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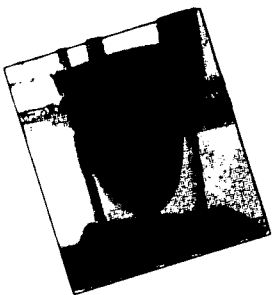
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## Commission nixes hospital meet

Special meeting idea may be brought up again in the future, according to one commissioner

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

*This is the first in a series of four stories on issues surrounding the county-owned Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. The information is drawn from a county commission meeting and will deal separately with different aspects of the discussion. This story focuses on the stated positions of the county commissioners.*

No special meeting will be called to discuss four issues dealing with the future of the county-owned hospital in Ruidoso.

On a motion by Lincoln County Commissioner Maury St. John Tuesday, the count initially was 4-1 not to conduct a special meeting. Commissioner Leo Martinez asked to change his vote to "aye," making the decision unanimous.

"I don't think we need a special meeting," she said, "I think basically we've all made our decision."

After the meeting, Martinez said he changed his vote to enable him to bring up the subject again later as part of the prevailing side.

"I wanted a meeting where everyone could participate," he said. "That's not going to happen now, but it will later. Nothing prevents me as a commissioner from continuing to collect information and learn. When I feel the taxpayers have been sufficiently educated, I can call for another meeting."

The subject was on the agenda because Commissioner Earl Hobbs wrote a letter asking for a special session. Hobbs' letter outlined four specific questions to address: Should the county sell the hospital? Should the county call for proposals to buy or manage the hospital and rural health clinics? Should the lease be established at fair market value and should the commission participate more directly in the hospital board's activities?

See **HOSPITAL**, page 5A

## WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

A heavy equipment operator scoops mud from a pond created by a break in a Ruidoso water main that occurred during work by J.R. Hale Contracting Company near the intersection of U.S. 70 and State Route 48. Village water department crews cut off water to the area after the break was reported at 9 a.m., said village water director Larry Grasmick. They stayed until the line was repaired without stopping for lunch, he said. "We hauled off about 4,000 gallons," Grasmick said. "We're estimating a loss of about 10,000 gallons."

## New master plan needs public input

■ A consultant laid out guidelines for Ruidoso's comprehensive plan.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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Community involvement in drafting a new comprehensive plan for Ruidoso is essential, a consultant said Tuesday during the first meeting on the project.

Faith Okuma, a principal with Design Workshop, the Santa Fe firm hired to guide the process and write the plan, said without that involvement by leaders, residents and business people, the document will end up sitting on a shelf and never be followed.

The company's approach will consist of several teams handling different aspects, she told the audience, which included Village Councilors Deborah Marcum-Byars and Ron Hardeman, all department heads, members of the village Planning and Zoning Commission and Mike Runnels, deputy manager for planning.

The teams will include The Community Store, which specializes in public participation; Trans Nuevo, LLC, a transportation planner covering bicycle trails, street systems and bus routes; the Lopez Garcia Group, which deals with infrastructure; and Community Viz, a non-profit visualization group, which creates three-dimensional models that allow different planning scenarios to be played out for viewers.

Okuma said to gain a sense of the community, she and project manager Greg Witherspoon spent three days in Ruidoso before submitting a proposal to the village. Her firm's history includes dealing with mountain communities for more than 30 years in land and tourism planning, compre-

hensive plans and economic development, she said.

"What's next for the community? What do you want it to be?" she asked. "We're not here to tell you what that is."

She added that while plans may cover 20 years on a practical level, the vision can extend as far out as 40 years.

The plan could be ready by mid-September, Okuma said. The tentative schedule includes the formation of a steering committee within the next two weeks, with the first community meeting by the end of April.

Six weeks later, the meetings for the planning stage would be wrapped up and a month later, the phase would begin where choices are made between alternatives.

The firm will need about two months to write the plan and edit it for easy reading, she said.

"It will say what the community wants to be and say it clearly," she said.

Sherry Barrow, owner of a business in Glencoe, questioned if enough time is being allowed.

"What doesn't work is to drag the process on for so long no one can stay engaged," Okuma replied.

Joan Zagone, former executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, asked how to ensure, once the plan is written, that it is used and "is a legacy for the future. The folks at village hall come and go and we can't continue messing around with it. We must get going."

Commitment is up to the public, Okuma responded. She cited an experience in Santa Fe in which public officials weren't allowed to ignore a development plan because backers kept bringing it up for four years "until the council got it."

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## Tariff would cut EMS losses

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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Ambulance charges will be billed on a graduated scale based on level of service under a statewide Emergency Medical Services tariff adopted by the Lincoln County commission Tuesday.

The new approach follows Medicare guidelines that took effect April 1, 2002.

Approval is contingent on the state Public Regulation Commission approving the tariff. The move will bring the county's billing into compliance with Medicare reimbursement requirements, said James Stover, who heads the county and Ruidoso village EMS operations.

He expects most counties to follow the same path, Stover said. He gave no estimate on the percentage of increase to a self-paying customer.

"The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission conducted public hearings last month on the new tariffs and heard about the current financial crises facing most of the services in the state," Stover said.

Rural EMS in New Mexico also will receive a \$9 mileage factor to compensate for the long distances that must be driven.

Medicare officials weren't sure how to compensate, although they recognized a rural factor should be applied, Stover said. "So, they gave a 50 percent increase on some of the mileage," he said.

"New Mexico felt it was not enough and recommended \$9. The state PRC hearing officer supported the tariffs as proposed with the \$9 adjustment for rural areas."

Stover said he testified at one of the hearings that the county EMS lost about \$80,000 last year.

"My testimony at the hearing was that we'd reduce that loss by about \$20,000 with the new tariff," Stover said. "That depends on collections and whether Medicaid falls in line with what Medicare is doing with reimbursements."

Stover said the major difference is that instead of billing a base charge and then adding each separate medication or service, the county will bill flat, inclusive charges.

The different designations will be basic non-emergency for treatment with or without transport for \$250 plus \$9 a mile for two or more miles; BLS emergency with treatment, with or without transport for \$360 plus mileage; advanced life support level 1 non-emergency for \$270 plus mileage; ALS level 2 emergency for \$427 plus mileage; ALS Level 2 Emergency where at last three different medications are administered for \$618 plus mileage; specialty care transport for \$731 plus mileage; patient evaluation charge with no transport for \$96 and standby charges at events for \$103 the first hour, \$76 the second and each whole hour thereafter, and \$19 for any 15-minute increment.

**"...We'd reduce (our) loss by about \$20,000 with the new tariff."**

James Stover  
EMS operations head

## Highway 70 statue to receive a new home

■ The sculpture of Jesus has been in a nearby niche for more than 40 years.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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An old grotto with a statue of Jesus Christ, one of several apparently created more than 80 years ago by a devoted parishioner, won't be greeting drivers on the highway much longer.

The statue is being donated to the Catholic Diocese and will be set up at either St. Jude Catholic Church at San Patricio or the old San Patricio Church with the green steeple nearby, said May Ann Wootton, community relations liaison for Sierra Blanca Contractors on the U.S. 70 reconstruction project.

Ernest Sanchez, a Hondo resident who is writing a book on the area and the history of the local Catholic churches, recently inquired about the fate of the niche, which sits in the path of construction.

"I suggested to them that it (the statue) go to the old San Patricio church," he said Monday. "People have seen it for at least 40 to 50 years."

He has a photograph of the grotto in about 1918 without a statue. He's not sure, but possibly the man who created the niche was Cruz Herrera, who homesteaded the area and was one of the first settlers of the valley, Sanchez said.

"When the Cactus Cave gift show

opened in the 1960s was about the time I noticed it and a statue was added," he said. "But I was younger and didn't pay much attention."

Wootton said Donna Gonzales at the Hondo Post Office thinks the statue was added by Cactus Cave's original owner, Alta Frasier, in the middle 1950s. The person who sold the property to the state left the statue.

Wootton and Cody Browning, archaeologist/historian on the project, visited the niche last September and will handle the removal and relocation of the statue.

"We tried to get up there last week, but didn't make it," she said. "It's about two to three feet tall and you have to go through a lot of cacti to get to it."

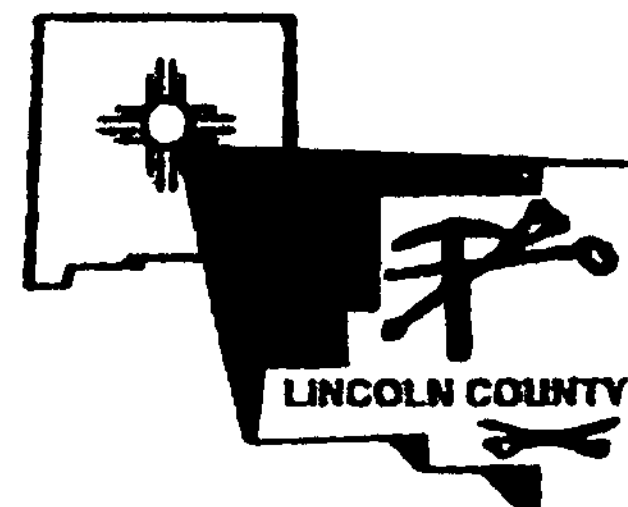
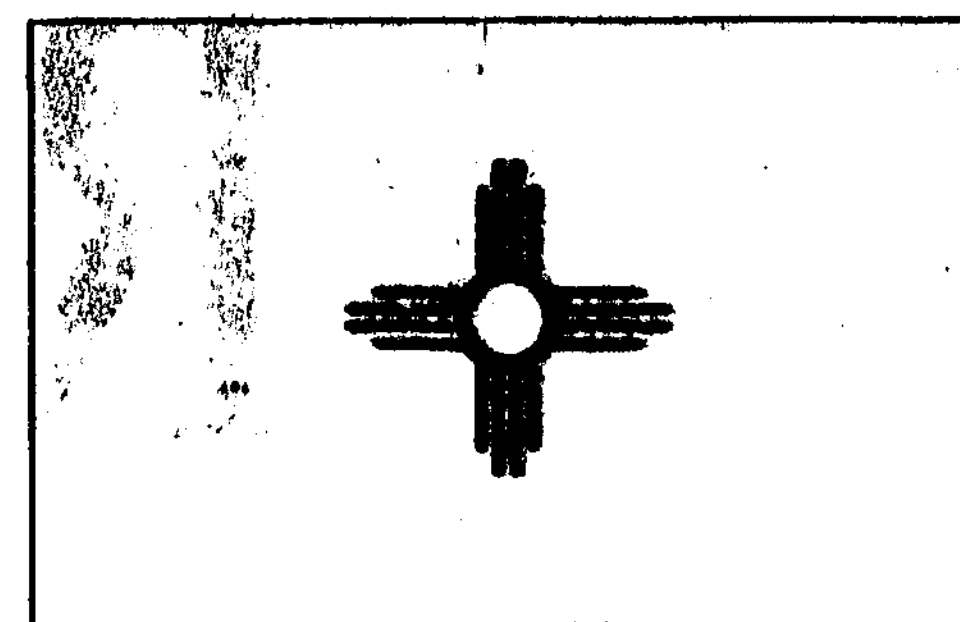


COURTESY MARY ANN WOOTTON

This statue has been in a niche near U.S. 70 for decades, but will soon be moved.



# Sacramento Mountains Fire Prevention Coordinating Group



## BIG FIRES START SMALL, DON'T BLOW IT!

Be careful when you burn! Prescribed burning is an established resource management tool to reduce forest fuels such as branches and round wood that have accumulated from a forest-thinning project.

First, determine if there are alternative methods of fuels treatment or slash disposal. There may be ways to utilize the material or other alternatives for slash disposal. There are several businesses in the area that have specific uses for forest products such as saw logs, firewood, furniture, wood shavings, bear carving and composting. Residents that live in the Village limits of Ruidoso can get their forest waste products such as slash and pine needles picked up on a regular basis if the material is taken to the curbside. Check with your local authorities to determine what is available in your area.

If burning is still the preferred tool, here are some tips for conducting a safe burn when burning piles. The best time to ignite slash piles is in the middle of winter after a snowfall has accumulated on the landscape, or during the monsoon season when there has been vegetation green up. The worst time to burn is generally in April, given that most catastrophic, wind-driven fires have historically occurred then. Dry years like we have had recently offer few good days to burn.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER!!!

- Develop clear objectives and a plan of action long before the actual ignition!
- Consider hiring an insured, bonded private contractor to conduct the burn. Remember that a landowner can be liable for damages and suppression costs associated with a wildfire that is caused by improper handling of fire.
- Create conditions prior to ignition that will minimize the threat of fire escape or fire damage to structures and improvements.
- Develop firebreaks around each pile to bare mineral soil to prevent the spread of fire into unplanned areas.
- Create small manageable burn piles and locate them away from residual live vegetation to reduce heat scorch or direct flame contact.
- If piles are going to be burned on steep slopes, consider earthen catches to trap rolling burning material before they breach containment lines.
- Identify safety zones where people conducting the burn can stage in the event of intense unplanned fire behavior.
- Develop a contingency plan for an escaped fire situation.
- Check current and forecasted weather conditions before you burn. The Southwest Area Homepage is the best source for weather. The website to obtain local weather at [www](http://www.southwestarea.org).
- Strongly consider postponing a burn if actual or forecast winds exceed 10 mph.
- Before you burn please notify the following:
  - County Sheriff
  - NM Environment Department for and air quality permit
  - NM Forestry Division
  - Local Fire Department
  - Adjacent Landowners
  - Or local, state or federal fire agency
- Light piles with great care. Conduct a test burn on a small portion of the project. Light one pile and observe the fire behavior.
- Ignite piles that are furthest up hill first to allow fire to back downhill if it creeps out of the piles.
- Tend to piles constantly to ensure complete and efficient consumption.
- Don't light more piles than you can comfortably handle with available resources.
- Never leave a burn unattended!!! Handle the fire in shifts until the fire is dead out.
- Keep a water source available and the proper hand tools.

## REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES!

For a more detailed pamphlet entitled "Guidelines for prescribed fire in New Mexico" contact the New Mexico Forestry Division, (505) 354-2231

- Removing flammable vegetation reduces the threat of fire. Follow these basic rules to create defensible space that works.

- Remove all dead plants, trees and shrubs from the site.
- Reduce excess leaves, plant parts and low-hanging branches.
- Replace dense flammable plants with fire-resistant plants.
- The choice of plants, spacing and maintenance are crucial elements in any defensible space landscaping plan.

## TIPS FOR A FIRE-SAFE LANDSCAPE

- Create a defensible space perimeter by thinning trees and brush within 30 feet around your home.
- Beyond 30 feet, remove dead wood, debris and low tree branches.
- Eliminate small trees and plants growing under trees. They allow ground fires to jump into tree crowns.
- Space trees 30 feet apart and prune to a height of 8 to 10 feet.
- Place shrubs at least 20 feet from any structures and prune regularly.
- Plant the most drought-tolerant vegetation within three feet of your home and adjacent to structures to prevent ignition.
- Provide at least a 10 to 15 foot separation between islands of shrubs and plant it groups to effectively break-up continuity of vegetation.
- Landscape your property with fire-resistant plants and vegetation to prevent fire from spreading quickly.

## CHOOSE FIRE RESISTANT MATERIALS

- Check your local nursery or county extension service for advice on fire resistant plants that are suited for your environment.
- Create fire-safe zones with stone walls, patios, swimming pools, decks and roadways.
- Use rock, mulch, flower beds and gardens as ground cover for bare spaces and as effective firebreaks.
- There are no "fire-proof" plants. Select high moisture plants that grow close to the ground and have a low sap or resin content.
- Choose plant species that resist ignition such as rockrose, iceplant and alooe.
- Fire-resistant shrubs include hedging roses, bush honeysuckles, currant, cotoneaster, sumac and shrub apples.
- Plant hardwood, maple, poplar and cherry trees that are less flammable than pine, fir and other conifers.

## MAINTAIN YOUR HOME AND SURROUNDING PROPERTY

- Maintain a well-pruned and watered landscape to serve as a green belt and protection against fire.
- Keep plants green during the dry season and use supplemental irrigation, if necessary.
- Trim grass on a regular basis up to 100 feet surrounding your home.
- Stack firewood at least 30 feet from your home.
- Store flammable materials, liquids and solvents in metal containers outside the home at least 30 feet away from structures and wooden fences.
- No matter where you live, always install smoke alarms on every level of your home. Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year. Consider installing the new long-life smoke alarms.

## MAINTAIN HOME HEATING SYSTEMS

- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned annually by a certified specialist.
- Insulate chimneys and place spark arresters on top.
- Extend the chimney at least three feet above the roof.
- Remove branches hanging above and around the chimney.
- Have A Fire Safety and Evacuation Plan
- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home.
- Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.
- Practice fire escape and evacuation plans.
- Mark the entrance to your property with signs that are clearly visible.
- Know which local emergency services are available and have those numbers posted.
- Provide emergency vehicle access through roads and driveways at least 12 feet wide with adequate turnaround space.

## FOLLOW LOCAL BURNING LAWS

Do not burn trash or other debris without proper knowledge of local burning laws. The Village of Ruidoso does not allow outside burning of any type!



**Check with your local, county, state, BIA  
or federal agencies for more information.**



# Council to consider ham antennae rule changes

■ Other items on Tuesday's agenda deal with the village's master plan, the convention center and lodgers tax.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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A proposal that would classify antennae used by ham radio operators as accessory uses on residential

lots is scheduled to be considered during the Ruidoso Village Council meeting Tuesday.

The session starts at 6:30 p.m. in village hall on Cree Meadows Drive. Specifications are included in the proposed amendment that limit the height and width of the antennae, as well as the size of their bases.

Currently, amateur radio antennae are lumped in with commercial transmitting and receiving towers

as a conditional use. But proponents of the change point out the essential role of ham operators in emergencies and that federal law urged local communities to "accommodate" the antennae.

In other items on the agenda, councilors will:

- Consider action on a special dispensers permit for the Mountain of Blues Festival on June 14. The license holder is Win, Place and

Show.

- Hear a report on water by Roger Perry with John Shoemaker & Associates Inc.

- Take action on a contract with Design Workshop of Santa Fe to complete the village's comprehensive plan.

- Hear recommendations from the Ruidoso Convention Center Task Force on rates and other charges.

- Decide whether to schedule a public hearing April 29 to consider an increase in lodgers tax to the cap of 5 percent.

- Consider adoption of a resolution encouraging free enterprise in the village, as a lure to businesses owners who might decide to flee other areas.

- Approve a second amendment to the agreement with Progressive Environmental Systems Inc.

## Program on elderly abuse coming

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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The New Mexico chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, in conjunction with the state Attorney General's office, will present a program in Ruidoso April 15 on crimes and abuse against the elderly.

Glory Cochrane, medical fraud investigator with the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in Albuquerque, will discuss recognizing and reporting

elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. She will review community resources available to families and professionals.

The session will run from 9 a.m. to noon at the Ruidoso Convention Center. The registration fee is \$20 and includes a continental breakfast.

Scholarships for registration and respite voucher assistance are available for family caregivers. Continuing education units may be available for professionals.

For more information and to register, contact the Alzheimer's Association's southeastern New Mexico branch office at (505) 624-1552. The program is sponsored through the efforts of Heritage Senior Adult Program, Ruidoso Homecare and Hospice and Ruidoso Community Homecare.

The toll-free help line for assistance and information about resources in the area is 1-800-777-8155.

## U.S. 70 closure

J.R. Hale Contracting Company will blast rock at 1 p.m. Tuesday at mile post 257 on U.S. 70 west of Ruidoso. The highway will be closed to the traveling public at that hour and reopened at 3 p.m.

For more information, call (505) 257-8432

## Capitan gets flashing light for school after 30-year wait

Capitan Municipal Schools will acquire a flashing light to warn motorists they are entering a school zone, thanks to Rep. Steve Pearce, a long time proponent of increasing safety in our schools.

The new flashing light will be installed on U.S. 380 about 250 feet west of the junction with Tiger Avenue for eastbound traffic entering Capitan. Congressman Pearce, along with local and county officials and support-

ers, will be on site for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new flashing light at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 22. The public is invited.

"Safety in our schools starts with the physical protection of our children," Pearce said, "No task is too big to ensure that our children can get to school safely."

Superintendent of schools Larry Miller said the Capitan community has worked on securing this warning light since 1972.

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### OUR OPINION

## Question asked, question answered

And let's not forget what the objective is

As Ruidoso prepares for a new forest fire season, and the village's tree-thinning efforts continue on multiple fronts, it was probably inevitable that someone would raise the question of fairness in the way work was being handed out for to private contractors seeking to bid on work under the private lot, cost-sharing projects.

Since grant money is involved, the question was legitimate.

So was the answer: Urban Forester Rick Delaco and Barbara Luna of the Forestry Division both said fairness is the watchword. Those property owners wishing to participate

receive an alphabetical list of available contractors — a fact that Delaco loves; a year ago, there were no participating contractors.

Delaco said they'll try to respond to inquiries about a contractor's equipment and ability to handle a certain size project, but it's not a "recommendation."

And participating property owners are posted daily in the Forestry Division office in Capitan.

And the goal, lest we get bogged down in administrative details, is to thin as many trees as possible before the fire season begins. It won't be long now.

## A long look backward from the precipice of war

And so once again we sit on the precipice of war. By this morning, the bugles might already have unleashed the hounds of war and the hunt for Saddam Hussein has begun. Should that war be over in days, or weeks or (God forbid) months, there will be body bags coming home, preceded by messages of condolence from commanding officers, and aching despair in the hearts of parents, wives and children.

Those of us who spent most of their lives in the 20th Century have had multiple exposures to that precipice and all the anxiety it entails.

Those who were children in the 1940s still remember the broadcast words of President Franklin D. Roosevelt on Dec. 8, 1941, when he spoke of a "day of infamy" just past and declared that a state of war existed between the United States and the axis powers — Germany and Japan.

The children remembered the flag-waving parades, the troop trains rolling through fields and villages, the war-bond rallies, often spiced up with pie auctions and dances, in which the pie baked by the most attractive high school girl always brought the highest price, accompanied with a kiss.

For this child, war was finally brought when he learned that a school mate's big brother had drowned in a Louisiana swamp as he trained to be a paratrooper.

Most of us now argue that World War II was the last "good" war; the one that would make the world safe for democracy and send the tyrants to hell...

It worked, for a whole five years, as the United Nations was born in San Francisco in all its idealism; Eleanor Roosevelt was its godmother.

Then in 1950 the hordes of North Korean Communists poured southward, and suddenly

the United Nations decided a "police action" was required to drive them out. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, in his last grandiose game, wanted to send troops into China after the retreating forces, but was over-ruled.

Meanwhile, the "frozen Chosen" and finally the 38th Parallel and Panmunjon became a part of our lexicon.

We had carried most of the burden, for the first time under the blue and white UN flag.

And once again the body bags were shipped home, and families wept.

Another effort to stem the ungodly Communist tide began with a ripple of "training support" early in the 1960s, and over endless years swelled into the swampy quagmire called Viet Nam.

It ended not in triumph, but with a whimper, as the last Americans escaped from the roof of the U.S. embassy in Saigon by helicopter and U.S. historians would write of the greatest defeat in the nation's history; defeat sparked by micro-management and lies from the White House and a recognition across the land that a nation cannot send its youth to battle under those circumstances.

The self-focused, prosperous '80s brought on the Reagan triumph, the dissolution of the Soviet Union.

But tyrants are always out there, eager to expand their power and massage their sadistic psyches. There's no question that Saddam Hussein is one of the worst since Adolph Hitler. Many, many witnesses can testify to that.

Again the U.S. took to the field in 1991 under U.N. mandate, and (like the Korean campaign 50 years earlier) drove the Republican Guard out of Kuwait, but could go no farther.

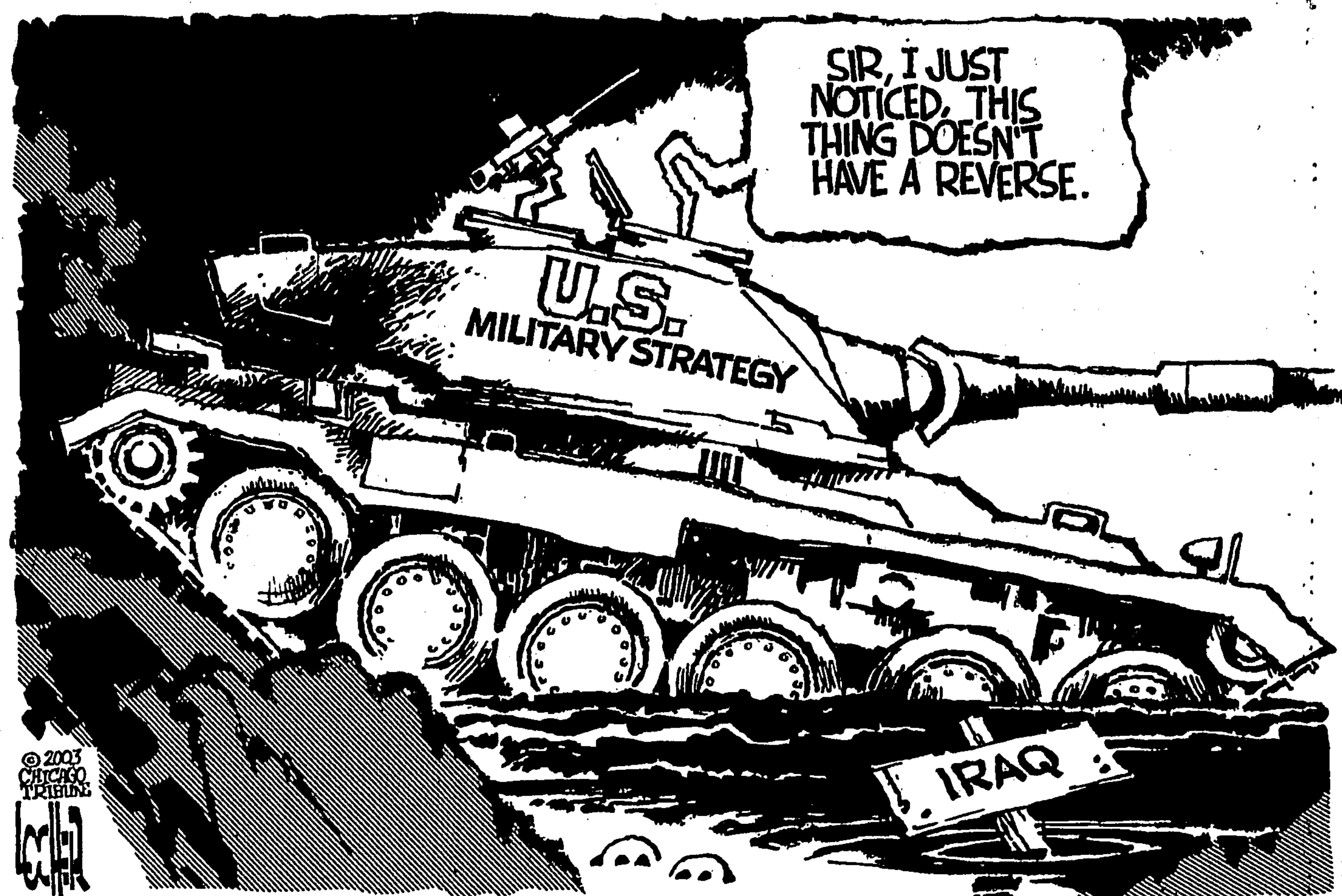
And now 12 years later we stand on the precipice of another war, this time without U.N. backing, and with rumblings of dissent in our land not heard in such volume since Viet Nam.

So what must we do as we step off the precipice into the unknown?

Pray for our soldiers, and wait for the body bags.



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### YOUR OPINION

## Heed the alarm before we all run dry

To the editor:

All kinds of bells and whistles and alarms are going off, yet it seems that people either can't hear them or they choose not to listen. Last year the AP online ran a story about Cheyenne County, Neb., where the wells were running dry at an alarming rate. So much so that it started a court battle between the farmers and the city that was running out of water.

If you think Nebraska is too far away, think again. They are on the Ogallala Aquifer, which runs from South Dakota clear down to Texas.

Then on Jan. 27 the United Nations came out with a report stating that more than half of humanity will be living with water shortages and depleted fisheries within the next 50 years. It goes on to say that severe water shortages affecting at least 400 million people today will grow to 4 billion by 2050, with the Southwestern states of the U.S. facing those shortages by 2025.

Then on the news out of Albuquerque tonight, they announced that two schools would be shut down because they don't have any water for them. And the summer isn't even here yet. Remember the town just north of Santa Fe, where they put a whole housing tract in — only afterward, when everyone drilled their wells, they all went dry. People had to either sell their place for 10 cents on the dollar or have the water trucked in.

Then (recently) they announced the Rio Ruidoso only ran at 62 percent of normal. Well, people, they're clamoring about golf courses and \$500,000 condos and wanting to increase the growth factor. Just ask your realtor how much your place is worth without water.

It's time to wake up and smell the coffee. Or tomorrow you may not have

enough water to make it.

Charles Reed  
San Patricio

### Caring about the care center

To the editor:

While it is inappropriate to get into a word contest in the newspaper, I believe the public needs to read "the rest of the story" regarding the Ruidoso Care Center.

The administrator seems to believe that the front page is a great place to spread inaccurate information about the facility. Shortly after the center changed hands a couple of years ago, a number of concerned family members formed an advocacy group called the Friends of the Ruidoso Care Center. The mission of the group is to enhance the surroundings for the residents by redecorating residents' rooms and common areas and providing personal items for residents who would otherwise be unable to afford them.

Activities of the FORCC include a grounds cleanup day early last spring, which covered the entire property, picking up debris and removing castoff plumbing fixtures and other equipment.

Neither the administrator nor any member of the board saw fit to participate in this worthy endeavor. A yard sale fundraiser was held in the early summer with many donated items from the community...

Room redecoration ... has been in full swing for over a year. Many groups and individuals have provided materials and labor to paint and paper. ... A and D hall have a total of 25 rooms, 23 have been redecorated. However five need to have the wallpaper borders installed. The border is on hand and will be installed very soon. Four of the 12 rooms in the Alzheimer's unit have been redecorated

and two of the six rooms in the DD unit have been redecorated. If 67 percent complete qualifies as "a few," then my math must be faulty...

The Garden Club has spent many hours of hard labor on the grounds. It is unfortunate that this worthy group was ignored in the front page article. So many individuals and organizations have been involved in project work at the center, it is impossible to list them all here. Be assured that your efforts are appreciated and noticed by FORCC and the residents.

For the record, the two old vehicles in the photo belong to a couple of Ms. Sitter's employees. One of the vehicles in inoperable.

Membership in FORCC is open to all who wish to become involved in a labor of love for the benefit of the residents. Call the Olsons at 258-2313 for information. The Board of FORCC is embarrassed by the inaccuracies and omissions in the front page article in the March 14 edition of the Ruidoso News and we want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all of you who have been instrumental in making the lives of the residents at RCC more pleasant and comfortable. God bless you all.

Hubert C. Olson  
Treasurer, FORCC  
Ruidoso

### Right to live in America

To the editor:

Over the weekend, the beautiful flag waving in front of Pioneer Bank was stolen. Whoever performed this act has no right to live as a free person in the United States. They have no understanding of history and that wars were fought for the freedoms we enjoy today. They should move to any of the third world countries to realize living conditions and lack of voting rights.

It was unconscionable, whether as a prank or someone was trying to make a point with impending war. They are becoming the aggressor in the name of "peace" while at the same time becoming felonious by stealing another's property. They don't deserve the benefits of living in America.

Rosalyn Robinson  
Ruidoso

### STREET TALK

QUESTION: Have you gotten spring fever or winter blues and what do you do about it?



"Buy a case of beer."  
Dan Duffer  
Ruidoso Downs



"I don't get either. I'm happy all the time."  
Myrna Blair  
Ruidoso



"Come here — I'm on spring break."  
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## Hobbs poses question of LCMC head change

The commissioner asked if 20 years with the hospital is enough for Gary Mitchell.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

This is the second in a series of four stories on issues surrounding the county-owned Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso.

After a 20-year relationship with Presbyterian HealthCare Services, it may be time for Gary Mitchell to step down as chairman of the hospital board, a Lincoln County commissioner suggested Tuesday.

After determining that Mitchell served as chairman for about eight of his 20 hospital board years, Commissioner Earl Hobbs said, "I only point this out and I say it in a friendly fashion, but I think sometimes familiarity breeds contempt. We become too parochial when have been in a position too long.

"The voters of this county decided that commissioners should only be in their positions (a maximum) eight years because we could overstay our welcome. We begin to think we own these seats rather than actually serving the public."

He doesn't mean anything personally by the comment, the commissioner said.

"I just point out as an observation that I think maybe you should consider training a replacement," Hobbs said. "I'm not picking on you, only saying a change on the board might be advantageous, especially a board that seems to be self-perpetuating."

Mitchell said he didn't take the remarks personally, but that his philosophy is to perform volunteer work

throughout his life.

"This is a very independent board because we try to pick people from the community who are willing to work, have the skills to do it and are willing to devote a tremendous amount of time," Mitchell said. "People think they can go in and change things and then find out how complicated (it is) and how much work is involved. I don't think anyone here would care to be in my boots here today. But I appreciate your remarks. It's probably something to discuss and we will."

Mitchell said 15 members serve. A nominating committee comes up with suggestions, the board votes and then send the choices for approval to Presbyterian, the company that manages the Ruidoso hospital for the county. The company has never rejected a submission, Mitchell said.

Nominees are examined for possible conflicts of interest, he said. They serve two-year terms.

Claiming he doesn't want the commission to appoint hospital board members because of possible liability, Hobbs added, "But can you understand my concerns with the propriety of that kind of operation where the board selects its own members and they are reviewed by someone we don't even know who, even though it is our contractor, and the board makes decisions about the money taxpayers entrusted to me and that I send to you guys?"

Mitchell replied that every dollar generated through the special property tax levy that goes to the hospital is approved by the county commission before being spent. Presbyterian bears the responsibility if the hospital loses money, not the county, he said.

## HOSPITAL: Special meeting voted down

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Martinez contended that hashing over the questions at a regular meeting wouldn't solve anything.

"Discussing these among ourselves and the plentiful group out (in the audience), I'm sure is biased one way or the other," Martinez said, referring to a large turnout of hospital employees and auxiliary members. "We really need to invite people who would be interested if the county considered selling the Lincoln County Medical Center. How are we going to decide if we need a meeting, if we don't have the proper information?"

Earlier in the meeting, Hobbs said he asked for consideration of a special session because for the years leading up to his election in November, he would attend the monthly commission meetings and each time the issues were raised.

"I'm tired of it," he said. "I just want to see us reach some conclusions about how we as a county want to interact with our contractor, Presbyterian HealthCare Services, about the operation of (LCMC). I feel if we sit down as taxpayers, I thought in a special meeting, we may come to some conclusions and get a better idea of how people think about things. Then we would be able to move forward, perhaps, better understand each other."

Before the meeting, he wrote a five-page position paper that allowed him to clarify his thoughts, Hobbs said. But when he arrived that morning, he found a letter waiting from hospital board chairman Gary Mitchell containing new information. He only had 10 minutes to review it, however, and that's not enough time to allow him a chance to respond.

"That's why I feel our decision should be to have a formal, public special meeting of the commission," Hobbs said. "The questions I asked seemed to be the questions that were very apparent to me, but if people have other questions that need to be answered, I would certainly think we should entertain those questions."

He reviewed some of the main points in his summary. They included that he does not favor selling the hospital.

"The taxpayers of this county have voted to establish and operate the hospital as a taxpayer facility," he said. "I don't want to see this hospital sold or come up for a change of hands. I don't believe our hospital is mismanaged, but I believe we have so many management questions, we need to understand better."

"The citizens of my district have charged me, as one of my responsibilities, as one of five people (commissioners) to be the subordinate manager of the hospital. They own the hospital. Somebody else runs it, but we have certain liabilities."

The lease should be rethought or renegotiated, he said. "I believe our lease is deficient. I also believe the taxpayers of this county should be receiving a fair market value for the lease of the hospital. Right now, they are receiving \$1 a year. How we negotiate that or if it can be done, I don't know, but I think we need to approach that issue carefully."

He emphasized that his questions don't focus on the medical care, which he contended was excellent.

St. John also said she has no interest in selling the hospital. "It's very big asset in this county," she said.

The county has a contract

with Presbyterian and it doesn't expire until 2008. Although there is an escape clause, she sees no reason to seek requests for proposals, she said. If fair market value is required, patients will pay for it, she contended.

**"This seems to be the biggest sacred cow in the county."**

Leo Martinez  
county commissioner

"As far as appointing the members of the hospital board, I think that would be a big mistake," St. John said. "The reason the commissioners were taken off that board was liability."

Commissioner Rick Simpson was succinct. "If it works, why fix it?"

Commission Chairman Rex Wilson said as a new commission several years ago, understanding how the hospital functioned was very difficult. Questions and issues come up every month for discussion.

"I don't want to give the impression we haven't been monitoring those issues. We are where we are as an evolution of dealing with those issues over time. It hasn't been carelessly done by any means."

"In my opinion, we have a superb hospital. It's running well. Statistics show people are pleased. I think we're very lucky we have the community support for the (special property tax levy) for the hospital."

Although hospital board members are appointed by Presbyterian, their hearts are

with the hospital, the chairman said, adding that the hospital board also has more local control than others in similar arrangements.

He's bothered by the perception that the situation is the county versus the hospital, Wilson said.

"This really is us, not we versus them or we versus you. It very definitely is us," he said.

His perception is that some people are trying to cause harm to the progress of the hospital, "and that's why these issues tend to repeat themselves and come up over and over again," Wilson said he wanted to deal with some of those now and "put them behind us."

But Martinez said without looking at other offers, commissioners can't judge what they have in place.

"This seems to be the biggest sacred cow in the county," he said. "I think it could be run better and I think we should at least hear the options."



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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Roundhouse Review

The Association of Commerce and Industry of New Mexico, in conjunction with local chambers of commerce, will host regional 2003 Roundhouse Review breakfast and lunch session, including one in Ruidoso.

These meetings will feature local legislators and include a briefing on how key business issues were addressed during the 2003 legislative session. A question and answer session will be included.

The Ruidoso session will take place April 22 at Cree Meadows Country Club from noon to 1 p.m.

For reservations contact the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, 257-7395.

### DVR at the library

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will be at the Ruidoso Public Library on the third Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon to help people with SSI and SSDI who want to work but are afraid of losing benefits.

### Fed keeps current rate

The Federal Reserve's Open Market Committee decided to leave the overnight interest rate at its 40-year low of 1.25 percent, although it indicated Thursday that it is prepared to cut the rate further if the war with Iraq negatively impacts world financial markets. The Fed believes the threat of war and the boost in oil prices have hindered economic recovery; but once concerns about the war diminish, the central bank expects low interest rates and ongoing productivity growth to allow the economy to pick up steam.

However, economic uncertainties caused the Fed to hold off on its usual post-meeting statement regarding whether or not the risks of economic weakness and inflation are balanced. Even if they were forced to reduce the target interest rate to zero, Fed officials insist that they could prop up the economy by targeting two- or five-year Treasury yields or another longer-term rate and buying enough securities to pump a sufficient amount of money into the banking system.



PHOTO BY P. BLAKE MARTIN

**Art Peralez**, with the state Department of Economic Development, spoke to Ruidoso Downs business owners and officials Tuesday about the possibility of starting their own chamber of commerce. Ruidoso chamber head Patric Pearson said that, while he is against a split, he would be willing to support whatever decision the city makes.

## The Economy and the Markets

### No growth in job market

BY SCOTT ANDERSON  
WELLS FARGO & COMPANY

The latest economic vital signs continue to be weaker than expected. Initial jobless claims are on the rise, averaging 419,000 in February compared to 385,000 for January and a 405,000 average for all of 2002.

Claims above 400,000 signal a deteriorating labor market and higher unemployment in March. Meanwhile overall job creation remains non-existent, according to the latest employment report. Consumption, the strongest economic sector, also seems to be threatened with retail sales plunging in February, signaling weaker consumer spending and auto sales this quarter.

Higher oil prices and a lack of pent-up demand for autos is a major headwind for the economy in the near-term, but a quick end to a war in Iraq would go a long way toward restoring consumer confidence and reducing oil prices.

Oil prices are up about 50 percent from a year ago, and holding all other variables constant, that increase could reduce U.S. real GDP growth by about 1.0 percent if it were to last for a year. At the moment that looks highly unlikely.

Word that Saudi Arabia will be shipping more crude to the U.S. has helped drive crude oil prices 7 percent lower over the past week, providing more ammunition to those who see lower, not higher, oil prices in the future. Even so, the high level of oil prices and recent soft patch has increased calls for additional monetary stimulus. Some point to the general lack of new interest rate cuts over the past year.

### Bonds: War worries

Since the start of the war on terror, the decline in both mortgage rates and treasury yields has closely mirrored the behavior of interest rates during the first Gulf War. So far, 10-year treasury yields have moved down nearly 200 basis points from their March 2002 peak to just above 3.5 percent.

Corporate malfeasance and a change in fed policy expectations at that time triggered a major rally in long-term trea-

suries, driving yields lower. Yields fell a similar amount between the time that Iraq invaded Kuwait until the middle of 1992.

Not surprisingly, conventional 30-year mortgage rates have followed a similar path. But in percentage terms, the interest rate declines have been much more pronounced this time around, because the overall level of interest rates is lower now than it was in the early 1990's.

The 10-year treasury yield has fallen 32 percent since March 2002, while interest rates dropped just 22 percent during the last gulf war. Remember, the first gulf war ended in recession, but this time around another recession is less likely, suggesting the Treasury market has already priced in a recessionary scenario. If one does not materialize, Treasuries could be in for a significant correction.

Based on our bond valuation model, the Treasury market seems to have dropped rates too far, overreacting to the present geopolitical uncertainties and ignoring the economic fundamentals. Ten-year Treasuries were undervalued going into the first gulf war, according to our model, justifying a significant increase in bond prices and decline in yields once hostilities looked likely.

But going into the war on terror, treasury bonds were already overvalued, signaling that recent war jitters are likely driving bond prices too high and yields too low. According to our model, 10-year Treasury yields should be closer to 4.3 percent right now, rather than the near 3.6 percent they are yielding today. Rising inflation rates and a more stable unemployment rate should be contributing to higher treasury yields despite weak stock market performance.

According to our calculation, holding all other factors constant, the unemployment rate would have to soar to 7.5 percent to justify such low treasury yields. This analysis suggests that if a double dip recession does not materialize and the war in Iraq gets resolved quickly and decisively, we could see a sharp correction in the bond market.

■ Some business leaders feel the city has different economic goals than Ruidoso.

BY P. BLAKE MARTIN  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

In the midst of international show-downs and peace protests, small towns must go about the day-to-day business of identity and economic survival. Ruidoso Downs is coming of age, and its business leaders are ready to take action.

Apparently, small towns all over New Mexico are claiming their independence, and contributing to regional economic development as a result. Tuesday evening, Art Peralez of the state Department of Economic Development rallied Downs business owners' in their fourth Business Association Meeting at the Ramada Limited.

Peralez is a business recruiter for the state, and the representative of Region 6 including Alamogordo, Roswell, Hobbs,

Artesia and Carlsbad. With desire and momentum, Peralez says, a small community will become a viable working entity.

Once the association decides exactly what it wants to do and appoints its representative, Peralez will "get the ball rolling." This includes forming a non-profit chamber of commerce, and eventually a development company that can buy land and buildings to lure interest and bring economic development while preventing liability consequences. These are all things the city government is unable to do.

During discussions, Peralez recognized a drift between the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and Ruidoso Downs.

Patric Pearson of the Ruidoso chamber voiced his concerns of rumors surrounding the Downs' effort to break away.

He encouraged the communities to work together and offered whatever he can do to help in the transition.

Peralez advised the business owners to designate a president that can attend an

### "The course is set."

Art Peralez  
Department of Economic Development

## Home sales should be steady despite war, experts predict

Not even worries about war and terrorism have dampened America's housing boom. However, now that U.S. military action is underway in Iraq, industry participants expect a brief lull in activity as consumers wait to see how the war unfolds.

Hints of a slowdown have emerged in recent weeks; perhaps the most notable indicator was a decline in homebuilder

confidence. "Right now, builders are reacting to the potential for consumers to postpone anticipated new-home purchases; however, inventories of unsold new homes are still quite lean, so builder sentiment should rebound quickly in the months ahead as the geopolitical and economic uncertainties are resolved," said National Association of Home Builders chief economist David Seiders.

His counterpart at the National Association of Realtors, David Lereah, said the war's length will determine its effect on the housing market. A drawn-out conflict could result in higher interest rates that would impair the housing market and the overall economy, while a quick resolution would trigger a fast recovery after slight disruption to the property sector, he predicts.

## Focus on Agriculture

### Death tax repeal a temporary solution

BY STEWART TRULSEN  
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

When former President Bill Clinton and former Sen. Bob Dole squared off on "60 Minutes" for the first of their debate segments, the two political warhorses chose taxes as the subject and not foreign policy. Politicians in general have made more campaign promises about taxes than anything else and never tire of talking about them. After all, there isn't a person in this country that doesn't have a vested interest in this debate, including farmers.

This year the American Farm Bureau Federation is seeking congressional action on a number of tax proposals. High on the list is permanent repeal of the death tax. To farmers and small businesspeople there is no tax more onerous and ludicrous than

estate taxes. If you think income taxes are high, they are nothing compared to estate taxes with rates as high as 50 percent. The estate tax net doesn't catch all farms and businesses, but it causes almost all of them to do expensive and elaborate estate planning to minimize exposure. A study made several years ago found that the cost of estate tax planning in a single year was \$23 billion, about the same as the revenue it generated at the time.

Yes, Congress voted in 2001 to end death taxes by providing rate reductions and an expanded exemption with complete repeal occurring in 2010. Unfortunately, the bill's provisions expire in 2011, returning the tax to its 2002 levels. This has turned estate taxes into a crapshoot because the year in which a person dies

is like a roll of the dice for the heirs. The year 2006 is better than 2005, not as good as 2009, but much better than 2011. Best of all is 2010. Permanent repeal of the death tax will eliminate the crapshoot and protect farms and ranches that otherwise might have to be broken up to pay taxes.

Farm Bureau is supporting enactment of Farm and Ranch Risk Management Accounts (FARRM), which provide a tax deferral to help farmers save for years when prices are low or crops are poor. Farm Bureau also favors repealing capital gains taxes; until that can be accomplished it favors a rate reduction and exclusions, including one for the sale of agricultural land that remains in production. Farming and ranching is capital-intensive with big investments in buildings, land and equipment.

Capital gains taxes make it much harder for farmers to retool their operations by selling any of these assets.

President Bush has proposed a tax cut package to stimulate the economy. AFBF tax specialist Pat Wolff says several features of the plan would help farmers and rural families, but she adds, "The worse the deficit becomes and the more we spend on other things, the harder it is to sell a tax cut."

You can keep this thought in mind if you ever get into a tax debate — Americans spend more on taxes than food, clothing and housing combined. What we get for our tax dollars is debatable too.

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



# Developer asks to turn cabins into a subdivision

■ P&Z commissioners told Ken Keegan the plan would take a lot of rezoning.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A developer proposed Tuesday to turn a cabin rental business into a 28.4-acre residential subdivision. Ken Keegan submitted a sketch plan to the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission, which also reviews developments within the Extraterritorial Zone around the village, as well as within village boundaries. The project falls within the ET zone. The commission took no action and directed Mike Runnels, deputy manager for planning and head of the planning and zoning department, to continue to work with Keegan and

surveyor T.C. Collins. The property is zoned single-family residential in the ETZ. Lots are served by domestic wells and septic systems and the surrounding land is mostly undeveloped, according to the report from planner Darrell Bremner. Keegan proposed to create 20 lots and two common areas. Cabins already are constructed on 11 lots. Access would be from Alpine Village Road, an existing street. A gravel driveway with a 50-foot right of way accesses the subdivision. The lots range in size from 3,500 square feet to 7,000 square feet, but some are irregularly shaped with only 20 feet at the front and 70 at the back of a 100-foot deep lot. Charles Rennick, commission attorney, questioned if construction was feasible on slopes that drop off

severely. Keegan said he is building primarily one-bedroom cabins that will be individually owned. He said state environment department permits for septic tanks are based on the number of bedrooms and the systems in place are designed and approved by the department. "But that was under single ownership," commission chairman Glen Barrow pointed out. "Will they allow that under different owners?" Collins said the septic systems are laid out in the common areas where there is undivided ownership. Before the county commission will accept the subdivision, it requires a favorable report from the environment department, he said. After complimenting Keegan on his cabin operation, Rennick asked why he wanted to change and Keegan

replied for economic reasons. "It's a very nice cabin operation, but it was built as a commercial operation and it will take a lot of retrofitting to make it a single-family subdivision," Rennick said. Commission member Tim Holt agreed, asking if there was any other way to avoid having to grant major variances to the village's rules. Rennick said Keegan should consider changing to multiple family or another zoning designation instead of single-family residential. In other zoning issued, the commission: • Approved a variance for Kenneth Murphy to allow an existing deck to be turned into an enclosed addition o Lot 4, Block D of Singing Pine subdivision. The edge of the proposed addition closest to the east side lot line would be within 3 feet, 3 inches. The standard

setback is 10 feet. • Approved the final plat for White Mountain Development Company on 39.5-acre, Unit 4 in White Mountain Meadows. Thirty-one lots from nearly a half acre to 2.16 acres in size will be created. • Tabled action for more information on an amended commercial site development on Lots 50-58, Block 9, Palmer Gateway subdivision requested by Velma McCollum for use, as a church. • Approved an amended site plan for Lot 1, Block 1, Town and Country Estates subdivision requested by Dan Fender. The lot contains about a quarter acre. The site was used for tire sales and vehicle repair, but cars had been sold there without an approved site development plan. Sales will be limited to two cars.

## Commission has no say over development

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Drivers may have noticed a new sign on the south side of U.S. 380 denoting the entrance to Saddle Ridge Ranch. The development featuring lots of 140 acres or more, which means it is exempt from Lincoln County subdivision regulations, is selling land east of Carrizozo. Lincoln County commissioners were disturbed last year over questions of water availability, the lack of access to some utilities and other issues when the developer of Windmill Ranches announced his plans for a 326-lot subdivision north of the county seat. The commission had some say in that case only because a portion of the development included smaller lots that fell under the subdivision rules. That's not the situation this time. Warren and Joan Malkerson submitted information on Saddle Ridge Ranch late

last year to county planner Patsy Sanchez. By law, the county commission has no jurisdiction over that type of development and commissioners never reviewed the plans for 49 lots on 7,200 acres adjoining the Carrizozo golf course. But Van Patton, the real estate agent with Century 21 who listed the tracts for sale, said potential buyers have a rare chance to purchase affordable land that will feature some high-end advantages. They include restrictions banning any future division of the land, private roads, access to the White Mountain Wilderness and architectural review rules that require onsite construction of homes. The lot sizes vary from 140 acres to 165 acres and will require domestic wells and septic systems. Some of the 140-acre lots sell for \$69,900. The Malkersons plan to build their own adobe home in the development and will serve on the architectural review commit-

tee, Patton said. They now own a house near Angus and also live in Minnesota, he said. "They want to keep it like a ranch, very high end for an affordable price," he said. "They will be very involved and will live there in the winters." "The restriction against further subdividing ensures that you're not going to see smaller parcels created," Patton said. Power and telephone service will be brought to each tract and an adobe picnic area was created for residents, he said. A minimum of 1,500 square feet is required for a main residence. Servants' quarters or guest houses can be 500 square feet. "All the roads are private once you go through the gate," Patton said. "The owners' associations will be responsible for maintenance and upkeep. The roads are very nice, built with culverts and proper drainage."

## PLAN: Community involvement is important, firm says

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Some of the ways to promote public involvement listed by Okuma were focus groups working on specific goals or aspects of the plan, public workshops, essay contents for high school students to express what would keep them in Ruidoso, logo contests for younger children, effective advertising, an inventory of photographs and visitor surveys. The second phase of the work will take the data and


community desires to develop alternatives and planning futures with steps on how to get there, she said. Plenty of maps will be produced for discussions dealing with infrastructure, transportation and image. "We must look at sustainability" in resources such as water, she said. Environmental concerns, preservation of open spaces and trail systems will be considered. Redevelopment of older sections of town may be included. Although Ruidoso is a

tourist town, the year-around population's needs must be covered. Issues considered in the plan would include work force, residential affordability, services and infrastructure. The third phase will deal with deciding which alternatives to follow balancing reality with dreams and how to pay for improvements. The fourth phase deals with implementation and creating mechanisms to fulfill the goals, possibly through new ordinances or finding sources of funding, Okuma said.

"To start with an effective implementation plan, you must have funding sources in mind," Witherspoon said. A team member specializes in guiding those efforts, he said.

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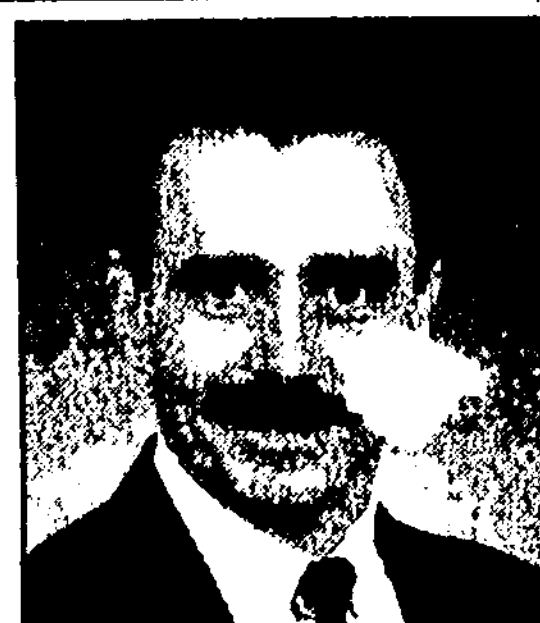
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## Corona wants E-911 compliance

BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

In a struggle that has affected towns county wide, Village of Corona trustees wrestled with changing street names to comply with the Enhanced 911 requests.

Council member Danny Lueras pointed out that Corona had discussed with the county the hesitancy for changing road and street names. Recognizing the legitimacy of Enhanced 911's request, the council felt they should comply. Lueras read all the letters from parties making name suggestions. The majority requested changing Piñon Street to Beatrice Street, contrary to the suggestion of E-911 to not use personal a name unless it had historical value.

After considerable discussion of that and other ideas, Mayor Gilbert Stewart suggested changing Piñon Street to Crown Street

since Corona translates to the word crown. The council agreed across the board. They also voted to change Ponderosa Lane to Katrina Road.

In other business, councilors voted to adopt a resolution authorizing the sale of excess fire equipment to the New Mexico State University College Ranch.

The council also voted to amend a resolution from 2002 to make it a 2003 resolution pertaining to an application for state Highway and Transportation Department co-op funding. The original application was amended because the sidewalks and retaining wall for the village hall complex were not adjacent to the public roadways. This made that portion of the project ineligible for funds.

The village will request an extension for the Forest Service grant they have applied for previously. The grant requires a written

fire plan in the first phase with identification to a grave need for fire protection. With that in hand, the Forest Service would then authorize the remaining grant money. The pond that was originally dug for emergency water access will be fenced and posted until it is decided if the location is in agreement with Forest Service requirements.

Keith Melton from New Mexico Tech University and a subcontractor of the New Mexico Finance Authority passed out packets of information explaining funding available from the authority.

He advised that loans ranged from 0 percent to 2 percent based on a community's need. He made himself available to help fill out the application, and made it clear the application did not bind the village in any way.

Then next regular village council meeting will be April 11.

## MOUNTAIN'S MAJESTY

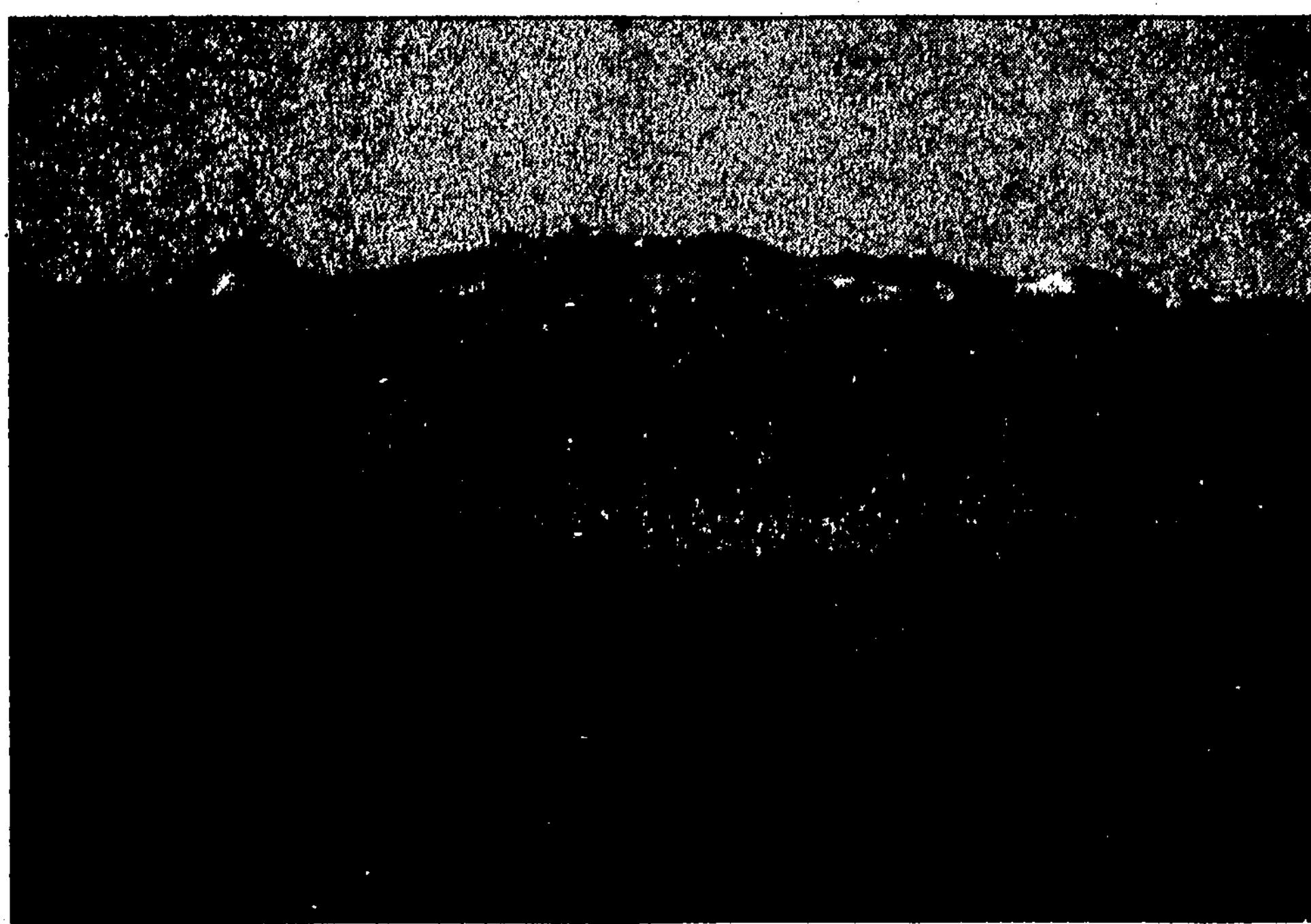


PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Sierra Blanca basks in sunshine, overlooking Carrizozo and northern Lincoln County during a recent stretch of good weather.

## Hard work and sacrifice came before the White Sands Missile Range

Approximately 4,000 square miles of southern New Mexico are known as the White Sands Missile Range. The range affects a major portion of the economy of cities such as El Paso, Las Cruces, Alamogordo, Tularosa, Socorro, and Truth or Consequences.

The missile range, as we know it today, began as Alamogordo Bombing Range, a result of the bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. The War Department immediately established a bombing range effective 24 days later. This area was needed to train the Air Force. The ranchers

were notified on Dec. 27, 1941 to remove all livestock and personnel, effective Dec. 31, 1941.

The history of these ranches was established by the need of the United States government to settle this large area of southern New Mexico. To own this land, the United States needed it to be permanently settled. The powers in Washington encouraged and



County Views  
BY WALLY FERGUSON

assisted ranchers to homestead and improve upon their property. The great depression drew more people to the area and the government continued to pass acts encouraging the settlement of the area.

The Taylor Grazing Act allowed people who had a homestead and a water base, grazing rights on the surrounding lands. This was particularly important to encourage these people to drill

wells and build dirt tanks to catch rainwater. This was necessary for their livestock and wildlife because of a lack of natural live water in this vast area.

All the sacrifices and dreams of these people ended when they were forced to leave their ranches. The trail that kept them from ever returning lasted 29 years with leases and promises. That all ended with condemnation on June 30, 1970.

This condemnation left broken hearts and shattered spirits of some of America's most patriotic citizens.

The amount of money paid for this land did not reflect similar takings anywhere. It was impossible for these ranchers to replace what they had lost with the compensation offered.

The irony of this action is that this area is the greatest testing and evaluation center in the world for weapons and helps the United States preserve what our nation represents. This came about through the tremendous sacrifice of 90 ranching families that had settled the land now called the White Sands Missile Range.

## Carrizozo school board welcomes new members

BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

On the agenda for the Carrizozo school board meeting was the official rehiring of certified personnel for the 2003-2004 school year. Lisa Shivers was approved as Special Ed/Spanish teacher for the remainder of this school year.

Re-hired staff members were Sarah Ball, Cathy Barela, Martha Bond, Becky Borowski, Debra Corley, Wes Corley, Rima Davis, Becca Ferguson, Kellie Gallacher, Jamie Gieb, Cherri Goad, Glenn Hawk, Bob Hemphill, Laura Hemphill (4 periods/day), Mel Holland, Anne Serna, Rosemary Shafer, Wayne Shockey, Danny Watkins, and Bryan Wetzel.

Laura Hemphill's resignation as Special Ed Director/Title I Director was approved.

The swearing-in of LeeRoy Zamora as a board member was tabled in his absence. The board welcomed new member Lisa Crenshaw to her first meeting on the business side of the table.

"We are happy to have you join our efforts in pushing back the frontiers of ignorance," said board vice president James Grider.

Board reorganization placed Steve Harkey continuing as president, Grider as vice president and Lisa Crenshaw as secretary.

Superintendent Sergio Castañon gave an updated construction report. Manire Hall completion is still pending a punch list completion. The new track construction timeline will

be designed after a meeting with all parties involved regarding tearing out the old track and hauling away the waste products. The input groups for the new preschool/industrial art building met last week with the architect. Final blueprints should be ready by June and will go to bid in July or August.

Board members also:

- Amended the state mandated per diem policy.
- Approved the purchase of bleachers from Norcon of New Mexico. The new set up will seat 208 people with a handicap ramp and seating.
- Approved purchase of Vision Computer Software/Training. As a technology update, it will be fall under guidelines to be paid for with bond money.
- Removed from the table a previous amendment to the Athletic Code Policy and approved a reworded version.

Spring break will be March 23-27. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held March 31. Students will return to school on April 1.

Steve Barron, principal, reported school attendance for February was 92.4 percent. He thanked parents for their support and encouragement to keep children coming to school. In the Character Counts program, 58 percent of the students received the award for February and 29 percent received the semester award. Student of the month recognition will be on April 4 at 2:45 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be April 15 at 6 p.m.

## Capitan Schools put together new strategic plan

BY LIONEL W. LIPPMAN  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Capitan School system, under the direction of Superintendent Larry Miller and high school principal Joe Westmoreland, during a weekend planning session, met with teachers, parents and concerned members of the public at the Bonito Park Nazarene Conference Center where they hammered out a strategic plan for the Capitan school system.

In order to develop this new plan, the participants found it necessary to first study and agree on a set of beliefs from which a mission statement could be derived. The beliefs developed were:

- Authentic (real/relevant) learning best prepares students for their adult lives
- Everyone has value
- Everyone learns best in safe, nurturing communities
- Expectations affect learning
- Feedback affects learning
- Success motivates
- The need for learning never ends
- The highest priority is teaching students to use their minds well.

dents to use their minds well.

From this set of beliefs a mission statement was proposed that reads "Capitan Schools (are) a community where everyone is valued, safe and nurtured, and where learners are empowered." The committee also conducted an internal analysis to review strengths and weaknesses of the district. Out of this developed seven objectives, each with a number of strategies for attaining them.

- These objectives are:
- To achieve exemplary schools/school district ranking in the State of New Mexico Accountability System
- All students in grades 7-12 will be involved in extracurricular activity
- Increase participation and achievement on the American College Test
- Increase the number of students receiving industry standard certifications and/or college articulated credit
- To be clear about what constitutes quality student work and to offer opportunities for that work to be demonstrated to an authentic audience
- To expect responsibility, respect and thoughtful behavior from everyone

• To develop an exemplary staff development program to support this strategic plan.

During the public meeting that was called on March 13, both Miller and Westmoreland requested that community volunteers sign up to help implement the strategies outlined within each objective. Miller and Westmoreland spoke at length concerning the "relevance" of what is taught and how it is being taught in the Capitan Schools.

Westmoreland said that the world is changing at a far greater rate than education is changing. For education to be relevant in the information age, it is necessary that students gain an intimate knowledge of the technology that is bringing about these changes. In addition to learning about it, they must become well versed in its use.

This is the ultimate objective of the Capitan Schools effort to "reinvent themselves." By recognizing the vast and often confusing rate of change in the world, secondary education only becomes relevant when it gains the ability to adapt seamlessly with change.

## CowBelles district tour comes to Corona

BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The New Mexico CowBelles district tour and workshop will be held next Wednesday in Corona for the District 5 local chapters.

Hosted by the Corona Crown CowBelles, the other District 5 locals are Canyon (Carrizozo), Corriente (Capitan), Otero (Alamogordo), and Chamiza (T or C). The CowBelle state officers make a statewide tour during this week, speaking

on a program of issues. This year's theme is "This land is your land."

The program will include topics such as NM CowBelle history, COOL (country of origin labeling for livestock), and the beef industry today and in the future.

Registration will be at 8 a.m. at the recreation room at Corona Schools. A catered brisket lunch will be served. Cost for the workshop is \$13. For questions on available seating, call Shelly Frost at 849-4950.

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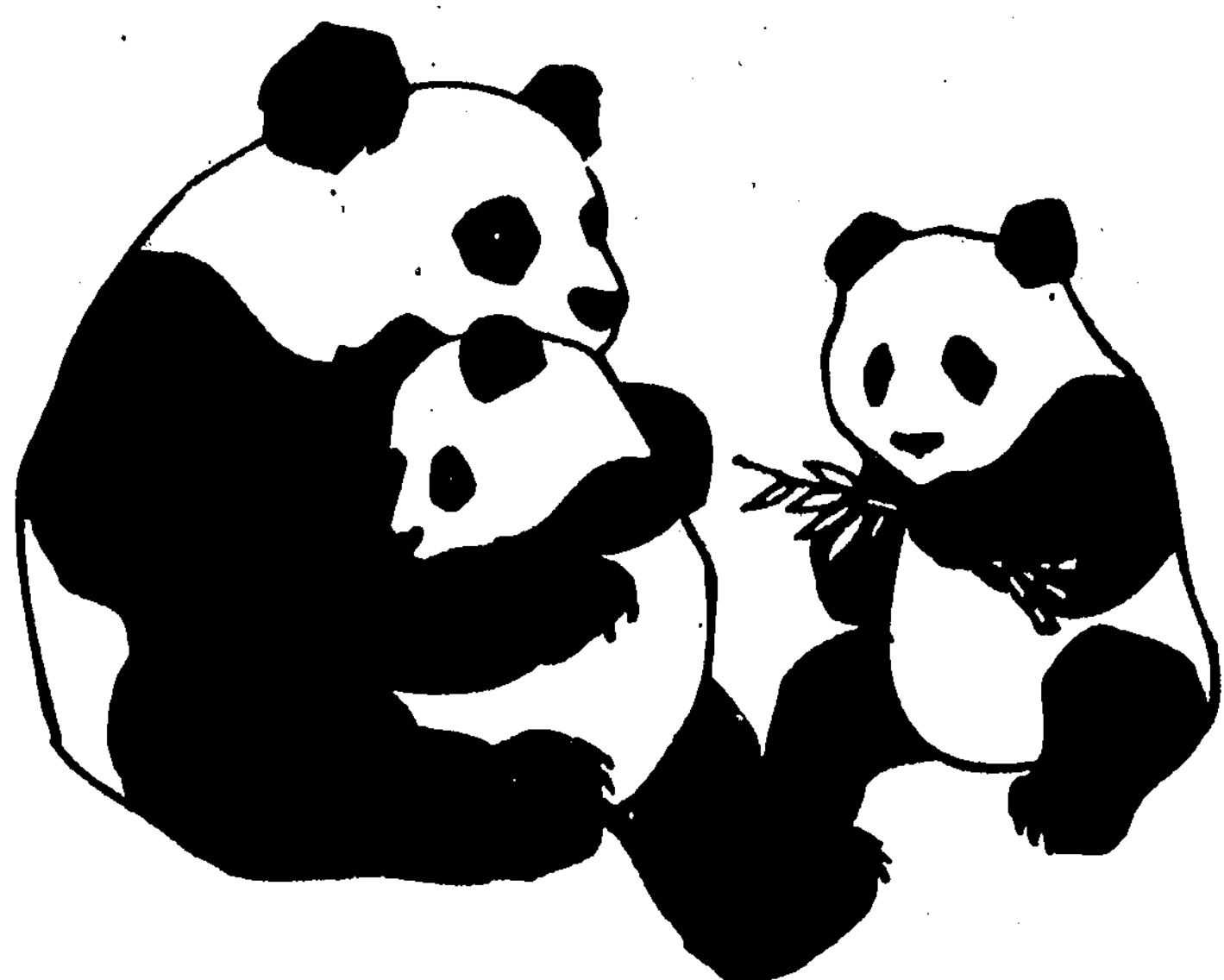






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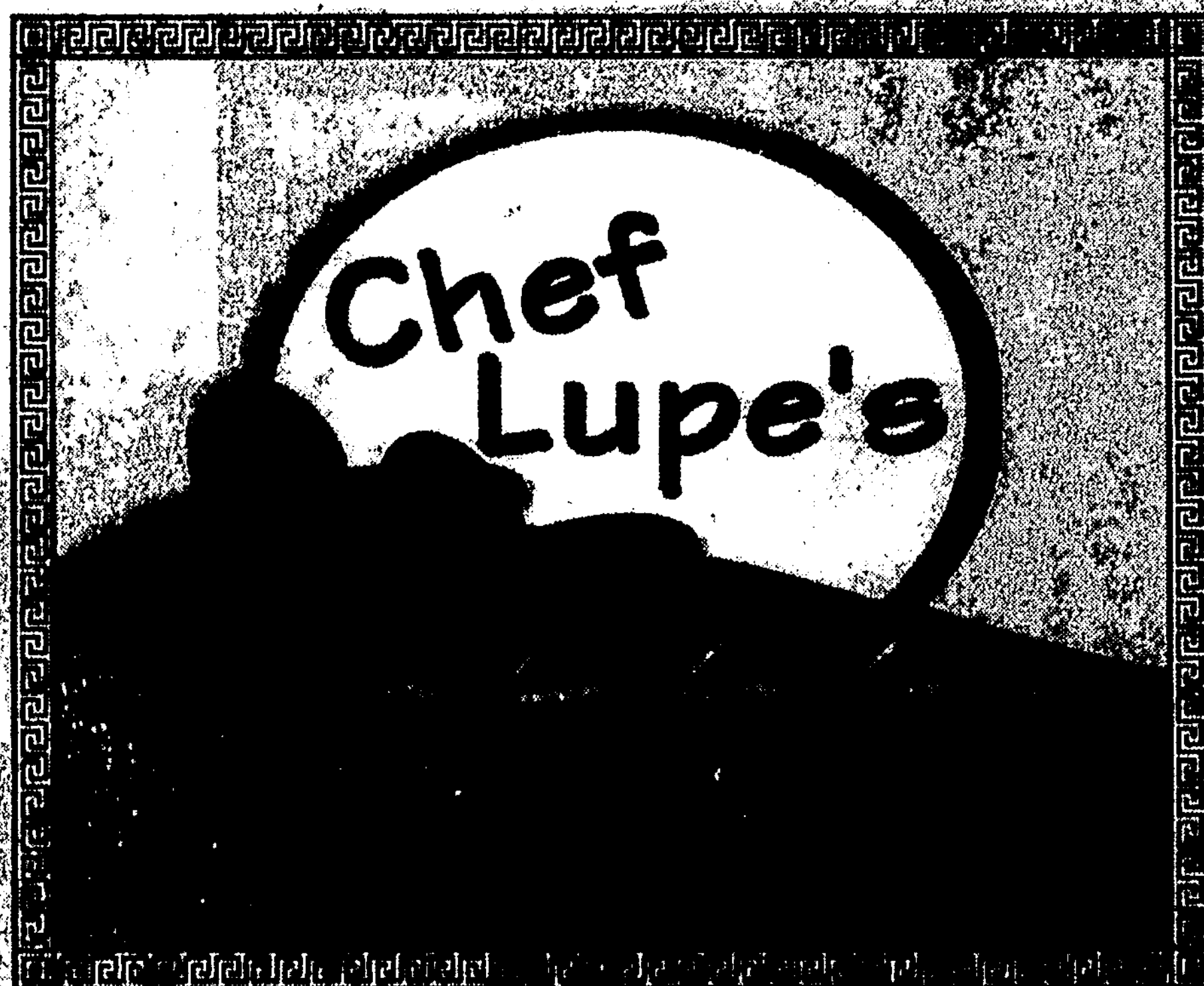
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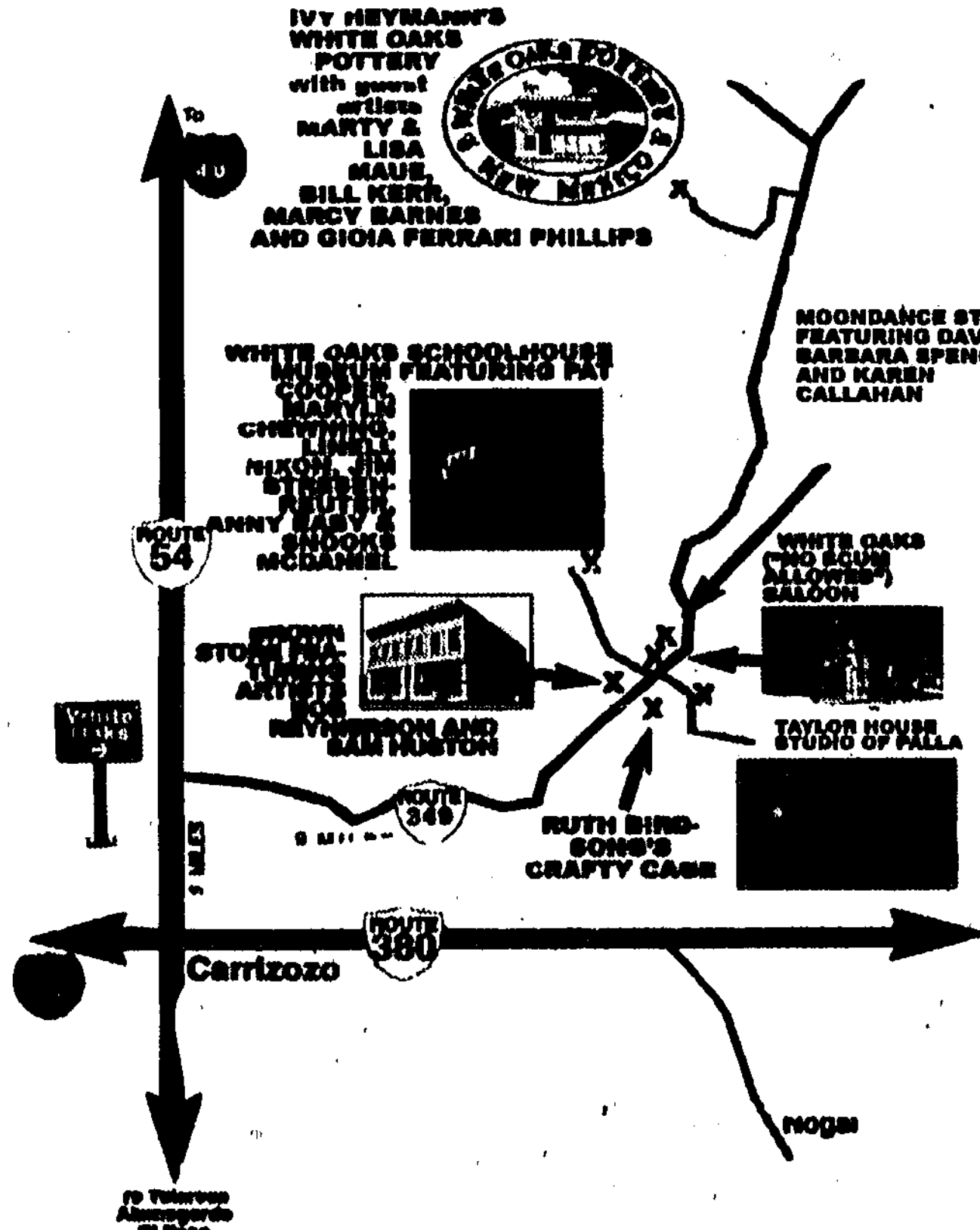
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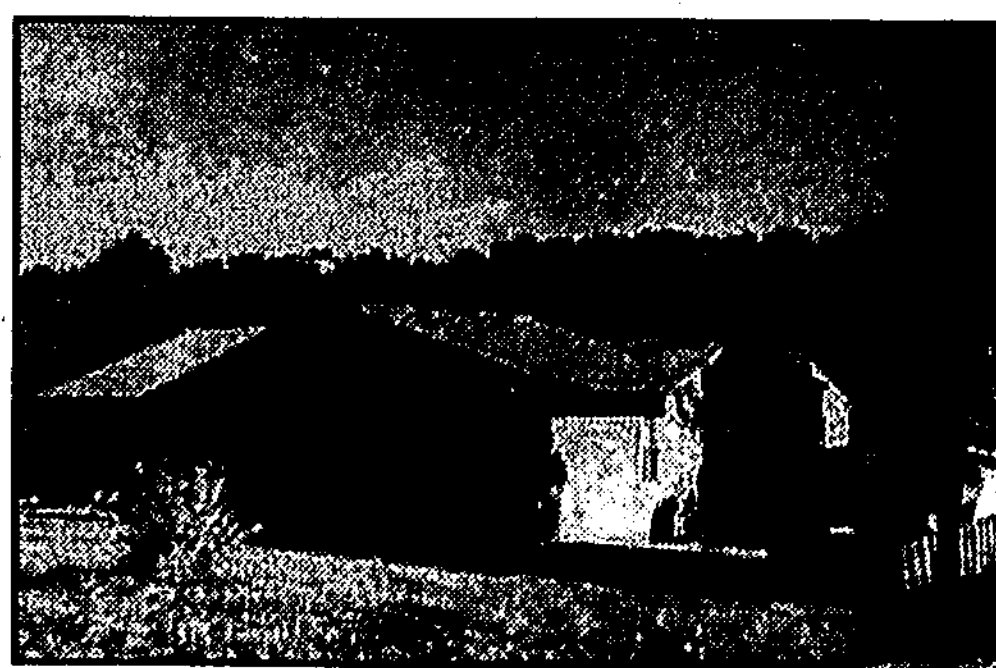
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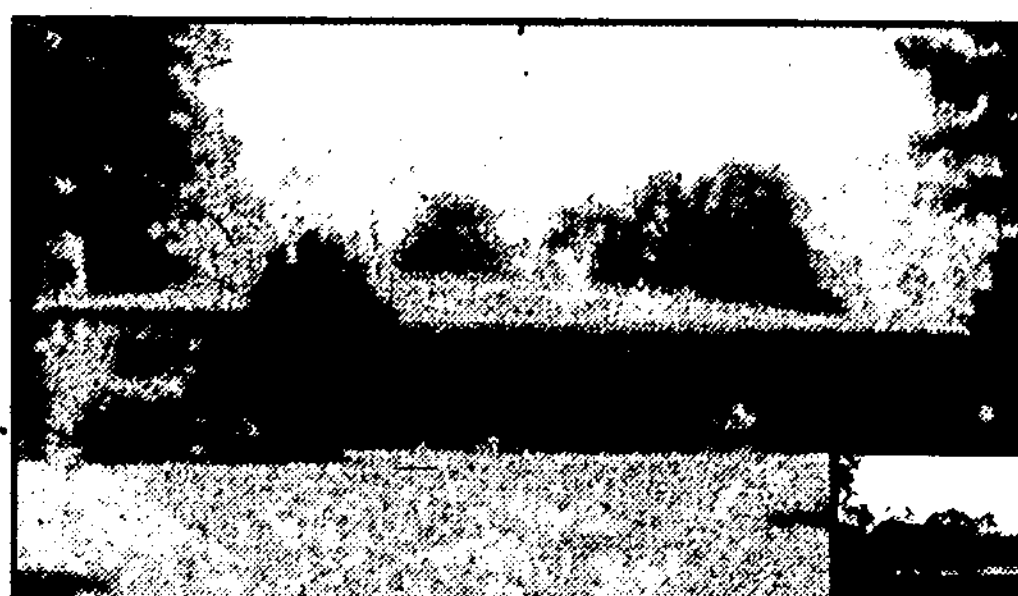
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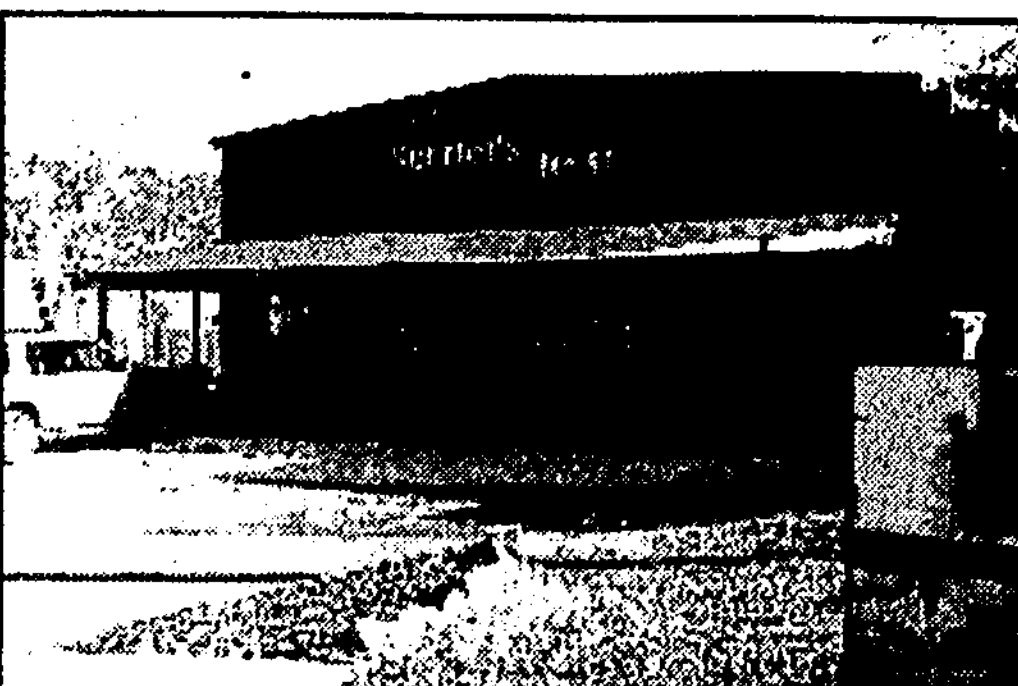
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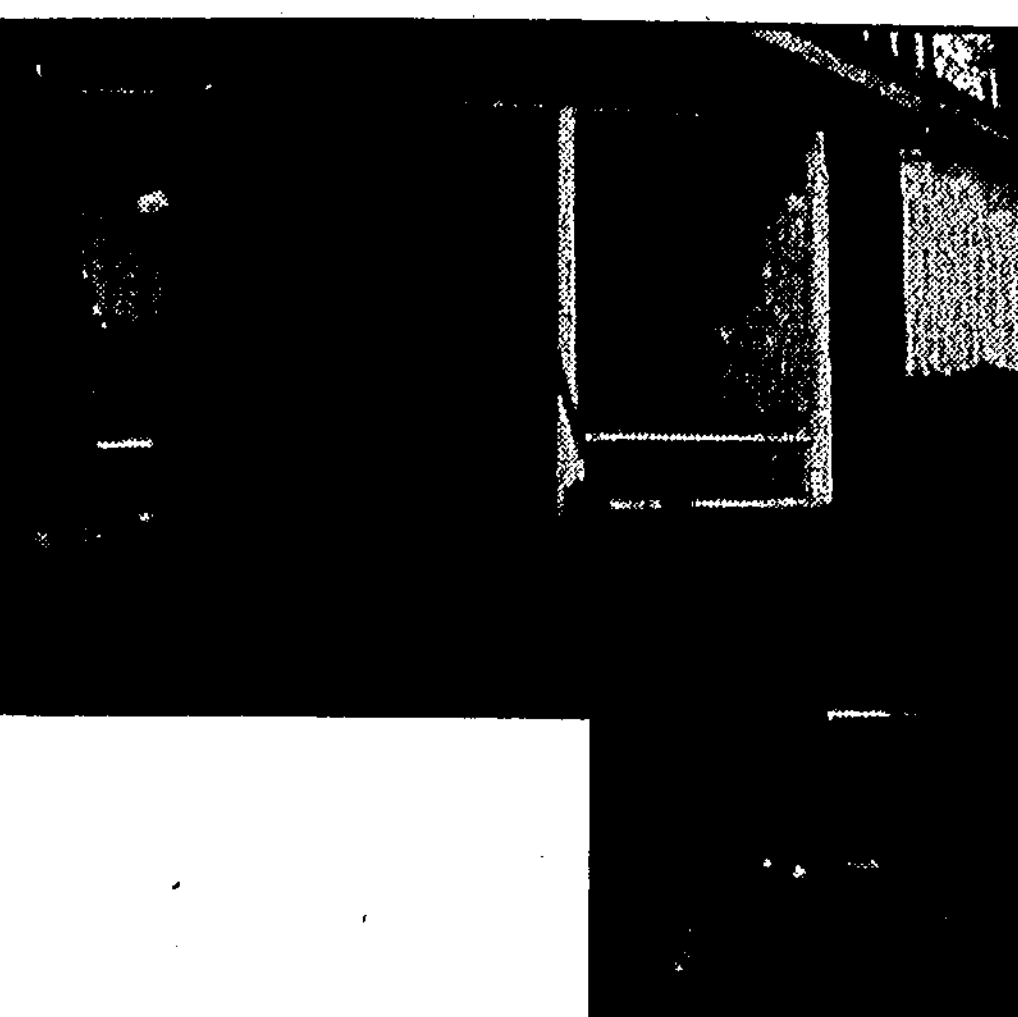
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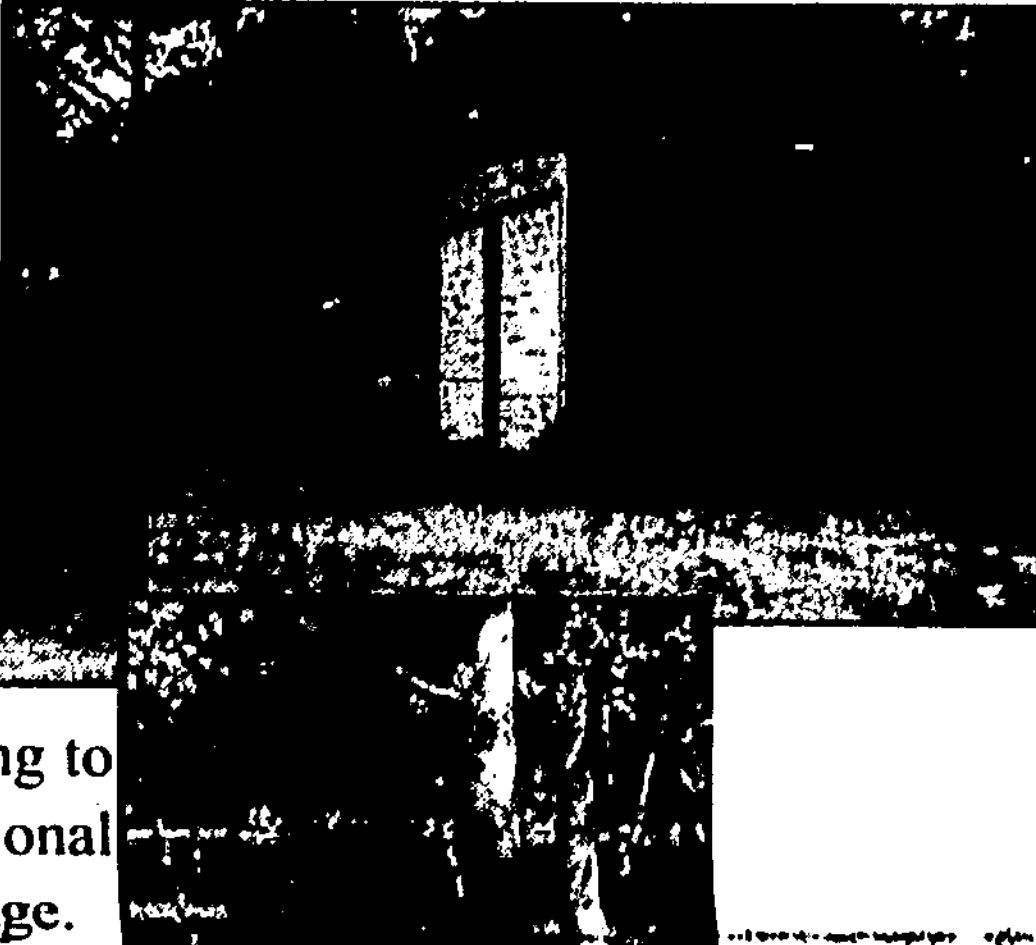
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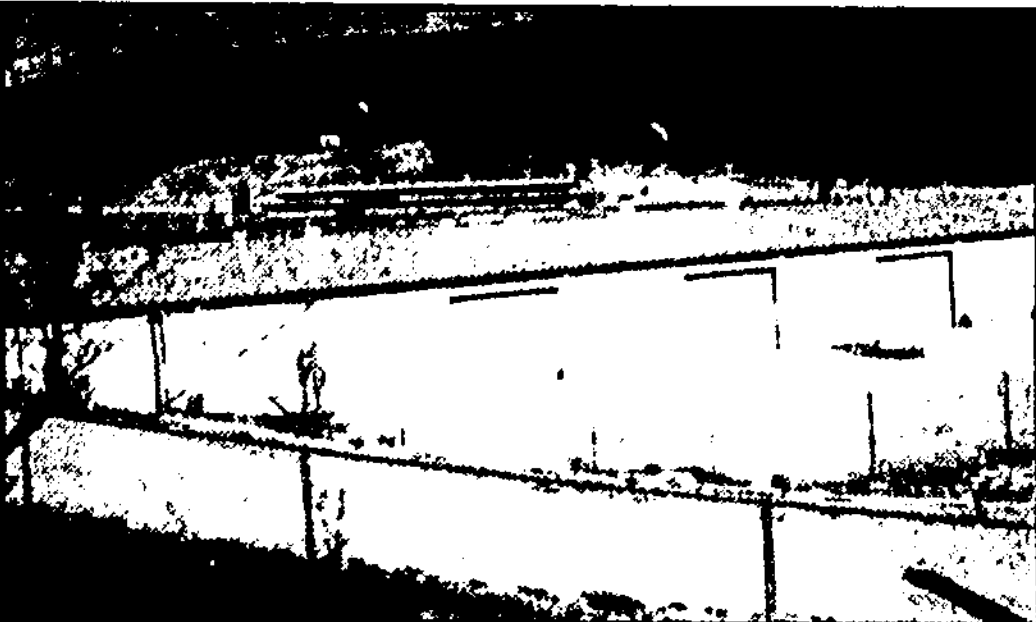
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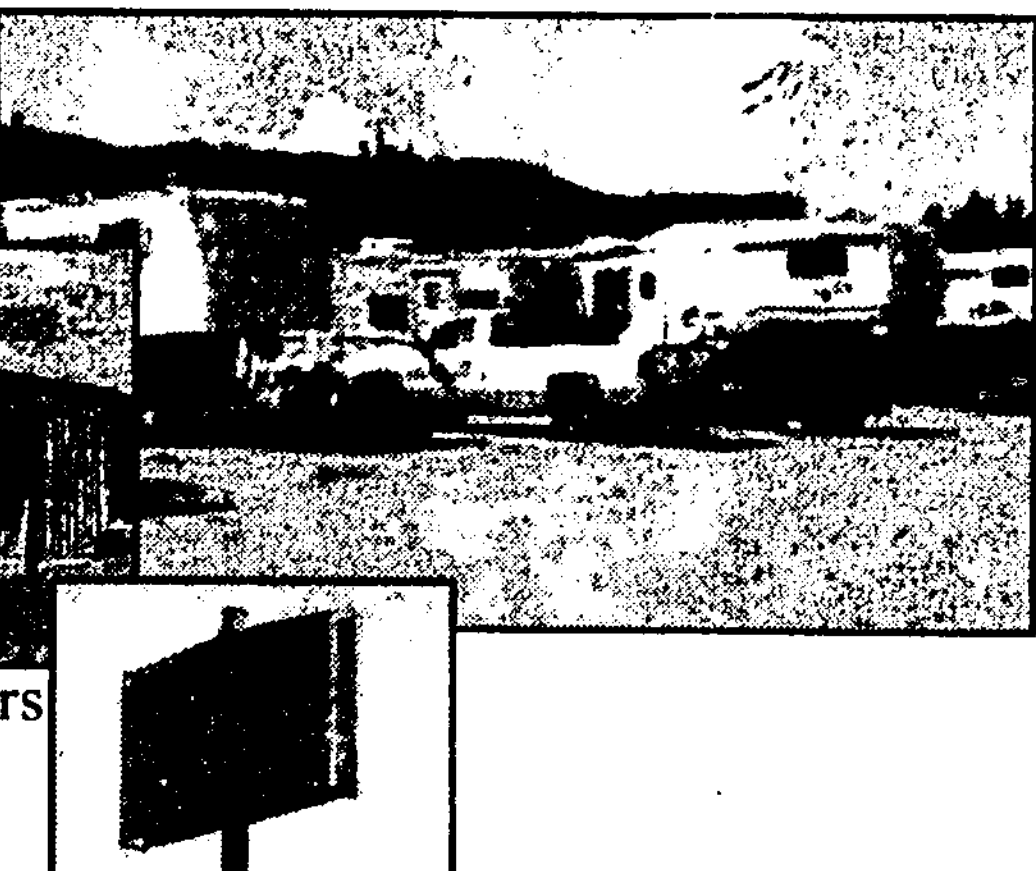
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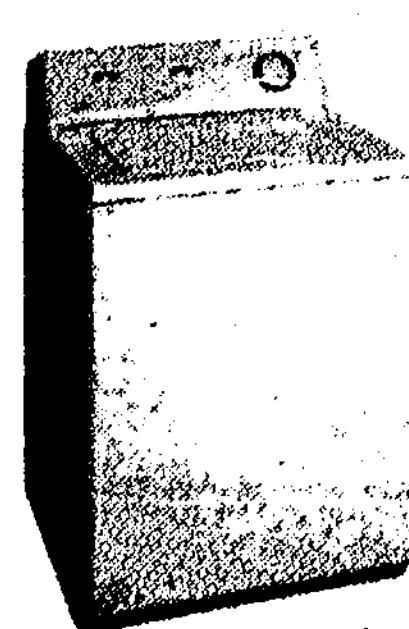
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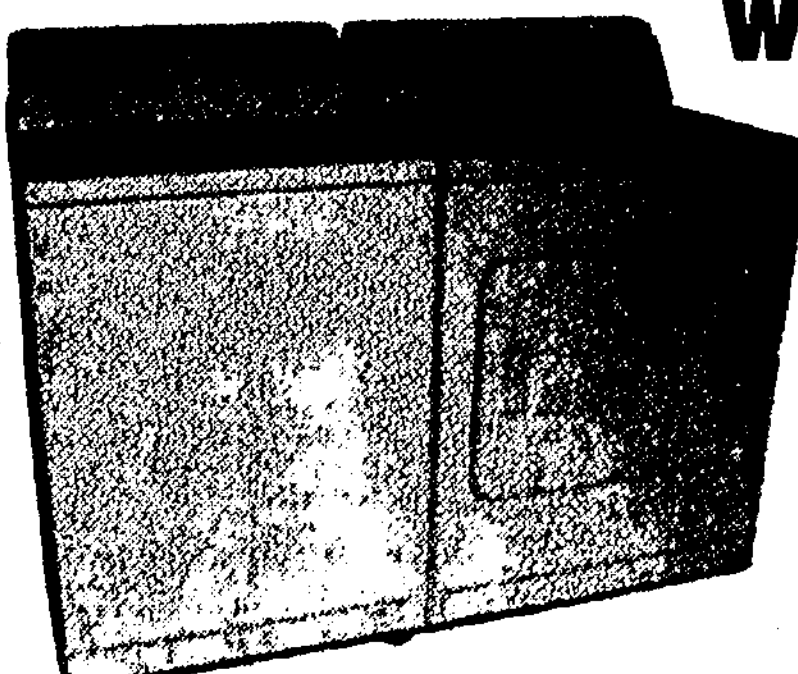
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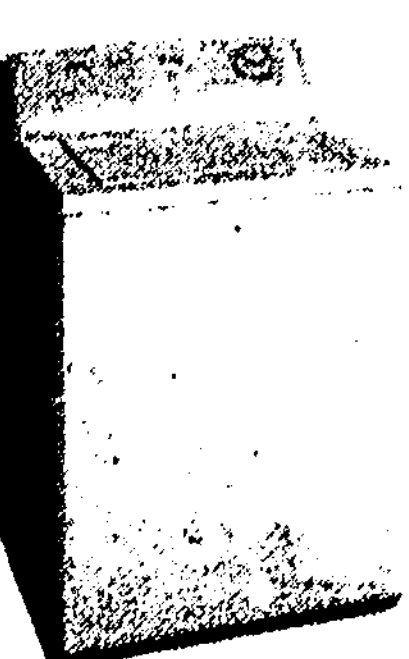
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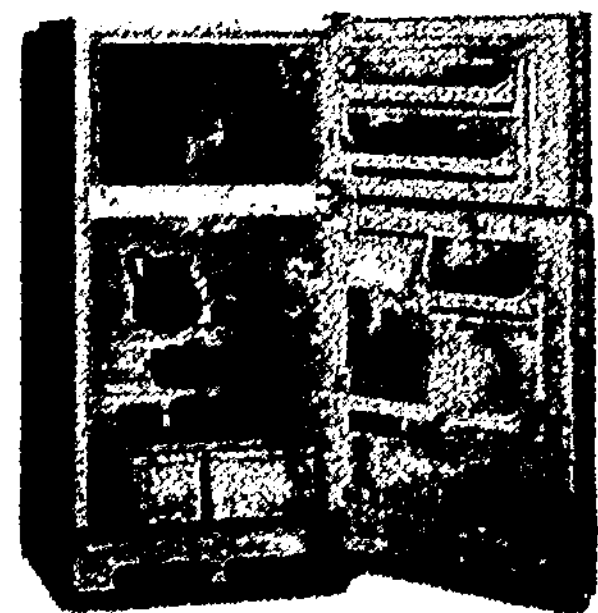
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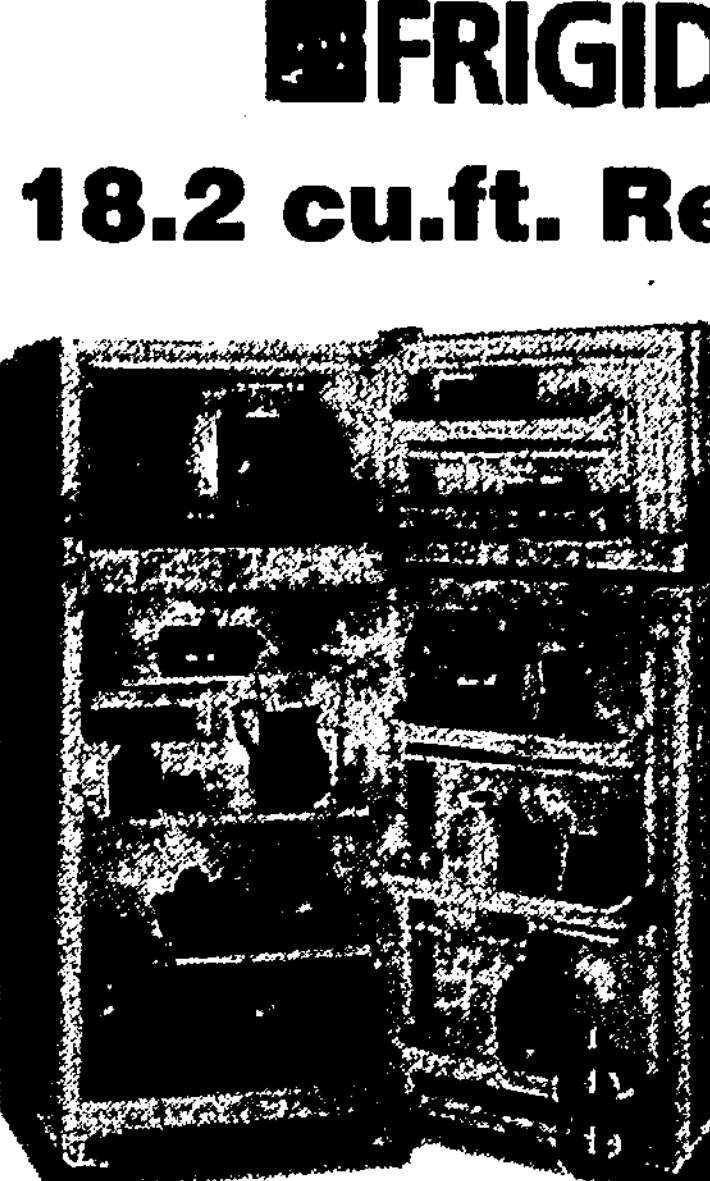


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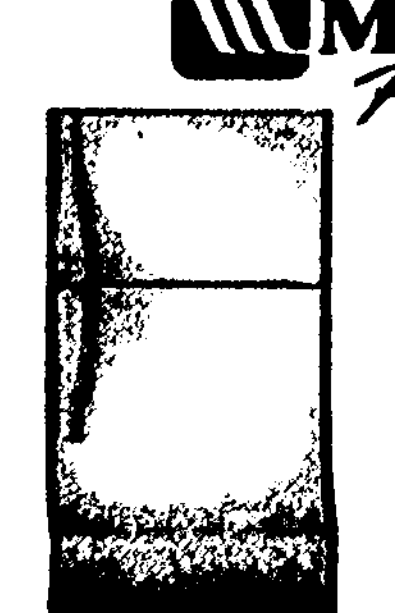
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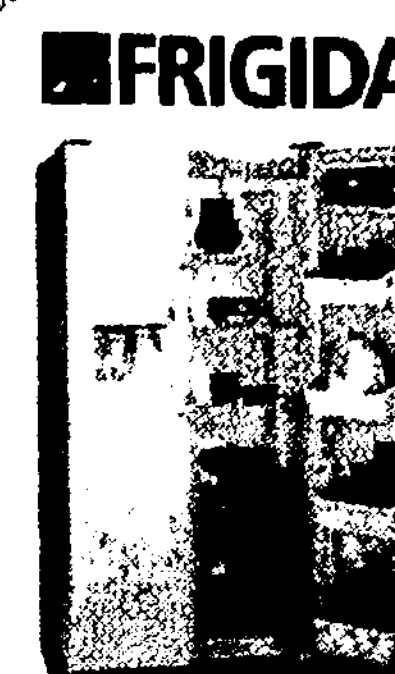
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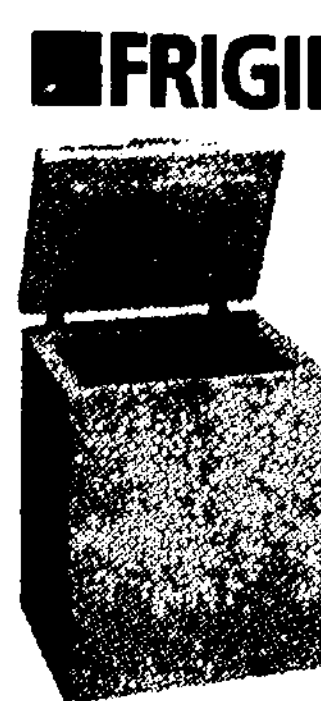
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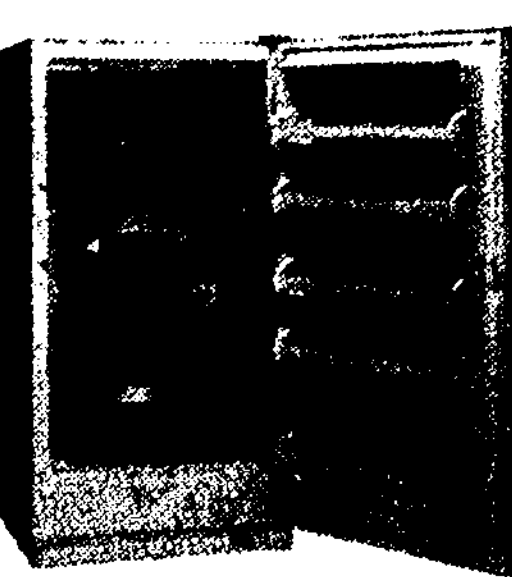
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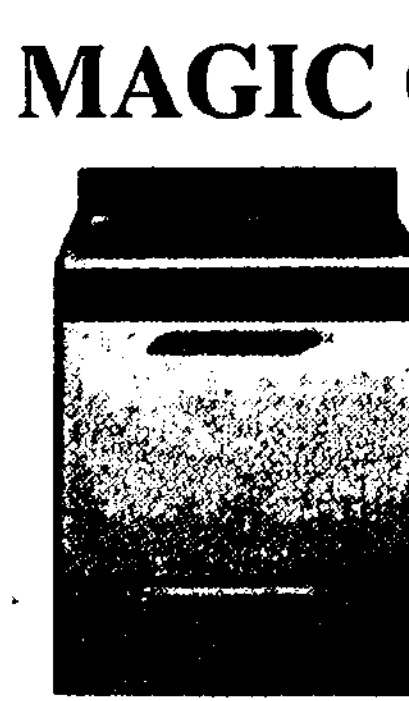
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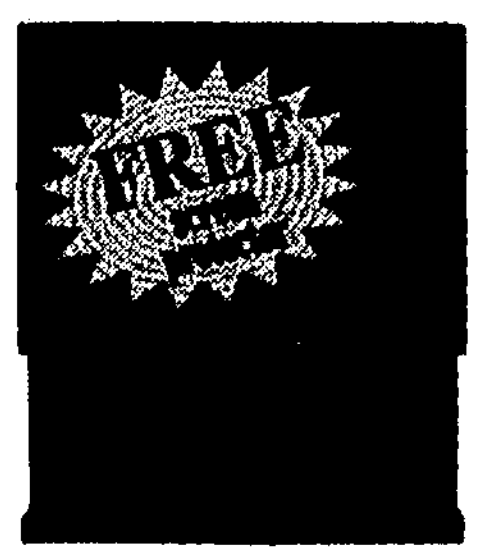
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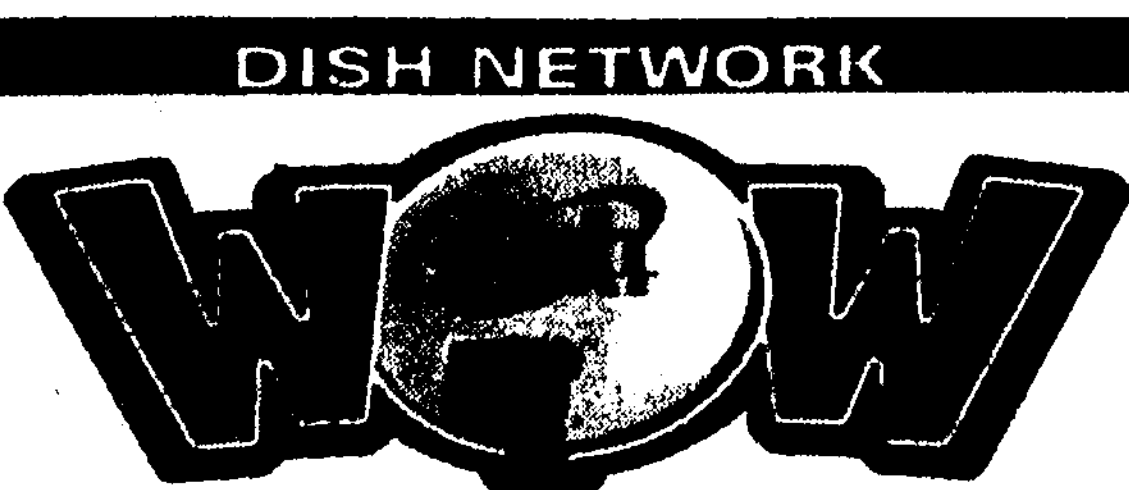
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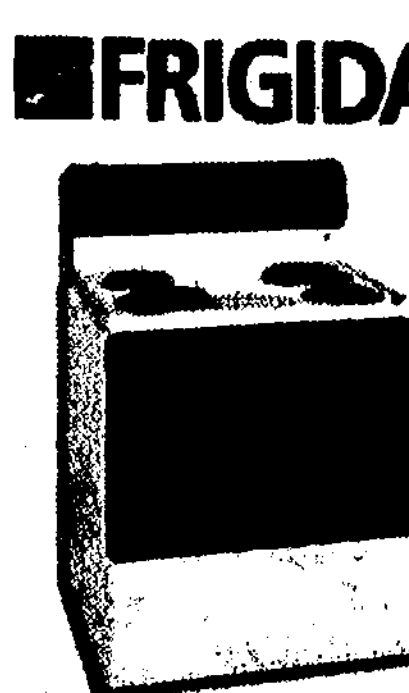
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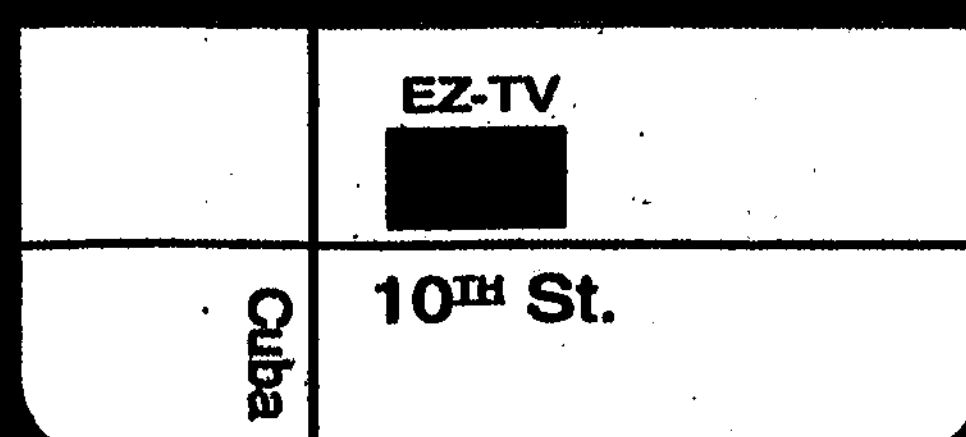
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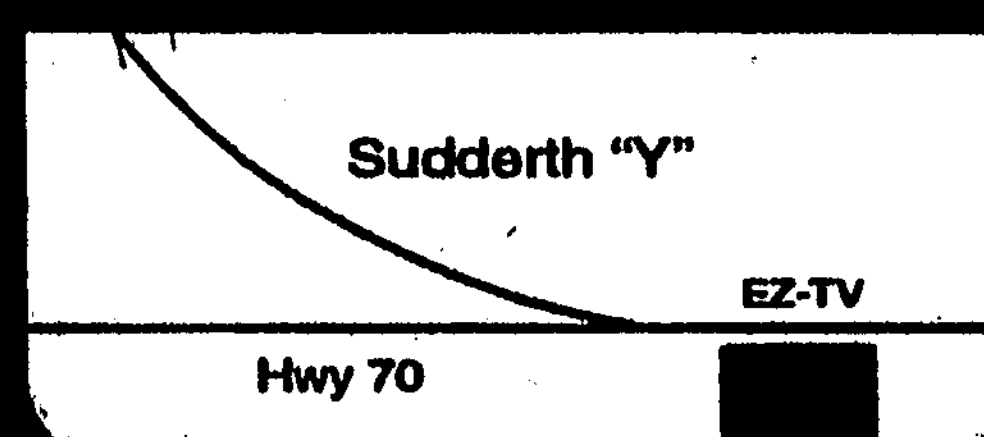
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## Downs ETZ wants to better chances

BY P. BLAKE MARTIN  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

As the Ruidoso Downs ETZ commission forges ahead, a consensus emerges that a streamlined proposal will stand the best chances of approval by the joint powers in May.

At Monday night's meeting, agriculture zoning districts (AR) were tabled. Mulligan said he wanted to confer with County Assessor Rick Silva on what defines a farm, etc.

The commission continued to reduce the Downs ETZ Ordinance template, eliminating all but one mobile home zoning district and deferring to county, state and federal codes and regulations.

In C-1 (commercial zoning district), Commissioner Dean Hollman moved not to deal with signs in the first proposal draft.

Commissioner Susan Garrett moved that exterior trash enclosures be screened from view. Access to businesses along the highway was eliminated from the proposed ordinance as the requirement for frontage roads by the State Highway Department was acknowledged. Mulligan suggested

having a representative address the commission at a future meeting.

Setbacks and height requirements regulated by the Downs ETZ Ordinance were retained with some exceptions, while lot width/area, screening, signs, landscape and overlay regulations were stricken.

In C-2, arterial street requirement was removed from the purpose. At the recommendation of Planning and Zoning Supervisor Tom Armstrong, a C-2a zone was created to deal with RV parks and overnight camping businesses.

Mulligan described the existing ordinance regulations as "convoluted" and C-2 as a "conditional-use district."

The commission set about describing permitted uses vs. conditional uses. Mobile home and RV parks were tabled for further consideration, as mixed use is present in the proposed ETZ. Mulligan cited concerns of increased cost with increased requirements for affordable housing.

Two new members will be appointed at this week's county commission meeting. The ETZ will meet again Thursday at 4:30.

## Modern midwives don't fit the stereotypes

BY SHARON HENDRICKS  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

*This is a continuing series of health-related columns from the Lincoln County Health and Wellness Council.*

### Health and Wellness

Currently our nation is facing a healthcare crisis: costs are skyrocketing, access to care is becoming more difficult, and a critical shortage of qualified healthcare providers is at its worst point in history.

Communities are scrambling to recruit qualified healthcare providers and to solve future shortages, while continuing to provide quality care. One solution is to utilize mid-level healthcare practitioners to fill the void created by the physician shortage that is especially apparent in rural communities, and especially here in New Mexico.

Certified nurse-midwives are among a growing number of healthcare providers referred to as mid-level practitioners. These people include certified nurse-midwives, certified nurse anesthetists, nurse practitioners, and physicians' assistants.

Many myths and misconceptions exist regarding these practitioners, their scope of practice, educational preparation, level of expertise and the quality of care they provide. The very word "midwife" evokes images of a long ago,

"olden-day" woman. This woman had little or no formal education and attended births

mainly at the homes of women in poverty. The most common myths and misconceptions regarding nurse-midwives include: midwives are uneducated, only deliver babies at home, are not healthcare providers and therefore, can only deliver babies.

Times have changed. The truth is that the certified midwife of today is well educated. In addition to a certificate in nurse-midwifery, most midwifery programs grant a master's degree in nursing, or midwifery with minors in additional areas of focus such as education, public health, or community health. Nurse-midwives will spend between eight and 10 years completing their education. After completing this, they must then attend continuing medical education programs to maintain their certifications and the state licensure requirements.

Nurse-midwifery practice includes the knowledge, skill, judgment, authority, and level of accountability required to manage complete women's healthcare. This includes not only the prenatal care, care during and after labor and delivery, but a nurse-midwife can also care for women across the life-span from adolescent physical exams and family

planning to primary and post-menopausal healthcare.

New Mexico recognizes nurse-midwives as independent healthcare practitioners. Nurse-midwives are licensed by both the state and the Drug Enforcement Agency, and have full independent prescriptive authority.

Nurse-midwifery philosophy supports the belief that healthcare providers are responsible for education and informing their clients, so that the client can make appropriate, informed healthcare decisions. Clients should feel as though they are the driving force behind their healthcare outcomes.

Currently, New Mexico has 90 licensed CNM's; most are located in metropolitan areas; however, a few rural areas such as Silver City, Shiprock and Ruidoso have practicing

CNM's. Sharon Hendricks has been practicing locally for almost two years. She delivered 74 of the 300 babies born at LCMC last year. In addition to maintaining a private office practice which offers complete women's healthcare services, she is the current OB provider for the Ruidoso public health office prenatal clinic and she participates in community projects such as the Maternal and Child Health Committee. Sharon obtained her master's degree and her certificate in nurse-midwifery in 1997 from UTEP/Texas Tech Medical School-El Paso.

Our community has many mid-level practitioners who live and work here, and the assistance and dedication that these healthcare practitioners bring to our community is essential in continuing to provide quality healthcare in Ruidoso.

## House passes bill helping water projects with bonds

■ More than \$2.3 billion in water projects statewide have been identified.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The House passed a bill last week that would dedicate severance tax bonds for water projects.

State Rep. Ben Lujan, a Democrat from Santa Fe who introduced the bill, said the state's commitment could bring in more federal matching money for water projects.

"Our water needs are a top priority statewide and by having a dedicated funding stream for water projects, we assure New Mexicans that the state is responsive to those needs," he said.

House Bill 882 requires that 10 percent of the annual severance tax bonding capacity be used to fund statewide water projects recommended by the New Mexico Finance Authority to the Water Trust Board. The board will select from a list of water projects and will certify bonds to fund those project that are deemed critical, he said.

The projects are classified into four categories:

- Storage, conveyance or delivery of water to end-users
- Implementation of the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973
- Restoration of watersheds
- Flood protection.

The bill specifically requires that severance tax bond proceeds will not be used to pay indirect project costs and that the proceeds from bonds issued for a water project will revert to the severance tax bond fund within six months of completion of the project. The bill requires the state finance authority to monitor and

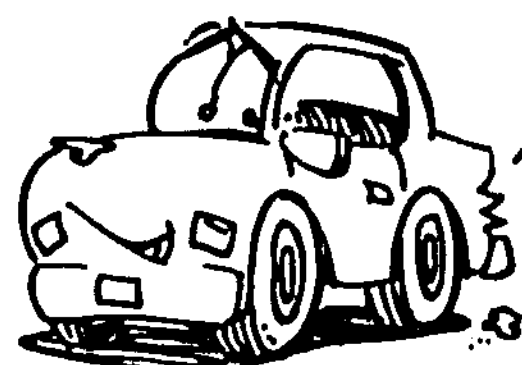
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## Lincoln County cowboys bring home rodeo bucks

BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS



Seventeen-year-old Casey Sisk of Corona rode the only saddle bronc to be ridden to the whistle last weekend in Farmington. The ranch-raised cowboy topped a Bad Moon Rodeo Company bronc named Boots for a score of 67.

That ride won Sisk a go round for rodeo and the average for the weekend. Sisk did get his bull ridden on Sunday for 72 points, but it didn't get him a check.

Trevor Sanders, Capitan, with his Lincoln County partner, C.W. Gomez, won the team roping on Sunday. The pair stopped the clock in 8.27 seconds and collected \$189 each for the run.

Taos Muncy of Corona and his partner, Ky Studdard, spun their steer for third place behind Sanders and Gomez.

The calf-roping event was highlighted by Lincoln county ropers both Saturday and Sunday. Trevor Sanders walked away with second place points on Saturday with a 11.26 second run. Riley Tulley, of Cedarvale, won a 2nd on Sunday with an 11.67 on his calf.

John Salazar of Mescalero brought home the only bull riding check to Lincoln County. Salazar tied for 2/3 in the Sunday rodeo.

High school rodeo standings are tallied by points on a system of 10 points for first place, 9 for second and so on. The dollars won are a bonus, but not used for placing in the state or national standings.

Lincoln County High School rodeo youth will be headed to Bosque Farms this weekend for an approved two-day, two rodeo event.



PHOTO BY HENRY NAKAI

Casey Sisk rides hard during a NMHSRA rodeo during last season. Sisk, of Corona, was the only bronco rider to make an entire ride during a rodeo in Farmington over the weekend and won a go round title as a result.

## side line

### Ski Report

#### Ski Apache

New Snow Past Week: 21 in.  
Weather at Report Time: Cloudy  
Road at Report Time: Plowed and mostly clear  
Midway Depth: 56 in.  
Surface Conditions: Powder and packed powder  
Skiing Conditions: Excellent  
Trails Open: All 55 trails  
Lifts Open: All 11 lifts  
Trails Groomed This Morning: Apache Bowl, Buckhorn, Bull Run, Capitan, Chair Seven Liftline, Chinc, Cliff, Elk Liftline, Elk Ridge, Game Trail, Lower Deep Freeze, Meadows, Moonshine, SBT, Slalom Hill, The Face, Upper Deep Freeze, Lower Mountain Novice Slopes  
Snowmaking Past 24 Hours: No  
Forecast: Partly Cloudy Thursday

### Prep Results

#### Tuesday, March 18

Baseball  
Tularosa 10, Ruidoso 4  
Ruidoso 24, Tularosa 5

### Preps on Tap

#### Friday, March 21

Baseball  
Ruidoso at Eunice Tournament, TBA  
Softball  
Ruidoso vs. Deming at Hot Springs Slug Fest, 9 a.m.  
Track  
Mescalero/Capitan/Carrizozo in Demon Relays at Dexter, 3 p.m.

#### Saturday, March 22

Baseball  
Ruidoso at Eunice Tournament, TBA  
Softball  
Ruidoso at Hot Springs Slug Fest, TBA  
Track  
Ruidoso in White Sands Relays at Alamogordo, 9 a.m.  
Rodeo  
NMHSRA at Bosque Farms, TBA

#### Sunday, March 23

Rodeo  
NMHSRA at Bosque Farms, TBA

#### Tuesday, March 25

Baseball  
Ruidoso at West Las Vegas (2), 1 p.m.

### On Deck

#### Golf scramble at Cree Meadows

The Ruidoso Junior Golf Association and the Ruidoso High School Golf team will be hosting the first of four fund raising golf scrambles at Cree Meadows Country Club March 23. The tournament will be a 1 p.m. shotgun start and the fee is \$35 plus a cart fee. To sign up, call Cree Meadows at 257-5815.

#### Softball sign-ups underway

Sign-ups for 12 and Under softball teams are now being held for the season which begins in April and ends in July. Girls who turned 13 years old after Jan. 1 are eligible. There are only six slots available on the team. To register, contact Kim Chavez at 258-1308, or call 910-3730 or 420-2549. Another softball team for girls 10 years old and younger as of Jan. 1, 2003 is also being formed for a summer league in Alamogordo. Anyone interested is invited to call J.V. Cadena at 378-2205 before March 26.

#### Pecos Valley Stampede

This year's Pecos Valley Stampede, sponsored by the Roswell Runners Club and the Roswell Recreation Department, will be held Saturday, March 22 beginning at the recreation office at 1101 W. 4th St. in Roswell. Registration fee prior to March 15 is \$20, and will be \$25 thereafter until race day. Packet pickup for runners will be Friday, March 21 from 4-6 p.m. at the recreation office. Race day registration will be held from 7:15-8:15 a.m. at the office. The race will consist of a half marathon, 10K run, two mile run and two mile walk, and prizes will be given for nine different age divisions. A drawing for door prizes will also be held for all the participants. For more information, contact Bob Edwards at (505)-627-5507.

#### Sierra Blanca Scramble

The Optimist Club of Ruidoso announces its 11th annual Sierra Blanca Scramble to be held May 10 at Cree Meadows Country Club. Cost to enter is \$50 per golfer, which includes green fees, cart and prizes. For more information, contact Eric Eggleston at 257-5815 or Lane Adams at 257-4033.

For Jenelle Clawson and Simona Ramos, softball has always been a sport they'd play anywhere, anytime. Now they get a chance to play in a . . .

## LAND DOWN UNDER

BY TODD FUQUA  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

If you've been to any Ruidoso volleyball or basketball games this past year, you probably noticed one of a pair of girls in the concession stand, serving up goodies and pointing out a jar for donations.

Those donations, and all the money raised in concession sales, are meant to help send that pair of girls — Jenelle Clawson and Simona Ramos — on a loooong trip.

It's a trip the two have been looking forward to

since last August.

"I'm very excited," Ramos said. "All my life, I've wanted to go to Australia."

That's right, Australia. The pair was picked by RHS softball coach Billy Page to take part in a program sponsored by Coaches Care of New Mexico — a program that has sent scholastic athletes from the state to Australia to compete in various sports over the past 10 years.

"This was the first year they would have a

softball team, so they called coach Page and asked him to nominate a couple of players," Ramos said.

Page said he tabbed the pair of seniors to travel "down under" as a reward for all the time and years they've given to the RHS softball program.

As far as Clawson is concerned, she'd play softball anywhere, regardless of the rewards.

"These are two things we love, softball and Australia," Clawson said. "It's cool to be rewarded for something we'd do for free."

Each needs \$3,000 for the trip, so obviously they'd need a lot more than revenues from concession sales. That's why they've also been going to various businesses and service organizations in the area asking for grants and funds.

They're close to their goal, but are

always willing to accept more donations.

This trip, which takes place in the first two weeks of July, culminates a lifetime of softball for both girls.

Both began playing the sport in city leagues as young girls, and still play in the summer between the school years — most recently having played on the USSSA Women's State Class D championship Flamingos in August of last year.

The two didn't begin playing fast-pitch softball until the eighth grade, when Ruidoso added softball to its line-up of athletic programs.

Now the pair is looking forward to the long trip south of the equator to show off their talents to both the Aussies and other teams from this country.

"The competition should be pretty good, but with the girls that we've got going, we should do pretty well," Ramos said.

Is there any apprehension about such a long trip from home?

"I just so totally psyched, I can't think of anything I'm dreading," Clawson said. "Even with a 14-hour flight, it's going to be exciting."

PHOTOS BY TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Jenelle Clawson, left, and Simona Ramos, right, are preparing for this summer's trip to Australia by raising money through various sponsors in and around Ruidoso, all while starring on the Ruidoso High Lady Warrior softball team.

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Jenelle Clawson

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# Warriors split with Tularosa

BY THERON IMLAY AND TODD FUQUA  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

TULAROSA — Accompanied by threatening skies and a cold breeze, the Ruidoso Warriors displayed a tendency they've had this year, starting slow and ending very fast.

Ruidoso played Tularosa in a double header Tuesday, dropping the first game 10-4, but scoring 11 runs in the top of the fifth to win the second 24-5.

"The kids came out slow," said Ruidoso coach Mike Morris. "Once the kids start believing in themselves, they'll be hard to stop."

The Wildcats (1-1) made it look easy in game one.

Leaving Ruidoso scoreless in the top of the first, Tularosa brought two runners home. Julian Bigas, on with a single, stole second, and was batted in with Nash Kowatch's double.

Ray Cordova, running for Kowatch, scored on a hit by Ryan Rust.

The Warriors (4-2) got one runner across the plate in the second inning, but the Wildcats maintained their two-run lead with a run of their own. Shane Smolick singled, stole second, advanced to third on a hit, then stole home.

Ruidoso had another scoreless inning in the third, while Jude Otero widened the spread to 4-1 for Tularosa. Otero walked, stole second and third and was batted in for the run.

Tularosa held the Warriors again in the fourth, while getting the first of two three-run innings. Smolick got another run. Luis Viera doubled and scored on a Otero two-bagger.

Otero in turn scored on a hit by Rust.

The fifth inning widened the Cats' lead by another three — 10-1.

Loading the bases with batters one, three, and four, Lance Cojo scored first on Bigas' single. With the bases again loaded, Smolick stole home and Viera was batted in by Otero.

Ruidoso pushed a runner around the bases while Tularosa remained scoreless in the sixth.

A tiring Kowatch allowed hits that earned Ruidoso two runs in the seventh, but struck out the sixth batter out for a 10-4 win.

"A great start for a young club," said Tularosa coach Eric Gutierrez. "Nash had an especially good game. We had good hitting throughout."

Kowatch, while going 1-for-4 at the plate, pitched the complete game. He gave up seven hits and four walks while striking out eight. Smolick was 2-for-3, and both Bigas and Rust 2-for-4.

"They weren't hitting us hard, they were just hitting the holes," Morris said of the Wildcats' performance. "We kept hitting it right at them."

The tide turned as Ruidoso started the second game with the first of three innings in which they went through the full line-up. With a succession of hits against Wildcat pitcher Viera, they put six runners across the plate. Tularosa countered with runs by Bigas, Kowatch, Viera, and Matt Chavez, keeping the game close early.

But Ruidoso stretched the lead, scoring twice in the second, once on a Tularosa error, while dealing the Cats a 3-up, 3-down inning.

With a short break as Cojo took the mound for the Cats, Ruidoso came back for five in the third. The Wildcats' final run for the evening came at the bottom of the third with Butch Walters stealing home.

The fourth inning was scoreless for both teams, but Ruidoso tallied 11 runs in the fifth, which even Tularosa's

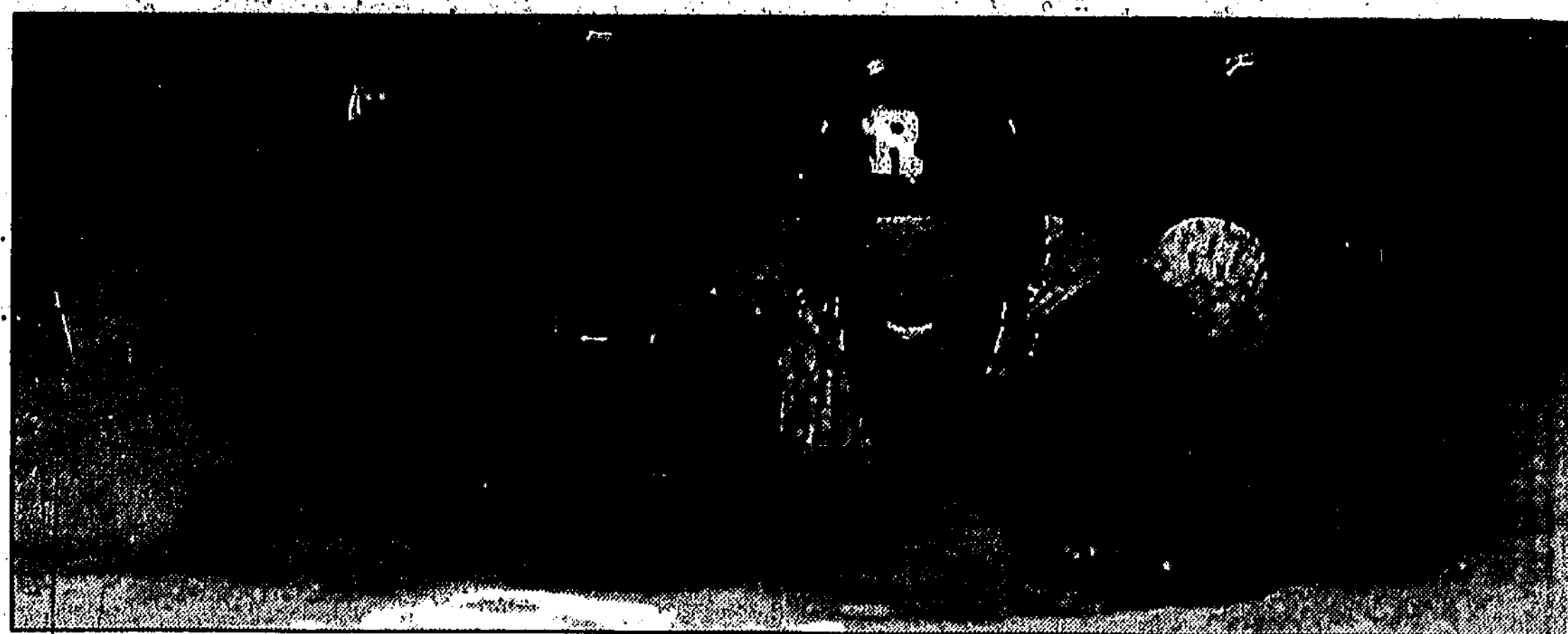
third pitcher, Tyrell Bookout, could do little to stop the onslaught.

Morris used just about every pitcher he had available in the two games. Willie Lundquist, Jaime Urban, Wes Adaza, Jake Tetrault, Julian Serna and Willie Wilson all went at it on the mound. The only pitcher who didn't throw

was Reese Parkinson — whom Morris wanted to save for the Eunice tournament, which began on Thursday.

Ruidoso took on Dora in the first round, and plays either Jal or Eunice today.

The Warriors travel to Las Vegas March 29 for a double header against West Las Vegas.



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## JUST A SWINGIN'



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso Lady Warrior golfer Kelly Rigsby takes a swing at hole No. 12 on the Links at Sierra Blanca Thursday during the Great Eight Tournament. The one-day tournament featured eight teams — boys and girls — from around the state, all Class 4A and 3A/1A schools. The boys played at the Inn of the Mountain Gods in Mesquite. Full results of the tournament will appear in a future edition of the *Ruidoso News*.

## Capitan quartet named to All-District

BY TODD FUQUA  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Despite having a somewhat disappointing year, the Capitan basketball team can lay claim to three All District 5-2A players, as well as the player of the year.

Senior Bo Sparks was honored by the district as that player of the year, after helping to lead the Tigers to a 14-11 record, falling in the Region B tournament to Jal and missing out on a trip to state.

Capitan was 4-4 in district play on the year.

Other Tigers honored with picks were seniors Sheldon Moor and Josh Osborn. District champion Lordsburg led the way with four members named to the team.

Capitan senior J.D. Mitchell was also named as an honorable mention.

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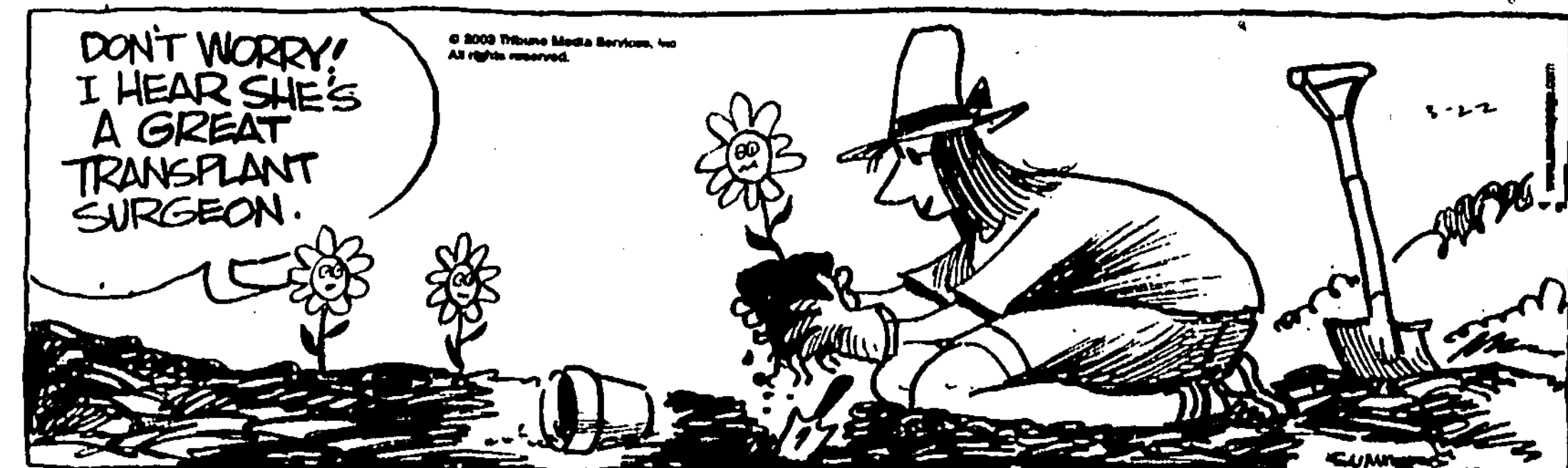
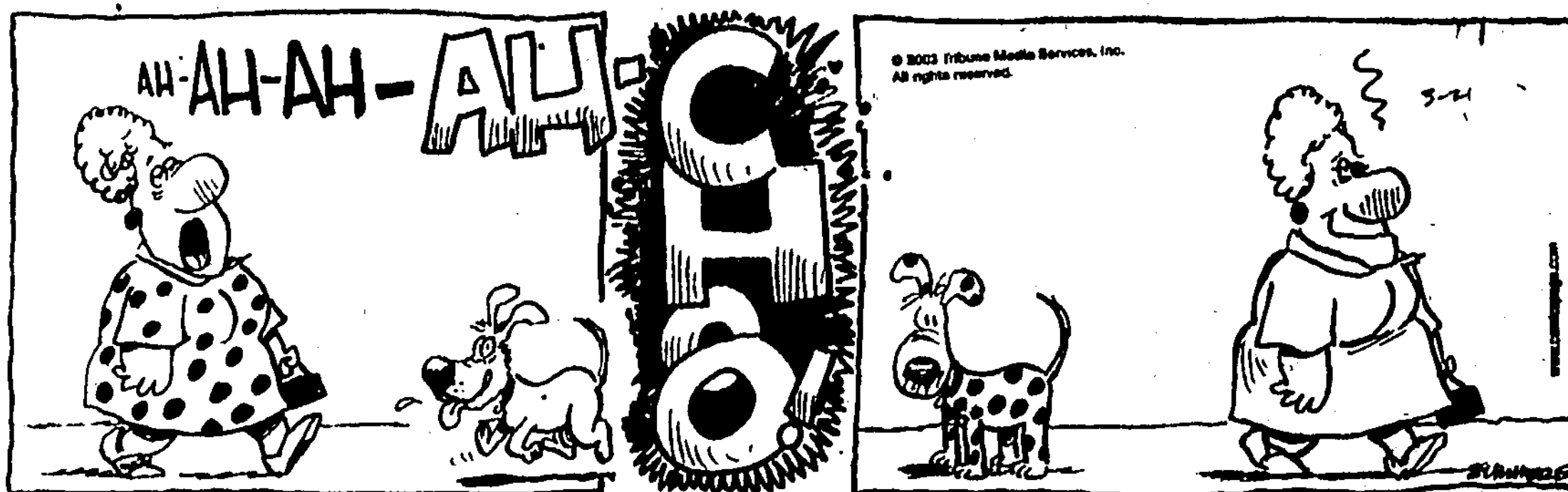
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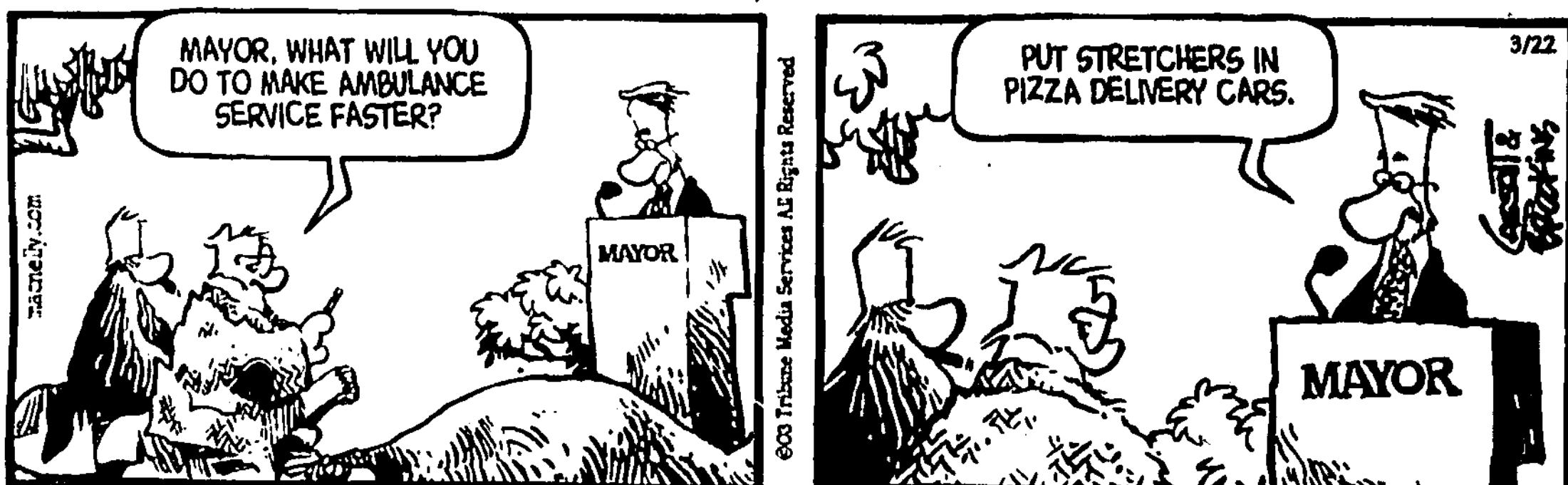
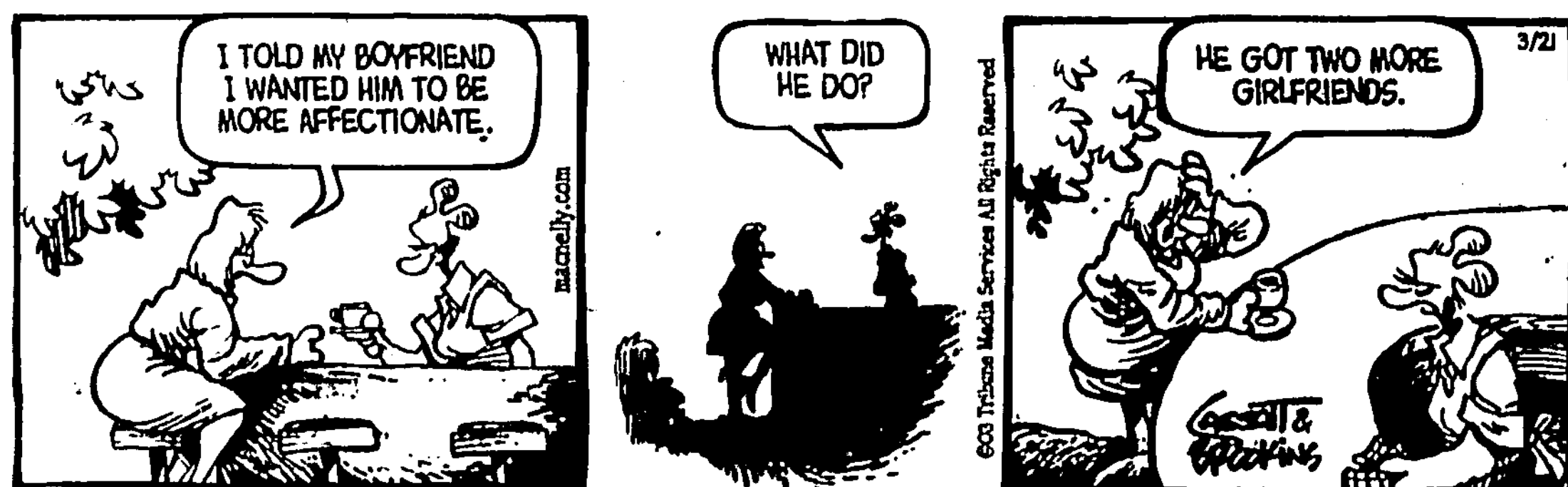
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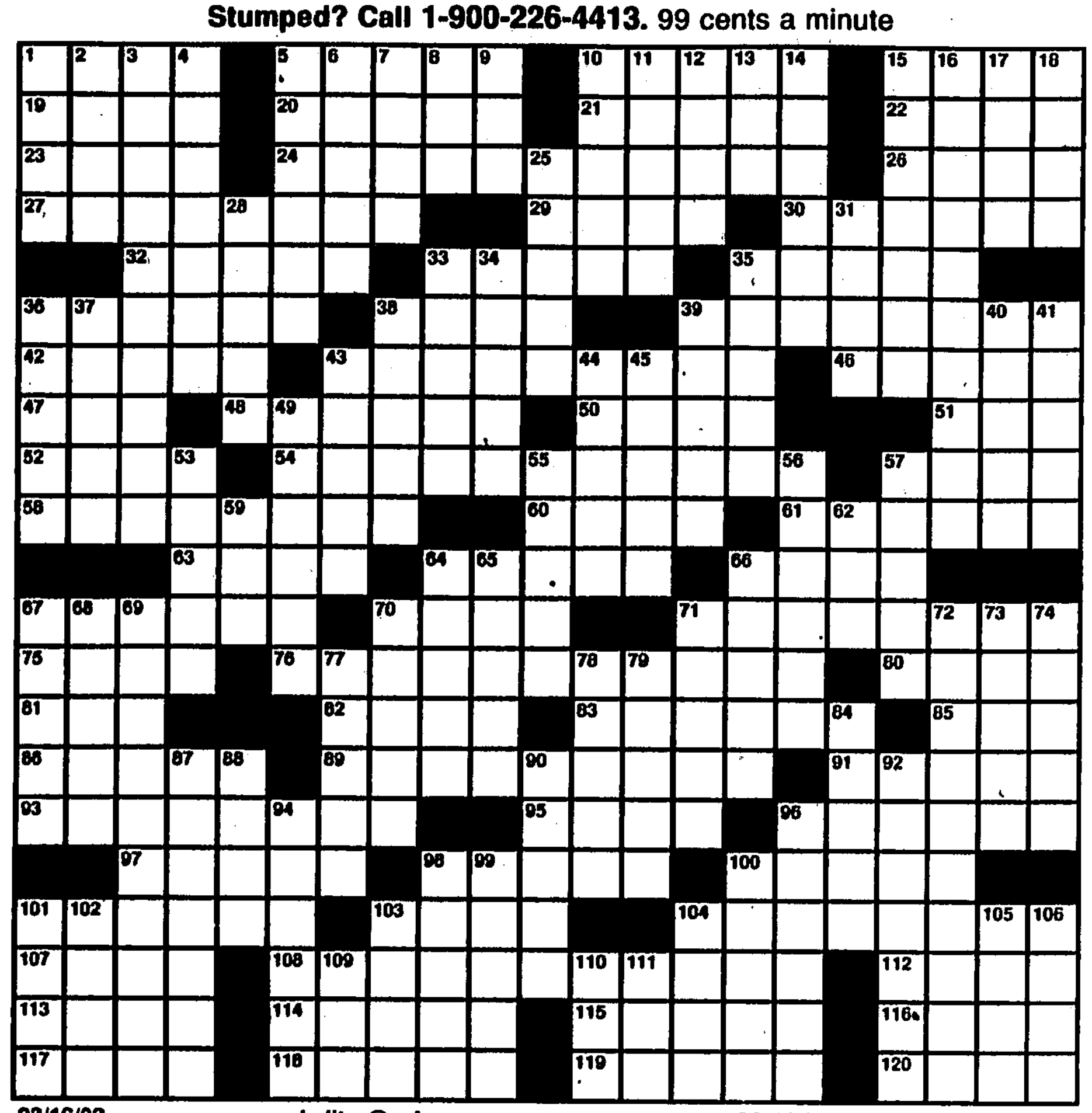
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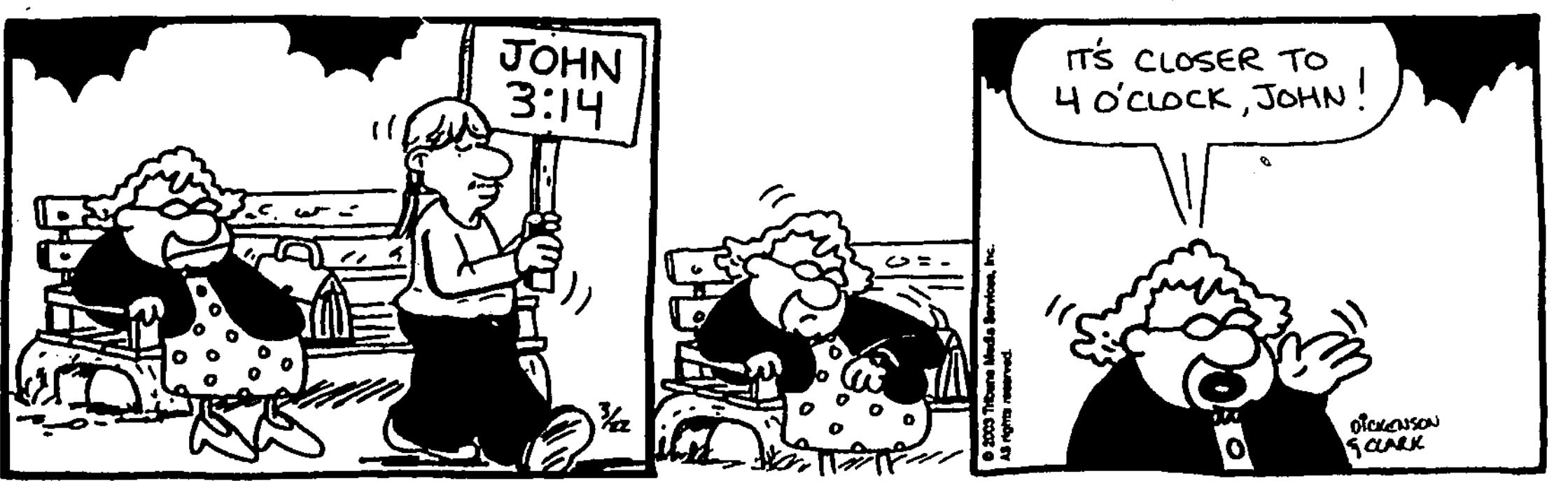
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Directory, e.g.
  - 5 Tower site
  - 10 Work on nuts
  - 15 Follow
  - 19 Henri's lady friend
  - 20 Nicholas Gage book
  - 21 Odyssey maker
  - 22 New Jersey five
  - 23 O.T. book I or II
  - 24 The sticks
  - 26 Italian noble surname
  - 27 Makes clear
  - 29 Red or Card
  - 30 Top chess player
  - 32 "Rawhide" singer
  - 33 Winner of 81 PGA tournaments
  - 35 Linear lead-in
  - 36 Lives
  - 38 Hoof-on-pavement sound
  - 39 Five to ten, say
  - 42 Marksman's weapon
  - 43 They're made for each other
  - 46 Derby town
  - 47 "Evil Woman" gp.
  - 48 Take off
  - 50 Schlep
  - 51 Charlemagne's domain: Abbr.
  - 52 One on your side
  - 54 There's no doubt about it
  - 57 Movie trailer?
  - 58 Writes, as a check
  - 60 Struggle with assessors?
  - 61 Street sign
  - 63 Skewer
  - 64 Harsh Athenian lawmaker
  - 66 "Hurry up!"
  - 67 Glowing remains
  - 70 Gone across a pool
  - 71 Like some miles
  - 75 Competes
  - 76 Tries to hit the ball
  - 80 Seafood choice
  - 81 "Loser": Beatles song
  - 82 Champagne name
  - 83 Divided
  - 85 Johnny Reb's gp.
  - 86 Nationwide rival
  - 89 Sinatra trademark
  - 91 "Catch-22" actor
  - 93 "Don't mention it"
  - 95 Fixes, as a fight
  - 96 West Point frosh
  - 97 Turning point
  - 98 Averse
  - 100 Words to live by
  - 101 Solid alcohol
  - 103 Group with turt
  - 104 Lean meat cut
  - 107 Related things, nautical
  - 108 Related things, slangy
  - 112 List ender
  - 113 Thick slice
  - 114 Auto club suggestion
  - 115 Evangelist
  - 116 Hood's gal
  - 117 French military cap
  - 118 Dramatist Rice
  - 119 Signs
  - 120 Hook's accomplice
  - 121 Perfect
  - 122 With 31-Down, intermission
  - 123 CEO, e.g.
  - 124 No experts, they
  - 125 Ragtime dance
  - 126 Animal's award
  - 127 Luncheon end
  - 128 North Sea feeder
  - 129 Latish lunch hr.
  - 130 Wasn't well
  - 131 See 12-Down
  - 132 Drinking no-no
  - 133 "The Prince of Tides" costar
  - 134 Alley button
  - 135 You'll sleep through it
  - 136 Author Cather
  - 137 L.A. locale, with "the"
  - 138 BYOB provision
  - 139 Pianist Chick
  - 140 Manicurist's aid
  - 141 Speak pompously
  - 142 Storage spot
  - 143 Upper body
  - 144 I-minded individual
  - 145 Agreements
  - 146 Camel kin
  - 147 Respect
  - 148 Trivial Pursuit edition
  - 149 May time: Abbr.
  - 150 Turned down
  - 151 Nerd
  - 152 Out of shape
  - 153 Hundreds, actually
  - 154 Water brand
  - 155 Old copy
  - 156 Get off, in court
  - 157 Toasting term
  - 158 Bogs
  - 159 Bad thing to hit
  - 160 Noted spokesperson
  - 161 Campus officials
  - 162 Mosey
  - 163 Share equally
  - 164 "Brideshead Revisited" novelist
  - 165 Valleys
  - 166 Kenya's capital
  - 167 extra cost
  - 168 Actress Sonia
  - 169 Cashes in
  - 170 Very bright
  - 171 Game show spoils
  - 172 Starbucks order
  - 173 "Majesty's Secret Service"
  - 174 Cheat
  - 175 Province above Mont.
  - 176 Start to type?
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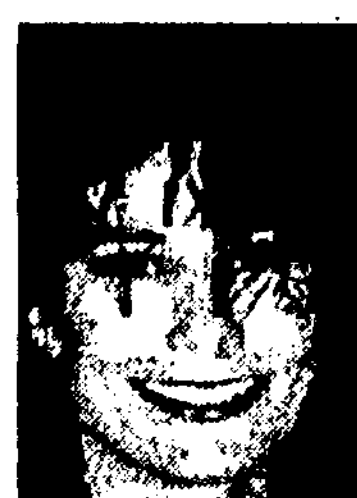
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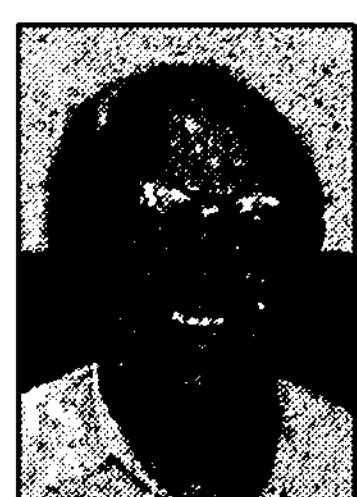
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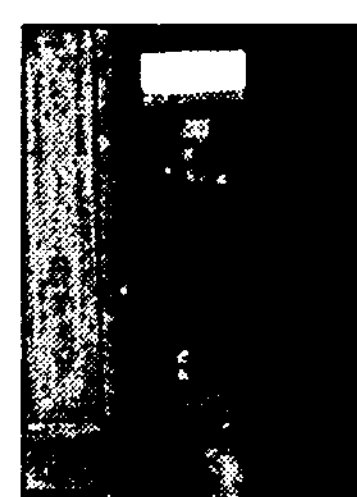
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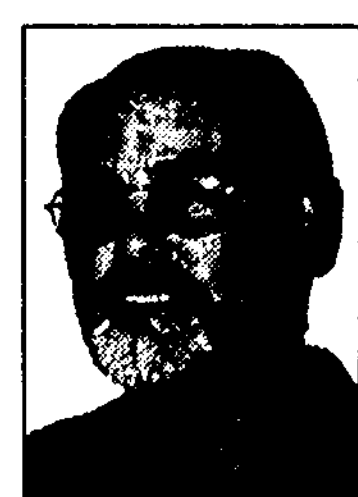
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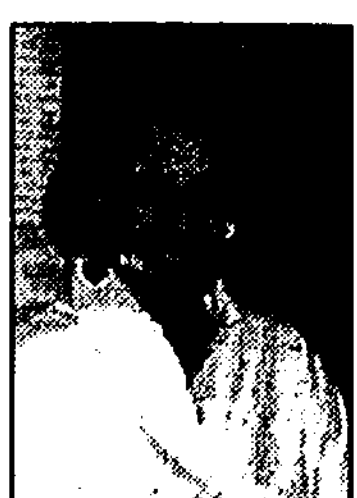
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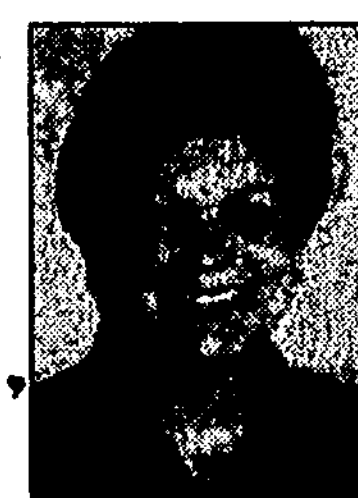
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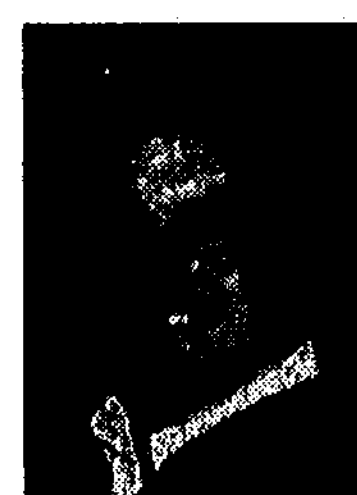
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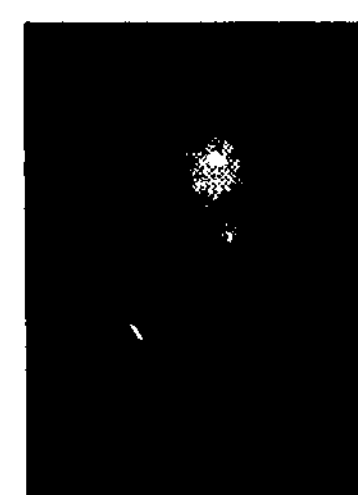
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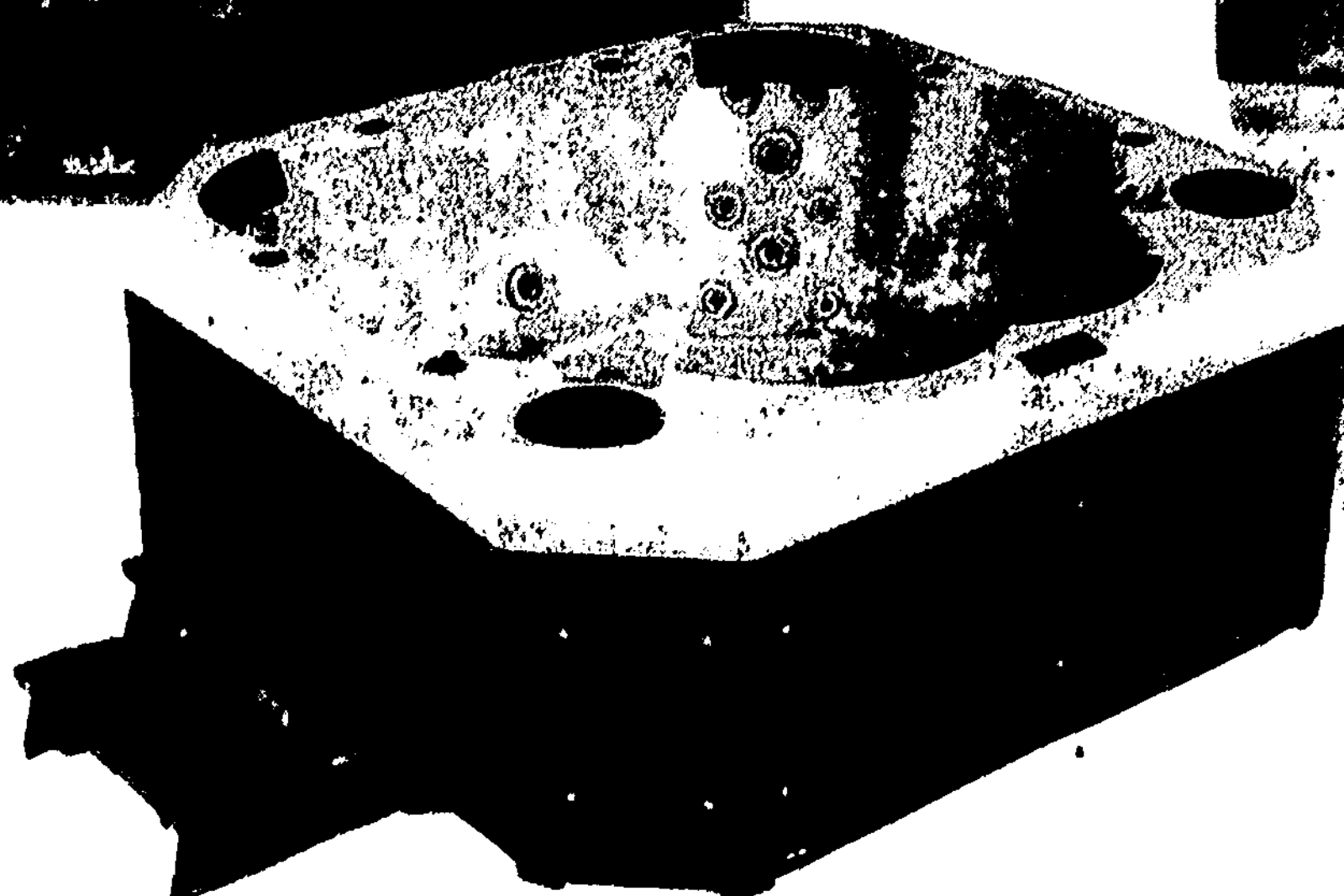
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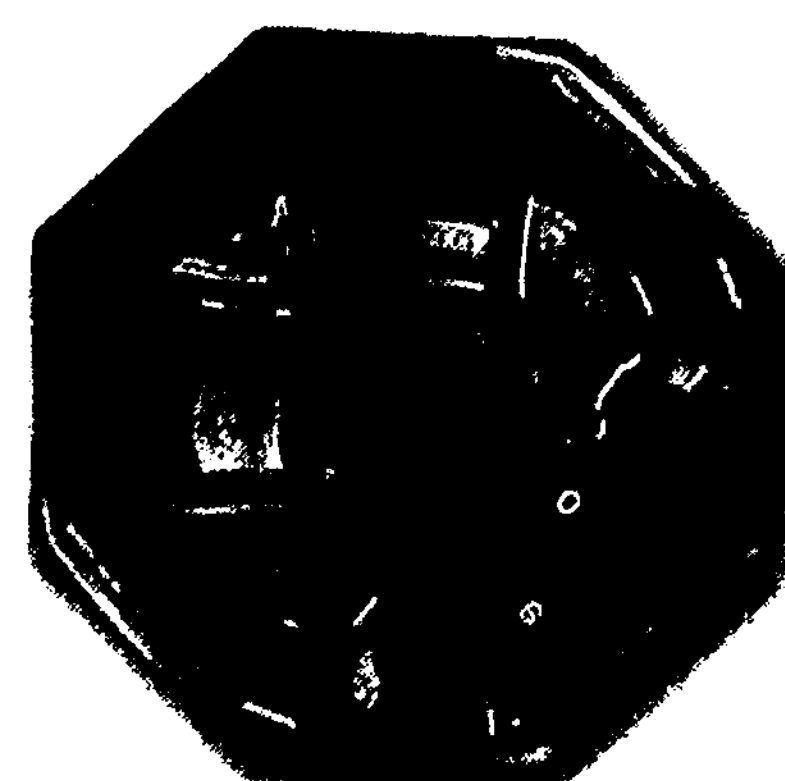
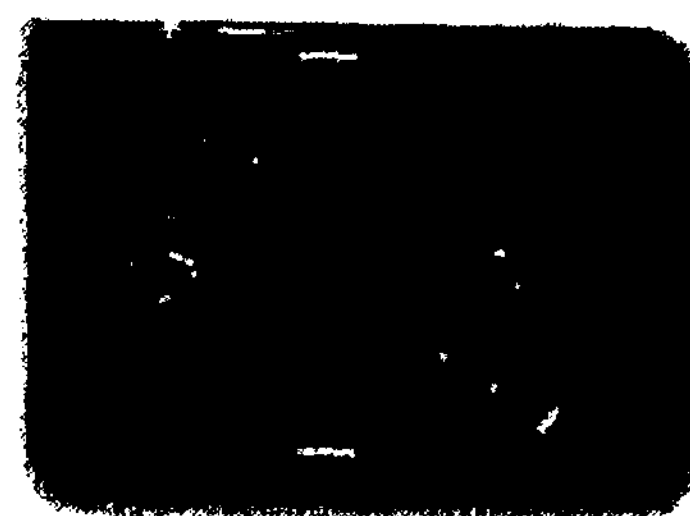
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## Mountain Living Home & Garden Show 2003

# Decorative splendor comes home

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The big weekend for the Mountain Living Home & Garden Show starts today—really—from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center, and continues from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

More than 100 vendors and 200 experts will be on hand to demonstrate everything imaginable for the home and garden, including handcrafted furniture, sculpture and other art work, sun porches, log homes, construction materials, kitchen designs, spas, plants and much, much more.

Showcasing the top builders, producers of the latest design innovations, kitchen and bathroom remodelers, landscapers, gardeners and suppliers, the three-day event also features dozens of seminars in building, design and gardening, as well as mortgage, construction and many others. (For times and dates of seminars, visit [www.nmmtnliving.com](http://www.nmmtnliving.com).)

Free seeds will be given away by the Ruidoso Garden Club and Ranches of Sonterra. The Forest Service, Wildland Urban Forest Department and Ruidoso and Mescalero fire departments will

talk about fire prevention techniques.

Hundreds of prizes will be given away, as last year, but this year there will be prizes and titles for a cordless screwdriving contest for local competitors sponsored by C&L Lumber, KWES, Woodworker's Supply Inc., Village Ace Hardware, Sierra Blanca Motors and T-Cross Cedar Log Homes.

To win prizes and the overall title, contestants must sink five drywall screws flush into a piece of wood the fastest, using a Dewalt cordless drill/driver. Qualifying times for the event will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with the final competition at 4 p.m. on Sunday. Contestants pay a \$1 entry fee and must have knowledge of tool safety and proper use of a drill.

Extra special this year is that Jinny Vigil, winner of the New Mexico Restaurant Association's "Chef of the Year" award, will appear at the Mountain Living Home & Garden Show. Vigil and her husband, David, own the Ellis Store Country Inn in Lincoln.

The show is March 21-23. Don't miss it.

Admission is \$4; children 12 and under are admitted free, accompanied by an adult.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

The work of Glencoe potter Roy Brown, Design Origins, will be exhibited at the Mountain Living Home & Garden Show. Brown has been throwing pots for more than 30 years — and he's taken time out from poking cows to prepare for this show.

## High Mesa studio tour stays close to home

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

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Arts, crafts and food will be featured at the High Mesa Artists Studio Tour Saturday, April 5, with 12 artists and crafters within three miles of each other opening their studios to visitors, and Bare Naked Bob's Barbecue setting up at ZW's Gallery.

Last week, sculptor Pam Topper, Western artist Virgil Stephens, weaver Nancy Ferguson and blacksmith Richard Rumpf were featured in *Vamonos*. Here are a few more that will be on the tour.

### Madeleine Ann and Steve Sabo

Madeleine Ann Sabo and Steve Sabo will have two exhibits set up at their home near Nogal for the High Mesa Artists Studio Tour April 5: her paintings and the bowls that both of them turn on the lathe.

The Sabos took a woodturning class with Frank Amigo a year ago, and "have been making shavings ever since," she said.

"We owned the lathe for a long time, but after we took lessons with Frank, we got hooked," he said.

See **STUDIO**, page 2C



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Jim Wall's oil and acrylic paintings, signs, hat racks and plaques will be displayed in April.



COURTESY PHOTO

Tips for remodeling every room of the house — as well as outdoors — will be in abundance at the Mountain Living Home and Garden Show this weekend.

# It's about time for both sides to French kiss and make up



Dave Barry  
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OK, if nobody else will do it, I'm going to patch up this spat between the United States and France.

As you know, our two nations are not getting along, as evidenced by the high-level meeting in Paris last week, during which French President Jacques Chirac and U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, in what aides described as "a frank exchange of views," bit each other.

Yes, relations are at an all-time low. The French view us as a bunch of fat, simplistic, SUV-driving, gum-chewing, gun-shooting, mall-dwelling, John Wayne cowboys who put ketchup on everything we eat, including breath mints. Whereas we view the French as a bunch of snotty, hygiene-impaired, pseudo-intellectual, snail-slurping weenies whose sole military accomplishment in the past 100 years was inventing the tasseled combat boot.

Sadly — as is so often the case when people resort to vicious stereotypes — both sides in this dispute are 100 percent correct. But the fact that we hate each other, with good reason, does NOT mean we can't be friends! After all, the United States and France have a close relationship that dates back to the Revolutionary War, when we were helped in our struggle for independence

by a French person whose name we will never, ever forget, as long as we have Internet access to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Let's see ... Ladybird, Ladybug, Ladyfinger ... OK, here it is: Lafayette. Actually, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica, his full name was — I am not making this up — Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Motier, Marquis de Lafayette. As a result, he had a hellish childhood. His mother would lean out the kitchen window and shout: "Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Motier, Marquis de Lafayette! You get back in here and finish your snails THIS INSTANT!" Hearing this, the other French children would tease Lafayette, calling him "Marie" and threatening to brush his teeth. So as soon as he could, he left France and came to America, where he joined the army and told everybody his name was Mark.

From that moment on, France and America were close allies. In 1886, as a gift symbolizing more than a century of friendship, France gave us the Statue of Liberty; in return, we sent the French 18 tons of jerky, which they claimed was lost in shipping. And the relationship continues to this very day,

when, many of the words that we use all the time, such as "French fries," "French toast," "French kiss," "French poodle" and "Chef Boy-Ar-Dee," are, believe it or not, actually of French origin.

We simply cannot allow a close relationship like this to be destroyed because of some silly little dispute over who gets to run the world. That is why today I am calling upon you, my fellow Americans, to "extend the olive jar" to our French brothers and sisters and yappy little dogs. I want you to deliberately approach French people wherever you can find them — on the street, on the Internet, in the "Small World" ride at Disney World, in public restrooms — and make friendly overtures to them in their own language (French). To help you do this, here is a list of friendly French phrases:

"Bonjour, personne française!" ("Hello, French person!")

"Je suis un Américain, et, dangue il, je vais vous donner une grande vieille étreinte!" ("I am an American and, dang it, I am going to give you a big old hug!")

"Parole! Vous ne sentez pas demi aussi de mauvais que j'ai prévu!" ("Say! You do not smell half as bad as I expected!")

"Qui s'inquiète qui court darné le monde?" ("Who cares who runs the darned world?")

"Voulez-vous la gomme? Elle ketchup-est assaisonnée!" ("Do you want gum? It's ketchup-flavored!")

"Voulez que je vous porte au mail dans mon SUV?" ("Want me to take you to the mall in my SUV?")

"Vous pouvez vous rendre au garde de sécurité!" ("You can surrender to the security guard!")

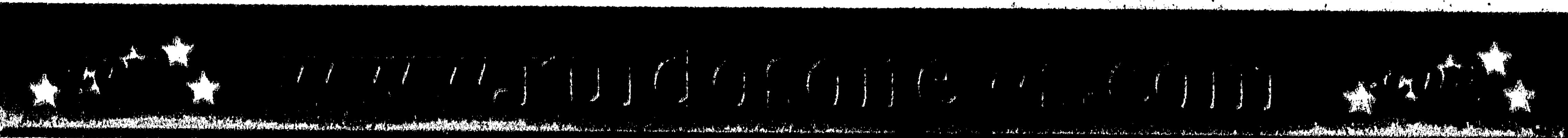
"Ha ha, je suis badiner juste autour hors de l'amitié!" ("Ha ha, I am just kidding around out of friendship!")

"Hey, revenez ici!" ("Hey, come back here!")

"Il n'y a aucune cause pour l'alarme! Mon pistolet a une sûreté!" ("There is no cause for alarm! My gun has a safety!")

Yes, fellow Americans, with a little effort, we can heal this rift between us and our old friends. Because, in the end, we have a lot more in common than we do separating us! Or, as the French would say, "Je suis un grand gros menteur" ("I am a big fat liar").

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





# STUDIO: High Mesa tour has big variety in a small area

FROM PAGE 1C

The biggest lesson they've learned so far: "Do not fall in love with a bowl until it's completely finished and sitting on your table."

They and about a dozen others formed the Mountaintop Turners. Steve Sabo is president, and Madeleine Ann Sabo puts out the newsletter.

The couple is intrigued by burls, or deformities on trees, and use them to create exquisite bowls. Some of the wood is local, for example, red mesquite off the Hefker Ranch on Highway 54 and applewood from the Nogal Apple Orchard.

Madeleine Ann Sabo's paintings reflect the wildlife she's passionate about, as well as Western scenes. She paints and draws with acrylics, charcoal

and does wood burning with acrylic washes, sometimes incorporating feathers and locks of horse hair in her paintings under glass.

Sabo began painting at age 30 when her father gave her a set of paints and told her to learn to use them. Without studying, she looked around her and drew what she saw. She's taught art in Oregon and has had one-woman shows in Ohio, and exhibited locally in the Christmas Jubilee, the Aspenfest Arts and Crafts Show, Arts in the Orchard, the Nogal Harvest Fest, and she'll be in the Lincoln County Art Loop this year.

## Jim Wall

Jim Wall has been drawing and painting since childhood and he took up sign painting



COURTESY

"Under the Cotton" by Madeleine Ann Sabo, 16 by 20, acrylic.

recently as "something different to do," he said. The signs for the artists' tour are all made by him, and Virgil C. Stephens designed them.

"I never took any formal training, it's just something that was natural and it's always been a hobby all these years," Wall said.

He took early retirement from the company he worked for in Wisconsin, moved back to Michigan for a few years, and he and his wife decided to look for a warmer, sunnier place to live. They tried Lincoln County for six months and sold their house back east, finding the area outside Nogal perfect for their purposes.

Wall paints mostly landscapes in oils and acrylics, and some in chalk and ink. He also makes hat racks and plaques, and exhibits his work at arts and crafts shows.

In the future, he said, he'd like to try more abstract paintings with more colors.

## Linell Nixon

Linell Nixon started quilting

about 20 years ago when her children were at home and she needed something to do.

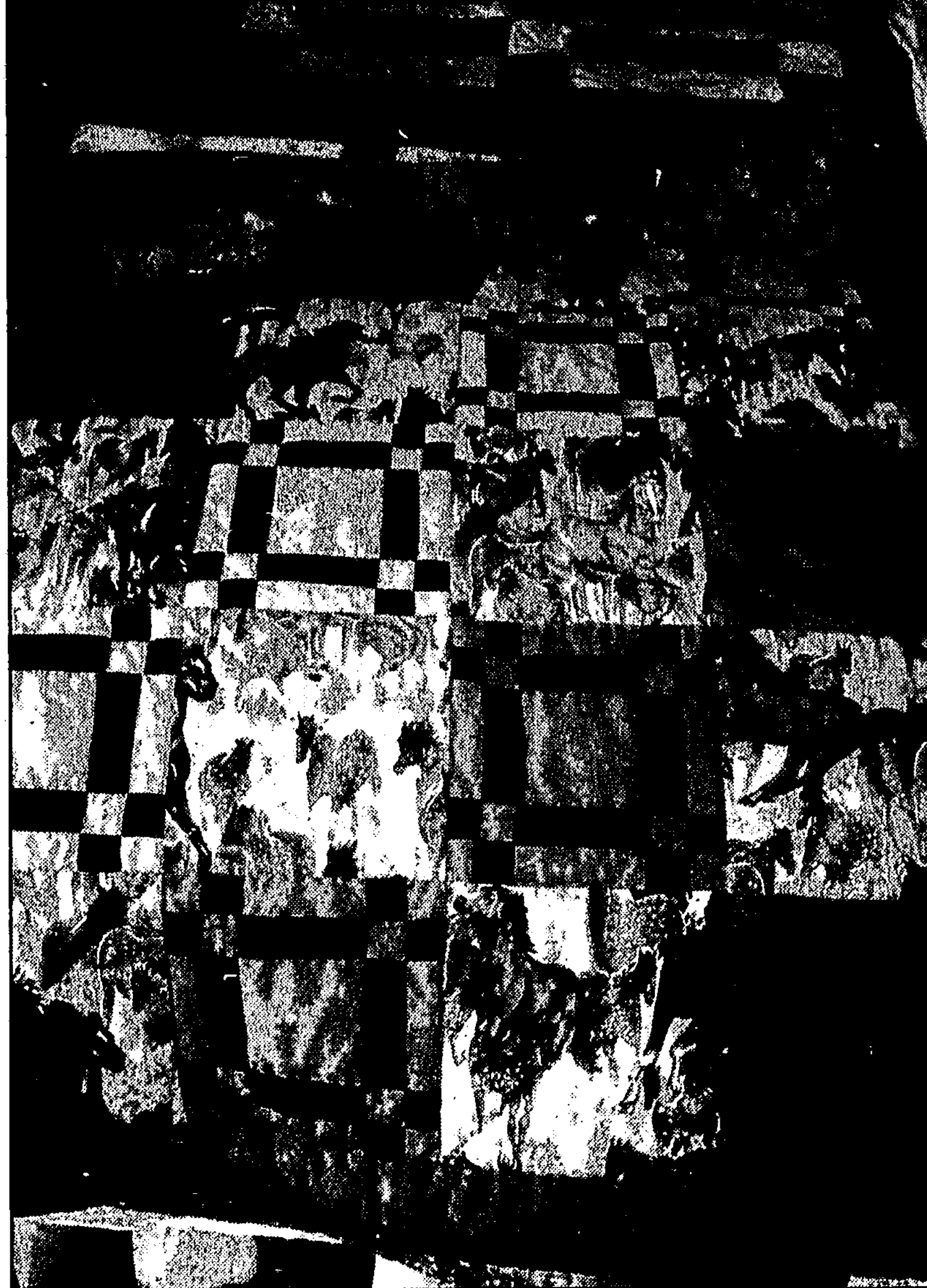
"Quilting just was natural," she said. "I had been making most of our clothes and had all these scraps."

She hand-quilts all of her quilts, full-size ones as well as lap quilts and baby quilts — a detail that's important to quilters — and is always working on one or two, between her shifts as a nurse three days a week at El Paso Medical Center.

Her mother, Donna Vannett, who lives in Eldorado, Texas, does the embroidered squares on some of Nixon's quilts.

Her quilts were exhibited at the White Oaks Studio Tour last year.

She and her husband built their home in the Nogal area four years ago, attracted by the mountains and the cool weather.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

This horse quilt is one of many fine hand-quilted quilts that Lynell Nixon will display on the artists tour in Nogal.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Madeleine Ann and Steve Sabo's hand-turned bowls and ornaments will be exhibited at the High Mesa Artists Studio Tour April 5. Shown here are bowls from burls — growths on trees, like the piece behind the bowls.

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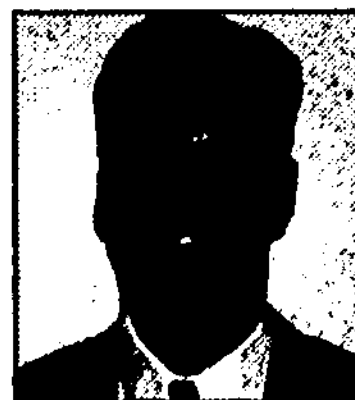
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by Dr. Jack V. Waters  
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## ENMU art show

An exhibition featuring 26 works by art and design faculty of all three Eastern New Mexico University campuses has opened for public viewing in the Runnells Gallery of Golden Library on the Portales campus. It will end on April 6.

Included in the exhibition is ENMU-Ruidoso art teacher Judy Pekelsma.

Displaying a great diversity of technique, media, and subject matter, the works constitute a powerful showcasing of excel-

lence in faculty creativity. The general public is invited to a closing reception in the Runnells Gallery at 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 6.

Runnells Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and by appointment on weekends.

For further information, contact Haig David-West, chair of the ENMU-Portales art department.

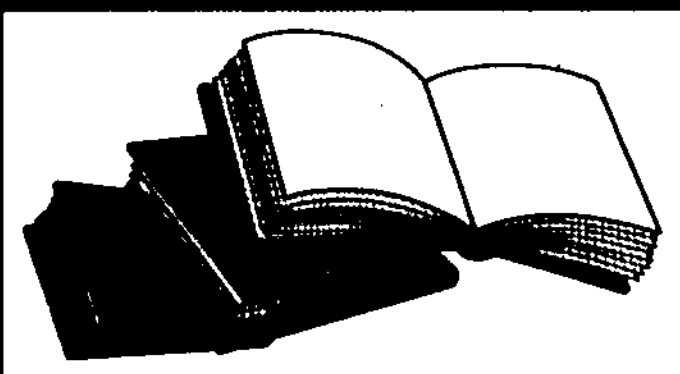
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First Baptist Church  
Ruidoso Downs Randy Widener, Pastor. Sunday: Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; Worship hour 11 a.m.; Eve. worship: 6:00 p.m.; Wed. Prayer meeting: 6:30 p.m.  
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Tinnie, Bill Jones, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m.  
Mesalero Baptist Mission  
Mesalero, Sunday school 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.; Training union 6:30 p.m. Wednesday services 6:30 p.m.  
Ruidoso Baptist Church 126 Church Drive, Palmer Gateway. Wayne Joyce, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

Mountain Baptist Church- Location: Park behind the Smoke Bear Monument on the northeast side. Times of Service: Sunday school - 10:00am, Sunday Morning - 11:00am, Sunday evening - 6:00pm, Wednesday evening- 6:30pm

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St. Theresa Catholic Church Corona. Sunday Mass: 6 p.m.  
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Our Lady of Guadalupe Bent. Father Paul Botenbogen. Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.

### CHRISTIAN

Christain Community Church 127 Rio Corner W/Eagle, Mid-town. 9-11 Sunday Services/Praise & Worship. For more information call 378-7076

Crosspoint Christian Fellowship A Christ Centered Church 1007 Mechem, Suite 5, Phone: 258-1740. Steve Kreins, Pastor. Pre-service prayer 9 a.m.; Sunday worship service 10 a.m.; Children's Church 10 a.m. Small group meetings, including youth group, at various times and locations.

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Gateway Church of Christ 415 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-4381. Jay Willmon, Minister. Sunday Bible study 9:30 a.m.; Sun. worship: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. Bible study 7 p.m.

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### METHODIST

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First Presbyterian Church 101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220. rev. Kenneth Davis, interim pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:45 a.m., worship 11 a.m. Fellowship after worship the third Sunday of every month.  
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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 pm. Wed. Bible Study Adult 7 pm. Thurs. and Youth, Thurs 7 p.m. Cowboy Church Noon Sundays at the Glencoe Rural Events Center. Everyone welcome. Preacher Buster Reed of Amarillo. Call 378-4840 for more info.

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### FOUR SQUARE

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### NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Christ Community Fellowship Capitan, Highway 380 West, 354-2658. Ed Vinson, Pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.

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Santa Rita Catholic Church  
648-2853. Father Dave Bergs, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 11 a.m.; Tuesday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.  
**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Perry Zamwalt, minister. Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM. Sunday School 10:00 p.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 1:15 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

### EPISCOPAL

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

### METHODIST

United Methodist Church Parish  
Tinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846, Carrizozo. Johanna Anderson, pastor. Sunday school 10:00 a.m.; Sunday worship 11:00 a.m. Choir Practice (Nues) 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 (AC)  
Johnnie L. Johnson, pastor. Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186. Children's Church 10:30 a.m.; Worship Service 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm.  
Carrizozo Christian Fellowship Leonard Kanewsch III, Pastor. 56 White Mt. Dr. 3 mi. W. of Inn of the Mountain Gods Mesalero. Sundays 10:30 & 6:30, Wed. 6:30 378-1789



# RELIGION

## War prospect not just for oil

As I write this column, the specter of war is looming. More than a possibility, it seems to be a lead pipe cinch.

Our president will not back away from removing Saddam Hussein and his family from control in Iraq. Saddam Hussein, short of a coup, will not relinquish control in Iraq. What has been for 12 years a diplomatic stand-off will become a war of destruction. This will be a war of god. On the surface, the god is oil, money, and power, but behind all this, it will be a war between Allah, the god of fundamental Islam, and the Judeo-Christian God, Jahweh.

What unnerves me is this, in my study of Scripture about "end of time things," I find no reference to the United States of America. Sure there are some references to the "lion and her cubs" and some about "eagles," but there is no reference to a nation of world power such as the U.S.A. has been for the last 200-plus years. What happens to America in the end time scenario?

As I read the papers and listen to the news, it seems as though the nations of the world are backing away from support of our president. It appears as though we will go it alone.

And go it alone we must. We cannot back down from a bully whose philosophies, principles, and actions go against the bases and guidelines of our nation.



*Clarifications*  
By CHARLES CLARY  
RUIDOSO PASTOR

I am a patriot and a conservative, both spiritually and politically. I love the God and Father of Jesus Christ, and I love our country and the principles of liberty and freedom for all. But, I fear that whether we go to war or not, the future of our nation is bleak.

It just may be that in God's timetable, America has become useless in His plan. We are killing the unborn. We have cast God out of our schools. We glorify athletes, movie stars, and entertainers who are godless. We have discarded

the righteousness of the Ten Commandments. We call what is right, wrong, and what is wrong, right. And we have no god except the god of self.

And on top of that, many citizens hate our president who tries to follow the Lord Jesus Christ. As it humanly stands, there is little help for today and no hope for tomorrow. But with Jesus, there is plenty of help for today and hope for tomorrow.

## Men vs. women: Long may they differ

**QUESTION:** You've discussed briefly some of the physiological and emotional differences between the sexes. Could you list other physical characteristics unique to males and females?

**DR. DOBSON:** Men and women differ in countless ways, many of which they aren't even conscious of. Here are just a few:

1. A woman has greater constitutional vitality, perhaps because of her unique chromosomal pattern. Normally, she outlives a man by three or four years in the United States. Females simply have a stronger hold on life than males.

2. Men have a higher incidence of death from almost every disease except disorders related to female reproduction and breast cancer.

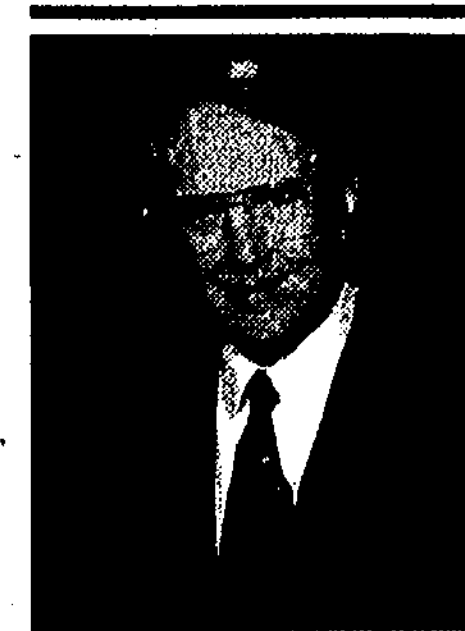
3. The sexes differ in skeletal structure, women having a shorter head, broader face, less protruding chin, shorter legs and longer trunk. The first finger of a woman's hand is usually longer than the third; with men the reverse is true. Boys' teeth last longer than do those of girls.

4. Women have a larger stomach, kidneys, liver and appendix, and smaller lungs than men.

5. Women have three very important physiological functions totally absent in men — menstruation, pregnancy and lactation. Each of these mechanisms influences behavior and feelings significantly. Female hormonal patterns are more complex and varied. The glands work differently in the two sexes.

For example, a woman's thyroid is larger and more active; it enlarges during menstruation and pregnancy, which makes her more prone to goiter, provides resistance to cold, is associated with the smooth skin,

relatively hairless body, and the thin layer of subcutaneous fat that are important elements in the concept of personal beauty.



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6. Women's blood contains more water (20 percent fewer red cells). Since these supply oxygen to the body, she tires more easily and is more prone to faint. Her constitutional viability is therefore strictly a long-range matter.

When the workday in British factories, under wartime conditions, was increased from 10 to 12 hours, accidents caused by women increased 150 percent — but not at all by men.

7. Men are stronger than women in brute strength.

8. Women's hearts beat more rapidly than those of men (80 beats per minute vs. 72); their blood pressure (10 points lower than men) varies more from minute to minute; but they have much less tendency to high blood pressure — at least until after menopause.

9. Women can withstand higher temperatures better than men due to a difference in their metabolism.

10. Men and women differ in every cell of their bodies because they carry a differing chromosomal pattern. The implications of those genetic components range from obvious to extremely subtle.

Who can estimate how many other sex-related influences lie below the level of consciousness?

**QUESTION:** My wife and I sometimes get into fights when neither of us really wants to argue. I'm not even sure how it happens. We just find ourselves locking horns and then feeling bad about it later. Why can't we get along even when we want to?

**DR. DOBSON:** To answer the question I would need to know more about the circumstances that set off the two of you. The best I can do is describe one of the most common sources of conflict between people who are committed to each other. I call it experiencing "differing assumptions."

When husbands and wives engage one another in angry combat they often feel hurt, rejected and assaulted by the other person. But when these battles are analyzed objectively, we often see that neither side really meant to wound the other. The pain resulted not from intentional insults, but from the natural consequences of seeing things from a different angle.

For example, a man might assume that Saturday is his day to play golf or watch a game on television because he worked hard all week and deserved a day off. Who could blame him? But his wife might justifiably assume that he should take the kids off her hands for a few hours because she's been wiping runny noses and changing diapers all week long. She deserved a break today and expected him to give it to her. Again, it's a pretty reasonable assumption. When these unique perspectives collide, about 8 a.m. on Saturday morning, the sparks start to fly.

How can you avoid the stresses of differing assumptions at home? By making sure that you and your wife get no surprises. Most of us can cope with anything if we see it coming in time.

Dr. Dobson is president of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO. 80903; or [www.family.org](http://www.family.org). Questions and answers are excerpted from "The Complete Marriage and Family Home Reference Guide," published by Tyndale House.

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## Christianity doesn't equal hypocrisy

**QUESTION:** If I ever saw someone who honestly acted like a real Christian then I might consider becoming one, but I never have. As far as I'm concerned, church people talk a nice game but they're all a bunch of hypocrites when it comes to the way they live. — M.K.

**ANSWER:** You don't indicate in your letter what experiences have led you to arrive at this conclusion — but whatever they were, can you truthfully say that all Christians, without exception, are dishonest hypocrites? I doubt it.

You see, when a person opens his or her heart to Christ,



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God begins to change them from within. No, they aren't perfect (as they would be the first to admit). But they also aren't what they once were. I've met many, many people over the years who have selflessly dedicated their lives to helping others — and they would tell you they did it solely because Christ had changed their hearts. The Bible

says, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Frankly, however, I can't help but wonder if you aren't using this as an excuse to keep God out of your life. Are you honestly seeking the truth

about Him — or are you just standing back and mocking people you don't agree with because it's a convenient way to keep from facing your own need of God?

Whatever your reasons, one person does live up to your standards — and that person is Christ. The reason is because He was God in human flesh, sent from Heaven to save us from our sins. Why not open your life to Him?

Write to Rev. Graham at: "My Answer," c/o the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, P.O. Box 779, Minneapolis, Minn. 55440, call 1-(877) 2-GRAHAM or visit his Web site at [www.billygraham.org](http://www.billygraham.org).

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# The Mastersons, part 2: Gun battles in Dodge City

It was still hot and muggy at 3 o'clock on the morning of July 26, 1878, at Dodge City, Kan. Of course, 3 a.m. at Dodge in 1878 was about the same as eight in the evening anywhere else. Saloons and dance halls were booming all over town and most particularly at a dance hall/gambling joint called the "Comique." ("Commie-Q" to most of the drunken cowboys usually inhabiting the place). Popular 19th century comedian and song-and-dance man Eddie Foy was on stage performing to a roaring drunk crowd.

Gunfire was certainly no uncommon sound at that place, in that year, and especially at that hour. But when the bullets came whistling into the Comique itself, the patrons couldn't help but take notice. Eddie Foy commented years later that he had always thought that he was pretty quick when it came to getting out of harm's way, but found out that night that he had nothing on Doc Holliday and Bat Masterson, both of whom instantaneously "flattened out like pancakes" on the floor.

Which was a pretty humorous remark, but on that night in 1878, outside, in the streets of Dodge, humor was in short supply and things had become deadly serious. Three cowboys, for reasons that are obscure to this day, if there were any reasons at all, decided to discharge their pistols into the Comique as they rode past on their way out of town. Two law enforcement officers, Assistant Marshal Wyatt Earp and City Policeman Jim Masterson, were in the street when the cowboys unleashed their ill-advised fusillade.

Drawing their own weapons, the two policemen returned fire and things suddenly went from the status of prank to deadly serious. But before we get to that, let's examine the fate of Ed Masterson, the one usually forgotten by the history books. He is usually forgotten because he died so early on.

On the night of April 9, 1878,

Ed, working as City Marshal (the equivalent of our modern Chief of Police), walked into one of Dodge City's numerous saloons (possibly the Lady Gay) and disarmed a drunk. This was not unusual, even though it was always dangerous. It was a given. Old Western lawmen all knew that it came with the territory. The drunk, Jack Wagner, seemed to accept this official slap on the wrist, but after Ed exited the saloon, Wagner

quickly changed his mind. A few minutes later, out on the street, Wagner, along with his equally drunk trail boss, Alf Walker, who had not been disarmed, approached Marshal Ed Masterson. Wagner had re-armed himself and immediately began scuffling with Ed. Needless to say, it wasn't long before pistols were brought to bear. Wagner shot Ed, mortally wounding him in the chest, and Ed then proceeded to drop both of his opponents. Walker later recovered, but Wagner died on the spot. (Note: In the film "Wyatt Earp," this gunfight is accurately portrayed.)

Well-meaning, brave, and at that moment, a walking dead man; Ed Masterson struggled to his feet and began staggering down the street, the bullet hole in his coat smoldering from the muzzle flash of Wagner's pistol. An eyewitness later stated that the egotistical popular Marshal appeared to be holding a lit cigar in front of him, but it was actually the burning garment. Many years later, Bat would have the death of Wagner attributed to him, but the fact is, Ed got both of them.

After the death of Ed, Bat and Jim went home to be with their folks in mourning for a time and then returned to Dodge—just in time for the incident at the Comique.

## George Hoy

As the three cowboys galloped past them that July night, firing their pistols at the Comique, the lawmen, and

pretty much everything else, Earp and Jim Masterson returned their fire. It seems likely that if the three miscreants had known in advance just who they would be facing in the shootout that night, they may well have thought better of it. But they didn't, and everyone did what they did.

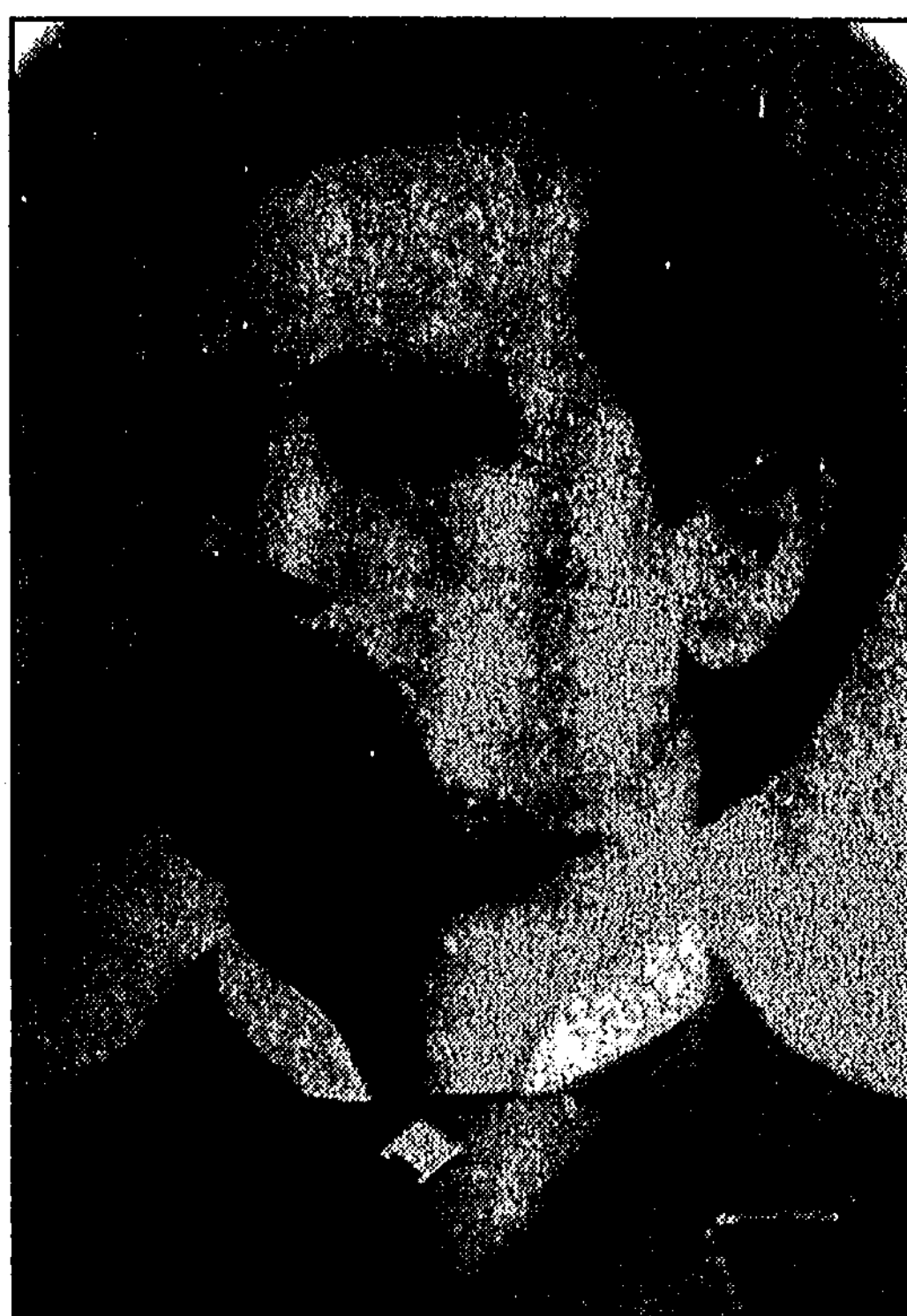
The cowboys thundered past the positions of Masterson and Earp, and the two lawmen stepped out into the street and continued firing. The drunken cowpunchers pounded on, but one of them slipped from the saddle just before they reached the bridge across the Arkansas River. His name was George Hoy, and this seems to have been his one and only (certainly his last) foray into lawlessness. Hit in the arm, Hoy became one of the many victims of blood poisoning that is the interest in note that

in the movies, when someone is shot in the arm, they act as though a band-aid will fix it right up! The fact is, many of the men who died of bullet wounds in the Old West died because the wound or wounds festered and led to blood poisoning. They didn't always die on the spot, and lingering turned out to be Hoy's fate.

The young cowboy lived for nearly a month after the incident and when he died, Dodge City residents were genuinely saddened, feeling that he was just a cowboy having some fun that got out of hand. No one blamed the lawmen, and Wyatt Earp is generally credited with the killing. But it could have just as easily been a bullet from the pistol of Jim Masterson.

## Dora Hand

Dora Hand, aka Fannie Keenan, was a very popular



Wyatt Earp, above, and Jim Masterson had the responsibility of keeping the law in Dodge City.

performer at the Varieties Theater at Dodge City, and Mayor James "Dog" Kelly had been allowing her to use his house while he was out of town, which turned out to be unfortunate in the extreme for Miss Hand.

Late one night in October of 1878, a cowboy with a grudge against Kelly came riding drunkenly up to the Mayor's house and opened fire. Kelly, of course, was out of town, but poor Dora was sound asleep in his bed when one of this drunken fool's bullets hit her, killing her instantly. When the locals, particularly the "sporting element," or gamblers (a fraternity that usually listed the city lawmen on its rolls), found out what had happened to the popular Dora, a posse was formed and pursued the shooter.

Everyone wanted to avenge Dora, and it was obvious that someone extremely competent was going to have to stay behind and keep the lid on Dodge. The man picked was Jim Masterson.

Brother Bat and the rest of the posse caught the gunman out on the plains and Bat brought him down with a bullet to the leg. When the shooter found out that it was Dora and not the Mayor who he had shot, he was as distraught as anyone else, as he had been

fond of her, too.

A somber posse with a somber prisoner rode slowly back to Dodge, and, as was so often the case, the man that killed Dora Hand was ultimately released. After all, it wasn't Dora that he wanted to kill—therefore, it was considered to be an accidental death. Frontier justice was something to behold, wasn't it?

## Marshal Jim Masterson

In November of 1879, Jim was appointed Marshal by the City Council when Marshal Charlie Bassett resigned. By 1881, thanks to a quieting night life and cuts in pay, Jim formed a partnership with a man named A.J. Peacock as owners of the Lady Gay Saloon. Basically, he needed the money.

After serving as City Marshal for about a year and a half, there was a change in City Hall that led to sweeping changes in the police force.

Specifically, the new administration fired Jim and his deputy, Neal Brown.

Now, with the Lady Gay as his sole source of income, Jim began to have problems with his partner, A.J. Peacock. Most of the problems stemmed from the fact that Jim disapproved of Peacock's brother-in-law, Al Updegraff, who had been hired as bartender. Jim felt that Updegraff was not only dishonest, but that he was also personally drinking most of the profits.

These disagreements eventually escalated to a level where firearms came into play. According to the *Ford County Globe*, Jim and his partner actually exchanged shots at one point. Details are sadly lacking, but according to the *Caldwell Commercial*, Jim was "slightly wounded." The town became divided as to who the good guys and the bad guys were, but Peacock and Updegraff had the backing of the new Mayor and his administration, which was a cause for worry as far as Jim was concerned.

They were gunning for him and no one was about to stop them. Jim wired his brother Bat, who had gone to

Tombstone with pal Wyatt Earp, telling him that he was in trouble and that he needed help. Bat immediately departed Tombstone to go to his brother's assistance. The stage was set for the "Battle of the Plaza," as it came to be known.

## The Battle of the Plaza

On April 16, 1881, Bat Masterson arrived at Dodge City to find A.J. Peacock and Al Updegraff waiting for him at the train station, armed to the teeth. Bat called out to them, suggesting a parlay, but the two men were in no mood to talk. It is unclear who fired the first shot, but whatever the case, shooting began almost immediately. Bat took cover on the north side of the railroad tracks and Updegraff and Peacock on the south side. The gun battle began in earnest.

At this point, Jim, in the company of fellow gamblers Tom O'Brien and Charlie Ronan, arrived on the scene and began shooting at Updegraff, Peacock and several others who had taken their side. Despite the virtual hailstorm of bullets, only Updegraff was hit, falling with a bullet in the chest. Finally, citizens broke up the fight and took Updegraff to the local "gunshot specialist," who announced that the bartender would live.

That evening, Bat left town after being fined a whopping \$8 for discharging a pistol within the city limits. He was undoubtedly relieved that he had not lost another brother to violence in Dodge.

Jim, needless to say, ended his partnership with Peacock and also departed Dodge soon thereafter. But his association with law enforcement, as well as a good deal of violence, was far from over.

Next Week: Travels of the Mastersons

Sources: Jim Masterson by R.K. DeArment; *The Third Masterson* by Roger Rye; *Bat Masterson* by R.K. DeArment and *The Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters* by Bill O'Neal.



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The Pony Express Trail Ride gives people a chance to enjoy Lincoln County on horseback while delivering mail to Lincoln.

## Sheriff's posse accepting trail ride applications

The Pony Express Trail Ride, sponsored by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse, scheduled for Aug. 31-July 3, is accepting applications for the eighth annual trail ride from White Oaks to Lincoln.

Riders on the exciting three-day, 60-mile trip, will deliver the U.S. mail to Lincoln, camping out in the open and riding over the beautiful terrain of Lincoln County. The ride culminates in a parade down the main street of Lincoln and viewing of the Billy the Kid Re-enactment.

The Lincoln County Pony

Express Trail Re-enactment that began in 1969 predates the Sheriff's Posse. At one time single riders commemorated the Pony Express by racing to see who could deliver the mail the fastest from White Oaks to Lincoln. That activity ended in 1994. Now the Lincoln County Posse continues the tradition by offering interested people an opportunity to take part in recreating this historical event.

Every year during the first weekend in August, the posse sponsors a Pony Express Trail Ride. This year, changes and

upgrades are planned, including all-new trail routes, a fixed campsite complete with catered meals and evening entertainment to better serve the riders.

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## Learning more about a revolutionary

Before I went to Mexico last summer, I had a good dose of Pancho Villa from a spring 1997 Bill Rakocy art and history publication.

Rakocy's creative "Free: Take One \$1.00 value" newspaper was jam-packed with Pancho Villa photographs and historical tidbits. The publication also announced Rakocy's "quitting business, sold the building" sale at his museum/gallery at 2808 Sudderth in Ruidoso.



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

My first encounter with anything Pancho Villa during my trip into Mexico was at Palomas, where we stopped at the inspection area to do paperwork so that we could continue into Mexico. In a corner park was a statue of Villa. In Palomas our tour group stopped at Casa de Pancho Villa Restaurant Bar. The food establishment, which originated in 1910, had an appetizer section, "Para Empalear la Batalla" (To Start the Battle). The items in the menu are named in honor of the military

officials and other participants involved in the life and times of revolutionary hero Villa. In the menu's "Revolucionarios" section was the Pancho Villa Plate (\$6.50/\$62.00), a combination plate of chile relleno, or a chimichanga, one cheese enchilada, one meat taco, rice, beans.

Chicken dishes are named after Villa's women, for example: "Pollo Luz Corral." There was such a variety to choose from: T-bone al ajo de Porfirio, Rib Eye de Carranza, Lopez or Pershing tacos and much more. The outside of the restaurant is painted a shocking, bright pink, the color of a well-known indigestion remedy, which we had no need for after our delicious meal.

This month marks the event when Villa's forces struck Columbus, N.M. The March 9, 1916, incident, Villa and the Mexican Revolution are keen topics of interest in history. When we were in the city of Chihuahua, the state's capital, we stopped to tour the Palacio

de Gobierno (Government Palace). The palace was built on the plot where the old Jesuit School once stood. Inside there are enormous archways and a large central patio and a marble stairway.

In 1960, Governor Teofilo Borunda asked Aaron Piña Mora to paint a mural where Don Miguel Hidalgo y Castilla had been executed while it was the old Jesuit School and his prison. The result was excellent and they decided to continue on, so the history of Chihuahua, from the first Spanish expedition, headed by Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Baca, around 1530, to the Mexican Revolution in 1910, is depicted on the main floor's archway. Later on, murals about Chihuahua's main economic activities, cattle breeding and mining, were painted on the second floor.

One of the murals shows Villa, head of the Division del Norte. This painting shows his victory in Zacatecas over Huerta's army. Villa whose real name was Doroteo Arango, contributed to the success of the Mexican Revolution. This most controversial historical character of Chihuahua and Chihuahua was assassinated in the city of Parral in 1923.

### THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

#### View from the Top

Comedy and Romance  
Rated PG-13 for language/sexual references.  
This is the story of a young woman (Paltrow) from meager beginnings who dreams of becoming a flight attendant as her chance to see the world.  
Starring: Gwyneth Paltrow, Christina Applegate, Candice Bergen, Marc Blucas, Rob Lowe  
Directed by: Bruno Barreto  
Produced by: Brad Grey, Matthew Baer, Bobby Cohen  
Written by: Roger Kumble, Eric Wald  
Showtimes: 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:20 p.m.

#### The Hours

Drama and Romance, 1 hr. 54 min.  
Rated PG-13 for mature thematic elements, some disturbing images and brief language.  
Based on Michael Cunningham's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, the film interweaves the stories of three women - a book editor in New York (Streep), a young mother in California (Moore) and author Virginia Woolf (Kidman).  
Starring: Meryl Streep, Julianne Moore, Nicole Kidman, Ed Harris, Toni Collette  
Directed by: Stephen Daldry  
Produced by: Scott Rudin, Robert Fox  
Written by: David Hare  
Showtimes: 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

#### Bringing Down the House

Crime/Gangster, Comedy and Romance, 1 hr. 45 min.  
Rated PG-13 for language, sexual humor and drug material.

When a lonely guy (Martin) meets a woman (Latifah) on the Internet who happens to be in prison, she breaks out to be with him, and proceeds to wreak havoc on his middle-class life...

Starring: Queen Latifah, Steve Martin, Eugene Levy, Joan Plowright, Missi Pyle  
Directed by: Adam Shankman  
Produced by: Ashok Amritraj, David Hoberman, Todd Lieberman  
Written by: Jason Filardi  
Showtimes: 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:15 p.m.



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Gwyneth Paltrow and Kelly Preston in Miramax's View From the Top.

### WHERE'S THE BEEF?



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About 200 people sampled the vegetarian food at the Great American Meatout at the Ruidoso Senior Center March 15.

#### Capitan concert

Capitan Schools guitar and choir classes will present "Dude! Where's My Guitar?" at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 8, in Traylor Gym. Tickets are \$1, free for children age 6 and under. The public is invited. For more information, call 354-2238.

#### Theater auditions

Artists Collaborative Theatre (ACT) seeks women of all ages with acting and singing ability for a production of the musical "Quilters." Auditions are at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at the vacant Desert Sky Health Foods Store. Please bring a prepared song (piano accompaniment available, or bring recorded music). The show is scheduled to open July 4. For more information, contact 378-2274 or e-mail pamelac@zianet.com.

#### Art classes

Family Art Classes at the

Hubbard Museum of the American West begin Saturday with scratch art, a fun and colorful art form. The class is open to families with children age 9 and above. March 29, the class will be in the art of pine needle basketry. For information and registration and fees, call Elizabeth Becker at 378-4142.

#### ACT concerts

Artists Collaborative Theatre is looking for people who love music and entertaining for a series of house concerts beginning April 4 and 5. People who would like to house concerts in their homes are sought. The event is usually potluck, and guests donate money for the artist. For more information, call 378-2274 or e-mail pamelac@zianet.com.

#### Art teachers needed

The Hubbard Museum seeks artists and art educators interested in teaching work-

shops for Fine Arts in Historic Lincoln, the museum's annual summer art program for children. The three-week program consists of 12 independent workshops, each covering one or more disciplines. Students ages 9-12 are invited to participate. Program dates are June 9-12, 16-19 and 23-26. Contact Elizabeth Beck at 378-4142 for an information packet.

#### Local artist honored

Ruidoso artist Misha Malpica was selected as the first recipient of the Marc Wroe Award for Excellence in Art by Thunderbird Artists in February.

"The continuity of quality and originality of Misha's work truly distinguishes her as a one-of-a-kind talent," said Judi Combs, president of Thunderbird Artists.

Misha's sculptures can be seen at her gallery and studio, 2206 Sudderth Drive or at [www.mishasart.com](http://www.mishasart.com).

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# Santa Fe makes an ideal N.M. weekend getaway

We wouldn't even think of trading our life in Lincoln County for Santa Fe. But when we're cravin' only a weekend getaway — Santa Fe ranks right up there among our favorite destinations.

And why not? It's easy to get to and offers a year-round cornucopia of cultural events, appealing excursions and sensory feasts. A visit to Santa Fe never fails to dish up new discoveries, unexpected adventures and an intoxicating dose of New Mexican magic.

Half the thrill of a Santa Fe road-trip is cruising along the state's back roads through the sleepy rural communities of Corona, Duran, Encino and Galisteo. No matter how many times we make the journey, we experience the same awestruck exhilaration and unwavering wonder at the drama of the sharply drawn landscape that we did years ago when we were wide-eyed newcomers.

Last weekend we left our home in Alto under an electric blue sky with flotillas of billowing clouds and headed north. With a selection of our favorite CDs and the sunroof open, we set off for a food-filled two-day stay in Santa Fe.

## Saturday

### 8 a.m.: Java Jolt

Our first stop on any trip to Santa Fe (or Albuquerque for that matter) is Carrizozo Joe's cafe/coffeehouse, a

quirky and cheerful java joint not far from the intersection with highway 54. (113 Central Ave., 505-648-5637, <http://www.carrizozojoec.com>)

**12:30 p.m.: Lunch at a Legend**

Santa Fe is an elegantly languid kind of town, and our preferred way to ease into the local lassitude is lunch stop at Harry's Roadhouse (9613 Old Las Vegas Hwy., 505-989-4629). A legendary melting

pot of food and people for both locals and tourists, Harry's offers a variety of down home and sophisticated specials, margaritas made with fresh squeezed lime juice and a selection of outrageously delicious desserts. On a sunny day, the lushly landscaped outdoor courtyard is the perfect place to linger.

### 2 p.m.: In Search of Boots

Having lived in New Mexico for almost five years, it was time to consider purchasing a pair of kickback cowboy boots. Hopalong Boot Co. (3908 Rodeo Drive, 505-471-5570) is the one-stop shop for first-class second-hand boots. Prices are reasonable and run from \$50 to \$200, but we still don't own a pair.

### 4:30 p.m.: Dreamy Digs

We revive our drooping verve at the Inn of the Governors. A charming oasis located in the heart of the historic downtown, and within easy walking distance of the plaza, the Inn of the Governors offers 100 stylish rooms (34

with kiva fireplaces), a heated outdoor swimming pool, free Internet and complimentary off-street parking, continental breakfast and afternoon tea. (800-234-4534, <http://www.innofthegovernors.com>, 234 Don Gaspar). Rates begin at \$139.

### 7 p.m.: Red or Green

The only question at Tomasita's is "Red or Green?" and we order "Christmas" style, meaning a mix of red and green chiles. Santa Fe has a lot of Mexican restaurants; but both locals and visitors alike crowd this cozy former train station in the city's railway district for Northern New Mexico food that is down home Santa Fe style. (500 S. Guadalupe St.; 505-983-5721)

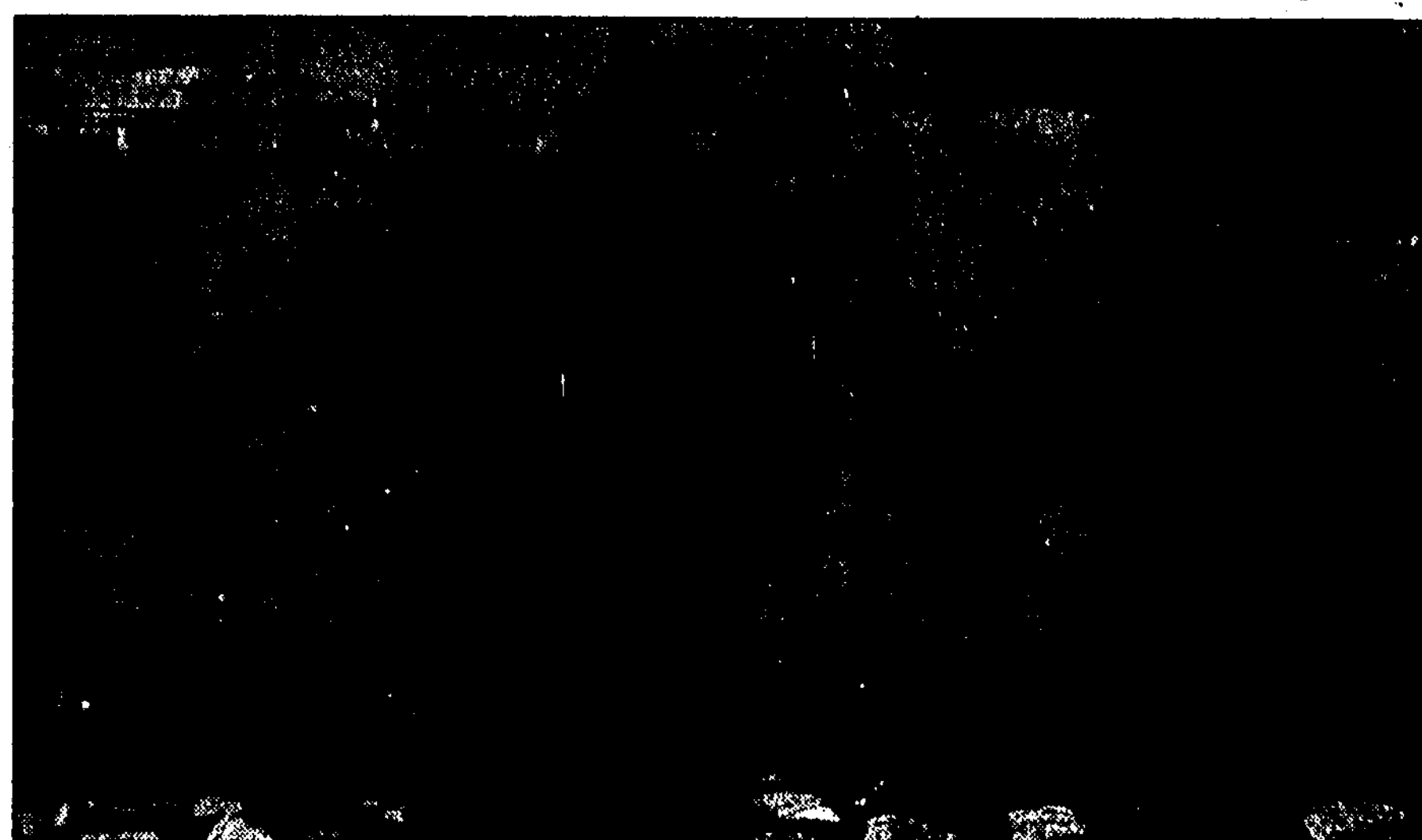
## Sunday

### 9 a.m.: Caffeinated times

One of us requires strong coffee and the other enjoys the Sunday New York Times so we head straight for Santa Fe's popular Downtown Subscription. With its well-stocked newsstand and coffeehouse atmosphere, this place is a great hangout morning, noon and night. (Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week; 376 Garcia St.; 505-983-3085).

### 11:30 a.m.: The Plaza

The 400-year-old plaza is the city's heart and soul, both on maps and in locals' minds. A shady square laced with the scent of piñons and flanked by centuries-old buildings now housing trendy shops and galleries, the historic plaza is a fun place to stroll. Native American vendors spread their turquoise-and-silver jewelry across a sea of hand-woven blankets under the portal of the sprawling Palace of the



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Santa Fe is full of both history and modern amenities.

Governors, built in 1610 as the original capitol of the Spanish government.

### 1 p.m.: Art Galore

From the plaza the old Santa Fe Trail winds its way up to Canyon Road. A good place for walking and viewing art, the narrow road — once the main path between the Rio Grande pueblos on either side of town — is now a mile-long stretch of more than 75 art galleries, fancy boutiques and some of the city's best restaurants.

### 2:30 p.m.: And More Art

Art is one of the foundations of the modern city and art continues to demand attention, particularly at The Gerald Peters Gallery, near Canyon Road. Here are works by O'Keeffe and members of the Taos Society and the Santa Fe Art Colony. (1011 Paseo de Peralta, 505-954-5700)

### 4 p.m.: Head for the Shed

A family institution, The Shed has

been winning awards for its famous red chile for half a century. Before hitting the road for home we head for The Shed, an inexpensive stop for tasty New Mexican fare like blue corn chicken enchiladas. The rambling adobe has cozy dining rooms with colorful folk art. (113 East Palace Ave., 505-982-9030)

### 5:30 p.m.:

Leave for Lincoln County

## The Basics

### Getting there:

Avoid the interstates and take the scenic back roads. From Carrizozo we follow Highway 54 north to Duran where we pick up lonely State Route 3 to Encino. At Encino turn left onto Highway 285 through Clines Corner and Galisteo to Interstate-25. Take I-25 south to Saint Francis Avenue, then follow the signs for downtown.

# Farmers and ranchers across the state are celebrating Ag Week



LINCOLN TRAILS

ROSALIE DUNLAP

The agriculture people are celebrating Ag Week this week. Mike Corn, president of the N.M. Farm Bureau, and Bernar Treat will be on the Roswell radio station explaining the different aspects that go into our agriculture.

Good news. Kyle Parr is opening the Wortley Hotel, formally, April 4, but you can drop in for a cup of coffee now.

Dave next door also has his grill open. The family had the sad news that two of their young nieces had been killed in a head-on crash when the other

driver went to sleep. They had planned to go to Brazil to attend a wedding in Olga's family.

The Republican Party held its biennial meeting in Carrizozo Saturday. Officers are Duane Williams, First President; Joan Parks, Vice President; John Billingsley, Second Vice President; Carrie Spencer, secretary and Nancy Lolar, treasurer. Members were named to the County and State Central committees.

A group of us went to the Outpost for lunch and were met with motorcycles

parked on both sides of the street. They were just leaving — sigh of relief. They were a group from Tularosa and Alamogordo enjoying the beautiful day. As they came in for lunch there were 30 Elks finishing their lunch. How about that for timing?

Work is progressing on the Gallegos House. They have put in new electricity, and taken off the old plaster.

The Lincoln County Photography Club met last week. I missed it and three photos to take on emotions. I am quite sure there were some funny ones.

The group is planing a three-day trip to Chaco Canyon in April. We have a conflict but have been there and it is a great treasure to visit.

The Capitan Library garage sale was a huge success Saturday. It was work all the hard work the personnel put into the sale.

Martha Anderson and her friend, Lila Juul, Las Cruces were Lincoln visitors Friday. Martha had one of Ralph's early spinning wheels and needed some repair work. They toured Lincoln while Ralph repaired the wheel.

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**RUIDOSO NEWS**



## Making school cool

Roger Sowder says goodbye to Nob Hill after 20 years

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

If anybody wondered about the 200-plus pigs in the office of Nob Hill principal Roger Sowder, who turned in his resignation earlier this month, it all started with a cartoon drawn by the late Glen Crane 20 years ago.

Sowder had been teaching in Santa Fe for 12 1/2 years and gotten his master's degree in school administration when he applied for a position in Ruidoso as principal of Nob Hill Early Childhood Center. Crane sold him his first house and while Sowder told him stories about pig raising in Muleshoe, Texas, Crane pointed out a space under the house where a pig could live.

"I displayed the cartoon (at Nob Hill)," Sowder said. "Glen provided an opportunity for kids to demonstrate their loving. From that one act of kindness, all those pigs showed up from kids, parents and teachers — about 200, plus the stuffed ones in the hallways."

When Sowder first visited Nob Hill, it looked like a bomb shelter: Plastic was draped across the ceilings and walls to encapsulate asbestos. The multipurpose room was about 2/3 the size it is now, with a makeshift room created out of raw plywood for occupational therapy, and the principal's office was about a third its current size.

"Moving to Ruidoso was one of the best moves I made professionally. I consider it one of the most fortunate things that I have had the pleasure of working under two very good superintendents," he said, referring to Sid Miller and current superintendent, Mike Gladden.

In 1983, kindergarten through second grades were housed in the building. After Sowder's first year, the new high school was completed, and a shift of students created more space at White Mountain for second graders. Eventually, Sierra Vista Primary was built, and first graders went there.

In 1988, a new wing was built onto Nob Hill's southwest end and became the kindergarten wing. Kindergarten students attended half days and there was a morning and an afternoon session, with three teachers and classes of 25 students — compared to eight teachers with classes no larger than 18 students today.

A wooden shack, called the "Little Red Schoolhouse" by staff, held the developmentally delayed program and special education.

"What a change we've gone through!" Sowder said. "They were separated and apart, now they're included in every classroom. Instead of a teacher doing pull-out, the teacher goes into the classroom and helps manage the child all day with the teacher, and the students are fully included and given the respect they

deserve."

Classes were held in portable buildings for first-graders "for years and years," Sowder said, "and we moved them around to the southwest side when Head Start came aboard six or eight years ago."

Now the portables house the Parents as Teachers and the Birth-to-3 programs.

Another major change came when all-day kindergarten was approved by the state legislature in 2000, but Nob Hill staff had been advocating for it for years.

John Underwood, a friend of Sowder's, was serving as Lincoln County representative. He asked for a legislative platform, and then proposed legislation for full-day kindergarten and fought for it for several years.

"It got put on a back burner," the principal said. "My association with Elementary Principals Association — I've been executive director for six years — had an impact on our legislative platform, and I've been to Santa Fe and spoke to various committees. This staff recognized the need for it, and then John and the Think New Mexico think tank group ran with it and got it enacted."

Even before the legislation was enacted, though, the school board listened to Nob Hill staff and proposed a bond issue to build an addition onto the school.

"As it turned out, we finished that in the year of the first cycle of a five-year phase-in (for all-day kindergarten), so we got in on the first phase-in," Sowder said. "We hit it running. We built that as a preschool and developmentally-delayed area, put Head Start and two DD programs in that wing, which created space in the rest of the building for full-day kindergarten."

Nob Hill is now used by the State Department of Education as a model all-day kindergarten school, and teachers from Roswell and Artesia have visited to learn how to reorganize their own schools for all-day kindergarten.

Sowder and his staff adopted the idea of one school and one staff for all the children, making spaces for Head Start, the Parents as Teachers and Developmentally Delayed programs, all under one roof — unlike at many schools. An early childhood program encompassing all others at the school was created, and staff sought out children and families that needed assistance to prepare the children for school.

In 1999, Nob Hill received its second and in 2002 its third accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Nob Hill remains the only public school in the state to be accredited. Only about 7 percent of all early childhood programs nationwide are accredited, while about 12,000 programs seek accreditation.

Sowder himself received the national Distinguished Principal award in 1992. In 2000, Nob Hill staff went to Greenboro, N.C., to receive the Invitational Schools Award for making the school an inviting place for students and parents.

During his retirement, Sowder plans to do some storytelling — beginning from 10:30 to noon June 10 at Capitan Public Library — and to por-

**"I'll come back and do an assembly any time, in costume, and bring my mandolin, harmonica or guitar and entertain."**

Roger Sowder  
retiring Nob Hill principal



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Roger Sowder, principal at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center for 20 years, will retire as of the end of this school year.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

"When I grow up, I'm going to be a kid again," said Nob Hill Early Childhood Center principal Roger Sowder. Recently, he went by the alias "Zero Hero" to help students celebrate the 100th day of school.

tray "Reverend Spikes" for the high school and Eastern New Mexico University theater classes in April — as well some speaking engagements about programs that blend and support one another as Nob Hill does.

He's been asked to do professional development for Think New Mexico to help schools phasing into all-day kindergarten, and was the keynote speaker last year. Sowder said he'll carry on as executive director of Elementary Principals Association. He may put together a version of the play, "Greater Tuna," that he performed several years ago at the Territorial Theatre in Capitan, for a world conference on invitational school philosophy in Cloudcroft this fall.

"It's been a wonderful experience, and boy is it rich right now," Sowder said, summing up his 20 years at Nob Hill. "I'll come back and do an assembly any time, in costume, and bring my mandolin, harmonica or guitar and entertain."



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Principal Roger Sowder has no trouble keeping the attention of the students at Nob Hill.

## looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

MARCH 20, 1953

### Museum open house

The Old Court House Museum in Lincoln will hold an open house Sunday ... to mark the completion of the new Indian Room. Featured in the exhibit are two important collections of Indian artifacts from the Lincoln area, given to the museum by Clark Pfingsten of Lincoln and by Bill Hale of Picacho...

John Boylan, curator of the museum, has coordinated these collections in a large exhibit with maps, diagrams and drawings showing the location of excavations, and describing houses and implements of the Indian tribes who inhabited the area.

MARCH 22, 1963

### Highway 70 work needed

(Highway Committee) Chairman Bill Deane pointed out the need of improvements east of Roswell. Tatum delegates agreed with the explanation that increased travel from the Lubbock area to Ruidoso's year round resort was a major factor... The Ruidoso delegation promised support. They also stressed the need of improvements to Highway 70 from Hondo to Biscuit Hill to enable these Ruidoso visitors to arrive safely.

MARCH 23, 1973

### The Silver Lining

BY DANIEL A. STORM

This is being written on the 20th, the first day of spring. But it looks as though Jack Frost and the rest of his crew that handles the season of the year got their wires crossed.

Down this way yesterday, the 19th, was more like the first day of spring; and today is more like the last day of winter.

MARCH 21, 1983

### Fire threat still there

Though there appears to be enough moisture on the ground to ward off any fire threat for the next several months, a Smokey Bear Ranger District fire officer says we should not become complacent about the fire threat.

"The unofficial gauge at the ranger station tells us the fire season has started," Smokey Bear fire management officer Steve Makowski told the Committee For Insuring Ruidoso's Environment (ComFIRE) Thursday...

All it takes in this heavily forested country, he pointed out, is a week of warm, sunny weather with steady wind and "you're basically there."

MARCH 22, 1993

### Carrizo part of village

Geographically, Ruidoso is about to get bigger.

In a special meeting last Wednesday, the Ruidoso Village Council gave its blessing to annexing both sides of Carrizo Canyon to and including Carrizo Lodge.

Village manager Ron Wicker said that James Porter of C-Net Corporation, owner of some of the Carrizo Lodge condos, had expressed an urgency for the project to be completed by the end of June.

The prime reason for the annexation is to install a water line to the Carrizo Lodge property.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Last year, staff and parents surprised Sowder with a real live pig to kiss for his birthday.

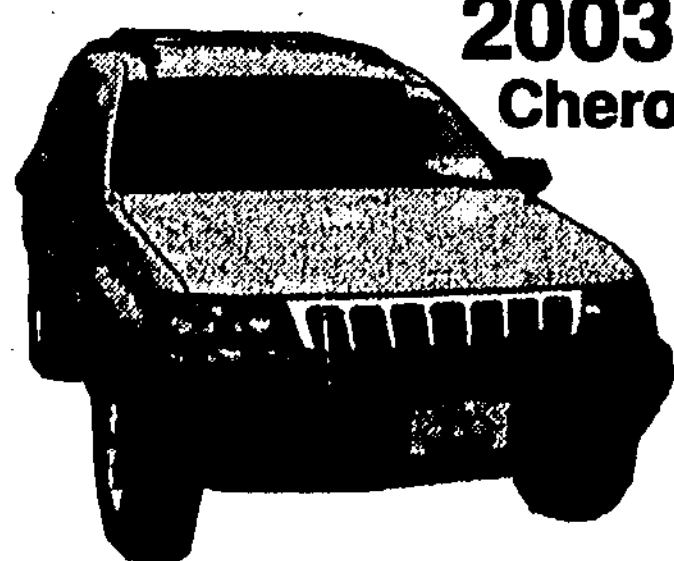


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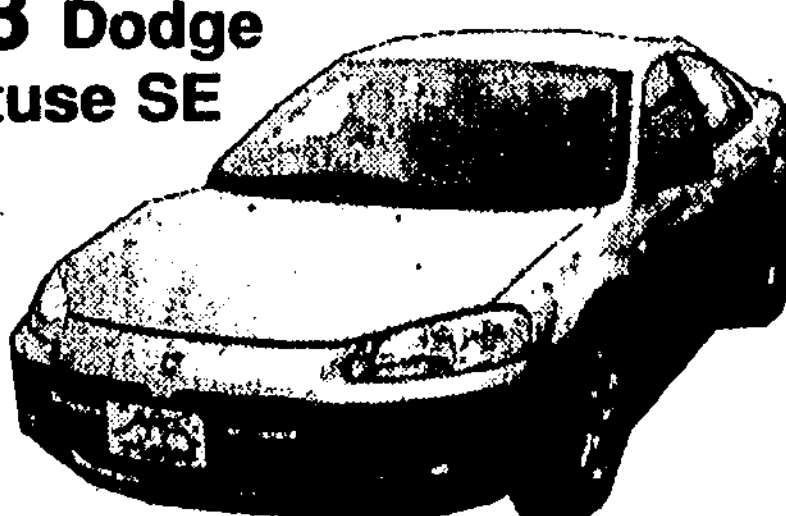


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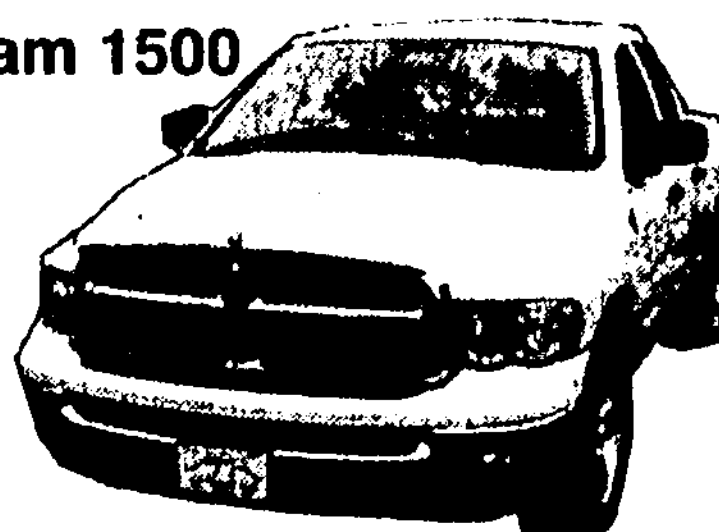


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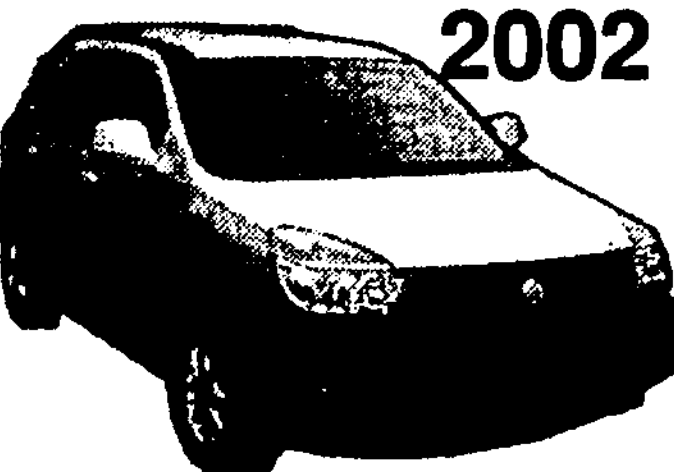
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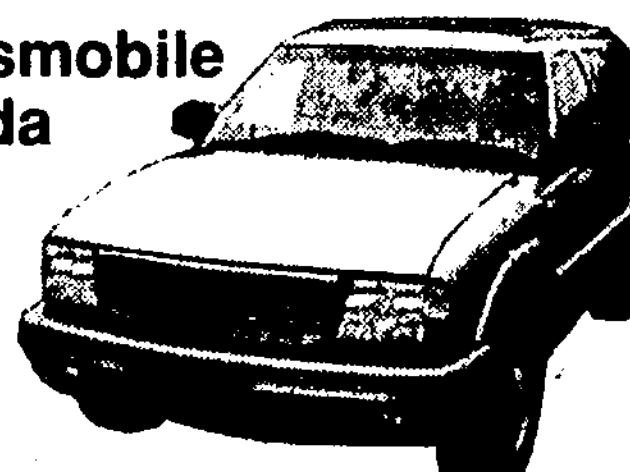


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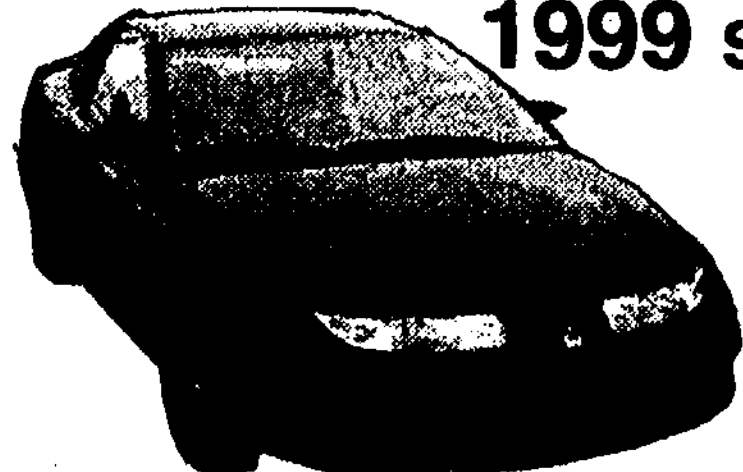
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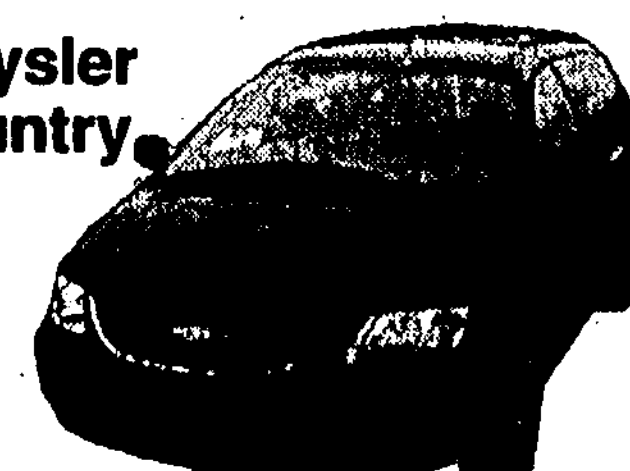


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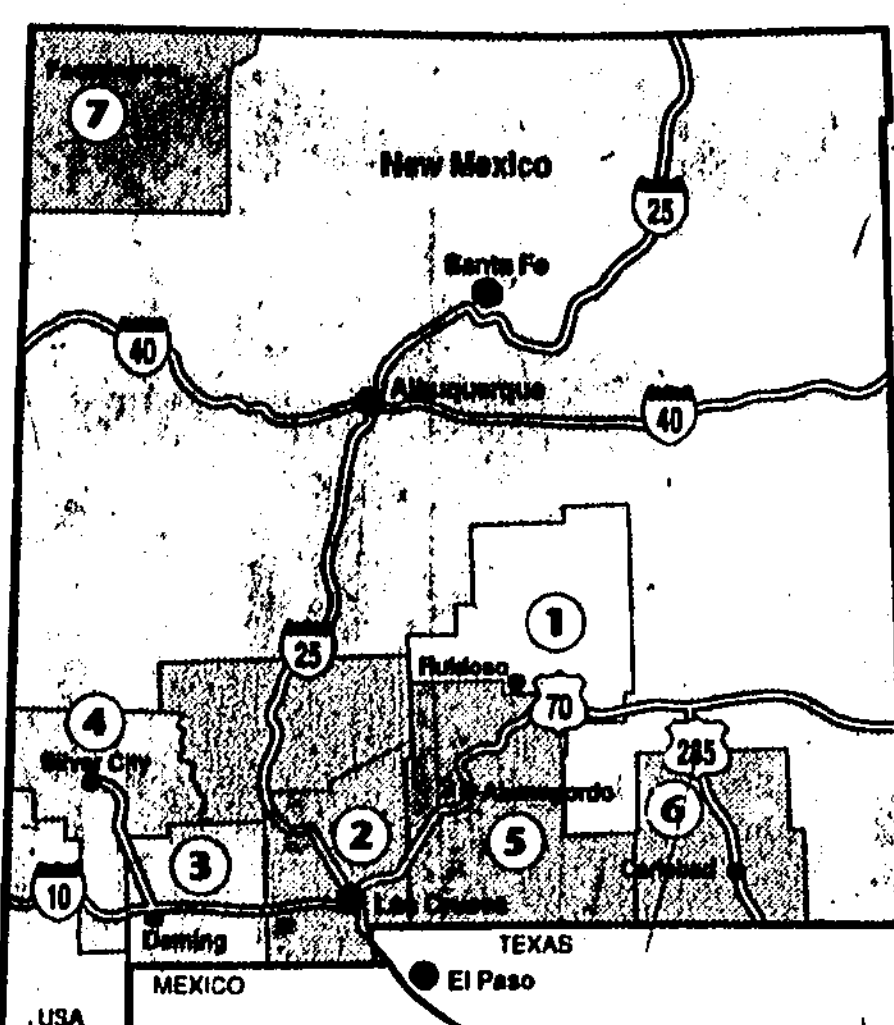
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**CABINS:**  
103 GRINDSTONE #1 & #2 - Furnished 1 BDR/3/4 BA. Stove, refrigerator. \$400 per month, includes basic utilities.  
**MAGADO CREEK** - Santa Fe style, all one level, on 4 acres. \$1000 per month plus utilities. Pets on approval.  
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LITTLE CREEK ROAD - Furnished 3BDR, 2BA modular home, top of the line. \$850 per month + utilities. NO PETS.  
**COMMERCIAL/ OFFICE SPACE:**  
2900 SUDDERTH - 12 offices, 2 reception areas, m/w bathrooms, kitchenette. Located in a high traffic area on the corner of a busy intersection. Call for more details.  
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**VIEW OF SIERRA BLANCA** - Links and Valley. 3/2 in quiet neighborhood. Fenced yard. Hot tub on deck. Furnished or unfurnished. \$1200 plus utilities.

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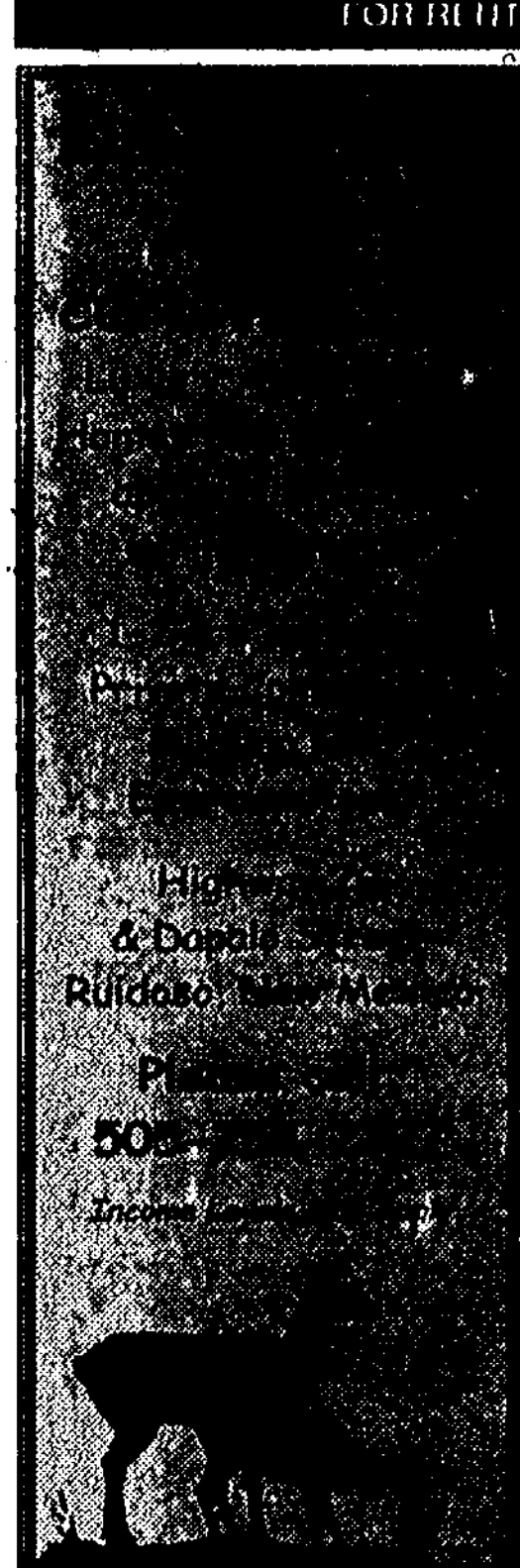
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**600 SQ.FT.** open upstairs office with views of Sierra Blanca, bathroom, and separate sink work area, window air conditioning - \$450.00 plus \$100 for utilities - minimum 1 year lease.

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**950 SQ.FT.** shop North of Alto, wood stove, utility sink, \$400/mo. Call daytime 336-4248, evenings 336-1880

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**ROOMMATE WANTED** to share Big Min. top house with hippie, 1 small dog, 2 fat cats, 1 cool pigeon, W/D, Dish-TV, internet, \$400/mo. 257-2172

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Salary \$8.20 hourly. Excellent benefit package included (vacation, sick, retirement & insurance). Applications accepted until 4:00 pm Wednesday, March 26, 2003. Complete job description and applications at the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345. Phone 258-4343 or 1-877-700-4343. Fax 258-5848. EEOE

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**686 LEGAL NOTICES**  
**#5478 1T (3)21**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The L.C.M.C. Board of Trustees is holding a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 24, 2003 at 6:00 P.M. at the Lincoln County Medical Center's Board Room, 211 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico. Three or more Lincoln County Commissioners will attend this public meeting. No official county business will be conducted.

/s/Thomas F. Stewart  
Lincoln County Manager  
**#5494 1T (3)21**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico calls for sealed bids on Bid #02-018

The Village of Ruidoso is accepting Bids to Overhaul One (1) 3306-D1 Caterpillar Engine for Street Department.

Interested bidders may secure a copy of the specifications from the Purchasing Department at the Village of Ruidoso Centralized Purchasing Warehouse, 421 Wingfield St. in Ruidoso. 505-257-2721 (mailing address: 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345).

Sealed bids must be received by the Purchasing Office, if hand delivered, to the Ruidoso Purchasing Warehouse at 421 Wingfield St., Ruidoso, or if mailed, to Purchasing Department, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345. Bids will be received until Monday, March 31, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. local time, then publicly opened and read aloud at the Village of Ruidoso Annex Building, 421 Wingfield, Ruidoso, New Mexico. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

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

By the Order of the Governing Body

/s/Fermin Herrera  
Purchasing Agent  
Village of Ruidoso  
**#5447 4T (2)28 (3)7,14,21**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**No. CV-02-244**  
**BANK ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE,**  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
**RICARDO BARRIOS,** if living; if deceased, THE ESTATE OF RICARDO BARRIOS, - Deceased, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF RICARDO BARRIOS, Deceased, JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants,

Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 26, 2003, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the northeast entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 206 Morningside, Ruidoso, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: Lot 4, Block 2, of SECTION 2, ADDITION TO CREE MEADOWS HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on September 8, 1955.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on February 13, 2003, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$138,799.11 and the same bears interest at 10.375% per annum from March 1, 2003. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,025.70. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

/s/Nick Vega,  
Special Master  
PO Box 383  
Carrizozo, NM 88301  
(505) 430-4538

#5492 1T (3)21

## LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Regional Housing Authority of Region VI, New Mexico, Inc., will be held on Thursday, March 27, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. at Region VI Housing Authority Board Room, 226 N. Main St., in Roswell, New Mexico to consider and act upon the general business of the Authority. A copy of the meeting agenda may be obtained (after March 17th) at the office of the Authority or by calling (505)622-0881, Ext. 212, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. However, the agenda is subject to change.

Comments from the audience members are welcome at the above meeting, but must be limited to 2 minutes total - 5 minutes per individual.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting, please contact the Authority no later than 5 days before the meeting.

## LEGAL NOTICES

#5480 4T (3)7,14,21,28

## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
12TH JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN

Steven Alan Anderson  
Petitioner,  
vs.  
Sandra Lynn Anderson  
Respondent.

Case No. DM03-29

## NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO SANDRA LYNN ANDERSON, GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that Steven Alan Anderson, the above-named Petitioner, has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled court and cause, the general object thereof being to dissolve the marriage between Petitioner and yourself. Unless you enter your appearance in this cause within thirty (30) days of the date of the first publication of this Notice, judgment by default will be entered against you. The first date of publication is March 7, 2003.

/s/Steven Alan Anderson  
Petitioner  
P.O. Box 1772  
Alto, New Mexico 88312  
505-336-2566

WITNESS the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, District Judge of the 12th Judicial District Court of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, this 28th day of February, 2003.

/s/Jean Perry  
Clerk of the District Court  
By: Elizabeth Ysasi

## LEGAL NOTICES

#5493 1T (3)21

## LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BID  
"NO. IFB03041"

Region VI Housing Authority, 226 N. Main Street, Suite 301, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, will be receiving written sealed bids from responsible vendors for the purchase of 168 storm doors (including installation) to be located at Sandstone Manor, Roswell, New Mexico. A walk-through of the property, Sandstone Manor, 16 1/2 Stacy Drive, Roswell, will be conducted on **Monday, March 31, 2003, at 10:00 a.m.**

**Bid No. IFB03041 Deadline: April 11, 2003, 3:00 p.m.** Any bid received after the deadline will be returned unopened. Region VI Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids; to waive technicalities; and to accept the bid determined to be the "best value" for the Housing Authority.

Bids must be sealed and the outside of the envelope must indicate the vendor/contractor name and reference the bid number and description, i.e. "VENDOR NAME & ADDRESS; SEALED BID IFB03041 - STORM DOORS."

Bid documents including specifications (IFB03041 - Storm Doors) are available at the web site for the New Mexico E - Procurement System: <http://www.govbids.com/scripts/nm1/public/home1.asp>

Bid documents may be faxed, only if e-mail is not available.

The Procurement Code, Section 13-1-28 NMSA 1978, imposes civil and misdemeanor criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, the New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for bribe, gratuities, and kickbacks.

**INQUIRIES ONLY:**  
Leslie K. Jansson,  
Contracts Manager  
Region VI Housing  
Authority  
PO Drawer 2057  
226 N. Main Street,  
Suite 301  
Friswell, NM 88202-2057  
Phone: (505)622-0881

## LEGAL NOTICES

#5485 1T (3)21

## LEGAL NOTICE

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso Governing Body will hold a Public Hearing on April 8, 2003 in conjunction with their regular scheduled meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Village of Ruidoso Council Chambers, 313 Cree Meadow Drive in the Village of Ruidoso. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider amendment of the zoning district map for the following described property: The Strain Tract, Tract #2. The subject property is currently zoned C-2, Community Commercial and will be considered for R-PUD, Residential Planned Development. The public is invited to attend. Lots mentioned and exact maps are available for viewing at the Planning Department at Village Hall. Anyone interested in the proposed zone map amendment should contact the Village of Ruidoso Planning Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The address is 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345, or 258-4343.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Village of Ruidoso this 21st day of March, 2003.  
(SEAL)

/s/Irma Nava,  
Village Clerk  
#5471 4T (3)14,21,28 (4)4

## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT

No. CV-01-230-Div III

EASTERN SAVINGS

BANK, FSB,

vs.

JESSICA ARREOLA,  
JOHN DOE and JANE  
DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants,

Defendants.

## LEGAL NOTICES

#5485 1T (3)21

## LEGAL NOTICE

SECOND AMENDED  
NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 10, 2003, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the northeast entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 120 Willie Horton Drive, Ruidoso, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: LOT 26, BLOCK 6 OF WHITE MOUNTAIN ESTATES, UNIT 5, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MAY 20, 1981, IN CABINET D, SLIDE NOS. 13 AND 14.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on January 25, 2002, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$360,854.32 and the same bears interest at 11.500% per annum from January 16, 2002. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$51,160.50. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit it's bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

Notification is hereby given that State National Bank, 1617 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79401, has filed an application with the Comptroller of the Currency on March 10, 2003, as specified in 12 CFR 5 for permission to establish a branch at Chiricahua Plaza #152, Mescalero, NM 88340. Any person wishing to comment on this application may file comments in writing with the licensing manager at the Comptroller of the Currency, 1600 Lincoln Plaza, 500 North Akard St., Dallas, TX 75201-3342, within 30 days of the date of this publication.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

#5482 2T (3)19,21

## LEGAL NOTICE

CALL FOR BIDS

The Ruidoso Board of Education wishes to receive bids for Paper for the Ruidoso Municipal School District. Specifications are available at the office of the Superintendent, Mike Gladden, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, NM 88345 or by phone (505-257-4051).

Bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2003. BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND MARKED "BID FOR PAPER". Bids will be opened and read aloud at the regular school board meeting Tuesday, April 8, 7:00 p.m. at the Central Administration Office, Board Room.

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

/s/Mike Gladden  
Superintendent  
Ruidoso Municipal  
Schools

#5483 2T (3)19,21

## LEGAL NOTICE

CALL FOR BIDS

The Ruidoso Board of Education wishes to receive bids for Instructional Supplies for the Ruidoso Municipal School District. Specifications are available at the office of the Superintendent, Mike Gladden, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, NM 88345 or by phone (505-257-4051).

Bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2003. BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND MARKED "BID FOR INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES". Bids will be opened and read aloud at the regular school board meeting Tuesday, April 8, 7:00 p.m. at the Central Administration Office, Board Room.

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

/s/Mike Gladden  
Superintendent  
Ruidoso Municipal  
Schools

#5484 2T (3)19,21

## LEGAL NOTICE

CALL FOR BIDS

The Ruidoso Board of Education wishes to receive bids for Custodial Supplies for the Ruidoso Municipal School District. Specifications are available at the office of the Superintendent, Mike Gladden, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, NM 88345 or by phone (505-257-4051).

Bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2003. BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND MARKED "BID FOR CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES". Bids will be opened and

## LEGAL NOTICES

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## LEGAL NOTICE

read aloud at the regular school board meeting Tuesday, April 8, 7:00 p.m. at the Central Administration Office, Board Room.

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

/s/Mike Gladden  
Superintendent  
Ruidoso Municipal  
Schools

#5486 1T (3)21

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a regular meeting on April 15, 2003 at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case # PV03-004 a Variance request for the following described property:

Lot 33B, Block A, Navajo Sd.  
Ruidoso, Lincoln County,  
New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.

/s/Tim Vega  
Planning Department

#5487 1T (3)21

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a regular meeting on April 15, 2003 at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case # PV03-005 a Variance request for the following described property:

Lot 19 A, Block 21, Forest Heights Sd.  
Ruidoso, Lincoln County,  
New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.

/s/Tim Vega  
Planning Department

#5488 1T (3)21

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a regular meeting on April 15, 2003 at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case # PV03-006 a Variance request for the following described property:

Lot 7, Block 3, Black Forest Sd.  
Ruidoso, Lincoln County,  
New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.

/s/Tim Vega  
Planning Department

## LEGAL NOTICES

#5489 1T (3)21

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a regular meeting on April 15, 2003 at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case # PV03-007 a Variance request for the following described property:

Lot 7A, Block 6, Palmer Gateway Sd.  
Ruidoso, Lincoln County,  
New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.

/s/Tim Vega  
Planning Department

#5490 1T (3)21

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Extra Territorial Planning Commission of the County of Lincoln will hold a regular meeting on April 21, 2003 at Ruidoso Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case # ETPV03-001 a Variance request for the following described property:

Lot 14, Unit 3, Edelweiss Resort Village Sd.  
114 Edelweiss  
Ruidoso, Lincoln County,  
New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.

/s/Tim Vega  
Planning Department

#5491 1T (3)21

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Extra Territorial Planning Commission of the County of Lincoln will hold a regular meeting on April 21, 2003 at Ruidoso Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case # ETPV03-002 a Variance request for the following described property:

Lots 19, 20 & 21, Block 3,  
Alto Crest Sd., Unit 1  
112 Ambush  
Ruidoso, Lincoln County,  
New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.

/s/Tim Vega  
Planning Department

#5492 1T (3)21

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Extra Territorial Planning Commission of the County of Lincoln will hold a regular meeting on April 21, 2003 at Ruidoso Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case # ETPV03-003 a Variance request for the following described property:

Lots 19, 20 & 21, Block 3,  
Alto Crest Sd., Unit 1  
112 Ambush  
Ruidoso, Lincoln County,  
New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.

/s/Tim Vega  
Planning Department

#5493 1T (3)21

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Extra Territorial Planning Commission of the County of Lincoln will hold a regular meeting on April 21, 2003 at Ruidoso Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case # ETPV03-004 a Variance request for the following described property:

Lots 19, 20 & 21, Block 3,  
Alto Crest Sd., Unit 1  
112 Ambush  
Ruidoso, Lincoln County,  
New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.

/s/Tim Vega  
Planning Department

#5494 1T (3)21

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Extra Territorial Planning Commission of the County of Lincoln will hold a regular meeting on April 21, 2003 at Ruidoso Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case # ETPV03-005 a Variance request for the following described property:

Lots 19, 20 & 21, Block 3,  
Alto Crest Sd., Unit 1  
112 Ambush  
Ruidoso, Lincoln County,  
New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.

/s/Tim Vega  
Planning Department

#5495 1T (3)21

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Extra Territorial Planning Commission of the County of Lincoln will hold a regular meeting on April 21, 2003 at Ruidoso Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case # ETPV03-006 a Variance request for the following described property:

Lots 19, 20 & 21, Block 3,  
Alto Crest Sd., Unit 1  
112 Ambush  
Ruidoso, Lincoln County,  
New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.

/s/Tim Vega  
Planning Department

#5496 1T (3)21

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Extra Territorial Planning Commission of the County of Lincoln will hold a regular meeting on April 21, 2003 at Ruidoso Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case # ETPV03-007 a Variance request for the following described property:

Lots 19, 20 & 21, Block 3,  
Alto Crest Sd., Unit 1  
112 Ambush  
Ruidoso, Lincoln County,  
New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.

/s/Tim Vega  
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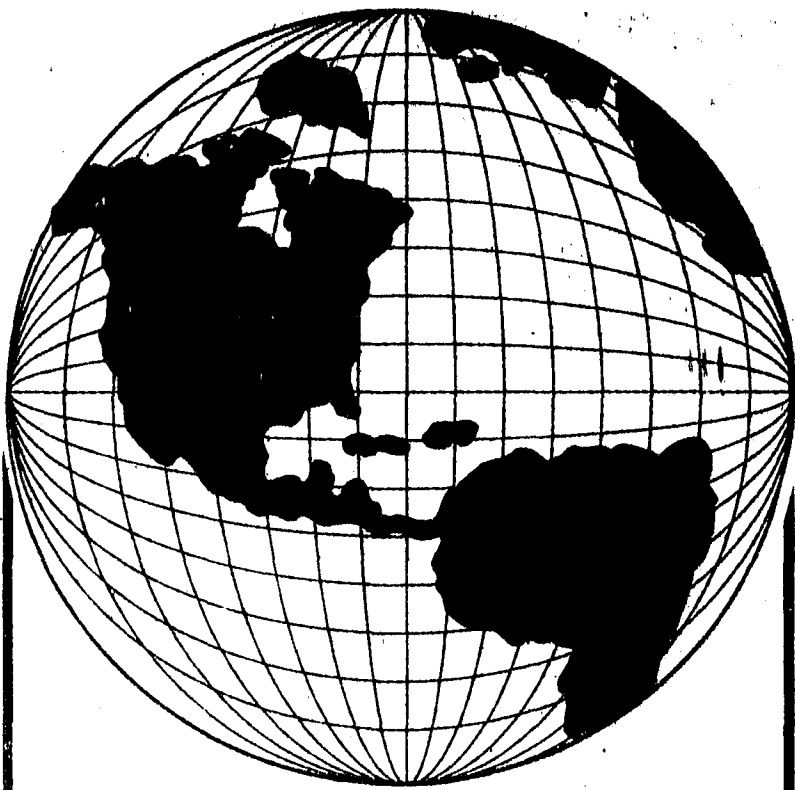
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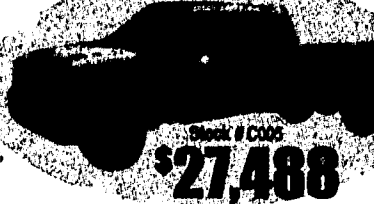
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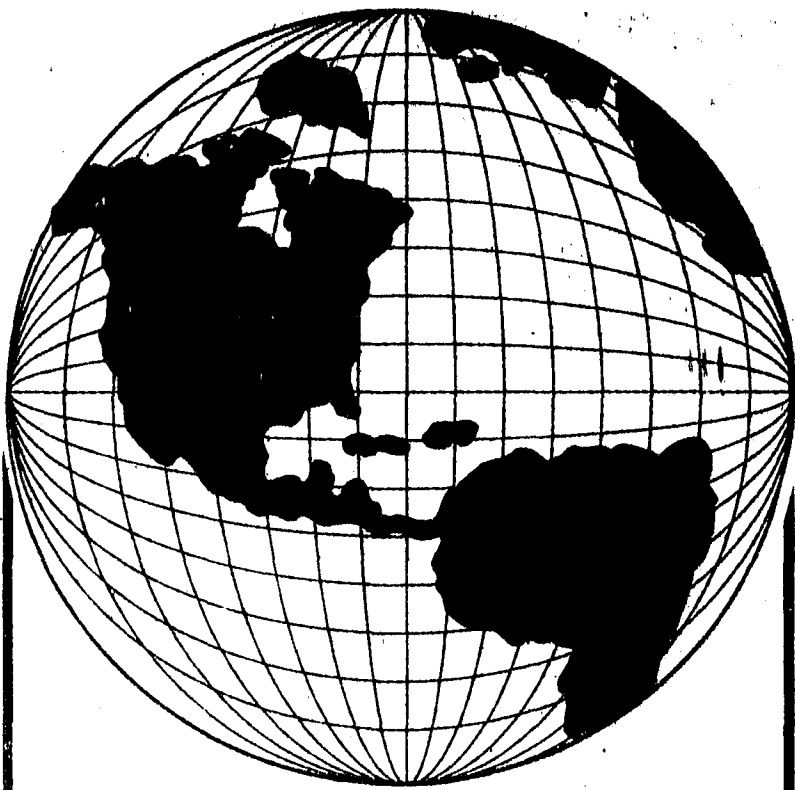
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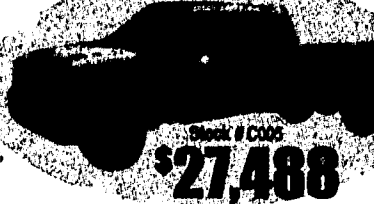
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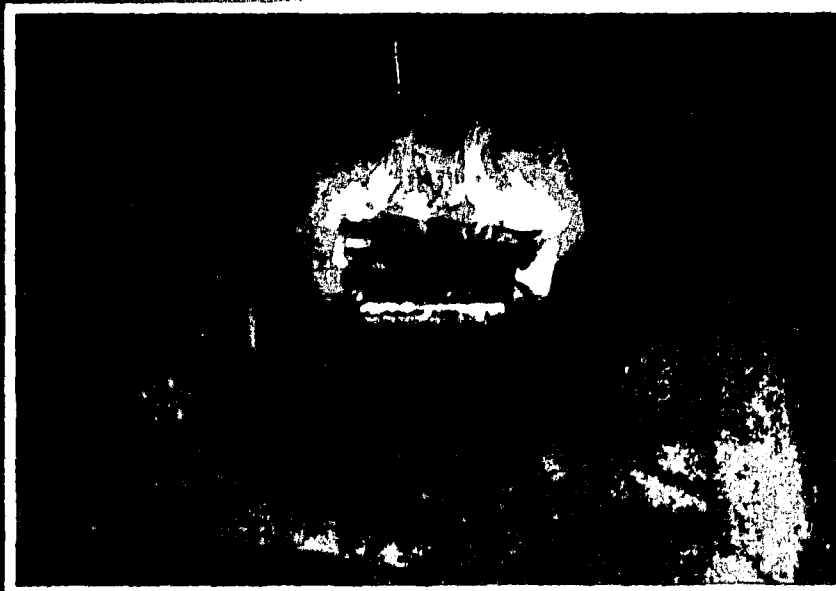
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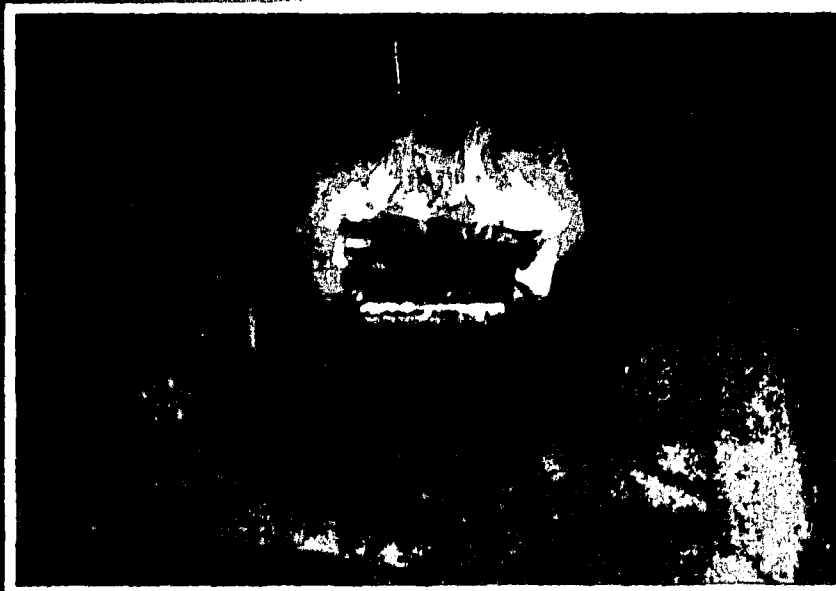
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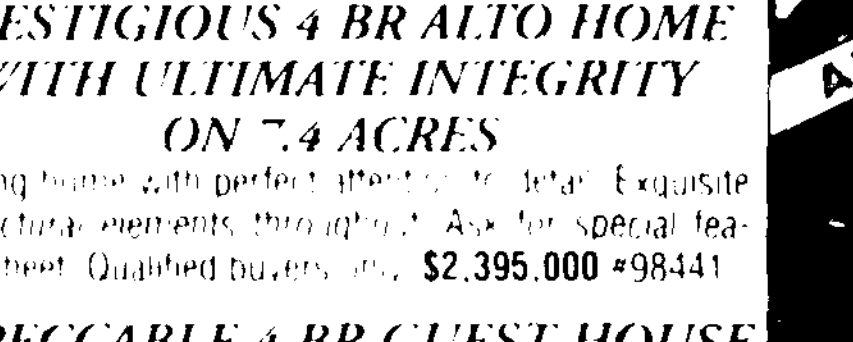
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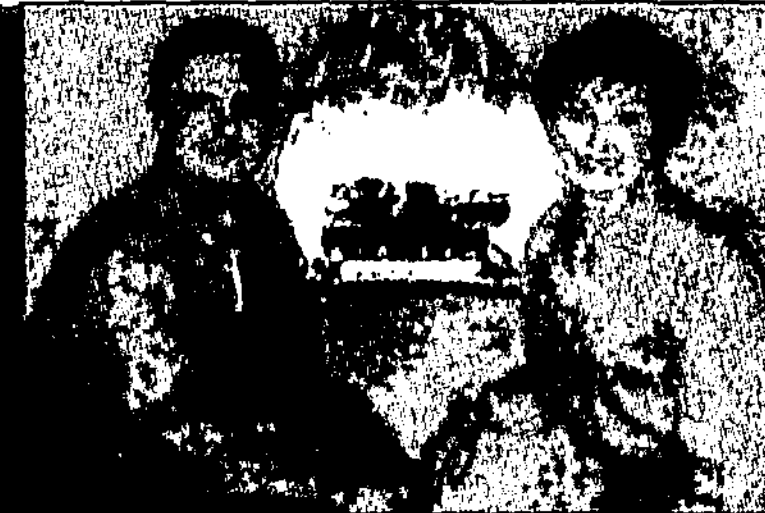
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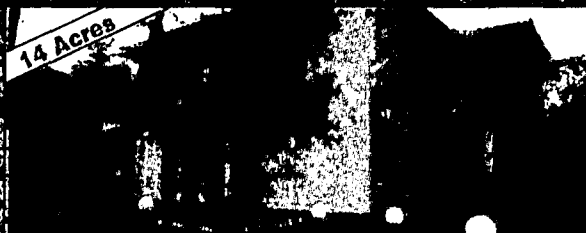
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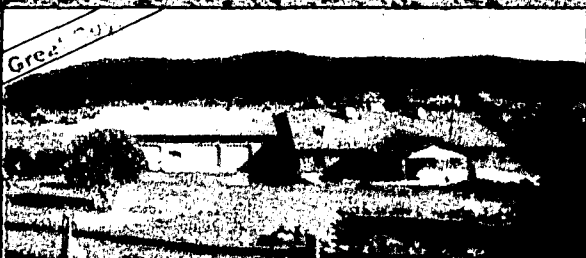
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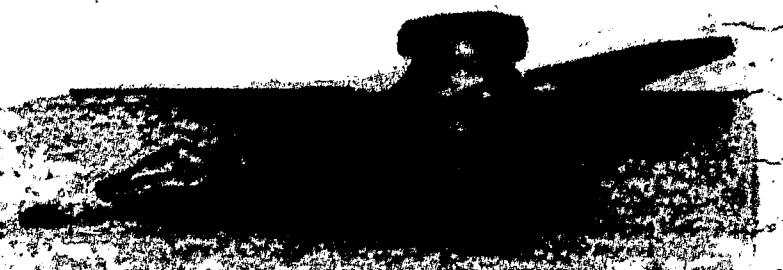
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