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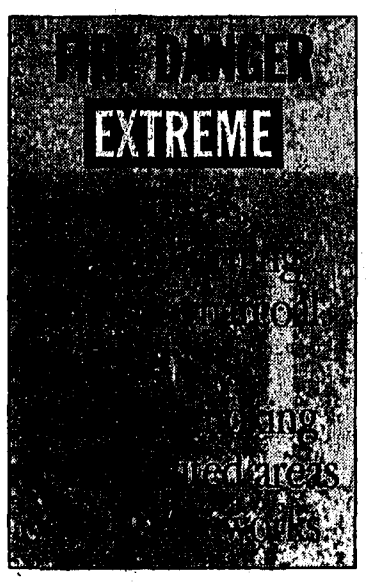

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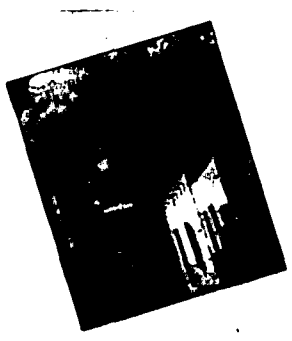

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Ex-judge guilty of molestation

Valenzuela had been on run for 16 years before driver's license check found warrant

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A Lincoln County jury found Martin Valenzuela guilty of two, 3rd-degree felonies Wednesday stemming from a 16-year-old child molestation case.

The 56-year-old former Ruidoso Downs municipal judge was accused in 1987 of fondling a child, but fled before he was arrested. District Attorney Scot Key kept the warrant active and Valenzuela was arrested in September 2002 when he applied for a driver's license in Texas and the 15-year-old warrant popped up.

Valenzuela was elected municipal judge in March of 1986, but left either in June or July of 1987, according to town records. Harrold Mansell was appointed as acting municipal judge and later was elected.

Key was working in the area as a private attorney and public defender at the time of the incident.

After a two-day trial in 12th Judicial District Court in Carrizozo, the jury came in with the verdict about 9 p.m. Wednesday. They deliberated less than two hours, Key said. They found Valenzuela guilty of criminal sexual penetration with force or coercion and criminal sexual contact of a minor under the age of 13.

The district judge ordered a 60-day diagnostic examination before sentencing.

"Both victims testified," Key said Thursday. "Obviously, this was a very difficult case. It's been 16 years between the offense and the trail. One police officer on the case died, evidence had disappeared. The victims had married, changed their names and moved away from the area.

"They thought the case was long forgotten and that some people just get away with their crimes."

He noted the persistence of officers and investigators in tracking down the two victims and the willingness of the

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DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Lincoln resident and former county commissioner Ralph Dunlap stands in front of the Green Bridge across the Rio Hondo in April 2000. He urged Lincoln County officials to take steps to preserve the historic structure.

Troubled waters

State expresses 'concerns' over bridge's move to Las Cruces

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Two years ago, the Lincoln County Commission struck a deal for the old Green Bridge on the Rio Hondo to be removed to the Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum in Las Cruces.

Rather than see the structure continue to deteriorate, commissioners asked that the museum take care of all expenses and allow children from the county free admission to see the structure when it is installed across a small drainage area on museum land.

County manager Tom Stewart told commissioners Tuesday that officials with the state Historical Preservation Division "expressed some concerns" and wanted to discuss the subject Wednesday.

He said the museum officials raised the money to move the bridge and are coordinating with the state Department of Transportation.

Dorothy Victor with the Historic Preservation Division could not be reached for comment about the outcome of the Wednesday meeting, but Cameron Saffell, curator of agriculture for the museum, said a course of action was approved.

A public hearing on the bridge will be conducted at 9 a.m. during the county commission's Aug. 19 meeting in Carrizozo.

He explained that the bridge is listed on the state's Registry of Cultural Properties, meaning it is an official historic structure and is covered

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Domestic partners refused insurance

■ Lincoln County goes against a growing trend nationwide.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Many states recognize domestic partners in lieu of spouses in everything from insurance to marriage contracts, but Lincoln County is bucking the trend.

County commissioners took no action Tuesday on a motion by Commissioner Leo Martinez to include domestic partners under the county's medical insurance package for employees.

"I don't judge people's sexual preferences," said the commissioner, who noted that the term 'domestic partner' could cover a live-in of the opposite or same sex. "I think people should be treated fairly and equally."

County manager Tom Stewart said initially he understood that an executive order by Gov. Bill Richardson covering domestic partners under the state cafeteria medical plans left no options for counties. Under that assumption, letters were distributed to all employees. Three affidavits from county employees applying for the coverage are expected, he told commissioners Tuesday.

He later found out that coverage of domestic partners is a local option. The definition of domestic partner requires an exclusive and committed relationship similar to marriage for 12 or more consecutive months sharing a residence and financial obligations, he said. It does not include ex-spouses, ex-domestic partners or roommates. Dependents of domestic partners could be covered if the child primarily is dependent on the domestic partner, he said.

He recommended that the county follow the state's lead and include domestic partners. The cost of covering the three would be less than $3,000 a year, he said.

"This is an evolving issue," Stewart said. "The federal government doesn't recognize domestic partners. Our policy allows employees to take out premiums before taxes, but you can't for domestic partners because the feds don't recognize them. If you approve including them, finance will have to figure out the percentage that is taxable each time."

Commissioners Rick Simpson and Earl Hobbs opposed the inclusion.

"I think if they want our benefits, they ought to get married," Simpson said.

"I think it's wrong," Hobbs said.

Someone from the audience shouted that the benefit was aimed at "gays and lesbians."

Oscura resident Jerry Carroll pointed out that the state of New Mexico doesn't recognize common-law marriages.

Hatch asks for Hobbs track decision this year

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

It's been almost three years since the New Mexico State Racing Commission first began considering the building of a new horse track near Hobbs, and the commission's executive director says she hopes a decision will be made on who gets the right to build the track by the end of the year.

India Hatch, speaking by telephone Thursday, stated the commission is taking a very deliberate route to the awarding of the track, due to the unusual situation of having multiple bidders vying for this suddenly hot property.

"We're taking great care to make sure we have an unbiased process," Hatch said. "That's why we decided to hire an outside consultant to review applications and give a report that outlines strengths and weaknesses of each applicant."

The commission will select one of four applicants for the $30 million to $50

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Bealls one step closer to moving in

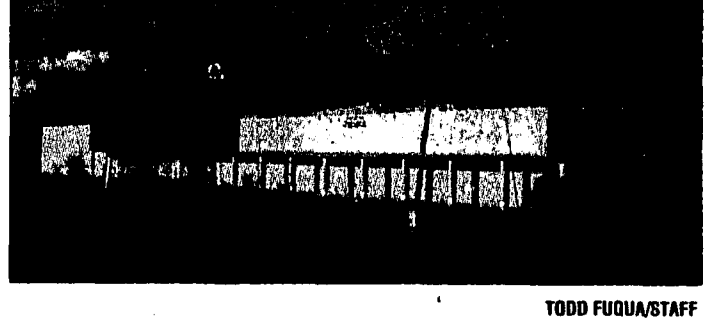
BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Working on the premise that one-third of a renovation is better than waging a battle with Wal-Mart, Ruidoso planners approved a commercial site development plan for a new Bealls store.

Mel Ward, vice president of real estate for Stage Stores Inc., submitted an artist's sketch of what the front of the now empty Wal-Mart property on U.S. 70 may look like when two or three new tenants are in place.

But after a half-hour of discussion at the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission meeting Tuesday, Ward acknowledged that he couldn't assure members of the board about the design of the front except on the one-third of the large building that Bealls will occupy.

Charles Rennick, acting village planning chief and assistant village attorney, asked if windows in the other section of the building will remain boarded up with unsightly plywood.



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If a Bealls department store moves in to the old Wal-Mart building on U.S. 70, other stores would likely follow, according to one official.

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STORE: Representative says other businesses likely to follow

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Ward replied that his company will paint the building, repair brick work, clean up and try to improve the general appearance, but won't be building a facade for the other sections. If Wal-Mart redid the front, it might have to be changed when a new tenant came in with a distinctive design they wanted to follow, such as Hastings Video, Book & Records, which may be interested in the property, he said.

Replacing the glass in the unused sections of the store could invite vandalism and theft, board member Vicki Williams said.

Rennick said the building must be brought up to code and with this pending application, the commission had an opportunity to ensure that Wal-Mart complies. Wal-Mart could then charge the new tenants for the work to recoup the expense.

"From what I see, Wal-Mart is investing nothing in this and Stage is investing everything," he said. If Wal-Mart balked and walked away from the deal, he could file a nuisance complaint in court and the company would end up spending more money to remedy the nuisance than it would to work on improving the store, Rennick said.

Ward said often other tenants wait until Bealls goes into an old Wal-Mart to follow using the demographics collected by Stage. He's been involved with more than 100 of those situations, he said.

Board member Bill Hirschfeld asked how long before other tenants usually follow and Ward said within a year.

"We're not the sole tenant in anything today," he said. "It makes it easier for Wal-Mart to dovetail off of us."

Hirschfeld said Stage obviously wants to have good-looking neighbors in place as quickly as possible.

"We've got to start somewhere with this," he said to Rennick.

Rennick replied that without a "unified approach," the building could be broken up into "any number of things."

"It will be much more appealing than what is there today," Ward said of the intended work on the building and grounds by Bealls.

Other issues raised included landscaping in the parking lot and erosion from a slope in back of the store.

The view of residents above the store won't change from what they have seen for the past decade, commission chairman Glen Barrow pointed out.

Collins said one corner of the building falls within a flood plain and he has submitted information to the village. A 5-foot culvert starts at the Pine Cliff Condominiums and runs across the front of the property. That, combined with a new 4-foot culvert installed during recent highway construction should handle all runoff, he said.

A Stage representative asked for and received a waiver on creating a landscape feature in the middle of the front parking lot to break up the asphalt expanse. Collins said cutting the surface would allow water to undermine and damage the asphalt. Instead five planters will be placed across the front of the property, each with one or two fruit trees. More planters will be installed at the front of the building. A plan must be submitted to the village planning staff.

Tribe closer to $6 million settlement

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Officials with the Mescalero Apache Tribe are edging closer to getting their hands on a $6 million settlement with the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs over breach of trust claims tied to forest management.

A meeting on how to spend the money was conducted several months ago with tribal and BIA representatives, but no one contacted locally would speak about the details.

Chris Gallegos, public information spokesman for U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M. said the senator's office doesn't have any information on the plans.

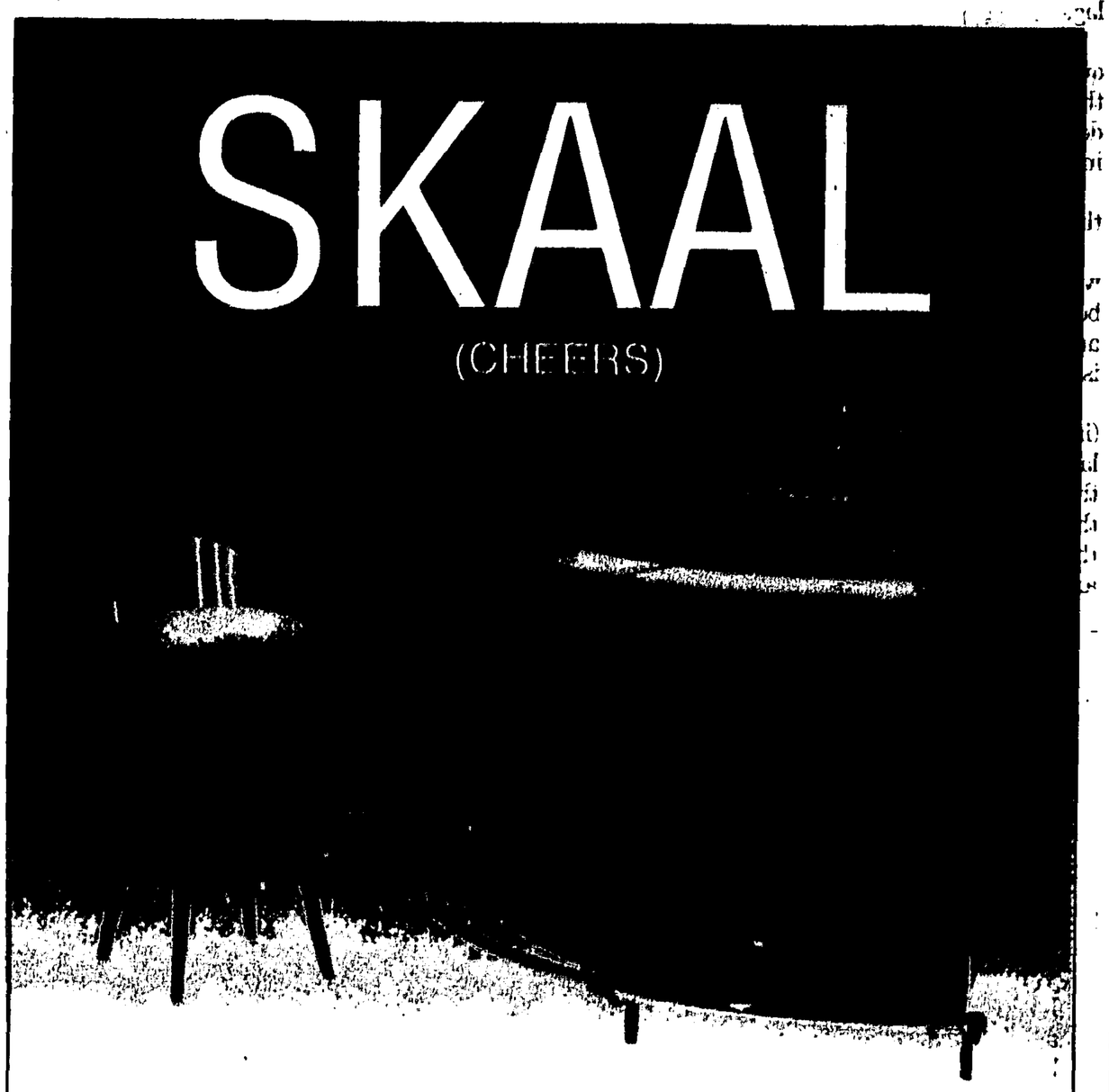
"We don't have the plans, the Indian Affairs Committee doesn't have them and it's doubtful the Interior Department will share them with us because Congress was not a party to the litigation," he said Thursday.

Domenici and U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., announced success in advancing provisions that will give the Interior Department, under which the BIA operates, the authority to approve spending plans by the Isleta Pueblo and the Mescalero.

The Senate Appropriations Committee on Thursday agreed to add an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2004 Interior Appropriations Bill giving the Interior Department authority to approve the Mescalero and Isleta distribution plans. The two New Mexico senators worked on the amendment.

The two tribes were awarded claims under the Indian Tribal Judgment Funds Use or Distribution Act, but additional authority is necessary for the Interior Department to approve the plans because the original deadline set for the department already passed. Agency delays in approving the plans exceeded the statutory deadline. The amendment developed by the two senators would extend that deadline.

Under the amendment, the Interior Department can approve the plans and submit them to Congress. Sixty days later, the plans become effective and the money – $40 million for the Isleta Pueblo and $6 million for the Mescalero – can be distributed, according to information from the senators' staffs.



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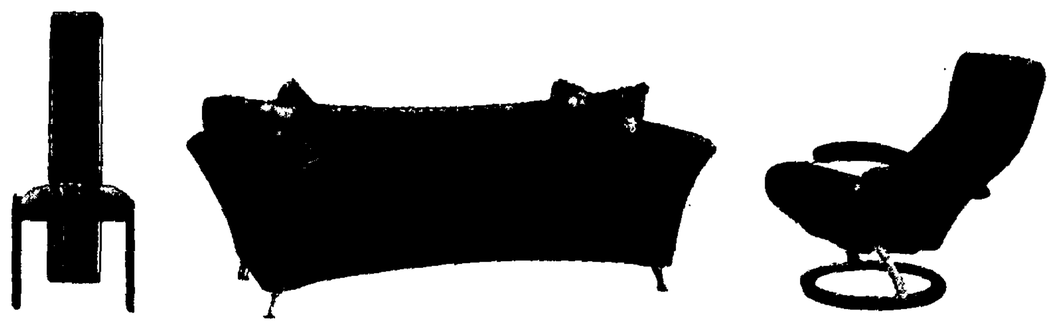

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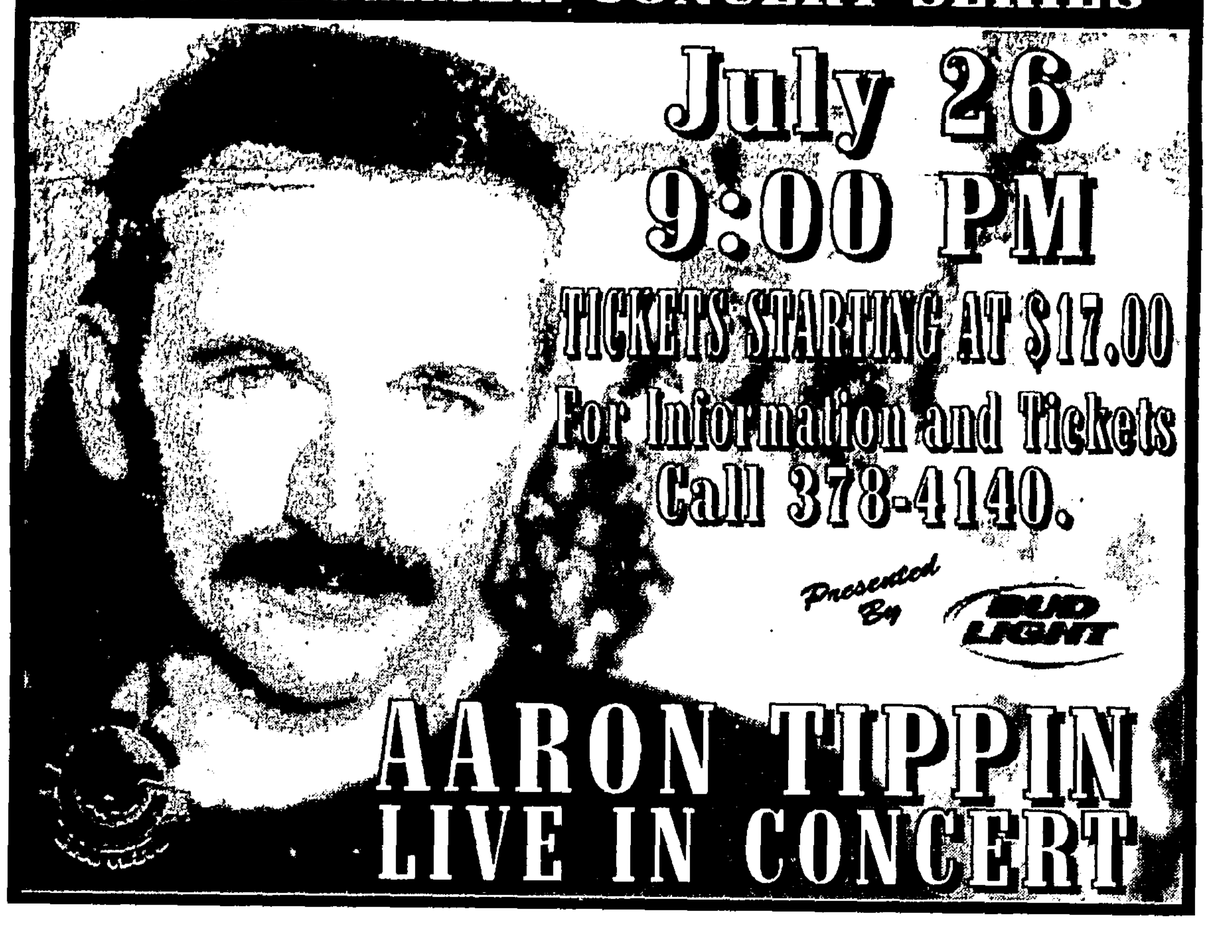

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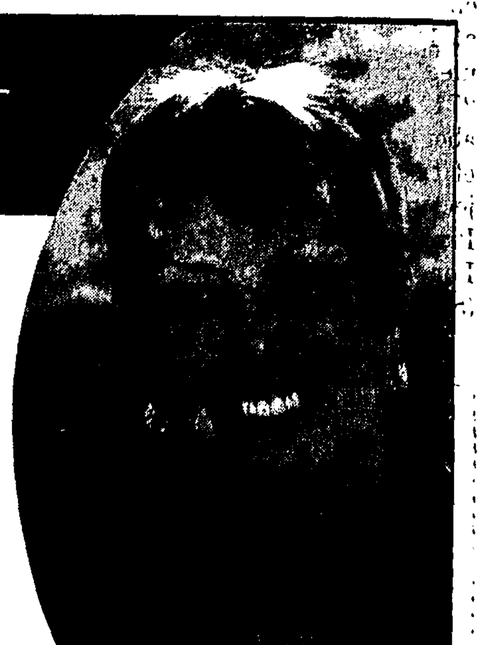

Ellen Lucas is a people person by profession. Before moving to Lincoln County in 1995, she was a senior vice president of human resources at a large corporation and ran her own executive search business. Now a Realtor with Coldwell Banker in Ruidoso, Ellen knows the key to success is understanding the needs of her customers.

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Proposed cell tower shot down

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

In a split vote Tuesday, Ruidoso planners denied a petition to replace an existing village tower with a higher and broader model to enhance cellular telephone service.

Planning and Zoning Commission member Rick Silva voted against the motions to deny a conditional use permit and to reject an amended commercial site development plan submitted by T-Mobile. The decisions can be appealed to the village council. The company proposed replacing a tower behind the village water department off Wingfield Street.

Agent Scott Dunham answered technical questions about service coverage, spacing on the tower, signal emissions and general design for commissioners and several people in the audience.

But member Phillis Barnett summed up the general feeling on the commission.

"I have two cell phones. If one doesn't work, the other will," she said. "We live in a beautiful area, progress is coming and I appreciate what you do, but I think 199 feet is too large.

"When Verizon's last tower was approved (in the extraterritorial zone around the village), the idea was for others to co-locate, but that didn't happen. We've been told so many things, I don't know what to think. But I do think towers can be built to look like trees and I'm compassionate to the neighbors. One tower is enough. A dozen is too many."

Several neighbors testified against the proposed tower, saying it was much higher and broader at the base than the existing village-owned structure and would interfere more with their views.

Charles Rennick, acting village planning director, explained that when Verizon applied for its new tower in the ET zone, the proposal was for a tall structure to allow co-location with other companies. But the ET Commission, the ET Authority and neighbors all preferred a lower height. The company won approval for a 70-foot tower, the minimum for coverage, with no room for other companies.

> **"We need to be high enough and there aren't many 199-foot trees."**
>
> **Scott Dunham**
> T-Mobile agent

Dunham said T-Mobile faces the same dilemma. To put up a new tower at the same height as the existing village tower wouldn't allow room for all the village antennae, plus his company's equipment. By building at 199 feet, another company may be able to co-locate and may not have to build a separate tower somewhere else, he said.

Verizon, Cellular One, Sprint and T-Mobile are operating here now, but five other companies have licenses and will follow someday, he said.

Dunham said the "tree-type" towers are good high on a hill that slopes down to the highway for spot coverage. But T-Mobile needs a tower to handle high volume and when more antennae are added, the tower no longer looks like a tree.

"The topography is the problem," he said. "We need to be high enough and there aren't many 199-foot trees."

If the village denies the replacement tower, the company will have to find another location for an entirely new tower, he said. It already checked out possibilities of co-locating on existing towers.

Speaking against the applications were several neighbors, including Betsy S. Ross, who said home owners on Wingfield, Center and Spring Road will be affected by the blockage of their view. Even those on Reservoir Road will see the tower from their balconies, she said.

A petition against the tower with 34 signatures also was submitted. Rennick clarified that to express an opinion, a person is not required to live on land adjoining a project.

Commissioner Bill Hirschfeld said the board has to deal with the problem of cellular towers at some point and that coverage is spotty in places.

BRIDGE: Hearing to be held

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under provisions of the Prehistoric and Historic Sites Act.

That law says if a state agency is going to spend public money to affect the "use" of a historic structure, certain procedures must be followed and they include a public hearing, he said.

"The hearing must be held to determine all possible alternate uses to determine the most prudent and feasible," Saffell said. "The hearing will be a chance for the public to discuss the project concerns, options and the museums proposal. The museum is very excited and very interested in bringing the bridge here, but certainly, this is the right time to bring up any other proposals."

Saffell said museum officials were aware of the role of the Historical Preservation Division from the outset, but until there was money in the bank, it wasn't critical. Once the hearing is conducted and if the project moves ahead, the division must sign off on the results and a memorandum of understanding among the three entities will have to be drafted, he said.

"We're getting down to the detail points to resolve with the (division)," he said.

Stewart said the meeting with the director of the state agency, the director of the museum and Commissioner Earl Hobbs "was an education for me about the historic preservation division and the rules and regulations to move a historic structure.

"We discussed the value of the bridge to the county and how the commission could demand it be maintained by the museum and that the move seems to be in line with its historical nature."

TRACK: Board to meet here

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million track and casino near Hobbs, and announced last month it planned to bring in a consultant.

Ruidoso Downs owner R.D. Hubbard is one of those applicants, as is Nevada businessman Shawn Scott, former track owner and operator Ken Newton, and Santa Fe art dealer Gerald Peters.

Peters' bid was submitted earlier this year after the commission had to postpone a decision on the track after former Gov. Gary Johnson fired two commission members and forced a third to resign.

The resulting lack of quorum meant the commission had to put off any decision on the track until new members could be appointed by current Gov. Bill Richardson.

"It's upsetting to us it's taken this long," said Ruidoso Downs General Manager Bruce Rimbo. "We're still working on refining our plans and designs and will be putting together a new presentation, whenever that happens."

The request for proposal on a consultant is on the commission's agenda when they meet July 23 in the Turf Club at Ruidoso Downs at 10 a.m., but Hatch said that's merely a technical matter. Ads for consultants have already been placed and a few bids have been considered.

"Once the report is back, we'll have a deadline for ourselves when to choose," Hatch said. "We still need to have hearings for the applicants to make presentations, and we hope to have this decision made by the end of the year."

The obvious concern for Ruidoso Downs, obviously, is that a track in Hobbs will compete directly for horsemen, as both will likely draw from the same pool of talent and horses.

The decision on when and how long the race meet at Hobbs will last rests finally with the commission, and no decision on that would be made until the track is awarded. But Rimbo said he hopes the Hobbs meet would not have any dates in common with the Downs.

"I can't imagine they'd put us in direct competition," Rimbo said. "But we asked the commission to reduce the number of days we overlap with Albuquerque, and now they go until July. You never know."

If any more race days overlap with those of Ruidoso Downs, Rimbo said the track might have to look at reducing the length of its meet in order to keep the purses high.

"We're very concerned that the new track would hurt us, and hurt the Ruidoso area as a whole, if someone else ran it," Rimbo said. "But for now, we just have to make our presentation and see what the commission decides."

JUDGE: Jury convicts Valenzuela

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now-grown women to testify.

"It's a great feeling to have that type of justice," Key said.

The district attorney said Valenzuela testified and admitted on the stand that he fled to Mexico when faced with possible arrest. His ex-wife also testified that she drove him. Key said.

"He wanted to avoid the consequences and knew there would be an arrest warrant," Key said. "He had a lot to explain about his 16 years in Mexico. Obviously, the jury felt the victims testified truthfully and were credible."

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Blasting to close Highway 70 Tuesday

Traffic in both directions on U.S. 70 will be shut down at 1 p.m. Tuesday for scheduled blasting at Mile Post 271. The work should last about a half hour and is part of the 38-mile widening project on the highway from Riverside to Ruidoso Downs. For more information, call (505) 257-8432.

Woman's club to hear book review Monday

Nelda Lewis will review "My Girlhood Among Outlaws," by Lilly Klasner at the July 21 meeting of the Ruidoso Federate Woman's Club on Evergreen Street.

Local historian, the late Eve Ball, edited the book.

The meeting will commence at 11 a.m. The public is invited.

CORRECTION

A story in the July 9 edition misidentified Sandra Shanta as a member of the Mescalero Apache Tribe. Shanta's husband, Charles Shanta, is a member of the tribe.

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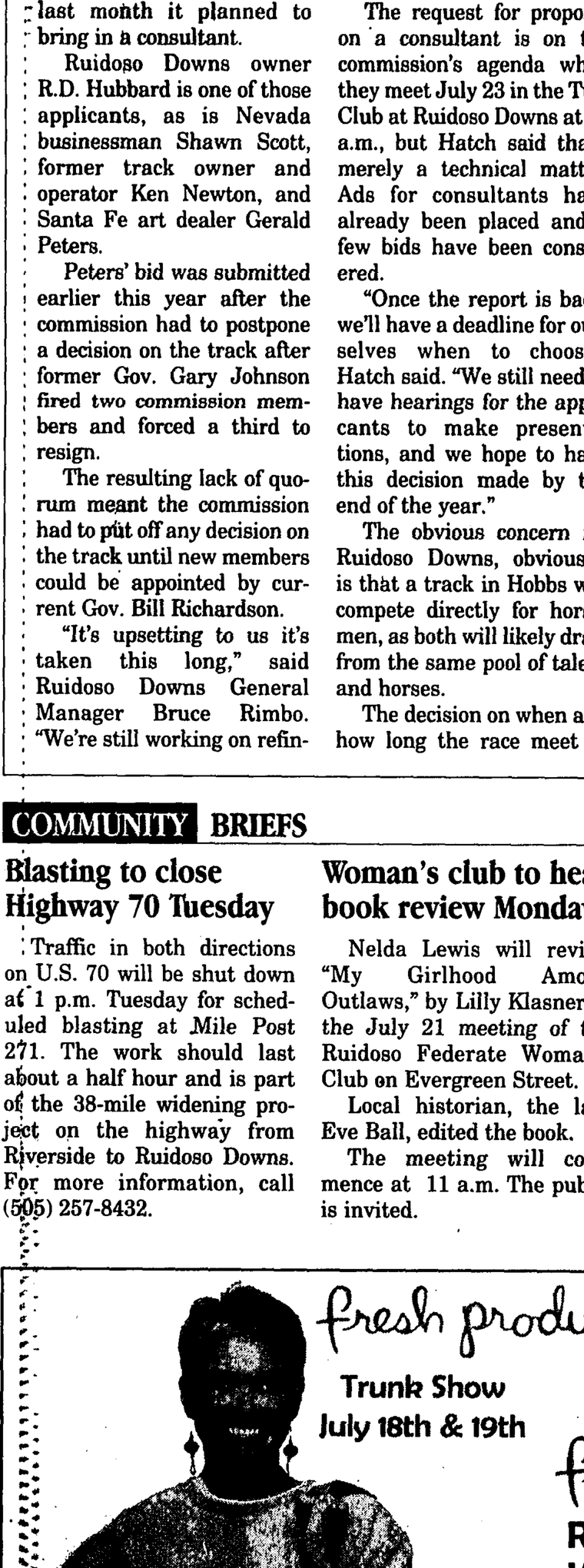
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Commission says 'Our way or no way'

Health care project bids come in high, but no shift granted

Lincoln County, for good and ill – especially for the ill – is in the health care business on many fronts and in a variety of communities. No wonder the Lincoln County Commission spends so much time on the subject.

The people of the county are landlords for the only hospital and for multiple clinics in rural areas. Health care is high on almost every commission agenda.

Last time, it was a consideration of bids for construction of more space at the Carrizozo clinic, larger county health department offices in Ruidoso, and an ambulatory surgery unit at Lincoln County Medical Center.

The problem was, every bid came in over budget. The solution, after considerable discussion, was to seek new bids — bids that will wipe out the nearly $400,000 overage tallied in the first round.

The two commissioners representing the Ruidoso and Alto areas were frustrated by the federal requirements for bid bonds; Earl Hobbs, of Alto, sought to scratch the LCMC surgery unit entirely.

The remainder of the commission agreed to try again – same specifications, same projects – and hope for better bids in a "slower" construction season.

We wish them well, because good health care is one of the driving forces behind Lincoln County's expanding economy. But it might have helped to tweak the specifications a bit, to assure success.

This column is not individually wrapped for your convenience

The more questions I ask about why there's no recycling program in place today in Ruidoso, the more "you must be new" looks I get in immediate response.

BY DAVE PRICE
RUIDOSO NEWS GM

Still, I have to ask. I assume the fact that everything we buy today is thrown into the landfill is because the distance between Ruidoso and any city large enough to have a decent recycling processing facility is too great to make business sense.

Once upon a time, food containers were canvas, paper bags, waxed paper wrap and glass. Milk men would drop off bottles on a back stoop and pick up empties on the same run. Today, marketers refuse to sell us crackers in bulk. Instead, we must buy them in "convenience packages," where nearly everything is individually wrapped as if each one of us needs to pack our snacks to the summit of Sierra Blanca through monsoon downpours for lunch each day.

Though dyed-in-the-wool environmentalists cringe at the thought, I'm not suggesting the world is running out of landfill space. Drive through Nevada (or Newark) and you'll quickly see that's not the limiting factor. More critical in my mind is that we keep finding new ways to use more petroleum and other natural resources to make packages designed for only one use. I'm willing to accept the fact we need separate, one-time-use plastic containers for things like my daughter's polio vaccination medication. But for her bubble gum?

If we refuse to buy products that aren't securely packed in their own plastic containers, the very least we can do is make those containers out of older ones. That's where recycling becomes critical.

So, I'll ask again ... why can't it be done here?

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I was able to attend the Mescalero Fourth of July parade over the holiday and loved every minute of it. Though we've run a couple photos from the event in the papers since the parade, and snapped close to 70 pictures total during the event, there's one float that no one has seen a picture of: the winning float. The Mescalero Apache Fire Rescue, in conjunction with the Lincoln Interagency Fire Prevention Zone, brought up the rear of the parade. Though they were close to the end of the line, they were at the tops in creativity, and the float won first place from the parade's judges.

Adults marveled at the huge, red firefighter's helmet at the back of the winning float while kids were thrilled to see Smokey Bear, standing and waving. The float required a lot of work on the part of its volunteers but, unfortunately, no one involved with it took pictures of it before or during the parade. Anyone who attended the parade and snapped pictures of the float should call Linda at the fire department, 464-FIRE. She and Smokey would love to hear from you.

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My sincere thanks to those of you who have turned out for the weekly Wednesday "Nosh with the News," your chance to visit the palatial office complex here at the Ruidoso News and visit about the newspaper, the economy, local clubs and organizations and anything else. Thus far I've learned a lot about such things as community concerts, local counseling services, our public schools and more. If you're ever free to bring a brown-bag lunch between noon and 1 p.m. on a Wednesday, we'll look forward to your visit. As always, an icy cold Coca-Cola will be waiting for you.

OUR RIGHT TO KNOW

Open Meetings

In recognition of the fact that a representative government is dependent upon an informed electorate, it is declared to be public policy of this state that all persons are entitled to the greatest possible information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those officers and employees who represent them. The formation of public policy or the conduct of business by vote shall not be conducted in closed meetings. All meetings of any public body except the legislature and the courts shall be public meetings, and all persons so desiring shall be permitted to attend and listen to the deliberations and proceedings ...

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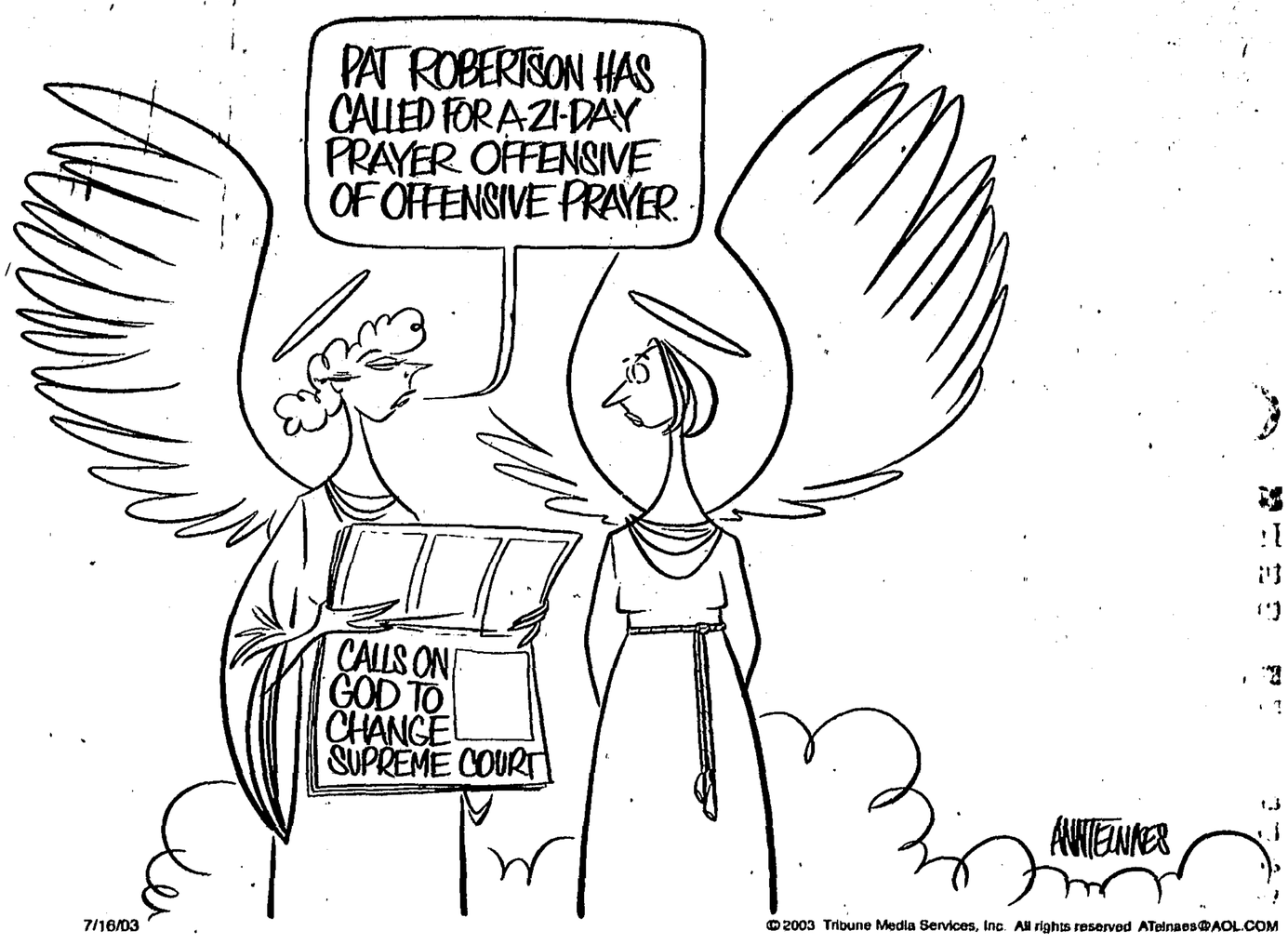

YOUR OPINION

Broken bears break artist's heart

To the editor:

Yesterday I received a call from Ruidoso Arts Commission's Mary Lea Lane, who informed me that my two bears which I had worked on for months for The Great Bear Hunt had either been vandalized or just plain abused. Both of them had sustained substantial damage which will have to be fixed.

We moved from Ruidoso last month and I'm having to get another local artist to repair the damages. Needless to say, I am not happy about this situation.

What I'd like to know is why can't people leave things alone?

These bears were put out in public view for the enjoyment of not only the visitors to the area but for the locals as well. From the sound of her report, it would seem that local kids with nothing better to do used these bears in some sort of scavenger hunt...taking parts or just being destructive.

When the bears were put in place in plain view, I was afraid that the weather would do damage...I hoped that people would be more sensitive to them. I was wrong.

And to those visitors who are enjoying the bears but are still allowing their kids to step on their bases, etc. I say, please don't abuse the bears...if such actions are allowed to continue, there will be nothing left for the arts council to auction off in October.

Connie Bell
Wimberley, Texas

Reasonable expectations

To the editor:

While the issue of national health care is much to complicated to comment upon – let alone have a solution for – I did read with interest Mr. David Iverson's article on this subject in what he thought was a reply to a previous letter to the editor written by Mr. Glenn Remington.

However, Mr. Iverson missed the point of the original letter in that it had nothing to do with the problem of health care. Mr Remington merely used the subject as a flimsy framework to vilify what he calls, "white" corporate America, and to take a cheap shot at our present representative in Congress, who in the usual liberal litany, is in the pocket of these "white" fat cats.

Mr. Iverson used the term "unreasonable expectations" in regard to many people's idea of a health care program, but it also applies to other things. For instance, according to national statistics, my income places me at or below the poverty level. Yet, although I must pinch pennies pretty hard to pay for health insurance, I own my home, car and whatever else I need to survive. Then, taking into account the condition of the rest of the world, I suddenly rise to the top 10 percent of the wealthiest people on this earth. To me, that's what it means to be lucky enough to be an American.

I have no unreasonable expectations beyond my present level and if I fail to further enrich myself, I will not blame it on "white" corporate America!

John Brinkman
Ruidoso

Bird club thanks

To the editor:

The Lincoln Bird Club would like to thank Lionel Lippmann for his article published in the Ruidoso News on July 9 concerning our new bird viewing park east of Capitan. We hope this news article will tempt many people to come and enjoy Capitan's newest attraction.

We feel this is one of the best viewing stands that overlooks water, in the state of New Mexico. There certainly is no other with Nogal Peak in the background, smiling down on you. If not for the persistence and hard work of many people, our Helen Hinch Memorial Park would not exist.

Scott Otey and Daryl Snyder did a master carpenter job on the viewing deck and if it had not been for George Hinch and his generator, in all probability, we would all still be there manually putting screws in to hold the deck together. Shane was very generous to us on the cost of lumber for the deck. George and Becky Schultz provided much of the concrete to hold the stand up, the Village of Capitan, Pat Huey and Bonnell Gravel provided material and gravel for the road.

There are so many people to thank for their generosity of contributions in the form of money, materials and labor, we would have difficulty listing all the names here. We do, however, want to genuinely thank everyone who helped us in bringing the park into existence. We will be recognizing all or you at a later time.

The Lincoln Bird Club welcomes everyone, even if you are not a "Birder," to come out and enjoy our Helen Hinch Memorial Park, on Highway 380 east of Capitan. Watch for the viewing deck and turn south into the park. We hope to see you there.

"Chuck" and Jack Johnson
Capitan

LETTERS POLICY

The Ruidoso News encourages letters to the editor, especially about local topics and issues. Each letter must be signed and must include the writer's daytime telephone number and mail address. The phone number and mailing address will not be printed; the hometown will be. The telephone number will be used to verify authorship. No letter will be printed without the writer's name.

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Letters may be delivered to the Ruidoso News office at 104 Park Avenue, mailed to P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso, NM 88355; faxed to 257-7053; or sent by e-mail to letters@ruidosonews.com.

STREET TALK

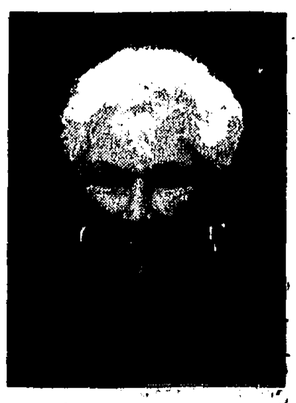
QUESTION: What do you think about Ruidoso maintaining its fire restrictions after the Forest Service removed theirs?

"I think it's an excellent idea. We need to stay in the habit of being careful."

Eva Chesbro
Ruidoso

"It's probably wise because there are a lot of careless people. Better safe than sorry."

Inalee Blackwell
Pharr, Texas



"Nothing's more tragic than a fire, and there's more to lose here than in a forest."

Dorothy Bailey
Fort Worth, Texas

SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

New transportation board picks Cope as chairman

■ The commission met in Ruidoso Thursday, the first meeting for several representatives appointed by Gov. Richardson.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Attending his first meeting as a member of the New Mexico Transportation Commission Thursday, John Cope was also picked as its chairman.

The session in Ruidoso drew Ken Nosker, a member of the U.S. 70 Hondo Project Committee, who thanked the state Transportation Department and the commission for its support of the effort to widen the route to four lanes.

Cope was one of four new members of the commission appointed by Gov. Bill Richardson. Jim Franken of Las Vegas, vice president and general manager of Franken Construction, will serve in District 4, Norman Assed of Albuquerque, owner of Universal Jewelers and Trading Co., will serve in District 3, and Bud Hettinga of Las Cruces, a businessman and former lawmaker with 31 years of experience in industrial, road and utility construction, will serve in District 1.

Cope

Cope, who comes from Hobbs and has 29 years of experience as a general contractor and real estate developer, and 15 years in the oil field services industry, represents District 2, which includes Lincoln County.

The board picked David Schultz from District 5 in Santa Fe as vice chairman and Gregory Ortiz from the Acoma Pueblo in District 6 as secretary.

"I want to thank my fellow commissioners, and I hope that I can earn their support and confidence as time goes on," Cope said. "As a commission, we are going to make every attempt to carry out (Richardson's) transportation agenda. We also pledge to work more closely with legislators. We want to know what their needs are and what their constituent needs are so that we can address their transportation needs."

During his remarks to the commission, Nosker, who lives west of San Patricio, said many residents waited 35 years for the designation. As many as 19,000 vehicles traveled the road during one 24-hour holiday period, he said.

"All of our citizens along the stretch of road who asked questions, got answers," he said. "I'm not sure the answers always were what they wanted."

Commission ignores final request to boost funding for humane society

■ The Humane Society of Lincoln County will continue taking animals until the situation is resolved.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

One last try to boost the amount of money allocated for the care of lost and abandoned animals in Lincoln County was ignored Tuesday.

During discussion on the final approval of the county budget, County Commissioner Leo Martinez said with a healthy surplus being set aside, he'd like to see $15,000 allocated to the Humane Society of Lincoln County to break a three-year freeze that led to the group not renewing its contract with the commission.

Animal impoundment also should be removed from discretionary money to contractual obligations because the county is charged under state law to provide the service, he said.

"I'd like to see it classified as mandatory for whoever does it rather than discretionary," he said.

County manager Tom Stewart, who has resisted changing the classification, said, "We are working on that issue and meeting Friday to discuss numbers."

He doesn't want the service included in the sheriff's budget because that would require setting aside a quarter reserve under a state mandate.

The sheriff's impounding officer picked up 32 dogs under the state mandate, he said. The rest of the estimated 677 animals brought to the humane shelter from people in unincorporated portions of the county aren't legally a county problem, he said.

Using just the 32 dogs and the shelter's $25,000 previous contract amount, the cost per dog was $780. On the other hand, when people take animals directly to the shelter that's 677 animals the sheriff didn't have to handle, he said.

"We're exploring with the sheriff in Otero County," Stewart said. The sheriff there takes his animals to the Alamogordo pound for a flat $10 per animal fee, he said.

With 670 animals, it would cost this county $6,770.

Martinez said Thursday that $10 isn't enough to care for a dog, it's only enough to kill it.

A humane shelter attempts to find existing owners for lost animals and new owners for those that were abandoned, he said. Pounds usually adhere to a three-day hold before killing an animal without identification and five for one with a collar tag.

But Stewart said he'd like Lincoln County to work toward an arrangement similar to the one in Otero County. He asked commissioners to leave the $25,000 current allocation in place to be paid on a monthly basis to the humane society shelter on Gavilan Canyon Road until an agreement is worked out. The contract with the society expired June 30, but shelter officials said they would continue to provide service to ensure a smooth transition to a new system or provider.

Commissioner Rick Simpson said he doesn't want to close the door with the humane society and other options should be explored.

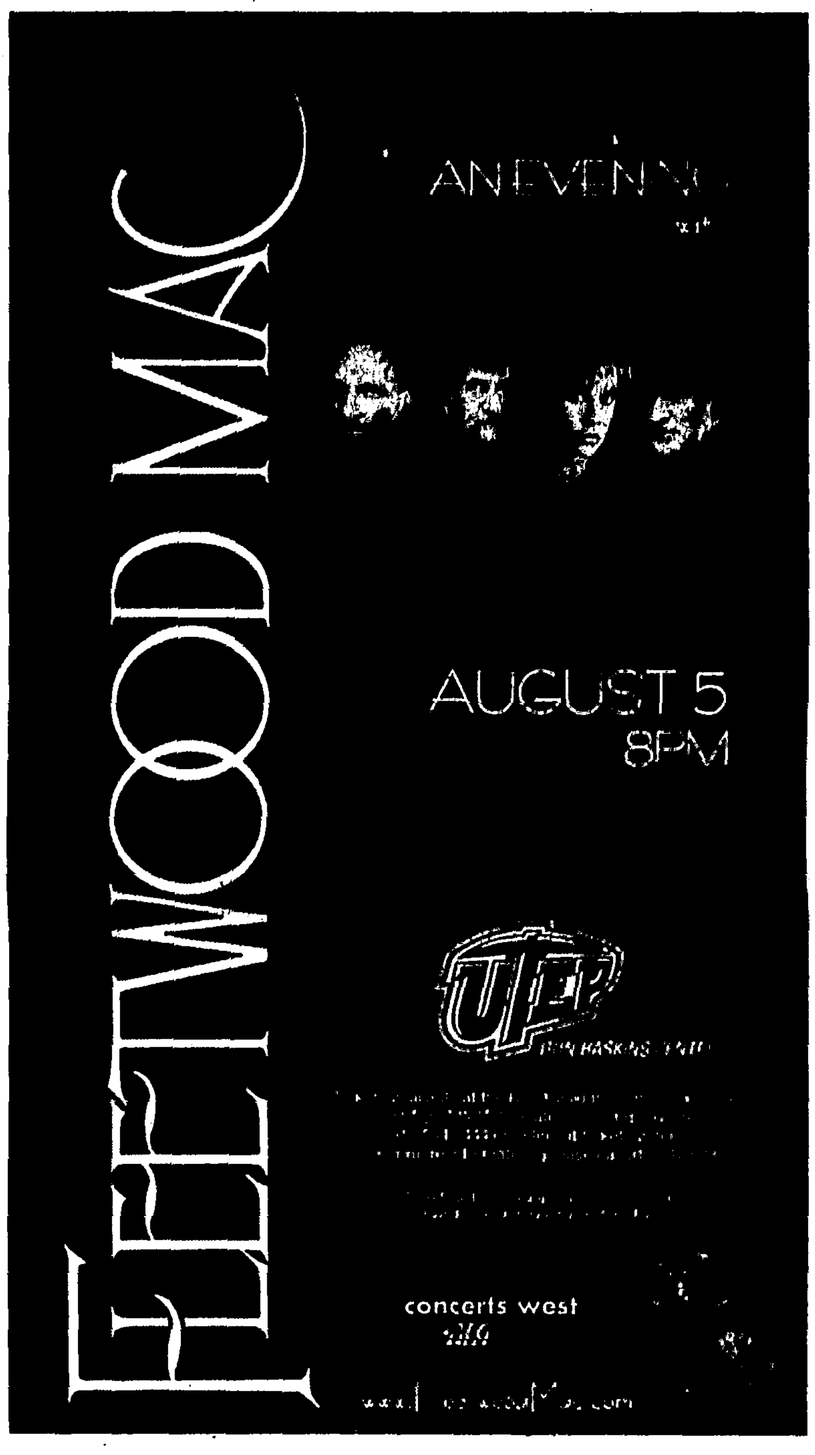
Oscura resident Jerry Carroll asked if cutting back or discontinuing with the humane society would impact the group's program of providing discount certificates for spay and neuter procedures to animal owners.

"That is a big benefit to this county," he told commissioners, then turned to shelter executive director Keith Adkins and said, "I appreciate what you do."

Adkins said depending on what commissioners decide, his board may have to relook at some of its programs, but the organization's number one objective is promotion of spay and neuter.

Humane officials have discussed the possibility of continuing to accept animals from unincorporated portions of the county, but to require a donation to offset the costs that the county commission no longer will cover for its residents.

Ruidoso, Capitan and Ruidoso Downs contract with the shelter to care for stray animals and for those released by their owners within their boundaries.



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The City of Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico, wishes to inform all interested parties that a public hearing will be held:

Date: Thursday, July 24, 2003
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: City Hall Hubbard Room
Address: 122 Downs Drive
Ruidoso Downs, NM

Purpose: The purpose of this public hearing will be to receive public input on community development needs and suggestions for 2004 CDBG projects. State and national objectives of the CDBG Program require that assistance be made available for activities that address at least one of the following:

1) An activity identified as principally benefiting persons of low and moderate income;
2) Aid in the prevention and elimination of slums and blight;
3) Meet other community development needs of origin having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

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

Complete information concerning this program can be obtained at the public hearing along with information on how to receive technical assistance on preparing a proposal for consideration. Those unable to attend the public hearing may send written comments to:

2004 CDBG Grant Program Requests
City of Ruidoso Downs
122 Downs Drive
P.O. Box 348
Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346

For Information, contact:
John Waters, City Administrator
City of Ruidoso Downs
(505) 378-4422

NOTICIA AL PUBLICAS DEL CDBG

La Ciudad de Ruidoso Downs, nuevo méxico, deseó informar todos partidos interesados que un público que oye será tenido:

La fecha: el jueves el 24 de julio de 2003
Tiempo: 5:00 de la tarde.
El lugar: Ayuntamiento Hubbard Room
Destinatario: 122 Downs Drive Ruidoso Downs, NM

El propósito: El propósito de este público que oye será de recibir la entrada del público en necesidades de desarrollo de comunidad y sugerencias para 2004 proyectos de CDBG. El estado y los objetivos nacionales del Programa de CDBG requieren esa ayuda sea hecha disponible para las actividades que dirigen por lo menos uno de lo Siguiente:

1) Una actividad personas como principalmente beneficiando identificadas de ingresos bajos y moderados; 2) la Ayuda en la prevención y la eliminación de barrios bajos y desperfecto; 3) Encuentra otras necesidades del desarrollo de la comunidad de tener de origen cierta urgencia porque condiciones existentes colocan una amenaza grava e inmediata a la salud y el bienestar de la comunidad donde otros recursos financieros no están disponibles encontrar tan necesidades.

Todos condados y los municipios incorporados bajo 50,000 poblaciones deberán aplicar. Los solicitantes pueden solicitar financiar ayuda bajo categorías inclusive la Infraestructura de la Comunidad, Albergar, el Público Atiende a Desembolso Principal, el Desarrollo Económico, la Emergencia, la Planificación y Colonias.

La información completa con respecto a este programa se puede obtener en el público que oyé junto con información en cómo recibir ayuda técnica a preparar una propuesta para la consideración. Esos incapaz de asistir el público que oye puede mandar los comentarios escritos a:

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122 Downs Drive
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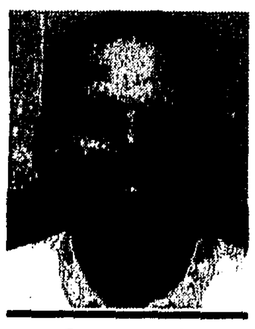
Volunteering is a vital part of the community



Chamber Chatter
BY BRAD TREPTOW
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
RUIDOSO VALLEY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

As a business owner or manager, you either have been or will get asked to volunteer for something at least one time. Then, of course, there are other people who get asked more than others. Be sure to take the time to volunteer. I'm not suggesting that you do everything you're asked, but get involved when the time and opportunity presents itself.

Involvement strengthens a community and it is one more way to network your business contacts. One of the best forms of involving yourself in your community is through volunteering.

But the spirit of giving must come from within. Don't volunteer because you were asked — do it because it is something you WANT to do. The bottom line is volunteering comes from the heart. Most of us live in this area because we want to and volunteering is an opportunity to give something back to your community. It is an excellent way to get involved regardless of how long you have been in the area. There are countless opportunities in our area in need of your time and expertise. A few of these are municipal, civic, community, church and business events. If you give, you will most likely receive back ten-fold, just like the movie "Pay It Forward."

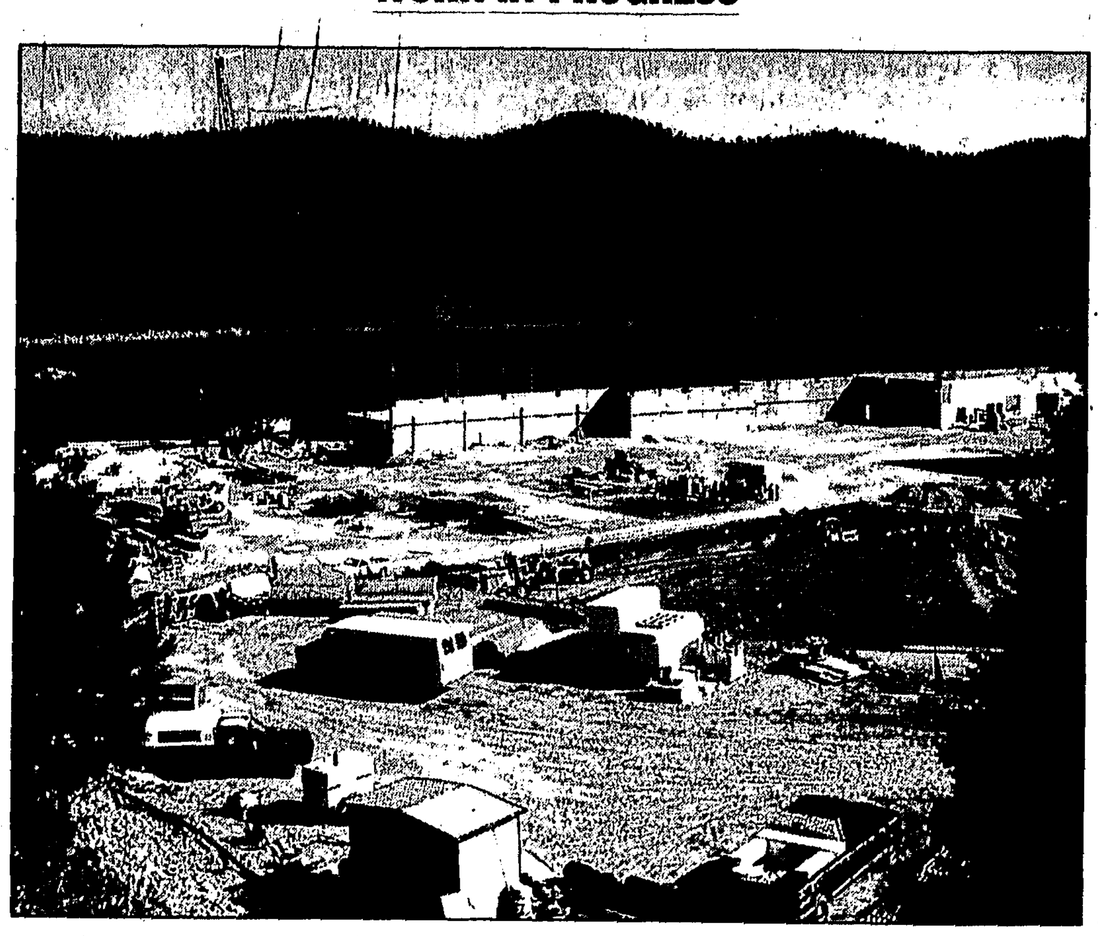
There are individuals in this area who do this unselfishly on a variety of projects. Some of them include the efforts of Tony Hoffman with regards to saving Fort Stanton; Phillis Barnett and her time spent with the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, civic clubs and municipal committees as well as Carole Ann Benham and everything she does for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event in July each year.

Finally, don't wait to be asked and if you're not being asked to volunteer, take the initiative yourself to do something. An excellent way to get started is take a few hours to help out at the Art Festival next weekend at the convention center. You'll meet some great people and feel better about yourself and your community in the process. See you there.

Next week's column: "Advertising-a must for success."

Brad Treptow is the Executive Director for the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. He can be reached via email at brad@ruidoso.net.

WORK IN PROGRESS



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Walls are going on the new Inn of the Mountain Gods and Casino in Mescalero. The $85 million project replaces the former resort built 27 years ago on the shoreline of Lake Mescalero.

Building permits see gain

■ Totals were up 25 percent from the same month a year ago, but still trail 2002's overall amount.

Building permits issued by the Ruidoso planning office rebounded somewhat in June, up more than 25 percent from the same month a year ago.

The year-to-date value – $20.85 million – still trailed 2002 by 13 percent, but that figure was at 19 percent at the end of May.

Single-family residential construction permits was the strongest category, up 53 percent from a year ago, at $2.75 million. The category has been a driving force in Ruidoso for the last two decades, but had been down through the first five months of the year. But June's 16 permits brought the 2003 total to $15.12 million, just 8 percent off the 2002 total at this time.

No new commercial permits were awarded during June, leaving the yearly total down nearly 90 percent from a year ago. Only $107,551 in permits have been awarded this year. The category peaked in 1996 at $18.5 million and was at $1.06 million in June 2002.

Residential alterations/additions and demolition continued as the only categories to see an increase over 2002. At $4.26 million, residential alterations total more than a quarter of new residential permits. Demolition was up 84 percent from a year ago.

Leaders question census stats

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

New population estimates released last week by the U.S. Census Bureau show a slowdown in growth for most of Lincoln County, but many areas still posted an increase.

Population losses were attributed only to the towns of Corona and Carrizozo. The county's growth was estimated at 2.01 percent, putting its new population at 19,814.

Ruidoso's annualized change was charted at 2 percent from 2000 to 2002 compared to 5.3 percent the previous decade. Ruidoso Down's annualized growth was estimated at .8 percent compared to a whopping 7.1 percent from 1990 to 2000.

"My first reaction was the same as when I looked at the official census data from 2000, where they did not include Inspiration Heights and Wood Lane and half of Colorado (Street)," said Ruidoso Downs city manager John Waters. "All three are substantial portions of our population and are on county rolls as part of Ruidoso Downs.

"My concern is that those were not counted and (that error) is perpetuated in the new census figures."

While the 2000 census placed the city's population at 1,824, Waters is convinced the number today is between 2,200 to 2,500 based on water use, business activity and gross receipts taxes.

"Our growth is continuing," he said.

He was hired shortly after the 2000 census figures were released, too late to protest, Waters said. The city's top priority for the census in 2010 will be to ensure that all areas within its corporate limits are counted, he said.

Wood and Colorado are composed of 80 percent to 90 percent permanent residents, he said.

"Other than that there were no major surprises," the manager said. "We realize we still are growing, as is the county. We're seeing a lot of people from Texas moving in, and from California. We have a lot of building permits."

Charles Rennick, acting planning and zoning director for Ruidoso, said he hasn't seen the estimates yet.

"I haven't been able to compare them to village figures, but I can say from having reviewed building statistics recently while gathering data for an impact fee report that there still is a strong surge in building permits," he said.

While the figure for the county isn't bad, county manager Tom Stewart said he also thinks it's too low.

"I question how the U.S. Census Bureau came up with the estimates," Stewart said. "Without knowing the methodology, it seems by their figures that growth in the county slowed, but I doubt it."

County officials have been fooled before, he said. In 1990, the county's population was placed at about 12,000 and interim increases left officials working with a population estimated of about 16,000 when he arrived in 1998, he said. But the 2000 census showed a count of 19,411, even with the caveat that the county probably was undercounted.

"I think we all were fooled by the last census so there is no reason to place extreme validity in what they are estimating," Stewart said. "My gut says it's not so."

The numbers assigned to states, counties and cities translate to money because they are used to calculate many different federal allocations to government entities.

The Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program on July 1 of each year is charge with publishing population estimates.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Mortgage help

Pamphlets and floppy disks with tips and solutions for homeowners dealing with mortgages are available at the Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs senior centers.

Financial consultant Lee Cargile, of Ruidoso Downs, is promoting the software.

Transit grant

New Mexico received a $2 million federal grant to provide transit service for low-income workers needing help getting to their jobs.

The grant will support the Job Access and Reverse Commute program in all 33 counties, according to Sen. Pete Domenici.

Economy & the Markets

State cutbacks no drag

BY SUNG WON SOHN
WELLS FARGO & CO.

Constrained state government spending won't necessarily drag down U.S. economic growth. For most states, budget cuts mean a slowdown in the rate of increase, not an actual decrease in expenditures. For fiscal year 2003, general fund revenues rose 0.3 percent and further increases are expected in 2004. However, the National Governors Association forecasts a 0.3 percent decline in revenues for fiscal 2004. Gov. Perry of Texas submitted a zero spending plan to the legislature. Also, California is a big question mark. Assuming both Texas and California spend the same amount as fiscal 2003; general fund expenditures would go up about 6 percent nationally.

General fund expenditures subject to legislative approval are only a part of the story. Non-general funds from federal grants and other sources account for more than 52 percent of the total in fiscal 2002. States will receive an additional $20 billion from the latest stimulus package from Washington. Even so, many states, including California, are in the process of raising taxes and user fees after exhausting rainy day funds and tobacco settlements. To be sure, pain will be substantial as jobs and programs including education and healthcare are reduced.

Bonds: Trouble with China?

The People's Bank of China (PBC) could be selling Treasuries and boosting U.S. interest rates. The Chinese renminbi is quite undervalued. Since the currency is pegged to the U.S. dollar, the PBC has bought excess dollars to keep the peg stable. The excess dollars have been used to purchase Treasury securities. The central bank has $321 billion in foreign exchange reserves, up $90 billion from a year ago. Over the past 12 months, the PBC bought close to $40 billion of U.S. Treasuries helping push down Treasury yields. After the recent fall in the value of the dollar, the PBC is trying to diversify away from dollar assets by selling Treasuries, pushing Treasury yields higher.

Rising bond yields are worrisome; the economy does not need another headwind.

Stocks: Does rally have legs?

Lower interest rates and abundant liquidity drove the recent rally. Good news has already been factored in. Now that bond yields are rising and the jobless economic expansion continues, investor fatigue has set in and risk aversion has increased. The leadership in the markets has shifted to low beta (more stable than the market average) from high beta stocks. What the market needs is a stronger economic recovery leading to healthier earnings.

Investors are not convinced that this rally has legs. Signs of caution abound. To be sure, some cash has shifted to stocks, but investors cling to a mountain of cash as safety blanket. The put option (right to sell at a fixed price) at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange remains substantial. Selling by corporate insiders has been rising. Shell-shocked businesses are reluctant to hire people and purchase equipment. Despite these concerns, the risk in the overall market is limited. No major correction is expected.

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Focus on Agriculture

Food dialogue should include farmers

BY STEWART TRUELSEN
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

The food industry is under attack by health and environmental activists and trial lawyers with an appetite for big, juicy lawsuits. It seems odd when you think about it. America has the most abundant, affordable and wholesome food in the world, and yet there are people whose primary objective seems to be to dismantle this system, reap huge personal rewards and drive up the price of food for everyone else.

The Los Angeles Times reported that veteran attorneys from the tobacco lawsuits held a private symposium in Boston for a small group of lawyers, health activists and nutritionists interested in suing the fast food industry because too many Americans are overweight. Obesity isn't the only issue though. Food manufacturers and restaurant chains are under attack for other reasons too. PETA says it will sue KFC Corp. in order to impose its changes in the way chickens are raised. PETA also wants KFC to stop explaining its commitment to animal welfare on its website. Apparently only one side of the story should be told.

Farmers and ranchers are an integral part of the food system and they need to be included in the dialogue about food and nutritional issues. As part of an obesity initiative, Kraft Foods says it is forming "an expert advisory council to bring together leading voices from key disciplines important to the company's response to changing patterns in diet, activity and weight." Farmers and agricultural scientists should be considered for this panel and others like it. Food starts on the farm, and farmers still care about it after it leaves the farm gate.

Sometimes food companies are too quick to appease critics and activists, hoping they will just go away. This may cause them to bite the hand that feeds their customers. American Farm Bureau Federation President Bob Stallman wrote a letter to Arby's urging them to reconsider one of the materials in their endangered species-themed Adventure Meal program-specifically a statement on their grizzly bear card. The card says, "Ranches and roads have destroyed much of the grizzly's food sources."

In his letter, Stallman says, "We are disappointed that, out of many causes for the grizzly bear's decline, you have singled out the suppliers of your major product ingredient." Ranching actually benefits grizzly bear habitat by preserving open spaces and preventing subdivisions and other developments that fragment bear habitat and drive off food sources.

The food dialogue is certainly not limited to this country. Farm Bureau supports efforts by the Bush administration to get biotech crops accepted in Europe. There is no scientific reason why they should not be accepted, but there has been an unofficial ban on any new genetically enhanced crops.

If U.S. farmers are not involved in the public dialogue about food and nutrition, they will be the losers and so will the rest of us who depend so much on their hard work and financial risks. Farmers also can inject a little common sense into the debate, and that is sorely needed.

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

Used car lot gets OK'd by planning commission

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Promising village planners that they "will never be ashamed of what you see" at his used car lot on Sudderth Drive, George Taulbee walked away Tuesday with the approvals he needed to move ahead with plans to convert an old miniature golf business.

Taulbee tried for approval last month, but left with a stack of questions from members of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission. This time, he was ready with all the answers.

He received a conditional use permit and approval of an amended commercial site plan for a used car lot on a half-acre lot at 236 Sudderth that will include some consignment spaces. Having a place to sell private cars may decrease the number of with "for sale" signs parked across the town along streets and in driveways and parking lots, he said.

He proposed leaving the trees, setting up a few picnic tables and preserving at least one golf hole as a bonus for buyers.

Although one resident said she didn't like a used car lot at the entrance to the village, a Taulbee representative pointed out that a car dealership sits at the entrance on U.S. 70. Taulbee also noted that across from his lot is parking for the hospital and that area is full of cars most of the time.

He owns the carpet store next door and will keep the property he is leasing for the car lot in good shape, Taulbee pledged.

In response to questions from member Bill Hirschfeld, Taulbee agreed not to sell heavy equipment on the lot. If boats or recreational vehicles are sold, the number of spaces for other cars must be decreased accordingly, he was told. All cars must be operational.

Taulbee said several cars will be high dollar and having rough-looking vehicles would hamper those sales.

The zoning board split on the motion to approve the conditional use permit with member Phillis Barnett and chairman Glen Barrow voting against it.

Mobile home park will expand

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A mobile home park owned by engineer John Shaw off White Mountain Drive is expanding.

He and wife, Judy Shaw, received approval Tuesday for the expansion of a non-conforming use and for a commercial site development plan to enlarge Recreational Village Mobile Home Park.

They want to add a 1.2-acre commercially-zoned lot to the existing business. Under village rules, a maximum expansion of 25 percent of the ground area of a legally nonconforming use may be permitted one time by the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission, if other conditions are met.

Planning staff concluded that the expanded use wouldn't significantly interfere with the enjoyment of other land in the vicinity and that two other mobile home parks already operate in the area.

The couple proposed to allow the placement of three manufactured and eight mobile homes on the lot, each placed about 15 feet apart to provide room for parking. Access will be through the existing recreation village. Landscaping will involve leaving as much of the vegetation as possible, including trees.

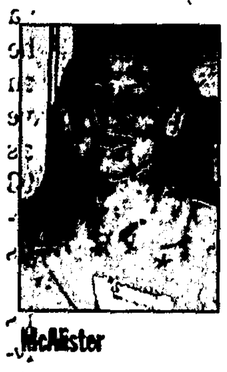
The staff also recommended that the access driveway be widen to 25 feet, that some structures be relocated to comply with setback requirements and that a retention pond or some other device be provided to ensure runoff won't leave the property.

In other business, the commission:

- Approved a variance for a setback and a commercial site development plan for Lot 9A, Block 1, Town & Country Estates subdivision for Dan Fender, who is adding a building and unpaved parking area.
- Approved a variance on Lots 40-43, Block O of Ruidoso Pine Lodge Subdivision requested by John and Diane Bowers to allow a new deck within 8 feet of the front property line.

Capitan students shine at national contest

PHILADELPHIA – Emilia Montoya and Samantha McAlister of Capitan and Ruidoso, respectively, participated in the Students Taking Action with Recognition (STAR) Events competition at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America's national Leadership Meeting held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.


McAlister

Of nearly 5,000 meeting attendees, over 2,200 participated in this national level program in 14 categories. Members compete at the local, district/region and/or state levels before they advance to the national level.

Montoya and McAlister, who are freshmen at Capitan High School and are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Montoya and Mr. and Mrs. Doug McAlister, received a Gold Medal with an average score of 98.6 out of 100 points July 10.

"Going to the National FCCLA Leadership meeting was the most awesome experience of the my life. It was incredible to meet to so many people from all over the United States who were committed to making a difference in their family, schools, and communities" said Montoya.

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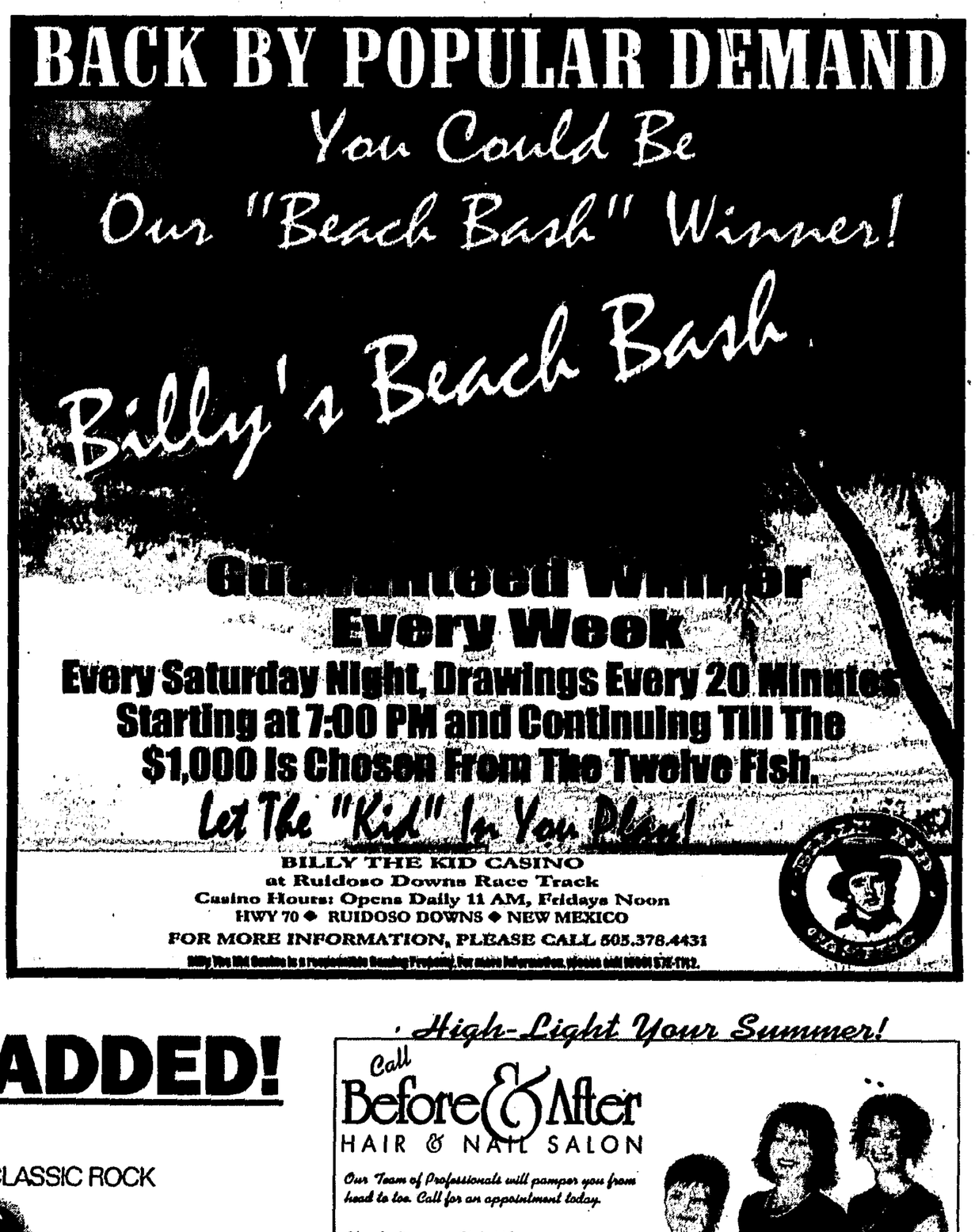
Sam McAlister added, "Seeing how passionate members from around the nation were about FCCLA was most inspiring for me."



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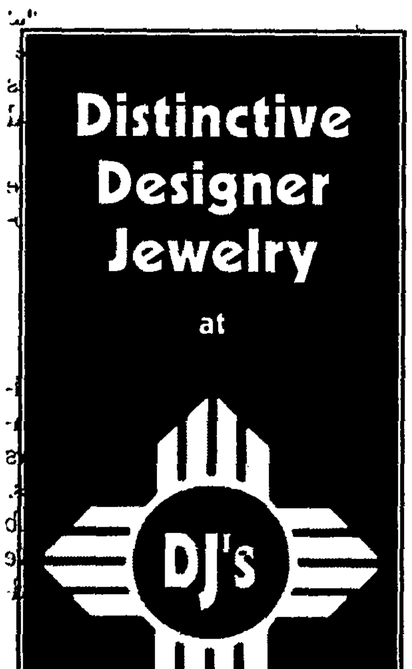
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Youth corp educating residents

Six people teaching fire prevention in 7 counties

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Each year, the Smokey Bear Historical Park in Capitan, sponsors a New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps project to preserve, maintain and enhance natural resources in the area. This team of six members impacts a seven county area and thousands of people in the course of the six months allotted the program.

Administered by the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department, the purpose of the New Mexico YCC is to provide a process to employ young persons in public projects. These projects are geared to the conservation of New Mexico's natural resources and to provide community benefits of lasting value.

The YCC program this year is a pilot for a different format in project nature. In prior years, the YCC team concentrated their efforts on construction type programs. This year the corps members are finding themselves face to face with the people at special events, schools and communities. Their job is to educate the public on fire prevention, forest health, fire ecology, defensible space and the current wild land/urban interface issues facing communities across the southwest.

Projects this year began April 26 and will continue through the end of October. The first month is dedicated to training corps members. They are trained in basic wildland fire suppression and fire behavior, inspecting fire prone properties, basic first aid and CPR, defensive driving, and baseline forest monitoring.

This spring, the crew assisted the Village of Ruidoso with collecting data for baseline monitoring for the Eagle Creek Fuels Reduction Project. This was part of a Collaborative Forest Restoration Program. They assisted in supporting suppression efforts on the Walker Fire near Mayhill in May.

There are a total of six members on the crew, traveling to nearly 60 events throughout the area. Crew leader Casey Graham rotates her team through each event, with everyone sharing in the duties be it public speaking or passing out information. The group has created various means of teaching and passing on information. A large cloth tree that houses Rick the Raccoon and Scotty Squirrel puppets makes telling the Smokey Bear story interesting and unique to youngsters.

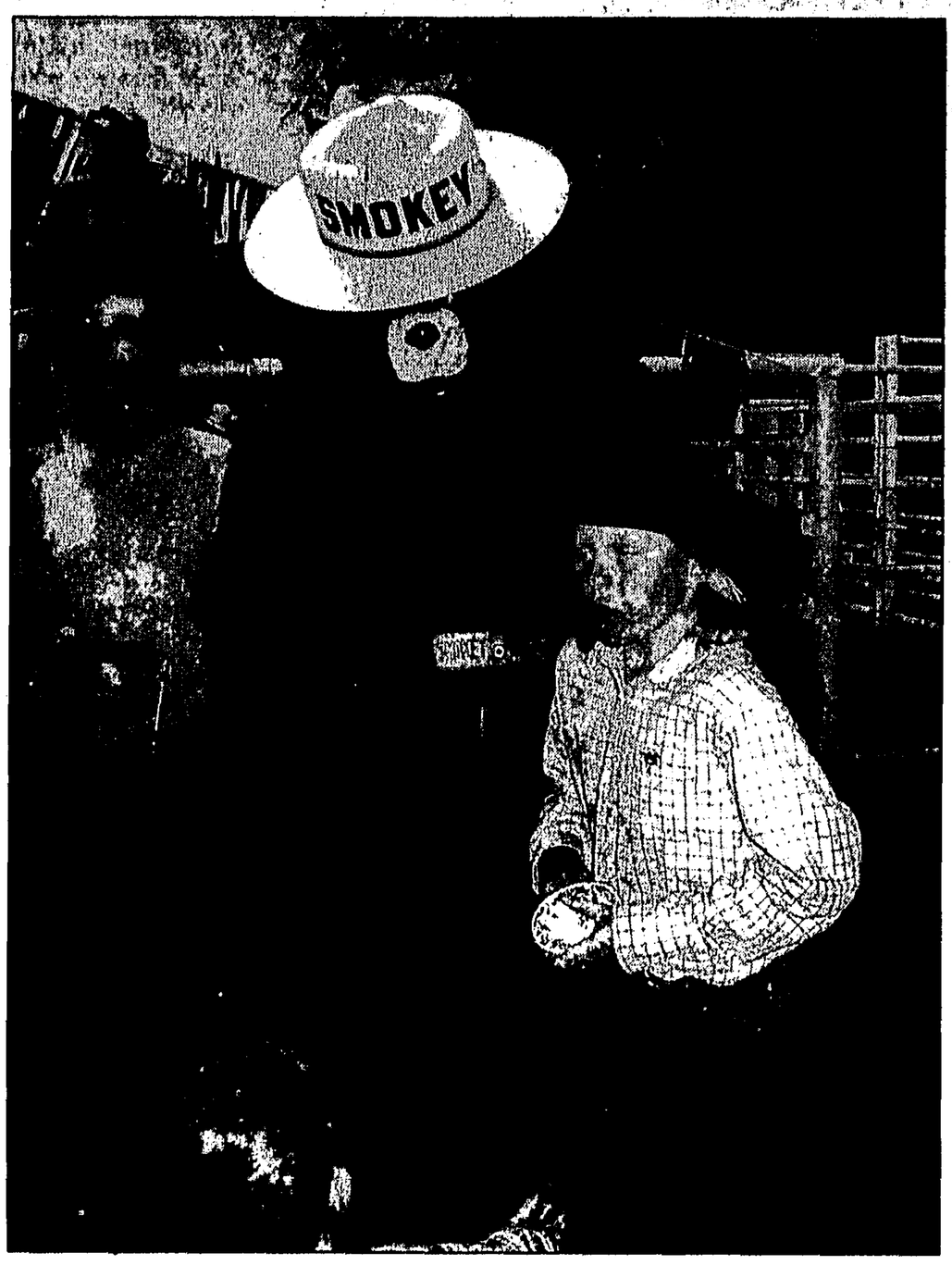
The schedule changes almost daily as new events are put on the calendar for the team. During the 4th of July holiday they were a presence at the Smokey Bear Stampede all four nights, Ruidoso Downs Race Track for the Smokey Bear Day at the races, the Smokey Bear Parade and the Mescalero celebration for four days. The current schedule has them traveling from Alamogordo to Lovington and many points in between from now until October.

Eddie Tudor, Smokey Bear Park manager, said best estimates showed more than 35,000 people had been "educated" during the first 27 events with over 30 more scheduled.

Time on the road and working make this crew of young adults family to each other. Joining Graham in the corps group are Tony Clawson, Chelsea Wright, Kara Hutchison, Dena Durbin and Jackie Woolley. Jackie was off the corp line for a short time to give birth to her new baby girl, Lillian, on June 27. Another member is out sick, but although short handed, the remaining members pick up the slack and carry the load.

Hard work and long miles bring long lasting benefits to New Mexico. It's natural and urban environments are improved and enhanced. Its youth is instilled with an appreciation of natural resources, cooperation, hard work and accomplishment.

The YCC group are the face behind the bear. They are the example to youth for what they do as well as what they teach.



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Ashley Pruitt, calf scramble winner one night of the Smokey Bear Stampede, receives a belt buckle from Smokey Bear and YCC member Chelsea Wright.

'Zozo schools seek Offut's replacement

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

A special meeting of the Carrizozo Municipal School Board will be held on Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the conference room of the school administration building.

The meeting was scheduled for school board members to interview the six people that have applied for the position vacated by resigning board member Eldon Offut. Offut's resignation was official on July 15. His term runs until February 2005.

Persons that made application for the position and to be interviewed are: Scott Shafer, Angelo Vega, John Tate, Matt Ferguson, Tim Burd, and John Paul Ventura. The meeting and interview process are open to the public.

Superintendent Sergio Castañon gave a presentation showing the schools' Terra Nova testing scores for last year, and then additional class-by-class graph comparisons between last year and the previous year. He also reported on the success and numbers in the summer school program.

The superintendent also requested public recognition to Mike and Jamie Gieb. He explained to the board the hours of work the Giebs put into the After School Arts Program for no additional compensation, with only a small amount requested for supplies. He added that the summer art camp they hosted was also a success thanks to their efforts.

He acknowledged Polly Chavez for her efforts for in the Hubbard-sponsored Hispanic cooking class she taught in June.

During the regular board meeting on Tuesday night, the board approved the hiring of Teresa Burns as the Special Education Teacher/Coordinator. Burns comes to Carrizozo with 14 years' experience and was most recently the vice principal at a Laguna Acoma school.

The hiring of Pam Allen as volleyball/track coach was approved. The resignation of Kathy Offut from the Carrizozo Region IX Head Start program was announced.

In other business:

- An open meetings resolution was approved to include the regular school board meeting time change from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. year-round.
- Cafeteria appeals process and charge policy were approved. Regular price breakfast and lunch for students will be 75 cents and $1.50. For staff and adult visitors, $2.00 and $3.00 accordingly.
- The 2003-2004 school year Student Handbook was approved.

Aug. 18-19 will be teacher in-service days with classes for grades 6-12 to begin on Wednesday, Aug. 20. Aug. 25 will be the first day of school for K-5th grades.

Lincoln County Fair looking for sponsors

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Lincoln County Fair is looming on the near August horizon with dates of Aug. 5-9. The Fair Association is asking for the help of those who wish to support the FFA and 4-H fair participants.

In past years, donors have been a huge part of the buckle and jacket sponsorship program. In advance the Fair Board says "Thank you for your past sponsorship and any help you can give us this year."

Donors may choose between sponsoring a Grand or Reserve Champion buckle or a showmanship jacket. This year sponsorships will be $100. Smaller donations are appreciated too and will be added together to make co-sponsorships.

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If you have any questions about the jackets, buckles or sponsorships, feel free to contact Kortney Hall 336-7868, Thomas Montes 653-4125, or Kristin Sultemeier 354-3305.

Agriculture teachers meet for summer conference

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The New Mexico Agriculture Education Teachers Association Summer Conference was held in Ruidoso this week, July 13-16. More than 60 agriculture educators across New Mexico gathered at the Ruidoso High School vocational building. Ruidoso High School ag teacher Mike Gaines was the local host.

Other Lincoln County schools representatives were Brandon Devine from Hondo, Wayne Shockey from Carrizozo, Todd Proctor from Capitan and Jerry Sharp from Corona. Lincoln County schools are part of the association's District 7. Cloudcroft, Alamogordo, Tularosa, Socorro, Magdalena, and Quemado schools are also in District 7.

For the second consecutive year, District 7 agriculture educators were recognized as the only New Mexico district to have 100 percent dues-paying participation in all of the state and national professional organizations: New Mexico Agricultural Education Teachers Association (NMAETA) and the National Association of Agriculture Educators.

The conference consisted of workshops on state standards and benchmarks, new classroom technologies, special education laws plus various other meetings. Each of the Lincoln County teachers participated as committee members of the NMAETA. Their responsibilities included determining the future direction of ag education and the FFA in New Mexico.

As part of the fun, a golf tournament is held at Cree Meadows with teams of ag teachers mixed with good, better and best players. Hondo's Brandon Devine admitted Todd Proctor got him to play his first game of golf ever. Brandon was not hurt knowing he represented his team's biggest handicap.

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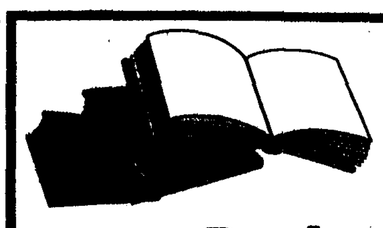
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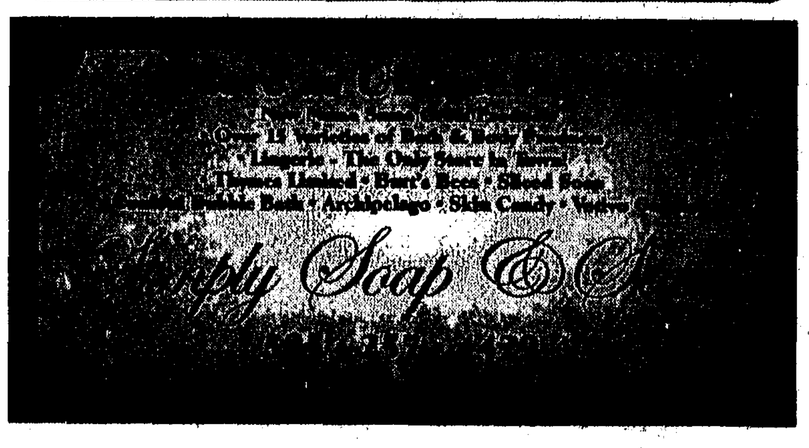
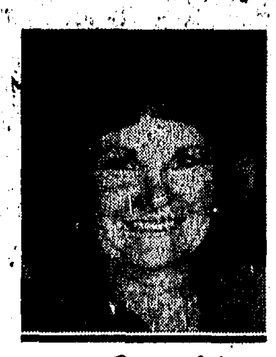


The charms and conveniences of small-town America.

Small-town America: an icon of Americana that stirs memories of simpler lives, simpler times.



County Views
BY JULIE CARTER

Many of us are still blessed to live near or in one of those little towns. More still have memories of "that's where they came from originally."

People that are born, raised and live in metropolis areas don't know what they have missed!

Everyone waves at everyone and it's not an obscene gesture. (Waving styles is another story for another day). The wave doesn't need to mean you know who you are waving at. It is just the friendly nature of the local folks. They wave in town and they wave on the highway leaving town.

The local bank president moonlights as a ranch hand on weekends when his family works cattle. He runs a branding iron or drags calves to the fire right along with the hands that do it for a living. He's a third generation rancher that ended up with a suit and tie job.

Signing a ticket in most towns means the Visa or MasterCard part of the sale. In small towns, it's a charge ticket at the hardware store and requires only stating "this is for old so-and-so and they told me to put it on a ticket for them."

Getting directions is often a challenge in asking the right questions. Most locals will answer in terms requiring knowledge and a memory of at least the last 25 years. "You make a turn out there by the old Smith House and then go down that road until you have to turn that corner where those kids wrecked their car that time, then it's not far past that." Using "the stop light" as a reference point is not uncommon.

The UPS man knows your phone number by heart and is able to follow the instructions mentioned in the last paragraph. He will call you and tell you he left a package for you at the hardware store and who it was from in case it is something you urgently need. I find this a unique service in that UPS won't come out to the ranch and it lets me be part of a modern civilization in spite of it.

You know who is in town by whose cars are parked at the post office and the courthouse. If you don't run into them there, they'll be at lunch in one of the few eating spots in town. You never eat out without having a catch visit with someone you haven't seen in awhile.

Most of the vehicles on the street still have their keys in them. The doors will be open and you can leave your neighbor that dreaded sack of "extra" zucchini he's been dodging for weeks.

The manager of the grocery store can be seen pushing a cart down the aisle filling an order for someone that called it in. If something you need isn't on the shelf by brand name or kind, tell him and he'll get it in the next shipment.

4-H and FFA are a big part of most kids' lives and everyone in town knows about it. The graduating class is small enough to fit in two Suburbans for a trip. Homecoming is a big deal and school sports are the center of most of the winter conversations in town.

Merchants know you, know your children, and know where to find you if your children are looking for you. The police station in town is not a scary place since the chief has school children; he's a familiar face to the kids.

Small-town America. Where the kids can't wait to grow up and get away. Then they spend most their lives wishing they were back in that simple life among people who really care about each other. It's that caring familiar attitude that draws those leaving cities to come among us.

Nurse gets out of mainstream after accident

BY SUSAN ANGOLANI
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

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

Health and Wellness

Prior to a whitewater river rafting accident, Barbara Mader, RN, was the chief nurse in the health department of a large metropolitan city, very much an active part of mainstream nursing.

This accident, which severely injured her right shoulder, was the catalyst that set her on her path to wholeness and healing. This path lead her to the American Holistic Nurses Association and ultimately Health Touch. She went on to become certified as a practitioner. Healing Touch is an energy-based program developed within the nursing profession in 1989, designed to clear, align and balance the human energy system through touch and to influence self healing.

With her many years of experience and education, she went on to create the High Mesa Healing Center which was dedicated into service to this community in 1992.

Having lived and worked in both worlds, Barbara dreamed of a time when integrated health care would become a reality. She has worked actively to create such a community with a directory of health care services, hosting a monthly Integrative Health Care lunch and an Annual Wholistic Renaissance Faire where networking and integration can take place. This is a consumer-driven movement and they are speaking loud and clear with their time, energy and resources.

There are presently more visits for health care to complementary/alternative providers than to medical doctors and this is getting everyone's attention.

There is a growing enthusiasm for integrative medicine. Consumers were the first to embrace this new medical paradigm and the medical establishment is beginning to acknowledge its merits. The consumer wants health care practitioners who have the time to help them understand the nature of their medical problems.

In 1995, 41 percent of the population of the U.S. used one or more of the complementary/alternative healing methods.

Hands-on touch modalities are used by more than 50,000 nurses in hospitals each year, and the procedures are documented as legitimate medical techniques.

Consumers can advance the cause of integrative medicine by informing themselves about natural approaches to health and healing and by being active participants in their health care. They can inform their providers about their use of natural approaches and offer to help educate them. The more consumers ask for integrative medicine, the faster it will become more widely available.

High Mesa Healing Center hosts a Yurt where many seminars occur. A stone-lined labyrinth is available to walk almost any time of the day. The converted barn is home to a metaphysical bookstore, and a therapy room where you may experience Healing Touch, Reiki, and many other modalities.

Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 9-10, is the Second Annual Wholistic Renaissance Faire where many integrative practitioners, artisans, entertainers, and speakers will gather.

Culturally creative and socially artistic individuals share their thoughts, crafts, services and talents. Keynote speaker Lynne Jeffery, RN, of Havasu, Ariz., will speak about connecting communities on Saturday. Jody Kincaid, DVM, DN, of Anthony, Texas, will talk about integrative medicine for pets and people on Sunday. Many other fascinating speakers will present their ideas in the Yurt during the weekend. This is a free event families and friends are encouraged to attend. A calendar of events is available at the center, through our e-mail list, or online.

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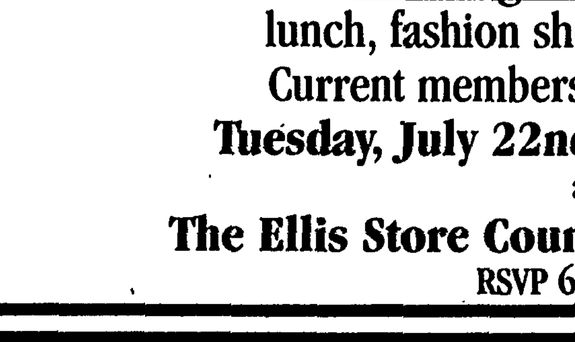

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State considers naming parts of I-10 safety corridors

Designation would men double fines for traffic violations

BY KEVIN BUEY
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

DEMING – The state is exploring designating areas of Interstate 10 as safety corridors.

Mike Quintana, of the state Traffic Safety Bureau, said Thursday the state was considering such designation for the interstate as it approaches Deming and in the Las Cruces-Anthony area.

U.S. 70 between Riverside and Ruidoso Downs was given that designation earlier this month.

Quintana attended a New Mexico State Police Planning Session, at Mimbres Valley Learning Center, at which earlier identified problems, available resources and a more-recently developed action plan were addressed.

"A safety area," Quintana said, "allows for double fines." The purpose is not, he said, to increase money in state coffers but to raise motorists' awareness that the interstate is a high-crash area.

As recently as July 3, a one-vehicle accident on Interstate 10, just west of Deming, claimed four lives. Two other passengers in a 1993 Mercury Villager van that tumbled across the eastbound lanes and came to rest on the freeway's westside, facing West, remain hospitalized in El Paso's Thomason Medical Center.

Quintana, the law enforcement coordinator for the traffic safety bureau, also told NMSP Capt. Scott Ford, District 12 commander, that the bureau would be willing to support financially overtime costs to put a greater law enforcement presence on the interstate.

Ford spoke of a periodic "Officer Every 10 Miles" program used by the NMSP in successfully reducing accidents along stretches of heavily traveled roads.

He suggested area law enforcement – city and county agencies in the tri-county area as well as state police – might mount special operations to provide additional every-10-miles coverage through District 12.

"We've never done it," Deming Police Chief Michael Carillo said of patrolling I-10 in such fashion, "but that's not to say we couldn't start." If it helps reduce accidents, Carillo said, it's worth it.

Interstate 10, as one of the country's main East-West thoroughfares, is heavily traveled, often by folks driving long distances and trying to make long journeys with a minimum of rest.

As I-10 passes through District 12, there are fewer rest stops and motorists, Ford says, need to be reminded to be alert when driving.

Greater police presence might help, he said, although he also mentioned happening recently on a woman whose car had drifted into the median, raising a cloud of dust. She claimed she hadn't fallen asleep, Ford said. But she had just passed four NMSP units at a surveillance checkpoint.

Many I-10 travelers, officers say, are also unaware of changing conditions faced as while progressing from one region to another cross-country. Many have never encountered the dust storms that rise here without a moment's notice.

Some have never driven in the monsoon-rain conditions that pass quickly in late summer afternoons and evenings. Some are not ready for the heat.

The state police are continuing to meet with the highway department and New Mexico State University to develop an effective Intelligent Transportation Messaging System for installation along I-10.

That would include overhead message boards and additional rest areas and further means of warning motorists of such dangers as dust storms, with directions for avoiding the dangers.

District 12 officers, trying to better control traffic on I-10, now spend a minimum of four hours of an 8-hour shift on the interstate.

They have reduced tolerance for traffic violations — 5 miles an hour over the posted limit, a taillight out, no light over the license plate.

There are frequent checkpoints on all state roads for driver's license, registration and insurance concurrence.

Kevin Buey is a reporter for the Deming Headlight, a sister paper of the Ruidoso News.

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Immigrant smugglers may see tougher laws

■ The Congressional bill was submitted after 19 immigrants died in Texas.

BY SERGIO BUSTOS
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON – Two Texas Democrats are leading efforts in Congress to crack down on smugglers of undocumented immigrants.

Reps. Sheila Jackson Lee and Silvestre Reyes introduced a bill last week that would encourage undocumented immigrants to turn in smugglers in exchange for permanent U.S. residency. The bill also would increase jail time for convicted smugglers.

"We want to stamp out smugglers, but not penalize the victims — even if they are illegal immigrants," said Jackson Lee at a news conference on Capitol Hill.

Reyes, who spent 26 years with the U.S. Border Patrol in Texas, said the bill "targets those who are responsible for the deaths of so many people."

"This is long overdue," he said.

Smuggling has surged in recent years in response to heightened U.S. border security efforts, especially along the U.S.-Mexico border. Smugglers collect up to $10,000 per person. An estimated 1 million undocumented immigrants are smuggled into the United States annually along the southwest border.

The lawmakers said the legislation was drawn up in response to the deaths of 19 undocumented immigrants found dead May 14 inside a tractor-trailer near Victoria, Texas, the deadliest case of human smuggling in U.S. history.

The victims included men, women and children from Mexico, El Salvador, Honduras and the Dominican Republic. They were among nearly 80 people stuffed into the vehicle before the driver abandoned it at a truck stop. Police arrested several people, including a Honduran woman who is alleged to be the ringleader of a South Texas smuggling operation.

"We have to do everything we can to stop the deaths from reckless commercial alien smuggling operations," said Jackson Lee. "We cannot tolerate any more incidents such as the one in Victoria."

The lawmakers believe their bill – the Commercial Alien Smuggling Elimination Act – will aid law enforcement authorities in prosecuting smugglers because victims often are reluctant to cooperate for fear of being deported. The proposal has 34 co-sponsors in the House.

Under the bill, undocumented immigrants who cooperate could receive a reward up to $100,000 and become permanent legal U.S. residents. Their immediate family members would also be eligible for permanent residency.

Convicted smugglers could be sentenced to 20 to 30 years in prison, an increase of 10 years over current law.

Heat likely cause of death for 2 immigrants

BY DESMA MONTELLANO
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

DEMING – A female illegal immigrant died Sunday in an attempt to cross the U.S./Mexican border – two days after another woman was found dead – both traveling in 100-degree weather.

Julia Machucho Perez of Mexico was found dead about 44 feet north of the border fence.

A U.S. Border Patrol agent was near Border Line Road at approximately 10:23 a.m. when he discovered the body on the ground.

The 40-year-old woman was pronounced dead Sunday afternoon from possible heat exposure. Sunday's high was 103.

Medical Investigator Fred Rossiter said it is only speculated that heat exposure was the cause of her death.

"I think that's fairly accurate to say. And we didn't receive any medical history on her," Rossiter said.

Perez's body was transported to the Office of the Medical Investigator in Albuquerque Monday.

The cause of another female illegal immigrant's death is still pending until results of her autopsy are complete. The woman, said to be around 22 years of age and whose identity wasn't released, was found July 10 southwest of Columbus in the open desert with another female who survived.

Temperatures in Deming and Luna County reached a high of 104 degrees that Thursday.

It was indicated by 40-year-old Raul Perez-Vega, thought to be the husband of the deceased woman, that the two women were part of a smuggling group and were abandoned in the desert.

Border Patrol Agent in Charge Rick Moody said the surviving victim, Maria del Rosario Ceja-Solis, is currently in custody as a witness to the case. He said at this time the July 10 and July 14 incidents are not related to each other.

"Investigation is still ongoing regarding July 10. We have made some arrests in that case," Moody said. "I do think smugglers are pushing to the extremes and moving the women through the desert in 100-degree weather, and they're physically not prepared.

"They're [smugglers] ruthless. People are getting sick and they're abandoning them. It's callous. It just goes to show how far they'll go for a dollar," he said.

A Guatemalan woman named Mirta Perez-Mazariegos, around 19 years old, was also found dead in May in the open desert. Mazariegos was said to have crossed the border with a group which had been smuggled to the southern part of New Mexico around May 15.

Desma Montellano is a reporter for the Deming Headlight, a sister paper of the Ruidoso News.

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Mexico keeps no records on border crossers

BY KEVIN BUEY
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

DEMING – Mexican nationals apprehended in the United States as illegal immigrants and returned to Mexico have no record in Mexico and are not detained by Mexican officials.

There is, though, a Mexican group which has been working to try to explain to those deemed likely candidates to become illegal immigrants to the U.S. the consequences of such travel.

The people are warned of dangers of traveling with *coyotes* – those who smuggle people into the U.S. – the prospects of making it past U.S. Border Patrol and other law enforcement officials in border areas and told they will be returned to Mexico if caught.

Still, Mexican officials see the same people, over and over, despite repeated returns to Mexico after caught. That news was delivered Friday to the Southwest New Mexico Border Security Task Force, as it met for the fifth time to develop solutions to problems that include illegal immigrants and damage and threats from the immigrants.

Because most Mexicans entering the U.S. illegally are offered a voluntary return to Mexico by U.S. authorities, task force members wonder what affect might result if instead the immigrants were taken before a judge, what affects might result if the same people appeared two, three, four times before the same judge, what affects might follow if the immigrants were forced to make restitution for fences cut, water lines damaged, property stolen or damaged and vehicles taken as part of the Northern odyssey.

Joining Friday's meeting at the U.S. Border Patrol Station, here were Mexican officials from Juarez and Palomas, some of whom will meet with a task force subgroup in Palomas, July 22 at 11 a.m., for further discussion.

The meeting is set for Palomas to facilitate attendance by Mexican officials, including military.

Mexican officials, the task force was told, are concerned with immigration issues, but more so with penetration of Mexican borders and stopping groups of travelers on interior roads before they reach borders. That holds especially true of apprehending foreigners in Mexico.

Such concern, the task force was told, led to apprehension of eight Iraqis crossing the Yucatan headed for Mexico's Northern border. They were delivered to U.S. officials.

Civilians and members of numerous city, county, state and federal agencies populate the task force, which hopes to complete a report in August.

The task force was formed by Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., following repeated complaints and problems caused by illegal immigrants. Discussion covered barriers and surveillance, U.S. and Mexican cooperation, better cooperation among the various U.S. agencies and states and improving communication systems allowing contact among residents and agencies.

Another suggestion to try to slow illegal traffic was posting signs in Spanish, with warnings of consequences for those caught in the country illegally.

Also suggested was need for a sheriff's substation in he Southern part of Luna County, an issue raised by Clare May, now Village of Columbus Police Chief and a task force member, when he ran for Luna County Sheriff and to which Sheriff Gary Ciccotelli has said a main drawback is manpower.

Residents on the border say response time by deputies is sometimes slow, that some deputies don't know where addresses are.

The subgroup dealing with communications systems says sheriffs of the three counties and their respective central dispatch centers need to be part of a communications program to monitor the system, that Neighborhood Watch-type programs, on a secure radio channel, would be appropriate and that a service area would need to stretch south of Interstate 10, from the Texas to Arizona borders.

Satellite phones would be ideal for such a system, but too expensive. A demonstration of ham radio, in which responses were heard from California to Las Vegas, Nev. to Texas' Gulf Coast might be viable, but would require users to be licensed. Hand-held radios, with a repeater site - perhaps on Animas Peak - would also help.

Kevin Buey is a reporter for the Deming Headlight, a sister paper of the Ruidoso News.

Tularosa officer pleads no contest to battery

BY MICHAEL SHINABERY
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

ALAMOGORDO – Tularosa Police Department Officer Richard M. Luna pleaded "no contest" to three misdemeanor aggravated battery charges, before 12th Judicial District Court Judge Frank Wilson, on Monday.

While sentencing is yet to come, a plea agreement stipulates Luna must give up his law enforcement certification. Under the agreement, Luna now cannot "be employed, or work as a volunteer, for any law enforcement agency in any capacity, including dispatch."

A July 2000 grand jury indictment stated that Luna, in May 2000, acted aggressively toward one of the victims, an adult male, causing "painful temporary disfigurement." The indictment also stated Luna, in April 2001, acted likewise against a 16-year-old boy who also suffered "painful temporary disfigurement," as well as acted "in a rude, insolent or angry manner."

The grand jury indicted Luna on fourth-degree felony perjury for "a false statement under oath" to the grand jury, but Deputy District Attorney RoxeAnne Matise dropped the perjury under the plea agreement.

An in-court, pre-hearing discussion between Matise and Luna's lawyer, Diana Martwick, centered on how soon Luna must relinquish his commission and resign his job to find new employment.

"Shortly," Matise said.

For just a moment, Luna lowered his head into his hands as Martwick consulted with him.

"How about three weeks?" she then proposed to Matise.

Matise agreed.

If Luna receives jail time, he could serve just under three years. If he is charged federally over the incidents, the plea agreement specifies he may withdraw his plea, but Matise does not expect federal charges since the state has convicted him.

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

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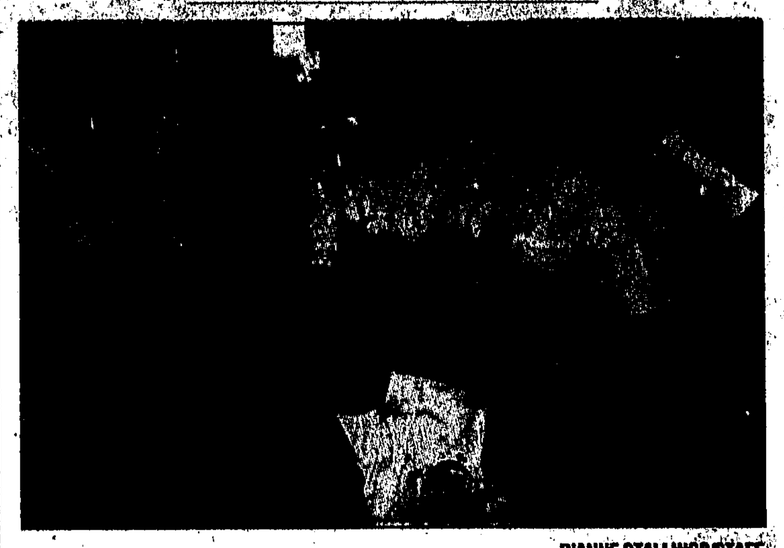

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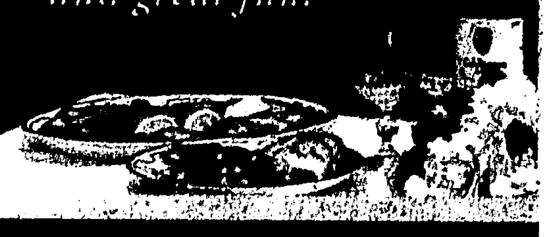

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SPORTS

Triple crown talk hard to miss in Rainbow

■ The A List will make his play for the Holy Grail of quarter horse racing Sunday, but winning the Rainbow Derby will not be easy.

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

It's inevitable these days when one thinks about this year's Rainbow Futurity, that one thinks about the year's Quarter Horse Triple Crown candidate.

With a possible $4 million bonus going to any horse that can pull off the feat, it's hard not to focus on the winner of the Ruidoso Futurity.

This year, that horse is The A List — a gelding owned by BLM racing which just barely finished ahead of Jess Rapid in this year's Ruidoso Futurity, to be run Sunday at Ruidoso Downs.

The A List is the third-fastest qualifier in this year's Rainbow, behind Planet Holland and Royal Delphias Chick, and will certainly be challenged right from the start.

"He's been very tough every time we've taken him to the track," said jockey Chris Zamora — whose wife, Jaime, is The A List's trainer. "We put him in the gate on Thursday, and he knows he'll be running then, it really keys him."

Jaime Zamora isn't too nervous. She said she's done all she can to get the horse ready to run, and it's all up to the horse and jockey once those gates fly open.

"I haven't thought too much about the money, the pressure will be there anyway," Jaime Zamora said. "I just want everything to go well. So much can happen in 19 seconds, you just want a fair shot.

"We are so confident in him," she added. "The hard part is over, we qualified. We now run on the same surface against the same clock."

Probably the biggest concern for the BLM racing team is the health of Chris, who just recently returned from an injury to ride The A List to a victory in his Rainbow Futurity trial.

Zamora didn't run their horse in the Ruidoso Futurity — that honor went to James Gonzales. But Chris Zamora said he's ready for the challenge of another Grade I stakes race.

"We've come back easy with me, but I can't take a shot with this colt," Zamora said. "I know this colt well, and even if we don't win, I won't have any bad feelings about him."

Winning will be a tall order on Sunday, there are some very good horses in the mix.

Topping the list of qualifiers is Planet Holland, who set a track record of 19.302 for 400 yards in his trial two weeks ago.

That horse is trained by last year's Quarter Horse Trainer of the Year, Paul Jones, who also manages Lady Jayne Cee — another qualifier into Sunday's race.

"I hate to say we'll win it, but we'll have a good chance," Jones said. "You certainly have a better capability of winning it when you have the fastest qualifying time, but can he repeat his performance? With quarter horse racing, you have to have luck, too."

Another trainer with a pair in the Rainbow is trainer Dwayne "Sleepy" Gilbreath — who will led Sir Chickaroid and Executive Menace to the starting gate on Sunday.

"Mine are back in good

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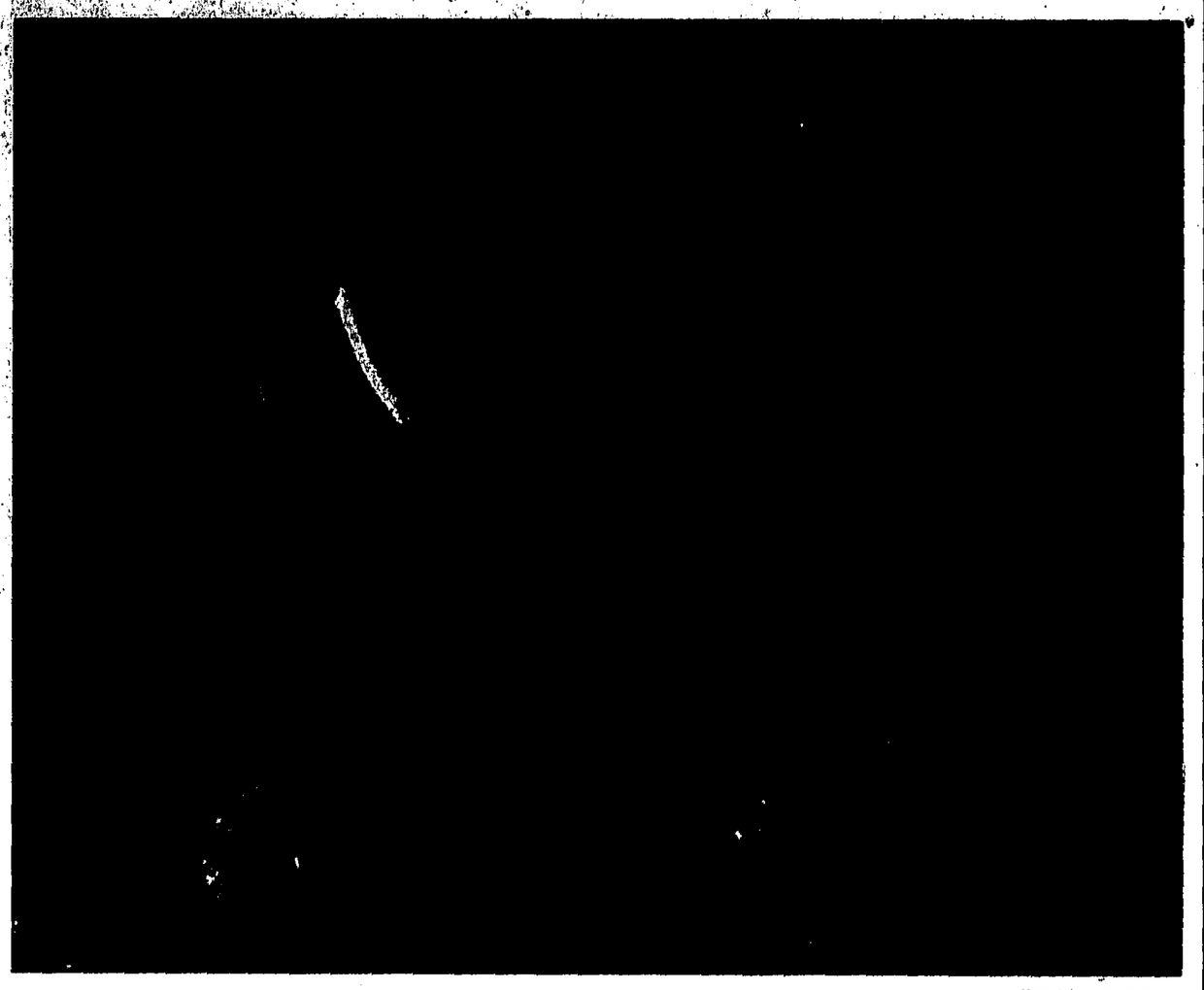

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Chistopher Zamora takes The A List out for a walk early Wednesday morning on a day when the gelding would be taken to the track for a daily workout. Zamora will ride The A List in the Rainbow Futurity Sunday in an attempt to win the second jewel in the Quarter Horse Triple Crown.

TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Planet Holland, the fastest qualifier for the Rainbow Futurity, is led from Paul Jones' barn by groom Francisco Gonzales, right, and jockey Saul Ramirez Wednesday at Ruidoso Downs. Ramirez will ride Planet Holland in Sunday's big race.

Post Positions set for Rainbow Derby

BY KRISTAIN LOVELACE
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Wednesday's draw set the post positions for the $317,000 Rainbow Derby (G1) to run Saturday as the feature race.

This year's field will showcase five All American Futurity finalists, many of the top quarter horses in training today.

Last year's Rainbow Futurity winner, First to Flash will break from post position two. This year's Ruidoso Derby winner, Southern Cartel, will break from the four hole while Bayer Legend Derby winner, Snow Skier, will break between the two rivals from the three hole.

Multiple Grade 1 winner First Place Queen will break from the sixth position and the fastest qualifier, Meteoric, will break from the nine hole with the Jack Brooks-trained Silvered Eyes just to his outside.

The final has been described as the best derby field ever assembled.

Trainer John Bassett, who will start two in the field, recalls only seeing one other derby tougher than this field.

"I saw one derby that was tougher than this one, it was when Real Quiet won the Kentucky Derby," Bassett said.

As many of this year's finalists were in last year's All-American Futurity — widely regarded as one of the closest All Americans ever — it shouldn't come as a surpise that this race will be so competitive.

Also highlighting the day's race card is the 2003 debut race of AB What A Runner. The filly, last year's All American Futurity winner and 440-yard track record holder,

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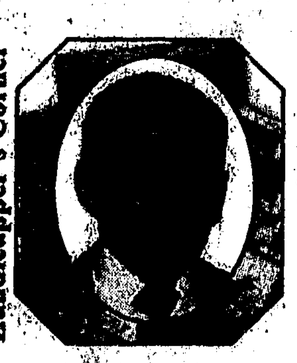
Differences between Thoroughbreds and quarter horses



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To answer this much-asked question — yes there is some difference between Thoroughbred and quarter horses. Since its beginnings in 1894, the breed registry for Thoroughbreds, the American Jockey Club has restricted the breed to only those horses whose lineage can be traced to an official Thoroughbred registry book. Even today all registered Thoroughbreds must be the result of a Thoroughbred breeding with another Thoroughbred. The quarter horse breed registry will allow outcrosses to other breeds.

Today's top quarter horse racehorses are about 90 percent Thoroughbred linage.

In the final analysis, the similarities between the two breed out number the differences. Class, a prime factor in TB racing, is equally important in QH racing. Class is the ability of the horse to win, produce winners of high quality, competitive racehorses.

The one major difference between handicapping TB and QH races is the pace factor. The QH race is a sprint race, and in most cases the handicapper is only afforded the opportunity to look at two calls, the stretch call and the finish call. In the TB race you get a chance to look at four calls: the quarter mile, the half mile the stretch and the finish, in a race of six furlongs or less. In longer races the quarter mile call may be substituted for an additional distance call depending on the length of the race. The American Quarter Horse Association calls the quarter horse "America's fastest athlete" with speeds of up to 50 mph.

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Sports on Tap

Friday, July 18
Horse Racing
Thoroughbred and quarter horse claiming, maiden and allowance racing at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.
Softball
Last Chance Qualifier at Eagle Creek Complex, TBA

Saturday, July 19
Horse Racing
Rainbow Derby / Governor's Handicap at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.
Softball
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Sunday, July 20
Horse Racing
Rainbow Juvenile / Rainbow Futurity at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.
Softball
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Monday, July 21
Rodeo
NHSRA finals in Farmington, TBA

Tuesday, July 22
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Wednesday, July 23
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On Deck

Portales Open
The annual Portales Open tennis tournament will be held July 25-27 in Portales. Brackets are open for men and women, both in open and 35, singles and doubles brackets, as well as a mixed doubles open.
There will also be junior events for boys and girls singles and doubles, as well as a mixed doubles open. Junior events are open for ages 10U-15U, and all junior events will be played on July 25.
Deadline to enter is July 23 by 8 p.m. Cost to enter for junior events is $8 for singles and $16 for doubles. For adult events, singles cost $10, while doubles are $20.
For more information, contact Bill or Shirley Wahlman at (505)-356-6747.

Golf Clinic at Cree Meadows
The third of three youth golf clinics will be held at Cree Meadows golf course Aug. 11-15 for children ages 5-15.
The clinic, hosted by Cree Meadows golf pro Eric Eggleston, costs $45 per student, plus $35 for each additional sibling.
To enter your child, contact Eggleston at the Cree Meadows pro shop at 257-5815.

Outdoor Expo
There will be a hunting, fishing and outdoor expo Aug. 15-17 at the Ruidoso Convention Center. The expo will feature displays on fishing, archery, conservation, hunter education and more. Admission is $5 for adults and $2 for students. Children six years and under will be admitted free. For more information, see www.nmmtnsports.com.

DERBY: AA champ returns

FROM PAGE 1B

will take on a field of eight in a quarter horse allowance race.

AB What A Runner will take on fellow All American Futurity finalist Special Red Warrior, and will have to outrun eight other horses in the field that includes Corona Caliente and Outdashing. First post time on Saturday is 1 p.m.

FUTURITY: Stiff challenge for The A List

FROM PAGE 1B

shape, now I just have to get them ready for the race," Gilbreath said. "It gives me something to do."

Neither of Gilbreath's charges have a great deal of racing experience, each having only raced one time before. Executive Menace ran in the Ruidoso Futurity trials, while Sir Chickaroid won his only start, a maiden race back on May 29.

"Both are lightly raced, but they'll be as ready as they can be," Gilbreath said. "Experience is something you've got to have, especially with two-year-olds."

Other horses running Sunday are Dashair, trained by John Bassett; First To Shake Six, led by Ben Torres; Jess Delightful, trained by Michael Joiner, and the Jack Brooks-trained Cognac Kid.

Bassett won last year's Rainbow Futurity with First To Flash.

TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Silvered Eyes, far left, wins the first trial for the Rainbow Derby July 4 at Ruidoso Downs, barely beating out (from left) First Place Queen, Southern Cartel and Eye Opening Episode. Silvered Eyes, First Place Queen and Southern Cartel all will run in the Rainbow Derby on Saturday.

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Last Chance plays at Eagle Creek

It's the last chance area teams have to qualify for the United States Specialty Sports Association state tournaments — thus the name, Last Chance Qualifier.

The tournament, which will feature 61 teams in four divisions, gets underway tonight at 8 p.m. at Eagle Creek Softball Complex.

Of those 61 teams, nine are from the Ruidoso area — all playing in the Men's E and Men's D divisions.

Ruidoso's Thunder starts things off at 8 p.m. on Field B against the Hobbs Hitmen in the Men's D bracket, while the Mescalero Grizzlies take on the Cannons of Las Curces at 11 p.m. on Field A.

In the Men's E bracket, Emdors II of Ruidoso face the Roswell Street Boys at 9 p.m., while the Ruidoso Hitmen face the Roadrunners of Alamogordo at 11 p.m.

Play continues through the night and into Saturday morning, as the Ruidoso Lugnuts face Don Sanchez of Albuquerque at 1 a.m. The Mescalero Indians take on L&L Plumbing at 3 a.m., while the Ruidoso Nads face Comet Cleaners of Alamogordo at 5 a.m.

The Homeboys of Mescalero face the winner of the Street Boys/Emdors II game at 8 a.m., while the Intoxicators of Ruidoso play the winner of the Roadrunners/Hitmen game at 10 a.m.

All games are scheduled to be played on Field C at Eagle Creek. A top three finish in this tournament qualifies teams for the USSSA state tournaments. The Men's E Tournament will be played Aug. 1-3, while the Men's D Tournament will be played Aug. 8-10, both in Albuquerque.

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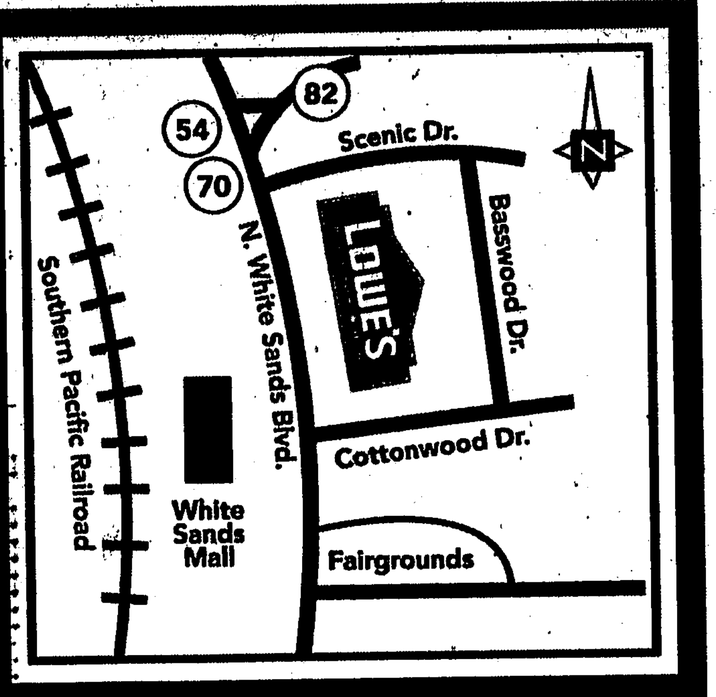

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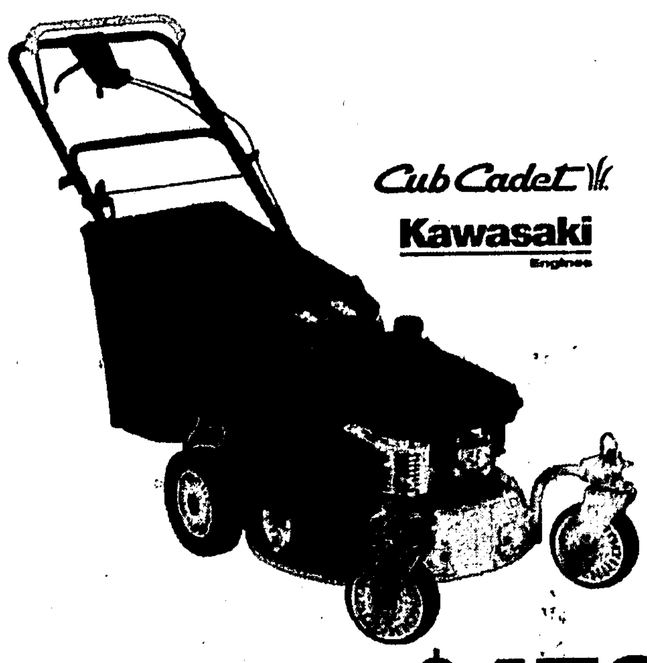

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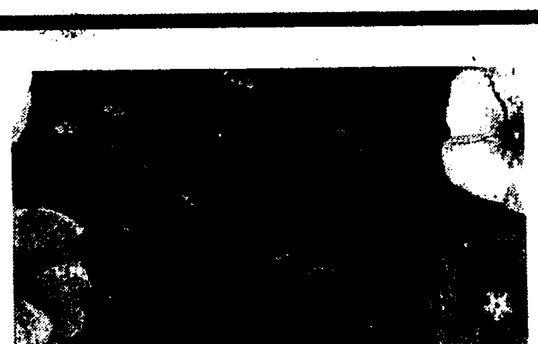

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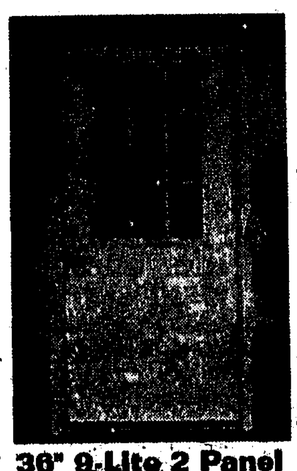

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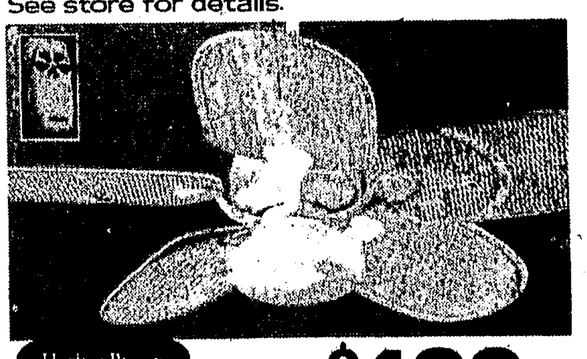

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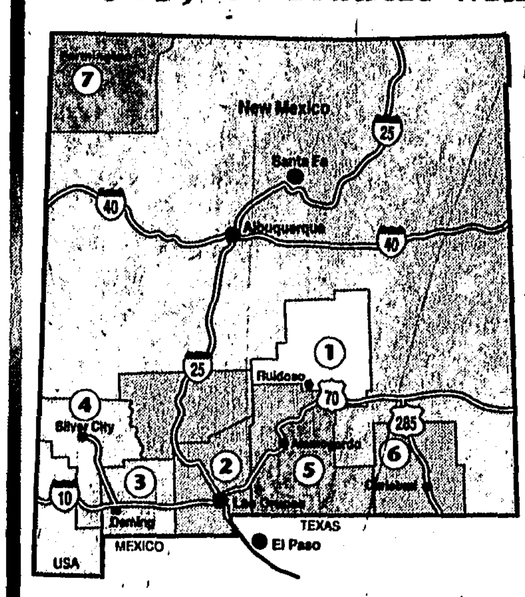

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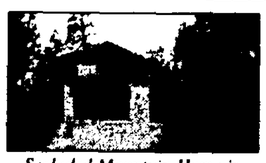

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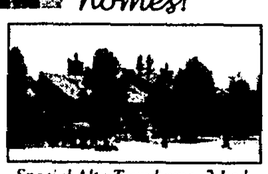

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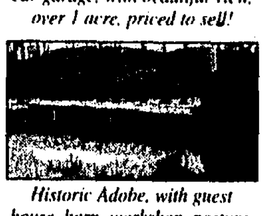

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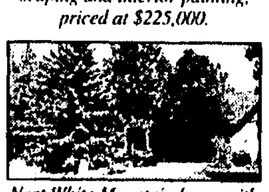

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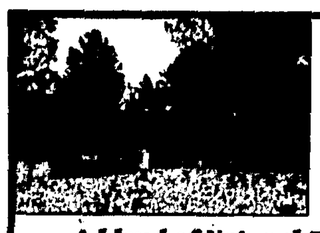

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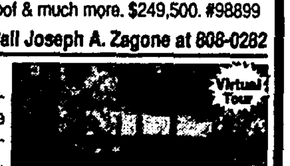

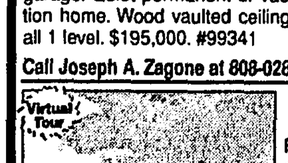

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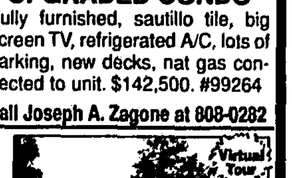

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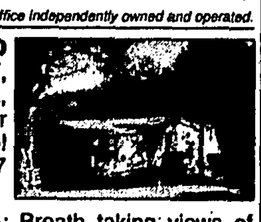

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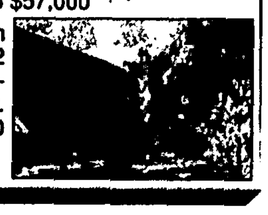

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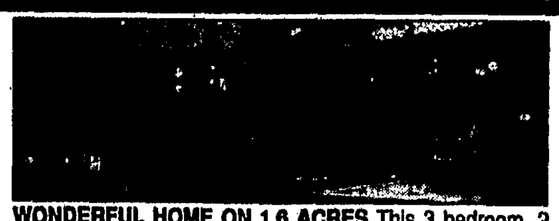

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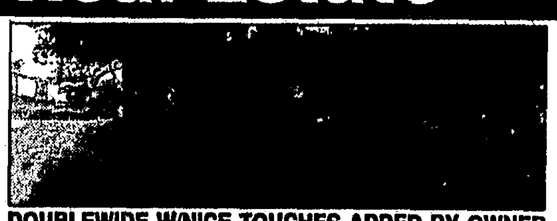

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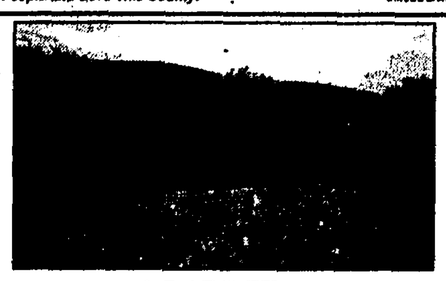

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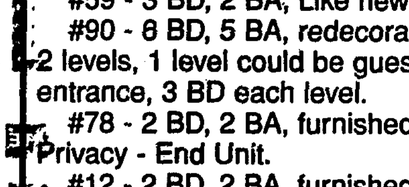

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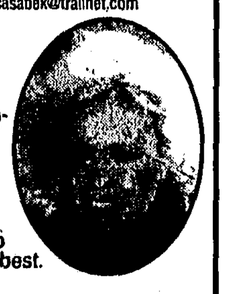

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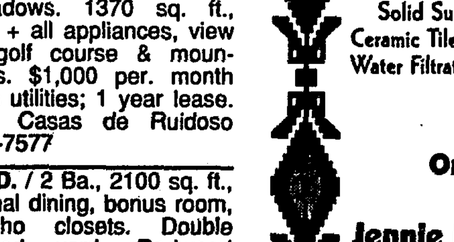

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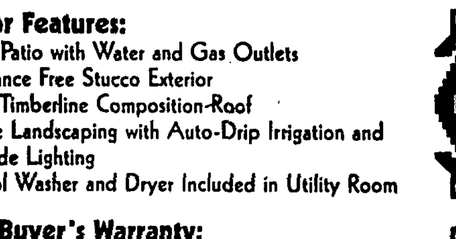

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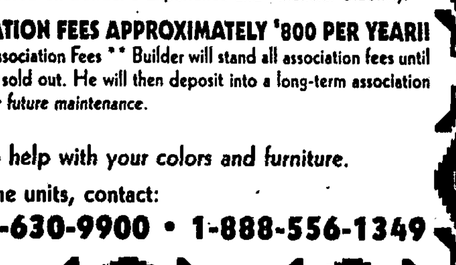

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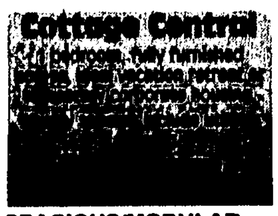

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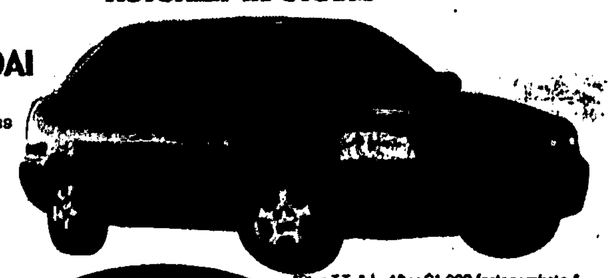

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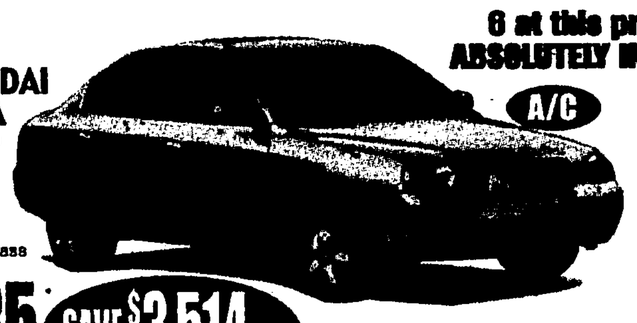

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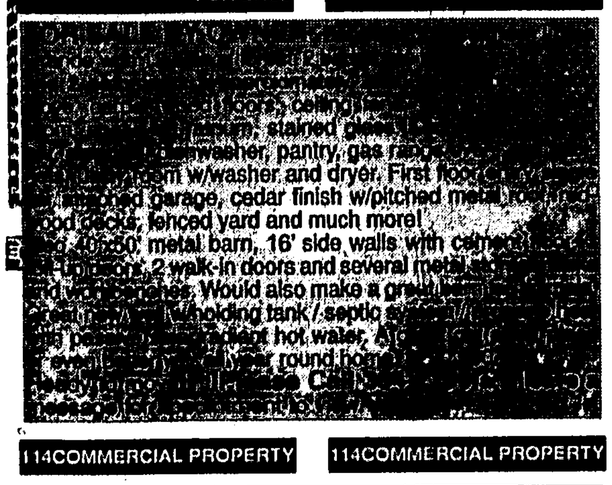

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State National Bank is seeking qualified candidates to perform the following:

Essential Duties:

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- Ensure compliance with bank security, operational procedures and with bank regulations and laws.

Occasional duties: May perform other similar or related duties as assigned.
Deadline: July 23, 2003 @ 5:00 p.m., or until filled.

Minimum qualifications:

- High school graduate or equivalent
- Banking/cash handling experience
- Knowledge of PC, related software and standard office equipment

Salary: ($7.50/hr. to $9.00/hr.) May be negotiable based on qualifications and experience.

To pick up an application, please visit the following location @:
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C/O Catrina Judd
2151 W. Highway 70
Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346

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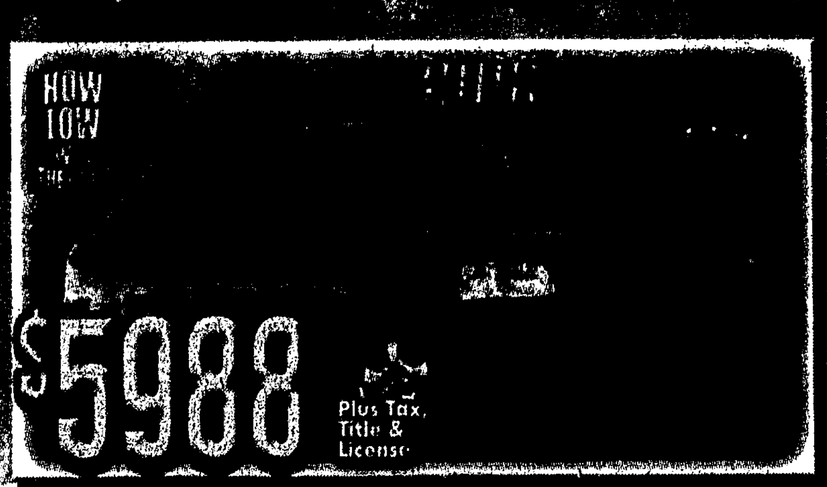

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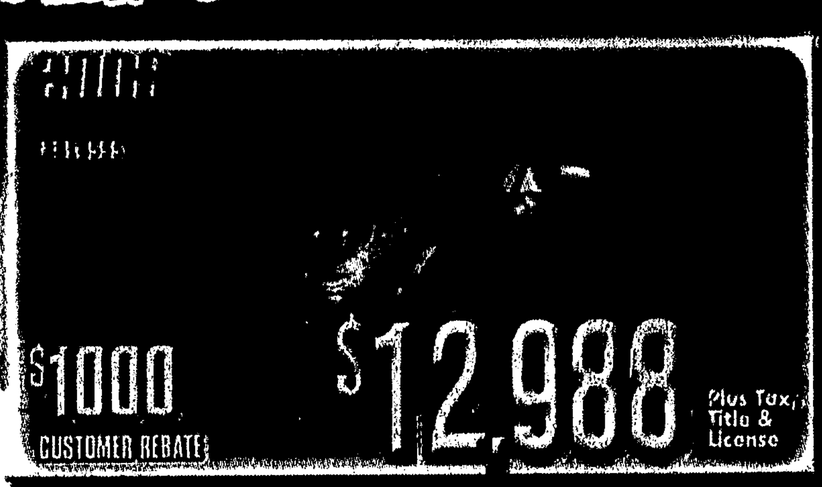

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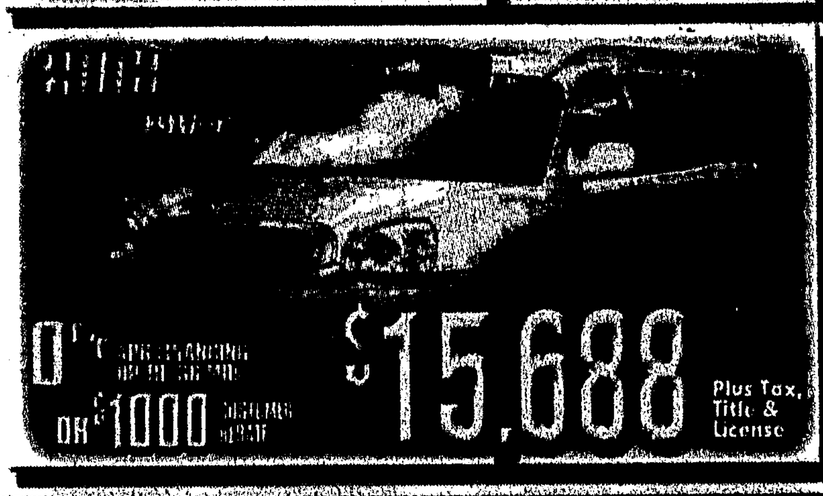

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SEEKING BABYSITTER for 2 year old in our home, approximately 20 hours week. References required. 257-8733

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STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

needed at the Ruidoso Care Center. Duties include nurse aide trainer and educator for employees at the facility. Applicant must be an RN or LPN, and have good communication and public speaking skills. Contact Human Resources at 257-9071 for detailed description of job duties, pay and benefits.

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IMMEDIATE OPENING for an experienced TIRE MAN with a NM CDL. Must be capable of repairing tires on pick-ups, trucks and equipment. Additional duties will be assisting maintenance department and various crews on the US 70 Hondo Valley job site. Apply at front office Sierra Blanca Constructors 2823 Ruidoso Hwy, (MP 286.7). Fax resume and references to 505-653-4629 or mail PO Box 350, Hondo, NM 88336. E.O.E

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RN's and LPN's needed for weekend shifts at the Ruidoso Care Center.

Contact Human Resources at 257-9071 for more information about pay and benefits.

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Weekend Cook

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Ruidoso Instruction Center
Ruidoso, New Mexico

Join our team of talented professionals at ENMU's Ruidoso Center!
Applications from talented professionals are being solicited for the following position:

Temporary, Part-time Clerical Pool

High school or equivalency is required and at least two years of clerical or related office experience, to include data entry and general office work.
College or vocational coursework in a related area may be substituted for up to two years of required experience.
Skill in the use of standard office equipment includes typewriter, multi-line telephone, calculator, computer hardware and software (word processing and data bases) Successful applicants must also demonstrate the ability to work with adults from nontraditional, multicultural backgrounds, must have excellent customer service, organizational, computer/internet skills. Bilingual skills (Spanish/English) are preferred. Applicant must be able to work a flexible schedule including daytime and some evenings if necessary and be able to work independently with minimal supervision.
Salary is $6.73 per hour (ENMU Grade 3)

Anticipated Start Date: As soon as possible
On-line at http://www.ruidoso. enmu.edu

Interested applicants should send a Letter of Application, a current resume and ENMU application form to:

Ms. Tracy Waters, Department Secretary
c/o ENMU - Ruidoso
709 Mechem Drive
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345
505.257.2120 tracy.waters@enmu.edu

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Ruidoso, New Mexico

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Evening Custodian/Security Escort

Successful applicants must be a high school or GED graduate, Custodial experience preferred but not required. Must be proficient in use of custodial and light maintenance tools and equipment.
Applicants should also possess excellent customer service, interpersonal communication skills. Successful applicant must have the ability to work evening hours with limited supervision.
Bilingual skills (Spanish/English) are also preferred but not required.
Beginning Salary is $8.56 per hour (ENMU Grade 6)
Fringe benefits include group medical, dental, and vision insurance. Part-time position (22 hours per week, 40 weeks per year).

Anticipated Start Date: Immediately

Interested applicants must provide a Completed University application. Applications accepted until Position filled.

For more information, contact
Dr. Jim Miller
(505) 257-2120 or 1 (800) 934-3668

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Successful applicant must be a high school or GED graduate. Custodial experience preferred but not required. Must be proficient in use of custodial and light maintenance tools and equipment. Applicants should also possess excellent customer service, interpersonal communication skills. Successful applicants must have the ability to work evening hours with limited supervision.
Bilingual skills (Spanish/English) are also strongly preferred but not required.
Beginning Salary is $8.59 per hour (ENMU Grade 4)

Interested applicants must provide a completed University application, letter of application and current resume.

Anticipated Start Date: As Needed

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Part-time Faculty Pool

The Ruidoso Center is seeking temporary, part-time instructors for the 2003 - 2004 academic year.
A minimum of a Master's degree in the teaching field is generally required.
Outstanding experience in the teaching field, business or industry may be substituted for advanced degrees. Other required skills include the ability to work with nontraditional and minority students; computer and Internet literacy; ability to also work outside of Ruidoso in the Lincoln/Otero County area.
Bilingual skills (Spanish/English) preferred but not required.
Salary is $635 per credit hour.

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

Dr. Jim Miller, Dean
jim.miller@enmu.edu
Ruidoso Center of ENMU
709 Mechem Drive
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345
(505) 257-2120 (voice) (505) 257-9409 (fax)
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MSRP $15,594
Customer Rebate.....$2,000†
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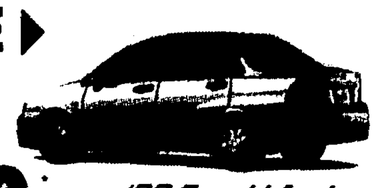

'03 Suzuki Aerio GS Sedan Stk.#M231786

'03 Suzuki Vitara Stk.#M231913

- In-Dash CD
- Power Wind.

MSRP $17,319
Customer Rebate.....$2,000†
Crawford Discount.....$2,331
$12,988 OR $228 PER MO. INCLUDES TT&L
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- In-Dash CD • Power Wind. & Locks
- Alloy Wheels • Burled Wood Dash
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Crawford Discount.....$1,810
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Crawford Discount.....$2,182
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Stk.#R231633

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- Remote Keyless Entry • Roof Rails

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Customer Rebate.....$2,000†
Crawford Discount.....$1,842
$20,988 OR $367 PER MO. INCLUDES TT&L

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Stk.#R231628

- CD • Automatic • Heated Seats
- Remote Keyless Entry

MSRP $24,689
Customer Rebate.....$1,250†
Crawford Discount.....$1,751
$21,688 OR $379 PER MO. INCLUDES TT&L
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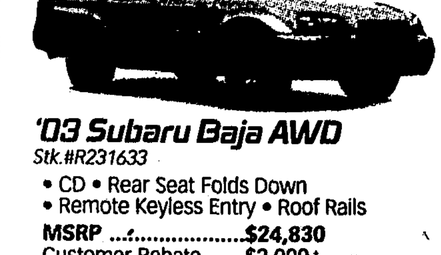

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'01 Ford Escort 4dr SE Used Stk#D0025
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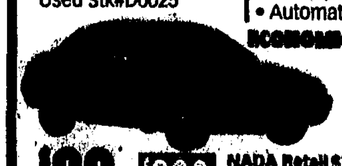

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NADA Retail $7,650
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- V6 Power
- Pwr. Equipped
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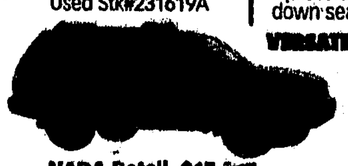

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'03 Chevy Venture Van Extended Used Stk#D0038
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- Dual Sliding Doors
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GREAT PRICE

'01 Volvo S40 4 Door Turbo Used Stk#0019A
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- Auto Climate Control
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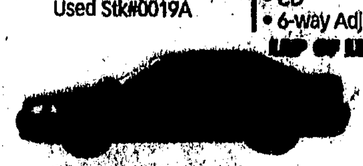

NADA Retail $17,450
SALE PRICE... $14,925
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'99 Toyota Camry LE Used Stk#231763A
- Pwr. Equipped
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- Cruise

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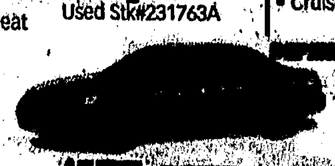

$177 PER MO. INCLUDES TT&L $800 DOWN
NADA Retail $10,550
SALE PRICE... $9,375
*60 mos. of $177 (includes TT&L) at 5.5% APR with $800 down, OAC. Cash price $9,375 plus TT&L. Art for illustration only.

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Minimum qualifications:

1.CDA certification in Early Childhood Education or an Associate Degree in related field desired.
2.Successful experience working with preschool age children.
3.Strong written, verbal, and interpersonal skills.
4. Demonstrates dependability, cooperation, loyalty and responsible behavior and attitudes.
5.Demonstrates a willingness to work in a cooperative working environment in a team setting with another teacher.
Only fully qualified individuals need inquire. Application deadline is July 28, 2003. For complete job description and application. Call Teresa Barnett & Fred Romero, 257-2368. REC IX is an equal opportunity employer.

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RECEPTIONIST NEEDED for busy office. Must have execellent communication skills and work well with public, knowledge of Windows operating systems. Send resumes to P.O. Box 2335, Ruidoso, NM 88355, by July 20.

$300 Sign on Bonus
For currently certified CNA's.
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RUIDOSO
PLANNING DIRECTOR
Salary (Depending on Qualifications). Excellent benefit package included (vacation, sick, retirement & Insurance). Applications accepted until 4:00 p.m. Friday, August 1, 2003. Complete job description and applications at the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345. Phone 258-4343 or 1-877-700-4343. Fax 258-5848. *"Drug Free Workplace"* EEOE

Zia Natural Gas Company is Looking for a responsible, dependable individual for full time employment as a System Operator. Pay DOE - Excellent benefits. [illegible] license required. You may pick up an application or drop off your resume at: 707 Short Drive, Ruidoso Downs. No phone calls, please. EOE

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Redwood Decks - Remodeling
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Lic. #56319 258-5198 Ruidoso, N.M.

FURNITURE UPHOLSTERY, motorcycle, window seats, beauty salon chairs, general construction work, deck, metal roof. Call Bill 257-2544

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272 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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452 YARD & GARAGE SALES

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GARAGE SALE Saturday 9 to 2 Sunday 10 to 2. No early birds! Clothes, toys, furniture, etc. 113 Pine Lodge.

GARAGE SALE- 110 Rim Rd. Saturday, July 19th, 8am to 2pm. Light fixtures, doors, sinks, cabinets, tools, work bench, lots of misc.

GARAGE SALE- 605 White Mountain Meadows Dr., Saturday July 19th, 8am. Household items, clothing, & misc.

GARAGE SALE- Sat. July 19th, 8-3. 414 Barcus Rd. Household items etc.

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Fri. & Sat. 8-noon, Angus Nazarene Church. Hwy. 37 & 48, Tons of household items, clothes, furniture, collectables.

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MOVING SALE- Saturday 19th, 8:00-5:00pm. 201 Rio Arriba

MOVING SALE- Saturday July 19th, 8am. 306 Tenth St. Lots of great stuff. Arts and crafts supplies, household items, classical LPs. No Early Birds.

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YARD SALE Saturday July 19th 7:30am. 303 W. 2nd St. Capitan

YARD SALE- Saturday Only! July 19th. 7:00am-1:00pm. 332 Walnut, (behind Ruidoso middle school.)

452 YARD & GARAGE SALES

YARD SALE! follow the yellow smiling balloons from Mechem. 203 Hemlock Circle. Friday, Saturday, Sunday. 20 Gallon Aquarium.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR SEALED PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL OFFICE SPACE RFP NO. OS03075

The Region VI Housing Authority is requesting sealed proposals from commercial property owners to provide the following:

* Minimum 4,000-4,500 square feet to include reception area, file area, and kitchen area
* Minimum 16 offices
* Handicapped accessible
* Parking for employees and clients
* Computer network and phone lines
* Daily janitorial service
* Security
* Conference room
* Private restroom

RFP No. OS03075 Deadline: Friday, August 1, 2003, 3:00 p.m. Any proposals received after the deadline will be returned unopened. Proposals must be sealed and the vendor/proposer name including the RFP number and description must be referenced on the outside of the envelope, i.e. **"VENDOR NAME & ADDRESS; SEALED PROPOSAL RFP No. OS03075---Professional Office Space."**

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 Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for bribe, gratuities, and kickbacks.

RFP No. OS03075 for Professional Office Space including Scope of Services may be obtained from Region VI Housing Authority upon request in person, via fax or e-mail.

Please submit request to:
Leslie K. Jansson
Region VI Housing Authority
P.O. Drawer 2057
226 N. Main St., Suite 301
Roswell, NM 88202-2057
Phone: 505-622-0881
Fax: 505-622-2013
E-mail: rha.leslie@dfn.com

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LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the City of Ruidoso Downs conducted a Public Hearing during their regular scheduled meeting held on Thursday, July 10, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall Hubbard Room, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs and adopted the following Ordinance.
ORDINANCE 2003-01
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING "ORDINANCE 2002-02, DATED MAY 26, 2002" CHAPTER 5 MUNICIPAL JUDGE – MUNICIPAL COURT, ARTICLE 3 PROBATION, SUSPENSION OF SENTENCE SECTION 8 MANDATORY FEES COLLECTION UPON CONVICTION AND ENACTING NEW SECTIONS TO THE CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS CODE OF ORDINANCES.
Copies of Ordinance 2003-01 are on file in the office of the City Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Witness my hand and the seal of the City of Ruidoso Downs this 11th day of July 2003

/s/ Carol Virden, CMC
City Clerk

#5665 1T (7)18

LEGAL NOTICE

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ORDINANCE 2003-02
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING "CHAPTER 6 MORALS, CONDUCT AND CRIMINAL CODE ON GENERAL OFFENSES ARTICLE 9 ANIMAL CONTROL SECTION 2 TITLED VACCINATION" OF THE CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS CODE OF ORDINANCES.
Copies of Ordinance 2003-02 are on file in the office of the City Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Witness my hand and the seal of the City of Ruidoso Downs this 11th day of July 2003

/s/ Carol Virden, CMC
City Clerk

#5673 (1)T (7)18

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and the Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum shall hold a Public Hearing beginning at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, August 19, 2003, at the Lincoln County Courthouse (Commission Chambers), 300 Central Avenue, in Carrizozo, New Mexico, to consider the best disposition of the historic Rio Hondo, Picacho, "Green Bridge" in Lincoln County. This bridge is on the state register of cultural properties.

The meeting shall solicit, under 4.10.4 NMAC regulation, public input to proposed alternatives to use of the bridge, and consider the movement of the bridge to the Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Written comments shall be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, PO Box 711, Carrizozo, NM 88301 up to 15 additional days after the hearing.

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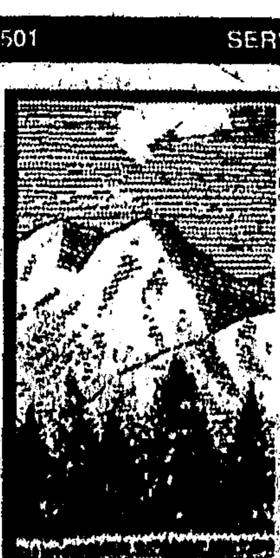

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LEGAL NOTICE

CALL FOR BIDS II

The Ruidoso Board of Education wished to receive bids for Information Systems Management and Support Services for the Ruidoso Municipal School District. Specifications are available at the office of the Superintendent, Dr. Gail Wickstrom, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, NM 88345 or by phone (505-257-4051).

Bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent by 12:00 noon on Monday, August 11, 2003. BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND MARKED "BID" FOR INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT and SUPPORT SERVICES". Bids will be opened and reviewed at 1:00PM, in the superintendent's office on Monday, August 11, 2003, in presence of superintendent and 2 witnesses. A recommendation will be made to the Board at the next regular school board meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 12, 2003, 7:00PM at the Central Administration Office, Board Room.

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

/s/ Gail Wickstrom, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Ruidoso Municipal Schools

To Place Your Legal Notice, Call Valerie 257-4001

686 LEGAL NOTICES

#5669 (2)T (7)18,23

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP NO. 2003-04

Notice is hereby given that qualification-based competitive sealed proposals for design professional services will be received by the Contracting Agency, Town of Carrizozo for RFP No. 2003-04. The Contracting Agency is requesting proposals for professional engineering services for the improvements of the Carrizozo Waste water Treatment Plant including update of the Preliminary Engineering Report, preliminary and final design, discharge permit, project administration, plant start-up, and related activities for construction. Proposals will be received at the Town of Carrizozo, City Hall, New Mexico, until 4:00PM on August 4, 2003. Copies of the Request for Proposals can be obtained in person at the office of the Town of Carrizozo located at 105 6th Street, Carrizozo, NM 88301 or will be mailed upon written or telephone request to Leann Welhbrecht, CMC at (505)648-2371. The Board of Trustees reserve the right to reject any and/or all proposals.

/s/Leann Welhbrecht, CMC Town Clerk/Treasurer Town of Carrizozo

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LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

686 LEGAL NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the City of Ruidoso Downs conducted a Public Hearing during their regular scheduled meeting held on Thursday, July 10, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall Hubbard Room, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs and adopted the following Ordinance.
ORDINANCE 2003-03
ZIA NATURAL GAS COMPANY FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO ZIA NATURAL GAS COMPANY, A DIVISION OF NATURAL GAS PROCESSING CO., A WYOMING CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A FRANCHISE IN THE CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS, COUNTY OF LINCOLN, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS NOW OR HEREAFTER CONSTITUTED, TO USE THE STREETS, HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND PUBLIC GROUNDS OF SAID CITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, OPERATING, AND MAINTAINING A NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, FOR A PERIOD OF FIFTEEN (15) YEARS, AND PRESCRIBING TERMS AND CONDITIONS HEREIN CONTAINED.
Copies of Ordinance 2003-03 are on file in the office of the City Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Witness my hand and the seal of the City of Ruidoso Downs this 11th day of July 2003

/s/Carol Virden, CMC
City Clerk

686 LEGAL NOTICES

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LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS

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ORDINANCE 2003-04
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING "CHAPTER 4 DEPARTMENTS ARTICLE 7 HEALTH AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT, SECTION 16 TITLED "MONTHLY RATES" OF THE CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS CODE OF ORDINANCES.
Copies of Ordinance 2003-04 are on file in the office of the City Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Witness my hand and the seal of the City of Ruidoso Downs this 11th day of July 2003

/s/ Carol Virden, CMC
City Clerk

#5670 4T (7)18,23,25,30

LEGAL NOTICE

SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CLINIC HEALTH CARE PROVIDER REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Needed Services: Provision of health care providers for services for two school based health clinics (Ruidoso High School/Ruidoso Middle School). Contractor must provide, as specified:

1. Direct health care services as described in School Based Health Clinic Standards; 2. All licenses, waivers, certifications, and supervision for those services described in the School Based Health Clinic Standards; and 3. Contractor must maintain, and present documentation of all required professional insurance. Contract Qualifications: Contractor must meet all licensure/certification requirements as established by the State of New Mexico, and appropriate boards of licensure, and must present proof of such licensure/certification. Contract Length: Services will be provided for the 2003-2004 school year and will be aligned with the Ruidoso Schools' calendar. Services will commence on August 25, 2003, or as soon as possible thereafter. Contract Amount: Contractor must submit complete compensation requirements in proposal, gross receipts tax, other taxes and fees, and will list hourly rates and reimbursable expenses separately. Proposal Submission: Contractor must address all contract specifications in his/her proposal submission. All proposals must be received no later than 4:00 p.m., Monday, August 11, 2003 at:

Region IX Education Cooperative
1400 Sudderth
Ruidoso, NM 88345

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LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to 3-21-1 et seq. NMSA 1978 Comp., NOTICE is hereby given that the Extra Territorial Zoning Commission of the County of Lincoln will hold a Regular scheduled Meeting for a public hearing on August 18, 2003 at 6:30 p.m., Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadow Drive in the Village of Ruidoso. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider ETPSD03-003 Amended Site Development and ETPCU03-002, Conditional Use of co-location on a cellular communication tower on a Tract of land in NW/4, NW/4, SW/4 of Section 27, T 11 S, R 13 E. Files mentioned are available for viewing at the Planning Department at Village Hall between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Ruidoso, NM By order of the Extra Territorial Zoning Commission Village of Ruidoso, N.M.

/s/Tim Vega
Planning Department

#5672 1T (7)18

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to 3-21-1 et seq. NMSA 1978 Comp., NOTICE is hereby given that the Extra Territorial Zoning Authority of the County of Lincoln will hold a "Special" Meeting for a public hearing on August 4, 2003 at 6:30 p.m., Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadow Drive in the Village of Ruidoso. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider ETZA03-001 Zone Map Amendment on a Tract of land in NE/4, of Section 9, T 11 S, R 13 E, Alpine Village Homesites. Files mentioned are available for viewing at the Planning Department at Village Hall between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Ruidoso, NM By order of the Extra Territorial Zoning Authority Village of Ruidoso, N.M.

/s/Tim Vega
Planning Department

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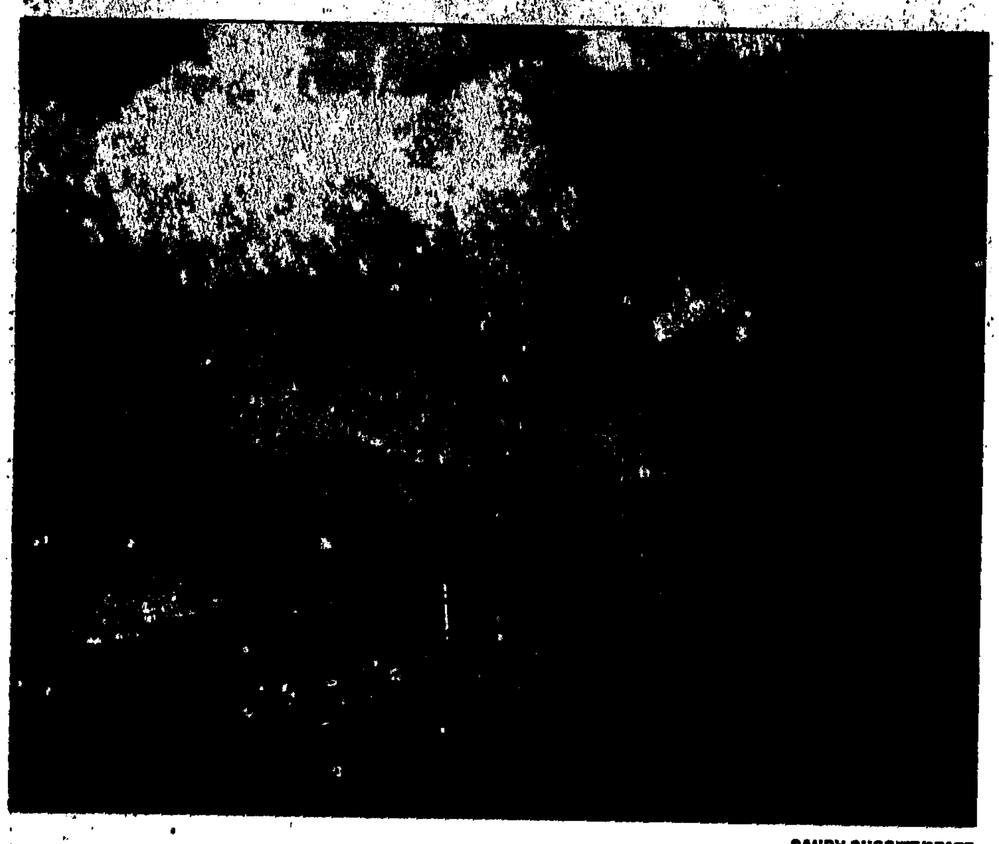

SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Former Ruidosoan and artist Tom Darrah focuses on New Mexico missions and landscapes, like the farmland in Socorro above.

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Impressionist painter Tom Darrah will be back in Ruidoso with all new paintings this weekend for a one man show at The Adobe, 2905 Sudderth Drive.

He will be at the artist's reception from 5-8 p.m. today that kicks off the show, which will run through Sunday during regular gallery hours, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and he will appear sporadically Saturday and Sunday. The show has been advertised nationally, so quite a crowd is expected.

In 2000, Darrah moved his Cloudcroft Red Oak Gallery to Ruidoso and began to work more on portrait painting, but since moving to La Luz and a studio in El Paso, Texas, he has focused on mission paintings and New Mexico landscapes, he said, and the show at The Adobe will consist mostly of these.

He also creates "drawings," which are actually 4-foot by 5-foot acrylic paintings on paper.

"Some are flowers, some are things I do from life. It's kind of my thing that I really enjoy doing," Darrah said. "They're not really realistic paintings, in that you sit down and do what is in front of you," he said. "I actually move things around an awful lot and they have an impressionist look to them."

"I'll be bringing about 20 pieces that haven't shown there before: mostly missions, as least two or three of Sierra Blanca and four from Mexico."

Darrah had quite an adventure painting in San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, Mexico: Someone "kidnapped" his paints and brushes. He ran a radio ad offering a reward, resulting in "some negotiations. Then I had to offer another reward, we settled on a price and they returned my paintings and paint box."

Because he was "blown away by the cathedrals down there," some sketches and two studio paintings of cathedrals from Mexico will be in the one man show.

Also in the exhibit will be at least two large figurative drawings, scenes from El Paso, old buildings, missions and a Tularosa church.

Darrah's early art training came from attending the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia, Pa., and several other art schools. He also studied with Herman Rose of the Art Students League of New York at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, and studied with landscapist Wilson Hurley.

Darrah worked out of his Cloudcroft studio for more than 20 years, producing landscapes and scenes from working ranches in West Texas. In the 1990s, he painted a series of contemporary works for an exhibition at New Mexico State University and a set of four military scenes for the New Mexico Arts Commission. Moving to Ruidoso in 2000, he began to focus more on portrait painting, and more recently the

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Ruidoso Art Festival 2003

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COURTESY RITA HADLEY

Rita Hadley, Ruidoso Downs — bronze.

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Artists and volunteers are gearing up for the annual Ruidoso Art Festival next weekend — which brings in 7,000 to 8,000 visitors for the 2 1/2-day art saturation at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Listed by the Harris Poll as one of the top arts festivals in the United States, last year *Sunshine Magazine* rated it as one of the top arts festivals in the Southwest, by the votes of artists.

An informal poll of artists found that the Ruidoso Art Festival is one of their favorites because of the way organizers "coddle" their artists.

Denise Dean, who's been working with this festival since 1995, said the artists spread the word about the quality of the show and the "all the personal things we do for the artist (that) make this an incredible show. We don't advertise much," she said.

Now in its 32nd year, the art festival includes 115 of fine artists from all over the country involved in 11 categories of arts and crafts:

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Shaving companies work hard to stay on cutting edge

Dave Barry
DAVE'S WORLD
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Attention, consumers with bodily hair: The razor industry has news for you! You will never in a million years guess what this news is, unless your IQ is higher than zero, in which case you're already thinking: "Not another blade! Don't tell me they're adding ANOTHER BLADE!!"

Shut up! Don't spoil the surprise for everybody else!

Before I tell you the news, let's put it in historical context by reviewing: THE HISTORY OF SHAVING. Human beings are one of only two species of animals that shave themselves (the other one is salamanders). The Internet tells us that humans have been shaving since the Stone Age. Of course, the Internet also tells us that hot naked women want to befriend us, so we can't be 100 percent sure about everything we read there.

But assuming that www.quikshave.com/timeline.htm is telling the truth, Neanderthal Man used to pluck his facial hairs "using two seashells as tweezers." No doubt Neanderthal Woman found this very attractive. "You smell like a clam," were probably her exact words. It was during this era that the headache was invented.

By 30,000 B.C., primitive man was shaving with blades made from flint, which is a rock, so you had a lot of guys whose faces were basically big oozing scabs. The next shaving breakthrough came when the ancient Egyptians figured out how to make razors from sharp metal, which meant that, for the first time, the man who wanted to be well-groomed could, without any assistance or special training, cut an ear completely off.

This was pretty much the situation until the late 19th century, at about 2:30 p.m., when the safety razor was invented. This introduced a wonderful era known to historians as "The Golden Age of Not Having Razor Companies Introduce Some Ludicrously Unnecessary New Shaving Technology Every Ten Damn Minutes."

I, personally grew up during this era. I got my first razor when I was 15, and I used it to shave my "beard," which consisted of a lone chin hair approximately one electron in diameter. (I was a "late bloomer" who did not fully experience puberty until many of my classmates, including females, were bald.) My beard would poke its wispy head out of its follicle every week or so, and I, feeling manly, would smother it under 14 cubic feet of shaving cream and lop it off with my razor. Then I would stand in front of the bathroom mirror, waiting for it to grow again. Mine was a lonely adolescence.

The razors of that era had one blade, and they worked fine; ask any older person who is not actively drooling. But then, in 1971, a very bad thing happened: Gillette, looking for a way to enhance the shaving experience (by which I mean "charge more") came out with a razor that had TWO blades. This touched off a nuclear arms race among razor companies, vying to outdo each other by adding "high-tech" features that made the product more expensive, but not necessarily better. This tactic is called "sneakerization," in honor of the sneaker industry, which now has people paying upwards of $200 a pair for increasingly weird-looking footwear boasting the durability of thinly sliced Velveeta.

Soon everybody was selling two-blade razors. So the marketing people put on their thinking caps, and, in an astounding burst of creativity, came up with the breakthrough concept of: THREE BLADES. Gillette, which is on the cutting edge (harl) of razor sneakerization, currently has a top-of-the-line three-blade razor – excuse me, I mean "shaving system" – called the "Mach3Turbo," which, according to the Gillette Web site (www.Gillette.com) has more technology than a nuclear submarine, including "open cartridge architecture" and an "ergonomic handle" featuring "knurled elastomeric crescents." That's right: It has elastomeric crescents, and they have been knurled! By knurlers! No, I don't know what this means. But it sure sounds technological.

Which brings us to today's exciting news, which was brought to my attention by alert reader Jake Hamer. Gillette's arch-rival, Schick (maker of the Xtreme 3 shaving system) has announced that it's coming out with a new razor that has – prepare to be floored by innovativeness – FOUR BLADES. Yes! It will be called the "Quattro," which is Italian for "more expensive."

Of course it will not end there. I bet an urgent memo has already gone out in Gillette's marketing department. "Hold some focus groups immediately!" it says. "Find out what number comes after four!"

Yes, the razor-technology race shows no signs of slowing. And who knows what lies ahead? Razors with 10 blades? Twenty blades? A thousand blades? Razors that go backward in time and shave your ancestors? Exciting times lie ahead, shaving consumer!

I'm getting a set of seashells.

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

On the loop

Artists opened their studios to the public all over Lincoln County last weekend as part of Art Loop 2003. From pottery to paintings, sculpture to jewelry, visitors got a look at the works of 16 of the county's most creative minds.

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Kim vonHedemann of Cloudcroft seems intrigued by the crazy cat greeter created by Todd Shelby at the entry of Animalia Pottery in Capitan.

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

During the Lincoln County Art Loop last weekend, Karla Organist of Carrizozo examines one of the new quilts created by Karen Pritchett, a potter and half of the Animalia Pottery operation in Capitan.

SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Darrah's impressionistic works often feature churches and missions, such as San Miguel de Allende, above.

SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Darrah found the above church in Clint, Texas. He and his works will be featured at a one-man show at The Adobe in Ruidoso.

DARRAH: One-man art show set for this weekend

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missions and churches that will be exhibited at The Adobe.

His paintings were exhibited at the Hal Marcus Gallery's "El Paso Impressionists" and the "Downtown El Paso: Plein Aire" shows, and the Haley Invitational Show in Midland, Texas, this year and last year. Darrah's painting "Socorro Mission Christmas Eve" was the cover illustration for the *El Paso Scene* in December 2003 and the El Paso Community Foundation Annual Report. The El Paso Community Foundation sponsored a one man show for him in 2000 at the Cortez Hotel in El Paso. In 1995 he painted a mural for the Cloudcroft Community Center, and in 1989 was featured in a one man show at the Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center.

Darrah sketches and begins his paintings at the scene, but likes to return to the studio to personalize his impressions.

"Even the largest ones are started plein aire, like the Tularosa church (36 inches by 48 inches), I take a canvas and go over, and what happens in the studio is something else and it evolves into me — and that is what I'm after. I'm trying to find something — whatever 'me' is."

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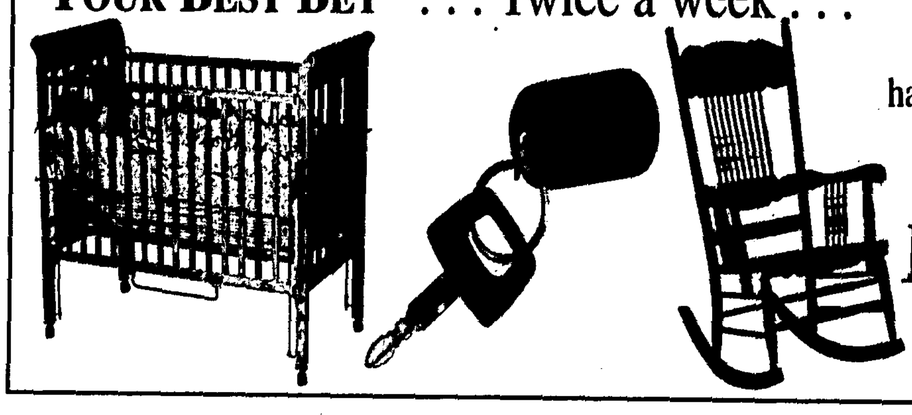

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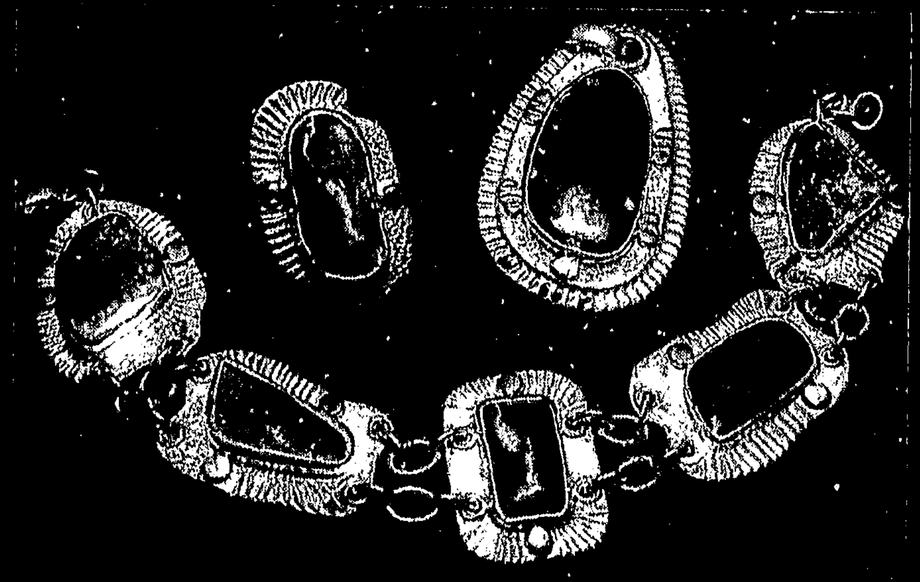

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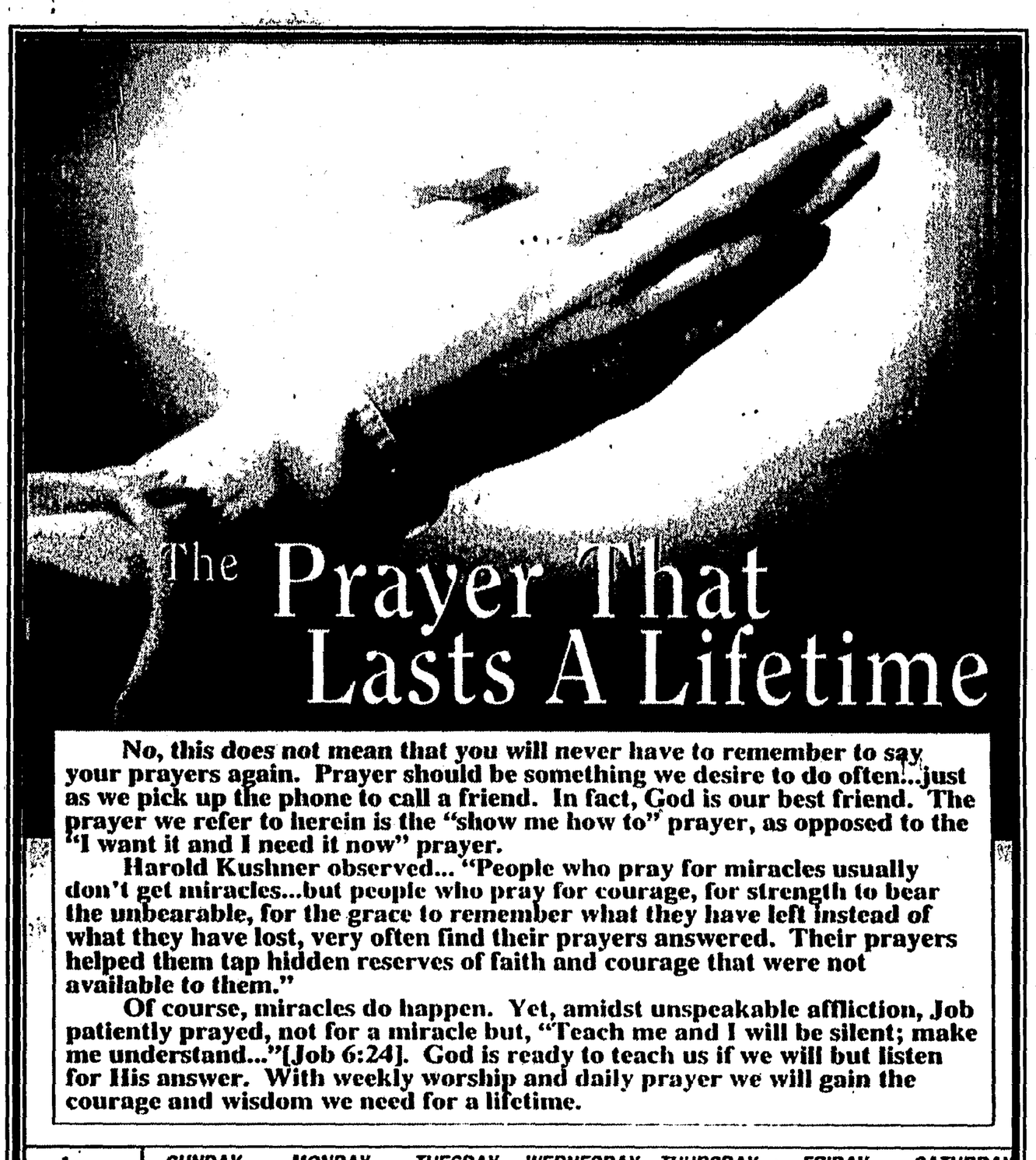

The Prayer That Lasts A Lifetime

No, this does not mean that you will never have to remember to say your prayers again. Prayer should be something we desire to do often...just as we pick up the phone to call a friend. In fact, God is our best friend. The prayer we refer to herein is the "show me how to" prayer, as opposed to the "I want it and I need it now" prayer.

Harold Kushner observed... "People who pray for miracles usually don't get miracles...but people who pray for courage, for strength to bear the unbearable, for the grace to remember what they have left instead of what they have lost, very often find their prayers answered. Their prayers helped them tap hidden reserves of faith and courage that were not available to them."

Of course, miracles do happen. Yet, amidst unspeakable affliction, Job patiently prayed, not for a miracle but, "Teach me and I will be silent; make me understand..."[Job 6:24]. God is ready to teach us if we will but listen for His answer. With weekly worship and daily prayer we will gain the courage and wisdom we need for a lifetime.

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Trinity Southern Baptist Church (south on Highway 48) Mt. Capitan Rd. 354-2044. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Worship: 11 a.m.; AWANA-Sunday 4-6 p.m.

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Independent-Fundamental. Pastor - W.G. Carter. Sunday School-10 AM, Sunday Worship - 11 AM& 6 PM. Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 7:15 PM (Next to BBQ Place on Hwy 380) Capitan, NM (505) 378-6134

CATHOLIC

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Capitan, 354-9102. Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.; Monday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Capitan – Highway 48. Les Eatwood, Minister. Sunday Bible study: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

EPISCOPAL

Episcopal Chapel of San Juan in Lincoln – Sunday: Holy Eucharist - 10:30 a.m.

FOURSQUARE

Capitan Foursquare Church Highway 48, Capitan. Harold W. Perry, Pastor. Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

METHODIST

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

NAZARENE

Angus Church of the Nazarene Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Ron Rodes Pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Tuesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Worship, 6:30 p.m.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Christ Community Fellowship Capitan, Highway 380 West, 354-2458. Ed Vinson, Pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.

QUAKER WORSHIP GROUP - Lincoln, Religious Society of Friends, silent meeting. Old Lincoln Church, Lincoln, 10 am. 505*653*4951

CARRIZOZO CHURCHES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

BAPTIST

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

CATHOLIC

Santa Rita Catholic Church
648-2853. Father Dave Betgs, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 11 a.m.; Tuesday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Perry Zumwalt, minister. Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM. Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11:00 am; Evening Worship 1:15 pm; Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm.

EPISCOPAL

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

METHODIST

United Methodist Church Parish
Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846, Carrizozo, Johanna Anderson, pastor. Sunday school 10:00 a.m.; Sunday worship 11:00 a.m.Choir Practice (Tues.) 6:30 pm; United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wed. 1:00 pm; Fellowship Dinner 4th Sun. of month 12:30 pm.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

Carrizo Christian Fellowship Leonard Kanesewah III, Pastor. 56 White Mt. Dr., 3 mi. W. of Inn of the Mountain Gods Mescalero. Sundays 10:30 & 6:30, Wed. 6:30 378-1789

Human needs are more important than minnows

Clary-fications
BY CHARLES CLARY, RUIDOSO PASTOR

The pine bark beetle, the silvery minnow, the spotted owl, the musk thistle, and the evergreen mistletoe...these names bring to our minds various responses, from "protect them" to "get rid of them." Some of these, we want to go the way of the Dodo bird. Others we want to preserve at all cost. And emotions can run pretty high with the conflict of the various opinions on keeping or getting rid of some plant and animal species.

To some folks the "keeping and protecting" or the "getting rid of" species is based on a purely financial basis. I think about the whales, some fish species, and the passenger pigeon, that for financial gain have been hunted and killed to near or total extinction. To other folks the "keeping and protecting" or the "getting rid of" species is motivated by a "we must take care of those who are exploited and can't defend themselves" attitude.

I believe that it behooves us to take a look at history and learn from the past as to how to take care of things in the present so that there will be a future. Gibbon says that if we don't learn from history, we are doomed to repeat it and its mistakes. So let's go back to the beginning. The earliest and oldest record we have is the Bible.

God gave man a stewardship to take care of the creation, to subdue it, and to rule over the creatures. Of course, these responsibilities are subject to interpretation. Eventually, the vegetable kingdom and the animal kingdom were given to man for food. Then, there were some restrictions given with regard to some species about using them for food. It seems as though God has always been in the conservation business and yet it seems as though He has allowed the passage of some species. The rocks give us a record of the passage of plant and animal species that no longer exist.

It seems to me that the creation is dynamic and all things are in a continual state of flux. It just may be that the time has come for the silvery minnow to pass from the scene. After all, it is not the silvery minnow that is God or made in His image. It is man. And men and their needs are more important than those of a minnow.

We really need help for today so that we will have hope for the future. Remember, Jesus died for man not the minnow, to give us help for today and hope for tomorrow.

Feelings of guilt may have real basis

Billy Graham
MY ANSWER
TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

QUESTION: I think it's wrong for preachers to make people feel guilty all the time. You might not agree with the way some people live, but that doesn't make their behavior wrong, in my opinion. We need to eliminate our guilt feelings in order to be mentally healthy, not stir them up. – M.M.

ANSWER: Let me ask you a question: Have you ever considered the possibility that the reason we feel guilty — is because we actually are guilty?

You see, what you are really saying is that there is no such thing as right and wrong. But have you examined that idea? Do you honestly think it's not wrong for someone to abuse a child, or turn their back on a starving person, or be filled with prejudice or hate? No, I think you'd probably agree that those things are wrong. But if they are, why shouldn't someone who commits them feel guilty for the wrongs they have done?

God knows that when we ignore His standards of right and wrong, we only hurt ourselves. But He loves us, and He doesn't want us to go through life this way. That is why He has told us what is right and wrong. The Bible says, "Keep his decrees and commands... so that it may go well with you and your children" (Deuteronomy 4:40).

Just as pain alerts us to physical danger, so feelings of guilt alert us to moral and spiritual danger. I pray you won't turn your back on these feelings — because they are telling you that you need God. But Christ came to take away your sin and your guilt — and He will, as you open your heart to Him. Why turn your back on Him?

Send your queries to "My Answer," c/o Billy Graham, P.O. Box 1270, Charlotte, N.C., 28201; call 1-(877) 2-GRAHAM, or visit the Web site for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association: www.billygraham.org.

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Church to hold Bible school

Calvary Chapel will be hosting a Vacation Bible School, ages 3-12, Monday, July 21, through Friday, July 25, 9 to 10:30 a.m.

We will be teaching the kids Bible songs and scriptures. We will also be making some very cool crafts that will remind the children of how much God loves us. They will learn that He is personally interested in each of our lives.

Please join us for a lasting lesson on the person of Jesus at 127 Vision Drive in Ruidoso (next door to the cable company.

Call 257-2328 or 257-5919 for more information.

NOTABLE NEW MEXICANS

John "Blackjack" Pershing - general

Pope [Po-png, or Pumpkin Mountain] (? -1688?) - a leader of the Pueblo revolt of 1680 that drove out the Spaniards and kept them from Indian land for 12 years; a forceful leader, he tried to remove all traces of Spanish influence from Pueblo life.

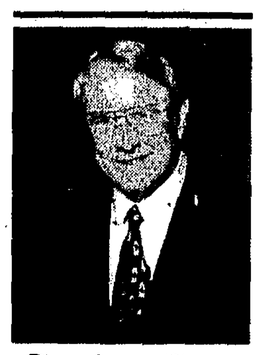
Ernie Pyle - journalist

Eugene Manlove Rhodes

the Unser family

Lew Wallace - writer, governor

Discipline and 'tough love' key to a child's upbringing



Dr. James Dobson
FOCUS ON THE FAMILY
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

QUESTION: You have recommended that parents be willing to apologize to their kids when they are wrong and to "stay on your child's team" even when it's a losing team. This is difficult for me because my son is in full-blown rebellion. He's using drugs, flunking his classes and giving us fits at home. Is there a time to forget the nicey-nice stuff and get tough with a teenager?

DR. DOBSON: No doubt about it. There are moments when it is appropriate to apologize, accommodate, compromise and negotiate. But there comes a time to draw a line in the dirt and say, "Enough is enough!" For youngsters who have tyrannized their families, their parent's willingness to "forgive and forget" repeatedly is interpreted as weakness. Appeasement, as we know, is never successful in pacifying a bully. It only makes him or her more angry and disrespectful.

Behavioral research has now validated that statement. Dr. Henry Harbin and Dr. Denis Madden, working at the University of Maryland's Medical School, studied the circumstances that surround violent attacks on parents by teenagers. They found that "parent battering" usually occurs when "one or both parents have abdicated the executive position" and left no one in charge – no one, that is, except the violent child. Rebellious, mean-spirited teenagers respect strength and disdain weakness – especially that borne of love. Harbin and Madden also observed that "an almost universal element" in the parent-battering cases was the parents' unwillingness to admit the seriousness of the situation. They did not call the police, even when their lives were in danger; they lied to protect their children and they continued to give in to their demands. Parental authority had collapsed.

One father was almost killed when his angry son pushed him down a flight of stairs. He insisted that the boy did not have a bad temper. Another woman was stabbed by her son, missing her heart by an inch. Nevertheless, she continued letting him live at home.

Drs. Harbin and Madden concluded that appeasement and permissiveness are related to youthful violence, and that both parents should lead with firmness. "Someone needs to be in charge," they said. I agree wholeheartedly with these psychiatrists. Having been appointed by President Ronald Reagan to serve on the National Advisory Commission to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, I am very familiar with the pattern of youthful violence. I've seen cold-blooded killers who were no more than 13 years of age. Many of them came from homes where authority was weak or nonexistent. It is a formula for cranking out very tough criminals at an early age.

When you are faced with a potentially violent situation at home, you must weigh your options and take decisive action. The organization Tough Love, founded by Phyllis and David York, has been helpful to parents whose backs are to the wall. Tough Love is dedicated to helping out-of-control parents regain the upper hand in their own homes. Their basic philosophy is one of confrontation that is designed to bring a belligerent teenager to his or her senses. You might give them a call. To do nothing is to risk the unthinkable.

QUESTION: How do you feel about year-round schools in areas where overcrowding makes them advantageous?

DR. DOBSON: I know there are administrative advantages to year-round schools, especially since the facilities are not standing idle two months a year as they are under the current system. Nevertheless, many parents say year-round schools are very hard on them. Siblings attending different schools may have their vacations at different times, making it impossible for families to take trips together. It is also more difficult to coordinate children's time off with parents' schedules. In short, year-round schools represent just one more hardship on families seeking to do fun and recreational things together each year.

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," published by Tyndale House.

Sponsored locally by Pastor Charles Clary.

Figuring out the fourth robber in Teluride, Colo.

It's funny how stories go... according to a number of sources, there was, at Northfield, Minn., during the James/Younger Gang's raid, a ninth man.

Now, we know for certain all the others that were there: Jesse and Frank James, the three Younger boys – Cole, Jim and Bob – Charlie Pitts, Bill Chadwell and Clell Miller. Chadwell and Miller were left dead on Division Street after the battle and Pitts was killed when the Youngers were captured some two weeks later. Jesse and Frank were the only two to escape. Or were they? According to many eyewitnesses, there was also a ninth man who thundered out of town that bloody day. But that is as far as the story goes... some residents of Northfield *thought* there was another man.

Drew Gomber
HISTORIAN, THE HUBBARD MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN WEST

Sixteen years later, in Coffeyville, Kan., when the Daltons made their hare-brained, ill-starred raid on two banks, Bob and Grat Dalton, Bill Power, Dick "Texas Jack" Broadwell – in fact, everyone except Emmett Dalton – were killed.

Again, there were a number of citizens who swore that there was a sixth man who rode into town that day, but was seen no more. And, at least in this case, there may have been something to it — Bill Doolin, a known member of the gang, was not present that day. Considering the story that he was with them until his horse came up lame, and the other story that claimed that the practical Doolin simply refused to go on such a fool's errand (which sounds more likely to me) it is possible that in Coffeyville, there *was* another man.

Lastly, and what we will be talking about today, is a lesser-known robbery, and as far as the perpetrators were concerned, infinitely more successful — which is to say that nobody got killed. It was the robbery of the San Miguel Valley Bank in Telluride, Colo. It was the first successful robbery committed by a young man who would become well-known to lawmen all over the west in the course of the next 20 years: Butch Cassidy.

Planning

Cassidy, always intelligent and never violence-prone, planned the robbery extremely well. It became, in fact, something of a model for many more robberies to come. But it was not the planning that has captured the attention of historians since. It is the cast of characters.

There were three *known* bandits that day: Cassidy, Matt Warner, and Tom McCarty. Interestingly, both McCarty and Warner penned their own versions of the events of that day, years later. Warner's book, written nearly a half century afterward, stated flatly that there was just Cassidy, McCarty and himself. However, McCarty's version hints that there may have been more men involved – or at least one more man. Cassidy, as you may have guessed, never set down his recollections of the event. So, it would seem to be a toss-up between the accounts of the two men — until you take into account the testimony of the citizens who were there that day.

Two days after the robbery, on June 26, 1889, the Pueblo (Colorado) Chieftain commented that "... the fourth man held their horses" while the other three entered the bank to – and this is understatement – ruin the day of its employees. A local rancher who had employed both Cassidy and Warner saw them fleeing town that day and stated that there were two *other* men also.

Butch, as stated before, was careful in his planning. This was his first *big* robbery and he had taken the time to place horses at relay places on the escape route.

First person

There are many lurid accounts of robberies and gun battles in the Old West, but few are written by the actual participants. Matt Warner's version (incidentally, Warner eventually went straight, becoming a contributing member of society) is colorful and descriptive: He speaks about the cashier lounging, "unconcerned" behind one of the teller's windows. The robbers could not help but notice that "a lot of money was stacked up in piles in front of the teller..."

Warner stepped up to the cashier's cage, and, as the bank employee asked what he could do for him, Matt commented that "My gun is under his nose before he has time to see me draw it." He then describes Butch's actions. At the same time that Warner covered the cashier, "Butch barges right into the cage where the cashier is like he owns it. The cashier doesn't have to be invited to stick up his hands. They are already up..."

No doubt.

One thing Warner's account does not mention is fairly indicative of many accounts written by reformed outlaws years after the fact. It is something that should be remembered by all modern types who like to admire these desperadoes, never taking their failings into account... In actuality, Warner entered the bank and handed the cashier a bogus check that he claimed he wanted cashed. When the bank employee bent slightly to read it, Warner grabbed him by the back of the neck and slammed his head down on the counter. He then held him there for about 10 minutes, with his .45 jammed right into the fellow's nose. The poor, frightened clerk never was able to get a good look at any of the outlaws.

When Warner released his grip, the man collapsed in terror to the floor. According to the Rocky Mountain News, after "surveying the quaking mass of humanity the robber said he had a notion to shoot him anyway for being such a coward; and then joining his comrades, they mounted their horses and rode leisurely away."

Well, not exactly. The News didn't mention the little impromptu rodeo that Butch Cassidy put on for the townspeople before his departure. Possibly because of the loudly clanking gold coins in the bags he was carrying, Butch's horse spooked and began bucking all over the place. Cassidy's hat flew off, but he managed to hang onto the money. Finally the horse took off at a dead run, catching up with the other outlaws at the end of the street. As Warner commented, "We roared out of town like we was in a horse race," and that they left with "enough money... to choke a cow."

Answers

But that does not tell us who that fourth man – if he even existed – was. Donna Ernst, the leading biographer of Harry Longabaugh – the Sundance Kid – states flatly that the fourth man was Sundance. The problem with that is that Sundance was documented to have been in Wyoming at the time – or at least the previous month, May of 1889. Therefore, it is unlikely, but certainly possible that Ernst's claims are correct.

In the opinion of this writer, however, the fourth man was (sorry, nobody famous) a man named Bert Madden.

Who?

Two of the men who Butch had stationed at the relay points (at least two we know about) were George Brown and Bill Madden, who was a Manco, Colo., saloon keeper and the brother of Bert. According to at least one source, Bill gave up the name of his own brother – along with all the others – after being captured. It was also about that time that Bert's name began appearing in the papers, identifying him as the fourth bandit.

In fact, it was thanks to brother Bill that lawmen very nearly caught the outlaws. When he was captured carrying supplies, they found a note on him from Bert giving *directions* to the outlaws' hideout, where he was bringing the provisions. However, Cassidy and the others apparently got wind of the lawmen's approach and when the officers arrived, the hideout had been abandoned.

Legends

History is a funny thing, though. While it is clear, upon close inspection, that the fourth man was Bert Madden and not Sundance... it doesn't quite fit the legend properly, so it is not what people choose to believe.

In the words of master Western historian Leon Metz, "What people choose to believe is a fact in itself." Consequently, most people, many historians who should know better included, believe that the fourth man was the Sundance Kid. Facts aside, "Butch and Sundance" has an infinitely better ring than "Butch and Bert," which, come to think of it, is dangerously close to "Bert and Ernie."

To be fair, the 1969 film "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" was pretty factual, at least as far as the information available at the time went. To give you a better idea of what it was really like (and this information has only come to light in the last few decades), it is interesting to note that the *entire* Bolivian Army was not involved, as the movie would have had us believe. There were, in fact, only four possemen outside, and that is a fact that Butch and Sundance could not have known. Perhaps they really thought that the whole army was out there. Because, you see, they did not go out in a blaze of glory, like in the movie. Both were wounded, Sundance apparently debilitatingly so, and the fact is Butch shot Sundance in the head, putting him out of his misery, and then turned the gun on himself. Not exactly a romantic ending, but real life is like that.

NOTE: Butch, Sundance, and numerous others are on display at the Hubbard Museum's current "Gunfighter" exhibit.

Sources: *Butch Cassidy, a Biography*, by Richard Patterson; *The Mysterious Fourth Robber*, also by Patterson; and *Sundance, My Uncle* by Donna Ernst.

Getting lost in the ancient mystery of labyrinths

What is a labyrinth?

Labyrinths are at least 4,000 years old. A labyrinth is a building, maze, or design on intricate passages. A number of extensive architectural labyrinths were famous in the ancient world, some with mythical ties.

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

The greatest of ancient labyrinths was that of Egypt, described by Herodotus as surpassing even the pyramids. Another kind of labyrinth consists of a drawing or other surface diagram, particularly those found in the pavements of medieval churches. A kind of labyrinth, which is usually called a maze is an outdoor structure of cultivated vegetation, usually of hedges. The best known is in London, England, planted in the 1689-1702 reign of William III.

I do not know how to pronounce the word "labyrinth," but it sounds like art to me. Mazes stimulate and engage the thinking and problem-solving mind with dead ends. The other labyrinths, on the other hand, engage the heart with no decisions about directions needing to be made. The mind slows and quiets by simply yielding to and following the path.

A simple seven-circuit labyrinth appears as a design on cave walls and ceramic vases. It is seen in numerous cultures and religions.

"It became one of those archetypes that the church adopted and baptized because the people saw it in a spiritual value," says Fr. Rod Nichols in the article, "Something Ancient, Something New?" in *Agua Viva*, a publication of the Diocese of Las Cruces.

The labyrinth today is being rediscovered again as a spiritual tool with a wide variety of interpretations. Churches, schools, retreat houses, hospitals, and other institutions across the country are establishing permanent and portable labyrinths. Retreats, lectures, books and numerous Web sites are investigating the uses of the labyrinth in the psychological and spiritual life.

You can experience the labyrinth in Grant County in downtown Silver City, courtesy of St. Vincent de Paul Parish and St. Mary Theotokos Labyrinth Network International.

The labyrinth is located in their parish hall, next to the Elks Lodge. Everyone is invited to visit, view and walk the labyrinth. Shoes are not permitted on the labyrinth, so socks are a must. Special paper booties are available at a minimal cost should anyone require the support of shoes.

Their 11-circuit labyrinth is modeled upon the labyrinth found on the floor at Notre Dame Cathedral in Chartres, France, which was built around 1220. The 11-circuit form became more popular than the older form, in part because its division into "four quadrants" manifested more the symbol of the "cross." Its four arms are readily visible and provide Christian symbolism. It is also shaped like a circle, a symbol for God, as the "circle" has no beginning or end.

The ranching community of Ruidoso, was originally called Dowlin's Mill.

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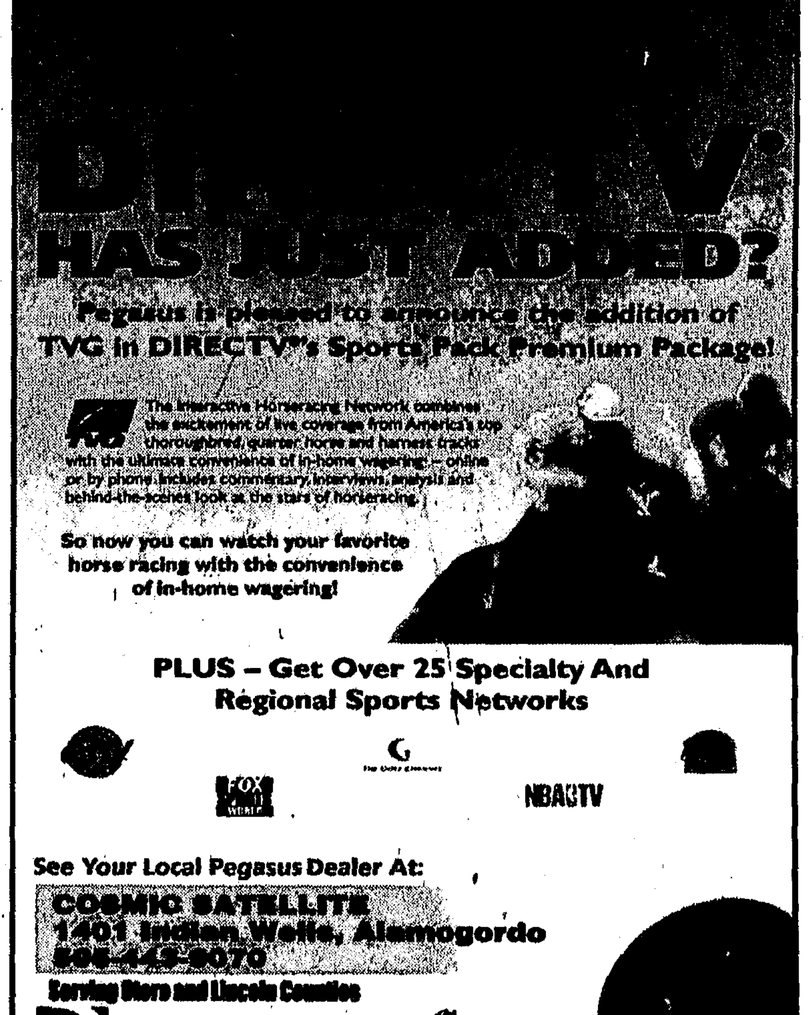

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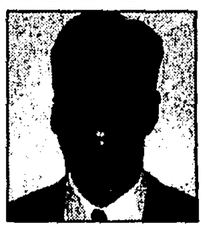

by Dr. Jack V. Waters
Chiropractic Physician

ARTHRITIS IN THE YOUNG

Ankylosing spondylitis (AS) ranks as one of the most common conditions of spinal arthritis in young adults. People with AS get an inflammation or redness and swelling where ligaments or tendons attach to bone. This causes bone deterioration. As the inflammation decreases, new bone develops and replaces the elasticity of the ligaments and tendons. Several repeated inflammations can cause the vertebrae to fuse together. The pelvis, lower back, chest wall and neck may be affected.

Ankylosing spondylitis normally affects men between sixteen and thirty-five years of age more than women; Native Americans have the greatest risk. Although the condition may be painful, almost all people with AS can expect to lead normal and productive lives. Only a few become severely disabled.

Chiropractic adjustments of spinal subluxations or misalignments caused by arthritis have proven to enhance joint mobility. Other treatments include joint mobilization, massage, ultrasound, hot and cold and electrotherapy modalities, exercise and posture modification. Sometimes a brace is required to help stabilize the joint in order to alleviate pain.

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Kids to audition for Spencer play

It's that time of year again: Between 50 to 60 area children, ages 5 to 18, are needed to co-star in the original Missoula Children's Theatre production "Hansel & Gretel" at the Spencer Theater.

Auditions are at 9 a.m. Monday, July 28, at the Ruidoso Middle School gymnasium on Reese Drive. No experience is necessary and participation is free. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to fill out necessary paperwork. Wear comfortable clothing and sneakers.

Rehearsals take place in 2 to 4 1/2 hour(depending on the age group) daily sessions all week at the Spencer Theater, and culminate in a public performance of the hour-long musical at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, at the Spencer Theater. Show tickets are $5 for children 12 years old or younger, and $10 for adults.

Based on the classic Brothers Grimm fairytale, "Hansel & Gretel," this age-old story is about a grand adventure. In Missoula Children's Theatre original musical adaptation, times are tough for modern-day Hank and Gretchen. All of their friends, off to summer camp, have left them behind. And their mom, struggling alone to make ends meet, seems to have time for nothing but work.

While waiting for dinner, prepared by eccentric but lovable Uncle Wally, Hank and Gretchen fall asleep and dream their way to times gone by. They awake with a start. Their clothes are so strange — and so are their names. Lost in the deep dark woods, Hansel and Gretel search for the path which will lead them to better times at home. But as evening approaches and the moon rises above the trees, Hansel and Gretel are not alone. Music, laughter, thrills and chills abound as the children come upon the secret of the Wildwood Witch.

Is she bad?
Or is she good?
Is she wicked...
Or misunderstood?

So join the fun as Hansel and Gretel's dream is mysteriously blended with real life, and the lessons of one apply to the other.

Missoula Children's Theatre is an ongoing summer tradition at the Spencer Theater, providing children with free, intensive, weeklong acting workshops that cultivate new friendships, personal confidence and public performance skills. This summer's performance, is sponsored in part by Ruidoso Lincoln Ford Mercury, Ruidoso News and KRUI 1490 News Talk Tourism,

For more information about the auditions for "Hansel & Gretel" call the Spencer Theater at 336-0016 or 336-4800.

COURTESY

Advent Brass will toot their own horns at a concert at the San Juan Church in Lincoln Saturday.

Brass concert should be ball of a show in Lincoln

Advent Brass will present a concert at 5 p.m. Saturday at the San Juan Church/Lincoln State Monument, which will include solos and various group selections, most of which have been arranged by Advent Brass director Bill Baker.

Baker has taught music for 20 years and presently teaches privately and owns Clarion Music, an instrument repair service serving schools in the Fort Worth, Texas, area. He has played trumpet and other instruments since the age of 12.

Richard Kerbs has been playing trumpet since age 10 and is a senior financial accountant in Fort Worth.

Lloyd Northrup chose to play the trumpet because of the influence of his cousin, Rick Hoeckendorf, a Fort Worth building contractor.

Stephen Miller, the newest and youngest member of the group, is a high school junior.

Creativity workshop

The "Creativity Counts: Creative Curriculum Building for Grades K-8" conference is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Saturday at the Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center, with continuing education credits for social workers and occupational therapists and education credits through Eastern New Mexico University. The event features an impressive array of educators, writers, visual and performing artists, with professional and local talent performing music, song, dance, poetry, oral storytelling, drama and the visual arts.

The theme is how creativity and play can broaden and strengthen the learning experience in the classroom.

The cost is $120 for both days at the door, or $60 for either day. For more information, call Julia Price at 336-1037 or (888) 888-0650, or visit www.sierradove.com.

Bridge tourney

Christmas in July Bridge Tournament is July 18-20. Hours vary daily. For information, call 257-1898.

Christmas is here!

Christmas in July at the Episcopal Church, 121 Mescalero Trail, is 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, with a bake sale, luncheon and garage sale. For information, call 257-2356.

Planning your life

Clara Farah's workshop, "Value Your Life: You're Worth It! How to Plan the Rest of Your Life by Creating Your Own Story," is from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the Lincoln Schoolhouse Gallery in Lincoln. The cost is $25 and bring a bag lunch. Farah will provide drinks.

RSVP to Clara Farah, Ph.D., clarafarah@aaahawk.co, (505) 653-4983.

High Mesa workshop

High Mesa Healing Center will off "Energetics of Forgiveness," a half-day workshop with Ray Johnston from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for $65. The workshops assists participants with entering into the process of forgiveness of life experiences and relationships which bind us to the past. Private sessions with Johnston can be arranged for Sunday at $100 per session. Call 336-7777 for more information.

Wilderness camp

Wilderness Camp for children ages 7-12 will run every week until Friday, Aug. 8. The camp starts at noon and runs until 5 p.m. daily, each session running from Monday through Friday.

The camp will work out of the White Mountain Elementary School gymnasium. The camp organizes various outdoor activities and small field trips within Lincoln County. Activities include but are not limited to arts and crafts, Funtrackers, swimming, hiking, bowling, treasure hunts, various sports days, fishing and more. The cost is $50 per child per week, covering the cost for all activities.

For more information, call the Parks & Recreation office at 257-5030.

Konis art workshop

Texas artist Ben Konis will hold his 33rd Annual Konis Art Workshop in Ruidoso July 21-25 at the Ramada Limited Hotel. Konis, whose paintings have won several awards at numerous art shows across the country, has taught his classes each summer in Ruidoso since 1971. He has held seminars in 15 foreign venues as well as in over 100 locations nationwide.

Konis will offer instruction in oil and pastel mediums. He looks for colorful local character models from the area for portrait and study. "Blossoms Forth" adorned the cover of the November/December issue of *The Pastel Journal* this winter, and his paintings were featured in the latest issue of *Saddle Baron* magazine.

The Konis Art Workshop will be from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily and he will hold demonstration sessions twice during the week. Interested artists and/or models may contact Konis at the Ramada Limited as of Sunday. Visit www.konis.com for more information.

Rummage sale

The second annual Senior Center Rummage Sale starts at 8 a.m. July 26. Clean out closets, attics and storerooms of unwanted items for the rummage sale. This is the annual fundraiser for the senior trip tot he legislature and for special events the center wouldn't otherwise be able to finance. Volunteers are also needed.

Capitan art classes

Capitan Public Library's series of free art workshops for adults, thanks to a grant obtained from the McCune Charitable Foundation of Santa Fe, begins July 26 with Dorothy Whisenhunt, a certified decorative artist living in Ruidoso, who will show participants how to paint and decorate a box, demonstrating sponging, stenciling, and painting techniques. The finished product can be taken home. She has been a certified decorative artist since 1973, and has published a series of four books about the decorative arts, Art with Heart. Dorothy will supply materials and supplies. Participants bring themselves, a packed lunch, enthusiasm to learn, and wear work clothes. The workshop starts at 9:30 a.m. and runs until about 4 p.m.

Space is limited, so please register for this workshop with Pearl L. Tippin (354-7021, e-mail: pgtips@zianet.com, P.O. Box 1324, Capitan, NM 88316). Please state your name, mail address, telephone, e-mail address (if available,) and number of adults.

Future workshops include painting and mosaic application on furniture, oil painting, dramatic art, carving, sculpting, fiber art, ceramics, oilcloth painting and concrete sculpture.

Tea, coffee and water will be provided, and sodas may be bought.

These are free workshops, but in the interests of nonabuse of this privilege since space is limited, registration is required with a $5 deposit per person, which will be refunded on the day of the workshop. In the case of "no-shows," the deposit will not be refunded.

Aaron Tippin live

The Aaron Tippin Concert at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack and Casino is 8 p.m. July 26, with tickets ranging from $17-50. Call 378-4140 for ticket information.

Healing workshop

Level 2 of Healing Touch is from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. July 26 and 27 at High Mesa Healing Center in Alto. Call 336-4808 or 336-7777 for information.

Photo exhibit

The work of photographer John Soden will be on display at the Cornerstone Bakery, 359 Sudderth Drive, with an opening reception from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 1.

Soden's first assignment came when his father gave him a Kodak Instamatic and encouraged the 13-year-old to photograph the 1964 New York World's Fair. His first professional assignment was to photograph his sister's wedding. He studied photography and radio and television production in college, and photographed for the Navy. He worked as a fashion and catalog photographer in New York City and in southern California was the official photographer for ABC-TV and the Pat Boone Television Show.

Visiting New Mexico in 1993 with his wife, he attended a Mescalero ceremonial and later obtained permission from the late Wendell Chino to photograph on the reservation. He photographs the Coming of Age ceremonies for the families of the girls.

Soden is a member of the Lincoln County Photographic Society, has photographed events for REDTT and for the past four years, has taught photography at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso. His photographs are permanently displayed at ENMU-R, Pizza Hut on Mechem Drive, Pub 48, and in the Brown Mercantile Building in White Oaks. His black and white photograph, "Starry Night in Lincoln," was the first photograph purchased by the Hubbard Museum of the American West for their permanent collection.

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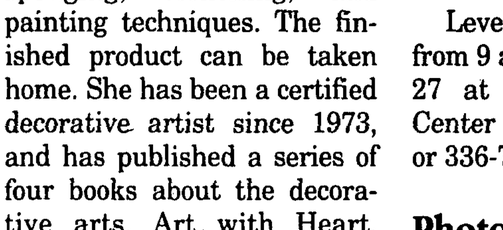
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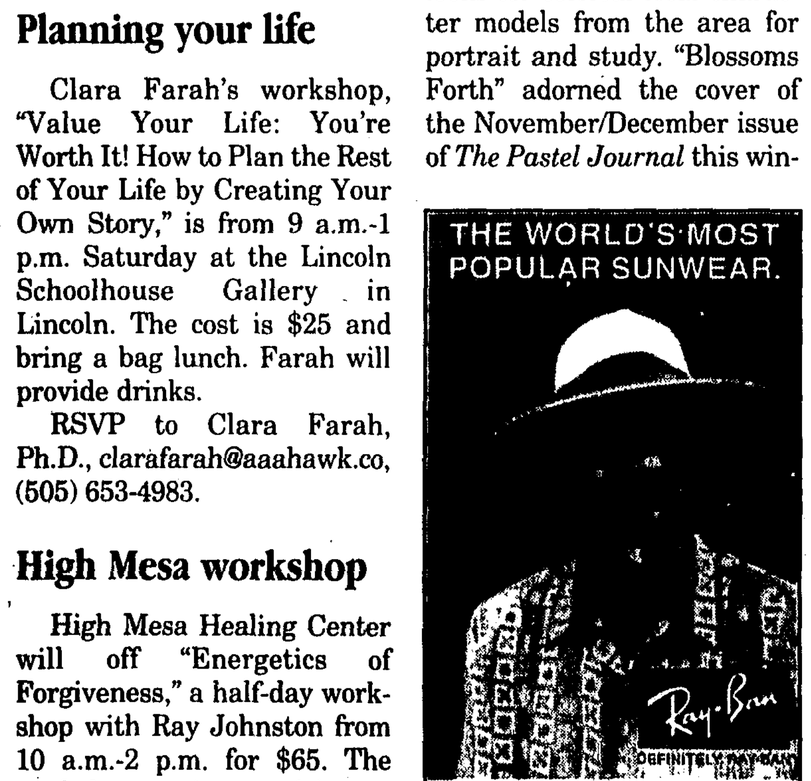
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Crowded streets in Ajijic are a driver's nightmare

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On the Go with Hank & Ellen
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There are many advantages to living "south of the border" (congenial people, an agreeable climate, scenic beauty and an easy-going pace of life), but driving certainly isn't one of them. Life behind the wheel in Mexico is an adventure – to say the least.

Four months ago, I loaded up the car and drove the 19-hour trek to Ajijic, an idyllic mountain lakeside village situated an hour out of Guadalajara, where we've rented a friend's home for the summer. The trip down on expensive, well-maintained, low-traffic four-lane tollroads was easy, however the cramped, ancient streets of Ajijic, built centuries before the automobile, present a chaotic assortment of driving challenges.

The town's streets are narrow, making it almost impossible to see around the corners at an intersection until you're nearly through it. Once, while I was looking down a one-way cross street, a car drove the wrong-way, passing only a couple of feet in front of me. The really unnerving part was that the driver never looked either way, never slowed down, and certainly never even saw me. I'm constantly amazed at how many drivers never glance at the cross street when they're passing through an intersection. No one, Mexican or foreigner, could tell me who has the right of way at the many intersections without stop signs. Is it possible they all went to the "Mr. Magoo School of Driving" since driving the wrong way on a one-way street is a common occurrence? As long as you're aware of the possibility and aren't in a hurry, it's not so bad.

A surprising number of people ride horses through the village's cobblestone streets. Occasionally, I see a youngster galloping along with his lariat in hand. Another hazard is the habit of tying a horse to one of the many trees lining the streets, often leaving the horse's rear end to block an entire lane of traffic. Only a week ago I missed a great photo opportunity – a horse hitched to a no parking sign!

Seven years ago when we first visited Ajijic, we rented a house on the upper side of town at the base of a mountain. We watched in amazed amusement as a local farmer drove his cattle past our house on a route that took his cattle 12 blocks to the lake. Across the main highway, through the center of town, the bony cows ambled down the middle of the street, overflowing onto sidewalks and parting traffic like the Red Sea.

Night driving can be especially dangerous because animals often wander onto a road or highway. A dead horse partially lying on the busy four-lane highway to Guadalajara was a stark and somber reminder to be careful.

Pedestrians often walk in the streets because the sidewalks are narrow and uneven, or a pickup truck may be parked half on the sidewalk. Also at any time one of the legions of dogs running loose may dart out into traffic. Add a great number of bicycles to the scene and there's even more chaos. A couple of weeks ago a farmer drove his tractor down my street.

Large SUV's, pickup trucks, vans and delivery trucks have a difficult time maneuvering corners, or sometimes even through the streets. Scrape marks or damaged side mirrors are the commonplace results of determined truck drivers who squeeze their way past parked cars.

Yes, driving in Mexico is an adventure, but as long as you expect the unexpected the craziness can be part of the charm.

Hank Barone and his wife, Ellen, are full-time travel writers and photographers operating out of their home in Alto. Their work appears in a wide variety of regional, national and international publications. To learn more visit their website at www.intlmediagroup.com or E-mail them at barones@intlmediagroup.com.

Clarkston to play free concert

Expect to be enchanted by nouveau flamenco guitarist-composer James Clarkston at the free Concert in the Park at 2 p.m. Sunday in Schoolhouse Park, sponsored by the Ruidoso Arts Commission.

A native El Pasoan and self-taught guitarist, Clarkston describes his music as a modern interpretation of Spanish-gypsy, Native American, Mexican, Middle-Eastern and classical guitar. Originally inspired to pick up the guitar by listening to the rock group Kiss, Clarkston credits Andres Segovia, Carlos Montoya, Ottmar Liebert, Randy Rhoads and the Gypsy Kings for his inspiration.

He taught music and choir at an El Paso middle school before becoming a full-time guitarist in 1998. He now performs in several different venues in El Paso, New Mexico and Arizona, as well as other parts of the U.S., and teaches about 45 students in private lessons.

COURTESY

James Clarkston

Clarkston's first CD, released in 1998, "La Placita," has sold 3,500 copies. He has since produced five additional CDs, two of which are Christmas CDs. He has performed before Magic Johnson, former President and Mrs. George Bush Sr., and Cliff Robertson at the 2002 Border Film Festival. He also provided the opening act for Harry Connick Jr.'s El Paso concert in 1999. (For more information on Clarkston and his music, visit www.jamesclarkston.com)

Bring lawn chairs or blankets to relax and enjoy Clarkston's free two-hour concert. In case of rain, the concert will be held in the Ruidoso Senior Center next to the park. For information on the concert, call the Ruidoso Arts Commission at 378-4302.

THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Pirates of the Caribbean
Crime/Gangster, Kids/Family and Action/Adventure
2 hrs. 23 min.
Rated PG-13 for action/adventure violence.
Set in the Caribbean Sea in the 17th century, this is the story of a gentleman rogue of a pirate, Jack Sparrow (Depp), who teams up with the daughter (Knightley) of a governor (Pryce) to stop the evil plan of a ship of dangerous pirates (led by Rush) who are trying to reverse an ancient curse that leaves them stuck between life and death, with the light of the moon revealing their skeletons, like some kind of undead monsters.
Starring: Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Geoffrey Rush, Jack Davenport, Jonathan Pryce
Directed by: Gore Verbinski
Produced by: Jerry Bruckheimer
Showtimes: 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:45 p.m.

The Italian Job
Crime/Gangster and Action/Adventure
Rated PG-13 for violence and some language.
A band of thieves, led by Charlie Croker (Wahlberg), pulls off the ultimate heist by rigging the stoplights of the city of Los Angeles so that they can drive right out of the city with a carful of gold (in a safe that they're stealing back after Croker's double-crossing ex-partner, played by Edward Norton, stole it from Croker first), with nothing but green lights, while everyone else gets red lights, thus keeping the roads plugged with the largest traffic jam in L.A. history, and the police from pursuing them.
Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Edward Norton, Charlize Theron, Christina Cabot, Mos Def
Directed by: F. Gary Gray
Produced by: Donald De Line
Showtimes: 1:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10 p.m.

The Terminator 3
Action/Adventure
1 hr. 48 min.
Rated R for strong sci-fi violence and action, and for language and brief nudity.
Arnold Schwarzenegger returns in this third installment of the popular sci-fi action saga as a cyborg from the future once again becoming involved in the affairs of twentysomething John Connor and his first battles with the SkyNet machine network.
Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Nick Stahl, Kristanna Loken, Claire Danes, David Andrews
Directed by: Jonathan Mostow
Produced by: Andrew G. Vajna, Mario Kassar, Joel B. Michaels, Colin Wilson, Moritz Borman, Guy East, Nigel Sinclair
Showtimes: 4:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

Legally Blonde 2
Comedy
1 hr. 34 min.
Rated PG-13 for some sex-related humor.
Reese Witherspoon is back as Elle Woods in Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde. Now Elle is juggling a demanding career as a rising young lawyer as well as preparations for her wedding to the man of her dreams. But when she stands up for the rights of the other guy in her life - Bruiser, her chihuahua - Elle is fired from her job. She's devastated, but you can't keep an optimist down. Ms. Woods goes to Washington to take matters into her own well-manicured hands. Trying to learn the political ropes and win over self-serving politicians, Elle faces a formidable challenge. But with her clever and sassy signature blend of determination and intelligence, she bucks the system the Elle Woods way, inspiring those around her to find a voice of their own.
Starring: Reese Witherspoon, Sally Field, Bob Newhart, Luke Wilson, Regina King
Directed by: Charles Herman-Wurmfeld
Produced by: David A. Nicksay, Marc Platt, David Nicksay, Marc E. Platt
Showtimes: 2 p.m., 7:15 p.m.

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Kristanna Loken as the T-X in Warner Brothers' Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines.

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Set 7 of his novels primarily in the "Land of Enchantment." They are: Killoe, The Daybreakers, Conagher, Showdown at Yellow Butte (under the name of Jim Mayo), Flint, Shalako, and Radigan.

NOTABLE NEW MEXICANS

Oliver LaFarge

D.H. Lawrence - author

John Lewis

Nancy Lopez

Mabel Ganson Dodge Luhan (1879-1969) - hostess, promoter of art and social causes, author

Tommy S. Macaione

Maria and Julian Martinez

Bill Mauldin - cartoonist; Pulitzer Prize winner

Douglas MacArthur - general

George McJunkin

Jim Morrison - rock 'n roll musician

John Nichols

Georgia O'Keefe (1887-1986) - abstract painter best known for her large paintings of desert flowers and scenery presented in close-up views

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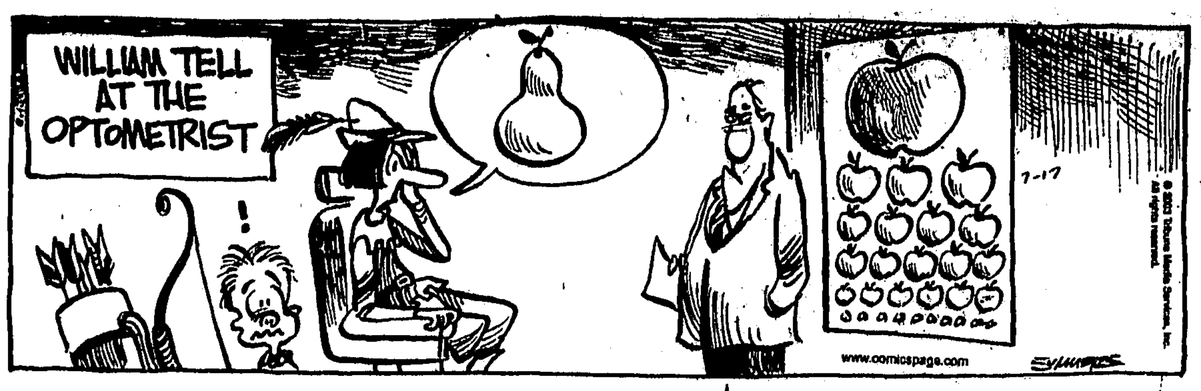

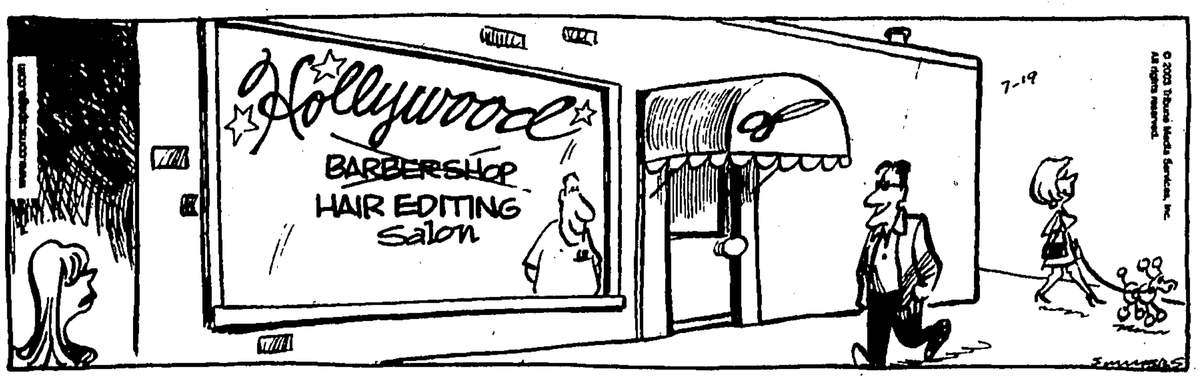

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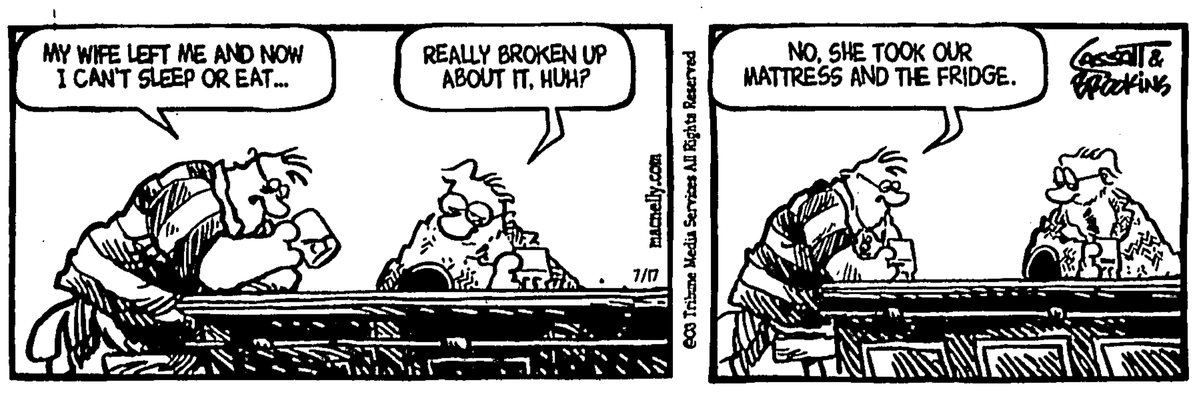

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Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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"UN LEADERS"
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ACROSS

1 Imogene's cohort
4 Court entry
8 Coalition
12 It may have its limitations
19 Bronze __
20 Hindu princess
21 Ambiance
22 Seduced
23 Biased arguments?
26 Hot Saharan wind
27 "Couldn't find it"
28 Financial report column
29 Anjou or Bosc
30 Rugged ridge
31 Kind of reaction
32 Overhead
35 Speechless one?
38 NFL linebacker Junior
39 Volatile lads?
43 Burden
44 Copier company
46 Flurry
47 Shakers or Quakers
48 First name in exiles
49 Olenska of "The Age of Innocence," e.g.
53 Sheridan and Sothern
56 Jazz fan
58 Java server
59 Tragic episode of "ER"?
63 Rich soils
64 Some show closers
66 Asian holiday
67 Closing words?
69 Unlikely
70 "Got it!"
72 Cuban cash
73 Cartridges
76 Some Olympians
79 Seagoing pronoun .
80 Go astray
82 Common alias
84 Nervous amusement-park patron?
87 Star Wars initials
88 Balloon gas
90 Like a philosopher
91 Absorbs eagerly
93 Classified info?
94 Bust
97 Daughter of Hyperion
99 Shortly, to Shelley
100 Casino cube
101 Rickety western transport?
105 Breakfast chain, familiarly
109 Sale site
111 Prefix with science
112 Turning meas.
113 Old public square
114 Designer Wang
116 Colossus
119 1987 Warren Beatty bomb
120 Milk quality
123 Extraordinary cattle?
125 Cure-all
126 Pitcher Hideo
127 "Rule, Britannia" composer
128 Dockworkers' org.
129 Drama or dance, say
130 Dahcer Verdon
131 Tree house
132 Guitarist Paul

DOWN

1 Hot spots
2 Slight
3 Do a vet's job
4 Tag line
5 Carefree romp
6 H.S. course
7 Shuttle plane
8 High-tech speed unit
9 Breather
10 No picnic
11 Noble abode
12 '60s protest gp.
13 Three-paneled artwork
14 Bern's river
15 Wee hr.
16 Nonjudgmental ritual?
17 Spasm
18 Roxy Music cofounder
24 Leaves time?
25 "I'm __ here!"
31 Rub together
33 Delivery docs
34 Antagonist
36 "Call Me __"
37 Leaves
39 Kitchen tool
40 Conform
41 Gaunt
42 Carved pillar
45 Words after live or give
49 Heels
50 Pitcher Hershiser
51 Rude housekeeper?
52 Shiny cotton
54 Mighty Ducks' org.
55 Daytime fare
57 Opposite
60 Looked searchingly
61 Log-on need
62 Amendments 1-10 subj.
65 Fine fiddle
68 Pain-reliever ingredient
71 Erwin of '50s TV
74 Dress length
75 "thirtysomething" actor
77 Swahili for "freedom"
78 Cover letter letters
79 Shot shooters
81 Hungarian composer von Dohnányi
82 Disreputable
83 Kind of blitz
85 Flower child?
86 Isn't very interesting
89 Femme fatale
92 Lady's champion
95 Ideal end?
96 Homer Simpson cry
98 Opt not to pick?
102 Deserving more credit
103 Later
104 Tarzan, e.g.
106 Deep-frying need
107 Delphi figure
108 Hooded garb
110 Coffee order
113 Plus
115 Puerto __
117 Pinnacle
118 Bugs, for instance
119 Rural stopovers
120 __-Locka, Florida
121 Links standard
122 Popeye verb
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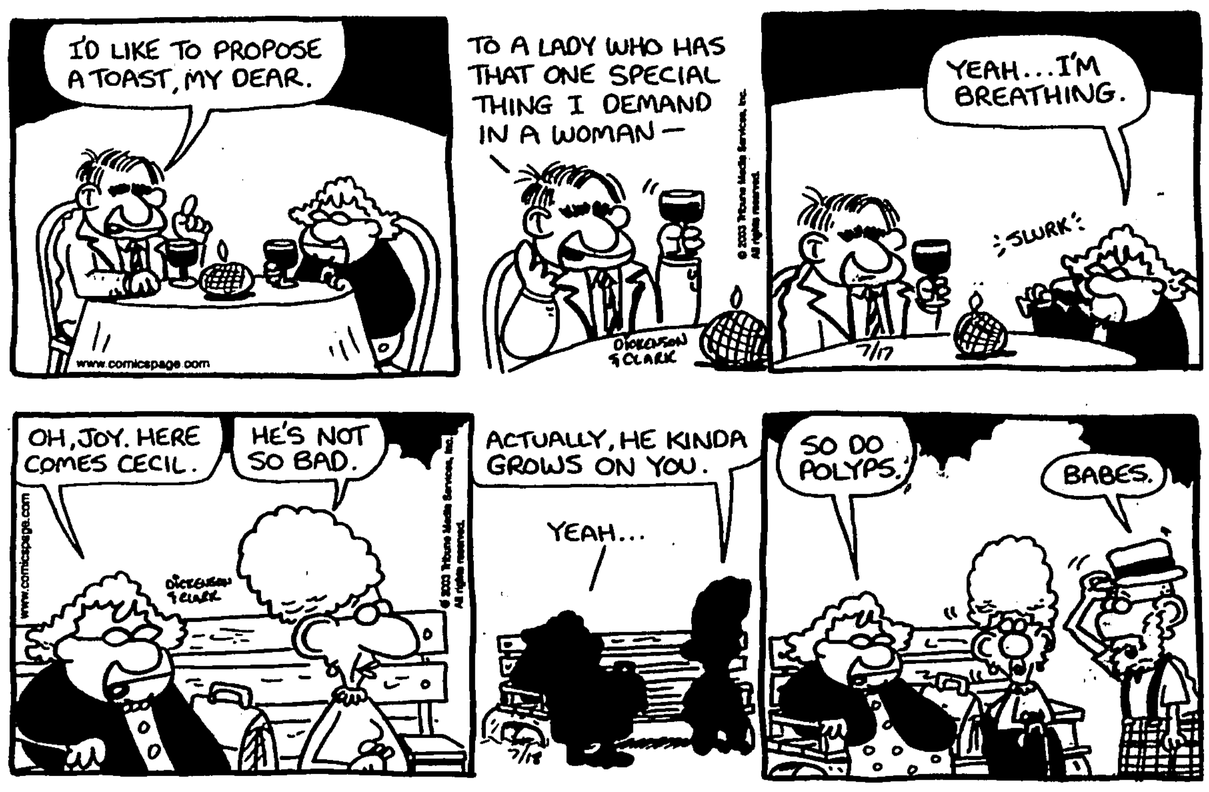

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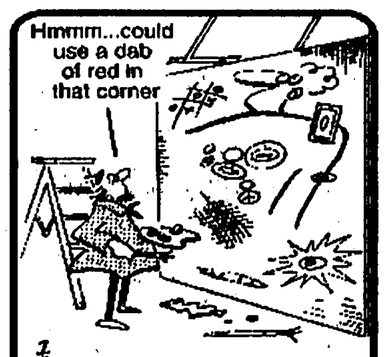

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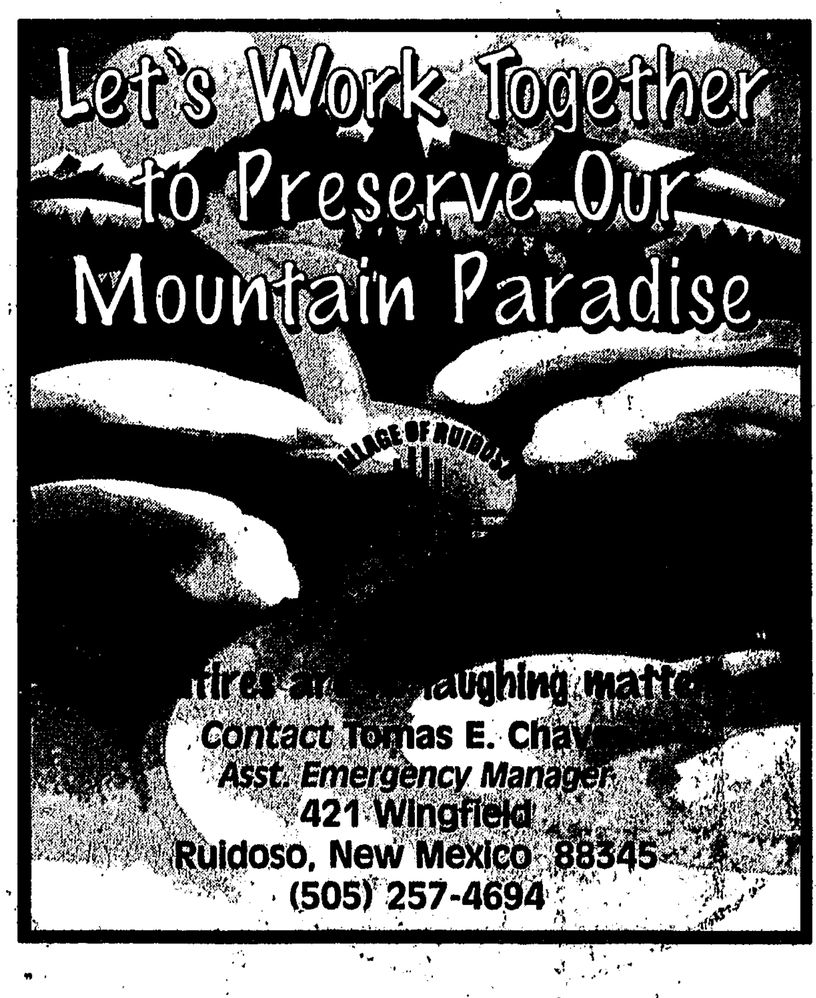
Ans: THE ____ ____



Jumbles: OPIUM JUICE NEGATE LIMBER
Answer: What the muralist focused on when he completed his work — THE BIG PICTURE

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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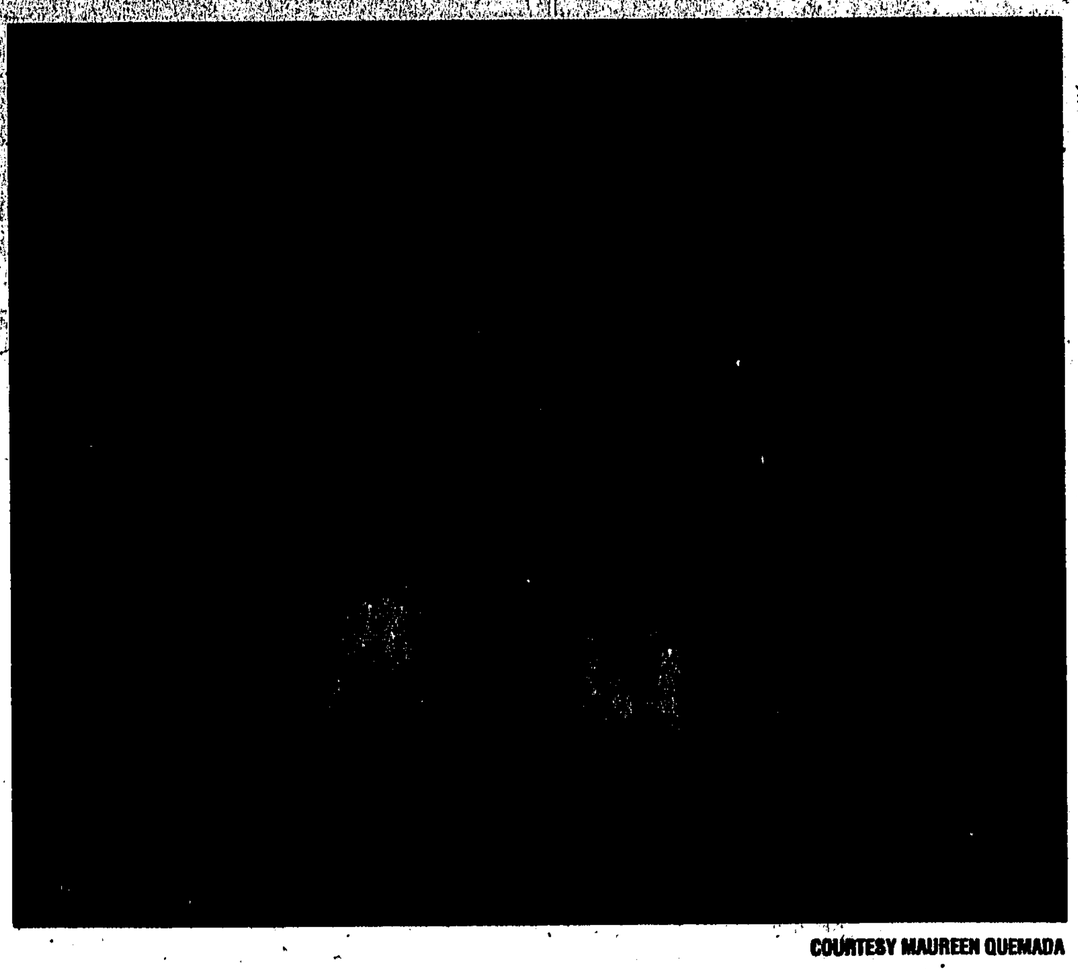
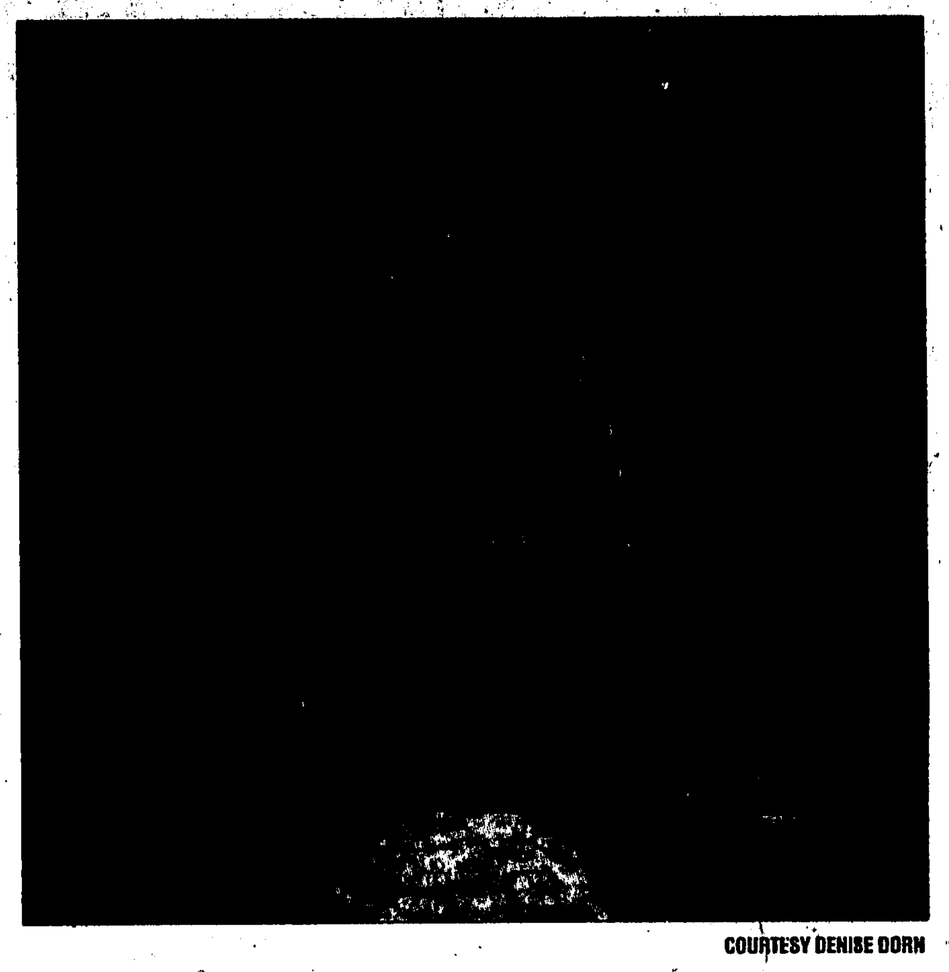


COURTESY MAUREEN QUEMADA

Maureen Quemada of Ruidoso – acrylics.



COURTESY DENISE DORN

Denise Dorn of Ruidoso – batik.

FESTIVAL: Locals abound this year

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acrylics/oils, watercolor, photography, pastels/pencil/pen-and-ink, metalwork, woodwork, fabric/weaving/leather, jewelry, pottery/porcelain/glass, sculpture and mixed media.

"We have wonderful artists," Dean said. "Every year people say this is the best show. We're very fortunate for the quality of artists that apply. They're ALL good — those judges have a hard job."

This is a major fundraiser for the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, making up about a third of the annual budget. Dean got involved on the chamber board in 1995, became president in 1998, and has been doing it voluntarily ever since.

"Because I love it," she said. "The artists are incredible to work with and a lot of fun. After I got off the board I still loved doing it. I like seeing the artists that come back year after year and the new artists."

At least a third of the artists return each year, Dean said. All artists send three slides of their work that are scrutinized — without the artists' names — by a five-person jury of art teachers, artists and members of the Ruidoso Arts Commission. Another set of judges visits all the booths set up at the convention center on the first day of the festival to choose the top 10 booths, best of show and best booth.

Recipients of these awards are not required to be juried into the following year's art festival, and the awards are announced at the awards dinner given Friday evening so artists can hang them on their booths for the remainder of the show.

Last year, three local artists made the top 10: Michele and Anthony Malpica in mixed media, Jim Mauritsen, woodwork, and Virgil Stephens, pen-and-ink, pencil.

"It's very impressive that three locals made it to the top 10," Dean said. "We have incredible artists, and there are other incredible artists in this area that we would love to have come and be in the Ruidoso show."

The photographs shown here of work by local artists juried into the show will give a taste of what the Ruidoso Art Festival has to offer.

Mark your calendars: noon-6 p.m. July 25, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. July 26, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. July 27. Parking is free, Shuttle Ruidoso will transport visitors and artists back and forth between the parking lot and the convention center, and admission is $3 for adults, $1 for people 12-18, and children under 12 are admitted free. Volunteers are needed, though, and may contact Phillis Barnett, 257-5555.

COURTESY VICKI CONLEY

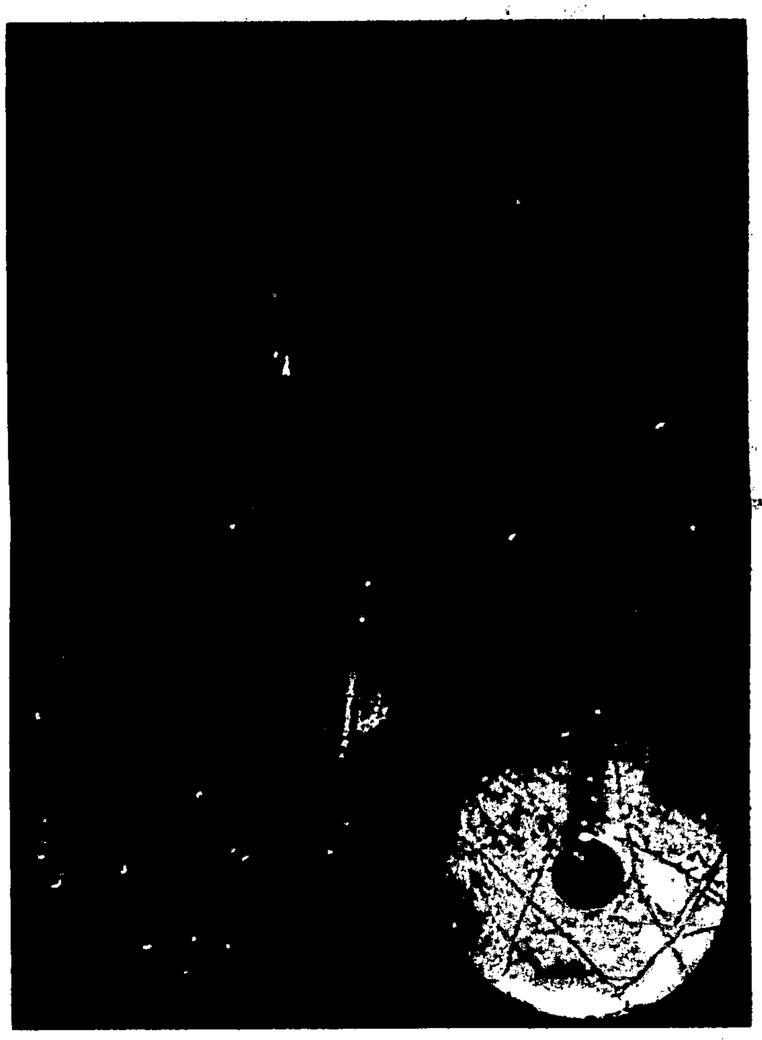
Vicki Conley of Ruidoso Downs – pottery

COURTESY ROSEMOND MUNDY

Rosemond Mundy of Ruidoso and Boulder, Colo. – mixed media

COURTESY LEE M. VAN PELT

Lee M. Van Pelt of Alto – woodworking.



COURTESY BIZEAU AND TIEWA

Marcia Bizeau and Bob "Bear" Tiewa – jewelry.

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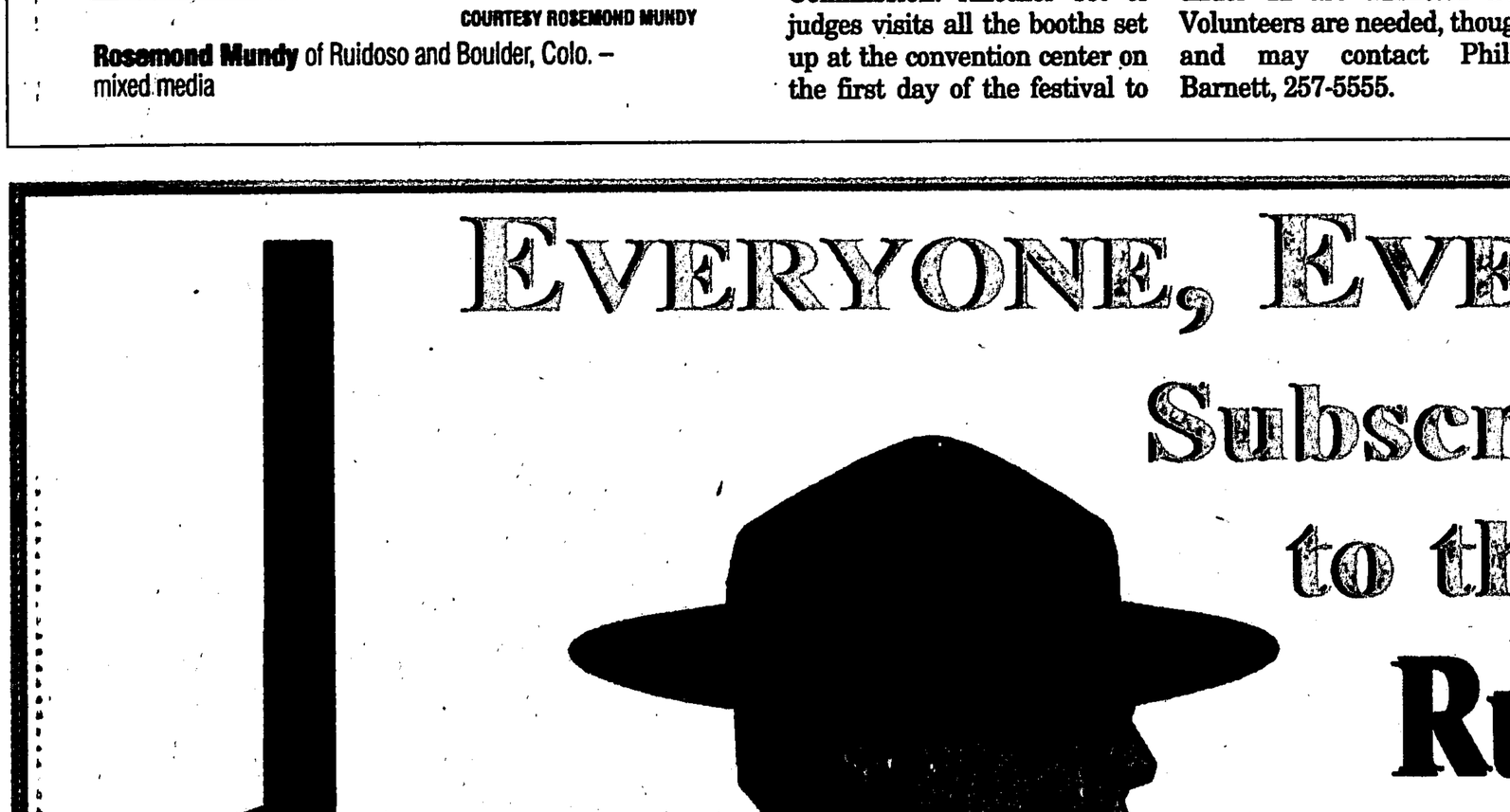

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I AM METAL MAN

Capitan resident happy being his own boss

STORY AND PHOTOS BY MARTY RACINE

The metal man's shop is a sight, symbolic of a life that has been anything but tidy: steel plates and angle iron piled everywhere, metal shavings on the floor, machines and tools and parts scattered all over.

Here on a quiet village street across from Capitan Elementary, Warren F. Fernsler, his T-shirt coated with silvery dust, builds and sends his creations out to the world — anything metallic, ornamental or practical, that one might conjure.

"I'm in the business of building," he says of his company, Fernco Metal Products (www.ferncometal.com). "I even build my own machinery. I build things so I can build things."

Today he's completing a manually operated compressed earth block press — an adobe press — for a Virginia company. One of several brick presses in his catalog, this model is based on a design developed in Columbia during the mid-1950s to address the need for low-cost housing.

"I bought a set of plans," Fernsler says, "and I made improvements on it like using stress-proof steel for the bushings."

The unit weighs 240 pounds and sells for $895. The metal man also makes a more expensive hydraulic-operated press and a larger brick press. He figures he's built close to 100 such pieces.

"I've shipped these all over the world, Africa, South America. I sent a small brick machine to the Congo a couple weeks ago. A lot of times in remote areas, places up in the mountains, they'll break it down and pack it in on mules."

Fernsler, 60, grew up in New Jersey. "I took woodshop in high school," he says. "They didn't have metal shop."

After graduation he attended heavy equipment school in Homestead, Fla., returned home and went into the excavation business. He bought a backhoe, dump truck and trailer, doing his own maintenance.

"If you're in heavy equipment, if you don't fix it yourself you won't stay in business very long," he says. "It's too expensive to pay someone."

By 1970 he'd had enough of Jersey winters. "In winter you did nothing. The ground froze and construction stops. Things got so bad in the winter the only work I had was digging graves along the Delaware River to make machine payments."

He sold his business and went to Jacksonville, Fla., where his father had moved. His possessions consisted of his tools, transported in a small U-Haul trailer.

He got a job working on boats but saw other opportunities in fast-growing Jacksonville. He and a fellow, a slick talker "who could sell a refrigerator to Eskimos," partnered up and went into business.

"We bought a dozer and got work clearing lots along the St. John's River. He didn't know squat about construction and equipment but he could handle the banks and the office end of it. Everything's going good until I found out he was stopping by seeing my wife as I was out at work."

That was Bad Omen No. 1. Bad Omen No. 2 was when the guy vanished after buying Fernsler out. "The deal was he would make monthly payments on the business. He made one. Then he disappeared. He probably went to Pakistan, where he grew up. Never heard from him again."

Fernsler and his wife moved to the Florida Keys where he ran equipment for a Cuban guy named Lido. Then the IRS showed up in a demanding mood; his partner hadn't been paying employee withholding taxes.

"So I'm responsible. The IRS put a tax lien against me. It took several years to recover from that."

Now broke, the couple moved to the wife's home state of Mississippi. It was not a pleasant stay.

"I ended up at Green Acres Processing Plant laying under chicken trucks coated with chicken poop, feathers and dead chickens doing mechanical work. The whole time I was there I couldn't eat chicken because of the smell of that rendering plant."

Two years later, in 1976, the couple arrived in Carlsbad, where Fernsler worked for a firm that built machinery for the potash mines. He later was president of a fabrication firm servicing the potash industry. Then the mines closed.

Bad timing. "I had just built a brand-new house. Lost the job, lost the house."

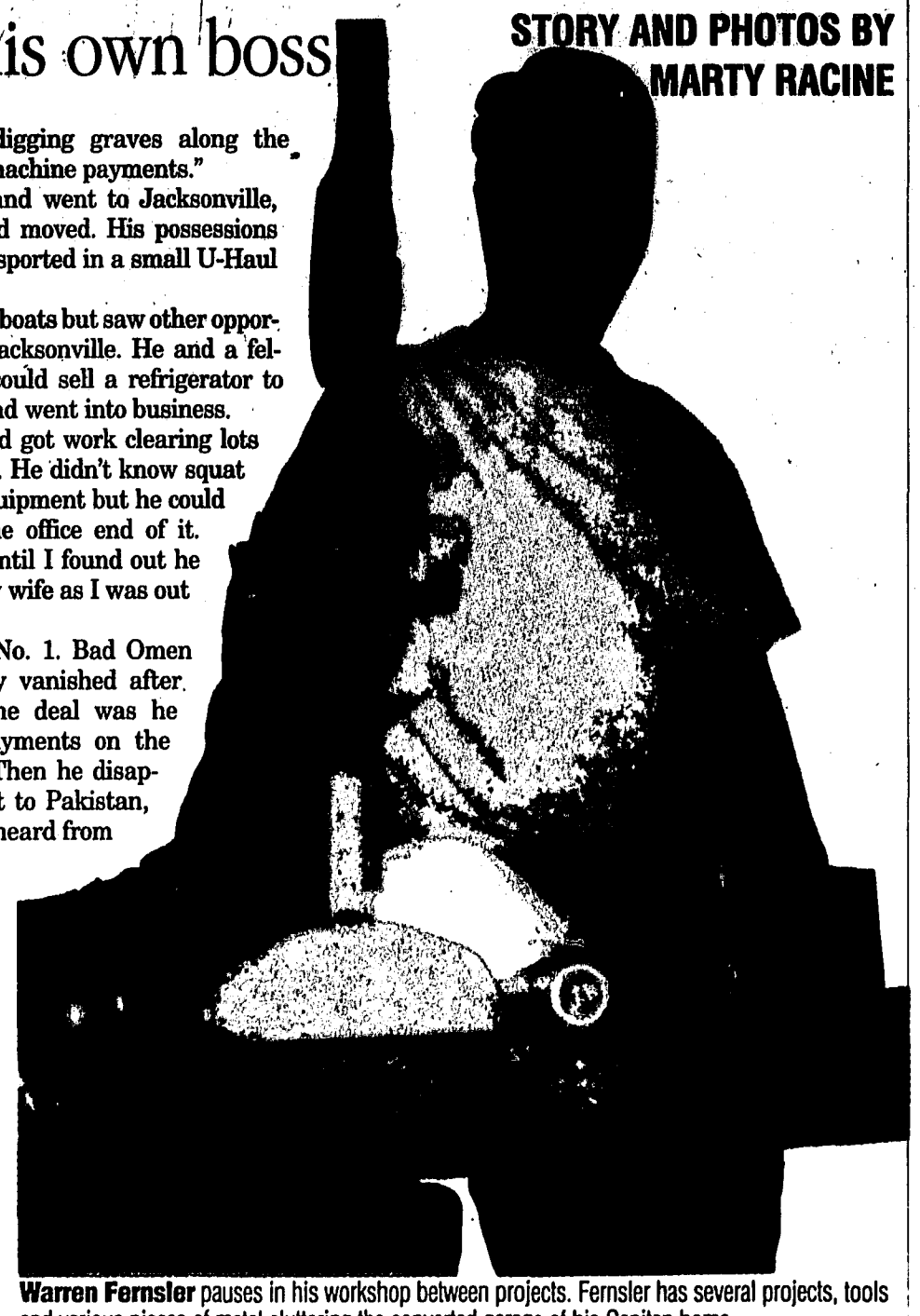
Lost his wife to divorce.

He returned to Florida, working on heavy machinery. "Every year I swore I'd never spend another summer in Florida, sitting under heavy equipment, grease up to your armpits, you're soaking wet, all the sand sticking to you, the mosquitoes trying to eat you.

"Finally I'd had enough of that sweat hole."

So he bounced back to New Mexico, this time to Ruidoso where in 1991 he opened Fernco Sportsman's Supply, a combination gun repair and sporting goods store. He did some metal work building security doors.

Tiring of the retail life, he sold the business in 1999 and bought his barber's house in Capitan, where he converted a carport into his shop, filling it with an air compressor, lathe, band saw, belt sander, track torch and drill presses. There, it would be just him, his dog Chance and all that metal.



Warren Fernsler pauses in his workshop between projects. Fernsler has several projects, tools and various pieces of metal cluttering the converted garage of his Capitan home.

The metal man is more than a builder; he's an inventor. "That's what you do at night when you can't sleep — think of new things."

With Chance following along wagging his approval, Fernsler shows a visitor his latest contraption, a paver press with interchangeable mould heads.

"It's not on the market yet. I've got a lot of people interested. I've got a guy in Canada who's going to sell them in the Horn of Africa."

He's under no illusions. Though the business is debt-free he doesn't expect to get rich.

"I just want to make a living — as long as I can buy Chance's dog food. The reason I sell, I have a price that the common man can afford, the small contractor, the do-it-yourselfer. If I started hiring people and had to pay workman's comp and insurance, the price would have to go up."

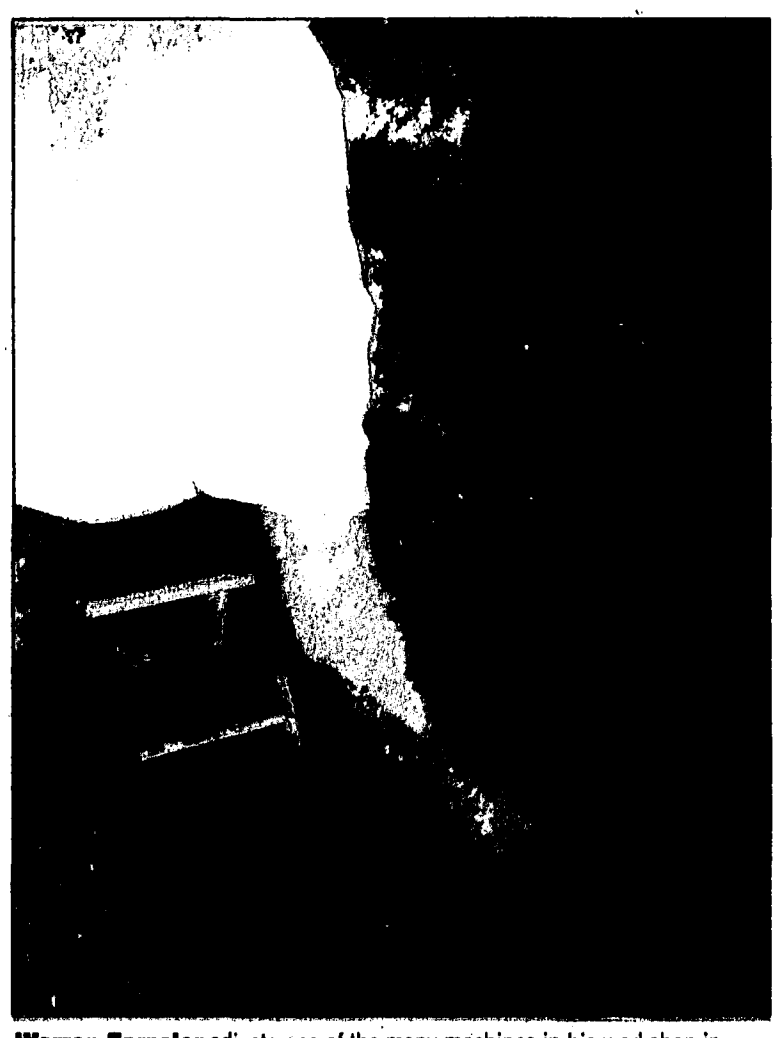
Sometimes, the profit is in being your own boss. "I don't have a payroll to meet. I work my own hours. I don't have temperamental employees or the government busting my chops. I only have to answer to me.

"Sometimes if gets overwhelming. If you don't do it, it doesn't get done. If I don't quit at 4 o'clock and go in and cook dinner, I don't eat."

And it's not easy work. It's hot, dirty and dusty, requiring protective gear. "Metal slivers in your hands, cuts and burns if you're not careful. And I've had some accidents."

Recently a steel plate he was unloading fell on his foot. "I had just dropped a wrench handle on it about a month before and it loosened a nail. You don't want to look at my big toe. I don't want to look at my big toe."

But it's a life. "There are two things I won't do again. I won't go into a partnership with anyone, and I won't get married. If I had a woman here she'd be complaining, 'You're tracking in steel shavings on my carpet!' It would take a special woman to put up with this."



Warren Fernsler adjusts one of the many machines in his workshop in Capitan.

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Although many come down, resident settle for the landsc lage requires for sites.

Renewing old friendships and readying for family changes

Lincoln Trails

ROSALIE DUNLAP

It has been a busy and hectic two weeks. We spent sometime between Portales and Roswell getting my mother ready to live at Villa del Rey. She seems anxious to get moved. She will be in the Independent facility. We will be going to Portales today to celebrate her 94th birthday. She has a granddaughter and family coming down from Washington state.

Twelve members of the Carrizozo FCE took a tour of the Royal Spinning on Gavilan Canyon recently. The group was guided by Chryss Fergerson. They were led from the washer that washed the fleeces, dryer, picker that removed the trash from the alpaca fleeces, to various processes of carding for the fleeces to roving and various sizes of yarn. Nothing is wasted. What can't be used for yarn is felted on equipment outside the building.

They have beautiful yarns of all sizes and items made from the alpaca, They also can do wool but their main business is alpaca.

The company moved here from Washington several months ago. Chryss is the daughter of Nancy Fergerson who is quite well known for her weaving.

It has been a week of renewing old friendships. Bill and Pearl Sunrise of Albuquerque made a surprise visit. Pearl is still active, teaching, weaving, and touring the world on Native American activities. She has been to Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and other destinations. Bill still makes her weaving tools and accompanies her on her trips at times.

They may be in Lincoln for "the Old Lincoln Days."

Sunday we were pleasantly surprised with a visit by Mrs. Rex Werner of Alamogordo. The Werners were among the first people we got aquatinted with when we moved to Lincoln County. She reminded me that we used to babysit each other's children.

The buildings are starting to take a finished look. The Gallegos House and Dr. Woods House are sporting a new roof. Dr. Woods Annex is braced from the picnic grounds in preparation for lots of work on the Annex. There have been quite a number favorable comments on the color of the adobe plaster.

Quite a number of Lincoln County residents attended the Smokey Bear Parade and the activities at Mescalero. It sounds like the Ruckers were running a "bed and breakfast" during the Fourth with so much company coming and g

Peg and Leota Pfingsten number of guests.

We met a very interestin men — Randall and Dan Menefee, Calif. Dan had be computers in New York. Ra New Orleans to meet his found Lincoln by accident.

They were very interested ry of Lincoln. They spent the taking photos and videos and the day buying a puppy fro born. Randall likes Dr. Peppe Ralph's old Dr. Pepper soft dr

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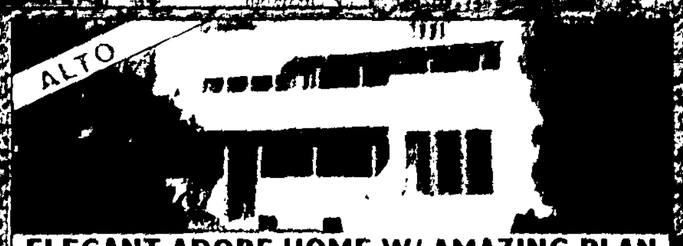

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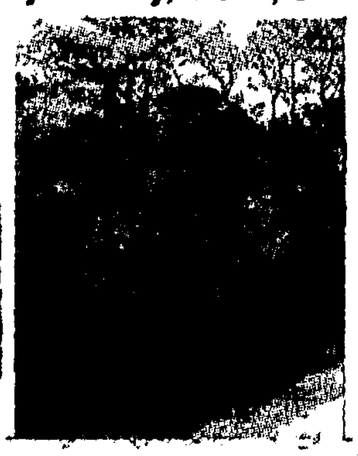

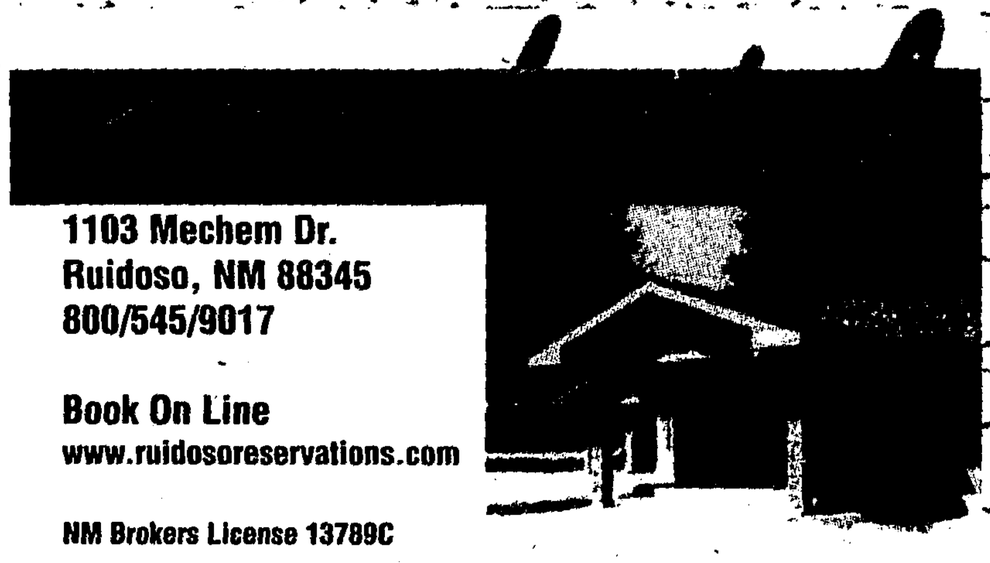

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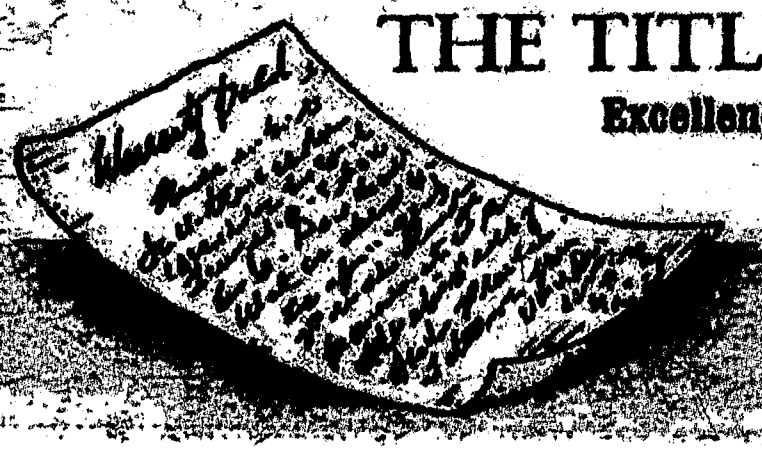

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