up with



Above is McMaster's newest work, an imaginative landscape.

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Derralynn McMaster paints on anything that crosses her path — fabric, furniture, birdhouses, light meters, ceramic jars, and yes, she paints on canvas, too.

"Whatever I thought needed painting at the time got a face lift," she said. "I just like turning things into something 'purdy'."

McMaster started painting on fabric about 13 years ago in Brownwood, Texas, when a friend who taught art gave classes on fabric painting. She attended the classes for several months and then she began painting on clothing, wall boards, hat boxes anything that "needed it."

In 1994, she began taking lessons from Ted Shelton, a wild flower artist who specializes in bluebonnets, who became her mentor.

"He took my hands and said, 'Here you've got to loosen up,'" McMaster said.

The Alto artist started out with acrylics, but about three years ago, she switched to oils.

"Oils at first were so slippery and I thought, 'I cannot stand this.' My husband pushed me toward the canvas so I kept at it and now I just love them. They blend so wonderfully. The fact that it doesn't dry so fast means you can sit there and mess with it awhile. I love oils, I even like the smell of them," she said.

McMaster paints florals and imaginary places — landscapes that she starts painting the sky and a few mountain peaks and the scenes evolve on their own.

"I'll be painting and see knotholes in trees. Standing back and looking at



ALL PHOTOS SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Derralynn McMaster paints on anything. "The more hopeless or ugly something looks, then that is what I want to paint on," she said.

them, I visually see things."

For breaks from the canvas paintings, she likes to paint on cloth or furniture or other materials.

Most of what she's learned about painting she's acquired by reading art magazines and trial-and-error. When she first started painting, she discovered she had a natural talent for putting colors together, taking one color and making a lot of different colors.

"I don't do anything for practice. I think you really have to sit and practice to learn how to get gold and silver and copper from four colors."

McMaster moved to Ruidoso three years ago when she married a Ruidoso resident, Terry McMaster, a wood worker. She'd known his mother for 21 years, who had always said, "You and Terry need to get together." They began communicating on the Internet.

"She happened to have a son that I thought happened to be the cat's meow," McMaster said.

They merged their families; each has a child out of school and together they have three children, ages 8, 12 and 15. She paints three days a week, when they're all at school — and after that, whenever she gets a chance.



"Landscape" is an example of McMaster's landscapes.

'Titanic' musical steams into Spencer Theater next week

The Tony-winning play will have performances Monday and Tuesday.

ALTO — We all know of the tragedy that befalls the ship Titanic, but how the disaster is shared in the onstage musical version is an awesome feat.

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with a cast of 33 and orchestra of 13.

Unlike the 1998 romantic film made of the ship's tragic fate, the revised musical version, written by Peter Stone (1776, Woman of the Year, The Will Rogers Follies, My One and Only), represents a successful approach, both theatrically and musically. Whereas the movie version relates the fateful voyage of 1912 through romantic love — a la Romeo and Juliet — the musical is a dramatic chronology of the unfolding events at sea. The approach enables audiences

to gauge with empathy the urgency and fear encountered by the many lives lost to the North Sea.

"Titanic — The Musical" is also a parable of the time, assimilating various factual and imagined characters on board the ship that reflect the romance of the era. On board are the privileged aristocrats in posh upper level accommodations and the proud ship owner, the captain and crew; below deck are the poor, disaffected masses.

Through powerful solos and duets,

and wonderfully orchestrated chorus numbers, the musical metaphorically relates the hubris and innocence of the industrial age: the launching of the much touted, "unsinkable" Titanic on her maiden voyage — a ship so massive and long it was a virtual "skyscraper" at sea; the Edwardian opulence and self-satisfaction that had a hand in her doom, and the teaming energy of hopeful emigrants kept at the bottom of the ship.

The Royal Mail Steamer Titanic
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One snack pack away from cannibalism on Texas runway



Dave Barry
DAVE'S WORLD
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We set out from Miami early on Feb. 5, two adults and a two-year-old, bound for Salt Lake City. In a sense, we were following the Mormon pioneers, who trekked to Utah on foot, trudging 1,300 brutal miles over harsh terrain. They had it easy. We had to take a connecting flight through Dallas.

Even on a good day, the Dallas-Fort Worth airport is not traveler-friendly. It was apparently built on top of a warp in the space-time continuum, so no matter what gate you arrive at, you're at least six miles from your departure flight. There is a train system but veteran travelers don't use it because it moves at the speed of a water buffalo passing through the digestive system of a python. Amelia Earhart is on there somewhere.

So as I say, this airport is not convenient on a good day. But we did not arrive on a good day. We arrived when something incredible was happening, so extraordinary, so astounding, so extraordinary, so totally unpredictable that nobody — certainly nobody standing at an airport —

could possibly have anticipated it. Snow. In February! What are the odds? Fortunately, the airport had a Snow Emergency Plan. Unfortunately, the plan apparently involved turning all ground operations over to Lucy and Ethel.

So when we landed, our pilot informed us that we'd be delayed getting to our gate. A half hour later, he informed us, in case we were wondering, that we were still delayed. One hour after that, he informed us that he was now talking to — this is a real quote — "somebody who seems to have slightly more of a clue than the person we've been talking to for the last hour and a half." After that, it took us only one more hour to get to our gate.

At that point, we'd been on the plane five hours, two and a half getting from Miami to Dallas, and another two and a half getting the last 300 yards. During this time, we were each given one (one) tiny packet of a gritty substance that was called a "breakfast snack." Because you cannot come right out and inform passengers that they

are being fed gerbil treats. (For security reasons, airlines no longer serve actual meals, which could be used as nourishment by terrorists.)

Anyway, we finally got into the terminal, and as we hustled the six miles to our departure gate, we were heartened by the fact that the monitors said our outbound flight was now scheduled to leave at 1:41 p.m. "Wow!" we thought, with hunger-weakened brains. "One-forty-ONE! They have this thing figured down to the MINUTE!"

And guess what? Our plane was at the gate, and we boarded, and they closed the doors almost exactly at 1:41! And then...

...and then we sat at the gate for FOUR HOURS. If there is any activity more fun than sitting in a non-moving, meal-free plane for four hours with a 2-year-old, it would have to involve cattle prods.

But finally — Yay! — our pilot started the engines, and we taxied for about a mile, at which point the pilot stopped the plane and informed us that we

would be waiting there for AT LEAST TWO MORE HOURS, because there were 40 planes ahead of us for the de-icing procedure, which was apparently being performed by a lone worker with a windshield scraper.

The pilot also said we could use our cell phones. I considered calling the Cyanide Capsule Delivery Service, but my wife, who is more of an idealist, called the airport offices to complain. She finally reached somebody who said, basically, that airport management had nothing to do with managing the airport, and that our beef was with the airline, which I will call "Nacirema Airlines."

So my wife called Nacirema, and was eventually dumped on Consumer Affairs. A person there said this was not Nacirema's fault, because it was a weather problem. My wife said she understood about the weather but wished to complain about the fact that we'd all been loaded onto a plane without being informed that the plane would not take off for at least SIX HOURS, which

Nacirema surely knew. The Consumer Affairs person responded that — get ready — she would not even record this complaint, because in her view it was a weather problem.

Hey, Consumer Affairs person: Record THIS.

Finally, a little over six hours after we boarded, the flight took off, and two hours later we were in Salt Lake City. So our trip took 13 hours, of which we spent eight and a half sitting on the ground.

My point is this: If we catch Osama bin Laden, which I hope we do, I don't know what would be the best way to try him, or where the trial should be held.

But I DEFINITELY know how we should get him there.

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Remembering Brady: Shades of gray part 2

William Brady had his work cut out for him. With a jurisdiction the size of Ireland and good deputies rather hard to find, enforcing the law had become quite a challenge. He is frequently — and inaccurately — portrayed as being a corrupt lawman, a villain in the employ of merchant Jimmy Dolan. Brady was in an inenviable position. Deeply in debt to The House, as the firm that L.G. Murphy had founded was known, Sheriff Brady attempted to perform his duties to the best of his abilities and at the same time, try to keep Jimmy Dolan happy, never an easy chore.

Feb. 18, 1878

About 5:30 on the evening of Feb. 18, 1878, John Tunstall, along with a number of his employees that included a happy-go-lucky young fellow called Kid Antrim, were driving some horses from Tunstall's Rio Feliz ranch to Lincoln. It was the Kid who first saw the posse. He had been riding drag and he saw and heard them thundering up behind him.

The Kid immediately sounded the alarm and all of Tunstall's men took cover. All that is, except Tunstall himself. Apparently deluding himself into thinking that he had made friends with Jesse Evans and his outlaw group, known as The Boys, Tunstall actually advanced on a small (four man) sub-posse that had broken off from the main group. In this sub-posse was Tunstall's "friend" Evans.

This assumption of Tunstall's part was foolish in the extreme. Just because he had brought Evans some liquor while the outlaw had been incarcerated in Lincoln, he thought that they were friends. He may as well have formed a friendship with a rattlesnake.

A rifle shot blasted the Englishman out of the saddle and another shot to the head finished him off. They even — rather vindictively — shot his horse. Tunstall's fondness for the animal was well-known.

Evans was not the only known outlaw in this posse. Several other card-carrying members of The Boys were also present, including Frank Baker, who, along with Evans and Billy Morton, was one of the four-man sub-posse.

Revenge of the Regulators

Tunstall's friends and employees were outraged in the extreme. McSween got them to accept constable's commissions, with Tunstall foreman Dick Brewer acting as their "captain." Almost immediately, they initiated an intense search for the murderers of the Englishman, and in about three weeks, they got results.

Billy Morton and Frank Baker had been working cattle near the Pecos when the Regulators came into view. Neither man had to be told what would happen if they did not leave with the UTMOST speed. Putting the spurs to what were, unfortunately for them, already fatigued horses,

Morton and Baker began a frantic attempt to escape the wrath of the men steadily bearing down on them.

For almost five miles, the Regulators chased the two men, with their guns roaring. Although over a hundred shots were fired, neither Morton nor Baker were hit, but both of their poor horses collapsed. The two men ran into some nearby reeds and prepared to attempt to make a stand. However, the Regulators began dickering with them, and after being assured they would not be harmed, Morton and Baker surrendered to the Regulators. In all probability, the Regulators were sincere about the promise not to harm either man — at least at that particular moment.

Morton later noted in a letter (posted when they passed through Roswell) that predicted his own death, that one of the men who had taken them prisoner "was restrained with the greatest difficulty by others of the party." He added that "The constable himself said he was sorry we gave up as he had not wished to take us alive."

The constable Morton was referring to was Dick Brewer and most historians have assumed that the other man — the one who had to be restrained — was Kid Antrim. It probably was.

Somewhere along the trail on the way back to Lincoln, it HAD to have occurred to the Regulators that they were about to turn their prisoners over to the very same Sheriff who had deputized them to go after Tunstall in the first place. Sheriff Brady would, in all probability, have arrested the Regulators and freed their prisoners.

Consequently, at a place sometimes called Black Water Holes, about 15 miles from Lincoln, near modern-day Arabela, Morton's prediction came true. One of the Regulators, former Murphy man William McCloskey apparently attempted to defend the two prisoners — and died along with them. The three bodies were left where they fell, ridged.

To plan — or not to plan

Planning was not the forte of the Regulator hothead element. They displayed this great lack of forethought in abundance on April 1, 1878. It was the day they murdered the Sheriff.

When Sheriff William Brady made his way down the street, he couldn't have known what was about to happen. But if he had, he may have reflected on a life that, like all of ours, was flawed, yet not without admirable qualities. While he clearly disliked Tunstall and McSween on a personal basis, Brady did not attempt to persecute them legally. True, he did some of the bidding of Jimmy Dolan, but he does not appear to have been a completely willing participant. It is very telling that, while the posse that killed Tunstall was technically under the command of the Sheriff, Brady was not there and, in fact, clearly wanted to distance himself from the incident.

Nevertheless, he was considered to be an enemy of the Regulators and, as far as the hothead element was concerned, an enemy that could no longer be tolerated. They appear to have actually thought that they would be THANKED for this foolish-in-the-extreme action.

Assassination

It seemed like just another early spring day, somewhere between 9 and 9:30 on the brisk morning of April 1, 1878. Winter had not quite withdrawn its frigid hand from the 5,700-foot-high community of Lincoln and everyone was bundled up against the cold. Further down the street, near the Torreon, a group of children were playing and laughing, racing around wagons and horses tethered along the sides of

Lincoln's wide thoroughfare. Sheriff Brady and his men — four of them — were marching down the street when the Sheriff stopped to talk with Mrs. Ham Mills. Maria Mills' husband, Ham, had been one of Brady's predecessors as Sheriff. He had been very popular, but had once solved a dilemma in a fashion that was considered improper. Without a jail to put him in, he had told a black prisoner that he could just walk away, freeing Ham to go to a

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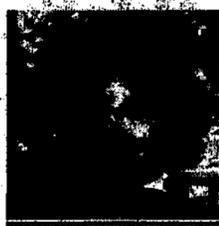
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Horses have history in state and elsewhere



Art, Craft and Such
PRACTICAL, CREATIVE WAYS
TO INCLUDE FUN IN
EVERYDAY LIVING
BY POLLY E. CHAVEZ

The historic connection of the horse with Spain is fascinating. Anything Spanish Colonial ties into my ancestral past. History has shown that horses have been closely associated with men. Men originally hunted horse for its meat. After the horse was domesticated it was used for carrying loads and as a source of milk. Horses were important in warfare and tilling the soil. The working horse was displaced, for a time, by locomotives, automobiles, trucks and tractors. Horses are still

used in ranching, but also for sports of rodeo, horseback riding and racing. My introduction to the horse was in early childhood. This was in Trujillo, in northern New Mexico, where my grandfather Juan Gurule, had a farm. My parents would send my siblings and me to "summer camp" at Trujillo. Today we happily remember the adventures on abuelito's farm. We destroyed farm implements, left the barn in shambles and terrorized the chickens and cows. We rode

"Ginger," the farm's gentle horse. I learned early on that to stop the horse not only did I have to call out "Whoa!" it was also necessary to pull back gently on the reins. In my drawing attempts of horseflesh, I never could get the hang of capturing a horse's likeness. My horses looked more like overgrown dogs. I gave up when I learned that there are hundreds of breeds and types of horses throughout the world. There is horse breeding lingo: colt, dam, filly, foal, gelding,

maiden, mare, sire, stallion, stud and yearling. Too much pressure! Earlier this month I met Lori Musil of Carrillos at Capitan Library's First Friday lecture series, where she gave a talk on her involvement in the Trail of Painted Ponies project. Her understanding of horse proportions and character of the animal intrigued me. I asked her how she acquired this skill. She said her life revolved around ranching and horses. She had live models -

horses galloping, grazing and working. She recommended that I study how-to art books, which give art courses in horse drawing. Musil's popular entry "Cowpony" was among the life-size fiberglass horses painted, embellished and creatively enhanced by New Mexican artists. They were placed in the public landscape, sold at live and Internet auctions with the proceeds going to New Mexico arts, youth, educational, cultural and philanthropic organizations.

GOMBER: The murder of William Brady

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local dance and enjoy himself. When the man walked away, Mills shot him. Charming, apparently, but a waste of space otherwise. He had eventually deserted Maria.

The Sheriff and Maria were friendly and he was laughing when he turned away from her, hurrying to catch up with his deputies, who had almost reached the east end of the Tunstall Store. Just as Brady caught up with his men, the six riflemen rose from behind the alley gate.

Amelia Bolton, along with all of the other children playing in the street, stopped in their tracks when they heard what she later described as a "volley." There was at least one eyewitness account that claimed that after he went down, Sheriff Brady rose up on one elbow and said "Oh Lord," before collapsing for the last time. This seems highly unlikely. Sheriff Brady was hit at least nine and possibly as many as 16 times - all at once. Amelia Bolton's testimony corroborates this. He went down, she said, and "never moved."

Deputy George Hindman went down with a bullet in the chest. He began calling for water as the three other deputies, Mathews, Peppin and Long, scrambled desperately for cover. Firing had become general. Guns were roaring and there were people all up and down the street diving for cover under wagons, behind buildings - wherever they could find it. Some of the children stood transfixed by the spectacle as Jack Long raced past them, bleeding from a slight wound, for the cover of the Torreon. Peppin and Mathews lunged for Lola Sinerose's house across the street and, crashing through the door, rushed to the windows to return fire.

Hindman was calling for water and local man Ike Stockton filled his hat with water from the ditch nearby and began to give it to the wounded man as he attempted to help the deputy to his feet. Bullets were still flying everywhere and another slammed into Hindman, finishing him. Ike Stockton ran for cover as Hindman slumped to the street.

Kid Antrim and Jim French raced out toward the body of Sheriff Brady. Their aim was two-fold: the Sheriff had confiscated a prized Winchester from the Kid on another occasion and was carrying it. He was also carrying some warrants for Alexander McSween, and serving them would probably have been his next official act, had he lived.

As the Kid grabbed at the rifle, a bullet clipped both he and French in their respective thighs. Both limped, as quickly as possible with bullets whistling everywhere, back to the safety of the alley gate. French was able to mount, but the Kid's wound prevented him from doing so. Thinking quickly, Tunstall clerk Sam Corbet hurriedly brought the wounded men inside and, pulling up some of the floorboards in



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Sheriff William Brady

Tunstall's bedroom, shoved the Kid down. Leaving the youthful gunman with a pistol in each hand, Corbet quickly replaced the boards.

Outside, the Regulators had mounted, and amidst a hail of gunfire had thundered out of town. The surviving deputies, along with other Murphy men, crashed into the Tunstall store and began to follow the Kid's blood trail, but it seemed to just run out in Tunstall's bedroom. Underneath their very feet, Kid Antrim held his breath, two cocked revolvers in his hands. Had they looked hard enough, they might even have seen him through the floorboards, as he could undoubtedly see them. Luckily for the Kid - or perhaps for the Murphy men - they did not.

After his enemies had left the store, the Kid's wound was dressed by drawing an alcohol-soaked neckerchief through the bullet hole. He was given a horse and, two hours later, little Amelia Bolton, along with many others, saw him gallop out of town. According to the story, when the Kid got out of rifle range, he doffed his hat and made a sweeping bow back in the direction of the town. It would certainly have been

right in character.

Epilogue

The death of Sheriff Brady was one of many tragedies to take place during the crucible that was called the Lincoln County War. It is still hard to believe that the Regulators actually thought that his death would be a coup. What did they think people would think when they saw his widow and children - all eight, soon to be nine - of them?

At this late date, their misconceptions are of no importance, but it IS important that we always take a balanced look at the thrilling series of events that is called history. People such as Sheriff Brady, just like the rest of us, are never in white and black. Just shades of grey.

This was for Rachel, who is descended from one of the nine.

SOURCES:

"A. Documentary History of the Lincoln County War" by Frederick Nolan; "Sherrif William Brady Tragic Hero of the Lincoln County War" by Donald Lavash; "High Noon in Lincoln" by Robert Utley and "The West of Billy the Kid" by Frederick Nolan.

Arts center could help tourism

BY MARY LEA LANE
RUIDOSO ARTS COORDINATOR

Kent (not his real name) came to us on scholarship. He was a neat kid, small for his age, but with a broad grin and happy ways. He had signed up for "dance," and we were overjoyed - a boy who was interested in ballet! We knew "dance" was ballet, but Kent surely didn't. He was a rapper and street dancer and the word "dance" meant something very different to him.

When he was somewhat disappointed, we decided he should probably transfer into another class. But in the meantime, the schedule also included selected movies, and we were showing "West Side Story."

Kent sat in rapt attention throughout. He saw the very moves and leaps that the ballet class had been practicing. It was ballet on the street and he loved it. He remained in the class and became the best student. He loved to dance and had found the way to not only learn, but also began to see that dance could become a way to make a living - a real career.

This is just one story of how a cultural arts center can serve a community. Saving kids is a major attribute of the arts. Teaching them to solve problems, to think independently and creatively, and how to work in a collaborative effort to achieve common goals.

If saving kids is not enough

to move you, how about growing year-round, cultural tourism? Another product to offer to our visitors which is NOT dependent upon snow and is not necessarily cyclical? Lincoln County has an abundance of outstanding artists. Many are outstanding teachers, some even teach classes around the world. The Cultural Arts Center can provide the location and the staff to develop week-long workshops, using the talents of local artists. Those attending these workshops will, of course, need to be housed and fed in our lodging and restaurant facilities. They will shop and be drawn to return to this lovely mountain area in the future. Spouses who are not taking the workshops will play golf, spend time at the casinos, ski, shop - take advantage of all of the activities available in the area.

Local artists earn more and spend more. Local lodgers, restaurants, and stores earn more. Off-season tourism is boosted. And cultural tourism is clean and environmentally friendly.

Yes folks, Ruidoso needs a cultural arts center. And we need it soon. You can help.

The Ruidoso Arts Commission is sponsoring "The Great Bear Hunt" in 2003, and all proceeds will go towards developing a cultural arts center. You, your business, your club or organization, or any group of these, can sponsor a bear that will be designed, painted, or other-

wise enhanced by one of our marvelous area artists. These 6-foot bears will be well advertised, bringing tourists to town from Easter to early October. The Great Bear Hunt will bring people right to your door. They will hunt down your business and enjoy what your advertising or charitable dollar has provided. We need to know of your interest now so that the project can move ahead full steam.

The end result is a new cultural arts center to serve locals and further develop tourism. Call the Ruidoso arts coordinator, Mary Lea Lane, at 378-4902 for more information.

CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK

by
Dr. Jack V. Waters
Chiropractic
Physician



CHIROPRACTIC CARE FOR PREMENSTRUAL SYNDROME

Over the past several years, premenstrual syndrome (PMS) has received increased national attention. Symptoms include headaches, backaches, abdominal bloating, cramping, fatigue and mood swings. PMS affects most women somewhere during their childbearing years, but between 10 to 20 percent experience severe or disabling problems. In the past, women rarely discussed the many side effects associated with their monthly periods. Now they are seriously looking for alternative forms of care.

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A recent Australian study shows the positive correlation between chiropractic spinal adjustments and reduced PMS symptoms. Subjects received an initial medical screening by a qualified medical practitioner as well as a full chiropractic examination. The chiropractors identified spinal dysfunction and adjustments using standard chiropractic techniques. Patients had treatment two or three times within the ten-day period prior to the commencement of each menses. This was continued for a minimum of three cycles, while the subjects kept daily records of their health problems. At the end of the chiropractic treatment, all women noticed improved symptoms.

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Variety singer England to perform in town April 5

The singer does everything from opera to Las Vegas-style revues.

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Community Concerts members are in for a treat when Alison



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Alison England will perform April 5.

England brings her one-person variety show to town April 5.

From opera to Las Vegas-style revues to dancing and stand-up comedy, England does it all.

"It's been difficult for me and people in the business with me. I have been blessed with many gifts that are equally excellent. I'm an opera singer, a Robin Williams and Carol Burnett-type comedian, a physical comedian as well as off the wall. I interpret songs like Garland's because that's the way it happens," she said. "It's been very, very difficult to find where I belong. The show that is coming to Ruidoso is the answer. I'll do stand-up comedy, opera, physical comedy, I get to sing 'Over the Rainbow,' and I get to sing opera."

England has starred at the Lincoln Center and the Kennedy Center, appeared with the symphonies of Los Angeles, Honolulu, Miami and the Pacific and Redlands Symphonies, and

sung leading roles with operas across the country.

As Fiordiligi in "Così Fan Tutte," at the Aspen Music Festival, The Denver Post praised her as "the stand-out. ... Her voice is a large one with a bright silver sheen." The Seattle Times said of her performance as Celia "Passion of Jonathan Wade" with the Seattle Opera and Seattle Symphony, "England's big, generous voice and affecting stage presence is a success."

"England is powerful, with a chilling, velvety operative voice that literally fills the foundation's theater space to the corners," wrote the Daily News of her performance as Mariana Pineda in "Mariana Pineda" at the Bilingual Foundation for the Arts in Los Angeles. The L.A. Times said she "sang with lustrous, weighty tone and acted with inventiveness, blithely balancing comedy and pathos."

England's singing career began

in West Africa, where she lived with her family when she was about 8 years old, while her ethnomusicologist father was writing. People sent music to the family from the United States. England said the music of Julie Andrews, particularly Mary Poppins, was what she lived with.

"(I) was athletic, gregarious and a little bit loony. They didn't understand it was all related to performance."

Alison England
Singer/performer

"I spent most of my time pretending I was Julie Andrews, so I would sing in my little cottage in the bush in West Africa," she said.

The missionaries had pulled out, she said, leaving Ghanan headmasters and teachers that had been educated in Britain. She attended school, but also had the chance to teach, playing "Hangman" with "supercalifragilisticexpialadoshus."

"We would sing every morning, march in groups, and I taught them Mary Poppins songs and 'Sound of Music.' It sounds weird, but that's where I started singing."

Even though her mother was an amateur musician and her father

an ethnomusicologist, it took a priest after the family returned to the states to make them aware of their daughter's musical talents. They were pushing for her to join an Olympic swim team.

"Their daughter was athletic, gregarious and a little bit loony. They didn't understand it was all related to performance," England said.

Her first professional singing job came at the age of 12, doing the lead with "The Fantastic" in Lompoc, Calif. Throughout school, she had leading roles in all her productions, and went on to Citrus College because of its stellar performing arts programs. There she learned to do the type of variety show Ruidoso will witness.

"I've been using this amazing instrument that God gave me," she said. "My adoration and love of classical music and theater, and my insanity."

This final performance of Ruidoso Community Concerts is at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 5, at the First Christian Church on Hull Road.

Entertainment event aims to celebrate those who help community

Police, fire fighters and Red Cross workers can get into the event for free, as a way of saying thanks.

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The local Red Cross chapter and Sierra Dove Center for Healing are throwing a big thank-you bash for all the caregivers, firefighters and organizations that contribute

to the community's health and well being April 6 at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Called "Dance & Entertainment Extravaganza," the event will raise money for various service groups, some of which will have literature and information in a room next to the party. These include Ruidoso Home Health, Gateway Christian Services, Struggling to Survive Task Force, The Counseling Center,

Lincoln County Medical Center's Heritage Program and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

KIDX radio station's Neal Jones will emcee and a wide variety of dance music will be deejayed by "Scar" Ward. Many local musicians will perform throughout the evening, including the Flying J's James Hobbs, Jim Atherton on trumpet, Lanny Maddox on flute and bag pipes, Gerald Sinclair on flute, Steven Wayne Martin

on guitar, Regina Maldonado singing, Marcella Garcia bellydancing and Cheryl Sullivan and girls dogging.

The event is from 6:30 to 11 p.m. and there will be raffles, a silent auction and refreshments provided by Schlotzsky's (for purchase). Joan Ernst will teach line dance from 6:45 to 7:15 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults,

children under 18 are admitted free, and all police, Sheriff's officers, fire fighters and Red Cross service workers involved in the recent fires will be admitted free as a way of thanking them.

"What we see is various groups collaborating ... to benefit the community."

Shirley Meyer
Event organizer

Shirley Meyer, who got the ball rolling on the community dance, said it's always been a

dream of hers to get community groups together under one umbrella.

"What we see is various groups collaborating for community resources to benefit the community," Meyer said.

For tickets or more information, call 336-1164 or 336-8242, or e-mail to Shirle@zianet.com. Those who wish to donate a gift to raffle off can call Patsy at 258-9151. To have a party of your own, reserve a table for eight.

Art festival

The sixth annual Henriette Wyeth Memorial School Art Festival opens Sunday on the main floor of the Hubbard Museum of the American West with the works of high school students from Lincoln and Otero counties. An awards ceremony and reception will be from 1-3 p.m. on the following Sunday, April 7. The show runs through April 14; and Mescalero artist Oliver Enjady will judge this year's competition.

The kindergarten through eighth grade exhibition opens April 21, with a reception from 1-3 p.m. April 28. The show will remain open until May 5.

Hospitality training

A free hospitality training workshop held Wednesday for area businesses and employees. Catch Our Enchanted Spirit, will be at the Ruidoso Convention Center for two sessions: 8-10:30 a.m. and 6-8:30 p.m. For more information, call 257-7395.

Book review

The Ruidoso Book Review and Discussion Group will review "The Ginger Tree" by Oswald Wynd at the next meeting, 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 3 at the Ruidoso Public Library. The public is invited

to attend.

British drama

Roswell Little Theatre presents evening performances of Agatha Christie's famous British courtroom drama, "Witness for the Prosecution" at 7:30 p.m. April 5, 6 and 12 and 13, with 2 p.m. Sunday matinees on April 7 and 14. Reservations are not required and admission is \$7 for adults, although groups of 10 or more who attend the same performance receive a group rate of \$5 per person. Full-time students are admitted for \$3.50. The theatre is at 12th and Virginia streets.

Planetarium show

The Tombaugh IMAX Dome Theater and Planetarium will offer a free "First Saturday" planetarium show at 10 a.m. April 6. The program is "Celestial Guideposts: Navigating by the Stars," and participants will learn how man has used the stars throughout history as guideposts when navigating the earth's seas or broad expanses of land. There will be a tour of the constellations of the April sky.

There will be no late seating. For more information about the "First Saturday" planetarium shows, contact Theater Manager Victoria Davis at (505) 497-2840 or

(877) 333-6589.

Watercolor meeting

The New Mexico Watercolor Society, Southern Chapter, will meet at 3 p.m. April 7 at Brannigan Library in Las Cruces, in the Dressing Room. Flo Dougherty will host a program on "Figures and Anatomy." For details, contact her at (505) 523-2950 or bluegateflodoc@aol.com.

Calls for artists

Remember that the deadline is April 15 for submissions to the Black & White Art Show at the new Upstairs Uptown Gallery and the Zozo Gallery, 412 12th St. in Carrizozo. There's no fee, no jury and all artists are welcome to submit work in any media. For information, call 648-0005.

Also, the second annual Craft Show and Silent Auction is April 20 at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center. Booths are \$35 and going fast. For information, call 257-9041.

Panic Room

Thriller
Rated R for violence and language.
Trapped in their New York brownstone's panic room, a hidden chamber built as a sanctuary in the event of break-ins, newly divorced Meg Altman (Jodie Foster) and her young daughter Sarah (Kristen Stewart) play a deadly game of cat-and-mouse with three intruders - Burnham (Forest Whitaker), Rascal (Dwight Yoakam) and Junior (Jared Leto) - during a brutal home invasion. But the room itself is the focal point because what the intruders really want is inside it.
Starring: Jodie Foster, Forest Whitaker, Dwight Yoakam, Jared Leto, Kristen Stewart
Directed by: David Fincher
Written by: David Koepp, Andrew Kevin Walker, Gavin Polone
Showtimes: 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

Resident Evil

Action/Adventure, Suspense/Horror and Thriller
Rated R for strong sci-fi/horror violence, language and sexuality/nudity.
Based on the popular video game of the same name, Alice (Milla Jovovich) and Raine (Michelle Rodriguez) are the leaders of a commando team who must break into "the hive," a vast underground genetics laboratory operated by the powerful Umbrella Corporation. There, a deadly virus has been unleashed, killing the lab's personnel and resurrecting them as the evil Un-Dead. The team has just three hours to shut down the lab's supercomputer and close the facility before the virus threatens to overrun the Earth.
Starring: Milla Jovovich, Michelle Rodriguez, Eric Mabius, James Purefoy, Martin Crewes
Directed by: Paul Anderson
Written by: Paul Anderson
Showtimes: 4 p.m., 8:15 p.m.

E.T.

Science Fiction/Fantasy and Kids/Family
Rated PG for language and mild thematic elements.
An extra-terrestrial is accidentally left behind on Earth and is befriended by a young boy and his brother and sister.
Starring: Henry Thomas, Lee Wallace, Peter Coyote, Drew Barrymore, Robert McLaughlin
Directed by: Steven Spielberg
Written by: Melissa Mathison

THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Showtimes: 1:30 p.m., 8:45 p.m.

Ice Age

Comedy and Kids/Family
Rated PG for mild peril.
Twenty thousand years ago, the Earth was being overrun by glaciers, and creatures everywhere were fleeing the onslaught of the new Ice Age. In this time of peril, we meet the wildest herd of any Age: a fast talking but dim witted named Sid (voiced by John Leguizamo); a moody woolly mammoth named Manny (voiced by Ray Romano); a devilish saber-toothed tiger named Diego (Denis Leary); and an acorn-crazy saber-toothed squirrel known as Scrat. This quartet of misfits unexpectedly, and reluctantly, comes together in a quest to return a human infant to his father. Braving boiling lava pits, treacherous ice caves, freezing temperatures and a secret, evil plot, these "sub-zeros" become the world's first heroes!
Starring: Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Denis Leary, Goran Visnjic, Jack Black
Directed by: Chris Wedge
Written by: Michael G. Wilson, Michael Berg, Peter Ackerman, Steve Young
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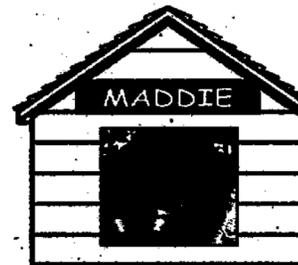
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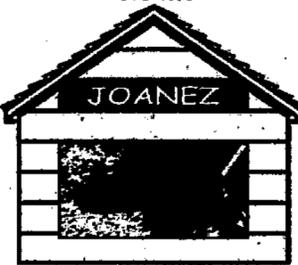
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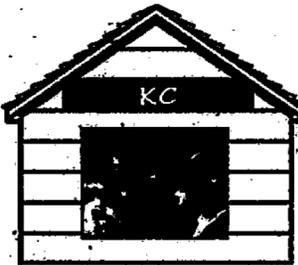
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"Titanic - The Musical" will play twice at the Spencer Theater next week.

TITANIC: Musical sails to Spencer Monday

FROM PAGE 1C

was the largest, finest and grandest ocean liner ever to sail the seas. Built between 1908 and 1911 in the great shipyards of Belfast, Ireland, at a cost of 1,500,000 English pounds, (\$7.5 million U.S.), it was designed as the crown jewel of Britain's White Star Line and featured three separate libraries, a complete gymnasium, a squash court, a Turkish bath, a pitch and putt golf course and a 33-foot indoor bathing pool.

The amazing Titanic was 882 feet in length - standing up end to end, she would rival in height the tallest of skyscrapers - and weighed 46,000 tons. She had 16 coal-burning boilers, two steam engines and a low-pressure turbine that manufactured a combined 66,000-horse power of energy. Running

Dance group readies for big show

■ Tickets for the Ruidoso Dance Conservatory's May 11 Spencer Theater performance go on sale Monday.

BY SANDY SUGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Tickets go on sale Monday for Ruidoso Dance Conservatory's two May 11 performances of "Stars and Stripes" and "The Sleeping Beauty" at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts.

Both works were created and choreographed by Deborah Rinderknecht, artistic director of the dance school that opened last fall.

In "The Sleeping Beauty," Kendra Martin dances the principal role of Princess Aurora, with Juan Lopez as Prince Florimund and Katy Martin as the Lilac Fairy.

Rinderknecht said she conceived of the "Stars and Stripes" dance after Sept. 11.

"Despite these present gray clouds, we will always keep sunshine in our dance and brightness in the music that we dance to," she said in a release. "Stars and Stripes," with the red, white and blue costumes and familiar music of old and



The Ruidoso Dance Conservatory puts on patriotic costumes for its performance at the Spencer Theater May 11. Two works choreographed by artistic director Deborah Rinderknecht will be performed: "Stars and Stripes" and "The Sleeping Beauty."

the entire length of the ship below waterline were 16 watertight compartments designed to keep the ship afloat, even if as many as four of these compartments should become completely flooded.

On her maiden voyage, she carried 1,314 passengers (837 in 1st Class, 271 in 2nd, 712 in 3rd Class), plus a crew and service staff of 914.

Titanic set sail from Southampton, England, on April 10, 1912. After stops in Cherbourg, France and Queenstown, Ireland, she headed across the North Atlantic for New York.

She never arrived.

Tickets to "Titanic - The Musical" are still available. Call the Spencer Theater at (888) 818-7872, locally at (505) 336-4800 or on the Web at www.spencertheater.com.

new, is sure to be heart warming and uplifting to our viewers."

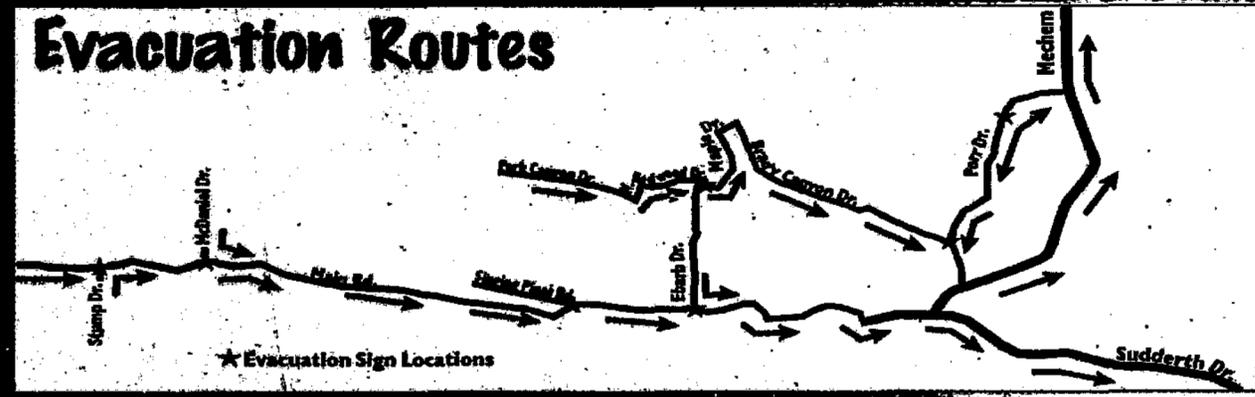
Tickets are \$10 general admission for the 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. shows on Saturday, May 11, and may be purchased through the Spencer Theater box office by calling 336-4800, or at the Ruidoso Dance Conservatory, 108 El Paso Road, next to Southwest Personal Fitness. Call 257-3753 for more information.

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HOME & FAMILY

Friendly ghosts

Ruidoso's two certified ghost hunters' find lots of mysterious life at Fort Stanton's Merchant Marine Cemetery, not to mention in many houses — and the newspaper office. In general, the ghosts seem curious, but friendly.

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

For their "day jobs" — often on graveyard shifts — Connie Ross and Ginny Borders are nurses. Some nights, however, they put on their overalls and grab their tool bags and head for remote cemeteries or houses where strange noises are heard by residents.

Then they become ghost hunters, or certified professional ghost investigators, taking pictures of ghosts and recording their voices.

Ross and Borders use Pentax, Polaroid and Hewlett Packard digital and film cameras. (An examination of the cameras to make sure the effects weren't due to special qualities of the cameras revealed only standard equipment.)

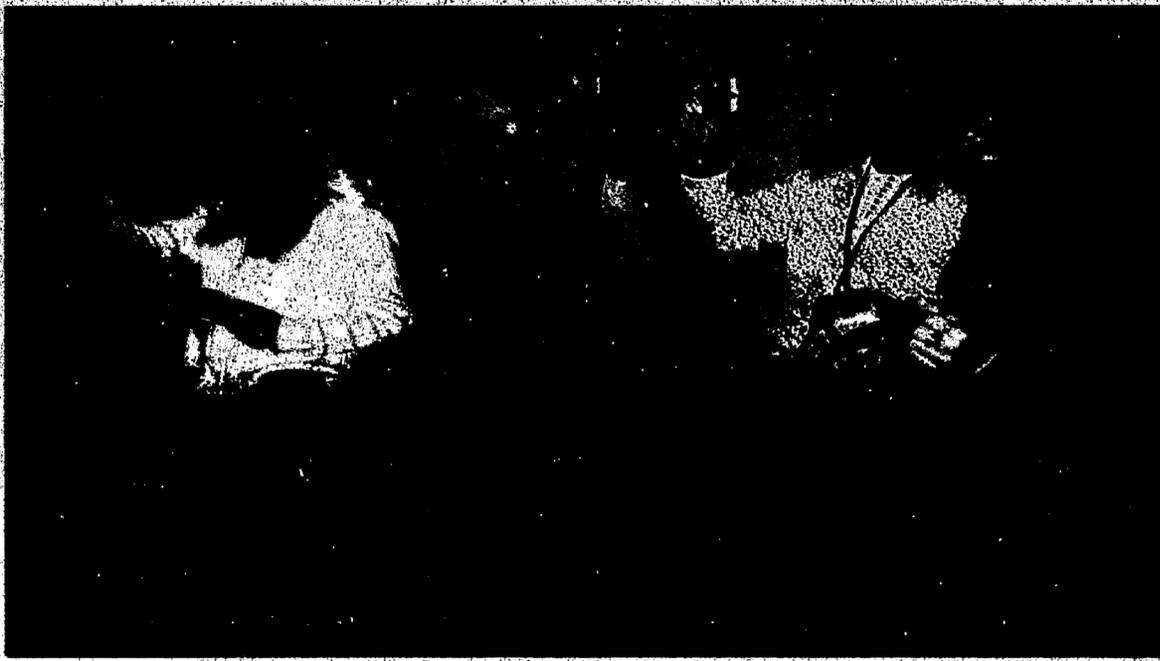
Their tool kits also include flashlights, recorders to pick up ghost voices on magnetic tape, electromagnetic field detectors to pick up movement, thermal scanners to indicate a drop of ambient temperature in a room — but it has to be a drop of at least 30 degrees to count as a ghostly "cold spot," Ross said.

Voices the ghost hunters have recorded at a number of cemeteries and houses in Lincoln County aren't exactly verbose, but they are audible and distinct from those of the ghost hunters.

"Ghost voices range in frequency between 350 hertz and 1,350 hertz," Borders said. "Human voices start at about 250 hertz. The parabolic microphone picks up (sounds) below what we can hear."

The voices are sometimes men, sometimes women and sometimes children. They use brief phrases, such as "Hey, over here" or "Hi," and sometimes seem to respond to what the ghost hunters are saying.

At one of the "haunted houses" they investigated, when they turned the tape recorder off, a voice said, "Turn the tape back on," and at an abandoned building, when Borders was looking for her scanner, a voice asked, "Where'd you put it?"



These ghost hunters shot up the ghosts at the Ruidoso News one night last week. At the end of the evening, they posed for a shot of themselves. They are, from left, Layla Reyes, Ginny Borders, Connie Ross and Dawna Reyes.

Ross and Borders began exploring the ghost world about a year ago, after Borders went on a ghost tour in Old Town in Albuquerque, and the guide, a member of the Southwest Ghost Hunters Association, asked if they'd be interested in joining. Later they found the International Ghost Hunters Society Web site, got information, took a course on procedures and protocols for investigating ghosts and got certified, Ross said.

Since then, they've ghost-hunted at the cemeteries at Fort Stanton, Nogal and Three Rivers and various homes and yards in the Ruidoso area.

Fort Stanton Cemetery is a place they return to often because there's so much activity, they said. Sometimes they take curious friends along.

Ross describes one of those times when Layla Reyes, a teenager, asked four Germans buried at the Merchant Marine Cemetery near Fort Stanton to each stand by their own tombstone.

"I counted to three and shot," Ross said. "The picture popped up and there was an orb by each tombstone. That kind of freaked me out; the hairs on my neck were standing up."

Another time at the Fort Stanton cemetery, after getting shots of many orbs and good recordings of spirits talking, Ross asked them to gather around that grave for a group shot, and this is what she recorded:

"Gather together ... (whispers) ... for massive shot fired ... (whispers) ... (gasp inhalation) ... Hi!"

"At a house we most recently did, the

son was cleaning up his room and his backpack had been hanging on the doorknob and it came flying across the room," Border said. "He thought his mom had done it, but she was in a different room. They'd been hearing footsteps, tapings on windows, whispering and feeling cold breezes."

The investigators' photographs turned up translucent orbs, which they call the "essence" of ghosts.

At another house, electric alarm clocks were going off — when they weren't plugged in — and pictures were falling off the walls and landing 10 feet away.

"Most people think they're going to see the ghost in human form, but that is proba-

bly a once-in-a-lifetime thing, if you ever see it," Borders said.

One of the effects of doing an investigation in a home is that the residents don't have much activity afterward, Ross said.

"Once you've acknowledged them, they move on."

The ghost hunters investigated the purported ghost situation at the Ruidoso News office on March 21 and decided, by counting the "orbs" in one of the photos, that there were seven ghosts.

The newspaper's digital Kodak camera also came up with shots of "orbs" and "ectoplasm," which the professional ghost hunters claim are spirits. Voices were actually audible on the resultant tape recordings, including one that said, "A wish come true," and several that said, "Shhh!" rather loudly.

Borders said the ghosts they've come across have been "very friendly," but it doesn't hurt to take precautions. The ghost hunters always begin with a prayer and when they leave, they do a "binding prayer," encouraging them to go towards the light and move on," Ross said.



Moving orb: Not likely to be mistaken for a reflection on a surface, this "moving orb" was photographed at Fort Stanton during one of the team's investigations.

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

MARCH 28, 1952

Rotary seeks cemetery

A committee composed of officers and members of the Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Rotary Club, including J. H. Morris, Emmett Reese, Ben Roy, Tom Jones, Carl C. Johnson and R. H. Hedgecock, will investigate the need and prospects for securing for Ruidoso a cemetery, it was decided in a meeting of the board Tuesday afternoon.

The need for a cemetery was stressed during brief talks made by Vic Lamb and Ewald Fuchs in the club's regular noon luncheon session that day. Following the luncheon, the directors discussed the need and decided to act on aiding the city in securing a cemetery.

The group ... will look into an earlier movement here which was under way once to secure a cemetery for the area, but which died out.

MARCH 30, 1962

Elks name Exalted Ruler

Ruidoso B. P. O. Elks Lodge members have elected Roy Anderson as their Exalted Ruler, to be installed Monday night, April 9. Anderson succeeds Bob Fairless.

Other officers named were W. C. (Bill) Moore, esteemed leading knight; Billy B. Hickman, esteemed loyal knight; Dick Dunagan, esteemed lecturing knight; Alton Gray, secretary; J. B. Wall, Tyler; O. W. Auld, trustee for a five-year term; and Harry Eckert, treasurer.

MARCH 31, 1972

Special school board meet

A special Ruidoso School Board meeting drew over 100 visitors to ask questions and hear explanations of school board policy Thursday evening at the high school.

The meeting was called by the school board to accept suggestions and in an attempt to establish closer communication between the local school system and the parents of students.

APRIL 1, 1982

Personnel role questioned

Mayor George White thanked the Ruidoso trustees for their cooperation in unanimously naming Don Dale to the board at Tuesday night's meeting, but things were less harmonious later in the evening.

Ruidoso trustee Frank Sayner's statement on a "state of confusion" of village personnel since White became mayor drew an angry response and a promised rebuttal from White.

Sayner prefaced his remarks by saying that he and others had attempted to speak privately about the matter with the mayor, but had been refused.

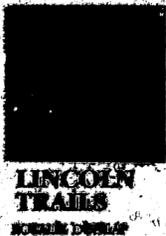
APRIL 2, 1992

Council debates dogs, cats

In one of the most debated issues in recent memory, the Ruidoso Village Council voted to proceed on an ordinance requiring neutering and spaying of dogs and cats.

The council met Tuesday evening at Village Hall and debated the proposed ordinance, which will require pet owners to neuter or spay their dogs and cats, or buy a breed-

Smoke from Alto casts a shadow on Lincoln



There is still smoke in the air east of Lincoln Monday morning. It has been a terrible tragedy for Lincoln County.

Our heart goes out to those who lost family.

Thank you, those who have been no injuries or deaths.

It is up to us to make sure the

The three Episcopal Churches met in Lincoln recently for a pot luck supper and services.

The Rev. Bob Thompson led the services.

There were more than 50 attendants, with members from St. Michael's Church, Garrison; St. Ann's Church, Ruidoso; and

I will be out of pocket for awhile, although I returned home Friday evening for the

St. Ann's Church.

I am staying at the hotel as while the fire is still going on. This is doing me good. I really still feel

Ralph and I eat breakfast at a small cafe near the school. One morning I found the "Hill" of the mountain and then

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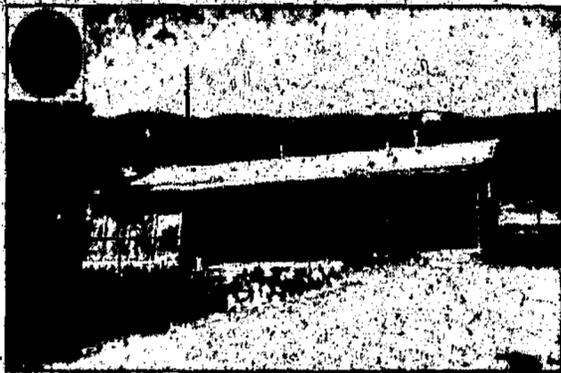


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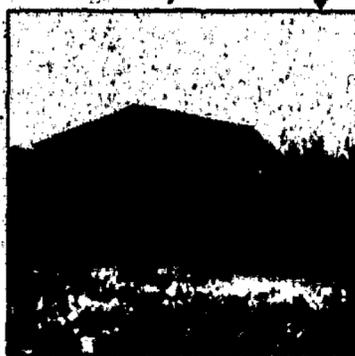


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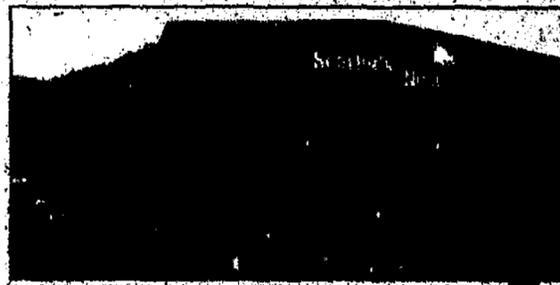


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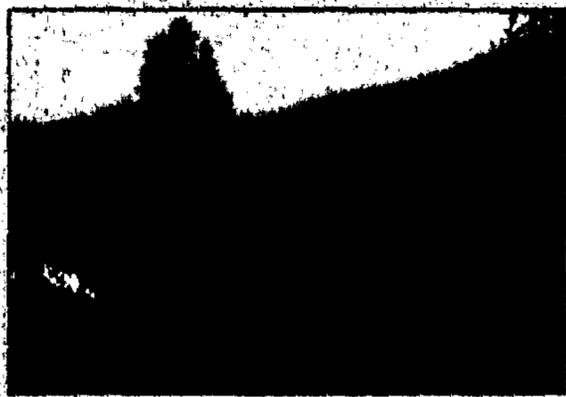


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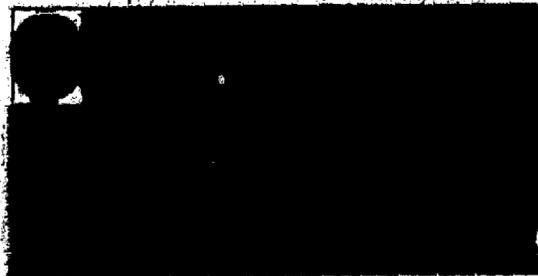
RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY



STATE NATIONAL BANK • \$74,900 #4 Mustang Ct.

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

SHANGRI-LA



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

Pretty setting on 6.50 acres +/-, This 1987 sq.ft. home has an unfinished 1st floor of 1360 sq.ft. Could be finished for additional living space. Fenced yard, horses allowed with multiple riding trails nearby. Adjacent to National Forest. #94915

ACROSS FROM CREE MEADOWS COUNTRY CLUB



PARR • \$249,900 102 Cedar Creek Rd.

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

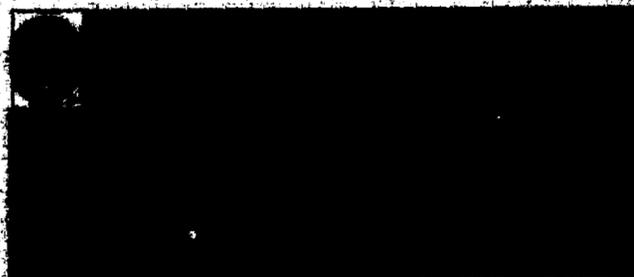
RUIDOSO SPRINGS



RUCH • \$129,900 114 Texas St.

Ruidoso charm at its best! Very short walk to midtown yet secluded on a quiet street. 3 bedroom/2 bath home with large rock fireplace in living room, lots of windows, private enclosed patio with big hot tub! What a find this is. Darling set-up, comes fully furnished. Perfect weekend retreat or move in permanently today! #95809

MIDDLE CEDAR CREEK



CLEAR • \$129,500 102 Musket Ct.

Tucked away in the pines this home sits atop its own little mountain. It's cute as can be with very functional floorplan. Nice living room w/fireplace that opens out to covered concrete slab for BBQ. Roomy 2 bedroom with 2 baths plus sleeping loft. Cabin style with skylights and lots of windows plus much wood accents throughout. Situated on nice wooded lot and has gravel drive. Exciting possibilities for permanent home or weekend retreat! #98242