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P&Z to La Quinta: Think smaller

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Developers of a proposed La Quinta hotel in Mid-town say they will alter plans to conform to Ruidoso height standards and include other modifications in a new application.

Members of the village Planning and Zoning Commission Tuesday denied an application by Jaysree Inc. for a variance to the village's three-story rule. The developer then withdrew a proposed commercial site development plan and will resubmit later. The denial could be appealed to the village council.

Agent Hemal Patel said the original concept covered a four-story structure, but village planner Darrell Bremner pointed out that three motels built in town within the past

few years and another under construction all conformed to the three-story limit.

In his analysis of the application, Bremner also noted that aesthetics are involved. The site is to be surrounded by mature trees on three sides, but the hotel site on Chase Drive off Sudderth Drive abuts a residential district to the south and one-story residences are on the west side.

One of those residents, Jo Hudson, said she lives in the Chase Townhouses adjacent to the project and she objected to a height variance.

"The character of the neighborhood would be altered with a building this size looming over adjacent properties," she said. "It too big for the lot and space."

She expressed concern over the ability of the local fire department to

handle fire in a taller building with only 10-feet of separation from its neighbors. The hotel also lacks sidewalks for its patrons to access the Mid-town shopping area, she pointed out.

"Shouldn't there be a transition zone," between residences and a high intensity commercial use?" she asked.

Mike Runnels, village deputy manager for planning and development, said Chase is too narrow a street to allow a sidewalk, but he is aware of a similar criticism at the Comfort Inn nearby.

"The other concern of the street department is drainage off the site," he said. "Currently, it is wooded and water has a chance to soak in. This would develop nearly the entire 5,600 square feet between the rooms and parking spaces."

Runoff could impact Chase and Sudderth, he said.

Glen Barrow, chairman of the zoning board, reminded Runnels that the village requires drainage to be retained on site through drainage ponds and other means.

"They cannot increase the historically calculated run-off," Runnels agreed. "From a staff view, this is just too much motel for this site."

Few trees would be left on the lot and the project architect met with village forestry department director Rick Delaco to discuss mitigating that situation, he said.

"There are plenty of other uses for this property and there are downtown sites where this hotel or others could be located," Runnels said. "I think it's in the interests of the village general-

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SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Here's the librarians and administrators gather up some of the books that will be available to the public at the Thanks, Voters book sale in May. From left are Jerry Kistner, Ruidoso Middle School librarian; Mike Talpader, superintendent of schools; Elise Keeton, high school librarian; Phyllis Reed, director of Ruidoso Public Library; and Kathy Ayers, White Mountain Intermediate School library and elementary library supervisor.

BOOK 'EM

Librarians to hold book fair as a thank-you for bond

BY SANDY SUGGITT
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Local librarians will have a "Thanks, Voters" book fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 10 in appreciation to voters for passing the GO Book Bond.

The book sale will be a buy-one, get-one-free fair at the White Mountain gymnasium, and books will be available in many genres for all ages, said

Kathy Ayers, who supervises the elementary school libraries and is the librarian at White Mountain Intermediate school. This includes books for beginning readers, for adults learning to read, classics, reference materials, historical fiction, favorite authors, mystery and adventure, fantasy and books for parents and teachers.

"It's really, truly a miracle that the voters passed this bond,"

Ayers said. "More people are aware that reading and literacy are important."

The book fair is made possible by Scholastic Book Fairs, and Ayers said that in gratitude to the voters, "Nobody is making money off this book fair."

The Ruidoso Municipal School District received \$59,220 for books for the district, and the Ruidoso Public Library received \$44,000, Ayers said.

Ad campaign would fight tourism drop

■ Anticipating fewer visitors due to the war with Iraq, Ruidoso considers more promotion

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Anticipating a possible drop off in tourism connected to the war in Iraq, the head of the village's contractual advertising agency proposed a special television cable advertising campaign aimed at Ruidoso's Texas market.

Laura Doth of Grindstone Graphics asked members of the Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee Thursday for \$18,000 to pay for the off-season push through Texas Cable News.

The board will decide on lodgers tax allocations at a 2:30 p.m. meeting Monday in village hall. The money for this project would come from 2002-2003 funds, because it will be spent during the second week in May through part of June.

Doth said immediately after the war in Iraq started, she received calls from lodging owners saying they were beginning to receive cancellations. Nationally, hotels are reporting a 22 percent drop in reservations and airplane flight occupancy is down, she said.

"This is when our regional market becomes very dear to us," she said, referring to west Texas. "As the troops come home, I hope the trend changes, but we want Ruidoso to have high visibility during the time when people are making plans to travel."

Travel Trends reports that 81 percent of Americans still anticipate trips in late spring and summer, but 48 percent are delaying making their plans, Doth said.

"This will focus on the family," she said of the pro-

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"We want Ruidoso to have high visibility during the time when people are making plans to travel."

Laura Doth
village promoter

Fort board needs applicants

■ Hopefuls will have to convince the governor on their own merits.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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People who want to serve as one of three Lincoln County citizen representatives on the newly approved Fort Stanton Development Commission will have to convince the governor on their own.

Following the advice of county manager Tom Stewart, county commissioners Tuesday decided not to

endorse any of the applicants for the appointed positions.

"We've been inundated with names," Stewart said.

The board, which was created to guide the development and preservation of the 1855 fort northeast of Ruidoso, will consist of seven members, including the county commission chairman or designee, the mayor of Ruidoso or designee, the Secretary of the state Office of Cultural Affairs or designee and the state historic preservation officer or designee. The other three will be citizens appointed by Gov. Bill Richardson.

Application forms are avail-

able at the county commission office in Carrizozo or from the governor's office in Santa Fe.

"There's no time limit, but the law goes into effect July 1," Stewart pointed out "They (applicants) probably need to run on their own merit."

Nisha Hoffman of Fort Stanton Inc. submitted 12 names to consider. The list included long-time fort booster Trink Edmunds, Fort Stanton inc. president Tony Hoffman, soil conservationist and historian Hollis Fuchs, rancher Sid Goodloe, educator Cynthia Orozco and County Probate Judge and rancher Stirling Spencer.

MOON OVER RUIDOSO



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

A full moon floats over Sierra Blanca at sunrise.

HOTEL: Developers making new plan

FROM PAGE 1A

ly to encourage rental rooms in the downtown area. I think it's healthy for the merchants and restaurants and takes traffic off our streets. But this is too intense for the site and the variance should be denied."

The decision to deny on a motion by member Tim Hoyt passed unanimously. Hoyt said firefighting limitations from

low water pressure also worried him. Fire Chief Virgil Reynolds pointed out that the structure would need to incorporate a sprinkler system, and that could require installing a pump to boost pressure. More hydrants would be needed and plans must include adequate height at the entrance for emergency access.

"If numerous structures are approved for building (at the four-story height),

the apparatus currently in service with the Ruidoso Fire Department would not be adequate," he wrote to the zoning board.

"At this time there is only one aerial ladder unit able to access a three-story structure. If there were ever an evacuation of a multistory structure with multiple residential or commercial units, this apparatus would not be sufficient to safety complete the job."

CAMPAIGN: Seeking tourism, not terrorism

FROM PAGE 1A

posed one-month campaign. The host of a morning program would visit Ruidoso, shooting footage to promote the give-away of a trip to the village.

"We provide the hotels and they provide the airlines," she said. The promotion may hype the selection of Ginny Vigil of The Ellis Store and Country Inn in the settlement of Lincoln as New Mexico's Best Chef of the year, she said. The people who win the trip would be interviewed by the station when they return home, she said.

"All trends show visitors prefer driving right now," Doth said. "We're strong there anyway and this allows us to do more."

Committee member Steve Tally said the campaign would be an excellent use of the money.

Committee Chairman Scott Goeller said Doth's timing is perfect and she's "doing a bang-up job" promoting the village.

Doth said because Ruidoso is a small town, she receives many calls from people keeping her in touch with what's happening.

If the committee opts to approve less

money, the campaign could be cut down to three weeks. She doesn't have enough uncommitted money left in her budget this late in the fiscal year to cover the expense, Doth said.

Committee member Frank Sayner questioned if any expenditure would be effective in generating more visits to Ruidoso during the slow time in May and early June.

Mid-town business owner and committee member Frank Potter said he thinks the campaign will do some good.

"We need a shot about an \$18,000 shot," he said.

County, station struggle with interference issue

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A local FM station was off the air this week. County officials say the black out is linked to the station's interference with emergency services communications. The station manager says an antenna was damaged by the wind.

KNMB, FM 96.7 is licensed in Cloudercroft, but is heard in Ruidoso and maintains offices here. Writing on April 9 to Ken Letcher with White Mountain Communications, the owner of the tower, Lincoln County manager Tom Stewart said the continued operation of the station "causes significant degradation to public safety and emergency services."

"You are hereby advised of the significant liabilities that you are assuming for continued operation. If the interference cannot be cleared immediately, I request that you cease operations on this frequency."

Although he requested that representatives appear at the commission meeting Tuesday, no one turned up for the item on the agenda.

"It should not be on the air today," Stewart said Thursday. "It's been almost a month and that's long enough to wait for a correction."

The manager told county commissioners that experts

were at the transmitting tower on Buck Mountain Monday trying to fix the problem, but it wasn't resolved. "So I asked that they close the station down."

John Norlander with Key Communications, the Roswell firm that handles the county's radios, said he spent two or three hours on the mountain Monday with station representatives trying to locate the source of the problem.

"They are running at full power a 10,000 watt transmitter," he said. "Your repeater on Buck Mountain is rated 100 watts max."

But at this point, he thinks the problem is either a frequency issue or an antennae problem.

"They're running 30 watts into their antenna today (Tuesday) and it's still causing interference with everybody on the mountain," Norlander said. "It's not just the county's equipment. There is an issue and it does need to be addressed. As to what it will

take to fix it, they're going to have to figure that out unless they want to pay me and they don't want to do that."

Commission Chairman Rex Wilson said the county faces a basic public safety, health and welfare issue.

Stewart said the transmitter for the station is to be shut down until the problem is solved.

Tim Keithley, general manager of AM station KRUT and a spokesman for KNMB, said the station was licensed for the tower on Buck Mountain and station officials are trying to cooperate with the county.

"We have told the county and everyone on that site that we will work with them and do whatever we can to make sure we don't interfere with anyone else's signal," he said. "We have been working with the county and Key Communications to fix any interference problems that we may be causing. There is all sorts of radio stuff up there. We're being a good neigh-

Mills benefit is April 26

A benefit raffle and dance for Sashay Mills, the 15-year-old Ruidosoan with a rare type of cancer, will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 26 at the Elks Lodge on Highway 70.

Music will be provided for

the dance at 8 p.m. by Ray Pack Band. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. All proceeds will go to Sashay Mills and her family. For more information, call Ray or Melva Pack at 258-2641 or 258-2422.

Poker run to help Nunnally

A poker run to benefit Skylar Nunnally, son of the late Greg Nunnally, is set for April 26.

Registration starts at 11 a.m. at the Quarters in Ruidoso. All bikes and cars are

welcome. The last hand will be out at 12:30 p.m. and hands are due by 3 p.m.

Other events include hot dog and beer specials, a silent auction, as well as music from the Thieves of Blues Band.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Rotary dinner

The Ruidoso Rotary Club will have its annual enchilada dinner Tuesday, April 22, from 4:30 to 8 p.m. The event, which will take place at Ruidoso High School, will help fund scholarships for local high school students. \$1 of each ticket will go to help eradicate polio by 2005. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3 for children, and are available from

Rotary members at the door.

Blasting Tuesday

The contractor widening U.S. 70 west of Ruidoso plans to blast some rock at Mile Post 257 about 1 p.m. Tuesday.

J.R. Hale Contracting Company will close the highway to traffic at 1 p.m. and reopen the road at 3 p.m. For more information, call (505) 257-8432.

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Rosalia makes her home in Las Cruces with her daughter Jane Chavez Adams and her spouse. Rosalia married Jacobo Chavez September 8, 1937 in Carrizozo. Together they raised 19 children: #1 Jake Chavez of Reno, Nevada; #2 Cecilia Morton of San Jose, California; #3 Natalia Herrera, Dec 1, 1931 Nov 6, 1995; #4 Juan Ernesto Chavez Oct. 30 1933 May 18, 1996; #5 Juanita Jane Adams of Las Cruces; #6 Placido Jesus Chavez of Georgia; #7 Termin Max Chavez April 24, 1942 Sept. 1, 1975; #8 Mabel Chavez 1913-1915; #9 Robert Raymond Chavez of Norwalk, California. Rosalia has 29 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren. *Pictured are: Rosalia Chavez daughter Jane Adams, granddaughter Sandra Gent, her great granddaughter Jane K. Gent, and great great granddaughter Rebecca Dominguez Gent.*

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257-2081



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Ministry Performance
10:45 AM

608 Harris in the Downs
378-8464



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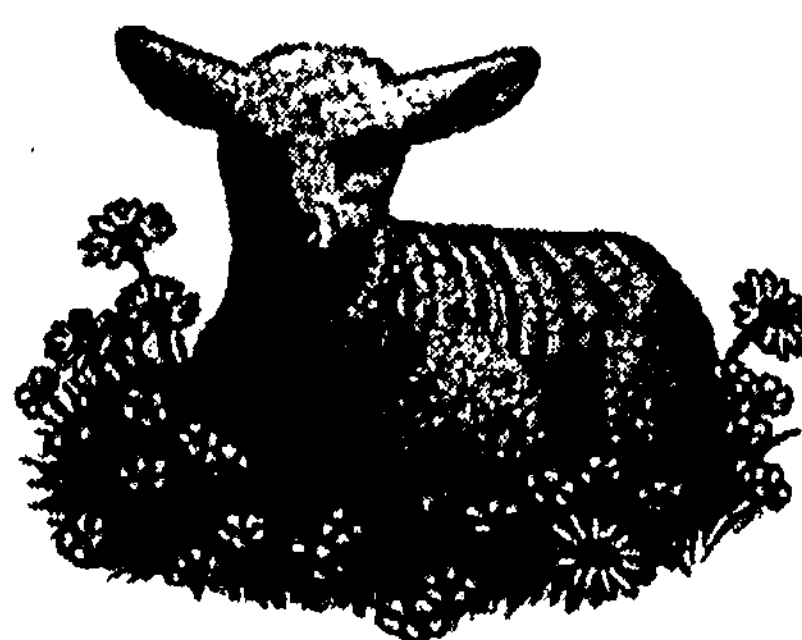
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OUR OPINION

What if Gov. Richardson had carried the county?

\$1.7 million represents \$660 for every vote he received

No question about it, Gov. Bill Richardson knows how to keep promises, whether he carried Lincoln County or not in the general election — which he didn't.

The governor has signed off on some \$1.7 million for capital outlay projects in Lincoln County, a substantial amount, considering he got just 2,575 votes to Republican John Sanchez's 3,303 votes in last November's general election. That comes to a \$660 return to the county for each of his votes.

And \$400,000 of it was by the governor's own doing for renovation of Carrizozo's falling-down town hall. Another bill added \$20,000 to the kitty.

The bounty also can be credited, we suspect, to recent redistricting of the House and approaching redistricting of the Senate. Three representatives looking to future elections have triple the clout of one, even if that one is our own Dub Williams.

Every community government in the county has something to be glad about in that list, whether it's for a multi-purpose field for the Hondo Valley Schools, replacement of water lines in Ruidoso Downs, multiple projects at the home-grown Capitan Public Library — including an addition — or a new main fire station and emergency command center in Ruidoso.

The governor said, "During last year's campaign, I promised the people of Lincoln County that if elected I wouldn't forget their support." He said the state's capital outlay process is flawed, but the projects create thousands of jobs across the state.

But, lest we get too carried away, remember that Bill Richardson is probably the sharpest politician ever to flower in New Mexico. Maybe he really, truly is going to seek re-election in four years — and is scattering a few seeds in advance.

Letters aren't the only way to make your point

We get letters, oh...do we get letters. And we love 'em, but periodically it seems necessary to explain something about them.

Letters to the editor remain an enduring part of newspaper publishing, because they unequivocally give readers a chance to express their own viewpoint about their community, their life, the society we live in...

The ground rules for letter publication are printed in every edition on this page, but as with any rules, no list can cover every eventuality.

To review the key "don'ts": We don't knowingly print falsehoods. We don't publish letters that aren't signed. We don't print addresses, with rare exceptions, but we do print the hometowns of the writers. We don't permit the use of pseudonyms or first names only, because we believe a writer should stand behind his or her statement...that they shouldn't try to hide their identities.

It has happened, on occasion, that the content of an unpublished letter has become the springboard that leads to a substantial news story. In that context the newspaper welcomes any letter — signed or not — but with no promise to publish.

Almost every newspaper has as part of its mission the duty of "government watcher." That role, in fact, is very nearly mandated in the First Amendment of

the Constitution; it is one small edge that the public has in dealing with the overwhelming power of government.

(No wonder, then, that between government and press there always will be an adversarial relationship.)

The flip side of that coin, however, is that the press in turn should not abuse its power. That is why we don't accept for publication letters attacking individuals or private businesses.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Easter: Symbol of the ultimate act of love for man

BY JULIAN WELLS
HOLIDAY COMMENTATOR

We all know that Easter is just around the corner as we see the thousands of beautiful Easter eggs and chocolate bunnies in all the stores. I can still remember the Easter egg hunts we shared when I was a small child. What a joy they were; even today they bring back warm memories.

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

Through Jesus' resurrection, He showed the world the truth of the reviving, restoring power of God's spirit within. As we approach Easter this year, let us put our thoughts on the true meaning that Easter represents — God's love

for us. If we are to understand anything about the love of God, we must begin at the end of the earthly life of Jesus, at the Cross.

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

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

"Gave his only begotten Son." This was not only the greatest act of love, but the greatest act of forgiveness, yes forgiveness for you and me. How far are we willing to go in our forgiveness for one another? I'm sure the need is great for this forgiveness for most of us, I know

mine is.

There are many Faiths that do not share this event as we of the Christian do, but it is hoped that those of whatever belief can see and feel the joy from the sacrifice of this most remarkable man made by giving up His... for us all. No act of love could be greater. Let us carry this symbol of love in our hearts as we enjoy and share our lives together today and the days an years ahead. And may we especially remember those who gave their lives for the freedom we share today.

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

Julian Wells has provided holiday essays on this page for a number of years.

YOUR OPINION

Good care from LCMC

To the editor:

I have seen several letters in your newspaper recently from people who have been treated on an emergency basis in the Lincoln County Medical Center. They were all very happy with the care that they had there. I would like to add my two cents to those stories.

My wife and I have owned a home in Ruidoso since 1966, so that makes us taxpayers. ... On New Year's Day this year we were taking a walk, and my wife slipped on some ice, fell down and broke her left wrist in two places. The doctors described it as serious.

I took her to the LCMC emergency room at about 2:30 in the afternoon. We were about the fifth or sixth in line and were checked in by none other than

Mayor (Leon) Eggleston. When we worked our way into the emergency room, the physician's assistant diagnosed my wife's ailment very quickly and put in a call for an orthopedist, Dr. Richard Bergsrud, who came immediately. Since X-rays were also required, the PA called the X-ray technician, who also showed up on what was a vacation day to her.

All this expert treatment resulted in our being released after the wrist was put into a cast and further X-rays were made. Dr. Bergsrud was very careful to explain how cautious my wife needed to be and that she should report to our orthopedist in Midland when we returned, which was the next day.

Our Midland orthopedist was very complimentary of the treatment my wife had received in Ruidoso, and he,

like Dr. Bergsrud, explained that there was a possibility that the wrist might require an operation to properly realign it. However, with the professional treatment we had received at the LCMC, this has not been necessary, thank goodness. We will always be grateful for the people who were working on New Year's Day and gave her such professional treatment.

I also notice in the Ruidoso News that Commissioner Leo Martinez has some problems with the management of the LCMC. With all due respect to Commissioner Martinez, whom I view as an intelligent person, I am among the people who disagree with him on this issue. Mr. Martinez has referred to himself as a businessman, and I am sure that he has learned a long time ago that, as a manager of a business, the management principle, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

I think when a person is ill or has a physical problem they are looking for the best medical assistance they can get. If you have heart trouble, you don't go to a urologist. Good medical treatment is not cheap, and in seeking a good medical treatment the lowest tax rate is not a factor.

Jack Walcher
Midland, Texas

Love it or leave it

To the editor:

From the time our colonist ancestors declared their independence from England to the end of the Viet Nam war was 190 years. During that time, we had 45 years of war. This figures out to be 23 percent of the time. An average of one war and 3.5 years of peace. Compared to the first 190, the last 30 years have been a time of peace and tranquility.

During this first 190 years, we fought ... England twice. We have fought Germany twice. We have fought our

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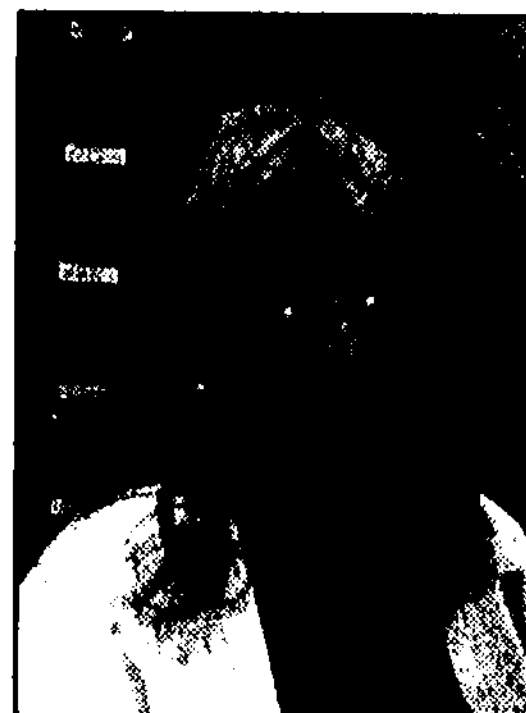
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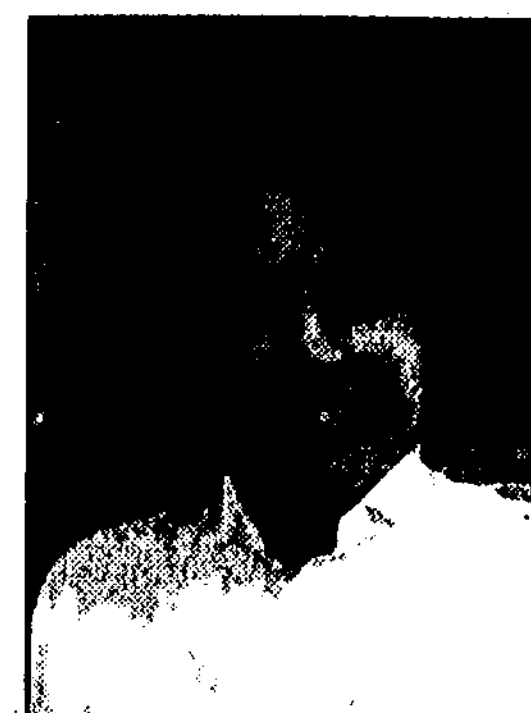
"I'll give it three years. I'm being very, very optimistic."

Rita McCaslin
Ruidoso



"(Laughs) If it's done in six months I'd be surprised."

Cynthia Thompson
Ruidoso



"Never — it's going to be ongoing."

Terry Anderson
Ruidoso

SANDY SUBGITT/STAFF

P&Z gets strict concerning river health

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The tenuous health of the Ruidoso River may rule out future industrial uses of land along its shores, even in sections where heavy industry already exists.

Applicant Tommy White, represented by agent Wyatt A. Sparks, asked the village Planning and Zoning Commission for a zone map amendment from commercial to industrial. He also wanted approval of a site plan for the 5.6-acre property near an existing road paving business and the village's street department yard on Close Drive off Gavilan Canyon Drive.

Both items were tabled.

Mike Runnels said the

rules of the game have changed since the village is in negotiation with the state Environment Department to improve the condition of the river. If lower phosphorous standards are not met, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs may have to cough up \$21 million to expand and improve the regional wastewater treatment plant they share. The plant discharges into the river and complaints are numerous downstream about nuisance algae growth.

Mike Runnels, deputy manager for planning and development, pointed out that the land is proposed for a concrete plant, warehouse, outdoor landscape material storage area, aggregate stockpile area and shop building — all

allowed within an industrial district.

But the property falls within the flood plain, he said.

"We're really under the gun in terms of what happens to that river and the way to provide the greatest protection," Runnels said.

Zoning board attorney Charles Rennick proposed a rezoning to an Industrial Planned Unit Development to allow the board more control over what occurs on the land. If simple industrial rezoning was granted, any use under that category would be legal, he said.

"We've been put on notice that suspended solids contribute to the phosphorous levels in the river and that's a concern to this community, to Ruidoso Downs, to the water quality bureau of the state ED and everyone else downstream," Runnels said.

"It's not something we can continue to ignore in our plan-

ning and zoning decisions. It's easier to prevent damage to the river than to repair it."

Rennick said the board doesn't have enough information to rezone the property to industrial use, which is the most intense usage classification in the village code.

"It's in the flood plain and immediately adjacent to the river," he said.

He asked for the issues to be tabled, "pending consultation with the environment department and Design Workshop as to whether it fits with the long-range planning."

If it does fit, an IPUD would give commissioners more flexibility and involvement than rezoning and a straight construction permit, Rennick said.

Rabies clinic April 26

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Local veterinarians will be participating in a series of rabies vaccination clinics on April 26 throughout Lincoln County at community fire stations.

The rabies shot will cost \$6 an animal. Other vaccinations will be available at reduced prices. The schedule is:

- In Ruidoso from 10 a.m. to noon at the White Mountain Drive Fire Station and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the fire station near the municipal tennis courts in School House Park
- In Ruidoso Downs from 10 a.m. to noon at the station in All American Park off U.S.

70 and from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Ruidoso Downs Fire Station across from city hall

- In Capitan from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Capitan Fire Station

- In Lincoln, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Fire Station

- In Hondo, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the old Hondo Post Office

- In Carrizozo, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Carrizozo Fire Station

- In Corona, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the Corona Fire Station.

Annual rabies vaccinations are required by state, municipal and county laws.

LETTER: Appreciating America

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selves, Mexico, Spain, Japan, North Korea and North Vietnam one time each. Also, we have fought a large assortment of our enemy's allies.

Now I ask you to join me in thanking our citizens for the great sacrifices they have made for us during our first 190 years of history.

But if you are one who thinks that America is such a terrible, racist, SUV-driving, paper-manufacturing, public-land-utilizing, mineral-prospecting, wolf-killing, war-mongering nation like some people do, you do have the

right, in America, to protest.

But I say stop to think. Think about what would have happened to citizens of the ex-Saddam Hussein regime if they would have made a protest against him. Worse yet, what if the protesters had been female? I say thank God for our present military and veterans and thank God for America.

If you disagree with these sentiments, please be aware that one-way tickets to your opinion of a better nation are available. We will all thank you for utilizing them.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

PrimeSource moves

PrimeSource Mortgage, has announced its new location in Ruidoso, 425 Mechem. The company's new phone number is 257-2339 and its fax number is 257-4339.

Phone cost assistance

Low-income New Mexico residents can participate in the Federal Communication Commission's Basic Lifeline and Link-Up programs through Valor Telecom.

The Basic Lifeline program is designed to make basic home telephone service affordable to everyone in the community and provides low-income residents with a monthly credit up to \$14 for basic local, residential, single-party, primary line phone service.

The Basic Link-Up program intends to provide reduced cost on service installation, offering a \$30 discount to low-income individuals on the cost of resi-

dential local service connection charges.

To learn more or for an application form, call (877) 520-5220.

Business awards

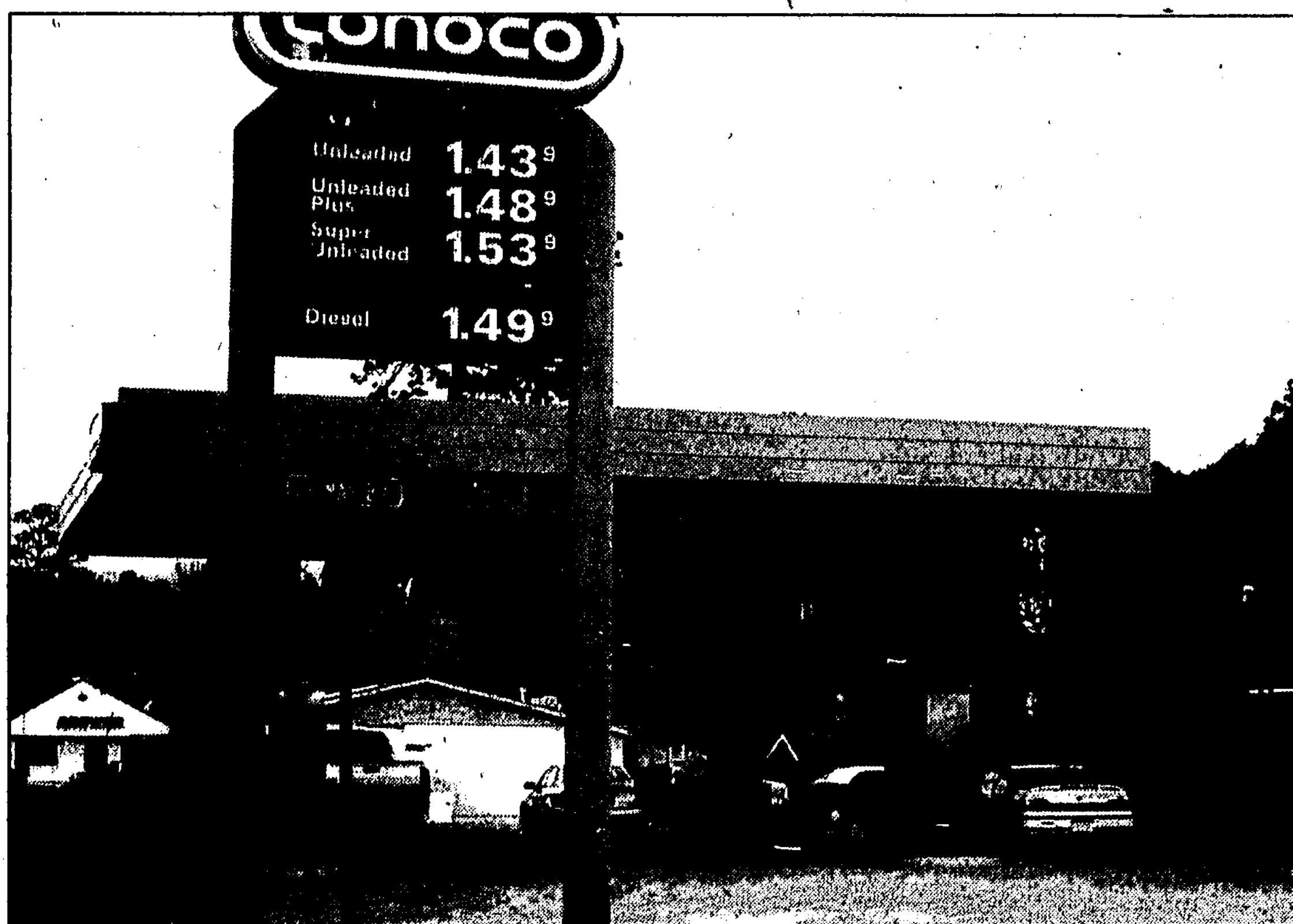
The New Mexico Small Business Administration has set up an awards luncheon to be held Friday, April 25, to be held in Albuquerque.

U.S. Rep. Tom Udall is the scheduled keynote speaker for the event. For more information, call (505) 346-7909.

Electric co-op gets aid

Otero County Electric Cooperative Inc. has been awarded a \$13 million U.S. Department of Agriculture loan to update its system and expand service to 2,200 new customers, according to a press release.

The cooperative provides electric service in Chaves, Lincoln, Otero and Socorro counties.



WES SCHWENGELS/STAFF

While gas prices have been on the decline recently, they're still up an average of 20 cents statewide from a year ago at this time, according to AAA.

The Economy and the Markets

Economic concerns remain

BY DR. SUNG WON SOHN
WELLS FARGO & CO.

As the war comes to an end, the economic outlook should improve and geopolitical tensions should ease, but problems remain. Structural economic issues will continue to play havoc with the economy.

The 1991 experience showed us that a pop in consumer confidence does not last unless economic fundamentals support it.



Sohn

With a capacity utilization rate of 75 percent, excess capacity abounds. Increases in demand, not the end of the war, will lead to additional capital spending and employment.

Consumer debt burden is still at lofty levels. Delinquency rates could jump if interest rates rise and the economy remains weak. The value of the dollar has depreciated, but the current account deficit or the nation's negative cash flows are running at the rate of \$1.5 billion per day. Dollar depreciation eventually helps exports, but discourages foreign investments in U.S. financial assets.

Geopolitical concerns have not gone away. Winning a military victory and keeping the peace are not the same. David Haverstan, a well known war correspondent, says, "We may have punched through a hornet's nest. Terrorism could come with a delayed fuse." North Korea may be a tougher problem to tackle since a military option is not a good one.

Seoul, the capital city of South Korea, with a population of 12 million, is only 30 miles away from the DMZ. The rogue state only needs conventional artillery, not fancy weapons, to create pandemonium in the city. Most likely, North Korea has nuclear weapons. The bottom line is that the economy still is not sturdy and the world is an uncertain and scary place to be. Don't expect an economic boom soon.

Bonds: How fast will interest rates rise?

Investors are increasing credit exposure, reducing duration and slashing cash

reserves. The 10-year Treasury yield, which hit 3.58 percent on March 11, is headed up. The primary reason for the increase in yields is reduced fear and uncertainty. As the economy improves and the central bank begins to mop up excess liquidity, Treasury yields will rise faster.

At the FOMC meeting on May 6, the Federal Reserve will stand pat instead of a cut. The central bank will want to see how the war affects the economy by examining economic numbers released after the war. A cut could do more harm than good. People living on fixed incomes are suffering. A cut could raise the risk premium in the credit markets, increasing the cost of borrowing for lower-rated borrowers.

Also, it could send the message that the U.S. is following the footsteps of deflation-plagued Japan. However, economic uncertainties and low inflation mean that chairman Greenspan is in no hurry to raise the interest rate.

Stocks: Winning

Sectors After War

The pop in stocks occurred even before the bombs started falling. However, an impressive military victory alone is not sufficient to sustain a rally. Improved earnings expectations are needed. Pre-announcements for first quarter earnings have not been encouraging.

There have been three negatives for every positive. Historically, though, heavy negative pre-announcements tend to lead to pleasant surprises later. First Call estimates first quarter earnings at about 10 percent over a year ago. Excluding energy, the number is only about 4 percent.

However, the outlook for stocks has improved. From the March 11 low, economically sensitive sectors including consumer discretionary, financials and industrials have been star performers while defensive areas such as utilities, health-care, consumer staples etc. have not fared as well.

Historically, falling energy prices tend to help consumer-related sectors. However, consumers are tapped out and have little pent-up demand. If the economic baton passes to business spending, industrial sectors should benefit.

Car costs up from a year ago

■ Fuel and insurance price increases are the major contributors, according to AAA.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The average cost of driving a new car in 2003 increased 1.5 cents per mile from a year ago to an estimated 51.7 cents per mile.

The jump was the most significant since 2000, when driving costs increased 2.1 cents per mile to 49.1 cents, according to the annual "Your Driving Costs" study put out by AAA.

Most of this year's increase is tied to higher fuel and insurance costs, said officials with AAA. The organization's esti-

mate of annual automobile expenses is considerably higher than the 36 cents per mile allowed by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

The annual study reports that motorists who drive 15,000 miles this year will spend an average of \$7,754 on auto-related expenses, up \$221 since last year. In 1993, the annual driving cost was estimated at \$55,804 per year or 38.7 cents per mile.

Operating costs such as gas, oil, maintenance and tires, increased 1.3 cents per mile to 13.1 cents because of higher gas prices. Ownership costs increased 7 cents per day from \$15.79 to \$15.86 because of higher insurance costs, according to the AAA officials.

AAA's cost figures are based on a com-

posite national average of three domestically-built 2003 cars, a subcompact Chevrolet Cavalier LS, a mid-size Ford Taurus SFL Deluxe and a full-size Mercury Grand Marquis LS. The costs are calculated on a four-year 60,000 mile ownership period.

Other study results include that the cost of driving sports utility vehicles and vans increased. AAA officials estimated the cost of driving a 2003 Chevrolet TrailBlazer is 56.1 cents per miles, up 2.3 cents from last year and the costs for a Dodge Caravan SE are 50.3 cents per mile, up 1.2 cents from last year.

A pamphlet, "Your Driving Costs," is available through all AAA offices in Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Santa Fe and El Paso, Texas.

Realtors are pleased with subdivision bills

The Realtor Association of New Mexico experienced unusually strong success in helping to get a pair of real estate-related bills passed during the state's legislative session, which ended March 22, says the association's legislative chair, Jim Maddox.

The association supported the successful passage of two bills related to subdivisions.

The first subdivision bill clarifies that a jurisdiction's comprehensive plan must have clear goals and objectives, and that a jurisdiction without such a plan can't

impose restrictions that are more restrictive than those in the state's subdivision act. Maddox says the bill will keep small municipalities from arbitrarily imposing restrictions on new developments.

The second bill prohibits jurisdictions from bundling contiguous lots with separate deeds, owned by the same owner.

This will keep jurisdictions from applying the state's subdivision act, which requires owners to follow development rules for larger lots, to their set of small properties.

Record-low mortgage rates help banks increase earnings

Fifth Third Bancorp, Wells Fargo & Co., Bank One Corp., and other leading national banks saw earnings rise in the first quarter as consumers took advantage of record-low interest rates to obtain mortgages and other consumer loans.

Mortgage Bankers Association of America research and economics vice president Jay Brinkmann reports that refinancings reached an all-time quarterly high of \$537 billion in the January-through-March

period.

Though credit card issuers are suffering as consumers use cash-out refinances to pay down their other debts, Standard & Poor's analyst Stephen Biggar says banks are benefiting from lower loan risks because consumers aren't as likely to default.

The earnings reports released by banks earlier this week anticipate higher interest rates by the year's end; and Fifth Third, for one, expects a decline in mortgage banking revenues to follow such a rise.

Focus on Agriculture

Death taxes not just a problem for the rich

BY LYNNE FINNERTY
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The same ole foes of repealing the death tax have trumped up the same ole excuses for keeping it on the books.

Only the very wealthy pay the death tax, they say, and why should the richest Americans get a tax break? Try telling that to Neil Westfall. His great aunt left the family ranch, valued at about \$900,000, to him, his brother and their father. It took them the next 15 years to pay estate taxes of \$750,000. That's money that they could have reinvested in the ranch. Instead, they had to tighten their belts and pay it to Uncle Sam. I'm sure Neil doesn't think he is wealthy.

Actually, it isn't the super-wealthy who must fear the

death tax. They have enough cash to pay it. It's people who have worked hard to accumulate a few assets, but aren't rich by any means, who take it on the chin when a family member dies.

Critics of the repeal effort also say that eliminating the estate tax will bring a decrease in charitable donations, since some people use such donations to lower their tax burdens. However, some experts say that the more money people have, the more they feel like giving away—simple as that. People aren't so selfish that it takes a tax loophole to force them to help others.

In fact, contributions to foundations and charities could go up once the death tax is fully repealed because people will have more money to give to the causes they care

about, instead of having to turn it over to the government.

Some say full repeal isn't needed — just exempt farmers from the estate tax. Let the Buffetts, Rockefellers and Gateses continue to pay, they say. But that would only increase the complexity of the tax code. Plus, farmers would have to plan for the specter that members of Congress could scrap the exemption whenever they feel like it. The cloud of death taxes would continue to hover over thousands of farm families, and potentially hit them at one of the hardest times any family will face—the loss of a loved one.

"I feel that estate taxes put a terrible burden on families, in a time of already existing strife, and should be ceased," says Sarah Bedgar, a student and part of the fifth generation

to grow up on her family's farm in Baltimore County, Md. When her great uncle died, the family had to sell a quarter of their land to pay estate taxes. Now there's less land on which to raise livestock and produce crops that will support Sarah's grandparents, two uncles and their families, two great uncles and a great aunt. For that reason, Sarah has given up her dream of someday raising a family of her own there.

Some say the death tax affects only 2 percent of Americans. That's little consolation to the Neils and Sarahs and thousands of other farm families. The death tax has affected them 100 percent.

Lynne Finnerty is the editor of Farm Bureau News for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The more the merrier for village committee

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

With more than 35 members and counting, the size of the advisory board for Ruidoso's new comprehensive plan dwarfs any other appointed village committee.

But Mike Runnels, deputy director of village planning and development, said that's just fine. He welcomes even more members. Community involvement is a must to ensure support for the plan and that the results reflect what residents and business owners want to see for the future of the village, he said Wednesday.

As work progresses, subcommittees will form to deal with particular areas of the plan, Runnels said.

The first meeting of the committee is set for 9:30 a.m., May 3, at the Cree Meadows Country Club. That afternoon, an intensive training session is scheduled for those who want to be heavily involved in the process, he said.

Runnels reported to village councilors Tuesday that the contract with Design Workshop based in Denver was signed. Firm experts on transportation, infrastructure and environmental issues planned to meet Thursday with the smaller comp plan steering committee.

People appointed by Mayor Leon Eggleston to the larger advisory committee



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Representatives of Design Workshop confer with Ruidoso emergency manager Thomas Chavez, left, and deputy manager for planning and development Mike Runnels, right, after the first meeting on the village's comprehensive plan. Faith Okuma, one of the principals with the firm, conducted the meeting and Greg Witherspoon will act as project manager.

include village manager Lorri McKnight, Debbie Haines of Zia Natural Gas, village forestry department director Rick Delaco, tourism association head Jules Videau, School Board Member Susan Lutterman, John and Joan Zagone, village emergency

manager Thomas Chavez, business owner Stan Cape, Village Councilor Deborah Marcum-Byars, business owner Herb Brunell, surveyor Tim Collins and business owner and economic development proponent Sherry Barrow.

Commission: Metal buildings must go

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Tired of being asked to approve variances for metal buildings after they are built without permits and in violation of village rules, Glen Barrow, chairman of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission drew the line Tuesday.

He offered a successful motion to deny a variance to allow a metal building to remain on a lot although it was built without a permit, violates a ban against metal structures and fails to meet the minimum lot setback requirements.

"This is a blatant and flagrant misuse of the lot and ordinances of the village," Barrow said.

George Heileman, agent for owner Don Rierson, said the building was put up three

years ago, but wasn't red-tagged in January. He indicated his client may have been confused about the lot lines and what portion of the property fell within Ruidoso and within Ruidoso Downs, where he built a mini-storage complex.

Barrow said even if Rierson thought the property was in Ruidoso Downs, the state requires building permits and so does that city.

"Can we ask that it be torn down?" he queried.

Zoning commission attorney Charles Rennick said the board can deny the variance and then village code enforcement or legal department will follow through with the proper enforcement.

Heileman said without the variance, no need existed for an amended commercial site development plan for the prop-

erty and withdrew that associated application.

Rierson applied for a variance to allow the building to remain four feet east of the lot line when the standard setback is 10 feet.

Village planner Darrell Bremner noted in his report that had Rierson applied for a permit, he would have been required to survey the property and would have realized the setback problem, and would

have been told metal siding is not allowed in the village. Commission policy is that all sides of a metal building must have non-metal facade. The addition is oversized for the .21-acre lot, he wrote.

Zoning commission members have complained for months about the number of owners who erect metal buildings, such as carports, without permits and then want variances to allow them to remain.

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Garcia to return home

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Daniel B. "Billy" Garcia, 25, of Ruidoso, shot in the back March 23, will return from the hospital in Lubbock, Texas, today. A welcome-home party for him will be at lunch time on Monday at Alto Cafe.

"We're inviting all his friends and family to visit with him," said his father, Danny Garcia.

"He's doing good, his spirits are fine. He's a strong young fellow, but they hurt him pretty badly. Doctors say it's a nonrecoverable injury ... It's going to take a lot of prayers and hard work to get him back to where he was."

A .38-caliber slug lodged in his spine during a shooting incident about 4:35 a.m. March 23 in the 400 block of Reservoir Street in Ruidoso Downs. The victim was airlifted to Lubbock. Aloysius J. Sanchez, 20, of Roswell, was charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, shooting in an occupied dwelling and tampering with evidence. Brian P. Meyers, 29, also of Roswell, was charged with tampering with evidence.

An account at Wells Fargo Bank was set up in the name of Daniel B. "Billy" Garcia for donations to help with the hospital bills.



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'Zozo gets town hall funds

BY JULIE CARTER

FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Last week the District 6 meetings in Tularosa, Carrizozo officials were notified of the funds they would receive for City Hall renovations.

From the state general fund, \$400,000 will be dispersed for repair and replacement as needed. Renovation and equipment funds totaling another \$20,000 will come from the Senate Special Appropriations fund.

Leann Weibrecht, Town Clerk Treasurer, believes the grant agreement will be available

for signatures sometime in May. After the city and state have signed the agreement, Carrizozo will be free to solicit contractor bids. Actual funds will not be released until the new fiscal year, July 1, 2003.

According to trustee Eileen Lovelace, the architect and engineering portion of the project is already complete. All that remains is getting a contractor and proceeding with the work.

Lovelace expressed a sincere thanks on behalf of Carrizozo to City Attorney David Stevens, Senator Rod Adair and Representative Dan Foley.

Carrizozo approves move to 5-day kindergarten for '03-'04 school year

Switch will bring the district in line with a state mandate for all kindergartens

BY JULIE CARTER

FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

In compliance with a law that forces schools statewide to have five-day kindergartens within the next two years, Carrizozo school board approved the change for the 2003-2004 school year. Currently the kindergarten program has been on an all-day, four-days-a-week schedule.

In its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night, the Carrizozo Municipal school board began with the swearing in of LeeRoy Zamora as board member. Zamora ran unopposed in February for the position he was re-elected to hold. All board members were present for the meeting.

City council trustee Eileen Lovelace was present to propose a financial partnership between the school and the city for pool renovations. Lovelace outlined the plans for the \$100,000 project and sources for the funding. She suggested the school board consider using any available funds to help with the project. In return the pool could be used by the school for physical education classes, reward parties or any other access the school deems beneficial.

Superintendent Sergio Castañon had investigated

the options available to the school. He found that the school could legally use bond monies that were left over from the Industrial Arts/Preschool building project.

Lovelace pointed out that the pool for this year will be up to compliance for opening in the summer, but major construction won't begin until after the pool closes in the fall. That timing allows the city to know what grant monies they have received and for the school to have a better idea what monies will be available from the bond fund.

Ray Dean, representing Friends of Carrizozo Schools, announced the greenhouse now has tomato plants growing in it. He requested a budget consideration from the school to help with some of the costs for necessities of operation of the project. He has 10 volunteers to date and hopes to bring that number to 20. Not knowing exactly what the costs will be, Dean suggested an amount to range from \$3,500 to \$5,000. He said all functions of the greenhouse are in operation but they are going to have to put shade cloth over at least part of it too keep it cool enough inside, even with the cooling fans.

The 2003-2004 budget is again a temporary one, based

on last year's numbers. The state has not released a unit value, so real numbers are not available yet.

In other business, the board:

- Approved the 2003-2004 school calendar

- Approved Title I and Title V Applications for the 2003-04 school year. Becky Borowski and Becca Ferguson will be Title I coordinators

- Approved a change order for a retaining wall around the new running track

The board also approved the rehiring of these non-certified employees:

Administration: Gwen Huston, Mary Lou Vega
High School Secretary: Margie Serna

Instructional Assistants: Candie Aguilar, Margaret Barela, Lorene Baroz, Polly Chavez, Cissy Cieplinski, Toni Rossi, Anita Sambrano

Cafeteria: Charlotte Emmons, Sandy Jiron
Custodians: Pat Jiron, Lorenzo Sambrano, Juanita Vallejos
Bus Drivers: Melody Gaines, David Roper

Upon recommendation by the superintendent, the board approved Alena Borowski as valedictorian for the class of 2003. Lacy L. Martin-Burd was approved as salutatorian.

The next regular meeting will be May 20 at 7 p.m. at the school administration building.

Sharing real cowboy stories

When you think of a "cowboy," your image might be of the Marlboro Man: quiet and very good looking.

There may be one or two of those, but the cowboys from my childhood were from a different breed. What breed exactly, I don't know, but they were a slumped-over version, with greasy hats, who rolled their own cigarettes and were drunks.

Not a recovering 12-step kind of drunk, but the stay-sober during the cow works and then head to town, usually in the ranch pick-

up, and be gone for a couple of days or a week, kind of drunks. When their luck and money ran out, they would usually meander back to the ranch, a little shaky, broke and not much worse for the wear.

One such cowboy was Sam Reimer. Sam worked for my grandfather for many years and when my grandfather died, my father "inherited" him. Sam was a skinny, dried up old man who was bald with two tufts of hair that curled up on the sides of his head. He had the bluest eyes I have ever seen in a wrinkled up face and bore a striking resemblance to an orangutan.

Having seen my father raised, he was very unimpressed with the fact that my Dad was the boss and referred to him as "Solomon."

Sam was a beer drinker but didn't like to share, so he'd keep his hooch in the trunk of his car

in both summer and winter. When he was in a camp by himself, he'd always have a horse saddled, tied by the gate. He had either just gotten in or was just about to leave.

One time, during a bender, he and a buddy, in a fit of drunken good humor, put my dad's pickup on the railroad tracks and headed for town. Somewhere along the line they passed out. Trains were held up in both directions. A railroad man had to take a pushcart down the tracks to see what the problem was.

We had another cowboy named Harold. Harold rolled my dad's pickup one night on the way home and never mentioned the incident. You have to know how ranch pickups look to understand that no one really noticed. Someone driving by recognized my father's well tools scattered along the road and called my dad. My dad said he picked up tools for a half-mile so he figured Harold rolled it more than once.

Harold, known for his "wise" sayings, was one day educating me on the proper way to drive a truck. "First you hit the cattle guards so fast, that you take two miles of fence with you. Then you back up to the chute so hard that you set every fence one corral over. That way, when you pull out, the whole chute collapses after you."

Harold is actually a good

truck driver himself — sober. However, one afternoon in the old green Mack, he stopped at the Blue Water bar between Belen and Mountainair. Mack trucks have a bulldog mounted on the hood. Harold said when he got in, the "old dawg in front" had both paws over his eyes, and so he stopped and gave him a little snort. After that, Harold said the "dawg" was standing on the edge of the hood waving him to "come on, come on!" My Dad was not amused. Harold had forgotten to release the air-brakes and burned them out.

Sometime back, my Dad called me and said someone had broken into a cow camp, ransacked the place and stolen one of his old pickups. I said, "Where are your cowboys?"

"Why do you think it is one of my cowboys?"

"Well, your run-of-the-mill drive-by-thief isn't going to know that you first have to switch off the propane, put the switch on gas, pump your right leg like mad, holding two wires together while you hold the shifter up in park with your left hand and turn the ignition with your right hand (because the key is broken off in the ignition) trick. Besides, who earth could start that pickup?"

Yep, you got it. It was a cowboy on his way to town!

Welda Grider, and her husband, Jim, ranch on the same land Welda grew up on, bordering the White Sands Missile range, west of Carrizozo.



County Views
BY WELDA MCKINLEY GRIDER

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PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Carrizozo FFA team members who qualified for the State Meet in Las Cruces April 2-5 are, back row: Ryan Gaines, Ariel Vallejos, Brent Dixon, Sam Ungaro, Alena Borowski; middle row: K.C. Hendricks, Junior Corley, Amanda Corley, Mary Beth Shivers, Kaitlyn Vega; front row: Eric Koroscil, Marshall Wilson, Mathew Barela, Jake Riddle, Nathan New; not pictured: Wade McMahan.

Capitan remembers the life of one of its colorful characters

BY LIONEL W. LIPPMANN

FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The passing of Virgil "Pappy" Hall on April 3 marked not only the passing of a man who had lived a long and fruitful life, but also the passing of a Lincoln County icon and a Capitan "character." Pappy was 92 years old.

It was during WW II that Virgil earned his nickname, "Pappy." He, at age 30, was a tail gunner in a B-29 bomber that saw action from India to Tokyo. He was the oldest member of the flight crew.

After WW II was over, Pappy returned to Capitan and for many years owned and operated Hall Automotive, both a garage and later an auto parts house. Pappy's fascination with automobiles, motorcycles and the maximum speed at which

they could travel led to many informal "drag races" with his contemporaries on Highway 380. As an occasional customer learned, to their chagrin, Pappy did not suffer fools lightly. As a mechanic he had few peers, but he did not welcome spectators, particularly those who offered unsolicited advice.

Pappy's other passion was flying and for many years he flew his plane in and around Capitan. It is said that when he reached the age that his eyes no longer permitted him to fly by himself, he would have another pilot take the plane off the ground and land it, while he took the controls in the sky.

Capitan's Volunteer Fire Station is named in honor of Pappy, who was a volunteer firefighter for 47 years and fire chief for 25 of those years.

During the memorial service that was held for Pappy at the Capitan Fire Station April 12, Terry Cox and Pat Huey delivered eulogies. Cox talked of Pappy's dedication to the Capitan Volunteer Department and how he was a stickler for training and a fighter for the equipment he felt was needed.

One piece of equipment, a rescue truck that is still in service, was the first of its kind in Lincoln County and due to this fact saw service throughout the county. Cox also said that Capitan's Volunteer Fire Department is as good as it is today because of Pappy Hall's dedication. Cox also noted that after 47 years of service to the community, Pappy retired from the fire department without receiving any compensation.

Huey, another well-known

character in Capitan, spoke of the time that a newly elected mayor of the village called Pappy into his office and told him he was fired. Pappy's response was, "you didn't hire me and therefore you can't fire me." After much wrangling and political shenanigans, which included an investigation by the state Attorney General's Office, Pappy's response proved to be the correct one.

Another story came from when Pappy retired and turned Hall Automotive over to his son, Virgil Hall Jr. He continued to drive a truck around the village until his eyesight became so bad that he could no longer have a driver's license. For most people this would have been a catastrophe, but Pappy continued drive from his house to the store and post office on one of

three tractors: A summer tractor, a winter tractor and what locals called his "sports car," which was actually a garden tractor. Local residents all knew to take great care in driving and crossing streets when Pappy was on the road. Pappy's love of speed and adventure caused him to ski Sierra Blanca until he was 75 years old.

Cox presented a proclamation from Mayor Steven Sederwall that dedicates April 3 as "Pappy" Hall Day in the Village of Capitan.

The Rev. Bill Sebring, pastor of the Nogal Presbyterian Church, presided at the religious part of the memorial service.

Terry Cox, along with a number of volunteers decorated the fire hall and provided the refreshments after the service.



COURTESY PHOTO

"Pappy" Hall drove tractors to town after losing his driver's license.

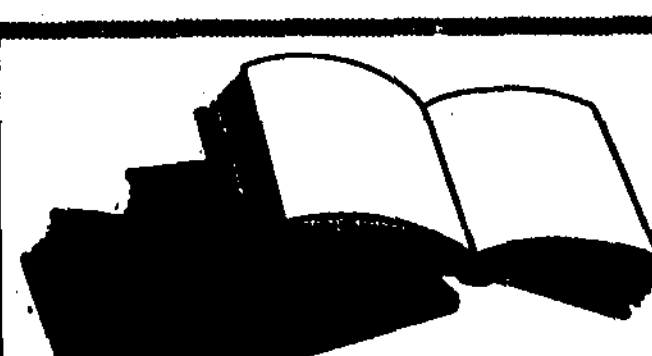
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P & Z approves request for church group

BY DUANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

If members of a church group can produce a binding agreement guaranteeing enough parking spaces will be reserved for their use, an amended site plan for their operation can be approved administratively by Ruidoso's planning staff.

Contingent on that agreement, the village's Planning and Zoning Commission Tuesday approved the application submitted by Adriana Castro as agent for Velma McCollum, owner of the Holiday House motel and restaurant.

She explained that only two to four rooms are rented in the motel, leaving ample space for church activities. The motel will have 45 spaces available, not counting parking at the restaurant or on the street and leaving 41 spaces for the church.

Officials with Comunidad Christiana

church anticipate starting with a congregation of about 50 members and parking would accommodate 164 based on per car occupancy, the planning staff concluded. Castro said the current membership consists of 18 adults and 25 children.

But Charles Rennick, attorney for the commission, said the situation could change if the motel was sold by McCollum and the new owner renovated the property and started renting more rooms each night.

"I don't think the parking issue was answered," he said. "I consider this application still to be incomplete." A parking plan is needed differentiating between motel and church spaces, he said.

Castro said if at a future date, parking became an issue, church officials would find a new building.

"We need something in writing that the spaces can be used by the church as long as it is leasing the building," Commission

Chairman Glen Barrow said.

In other zoning action, the commission: • Approved a variance to allow construction of a 350-square foot addition within 12.6 feet of the rear lot line, when the standard setback is 20 feet. The application was submitted by Shaelen Morrison of Las Cruces, represented by agent William Jakse. The quarter-acre lot is located on Catron Road in Forest Heights subdivision.

• Approved a variance to allow construction of a deck within 9 feet, 7 inches of the west side lot line when the standard setback is 10 feet. The application was submitted by Ron Burkett of White Sands Missile Range, represented by T.C. Collins. The .24-acre property is situated on Flume Canyon Drive and Black Forest Road in Black Forest subdivision.

• Announced the first meeting of the watershed restoration task force at 10 a.m. May 5 in village hall.

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY

Hicks celebrate 50th

in 1989.

Billy and Betty Hicks, of Nogal, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 17.

The couple married in 1953 in Eastland, Texas, and initially made their home in Comanche, Texas. They moved to Nogal

and have six daughters, all living in the Ruidoso area: Judy and Steve Kriens, Cathy



Billy Hicks



Betty Hicks

and Herman Guill, Kristy and Bryan Swanner, Carla and Brent Waugh, Melissa Phillips and Jackie McWilliams.

They have 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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FUNERALS DEATHS

Herbie Lane

A memorial service for Herbie Ned Lane, 55, of Ruidoso Downs, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, at the First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs.

Mr. Lane died Tuesday, April 15, 2003, in Albuquerque. He was born Dec. 6, 1947, in San Angelo, Texas.

He moved to Lincoln County in 1992 from Sweetwater, Texas.

He served in the Navy during the Vietnam War and was a retired owner-operator in the restaurant business.

Survivors include daughters Angie Lane of Ruidoso Downs, Eva Lane of Ruidoso, and Nedra Lane of Albuquerque; stepdaughters Renae Crandell of Sweetwater, and Diana McEacheran of Arlington, Texas; his mother, Carlene Kitchens, of Ruidoso Downs; sisters Jan Wafful and Krisit Lane, both of Ruidoso Downs; his grandmother, Essie Bradford, of Ruidoso Downs; five grandchildren; five nieces and nephews; and a host of other family.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral

Chapel of Ruidoso.

Edmund Gerber

Memorial services for Edmund Gerber, 70, of Ruidoso, were April 13, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church with the Rev. Gene Driscoll officiating. Burial was at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso.

Mr. Gerber died Saturday, April 12, 2003, in Lubbock, Texas.

He was born Nov. 10, 1932, in Nazareth, Texas, to Toney and Mary Gerber.

He graduated from Nazareth High School and served in the U.S. Army as a military police officer in Berlin, Germany.

He married Eileen Venhaus Oct. 11, 1961, in Nazareth, Texas.

He worked for Phillips Petroleum for 33 years until his retirement in 1992. He was a member of Knights of Columbus, Catholic Order of Forerunners and V.F.W. in Hobbs. In Williston, N.D., he was a Lion's Club member. He was an active church and civic volunteer. He was a member of St. Eleanor Catholic Church in Ruidoso.

He was preceded in death by his father, Toney Gerber; a sister, Dorothy; a brother, Jerome; and a daughter, Danene.

Survivors include his wife, Eileen Gerber, of Ruidoso; sons Kevin Gerber of Hobbs, Kyle and Jan Gerber of Yukon, Okla., Dwayne and Stephanie Gerber of Lubbock; his mother, Mary Gerber, of Nazareth; brothers Fritz and Vincent Gerber of Nazareth, Norbert Gerber of Woodward, Okla., and Dennis Gerber of Hereford, Texas; a sister, Regina Hoelting, of Nazareth; grandsons Garrett, Brett, Grayson Blake and Christopher Gerber.

The family suggests memorials to St. Eleanor Catholic Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 8300, Ruidoso, NM 88355, or to your local Alzheimer's Research Foundation.

Dewey Estes

A memorial service for Dewey Kenneth Estes, 84, will be at 2 p.m. April 19 at Wheeler Mortuary in Portales.

Mr. Estes died Tuesday, April 15, 2003, in Ruidoso.

He was born May 4, 1918, to

Florence Fisher and Arthur Estes in Headrick, Okla.

He married Christine Thompson Rogers in Rockwell, Texas, on Aug. 6, 1944.

He served in the Parachute Infantry Company 1513th during World War II and had been a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Portales.

He retired from Shell Oil Company from the Shell Oil Plant in Gallup June 18, 1980.

He enjoyed baseball and was an avid gardener, hunter and fisherman.

He was preceded in death by his wife; two sisters; an infant granddaughter; and a daughter-in-law, Ovella Estes.

Survivors include a son, Delton Estes and his wife, Mary Lou, of Ruidoso; daughters Florence Estes and her husband, Don, of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Sue Tipton and her husband, Fred, of Guymon, Okla.; grandchildren John Estes, Jamie Estes, Wayne Dorris, Lenise McCarter and Darren Tipton; and a great-grandson, Wyatt Dorris.

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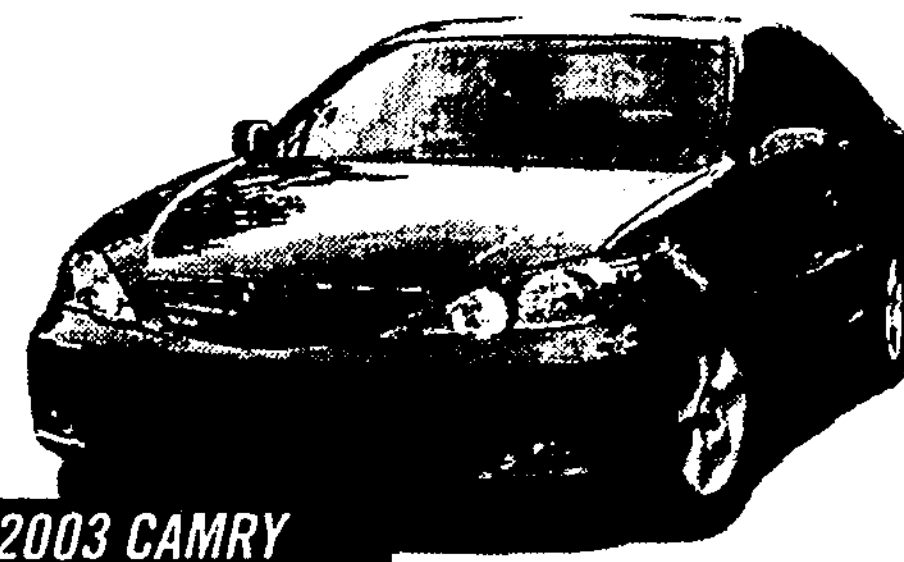
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CowBelles offer Arrowsmith Memorial Scholarships

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The first annual Judy Arrowsmith Memorial Scholarships are being offered through Corriente CowBelles. Arrowsmith, a Lincoln resident since 1994, died Nov. 18, 2002. She was a member of the Corriente group. She was also a respected art dealer.

Two \$250 scholarships are available in 2003 to qualifying graduating high school seniors or for college upper classmen. Requirements are that the student must be majoring in a Christian field of study, including missionary work, and/or a field of study that could benefit the beef cattle industry. Candidates must be Lincoln County residents and must currently have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or better.

To apply, write a paragraph defining needs, goals and qualifications for the scholarship. The application paragraph and grade point verification is due by June 1, 2003. Submit them to Kathleen Phillips-Hellman, P.O. Box 809, Capitan, NM 88316. The scholarships will be awarded at the Corriente CowBelles Roping in Capitan on Saturday, June 21.



Arrowsmith

'Zozo to sponsor art camp

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Carrizozo Schools is providing the opportunity for students to participate in a Summer Art Day Camp. Students that will be entering the sixth grade in the fall of 2003 through high school age will be offered unique creative opportunities during a week long camp.

Beginning June 16, from 8 a.m. to noon, students will have their creative energies stimulated through music, art, puppets and mini-theater. The camp will be facilitated by Jamie Gieb, Carrizozo School Music and Art Director, and directed by school staff and volunteers. All activities will take place on the Carrizozo school campus.

The camp will also offer classes woodcarving, jewelry making, polymer clay sculpture, and drawing.

Pre-registration forms are available through the Carrizozo High School office.

The school is also offering an after school art program for students grades 7-12. This class is for students that may have scheduling conflicts with electives. Classes are held in the Art Room of Clegg Hall immediately after school until 4:30 p.m. each Wednesday.

The complexity of each media presented will be governed by the age interest and current skill of the student. Advancement will be at the independent pace and progress of the student.

Some of the mediums offered are: pewter casting, intro to jewelry making, basic drawing with pencil, ink and colored pencil, folk art, folk wood carving, multi media collage and assemblage and sculpture and clay.

Due to limited space, this study is offered by the permission of the instructor, Jamie Gieb. The program is a pilot for what will begin as full-fledged project in the 2003-2004 school year.



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\$10,000 reward offered in search for wolf-killers

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Officials with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service hope a \$10,000 reward may prompt someone to step forward with information about the latest shooting death of a Mexican gray wolf in the Green Peaks area of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest.

The reward also is a standing offer for information leading to the apprehension of any individuals responsible for the shooting deaths of any of the wolves reintroduced into the wild since 1998, said Victoria Fox with the Southwest Region of the service based in Albuquerque.

During a routine aerial surveillance and monitoring flight on March 8, wolf recovery team members picked up a mortality signal from the Cerro Pack alpha male's radio collar, Fox said. The signal pinpointed the exact location of the body along Forest Road 117, south of Highway 60, southeast of Vernon and northwest of Springerville, Ariz.

The Service's National Forensics Laboratory in Oregon confirmed the shooting death of the 2-year-old male, she said. The former Bluestem pack member recently was paired with a Francisco pack female, the third natural pairing to occur since the reintroduction program started, Fox said.

At the beginning of the program, the White Sands Missile Range southwest of Ruidoso was considered as a reintroduction site.

The killing of a Mexican gray wolf violates federal and state laws, Fox said. Violations of the federal Endangered Species Act can invoke penalties of up to \$25,000 and/or six months in jail, or a civil penalty of up to \$25,000.

Anyone with information that may be helpful in solving the wolf-death crimes should call special service agents in Mesa, Ariz., at 480-967-7900 or in Pinetop, Ariz., at 928-367-5689; the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish Operation Game Thief at 1-800-432-4263; or the Arizona Department of Game and Fish Operation Game Thief at 1-800-352-0700.

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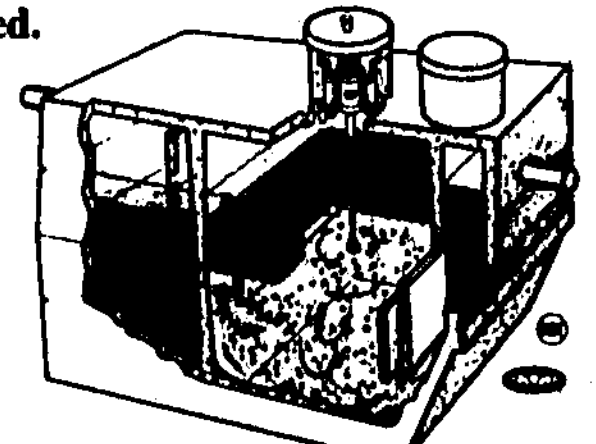
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Terrorist alert drops to yellow

■ A new bill signed by the president should bring money to first responders in the state.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

National Guard Patrols were discontinued Wednesday at the Albuquerque Sunport.

Responding to a national lowering of the terrorist alert status from orange to yellow, Gov. Bill Richardson

ordered the end of the patrols started three days prior to the beginning of the war with Iraq when the national threat level was raised to orange.

"Additionally, the Emergency Operations Center is now back to its normal alert status," the governor said. "I will order tighter security at the airport if we return to a higher alert status. However, citizens should continue to be alert."

Richardson said he expects help from the federal government to protect the state against terrorist

attacks.

"The president has now signed the war funding bill," he said. "I anticipate that New Mexico will begin to receive first-responder monies soon."

The money is targeted for fire departments, emergency medical services, law enforcement and other agencies first on the scene of an incident.

Richardson said his staff is dogging the National Homeland Security Office to ensure New Mexico receives the money promised.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Apartment damaged by cleaner, condiment

An apartment in the 100 block of Reese Drive was damaged with bleach and catsup between April 9 and 11, with damages estimated at about \$1,000, according to police reports. The back screen door was ripped off its hinges and

items were thrown in the back yard.

Car window smashed

The rear windshield of a vehicle parked in the east end of the parking lot of Hawthorn Suites, 107 Sierra Blanca Drive, was smashed between noon and 6:18 p.m. April 15.

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DISTRICT COURT

Civil cases

The following civil cases were filed in Lincoln County District Court in Carrizozo. They are identified by the date, the plaintiff and defendant, the type of action and the docket number.

March 26 - Dan Fender vs. Jose Magallanes; complaint for ejectment or in the alternative, for writ of restitution; CV3003-62.

March 31 - Stephen L. Hawks vs. Eric Taylor and Bruce Chapman; complaint for damages for material breach of contract, prima facie tort, violation of New Mexico statute 50-2-2 B & C, and conspiracy to defraud; CV03-63.

April 2 - DT Consulting Inc., a New Mexico corporation, vs. Wells Fargo Bank N.A., a foreign corporation; complaint for negligence; CV03-64.

April 3 - Bank of New York, as trustee, vs. Ronald J. Roddy, Rushie Ann Roddy, E.J. Roddy, Jonnie Faye Roddy and J. n and Jane Doe tenants; complaint for foreclosure; CV03-65.

April 7 - Jesse Shotwell vs. Paul Singleton and Lisa Singleton; complaint for ejectment and unlawful detainer; CV03-66.

April 7 - Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, vs. Jimmie L. Barton, Carolyn J. Barton, Bank of American, John and Jane Doe tenants; complaint for foreclosure of security agreement and mortgage; CV03-67.

April 10 - CitiFinancial Mortgage Company Inc., formerly known as Associates Home Equity Services Inc., vs. William Patrick Rooney, Anna G. Hair, Anna Hair as trustee if The Hair Trust, dated Aug. 29, 2000, and all unknown claimants of interest adverse to the plaintiff; foreclosure petition and complaint; CV03-68.

April 14 - Ford Motor Credit Company vs. Ronald Zumwalt and Rudene J. Zumwalt; complaint on a contract and for debt and money due; CV03-69.

April 14 - Diane Clayton and Dolores Remington vs. Echo Trucking Company, an Arizona corporation, Venture Transport Inc., a Texas corporation, and Jeffrey W. Beal; complaint for damages due to negligence; CV03-70.

April 14 - Flagstar Bank, FSB, vs. Jeffery L. Schilling, Dana L. Schilling, Taxation and Revenue Department of the state of New Mexico; John and Jane Doe, tenants; CV03-71.

Criminal cases

The following criminal cases were filed in Lincoln County District Court in Carrizozo. They are identified by the date, the defendant, the type of charges and the docket number.

March 26 - Lewis L. Germany, 33, Ruidoso; 19 counts of forgery, a 3rd-degree felony, and one count of issuing a worthless check, a 4th-degree felony; CR3003-63.

April 1 - Ralph S. Olsen, 68, Alto; registration of sex offend-

er; CR03-70.

April 3 - Tonia Tolle, 34, Ruidoso Downs; abuse of a child, 3rd-degree felony; CR03-72.

April 3 - Aloysius Sanchez, 20, Ruidoso Downs; aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, 3rd-degree felony, shooting at an occupied dwelling, 2nd-degree felony, and tampering with evidence, 4th-degree felony; CR03-73.

April 3 - Brian Myers, 29, Capitan; tampering with evidence; CR03-74.

April 3 - Rhonda K. Newsome, 31, Ruidoso; credit card fraud and willfully obtaining, recording or transferring personal identifying information without authorization or consent with intent to defraud; CR03-75.

April 4 - Todd Krezer, 38, Dallas, Texas; two counts breaking and entering, criminal damage to property, resisting or evading, possession of a

stolen credit card; CR03-76.

Domestic cases

The following domestic relation cases were filed in Lincoln County District Court in Carrizozo. They are identified by the date, the plaintiff and defendant, the type of action and the docket number.

March 25 - Angela Cordova-Williams vs. Cameron M. Williams; petition for dissolution of marriage; DM3003-49.

March 28 - Daisy Devenport vs. Bengie V. Devenport; petition for dissolution of marriage; DM03-50.

March 28 - Ellie E. Bramblett vs. Robert F. Reed; petition for dissolution of marriage without minor children; DM03-51.

April 7 - Cody S. Burgess Wallace vs. Charles Wallace; petition for dissolution of marriage; DM03-54.

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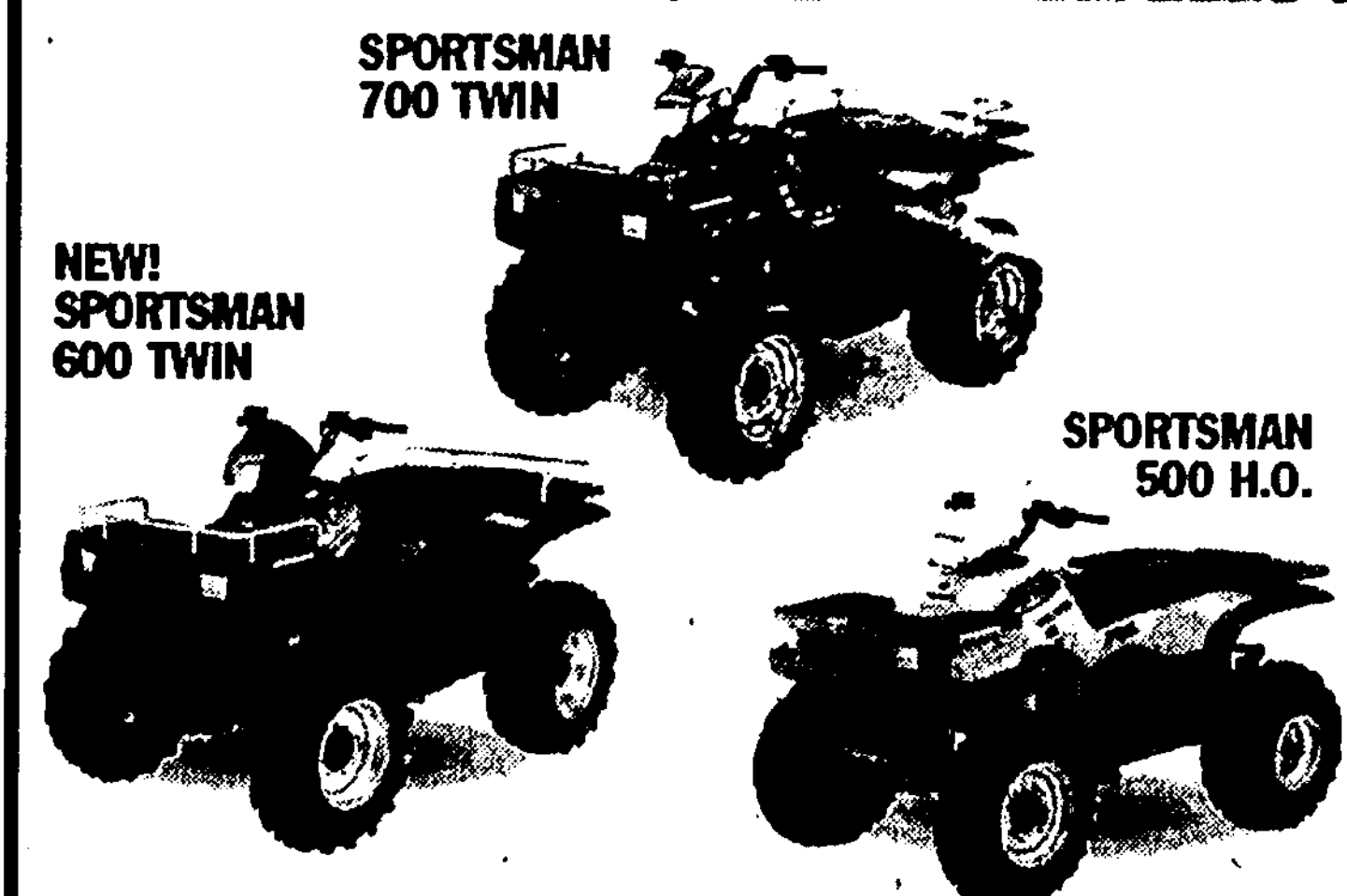
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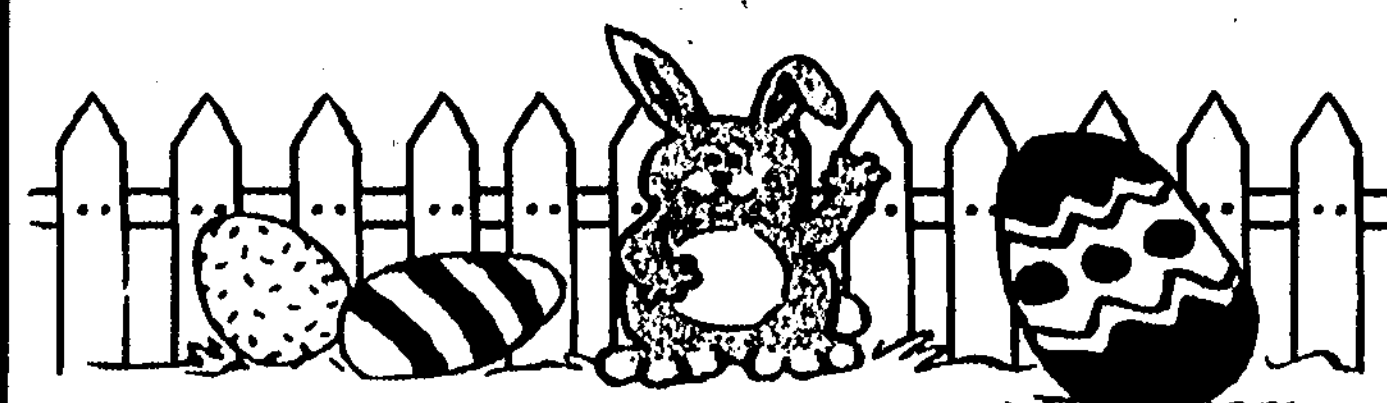
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Adolescent health often lacking

BY CELESTE FRANKLIN
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

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

For the last four years, I have left my office at Region IX Education Cooperative, four days a week, to work at the schools coordinating healthcare for middle and high school students at a school-based health center (SBHC) at Ruidoso High School or Ruidoso Middle School, or for students all ages at Hondo Valley Schools.

It is an easy drive across town or through the Hondo valley to the schools. Yet in many ways, the distance is immeasurable. I leave my comfortable, well appointed office with a window, to work in a busy, crowded clinic whether the temperature is either too high or too low, the blare of the intercom system punctuates the day, and the office hours are too short to meet all the needs of the patients.

Even further from the reality of my life are the lives of the students I see. Today I saw Freddie and his mom. Freddie is rotund, dressed in filthy clothes, sweat-shirt hood pulled up over his head and hands crammed in his pockets. He isn't happy about being in the clinic and shrugs off my attempts to make him more comfortable.

I glance through the chart: problems at home, getting bullied in the lunchroom, asthma, falls asleep in class, depression, anger management issues. The list is long and nothing has been resolved. I start with a thorough health history.

Eventually I take Freddie in to see the practitioner for a physical exam and so that we

can ask Freddie some more personal questions. Has he ever thought about hurting himself or someone else? Does he use drugs or alcohol? Does he have any history of abuse or abandonment? He tells us about his dog and how he likes the dog to sleep on his bed, about Mom's boyfriend who sometimes hits her when he's drunk, and about how the kids in p.e. tease him about his belly.

We refer Mom and Freddie to the clinic behavioral health provider/counselor to further evaluate Freddie's problems. The SBHC clerk has called Medicaid to check on his insurance status and to find out who Freddie's primary care doctor is and Mom is given his name and phone number to schedule an appointment.

Linking the family to their primary care physician is critical to medical care that will be needed in Freddie's future. For today, we refill Freddie's asthma

medication and ask him to come back for a check-up next week so he can learn more about how to treat his asthma. Mom and I sit down and make a list of things that need to get done. Our visit with Freddie and Mom has taken well over the appointed 15 minutes doctors have to see their patients – but we have covered a lot of ground. Freddie, Mom and the SBHC have begun building a relationship, and it is on this fragile base that we will work together to start to address some of Freddie's potentially very serious problems.

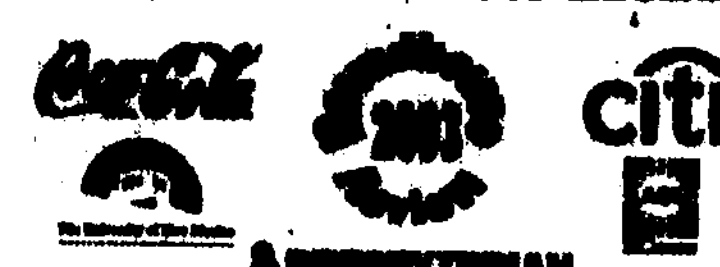
Students that have issues like Freddie's that aren't addressed in middle or high school might not make it through high school. If they drop out of school, their chance of succeeding in the world is minimal. Helping a student like Freddie overcome the health and behavior problems that threaten to derail him will be a time-consuming process that will require well-trained and caring adults who are there when Freddie

needs them. School-based health centers are uniquely designed to provide this kind of healthcare.

Adolescents are typically less likely to receive appropriate health care than any other age group. Traditional models of care often do a poor job of meeting the complex needs of adolescents. Many adolescent health issues are behavioral in nature – drug use and sexual activity for example. These behaviors can result in significant health hazards and long-term chronic disease.

February was National School-Based Health Center Awareness Month. To learn more about your local SBHCs, contact Celeste Franklin, School Health Services Coordinator, at Region IX Education Cooperative, 505-257-2368.

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Capitan Miracle a winner in Lujan Handicap

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Capitan Miracle, a 3-year-old brown gelding owned by Lamoyne Carpenter and Olan and Glenda Booher of Capitan, continued his winning ways by taking the \$52,100 Manuel Lujan Handicap March 30 at The Downs in Albuquerque.

It was the ninth race for Capitan Miracle, and also the ninth time he had placed first, second or third in a race.

With James Gonzales in the saddle, Capitan Miracle covered the 350-yard race in 17.50 seconds and earned \$31,200 for his connections. Capitan Miracle has now won more than \$110,000 in his career.

"When he was a yearling, I told people he would be one to



COURTESY PHOTO

Capitan Miracle, far right, streaks to the finish line in the Manuel Lujan Handicap March 30 at The Downs in Albuquerque, beating Hey Primer by 3/4 of a length in the \$52,100 race. It was the ninth top three finish for Capitan Miracle and third win in his nine-race career.

reckon with," Carpenter said. "I'd like to have a barn full of horses like him."

Capitan Miracle was third in last year's New Mexico Spring Futurity at Sunland Park, and it looked like it

would be a good year for the 2-year-old horse. But Carpenter and the Booher's found chips in his knee and had to secure an operation.

At that point, Joel Marr came in as the horse's trainer,

and Capitan Miracle hasn't disappointed.

If things go well, Carpenter said he hopes to have Capitan Miracle running in the Zia Derby at Ruidoso Downs come July.

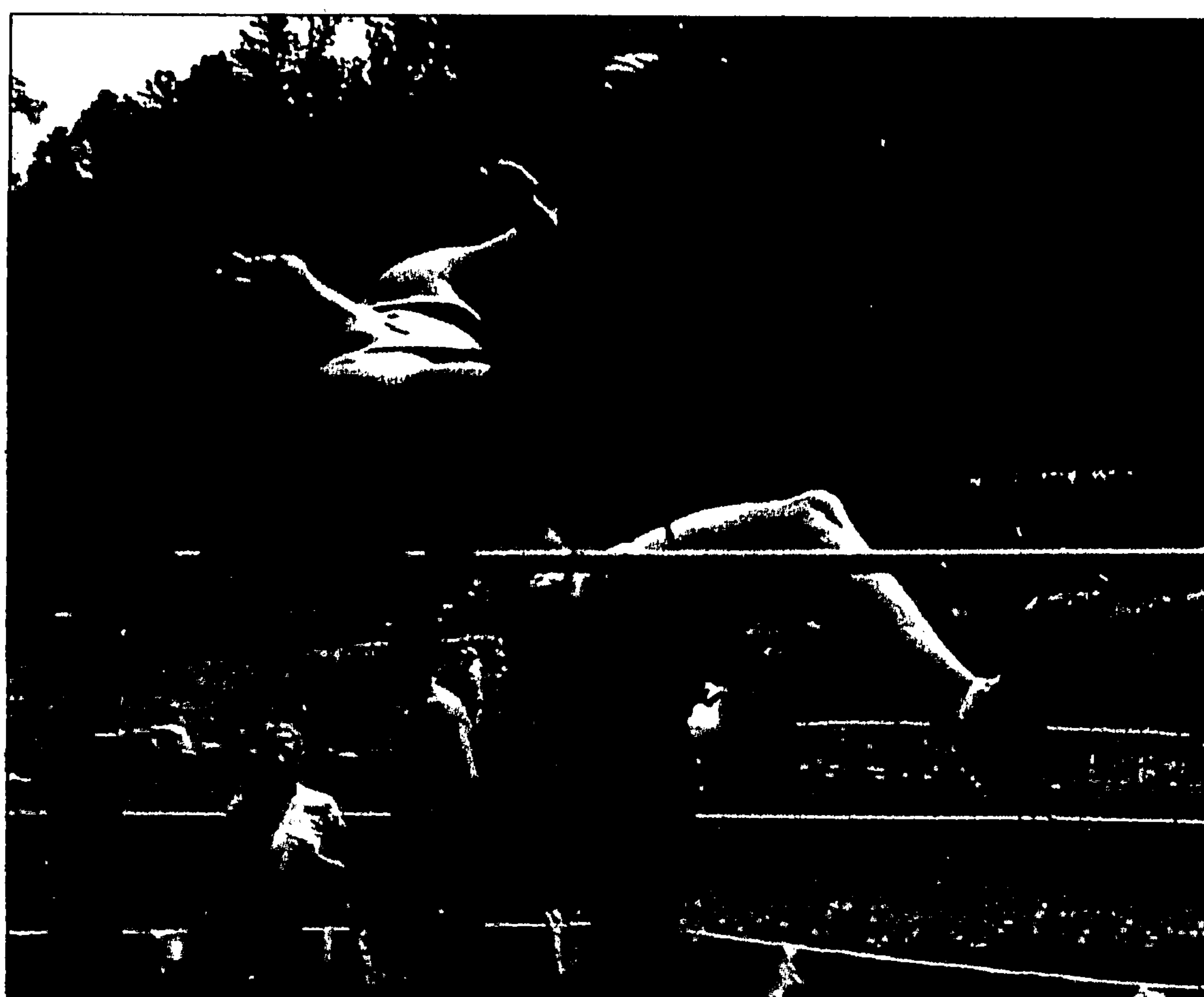
Capitan Miracle paid \$5.60 to win, \$3.20 to place and \$2.20 to show. The top three finishers for the Manuel Lujan Handicap were Capitan Miracle, Hey Primer and Paradigm Shift.

FURTHER AND HIGHER



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Above Katie Coronado lets loose in the javelin competition during the Ruidoso Invitational Thursday at Ruidoso High school. At right, Cody Small attempts to clear the bar during the high jump. The Warriors competed against several larger schools from throughout southern New Mexico at the meet. Full results will be posted in a future edition of the *Ruidoso News*.



Warriors qualified for state tourney

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

It may have taken a bit longer than coach Eric Eggleston would have liked, but the Ruidoso boys golf team got their third and final state qualifying leg Wednesday with a superior performance at the Hot Springs Invitational at Oasis Golf Course in Truth Or Consequences.

The Warriors put together a 324 as a team, nine strokes better than they needed for state, and 18 strokes better than Deming and Grants, who each tied for second place.

Deming later defeated Grants in a playoff. "It was good to see Hot Springs (a district opponent for the Warriors) and beat them on their home golf course," Eggleston said. "We also got to see Socorro and Mesilla Valley, both of whom are also in our district."

The only team they didn't see that Eggleston would like to have played against was New Mexico Military Institute. The Colts aren't in the same district with Ruidoso, but will surely be a strong contender for their second-straight Class 3A title come May.

"If they (NMMI) play like they usually play, they would have been in trouble on this course," Eggleston said of Oasis. "You've got to hit it straight out here."

It was the first time Ruidoso had played at T or C, and that was a slight disadvantage for the team, but not so much that they didn't boast the two best individuals at the tournament. Ryan Shaver was the first-place medalist with a score of 76, while teammate Colby

Gibson was second with a 78.

Cody Sisson scored an 83, while P.J. Smith had an 87 and Garrett Born came in at 89.

The fact that all players came in under 90 strokes was a major improvement, although Eggleston still feels they can all do even better.

"The first three did their job," Eggleston said. "Sure, we didn't have to count any 90s, but those last three can do better than that."

"Ryan still didn't make any birdies, but he played the course smart, and that's what kept him in the ball game," he added. "He had a conservative strategy, but was aggressive in the execution."

Now that the Warriors know they are going to state, the next step for Eggleston is also pretty difficult — trying to figure out who to take to Socorro for the district and state tournaments.

Because Shaver is the only player with enough legs to qualify as an individual, Eggleston will likely only be able to take five players to both events — and it will have to be the five playing their best come May 5.

"This means two or three players will have to sit at home for state, and that's a tough decision to make," Eggleston said. "This next tournament could make it or break it for some of these kids."

The next tournament is the Piedra Vista Invitational at Piñon Golf Course in Farmington. The team leaves Sunday for the two-day event, to be played next Monday and Tuesday. After that, it's on to district.

Wind postpones, cancels several sporting events

The high winds which battered southeastern New Mexico took a toll on scheduled sports in the Lincoln County area, forcing the cancellation or postponement of two events.

The Ruidoso softball team was to play a doubleheader against Roswell at All-American Park, but saw that game evaporate when the New Mexico State Police issued a travel advisory in the Roswell area due to low visibility.

There were no plans at press time to re-schedule the games. The Lady Warriors are set to play at Lovington in a twin-bill Saturday at 1 p.m.

The Tiger Invitational at Capitan was also stopped, although they went ahead and ran the event on Thursday. Results will appear in a future edition of the *Ruidoso News*.

Ruidoso nine plays, falls to Rams

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The wind may have kept a lot of teams on the sideline Tuesday, but the Ruidoso baseball team didn't let a little breeze stop them.

Unfortunately, the Portales Rams did, defeating the Warriors 13-12 and 13-2.

"I was pleased with the boys performance, we did hit the ball," said Ruidoso coach Mike Morris. "We just have to keep the boys up through the whole game."

Game one was much like the Warriors' contest against New Mexico Military Institute last week, as Ruidoso (6-12, 0-6 District 5-3A) was ahead 10-4 before allowing eight Ram runs in one inning.

The Warriors were able to tie it up, but Portales got the last laugh with one run in the bottom of the seventh to take the victory.

The second game was all Rams, as they took advantage of an exhausted Ruidoso squad.

The Warriors have this weekend off and return to play next Tuesday when they host Lovington in a 3 p.m. double-header at White Mountain Athletic Complex.

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Prep Results

Tuesday, April 15

Baseball

Portales 13, Ruidoso 12

Portales 13, Ruidoso 2

Softball

Roswell at Ruidoso, cld., wind

Track

Mescalero/Carrizozo/Capitan track at Tiger Relays in Capitan, ppd. to Thursday, wind

Preps on Tap

Saturday, April 19

Baseball

Magdalena at Mescalero (2), 11 a.m.

Softball

Ruidoso at Lovington (2), 1 p.m.

Rodeo

NMHSRA at Gallup

Sunday, April 20

Rodeo

NMHSRA at Gallup

Monday, April 21

Boys Golf

Ruidoso in Piedra Vista Invitational at Farmington, 8 a.m.

Girls Golf

Ruidoso in Las Cruces Invitational, 8 a.m.

Tuesday, April 22

Baseball

Lovington at Ruidoso (2), 3 p.m.

Softball

Ruidoso at Hot Springs (2), 3 p.m.

Boys Golf

Ruidoso in Piedra Vista Invitational at Farmington, 8 a.m.

Girls Golf

Ruidoso in Las Cruces Invitational, 8 a.m.

Track

Mescalero/Capitan/Carrizozo in Apache Relays at Mescalero, 3 p.m.

On Deck

Golf scramble at Alto Lakes

The Ruidoso Junior Golf Association and the Ruidoso High School Golf team will be hosting the final fund raising golf scramble at Inn of the Mountain Gods April 27. The tournament will be a 1 p.m. shotgun start and the fee is \$35 plus a cart fee. To sign up, call the Inn at 464-7444.

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.

Smokey's Revenge

Bicycle race No. 2 in the New Mexico Off Road Series — presented by Zia Velo Racing Club, High Altitude and the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce — will be Smokey's Revenge, to be run Saturday, May 3 starting at 10 a.m. at the Cedar Creek Campgrounds.

Registration will be May 3 from 8-9:30 a.m. and costs \$25 before April 24 and \$35 thereafter. There is also a \$5 one-day license fee for those without an American Cycling Association. There will be three categories — Beginner, Sport and Pro/Expert — with age divisions in each category. For more information, contact High Altitude at (505)-257-0120.

Senior Olympic Events

Several qualifying events for the State Senior Olympics in Las Cruces will be held in the Lincoln County area. The age minimum is 50 years as of Aug. 6, 2003, and a \$300 registration fee entitles individuals to participate in all events. Those competing will be eligible for state and national olympic games. State registration is \$35, due June 1. For more information on registration, contact Bart Young at 257-3193 or e-mail at mbyoung@zianet.com.

Bowling — April 18 at Ruidoso Bowling Center, 1:30 p.m. April 19 at Carrizozo Recreation Center, 1:30 p.m.

Horseshoes — May 13 at Carrizozo Country Club, 10 a.m.

Billiards — May 14 at Capitan Senior Center, 10 a.m.

Golf — May 17 at the Links, 1 p.m.

Raquetball — May 20 at Ruidoso Athletic Club, 8 a.m.

Tennis — May 20 at School House Park, 10 a.m.

Table Tennis — May 21 at Ruidoso Senior Center, 10 a.m.

Cruces wants control of MMC

■ City and county heads are dissatisfied with the hospital's management.

BY CHRISTOPHER SCHURTZ
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

LAS CRUCES — City and county officials decided Wednesday afternoon they want to take back Memorial Medical Center from MMC Inc., the nonprofit group that now manages the hospital.

Members of both the Las Cruces City Council and the Doña Ana County Commission met in an emergency closed session at City Hall to discuss the hospital's ongoing financial problems, and both entities' growing frustration with MMC Inc.

In a short statement read by Commission Chairman Paul Curry after the session, it was clear both the city and county have had enough.

"(The city and county) wish to enter into negotiations with

the Board of Directors of Memorial Medical Center to develop a solution to the hospital situation and look at solutions, including the return of hospital assets to the city of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County," Curry said.

He later clarified, saying "the final determination if the hospital will be operated by the city and county has not been made, we feel at this time the immediate first step is to get the assets back, and for the county and city to begin to operate the hospital until we can come to a permanent solution."

This could mean the city and county would retain the medical staff at the hospital in order to ensure the least possible disruption of services, he said.

Mayor Bill Mattiace, a vocal critic of MMC Inc. management since coming onto the City Council three years ago, said if city and county management of MMC "is necessary to safeguard the full services

at the hospital, we will do that."

"Whatever it takes to ensure the care of patients. But just not with the present management," Mattiace said.

Curry said he and the members of the City Council and County Commission came to this decision in light of "the financial crisis" at the hospital resulting in the closing of Promptcare at the end of this month, the closure May 31 of the First Step Women's Clinic and the obstetrics program "and whatever else lies around the corner."

"We are concerned about their ability financially to provide a full range of services. In my mind the issue of solvency is obvious from the closure of these important functions. The real issue is the patient care for our citizens," Curry said.

Christopher Schurtz is a reporter for the Las Cruces Sun-News, a sister paper of the Ruidoso News.

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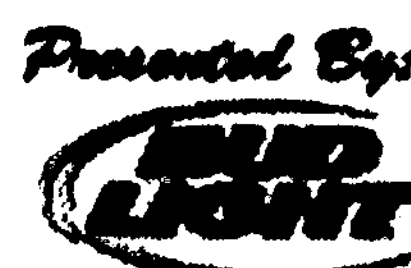
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Coffee-thrower to pay \$5,000 to store clerk

CARLSBAD — A store customer who allegedly threw scalding coffee on a clerk who refused to give him change for a 20-dollar bill in December has been ordered to pay the clerk thousands of dollars.

Ysidro Methola, 43, of Carlsbad, pleaded no contest to aggravated battery Tuesday in connection with the Dec. 19 incident that occurred at Allsup's convenience store, 2301 W. Lea St.

Magistrate Judge Henry Castañeda ordered Methola to pay \$5,000 in restitution to the clerk and to serve 364 days unsupervised probation.

Methola told police in December that he did not mean for the scalding coffee to spill on the clerk, a criminal complaint states. He said when the clerk refused to break a 20-dollar bill for him so he could buy the cup of coffee, he threw the cup onto the counter.

According to the complaint,

the coffee splashed onto the clerk's leg and ran into his shoe, causing third-degree burns.

City may shuffle cops

BLOOMFIELD — Both Bloomfield and San Juan County have given the go-ahead to explore contract law enforcement.

The possibility that the San Juan County Sheriff's office would be contracted to provide law enforcement in Bloomfield was officially raised April 8. The Bloomfield City Council and San Juan County Commission each voted unanimously this week to let staff look into the idea during the next few months.

A benefit analysis and fact sheets listing the pros and cons of the concept will be developed and public hearings will be conducted. The findings will then be brought back to both entities for further consideration.

At a Monday Bloomfield City Council meeting, Chief Drew Standley said contract-

ing basic law enforcement services with the San Juan County Sheriff's Office would provide the most efficient and effective law enforcement for the city.

He cited advantages for the city officers, including improved pay and benefits, improved career opportunities, improved follow-up investigations, improved police services and supervision.

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Stealth pilots return to Holloman

BY MEGHAN R. MUSANTE
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE - Twelve-year-old Nicole Toomey looks up to her father, Lt. Col. David Toomey, as her inspiration to become a pilot, she said.

The Holloman Middle School sixth-grader said she was concerned for his safety but his deployment was easier because her friends were going through deployments too.

Wednesday afternoon was the first time Nicole saw her father in about two and a half months, she said.

Her mood was "just happy, excited. You can't really explain it," she said to the media.

David's wife, Clem, was also excited when she shook up a bottle of champagne and sprayed it all over her husband after he climbed out of the stealth cockpit.

David was one of the five F-117A Nighthawk stealth fighter pilots who returned to Holloman Air Force Base Wednesday afternoon. A sixth stealth broke down and was delayed at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia, according to Holloman Public Affairs.

The pilots, who were serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom, taxied in groups of three then two into the stealth hangar area in front of a large audience.

The first three stealths

were piloted by Toomey, Capt. James Thompson and Capt. Alex Jernigan, according to public affairs. Lt. Col. John Pechiney and Capt. Devon McCollough taxied into the "canyon" next.

Three hundred more troops deployed in support of the stealths are expected back by the end of April, Chief of Holloman Public Affairs Maj. Tina Barber-Matthew said. That still leaves 600 deployed worldwide from the base, she said.

Many members of the community, family members, friends and wives of the 8th Fighter Squadron were waving American flags and yelling for the pilots' homecoming.

"We're just proud and honored to be able to be here to greet them," Karla Chapman of the Community Action Rapid Response Team said.

Commander of the 49th Fighter Wing Brig. Gen. James P. Hunt described it as "a feeling of pride and relief."

"I'm very happy," Hunt said.

"The Black Sheep and Team Holloman did an awesome job," Toomey said.

A total of 80 missions were flown with more than 100 enhanced guided bomb units dropped, according to a U.S. Air Force spokesperson.

Their mission on March 20, the first bombing of downtown Baghdad, took only two hours to execute, Lt. Col. Jack

Briggs, 39, of the 8th Fighter Squadron said.

"It looked like a beehive," Briggs said. "It was organized chaos," he said with a laugh.

Every single branch of the military made the team effort to complete that operation, Maj. Samuel "Clint" Hinote, 32, said.

Hinote, a stealth planner at the headquarters, said he was getting some cookies and milk when he got pulled out of the cafeteria for the phone call. "This is how quickly it all happened."

Plans for the surprise bombing, focused on Saddam Hussein and Iraqi government leaders, was "really a bolt out of the blue," he said.

Hinote was in charge of sending Toomey and Maj. Mark Hoehn, 35, on the first mission, he said.

When the chaos died down and Hinote finally had a chance to sit and think, he became really tense, he said. "My heart was in my throat. I knew if things went wrong, I'd have to come back and tell their wives."

But nothing went wrong. Key Spouse Lisa McKeon, whose husband is still deployed, said it just takes a little faith that they will come home safely.

When her husband, Commander of the 8th Fighter Squadron Lt. Col. Matt McKeon, returns, Lisa said she wants to ask him a lot of questions like, "Who did

your laundry? What did you eat?"

Toomey said all he wants to do is sit on the couch, go out to eat and spend time with his children, Christopher, 4; Lauryn, 9; and Nicole, 12.

"I want to go home and be a family again," he said.

All the stealth pilots interviewed said they were very impressed by the support from the community and base.

Hinote and another pilot received a standing ovation, hugs and handshakes at Cottonwood Christian Church the morning after his return, he said.

"Alamogordo has one of the best, if not the best, community support."

And Hoehn agreed. It's awesome to drive around town and see businesses, schools and homes decorated, he said.

"It means the world to us," Hoehn said.

Meghan R. Musante is a reporter for the Alamogordo Daily News, a sister paper of the Ruidoso News.



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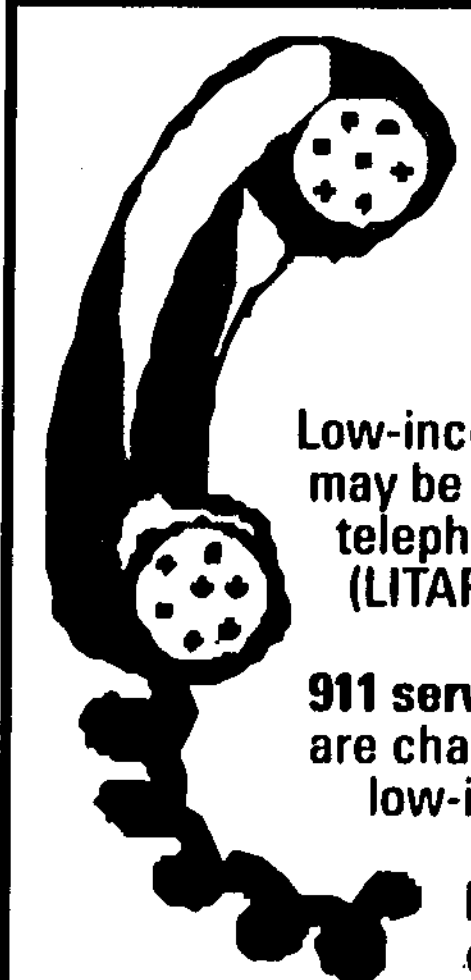
Nighthawk pilot Capt. Alex Jernigan greets his son, Devin, on the tarmac after returning from an undisclosed overseas location Wednesday, at Holloman Air Force Base



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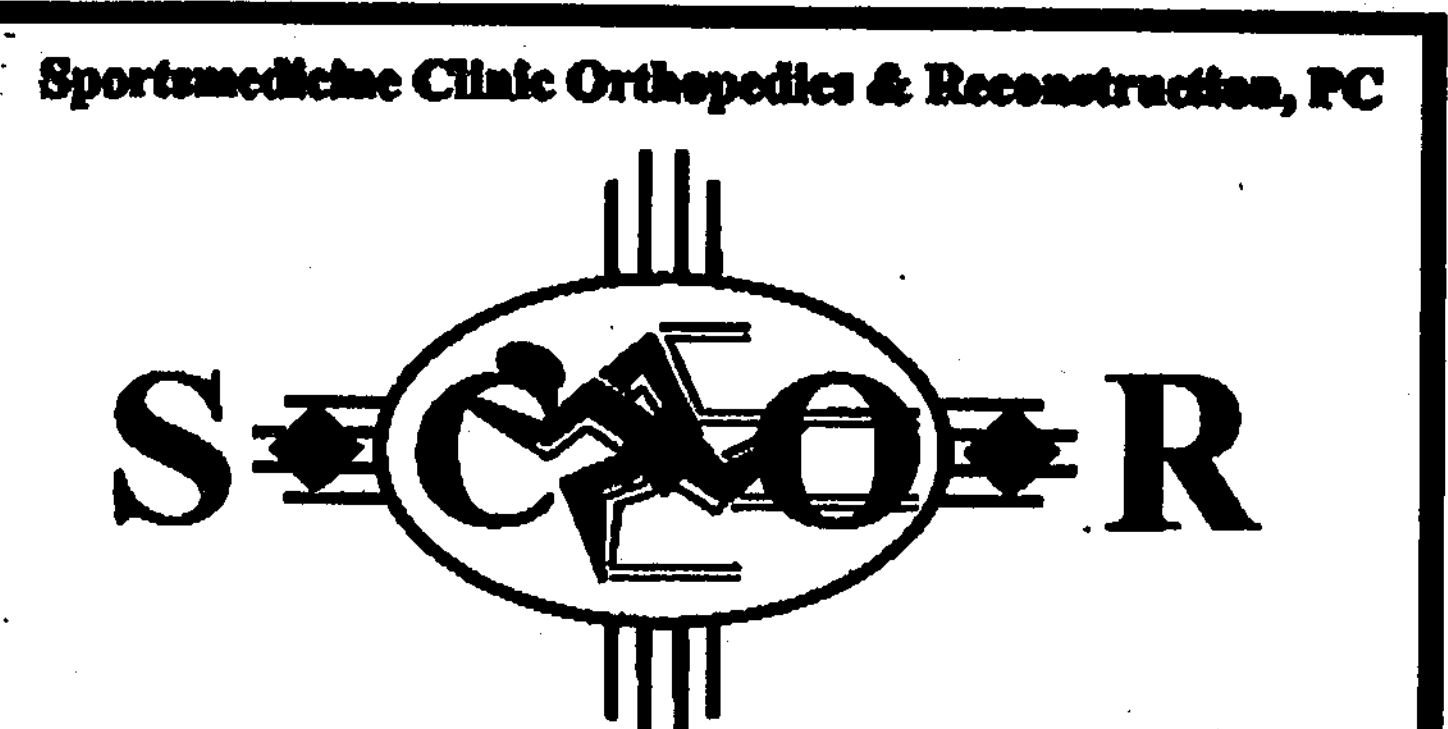


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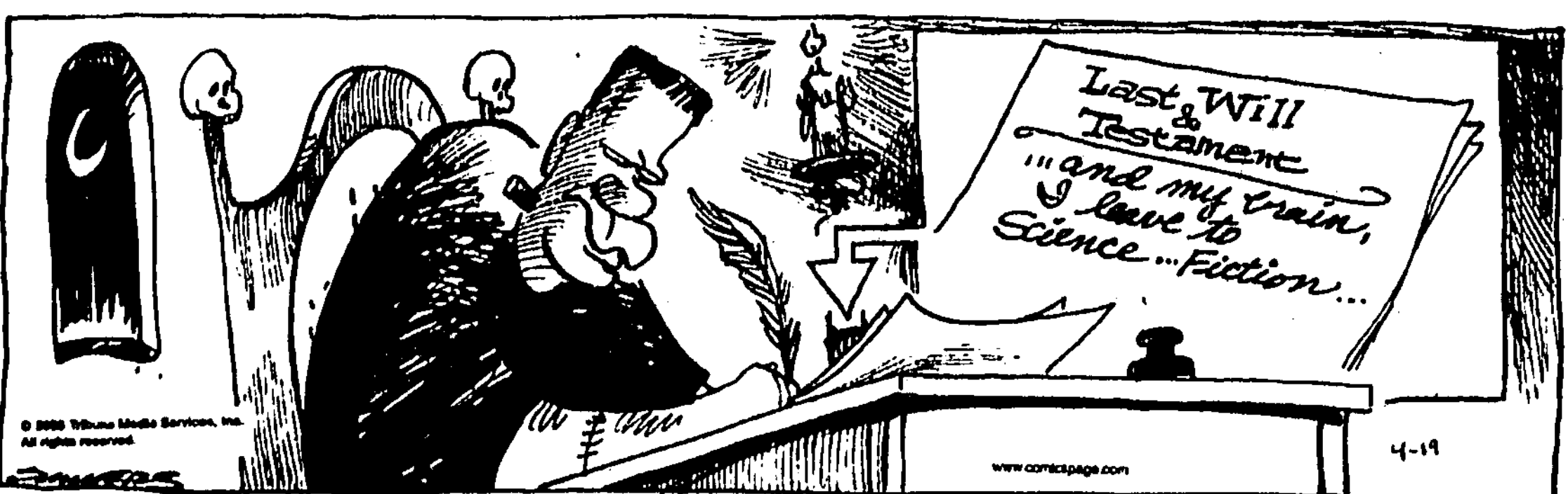
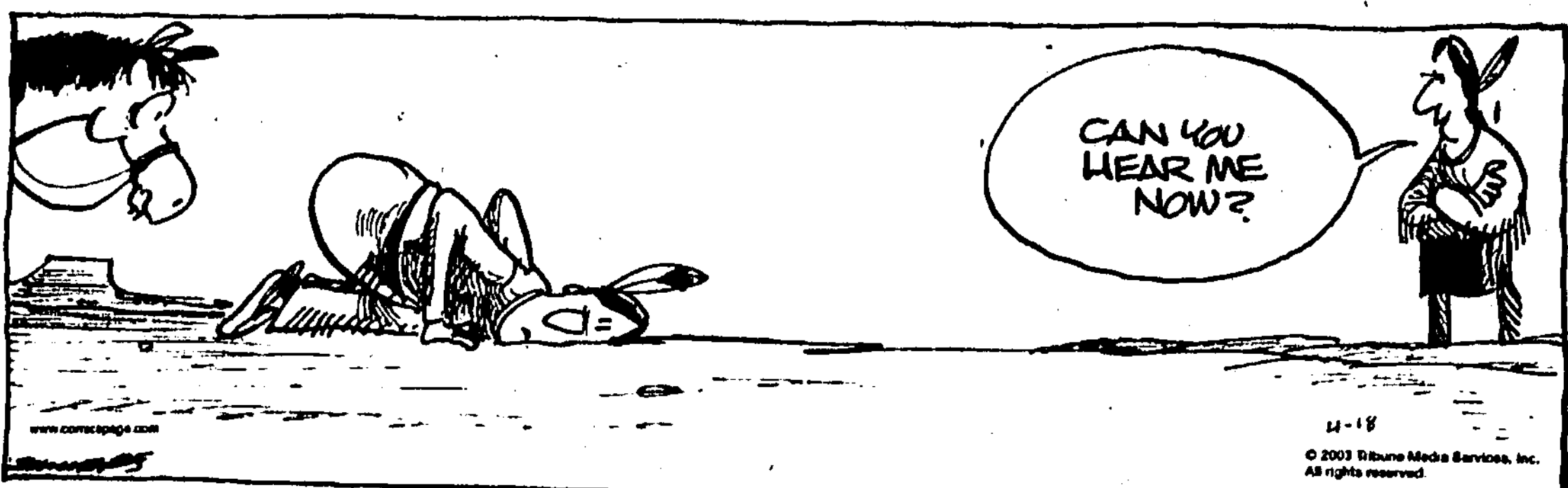
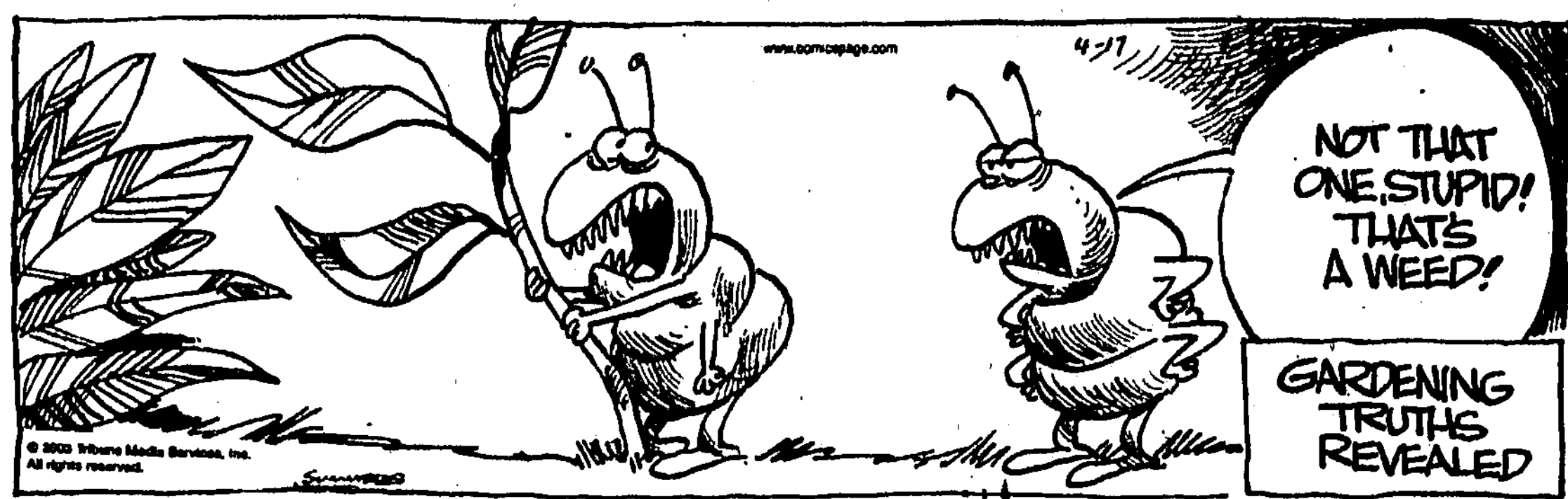
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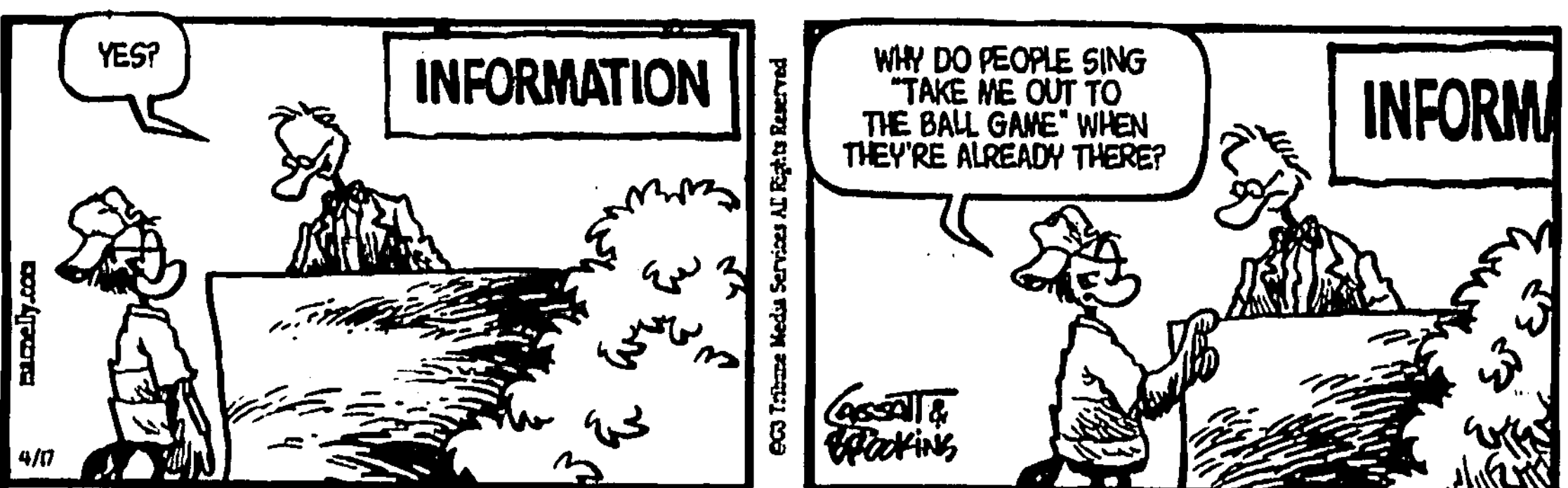
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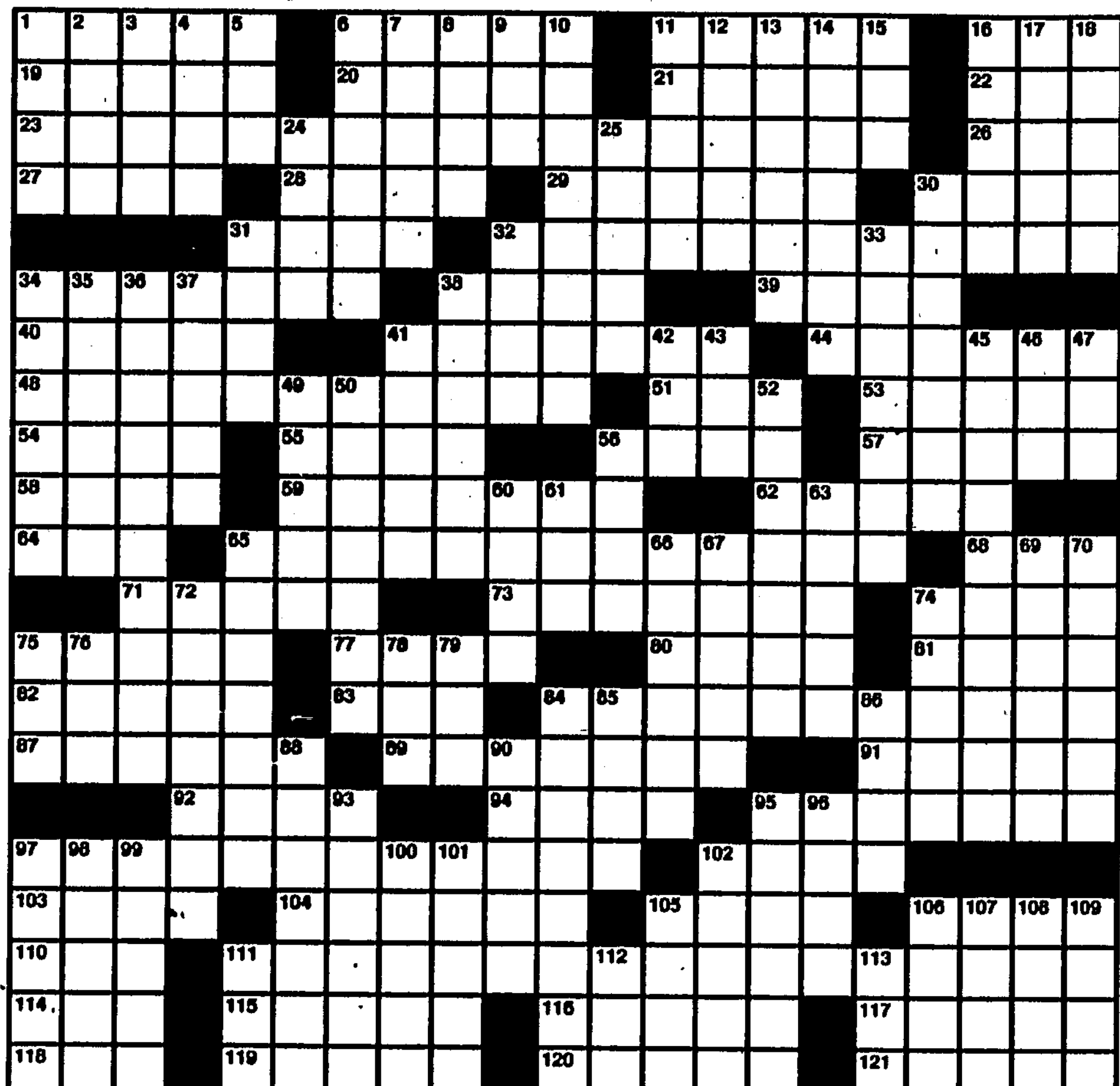
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 - Tiny piece
 - Like this ans.
 - Like loads
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 - Polynesian porch
 - Rapping Dr.
 - Poor-quality bread spread?
 - Part of a relay race
 - Giants Stadium players
 - Paquin or Pavlova
 - Olympic judges
 - Actress Thompson
 - Influence
 - Answer to Tarzan?
 - Bad blokes
 - Hardly a Pulitzer candidate
 - Sock attachment
 - Antiknock fluid
 - Decides not to retire
 - Like the toves in "Jabberwocky"
 - Cherokee joyrides?
 - jungg
 - Earth tone
 - River through Hamburg
 - Golf, for one
 - City SW of Bogota
 - Fort Wayne's river, St. —
 - Advertising award
 - Reeducate, in a way
 - Postpone
 - Dress fancily, with "out"
 - Impersonates a dessert?
 - Guinness book suffix
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 - Spanish eyes
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 - Take a chance on
 - Bill
 - God of the Koran
 - Emmy-winning Arthur
- DOWN
- Belief system
 - Cordelia's sister
 - Poker hand
 - Tips while flying
 - Unemotional
 - Short
 - "Just visiting" square
 - Capital of Sri Lanka
 - Turn down
 - 1887 opera debut
 - Overweight nursery rhyme climber?
 - Versatile donor
 - High lights?
 - Good at repartee
 - She played Emma in "The Avengers"
 - Chum
 - Boos from the Stoges?
 - "Yo!"
 - Jr. and sr.
 - Schleps
 - Jack's UN ambassador
 - 118 Dunderhead
 - 119 Guide
 - 120 Allows to get away
 - 121 Southwestern plateaus
- 52 Candidates for elimination
- 56 Atkins of the Ory
- 60 2 for Ha, e.g.
- 61 Half a dance
- 63 "— is the landscape's most beautiful..."
- 65 In an aggressive way
- 66 Shook up
- 67 Disney's middle name
- 69 In order that
- 70 Sounds of reproach
- 72 Just for fun
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- 75 Knock
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- 79 "Uh-uh"
- 84 Jimmy of the '50s Red Sox
- 85 Italian dessert
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- 88 Daise, in slang
- 90 Sixteen oz.
- 93 Toy piano sound
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- 97 Volkswagen model
- 98 Still-life pieces
- 99 Playbill data
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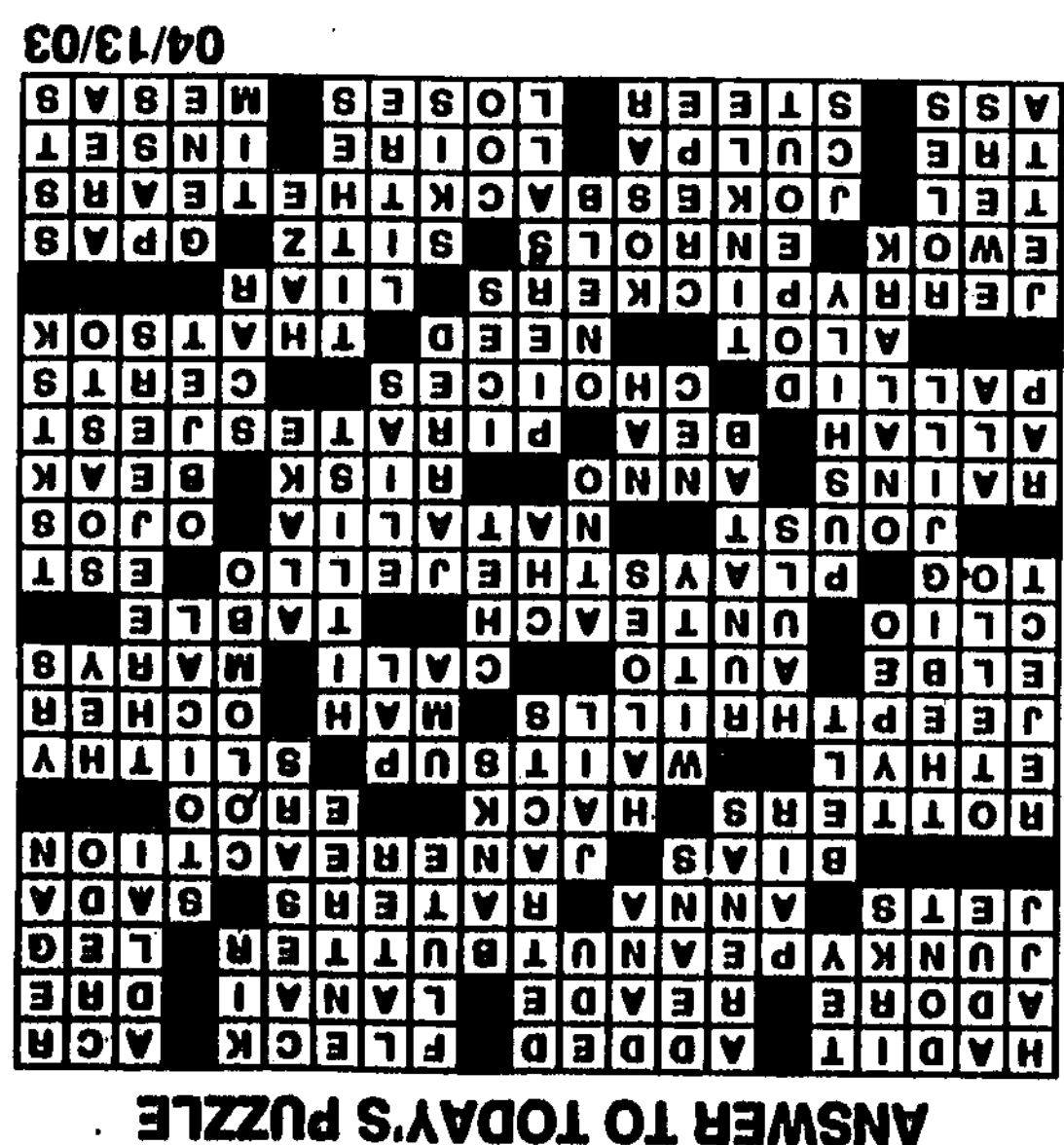
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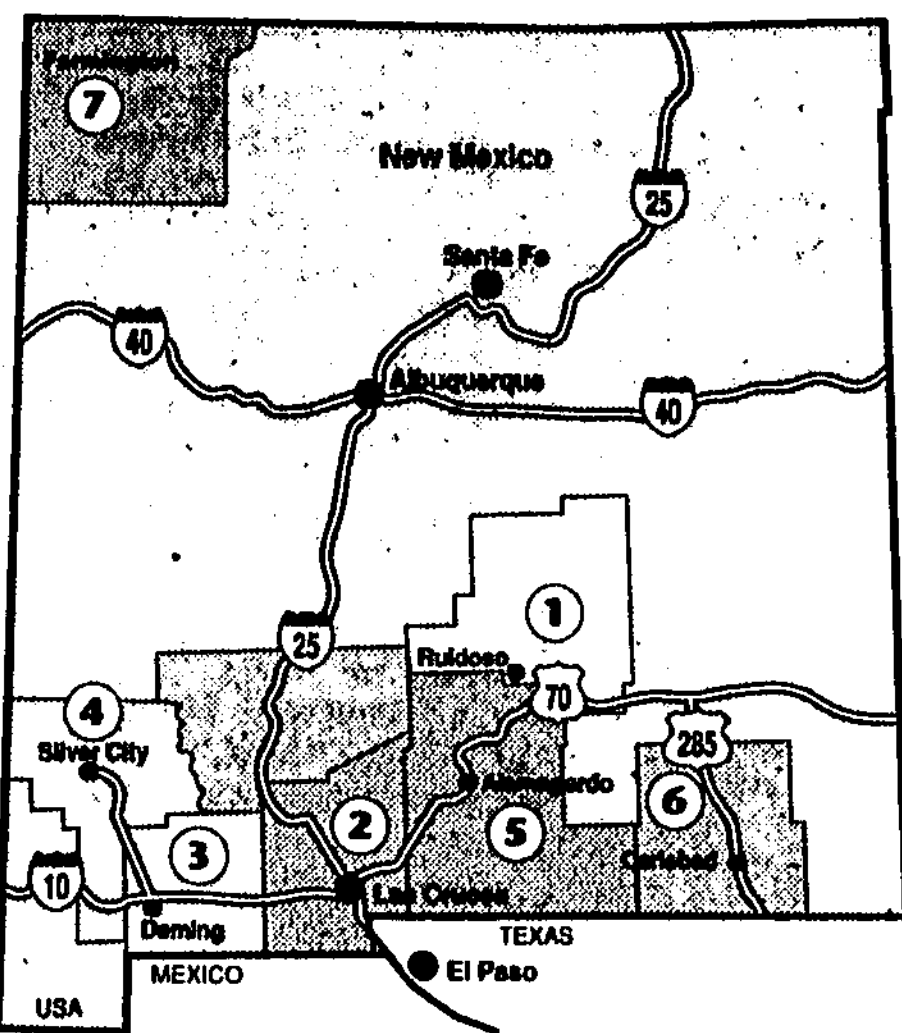
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OVER 1 ACRE CLOSE TO TOWN
Very nice 3 bdrm, 2 bath with easy access. Seclusion is yours, yet still with views. Mostly level. Great 1st home or vacation getaway! \$54,900. #98913

UNIQUE RUIDOSO CONDO!
Perfect mtn retreat lg mst w/king bed & full ba, great rm w/comm built-ins incl. king Murphy bed! Mtn views from lg deck. TERRIFIC rental hist. \$76,000. #98806

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The charming and rustic cabin in the woods that everyone asks for. Picture perfect on 2 lots, almost 62 acres right across from the river. Great screened in front porch. The perfect mtn retreat. \$128,500. #99085

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GREAT NEW LISTING

GREAT MOUNTAIN CHALET style home located close to town and Cree Meadows Golf Course. 2 Bedroom 1 3/4 bath with huge living area, lots of windows, great rock fireplace, over 1400 square feet, easy access, all one level, utility room and more. This home is in excellent condition. \$135,000

SUPER UPPER CANYON HOME. 2 Bedrooms, 2 baths, wood and tile floors, flagstone patio, river rock facia, big lot goes street to street. New full size bath just added. Also has bonus room for office, etc. \$106,900

PRICED RIGHT AND CLOSE TO THE RACE TRACK is this spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with approximately 1349 square feet, double attached garage, deck, and a great built in fireplace. \$75,000

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FABULOUS VIEWS...POSSIBLE OWNER FINANCING with this 4 bedroom, 3 bath home, 2 Living areas, log siding, nicely landscaped, new deck, tile floors, new kitchen. This home has been totally remodeled inside and out, looks like new. Owner is motivated, price has been reduced from \$234,500 to \$215,000.

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257-4228



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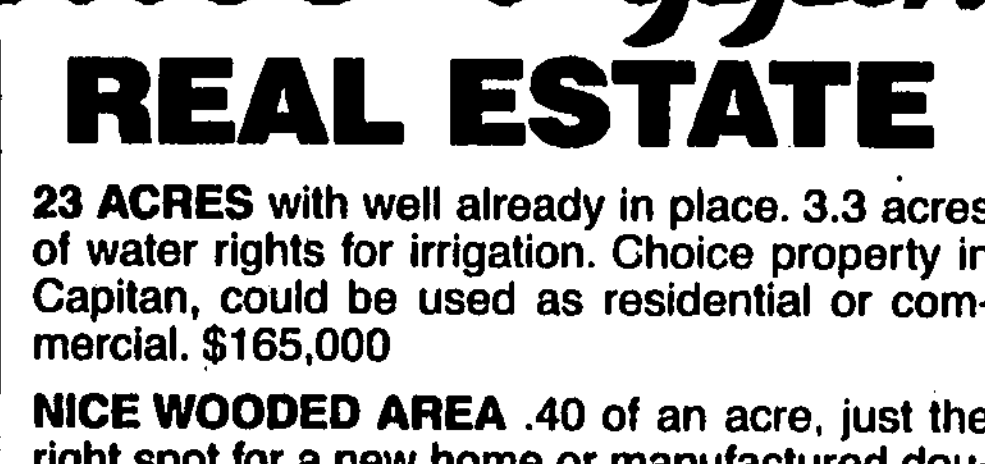
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RUIDOSO CABIN nestled in tall pines on well groomed, fully fenced, corner lot. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with covered porch and extra room for study or guest bedroom. Peaceful neighborhood. \$100,000



DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE. Cozy, 3 bedroom, 1 bath cabin with 1 bedroom guest home. Beautiful brick fireplace in living room, owner has added her special touches, single detached garage and carport. Easy central access, close to midtown, restaurants, grocery store. Priced to sell at \$83,000



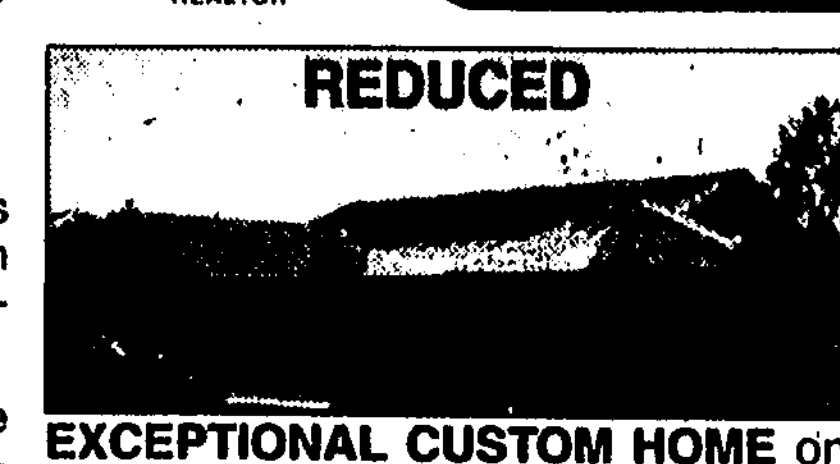
23 ACRES with well already in place. 3.3 acres of water rights for irrigation. Choice property in Capitan, could be used as residential or commercial. \$165,000

NICE WOODED AREA. 40 of an acre, just the right spot for a new home or manufactured double wide. Lot goes street to street, has community water and electric, soft views of Sierra Blanca. Located in Alto North. \$28,000

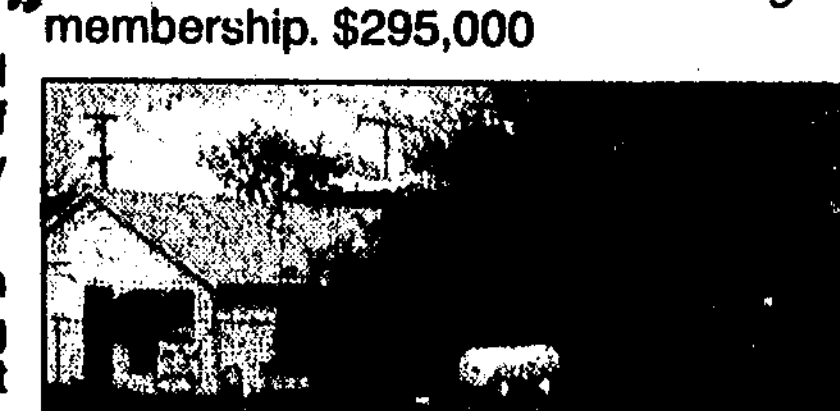
10.83 ACRES. Ranches of Sonterra, corner lot, mostly level, ready to build. Domestic well and septic needed. \$99,000

UNRESTRICTED 40 ACRES off of airport road in fast growing area. Unobstructed view of Sierra Blanca and Capitan Mountains. Heavily treed with numerous building sites. \$379,000

162 ACRES. In Tularosa, this property has been in the family for 92 years. You're not just looking at land, you're looking at history. Priced at \$1000 per acre.



EXCEPTIONAL CUSTOM HOME on Cree Meadows Golf Course. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath with open, spacious floor plan. Beautiful oak trim and cabinetry, oversized 2 car garage is heated and cooled. Wonderful full golf membership. \$295,000



WEED, NM. Owner looking for an offer on this 2/1 home with several storage buildings, root cellar, triple carport, fruit trees and garden space. Nearby National Forest provides abundant wildlife and unlimited space for hiking, horseback riding or just kicking back. \$42,500

1608 SUDDERTH DRIVE

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ACROSS FROM TWO RIVERS Park, 3Bd/2Ba, huge family room, office & workshop. Large fenced yard, 1 year lease, possible option to purchase. 258-5958 or 430-7372.

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RENTALS:
HIGH LOOP -
3 Bedroom, 2 1/2 Bath, office, 2 car garage, large kitchen, dining area, living area, den, laundry room, fenced backyard in quiet neighborhood. Unfurnished, pets negotiable. \$1200.00 plus utilities.

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3BD/3BA CONDO fully furnished. A long term lease preferred. For information call 378-8080 or 505-628-1414

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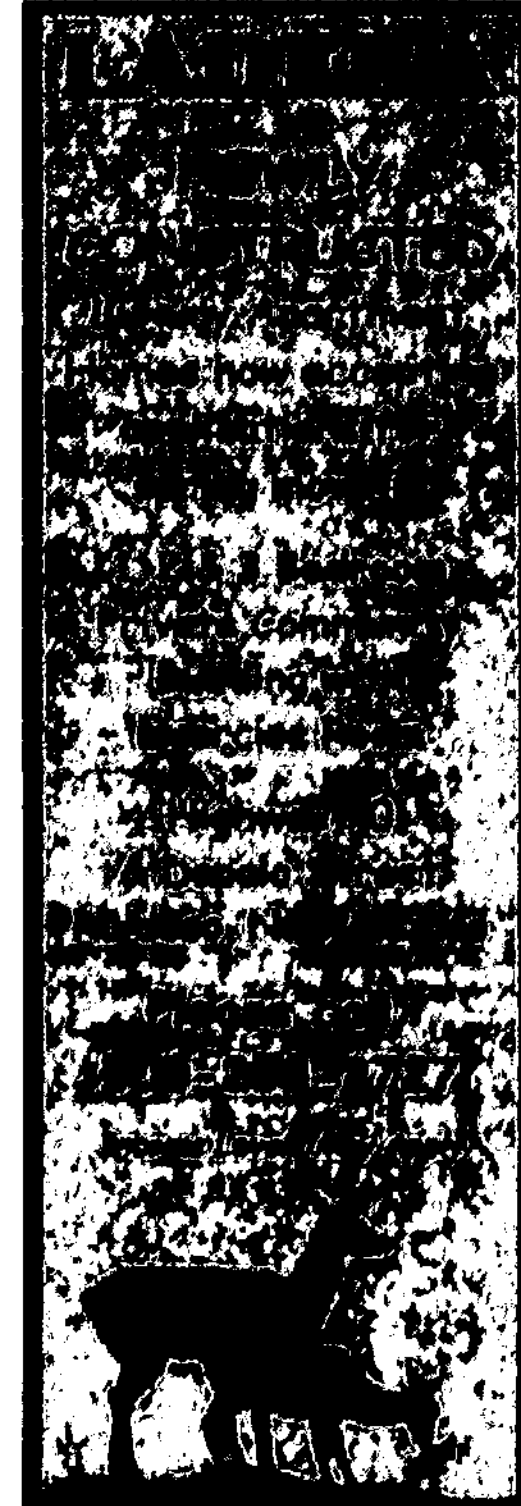
2Bd/1Ba, \$650/mo, \$500/deposit, all bills paid including cable; **2Bd/1Ba duplex**, \$750/mo., W/D hookups, fireplace, \$500/deposit, all bills paid, No Pets! 491-5621

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CAPITAN #114 East 2nd, large, modern 1 or 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, much storage, custom curtains, ceiling fans, 257-5381.

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30 ACRES- \$24,900 Abutting preserve on 2 sides. 30 beautiful acres w/pow-er on good, quiet road. Has trespass right to forever same cattle ranch. A must see

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THE ATTIC COMPLEX, 1031 Mechem, 600 sq. ft. open upstairs office with views of Sierra Blanca, bathroom, and separate sink work area - \$450.00 plus \$100 for utilities - minimum 1 year lease. Call Donna at Casas de Ruidoso, Inc. - 257-7577

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BOOKKEEPER, LOCAL CPA firm is seeking applications for a full charge bookkeeper. Extensive experience and references are required. Salary is contingent upon experience. Please send resume to Ronnie Hemphill, 1035 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, NM.

BREAKFAST PERSON needed at Ramada Limited from 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Apply in person.

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Anthropology GED or ESL Instruction (BA degree required) Microbiology Nursing Assisting (RN required)

A Master's degree in the teaching field is required. Other required skills include the ability to work with non-traditional and minority students; computer and Internet literacy; ability to also work outside of Ruidoso in the Lincoln/Otero County area. Bilingual skills (Spanish/English) preferred but not required. Salary is \$630 per credit hour.

Interested applicants should send a letter of application, a current resume and transcripts to:

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DATA CHEK, LLC hiring Administrative Assistant. Strong knowledge and work experience with Microsoft Excel and Word a must! Background in bookkeeping and computer support (hardware and software) helpful. Apply in person at 2904 Sudderth Dr. EOE.

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IN STORE Event Agency is seeking outgoing, energetic, customer oriented individuals to execute in-store sampling events, presenting product samples and assisting in the sales of various products. Mostly weekends. For information call 1-800-747-8861

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Salary \$6.14 hourly Applications accepted until positions are filled.

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CASHIER

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1975 PROWLER TT 24 ft., good condition, \$1,650. 1985 Honda 3 - wheeler police trike, 5 speed, OD w/reverse, \$3,500. New factory built 3 rail MC trailer, \$1,500. New 10 cu.ft. RV fridge - 3 way, \$750. 257-1161

200 MISCELLANEOUS

WOMEN'S GOLF clubs with bag & accessories, \$50. Chair - swivel rocker, \$20. Chest of drawers, \$40. Washer / Dryer, \$400. Microwave, \$25. Wicker headboards - twin, \$20/each. Car top bike rack, \$10. Tow bar, \$200. Treadmill, \$50. Call 336-7959.

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200 MISCELLANEOUS

WALNUT ANTIQUES, hope chest, lock dresser / desk, 6ft. bed \$1500, square Oak table, \$175, Wainscot trunk, \$200, (505)648-5670.

WANTED FISHING tackle or related items. Call 378-4051 ex. 241

501 SERVICES

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WASHER & Dryer, \$200/pair. Metal Daybed with bedding \$75. New style Farm dinette table with chairs \$100. Side by side refrigerator - green, \$75. All items are in great condition. 257-4782 or 257-2502.

201 ANTIQUES/ART

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200 MISCELLANEOUS

MOVING OUT SALE EVERYTHING GOES Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Entire contents of 2 condos must go! All appliances, TVs, refrigerators, stoves, dryer's, dishwashers, dishes, utensils, beds and bedding, couches, chairs, dining tables, lamps, and lots of items from storage.

West Winds Condos #3 and #4, 206 North Street.

NEED SOMETHING? Check The Menagerie first! New & gently used and consignment! 105 W. Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitán, Tuesday - Saturday, 10AM - 4PM, 354-4321.

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452 YARD & GARAGE SALES

3 FAMILY YARD sale, Sat. Only, 9 - 3, Nob Hill Rd (next to the pink lady's), furniture, toys, baby clothes, lots of stuff.

ESTATE SALE - 141 Willie Horton. Friday, April 18th from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday, April 19th from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Furniture, dishes, art and accessories.

GARAGE SALE Friday & Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 117 Brady Canyon, all items. No Early Birds. 257-1516.

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203 YARD & GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE Household items, furniture, appliances, linens, kitchen contents, personal items. Friday - Sunday, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. West Winds Condos #3 and #4, 206 North Street.

GARAGE SALE Saturday only, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Elk's Lodge on Highway 70 West. Lots of nice clothing, couch, household items, miscellaneous, too much to mention.

GARAGE SALE! Lots of baby girl stuff. 601 Parkway (Agua Fria) Saturday April 19th, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

MOVING SALE 318 Walnut Dr. Fri. April 18, pictures, dishes, washer, dryer, & bedroom set, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 257-6616

SALE SAT. 19th 7:00 a.m. 108 George MacCarty yard, elect, roll away bed, ladder, small freezer, some furniture, odds and ends.

"SEND THE Kid's To College" garage sale. Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Flying J Ranch, Highway 48. No Early Birds!

YARD SALE: Miscellaneous, some furniture, 202 Buckner. Friday and Saturday 8 - 2.

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1988 CHEVY Corsica, 4dr, \$1000 OBO. Call 257-6464

1990 TOYOTA Camry LE, four door, V-6, AT, PW, 111,000 miles, runs well, \$2,600. (505) 378-5696

1992 MUSTANG, automatic, 2 door, perfect condition, one owner, all power, \$3,000. OBO. At Ray's Automotive, 378-4916 or 587-4991 after 5:00PM

1995 FORD Taurus, 4 door, V6, loaded, all new tires, in town, one owner, 36,000 miles, \$5,000, 258-4157

4X4 TRUCK, '86 Ford F150, extended cab, long bed \$2,000. 1 ton Van, '85 Ford F350, \$3,000 336-7814 OR 430-8637

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506 LEGAL NOTICES

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

STATE NATIONAL BANK, a Texas banking corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
AUGUST R. GRUNOW, JR., and DONNA J. GRUNOW, Defendants.

Cause No. CV-02-216
Division III
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 1, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., at the front entrance to the Village of Ruidoso Municipal Building located at 313 Cree Meadows Drive in Ruidoso, New Mexico, the undersigned Special Master will offer at public sale and sell the following described real property to the highest bidder for cash:

Lot 4, Block 22, Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, 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, November 30, 1982, in Cabinet D, Slide Nos. 99 to 103, both inclusive.

The real property is located at 107 Doc Holiday Court, Alto, New Mexico 88316. The Special Master's sale will be conducted pursuant to the Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered by this Court on March 28, 2003, in an action for collection of a Promissory Note and foreclosure of a Mortgage.

Principal, interest, and late charges through May 1, 2003-----43,306.21
Costs of suit-----474.20
Attorney fees-----1,676.38
Special Master fee-200.00
45,656.79

In addition to the Judgment liens referred to above, there will be accruing costs, including costs of publication of this notice. The Special Master may continue the date of sale by appearing on the date and time specified in this notice and announcing the postponement to another specific date.

LEGAL NOTICE
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING OF CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the City of Ruidoso Downs will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 23, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. at the City of Ruidoso Downs Hubbard Room, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs, NM.

Agenda will be posted, in accordance with Resolution 2003-01, Twenty-Four (24) hours prior to meeting date and made available to the public. Meetings of the City of Ruidoso Downs Governing Body are open to the public.
If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the City of Ruidoso Downs at least one week prior to meeting or as soon as possible.
/s/ Carol Virden
City Clerk/Treasurer
#5526 2T (4)18 (5)2

LEGAL NOTICE
The Extra Territorial Planning Commission of the County of Lincoln will hold a regular meeting on May 19, 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 Cases # ETPC03-001 a Conditional Use and ETPSD02-004 Amended Site Development request for the following described property:

1/4 or Tract A, Section 3, T 11 S, R 13 E, Gavilan Ranch Sd. Titan Tower Site Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.
By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.
/s/Tim Vega
Planning Department

506 LEGAL NOTICES

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LEGAL NOTICE
Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for Vegetation Management, Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico FEMA-1257-DR-TX

Interested persons are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing to assist in the funding of vegetation management in the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), Executive Order 11988, and the implementing regulations of FEMA, an EA was prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action on the human and natural environment. The EA was released for public comment on January 22, 2003. No public comments were received during the 30-day comment period. The EA has been finalized and a FONSI has been made. This also provides public notice for work within the regulated floodplain, in accordance with Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12.

The reasons for the decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) are as follows:
1. No significant adverse environmental impacts have been identified to existing land use, water resources (surface water, groundwater, waters of the United States, wetlands, and floodplains), air quality, noise, biological resources (vegetation, fish and wildlife, State and Federally-listed threatened or endangered species and critical habitats), safety, hazardous materials and waste, or cultural resources; no disproportionately high or adverse effects on minority or low-income populations would occur; and;
2. The project is necessary to meet the needs of the citizens of the existing local community.
No further environmental review of this project is proposed to be conducted prior to the release of FEMA funds.
Copies of the final EA and FONSI can be obtained by contacting:
Rick Delaco
Director of Forestry
313 Cree Meadows Drive
Village of Ruidoso, NM 88345
The final EA and FONSI are also available on the World Wide Web on the FEMA website at <http://www.fema.gov/mile/p/assess.htm>. Copies are available for viewing at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Road, Village of Ruidoso, NM 88345.

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LEGAL NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID
BID NUMBER 03-01

The Village of Capitán Board of Trustees will receive sealed bids for 1500 GPM UL Certified Midship/Pumper. Bids must be submitted to the Office of the Village Clerk, P.O. Box 246, 114 Lincoln Avenue, Capitán, New Mexico, 88316, telephone number (505)354-2247, no later than 3:00 p.m. on May 12, 2003, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Bids must be clearly marked 03-01 Capitán Fire Dept. Pumper. The successful bid will be awarded by the Board of Trustees at their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, 2003, at the Village Hall Meeting Room, 114 Lincoln Avenue, Capitán, NM. Bid specifications may be obtained from the Village Clerk. The Board of Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all proposals, and in the case of ambiguity or lack of clarity, to determine the best bid or to reject the same. Specifications will not be given over the telephone or by fax. Questions regarding this bid should be directed to Kathryn Griffin, Village Clerk, or David Cox, Fire Chief.
/s/Kathryn Griffin
Village Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Capitán
/s/Sandy Gladden,
Executive Director

#5511 1T (4)18

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold a Special Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 2, 2003, at the Lincoln County Courthouse (Commission Chambers) in Carrizozo, New Mexico. The purpose of this meeting is to hold a Preliminary Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2003 - 2004, and any other proper business that comes before the Board.
Copies of the agenda for the May 2, 2003, special commission meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting.
Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 505/648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.
/s/Martha Guevara
Assistant County Manager
#5517 1T (4)18

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

MOUNTAIN TOP, INC., a New Mexico corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
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/s/Sandy Gladden,
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Copies of the agenda for the May 2, 2003, special commission meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting.
Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 505/648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.
/s/Martha Guevara
Assistant County Manager
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The associated Decision Memo is available upon request from the Lincoln National Forest, 1101 New York Avenue, Alamogordo, NM 88310, and Smokey Bear Ranger District, 901 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345.
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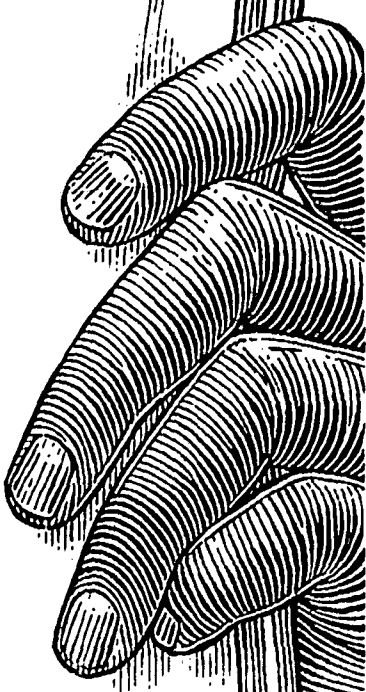
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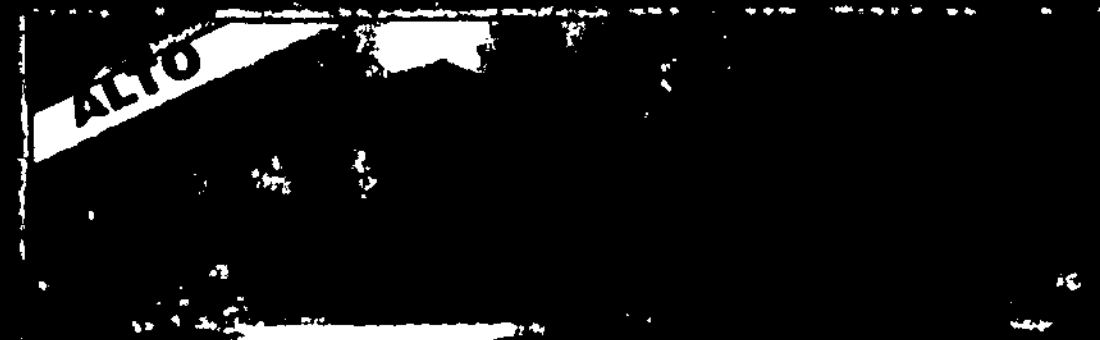
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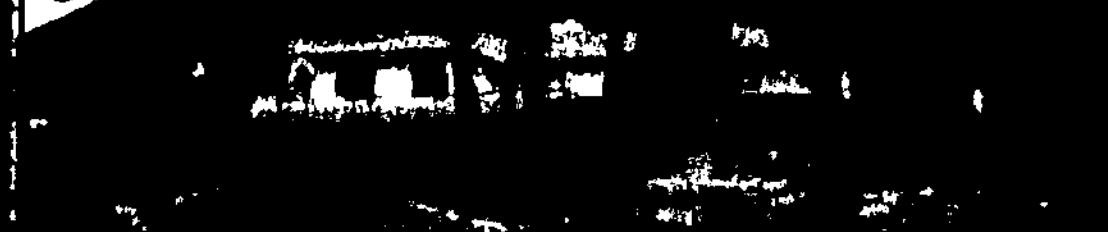
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