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Village settles DiPaolo abuse lawsuit

■ The amount, which could be as high as \$500,000 will be paid by the village's insurer.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A federal lawsuit against the village of Ruidoso and two of its police

officers was settled late Wednesday for an officially undisclosed amount.

The officer at the core of the complaint by the parents of a 16-year-old girl, who claimed she was manhandled while in a holding cell last November, resigned. The village council formed a task force to review policies and procedures in the police department to

avoid a recurrence.

Thursday, Police Chief Lanny Maddox said, "I feel it was very productive meeting and that as a team concept, I feel we can prevent any type of incident like this happening again."

Village Attorney John Underwood and attorney Gary Mitchell, who represents the parents of victim Susanne

DiPaolo, announced the settlement about 90 minutes after the council went into a closed session on the litigation and personnel matters. Ed Zindel, representing Risk Management, the village's self-insure entity, sat in on the settlement talks.

The council returned to the closed session after the two attorneys, stand-

ing before television cameras, stated their positions on the agreement. Mitchell's release of a videotape of Officer Alfred Stinnett appearing to jerk DiPaolo, who had been reported as a runaway, to the floor while she still was handcuffed to a metal platform, spurred the council to action.

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Audit finds problems in Downs

BY MELANIE SATTLER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

John Waters, Ruidoso Downs administrator, started his job in September 2001 with the intention of correcting prior problems in the city, and now he and his staff are facing a big one.

The state auditor and the Department of Finance and Administration approved the city's audited financial statements for fiscal year 2000-2001. The city council then approved the audit at its regular meeting Tuesday.

"It's interesting," Waters said, "It's got some problems in it."

De'Aun Willoughby, certified public accountant acting as an independent auditor, reported 25 findings in the document, two of them repeated from prior years, to which the city must respond. The findings are instances of the city's noncompliance with laws, regulations, contracts and grants, that could effect its financial statement.

"This is by far the most critical audit I've ever seen in 23 years of representing public entities in the state of New Mexico," said Dan Bryant, city attorney, "and I think it behooves the village to be absolutely serious and absolutely committed to making sure our ship is upright, our sails are set and we are doing everything above deck and appropriately under the state statutory scheme. If I were a regulator in Santa Fe, New Mexico, I would be taking a very long and critical look at the village of Ruidoso Downs for a number of years following the generation of a document like this one."

The repeated audit findings include the incorrect set up of accounting software, causing unrecorded cash balances, and the lack of

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Paige Elaine Randolph, standing, and Thomasina Treas-Wilson will celebrate their coming of age ceremony Aug. 1-4 at the Mescalero Apache ceremonial grounds.

Maidens fair

2 more Mescalero girls will celebrate their coming of age

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Two Mescalero Apache girls, Thomasina Treas-Wilson and Paige Elaine Randolph, will celebrate their coming of age ceremony Aug. 1-4, at the ceremonial grounds on the reservation that abuts Ruidoso.

The traditional puberty rite marks a girl's entrance into womanhood and is a celebration of the uniqueness of the Apache people. It notes her upbringing that includes learning her tribal language and instilling from infancy a sense of discipline and good manners.

Blending a heritage of Mescalero, Lipan

and Hispanic ancestry, Paige, 12, is the daughter of Leroy Randolph and Cindy Valdez Randolph. Her paternal grandparents are Kister Randolph and Priscilla Sanchez. Her maternal grandparents are Pete and Elaine Valdez.

She is a seventh-grader at the Mescalero School.

Freddie Kaydahzinne will serve in the traditional role of medicineman and Ceda Shanta as traditional godmother. Paige's ancestors include great, great, great grandfather Chief William Magoosh Sr. on her father's side and Lincoln County Sheriff William Brady of Lincoln County War fame.

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Richardson, Sanchez feud at local forum

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Speaking to a largely conservative crowd at the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau Conference in Ruidoso Wednesday, Democratic candidates for the state's top spots talked consensus-building and bipartisanship while Republicans went on the attack.

John A. Sanchez, Republican candidate for governor and his running mate, State Sen. Rod Adair from Roswell led the charge. Sanchez said Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bill Richardson's words don't match his record.

His opponent voted against the repeal of the marriage tax penalty and other tax reforms, Sanchez said.

"Democrats say the legislature shouldn't be divided," he said. "Sure it ran smoother when it all was run by one party," but the 750 vetoes during Gov. Gary Johnson's two terms saved the state \$821 million. Taxes would be 21 percent higher if the measures all passed, Sanchez contended.

Richardson, a former U.S. Congressman and Secretary of Energy, countered that his record was being misrepre-

sented. He strongly opposed raising grazing fees and fought for state's water rights, he said.

"I don't want to fight," he said. "I want to bring the legislature together because the state is divided. The legislature and the governor for eight years did nothing. I want bipartisan government."

"If you expect me to be negative, I'm not. The time has come to bring New Mexico together."

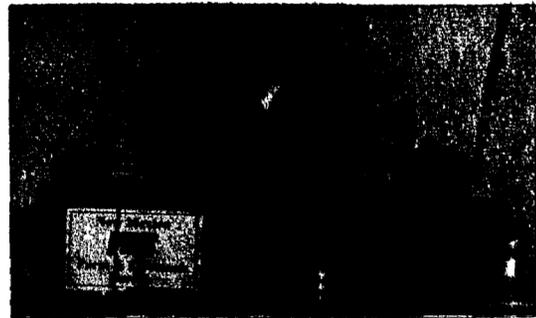
He pledged to protect the agricultural lifestyle and help maintain the economic stability of the industry in the state. Three of his "bedrock" issues he listed as water, the revision of the tax code and the need for a strong agriculture department with a liaison in the governor's office.

"You develop water rights and I'll protect them," he told the bureau members. "It's a state's rights issue."

He declared New Mexico's tax code anti-business and anti-agriculture. He wants a review of the entire gross receipts tax structure and state personal income tax code, he said.

Adair, who helped redistrict congressional, state and county lines last year, said anyone can say what they

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EMILY BOURBON/STAFF

Republican gubernatorial candidate John Sanchez takes his turn at the podium Wednesday at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

So, what's on the television?
Due to a printing error, Saturday's TV schedule did not appear in the Wednesday, July 24, edition of the Ruidoso News. The correct schedule is on page 1A.

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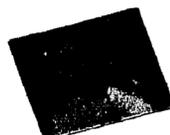
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State, residents have different ideas for U.S. 380 construction

Work is still a few years away, but a redesign plan is catching heat in Lincoln.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A state transportation project to improve U.S. 380 could negatively impact the historic district of Lincoln, if some changes aren't incorporated into the design, residents of the area contend.

During a presentation Tuesday on the reconstruction work set for 2006, officials with the state Highway and Transportation Department and with Marron and Associates Inc., the Albuquerque firm that prepared the environmental assessment, outlined four options and the state's preference to the 30 people at the session in Lincoln.

The total project extends 42.3 miles from the junction of U.S. 54 in Carrizozo southeast to the U.S. 70 junction in Hondo, passing through the Lincoln National Forest, the village of Capitan, the Fort Stanton Reservation and the Lincoln Historic District, including the settlement of Lincoln.

The staff proposed to improve the two-lane highway that currently consists of two, 12-foot-wide driving lanes and shoulders ranging from nonexistent to 6 feet in width. The existing alignment includes many substandard curves with inadequate sight distance and there are six major intersections, as well as more private driveways.

Robert C. Kurtz, district traffic engineer, said Thursday only two portions of the project are included in the state's five-year plan for the area. They start east of Capitan and end just west of Lincoln. They won't be bid on for more than three years, he said.

"There's nothing in the five-year plan for the actual com-

munity of Lincoln, although there is something in the historical district," he said.

The alternatives presented were:

- No significant redesign, spending about \$16.2 million on drainage structures, other minor reconstruction and maintenance.

- Alternative A, a design to allow 62 mph driving, with 8-foot shoulders from Carrizozo to Capitan and 6-foot shoulders from Capitan to U.S. 70. Substantial realignment would straighten the road and require the acquisition of 53 acres for right of way, and the construction of two bridges across the Bonito River. The estimated cost was \$85.2 million.

- Alternative B, with an overall 62 mph speed, but limited areas of 50 mph, would include 4-foot shoulders from Carrizozo to Capitan and 2-foot shoulders from Capitan to Hondo. Earth slope retaining measures would be used to either avoid or minimize impacts to adjacent lands. About 40 acres would be required for right of way and the cost was estimated at \$50 million.

- Alternative C, the preferred design, would require buying 9.4 acres of land for right of way and would cost about \$55.9 million. An overall speed of 62 mph is anticipated with sections at 50 mph. Eight-foot shoulders would be constructed from Carrizozo to Capitan and 6-foot shoulders from there to U.S. 70. Concrete barriers, geogrid slope reinforcement and earth slope retaining measures would be used to minimize impacts to adjacent lands.

One of the major concerns of residents is speed, said Ralph Dunlap, a former Lincoln County commissioner and longtime home and business owner in Lincoln.

"People race through here now and it only would get worse with a straighter highway and higher speed limits as drivers approach Lincoln," he said.

Kurtz said he intends to review a study performed by New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology on speeds driven through the settlement and the damaging effect of vibrations, to see if the research contains any recommendations.

Reginald Richey, a member of the Lincoln Historical Preservation Board, reminded highway officials that Lincoln is a historic district and a National Historic Landmark. Before any plan is submitted, agencies such as the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, which is developing plans for more public access to property it owns in the area, the Secretary of the Interior, the New Mexico Monuments Division, the district preservation board and the Hubbard Museum of the American West should be consulted and given a chance for input, he said.

"This is a national historic landmark - that falls right under a National Monument in significance," he said. "I believe it still is the only one west of the Mississippi. Couple that with the plans of the BLM for public use of its land and the preserva-

tion of wildlife and wildlife habitat, and the future holds a lot more use for the area."

The road will be an integral part of the community's future, Richey said. The new design should attempt to preserve the period "feel" of the district.

"In a memorandum drafted two years ago (on behalf of the preservation board), I asked them to consider stabilized grass shoulders like the National Park Service uses, and now we see these plans for 2-foot to 8-foot paved shoulders - that's 40 feet of pavement opposed to the existing 20-feet," he said. "That's a big deal visually. Now you can drive through and get a sense of the era."

The existing, winding road is more in tune with a historical district, Richey contended.

"I told them (at the meeting in Lincoln) they haven't done their homework," he said. "They're putting in pretty much a standard design and are not preserving or being respectful of the history. I told them this is an opportunity being missed."

Some of the other notations by Richey in his memorandum included preference for:

- No widening of the road and the use of a different color of pavement
- Any new structures to be designed with materials and colors consistent with the historic district
- Speed reduction for the entire historic district

- Developing wayside interpretation pullouts with BLM

- Using speed bumps, noise grooves, narrowing the roadway and increasing speed limit enforcement

- Widening walkways, landscaping the roadway edge and creating a median strip

- Eliminating on-street parking during high season, except for handicapped. Developing off-street parking areas

- No use of compression brakes

- Lowering the elevation of road pavement, which is something that Kurtz said will be considered.

The transportation department is committed to looking at approaches such as wood post fencing and brown guard walls to keep the area visually pleasing, Kurtz said.

Reconstruction of "walks" in the historic settlement was mentioned by residents at the meeting, he said.

"I suggested they try for some federal enhancement money, possibly with the Lincoln County Commission as a partner, to construct the walks. They're in bad shape," Kurtz said, adding that the community already received \$10,000 to pay for a design on that project.

The comment period on the environmental assessment, which found no significant impact, ends Aug. 6. Comments can be sent to Shelly Herbst, Environmental Project Manager, Marron and Associates Inc., 7809 Fourth Street NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107-6526, or e-mail to smh-mai@aol.com.

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Sederwall orders water pump installed for nearby residents

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Hoping to spur some action after months of indecision by the Capitan Board of Trustees, Mayor Steven Sederwall served notice Monday that he intends to provide water to five families outside the village.

Although some of the people with taps on the pipeline have been served with raw water for the past 45 years in exchange for pipeline easements granted to the village, they face being cut off by the city of Alamogordo at the urging of the New Mexico State Engineer. Alamogordo, which owns Bonito Lake reservoir and provided the water under a 1992 temporary agreement with Capitan, served notice of a tentative cut-off date of July 31. But the city manager said he would work with Capitan to avoid a disruption of service.

Over the past few months, trustees have split on how to handle the situation in view of a moratorium passed in 1994 on water taps outside the village and the cost of installing the pump that would be needed to pressurize the line to send water from the village's treatment plant and storage tanks to those five residents.

But Sederwall said he's tired

of waiting for action.

In a letter to trustees, the village clerk, the village water supervisor and the village attorney, Sederwall wrote that at 2 p.m. on Aug. 16, he will declare the customers on the pipeline "grandfathered" in as water customers of the village.

"On that date and time, I shall act on New Mexico State statutes 13-127 emergency procedures by ordering (water supervisor Terry Cox) to order the pump he has told me he needs to provide water to Bonito customers," Sederwall wrote.

"This allows time to order the pump, have it assembled, shipped and installed with no interruption in service to the customers."

He pointed out that since Feb. 8, village officials have known of Alamogordo's decision. "Seeking guidance from the board, I have placed this issue on every agenda of every meeting since I took office," he said. "The board of trustees is a policy-making board and since there has been no official policy handed down to this office on this issue, I feel I must act."

Sederwall said he won't place the item on another agenda unless he is provided with the signatures of at least two trustees asking for the issue to be scheduled on a regular meet-

ing or three signatures for a special meeting.

His decision was reached in an attempt to avoid "almost certain costly legal actions. I have been advised by counsel that answering such actions would cost the village as much as the pump in question."

He also wants to avoid removing the Bonito pipeline should the village lose a legal action and to avoid the costly moving of pipelines that run across the Brewer Ranch from village storage tanks.

"I learned that the village of Capitan had full knowledge that these pipelines were not on the easements after studying maps prepared by our engineer," Sederwall wrote.

The easement also is needed from the Brewer Ranch as part of the village's watershed project, for which it received \$360,000 in grant money.

The mayor wants to avoid "any more undue hardship" to the people who helped Capitan in July 1957 when it needed water, he wrote.

"They have waited for a decision from this board that has not come and we have not given them enough time to dig wells," he said, adding that unless an official policy on the issue is enacted by the board, he will carry through on the plan.

MAIDENS: Ceremony is next week

FROM PAGE 1A

Thomasina, 15, is the daughter of Lynelle Treas-Wilson, who also is her sponsor, and the late Raymond Wilson. She has four brothers, Walter, Lamar, Anthony and Jason, and one sister, Clar.

Thomasina is the granddaughter of Jess Shendo, the late Thelma Shendo, the late Anthony "Tony" Treas, and the late Walter and Mattie Wilson, descendants of the Mississippi Choctaw. She is the great granddaughter of the late Alton and Violet Peso and a descendant of

Chief Peso.

Thomasina is a lifelong resident of Mescalero and is active in the Mescalero School, where she attends 10th grade. Her goal is to enter the armed forces and then return to the reservation to help her people.

Joey Padilla will act as medicineman and Mary Blaylock as medicinewoman. Jackie Blaylock will head a family dancing group.

The families of the two girls extend an invitation to family and friends to join in the traditional ceremony and feasts.

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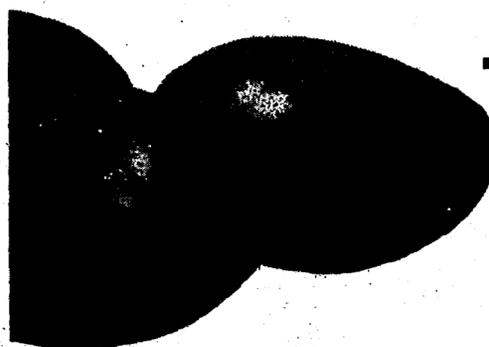
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OUR OPINION

What about the image at our front door?

Those empty store-fronts on U. S. 70 don't help

The up-and-down nature of the Ruidoso economy is nowhere more visible than on that stretch of U. S. 70 west of the Sudderth Drive intersection.

On the right side, two almost-new hotels — a Holiday Inn Express and a Motel 6 — flank a new post office they call the Hollywood Station.

In stark contrast, across the highway, it's a different picture — and one that does nothing to lure travelers from Alamogordo and points south to linger.

On that strip, three gaping store fronts render a message more typical of a dying prairie village in Nebraska than this lively mountain community. It began with the removal of Wal-Mart to Ruidoso Downs, then more recently the demise of

Furr's Supermarket. Then, this summer, even the Burger King closed its doors.

So, it's empty store fronts stretching from the Motor Vehicle Department to the Travelodge — many thousands of square feet of commercial space waiting for a developer with a little imagination and some deep pockets.

The plus factors for all three buildings are obvious: Location, location, location. Highway frontage and level parking are rare indeed in Ruidoso.

Negatives? Individual owners, each with their own perceptions and desires. But somewhere out there, sometime, somebody will recognize a commercial jewel, and go for the gold — and all of Lincoln County will be better for it.

Treasure is where you find it

Among my chores at this newspaper these days (having left worries over such mundane things as advertising revenue and readership numbers behind) is pulling together the content for the paper's "Looking Back" column, an example of which can be found on page 8C today. But



MOUNTAIN ASIDES
KEITH GREEN

"chore" is the wrong word; "joy" is better, especially when in the course of flipping through dusty newspaper files, I strike some historical gold, with a literary touch.

Dorothy Guck's name first caught my eye. I knew she'd been writing for the newspaper on and off for a good many years, most recently to give advance notice of the annual Ranchmen's Camp Meeting on Nogal Mesa. I didn't know she was being a reporter 50 years ago. But there was her byline, in the July 18, 1952, issue of the Ruidoso News.

Her story was about the aftermath of a fire that demolished Capitan's original grade school — built 50 years earlier, in 1902.

So, thanks to newspaper files, we get a glimpse of life in one of the original county communities a century ago, when trains were the fastest means of transportation and the horse and buggy was still in vogue, even if Henry Ford soon would change that.

Dorothy's story begins like this: "That group of Capitan residents who met on the morning of April 19, 1902, to lay the cornerstone for the new Capitan Grade School, must have had a rich sense of humor."

Her story was written about two years after the old grade school burned on the night of March 10, 1950 — and not long after a new school building had been erected.

She reported that Bud Paine, who had purchased the remnants of brick and stone after the fire, had come across a stone that contained a tin box. In the box was the story of the cornerstone dedication — and in the bottom, con-

tents that intrigued Dorothy: "...seven marbles, a glue brush, a tiny broken pencil stub, two rusty keys, two nails, a ruler, a pecan, a whistle, pin, piece of ore, an empty pipe tobacco can, some kind of stick about the size of a match, a square of pink that looked like a bit of water paint, a 1-cent stamp dated 1898 and minus the glue, six Indian-head pennies dated from 1883 to 1896, a Mexican centavo of 1897, and a Piso Almanac of 1901 that advertised the curative medicine for consumption, dyspepsia, indigestion and all wasting diseases."

That wasn't all the items in the box, but this apparent "collection of the contents of several school boys' pockets" fascinated her, as it fascinates me.

I can just see a bunch of kids on an otherwise solemn occasion given a chance to add something giddy to the proceedings, by emptying their pockets into a tin box that became a time capsule.

That box also contained a dedication program listing the school board members, and a note to the effect that Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Gray were the first American couple to settle in Capitan (in the 1880s), raising six children, one of whom was born in the town on July 12, 1889.

But those odds 'n' ends in the bottom of the box, better than most things could, by omission speak of the changes a century has wrought.

I can't imagine anything on that list in a kid's pocket today. Car keys and cell phones, maybe, but marbles and whistles?

No way.

Keith Green welcomes comments or rebuttal. He may be reached on the World Wide Web at kgreen@ruidosonews.com

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YOUR OPINION

Kudos to Ruidoso for all it offers us

To the editor:

Kudos and many thanks go to the village of Ruidoso for all the wonderful services, activities and opportunities that are provided for the residents and visitors. The library is just great, and the staff is always helpful and friendly. The improved highways and streets are much more user-friendly than a few years ago. The well-kept walking trails at the Ranger Station and around the golf course, the swimming pool, parks and tennis courts, public restrooms, the forest and the river — all these are used daily by many grateful people.

We love to be here in our home away from home, and really enjoy our neighbors and friends that we have made here. We cannot thank enough the priest and parishioners of St. Eleanor's Catholic Church who have made us feel so welcome.

We feel truly blessed that we chose Ruidoso for our second home, and look forward to spending more of our retirement years as contributing citizens to the village of Ruidoso.

Don & Gerry Whitt
Wylie, Texas

Where is our outrage?

To the editor:

Thursday, July 18, during the 6 p.m. news, Larry Barker of KOAT 7 television led with a segment entitled "Ruidoso's Dirty Little Secret." What followed was the broadcast of a video ... automatically taken on 11-7-01 in the Ruidoso police headquarters. The camera was directed toward a holding cage in a booking area.

Suzanne DiPaolo, a 16-year-old Ruidosoan, was shown shackled by her right wrist to a bolted seating bench

within the holding cage. Ms. DiPaolo is heard to say, "...I want an attorney...you are a crooked cop..."

What followed thereafter: Patrolman Alfred Stinnett enters the cage, lifts Ms. DiPaolo from the bench — wrist still shackled — throws her face-down on the concrete floor, pins her with his knee while he puts her in a strait jacket.

On 11-8-01, Chief (Lanny) Maddox and Lt. (Wolf) Born received official notice of the incident of the night before. Our police department reports to our mayor functionally and to our village manager administratively.

Questions that remain unanswered: • When did then-Mayor (Robert) Donaldson learn of the incident and view the tape? This should be asked of Village Manager (Alan) Briley as well.

• When did Counsel/Co-counsel (John) Underwood and (Charles) Rennick view the tape and what counsel was given to Mayor Donaldson and others; i.e., Chief Maddox, Lieutenant Born, Briley and the council (Eggleston, Flack and Sterchi, etc.?)

• In early March of 2002, the tape was viewed by new Mayor (Leon) Eggleston and our new council; i.e., (Ron) Hardeman, (Deborah) Marcum-Byars and (L. Ray) Nunley, etc.

• What counsel was given by Underwood and Rennick to those mentioned immediately above?

Officers of the court, attorneys Gary Mitchell, Rennick and Underwood have known of the tragic/heinous incident for almost eight months, yet have remained "spectators." All of our electeds and senior staff have remained mute. We seem to have a "dirty little secret."

Next Tuesday, at Ruidoso's Convention Center at 6:30 p.m., there should be a special meeting of all past and current electeds, counsel and co-council, Briley, Chief Maddox and Lieutenant Born in attendance. Our

public access Channel 11/TMS should televise it live, as the FCC license probably requires. This meeting should be broadly advertised by press and radio. Channel 11 should show the video tape frequently as an integral part of the meeting publicity.

Taxpayers always bear the brunt of litigation. We deserve truth.

Louin P. Robinson
Alto

Appalling video

To the editor:

I was appalled watching the evening news broadcast a video of obvious police brutality by our police department. I was sickened that something like this could happen in our community.

I was disturbed to learn that our former mayor had reviewed the exact same tape and chose to do nothing about it. I was disgusted that Mr. Maddox and the former administration went to such great lengths to hide the truth. That Mr. Maddox condoned and then obviously hid this type of behavior is unforgivable. Mr. Stinnett should have been terminated immediately.

I was sickened when the new administration viewed the same videotape and the majority voted to reinstate Mr. Maddox after his termination by our current mayor. I was embarrassed for our community when the videotape went national and now international.

I wonder if the majority of the "mob" that came to show support for Mr. Maddox that fateful evening was truly aware of all the circumstances? Or were you as misled as I have been?

How many other brutalities, harassments, and illegal incidents are there that we know nothing of? How much will these unseen incidents eventually cost we, the taxpayers? Are we going to silently sit by and let this happen again?

The over \$4,000 already paid in attorneys fees over the re-instating of Mr. Maddox will be small in comparison to what the truth will now have to pay for.

Angel C. Shaw
Ruidoso

STREET TALK

QUESTION: Do you believe LCMC, the county-owned hospital, should make a profit?



"No. If it's a private hospital they can turn all the profit they want but if it's county they shouldn't be for profit."

Carlton Buxton
Ruidoso/Alto



"They probably should make a profit as long as they turn that profit back into productive use for the county — help people who don't have insurance, improve the hospital, better services."

Albert Schienck
Alto

SANDY SUBBITT/STAFF



"Medical expenses are way too high. Most people can't even afford insurance. This is a necessity. We have to have medical care."

Jean Bonnell
Glencoe

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SETTLEMENT: Amount not likely to come from budget

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The tape was aired on state television stations and national networks as an example of police abuse during arrests.

Stinnett, 38, was indicted in March by a grand jury for battery against a juvenile, a petty misdemeanor, although the district attorney had sought a 3rd-degree felony charge.

"We have lots of good officers and some not so good," Mitchell said. "More training is needed, but the council is taking steps to rectify the situation and amends have been made."

Underwood called him Tuesday to try to resolve the issue, Mitchell said.

"We know this community is friendly and we demand the same attitude from the police department," he said. "They will work on programs to ensure this doesn't happen again."

He said the DiPaolo family is "ecstatic" with the results. He contended that councilors previously didn't have all of the facts of the case and applauded them for taking aggressive

action and for pursuing remedies.

The good news is that the mayor, council and police chief are dealing honestly with the situation that made national news and reflected poorly on the community, Underwood said, adding that the unflattering portrait of Ruidoso is unfortunate when there are so many forward-thinking and positive actions occurring locally.

The settlement of the civil lawsuit has no effect on the criminal indictment, Mitchell explained. Stinnett is set for a hearing Aug. 16, in district court in Carrizozo.

The village already satisfied its insurance deductible this year and none of the settlement dollars will come out of Ruidoso's budget, according to village finance officer Lorri McKnight.

Maddox said that such losses are spread over all entities in the insurance pool and are not tied directly back to the premiums of an individual village.

But with a settlement some people are placing at \$500,000,

the loss potentially could affect the entire insurance pool. Zendel could not be reached for comment Thursday.

After another hour of closed session Wednesday, Councilor L. Ray Nunley said the council accepted Stinnett's offered resignation and agreed to form a task force. Members tentatively assigned to the task force will include Councilor Deborah Marcum-Byars, Underwood and Maddox, he said. More members could be added later. Discussion also included the possibility of a citizens' review board to ensure that new policies and procedures, once adopted, are followed.

"It turned out pretty positive," Nunley said. "It's unfortunate the act occurred, but if we can learn from it, the citizens will benefit in the long run. Lanny knows there's a problem. He's the boss."

After reviewing the chief's actions, it appeared he followed proper procedures as they now exist and notified the right people after the situation occurred, Nunley said.

DEBATE: Richardson, Sanchez spar

FROM PAGE 1A

might do in office.

"Your record says what you did," he told Richardson. "With all the conservative remarks uttered here today on the tax code, water rights and tax reform from the other side, I pray for the gift of discernment. I wonder where all the conservative statements are coming from."

Richardson's running mate, Diane Denish, former New Mexico Democratic Party chair, said the job of lieutenant governor has grown in importance over the years.

A small business owner who considers education, renovation of the tax code, fiscal responsibility and health care top priorities in the state, she said the lieutenant governor needs to be bipartisan and an arbitrator

between two parties to move issues forward.

"I consider every New Mexican my customer and I think they are eager to have a customer-friendly government," she said.

She asked the audience who they would want to see step in if the governor was out of the area or ill - someone with a confrontational style or a consensus builder.

Sanchez, a former state representative from Bernalillo, said he was raised with seven siblings by a mother who taught him to achieve and a step-father who taught him a trade. A member of the Farm Bureau and a native New Mexican, he understands the wants of the people in the state and his family has a

long history of public service.

"I believe the best days truly are ahead of us," he said. "We can't return to the politics of the past, to the days of unchecked power in Santa Fe."

Also debating were Democrat John Arthur Smith and Republican Steve Pearce, running for the 2nd Congressional District; Democrat and incumbent Patricia Madrid and Republican Rob Perry, running for attorney general; Democrat Art Trujillo and Republican Pat Lyons for Public Lands Commissioner; and Republican Sharon Clahchischillage, a republican running for secretary of state.

A full story on that portion of the forum will be in the July 31 Ruidoso News.

RUIDOSO POLICE Bicycle returned

Police returned a bicycle stolen July 9 after a resident in the 100 block of Woodland Drive found it in the woods on July 23. The owner of the Matrix blue mountain bicycle positively identified the bicycle.

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Two local men charged with sexual attack on girl

Other charges filed against the men included false imprisonment and criminal damage to property.

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso police charged two area men with criminal sexual contact of a minor, false imprisonment and multiple other charges July 23.

Dispatched to the 200 block of Gavilan Canyon Road in reference to criminal damage to a vehicle, officers pursued a 17-year-old male of Ruidoso Downs, and Sherman R. Trujillo, 20, of Ruidoso on foot and caught them.

A 17-year-old female told officers the 17-year-old male had attacked her twice, inappropriately touching her body, but she pushed him down once and was able to get

away from him both times.

She and her sister told police they then saw Trujillo smashing windows of their mother's car with a large stick and tried to stop them.

Officers observed the windows of the vehicle broken, with gouges and dents in the body and a large stick in the passenger seat.

District Attorney Canon Stevens approved charges against the 17-year-old male for criminal sexual contact of a minor, false imprisonment, battery, criminal damage to property, resisting or evading an officer, disorderly conduct and minor allowing self to be served.

Trujillo was charged with accessory to criminal sexual contact of a minor, accessory to false imprisonment, resisting or evading an officer, criminal damage to property, disorderly conduct, battery and minor allowing self to be served.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

N.M. Realtors to meet here in September

The Realtors Association of New Mexico is inviting members to its annual conference and expo at the convention center in Ruidoso, Sept. 12 to 14. A trade show and speakers are scheduled for Friday, Sept. 13, with exhibitor space available.

The cost to rent a space is \$550.

The program will include 36 hours of continuing education for Realtors, with Dave Beson and Billy Benton presenting programs on risk reduction and disclosure, respectively.

For more information, contact RANM at (800) 224-2282.

Lodgers unit expands

Seeking to better represent the interests of businesses in the region, the Lincoln County Lodgers Association is expanding to accept retail merchants

and restaurants as members. The group renamed itself; it is now the Lincoln County Hospitality and Tourism Association.

Jules Videau, who owns Ponderosa Cabins, is association president.

The 51-member group welcomes businesses engaged in servicing and promoting tourism in Lincoln County. Its purpose is to promote business interests and to work closely with other area organizations - Grindstone Graphics and the chamber of commerce - and with government entities, to address local issues.

Jay Ross of Covered Wagon Collectibles is vice president, and Renee McAlister of Pinon Park Rentals is secretary/treasurer.

For more information, contact the above officers or visit the organization's Web site, www.ruidoso.net/lcla.

Domino's Pizza to re-open in Plaza Center

BY MELANIE SATTLER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Construction will begin within the next two weeks on an addition to the Plaza Center in the 1700 block of Sudderth Drive, future home of Domino's Pizza.

Realtor Betty Beachum purchased the shopping center in November 2001 as an investment property, planning future, non-specific renovations.

Part of her vision became more clear when she heard Philip Beck, the owner of Domino's Pizza, was looking for a new location for his Ruidoso store.

"I'm delighted that they were in the picture," Beachum said.

Beachum bought the lease of tenant Ted Conley, who operated Conley's

"Pizza and movies go together...."

Chuck Hamblin
Domino's Pizza manager

Too, where the new building will go. She planned construction of the new building to suit the pizzeria's needs and hired Harry Tinkler to build it.

Beachum expects the construction to take three to four months.

"We're very upbeat about the entire project, the location and the future for the retail stores," Beachum said.

Domino's Pizza left its last location at 2919 Sudderth Drive because of problems with its lease. It had occupied the building there for one and a half years.

At the new location, manager Chuck Hamblin will be able to sell ice cream and provide sit-down tables.

"It's going to be great, right there next to Showtime," he said. "Pizza and movies go together just like pizza and beer."

Showtime Video and Photo, Dennis Worthington, M.D., Ruidoso Printing Co., A Cut Above, and Corral West Ranchwear currently occupy the Plaza Center.

"It's a very nice tenant mix," Beachum said.

As a national store, Corral West is the anchor of the center, and the addition of another national store adds diversity, she said.

"That's exactly the kind of influx that we need into the community," Beachum said.

The Economy and the Markets

If stocks don't recover...

BY SUNG WON SOHN
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

How would the economy fare if the stock market fails to recover from the current level? Better than you think, according to economic model simulations!

The negative wealth effect is the primary channel through which the stock market

influences the economy. Both consumer and business spending are hurt by it.

However, lower bond yields and accommodative monetary policy provide a significant cushion. For example, mortgage and consumer loan rates remain low. Businesses raise capital in the bond market at very attractive rates. The net effect is that economic growth is down by about 1.5 percentage points during the next 12 months, but the economy still grows at an annual rate of 2.5 percent.

The relatively rosy economic outlook assumes that capital spending on everything from computers to pick-up trucks will gain strength. So far, consumer spending, inventories and housing have kept the economic ship afloat. In coming months, the importance of these sectors on the economy will diminish. Therefore, capital spending must materialize to pick up the slack. Fortunately, capital spending - outside of telecom, aircraft and buildings - has begun to rise already. Two-thirds of capital spending come from replacement demand. The replacement cycle for high-tech goods is especially short.

Bonds: Tax exempts

Treasuries outperformed most fixed-income assets. Corporate shenanigans punished Corporates badly. Safe havens, including Tax-exempts and Agencies, fared relatively well.

If the crisis of confidence stabilizes, the strong economic fundamentals will push bond yields up. Chairman Greenspan's positive comments on the economy last week raised Treasury yields. After the terrorist attacks, a similar spike in bond yields occurred.

Tax-exempts have been another safe haven yielding healthy returns. During peri-

ods of uncertainties, investors tend to flock to municipal bonds. And, the tax-exempt yields on tax equivalent basis are very attractive.

Once the crisis passes, however, the demand for them tends to wane. The ongoing budget problems at state and local governments also create a risk. Low interest rates are encouraging new issues, increasing supplies. With economic growth, tighter monetary policy will hike bond yields lowering the value of tax-exempts.

Stocks: Near bottom?

Does the market know something we don't? Nobel laureate Paul Samuelson said, "The stock market predicted nine out of the last five recessions."

Historically, the stock market has often been a lagging indicator. For example, the economy rebounded before the stock market did in 1982-83. It is clear that the economy is expanding nicely. In addition, the traditional indicators of the market bottom - depressed profits, low valuations (outside of tech and telecom), poor investor psychology, easy monetary policy, etc. - are in place.

The earnings announcements for the second quarter will be important in reconnecting the stock market and the economy.

Fortunately, recent reports have exceeded expectations. Earnings will jump at double-digit rates during the second half of the year. Hopefully, it will draw attention away from accounting irregularities. It is too late to sell.

But can we trust those earnings? Time and patience are needed. History shows that it takes years and sometimes decades for the market to rebound after major market peaks. Would new rules or conventions, like the expensing of stock options, depress earnings?

The efficient market already should have taken these factors into consideration. In early 1990s, FAS 106 and 109 - regarding retiree health care and pension benefits - were adopted, forcing companies to take billions in charges. Afterwards, both stock prices and the price-earnings ratio rose. The market is efficient and smart.

These are not investment recommendations. Consult your financial advisers.

AUGUST CHAMPION OF SERVICE



The Ruidoso Valley Greeters awarded Mark Gowdy, left, and Western Auto its Champion of Service award for August. The prize goes to employees who demonstrate outstanding customer service. Gowdy displays his trophy and certificate to Patric Pearson, executive director, Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

COURTESY RUIDOSO VALLEY GREETERS

No 'bubble' for housing

Greenspan refutes issue

WASHINGTON - Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan's testimony before Congress last week refutes, once and for all, the existence of an alleged housing market "bubble," said chief economists of the National Association of Realtors and the National Association of Home Builders, two trade groups that collectively represent more than 1 million professionals from all walks of the housing industry.

"The time has come to put this issue to rest," said NAR Chief Economist David Seiders. "The nation's home builders have said it, the Realtors have said it, and now Alan Greenspan has said it once again, in no uncertain terms: there is no such thing as a current or impending house price bubble."

Asked about the issue during his testimony, Greenspan said, "We've looked at the bubble question and we've concluded that it is most unlikely." He attributed recent "sizeable gains" in home prices to "the effects on demand of low mortgage rates, immigration and shortages of buildable land."

Given the local nature of real estate, NAR Chief Economist David Lereah said, it's possible for prices to deflate on a local basis, but a "pop" simply isn't in the cards.

Computer 'middleman' sucks up travel dollars

WASHINGTON - A new study released Tuesday estimates that the fees airlines pay to Global Distribution Systems (GDS), the computer systems that dominate travel distribution, will total \$2.2 billion in 2002.

This year booking fees have risen to \$4.36 per segment from \$4.16 in 2001. Those fees represent 3.4 percent of the average roundtrip airfare for large carriers, but nearly 5 percent for smaller airlines. The increasing costs of booking fees charged by GDSs have a disproportional adverse impact on smaller, low-cost airlines. The report finds that GDSs, still an essential

middleman in the sale of air travel, continue to exert excessive market power over the airlines. This allows GDSs to steadily increase the fees charged to airlines despite advances in computing processing power and reductions in data transmittal costs.

The study, prepared by John F. Ash, Global Aviation Associates, Ltd., for Orbitz, is titled "The Economics of Travel Distribution in an Internet Driven Environment," and it finds that GDSs continue to generate significant profit margins, despite losses by air carriers and increasing cost pressures on travel agencies.

Focus on Agriculture

Removing God from the Pledge

BY STEWART TRUELSEN
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

After the terrorist attack on Sept. 11, 2001, numerous Americans said this national tragedy made them focus more on God and family. There probably were more prayers said publicly and privately in the days that followed the event than all the year leading up to it.

When Americans feel threatened as a nation we ask for God's intervention and help. That is why it seems so hypocritical for a federal appeals court in San Francisco to rule that the words "one nation under God" violate the separation of church and state. If we remove God from the Pledge of Allegiance, then what right do we have to appeal to God on behalf of this nation?

If the founding fathers had wanted it that way, they would have left out any men-

tion of God in the Declaration of Independence. Instead, they said government exists to secure the rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness that come from the Creator.

Richard J. Santos, national commander of the American Legion, says "If the word 'God' makes the pledge unconstitutional, is the oath taken by witnesses in courtrooms unconstitutional? What about the oaths of office taken by our public officials, including judges? The 9th Circuit's decision clearly contradicts the very words uttered during the opening of the Supreme Court session: 'God save the United States and this honorable court.'"

The words "under God" were not in the Pledge of Allegiance until 1954 when President Eisenhower approved inserting them. "In this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual

weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war," he said. The timing of the change is interesting. Our most powerful enemy at the time was the Soviet Union, a government that disavowed the existence of God, although many of its people kept their faith. By adding God to the pledge, Eisenhower was drawing a clear distinction between the two superpowers.

The Rev. Spencer C. Lawrence, a Chicago area Presbyterian minister, says, "The phrase (under God) itself hardly establishes a religion. It refers to a generic god that some have disapprovingly called the god of 'American civil religion.' That may be, but it does refer to God. It does recognize that life is governed by One who is greater than our national government. It does admit that we are in the end accountable to Someone. Not many would quibble with

that."

Someone did quibble with it, which is how the matter got to court in the first place. An atheist father objected to the pledge being recited in his daughter's school. But this is not an atheist nation, and the vast majority of Americans don't want the courts to decide that we are a nation without God. That's not America.

Farmers don't make good atheists. They have too much experience daily with God's presence and impact in their business, their life and the world.

The Pledge of Allegiance is recited at the start of many Farm Bureau meetings. The words "one nation under God" will likely ring even louder now.

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

FUNERALS DEATHS

Sterlen Kane

A prayer service for Sterlen M. Kane Sr., 61, of Mescalero will be at 6 p.m. today, July 26, in the Mescalero Reformed Church, where the funeral will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 27. Burial will follow at the White Tail Cemetery with the Rev. Bob Schut officiating.

Mr. Kane died Monday, July 22, 2002, in Mescalero. He was born there on Nov. 10, 1940.

He served in the Air Force and had worked for the Inn of the Mountain Gods, Tribal Police Department and was a community health representative and attended the Reformed Church.

Survivors include Shirley Kane; a son, Sterlen M. Kane Jr., and his wife, Marcene; a daughter, Selena L. Chino, and her husband, Mark; grandsons Jesse Reed, Keenan Kane and Kolby Kane; sisters Jacque Forte and Corliss Treas; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

Dorothy Guck

Funeral services for Dorothy Guck, 89, of

Carrizozo, were Thursday, July 25, with burial following at Angus Cemetery and the Rev. Dave Bergs officiating.

Mrs. Guck died Monday, July 22, 2002, in Albuquerque.

She was born May 17, 1913, in Grand Rapids, Mich., and moved to Lincoln County in 1948 from Arizona.

She was involved with the publications of Smokey Bear and Nogal Ranchmen. She was a homemaker and a member of Santa Rita's Catholic Church.

She married Milton Edmond Guck on Dec. 27, 1934, in Madison, Wisc., and he preceded her in death on Aug. 3, 1973.

Survivors include sons Tom Guck and his wife, Nancy, of Montana, and Mick Guck and his wife, Velia, of Mimbres; a daughter, Mary Crenshaw, of Carrizozo; grandsons Kenneth Crenshaw and his wife, Robyn, Clay Guck and his wife, Melissa, and James Buck and his wife, Stephanie; granddaughters Lisa Crenshaw and her husband, Mike Long, and Leslie Armstrong and her husband Ron; nine great-grandchildren; and three nieces.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

Benney Herrera

A funeral mass for Benito "Benney" Herrera, 67, of San Patricio will be at 10 a.m. today, July 26, at St. Jude's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Alfred Galvin and the Rev. Dave Bergs officiating.

Mr. Herrera died Tuesday, July 23, 2002, in Albuquerque.

He was born Aug. 30, 1934, in San Patricio to Elisa and Manuel Herrera, who both preceded him in death.

He retired from General Electric in Albuquerque in 1994 and moved to San Patricio. He was a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church.

He married Josie Chavez on July 16, 1954 at Ruidoso.

Survivors include his wife, Josie, of San Patricio; sons Frank Herrera of Roswell and Randy Herrera and his wife, Marie of Albuquerque; daughters Yvonne Sanchez and her husband, Reyes, of San Patricio, Sylvia Gonzales and her husband, Gilbert, of Ruidoso Downs, Kimberly Gutierrez and her husband, Lenard of Edgewood and Loretta Gallegos and her hus-

band, Leroy, of Albuquerque; grandchildren Bethany and Christina Sanchez, Robert, Mikaila and Nathan Gonzales, Eris, Irene and Xavier

Gutierrez, Alyssa, Andrea and Randy Herrera Jr. and Jude and Julian Gallegos.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Benjamin

Herrera.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel, 341 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-7303.

Capitan reunion dance location gets changed

A dance is still planned tonight during the Capitan High School reunion, it's just the location that's changed.

The annual reunion for all classes will be held today and Saturday in Capitan. The

dance features the County Line Dance Band, and will be at the high school tonight from 8 to midnight. Admission is \$7 per person or \$10 per couple.

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AUDIT: Review shows 25 problems with previous Downs administration

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a physical inventory listing land, buildings, vehicles and equipment in use by the village. A change in personnel and a lack of leadership, respectively, caused these persistent problems, Willoughby reported.

Other conditions found include payroll checks issued and cleared before payday, unapproved overtime paid to the former personnel specialist, overtime paid to the former clerk/treasurer and other exempt employees, overtime paid as regular hours to the former personnel specialist, uniform allowances not treated as taxable income to employees, a purchase made before the council approved it, a vehicle and \$42,000 in software purchased without the appropriate bidding process, an out-of-balance general ledger, an incomplete enterprise supply inventory, excess cash not invested, court moneys not deposited within 24 hours of receipt, and equipment lease payments paid from the general fund, rather than a special revenue fund.

Federal regulations require the compensatory and paid over-

time rate be paid at one and one-half regular time or pay, while the city's personnel manual stated that the compensatory rate is computed at hour for hour. Willoughby reported that the discrepancy resulted in employees being underpaid.

The annual budget, monthly Department of Finance and Administration reports, and audit report were not submitted timely, the audit shows, and the utility fund was operating at a deficit, the sewer fund had a deficit retained earnings, and the budget was over-expended in the water fund and the debt service funds.

In addition, the former purchasing specialist failed to pay monthly New Mexico Environmental Department conservation fees for five months, resulting in penalties and fines, Willoughby reported.

The former clerk/treasurer and former purchasing/payroll specialist failed to submit paperwork required by a State Appropriation Grant in a timely manner, placing the receipt of those funds in jeopardy, Willoughby reported, recommending a change in personnel

to ameliorate the problem.

The council and staff must formally respond to the state within 90 to 120 days from the state auditor's approval of the audit with its plans for addressing the findings. For each item that involves missing public money, the city must decide whether and how to pay it back, and justify its decision in writing, Bryant said. He cautioned the council that many of these same findings will reappear in the audit for fiscal year 2001-2002.

Because the eligible period for Willoughby to perform the next audit has expired, Ronnie Hemphill, certified public accountant, will perform it.

"This [audit] shows that we weren't doing our job," Councilor Sue Garrett said. "We need to be very careful what we do from this day forward."

The council is already addressing the issue of the water and sewer enterprise funds by holding a workshop

today to hear options for a new rate structure; it will take action on the matter in a special meeting Monday, July 29.

The city received yesterday a wire transfer of funds for two of the outstanding SAP grants, totaling \$74,216.48; one more for \$35,000 is still outstanding.

"We're working really hard to get it," Waters said.

As for overtime, the city now pays about 50 percent less than it did last year, he said.

"Regardless of how [well] I tried to clean up these things," Waters said, "they had already happened."

Councilor Margie Morales expressed concern that individuals involved in the prior administration would be indicted.

"These are very serious allegations," Morales said. "Will these people have due process and be able to defend themselves?"

The state will review the audit to determine whether the findings contain errors egre-

gious enough to ask the city to pursue criminal or civil action against the former employees to recover damages, an estimation often based on whether the state views their actions as due to incompetence or negligence, Waters said.

"I am more concerned about correcting the allegations, and that has been my primary goal since I got here," he said.

Leann Weibrecht served as village clerk during fiscal year 1999-2000. The council hired her replacement, clerk/treasurer, Gladys Dillard, in March 2000 and dismissed her at the end of July 2001. Purchasing/payroll specialist Karen Jones left her job with the then-village in October 2001.

The council hired Virden, current city clerk in July 2001, and she and Waters started cleaning up the prior administration's paperwork. The council created the administrator position in late 1999 and filled it with Bob Durrett in January

2000. He resigned in June 2000, leaving the position open until Waters started more than a year later.

"We should be commended for putting in Carol Virden [village clerk] and John Waters to take over this mess and clean it up and comply," Councilor Judy Miller said.

The staff implemented procedures to create better documentation.

"It's getting better. I can promise the citizens, it's getting better. We're much more accountable to the citizens now," Waters said.

Without an administrator, the former staff operated under the city council and its attorney, whether by intent or by ignorance of regulations, and kept insufficient records, he said.

"Ruidoso Downs is growing up. We're going to have to stop thinking like a little town that doesn't have revenue coming in and things to take care of," he said.

Capitan woman out of hospital

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Lori Lobb, the woman who fell off a horse just before the Capitan Fourth of July Parade and was in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit, regained consciousness July 12 and is now in the Roswell Rehabilitation Center.

"She will need a lot of physical, occupational and speech therapy as she is not able to sit up or walk without support as of this time and she has a lot of mental confusion, but I know that she will show improvement daily due again to all of the prayers of people who care," wrote her mother-in-law, Gail Allen, in an e-mail to the Ruidoso News.

The 25-year-old woman was sitting on a horse she had ridden before and knew well, when the horse reared up, knocking Lobb to the ground. She hit her head and was knocked unconscious, and when the horse's front hooves came back down, they fell on her chest, Allen had said.

Ruidoso physician Walter R. Seidel was at the parade and followed Lobb's ambulance, giving directions for an air vac to be ready to fly the woman to Lubbock, Texas, for neurosurgery.

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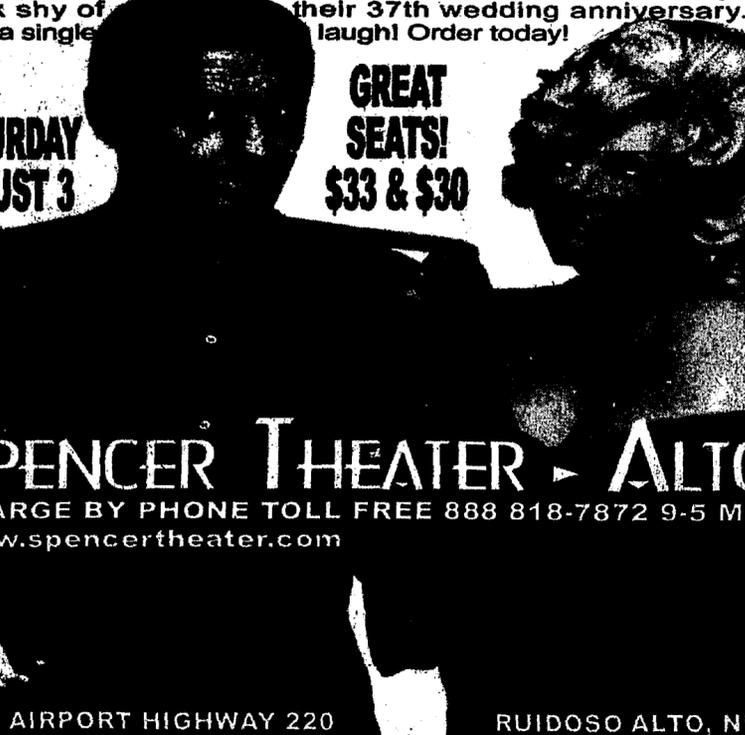
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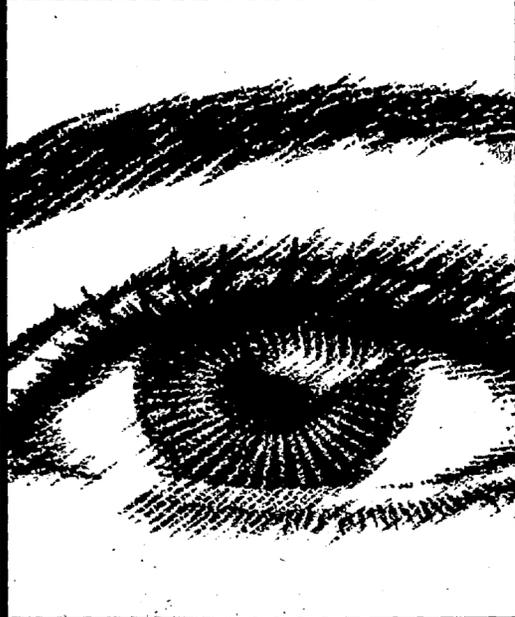
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Forester is remembered with Highway 48 plaque

Tobias died in 2000 plane crash, but has not been forgotten

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A plaque honoring the late Sam Tobias, a well-known local forester who died in the crash of a fire-spotting airplane two years ago, was placed at the scenic overlook south of Capitan on State Highway 48.

A ceremony Monday marking that placement drew several friends, family members, former co-workers and widow Jackie Tobias. Gerald Hawkes, Smokey Bear District ranger, thanked members of the Billy The Kid Scenic Byways Committee for placing the plaque.

"Sam enjoyed life," Hawkes said. "He and Jackie had worked very hard and had nearly finished their beautiful new home. He often spoke of how he enjoyed his family visits to Pennsylvania and the antique shops and occasional hunting trips while he was there."

"Sam was a blessing to all those he was around and a blessing to the Forest Service. He was a big strong man with a kind, gentle heart. He helped many people and left behind a rich legacy of projects, accomplishments and service."

When Tobias left on that aircraft flight on May 15, 2000, he realized the work carried a risk, Hawkes said.

"He and I discussed it several times," Hawkes said. "But he also knew that lives and homes were threatened by the fire. He knew that spot fires undetected even for a short time could turn into another raging wildfire. He knew that

the safety of fire fighters and others on the ground would be more secure when he reported fire behavior from the air.

"I'm sure when he took off, he was tired from everything going on and would have liked to have been at home, but in that time of emergency, he wouldn't have even considered taking a break."

Tobias lived the credo of treating others with kindness, consideration and compassion, Hawkes said. He loved people.

"Sam made the ultimate sacrifice while helping others," Hawkes said. "Because of his caring in his service, he is being honored today and always will be remembered."



COURTESY Friends, family and former co-workers of the late Sam Tobias gathered Monday at the unveiling of a memorial plaque in his honor.

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For local horse trainer Carl Draper, training horses has always been **A FAMILY AFFAIR**

■ Draper's recent success at Ruidoso Downs is the culmination of years of hard work.

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

In his 23 years of training race horses, Carl Draper has had several ups and downs, but he's able to take just about anything as long as he has his close circle of friends and family at his side.

"I would have no success without Fredda," Draper says of his wife of 40 years. "We get along so good, and we always have."

Draper has experienced a number of dry spells while in the horse racing industry, but the past eight months have more than made up for it.

Horses like Ruidoso Derby winner Genuine Strawfly, Negro De Az and Zia Futurity Juvenile winner Slacker Spin have brought Draper and his family a good deal of success, and Draper is glad he's having this success in the state of New Mexico.

"This is probably the best



COURTESY

Local horse trainer Carl Draper, back row left, stands with friends and family following a win by Slacker Spin in the Zia Futurity Juvenile Sunday, July 14 during the Zia Festival. With Draper in the winner's circle are, (back row) owner Elmer Criswell, (middle row) 2002 Miss Rodeo New Mexico Teen Chelsea Dickerson, Robin Draper, jockey Antonio Escareno, Fredda Draper, Betty Criswell, Ruidoso News publisher Brad Treptow, (front row), Isabella Draper, Ashton Pertite. Not pictured is Draper's son, Dallas, who was at the betting window collecting his winnings on the race.

eight months I've ever had," Draper said. "I've had more wins when training horses for the public, but I have a higher percentage of success now."

When slots and gaming came along in the mid-'90s and

saved New Mexico racing from going under, Draper made the conscious decision to only train horses owned by himself or two of "the best partners a person could have," Ray Willis of Roswell and Elmer Criswell of

Plainview.

By limiting himself to only 15 horses and having a personal stake in every one, Draper has a serious drive to see them succeed, and he believes that's how the industry should work.

He's chosen to be one of the few trainers at Ruidoso Downs to live in the area the last 21 years for the same reasons.

See DRAPER, page 2B

Branum taking the next step

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

After many years of travel, softball and sleepless night, Claudia Branum is finally chasing her dream.

Not that the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation employee hasn't enjoyed her time in New Mexico, she just feels now is the right time to move on.

Branum's time at Ruidoso Parks and Rec ends today, and she'll spend the next few days packing in preparation for her move to Columbia, S.C., to pursue her Master's degree in athletic training at the University of South Carolina.

"I had started my degree in the past, I just didn't finish it for whatever reason," Branum said. "Maybe I was scared or not sure I could do it."

"But finally, I just came to the point where I had to say, 'I'm just going to do it,'" she added.

Branum, who earned her undergraduate degree at St. Mary's College in Kansas and started her Master's degree at New Mexico State, wasn't fooling around when she chose her next school.

South Carolina has one of the more successful athletic



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Striiiiike! Branum makes her customary call in a game during the Parks and Recreation women's softball tournament Monday at Eagle Creek Softball Complex. Branum's distinctive voice on the field will be absent come August when she heads to the University of South Carolina to pursue a Master's Degree in athletic training.

programs in the country, what with their football team ending the year ranked 13th and their baseball team getting to the championship of the College World Series in June.

All this without mentioning that legend Lou Holtz is coaching there.

"I'd love to work with coach

Holtz," Branum said. "He's a genius when it comes to working with people."

Besides what the school has to offer, Branum was enchanted by the extracurricular activities in the Carolina area —

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TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Football booster Anne Lucero, left, and Ruidoso High football coach Ridge Bowden hold an example of the flags being sold for the school year. A picture of what the actual flags will look like is in the inset.

Flags to be sold for school spirit

The football booster club at Ruidoso High School has come up with a way for the whole village to show their support for all RHS athletic teams in the upcoming school year.

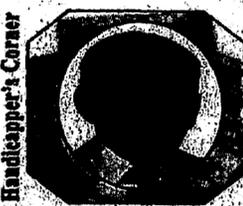
The flags, which are 30x48 inches, are being sold to businesses and individuals and can be purchased for \$30 each, although a larger donation is welcome.

The purpose of this campaign, according to booster club member Anne Lucero, is not so much to raise funds, but to raise school spirit in Ruidoso.

The flags are to arrive in late August, before the Warriors' first home game Sept. 6 against Socorro.

Those wishing to purchase a flag can contact Lucero at 336-1253, or send an order request to P.O. Box 252, Alto, NM, 88312.

There are simple rules to follow when picking a winner



Dale Wood
"The Ole Radio Man"

Here we are about half through the meet and loving every day of it. People who read our column and attend our track seminar all share one question: "How do you pick a winner?"

My stock answer is simple. If you come only once or twice a year — buy a program and a tip sheet and follow their selections. If you like some other horse because of name, color or the jockey... bet the horse. You are here to have fun and you only do this once or twice a year so... do just that... have fun.

Set a limit you will wager for the day and enjoy the races. If you

are a regular and read our column you know we narrow the field to five potential winners. From those five, I use the odds as the deciding factor. If one of my top two picks is 2-1 or better, I will bet that horse. If not, I will look to the other three horses and take the best odds if they are 9-2 or better. If not, I will sit back and enjoy the race.

If you bet the multiple horse races — that is the exacta, trifecta, etc. — you might use one of the top two selections as a key with two or three of the bottom three horses. Remember, when the risk of more horses goes up, make sure your expected odds warrant the risk.

I have found that, for me, straight win wagering is best. How many times have you bet the exacta and one of the horses runs first and the other one fails to run second? You have a ticket with a winning horse but can't cash it because the other horse didn't finish second. Usually I bet a win ticket on my top horse and then the exacta. Rarely do I bet two or more horses. I prefer my win horse on top of two other horses.

Another thing to think about is this: The favorite wins about 30-35 percent of the time. The favorite figures in 50 percent of the exactas and the first and second favorite in 75 percent.

When you make a multiple exacta bet you are going to have one winning combination and the other combinations will be losing tickets. A four-horse box is 12 bets. Eleven of those bets are losers and the winning bet must compensate for those bets, as well as show you a profit on your winning ticket.

Let me say this about handicapping. The reality of handicapping is not the same as the reality you are used to. You are used to the fact that if A is better than B and B is better than C... then A is better than C. That is not the truth of reality in handicapping. If A beats B today and B beats C the next time they run that doesn't mean that A is going to beat C nor does it mean that A is always going to beat B. In fact if A beats B today and B was within two lengths of A in that race the next time they run, the best bet is the horse at the highest odds.

It's all right to eat your betting money — but don't bet your eating money.

Hear our prediction show "The Winners Circle" at 9:18 a.m. race days and results at 6:18 and 8:18 p.m. on KWES FM 93.5 — and The Winners Circle predictions at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. and results at 8 p.m. on KRUI 1490 AM and W105 FM, your racing information stations.

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Sports on Tap

Friday, July 26
Horse Racing
Thoroughbred and quarter horse claiming, maiden and allowance racing at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Saturday, July 27
Horse Racing
Ruidoso Oaks at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Saturday, July 28
Horse Racing
Kachina and Los Ninos Stakes at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, July 30
Softball
Men's League Tournament at Eagle Creek Complex, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 1
Horse Racing
Clovis Classic Futurity Trials at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Softball
Men's League Tournament at Eagle Creek Complex, 6:30 p.m.

On Deck

Softball Meeting
A meeting for all interested in city softball — coaches, players and managers — will be held Monday at the Ruidoso Senior Center at 6 p.m.

Portales Open Tennis Tournament
Friday-Sunday marks the 2002 Portales Tennis Open, sponsored by the Portales National Bank. The tournament is open to all players in junior and adult events. Entry fees for junior events is \$8 for singles and \$16 for doubles, while entry fees for adult events are \$10 for singles and \$20 for doubles. Deadline to enter is July 24 at 8 p.m.

All entrants are limited to three events, with juniors playing in adult events limited to three events in each division. All junior events will be played July 26 starting at 8 a.m., with play for adult events beginning July 27 at 8 a.m. For more information on registration, contact Bill or Shirley Wahlman at (505)-358-6747.

Football Camp in Roswell
The Roswell Parks and Recreation Department will host its annual football camp July 29-Aug. 2, to be held at the Cleto Grande Recreation Area daily from 8 a.m. to noon.

Technique, skills and rules will be covered to improve performance in competitive sports. Football specialist Damian Cheatem will be conducting the co-ed clinics, and will be assisted by Charlie Ward III, Charlie Ward II, Mickey Reeves, Oscar Hernandez, Sean Rodgers, Lisa Schanck and Andre Cheatem. The essential elements of football — offense, defense, ball-handling, punting, kicking and throwing — will all be covered. All participants need to bring their own water bottles. For more information, contact the recreation department for registration at 624-6720.

The British are Coming!
For the fourth consecutive year, British Soccer will be holding a week-long soccer clinic for children ages 4-12 Aug. 5-9. Two sessions will be offered. For best pricing, your child must be registered prior to July 22. For more information, contact Katy Yeager at 258-2778.

DRAPER: All in the family

FROM PAGE 1B

"Ruidoso offers the type of small-town lifestyle me and my family like," Draper said. "The climate is excellent, the area is beautiful, and it's always near any one of the tracks in New Mexico."

"Now, with slots at the tracks, it makes the racing industry in New Mexico a particularly good investment," he added. "The breeding industry has flourished and risen to unbelievable heights."

Humble Start

Draper hasn't always been at the top, starting with a childhood in Carrizozo and Claunch and continuing through a career as a rodeo cowboy.

"I roped calves for many years, and the whole family participated," Draper said. "In 1978, I got tired of the younger guys beating me, so I decided to leave it to them and took on horse training."

"In that time, I've been broke a few times and made mistakes, but I know I'll never have to worry," he added.

Not as long as he's got his family and friends near, and not as long as he's doing something he loves.

"When you're in horse racing, it becomes an addiction," Draper said. "My wife is the same way, we both love this business."

Recently, the business has been loving him

back. Negro De Az, winner of the Zia Handicap, has pulled in \$117,000 in the last two years, while 2-year-old Slacker Spin has what Draper calls "an excellent future."

His wife Fredda has been a big part of these horses' success, and Carl is very glad he married her.

The two met while she was in college at New Mexico State. A mutual friend kept telling Fredda about Carl, but when the two first met, things didn't exactly click.

"I met her after about a year, and we didn't like each other much," Draper said. "But then we started dating, and about six weeks later got married. It's the best thing I ever did."

One example of Fredda's expertise came when the two bought a horse named Dean's Honor Roll.

"When he went through the sale, I had to be out of town. So I told my wife to bid up to \$15,000," Draper said. "She called me and said she bought him, but for \$21,000. She didn't want to stop."

Her decision was a good one, as Dean's Honor Roll has had two wins, one second-place and one third-place finish in four outs and made \$56,000 in his short career.

"Ray Willis reminds me constantly that he's glad my wife didn't listen to me," Draper jokes.

Carl is also intensely proud of his children and grandchildren. Daughter Robin works as a



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Draper shows off Zia Futurity Juvenile winner Slacker Spin outside his barn at Ruidoso Downs race track. Draper has but 15 horses that he trains, a small number he's found works to his advantage.

hair stylist at Before And After in Ruidoso, while son Dallas is a fledgling screenwriter with six scripts to his name.

He also has a granddaughter, Jasmine, who at 17 is already a student at Texas Tech, and a 7-year-old granddaughter in Ruidoso named Isabella.

"I'm very proud of my whole family," Draper said. "That's my team, a small tight group."

Draper has no immediate plans to retire — he loves the business too much. But he is encouraged at the number of young trainers entering the business, and offers them some simple advice.

"Anyone that wants to be successful has to know horses," Draper emphasized. "Also, never lie to or cheat your people. Success will be there if they put work into it."

McDougal having a 'swinging' summer at various tournaments

Ruidoso junior tennis player Heather McDougal has had a busy summer on the courts.

Since completing eighth grade at Ruidoso Middle School and securing the District 4-3A singles championship while playing for Ruidoso High School, McDougal has played in five United States Tennis Association-sanctioned tournaments and one non-sanctioned tournament, including the National



McDougal

Girls 14 Open Championships held at the El Paso Country Club July 1-5.

McDougal took second place trophies in three of the tournaments:

The Firecracker Open in San Antonio June 28-30, the El Paso Youth Tennis Center's Dog Days of Summer Junior Open July 12-14 and the Kerrville Junior Tennis Classic July 19-21.

McDougal plays this weekend at the New Mexico State/El Paso Country Club Junior Championships at Picacho Hills Country Club in Las Cruces. She is seeded No. 4 in singles competition and No. 2 in doubles.

BRANUM: Realizing her dream

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from concerts to NASCAR racing to just hanging around on the beach.

Branum, who graduated from Ruidoso High School in 1982, returned to the area after college and began organizing softball tournaments in 1989. She later went to Florida for four years, and in her time there, she fell in love with the Atlantic seaboard.

"I was actually checking out two schools out there, South Florida and South Carolina," Branum said. "South Carolina won out."

She returned to Ruidoso after Florida and continued working off and on for the Parks and Recreation Department and as a representative for the United States Specialty Sports Association.

The USSSA is the national organization for amateur softball, and Branum's involvement eventually led to a Director of the Year honor in 1999.

Her travels with USSSA have taken her to the Carolina and Virginia area in the past, so she had some familiarity already which made her decision to relocate there a bit easier.

In that time of organizing and umpiring these tournaments, Branum has lost a lot of sleep overseeing endless games and made some close friendships. It's those friendships that she'll miss the most about the area.

"I've developed a great friendship with the people I'm involved with, locally and statewide," Branum said. "They're concerned about what will happen with softball when I'm gone, but they're all happy I've got this opportunity."

While her last official day on the job is today, school doesn't start for Branum until Aug. 5, and she admitted she'll still be around the softball fields in between packing up for her big move.

She also admitted she'll be involved with USSSA softball sometime in the future.

"I'm a sports fanatic, but I love the game of softball," Branum emphasized. "And South Carolina offers a lot in that area. I just won't be doing it right away."

Regardless of what she does or where her travels take her, Branum can at least be happy knowing she's starting to live her dream.

Men's softball underway

The Ruidoso Parks and Recreation men's softball tournament began Tuesday night at the Eagle Creek Complex, with favorites and a few upsets advancing to the second round.

Seventh-seed Buzzards and fifth-seed Homeboys each won their opening games, as the Buzzards defeated the Rookies 15-11 and the Homeboys beat the Crushers 15-4.

The Grizzlies beat Batos Locos 19-8, while the third-seeded Nads beat the Sawyer Warriors 20-3. The Mesclero Indians defeated Camp Sierra Blanca 13-12, and the Mesclero Apaches, seeded 10th after the regular season, beat, eighth-seeded Amity in a mild upset.

Games continued on Thursday night. Results were not available at press time, but will be reported in a future edition of the Ruidoso News.

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Minimum qualifications: 1. High School Diploma 2. Demonstrates dependability, cooperation, loyalty and responsible behavior and attitudes 3. Experience working with preschool aged children 4. Demonstrates a willingness to work in a cooperative working environment.

Only fully qualified individuals need inquire. Application deadline is August 2, 2002, 4:00 p.m. Call REC IX - (505) 257-2368 (Fred Romero or Teresa Barnett) for complete job description and application. REC IX is an equal opportunity employer.

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SUPERVISION EXERCISED: None required. SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Supervision is received from the ABE Program Director, the DOL Interviewer II, the NM Works Job Developer and the Region IX School-to-Careers Coordinator. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Must have a high school diploma or a GED certificate; three years of clerical experience required. College training or an Associate's degree may be substituted for experience. The successful candidate should possess strong interpersonal skills, excellent communication and organizational skills, the ability to enter data into a data base, reporting system, excellent word processing and other related office skills. Must also be able to function effectively in a fast-paced, multicultural environment, and possess a current driver's license. Ability to work independently with strict attention to detail. A computer proficiency test will be required as part of the selection process. PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORKING CONDITIONS: Work is necessary with 40 pounds maximum weight to lift and carry. Regularly required to walk, stand, handle objects and materials with the use of fingers, talking and hearing, seeing. Work is performed in a non-smoking environment during normal working hours, evenings or weekends. Some traveling outside of the Ruidoso area may be required. 40 hour work week. For more information, contact: The Ruidoso Center of ENMU 700 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 (505) 257-2120. www.ruidoso.enmu.edu ENMU is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

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/s/ Phillip M. Kleinsmith, #6261 by Mickie L. Vega Deputy THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE PROVIDED IN ACCORD WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

REF-41 (b) (2) KS, NM, OK #5139 1T (7)25

CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS

Request for Proposals No. 03-01

WEB SITE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

The City of Ruidoso Downs will accept sealed Proposals at the office of the Purchasing Department of the Municipal Building, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346 or P.O. Box 348, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346-0348 until 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 2002 for City WEB SITE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at 3:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Purchasing Department on Thursday, August 1, 2002 to answer any questions that the prospective PROPOSERS may have regarding the City's request for proposals.

Copies of the Request can be obtained in person at the office of the Purchasing Department at the City of Ruidoso Downs, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs, NM or will be mailed upon written or telephone request to the Purchasing Department at 505-378-4422.

The City of Ruidoso Downs reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received and in the case of ambiguity or lack of clearness to determine the best proposal or to reject the same and waive irregularities and technicalities.

John Waters City Administrator City of Ruidoso Downs

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LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CASE NO CV-02-95

LEGAL NOTICES

GENERAL MOTORS ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF v. RON DOOR AND RICHARD R. HARRIS, DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ss. COUNTY OF LINCOLN

To: Richard R. Harris:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT an action has been commenced against you in the above-captioned court and cause by the above-named Plaintiff and that the Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service of process upon you by publication. The general subject of the action is for recovery of Collateral and a money debt. The Collateral is a 2000 Chevy S10 Truck VIN 1GCCS1946YK100543. It is alleged in the Complaint that a retail installment sale contract and security agreement was executed and delivered to secure a loan to purchase the Collateral. The Complaint seeks, in addition to other relief, possession of the Collateral and issuance of a Writ of Replevin to that effect. No personal judgment is sought against you at this time, because neither personal service on you, nor an acceptable substitute, has been accomplished.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that unless you file a responsive pleading or motion within the time required, judgment or other appropriate relief will be rendered against you by default.

The name and post office address of the attorneys for the Plaintiff are as follows: Amanda H. Hartmann, Sulin, Thayer & Browne A Professional Corporation, P.O. Box 1945, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103.

WITNESS the Honorable Jerry H. Ritter, Jr. District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District of the State of New Mexico, and the SEAL of the District Court of Lincoln County this 5th day of July, 2002.

Jan Perry District Court Clerk

/s/ Elizabeth Yeast Deputy Clerk 630545

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LEGAL NOTICE

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Ruidoso Board of Education wishes to receive proposals to provide transportation for Ruidoso Municipal School District students to varsity sports events throughout the state beginning August, 2002 through May 2003. Specifications are available at the office of the Superintendent, Mike Gladden, 200 Horton Circle,

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Ruidoso, NM 88345 or by phone (505) 257-4051.

Proposals must be received in the office of the Superintendent by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2002. PROPOSALS MUST BE SEALED AND MARKED "PROPOSAL FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES." Proposals will be opened and read aloud at a regular school board meeting Tuesday, August 13, 7:00 p.m. at the Central Administration Office, board Room.

The board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and waive all technicalities.

/s/Mike Gladden Superintendent Ruidoso Municipal Schools

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LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico, calls for sealed bids for Landscaping at Heights Park.

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

Sealed bids must be received by the Procurement Manager, if handed delivered, to 122 Downs Drive Ruidoso Downs, or if mailed, P.O. Box 348 Ruidoso Downs, N.M. 88346. Bids will be received until Tuesday, August 6, 2002 at 2:00 p.m., and then publicly opened at the City of Ruidoso Downs City Hall. Any bids received after closing time will be returned unopened.

The City of Ruidoso Downs reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive all irregularities as allowed by the State of New Mexico Procurement Code.

BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNING BODY

JOHN WATERS CITY ADMINISTRATOR CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS

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Puzzle by Mark P. Sherwood

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (95¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 60 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.

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A fetching festival

The Ruidoso Art Fest, in its 31st year, will feature 12 local artists among the 120 from across the country at the convention center

BY SANDY SUGGITT AND EMILY BOURBON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The biggest art event of the year starts at noon today at the Ruidoso Convention Center, where 120 artists from all over the country — and 12 from Lincoln County — converge with their fine art in 11 categories: acrylics and oils, watercolor, photography, pastels/pencil/pen-and-ink, metalwork, fabric/weaving/leather, jewelry, pottery/porcelain/glass, sculpture and mixed media.

"It's an extremely high quality show," said Ruidoso Art Festival chairman Denise Dean, "and there are a lot of new artists this year. Even our artists that come back every year do phenomenal work and continue to amaze us."

A silent auction of items donated by all the participating artists is part of this general fundraiser for the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce — and is a good deal for art lovers, too.

Judges view the work Friday for an awards banquet for the best of show, top 10 and best booth on Friday evening for the artists. Those winning awards do not need to be juried in for the following year's show.

The show runs from noon until 6 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, and admission is \$3. Parking is free and Shuttle Ruidoso will weave around the parking lot continuously bringing people to and from their vehicles. Vendors will serve a variety of food and snacks outside the building.

Maureen Quemada's colors

The entire food chain jumps out of the frames of the colorful, expressionist paintings of Maureen Quemada. From verdant farm scenes of Provence, France, the produce market, the kitchen and the table, the culinary details of nature and the ambiance of fine dining are joyfully painted by this Ruidoso artist.

"Traveling to art shows so much, I have to eat in restaurants, and I see so many that I just started paying attention," she said. "I have found the best restaurants through a local person — hidden away places with good food. You know you have a friendly restaurant when a chef comes out and talks to you."

And chefs do exactly that in some of the paintings visitors to the art festival will see this weekend. "Off the beaten path" is the inspiration behind

this series. Last year's was the French Provence area, and next year it'll be something else, Quemada said.

The color and flavor of her work comes from early years spent in Lahaina and Maui, Hawaii, and visiting produce markets such as the Pike Place Market in Seattle, Wash.

"They'll throw fish around," she said. "I could paint that with my eyes closed, the way they dress in green clothes and the rows and rows of produce."

Quemada has been painting for 22 years, beginning when she had young children at home.

"I had three young children and painting was the only thing I could do to keep my sanity without leaving the house," she said. "My father built me an easel, so I set it up in the kitchen and the kids would draw with crayons, and we all were happy. It felt good that I could do something for myself. Now those kids are gone and I'm still sitting at my easel."

When she started out, Quemada did portrait work, but got tired of "chasing all those shadows. It's my job to take a hammer to reality, and I get paid for it."

Ivy Heymann's fire

Simple, elegant lines describe the fine porcelain work of this White Oaks artist who has been working with pottery since she got hooked on it in high school. Three universities, apprenticeships in Georgia, North Carolina, Seattle and Ruidoso and many workshops refined her work, which she said is influenced by Asian and American folk pottery.

This year at the art festival, Heymann will have big bowls, square bowls, pitchers, flower vases, casseroles, cream-and-sugars, dinnerware and coffee mugs, all thrown by hand, slab built, and fired to 2,400 degrees. Although in the past her palette has been colors found around White Oaks, this year she's created some new glazes: a copper glaze producing a copper red, with streaks of white and turquoise and metallic copper in places where the kiln is "really hot;" celadon — translucent, light sage color; black; and an electric cobalt blue created by removing the iron from the recipe.

The colors within each piece differ, with no two pieces alike, which, for Heymann, "makes it Christmas every time."

The cycle starts with weighing out clay in balls and kneading them like bread dough into conical forms. Then



COURTESY SUANNE WAMSLEY

Suanne Wamsley's pencil and graphite drawings often show animals in great detail.

she starts throwing — "My favorite part of the cycle," she said. "It would make me happiest if I could throw pots all the time."

This is followed by bisque firing, waxing, glazing, loading and firing the gas kiln.

"I like firing the gas kiln; it's like watching the baby all day. I have to stay with it and listen to it and change the atmosphere as it gains temperature up to 2,400 degrees, then it has to cool for 36 hours. That's my day off."

"The next morning, I can start taking down the door and unload the kiln — and that's when it's Christmas, because I never know how things are going to turn out."

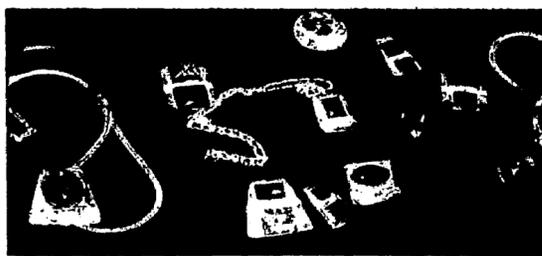
Heymann built her own adobe studio and loft gallery in White Oaks and participates in the White Oaks Studio

Tours every year. Suanne Wamsley's pencil and graphite paintings

Selected in the top 10 from last year's art festival, Wamsley returns with her painterly drawings of horses, race horses and pets. She recently finished a commissioned painting for the American Quarter Horse Association that will be printed, and has been busy with other commissioned pieces.

Wamsley has been taking her paintings on the road for 22 years, and was commissioned by the Golden Gate Field to do portraits of the California Derby winners since 1982. Her work has appeared on the covers of many magazines, and in 1999 the World Quarter Horse Association used one of her paintings for its poster. Some may have seen her paintings on credit cards of the Appaloosa Horse Club and MBNA Bank.

Her grandfather was a landscape painter and Wamsley grew up painting gold leaf on the frames of his paint and frame store.



EMILY BOURBON/STAFF

Zoe de Negri will have her colorful jewelry on display at the 31st Ruidoso Art Festival.

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SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

The festival features the work of 12 local artists, including that of Maureen Quemada, above.

Of men, pecans and other spontaneously combustible objects

Today we present an important breakthrough in the ongoing effort by research scientists to figure out what, if anything, men are thinking.

But first, we have an important warning concerning a worrisome topic that, unfortunately, is very much on our minds these days: pecan safety.

This warning is based on an alarming report from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, which was written by Heather Ratcliffe and sent in by a number (14 million) of alert readers. The report concerns a Pacific, Mo., couple who — like so many people — kept a bucket of pecans in their garage.

"Their visiting grandchildren like to feed the nuts to squirrels," explains the Post-Dispatch.

The story states that one fateful day, the man — seeking to keep the couple's dog from getting into the bucket — put a second bucket on top of it, thus sealing the pecans tightly inside. You have probably already guessed what happened next: The dog burned

down.

No, sorry. The HOUSE burned down. According to the Post-Dispatch, a reaction called "spontaneous combustion" — which is caused when oxygen combines rapidly with a snack food — took place inside the bucket, and the pecans burst into flames." (The same reaction occurs inside your stomach when you eat a Slim Jim.)

The Post-Dispatch, getting both sides of the story, contacted a Missouri pecan grower, Elizabeth James, 82, who has been growing pecans since 1940. She stated that her pecans have never, in all those years, given any her trouble.

"They don't explode by themselves," she is quoted as saying, adding, "my Lord."

Nevertheless, we can all agree there are several important conclusions to be drawn from the Missouri tragedy:

1. Let the squirrels get their own darned nuts.
2. If your dog wants to get at your pecans, it's best to just let him, even though he will eat

the whole bucket, and then, after conducting a thorough, inch-by-inch survey of your entire house, throw up on your most valuable floor covering.

3. Congress needs to hold hearings into this question: How come airlines go to all that trouble to prevent people from taking bombs onto planes, and then just HAND EVERYBODY A BAG OF NUTS?

Speaking of questions, we are now approaching our actual column topic, which is a really hard puzzle that has baffled everybody for thousands of years: Why do men like to look at good-looking women?

The answer, according to a study that I am not making up, conducted by researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital, is that looking at attractive women — prepare for a shocking finding — gives men pleasure.

Yes. According to news reports, the researchers had a group of young men look at photos of people of various degrees of attractiveness. The study showed that, when the men

saw a photo of a beautiful woman, their pecans burst into flames, if you get my drift. If the men wanted to keep looking at a photo of an attractive woman, they had to keep pressing a key; a researcher is quoted as saying that some men pressed the key 6,000 times in 40 minutes, which is "as much as a rat presses for cocaine."

The researchers concluded that looking at attractive women stimulates "reward centers" of the men's brains that are "considered to be evolutionary holdovers from reptiles."

That sounds right to me. I live in South Florida, which is Lizard Central. There are thousands of lizards in my yard alone, and as far as I can tell, the males do virtually nothing, all day long, except stare at the females. Occasionally, when a male lizard sees a female lizard that he considers to be particularly hot, he will inflate a red sac on his throat. Apparently the males believe that this is highly attractive — that when female lizards get together in the ladies' restroom, they say:

"Did you SEE the throat sac on Vernon?"

But the point is that, thanks to this breakthrough Massachusetts research, we can draw some important conclusions:

1. If a man is with, let's say, his wife, and he sees an attractive woman, and his eyeballs go shooting *sproing* out of their sockets and dangle from their optic fibers around his knees, this is NOT HIS FAULT, because he is under the control of his primitive reptile brain, and his wife should not get angry at him, even if it happens to be their wedding reception.

2. We now know what part of the brain causes men to believe that women will be attracted to them if they have a big red Corvette.

3. Let the rats get their own darned cocaine.

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Locals relive height of Lincoln County War in Old Lincoln Days

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

For close to 60 years, descendants of the famous Lincoln County War and familiars of Billy the Kid have been re-enacting the dramatic events of the last escape of the bandit as part of the annual celebration of Old Lincoln Days, Aug. 2-4.

"The pageant runs from the killing of John Tunstall until the last escape, through the five-day battle when McSween and the Kid and a few others were trapped inside his house," said Ken McInness, who plays the parts of a lingerie peddler and an outlaw and has been in the pageant for 27 years. "The law had surrounded the house and set the McSween house on fire and tried to knock off the Kid and the group."

Most of the people performing the 60 parts in this folk pageant have been in it for years, and keep their roles until they move away or die, as was the case with Dan Storm, who died in 1998.

"Dan Storm was in forever as Buckshot Roberts. He missed only once and was probably in it 53 years," McInness said. "We used to have a guy flying in from California every year — Neal Waters, and he played Frank Coe."

It was pioneers and ranchers of the area that started the pageant, said John Wilson, who plays a member of the Kid's gang this year. Their relatives have continued the tradition every year except two during World War II.

"I'm sixth generation," Wilson said. "My great-grandfather knew Billy the Kid. A lot of people have a lot of knowledge about what was happening at the time."

Peg Pfingsten, the great-uncle of John Schreengost, who is in his sixth year as the Kid himself, was one of the original cast members. Schreengost, now 23, has been in the pageant

every year of his life, but when he outgrows the role of the 21-year-old outlaw, he'll move on to another role, he said.

McInness said San Patricio painter Peter Hurd was the first ever Billy the Kid, and they created the play out of Lincoln's colorful history to celebrate New Mexico's anniversary year.

Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny Maddox has played the role of Sheriff Pat Garret for 17 years, inventing his own blanks that

sound as loud as real ammunition but are a lot safer than commercial blanks, he said.

"The first year I played three different cowboy parts," Maddox said. "The last 17 years I played Pat Garret, one of the preachers and an outlaw."

"In the 18 years, I've seen young kids grow up, get married and have children in the pageant."

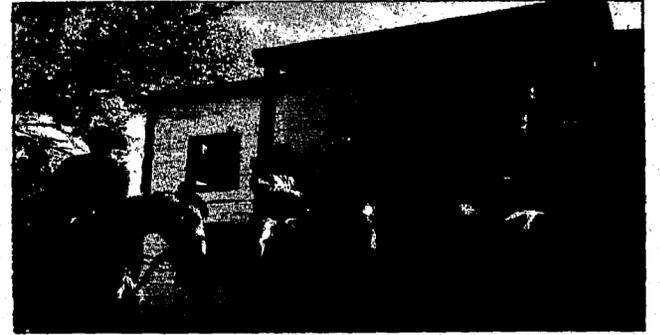
Maddox recorded Dan Storm singing the ballad of Billy the

Kid, and that sound track is played at every pageant.

"You could hear the crickets chirping in the background," Maddox said. "When we played it back, he said, 'That sounds good. Is that me?'"

The bleachers in the pageant grounds seat about 1,000 people for the three performances during Old Lincoln Days: 8:30 p.m. Aug. 2 and 3, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4. Tickets, available at the gate, the Lincoln Historical Center or the Hubbard Museum of the American West, are \$4 for adults, \$1 for children age 6-10, and children under 5 are free. Attendees are asked to bring umbrellas and lawn chairs, although McInness claims they've never been rained out.

A parade through town, led by the Pony Express Trail Riders and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse, begins at 11 a.m. on Sunday. All shops, museums and the courthouse will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. all three days. Food and arts and crafts



Billy the Kid contemplates his escape from the courthouse while Jared Wilson, left, and John Wilson keep watch. The Kid is played by John Schreengost.

concessions will line up along the street. Living history demonstrations will run throughout town Saturday and Sunday, as well as Lincoln slide presentations at the historical center.

The Old Lincoln Days Fiddlers' Contest is at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, and a Catholic

Mass will be celebrated at San Juan Church at 3 p.m. Saturday, and Episcopal services at 8:30 a.m. Sunday.

For more information, visit www.zianet.com/lpic or call the Lincoln Historical Center at 653-4025 or Lee or Donna Crandall at 354-3067.



Billy the Kid and this year's horse share a pensive moment. Billy is played by John Schreengost.

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Gateway Church of Christ 415 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-4381. Jay Willimon, Minister. Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.; Sat. Sun. worship: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. Bible study: 7 p.m.

study: 7 p.m.

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

Church of Jesus Christ LDS Mescalero Branch, 671-4630. E.W. Gunkel, President, 354-3388. Sunday: Sacrament meeting 10 a.m.; Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m.; Priesthood Relief Soc. & Young Women, 12:10 a.m.

EPISCOPAL
Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso. Father John W. Penn, Rector. Sunday Eucharist: 8 & 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Daughters of King; noon; Eucharist & healing: 5:30 p.m.; Choir practice: 7 p.m.

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Congregacion Hispanade los Testigos de Jehova
106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3059, 336-7076. Don. Reunion Publica 1:00 p.m.; Estudio de la Alalaya 1:50 p.m. Mart: Escuela del Ministerio Teocratico 7 p.m.; Reunion de servicio 7:50 p.m.; Juev. Estudio de libro 7:00 p.m.

LUTHERAN MO. Synod
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
1120 Hull Road, 258-4191, 257-5296. Kevin L Krohn, Pastor. Sunday: Worship 8:30 a.m. (May-Oct.), 10:30 a.m.; Sun. School & Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Thurs. Eve. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., call for location.

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

PENTECOSTAL
The Apostles of Lincoln County, UPC Remax Center, 1009 Mechem Dr. Unit #1. Pastor, Art Dunn. Sunday afternoon, 4:30 PM, Adult, childrens & youth classes. Wednesday evening, 7:00 PM, Bible Study.

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

FRESHYTERIAN
First Presbyterian Church 101 Sutton Drive (Job Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220. Cathy E. Caudle, Pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:30 a.m.; worship 8:30 am & 11 a.m. Podluck fellowship after worship the third Sunday of every month.

Mountain Ministry
Parish Community United Presbyterian Church Ancho, Reverend Scott King. Sunday worship: 9 a.m.;

Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Corona Presbyterian Church Reverend Scott King.
Sunday: Church School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
Nogal Presbyterian Church Reverend Bill Sebring.
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REFORMED CHURCH
Mescalero Reformed Mescalero. Bob Schut, Pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:30 a.m.; worship 10:30 a.m. Mon. junior high youth 6:30 p.m. Wed. high school meeting 7 p.m. Thur. Kids Club (grades 1-5) 3:30.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Ruidoso Seventh Day Adventist 207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4161. Pastor Earl Robertson 505-439-0760; Assoc. Pastor Wilburn Morrow 622-1206. Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m.; Church service: 11 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

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NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Abundant Life Family Church 2810 Sudderth Drive, Suite 210, 257-1188. Mark Centry, pastor. Sunday worship 8:30a.m. Thursday Bible study 7 p.m.

American Missionary Fellowship Rick Smith, 682-2999. Monday: Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m. at Schlotzsky's Deli. Tuesday: Ruidoso men's Bible study noon at Pizza Hut, Mechem Drive. Wednesday: (Sept. through May) Capitán Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups 6:30 p.m. at Christ Community Fellowship. E-mail: RickS@americanmissionary.org

Calvary Chapel 127 Vision, next to Cable Co., 257-5915. Pastor John Marshall Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Mid-week bible study 7 p.m.

Carrizo Christian Fellowship Leonard Kansewah III,

Pastor. 56 White Mt. Dr., 3 mi. W. of Inn of the Mountain Gods/Mescalero. Sundays 10:30 & 6:30. Wed. 6:30 378-1789

Centro Cristiano Casa de Oracion 139 El Paso Rd., Ruidoso, 257-2324. Pastor Carlos Carreon. Reunion General Jueves 7:00 p.m.; Domingo 10:00 a.m. Club Amistad Sabado 11:00 a.m. (niños).

Christ Church in the Downs Ruidoso Downs, 378-8464. Al and Marty Lane, Pastors. Sunday: 8:00 Sun a.m., 10:45 a.m., Children's ministries concurrent with late Sunday Services. Sat. outreach at 1pm, at church. Thursday: 7 p.m.

Cornerstone Church Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth Drive, 257-9265. John & Joy Wyatt, Pastors. Sunday School, 9:45. Church, 10:30 a.m.; 6:30 p.m. with Children's Church Sun. Eve. Handicap Services 11 a.m. Wed. Leadership Class 6 p.m. & Prayer 7 p.m. Wed. Bible Study Adult 7 p.m. Thurs. and Youth, Thurs. 7 p.m.

Cowboy Church Noon Sundays at the Glencoe Rural Events Center. Everyone welcome. Preacher Buster Reed of Amarillo. Call 378-4840 for more info.

Graice Harvest Church Gavilan Canyon Rd, 336-4213. Sun. morning prayer 6:30 a.m.; Sunday school 9 a.m.; service 10 a.m.

Miracle Life Ministry Center Ron Rice & Catherine Callahan, Ministers Available 24 hours for healing prayer. 354-0255 e-mail: miraclelife@ruidoso-online.com

Peace Chapel Interdenominational (ULC)
Alto North, 336-7075. Jeannette Price, Pastor. Morning chapel: 6:50 a.m. (Sept. - June); Sun. Service: 11 a.m.

NON-SECTARIAN
Spiritual Awareness Study Group Minister: George N. Brown, Ph.D. U.L.C. Sundays 1 p.m., 101 Mader Lane. Also across from Kokopelli's Golf Course - 257-1569

BAPTIST
Trinity Southern Baptist Church (South on Highway 48) Mt. Capitán Rd. 354-2044.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Worship: 11 a.m.; AWANA: Sunday 4-6 p.m.
Mountain Baptist Church
Sunday 11 AM, Sweeney Beer Park, N.E. side
Capitán, NM (505) 491-6106

CATHOLIC
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Capitán, 354-9102. Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.; Monday Adult Bible Study: 9 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Capitán - Highway 48, Las Encinas, Minister: Sunday Bible study: 10 a.m. Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

FOUR SQUARE
Capitán Four Square Church Highway 48, Capitán. Harold W. Perry, Pastor.

Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

METHODIST
Capitán United Methodist Church
Pastor Johanna Anderson and the congregation of Capitán United Methodist Church welcome Lincoln County residents and visitors alike to attend Bible study Sunday morning at 8:30, followed by worship service at 9:10. Communion is offered during worship on the first Sunday of every month, and a potluck lunch-coffee is served the third Sunday at 12:30. White Oaks and Third in Capitán. 505-648-2846.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Christ Community Fellowship Capitán, Highway 388 West, 354-2458. Ed Vinson, Pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
The Word of Life Church
Rev. Chuck Fulton, pastor/648-2339, 711 'E' Ave., Carrizozo, NM. Affiliated w/the Evangelistic Assembly Church. Sunday 7:00 pm.

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

CATHOLIC
Santa Rita Catholic Church
648-2853. Father Dave Berge, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.; Tuesday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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

Study 7:00 pm.

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

METHODIST
United Methodist Church Parish
Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2892/648-2846, Carrizozo. Johanna Anderson, pastor. Sunday school 10:00 a.m.; Sunday worship 11:00 a.m. Choir Practices (Times) 6:30 pm; United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wed. 1:00 pm; Fellowship Dinner 4th Sun. of month 12:30 pm.

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

CAPITAN CHURCHES

CARRIZOZO CHURCHES

Museum music

An evening of local music will be presented at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs from 4 to 7 p.m. today.

A brother and sister team, Marcella and Eddie Garcia, combine their talents to perform a number of romantic ballads in English and Spanish and some of their original work.

Trad Tidwell will perform a wide array of soothing tunes from Spanish ballads to original songs.

James and Ile Boren will perform popular hits from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, from the Eagles, Beatles and others to some of the duo's original, folk-inspired music.

Admission is \$5 for nonmembers and free to members and their guests and a cash bar will be available. Come and support local musicians in the wonderful ambiance of the museum while feasting on appetizers.

This event is made possible in part by a grant from New Mexico Arts, a division of the Office of Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, call Elizabeth Becker at 378-4142.

Chorus tryouts

Vocal auditions for the Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso Chamber Chorale, conducted by Danny Flores, will be from 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1 and Monday, Aug. 5 at the First Christian Church on Hull Road.

People are invited to sing a 16- to 32-bar piece of music for the audition and to sight-read a simple musical line and be vocalized for musical range.

The conductor seeks eight sopranos, eight altos, five tenors and five baritone/basses for the group. For more information, contact Flores at 258-3253 or 258-4943.

Participation in the Chamber Chorale group is by audition only. Anyone else wanting to sing can join the ENMU-Ruidoso Community Choir. Call ENMU-Ruidoso at 257-2120 to enroll in the class.

Both the Community Choir and the Chamber Chorale will meet on Monday nights at the First Christian Church. The Chamber Chorale meets from 6 to 7:10 p.m. and the Community Choir meets from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. The Community Choir will prepare music from Broadway musicals during the fall semester.

The first class of the semester for both groups is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 26, with a final concert scheduled at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 24 at the Spencer Theater.

Zozo street fair

The 9th Annual Carrizozo Street Fair is seeking entries for the 2002 Street Fair Parade to be held starting at 10 a.m., Monday, Sept. 2, Labor Day.

Organizers hope to attract band groups, military personnel, horse-back riding clubs, cheer squads, drill teams, rare automobiles, etc.

Prizes and ribbons will be awarded to parade participants in various categories. For more information, contact Karla Organist at 648-5637.

Artists, sponsors needed

The Ruidoso Arts Commission is still hunting sponsors and artists for The Great Bear Hunt, which will put painted bears around the area spring through fall 2003. The Great Bear Hunt will be publicized statewide and 100 percent of the proceeds will go

toward developing a community cultural arts center.

Submissions will be accepted through Oct. 1, but sponsors are already selecting designs. Decorated bears must be completed by Feb. 1, 2003, but bears completed by Oct. 1 may be used for early marketing efforts.

Call Mary Lea Lane, arts coordinator for the village of Ruidoso at 378-4302 for applications for sponsorship or bear designs. Artist forms are also at the Ruidoso Public Library, Village Hall, the Capitan Public Library and Carrizozo Joe's restaurant. Other questions may be directed to Frank or Elizabeth Amigo, co-chairs of the project, at 336-7469.

Silent auction

A silent auction fundraiser to benefit nationally acclaimed artist Ted Robertson, who was recently diagnosed with cancer, will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24 at Eastern New Mexico State University-Ruidoso, 709 Mechem Drive.

Art may be donated by calling Patsy Blasdel at 258-9151, Jerry Rice at 257-2579 or Billie Hunter in Roswell at 623-3955.

Card workshop

Beverly Wilson will offer a workshop to make original greeting cards from 1 to 4 p.m. Aug. 11. Learn techniques of stamping, folding, cutting and embellishing, make a pop-up and an envelope. All materials will be provided, but participants may bring any objects, designs or photos to incorporate. These techniques have application to scrapbooks. The workshop fee is \$35.

Eagle Ranch exhibit

Ruidoso artist David Schuetz is the featured artist for August at the Eagle Ranch Art Gallery.

Schuetz paints, carves wood and entertains audiences with his guitar and singing.

He first became interested in painting by watching Bob Ross and Jerry Yarnell on PBS. Pursuing his budding creativity, he took seminars and classes at Odessa college and worked with well-known artists to hone his skills.

His show will feature all facets of his talent, from landscapes and seascapes to wood carvings and hand-carved walking sticks.

Currently residing in

Ruidoso, his works are featured in several galleries and also displayed at West Texas A&M. This show runs from Aug. 1-31 at the Eagle Ranch, 7288 Highway 54/70, between Alamogordo and Tularosa. Open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. seven days a week.

CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK

by Dr. Jack V. Waters
Chiropractic Physician



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It appears so easy to do your lawn work with the help of weed wackers, electric mowers and leaf blowers. But watch out! Many diligent landscapers soon have to visit their local Doctor of Chiropractic. The American Chiropractic Association (ACA) warns that even the most modern electrical equipment can cause back and neck pain if used improperly. Even more serious muscular sprains, strains and tears are possible. Repetitive movements can also cause a wide variety of bodily problems. The ACA offers several suggestions on how best to use these lawn tools:

- Place the strap that comes with the equipment over your head and on the opposite side shoulder to help normalize your center of gravity.
- Balance the muscles being used by frequently switching the side on which you are operating the equipment.
- Take breaks at regular intervals to avoid excess muscle fatigue.
- Consider electric-powered lawn tools. They usually are much lighter than engine-powered equipment.
- Bend from the knees rather than the waist when picking up or putting down your equipment. Keep it close to your body as you lift, not at arm's length.
- Include a warm-up/cool-down period with stretching exercises to help avoid injury.

If you experience pain when using outdoor equipment, call your Doctor of Chiropractic immediately. These professionals are trained and licensed to treat the entire neuromusculoskeletal system and can help people lead healthier lives by focusing on wellness and prevention.

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StreetPlayers to take over Midtown Saturday

■ The Great Bear Hunt is also picking up steam for next year.

BY MARY LEA LANE
RUIDOSO ARTS COORDINATOR

On Saturday, the Ruidoso Arts Commission will present its second annual Street-Players Festival in Midtown Ruidoso.

In addition to the unique and enjoyable shopping that visitors and locals find in our cool mountain village, they will be treated to a variety of visual and performing artists at a dozen or more locations up and down the main street.

It's scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. and run until 5 p.m. — or as Mary Maxson, chair of the project says more accurately — "11 to rain, rain to 5."

A wide variety of music, from bands to solo players, will be featured, from bluegrass to country, to classical guitar, Irish tunes, strolling barber shoppers, and much more.

Visual artist demonstrations will include painting,

quilting, and the fine paper crafts of quilting and paper cutting among others.

Congo drums, giant puppets, face painting, and ethnic and ballroom dancers are expected as well.

It's fun, it's free, and everyone is encouraged to be in Midtown on Saturday to enjoy the arts.

Great Bear Hunt

Just as with birds that send one "scout" on ahead to check out food, shelter, and water before the flock arrives, so has one bear arrived as a predecessor of the arrival of many more for The Great Bear Hunt.

Bigger-than-life, these high-density foam bears will be painted and enhanced by area artists and be exhibited from April to October 2003.

More sponsors for the bears are being sought for this charitable project, the proceeds of which are designated to develop a cultural arts center. With 36 designs submitted by 21 different artists, sponsors have a wide

variety of wonderful ideas from which to select. Once painted, the bear will be installed in April in an outdoor location designated by the sponsor.

The Hunt will include maps to guide tourists and locals on, and contests to find them all. This is a public art project that will be fun for the whole family and will cause tourists to seek out the bears at the sponsoring locations which will bring tourists right to the sponsor's door!

Public exhibit

In conjunction with The Great Bear Hunt, all designs received will be matted and installed as the August Art in Public Places exhibit at Village Hall. Get a preview of this exciting project as you enjoy these unique designs.

August Art in Public Places also will include exhibits of potters and photography by Janice and J.D. Berry and Charles G. (Chuck) Cecil, respectively, at the Public Library; and a painting exhibit, "Paula White In

Black and White" at the Senior Center. These exhibits can be viewed anytime during August, but the public is invited to free receptions for the exhibits, with refreshments in all three locations, on Friday, Aug. 9, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Ruidoso Arts Commission also is sponsoring "Art After Hours," a series of

gallery walks on the first Friday of the month — Aug. 2, from 5 to 8 p.m. Although several galleries may be open for your perusal, featured galleries in August are LaCouture Fine Art and McMahon Fine Art, both in Jira Plaza, 700 Mechem Drive, and the newest gallery in town, Studio W, at 1311 Mechem Drive.

For more information about any of these projects, call Mary Lea Lane, Arts Coordinator for the Village of Ruidoso, at (505) 378-4302.

All of these events are free and open to the public, and are sponsored in part by New Mexico Arts, a division of the Office of Cultural Affairs, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Believe it or not: Fun facts about words and Mr. Rogers

Think you know everything? The following items are intriguing, and trying to figure out if they are true may cause you to lose sleep.

At your next social gathering perhaps you will want to get into a "Did-you-know-that..." conversation with the partygoers, hoping they haven't read this column, this week.

Warning: You will risk having your friends look at you and exclaim, "Get a life! Who has time to find a dragonfly and then time its death; or count the ridges on a dime or the dimples on a golf ball?"

The shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.

The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screeched."

On a Canadian \$2 bill, the flag flying over the Parliament building is an American flag.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.

"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt."

All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.

Almonds are a member of the peach family.

Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.

Maine is the only state in the U.S. whose name is just one syllable.

There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.

Los Angeles' full name is "El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciuncula."

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.

A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.

It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

In England, the Speaker of the House is not allowed to speak.

The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.

Mr. Rogers is an ordained minister.

There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball.

"Stewardesses" is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.



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



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Dan and Ardis Hood sat with the first bear model for the Ruidoso Art Commission's Great Bear Hunt, giving out information for potential sponsors and artists at the Zozo Street Art Fair during the Art Loop, July 13 and 14.

THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Austin Powers in Goldmember

Comedy
Rated PG-13 for sexual innuendo, crude humor and language. It's been three years since Austin Powers, that swinging international man of mystery, has had to face his arch enemy, Dr. Evil. But after Dr. Evil and his accomplice Mini-Me escape from a maximum-security prison, Austin is called to action once more in this third installment of the Austin Powers movie franchise. Teaming up with the mysterious yet peculiar Goldmember, Dr. Evil hatches a time-traveling scheme to take over the world, one that involves the kidnapping of Nigel Powers, Austin's beloved father and England's most renowned spy. As he chases the villains through time, Austin visits 1975 and joins forces with his old flame, Foxy Cleopatra, a streetwise but stylish detective. Together Austin and Foxy must find a way to save Nigel and stop Dr. Evil and Goldmember from their mischievous mayhem. Starring: Mike Myers, Beyonce Knowles, Michael Caine, Michael York, Seth Green
Directed by: Jay Roach
Produced by: John Lyons, Eric McLeod, Demi Moore, Eric McLeod, Mike Myers, Jennifer Todd, Suzanne Todd, Jay Roach
Written by: Mike Myers, Michael McCullers, Robert Wagner, Mike McCullers
Showtimes: Noon, 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m.

Men in Black II

Action/Adventure, Comedy and Science Fiction, 1 hr. 34 min.
Rated PG-13 for sci-fi action violence and some provocative humor. Agents J and K (Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones) are back for more battles with alien rabble-rousers who take the form of a host of estrogen-charged extraterrestrials. These aliens are led by an archnemesis played by Lara Flynn Boyle. Of course, the notorious worm creatures from the original film will return to wreak havoc as well. Starring: Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones, Lara Flynn Boyle, Johnny Knoxville, Michael Jackson
Directed by: Barry Sonnenfeld
Produced by: Walter F. Parkes, Laurie MacDonald
Written by: Barry Fanaro, Robert Gordon
Showtimes: 5 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

K-19: The Widowmaker

Thriller, Drama and Action/Adventure, 2 hrs. 20 min.
Rated PG-13 for disturbing images. Inspired by a true story, the film follows Captain Alexi Vostrikov (Harrison Ford) who, at the height of the Cold War, is ordered to take over command of the nuclear missile submarine K-19 for sea and take her out on patrol — no matter what the cost. But problems with the K-19 arise that may lead to a core meltdown and explosion that will certainly kill all aboard, and possibly trigger a nuclear war. Vostrikov must choose between his orders from the Kremlin and the lives of his men. Starring: Harrison Ford, Liam Neeson, Joss Ackland, J.J. Field, Lex Shrapnel
Directed by: Kathryn Bigelow
Produced by: Joni Sighvatsson, Christine Whitaker, Kathryn Bigelow, Edward S. Feldman
Written by: Christopher Kyle, Louis Nowra, William Broyles, Jr., Chris Kyle
Showtimes: 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9:15 p.m.



Mike Myers, Verne Troyer and Tom "Tiny" Lister Jr. in New Line's Austin Powers in Goldmember.

Stuart Little 2

Kids/Family and Comedy, 1 hr. 15 min.
Rated PG for brief mild language. Plucky, pint-sized hero Stuart Little (voiced by Michael J. Fox)

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Other destinies: Part Two of an intermittent series

In the last installment of this series, we were looking at some of the less-famous, but no less interesting, western characters who tend to be peripheral players in larger dramas. In an intermittent series that will go on, well, indefinitely, we will examine Bob Ford, assassin of Jesse James, and his ultimate fate, as well as the fates of some of the men who rode with Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid and many others.



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around to taking a shot at one of the James boys.

Notoriety

As it turned out, it happened on April 3, 1882, at St. Joseph, Mo. Jesse James and his family had been living under the alias of Tom Howard and family in a small rental home. Jesse had invited the Ford brothers, Bob and Charley, over to plan a job and dine with him and his

family.

The Fords had been among the new recruits for the gang, and Jesse was unaware that they felt that it would be easier to collect the reward money on the head of America's most famous outlaw than to work with him committing robberies. Jesse's wife and small son were in an adjoining room when the legendary bandit chieftain stepped up onto a chair to straighten an old sampler that hung on the wall. Seizing the opportunity, Bob Ford drew a Single Action Army Model Colt revolver and with one shot, did something that everyone expected, no matter how improbable it seemed after all those years. In fact, Jesse James had become such a legend in his own lifetime that there were those who thought that killing him was impossible. It wasn't.

Dying more or less instantly from a bullet through the head, Jesse crashed to the floor as the Fords hastily exited the premises.

Bob Ford expected to be treated like a hero for killing Jesse, but in fact, was almost universally reviled for the manner in which he killed The Legend. Many expected Frank to exact an instantaneous revenge, but it was not to be. Frank surrendered to Missouri Governor Crittenden shortly thereafter and was ultimately acquitted of all charges. (That's right. After robbing banks and trains for 15 fast and furious years, Frank never spent a day in jail.)

Which is not to say that either Charley or Bob Ford got away scot free. In 1884, Charley Ford, ridden with guilt over Jesse's murder, committed suicide. Bob, finding himself decidedly unpopular in Missouri, headed west.

Attempting to be an entrepreneur in the saloon business, Bob went to Las Vegas, N.M., where he set up a saloon. He also gave perfor-



Standing from left to right are Will Carver and Harvey "Kid Curry" Logan. Seated, left to right, are Harry "Sundance Kid" Longabaugh, Ben Kilpatrick and Butch Cassidy.

mances - on the stage - "How I killed Jesse James." Needless to say, this play was something less than historically accurate. The people of Las Vegas found Bob to be a blowhard, and paid scant attention to him. And those who did listen to him were invariably irritated by his blustery manner.

Finally, just to put him in his place, Bob was challenged by the locals to a shooting match at the edge of town. He was pitted against former Lincoln County Regulator and crony of Billy the Kid, Jose Chaves y Chaves, who fully intended to teach him a lesson - one way or the other.

The match, departure and ultimate fate

A coin was placed on a fencepost and Bob, who had accepted this challenge most reluctantly, was invited to blaze away. After aiming carefully, he did exactly that, and the coin remained intact. Jose strutted up and, barely even aiming, hit the coin dead center. Ford then made the mistake of claiming that the competition wasn't "fair." Chaves y Chaves then had another suggestion, namely, that they use themselves as the targets. Needless to say, this idea was unsatisfactory in the extreme to Bob Ford - he preferred to have his victims facing the other direction - and he left town with his tail between his legs.

Bob then began operating a tent saloon in Creede, Colo., which was, as it turned out, his final business venture. He was standing at the bar on the night of June 8, 1892, when a man named Ed O. Kelly

entered the establishment. Ed later claimed to have been a James "partisan," but whatever he was, he was carrying some sort of heavy caliber weapon. Either a shotgun, or a buffalo gun, depending on which version you read, but, whatever the case, Kelly was the last thing Bob Ford ever saw.

The Wild Bunch

One of the most famous pictures from the Old West is known as the "Fort Worth Five." It is a formal portrait, taken in Fort Worth, of what appears to be a group of successful businessmen. Successful they were. Businessmen they were not. They were five prominent members of Butch Cassidy's Wild Bunch: Cassidy, the Sundance Kid, Harvey Logan, Ben Kilpatrick and Will Carver. Of course, thanks to the 1969 film, if nothing else, just about everyone knows what had happened to Butch and the Kid - but what of the other three?

Harvey Logan

Harvey Logan, aka Kid Curry, was known as the "Tiger of the Wild Bunch," and it was said that only Butch Cassidy could control his murderous nature. There may have been something to this, as one night in December of 1901, in Nashville, Tenn., several policemen, responding to a disturbance in a bar, suddenly found themselves in a desperate gun battle with a man they tried to arrest. The officers realized that this was not some drunken local after the man dropped three of them, in less time than it

takes to tell about it, onto the saloon floor.

Logan burst out the back door and promptly plummeted 30 feet into a culvert. As the outlaw scrambled to his feet, one of the officers took careful aim and put a bullet into his shoulder. Logan then vanished into the frigid Tennessee night. He walked 10 miles before stopping to bandage his wound and then traveled another 20 before he was captured by a posse with a pack of hounds.

Nashville's jail did not necessarily a prison make for Harvey, and after releasing himself on his own recognition, he headed west to more familiar territory - and his destiny.

On June 7, 1904, Logan and some confederates held up a train near Parachute, Colo. The "take" was small, and within hours a posse was in hot pursuit. The outlaws were cornered in a canyon near Glenwood Springs. In the first exchange of gunfire, Logan took a bullet in the chest as he took cover behind a boulder. "Are you hit?" one of his confederates asked, and Logan gasped out "Yes. And I'm going to end it here." A pistol shot reverberated from behind the rock and the gun battle resumed. Ultimately, his two confederates managed to escape, and that was when the posse found the body of Harvey Logan, aka Kid Curry.

Will Carver

Will Carver was an outlaw associated not only with the Wild Bunch, but also with the notorious Tom "Black Jack" Ketchum, with whom he worked in New Mexico and Arizona. On April 3, 1900, Carver was one of several outlaws who ambushed some pursuing lawmen at Triangle Springs, near the Arizona/New Mexico border. It has always been maintained that it was a bullet from Carver's rifle that killed lawman George Scarborough. Carver thereby inherited the reputation that Scarborough

inherited when he had killed John Selman, assassin of John Wesley Hardin.

This cycle of death finally came to an end when Carver himself fell in a hail of lawmen's gunfire in Sonora, Texas, on April 2, 1901, one year less a day from when he shot George Scarborough. He was 32.

Ben Kilpatrick

Ben Kilpatrick, aka "The Tall Texan," was the last of the Wild Bunch to go. On March 13, 1912, he and a confederate named "Ole" Beck, attempted to rob a train near Sanderson, Texas. Kilpatrick was alone with the express messenger, with Beck in another car, when the outlaw relaxed his vigilance for a moment to examine the loot. Squatting down, Kilpatrick leaned his rifle against his leg and the express messenger seized the opportunity to pick up a mallet (I have seen this mallet, and it is vicious looking) and struck Kilpatrick several times over the head, the last blow "spilling his brains" out onto the floor. Rather an ignominious way for the last of the big time outlaws to die... When Ole Beck peered in to see what was going on, the same express messenger used Kilpatrick's rifle to drop the second bandit in his tracks.

Next: Pat Garrett, Dave Rudabaugh, others.

Sources: *Bad Men* by Bob Boze Bell; *Jesse James by John Ernst*; *The Wild Bunch at Robbers Roost* by Pearl Baker and *The Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters* by Bill O'Neal.

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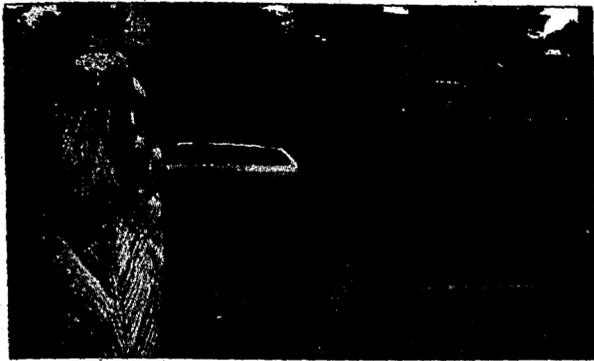
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Puppets just one aspect of Saturday festival



BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Monsoonia, Spirit of the Rain, and Infernia, Spirit of the Fire, are the working names of two of Mary Maxson's giant puppets that will dance in the Midtown streets from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday for the StreetPlayers Festival. Two tube puppets, and one "short guy" will join them, all colorfully decorated to move through the crowd and be noticed.

After discussing the idea of puppets with others, Maxson found the Wise Fool Theatre Company of San Francisco on the Internet, ordered a handbook for making the giant puppets, discovered a company in Santa Fe and went to

Socorro to see them perform. Then she recruited other locals to help her make the puppets.

Nancy and Logan Fleharty repainted masks that originally were made in a high school art class, Aurelia Fielder made outfits, hoods and giant hands, Terri Dunn worked with design and puppet hair, along with Judith Palmer and Carol Castleberry.

"The ideas and inspiration came from Jamie Gieb, Pam

Topper and Pam Davis," Maxson said.

"This could be the beginning of puppet theater in Ruidoso. A lot of people have shown interest..."

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Mary Maxson puppeteer

StreetPlayers Festival. Maxson said her giant puppets

aren't waterproof, so if it rains, they'll be seeking cover until the rain stops, then they'll be back on the streets gamboling around.

Three venues for live music all day include Time Square, Mountain Arts Gallery and the Gazebo Shopping Center. A large variety of small ensembles and individual musicians will perform all over Midtown, as will a troupe of ballroom dancers, a Congo drummer, face painters and fortune tellers.

Visual artists — painters, sculptors, a candlemaker and a quilter — will set up to do their work on the street as well, making this an exciting event for locals as well as visitors attending the Ruidoso Art Festival.

Mary Maxson and Logan Fleharty demonstrate a few of the giant puppets that will populate Midtown Saturday for the StreetPlayers Festival, sponsored by the Ruidoso Arts Commission.

FESTIVAL: Annual show starts today at Ruidoso Convention Center

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Although she took many painting classes and majored in painting in college, she didn't like it, and would return home and refine her drawings.

"They were more concerned with the meaning of paintings. I'm not a philosophical painter, I'm a visual painter ... Finally, colored pencil is being more accepted; the public is getting over that barrier. My drawings look like paintings, anyway," she said.

Wamsley received a master of fine arts degree at the University of Wisconsin, and then worked there as a graphic artist for 10 years before hitting the road for the show circuit, including the World Championship Paint Horse Show in Fort Worth, Texas, and the World Champion Quarter Horse Show in Oklahoma City.

Her meticulously detailed works reveal her love of horses as well as her lifelong love of drawing.

"It's such a passion," she said. "Even when I was working full time as a graphic artist, I had to come home and do my drawings. The combination of the art and the horses — the art is one passion and the horses are another. It's something I have to do."

Wamsley's work is displayed at Picture This Gallery and Mountain Arts Gallery in Midtown.

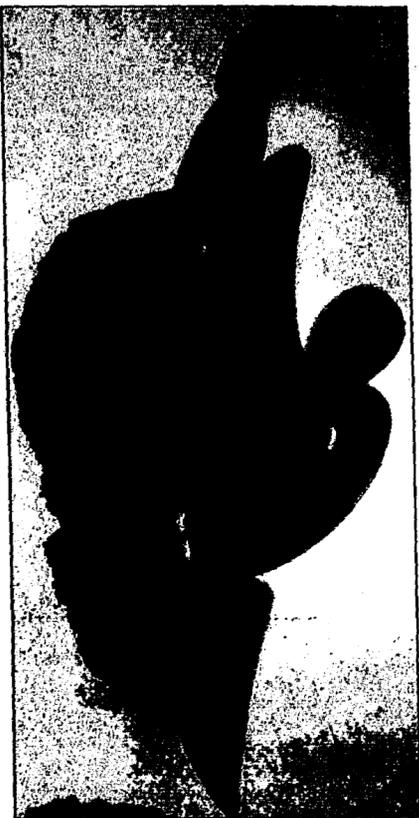
Vicki Conley's pottery

Vicki Conley always knew she would be an artist; she just took a couple of different turns before she got there.

The owner of a Ruidoso Downs gallery, Piñon Pottery, Conley had a teacher in the ninth grade that inspired her in the field of science. She later earned a master of science degree from the University of Arizona and worked in medical research for a few years.

Conley wanted to stay home with her children, so she took her dream of being an artist, along with a pottery class she took while in school, and became a potter. It was slow and steady at first, but her business grew as her children grew, she said.

Now she has a fully stocked gallery with many functional pottery pieces, including her famous hummingbird pieces, as well as some artistic pottery



EMILY BOURBON/STAFF

Jim Mauritsen's sculptures range from the functional to the abstract.

and homemade tile tables. "I've come full circle," she said. "I feel at home with pottery, sometimes you just click with clay," she said.

Her inspiration comes from her love of tropical places, as well as the many workshops that she has attended. She enjoys the workshops the most because, "there is nothing like the inspiration you get from others who share your passion," she said.

Conley has no formal training but has an eye for what sells and she listens to her customers. Her hummingbird pieces were inspired by a customer request. Now they are her most popular piece of work. "This is just a hummingbird-oriented area," she said.

In the past 20 years, Conley has attended numerous art shows throughout New Mexico, Arizona and Texas. She also has her artwork displayed in different shops in towns all over

New Mexico.

Conley said that she feels Ruidoso is a good area for the arts. The Ruidoso Art Commission is working hard to get the word out, she said.

"The art festival is a great show that I have done for years. The art is high-end and it is always nice to do a home show," Conley said.

At the Ruidoso Art Festival, Conley will have her functional pieces, as well as her homemade tile table.

Zoe de Negri's jewels

Growing up with an artist for a parent can either influence a person to become an artist or run far away from it. For one local artist it was her first inspiration for a career that has taken her all over the world.

Born in London and growing up in West Africa, Zoe de Negri always knew that she would be an artist. She attended her mother's fashion design class at St. Martin's in London, and she always enjoyed fixing other people's

jewelry.

She earned her degree in French Literature and African History at the University of Lagos in Africa to please her mother, but that was not her passion, she said.

In 1970, she went to New York with her mother and stayed. She came to New Mexico in 1989 after living in Minnesota. She first lived in Truchas, then Cloudcroft, and for the past six years she has made her home in Ruidoso.

She travels the U.S., attending two wholesale shows a year.

"Those shows keep me pretty busy," she said. De Negri also participated in this year's Art Loop, as well as traveling to shows all around New Mexico, Texas and Arizona.

"Ruidoso people like that you are an artist," de Negri said about the community's receptivity to art. She feels Ruidoso is highly regarded as an art community because of the number of galleries and traditions that go on here.

De Negri has attended two previous Ruidoso Art Festivals, six years ago and last year. This year she plans on bringing various types of jewelry, including necklaces, earrings, pins, pendants and much more that displays her excellent metal work and stones.

Jim Mauritsen's trees

Local artist Jim Mauritsen, owner of Mauritsen Studios, has lived and sold his sculptures in Ruidoso since he moved from Seattle nine years ago.

According to Mauritsen, if

he'd followed in his family's footsteps, he'd have ended up continuing his career as a nursery man. Instead, he discovered his calling in sculpture.

"I like working with dead trees better and I am glad I realized that in time," he said.

Mauritsen has been selling his unique abstract stone and wood sculptures for 10 years. The wood itself is the inspiration for each sculpture. "It shows things to me," he said.

In his studio, located on Carrizo Canyon Road in Ruidoso, Mauritsen displays his more popular functional pieces, such as coffee tables, mirrors and wall pieces, but what really takes guests' breath away are the creative pieces ranging from dolphins to refugee families. Mauritsen said one day he will just do sculptures, but for now he is still creating the functional items.

Mauritsen has been a participant in the Ruidoso Art Festival all nine years he has lived in Ruidoso. It is the only show that he does. He also sold



EMILY BOURBON/STAFF

Vicki Conley got a science degree before starting work on her pottery.

his art in the basement of the Four Seasons Mall in Midtown for three years. He refers to that time as his "sentence." The hard work paid off, because he is now able to live and work from his studio.

"The art scene was lacking when I moved to Ruidoso," he

said, "I think that the Ruidoso Arts Commission is doing great. Without them, artists without galleries would be out of luck."

Visitors to the Ruidoso Art Festival will be able to view Mauritsen's functional pieces, as well as his sculptures.

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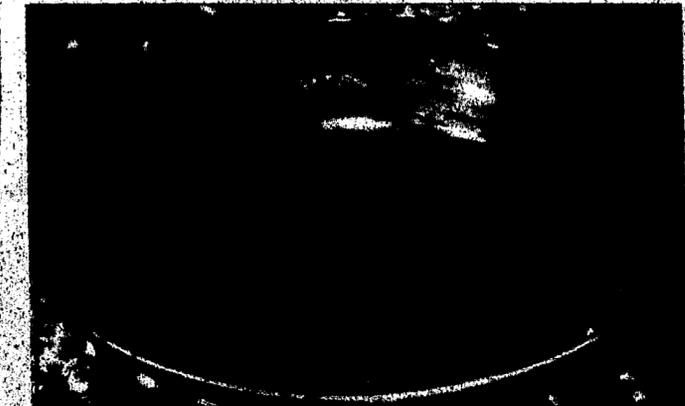
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The Trail Snails take time to sniff the roses — or the cincafoil or wild onions.

They hike, but 'Trail Snails' fits their speed

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

They may call themselves "Trail Snails," but road snails they are not — at least not in their zeal to get to their trail head, snatch up their walking sticks and go. These Trail Snails are energy conscious, too: They car pool from their 8 a.m. meeting place at the parking lot of Century 21.

The 15-30 Trail Snails broke off from a more "gung ho, hit-the-ground-running-and-charge" group four or five years ago, led by Cre Mason, said Penny Matthews.

"We wanted to start a slower group so that we

could stop and pick flowers, look off in the sky, look at snakes," Matthews said.

The "slower" group hikes Crest Trail on Monjeau, Mills Canyon in the fall to catch the red maples, Nogal Peak, Buck Mountain, Dry Mills Canyon, Argentine Canyon and Cedar Creek Trail 13.

They hike their favorites more often — the Crest Trail for the views and Southfork Trail for the waterfalls — and some of the more difficult hikes, such as Telephone Canyon, less frequently.

"During hunting season we try to give the hunters their space," said George Rizzo. "We stay in low country where they're not likely to be. We'll get the hunting proclamation and see what's open and what's not."

Sometimes they go as far away as Gran Quivira, near Mountainair, in the colder months, but usually they aim to drive as little as possible and to hike as much as possible. That means about an hour and a half to two hours of hiking, then a break while they eat their trail mix or granola, before hiking back.

The group dedicated their part of the Relay for Life to the memory of Cre Mason, who founded the group and was called "Mother Goose" because she called all 30 or 40 members Sunday evening to tell them where the next day's hike would be — after scouting it out in the afternoon with her husband.

Now the group decides sometime during the hike where the next one will be, and informs absent members by way of a "telephone tree."

Mason also made an arrangement with the State Highway and Transportation Department for the Trail Snails to clean up a mile along highway 48 four times a year, but the group also picks up trash along the paths as they hike.

Mason encouraged the group to meet socially, so sometimes they'll go to Michelená's and sit chatting around a pizza. Once Mason arranged for a spelunking lecture at Alto Country Club — and a dinner to go with it — and an expert from the Bureau of Land

Management talked about caves at Fort Stanton. Later he organized a guided cave tour and some members went.

Rizzo points out some delicate scarlet flowers off the path.

"These are scarlet gila," he said. Further on, he points out another red flower with darker red inside. "These are cincafoil; 'cinca,' five — five petals."

There are varying levels of expertise in identifying plants, Rizzo said, but sometimes someone will carry a book along on hikes.

Farther on up the path, Denton DeWitt stops to point out some wild raspberries and strawberries, and Rizzo chimes in to point out — and eat — some wild onions.

Barbara Rizzo stooped to look inside the end of a fallen tree, hollowed out by time and the elements.

"I learned on a hike that the limbs come through and feed on the heartwood of a tree," she said, pointing to branches converging inside the hollow log.

The bipedal snails make too much noise to see much wildlife, George Rizzo said, but sometimes they see elk from a distance on the Crest Trail, and wild turkeys and snakes occasionally.

Charlene Doxy lives (and teaches school) in Louisiana, and comes to Lincoln County for the summers. Last year she learned of the Trail Snails from friends here and joined.

"I love it," she said. "I'm an outdoor person, a gardener. In Louisiana, we don't have mountains and we don't have this climate."

She and other Snails said they return during the week to picnic or hike along the trails.

Barbara Rizzo checks her White Mountain Wilderness map to point out where Blue Front Trail forks off from Southfork Trail 19.

A supplement to the map, put out by the Forest Service, rates trails by difficulty, George Rizzo said, and one can calculate the percentage of the grade by the change in elevation over a certain distance.

The Trail Snails hike in cold weather, stop in December and January, and if there's no snow, they'll start up again in February — or go somewhere to warmer places.

People go at their own pace, some going on ahead or turning back, and some will drop back to meditate or have quiet time, but the buddy system prevails, so no Snail is alone on the trail. Knock on a tree: So far, they haven't had a single accident.

For information on joining the Trail Snails, contact Barbara Rizzo at 258-3258.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Southfork Trail 19 is a favorite of the Trail Snails.

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

JULY 25, 1952

Sky Ride is new thrill

Ruidoso Enterprises Inc., operators of the new giant Sky Ride, have brought a new thrill to town for the thousands of visitors here.

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JULY 27, 1962

Rooney opens auto lot

Opening here the latter part of this month was a new business — Adobe Car Sales, operated by Pat Rooney on a lot near the Adobe at the intersection of Sudderth and Mechem drives.

Rooney said he has available new or used cars of any make or model, but he will be featuring the Ford line primarily.

JULY 28, 1972

The Silver Lining

BY DANIEL A. STORM

Dave Parks, director of the pageant, "The Last Escape of Billy the Kid," has made us a hand for years as announcer, narrator, voices in the show, and director.

This year's three performances are going to be outstanding because of the little, fine dramatic touches and carefully worked out changes that Dave is working into the show.

One ace card that Dave has as a director...is his extremely likable personality.

JULY 29, 1982

Police get a surprise

Like getting kicked where it hurts, is how Ruidoso Police Chief Richard Swenor described problems on the remodeling project for the police-courts complex...

The village council Tuesday rejected bids on both the construction and electronic portions of the project...

JULY 30, 1992

Targeting California

Karen Kopp, director of the Economic Development Corporation of Lincoln County, Tuesday reported on a marketing campaign into southern California.

Kopp and J. J. Johnson of Roswell visited 11 businesses with a presentation. It was her impression that the businesses were urgently wanting to leave southern California because of the sour business climate.

The village is gearing up for Billy's escape once again

It is almost Old Lincoln pageant time again. The activities begin Friday, Aug. 2, and will continue through Aug. 4. The usual vendors will be on hand, along with entertainment, demonstrations, craft people, church, parade and the "Last Escape Escape of Billy the Kid" performance.

The church mass will be Saturday afternoon at San Juan's Church, and the parade Sunday morning.

The evening pageant performance Friday and Saturday nights will begin at 8:30 p.m. and the Sunday afternoon performance will be at 3 p.m.

Since I have been gone, as of Monday I don't know everything that is going on,

but I will by Tuesday.

It has been a hectic two weeks, having put in about 3,000 miles of travel. We left Lincoln July 9, picked up my mother at Portales, and headed for Chadron, Neb., for the Blundell family reunion. We visited with my mother's sister in Mitchell, Neb. I did some family research and we visited with my brother and family the Allan Chaulks at Alliance, Neb. Then onto Chadron.

We visited with relatives that were in nursing and assisted care homes.

On Saturday evening, my mother attended the Alumni banquet of the Chadron Prep School reunion. This was

the first time she had attended since she graduated in 1926. Since she was the oldest, both in age and as a graduate, she was the star of the show. There were 106 at the banquet. The next morning we attended the alumni breakfast, where she was interviewed and would be written up in the local paper.

From there we went to the reunion at the country church, named the Open Door Church. Family members came from as far as Tennessee. All had a great time visiting and looking at photo albums and of course taking photos.

Two family members were honored for their birthdays — my mother, for her 93rd, and her brother

John, for his 91st.

We returned home for one day, then journeyed to Las Vegas Friday to the Thal Ranch for a reunion of the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum Foundation members.

On Saturday, the next day, we attended a presentation on selling and buying on the eBay Web site. Also seen at the seminar was Eddie Tudor of Captain.

We found during the trip that New Mexico is dry, but the eastern part of Colorado and Nebraska are really in bad condition. The grass and fields are not brown but gray.



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