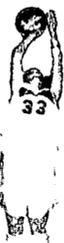


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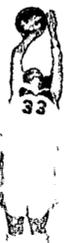
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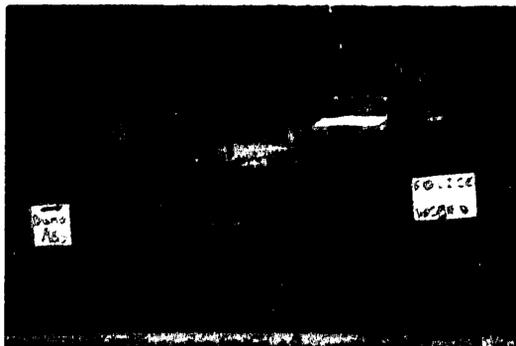


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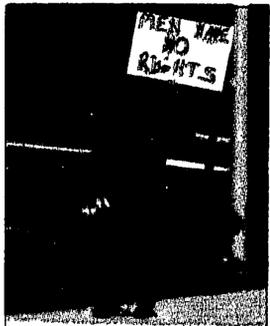
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SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Picketer upset with cops

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A protester in front of the Ruidoso Police Department Tuesday claims that the police department is for women only.

"If a man threatens a woman, they put a restraining order on him, but if a woman threatens a man, they laugh at me," said Jerry Williams, a resident of Alto.

One side of his sign said, "Police are for women," and the other said, "Men have no rights."

Valerie Chavez drove past and decided to make a statement herself. She painted a sign and "protested" alongside Williams.

"A lot of women and men honked and gave me the thumbs-up for protesting his

protest," Chavez said.

Ruidoso Police Department victim's advocate Dawna Reyes said Williams' wife had made a report Jan. 4 when Eric Woods, a Sheriff's Office deputy, happened to be at the police department. Williams was getting up while the deputy was getting her statement for an emergency temporary restraining order.

"Today (Tuesday) he comes in and says he wants to file a report on his wife. He lives in the county, so we told him to go to the Sheriff's Office," Reyes said. "He went to Child Youth and Families Department and they said they saw no substantiation to allegations based on the information. So he comes in here and asks 'Where is the men's police department?' and says that the police are here for

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"He asked the gentleman (Williams) if he wanted to file a report," Reyes said. "Now he is refusing to file a report with the Sheriff's Office. He said, 'I want to handle it this way.'"

"He didn't want to report anything to our office at all," Virden confirmed.

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The American Endurance Ride Conference, Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse and

other interested riders volunteered thousands of hours to mark, design and ride the proposed trails, Happel said. The trail network will provide visitor access to the majority of the ACEC while providing protection of threatened and endangered species, riparian habitat and cultural resources, he said.

Under the proposal, the use of off-highway vehicles would be restricted to designated roads and trails to protect soils, cultural resources and vegetation. Certain routes will be designated only for mountain bikes, horses and/or hiking.

"Most users have used the area in a prudent manner," the draft states. "Due to increased

pressure from the public, users have driven over terrain and caused new two-track roads. These newly-formed tracks have been followed by other recreationists and have caused the two-track trails to develop into established roads."

The draft proposes that new signage would be checked at least once a month by volunteers and employees, who also will be watching for new unplanned routes being used.

The cost of sign procurement was estimated at \$5,000 and vehicle barricades at about \$500 each.

Within the next week, the agency will post the document on its Web site for those who did

not receive a copy of the mail and cannot visit the Roswell office, said Howard Parman, planning and environmental coordinator for the Roswell BLM office.

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Head-on collision injures three

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Three people were injured in a head-on collision about 11:15 a.m. Monday on Country Club Drive just north of Paradise Canyon.

The driver of the northbound vehicle, Agnacio Castillo, 70, of Ruidoso, and his wife, Betty, were admitted to Lincoln County Medical Center, as was the driver of the other vehicle, Lavonne Wolf, 45, of Ruidoso.

The road was "a little slick" from small snowflakes that had fallen, said Ruidoso Police Department officer Michael Driscoll, but Castillo was cited with driving at a speed too fast for conditions and no insurance.

Castillo and Wolf were both treated and released, but Betty Castillo was kept at the hospital for observation because she has diabetes.

Almost 165 feet of skid marks indicated that Castillo was driving at speeds between 45 and 55 mph, Driscoll said. The skid marks begin in the north lane and continue into the south lane where the two vehicles impacted head on, and the vehicle driven by Wolf spun 360 degrees

after the impact. Her vehicle left 3 feet of skid marks and was estimated to be going at 30-35 mph. Air bags deployed in both vehicles and drivers and passenger were wearing seat belts.

"I spoke with Mr. Castillo and he told me he was trying to gain speed on Paradise Canyon, going up the hill, and when he got to the top of the road the vehicle started fishtailing for awhile, but he didn't decelerate. Instead he slammed on the brakes and went into a skid," Driscoll said, adding that the skid marks don't begin until about 30 feet after that intersection.

Castillo had been cited for no insurance previously, the officer said.

Shortly after, Wolf's son apparently heard of his mother's accident, and he raced to the hospital in a vehicle driven by a juvenile — speeding through Midtown in heavy traffic at 65-70 mph with the hazard lights flashing. One police car attempted to pull the vehicle over unsuccessfully, but three police units managed to stop the vehicle at El Paso Road.

The driver was arrested and cited for eluding or evading a police officer and reckless driving, Driscoll said.

Downs council to vote on judge pay raises

BY P. BLAKE MARTIN
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Agenda items for the Ruidoso Downs city council meeting on Tuesday include a public hearing concerning a pay raise amendment for temporary municipal judge appointments.

Under new business, Ruidoso Downs police officer

Jason Kinnick will present a program on "Stranger Danger."

The council will consider approving the 2001-2002 City of Ruidoso Downs audit. Resolutions on the Open Meetings Act, and supporting a pedestrian crosswalk will be considered.

Also, considerations for advertisement for bids on Itron-compatible radio-read water

meters, a 2003 1/2 ton 4-by-4 pickup truck, and a regular cab 4-by-4 with utility bed and 4,000-pound crane.

A bid for professional engineering services will be considered toward the design construction management for reconstruction of Right and Allison streets.

The meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. at city hall.

RUIDOSO SCHOOLS

Meeting: Ruidoso Board of Education, 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 14 in the Administration Office

- The public is welcome. Discussion:
- All State Band
 - 2-mill election Feb. 4
 - Legislative outlook
- Action items:
- 2002-03
 - Budget adjustments
 - Open bids for Internet service provider

- Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center policies/procedures

- Personnel
- Licensed resignations/recommendations for employment
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- for employment
- Closed session
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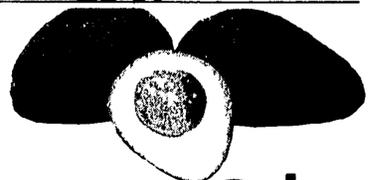


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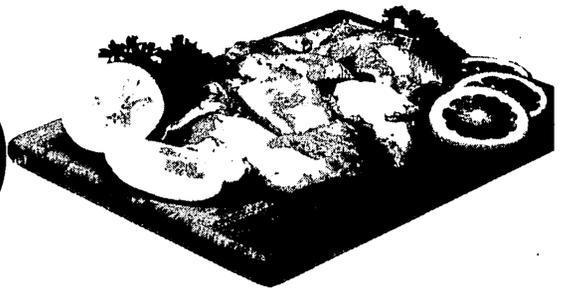


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OUR OPINION

Private school, public concern

The Ruidoso Christian School closes with little notice

When the Ruidoso Christian School closed its doors in late December, 10 or so working couples faced a dilemma — where to take their pre-school-age children.

Parents of the children were left scrambling. They didn't qualify for Nob Hill Early Childhood Center attendance, and were faced with tracking down expensive day-care in the middle of the term.

Some of those parents were upset enough to seek a temporary injunction and to obtain a court order to keep the school open until the end of the current school year.

The school closed on Dec. 20, giving parents and the two teachers verbal notice on Dec. 13. Parents said no reasons

were given, although the long-operated elementary school affiliated with the Ruidoso Downs Baptist Church had closed its doors earlier, citing regulatory and attendance problems.

Regardless of the outcome in court, these parents of pre-schoolers — now and in future years — have fallen between the cracks.

The long years of success and recent failure of the Ruidoso Christian School revealed something important:

There is a need in Lincoln County for the kind of education offered by the school for more than 20 years...not necessarily a Christian school, but one that fills a defined need — that need being early childhood education for *all* children.

An ethical question or two

One ethical question most people in the newspaper business answered long ago goes something like this: If you're offered a gift by a news source, refuse it — refuse it politely, but absolutely.

It's obvious if you think about it. No "bribe" may be intended, but if you accept the gift, you're setting yourself up potentially as one who might be amenable to a little gratuity in return for a favor. Same thing goes for free tickets to concerts and such. Is a favorable review the quid pro quo?

Yes...it's been a learning experience. One time, long ago, everybody in the newsroom at one of the first papers I worked for got a Christmas gift certificate for a bottle of booze, courtesy the most successful oil man in the county. And I admit it, I took it...but it just didn't taste right. That's when I made a New Year's resolution — never again. And, yes...some publishers have had a different view. The huge Gannett newspaper chain once put out an order: It's OK to accept it if you can eat it in one sitting. I didn't think so.

And I was happy to get some government confirmation back in 1995, when the Republican-controlled U.S. House of Representatives put in some strict ethics rules. That, you may recall, came after 40 years of control by the Democrats and any number of

ethics investigations.

Now, I must sadly state, the Associated Press has reported that on Tuesday, the first day of the 108th Congress, the still-Republican-controlled House of Representatives voted down the recommendations of their own Committee on Standards of Official Conduct which just last November distributed gift-limit guidance of a single gift limit of \$49.99, with the proviso that the rule couldn't be evaded by "averaging the expense of gifts given to more than one member or staff person."

Well, well — on Tuesday the House adopted a resolution on a party-line vote (221-203) allowing "averaging" and making it easier for lobbyists, as AP reported, "to send boxes of pizza and buckets of chicken to congressional offices" while their pet bills are being considered. (Democrats called the perishable food provision the "pizza rule.")

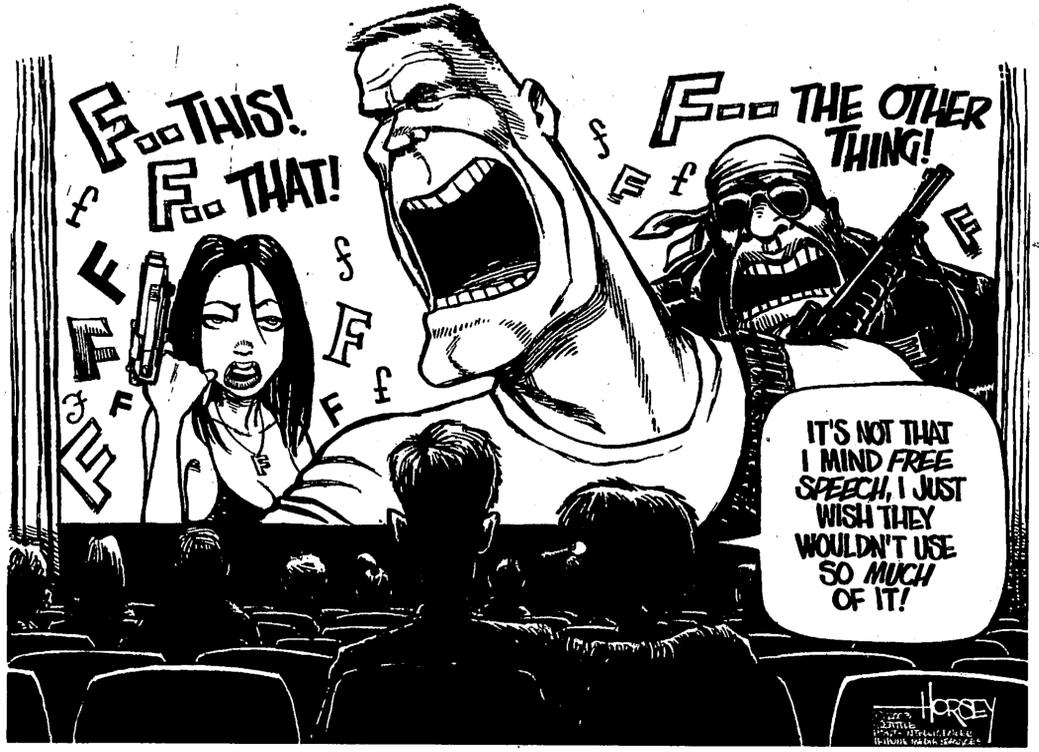
More egregious, say I, was the approval of changes that allow IRS-certified charitable organizations to give lawmakers free travel and lodging at resorts. That sounds to me like the House has concluded that charity does begin at home, and it certainly reminds me of the reason the prohibition was set in the first place: To discourage lawmakers from attending events at resorts, in effect getting free vacations.

All of this, probably, because the newly resurgent Republicans are feeling their oats and think they can get away with it.

Not in my house, where there's a saying: You can't be just a little bit pregnant.



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YOUR OPINION

The spirit behind the RHS Performing Arts Center

To the editor:

In the announcement of the completion of the Ruidoso schools' Performing Arts Center (Jan. 1), one individual's name was omitted: Cathi McIntosh. As a new teacher at Ruidoso High School 10 years ago, Cathi, as Danny Flores had before her, saw the promise of a high school drama program.

Her first drama student was a graduating high school senior. Under her imaginative and visionary teaching, the school drama program, requiring acting, dancing and singing skills of the students, evolved into polished performances of "Guys and Dolls," "Oklahoma," and "The Wizard of Oz," among others. Many actors and actresses in the community contributed their expertise behind the stage to help with these productions.

For lack of a high school facility, Cathi presented her students' work at different locations in the community. When the results were spectacular, the community enthusiastically supported a bond issue for the construction of a building on the Ruidoso High School campus, which could be used as a combined daytime classroom and evening theater and music space for the Ruidoso schools as well as for programs such as Community Concerts and amateur and professional theater.

As Cathi has often said, her "passion becomes the students' passion" and is the key to her success in attracting students to drama who are willing to put in long hours rehearsing, designing and building sets and selling tickets for the performances. The stage gives students a "place to shine." Most drama students remember theater class and the Senior-

play as the highlights of their high school years.

When Cathi's thespians present their play in the new theater this spring, be there. You will be both entertained and enlightened with the magic of young people performing the magic of theater.

Virginia Jones
Capitan

To defend and indict

To the editor:

I've had great difficulty with this letter. I have had to dictate the behavior of your government while it is engaged in a completely justified "War on Terrorism?"

The reason for that is: As a patriotic American citizen, my loyalty is to the Constitution and the country rather than to any particular administration.

To any objective observer, the Bush administration's behavior can only be characterized as somewhere between deeply un-American and openly tyrannous.

The 9-11 attacks have been used to justify the consistent and continuing assault on American civil liberties; on our tradition of peaceful co-existence with countries, even those that we disagree with and disapprove of; and on our tradition of supporting economic pluralism (economic policies based on the common good and the growth of the middle class).

The Bush administration has used the "Patriot Act" to dismantle the Bill of Rights. As it has already been used, an American citizen's constitutional rights, all of them, may be set aside. This, based on an anonymous, unsupported accusation that they are an "enemy

combatant."

An American citizen has been charged with treason for holding a press conference eight years ago. Anti-war activists, including nuns, were harassed at airports and refused flights because they were on a list of 1,000 "persons dangerous to air travel."

Bush's change of the U.S.'s international policy to a "pre-emptive war" strategy is against international law, every treaty we've ever signed, and the U.N. charter. It also makes us into an oppressive bully.

As Americans, as citizens and patriots we should do everything in our power to reverse and oppose these policies.

It is part of the responsibility of a free person to do so. We should be true to the best of American ideals rather than the worst of its fears.

Ray Wilson
Alto

Farewell to a friend

To the editor:

On Jan. 1, 2003, Ruidoso lost a great friend.

Joseph Dustin Gall had just ended a long journey in the Ruidoso school system and began his career in the United States Navy. After completing basic training, Dustin returned home to spend the holidays with his friends and family.

Dustin was a pillar of strength and happiness. To Dustin, others came first. The constant smile on his face brought a renewed strength to those around him. Dustin's imagination always brought laughter to everyone in every situation. This compassion is how we will remember him.

The senseless death of this wonderful young man should not be misinterpreted into something that it isn't. Dustin's cause of death does not reflect the manner in which he led his life. We would all be doing Dustin a favor by learning from his mistake.

Bethany Rogge
for the RHS Class of 2002

STREET TALK

QUESTION: Do you think we should go to war against Iraq?



"No, I don't think it was any of our business to begin with."

Debra Gonzales
Ruidoso



"As much as I hate to see it, I think we're going to have to. I don't see any other way out."

Marcia Guynes
Capitan



"No, because I think it's just for the oil and it's not worth killing."

Chris Niemerg
Ruidoso

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RUIDOSO POLICE

Pipe missing

The airport manager reported that someone stole about 800 feet of 4-inch water casing pipe valued at \$1,500 from the pump house area between Oct. 1, 2002, and Jan. 7, according to police reports. Each piece is about 40 feet long, so it would have required several individuals and a trailer, but none of the employees reported seeing anyone remove the pipe.

Burglary suspected

An intruder broke into a residence in the 100 block of Bonanza Drive between Dec. 21, 2002, and Jan. 4, and stole an RCA television valued at \$200, a VCR player valued at \$100, a compact television valued at \$75 and two fishing poles with reels valued at \$30. The report states that apparently a rock was used to break into the house.

Fisticuffs reported

A Chihuahua, Chih., Mexico, man allegedly attacked a San Antonio, Texas, man after the latter told the former's sister to go back to her place in line at Tube and Tow on Ski Run Road. Employees broke the fight up and told both men to leave. The Texas man was transported to Lincoln County Medical Center by EMS and the suspect had gone by the time police arrived.

Money gone

KFC reported to police that \$415 in large bills were taken from the store at 331 Sudderth Drive between 6:30 p.m. Jan. 1 and 11 p.m. Jan. 3. Employees were given the chance to replace the money without charges being pressed, but no one came forward, the report states.

Guns, booze stolen

A resident in the 100 block of Mockingbird Lane reported that someone broke into the residence, went through the closets and took two bottles of whiskey valued at \$50, an antique rifle valued at \$800 and a six-shot pearl grip pistol valued at \$300. An officer found a broken window.

Vehicles damaged

A Chevrolet truck and Chrysler conversion van parked at Holiday Inn Express, 400 Highway 70, received heavy scratches between 8 a.m. and 5:11 p.m. Jan 3.

Fire citation

Ruidoso police cited two men for improper handling of fire after being dispatched to the 100 block of Joe Street about a report of fireworks. Robert S. Bender, 28, of Houston, Texas, and Daniel D. Hunter, 27, of

Round Rock, Texas, were cited, and Hunter admitted he had thrown Roman-candle type fireworks from the deck of a vacation residence.

Camera lost

A woman from Phoenix, Ariz., reported that she lost her Nikon 990 digital camera in a small green camera case somewhere in the 2300 block of Sudderth Drive. She had tracked to the places she'd been but no one had seen the camera. A police officer also checked the area without luck. The camera was valued at \$700 and the camera case at \$40.

Child abuse charged

Police arrested Annette C. Romero, 37, of Ruidoso, Jan. 2 in the 500 block of 2nd Street, charging her with abuse or abandonment of a child.

Household battery

Ralph E. Kinder, 46, of Ruidoso, was arrested Jan. 4 in the 100 block of Jann Lane and charged with aggravated battery against a household member.

A temporary restraining order was issued at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 4, and on Jan. 6, he was reported to have violated the restraining order three times in the last two days.

Council to vote on new clerk

Mayor will suggest Nava for office; airport grants on agenda

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Mayor Leon Eggleston will propose the appointment of Irma Nava as Ruidoso village clerk during the council meeting at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday.

Nava has served as deputy clerk since March 1996 and previously was receptionist at the village convention center. She was named acting village clerk on Dec. 30, after long-time village clerk Tammie Maddox moved into her elected position as Lincoln County Clerk.

A public hearing is sched-

uled during the meeting to amend the ordinance governing the use of a portion of the municipal gross receipts tax to allow broader use of the money and remove limits tied to the municipal airport.

Discussion and possible action is listed on a county request to rename five streets in the village to eliminate duplication with others in the county, as part of the Enhanced 911 emergency response system.

Under a lengthy consent agenda, in which all items are approved in one action unless a councilor requests the removal

of an issue, several grant agreements dealing with Sierra Blanca Regional Airport are included for action. They cover upgrading of runway 6/24, taxiway and aprons, installation of navigational aids and construction of fencing; overlaying the crosswind runway for an additional \$16,000 and for a \$300,000 Rapid Intervention Vehicle, with 90 percent funded by federal dollars, 5 percent by the state and 5 percent by the village.

The council meets at the village administration center on Cree Meadows Drive.

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FUNERALS DEATHS

Jake Harris

A celebration of the life of Lincoln County pioneer and old-timer Jesse "Jake" Charles Harris, 87, will be at the First Baptist Church, Ruidoso Downs, at 2 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 13, with Earl Robinson officiating. Burial will follow at the Angus Cemetery in Angus, and visitation will be from 10 a.m. until noon on Monday at LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso.



Harris

Mr. Harris died at Lincoln County Medical Center Jan. 7, 2003.

He was born in 1916 in Royal, Okla., to Jesse Green Harris and Angie Beeson Harris. He traveled with his parents in a covered wagon train at the age of 6 weeks to Capitan, and they home-steaded northeast of Angus. His mother died when he was 18 months old. He grew up helping his father farm cotton east of Roswell, where he attended LFD School, and later on the High Mesa Ranch in Alto. He played, fished, and hunted with his childhood friend, Arvel Rannels, all over Sierra Blanca. He attended Capitan High School, graduating in 1935.

He graduated from Mechanical Engineering School in Los Angeles, Calif., then went into the oil field in Kansas

for two years.

He moved to Ruidoso Downs in 1939 and went into logging and saw-milling with his father. They built the first mercantile and hardware store, filling station, mechanical shop, bar, dance floor and cafe.

He married Carol Sublett in 1939. They had two daughters, Carol Ann and Nancy. In 1966, he married Florence Lohman Anderson. He had a step-daughter, Tracie.

Mr. Harris was a 52-year Mason, serving as Master twice, and a Shriner. He was Eastern Star Worthy Patron four times. He was on the Ruidoso Downs Village Council three times and was mayor twice. He helped establish Ruidoso Downs with lawyer Jack Whorton. He established the boundaries and helped organize the first fire department.

He was raised a Methodist and in later years became a

member of his wife's church, the Seventh Day Adventist Church. He was a saw-miller, heavy equipment operator, sand and gravel operator and welder.

Survivors include his wife, Florence B. Harris; daughters Carol Pior, and her husband, Bob, of Ruidoso Downs, Nancy Hughes and her husband, Chris, of Waco, Texas; a step-daughter, Tracie Leighton, and her husband, Tom, of Tijeras; granddaughters Ashley of Tijeras, Felicia Graf and her husband, Alex, of Albuquerque; grandsons Russ Pior of Fort Worth, Texas, Rod Pior and his wife, Trista, of Las Cruces, Eddie Leighton and his wife, Amy, of Albuquerque; and great-grandsons Aaron and Josh Pior of Ruidoso.

He is preceded in death by a sister, Ione Goins; a brother, Lloyd Harris; his father, Jesse G. Harris; and his mother, Angie Harris.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Lincoln County or Ruidoso Care Center.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Bush plan backed

WASHINGTON (PRN) — The Small Business Survival Committee praised President Bush's economic plan and said it would be a big help for the nation's small businesses.

The wide-ranging plan announced by the President in Chicago Tuesday includes immediately and permanently implementing the 2001 Bush tax cut package, ending the double taxation of dividends,

increased expensing for small businesses, and other provisions.

"Business investment is key to fostering healthy levels of economic growth. President Bush's plan offers much needed capital and incentives to the sector of the economy shouldering the bulk of job creation, economic growth and innovation — small businesses and entrepreneurs," said SBSC Chairman Karen Kerrigan.

Focus on Agriculture

Farmers weather tough year

BY STEWART TRULSEN
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

This last year was not kind to many sectors of the economy, including agriculture, but there is hope that 2003 will be better. For 2002, net farm income is going to be down about 20 percent from the previous year. Job layoffs in towns also hurt many farmers who rely on off-farm income to make ends meet.

In May, the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act, was signed into law. It provides an underpinning for the nation's farm economy through 2007. Farm Bureau played a major role in securing its passage. With a struggling general economy and threats of terrorism and war, the U.S. needs a strong agricultural industry more than ever.

Theft and vandalism are always a concern on farms, but in 2002 farmers found out they were on the front line of biosecurity. They had to be on guard against invasive pests or diseases or other tampering with our food supply that might be part of a terrorist plot. The newly created Department of Homeland Security also is addressing these issues.

Although they already had a full plate of problems and concerns, farmers and ranchers had more coming. One of the most severe and widespread droughts in at least 50 years tightened its grip on the nation through summer. Ironically, severe storms and floods struck areas not experiencing drought.

Almost 90 percent of U.S. counties received a USDA disaster designation in 2002. Farm Bureau is working hard on getting weather disaster assistance from Congress.

Catastrophic wildfires raged across the West last year, threatening farm families and others living in rural areas. In a number of states, Farm Bureau

stepped in to help dislocated families and livestock. Sadly, the fires proved a point about poor forest management and the need for grazing, logging and prescribed burns to restore forest health.

The U.S. farm export market did remarkably well in 2002, considering the strong dollar, weaker economies around the world and a labor dispute that shut down 29 ports on the west coast for 10 days.

But there were problems with the European Union over its continuing moratorium against new approvals of biotech crops. American Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman says the moratorium is costing U.S. producers hundreds of millions of dollars annually. He urged the Bush administration to initiate action against the EU through the World Trade Organization.

Despite the many setbacks of 2002, there is optimism for the farm economy. Last year, Farm Bureau and others successfully fought for Trade Promotion Authority for President Bush. This will certainly help with future trade deals so vital to U.S. agriculture. Farm commodity prices started moving up last year and the trend is expected to continue.

Higher prices will add to the value of U.S. farm exports. They are now expected to reach \$57 billion in 2003, the highest since 1997. Oil prices spiked at year's end, which is not good news for farmers, but interest in renewable fuels from the farm has never been greater. After proving how resilient they are in 2002, farmers are ready for an economic recovery in 2003.

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

WINNING SMILES



COURTESY LEISURE HOTELS, LLC

Award presentation participants are, from left, Tom Oliver, Six Continents Hotels chairman and CEO; Steve Olson, president/CEO, Leisure Hotels LLC; Gary Endicott, vice president/CEO, Leisure Hotels LLC; and Stevan Porter, president, Six Continents Hotels.

Honor presented to Leisure Hotels

A hotel in Kansas, managed by Leisure Hotels LLC, also the parent of Ruidoso's Hawthorn Suites Golf and Convention Resort, has received a major international quality award.

The Holiday Inn Express Dodge City was chosen from more than 1,000 locations to receive the Six Continents Hotels 2002 Priority Club Rewards Members' Choice Award. Members of the Six Continents Hotels guest loyalty program, Priority Club Rewards, voted on the awards.

The hotel is managed by Leisure Hotels and was honored during a special ceremony at an annual conference

in San Diego, Calif. Steve Olson of Leisure Hotels accepted the award on behalf of the Dodge City hotel.

Members were asked to name their favorite hotels in 17 different categories ranging from the best overall to the best hotel staff. Holiday Inn Express Dodge City was voted the best overall hotel.

More than 2,000 franchise owners and company officials attended the Six Continents Hotels Global Investors conference.

Hutchinson, Kan.-based Leisure Hotels LLC, now operates 18 hotels in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and New Mexico.

Banking, real estate battle resumes in Congress

WASHINGTON — Legislation that prohibits big banking conglomerates from entering the real estate business was reintroduced in both houses of Congress Tuesday, with the same bipartisan support the bill garnered in the last Congress, the National Association of Realtors announced.

Known as the Community Choice in Real Estate Act, the bill is identical to legislation that was introduced in the 107th Congress. More than a dozen U.S. Senators and more than 245 members of the U.S. House of Representatives signed onto that bill last session.

NAR commended lead sponsors Reps. Ken Calvert, R-Calif., and Paul E. Kanjorski, D-Pa., in the House and original sponsors Sens. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., Wayne Allard, R-Colo., and Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., for their commitment to keep big banks from entering real estate brokerage or property management. Some 100 representatives were expected to sign onto the bill as original cosponsors.

Banking conglomerates are seeking permission to sell and manage real

estate via a proposed rule before the Federal Reserve Board and the Treasury Department. However, the proposed rule is contrary to what Congress intended when it passed the 1999 Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act.

This bill clarifies congressional intent and amends the Bank Holding Company Act to preclude any such action by the Federal Reserve or Treasury.

"The reintroduction of the Community Choice in Real Estate Act sends a clear signal that Congress never intended to mix banking and commerce," said NAR President Cathy Whatley.

NAR won the only votes on this issue in the last Congress when the House passed language precluding the Treasury Department from using any funds to implement the rule in 2003.

Strong sales year foreseen

Both existing- and new-home sales will be somewhat slower in 2003 but should record their second-best showings ever, according to David Lereah,

Jobless benefits extended 39 weeks

WASHINGTON — During the first day of business in the 108th Congress, on Tuesday, U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., joined the Senate in approving a 13-week extension in federal unemployment benefits for workers whose aid ran out in December.

House approval followed on Wednesday, 416-4.

Current unemployment benefits, first extended by Congress in March, expired Dec. 28. Prompt signing by President Bush will leave no lapse in benefits for those covered by the extension.

"Many hard-working New Mexicans and their families have been hit hard by the economic downturn. This unemployment benefit extension will give those workers an extra cushion as they pursue new job opportunities," Domenici said.

The legislation continues the Temporarily Extended Unemployment Compensation Benefits (TEUC) program enacted in March 2002 to June 1, 2003. Unemployed workers will be entitled to at least 39 weeks of unemployment compensation so long as they exhaust their regular benefits by June 1.

One new feature of this program is the phase-out provision which ensures each unemployed worker will receive all of the additional unemployment compensation for which they have qualified.

Domenici supported the 13-week extension, just as he supported the previous 13-week extension that cleared Congress in March as part of an economic stimulus package.

The stimulus law made extended benefits available to workers who had lost their jobs since March 15, 2001. The new extension would also cover these workers.

As the new year advances, economic activity will grind slowly higher

BY MICHAEL SWANSON
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The current economic recovery has been ragged and unsatisfactory for almost every sector of the economy so far. Employment growth has been

Economy and markets

especially weak to date, and next week's December employment report is expected to bring little good news.

According to a study by the Federal Reserve, changes in the structure of the economy and policy responses have had a significant impact on the shape of the business cycle.

According to the "guitar string" theory of business cycles, a smaller drop in the economy causes a weaker jump back up in recovery. The Fed's quick response and aggressive growth policy helped avert a strong recession, but the very same actions will prevent a strong or rapid recovery.

If this view proves correct, investors and businesses would be best served by

taking their cues from the slow and lackluster recovery following the 1990-91 recession.

Solid policy moves

While the economic news has been uneven, the policy responses have been rock solid so far. Hopefully, businesses and investors will respond positively to extremely stimulative monetary and fiscal policy.

The Federal Reserve remains committed to promoting economic growth and fighting the specter of deflation with easy monetary policy. It is clear that low interest rates have allowed consumers to help sustain economic growth, but the high levels of consumer debt could be a drag going forward.

Even if consumer spending levels off or falls slightly, business investment is expected to make its long-awaited arrival sometime in 2003.

Year of decline

The year 2002 saw the first actual decline in the quantity of equipment and software stocks in more than 40 years for non-financial corporations.

Typically, gross fixed investment averages approximately 9 percent of GDP to cover depreciation and to grow productive capacity. The last seven quarters have been substantially below this long-term rate of investment, leaving substantial upside for future investment.

Even with low levels of business confidence, companies will start to invest in newer computers and equipment simply to maintain their current levels of production and productivity.

And, it is likely that marketplace competition based on innovation and cost will soon force companies back on the investment treadmill. The eventual 2003 increase in business investment should be a major step in decreasing ongoing economic uncertainty.

Stocks, bonds

Given geopolitical uncertainties and subdued investor enthusiasm for equities, Treasuries still remain the safe harbor for nervous investors. However, better economic news is starting to bring Treasuries back from their

extreme over-valuations of 2002.

At the moment, the Wells Fargo bond valuation model continues to see-saw based on two opposing forces.

Better stock performance and slightly higher short-term inflation indicate that Treasuries continue to be overvalued, but the Federal Reserve's easy monetary policy and weak payroll growth has depressed yields and boosted Treasury prices.

Next week's unemployment figure will be a major indicator in determining the future direction of Treasuries.

A stable or improving unemployment rate will certainly put additional pressure on Treasuries to increase their yields. Given the high spread between Treasuries and quality corporate bonds, investors will continue to reshuffle their portfolios to higher yielding corporate bonds.

The current estimates from the S&P 500 index (based on industry analyst estimates) call for a 19 percent improvement in 2003 operating earnings per share compared to 2002.

Even taking this improvement in earnings as a given (a generous

NAR's chief economist, who said the final numbers for 2002 are expected to shatter all-time records with 5.56 million new-home sales, up 5.0 and 7.7 percent respectively from the previous records set in 2001.

"The momentum gained from low mortgage interest rates will carry strong home sales into 2003, with an improving economy offsetting modestly higher mortgage interest rates as the year progresses," he said.

Lereah said the economic stimulus package proposed by the Bush administration appears to be broad-based, benefiting both investors and consumers. "It would help housing by accelerating planned tax cuts, providing tax relief to equity investors and increasing the pace of economic activity," he said.

"This means more jobs and a boost to consumer confidence, which will help to sustain strong home sales. It's our hope that whatever package is passed will achieve sufficient economic growth to avoid budget deficits and higher interest rates."

assumption), there might be little or no improvement in the overall value of the index. The current price of the S&P 500 puts it at 16.5 multiple to future earnings using the forward earnings estimate.

Given present investor sentiment, it might be difficult to sustain this multiple or increase it going forward. Historically since 1985, the market has ranged between valuations of 10 to 26 times forward earnings.

If the market returned to a conservative 10 times forward earnings, 2003 could see the S&P 500 around 555 compared its recent level around 900. It is unlikely that the market will sink back to those levels of valuations for future earnings, considering the current investment environment and investment alternatives.

However given poor investor confidence, earnings improvement might be needed just to keep the market from going backwards.

These are not investment recommendations. Consult your financial advisers.

Health department provides wide spectrum of services

BY TERRE ELLIOTT
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

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

The mission of the Department of Health is to promote health and sound health policy, prevent disease and disability, improve health services systems and assure that essential public health functions and safety net services are available to New Mexicans.

We provide preventative and screening services through various programs. Some services are offered on a sliding scale basis while others are free of charge.

Services offered by Public Health include the following:

- Family planning services, including pregnancy testing and birth control for women of childbearing age and up to age 49.
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- Tuberculosis (TB) screening Mondays 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. or by appointment.
- Prenatal services for all women regardless of income.
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- ing and treatment.
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- Women, Infant & Children (WIC) Program: A supplemental food program that offers nutritional counseling for pregnant and postpartum women and children up to age 5.
- Children's Medical Services (CMS) program provides services for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disabling conditions in children in New Mexico. CMS offers medical management, service coordination and specialty clinics that include asthma, cardiac, cleft palate/lip, endocrine, neurology clinics.
- Families First Program offers prenatal and pediatric case management services including education about pregnancy and infant development and periodic developmental screenings.

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MATRIX: No HEAT ties

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"We're not some fly-by-night company," he said. "We'll do a good job for everybody, including national security."

If the Tinnie property is purchased, he would like to install a driving course. Explosives used would be precision charges and he plans to deflect the noise as much as possible.

Merryman said he was born in Albuquerque while his father was in the military service and his brother still lives there.

WEATHER: Airport, middle school primary sources

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incorporating a weather station with the new public radio station operated by Fort Stanton Inc. It's a matter of funding and finding the equipment—possibly a mobile station. We wondered if this might be something the state could contribute to because of the economic impact."

Tim Morris, village airport manager, said weather stations can run from \$30,000 to \$130,000, depending on how sophisticated the technology is. The trick would be to come up with an effective way to disseminate the information, he said.

Airports usually are the source for readings for the National Weather Service, television and radio stations, primarily as a function of the federal government for the aviation industry, he said.

A weather station also functions at Ruidoso Middle School, said principal Ron Bennett. "We have sensors on the top of the building, so perhaps some residual heat affects the readings, but it's good enough for me to make decisions (about school functions and closures)."

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Towing increases in snow

■ Cars posing a hazard after snowstorms have to be removed, police say.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

While Ruidoso police officers show some sympathy for drivers who miscalculate the effects of snow storms and abandon their cars, they can't allow traffic hazards.

Lt. Wolfgang Born of the village police department said vehicles posing a hazard to other cars will be towed.

"We'll make some attempt first to locate the owner," he said. "But if they're from out of town, that can be hard."

If a car is blocking a private driveway or is on other private land, the property owner must deal with the situation.

One course of action could be to call the code enforcement division at village hall, said Mike Runnels, Ruidoso planning director.

"Police officers can enforce city ordinances on public right of way and involving traffic, but if a car is abandoned on private property, we could evoke one of our ordinances to cover that," Runnels said.

When a vehicle is parked on public right of way but is not a hazard, officers will red-tag it, Born said.

The notice gives the owner 48 hours to move the car or see it impounded, he said.

The recent heavy snowstorm left several cars halfway off roads, he said. Two were towed, others were red-tagged.

Carey Harkey at Dale's Wrecker Service said that Ruidoso Downs business averaged about 10 to 12 tow calls a day from the Monday before Christmas until the Thursday after the holiday.

"None was serious," she said. "Most were stuck in ditches."

Born said unless a vehicle is mired in the snow and can't be moved, it should be pulled off the road where it can be retrieved when the snow melts.

Drivers who see a potential hazard situation with an abandoned car can call the police department at 258-7365. Other calls can be directed to village code enforcement at 257-4343 or the street department at 257-6023.

Most tow services listed in the Yellow Pages of the telephone book have 24-hour service and are available over the holidays.

LCMC BIRTHS

Recent births at Lincoln County Medical Center:

Dec. 17, 2002, a daughter, Allondra Nohely Lozano, to Bernadette and Flavio Lozano, 5 lb, 2 oz, 17 1/4"

Dec. 17, 2002, a daughter, Kiarra Lyn Chavez, to Vinetta Montano and Kenneth Chavez, 5 lb, 1.4 oz, 18"

Dec. 22, 2002, a daughter, Joey Noel Cattedra, to Joann Cattedra, 6 lb, 13.8 oz, 20"

Dec. 24, 2002, a son, Cody Allen Fitzpatrick, to Patricia and Paul Fitzpatrick, 7 lb, 5.5 oz, 21 1/2"

Dec. 29, 2002, a son, Kyle Rudy Catlin, to Renetta Saldana and Greg Catlin, 5 lb, 11.6 oz, 19 7/8"

Dec. 31, 2002, a daughter, Ferdina Janet Trujillo, to Elizabeth Hurbina and Ferdinand Trujillo, 5 lb, 10.4 oz, 18"

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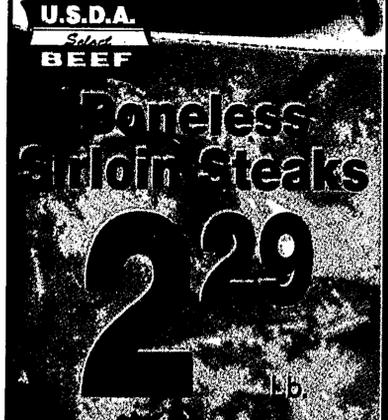
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Ruidoso out-muscles Lady Wildcats

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

No last-second comebacks this time.

The Ruidoso Lady Warriors, having lost on the last shot against Socorro and Tularosa this season, welcomed the Lady Wildcats to RHS Tuesday for a return engagement.

Tularosa defeated the Lady Warriors Dec. 10 when Angel Gonzales got free with five seconds left on the clock and sunk a three-pointer to give the Lady Wildcats a one-point win.

This time around, Ruidoso came out strong and hard, held off another Tularosa rally, and won 50-43.

"The execution of the transition game was the difference," said Ruidoso coach Greg Marez. "Once we started running our set transition, it looked great."

The game was close throughout most of the first quarter until the Lady Warriors (4-7) opened things up with a 10-2 run to close out the period.

Most of those points came off of steals or straight Tularosa turnovers. Ruidoso was then able to overpower the Lady Wildcats (7-5) with its size and strength.

"In that first quarter, they beat us up pretty good," said Tularosa coach Scott Saldevar. "They were more physical and more aggressive at the beginning."

"It was a much more physical game, which really works to their side," he continued. "They've got the bigger, stronger girls than we have on the inside."

The Ruidoso post players and forwards — Samantha Serna, Jessica Gibson, Dusti Franklin and Beth Robinson — combined for 38 points on the night. Robinson had a double-

"We're trying to build this up so that when we get to district, we'll be that much better."

Greg Marez
Ruidoso girls basketball coach

double, scoring 13 points and pulling down 11 rebounds to lead the Lady Warriors.

"We hadn't put in a transition game like the last time we played Tularosa," Marez said. "That's one of the bigger things. We're trying to build this up so that when we get to district, we'll be that much better."

"Their conditioning is coming around, but I hope they're not in peak condition now, I hope they make that by March."

Ruidoso had control through much of the game, but the Lady Wildcats hung around — mostly because the Lady Warriors

Lady Warriors 50, Lady Wildcats 43
Tularosa (7-5)

Christian Syling 1-3-4 5; Deldre Davis 0-0-0; Josie Rocha 0-0-0; Sammi Jo Harbour 3-3-4 9; Ashley Allen 0-2-2; Corina Gonzales 0-0-0; Casey Blazer 0-0-0; Kyrindra Hooper 5-0-1 10; Tasha Romero 0-0-0; Angel Gonzales 2-1-2 6; Christa Wohlgenuth 0-0-0; Latoya Mendez 3-5-7 11.
Totals: 14-14-20 43.

Ruidoso (4-7)
Jenna Carrasco 1-2-5 4; Lynette Woodward 0-0-0; Clarissa Silva 0-0-0; Samantha Serna 1-2-3 4; Jessica Gibson 4-1-2 9; Jaclyn Castañon 2-0-1 4; Sarah Brecher 0-0-0; Vicki Celusniak 0-0-0; Christine Brown 2-0-0 4; Dusti Franklin 5-2-7 12; Elisa Vigil 0-0-0; Beth Robinson 5-3-8 13.
Totals: 20-10-26 50.

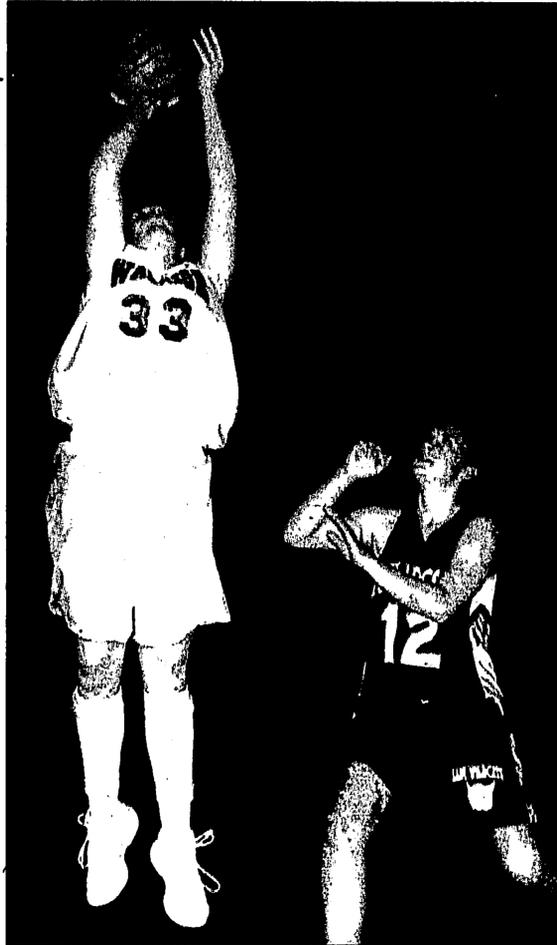
Tularosa 11 9 12 11 — 43
Ruidoso 18 10 9 13 — 50
Three-point goals: Tularosa 1 (Gonzales), Rebounds: Tularosa 43 (Syling 11), Ruidoso 41 (Robinson 11), Steals: Tularosa 6 (Harbour 3), Ruidoso 11 (Silva, Franklin, Robinson, Gibson 2), Blocks: Tularosa 1 (Blazer), Ruidoso 1 (Franklin), Turnovers: Tularosa 19, Ruidoso 14. Total fouls: Tularosa 22, Ruidoso 18. Fouled out: Tularosa, Mendez (5:19 in 4th), Harbour (1:16 in 4th); Ruidoso, Carrasco (0:11 in 4th).

were unable to make their free throws when they had them.

Tularosa eventually tied the game with 5:37 left on a pair of foul shots by Latoya Mendez, but never took the lead. Fouls eventually caught up to the Lady Wildcats as Mendez fouled out just 22 seconds later, followed by Sammi Jo Harbour with 1:16 left in the game.

Mendez led her team with 11 points in the game, while

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TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso forward Dusti Franklin, left, puts up a layup as Tularosa's Ashley Allen attempts to defend during the Lady Warriors' 50-43 victory Tuesday at RHS. Franklin had 12 points in the game.

Rough going for Warriors against Socorro

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

When Ruidoso faced Socorro in its basketball season opener, the local Warriors simply ran their foe into the ground.

Tuesday, it was a different situation.

Socorro literally pounded Ruidoso's inside tandem of Chance Hooper and Cody Small into the floor and the Warriors (Socorro, that is) took a 54-48 decision.

"We put the ball inside and have been averaging close to 20 free throws a game," said Ruidoso coach Billy Page. "I think we shot only eight free throws, total, and we didn't help ourselves by not making the ones we did get."

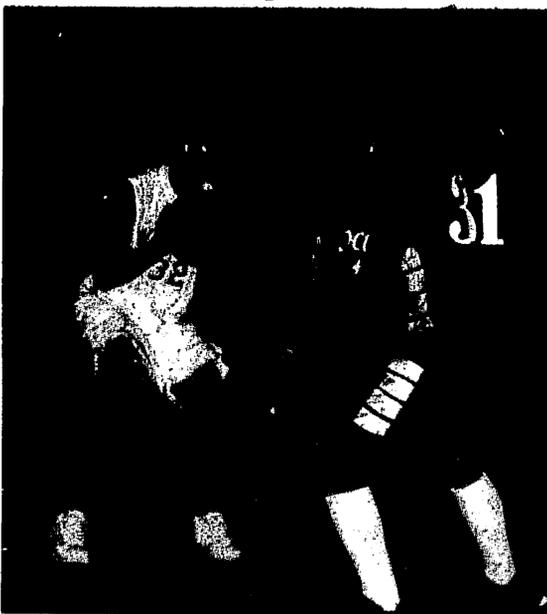
Ruidoso (5-7) was 2-for-8 from the charity stripe in the game and were victims of a very rough defense put up by Socorro. For all their strong play, they were whistled only four times in the first half, taking the local Warriors out of their regular game.

"It's not necessarily the officials' fault, we had a lot to do with it," Page said. "We were flat on offense. They (Socorro) didn't allow us to run, they always had two guys back and we hardly got any transition shots."

One bright spot for the Warriors was their defense. Ruidoso held Socorro's Joseph Santillanes to just nine points — this was after he put in 26 back on Nov. 29.

"We shut him down, and that's what we wanted to do," Page said. "They got a couple of layups, but that was it for the most part. They just worked their offense around until they got a shot off."

Ruidoso was forced to run their half-court offense, and players like Hooper — who led his team with 12 points — were forced to try fade-away or off balance shots because of the foul situation.



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Tony Dominguez (32) looks to pass the ball against Socorro's Valentín Soto-Paz (31) and Carlos Acosta during the teams' game Nov. 29 at Ruidoso High School.

Those aren't the kind of shots they're used to taking, and the ball just didn't go in the hoop enough times.

Ruidoso hosted Dexter on Thursday, and travels to Artesia for a 7:30 p.m. rematch of the Bulldogs' 74-64 victory on Dec. 20.

Page said his team has to get past the Socorro loss and prepare for two games he feels will prepare them for District 4-3A action.

"You've got to play through those types of things, you've got to play above adversity," Page said. "We know we can play rough, and we'll have a couple of those kinds of games come district time."

"We want to work on the press and transition, things that will make us better," he added. "The Artesia game should really prepare us for district. If things go the way we want them to, we'll come out with two wins."

Socorro 54, Ruidoso 48
Ruidoso (5-7)

Nicholas Page 2-0-4 5; Garrett Boin 0-0-0; A.J. Richardson 2-0-0 4; Wes Adaza 0-0-0; Nick Falardo 1-0-0 3; Steven Stroup 0-0-0; Austin Beier 1-2-2 4; Chance Hooper 6-0-2 12; Josh Adams 1-0-0 2; Tony Dominguez 2-0-0 4; John Ordorica 0-0-0; Cody Small 4-0-0 8; Patrick Valliant 3-0-0 6; Aaron Romero 0-0-0; Totals: 22-2-8 48.

Socorro
Marcus Padilla 3-6-12; Byron Rico 0-0-0; Nick Stranek 1-0-0 2; Erik Palama 0-0-0; Sheldon Mullen 4-2-4 11; Jared Lane 2-1-3 5; Joseph Santillanes 3-2-2 9; Valentín Soto-Paz 4-1-2 9; Travis Chavez 3-0-0 6; Damian Casuso 0-0-0; Robert Campbell 0-0-0; Matthew Carrero 0-0-0. Totals: 20-12-17 54.

Ruidoso 18 11 11 18 — 48
Socorro 26 14 7 13 — 54
Three-point goals: Ruidoso 2 (Page, Falardo), Socorro 2 (Mullen, Santillanes). Total fouls: Ruidoso 19, Socorro 11.

Lack of experience hurts Ruidoso grapplers

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

After two tournaments and one triad meet, the Ruidoso wrestling team finally got to perform for a home crowd Tuesday at the Ruidoso High School auxiliary gym.

While they had a substantial lead through the middle weight classes in their dual against Roswell High, the Warriors suffered pins in the 171, 189 and heavyweight matches to drop a 43-39 team decision.

"We pretty much stuck it all the way through," said Ruidoso coach Brian Brown. "They all looked pretty good, it was just a matter of experience."

That lack of experience was evident in the 189-pound match, which saw Case Forrest — wrestling in the first competitive match of his life — battle Roswell's Steven Castillo through two periods before being pinned with just 40 seconds left in the final stanza.

"He did really well," Brown said of Forrest's performance. "I was really proud of how he did."

Ruidoso also lost valuable points when Bruce Herrera was pinned by Richard Villa in the 171-pound match.

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TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso's Shawn Gurule, left, falls to the mat against Roswell's Brandon Butler in the 119-pound match during a dual Tuesday, Jan. 7 at Ruidoso High School. Gurule won the match on points.

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Ski Report

Ski Apache

New Snow Past Week: Trace
Weather at Report Time: Overcast
Road at Report Time: Wet
Midway Depth: 46 in.
Surface Conditions: Packed Powder
Skiing Conditions: Good
Trails Open: All 55 trails
Lifts Open: All 11 lifts
Trails Groomed: Apache Bowl, Bear, Buckhorn, Bull Run, Capitan, Chair One Liftline, Chino, Cliff, Elk Liftline, Eld Ridge, Game Trail, Gondola Liftline, Lincoln Liftline, Lower Deep Freeze, Moonshine, SBT, The Face, Top Notch, Lower Mountain Novice Slopes
Snowmaking Past 24 Hours: No
Forecast: Partly Cloudy

Prep Results

Tuesday, Jan. 7

Boys Basketball
Socorro 54, Ruidoso 48
Temple Baptist 79, Corona 22
Girls Basketball
Ruidoso 50, Tularosa 43
Temple Baptist 52, Corona 15
Wrestling
Roswell d. Ruidoso, 43-39

Sports on Tap

Friday, Jan. 10

Boys Basketball
Corona vs. Evangel Temple, 7:30 p.m.
Capitan, Carrizozo, Hondo, in Smokey Bear Tournament at Capitan, TBA
Girls Basketball
Corona vs. Evangel Temple, 6 p.m.
Capitan, Carrizozo, Hondo, Mesclero in Smokey Bear Tournament at Capitan, TBA
Wrestling
Ruidoso at Carlsbad Invitational, TBA

Saturday, Jan. 11

Boys Basketball
Bosque Prep at Corona, 3 p.m.
Ruidoso at Cobre, 6:30 p.m.
Capitan, Carrizozo, Hondo in Smokey Bear Tournament at Capitan, TBA
Girls Basketball
Bosque Prep at Corona, 1 p.m.
Carlsbad at Ruidoso, 7:30 p.m.
Capitan, Carrizozo, Hondo, Mesclero in Smokey Bear Tournament at Capitan, TBA
Wrestling
Ruidoso at Carlsbad Invitational, TBA

Tuesday, Jan. 14

Boys Basketball
Carrizozo at Vaughn, 7 p.m.
Ruidoso at Artesia, 7:30 p.m.
Wrestling
Ruidoso triangular with Goddard, New Mexico Military Institute at RHS, 5 p.m.

On Deck

Free Throw Contest at RMS

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a free throw championship Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Ruidoso Middle School auxiliary gym. The contest, which will start at 10 a.m., is open to boys and girls ages 10-14. There is no entry fee. Call Dave Tetrault at 257-9556 for entry and registration information.

Little League Basketball

Signups for Ruidoso Little League Basketball will be held starting Wednesday, Jan. 7 at Ruidoso Middle School from 6-8 p.m. Other signup dates are set for Saturday, Jan. 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 14 from 6-8 p.m. Signups are for boys and girls in grades 5-8, and the cost is \$30 per child, plus \$10 for each additional sibling. Students who are already on a mid-school team are encouraged to sign up, as the Little League basketball season won't start until the mid-school schedule is complete.

Ruidoso skiers shine in first race of the winter season

BY LAURA DOTH
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Enjoying bright blue skies and ideal skiing conditions, the Ruidoso Ski Team made its mark on New Mexico ski racing Saturday and Sunday by bringing home seven medals, including one gold medal, five silver medals and a bronze. Teams from New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona competed in the first race of the United States Ski and Snowboard Association's (USSA) Southern Series. More than 150 athletes competed in the race at Angel Fire which featured two days of Giant Slalom racing.

"I was really pleased with the way all of the skiers raced," said coach Hubert Seigmann. "They were all right up at the top of their divisions. This was a really long course, and they stayed focused on their runs."

The younger skiers started the day, and Lexie Doth set the tone for the rest of the team with a second-place finish and a time of 1:53.84. A racer in the J5 Division for 9 and 10-year-olds, Doth bettered her morning time by five seconds and clinched her second silver medal of the day with a time of 1:48.95.

Racing in his first race ever, teammate Kermit Baumann covered the course in a respectable 1:29.81, guaranteeing him a fourth-place in the race. Casey Cultreri secured a top 10

ranking with a time of 1:32.38 and a 7th-place finish. With one race now under his belt, Baumann hit the course hard in the afternoon and walked away with a silver medal and a time of 1:28.61. Cultreri placed 5th with a time of 1:34.00.

In the ability class for racers age 13 and up, the morning and afternoon runs were combined for the final rankings. Rett Smith — who races with the team from Red River but calls Ruidoso home — brought home a gold medal in the J3 division. Smith posted times of 1:12.51 and 1:12.19 for a combined time of 2:24.71.

Also competing in the J3 division, Dylan Jasinsky — who races independently but also trains and resides in Ruidoso — placed sixth. Joe Lynch finished in the top 10 with a solid eighth-place finish. Peter Zagone was disqualified in the first run.

In the J2 division for racers ages 15 and 16, Josh Lynch flew down the slopes to finish seventh with a combined time of 2:38.52. Stefan Seigmann finished 10th with a combined time of 2:40.49. Teammates Charles Ginning, Michael Ginnings and Travis Ingels finished 12th, 13th and 18th respectively.

New Ruidoso Ski Team member Ross Stewart started as a J1 and posted times of 1:38.96 and 1:37.95 for a combined time of 3:16.91.

Sunday was cold and

cloudy as the junior skiers launched themselves down the race course set up on Hully Gully at Angel Fire. The days' course boasted 39 gates with 36 direction changes.

Lexie Doth was on a hunt for more medals, and she was not disappointed. Chalking up two more silver medal runs, Doth posted a time of 1:47.58 in the morning run and 1:46.59 in the afternoon run. "It is really exciting to see these kids improve with each run," coach Seigmann said.

Excited over his early success, Baumann attacked the course in the morning, posting a time of 1:30.96, good enough for a bronze medal.

Cultreri was right behind him, finishing fifth with a time of 1:31.36. Determined to hit it hard again in the afternoon, Baumann came screaming down the course, only to catch an edge on a ski and treated the finish line crowd to a spectacular crash across the finish line. Despite falling, his time of 1:32.97 was good enough for a 4th-place finish. Cultreri again followed Baumann in the rankings, finishing fifth with a time of 1:34.61.

Smith's hopes of duplicating his gold medal performance on Sunday were dashed when he crashed midway through the course. However, his Red River teammate, Linton Judycki, picked up the slack and brought home the gold with



PHOTO BY LAURA DOTH

Flying down the slope is Kermit Baumann on a silver medal run Saturday at Angel Fire Ski Resort. Baumann finished second in the J-4 Boys Afternoon run with a time of 1:28.61.

a combined time of 2:30.79.

Ruidoso's Zagone pushed it hard and skied into fourth place with a combined time of 2:40.54. Jasinsky joined the top 10 with an eighth-place finish. Joe Lynch disqualified on gate number 32 just as he was setting up for his final approach to the finish line.

Up next were the J2s, and Josh Lynch again broke into the top 10 with a combined time of 2:40.13, good enough for 10th place. Stefan Seigmann followed him in 11th place with a time of 2:40.66. Feeling a bit under the weather, Ingels finished 18th for the day. After a disappointing first run, Stewart did not start the second run.

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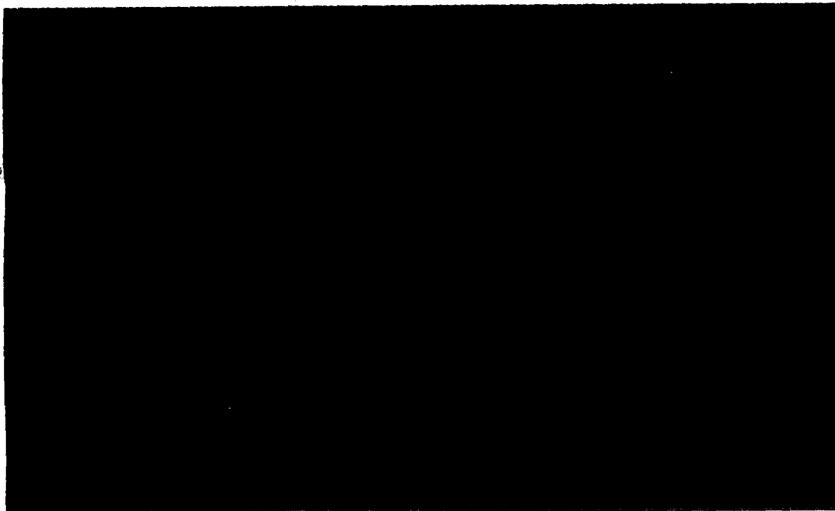
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Harbour had nine points and three steals.

"We were playing a two-point ball game with about three minutes left, and we had our opportunities," Saldevar said. "We hit some big shots at times and then missed some shots."

If the Lady Warriors had been able to make their free-throws — they were only 10-for-26 from the foul line — and made the outside shots, they might have won the game by 20 points.

"Our outside shooting does need some work, it spoke for itself," Marez said. "But once we start developing the offense where we have that outside shot, we'll start making them."

Notes: Ruidoso's press was overwhelming, as the Lady Warriors racked up 11 steals, with four different players — Franklin, Robinson, Gibson and Clarissa Silva — getting two each...The Tularosa junior varsity won the opening game, 39-27. Christa Wolgemath and Megann Baca each had eight points to lead the Lady Wildcats, while Elisa Vigil scored 10 points for Ruidoso...The Lady Warriors return to the home floor Saturday, when they host a 7:30 p.m. game against Carlsbad. The Cavegirls won Ruidoso's season opener in December, 74-30.

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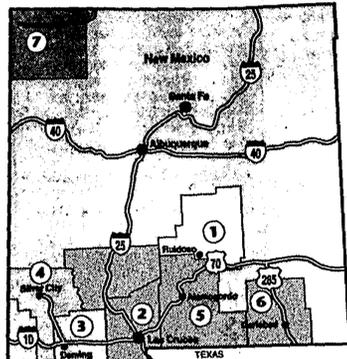
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VACANCY NOTICE JANUARY 7, 2003

Position: Temporary Elementary Teacher (4th grade)

Contact: Remainder of 2002-2003 school year.

Qualifications: Have or is eligible for New Mexico License. Ability to be successful mentor to children. Excellent interpersonal skills.

Application Deadline: Until Filled

Procedure: Call or write for application. Submit letter of interest, resume and application to: Office of the Superintendent
Capitan Municipal Schools P.O. Box 278
Capitan, N.M. 88316
Phone: 505-354-2239
Fax: 505-354-2240

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CAREER - OPPORTUNITY. Looking for outgoing friendly Professional for Executive Director, Ruidoso Board of Realtors. Successful candidate will possess strong people skills, previous office management experience, detail oriented, strong computer skills, ability to manage staff and report to Board of Directors. Position may require some travel. Resumes accepted until 12:00 Noon January 22, 2003. Fax resumes to 505-258-5839 Attention-MLS Position. No Phone Calls please.

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MESCALERO APACHE SCHOOL

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
Mescalero Apache School is seeking a qualified applicant to fill the vacant position of 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Coordinator. It is preferred that this individual has a B.S. or B.A. in Education and is a Mescalero community member.

Duties: The coordinator will provide direct and indirect supervision of all activities associated with the Mescalero Apache Life Ways Community Learning Centers Grant.

Contract Length: 240 Days
Salary: Based on experience & qualifications

Opening Date: January 8, 2003
Closing Date: Until Filled

For further information, please call the Personnel Office at (505)464-4431. Applications are available at the Receptionist desk located in the Administration Building.

TWO PATROL OFFICERS
Salary \$11.50-\$11.96 hourly, depending on certification. Excellent benefit package included (vacation, sick, retirement, insurance). Applications accepted until 4:00 p.m. Friday, January 31, 2003. Complete job description and applications at the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345. Phone 258-4343 or 1-877-700-4343. Fax 258-5848. EEOE

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ANNOUNCEMENT
 Mescalero Apache School is seeking substitutes to maintain instruction in the classroom while teachers are away. If interested, please attend a training and coordination session on Wednesday, January 15, 2003 at 10:00 AM in the library located in the Administration building at the Mescalero Apache School 249 Mountain Drive Mescalero, NM.

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LEGAL NOTICE
 PUBLIC HEARING
 VILLAGE OF CAPITAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the VILLAGE OF CAPITAN, will at regular meeting, January 14th, 2003, at 6:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room at Village Hall, consider changes to the present Cemetery Ordinance 93-17.

/s/Kathryn Griffin, Village Clerk-Treasurer

LEGAL NOTICE
 #5377 1T (1)10

LEGAL NOTICE
 REGULAR MEETING
 EXTRATERRITORIAL ZONING BOARD
 CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Extraterritorial Zoning Board will hold a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 13, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. at the City of Ruidoso Downs Hubbard Room, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs, N.M.

Agenda will be posted in accordance with Resolution 2002-06. Twenty-Four hours prior to meeting date. Meetings are open to the public.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the City of Ruidoso Downs Hall at least one week prior to meeting or as soon as possible.

/s/ Carol Virden, CMC City Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE
 #5376 4T (12)20,27 (1)3,10

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

J.C. HAMILTON CO. OF TEXAS D/B/A PARTS PLUS OF AMARILLO.

Plaintiff, v. No. CV-98-243

PETER NAZARIO D/B/A PARTS PLUS OF RUIDOSO DOWNS, F/D/B/A P.N.J., INC., Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on the 17th day of January 2003, at 10:00 a.m., on the front steps of the City Hall Building, located at 313 Cree Meadows Drive, in Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, sell and convey to

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 COUNTY OF LINCOLN

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 No. CV-02-224, DIV III

FIRST HORIZON HOME LOAN CORP. fka FT MORTGAGE COMPANIES dba Carl I. Brown,

Plaintiff, vs.

CRYSTAL I. TIVIS aka CRYSTAL TIVIS, CAROL A. KRATOCHVIL, BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO INC dba BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO., FAMILY RESTAURANTS, INC., NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT
 STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants, GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 502 C Avenue, in the City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, New Mexico, more particularly described in the Complaint in said cause.

That unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before February 28, 2003, judgment by default will be entered against you; Name and address of Plaintiff's attorney: Susan C. Little & Associates, P.A., 4501 Indian School NE, Suite 101, Post Office Box 3509, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87190-3509.

WITNESS the Honorable KAREN L. PARSONS, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, this 31st day of December, 2002.

/s/JAN PERRY CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: MICKIE L. Vega (COURT SEAL) /Deputy

#5362 4T (12)20,27 (1)3,10

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 STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 COUNTY OF LINCOLN
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Eligible to vote are all tax-

the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the parties hereto in and to the following described real estate located in Lincoln County, New Mexico:

Lots 9 and 10, Block 2 of the RIVER PARK ADDITION, Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown on the Plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio recorder of Lincoln County, April 26, 1967 in Tube No. 270; Together with all improvements situate thereon; Subject to any easements, restrictions reservations or zoning regulations of record.

Said sale will be made pursuant to and to satisfy the Judgment and Transcript of Judgment Lien issued on the 16th day of September, 1998, in the above-styled and numbered cause of action, and recorded on 17 September, 1998, in Book 1998-16 at page 1043 of the Lincoln County Records. The Plaintiff's Judgment is as follows:

Judgment, for credit bid purposes only, against Peter Nazario d/b/a Parts Plus of Ruidoso Downs, f/d/b/a P.N.J. Inc. to Plaintiff, J.C. Hamilton Co. of Texas d/b/a Parts Plus of Amarillo incorporating a decree of foreclosure of Plaintiff's Transcript of Judgment and satisfaction of the same for the amount of \$8,984.55 with interest on said amount from the 30th day of July, 1996, at the rate of 10% per annum with cost of suit in the case of \$27.75 in the Texas case, and the cost of suit in New Mexico in the amount of \$112.00, as well as the additional award of attorney's fees equaling \$8,886.91, with all of the foregoing bearing interest at 10% per annum from the date as referenced, for a total amount of \$29,665.40 to 17 January 2003.

The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of this judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

/s/ROGER E. YARBRO Special Master

#5371 3T (12)27 (1)3,10

LEGAL NOTICE
 NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN there will be an election held on Tuesday, January 14, 2003, to elect four (4) members to the Board of Directors of Sun Valley Sanitation District.

The following have declared their candidacy for a position on the Sun Valley Sanitation District board of Directors: Jerry Ligon, Carolyn Stephens, Sharon Stewart, Olene Robinson, William O. Robinson, Jerry Steele, and Harry L. Tiernstra.

Any tax-paying elector living in the District is eligible as a write-in candidate for any of the positions.

Eligible to vote are all tax-

paying electors of the district. "Tax-paying elector of the district" means a person qualified to vote at general elections in the state, who have either paid or incurred a general tax liability on real property within the district in the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the election.

The polling place is the Alto-Bonito Fire Station in Sun Valley. The polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2003. Results of the election will be reported to the Board of Directors at a special meeting following the closing of the polls, at 7:15 p.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2003. The meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at the home of Curt Wheaton, 101 Snow Park, Alto, NM.

/s/Loretta R. Lamphere, Secretary Sun Valley Sanitation District

#5379 2T (1)10,17

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

IN THE MATTER OR THE PETITION OF MARY LEANN RODRIGUEZ,

FOR CHANGE OF NAME

No CV-2002-258 Div III

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME AND NOTICE OF HEARING

COMES NOW the Petitioner and hereby gives notice that a Petition for Change of Name was filed in Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, the 15th day of November, 2002, requesting that the Petitioner's name be changed from MARY LEANN RODRIGUEZ to MARY LEANN SOTO.

Furthermore, Petitioner hereby gives notice of a hearing on the Petitioner's Petition for Change of Name, which shall be held before the Honorable Karen L. Parsons at 8:15 a.m. on the 22nd day of January,

2002, requesting that the Petitioner's name be changed from CHARLES MATTHEW ALFONSO SURRETT to CHARLES MATTHEW ALFONSO SOTO.

Furthermore, Petitioner hereby gives notice of a hearing on the Petitioner's Petition for Change of Name, which shall be held before the Honorable Karen L. Parsons at 8:15 a.m. on the 22nd day of January, 2003 at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, whereby the Petitioner will request the Court to sign the final Order changing the his/her name from CHARLES MATTHEW ALFONSO SURRETT to CHARLES MATTHEW ALFONSO SOTO.

/s/CLYDENE HULL Trial Court Administrative Assistant to THE HONORABLE KAREN L. PARSONS District Judge

#5381 1T (1)10

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID 02-03-012

"SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR GLENCOE FIRE DEPARTMENT"

DUE: Tuesday, February 4, 2003, 2:00 p.m. MST

The County of Lincoln is requesting bids for various items of safety and foam eductor equipment for the Glencoe Volunteer Fire Department. Complete specifications are contained in the Bid Packet that is available at the office of the County Manager, 300 Central Ave, Carrizozo, NM 88301 or by calling Jane Williams at (505)648-2385.

All bids submitted must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the Bid Title, Bid Number, Date, and Time of opening. If the bid is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall have the notation "Sealed Bid" along with the Bid Number. Bid should be sent or hand-delivered to County of Lincoln, P.O. Box 711 (300 Central Ave), Carrizozo, NM 88301 by 2:00 p.m. MST February 4, 2003. Bids received after that date and time will be returned unopened. Faxed bids cannot be accepted.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review the bids and make their final determination during a regular Commission meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2003 at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interests of Lincoln County.

/s/Jane Williams Purchasing Agent

#5382 1T (1)10

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold its regularly scheduled meetings at the Community Church in Lincoln, New Mexico, at 7:00 P.M., on the following dates:

- Tuesday, January 21, 2003
Tuesday, February 18, 2003
Tuesday, March 18, 2003
Tuesday, April 15, 2003
Tuesday, May 20, 2003

- Tuesday, June 17, 2003
Tuesday, July 15, 2003
Tuesday, August 19, 2003
Tuesday, September 16, 2003
Tuesday, October 21, 2003
Tuesday, November 18, 2003
Tuesday, December 16, 2003

A proposed agenda will be available at least twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting from the Lincoln County Manager's Office located in the Lincoln County Administration Building, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Changes affecting the date and/or location of a regular scheduled meeting will be mailed to newspapers of general circulation in Lincoln County and notices will be posted on the official bulletin board in the Lincoln County Administration Building, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo.

Special meetings of the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon three (3) days notice. For the purpose of special meetings, notice requirements will be met by posting notices on the official bulletin board in the Lincoln County Administration Building and notifying the news media.

Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 505/648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

/s/Martha Guevara Assistant County Manager

#5383 1T (1)10

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold Public Hearings beginning at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 21, 2003, to be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse (Commission Chambers) in Carrizozo, New Mexico, to consider the following proposed ordinances:

A. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED ORDINANCE PROVIDING A PROPERTY TAX REBATE PURSUANT TO THE INCOME TAX ACT FOR LOW-INCOME TAXPAYERS ON A COUNTY OPTION BASIS

B. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED ORDINANCE REPEALING THAT INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES MAKE APPLICATION AND OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESS PLATTED TOWNSITES OR DEDICATED COUNTY RIGHTS-OF-WAY; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF PARTS HEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

C. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED ORDINANCE REPEALING LINCOLN COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 1998-11 AND ENACTING AN ORDINANCE REGULATING REFUSE, SOLID WASTE AND LITTER IN LINCOLN COUNTY

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the proposed ordinances may be obtained

from the County Manager's Office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting. /s/Martha Guevara Assistant County Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Lodgers' Tax Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meetings at the Watson House in Lincoln, New Mexico, at 10:00 A.M., on the following dates:

- Wednesday, January 29, 2003
Wednesday, February 26, 2003
Wednesday, March 26, 2003
Wednesday, April 30, 2003
Wednesday, May 28, 2003
Wednesday, June 25, 2003
Wednesday, July 30, 2003
Wednesday, August 27, 2003
Wednesday, September 24, 2003
Wednesday, October 29, 2003
Wednesday, November 26, 2003
Wednesday, December 31, 2003

A proposed Agenda will be available at least twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting from the Lincoln County Administration Building, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Changes affecting the date and/or location of a regular scheduled meeting will be mailed to newspapers of general circulation in Lincoln County and notices will be posted in the official bulletin board in the Lincoln County Administration Building, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo.

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/s/Martha Guevara Assistant County Manager

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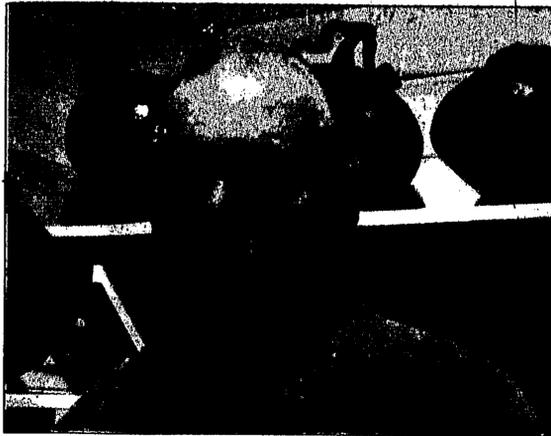
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Surprise, surprise

Capitan potter enjoys a lack of control in his artistic work



PHOTOS BY SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Capitan potter and artist Rocky Miller enjoys the different ways his raku works turn out. "What's most exciting for me is the experimentation," he says. His pots have been shown at Cloudfcroft Gallery and Gifts, Zozo Gallery and Jack of All Arts Gallery in Ruidoso.

BY SANDY SUGGITT

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

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Rich, metallic colors, velvety mattes and classical shapes with tension created by squiggly handles describe the raku pots of Rocky Miller, a Capitan artist who took a circuitous route back to pottery after years of working with his hands in other ways.

For Miller, raku adds an element of surprise to throwing and glazing pots. After the pots reach about 1,850 degrees, he takes them out and puts them into a reduction chamber with combustible materials, and puts on a lid so the fire will have to go into the clay body and glazes looking for oxygen — and it's this seeking that creates the interesting colors and shadings of raku — and that surprises the potter.

"I can kind of give it some direction with the glazes and how much I reduce it in the kiln, but you can never ultimately control the direct result," Miller said. "I don't want to be able to do that. The accidents are more appealing, and that's what makes it art. If it's too manipulated, it tends to stay in the craft world."

Miller likes classical shapes for his pottery, and particularly likes the symmetry of classical Oriental pots.

"To me it's all visual and tactile," he said. "But I try to create some drama. I'm using this classical symmetry, yet I've got these handles to create a tension."

The handles are hand-formed by taking a "carrot" of clay, wetting the hands and "milking down," pulling on the clay, twirling and twisting it, and then dropping it.

"What's most exciting for me is the experimentation — working a glaze until I find out everything I can do with the glaze."

After time in the army as a draughtsman, Miller returned to school and attended San Fernando Valley State College (Now California State at Northridge) and took private painting lessons, studying classical art.

Then, through an oil painting teacher, he met Walter Johnson, a potter at Thousand Oaks (now living in Tularosa).

"The minute I met him I fell in love with the clay process," Miller said. "He was my original mentor... and he's why I've returned to pottery."

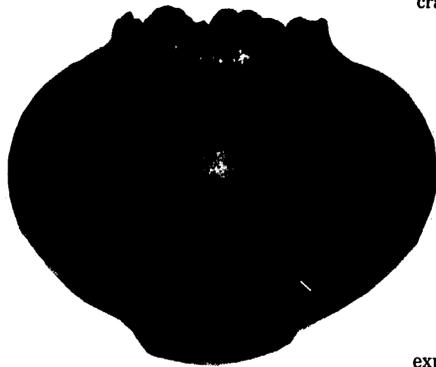
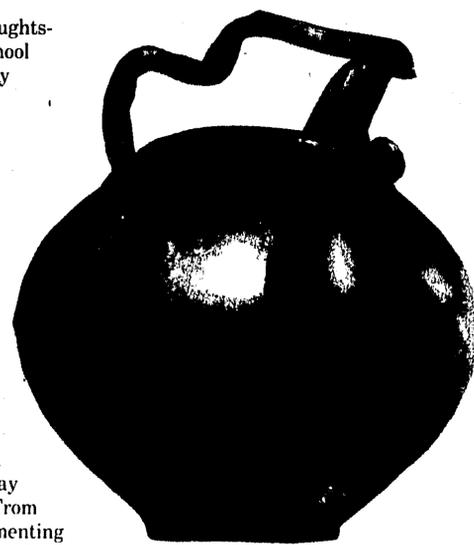
Johnson taught him pottery and raku in particular, and he studied with other potters and took workshops at the Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts. From there, he taught himself by experimenting and showing his work in craft fairs in California.

In the mid-'70s, though, he took off in another direction and had his own business, making hand-made archery bows at a time when there were only six companies in the country making them by hand.

Miller also worked in carpentry and cabinet making, taught by his father, who was an artist and a carver, and he designed and built his last home in Montana.

In 1993, he sold his bow company and began guiding fly fisherman — and got back into pottery.

He and his wife, Pat, a retired teacher, moved to Capitan in 1999 from Montana, and he's been exhibiting his work at Cloudfcroft Gallery and Gifts, Zozo Gallery and, most recently, Jack of All Arts Gallery in Ruidoso.



When dinosaurs — and museums — ruled the earth

It was the day after Thanksgiving, and we were in Washington, D.C., and if we belonged to an intelligent species — bears, for example — we would have spent the day in the fetal position, moaning. Unfortunately, all the blood had left our brains to help digest the bowling balls of compressed food in our stomachs, and our IQs had dropped to plant level.

And so we made a mistake, a mistake that many other food-stupidified people in the Washington area make on the day after Thanksgiving: We decided to go to a museum. It would be fun! And educational!

So we lumbered out the door, 12 of us, and piled into our cars. From the sidewalk, worms watched us and laughed. "We may be dirt-eating invertebrates," they said, "but we know better than to go to a museum on the day after Thanksgiving!"

We headed first for the International Spy Museum, a popular new Washington attraction with exhibits on spying techniques, including a "hands-on" torture chamber where children use real electrodes to find out how much voltage it takes to turn their siblings' flesh into jerky. Plus there's a gift shop where you can buy actual state secrets, including a map showing Vice President Cheney's

Undisclosed Location (Graceland).

No, I'm kidding. I don't know what they have at the International Spy Museum. When we arrived, there was a line from the entrance, which is on F Street, stretching around the corner to approximately Ecuador. At that point, if we'd had one working brain cell among us, we'd have said: "This is insane! Let's go home!" Instead, being turkey-bloated morons, we said: "Let's go to the Smithsonian!"

The Smithsonian is a great museum that annually attracts more than 20 million visitors, every single one of whom was there when we arrived. Have you ever been caught in a department store holiday-mob shopping frenzy, when normally decent middle-aged moms are yanking out clots of each other's hair? Well, that's what the Smithsonian was like, but instead of fighting over merchandise, people were elbowing each other savagely to get close to the exhibits, dragging their children behind them, because this was EDUCATIONAL and FUN, dammit.

"Look, Dylan!" a parent would say, pointing at what appeared to be a rock. "This is the fossil of a land plant from 400 million years ago!"

And young Dylan, with the eager curiosity of youth, would say, "Can we go home now?"

"Look!" the parent would say, pointing at another rock. "Here's the fossil of a very old seed! Dylan? DYLAN, YOU COME BACK HERE AND LOOK AT THIS SEED RIGHT NOW!"

I clung fiercely to my 2-year-old daughter, Sophie, afraid that if I set her down, she'd disappear into the mob, and I'd find her years later in the Pacific Cultures exhibit, wearing a grass skirt and demonstrating how ancient Pacific islanders would pound roots with rocks to make their favorite dish, Pounded Root.

In the crush of people, Sophie and I became separated from our group, so I got on my cell phone to try to locate the others.

"I THINK I'M IN ANCIENT SEAS," I shouted into the phone. "I SEE A TRILOBYTE. WHERE ARE YOU?"

"WE JUST (something) MAMMOTH," a garbled voice responded. "WE'LL TRY TO (something) MINERALS. BUT FOR GOD'S SAKE (something) INSECT ZOO."

The crowd swept me toward the dinosaur skeletons. "Look, Sophie!" I said. "Dinosaurs!"

Sophie looked at me as though I was a lunatic, because these things clearly were not dinosaurs. Sophie knows what dinosaurs look like. She watches Barney.

Totally lost, I staggered from exhibit to exhibit. At one point, I passed the skeleton of a squirrel from 30 million years ago, and I was disappointed to see that it was the same size as a modern squirrel. I wanted it to be huge, say 50 feet tall, Tyrannosquirrelus Rex, with cheek pouches like UPS trucks, a creature that made the forest shake with the dreaded Scamper of Thunder, striking terror in the hearts of prehistoric 75-pound acorns.

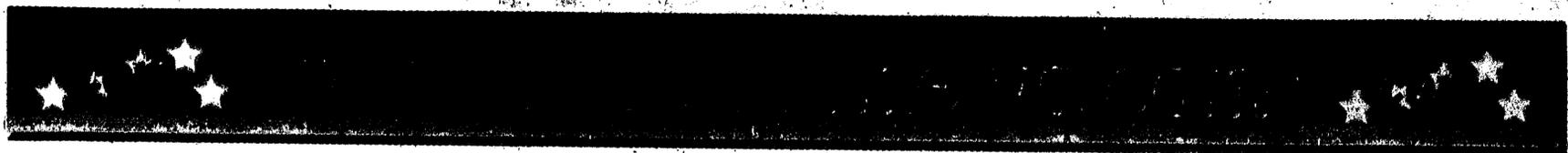
"Look, Sophie!" I said, "a squirrel!"

But she had, wisely, fallen asleep. My arms aching, I found a place to sit, in a little theater showing an educational five-minute movie about tectonic plates, which I watched 14 times. I am now an expert on tectonic plates. Ask me anything about them. For example, ask me if, after a while, they get boring. Yes. But I was grateful for the seat, and my suggestion for the Smithsonian is: If you really want to serve the public, you should put in an exhibit called: A Big Dark Room Filled With Mattresses. Try to do this by next Thanksgiving, OK? Because we'll be back.

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



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Little mobsters and molls to take the Spencer stage

■ "Bugsy Malone Jr." is a "kid's dream come true," the director says.

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

the thespians: not "Our Gang" but "Bugsy Malone Jr.," part of the Broadway Junior Collection.

In the words of actor Sammy Bennett, who plays Tallulah, the play is about "a boy named Bugsy who comes to town and he meets all these people."

The Lincoln County Children's Theater Company, directed by Sandy Kashmar, will present "Bugsy Malone Jr." at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and will be available at the door as well as at the Spencer Theater Box Office by calling 336-0010.

Fourteen local young people will bring this musical tribute to the 1920s gangster flick to the Spencer, each playing three or four roles, which means a lot of costume changes. The play is adapted from the book by Alan Parker with music and lyrics by Paul Williams, and the young actors' singing will be accompanied by that music with permission from Music Theater International of New York.

Lady-killer and charmer Bugsy Malone comes to town



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Little gangsters and molls of the Lincoln County Children's Theater Company are preparing for a performance of "Bugsy Malone Jr." at the Spencer Theater, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. They are, from left, Rhylan Romack, 9, Clay Allen, 11, Jordan Kelley, 14, Hannah Kashmar, 12, and Logan Mobley, 7.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Young actors practice a dance scene; they are, from left, Kendall Kelley, 12, Caroline Allen, 8, Samantha Bennett, 10, Kathryn Kinder, 8, and Samantha Bailey, 8.

and meets Fat Sam, who runs a popular club. Although Bugsy has set his eye on showgirl Blousey Brown, Fat Sam's girlfriend Tallulah is caught in the glance, creating material for drama and song.

"Like the film, which starred

Jodie Foster and Scott Baio at the ages of 14, this wild and wacky musical includes a kid's dream come true: a nonviolent gang war fought with 'splurge blasters' which spew forth silly string," Kashmar said.

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Children's Theater Company is a division of Artists Collaborative Theater, and is funded in part by a grant from the Hubbard Foundation with cooperation of the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts.

Marching to a different beat: Carrizozo seeking a community band

Recreation Center head starting search for musicians of all different abilities, ages

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

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Musicians of all ages and abilities: Hark! A Lincoln County community band will be forming soon if there's enough interest.

Jim Mack Jr., director of the Carrizozo Recreation Center and son of Jim Mack, the painter, has been talking to musicians and found five or six who are "definitely interested. They've told me there are others out there," Mack said. So far, there are musicians who can play trumpet, baritone, tuba, clarinet, piano and flute.

The main emphasis is on a community band to march in parades and perform for community functions, but he'd also like to

form a swing band.

"Current and/or former high school players, college players, retired and self-taught musicians are encouraged to join," he said.

The music room at Carrizozo School will be available to practice in, he said, and basic instruments are available for people who don't have them — and he'll work to provide basic percussion instrumentation such as bass drum, cymbals and other items.

"We'd like adults and kids," he said. "In Carrizozo and Capitan there's not a huge music program and it'd give kids another outlet for music and opportunities to perform throughout the year for community events."

The band would meet once or twice a month, depending on what kind of interest there is, Mack said.

Mack plays saxophone with the New Mexico National Guard Band in Albuquerque and has played with community groups for years, but said he's interested in a broad range of ability levels.

"We'll probably start with level 1 or 2 music and work our way up. As abilities progress we'll get into more difficult music.

"We're also looking for a director who can whip us into shape," he said, or someone "with conducting experience to mold the band into a cohesive group."

To get your name on the band roster, please call Mack at the Carrizozo Recreation Center, 648-4220.



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Some of the musicians hoping to start a Lincoln County community marching band are, from left, Jim Mack, saxophone, Kay Cochran, trumpet, Paula Duncan, clarinet, and Doug Jarrard, trumpet.

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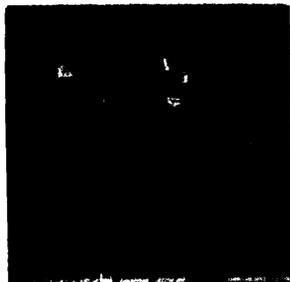


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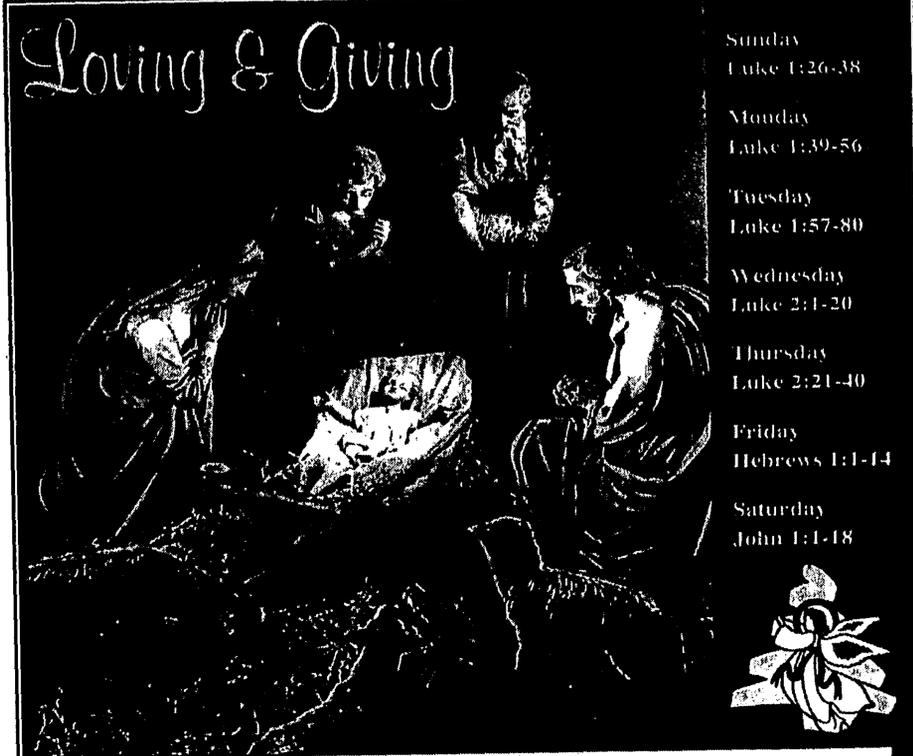
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A lack of direction in the British Virgin Islands

Our sense of direction – or lack thereof – was incredible. There aren't too many people who can manage to get lost on a 10-mile-long by three-mile-wide island with only two main roads! But there we were, in a rented miniature-sized Suzuki SUV, bouncing along a potholed, single-lane road lined with a tangle of vegetation so dense we could see little more than the road directly in front of us.



On the Go with Hank & Ellen
BY HANK AND ELLEN BARONE
TRAVEL WRITERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS

It was our first trip to Tortola, one of 60-plus tiny islands making up the British Virgin Islands, known familiarly as the BVI. We'd awakened before sunrise with high hopes of photographing the first rays of light and the panoramic views from the volcanic peak of Sage Mountain, a 92-acre National Park and the highest point in all the British and American Virgin Islands.

The directions seemed simple enough, but it was well after sunrise when we finally arrived and our chances of capturing the quintessential photograph were long gone, at least until tomorrow.

Passing nothing more than an occasional rooster on the

narrow road, we were just about to turn around when we spotted an islander walking towards us dressed in a crisp white shirt and creased trousers, carrying a silk tie carefully in one hand and several books in the other. "No," he politely confirmed what had now become obvious; "This is not the road to Sage Mountain. You passed the turn-off several miles back."

Resigned to postponing our adventure until the next morning, we offered him a ride in exchange for helping us navigate our way back to town. Our new passenger, Leon, was a friendly, intelligent, 21-year-old islander on his way to classes at the local college, an hour's walk away. Once back on the "main"

road, composed of asphalt, Leon would occasionally interrupt our flow of casual chatter to blurt out a polite "Remember...we drive on the right," just in time to prevent a head-on collision. Driving on the right is just one of the conventions that reminded us that the BVIs have been in British hands since 1666.

We never did photograph sunrise from atop Sage Mountain. Instead, we quickly adjusted to island time and happily spent the entire day "getting lost," stopping wherever and whenever we wanted and meeting many more friendly islanders in need of a ride.

Quiet and serene, life on the BVIs centers on the natural resources of land, sea and sky. Just 50 miles east of Puerto Rico where the Caribbean meets the Atlantic, the BVIs provide an accessible haven from the hustle and bustle of the rest of the world. With hundreds of secret bays and hidden coves, these islands have attracted seafarers for centuries. Columbus visited and named the islands. After Columbus came the adventurers, the pirates, and the buccanniers who preyed on the

Spanish galleons bound for Europe laden with cargoes of Incan gold.

We had come for a more docile reason – to escape (if only for two weeks) deadlines, computers, e-mail and the other trappings of modern civilization. To experience both land-and-sea-based vacations, we planned to spend our first week on Tortola and our second aboard the luxury sailing yacht, Arabella.

Using Long Bay Beach Resort & Villas as a comfortable base of operations, we found plenty to see and do. One of Tortola's best snorkel spots, Smuggler's Cove, with its secluded cove of sapphire-blue sea, was just a short walk away. Floating peacefully over a garden of sea fans, sponges, parrot fish, elkhorn and brain coral just off its shore, we were treated to a delightful introduction to the BVT's incredible underwater scenery.

A day trip aboard the glass-bottom boat "The Prospector" took us to the Prospect Reef Beach Club on isolated Buttonwood Bay, Peter Island. In addition to providing us with snorkeling equipment, water



COURTESY THE BARONES

The views on Tortola – and the rest of the British Virgin Islands – are spectacular.

floats, beach chairs and towels, our day-trip package tour included a delicious three-course lunch at Callaloo at the Beach restaurant. In an effort to minimize their environmental impact on the pristine island, the open-air, beach-side restaurant uses solar panels to provide energy. To avoid destroying the fragile coral reefs, the restaurant provides moorings for its patrons' boats. With a menu reflecting the local catch of the

day, the culinary delights cooked up by Chef Ramon were easily the best Caribbean-style meals we've ever tasted.

Tortola also proved to be the ideal jumping-off point for visits to other islands. Boarding the ferry service, we headed off to the neighboring island of Virgin Gorda, where we spent a delightful afternoon touring the island with our 35-year-old local guide, Clennel Vanterpool (part-time tour guide...full time music teacher), who we discovered knew some friends of ours from Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

To be continued next week...

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Byway now non-profit

The Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway program achieved official status as a non-profit organization in December.

The program began in 1995 under the auspices of the Village of Ruidoso and has recently created a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Billy the Kid Scenic Byway Inc., to carry on with the program.

Recognizing the that byway had the potential to help boost tourism in Ruidoso and Lincoln County, the village brought together community leaders to carry out the mission of the program.

A program of the United States Department of Transportation - Federal Highway Administration, the National Scenic Byways Program recognizes roads that are outstanding examples of scenic, historic, recreational, cultural, archaeological and/or natural qualities. The byway received a Scenic Historic Byway designation by the Federal Highway Administration in 1995 and the designation was upgraded in 1997 to National Scenic Byway.

Apache art exhibit

The public is invited to view the landmark exhibition of Apache art from various Apache tribes in New Mexico and Arizona at the Hubbard Museum of the American West, on exhibit beginning Jan. 25.

The opening weekend of the exhibit, "We're Still Here with the Mountains," will be celebrated with a special performance by the Mescalero Dancers at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25. This performance group is comprised of 70 traditional dancers and singers, a select group of which will be performing at the museum. The group, under the direction of Lucille Yuzous, consists of students from Mescalero School ranging in age from pre-

kindergarten to 12th grade.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. all week. Regular admission prices apply. For more information contact Elizabeth Becker at (505) 378-4142.

Library amnesty

Amnesty Days at the Ruidoso Public Library continue through Jan. 18. No fines will be charged for library books and materials brought back in good condition.

Arts Commission meet

The Ruidoso Arts Commission will meet at 4 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in the Council Chambers of the Ruidoso Administration Center Building, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

Fun in Cloudcroft

The Cloudcroft Dance Theatre will hold an elegant evening of food, entertainment and live music at the Lodge Pavilion in Cloudcroft from 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15.

The evening begins with a cash-bar cocktail hour at 6 p.m., followed by dinner prepared by the world class Lodge chefs at 7 p.m. At 8 p.m., guests will be treated to ballroom dance performances by El Paso's Shundo Dance Theatre and some ballet by Cloudcroft's Dance Theatre Company. Erin Griggs, Miss New Mexico, will also perform.

After the entertainment, guests may dance or just listen to live music provided by Kenny Arroyos of Las Cruces. Tickets are \$50 per person, half of which is a tax-deductible donation to Cloudcroft Dance Theatre. Proceeds will be used to offset the cost of costumes, music, sets and workshops for this outstanding group of dancers.

To reserve a ticket, call Patty Simpson at (505) 682-3244. Space is limited.

THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers

Science Fiction/Fantasy and Drama, 2 hrs. 59 min. Rated PG-13 for epic battle sequences and scary images. The second chapter in the J.R.R. Tolkien saga, the hobbits Frodo and Sam brave terrible dangers in an attempt to have the evil ring destroyed, while Aragorn, Legolas and their allies strive to rescue the abducted hobbits Pippin and Merry from the clutches of evil. The great wizard Gandalf also makes his miraculous return to aid in the struggle against the united towers of Saruman and Sauron. Starring: Elijah Wood, Sean Astin, Viggo Mortensen, Ian McKellen, Christopher Lee. Directed by: Peter Jackson. Produced by: Fran Walsh, Barrie M. Osborne, Peter Jackson, Tim Sanders. Written by: Philippa Boyens, Fran Walsh, Peter Jackson.



COURTESY

Viggo Mortensen as Aragorn and Miranda Otto as Eowyn in The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers.

Phillippa Boyens, Stephen Sinclair. Showtimes: 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m., 9:45 p.m. *Friday and Saturday only

Catch Me If You Can

Thriller, Crime/Gangster, Drama and Action/Adventure. Rated PG-13 for some sexual content and brief language. Frank Abagnale, Jr. (DiCaprio) worked as a doctor, a lawyer and as a co-pilot for a major airline – all before his 18th birthday. A master of deception, he was also a brilliant forger whose skill gave him his first real claim to fame. At the age of 17, Frank became the most successful bank robber in the history of the United States. FBI Agent Carl Hanratty (Hanks) had made it his prime mission to capture Frank and bring him to justice, but Frank is always one step ahead of him, baiting him to continue the chase. Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hanks, Jennifer Garner, Martin Sheen, Christopher Walken. Directed by: Steven Spielberg. Produced by: Steven Spielberg, Walter F. Parkes. Written by: Jeff Nathanson. Showtimes: 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m. *Friday and Saturday only

Two Weeks Notice

Romance and Comedy, 1hr. 40 min. Rated PG-13 for some sex-related humor. Sandra Bullock is a brilliant but neurotic attorney and Hugh Grant is her charming, irresponsible and fabulously wealthy client in this story about whether or not it's ever too late to say "I love you." Starring: Sandra Bullock, Hugh Grant, Alicia Witt, Mark Feuerstein, Robert Klein. Directed by: Marc Lawrence (II), Marc Lawrence. Produced by: Sandra Bullock, Marc Lawrence, Mary McLaglen. Written by: Marc Lawrence (II), Marc Lawrence. Showtimes: 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:20 p.m. *Friday and Saturday only

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