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SETTING THE SCENE



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Janice Duncan, left, of Mountain Air Cabins digs in with a shovel as Glenda Duncan of Noisy Water Lodge and Jacque Craig, kneeling, of Shadow Mountain Lodge tackle other parts of the landscaping work on a planting at the entrance to Upper Canyon. The area was adopted by the Upper Canyon Lodgers Association. Members of the Ruidoso Arts Commission were on hand to discuss a sculpture scheduled to be placed there.

Council mad over water use

Stricter enforcement could be next step in conservation

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Water was spilling down the road Sunday from a neighbor who left a hose running in a planting box. Another resident used his sprinklers all day to soak his lawn.

That kind of disregard of the village's struggle to maintain a water supply during prolonged drought must be stopped, Ruidoso village councilors said Tuesday.

They called for stepped up enforcement of village laws that limit irrigation to restricted hours on Tuesday. Although tree wells and flower beds may be watered by handheld hose on any day, the hours still are specified as before 10 a.m. and after 3 p.m.

"I'm seeing a whole lot of people around town ignoring the law and watering all day," said Councilor Ron Hardeman. "I encourage you to get serious about enforcement."

He pointed to a study by Colorado State University that voluntary restrictions on water use don't work.

Larry Gramsick, head of the village's water/wastewater department, said bilingual notices have been printed, warning that violators will be cited. Councilor Bob Sterchi offered to distribute some of them when he's driving around the village.

Police officers as well as other village officials should report violators if they see them while on village business, Sterchi said. Village manager Lorri McKnight encouraged residents to do the same because a water shortage would affect everyone.

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Rec center backers focus on county

■ Previous efforts have fallen through, but supporters show no signs of giving up

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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With the endorsement of the Ruidoso Village Council, supporters of a community center project plan to ask for help from the Lincoln County Commission next Tuesday.

Joe Zagone showed councilors a videotape at their meeting earlier this week that focused on centers throughout the West and as close as

Alamogordo, featuring jogging tracks, pools, weight rooms, gymnasiums and even a skating rink.

He already has lined up letters of support from the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, the county Health and Wellness board, the Lincoln County Cooperative and the Ruidoso and Hondo Valley school boards, Zagone said. The council passed a resolution in full support of a "County Community Center as a true community concept."

"This is a county issue," he said, adding that a mutual effort could bridge some long-standing gaps in

the county community. The item is on the agenda for about 1 p.m. in the county courthouse in Carrizozo.

"This is a grass roots situation," Zagone said. The group has secured a piece of land and spent money on a draft of a building design, he said.

Past efforts to build a center failed to muster support from voters, who turned down a bonding proposal. A recent push to establish a YMCA in the county also fell through, but Zagone said a community center still is needed. About 150 people remain active in the core group pushing the issue, he said.

Police officials consider more coverage at U.S. 70 intersection

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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■ With visitors in town for a motorcycle rally, heavy traffic may lead to an increase in accidents.

Witnessing an accident Wednesday as a driver tried to pull out from Allsup's across construction and into traffic on U.S. 70, Lincoln County Commissioner Leo Martinez figured things could only get worse this weekend.

With thousands of motorcyclists

expected to participate in the annual Aspen Cash Rally, the commissioner said he is worried that more injuries may occur near his Chileo's restaurant in an intersection being realigned as part of the widening of highway. He met Thursday with village officials, State Police Capt. John Sena, Officer Sal Beltran and Police Chief Lanny Maddox.

Sena said he would look into the possi-

bility of scheduling more officers in Ruidoso, with emphasis on the intersection and the access points to businesses, Martinez said.

"I told them having a presence there won't make a difference," he said. "People aren't breaking the law, they're just trying to get into traffic. We need some traffic control there to give them a chance."

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ME AND MY SHADOW



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Candle Turner, 17, gets comfortable with the mayor's gravel at a meeting of the Ruidoso Village Council Tuesday. Turner, a junior at Capitan High School, spent the day with Mayor Leon Eggleston as part of a job shadowing program.

Arts Commission to become non-profit

■ The village council pushed the move after legal questions arose.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Some questions still may linger, but Ruidoso village councilors decided to move ahead with creating a new identity for the Arts Commission as a non-profit entity.

They want the group to be in position to respond to a request for proposals to handle some tourist promotion through the arts events.

Councilor Bob Sterchi said he met with members of the commission and with village attorney John Underwood last week to convey the council's preference that the group dissolve as an appointed committee and reinvent itself.

Commission members at the council meeting Tuesday didn't say much, but chairman Ed Spurr previously indicated the idea wasn't entirely new and he was open to suggestions.

Sterchi said on the plus side, members could conduct fund raising for tax-deductible contributions, could manage their own bank accounts, choose their own board, hire paid staff and pursue other activities that might not fall under allowed uses of lodgers tax money. Those uses are for advertising and publicity to promote tourism and related facilities and events, Underwood said. But the village can contract for the management of events, which would fit the role of the soon-to-be revamped commission.

On the negative side, they would have to purchase liability insurance, pursue the Internal Revenue Service designation and find a place to meet, Sterchi said.

Charles Rennick, assistant village attorney, volunteered to help with the legal papers connected to becoming a non-profit organization and with the IRS filing.

Underwood explained that council concerns surfaced during budget workshops and centered on using lodgers tax money to cover the salary of a paid employ-

ee of an appointed board. The RFP could be phrased to allow non-profit entities or those with that designation pending to respond, but the Arts Commission could end up having competition for the money, he said.

Sterchi suggested that the council allocate \$10,000 to the commission from the general operating fund to take care of the paid coordinator and office expenses through Dec. 31.

"Beyond that, they would have to RFP for the next year," he said. The commission's current request is for \$25,310 from lodgers tax money and \$30,100 from the general fund.

Councilors will continue the budget discussion with Arts Commission members at their Monday workshop scheduled to start at 5 p.m. in village hall.

Spurr said he's concerned about losing the money needed immediately with a busy summer schedule of events. Underwood said that's why the council should move ahead immediately with an RFP, which councilors directed him to do.

Officials say utility pole holding up U.S. 70 work

BY DIANNE STALLINGS

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Workers on the U.S. 70 highway widening project were frustrated Wednesday as they dug around a large pole near the entrance to Allsup's and Chileo's.

Although other utilities accommodated the construction work and removed poles and relocated pipes and wiring, Charter Communications officials haven't been responsive to repeated requests about the pole east of the intersection with State Route 48, said John McConnell, of J.R. Hale Contracting Company, and

restaurant owner Leo Martinez, a Lincoln County commissioner.

"This pole is holding up the project and is a danger to drivers pulling in and out of here," Martinez said.

McConnell pointed out that the pole sits in what is meant to be a sidewalk area and that further east, his crew was forced to pave around another Charter pole.

Martinez said Bill Mason, manager for the cable company's Alamogordo and Ruidoso areas, contends he needs 5,000 feet of fiber optics wiring to do the job.

"He knew this was coming two months ago," the commissioner said, adding that he and

county attorney Alan Morel lined up several possible sources for the needed wiring and relayed that information to Mason.

"We have the motorcyclists this weekend and the horse races start next weekend," Martinez said. "This needs to be fixed and fixed now."

Mason, who was in Ruidoso Thursday, did not return calls for comment.

But by that time, Morel and Martinez were a bit more optimistic that Charter would comply because they found a source of the wiring nearby.

"I spoke with Mr. Mason (Wednesday) and he said the

holdup was his inability to get the fiber to reroute under the highways," Morel said.

Martinez said he's not blaming J.R. Hale Construction, the highway contractor, for the delay. Valor officials also have been cooperative and were willing to share their spicers Thursday night with Charter while they are moving some lines underground, he said.

"I told them at a meeting Thursday that they're doing a good job," he said. "But we can't wait on this. It's a safety issue and affects the progress of the highway project for the summer tourist season."



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Construction workers at the U.S. 70 intersection in Ruidoso work around a Charter utility pole that they say needs to be removed.

Fire danger warning signs OK'd

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Three electronic signs reminding drivers of fire, smoking and water restrictions soon will be flashing their messages on roads leading into Ruidoso.

They are scheduled to be posted Friday on State Road 48 from the north, on Carrizozo Canyon Road as a bypass of U.S. 70 from the south and at the municipal tennis courts on Sudderth Drive. Village officials also will ask about piggybacking on already existing signs being used on the U.S. 70 highway widening projects.

Ruidoso Fire Chief Virgil Reynolds will talk to Mescalero Apache Fire Department officials about partnering on signs through the reservation, which also is on an extreme fire danger watch. Councilor Ron Hardeman pointed out The Travel Center casino, restaurant and gas stop on U.S. 70 operated by the tribe opens over the Memorial Day weekend and might also be a good spot for a sign.

Laura Doth, head of Grindstone Graphics, said she will contact the contractors on the U.S. 70 Honda Valley project about using the sign posted between Tularosa and Alamogordo warning of highway construction through the

valley to see if a quick message could be flashed on that frame.

All the messages must be quick to allow drivers traveling at 50 mph to read them, she said. Mayor Leon Eggleston suggested the words, "No outdoor smoking. No outdoor fires. Water restrictions enforced."

Village councilors voted Tuesday to lease up to three signs at \$50 per day for each sign for up to 70 days, which gives Reynolds and McKnight leeway in case a better deal is found.

The 6x9-foot signs will be leased from R-Square, a Las Cruces company and the low bidder for that size, from May 15 to the end of July. McKnight will look into buying signs for next year. Councilors agreed that in non-fire seasons, they could be used for municipal messages or promotion of events in the village.

Reynolds said he didn't recommend putting up separate signs on U.S. 70 because they probably would blend in with the myriad other signs already posted in connection with the construction.

Councilors Bob Sterchi and L. Ray Nunley favored the Carrizozo Canyon route because many people try to avoid the construction on the highway by cutting through the reservation using the road past the Inn of the Mountain Gods and Casino Apache.

Care center to hold annual yard sale

Friends of the Ruidoso Care Center will stage the second annual Yard Sale starting at 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday in the patio area of the center.

Anyone wishing to donate items can drop them off at the center today. A donation receipt will be provided. All items except clothing will be accepted.

Proceeds will be deposited in the Friends of Ruidoso Care Center account for the benefit of Ruidoso Care Center residents throughout the year to provide them with personal items they may need, but can't afford.


Snacks and soft drinks also

will be on sale by the Developmentally Disabled Unit.

For more information, contact Vaunda Stenzel at (505)

257-2943, Dottie Olson at 258-2313 or Thelma Lopez at the care center at 257-9071.

The center is located at 200 Resort Drive in Ruidoso.



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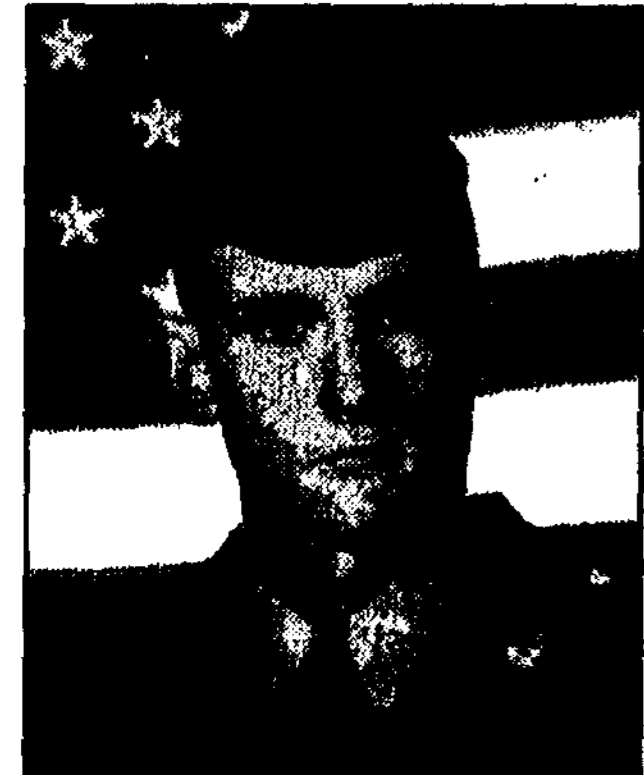
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WATER: Councilors want to get tougher

FROM PAGE 1A

Councilors reminded private well owners that they must have signs on their property notifying the public that the water used for irrigation isn't coming from the public system, although they are considering trying to ensure that well owners follow the same restrictions.

Grasmick recommended that the village stay in Phase II of its water restrictions, a level left in place since last summer.

He reported that water production for the year to date is 90.56 percent of last year, but the village is headed into the heaviest season of use.

Although he announced two weeks ago that diversions from the Ruidoso River to fill Grindstone Reservoir had stopped, Grasmick said they were restarted again when two wells at the Northfork well field were shut down to allow the underground supply to recharge, which is occurring. But at the same time, the underground level for the Brown and Green wells have dropped, he said.

"The Eagle Creek surface diversion has dwindled from 200 gallons per minute to less than 50 gpm," he told councilors. "We are surely recharging the ground since the water is going underground at the beginning of the well field and the static levels have risen significantly."

Grindstone Reservoir sits at about 11 feet below the spillway, Grasmick said. Despite pumping water to supplement the village's water supply, it's holding, he said.

The Hollywood booster station, under repair for months during the winter, is pumping water to the village's 5-million gallon storage tanks, he said. Water line replacement on Eagle Drive will be completed before Memorial Day. Paving of Robin Road and Upper Canyon is scheduled for this week and next.

The well at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport was serviced and upgraded last week to prepare for fire season and for use by the single engine air tanker stationed there for fire fighting, Grasmick said.

Alto Lake still is dry, he said. It's ready to receive water, "but we're still squeezing every drop from Eagle Creek," the water boss said.

Dick Wisner, executive director of the Ruidoso River Association, said Wednesday the flow on the main river through town is twice the amount as last year at this time.

"Of course, that was a bad year," he said. "We're 80 percent of normal."

He was pleased to see that the diversion system jointly approved with the village for filling Grindstone appears to be working, even with drought conditions, Wisner said.

POLICE: Traffic up

FROM PAGE 1A

Officials with the state Highway and Transportation Department indicated they are willing to pay off-duty officers to handle that job, Martinez said. City officers would have to volunteer, however, because of a department policy against moonlighting.

"Of course, we'll respond to any problems," Maddox said

of his department. "But we'll be stretched thin this week-end."

"My biggest concern is where will we be on this project on Memorial Day week-end."

A meeting with state transportation officials and the contractor representative, Lee Hale, is set for 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Ruidoso Convention Center, he said.

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OUR OPINION

A woman's beneficence will touch generations

Jackie Spencer Morgan, 1926-2003

Jackie Spencer Morgan made a mark on Lincoln County that probably never will be matched.

A woman of wealth who found satisfaction in small-town living, Mrs. Morgan contributed in a major way to her community and the state over many years.

She brought world-class performances to a world-class venue through the \$22 million Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, which opened in 1997. She brought a vision to light, sitting alone on a mesa, a friend noted. "Her insight into the arts is truly the gift she left us," said artist Linda Miller.

She will be long remembered

in Carrizozo, too; she and her husband, Dr. A. N. Spencer, who died in 1999, lived there for many years, and contributed much to their neighbors — a recreation center, including a bowling alley; a swimming pool and golf course; and landscaping for a 10-acre park.

Mrs. Morgan and her husband, Ron, were building a new home near the Spencer Theater when she died in Albuquerque on May 10.

A memorial service is scheduled at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Spencer, with a public reception following, but her life will be celebrated far into the future.

Our functioning hyperactive governors

Our governor is a driven, hyperactive anomaly — or is it abnormality? — in the great world of American politics.

When he was in Ruidoso a week ago, near the end of a whirlwind 17-city tour, Gov. Bill Richardson made some startling statements — for a Democrat.

Since his election, he's made no bones about it — he's pushing for statewide business expansion, and doesn't mind hacking taxes (income and capital gains) to get it. How GOP can you get? He's even been praised by Rush Limbaugh.

Yet the very thought of developing the petroleum nearly everybody believes lies below Otero Mesa makes the governor's environmentalist knees jerk...unless he's doing a bit of kowtowing to those Green-tinted party stalwarts living 'way north of Interstate 40.

Richardson is for charter schools, he says, but thinks that GOP stalking horse, the vaunted voucher system, would hurt the public schools — although he agrees it might be an option if his education reforms don't cut it. Clearly, pragmatism is higher on his vine than party dogma.

And, it turns out, our governor is a firm believer in the Second Amendment (the right to keep and bear arms), to the point that he signed into law a bill allowing the rest of us, with proper licensing and background checks of course,

to carry concealed weapons. That act must be worth at least honorable mention in the next Limbaugh Letter, but not, we fear, in the Police Gazette.

A question was asked, somewhat in jest it seemed to us, about the possibility of conducting a retrial of Billy the Kid right here in Lincoln County. The nub of the question: Would the governor sign a pardon for the murderous Billy, more than a century after the fact?

That seemed to get Richardson's attention, just as the idea of a "Billy the Kid Trail" from Silver City to Ruidoso to Fort Sumner had his attention in Carrizozo a few hours later. The governor, as befits a Times Square billboard celebrity, seems to know a promotional opportunity when he hears it.

Meanwhile, the man Richardson replaced as governor on the first day of January, Gary Johnson, as we speak is hunkered down somewhere on the slopes of Asia's Mount Everest, looking for an opportune time to reach the top of the world's highest peak.

Lest we forget, that hard-shell Republican who always felt the veto pen was more effective than any Democratic majority, also was a hyperactive governor.

He ran marathons and iron-man competitions and skied down mountains, on occasion breaking bones, and flew balloons. He rode bicycles across New Mexico, picking up trash along the way.

And, somehow, he was able to get elected twice to the state's highest office, much to the dismay of rank-and-file Democrats.

But we suspect Governor Richardson is glad he did, in retrospect.

LETTERS POLICY

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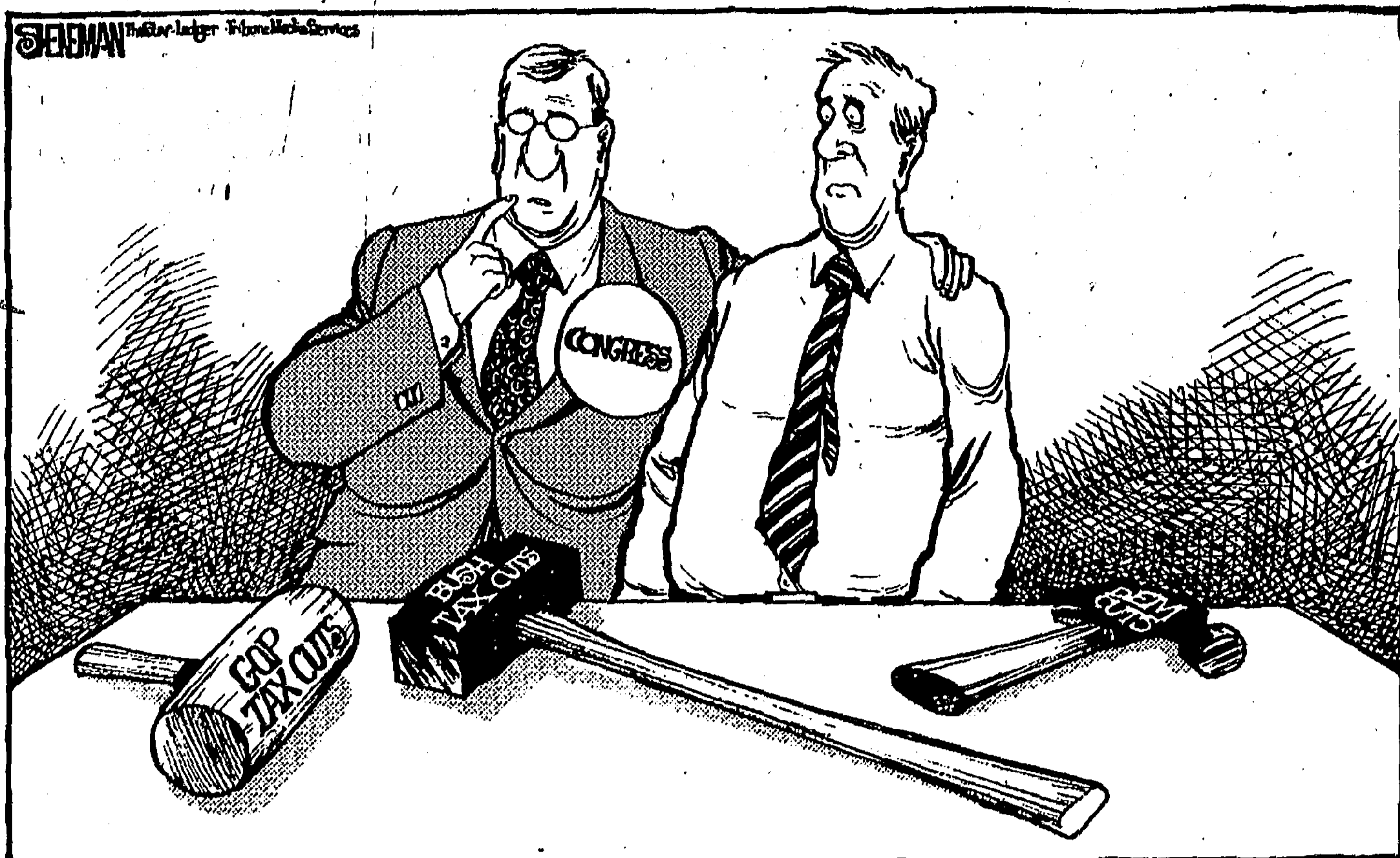
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YOUR OPINION

Focus was on the wrong person at hearing

Hold that tax cut

To the editor:

I am simply amazed at the front-page reporting... concerning the "Hedin dismissal" article. Why did you as editor allow the teacher who did the correct thing be the front-page center of focus (picture) as if she were the accused?

If there was a strong message the Ruidoso News was trying to get across, what was it? By your chastisement of this teacher, the message you are sending loud and clear to all others is: Don't do what is right; just ignore and don't get involved. People who come forward to help remedy something that perhaps is not quite correct or proper, should not be made the victim of ridicule or public humiliation. Report an out of place incident to the proper authorities should be an immediate response, not a feared humility. How many other teachers do you think would ever report anything in the future that is not quite proper?

Not many, if they are going to be put on public display by the local newspaper. You do realize that the local authorities, through things such as Crimestoppers, offer anonymity and rewards for people to come forward and tell of wrong doing. The reason for this is that people don't want to be ridiculed or embarrassed by doing the right thing.

I believe an apology should be forthcoming to the teacher involved, and you (the editor) should not allow this type of... reporting ever to be published again. You, as editor, should be encouraging people to get involved in doing the correct thing; not, as you have exhibited, discouraging them to do so.

A. D. Powers
Ruidoso

A family says 'thanks'

To the editor:

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who contributed to and/or participated in the benefit for Jim Welch, which occurred at the Elks Lodge on May 3.

More specifically, a big thanks to all the businesses and individuals who donated the wonderful items for the auction; all the folks who made private contributions and/or bought items during the auctions; the individuals who conducted the auction program; and the Ruidoso Noon Lions Club for providing and serving the delicious barbecue dinner.

May the good Lord bless each and everyone of you for the loving support you have shown Jim during this trying time. Words cannot express Jim's and our sincere appreciation for your caring and thoughtfulness.

The family of Jim Welch
Ruidoso

A nickel and a dime

To the editor:

Peggy Combs
Alto

A special 'thank-you'

To the editor:

The Combs Family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, support and generosity. A special thanks to the Bonito and Ruidoso fire departments.

Peggy Combs
Alto



Great editorial today (May 9)! Honestly, except for that last interrogative sentence... "What's to be gained by doubling overdue book fines from a nickel to a dime?"

One would hope that younger patrons (and older irresponsible ones) may gain some sense of responsibility and respect for library books. If the income on fines were to reach a great amount for a pay raise for the few over-worked, loyal, and competent workers there, it would be a great gain for all of us who so appreciate them!

What's to be gained by your question? What's to be gained by recent front page spreads about local citizens, with "alleged" the operative word? What's to be gained by most all media hype? Daniel Storm did more growth and tourism in Ruidoso through the Ruidoso News than money, politics and promotions! Jim Kalvelage is missed also. Just an opinion.

Dorothy A. Wilson
Ruidoso

This is not an opinion

To the editor:

Opinions usually cost extra. That's why I don't own one. When I turned 40, I decided that it was time that I had an opinion. I know from experience with other people's opinions, they are very costly, and I could never afford a new opinion.

I had resolved to find a good, low mileage, used opinion, or perhaps share someone else's opinion first to see if I liked it. I knew I couldn't borrow anyone's opinion because they are almost impossible to give back! I found a multitude of people all offering their opinions. These generally ranged from bad to worse and some were truly horrifying opinions. I found most people seemed willing to give me their opinion. However, these were usually attached to some advice one must take with it — very unwholesome arrangement, something akin to a nice saddle hopelessly anchored to a dead horse.

After searching through many poor opinions and finding no wealthy opinions worth having, I resigned myself to the fact that in order to have any opinion at all, I would have to create it. For years I have collected tid-bits and flotsam, nuts and bolts, words and phrases, from which I'm carefully sculpting my own opinion. A laborious task, far from finished.

Perhaps some day I'll be the envy of all men because of my opinion and that it will be a great, wise and noble opinion. For now, because my opinion is unfinished and not yet half-baked; please, don't ask me for my opinion. Until completed, I will keep my opinion to myself. I've found it better to keep my mouth shut and let others think me a fool, than to open it and remove all doubt.

Kelly Axtell
Ruidoso

Search dog in need of surgery

Border collie looks for human remains

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Rip the border collie spent the last five years of his life helping people and now he needs some people to help him.

Well-known in southeastern New Mexico for his work as a search and rescue dog, looking for lost hikers, hunters and missing children, Rip is owned by B. Diane Whetsel.

Whetsel's credentials include being deployed in the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001, to the Pentagon with her border collie Sage to search for victims of the terrorist attack.

But back in New Mexico, Rip is the only human remains specialty dog in the southeastern section of the state. He has assisted law enforcement in Eddy, Lea, Lincoln and Chavez counties. Last year, he worked with the New Mexico State Police and the Carlsbad Fire Rescue Dive Team in locating the body of a drowning victim.

But recently, Rip developed a painful and crippling osteo arthritic condition in his left rear leg. Whetsel believes the condition is the result of an accident Rip suffered as a puppy when he nearly lost his leg.

Corrective surgery could relieve his pain, but the cost is estimated at \$4,000 with after care. Pain medications and anti-inflamma-

tories are no longer working for him, she said.

"But even with his pain, Rip still is driven to search until the job is done," Whetsel said. "As his trainer and partner, I need to find the funding to get him the surgery that will relieve his pain and save his career as a dog devoted to saving people."

"My only other option is amputation, which would end his career. I think that would be a real waste because there are not many dogs with his training."

The veterinarian has told Whetsel that after recovery, Rip should continue to serve for many more years, she said.

Search Dogs Southwest set up an account at the Wells Fargo Bank in Rip's name. Donations can be deposited into the account from any Wells Fargo branch. The account name is K-9 Rip Search Dogs SW and the number is 1356452662.

James Newberry, who heads search and rescue for the state police in Santa Fe, confirmed Whetsel and Rip's history of volunteer work.



Rip, shown here with trainer B. Diane Whetsel, is the only dog in the state with human remains specialty training.

One of Rip's more recent assignments gave detectives the information they needed to complete a crime scene investigation, Whetsel said.

The situation involved a homicide victim who was burned on a car seat.

"Only a small piece of burned upholstery was hanging to the seat's metal framework," she said. "Much to the surprise of the detectives, Rip was able to detect on the burned, charred evidence that the body indeed had been on that seat."

Village offers list of fuel reduction contractors

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A new packet that briefs people on Ruidoso wildfire abatement requirements and provides a list of qualified contractors to do the work is being handed out when requests for lot assessments are received.

Rick Delaco, village forestry department director, told village councilors earlier this week the contractor list is based on successful work performance, to help residents avoid less reliable or bogus operations.

The packet covers the reasons why new fire resistant standards were adopted by the village in landscaping and construction, reviews the impact of bark beetles and dwarf mistletoe, offers landscaping ideas and a list of native plants, details the standards and advises on remediation within specific zones around homes.

Delaco said he is encouraged to see responses coming back from 500 letters sent out

to lot owners in five subdivisions on the southwest corner of the village. The president of the Black Forest Subdivision Association also has asked that he speak to that group, Delaco told councilors Tuesday.

Reporting on efforts to educate the public to the new requirements, Delaco said a 20-minute fire safety video is running on Channel 11, the community channel, and shorter ads are appearing on other channels. A fuels management insert also is scheduled to be published reviewing the origins of the standards, he said.

A six-member Youth Conservation Corps crew arranged through the state Forestry Division will monitor conditions on the Eagle Creek property owned by the village and recently the focus of an underbrush and tree reduction program.

A Federal Emergency Management Grant of \$1,095,000, which also should help with equipment and land

treatment, was approved and is moving through the process before coming to the council, he said.

James Mason, with the Ruidoso Fire Department, said one of his Neighborhood Fire Smart groups will operate in Black Forest, and another near the intersection of Mechem and Sudderth drives will be very visible to gain public attention.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a vacation of right of way requested by William J. Holmes near lots 36-40, Block 8 in Camelot Crown Estates. Holmes will pay \$1.15 per square foot vacated for a total of \$12,523.50 as required by village ordinance. A 50-foot right of way will remain and existing utilities will not be affected.

- Scheduled a public hearing for June 10 on a zone map amendment for lot 11A, Block 6 in White Mountain Estates, Unit 3, requested by R.D. Hubbard. The change from

high density to single family residential designation on 1/11 acre would comply with the village's master plan.

- Authorized a task order for Wilson & Company for the relocation of the Eagle Creek raw water pipeline crossing State Route 48. The cost of completing the survey, plans and specifications and permit application was estimated at \$16,995. The cost of construction will depend on the highway permit requirements and \$50,000 is being requested in the 2003-2004 budget.

- Proclaimed May 2003 as Mental Health Month.

Task force formed for DWI program

The six-member board will decide how to handle the situation.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A task force was formed earlier this week to recommend the future direction of Lincoln County's DWI program overseen by the village of Ruidoso.

Mayor Leon Eggleston put together a six-member committee and urged speedy action by the group in determining what is needed for the program aimed at people convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Village attorney Lorri McKnight said she will ask officials with the state department that allocates grant money for the program to attend the first session.

"You need to move rapidly on this because the DWI program is at a standstill," Eggleston said. "Meet as often as needed. The quicker the better."

Appointed to the board Tuesday were Tracie Samora, DWI court monitor in the Ruidoso magistrate court; Deputy District Attorney Canon Stevens, former DWI coordinator Bobbi Weise who resigned in December 2002, bar owner Dean Fowler, Genevieve Phelan with The Counseling Center and Angel Shaw from Zia Natural Gas.

Citing lack of supervision, state officials suspended funding for the program last month after two staff members resigned, but both magistrate judges in the county urged the village to continue with the work.

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Special meet set for budget

A budget workshop meeting of the Ruidoso Village Council is called for 5 p.m. Monday at village hall on Cree Meadows Drive.

The public is invited to attend the last workshop before action on the \$28 million budget in a regular meeting later this month.

Village manager Lorri McKnight is expected to present an alternative to regular raises for employees and to discuss other recommendations.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Leisure Hotels group relocates main office

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — Steve Olson, president and chief executive officer of Leisure Hotels LLC, has announced that the firm's management and construction divisions have relocated from Hutchinson to Leawood, Kan., in the Kansas City metro area. Included in the Leisure properties is the Hawthorn Suites Golf Resort in Ruidoso.

Olson said the corporate move was to increase Leisure's presence in the Kansas City area, with a potential to escalate growth. The telephone number is (913) 905-1460. Finance and accounting offices will remain in Hutchinson.

Leisure Hotels manages 19 hotels in Kansas, Iowa, Missouri and New Mexico.

Framer moving

Linda's Custom Framing has moved into the Winter Moon Gallery at 2701 Sudderth Drive, "to offer more selection in framing and fine

art prints and posters. Open for business this week, a grand opening event is planned soon. The framing business's new telephone number is 257-2585.

Members sought

The Cree Meadows Public Golf Course at 301 Country Club Drive this month is offering memberships to the public with no initiation fee, billed as a savings of up to \$1,000.

More information is available from the club; call (505) 257-9186.

Lunch service planned

The Greenhouse Cafe, in Capitan, at the corner of Highway 48 and Smokey Bear Boulevard, will offer lunch service beginning next Wednesday. Lunch is planned from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday.

The dinner hour is 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the same days. A Sunday brunch is offered from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The cafe recommends reservations; call 354-0373.

The Economy and the Markets

Will a weak dollar help?

BY MICHAEL SWANSON
WILLIAM FARRIS & COMPANY

The latest statement from the Fed's FOMC hit the financial markets hard. The Fed's continuing concern over deflation has moved 10-year Treasury yields significantly lower. However, it appears that the risk of deflation is being offset to some degree by a weaker dollar. How will the weaker dollar influence the Fed's monetary policy decisions?

In the past, the Fed has responded to higher inflation triggered by a weaker dollar by raising interest rates. Will the Fed need to take similar action with the trade-weighted dollar down more than 17 percent from its recent peak? What impact will the weaker dollar have on growth through the trade balance?

The dollar's future strength and its impact on the economy represents an extremely complex phenomena. However, it is fair to summarize that a weakening dollar will increase inflation and shrink the trade gap, boosting GDP growth.

Statistical analysis shows that imports are the first to respond to a change in the dollar with approximately a one quarter lag. For each percentage point decline in the trade weighted dollar's quarterly index, annual imports fall about \$13 billion in constant dollars. Exports are much slower to respond with a four quarter lag showing the best statistical fit.

Each percentage point drop in the trade weighted dollar will increase annual exports by approximately \$10 billion in constant dollars. The first quarter of 2003 saw a 4.6 percent decline in the value of the trade weighted dollar, implying a best guess of an annual \$50 billion drop in imports starting in the second quarter of 2003. It is important to remember that there is a wide statistical error range around the estimates, with the possible impact being much lower or higher.

The expected increase in exports will not show up until the first quarter of next year, but they should account for an annual increase of about \$40 billion. A weaker dollar will significantly help with the

Fed's goal of growing the domestic economy at a rate much closer to its long-term potential.

The domestically oriented U.S. economy has a relatively small foreign exposure compared to many other countries, limiting to some degree the inflationary impact of a weaker dollar. Currently, imports are running at \$1.6 trillion on a seasonally adjusted annualized rate in constant dollars.

That is approximately 16 percent of annual GDP in constant dollars, which will get hit immediately by higher prices as the dollar weakens. The correlation between import prices and the dollar's strength is strong and negatively correlated.

Lower crude oil prices will help reduce the growth in import prices going forward, but many categories such as capital goods and automobiles that have been especially hard hit by declining prices have started to see price increases. These categories, outside of petroleum, will increase costs for domestic businesses as well as consumers.

In the financial markets, there is already some apprehension that the dollar's decline has been too fast, and it might trigger a self-reinforcing feedback. The concern is that foreign investment both in FDI and portfolio investment will be scared off by the rapid decline in the dollar's value and the lackluster returns on both equities and bonds. The massive surge of FDI has already disappeared at least temporarily. Historically, a weaker dollar has triggered import inflation, forcing the Fed to respond with higher interest rates to slow inflation.

Higher rates also attracted foreign investment, strengthening the dollar. Higher interest rates often erased much of the economic benefit of a weaker dollar. This time that might not be the case. The Fed would welcome any help in preventing the onset of Japanese-style deflation from higher import prices and the economic boost from a reduction in the large negative trade balance.

These are not investment recommendations. Consult your financial advisors.

Existing-home sales hit quarterly high

■ New Mexico tops 2002 figure by 15.4 percent.

WASHINGTON — Low mortgage interest rates and a strong underlying demand for housing drove total state existing-home sales to a new record in the first quarter of 2003.

Thirty-four states experienced sales increases in comparison with the first quarter of 2002, according to the National Association of Realtors.

NAR's latest report on sales of previously owned single-family homes, condominiums and co-operatives showed that total sales rose by double-digit rates in 14 states in the first quarter of this year compared to the same quarter in 2002. Fourteen states and the District of Columbia reported generally modest declines in the annual rate of sales activity from a year ago.

Nationwide, the seasonally adjusted annual rate of total existing home sales reached a record of 6.68 million units in the first quarter, up 2.2 percent from a pace of 6.54 million units in the first quarter of 2002. The previous record was a rate of 6.59 million units

in the fourth quarter of 2002; NAR started tracking the total state resale series in 1981.

According to Freddie Mac, the national average commitment rate for a 30-year con-

ventional fixed-rate mortgage was a record-low 5.84 percent in the first quarter, down from 6.08 percent in the fourth quarter; it was 6.97 percent in the first quarter of 2002.

Freddie Mac started tracking mortgage interest rates in 1971.

David Lereah, NAR's chief economist, said a closer examination of states with sales declines shows relative strength. "Most of the states that are down from a year ago have set home-sales records in the last year," he said.

The strongest year-to-year increase was in Nevada, where the first quarter resale pace jumped 28.5 percent compared with the first quarter of 2002. Hawaii rose 28.2 percent from a year ago, while South Dakota posted the third highest increase, up 20.1 percent from last year's first quarter rate.

The West posted an annual resale rate of 1.77 million units during the first quarter of 2003, up 0.6 percent compared to the same quarter a year ago.

After Nevada and Hawaii, the next highest increase in the region was in Utah, where existing-home sales rose 18.9 percent from a year ago. Arizona resales were up 16.8 percent, while New Mexico's sales pace increased 15.4 percent from the first quarter of 2002. Montana and Alaska also posted double-digit gains.



KEITH GREEN/STAFF

The Gary Lynch firm, which recently joined with Prudential, is listing this existing home at 201 Buckner. Linda Long is the agent. An informal survey reveals many homes on the market, although new construction remains strong.

'Hidden' school dropouts harm workforce

A new study finds those leaving high school without a diploma may be as high as 30 percent

WASHINGTON (PRN) — A new study shows that the nation's high school dropout rate may be as high as 30 percent, almost three times higher than government estimates.

The study, commissioned by The Business Roundtable and conducted by the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University, revealed that 25 to 30 percent of students in America do not graduate with a high school diploma. The study also shows that males are 20 to 30 percent more likely to drop out of school than females, contributing to the increasing gender gap at colleges and universities. Dropout rates also vary greatly by location and racial or ethnic background.

"If we are to better support the nation's long-term economic growth, we must acknowledge the true size of the dropout problem," said Joseph M. Tucci, chairman of BRT's Education and the Workforce Task Force and president and CEO of EMC Corp. "Dropout rates must go down if we are to better prepare our workforce

for the future."

Vermont, Connecticut, Nebraska, Minnesota, and North Dakota are the five states with the highest graduation rates as a proportion of the 18-year-old population in those states. Arizona, Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi, and Louisiana are the five states with the lowest graduation rates for that age.

New Mexico ranks No. 38 in the nation, with a graduation rate of 66.9 percent, the study found.

The U.S. Department of Education puts the national dropout rate at 11 percent. The Department's dropout rate estimates are considerably lower than those uncovered in the CLMS study. The methods used by the government to collect and analyze data on the dropout rate are substantially biased downward for the following reasons:

- The U.S. Department of Education has to rely on less accurate data sources to generate the national dropout rate because each year 14 or more states do not

report their state dropout rates using common definitions and data collection standards.

- Individuals with a GED certificate are counted as high school graduates, though they did not receive a regular high school diploma.

- Students who become incarcerated are not counted, though many are dropouts.

- Poor and minority teens are not always counted in household surveys because they may have transient living conditions and/or employment status.

Failing to graduate from high school puts young adults on a path that is less likely to lead to success, according to Andrew Sum and Paul Harrington, the lead authors of the study.

"Individuals who do not obtain a high school diploma face bleak economic prospects over their entire working lives," Sum said. "It is in the nation's best interest to address this problem now, before it's too late for many of our young people."

Focus on Agriculture

If only hot air could fuel our vehicles...

BY STEWART TRUELSEN
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

Every now and then, Americans get their dander up about our nation's reliance on foreign oil, but then the fuming and fussing dies down and we fill up our cars and trucks with even more. This has been going on since the Arab oil embargo of 1973-74.

If all the hot air about oil imports could be used to fuel our vehicles, we'd be getting somewhere. Unfortunately, it hasn't gotten us far.

According to the Energy Information Agency, an independent statistical agency within the Energy Department, net petroleum imports, including both crude oil and refined products, will account for 68 percent of U.S. demand in 2025, up from 55 percent in 2001. If this projection holds true, the percentage of imported oil to meet our energy needs will have doubled since the Arab oil embar-

go. Much like Scrooge in Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," we've been given a glimpse of our future.

If we don't like our energy future, we need to start making changes today. Every American can participate in changing the outcome, but it would help a great deal if Congress passes a comprehensive energy bill. The bill that passed the House would update American energy policy for the first time in a decade. A bill with some of the same provisions is now before the Senate.

The American Farm Bureau Federation believes the final energy bill needs to have a Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS). The RFS would require the nation to use an increasing amount of renewable fuels (mostly ethanol and biodiesel) in the motor fuel supply. Democrats proposed putting 100,000 hydrogen-powered cars on the

roads by 2010 by spending over a billion dollars to encourage research on cars and fueling infrastructure.

But why wait for hydrogen? There already are four million vehicles on the roads capable of running on E85 fuel, a blend of 85 percent ethanol and gasoline. In addition, Dodge will be adding an E85 vehicle to its truck line this fall.

If you'd rather get your motor fuel from America's farm fields than the Middle East's oil fields, now is the time to consider buying an E85 vehicle. If you own a diesel-powered car, truck or boat, you can already fuel it with B20, a blend of 20 percent biodiesel and petroleum diesel.

The end of the Iraqi War and a new effort at peace between Israelis and Palestinians hold some promise for a more stable geopolitical situation in the Middle East, but that should

not lull us into a false sense of energy security.

In an article entitled "Dealing with Despots," Forbes magazine reminds us that even in a post-Saddam world much of our imported oil, and particularly the most promising new sources of that oil, come from places none of us would feel comfortable visiting. Chad, Equatorial Guinea, Angola, Kazakhstan and Sakhalin Island aren't exactly tourist spots.

Most of us would feel a lot better if more of our motor fuel came from hospitable places like Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, South Carolina and Tennessee to name a few. Now is the time to choose to lessen our dependence on foreign oil and make it really mean something.

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



Volunteers get T-shirts from the Ruidoso River Association on River Cleanup Day, held Saturday. About 50 cubic yards of trash was picked up this year, officials said.

COURTESY DICK WISNER

Righting the river

Volunteers gather for annual cleanup along Rio Ruidoso

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Despite blustery winds and cooler temperatures, 428 volunteers used their muscles last Saturday to help clean up debris along the Ruidoso River.

Dick Wisner, executive director of the Ruidoso River Association, which hosted the 10th annual cleanup, reported that 50 cubic yards of debris was collected.

"The rivers are slowly getting cleaner every year," he said. "But are still being routinely trashed with all sorts of debris."

Volunteers were fed a breakfast before being assigned to different areas along the river and being dispatched with plastic bags for a few hours of labor.

"Then they returned to the park to enjoy live music, a great lunch, and 178 door prizes," Wisner said.

"This has become the community's most widely-sponsored event. This year's cleanup drew 136 sponsors, who donated prizes, food and refreshments, and supplies worth \$13,768.

"Ole Man River thanks everyone who took part in any way."

Water rules nix cheerleader fundraiser

A bakesale is still planned to help the Little Leaguers, though.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso water restrictions nixed the planned car wash by the Ruidoso Little League Cheerleading Association this weekend, but supporters and those with a sweet tooth still can help by stopping by a new location for baked goods and shopping at the group's rummage sale.

The bake sale will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Heart's Delight at 2613 Sudderth Drive near Candle Power. Members also will welcome shoppers at a rummage sale and bake sale from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday at 310 Reservoir Drive in Ruidoso Downs near the police department.

Started in September 2002, the organization provides cheerleading opportunities for girl ages four through 13. About 40 currently partic-

ipate, the group's founders say. The money is being raised to offset expenses for the girls to compete at state, regional and national competitions, to award trophies, to pay for gear and to provide sponsorships.

Chris Bergeron said signs and balloons on the main roads will mark the sites of the two events. For more information, call (505) 378-6316.

Cheerleader sign-up also is underway for the new football season. Volunteers are needed to help in various roles.

Fire season preparations should include pets too

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

High winds and no rain signal the start of fire season in Ruidoso.

The danger level in the village and the surrounding Lincoln National Forest was raised to extreme this week. The U.S. Forest Service banned open fires except in developed campgrounds. The village followed suit and both mixed outdoor smoking except in designated areas.

Pet owners should start thinking about what they will do if their neighborhoods are threatened by wildfire and evacuation is forced, as occurred in major fires of 2000 and 2002.

Organization officials emphasize that pets should never be left behind in the case of evacuation.

"Animals left behind in a disaster can easily be injured, lost or killed," according to an HSUS spokesman. "Animals left inside your home can escape through storm-damaged areas, such as broken windows. Animals turned loose to fend for themselves are likely to become victims of exposure, starvation, predators, contaminated food or water, or accidents. Leaving dogs tied or chained outside in a disaster is a death sentence."

The ASPCA, which was active in animal rescue efforts after Sept. 11, 2001, advises on its evacuation information that rescue alert stickers be posted in a visible place enumerating the animals inside, the name of the veterinarian and the vet's telephone number.

Next, arrange a safe haven in advance for pets. Red Cross shelters will not accept pets because of health and safety regulations. Your veterinarian may be able to help with a list of boarding kennels, friends or relatives may have space, the local animal shelter usually will help and check ahead what hotels and motels allow pets, they suggest. Also consider your evacuation route in

advance.

Don't forget to carry photographs of your pets and their vaccination records. Be sure they are wearing identification at all times with information about any medical needs of the animals, HSUS officials advise.

Don't take a chance that an evacuation will be short. Take pets with you, ASPCA officials urge.

"Once you leave, you have no way of knowing how long you'll be kept out of the area and you may not be able to go back for your pets," they state.

Leave early, they said. Don't wait for a mandatory evacuation order. "An unnecessary trip is far better than waiting too long to leave safely with your pets. If you wait to be evacuated by emergency officials, you may be told to leave your pets behind."

During fire season, people who work should consider making arrangements with friends or neighbors to ensure their pets are removed in case of an emergency. Leave extra leashes or carry cases in the house near an exit.

Always bring pets inside at the first sign or warning of a storm or disaster. They can become disoriented and wander away from home during a crisis.

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FUNERALS DEATHS

Margaret Wallace

A funeral was held Wednesday for Margaret Wallace, 75, of Fort Worth, Texas, at the Laurel Land Memorial Chapel in Fort Worth. Burial followed at Laurel Land Memorial Park. Mrs. Wallace died

Saturday, May 10, 2003, in Ruidoso.

She was a retired computer analyst for Exxon Corp.

Mrs. Wallace graduated from Fort Worth Technical High School in 1947. She worked for Gulf Oil Co. in Fort Worth while attending Texas Christian University, where

she majored in geology.

After graduating from TCU, she went to work for Exxon Corp. in Midland, Texas. She retired from there in 1976. She graduated from UT Permian Basin in 1974 with a master's degree. She was also a Rainbow Girl.

Mrs. Wallace had a summer

home in Ruidoso.

She is survived by her god-mother and longtime companion, Marguerite Stubbe of Fort Worth; a sister, Virginia, and her husband Bill May of Keller, Texas; a brother, George, and his wife Martha Wallace of Cleburne, Texas; and nieces and nephews.

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BY JULIE CARTER
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A huge part of the undertaking on the U.S. 70 Hondo Valley project has been the preservation of the history from the ground up. Prior to job bid, an archeological survey was done and documented. Sometimes things are missed.

On this occasion, the "thing" was a very large very old metate found on Picacho Hill. Metate is a grinding stone used by prehistoric cultures, in this case, ranging in age from 800 to 5,000 years old, representing the Archaic and

Mogollon Native American culture.

It became the responsibility of Cody Browning, on-site archeologist and historian. Browning's job with Sierra Blanca Constructors is to monitor the 24 archeological sites documented in the planning stages of the project. His monitoring has led to the location of 19 more sites not located in the initial surveys.

With roots that go back 125 years in Lincoln County, Browning is passionate about protecting the natural and cultural environment of the Hondo Valley. For 17 years he

has found his love in the promise of the first find, the first recognition of the treasure. Cody explains, "It's not a job that pays well. We aren't Indiana Jones out here. It's the joy of the discovery."

Once the approximately 75-pound artifact was located, high on a steep slope near the fence line, it was flagged and scheduled for removal when equipment could be moved into the area. The timeline for the initial blasting and dozing of the slopes would dictate when the metate would be brought down.

Cody planned to ride to the top of the slope with his favorite dozer operator, Troy Millard, and bring the "rock" back as a passenger. Troy, a seasoned dozer hand, has been a project source of conversation from the early days.

Nicknamed "Chickenhead" - and even he doesn't really know why - Troy, 31, has been a dozer hand for nine years. Growing up in the Silver City area and working the mines, Troy followed the natural path of equipment operation that environment brings. When asked about his "crazy" reputation, he laughed and said, "You have to be to do the pioneer



PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Cody Browning, archeologist and historian with Sierra Blanca Constructors, discovered the ancient metate rock pictured below left, which may be thousands of years old.

work on the side of those hills. It helps to be a little crazy."

Proof of skill and sheer guts, Troy's reputation spread beyond the valley the day he was working high on a slope. The man in charge of setting the

blasting pattern, long-time friend Curtis Bean, knew Troy's skills.

He set a new blasting pattern as Troy worked ahead. When it was time to detonate, Curtis told him to bail off the hill. It was Troy's only choice

— a two-to-one slope and a fast ride to the bottom.

All the talents working together, the metate is now housed in the SBC offices in Hondo. Property of the State of New Mexico, state heads will decide where it will ultimately land. For now it's a conversation piece and an educational piece to be shown at the Hondo schools. Those ancient tribesmen had no idea when they first ground grains in this rock.

"We aren't Indiana Jones out there. It's the joy of discovery."

Cody Browning
SBC archeologist



COURTESY SBC

This metate stone was found on Picacho Hill near the U.S. 70 work area.

ECO merges with Paragon

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

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In April, people who attended the Sixth Annual Sovereignty and Your Rights Seminar in Alamogordo, were the first to learn of the merger between the Environmental Conservation Organization and the Paragon Foundation.

Discussions about the possible merger have been ongoing for several months, and were concluded in a daylong board meeting before the seminar. The Paragon Foundation, headquartered in Alamogordo, is a 501(c)(3) organization, which limits the advocacy activities in which it may participate. ECO is a 501(c)(4) organization, which may engage in

advocacy activities. It is a perfect marriage. Web sites for both organizations are:

Paragon: <http://www.paragonpowerhouse.org>

ECO: <http://www.eco.free-dom.org>

Lincoln County Rancher Ronnie Merritt, who is a member of the Paragon Board, was named chairman of the board of ECO.

Paragon President Bob Jones said, "I will continue to serve as ECO's executive vice president during a transition period, and then remain on the board in an advisory capacity, for a term which will be at least 25 years."

Jay Walley, who has been Paragon's man in the field for several years, will continue his work - under the Paragon/ECO banner, and

because ECO is a (c)(4) organization, he will not be constrained by the limitations imposed upon a (c)(3). Walley, a former U.S. Marine Sergeant and litigation investigator, lives in Lincoln. He travels nationally, writing investigative articles, appearing on radio and television and speaking to civic organizations.

The transition will take several months, as the new ECO board develops its action plans and moves the corporation to New Mexico. All participants in the discussions leading to this exciting announcement view the merger as the beginning of a new era of effectiveness in the battle to protect private property rights and resource use.

BY JULIE CARTER
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On Tuesday evening, the Corona Schools' recreation room filled with over 40 area residents, students and school staff to participate in a needs assessment meeting. The turnout was impressive as was the positive outcome of the evaluation.

The meeting was facilitated by Max Luft, Executive Director of Cooperative Education Services, and Travis Lightfoot, Corona Schools Superintendent.

The assembled group first identified a list of 28 areas that were considered to be a need in the school that should be addressed. That list was sorted by popular vote into three categories of high, medium and low priority. The 11 highest scoring priorities were rated giving the schools a list of four very high priority items on

which to focus their efforts.

Luft expressed that he was impressed by the positive input from the community, saying that often, high-priority needs are voiced in the desire for major staff or school board changes. The Corona community focused on positive efforts for improvement for the students.

Each person participating will receive an official results and data information packet from the CES showing the evening's work. A few of the items that made the top of the list were:

- Funds, training or access to grant writing expertise
- Library and media improvement
- A math and reading tutoring program.

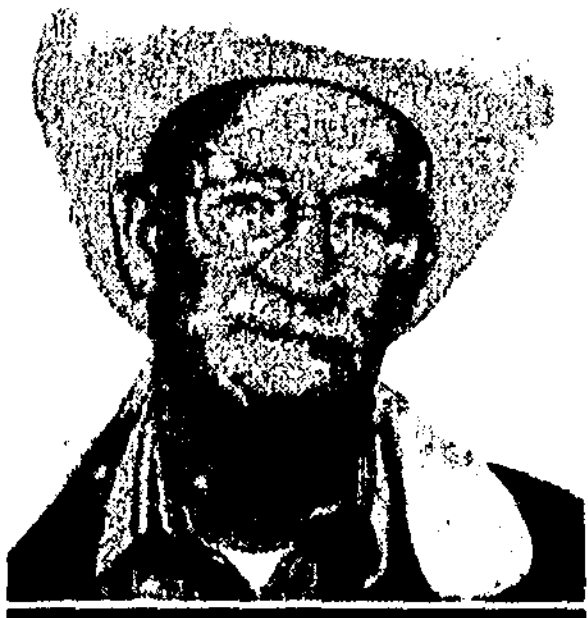
The regular monthly meeting of the Corona School Board followed. The construction report by Lightfoot indicated current work on the rock build-

ing is approximately one week ahead of schedule. He outlined some situations that have come up over the elm trees that were thought to be almost dead at the time of construction bidding, but are in fact alive enough to cause problems with the wastewater sand trap. A change order is needed for the necessary removal of the trees.

In other business the board:

- Approved personnel adjustments to meet needs and budget
- Approved transportation contracts
- Approved temporary boundary agreements with Vaughn and Estancia
- Approved Budget Adjustment requests for Title V, Education through Technology, Title I basic and Title I Migrant
- Approved the 4-day school application for the 2003-2004 school year.

Homesteaders changed open ranges into ranches, towns decades ago



County Views
BY RONNIE MERRITT

The following is the second in a series of articles about a ranch in northeast Lincoln County and the Merritt family. Some of the account is given from memory of stories heard from various individuals during my "growing up years." I can't guarantee the accuracy of the earlier history but it comes pretty close.

Before 1928, all of my ranch and the surrounding country was open range, that meaning whomever occupied, controlled. At one time this ranch was part of a landholding that was put together by a man named McQuirter. It was at this time that J.W. Tipton, using an 1 1/2 inch manila

rope for a cable, dug the well just east of the house. It was 580 feet deep and one of the first wells dug between Roswell and Vaughn.

The Homestead Acts of 1928 and the 1930s changed the open ranges. The earlier homesteaders settled in the timbered lands to the west of here and the later homesteaders had to settle for the open rolling hills, but they still had a choice of the rocky hill sides or the more compatible flats. Guess which lands they picked? The lands that are now called federal lands are the "left over lands or unappropriated lands," or the lands the homesteaders didn't want.

A story told by one of the

first homesteaders in the timber area to the west of here goes that the people who settled in the flats were so poor that they did whatever was necessary to survive. In fact, he said, they could steal a sucking milk pen calf ... while you were milking the cow.

If the homesteaders "proved up the land," that is built a house and a water tank, they received a deed to the property, but in this country it was next to impossible for the homesteaders to make a living on the 160 acres allowed by the federal government. Even when it was increased to 640 acres, a section, it still wasn't enough land to run sufficient numbers of livestock to make a

living and the land was to arid and the water too deep for dry-land farming. But many people tried as evidenced by the number of homesteader sites on the ranch.

The houses were part dugout and rock. Little timber was used as it was at least 20 miles to the nearest trees. When they left, they didn't leave much, Prince Albert cans, an old car body, a farm implement or maybe just a part of it, and the graves of their loved ones.

There were two "towns" in the area, Lon and Ramon. Lon had a schoolhouse, post office, filling station and grocery, and a few houses. As the homesteaders left, the reason for

Lon's existence left with them. Ramon also had a post office and school even though the two towns were just about 20 miles apart.

Few of the original homesteaders in the area were able to prove up on the land, get the deed, and acquire more land to make it a profitable holding. As the homesteaders left, their deeded lands were bought up by ranchers that were grazing the "unappropriated lands."

In 1934 when the Taylor Grazing Act was passed, the management of the unappropriated lands went to the Interior Department, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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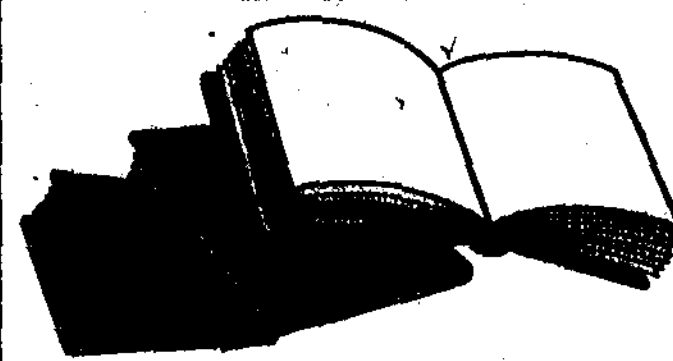
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Former Cloudcroft student recounts war injuries

David Nix was one of the first Marines to roll into Baghdad during the war.

BY MICHAEL SHINABERY
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

CLOUDCROFT – David Nix's first indication something was very wrong was the blood.

It soaked his right hand. Then, he noticed, his M-16 trigger guard was shattered, and his middle finger was hanging by a shred of skin and one tendon.

"You guys know what adrenaline is? You know when you get scared, you get really excited?" Nix said.

U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. David Nix was injured that April day during Operation Iraqi Freedom, in battle in Baghdad. On Monday, the one-time Cloudcroft student strode back into the Cloudcroft schools to relate his experiences to the kids who now sit at desks where he once sat, as well as read books from the same library.

And yes, former teachers were there, too.

Nix's deployment was his second overseas. He flew nearly 15 hours to

Kuwait in a DC-10. Once there, he spent two months in the desert before his unit climbed into armored personnel carriers and crossed the Iraqi border.

"April 4, 2003. We were the first 'anybody' to roll into Baghdad," Nix said.

Along the way, they encountered surrendering Iraqis.

"We would stop, we'd give them some chow," Nix said. "A lot of them were hurt. We'd doctor them up."

The white-flag-waving Iraqis were then escorted away by military police.

Troops were constantly on guard for what he described as nerve and blood-agent gasses that smell of fresh cut grass, and once even thought Iraqi SCUD missiles were delivering the deadly material.

"You breathe that in, it kills you pretty quick," Nix said. "If you smell freshly cut grass in the desert, you'd better put your gas mask on."

At one point, Nix's unit came upon a car with a child inside, its parents obviously dead. One of Nix's buddies, a 17-year-old private, "jumped out ... while we were getting shot at and

picked up this kid," he said, praising his friend's bravery.

The Marines' mission was to find Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

"We were ready to get in there and get him the hell out. Everybody was really, really bloodthirsty ... ready to shoot anything that carried a gun," Nix said.

In Cloudcroft, many teachers' sons and daughters are in the military – not to mention some students' parents – and more than a few are deployed. So it was no surprise at the students' number and variety of questions.

"How many clips did you (go through)?" one asked.

"All of them."

"What did you sleep in?"

"The dirt."

"How did you take showers?"

"We didn't have showers for two months."

"Ewwwwww!" the kids shouted in unison.

"How early do you have to get up?"

"Early. When the sun's a long time from coming up," he said.

"Did you win?"

"Yes, we did win the war," Nix

said.

Doctors reattached his finger and tendons. The bone had been broken, and he has lost part of the knuckle along with some feeling.

"I'll have some arthritis in it for the rest of my life. I'll never be able to make a fist ever again," he said.

Nix was returned home on the same transport as former POW Jessica Lynch. He missed meeting President Bush by just a day, but was more disheartened, he said, because he also just missed meeting Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Once in Washington, D.C., the assistant commandant of the Marine Corps awarded Nix the Purple Heart for his battle injury.

Nix's military heritage is rich, with many ancestors having served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy.

But

"There's only one that matters," he said. "My great-grandfather's brother, James, was wounded on Iwo Jima."

James "matters," Nix said, because "Uncle" James (as Nix calls him) was also a Marine.

Nix, 22, attended Cloudcroft

school from second through eighth grades. He described himself as a typical kid who played "war in the woods" and caused "trouble" in class.

"How many of you guys play war in the woods?" Nix asked.

Boys' hands shot up.

"Hey, girls play war, too," one female elementary student said.

Nix's dad taught in Cloudcroft high school, but after he earned his master's degree from New Mexico State University, accepted an administrative job in Utah. In Salt Lake City, Nix played high school football and was on the wrestling team.

Out of high school, he joined the Marines.

While Nix's unit still remains overseas, he will be married on July 5 to 1998 Cloudcroft graduate Marie Monfette. Following the honeymoon, Nix must return to Camp Pendleton, Calif. His new wife will join him toward year's end when he is discharged.

Michael Shinabery is a reporter for the Alamogordo Daily News, a sister paper of the Ruidoso News.

College class aims to preserve Three Rivers site

BY ELVA K. OSTERREICH
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

ALAMOGORDO – New Mexico State University-Alamogordo and the Bureau of Land Management have collaborated in an effort to educate students interested in archaeology and find a way to preserve an ancient heritage at the Three Rivers archaeological site.

For two weeks beginning on May 19, a field school, headed by local archaeologist Pete Eidenbach, will be held at the site. Students will work and learn eight hours a day, five days a week at the site. Camping accommodations will be at the petroglyph campsite and meals will be provided.

Students will learn basic survey techniques, excavation methods, laboratory procedures, field analysis, and camp logistics and cuisine, Eidenbach said.

"The Three Rivers ruin is the largest Jornada Mogollon residential village in the Three Rivers valley," Eidenbach said. "The site contains numerous masonry and adobe room blocks, pithouses, trash deposits, hearths and roasting pits."

The field school will be doing a survey of the area to pin down features, Eidenbach said. At least 30 features are in the villages, which encompass a square kilometer in size.

Occupied from about 900 A.D., Jornada Mogollon farmers apparently abandoned the region around 1400, Eidenbach

said.

Eidenbach has a theory that the population of the area began diminishing during a time when there was a bison population explosion in the great plains area of the United States. He thinks a migration may have taken place at the time to where the bison were.

One of the things the field school will be doing is examining blood residue on artifacts.

"Blood residue leaves a distinctive crystal form," Eidenbach said. Tests have been able to pin down the blood residue from certain kinds of animals. Students will learn how to do the blood residue tests on the instruments.

No work has been done on the site since the mid 1970s when a group from NMSU semi-restored several of the structures of the ancient village.

The class will have a main focus of studying the continuing danger to the village site of a ranch road that runs through the area.

"The focus will be on those parts of the village that are being damaged," Eidenbach

said. The study will enable BLM and NMSU-A to determine how best to preserve the artifacts being damaged. The ranch road won't be closed but there may be ways to protect what's under it better, or even just remove the items to protect them.

"We want to do this collaboratively, not antagonistically," Eidenbach said. "The focus is on protection rather than exploitation. The days of exploitation are rapidly going away."

This archaeological field session, Class, ANTH 288, is limited to 15 students and registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"There are no prerequisites," Eidenbach said. "Anyone who has graduated from high school can register. It will be educational but not slave labor."

The class includes textbooks and lectures by Eidenbach as well as working on the village.

Interested students should contact Maureen School, NMSU-A admissions coordinator, for registration details at 439-3703. Students must regis-

ter before May 19.

Tuition is \$140 for all students plus a lab fee for personal equipment and textbook. A \$50 meals charge can be paid directly into the camp commissary fund on-site for those who camp at the site for the two weeks of field classes. Students may also commute from local communities if they wish.

"I would very much like to see the community participate," Eidenbach said. "The class is for the benefit of the community."

Elva K. Osterreich is a reporter for the Alamogordo Daily News, a sister paper of the Ruidoso News.

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The following couples were issued marriage licenses during the months of March and April by the office of Lincoln County Clerk Tammie Maddox in Carrizozo.

– Josh Fondy, 20, and Cheri Metcalf, 16, issued and used March 3.

– Manuel I. Montano, 37, and Josephine M. Barela, 30, issued March 5 and used March 7.

– Allen Jackson, 22, and Brittany Baker, 18, issued March 10 and used March 22.

– Justin Eugene Stricker, 24, and Rosa Marisol Perez, 22, issued March 14.

– Jesse William Dominy, 55, and Jamie Alyce Thornton, 40, issued and used March 17.

– Curtis Henry Austin Jr., 77, and Willie G. Ele, 68, issued March 18.

– Charles Wayne Flora, 51, and Lori Beth Walker, 41, issued March 24.

– Brian Todd Hix, 23, and Amber Noelle Mobley, 23, issued March 27.

– Michael Joe Brazel, 19, and Mary Grace Wilson, 21, issued March 28 and used April 4.

– Pedro L. Navarrete, 32, and Jocelyn T. Hensley, 30,

issued and used March 31.

– Everett E. Burch, 50, and Beverly F. Moore, 43, issued and used April 3.

– Felix Medina, 35, and Melisa Valerio, 25, issued April 3 and used April 10.

– Martin DeLeon, 31, and Teresa Delossantos, 25, issued April 4.

– Lanny Ray Hooper, 55, and Mary Ruth Ortiz, 59, issued and used April 7.

– Robert Adams, 42, and Maureen Fanning, 26, issued and used April 7.

– Adam Richard Sanchez, 23, and Allison Forrest Scott Hooper, 28, issued April 8.

– Scott Sapp, 29, and Ilona Gleason, 23, issued April 11 and used April 23.

– David E. Ilgen, 39, and Rebecca Norris, 37, issued April 11 and used April 20.

– Jason Phillip Scott, 29, and Christine Lynn Davenport, 37, issued April 14 and used April 17.

– Lee Nanz, 28, and Cynthia Angelle, 43, issued April 14.

– Donald R. Lincoln, 58, and Nancy W. Lore, 54, issued April 15 and used April 18.

– Adam Graham, 22, and Melissa Temple, 19, issued

April 21.

– Bill Hartwell, 56, and Katherine F. Haynes, 51, issued and used April 21.

– Steve Alan Anderson, 45, and Marci Renea Joiner, 33, issued April 22.

– Raymond Tefertiller, 83, and Joyce Preston, 74, issued and used April 23.

– Carroll Shanks, 85, and Jaunita Sultemeier, 79, issued and used April 23.

– Bryan Farus, 31, and Valerie Ward, 33, issued April 25 and used April 27.

– Todd Charles Stephen Davis, 43, and Brenda Turner, 52, issued and used April 28.

– Philip D. Poremba, 49, and Debra Norene Van Tussenbroek, 34, issued April 28.

– Jeremy Allen Dwinell, 23, and April K. Lynn Hudson, 21, issued April 28.

– Jimmy W. Varnadore, 24, and Haley N. Plummer, 22, issued April 30.

– Thomas C. Williams Jr., 36, and Debra Marie Soderberg, 35, issued and used April 30.

– Ryon Charles Duncan, 23, and Alyx Courtney Nielsen, 18, issued April 30.

EMT class set to start this June

■ More people are needed to help in emergencies.

More emergency medical technicians are needed in Lincoln County to assist with emergencies in their communities and a new training class is set to start this summer.

A special meeting of the Emergency Medical Services is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. May 20, at the Capitan Fire Department to discuss the schedule for the training course in June.

The class is designed to train EMTs to become part of the county EMS system and is open to anyone interested in helping with emergencies that occur in the county.

The course consists of about 150 hours of classroom and skill development and will be conducted in Capitan.

For more information, contact any Ruidoso or county EMT or call (505) 257-8290.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING May 27, 2003 – 6:30 PM

The Village of Capitan invites all interested citizens to a Public Hearing to be held at the Village Hall, 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, NM at 6:30 PM on May 27, 2003.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to discuss the 2002 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. To advise citizens of the program objectives and receive public input on community needs and suggestions for CDBG projects.

The CDBG program is designed to meet activities, which will address one to three state and national objectives.

- 1) Benefit principally low-moderate income families.
- 2) Aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight.
- 3) Meet other community development needs of recent origin which pose serious and immediate threats to the health and welfare of the community.

All incorporated municipalities under 50,000 are eligible to apply. Applicants may apply for funding assistance for Community Infrastructure, Housing, Public Service, Capital Outlay, Economic Development, Emergency Planning and Colonias.

For information contact:
Kathryn Griffin, Village Clerk
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NOTICIA DE ALERTA AL PUBLICO Mayo 27, 2003 – 6:30 PM LA CUIDAD DE VILLAGE OF CAPITAN

La Cuidad de Village of Capitan, Nuevo Mexico tendra dos juntas el 27 de Mayo, 2003, a las 6:30 de la tarde, las dos en el ayuntamiento, situado en 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, Nuevo Mexico. El proposito de las juntas publicas sera para discutir el programa de Desarrollo en la Comunidad del conjunto de Donacion en Nuevo Mexico (CDBG) y para avisar a los ciudadanos de las metas del programa, la escala de actividades elegibles y otra informacion pertinente. Tambien es para obtener las opiniones de ciudadanos sobre desarrollo de la comunidad y necesidades de habitacion, particularmente las necesidades de gent con ingresos bajos y moderados.

Los objetivos estatales y nacionales de programa CDBG requieren que las actividades del proyecto cumplan con por lo menos uno de los siguientes requisitos. Beneficio para las familias de ingresos bajos y moderados; ayuda en la prevencion o eliminacion de barrios desafortunados y insalubres, y de cumplir con otras necesidades del desarrollo de la comunidad de origen reciente que poseen una amenaza inmediata a la salud y bienestar de la comunidad y cuando otros recursos no esten disponibles para cumplir con esas necesidades.

Las categorias de fondos elegibles incluyen infrascara para la comunidad; Rehabilitacion de Casa; Desembolso de Capitan para Servicio Publico; Planificasion, Emergencia y Colonias.

Todos los grupos interesados estan invitados a asistir y entregar sus ideas para proyectos y datos del apoyo a su testimonio.

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Ruidoso Downs sets budget workshops

BY P. BLAKE MARTIN
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

At least two budget workshops were scheduled at the Ruidoso Downs city council meeting Wednesday night. Public input is invited for a revenue workshop on May 20 and expenditures on May 21. Both sessions will be at 5:30 p.m. at the council chambers.

Councilors Margie Morales and Judy Miller requested accounts payable to be pulled from the consent agenda. Miller questioned why the city paid for All-American Clean-up Day T-shirts, saying those were to be paid from donations. Public Works Director Ken Mosley stated donations had been put into a fund that paid that bill.

Miller also pointed out expenses in Santa Fe for lodging and meals. Mosley explained those were during water school certifications.

Morales questioned the costs of a laptop computer and water bill to the city. City Treasurer Carol Virden said the laptop was for city administrator John Waters, and that new sod had been planted at the city park.

Barbara Green presented recommendations on behalf of the Lodger's Tax Committee. Out of \$89,450 in funds requested, \$36,000 was allocated. Recipients are requested to include the Ruidoso Downs logo and credit to the tax committee.

Mayor Bob Miller also appointed C.E. "Pappy" Bell to the committee. Bell will replace

a vacancy left by Charlie Dillard.

Downs volunteer fire chief Jim Badjar gave a demonstration of a thermal energy camera. The device reads differences in temperature through smoke, walls and ceilings. It can also be used to sense heat in possible hazardous materials spills, or to track and detect criminal suspects.

Badjar reported the city's purchase of the camera at a fraction of retail cost, and looks toward purchasing a second that reads temperature with a "pyrometer." The equipment can save lives and help avoid costly damage to burning structures by pinpointing a fire's source and locating trapped victims.

The council also passed a resolution setting city fire restrictions in line with those of Ruidoso and the National Forest Service. Restrictions include a ban on fireworks, charcoal grills and open flames. Outdoor smoking is also limited to areas "paved or barren" or with an accessible water source to the homeowner or general public.

The fire department was commended, and has responded already to two fires this year. One in Turkey Canyon last week started when an extinguished campfire was stirred by winds. It burned 1/4 acre of national forest in what planning and zoning supervisor Tom Armstrong called "a bad location," referring to the difficulty of reaching it. He said the department has been pushing for the restrictions.

Also in new business, water restrictions will remain at Phase II, and approximately 82 cubic feet of paperwork will be destroyed in Phase VI of Destruction of Records.

In other business, Mosley and Armstrong reported Clean-up Day on May 3 had a great

turnout. Businesses and individuals contributed door prizes. Some 51 people, including young gymnasts, participated in filling 154 plastic 80-pound bags, plus large items.

Councilor Miller commended the work done at Heights Park, but recommended "children playing" caution signs be erected both directions along the roadway.

Bonnie Richardson, chairman of the parks and recreation committee, approached the council during public input. She announced the first fundraiser for the skateboard park at the Senior Citizens Center and All-American Park on Saturday, May 17, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

DOWN'S POLICE

DWI arrest

Ruidoso Downs police arrested Juan Olvera, 43, of Ruidoso May 13, charging him with DWI, after officers responded to a call that a truck was stuck in a ditch and trying to get out at 211 Palo Verde Road.

Officers also found that Olvera had a warrant out for his arrest.

Outstanding warrant

Ruidoso Downs police arrested David Nelson, 50, of Ruidoso after finding him walking along U.S. 70 near Wal-Mart on May 13. Officers talked to him and, after running a background check, found that he had a warrant for failure to comply with DWI sentencing.

THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

The Matrix: Reloaded
Science Fiction/Fantasy and Thriller
Rated R for sci-fi violence and some sexuality.
Neo, Morpheus, Trinity, and the rest of their crew continue to battle the machines that have enslaved the human race in the Matrix. Now, more humans are waking up out of the matrix and attempting to live in the real world. As their numbers grow, the battle moves to Zion, the last real-world city and center of human resistance.
Starring: Keanu Reeves, Carrie-Anne Moss, Laurence Fishburne, Hugo Weaving, Jada Pinkett-Smith
Directed by: Andy Wachowski, Larry Wachowski
Produced by: Joel Silver
Written by: Andy Wachowski, Larry Wachowski
Showtimes: (Thursday only) *12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m.*
*Friday and Saturday only

Daddy Day Care
Comedy
Rated PG for language.
When a father (Murphy) loses his lucrative "dotcom" job, and finds himself in jeopardy of financial ruin, he joins his friends (Zahn, Garlin) in opening a free-spirited "guy-run" business called "Daddy Day Care" (in his house), much to the chagrin of the owner (Huston) of a more traditionally-operated rival center.
Starring: Eddie Murphy, Steve Zahn, Anjelica Huston, Lacey Chabert, Jeff Garlin
Directed by: Steve Carr
Produced by: Matt Berenson, John Davis, Wyck Godfrey
Written by: Geoff Rodkey
Showtimes: 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:20 p.m.*
*Friday and Saturday only



"The Twins" (Neil Rayment and Adrian Rayment) square off against Morpheus (Laurence Fishburne) in Warner Brothers' 'The Matrix: Reloaded'

X2: X-Men United
Science Fiction/Fantasy and Action/Adventure
Rated PG-13 for sci-fi action/violence, some sexuality and brief language.
The X-Men have opponents new and old to face this time around. Magneto is back, but there is also a threat to Professor Xavier's school for mutants led by a human named Stryker, not to mention a vicious woman named Yuriko who has it in for Wolverine.
Starring: Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman, Famke Janssen, Halle Berry, Brian Cox
Directed by: Bryan Singer
Produced by: Lauren Shuler Donner, Ralph Winter, Avi Arad
Written by: Zak Penn, Michael Dougherty, Dan Harris
Showtimes: 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:15 p.m.*
*Friday and Saturday only

LOCAL BRIEFS

Photo exhibit open

An exhibit featuring the photography of John Soden will continue at Ruidoso Village Hall on Cree Meadows Drive through May 31.

The public is invited to view his work from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. The exhibit, which includes many scenes of New Mexico and Lincoln County, opened April 1.

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SESSION: 1) June 2 - June 13 (2 weeks)
2) June 16 - June 27 (2 weeks)
FEE: \$30.00

BEGINNERS - 7 years and older

WHEN: Monday - Friday - 9:30am - 10:15am
SESSIONS: 1) June 2 - June 13 (2 weeks)
2) June 16 - June 27 (2 weeks)
3) June 30 - July 11 (2 weeks)
FEE: \$30.00

ADVANCED BEGINNER - For those who have completed the

Beginners course

WHEN: Monday-Friday - 10:30am - 11:15am
Second session - 9:30am - 10:15am
SESSION: 1) June 30 - July 11 (2 weeks)
2) July 14 - July 25 (2 weeks)
FEE: \$30.00

INTERMEDIATE for all ages that have completed Beginners &

Advanced Beginners

WHEN: Monday - Friday - 8:30am - 9:15am
SESSION: 1) July 14 - July 25 (2 Weeks)
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SESSION: 1) July 14 - July 25 (1 week)
FEE: \$15.00

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One Ruidoso team has already won a state title this spring, now the Ruidoso tracksters feel it's their turn to take care of some

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Ruidoso Lady Warriors enter this year's Class 3A state track meet in Bloomfield with one thing on their mind — win the state title.

They begin that goal today at 11 a.m. with the boys and girls long jump competition.

Ruidoso took second in last year's state meet, a full 32 points behind Grants — and the Lady Warriors want to prove they're better than that this season.

The Ruidoso boys have the same goal after their fourth-place finish last year, but both the boys and girls will have their hands full proving it.

"I've got pretty high expectations for the boys and girls both," said Ruidoso coach Ronny Maskew. "I think they'll perform

very well. We'll do what we do well, then just have to see where the chips will fall."

Ruidoso has the numbers to challenge for a title, taking 13 girls and 12 boys to Bloomfield for this year's meet, and the Lady Warriors have some very real threats to take a few individual state titles, as well.

Those threats begin with the formidable throwing trio of Tamara Grant, Rachel Loya and Katie Coronado. All three are qualified in the javelin and discus throws, while Loya and Grant are also qualified in the shot put.

Grant currently has the second-highest performance in the state in the shot with a throw of 39 feet, 2 1/2 inches, while Katie Coronado is third best in the discus with a throw of 120-10.

Coronado also has a throw of 124 feet even in the javelin throw and is looking to improve on her performance at last year's state meet — where she came in with hopes of setting a new state record and left with a disappointing third-place finish.

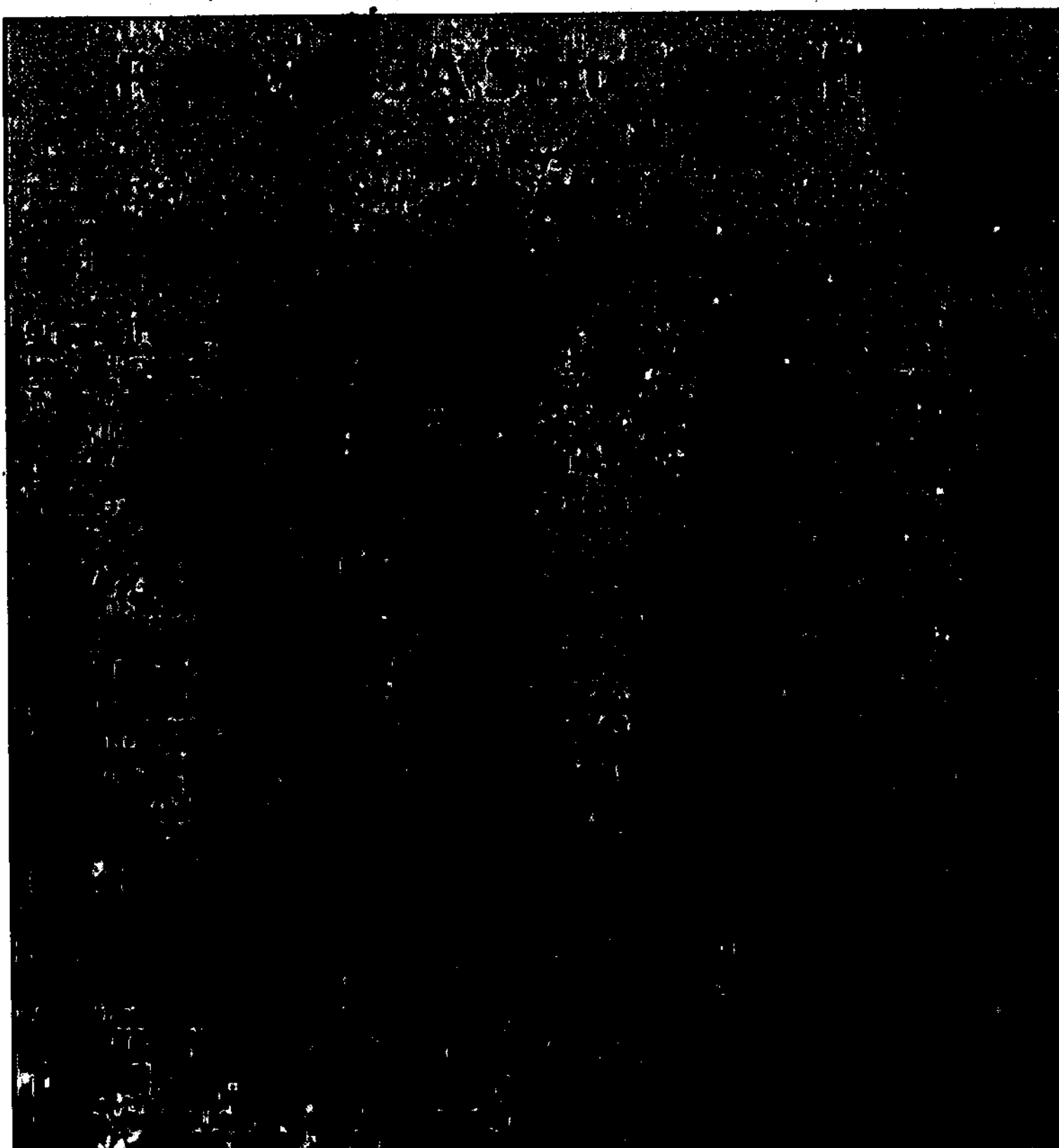
Loya — the defending state champion in the javelin — has thrown for 112-7 so far this year.

The three will have to contend with a pair of Browns, Kayla and Deidra, of Bloomfield. The two lead all three of the throwing events with their marks — Kayla has thrown the discus 130 feet and has an astounding mark of 132-6 in the javelin so far this year — and will be in front of a hometown crowd.

Throwing events won't be the only thing the Lady Warriors will likely do well — they can run, too, and could challenge in marquee events like the 100 and 200-meter dashes.

Sophomore Sarah Breecher has low times in both those events, but will likely find it rough going against Lovington's Kimberly Choate, who has the fastest times in the state in each.

Ruidoso will also likely challenge in the 100 and 300-meter hurdles, where freshman Heather Johnson has made her mark at several meets throughout the year. Additionally, the



Lady Warriors have a total of four runners qualified in the 300-meter hurdles: Johnson, Cecily Howell, Ervina Herrera and Coronado.

The four girls relay teams are also forced to contend with — having qualified all four on time unlike last year, when they weren't assured of a trip to state until the District 4-3A meet. Grants is still the team to beat in all four of those events.

Still, previous marks really mean nothing once the actual state meet starts — something Maskew knows all too well.

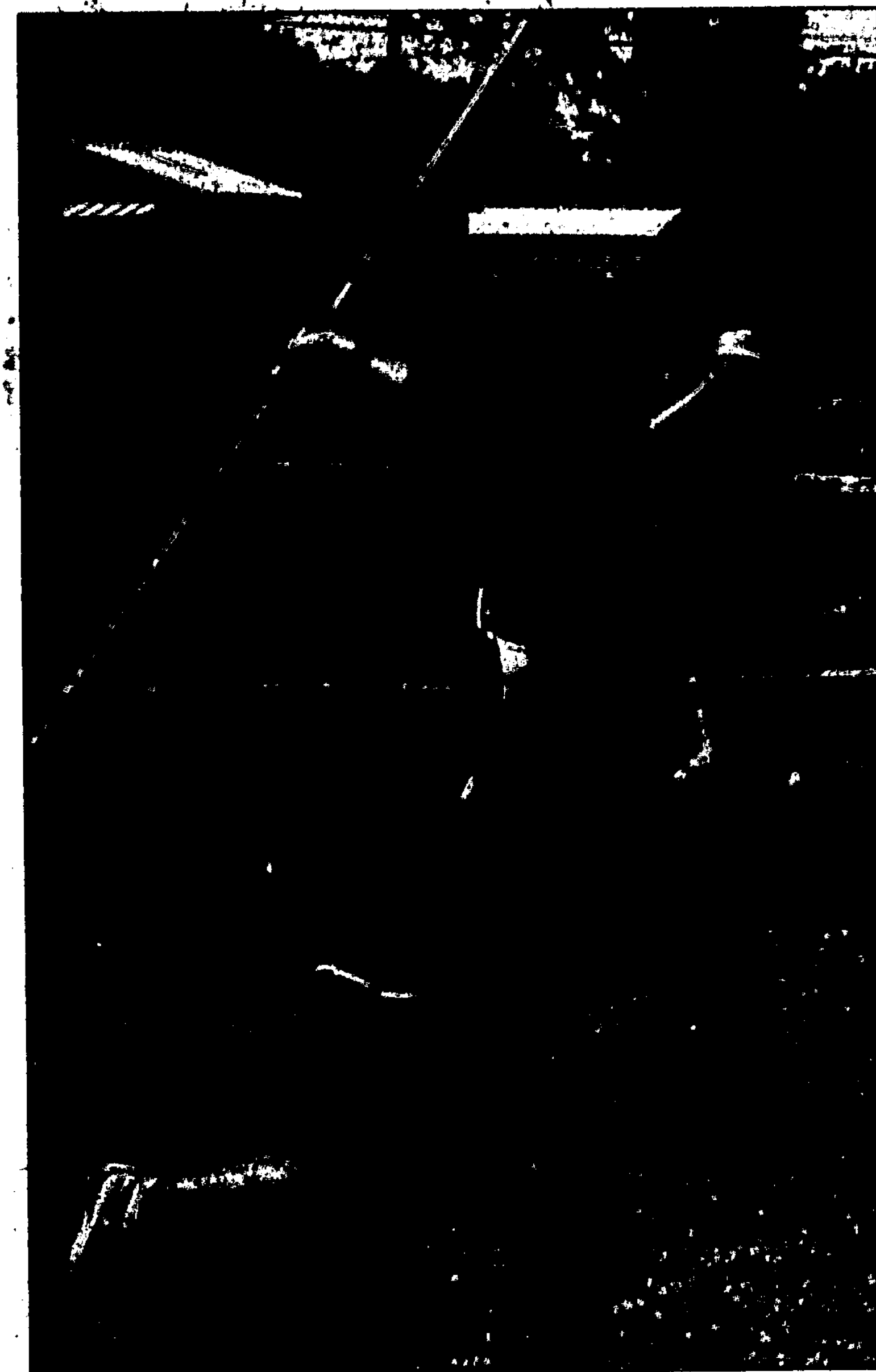
"The kids will do their best. I couldn't ask for anything more,"

Maskew said. "We just have to see what the kids can do best, and know where to place them for state."

The Warrior boys have it bit tougher, as they have no entrants at all in the throwing events or in hurdles. They do have a trio of their own in the high jump, however.

Cody Small, Chance Hooper and Nick Fajardo have had a very good year clearing the bar, and Small has the second-best height thus far this season at 6-6. However, the top mark belongs to Lovington's Tydree

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TODD FUQUA/STAFF

A winning pair? Cody Small, above, and Rachel Loya, right, are two Class 3A medalist contenders for the Ruidoso Warrior track team in the high jump and javelin throw, respectively. The two are part of a 25-member team in Bloomfield today for the start of the Class 3A state meet.

McDougal, Robinson, Dunstan finish third at state

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

They may be only third-place finishes, but it's the best any Ruidoso tennis players have done at the state level, and coach Celeste Franklin hopes their experience pays some immediate dividends.

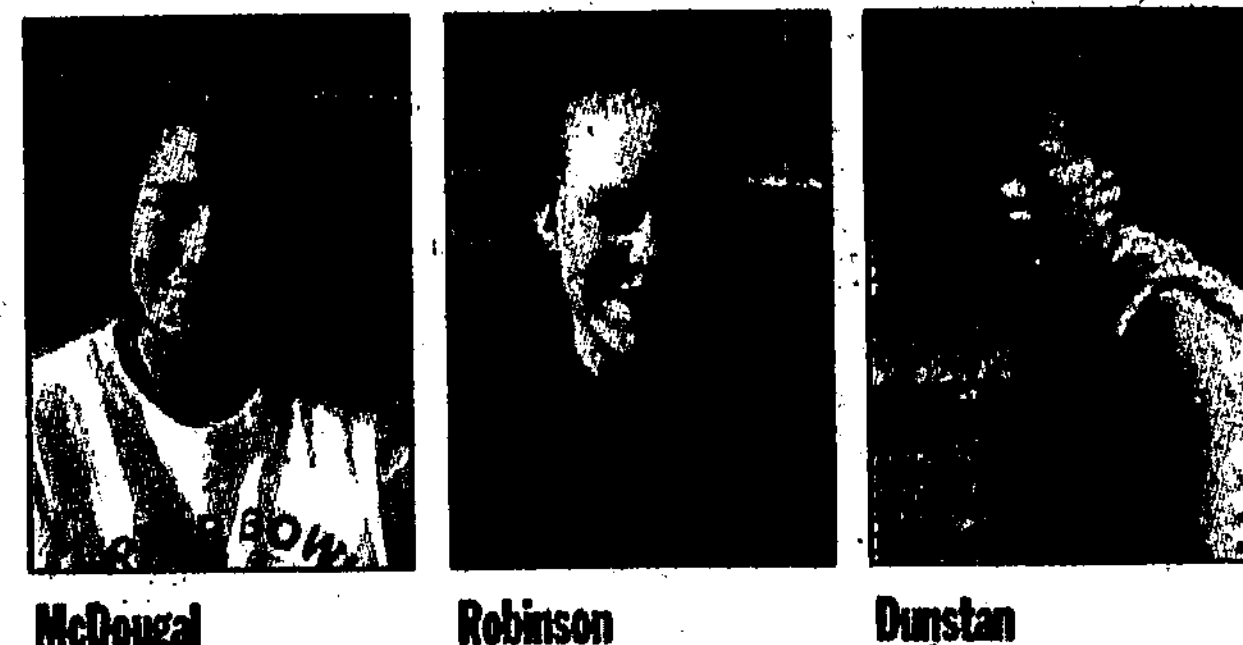
The Lady Warriors have already paid dividends as of Thursday, when Heather McDougal defeated Sandia Prep's Tonia Herrero 7-5, 6-3 for third place in the Class 3A/1A state singles tournament in Albuquerque, while the doubles team of Beth Robinson and Kathryn Dunstan defeated Anna Dominguez and Liz Holguin of Cobre, 6-0, 6-2 to win their own third place trophy in the doubles tournament.

Now comes the team tournament, which begins today at 1:30 p.m. when Ruidoso faces Robertson in the first round at the Albuquerque Tennis Complex.

"The nerves have now worn off and we're just ready to play some tennis," Franklin said. "I think we'll be in good shape against Robertson."

McDougal, Robinson and Dunstan weren't the only Ruidoso tennis players seeing action this week. Kristen Bewely, Christine Brown and Warrior Matthew Johnston also played in the singles tournament, only to fall in the first round.

Johnston dropped a 7-5, 6-2 decision to Rob Witterton Wednesday, while Brown lost 6-2, 6-2 to Heather and fellow Lady Warrior Kristen Bewely



McDougal

Robinson

Dunstan

fell to Kate Tucker of Santa Fe Prep.

"Those were some strong players, but everyone is at this level," Franklin said. "That's what I told the kids, they've got to expect that at state."

McDougal began her medal quest on Wednesday when she faced Morgan Erf of Portales and defeated her 6-0, 6-1 in a quick, 25-minute match.

She then faced Mariana Spilca of Sandia Prep, a player that had knocked her out of the tournament last year. McDougal's luck didn't change this season, as Spilca won 6-1, 6-0 to move on to the title match.

Spilca eventually won that match to earn the state individual championship, while McDougal moved on to defeat Herrero for third place.

"Heather played incredible tennis," Franklin said. "She really stepped up. Her mental game was tough and her strokes were on. Her level of play was so much better this year."

In doubles, Robinson and Dunstan faced Thea Johnston and Chelsea Schroeder of Robertson in the opening round on Wednesday — winning 6-1, 7-5 — then faced Kristen Van Wattering and Sarah Bulls of Portales in the second round.

Van Wattering and Bulls each had a state title in doubles in their past, just not while playing with each other. All that experience eventually got to Robinson and Dunstan. They defeated the Lady Warrior duo 6-0 in the first set, were surprised when Robinson and Dunstan rallied for a 6-2 victory, then closed things out 6-0 in the final match.

The Portales duo eventually went on to win the state title, while Robinson and Dunstan beat Dominguez and Holguin for third place.

"I've seen them play that level of tennis before, so I knew they could do it," Franklin said of Robinson and Dunstan's rally in the second set against Van Wattering and Bulls. "They just weren't as mentally tough and couldn't maintain that level of competition. Now we've got the experience we need in the future."

The future might be closer than next year, as the Lady Warrior team — with the addition of doubles partners Elizabeth Pruett and Jeanette Zagone — takes on Robertson today.

"Everybody's in good shape, emotionally, so I

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side line

Prep Results

Wednesday, May 14

Boys Tennis
Class 3A/1A State Individual
Tournament at Albuquerque
Rob Witterton, Santa Fe Prep, d.
Matthew Johnston, Ruidoso, 7-5, 6-2.

Girls Tennis
Class 3A/1A State Individual
Tournament at Albuquerque
Kate Tucker, Santa Fe Prep, d.
Kristen Bewely, Ruidoso, 6-0, 6-1.
Tonia Herrero, Sandia Prep, d.
Christine Brown, Ruidoso, 6-3, 6-2.
Heather McDougal, Ruidoso, d.
Morgan Erf, Portales, 6-0, 6-1.

Class 3A/1A State Doubles
Tournament at Albuquerque
Beth Robinson/Katherine Dunstan,
Ruidoso, d. Thea Johnston/Chelsea
Schroeder, Robertson, 6-1, 7-5.
Kristen Van Wattering/Sarah Bulls,
Portales, d. Robinson/Dunstan,
Ruidoso, 6-0, 2-6, 6-0.

Thursday, May 15

Class 3A/1A State Individual
Tournament at Albuquerque
Third Place
Heather McDougal, Ruidoso, d.
Tonia Herrero, Sandia Prep, 7-5, 6-3.
Class 3A/1A State Doubles
Tournament at Albuquerque
Third Place
Beth Robinson/Katherine Dunstan,
Ruidoso, d. Anna Dominguez/Liz
Holguin, Cobre, 6-2, 6-0.

Preps on Tap

Friday, May 16

Track
Class 3A state meet at Bloomfield,
11 a.m.
Girls Tennis
Class 3A/1A State Team
Tournament at Albuquerque
Ruidoso vs. Robertson, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 17

Track
Class 3A state meet at Bloomfield, 9
a.m.
Girls Tennis
Class 3A/1A State Team
Tournament at Albuquerque
Ruidoso vs. Portales/St. Michael's,
TBA.

On Deck

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 \$5 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.
Golf — May 17 at the Links, 1 p.m.
Racquetball — May 20 at Ruidoso Athletic Club, 8 a.m.
Tennis — May 20 at School House Park, 10 a.m.

High Altitude Classic

Bicycle race No. 3 in the New Mexico Off Road Series — presented by Zia Velo Racing Club, High Altitude and the Cloudfroth Chamber of Commerce — will be the High Altitude Classic, to be run May 18-19 in Cloudfroth.

There are two races: a cross-country race May 17 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at High Altitude, and a downhill race May 18 starting from Ski Cloudfroth at 11 a.m., with a pre-ride from 8-10 a.m. Registration for the cross-country race will be May 17 from 8-9:30 a.m., while downhill registration will be May 18 from 8-9 a.m. Registration costs \$25 before May 9 and \$35 thereafter for the cross-country race, while downhill registration will be \$20 and \$25. There is also a \$5 per-day license fee for those without an American Cycling Association license. Five dollars will be discounted for those racing both days. There will be three categories — Beginner, Sport and Pro/Expert — with age divisions in each category. For more information, contact High Altitude at (505) 682-1229.

Girls Youth Tourney

There will be a girls youth slow-pitch softball tournament June 7-8 at the Eagle Creek Softball Complex. There are divisions for 12-U, 14-U and 16-U, and cost is \$100 per team. For more information, contact Rife Salas at 257-5030 or J.V. Cadena at 378-2205. Deadline to enter is May 31.

Area 4-H rodeo hands bring home buckles

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

4-H rodeo had its spring season opener in Clovis last weekend. Lincoln County was well represented by 14 members entering events in the three age divisions. Between the two All-Around titles and the event championships won, eight new trophy belt buckles found homes in the county. Five of those were won in the senior age division.

Age divisions are broken in three categories. Novice is for 9-11 year olds, junior contestants are 12 and 14 years of age, while seniors are 15 through 19 years old. The age the youth is on Sept. 1 is the division he or she competes in for the entire 4-H rodeo season.

Corona's Victor Perez won the senior All-Around Buckle by winning a first for a buckle and fourth in the senior team roping. Perez rounded out

a 25-point total by taking third in calf roping.

Ronnie Eldridge of Capitan was not far behind Perez, winning a total of 22 points in the senior division. Eldridge placed third in the breakaway roping, seventh in the ribbon roping and won his buckle for a first in the calf roping.

Taos Muncy brought home two champion buckles for first place in the breakaway roping and the ribbon roping.

Two other Lincoln County senior division eventers picked up points. Capitan's Corrin Hall placed in the top 10 the pole bending and barrel racing. Yeso's Staci Merritt won a fifth in the team roping and 10th in the ribbon roping.

Seth Hall of Capitan dominated the junior division. Hall won the All-Around buckle with 33 points. He also won two more buckles by winning the goat tying and calf touching events.

Hall also placed fifth in the breakaway roping.

Cedarvale cowgirl Jordan Muncy tallied up 22 points in the junior division by placing second in the goat tying, third in the barrel racing and sixth in the pole bending.

Other junior contestants to place were Grady Eldridge, Capitan, fourth in the breakaway roping and Josh Siggins, Ruidoso Downs, fourth in the calf touching and seventh in the ribbon roping. Lance Merritt, Yeso, picked up two points in the Steer Stopping.

The novice division had two contestants, both from Ruidoso Downs, win points. Sky Franklin picked up two points in the goat tying and Lane Siggins placed fourth in the breakaway roping and third in the step-down roping.

The next 4-H rodeo competition will be in Santa Fe Saturday and Sunday.

TRACK: Ruidoso going for the gold

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Lewis, who has cleared 6-10 1/2 this year.

The Warriors also have some good marks in the 4x100 and 4x200 relays and lead the seeding list in the distance medley relay, having turned in a time of 3:41.96 thus far.

This year marks a change from the past two years, as the Class 3A meet will be held apart from 4A and 5A, which are in Alamogordo this season. The usual venue for the big-school track meet — the University of New Mexico Track Complex — is being used this weekend for the Mountain West Conference finals.

That also means that Ruidoso only has to compete for two days rather than three. But the only good Maskew sees out of this is that the Class 3A athletes get center stage rather than having to share the spotlight with the larger schools.

"This will have a good effect, I think," Maskew said. "They'll be the main focus and they'll get more attention. Other than that, the schedule doesn't really bother us."

Maskew is confident his team can do what it sets out to do, particularly with all the coaching help he's received from men like B.J. Williams, Nick Nanz, Barry Lucy, Mark Mille, Colt Harrelson, Brad Dix and Dominic Gonzales.

"It's not a lot of rocket science, but putting those kids where they can do the most good is kind of tough," Maskew said. "I've got some good coaches that can do that well."

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Carrizozo Girls Track Team Win 3rd Straight Class 1A State Title!!



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Reigning AQHA World Champion trainer to have barn at Downs

BY KRISTIAN LOVELACE
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

AQHA World Champion trainer Paul Jones is not new to the horse racing scene but he is new to Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino. This year Paul Jones decided to maintain two barns, one at Ruidoso Downs Race Track and the other at Los Alamitos Race Course.

Jones was the AQHA Champion Trainer while leading the industry in earnings and wins in 2002. In 2002 alone Jones earned more than \$2.6 million with 166 wins out of 867 starts. Out of the 166 wins, 20 of those were stakes wins.

Jones decided to have a barn at Ruidoso Downs after acquiring horses from R.D. Hubbard to train with one goal in mind: winning the world's richest race quarter horse race, the All American Futurity.

"Mr. Hubbard has given me some nice horses to train this year. Plus, the three big futurities, the Ruidoso Futurity, the

Rainbow Futurity and the All American are always very inviting with them being so prestigious along with the large purses," Jones said.

Jones will run horses both here and at Los Alamitos, with the possibility of bringing more horses to Ruidoso Downs if they first prove themselves at Los Alamitos.

Jones will have his first starters in the Ruidoso Quarter Horse Futurity with Latest Version and Planet Holland leading the barn. But make no mistake, Jones has more in the barn to watch out for with King Corona, Ruidoso Sales Company sales topper at \$500,000, along with Los Alamitos Winter Derby winner Lock to Load looking at being supplemented into the Rainbow Derby or the All American Derby.

Jones looks to the 2003 racing meet with one race in mind, the All American Futurity.

"It is every trainer's dream to win the All American Futurity."

New wager offered

Ruidoso Downs will offer a new wager for its 2003 racing meet. This year Ruidoso Downs will offer a Tri-Superfecta wager which will replace the twin trifecta.

The Tri-Superfecta requires selection of the first three finishers in exact order in one race and then in the next race it requires the first four finishers in exact order. Each winning ticket for the first part of the Tri-Superfecta contest must be exchanged for a free ticket on the second Tri-Superfecta contest in order to remain eligible. The amount of the wager will be \$1 wheel and box and a \$2 straight wager.

The Tri-Superfecta will have mandatory payouts four times throughout the meet. Payout dates will be June 8, July 5, Aug. 3 and Sept. 1.

More stalls added

Ruidoso Downs has added 149 stalls

from the Sports Theatre to meet the horsemen's needs. Ruidoso Downs has more than 1,676 stalls — not including private barns — on its premises, but due to more stall demands, the track had to implement the use of stalls from the Sports Theatre.

The barns at the Sports Theatre were built for the use of the Ruidoso Sales Company over the past two years. Currently one complete barn is being used with half of another. Ruidoso Downs now has more than 2,000 stalls available for horses to run during the 2003 meet.

"This is a positive impact and shows that New Mexico horse racing is on top of its game now more than ever," Neal Mullarky, director of marketing said.

Ruidoso Downs will begin its 2003 racing meet Friday, May 23, with the running of the Ruidoso Quarter Horse Futurity trials. On Saturday, May 24, Diamond Rio will play live at 8 p.m. To get tickets call (505) 378-4140.

TENNIS: Team brackets begin today

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don't think we have anything to worry about," Franklin said.

Win or lose, the Lady Warriors will play again on Saturday — whether it's for third place or the Class 3A/1A state championship depends on how they do against Robertson today. The third-place game will be at 9:45 a.m. Saturday at the Albuquerque Tennis Complex, while the state championship will be held at 8 a.m. at the Lobo Tennis Club.

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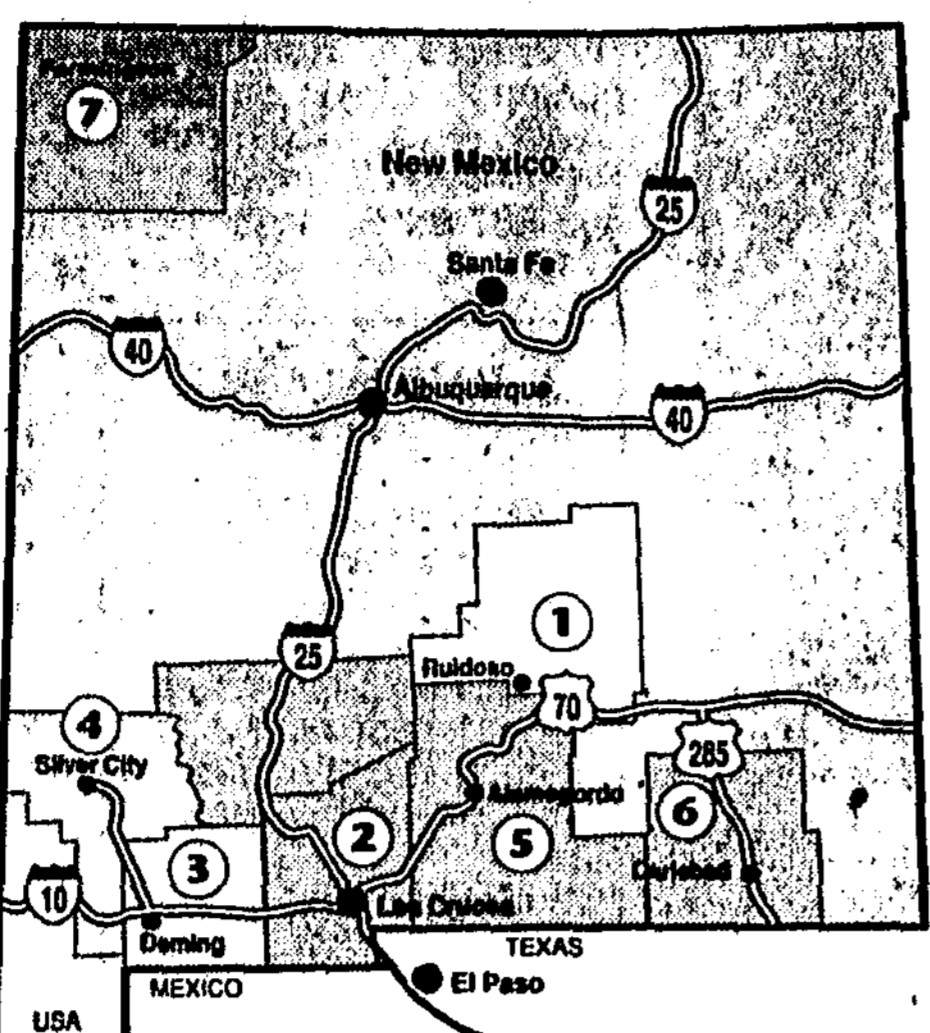
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of **KONN A. RAUSCHENBACH** changing her name to **KONN APOSTOL**
#5556 1T (5)16

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS BUDGET WORKSHOP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Governing Body of the City of Ruidoso Downs will hold Budget Workshops on Wednesday, May 21, & Thursday May 22, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Hubbard Room, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs, N.M.

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 Hall at least one week prior to meeting or as soon as possible.

/s/ Carol Virden
City Clerk/Treasurer

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MEETING
Budget Approval

The Honda Valley Public School Board of Education will approve the final budget for the 2003-2004 school year at its regularly scheduled meeting May 20, 2003 at 7:00 pm in the Multi-purpose Room.

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-02-256

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY fka Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-2,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ALFRED M. MEDINA, and if married, **JANE DOE MEDINA**, (true name unknown), his spouse, **JOHN DOE** and **JANE DOE**, (true names unknown),

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 21, 2003, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the northeast entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 104 12th Street, Carrizozo, and is situate in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lots 20, 21 and 22, Block 15 of the TOWN OF CARRIZOZO, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, July 13, 1911.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-

entitled and numbered cause on March 17, 2003, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment and costs, is \$42,341.04 and the same bears interest at 11.000% per annum from April 1, 2003. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$650.76. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

/s/Nick Vega,
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

No. CV-02-224, DIV III

FIRST HORIZON HOME
LOAN CORP. aka FT
MORTGAGE COMPA-
NIES dba Carl J. Brown,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CRYSTAL J. TIVIS aka
CRYSTAL TIVIS, CAROL
A. KRATOCHVIL, BENE-
FICIAL NEW MEXICO,
INC. dba BENEFICIAL
MORTGAGE CO., FAMI-
LY RESTAURANTS, INC.,
NEW MEXICO DEPART-
MENT OF LABOR, JOHN
DOE and JANE DOE,
(true names unknown),
Tenants,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-
EN that on May 28, 2003,
at the hour of 10:05 a.m.,
the undersigned Special
Master will, at the north-
east entrance of the Lin-
coln County Courthouse,
Carrizozo, New Mexico,
sell all the right, title and
interest of the above-
named Defendants in and
to the hereinafter describ-
ed real estate to the high-
est bidder for cash. The
property to be sold is lo-
cated at 502 C Avenue,
Carrizozo, and is situate
in Lincoln County, New Mex-
ico, and is particularly de-
scribed as follows:THE EAST 80 FEET OF
LOTS 7 AND 8, BLOCK
45 OF McDONALD'S AD-
DITION TO THE TOWN
OF CARRIZOZO, LIN-
COLN COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY
THE PLAT THEREOF
FILED IN THE OFFICE
OF THE COUNTY CLERK
OF LINCOLN COUNTY,
SEPTEMBER 13, 1906.THE FOREGOING SALE
will be made to satisfy a
judgment rendered by the
above Court in the above-
entitled and numbered
cause on March 26, 2003,
being an action to fore-
close a mortgage on the
above-described property.
The Plaintiff's judgment,
which includes interest
and costs, is \$47,864.67
and the same bears inter-
est at 7.375% per annum
from March 16, 2003. The
amount of such interest to
the date of sale will be
\$715.58. The Plaintiff has
the right to bid at such sale
and submit its bid verbally
or in writing. The Plaintiff
may apply all or any part
of its judgment to the pur-
chase price in lieu of cash.
The sale may be post-
poned and rescheduled at
the discretion of the Spe-
cial Master.NOTICE IS FURTHER
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erty and improvements
concerned with herein will
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property subject to a
one (1) month right of re-
demption.s/Nick Vega,
Special Master
PO Box 383
Carrizozo, NM 88301
(505) 648-2217

#5551 2T (5)16,23

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF REQUEST
FOR SEALED PROPOS-
ALS For Public Housing
Independent Public Ac-
countant Audit Services
RFP No. AU03054The Regional Housing Au-
thority of Region VI, New
Mexico, Inc., 226 N. Main,
Roswell, New Mexico
88201, is hereby soliciting
proposals from responsi-
ble Independent Public Ac-
countant firms to perform
CPA audit services under
the Single Audit Act of
1984, single audit of or-
ganizations and separate
nonprofit organization (A1-
23 and OMB-A133) for the
fiscal years ending June
30, 2003; June 30, 2004,
and June 30, 2005. The
Authority requests a multi-
year proposal to provide
services, not to exceed a
term of three years includ-
ing all extensions and re-
newals. The term of the
contract shall be one year
with the option to extendfor two successive one-
year terms at the same
price, terms, and condition
as stated in the proposal.RFP No. AU03054 for In-
dependent Public Accountant
Audit Services including
Scope of Services will be
available after May 11,
2003 on the website for
the New Mexico E-Pro-
curement System at:[http://www.govblids.com/
scripts/nm1/public/home
.asp](http://www.govblids.com/scripts/nm1/public/home.asp)RFP No. AU03054 Dead-
line: Tuesday, May 28,
2003, 3:00 p.m.Any proposal received af-
ter the deadline will be re-
turned unopened. Propo-
sals must be sealed and the
vendor/proposer name in-
cluding the RFP number and
description must be refer-
enced on the outside of the
envelope, i.e. "VEN-
DOR NAME & ADDRESS;
SEALED PROPOSAL
RFP NO. AU03054-Independent Public Account-
ant Audit Services."The owner reserves the
right to reject any or all
proposals and to waive
any or all informalities.
The Procurement Code,
Section 13-1-28 NMSA
1978, imposes civil and
misdemeanor criminal
penalties for its violation.
In addition, the New Mexi-
co criminal statutes im-
pose felony penalties for
bribe, gratuities, and kick-
backs.For information contact:
Leslie K. Jansson, Con-
tracts Manager. 505-622-
0881 ext. 212 or [rla.les-
alle@dlm.com](mailto:rla.les-
alle@dlm.com).

#5553 4T (5)14,21,28(6)4

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DIS-
TRICTABN AMRO MORTGAGE
GROUP, INC.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

FERNANDO L. PICAZO,
MARIA L. PICAZO, TAXA-
TION AND REVENUE DE-
PARTMENT OF THE STATE
OF NEW MEXICO, JOHN
DOE and JANE DOE,
(true names unknown),
Tenants,

Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF
SALENOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-
EN that on June 11, 2003,
at the hour of 10:00 a.m.,
the undersigned Special
Master will, at the north-
east entrance of the Lin-
coln County Courthouse,
Carrizozo, New Mexico,
sell all the right, title and
interest of the above-
named Defendants in and
to the hereinafter describ-
ed real estate to the high-
est bidder for cash. The
property to be sold is lo-
cated at 508 Park Lane,
Ruidoso Downs, and is si-
tuated in Lincoln County,
New Mexico, and is par-
ticularly described as follows:LOT 19, BLOCK 3 OF
RIVER PARK ADDITION,
RUIDOSO DOWNS, LIN-
COLN COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY
THE PLAT THEREOF
FILED IN THE OFFICE
OF THE COUNTY CLERK
OF LINCOLN COUNTY,
APRIL 26, 1967, IN TUBE
NO. 270.THE FOREGOING SALE
will be made to satisfy a
judgment rendered by the
above Court in the above-
entitled and numbered
cause on April 22, 2003,
being an action to fore-
close a mortgage on the
above-described property.
The Plaintiff's judgment,
which includes interest
and costs, is \$104,189.94
and the same bears inter-
est at 8.375% per annum
from March 22, 2003. The
amount of such interest to
the date of sale will be
\$1,960.62. The Plaintiff
has the right to bid at such
sale and submit its bid ver-
bally or in writing. The
Plaintiff may apply all or
any part of its judgment to
the purchase price in lieu
of cash. The sale may be
postponed and reschedu-
led at the discretion of the
Special Master.NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN that the real prop-
erty and improvements
concerned with herein will
be sold subject to any and
all patent reservations,
easements, all recorded
and unrecorded liens not
foreclosed herein, and all
recorded and unrecorded
special assessments and
taxes that maybe due.
Plaintiff and its attorneys
disclaim all responsibility
for, and the purchaser at
the sale takes the prop-
erty subject to, the valuation
of the property by the
county Assessor as real or
personal property, affixture
of any mobile or manufac-
tured home to the land,
deactivation of title to a
mobile or manufactured
home on the property, ifany, environmental con-
tamination on the property,
if any, and zoning viola-
tions concerning the prop-
erty, if any.
NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN that the purchaser
at such sale shall take title
to the above described real
property subject to a (1)
one month right of re-
demption.s/Nick Vega, Special
Master
PO Box 383
Carrizozo, NM 88301
(505) 648-2463

#5560 1T (5)16

LEGAL NOTICE

Smokey Bear Ranger
District
Lincoln National Forest
Lincoln County, New
MexicoThe District Ranger Juan
(Buck) Sanchez is propos-
ing to implement numer-
ous vegetative treatment
projects to restore water-
shed conditions and im-
prove understory condi-
tions on the district. The
projects will reduce fuels
and improve water quality
and quantity by increasing
ground cover. Slash gener-
ated from these treat-
ment will be burned at a
later date.Chupadero #2 - This project
is located northeast of
Jicarilla in T5S,
R12E, Secs. 6 & 7. The
project includes 440 acres.VI Vegetative Treatment -
This project is located
northeast of Capitlan, NM
in T8S, R15E, Secs. 21 &
27, T9S, R15E, Secs.
2,3, & 10. The project
includes 560 acres.Jack's Peak Vegetative
Treatment - This project is
located east of
Ancho, NM in T4S, R13E,
Sec. 31. The project in-
cludes 100 acres.Brush Vegetative Treat-
ment - This project is lo-
cated northeast of
Whiteoaks, NM in
T6S, R13E, Secs. 1,2, &
11. This project includes
458 acres.Lone Mountain Vegeta-
tive Treatment - This project
is located north of
White Oaks, NM in
T9S, R17E, Sec 20. This
project includes 100 acres.Patos Vegetative Treat-
ment - This project is lo-
cated east of White Oaks,
NM in T6S, R13E, Sec.
25. This project includes 57
acres.Allison Canyon Vegeta-
tive Treatment - This
project is located east of
Ruidoso Downs, NM in
T10 & 11S, R14E, Sec.
35,2,3 & 11. The project
includes 121 acres.Baca Vegetative Treat-
ment - This project is lo-
cated north of Lincoln, NM
in T9S, R16E, Sec. 23.
The project includes 147
acres.These projects are consist-
ent with management di-
rection and Standards and
Guidelines documented in
the Lincoln National Forest
Plan (as amended). Scop-
ing was initiated in Novem-
ber, 2002.Comments, concerns, and
ideas are needed for the
above projects. Please be
as specific as possible in
your responses so that we
can be sure they are ade-
quately addressed. We
will accept comments on
the proposed projects for
30 calendar days from the
date of this notice, as per
36 CFR 215.Additional information con-
cerning these proposed
projects can be obtained
from the Smokey Bear
Ranger District, 901 Me-
chem, Ruidoso, NM
88345, (505) 257-4095.

#5557 4T (5)16,23,30(6)6

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DIS-
TRICT COURTUNITED STATES OF
AMERICA, ACTING
THROUGH RURAL
HOUSING SERVICE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

NO.

CV-02-284

VERONICA M. SANCHEZ
AND THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF VERONICA
M. SANCHEZ,

De-

fendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN that the
undersigned Special Mas-
ter will, on June 11, 2003,
at 10:00 a.m., at the main
entrance of the Ruidoso
Municipal Building, 313Craig Meadows Drive, Rui-
doso, New Mexico, sell
and convey to the highest
bidder for cash all the
right, title and interest of
the above-named defend-
ants in and to the following
described real estate lo-
cated in said County and
State:
See Exhibit A attached
hereto and made a part of
hereofThe address of the real
property is 324 Juniper
Road, Ruidoso Downs,
New Mexico. Said sale
will be made pursuant to
the Decree of Foreclosure
entered on April 17, 2003,
in the above entitled and
numbered cause, which
was a suit to foreclose a
note and mortgage held by
the above plaintiff and
wherein plaintiff was ad-
judged to have a lien
against the above describ-
ed real estate in the sum
of \$89,437.26, plus inter-
est from April 16, 2003 to
the date of sale at the rate
of 6.875% per annum, or
\$14.68 per day, the costs
of sale, including the Spe-
cial Master's fee of
\$200.00, publication costs,
and plaintiff's costs ex-
pended for taxes, insur-
ance or keeping the prop-
erty in good repair. Plain-
tiff has the right to bid at
such sale and submit its
bid verbally or in writing.
The Plaintiff may apply all
or any part of its judgment
to the purchase price in
lieu of cash.At the date and
time stated above, the
Special Master may post-
pone the sale to such later
date and time as the Spe-
cial Master may specify.
Dated: 5/8/03Jeanie Clancy
Special Master
P.O. Box 2300
Ruidoso, New Mexico
88355
505/258-2202

Exhibit "A"

LOT 3, BLOCK 8, of
AGUA FRIA SUBDIVI-
SION, Ruidoso Downs,
Lincoln County, New Mexi-
co, as shown by the plat
thereof filed in the office
of the County Clerk and Ex-
Officio Recorder of Lincoln
County, July 7, 1954;LESS AND EXCEPTING
THEREFROM a tract of
land in Lot 3, Block 8,
Agua Fria Subdivision, Lin-
coln County, New Mexico,
described by metes and
bounds as follows:Beginning at the South-
east corner of said Lot 3;
thence North 02 degrees
41 minutes 58 seconds
East along the East bound-
ary of said Lot 3 a dis-
tance to 70.57 feet;
Thence South 14 degrees
10 minutes 07 seconds
West a distance of 81.17
feet to the South boundary
of Lot 3; Thence North 63
degrees 36 minutes 38
seconds East a distance of
18.47 feet to the said
place of beginning.

and

A tract of land in LOT 4,
BLOCK 8, of AGUA FRIA
SUBDIVISION, Ruidoso
Downs, 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, July 7,
1954, described by metes
and bounds as follows:Beginning at the point of
the West boundary of said
Lot 4, from which point the
Southwest corner of said
Lot 4 bears South 02 de-
grees 41 minutes 58 sec-
onds West, a distance of
70.57 feet; North 02 de-
grees 41 minutes 58 sec-
onds East along said lot
line a distance of 54.71
feet; Thence South 22 de-
grees 04 minutes 14 sec-
onds East a distance of
49.68 feet; Thence South
67 degrees 55 minutes 46
seconds West a distance
of 22.92 feet to the said
place of beginning.

#5559 1T (5)16

LEGAL NOTICE

Smokey Bear Ranger Dis-
trict
Lincoln National Forest
Lincoln County, New Mexi-
coThe District Ranger Juan
(Buck) Sanchez, is propos-
ing to implement four
wildlife habitat improve-
ment projects to stimulate
browse and improve the
vegetative diversity on the
district. The projects will
comprise thinning seed-
lings and saplings by
chainsaw, on approximately
755 acres of pinyon-juniper.
The purpose of these
treatments is to increase
forage quality and quantity
for elk, deer, wild turkey
and quail. In addition, the
project will reduce soil ero-
sion by increasing ground
cover. Slash generated
from this treatment will be
burned at a later date.
These projects are propo-
sed as a wildlife habitat
improvement project by
the southeast Area Sikes
Act Citizens Review Com-
mittee, and approved for
funding under the Sikes
Act by New Mexico De-
partment of Game and
Fish and through grants
from the Rocky Mountain
Elk Foundation.The Warner Gulch HI project
area is located north of
White Oaks, N.M., in
T.5S, R.12 E., Section 35;
and T.6S, R.13E, Sec-
tions 2 and 3, NMPM. The
project will involve 217
acres of pinyon-juniper
thinning.The Bragg Canyon HI project
area is located north-
east of Carrizozo, N.M., in
T.7S, R.12 E., Sections
21, 22 and 27. The project
will involve 249 acres of
pinyon-juniper thinning.The Minters HI project
area is located southeast
of Ruidoso Downs, N.M.,
in T.11S, R.15 E., Sec-
tions 15, 16, 21 and 22.
The project will involve
144 acres of pinyon-juniper
thinning.The Pepper HI project
area is located southeast
of Ruidoso Downs, N.M.,
in T.11S, R.15 E., Sec-
tions 17, 18, 19 and 20.
The project will involve
145 acres of pinyon-juniper
thinning.These projects are consist-
ent with management di-
rection and "Standards
and Guidelines" docu-
mented in the Lincoln Na-
tional Forest Plan (as
amended). Scoping was
initiated in March of 2003.Comments, concerns, and
ideas are needed for the
above projects. Please be
as specific as possible in
your responses so that we
can be sure they are ade-
quately addressed. We
will accept comments on
the proposed projects for
30 calendar days from the
date of this notice, as per
36 CFR 215.Additional information con-
cerning these proposed
projects can be obtained
from the Smokey Bear
Ranger District, 901 Me-
chem, Ruidoso, NM
88345, (505) 257-4095.

#5562 4T (5)16,23,30(6)6

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DIS-
TRICT COURTBILLY JOE HERRERA,
a single man,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Cause No. CV 03-84
Div. III
Honorable Karen L. Par-
sons presidingGROUP I:
MANUEL HERRERA, JR.,
HEIRS OF JOSE ANTONIO
ULIBARRI,
HEIRS OF MANUEL HER-
NANDEZ HERRERA,
a/k/a MANUEL HER-
RERA,
VICTORIANO
TRUJILLO JR.,
ARTURO TRUJILLO,
AMELIA TRUJILLO, a/k/a
AMELIA J. TRUJILLO,
DONALD LEE RAY CAR-
PENTER,

and

GROUP II

JOHN DOES 1
THROUGH 100 and their
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DE-
VICES AND ASSIGNS;
and

GROUP III

ALL UNKNOWN CLAIM-
ANTS OF INTEREST IN
THE PREMISES AD-
VERSE TO THE PLAIN-
TIF,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF SUITTO THE FOLLOWING
NAMED DEFENDANTS
AGAINST WHOM CON-
STRUCTIVE SERVICE IS
HEREBY SOUGHT TO BE
OBTAINED:Heirs of Jose Antonio
Ulibarri,
John Does 1 Through
100 and Their Unknown
Heirs, Devices And As-
signs; and All Unknown
Claimants of Interest in
The Premises Adverse to
The Plaintiff,PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
that the Plaintiff has filed a
Complaint to Quiet Title in
the above captioned cause
wherein you are named as
a Defendant.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI-
FIED that the general ob-
ject of this action is to quiet
title to real property, as
more particularly set forth
in the Complaint on file in
the above captioned cause.
The Plaintiff's attorney is
Marc Prelo, 412 Mechem
Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexi-
co 88345.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER
NOTICE that if you intend
to contest this suit, you
must respond to the Com-
plaint on or before Thurs-
day, June 20, 2003, being
20 days from the last date
of publication of this No-
tice.WITNESS my hand and
seal of this Court this 8th
day of May, 2003.s/Jan Perry
Clerk of the District Court

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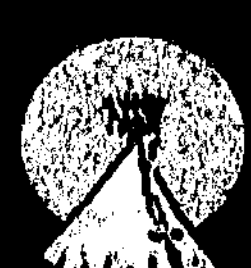
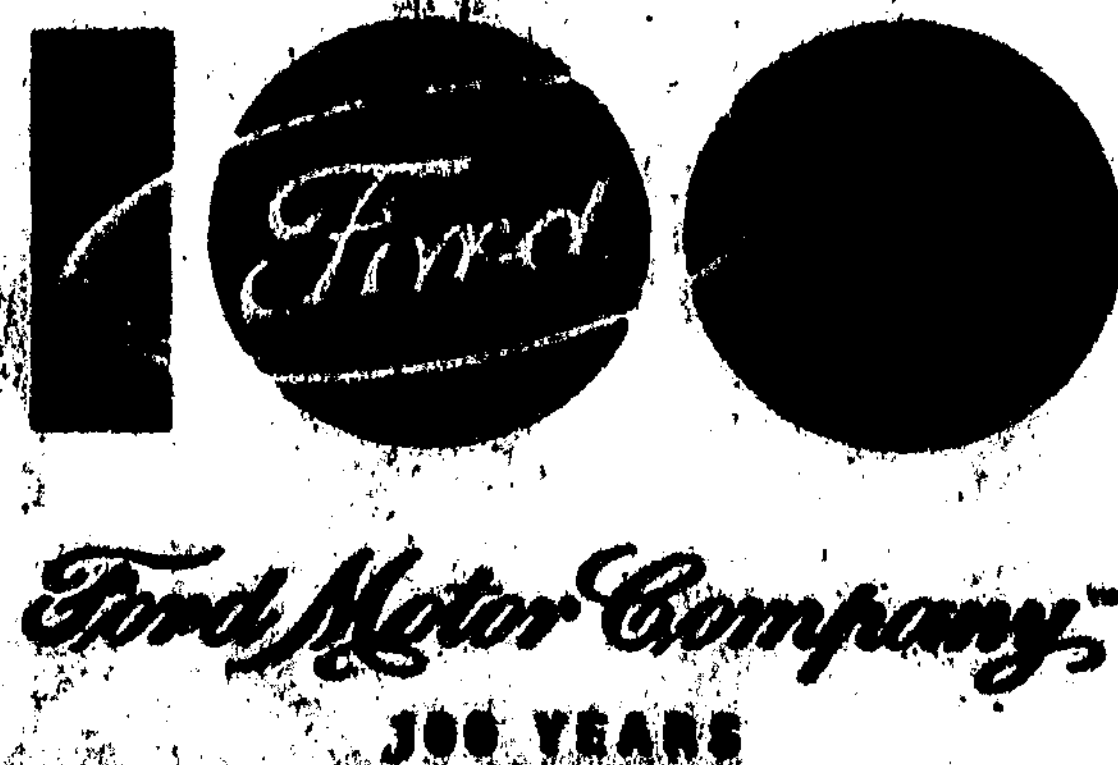
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#3992 '01 F150 SUPERCREW 4 Dr, 4x4	Below Wholesale	\$22,255	#4067 '02 ZX2 Moonroof, Low miles	Wholesale	\$9,999
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			#4098 '00 F150 SUPER CREW 4 Dr, 4x4, XLT, 5.4 V-8	Wholesale	\$22,999
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BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Merrily Cage creates unusual wall-hanging quilts with intricate landscape designs, as well as unique, whimsical dolls, embellishing both types of work with beads, embroidery, drapery remnants, appliquéd flowers and anything else from her stash. She also makes fanciful little purses with beads out of remnants of cloth.

Cage comes from a family of quilters and it was at the Houston International Quilt Festival several years ago that she became inspired by the booths full of dolls and doll patterns to use some of those remnants from her quilts and other materials to design her own dolls.

"I have a terrific fabric stash," she admitted.



Merrily Cage is shown here with two of her dolls, Veronica at left in the poodle skirt, and Flower the hippie.

"I've been a fabric-holic for years and I never throw anything away."

Each doll is one of a kind, some with realistic hair and some with yarn hair for a more whimsical look.

Dividing her time between her home in Clovis and her new home in Ruidoso, Cage said she'd rather quilt or stuff dolls than watch television — and she sold quite a few of both at last year's Christmas Jubilee.

Cage left a 20-year career teaching music at the University of Missouri, Eastern New Mexico University and Clovis Community College to work in her husband's business for five years, and then "retired" to spend her time quilting and making whimsical theme dolls.

"Quilting is another creative thing I like to do," she said. "I also like to paint as a hobby and I've taken classes."

"We just liked being here with all the art and music that's here, and the Spencer Theater."

Merrily Cage
artist

She and her husband began visiting Ruidoso for meetings at the Inn of the Mountain Gods for his business, and ended up enjoying it too much for infrequent visits.

"We just liked being here with all the art and music that's here, and the Spencer Theater. He was a musician and theater director and we've sung in the opera. We've got it all right here," she said.

The Cages have been spending three to four days every couple of weeks in Ruidoso for the past three years, and hope to move here full time in the near future. She has three quilting machines in Clovis and carries a sewing kit with her wherever she goes. In Ruidoso, she stuffs or finishes dolls and works on smaller quilts, but eventually she'll move her quilting machines here, too.

Cage's quilts and dolls can be seen at Jack of All Arts on Mecham Drive across from Ski Run Road.



PHOTOS BY SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF



Three of Cage's dolls "hang out" exchanging their different views of life: from left, Violet, Anabel the Southern Belle and Patriotic Punk.

The Senate's diet plan — sea lampreys and lots of pork



Dave Barry
DAVE'S WORLD
TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

It's time to sing about some unsung heroes of the recent war in Iraq. These heroes were not, personally, in Iraq, but they were serving in a place that's just as foreign and threatening to the average American: The United States Senate.

Our story begins back in March. The war had started, and the Bush administration asked Congress for an emergency appropriation of \$75 billion to pay for it. The House of Representatives, showing a disappointing lack of vision, basically just approved the money.

But not the Senate. No sir. Because the United States Senate is not a bunch of "yes-persons" who "rubber-stamp" every bill that comes down the pike. And so the Senate, exercising its constitutional responsibility, took a hard look at the bill to pay for the war in Iraq, and discovered a shocking omission: There was nothing in there about sea lampreys.

In case you are unfamiliar with national security, I should explain that sea lampreys are

nasty parasite fish that latch onto other fish and suck their blood. The only known way to stop them is to equip all the other fish with tiny waterproof crucifixes.

But seriously, lampreys are a problem, and so Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont decided that the war-funding bill should include \$500,000 to control lampreys in Lake Champlain, which is right next to Vermont and therefore very strategic.

The sea-lamprey effort was only one of more than \$600 million worth of new items that various senators, both Republican and Democrat, wanted to insert into the war bill. These items included: feed subsidies for catfish farmers; \$50 million for the shipbuilding industry; \$3.3 million to repair a dam in (surprise!) Vermont; \$10 million for a research station at the South Pole; \$98 million for an agricultural research facility in Iowa; a provision that would have allowed senators to send postcards to more voters at taxpayers' expense; and another provision that would have allowed wild

Alaskan salmon to be labeled "organic."

According to The New York Times, many of these extra items were slipped into the bill at the last minute by the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Sen. Ted Stevens (R-OINK), who represents Alaska, which is the largest state, which is good, because that way it has room for all the taxpayer money that old Ted ships there. The Times said that "many senators never realized" that these items had been stuck into the war bill they approved. (Members of Congress rarely read the bills they vote on; they're too busy serving the public.)

When word got out about the extra projects, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a big sportsman about this kind of thing, raised a stink. He said that even if these projects were worthwhile, they had no business being in the war bill. Or, as he put it, "the sea lamprey does not, in my opinion, pose a clear and present danger to our national security." Various House members also criticized

the senators for using a national emergency to avoid normal legislative scrutiny and make taxpayers pay for flagrant pork, although, to their credit, none of them pointed out that Flagrant Pork would be a good name for a rock band.

This criticism really got up the dander of the senators who pushed to have the pork... I mean, the additional items, put into the war bill. Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania claimed that sending out taxpayer-financed postcards to announce his public meetings was — he actually said this — "directly related to the war effort" because "meeting with the people of Pennsylvania is an important part of our job, including informing them of the war effort."

Did I mention that Arlen is running for re-election? No? Well, it's probably irrelevant.

Anyway, House leaders were really upset about the extra items in the war bill, and demanded that the Senate remove them. This made Sen. Stevens so mad that, according to the Associated Press, he told

reporters: "I'm just sorry we repealed the law on dueling."

On behalf of the taxpayers, let me say: We're sorry, too, Sen. Stevens! If you want to bring dueling back, the pistols are on us!

Anyway, in the end, the Senate caved, and most of the extra items were yanked from the bill. For now, the voters of Pennsylvania remain dangerously uninformed about the war, and the fish of Vermont remain tragically vulnerable to terrorist lampreys. So, this time at least, these bold senators failed in their mission. But the point is, darn it, they had the courage to try. And I'm sure that, one day, they'll try again: They'll see their chance, and they'll make their move, swimming swiftly up to their prey and fastening their suckers onto the...

No, wait, sorry. I'm thinking of the lampreys.

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

Two more public sculptures going up this weekend

Sculptures "Flying Fish" and "Captured Images" will be installed this weekend, and will be celebrated with a public party - an opening reception - on Sunday, May 18, from 2 to 4:30 p.m., at Crucis

Art Bronze Foundry & Gallery, 524 Sudderth Drive. These works will be installed on Sudderth Drive between the hospital and the traffic light at Allsup. In its continuing efforts to enhance

the village through the inclusion of public art, the Ruidoso Arts Commission is sponsoring this 2003 outdoor sculpture project.

"Captured Images" is constructed of wood, cast con-

crete, and chains, and measures 12' tall by 14' between its bases. Don T. Stevenson of Willis, Texas, will deliver and install his work on Friday, prior to the project opening. Foxworth-Galbraith will be on hand with a forklift to handle the large pieces of this sculpture.

Stevenson is currently a commercial photographer and graphic designer in Willis, following several years as assistant professor of art and head of the art department at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas. Prior to that, he was with Media Services at the University of Texas at Arlington. His work has been featured in solo and group shows all across Texas.

"Flying Fish" is a whimsical work by Las Cruces artist Bob Diven. Measuring 5' x 3' x 1', the piece, which is made of hand-hammered steel, rotates on its post and "weather-vanes" into the wind.

Diven received his training at the Rocky Mountain School of Art in Denver, the University of New Mexico and New Mexico State University. His work has been included



COURTESY BOB DIVEN

"Flying Fish" is a steel sculpture by Bob Diven that acts like a weather-vane and will be installed along Sudderth Drive.



COURTESY DON STEVENSON

Don Stevenson's "Captured Images" is one of two pieces that will be installed this weekend. An opening reception will be held Sunday.

in solo and group exhibitions throughout New Mexico and West Texas, as well as in the Governor's Gallery in Santa Fe. In 1998, 1999 and 2001, he received painting commissions for posters for the Dona Anna Lyric Opera in Las

Cruces, and other commissioned work.

The Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit will be in place throughout the summer. The public is encouraged to visit with the artists at Sunday's opening reception.

Flying J Wranglers to kick off summer concert series May 25

■ The local group also opens its ranch later this month.

Ruidoso Arts Commission begins the Concert-in-the-Park Summer Series with the area's own renowned Flying J Wranglers at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 25, at the School House Park, 501 Sudderth Drive. The public is invited to bring lawn chairs or blankets to relax and enjoy the free two-hour concert located under the shade of the magnificent ponderosa pines at the park. In case of rain, the concert will be held in the Senior Center next to the park.

The Flying J Wranglers perform the music of the singing cowboys of the Southwest and West that celebrates the cowboy lifestyle and the Western frontier. Cowboys on the cattle trail created this style of music around campfires. Many of these frontiersmen were immigrants from Ireland who often

put new lyrics to old Irish folk songs, giving Western music the more traditional sound of folk music.

Featuring five outstanding vocalists and musicians, the Flying J Wranglers is comprised of Flying J Ranch owner and group founders James and Cindy Hobbs, along with Randy Jones, Marilyn Trotter and Roy Black.

Each individual musician brings special talents to the Flying J Wranglers that makes the group truly outstanding. Rhythm guitarist James Hobbs, whose grandfather founded the New Mexico city of Hobbs, is an accomplished singer and songwriter whose work is widely recognized for lovely sentiments and gentle lyricism.

James' wife Cindy Hobbs, the Wranglers' main vocalist, is distinguished by her powerful and beautiful three-octave voice. She is a Western Style Female National Yodeling champion and has been nomi-



COURTESY THE FLYING J WRANGLERS

The Flying J Wranglers will be the first performers in this year's Concert-in-the-Park series.

nated twice as Best Female Vocalist of the Year by the Academy of Western Artists.

Multi-instrumentalist Randy Jones, a virtuoso on guitar, mandolin, banjo and dobro, is also a strong vocal performer

who many in the area remember from his 15-year career with the "Moon Pie Dance Band" of El Paso, a regional favorite.

Violinist/fiddler Marilyn Trotter, who hails from

Alamogordo, is a three-time New Mexico State Fiddle Champion and three-time Texas Ladies State Fiddle Champion. Over the years, Marilyn has performed with the Roswell Symphony Orchestra and the Southwest Symphony Orchestra.

Master of Ceremonies and acoustic bass guitarist Roy Black previously performed with the Timberline Band and has entertained as emcee, bass player and vocalist at America's Music Theatre in Phoenix, Ariz., and at the Las

Vegas Maxim Hotel, Aladdin Hotels and Sam's Town. Black was raised on a ranch near El Paso and is currently raising horses north of Capitan.

The Flying J Wranglers perform throughout the summer season at the Flying J Ranch in Alto. The ranch's 2003 season starts Friday, May 23. Contact the ranch at www.flyingjwranglers.com or call 336-4330 or (888)458-3595 for information.

For information on the May 25 free concert, call the Ruidoso Arts Commission at 378-4302.

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Weekend Fiber Festival should be a woolly time

The Second Annual Natural Fiber Festival kicks off this weekend in Lincoln. Events will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 18, at the Lincoln Pageant Grounds, mile marker 97.4 on U.S. 380.

This event will feature the fiber animals we have in Lincoln County as well as the spinners and weavers who live in this area.

Among other things, this is an opportunity to meet "Cinnamon," the cinnamon colored sheep, and "Spook" and "Spook Jr.," the black sheep who are all Rambouillet sheep. "Freckles," a brown and white spotted Debouillet sheep, and an orphaned all-white lamb named Sam will also be available for petting.

Rhonda Theiman of Vaughn will be doing a natural dye demonstration. She will use some native plants and indigo, brazilwood and possibly cochineal. In this process she simmers the leaves, flowers or roots with alum in rain water to make a dye bath. The wool is heated to the same simmer temperature then moved to the dye bath. After the wool has simmered in the bath for a period of time, it is rinsed and hung up to dry. These leaves are not sunfast and will fade over time if left in the sun.

On Saturday and Sunday, sheep shearing demonstrations will be held by Elias Medina, who is a professional sheep shearer. He lives in Roswell and is a fourth-generation shearer. He has been shearing sheep for a living most of his adult life.

Lloyd Maness, a New Mexico native and one of the organizers of this event,

will talk about the history of sheep in New Mexico, the shearing process and about life on a sheep ranch. Joining Maness will be Barbara Nichols, who resides in Roswell and is a sixth-generation New Mexico rancher. She is a novice shearer and spinner and her artistic speciality is bead weaving.

Creighton Maness, who lives 50 miles north of Capitan, is a prolific spinner. He has worked with wool, cotton, silk, mohair and angora. He is interested in teaching adults the art of spindling ... that is, using a drop spindle to spin fibers into yarn.

The process in which the wool from a sheep becomes a shawl takes a while. It takes 12 months for the sheep to grow a long enough fleece to spin in most breeds. The wool is shorn usually in the early spring. After being cleaned of most of the dirt, vegetable matter and natural oils (lanolin), it is either carded or combed. Coarser wools are carded and finer wools are combed. It is then spun into singles on spinning wheels or drop spindles. When a spinner has two or more balls of singles, they then spin these in the opposite direction or counterclockwise to make a two, three or more ply yarn. The yarn then goes to the crotchetier, knitter or weaver to be made into the fabric of a



COURTESY JOHN T. SODEN

Jinger Kay spins wool at the 2002 Fiber Fest. This year's event is this weekend.

shawl.

The Lincoln County spinners, known as the Spinning Bees, will be spinning their wool. Knitters, crocheters and weavers will also be demonstrating their crafts. Fine wool from The Royal Fiber Spinnery of Ruidoso, La Placita of Lincoln and Richards Ranch of Yeso will be for sale.

One event worth watching is the "Spin-In" with spinners and weavers from Las Cruces and Lincoln County. Jim Hockett of Magdalena will have combs and other tools for weaving or spinning available for purchase. Elaine and Andy Brannon of Capitan are very good at spinning, knitting and weaving. They will have some of the blankets Andy has woven and the vests Elaine has spun and knitted available.

A Quilting Bee will be set up and you can see the quilt top applied by

Unsheared llamas or sheared alpacas from Carousel Farms of Ruidoso Downs will also be available for petting. Marilyn Nishitani will be bringing her sheared alpacas to admire and also will be selling her hand-made alpaca sweaters.

For something even smaller, Kim Beauvais will be bringing her Neubien Goats. Everyone will be able to pet the adult goats or enjoy holding the baby goats.

Among the artisans who will be selling their crafts will be Nicole Beaudoin of Magdalena with her tie dye T-shirts, and Jim Wall, who will be selling his hand-made lambskin bookmarks and wooden coat racks. J.M.T. Leather of Capitan will have leather bags, wallets and Bible covers available. What would a Fiber Fest be without the village smithy? Richard Rumpf of ZW's Gallery and Blacksmithing will be demonstrating his blacksmithing skills

Myra Richards in the 1940s. It is of scotty dogs cut from plaid feed sacks appliqued on blocks cut from flour and sugar sacks. The blocks were set together by Eve Latham. All quilters are invited to put "a few stitches in." For those who don't quilt, but would like to, Sue Maness will instruct you on the proper way to "rock" the needle.

and selling his "metal" yard animals. Joining Richard will be Nancie Ferguson, demonstrating her spinning skills and selling her hand woven rugs.

While seeing the sights this weekend, sit and enjoy the music of Kerry Anderson on her handmade dulcimer, Lanny Maddox on Indian flute, Michael Beyer on acoustic guitar and Tomas Vigil on Spanish guitar, or Roger Rittenhouse, who will be singing a few James Taylor tunes.

The Wortley Hotel (across the street from the Pageant Grounds) dining room will be open for those who wish to partake.

Jinny Vigil of the Ellis Store & Country Inn in Lincoln will have a food concession inside the Pageant Grounds. She was named New Mexico Chef of the Year for 2003.

Also, the Lincoln Grill, located near Las Placitas and the Torreon, will be open to serve an assortment of sandwiches and soft drinks.

Cold bottles of water will also be sold by the Lincoln County Tourism Council, which will be located inside the pageant grounds. Or stop by the 4-H booth and try one of their snow cones.

For further information contact Sue Harkness in Ruidoso 630-0044 or via e-mail sue_harkness@yahoo.com or call the County Extension Office in Carrizozo by calling 648-2311 or via e-mail lincoln@nmsau.edu.

This event is being sponsored by REDTT (Rural Economic Development Through Tourism), Lincoln County Lodgers Tax, N.M. Wool Growers, N.M. Sheep and Goat Council and New Mexico State Monuments.

Local artist wins 'Best of Show' in Albuquerque

The Colored Pencil Society of America is pleased to announce that Karen Emerald Reeder, a Ruidoso artist, has won "Best of Show" in the CPSCA Albuquerque District art show.

The show, entitled "a colored pencil PREMIERE" features the artwork of 27 New Mexico artists and will run from May

9-28. The exhibit is in the South Broadway Cultural Center at 1025 Broadway SE, Albuquerque.

Reeder submitted three slides to be juried and all three were accepted into the show.

"I was surprised and extremely pleased to receive the phone call from the chair-

person informing me that I had won the top prize," Reeder said.

The winning piece is called "Home." The other two pieces are called "Sorceress" and "The Eyes Have Their Silence." Both of these pieces have won awards at other shows.

Starting on June 2, she will be returning to Eastern New

Mexico University-Ruidoso as an art instructor. For the summer, she said she will be offering two courses in digital imaging as well as a weekend workshop on "Ebay."

Courses she said she will teach in the fall include drawing, design, digital imaging, and figure drawing.



COURTESY KAREN REEDER

"Home," by Karen Reeder, was named best of show at the Colored Pencil Society of America show in Albuquerque.

Capitan sidewalk sale

The semi-annual Capitan Merchants Sidewalk Sale is today and Saturday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Get a map from local merchants to find all the participating businesses.

Bike rally under way

AspenCash Motorcycle Run & Trade Show is May 15-18 at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Call 258-3947 for more information.

Memorial Day service

A Memorial Day service at the Fort Stanton Merchant Marine Memorial Cemetery is at 11 a.m. May 24.

The Gun & Collectible Show sponsored by the Ruidoso Noon Lions Club is May 24 and 25 at the Ruidoso Convention Center. The doors open at 9 a.m. and admission is \$3 for adults. Children are admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

For information, contact Hubert at 258-2313.

'Gunfighter' open

The Hubbard Museum of the American West's newest exhibit is the Gunfighter Exhibit, opening May 24 and running through Oct. 26. The exhibit includes photographic profiles, artifacts and a lecture series of the most famous and infamous lawmen and outlaws of the American West.

Diamond Rio concert

Diamond Rio will kick off the 2003 Summer Concert Series at Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino at 8 p.m. May 24. Ticket prices are \$50, \$30, \$22 and \$17. For more information, call 378-4140 or visit www.rui-

dosodownsracing.com.

Craft fair booths open

Spaces are still available for the Blooming in June Arts and Crafts Fair sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church Women's Organization from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. June 28. Inside booths are \$30 and outside tents are \$35 (tent to be furnished by vendor). Call 257-2220 or e-mail presch@zianet.com, or send registrations to First Presbyterian Church Arts and Crafts Fair, c/o Linda Field, 101 S. Sutton Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

Life workshop

A workshop on beginning the planning process to create one's own story will be from 9 a.m.-1

p.m. May 17.

"Ordinary People Living Extraordinary Lives: Finding Significance Beyond Fifty" facilitated by Clara Farah, Ph.D., is the name of the workshop, which will be at the Pena House between mile markers 93 and 94 on Highway 380 between Lincoln and Capitan. Turn at Baca Campsite, Salazar Canyon Road, and drive four miles, over four cattle guards. Take the left fork in the road through the gate and drive 1/2 mile and dead-end at this historic adobe homestead.

The cost is \$15, or \$25 at the door. Bring a bag lunch, drinks will be provided.

Seating is limited, R.S.V.P. to Farah at clarafarah@aaa-hawk.com or call 653-4983 or write P.O. Box 765, Capitan, NM 88316.

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Advocates are needed to speak for children

Well, we have the SPCA and PETA who look out for animals. Then, we have Green Peace and the Sierra Club who take care of the earth. And, we have the NAACP and the Rainbow Coalition who deal with minority rights. But, who is responsible for a group of our children who have no advocates?

We have CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). CASA is a non-profit, 501C3 organization which furnishes carefully screened and trained citizens to the court to represent and speak up for abused and neglected children, children involved in custody cases, some juveniles on probation, and children where restraining orders are in force on a parent. Adults have attorneys to represent them. There are prosecuting attorneys and defense attorneys. But where are the advocates for the children whose interests are not considered in these court and legal circumstances?

Ms. Alyce Gabel is the director of CASA for Lincoln and Otero counties. Her phone number, should you be interested in any aspect of CASA and need information, is (505) 443-

1086. Ms. Gabel needs some help from Lincoln County — volunteers who would be screened and trained to speak on behalf of children in court situations, representatives of Lincoln County who would serve as board members for CASA, and financial help for the organization.

Some of you would be of great assistance to children and juveniles in representing them before the court. If you have a heart for helping those who can't help themselves, give Mrs. Gabel a call and let your cause become helping the helpless.

Let's join together with our neighboring county and help children who need advocates concerned

with caring for the needs and rights of the children. Remember, what Jesus said, "...whatever you have done for one of the least of these ... you did it for me."

And because Jesus is our advocate before the Father in Heaven, certainly we can serve as advocates of these little ones. We may be their only help for today and their hope for tomorrow. Remember, Jesus is our help for today and our hope for tomorrow.



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Parents aren't perfect either

QUESTION: I resent my parents. They've never abused me or anything like that, but they do such stupid things. My dad's work has been the only thing he's cared about. How can I respect people like that?

DR. DOBSON: Let's assume that your complaints against your parents are valid — that they didn't do a very good job of raising you. Nevertheless, I urge you to cut them some slack. You'll learn someday just how hard it is to be a good parent.

Children are infinitely complex. In fact, I believe it is more difficult to raise children now than ever before. Be assured that you will not do the job perfectly, either. Someday, if you are blessed with children, one or more of them will blame you for your failures, just as you have criticized your parents.

Let me share one more suggestion with you and others who have been angry at their parents. Given the brevity of life and the temporary nature of all human relationships, can you find it within your hearts to forgive them? My mother closed her eyes for the last time on June 26, 1988. She had been so vibrant, so important to each member of our family. I couldn't imagine life without her just a few years earlier. But time passed so quickly, and before we knew it, she had grown old and sick and incompetent. The human experience is like that.

As I sat at her memorial service, I was flooded with memories and a profound sense of loss. But there was not the

slightest hint of regret, remorse or guilt. There were no hurtful words I wished I could have taken back. There were no prolonged conflicts that remained unresolved between my parents and me. Why not? Was I a perfect son born to

flawless parents? Of course not. But when Shirley, my wife, and I had been married only two years, I remember saying to her, "Our parents will not always be with us. We must keep that in mind as we live out our daily lives. I want to respond to both sets of parents in

such a way that we will have no regrets after they are gone."

Again, I urge you not to throw away these good, healthy times. Please be careful not to create bitter memories that will hang above you when the record is in the books. No conflict is worth letting that happen.

QUESTION: You obviously have a great empathy for kids who are in the junior-high years — especially those who are rejected and ridiculed by their peers. Have you always felt that way about that age group?

DR. DOBSON: My concern for early adolescents dates back to the years I spent teaching in junior high school. I was only 25 years old at the time and I fell in love with 250 science and math students. The day I left to accept other responsibilities I fought back the tears. Some of the kids were hurting badly, and I developed a keen sensitivity to their plight. Let me illustrate how I saw them.

Years later, I was sitting in my car at a fast-food restaurant. I happened to look in the rearview mirror and saw the most pitiful, scrawny, dirty little kitten on a ledge behind my car. I was so touched by how hungry she looked that I got out, tore off a piece of my hamburger and tossed it to her. But before this kitten could reach it, a huge gray tomcat sprang out of the bushes, grabbed the morsel and gobbled it down. I felt sorry for the kitten, who turned and ran back into the shadows, still hungry and frightened.

I was immediately reminded of those kids I used to teach. They were just as needy, just as deprived, just as lost as that little kitten. It wasn't food that they required; it was love and attention and respect that they needed, and they were desperate for it. And just when they opened up and revealed the pain inside, one of the more popular kids would abuse and ridicule them, sending them scurrying back into the shadows.

We, as adults, must never forget the pain of trying to grow up and of the competitive world in which many adolescents live today. Taking a moment to listen, to care and to direct such a youngster may be the best investment of a lifetime.

Dr. Dobson is president of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO. 80903; or www.family.org. Questions and answers are excerpted from "The Complete Marriage and Family Home Reference Guide" and "Bringing Up Boys," both published by Tyndale House.

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Symbols aren't a replacement for God

QUESTION: A friend of mine always wears a necklace which has a small silver angel on it. When I asked her about it, she told me that she believes it protects her from harm, and she wouldn't dream of going anywhere without it. Is she right, do you think? — Mrs. P.L.

ANSWER: The Bible makes it clear that so-called "good luck" charms — no matter what they are — have no power in themselves to help us or keep us from harm.

In fact, the Bible warns us against putting our faith in any object which supposedly has magical or spiritual powers. Such ideas were very com-

mon in the ancient world, but God warned His people not to be misled by them. The Bible says, "Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against your magic charms" (Ezekiel 13:20).

Why is this? One reason is because they can easily mislead us into superstitious practices and even a belief in occult powers. But the deeper reason is because such things can lead us away from God. In other words, charms and

idols become a substitute for the one true God — and that is wrong. The Bible warns, "See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the liv-

ing God" (Hebrews 3:12).

Perhaps your friend has fallen into this trap, putting her faith in a silver angel to protect her, instead of letting it remind her of God's constant protection through His angels. Pray for her; she may not even realize what she is doing. Then ask God also to give you an opportunity to point her to our only true source of comfort and protection — who is Christ.

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Black Wednesday, part 2: The Daltons in Coffeyville

Bob Dalton considered himself – and to be fair, so did a lot of other people – to be something of a master planner where robberies were concerned. His last couple of efforts at train robbery had been successful and had built the rest of the gang's confidence in him. However, when one looks at the plan that Bob came up with for the robbery of two banks in Coffeyville, Kan., on Oct. 5, 1892, Bob and his plan both seem better suited to appear on, say, the "Gong Show."



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Coffeyville was a town where the Daltons had lived for quite some time and where they were, of course, recognizable to many citizens. It would seem that if one had to rob a bank in one's hometown, one would want to be as discreet as possible about well, everything. That's how it would seem to me, anyway. Apparently not Bob Dalton, though...

Bob's idea was to dress to "the nines," with all of the gang members decked out in new suits, with all new, fancy weapons, purchased just for the robbery. The way they acted, you would think they were attending some sort of weird wedding reception... As though this weren't enough, they also purchased false beards and whiskers to disguise themselves. All of this, combined with the fact that, after they dismounted, they marched up the street in what citizens would later call a "sort of military line," three and two abreast, carrying rifles. This was enough to get anyone to notice them. And, of course, virtually everyone did.

The entrance to hell

They entered the alley that ran from Walnut to Maple Street, at Slosson's Drug store. Until that day, the alley was unnamed. Today, it is called "Death Alley," and for good reason. A number of people watched them tether their horses in the alley and begin their march out toward the street.

A resident named Aleck McKenna was standing on the street when the five men marched past him, and he, too, noted that they were wearing false beards, and one of them, who he never identified, he recognized as a "Dalton." After passing McKenna, the men picked up their pace and broke into two groups, three of them going into the C.M. Condon & Co. Bank and the other two into the First National, diagonally across the street. Bob and Emmett had gone into the First National and Grat, Bill Powers, and Dick Broadwell had entered the Condon.

As previously stated, they had McKenna's attention and he continued to watch Grat and the others after they had entered the Condon. He clearly saw one of them raise a Winchester rifle and level it at the employees. He began spreading the word. "The bank is being robbed!" he shouted to anyone who would listen, and citizens began rushing to Isham's Hardware Store, where firearms were handed out to any and all who wanted them.

Hell was about to break loose in Coffeyville, Kan.

The Condon

When Grat, Powers and Broadwell had entered the Condon Bank, one of them, probably Powers, had immediately, as noted by Aleck McKenna, leveled his Winchester at the man behind the counter, C.T. Carpenter. "Texas Jack" Broadwell then took position at the bank's door and Grat walked down the short hallway that led to the room where C.M. Ball, cashier, and T.C. Babb, the bookkeeper, were standing. He ordered Ball to empty the safe for him. Ball thought quickly, which was not something that Grat had ever been noted for – in fact, thinking was really not his strong suit at all...

Ball told Grat that the safe had a timelock on it that could not be opened until 9:45 a.m., which was three minutes away. Grat settled in to wait. To appease this not-the-brightest-of-Daltons, Ball dragged out a heavy sack with \$4,000 in silver in it. At about the same time, J.D. Levan, an "aged gentleman," walked into the bank and was immediately taken prisoner.

Before Ball's three minutes were up, the citizens began pouring a heavy fire through the bank windows. All of the bank employees sensibly threw themselves to the floor, and after a few moments of shooting, Dick Broadwell took one in the arm, apparently shattering it as he announced that he could not use it. With that, all three of the bandits raced out the door they had entered just a few minutes before.

The First National

Meanwhile, across the street in the First National, a similar scene was being acted out. When Bob and Emmett had entered the bank, cashier Tom Ayers and teller W.H. Sheppard were at work, with Sheppard conducting business with a citizen named J.H. Brewster. Bob Dalton, addressing Ayers by name, demanded all the money in the bank. At

the same time, Emmett ran back to the rear of the building and brought Bert Ayers, Tom's brother, to the front room.

Tom Ayers was deliberately, carefully and slowly sliding currency and gold across the counter to Bob, who got about \$5,000. At the same time, Emmett was dumping money from the contents of the "burglar proof" chest into a grain sack. It was about this time that the shooting started and the two Daltons, after being greeted by a heavy fire at the front door, elected to exit by the back, using the employees as human shields.

For some reason, Tom Ayers was left behind, but his brother Bert, as well as the teller, Sheppard, were paraded in front of the two desperadoes as they left the building. They made it down the street to an alley that would lead them to the alley where their horses were tethered and turned into it – and that was where they met Lucius Baldwin.

A young local, Baldwin had grabbed a pistol when he heard what was happening and was fatefully standing in the alley, wondering what to do, when the outlaws and their hostages wheeled into it. Seeing the two familiar faces in the front of the group, Baldwin advanced, smiling. Bob Dalton commanded him to halt, but as Lucius stated later, he did not hear it. Bob brought his Winchester to his shoulder and pumped a round into Baldwin's chest, who promptly collapsed. With that, the few other people in the alley realized what was happening and darted behind and into whatever cover they could find.

Leaving the hostages, Bob and Emmett were running at a trot, Emmett in the lead, carrying the sack full of loot and Bob behind, scanning the street for targets. He found one in George Cubine, standing in the doorway of Rammel's Drugstore, holding a Winchester. Bob's deadly rifle cracked once and Cubine crumpled to the floor, a bullet through the heart. Seconds later, Bob opened up on another citizen, Charles Brown, "an old and respected citizen," who had rushed to Cubine's body and grabbed his rifle. He fell dead less than two feet from Cubine. Bob Dalton had killed three citizens in less than a

minute.

As Bob and Emmett reached the "northeast corner of the brick block in the center of the plaza," racing through a hailstorm of lead, Tom Ayers, the cashier from the First National, suddenly appeared on the street with a gun in his hand. Again, Bob Dalton's rifle roared and, again, a man fell to the ground. Ayers survived, despite a bullet that tore through his cheek and passed out his neck "at the base of the skull."

Grat and the others

At the same time, Grat, Powers and Broadwell, his arm hanging uselessly at his side, were racing desperately for their horses. They had to run about a hundred yards through a crossfire and, miraculously, actually made it to within 30 feet of their horses, at the mouth of "Death Alley."

And that was where the desperadoes linked back up: At the mouth of the alley, in a hailstorm of bullets.

Bob Dalton was the first to go down. A bullet slammed into his chest, knocking him to a sitting position. He managed to get back up, and, propping himself against a barn wall, sent three rapid rounds screaming in the direction of Isham's Hardware Store. (One of them struck within inches of a case of dynamite!)

Grat was badly wounded, now, too, and was standing at the mouth of the alley when he saw Coffeyville's Marshal Connelly standing just a few yards away with his back to him. Grat, who, according to the newspaper, was "trying to brace up for a final effort," sent a round into the Marshal's back, killing him. One of the men standing with Connelly was blacksmith John Kloeher who instantly raised his rifle and fired a bullet that struck Grat in the throat, wounding him fatally. The biggest Dalton went down heavily a few feet from the Marshal he had just killed.

Dick "Texas Jack" Broadwell, actually made it to his horse. Badly wounded, he managed, nevertheless, to get into the saddle and, putting his spurs to the horse, pounded out of town with bullets whistling all around – and into – him.

Tom Powers was standing about 10 feet west of where Grat had fallen. He had dropped his rifle and was reeling about in the street firing at anything that moved with his revolver. Hit a number of times, he finally collapsed in a heap.

Bob Dalton staggered a few feet out to the curb and then sat down heavily, as though he were resting. Slowly, he fell backwards onto his back and, although obviously still alive,

he lay still. Emmett, with a bullet through both hips and a shattered right arm, managed to get into the saddle. Instead of galloping out of town, he rode over to his dying brother Bob and, leaning out of the saddle, extended a hand to Bob, who weakly tried to raise his own. The bullets were still flying, and Emmett caught a load of buckshot in the back that propelled him out of the saddle and onto the ground, where he lay still, next to his big brother Bob.

It was over. Dick Broadwell had gotten about a half mile from town and then tumbled from his horse, dead. Powers was already dead and Bob and Grat breathed their last right there in the street. Emmett was the only survivor – besides that sixth man. And, assuming that the sixth man really was Bill Doolin, he was even then putting as much distance between himself and Coffeyville as he could.

He had his own date with destiny.

Sources: Files of "The Journal" (Newspaper), Coffeyville, Kan., Oct. 7, 1892; Encyclopedia of Western Lawmen and Outlaws by Jay Robert Nash; The Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters by Bill O'Neal and The Shooters by Leon Metz.

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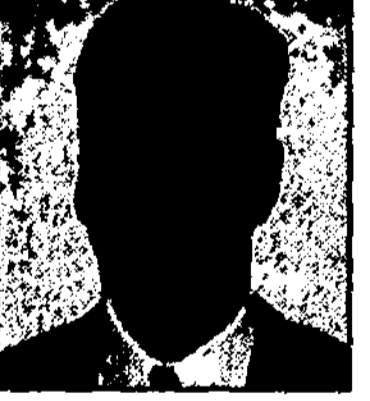
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Rock tour may pay visit to Las Cruces

Warped Tour features up to 60 bands

BY ADRIAN GOMEZ
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Las Cruces appears to be set to host one of this summer's major concert tours.

The Warped Tour is scheduled for July 16 at the New Mexico State University Practice Field, according to the Vans Warped Tour Web site. NMSU officials caution that they're still negotiating with tour organizers and the contract hasn't been finalized.

The tour showcases some of rock's newest acts in a festival setting. This year's tour has a lineup of 60 different bands including AFI, Rancid, The Used, The Ataris, Glassjaw, Mest, Pennywise, A Simple Plan, Tsunami Bomb and Grammy-nominated Bowling For Soup.

The lineup of bands changes from show to show.

Josh Garcia, 23, of Las Cruces heard reports of the planned Las Cruces tour stop over the weekend and picked up the latest album from AFI Monday at Hastings.

"I heard the news about the tour through e-mail," he said. "It's such a big event for the town and it should bring in a lot of people."

Garcia said it's been a long time since Las Cruces had a

festival-type concert.

"A tour like that would succeed because we are a college town," he said.

"Plus, we're within driving distance of Albuquerque and El Paso, so they could come too."

Jessica Purtle, 20, of Las Cruces said she didn't want to get her hopes up for a Warped Tour stop until the deal is finalized.

"Most of the time, we get announcements of tours and then they fall through," she said. "I'm going to wait and see what happens with this one."

Bobbie Welch, marketing director of NMSU's Pan American Center, said she has to finalize some contract details before the university can officially announce the tour. She said that should happen this week.

"At that point, they will provide us with our lineup," she said, "but until then, the show is still just potential, not confirmed."

For more information about the Warped Tour visit www.warpedtour.com.

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

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Members of the Fiesta Dancers perform traditional folk dances in the pavilion during the annual Tularosa Fiesta Sunday in Tularosa. The annual Hondo Fiesta will be held Saturday and Sunday.

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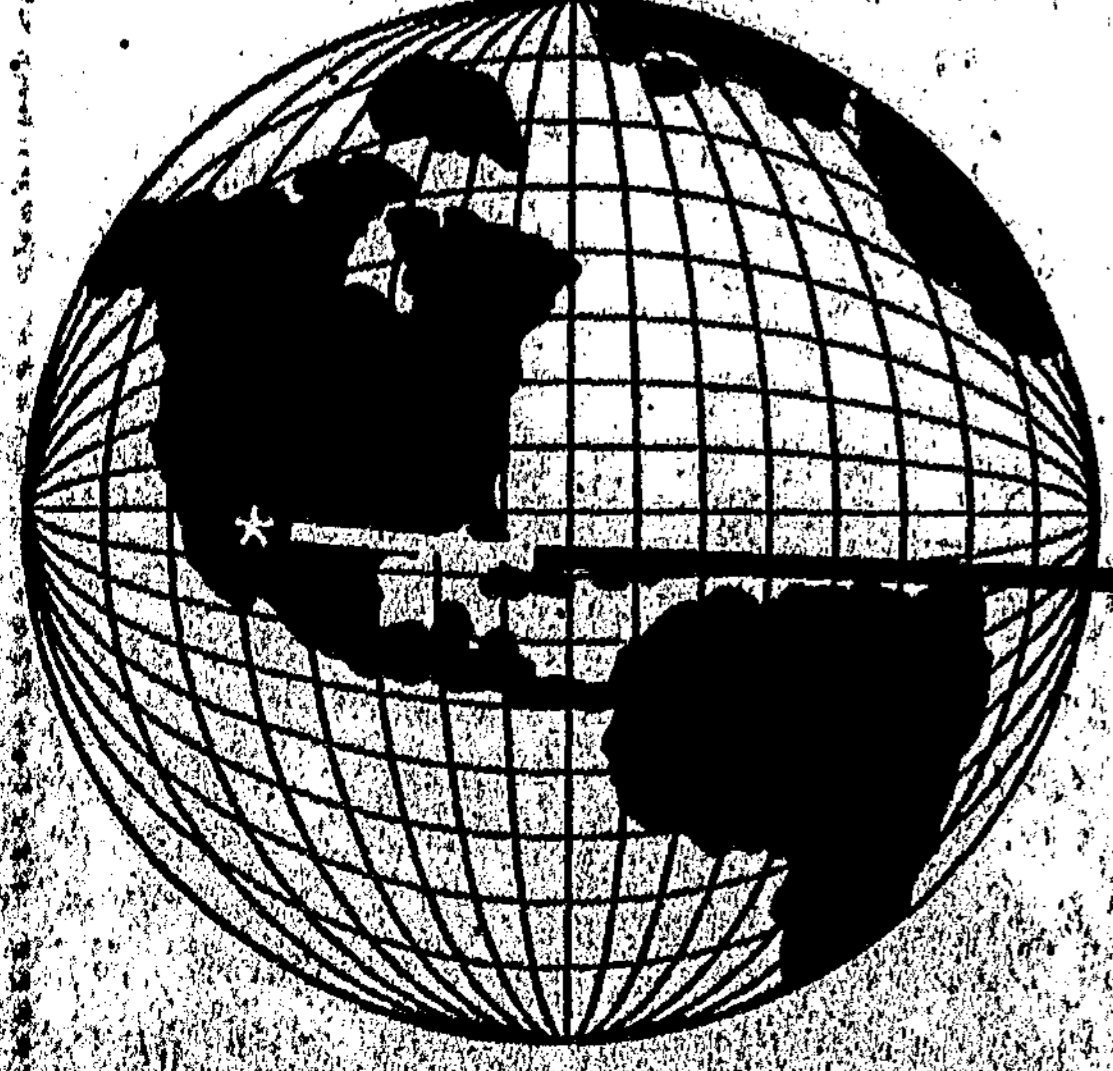
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FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2003

Haussler can relax

It's been a fitting 35 years for a man who wanted to spend his career out of doors

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

One thing Greg Haussler knew when he started college — he wanted to spend his working life outdoors. And that's just what he did for 35 years. Haussler retired last week as Capitan district conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, formerly the Soil Conservation Service.

"I've been really happy to have been able to work with everyone I have," he said earlier this week, reflecting on his career and retirement. "We have good people in Lincoln County and I appreciate their good will and hope I have been able to help them have a better ranching experience."

Born in Normal, Okla., where his father was stationed in World War II at a naval air base as a hydraulics instructor, Haussler's first move was back to Nebraska. His parents both grew up on farms within three miles of each other in the south-central part of the state.

The family moved in 1956 to Lubbock, Texas, when Haussler was 13. Graduating from high school, he attended Texas Technological College, studying biology.

"I didn't know the field of range management even existed," he said. "I thought I wanted to farm or ranch."

While unloading lumber from box cars on a job to earn extra money, he heard about range management from another student. He quickly realized it was a better fit for him.

He worked two summers with the U.S. Forest Service in Utah's Ashley National Forest, mapping vegetation and soil on different range allotments.

"We got to camp out and stay in ranger stations," Haussler said. "It was like a great big vacation all summer long."

But marriage rearranged his priorities and when he graduated, he accepted a job offer from the Soil Conservation Service in New Mexico. He moved to Mora and worked for two years, starting as a range conservationist trainee, tagging along with more experienced workers to learn about the job.

"We did conservation planning on ranches, identifying native vegetation, mapping the sites, determining the range condition and developing conservation plans," he said.

The next two years he spent in Alamogordo, where the country was different, but the job was about the same. Then he was transferred to Fort Sumner as district conservationist in charge of the office. He specialized in ranches, while another conservationist took the farms.

In February 1973, he grabbed a chance to transfer as district conservationist in



Greg Haussler has retired from the Natural Resource Conservation Service, but has no plans to move from Lincoln County.

Capitan, a town then about one-third the current population.

"I'd been here on field trips in college and once camped out with a friend on the North Fork of the Ruidoso River on the Mescalero Reservation," Haussler said. "We thought we were in paradise."

Haussler's approach was to work with ranchers to determine their goals and then suggest ideas to help them. He drew on experiences, successes and failures on other ranches to illustrate the possibilities.

"We were in a drought period then too, even though 1972 was really wet in the winter and spring," he said.

One of the major challenges facing the area when he arrived was an infestation of broom snakeweed, a plant that can be poisonous to livestock, crowds out natural grasses, and is a member of the sunflower family. Haussler counseled ranchers on grasses that could compete with the broom snakeweed and on how to maintain a healthy forage plant community.

The proliferation of woody vegetation such as piñon juniper also caused problems that continue today.

When he arrived, the trees were concentrated in small valleys with deeper soil, but open grassland covered the hills.

"Now they've been invaded by the rapidly spreading juniper, which really got a foothold in the 1980s when we had a series of wet years," Haussler said.

He helped Hollis Fuchs, who also worked with the service, collect old photographs of the area, some dating back to 1899, and then took current pictures for comparison. Fuchs compiled a book to show the invasion, which Haussler said really accelerated in the past 15 years.

"Mother nature previously controlled the advance with periodic fires, the same as in the pine forests," he said. "They were cool ground fires that burned the small trees and woody vegetation, but didn't affect the big trees, which gave more of an open park-like feeling."

The foothills resembled grass savannas. Fire would sweep through. It wouldn't kill the grass, but would take down the woody plants, he said.

"Burning still is an option, but it's more difficult today because of the build up of subdivisions and houses, and weather conditions," he said.

Ranchers also would have to plan about two years ahead to allow the grass crop necessary to carry the fire to establish, he said. Another option is mechanical brush control with a bulldozer or a track hoe excavator.

Chemical brush control is a method that kills woody plants, but works best with plants three feet or smaller, he said.

As the population of the county grew, Haussler started to receive more calls from individual home owners, but they claimed similar problems. He'd advise on the best natural grasses to plant based on elevation and the natural plant community. He also worked with ranchers on water development, drilling wells, creating storage, pipelines and troughs, and on fencing to divide pastures for animal grazing management.

Overall, ranchers in Lincoln County are willing to listen and try new approaches if they can be shown the benefits, he said.

"I think our county is pretty progressive with a lot of well educated ranchers," Haussler said.

The prolonged drought prompted many ranchers to cut back on their livestock, but they are used to being at the mercy of the weather, he said. Cost sharing programs have helped.

Haussler and wife, Carol, who will retire from teaching later this year, are preparing to travel — Alaska is on the list, visit relatives and do just about whatever they want to, he said.

"I have plenty of projects I've been putting off for years," Haussler said. "But we're staying in the area. It's nice to live and work in a place where others come for a vacation. Why leave?"

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

MAY 15, 1953

Merriam elk horns found

The broad blade horns of a Merriam elk were found by Paul Jones, chief fire guard of the Ruidoso district, while he was riding above the Bonito on Barber Ridge. Ray Bell, chief of the State Game Department field force, identified the antlers as belonging to the animals that lived in this range before the turn of the century.

A few of these horns have been found previously, but the last record of the elk in the White Mountains was more than 60 years ago. Henry Peebles of Nogal recalls hearing his parents say the last elk they saw here was in 1887.

MAY 17, 1963

Hunt to leave C of C

At the regular meeting of the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce board of directors May 9, manager A. E. Hunt preceded a statement of goals for 1963-64 by announcing his resignation effective at the close of the fiscal year, June 30.

He believes the time has come to devote his remaining time to less strenuous activity than that required to achieve the goals announced.

MAY 18, 1973

Summer basketball seen

Basketball coach Gary Giannoni has announced the formation of a boys' summer basketball program in Ruidoso. The league...is not a camp, but a two-night-a-week schedule for games running to July 26 in the high school gym. Supervised by Giannoni and Thurmon Sanchez, the league will be in two divisions, for boys 11-14 and boys 15 and above.

MAY 19, 1983

Parking relief ahead

Relief is in store this summer for the downtown parking problem, thanks to the help of a private landowner who has loaned the village a piece of property for public parking.

Alto Village developer Don Blaugrund has agreed to let the village create a parking lot on 1.24 acres he owns on Wingfield Street across from the police-courts complex.

MAY 20, 1993

County gives up claim

It's only a tiny bite out of a big problem, but Tuesday Lincoln County commissioners agreed to deed over any interest the county has in property along the original route of U.S. 70 near K-Bob's restaurant. The action cleared up questions on a triangle-shaped tract of about 2.4 acres.

Spanish class in Ruidoso focuses on Mexican art and artists



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PRACTICAL, CREATIVE WAYS TO INCLUDE FUN IN EVERYDAY LIVING BY POLLY E. CHAVEZ

Diego Rivera, Mexican artist, became famous for his large and colorful murals. Diego Maria Concepcion Juan Nepomuceno Estanislao de la Rivera y Barrientos Acosta y Rodriguez was born on Dec. 8, 1886, in Guanajuato, Mexico. He died in Mexico City on Nov. 25, 1957.

In his lifetime he made hundreds of murals and thousands of paintings. He taught art out of museums and onto the public walls. Rivera lived in Guanajuato, a mining town in the Sierra Madre Mountains. He loved trains, railroad and mining machinery. In 1929, he married Frida Kahlo, a much younger woman. She was also an artist and together they got a lot of

attention.

Ruidoso's White Mountain Intermediate School 5th grade students studied the art of Rivera and created art works. They also provided bilingual descriptions. This was just one of several projects that teacher Maxine K. Anchondo involves her class in via the Spanish language. Students are those who were born in Mexico or have parents who were born there. One student is from Ecuador. They created a book of bilingual legends. Each student asked parents or grandparents for stories, for example, the famous La Llorona, the weeping woman.

Another project, "Our Bilingual Book

of Recipes" (Nuestro Libro Bilingue de Recetas) was for raising field trip funds. What recipes will you find? (¿Cuáles recetas se encontrarán?) There are desserts (los postres); main dishes (platos populares); and fruit drinks, salsa, salad, shrimp cocktails (bebidas frescas, salsa, ensalada, coctel de camaró). Each student asked for recipes from mothers, aunts, and friends, who have ties in Juarez, Chihuahua, Guadalajara, Rubio, Bacuáchi, Guanajuato and Agua Prieta, all in Mexico, and from Quito, Ecuador.

The recipe book is available at Zozo Gallery in Carrizozo. Mrs. Anchondo's husband, Carlos, also has his food-safe,

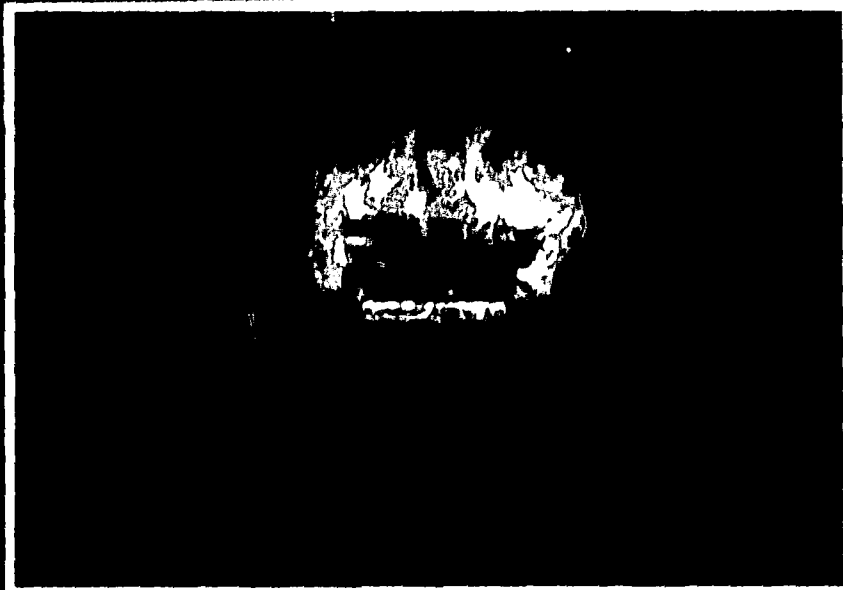
functional pottery works there.

His interest in pottery started at age 13 in Chihuahua. The Anchondos moved to Capitan last summer and have a studio there.

Mrs. Anchondo's class at White Mountain Intermediate School include Raul Amparan, Rogelio Barrera, Daniel Bastardo, Melissa Beltran, Eric Castillo, Carolina Cruz, Antonio Enriquez, Aaron Gallegos, Erik Garcia, Atenea Guerrero, Leonel Lerma, Gabriela Luckie, Daisy Magaña, Claudia Marmolejo, Mara Marmolejo, Cesar Medina, Alejandro Morales, Emanuel Perez, Diana Ramirez, Arturo Romero, Esther Rosales and Mario Varela.

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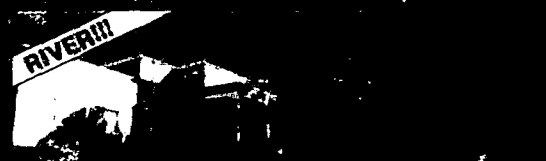


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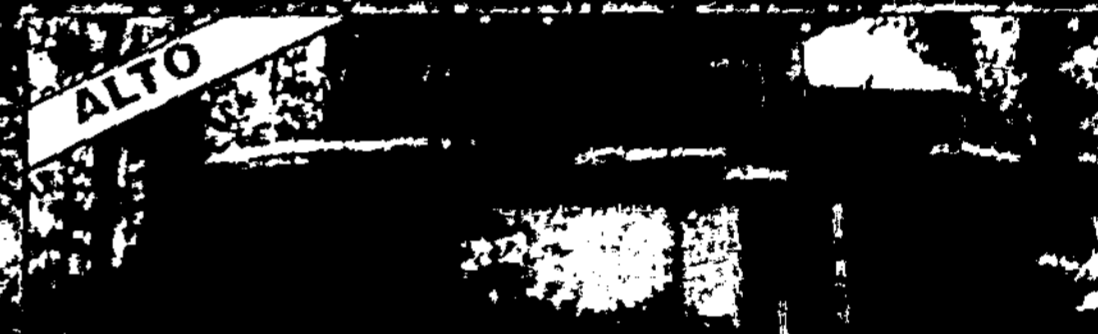
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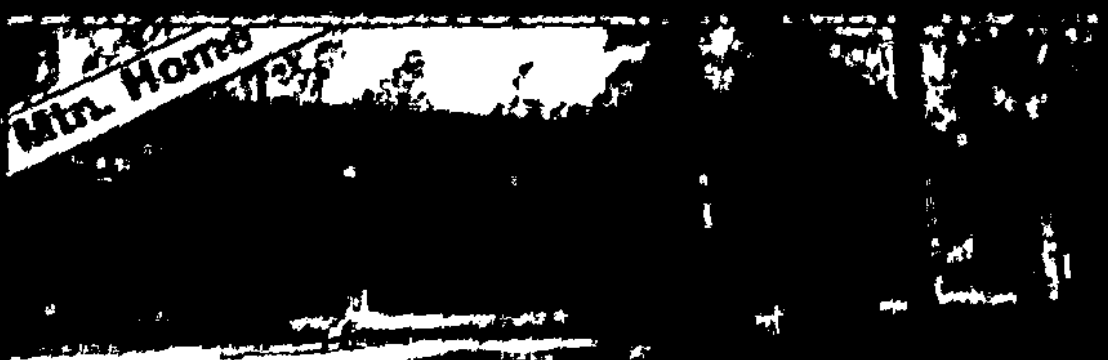
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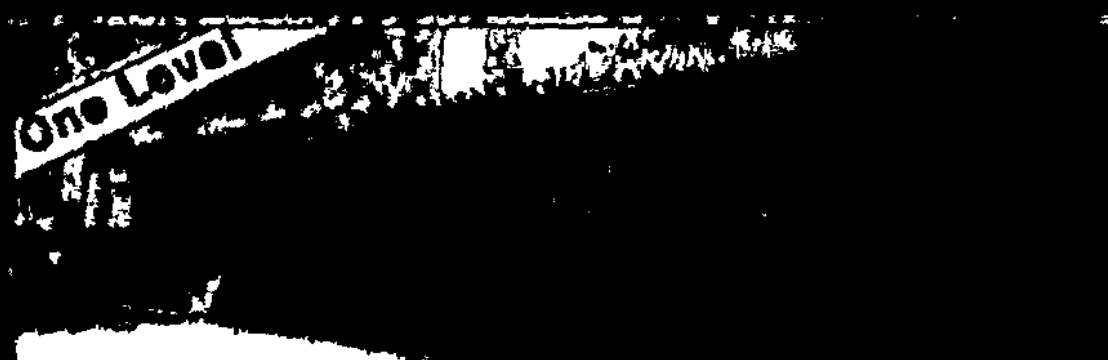
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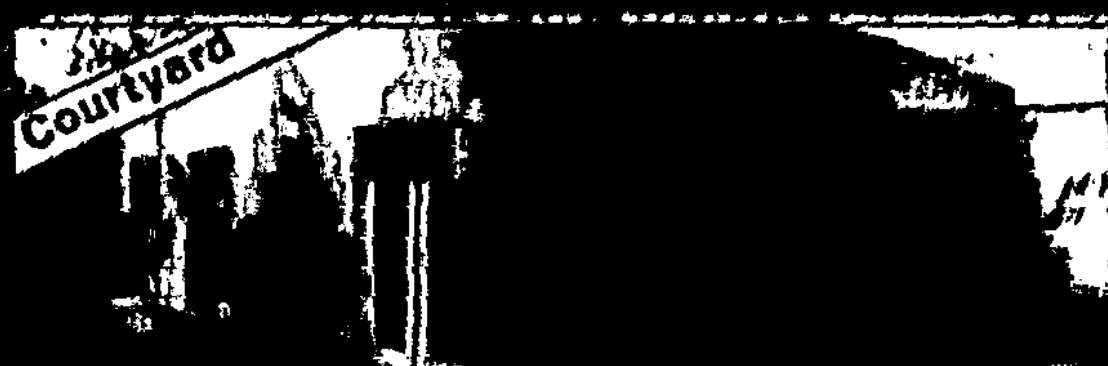
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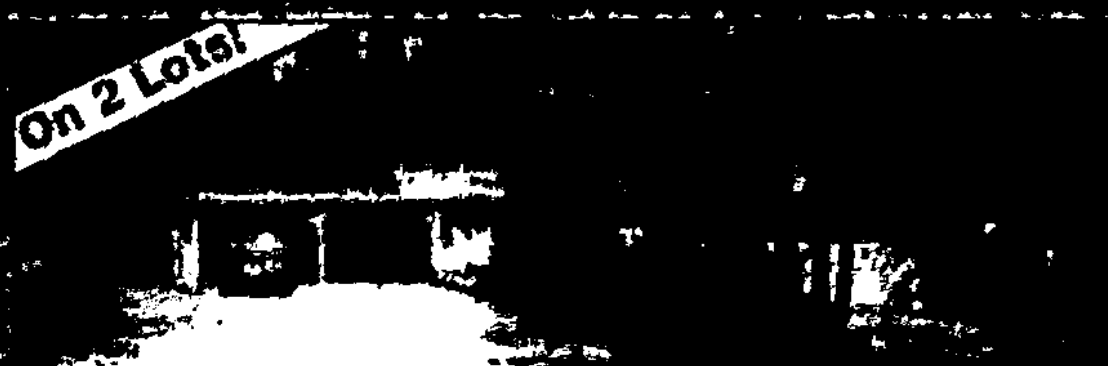
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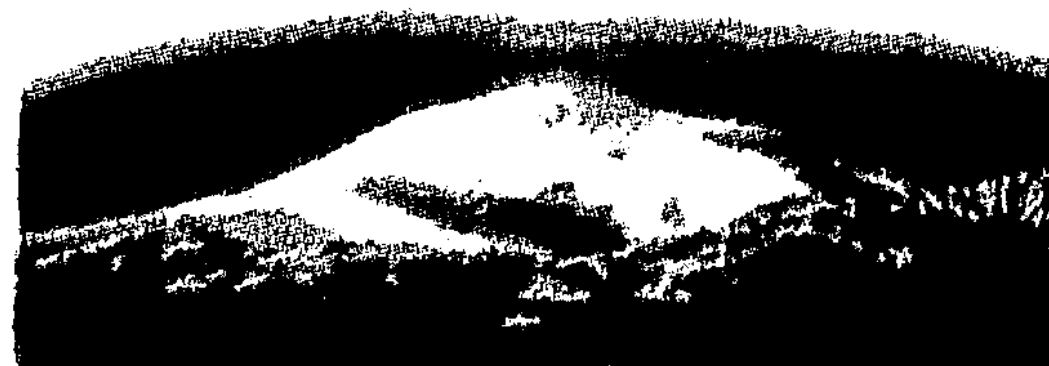
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