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Fatal accident brings maximum 90 days, fine; prosecutor urges tougher law

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■ State law makes no provision for involuntary manslaughter charges in vehicle accidents, a prosecutor says.

A semi-truck driver was sentenced to 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine for an accident that killed two people.

It was the maximum charge allowed under state law and the circumstances of the case, the prosecutor said Thursday. Judge Karen Parsons of the 12th Judicial District also handed down

the maximum sentence.

Deputy District Attorney David Ceballes said he and the families of the victims of the March 15, 2002, accident would like to ask the Legislature for new legislation to allow prosecution for involuntary manslaughter in fatal car accidents.

Daniel Redmond, 24, from Dayton, Ohio, was driving a semi-tractor trailer

truck heading east on U.S. 70 March 13, when he attempted to pass a camper and struck a 1997 Dodge Dakota headed west. The semi hit the front of the Dodge on the driver's side. The impact caused the vehicles to become entangled and the momentum pushed the pickup onto the shoulder and into a ditch area. Both occupants were pinned inside. The vehicle burst into flames, according to a

State Police report at the time.

Jason Albert and Rydon Endres, both from Texas, died at the scene.

Redmond pleaded no contest to careless driving, Ceballes said. The families of the victims attended the four-hour sentencing hearing. Redmond started serving his jail time on Jan. 13.

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WAITING FOR SPRING



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

East of the imposing Sacramento mountain range, cattails bask in the sunshine of a winter day at a pond near Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates.

Commission: It's no 'threat' to hospital

■ A local strategic planning committee stirred up a storm with its report that the county commission could be a threat to LCMC operation.

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A strategic planning committee's reference to the Lincoln County Commission as a "threat" to the hospital in Ruidoso irked commissioners Tuesday.

James Gibson, administrator of the county-owned and Presbyterian Healthcare Services-managed Lincoln County Medical Center, was reviewing the report of the committee, which he said is composed of a diverse group of citizens.

Commissioner Leo Martinez spotted the notation first.

"I take exception to calling the commission a threat," he said. "It is not a threatening body. I might be, but I don't think the rest of them are," especially the two new commissioners, he said.

Gibson attempted to explain that the "very nature of a county commission poses a threat to health care," an apparent reference to the political and budgetary influence of the elected board.

New Commissioner Earl Hobbs joined Martinez in his objection.

"It's true there's an element in the community that wants change," he said. "We represent those as well as the supporters (of Presbyterian). I think we have an obligation (to voice their concerns), but to list that as a threat...I think it's more like ordinary care."

Gibson said he would pass along commission comments to the committee, but Hobbs wasn't finished.

"Personally, I will work with the organization to the maximum extent I can, but if I feel there is a need for change in the future, I will advocate that," he said. "That doesn't make me a threat."

Commission Chairman Rex Wilson said the word "threat" related to issues that need attention such as open communication between hospital officials and the commission.

Martinez wasn't satisfied, saying his questions won't stop until the commission advertises for proposals from other companies to operate the hospital as a basis for comparison with the current arrangement with Presbyterian, which has been in place, with some modifications, for more than 20 years.

Wilson took exception to Martinez' characterization that he is the only commissioner to ask probing questions. He insisted quite a bit of questioning has occurred, especially financial questioning.

"You're entirely correct," Hobbs said, recalling his time as a spectator watching commission meetings. "Even those very much in favor of the

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Wilson continues commission chairmanship

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For the fifth straight year, Rex Wilson will lead the Lincoln County Commission.

On a motion by new Commissioner Earl Hobbs Tuesday, Wilson was elected unanimously. Another new commissioner, Maury St. John, seconded the motion. Hobbs also nominated Rick Simpson for vice chairman, a

motion that passed without objection.

During a familiarization session of county finances led by new County Treasurer Beverly Payne-Calaway, Commissioner Leo Martinez asked about the possibility of establishing a permanent fund. Some other counties have such a fund, using the interest each year for general expenditures, while preserving the principals for

emergencies.

County Manager Tom Stewart said he was attempting to do something similar by pumping up a project fund that now has about \$445,000. The fund is gaining interest, but some of the principal may be used for needed vehicles, he said.

"I'd like to see it built so we could do some major projects," Stewart said.

Martinez said he'd like to see a balance of as much as \$8 million, which would generate significant interest for annual use. Stewart said he'll review the situation in Roswell, which has a permanent fund.

In reporting on several projects to the commission, Stewart said:

- State environment officials reported the human waste septic dumping site in Glencoe cited for correction is too small to warrant further action. Former commissioner L. Ray Nunley proposed last month that no home be allowed on the property until the state certified it constituted no health threat.

- David Cox has agreed to donate one acre of land for a new Nogal Volunteer Fire Department substation at Loma Grande off State Route 37.

- County Detention Center administrator Mike Borrego will retire at the end of January. He previously retired about two years



DIANNE STALLINGS/FILE PHOTO

Rex Wilson this week started his fifth year as County Commission chairman.

ago, but returned after problems occurred at the jail. Bill Garfson, president of Corrections Systems Inc., has agreed to allow Borrego to visit the jail in Carrizozo twice a week to assist interim administrator Raymond Alvarez.

Alvarez has served as Borrego's assistant administrator since August and has been a certified corrections officer for more than 12

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Dumpsters aren't for VWs

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Over the past two years, Debra Ingle has seen some strange items left in dumpsters across the county, but finding dismantled pieces of a yellow Volkswagen and a purple pickup truck may top the list.

The operations supervisor for the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority said Wednesday that her organization welcomes metal because there's a market for recycling. But when parts of machines are left in dumpsters, they can end up damaging the authori-

ty's expensive trash collection trucks.

The Volkswagen parts were found in a dumpster on U.S. 380 and the pickup in Hondo Valley, she said.

"We would just love for them to bring us their metal, just don't put it in the containers," Ingle said. "Bring it to us or give us a call," she said.

Ingle said she's trying to arrange for a lowboy trailer or truck that could load heavy car parts.

The authority compound is at 222 2nd Drive in Ruidoso Downs. The telephone number is (505) 378-4697.

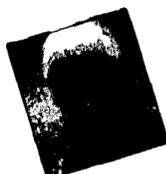
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SENTENCE: Prosecutor is looking for legislative support for changes

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Ceballes explained that the state can only prosecute for vehicular homicide when there are underlying issues of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or reckless driving. "When we looked at the facts in this case, they did not

support the conclusion that reckless driving could be proved beyond reasonable doubt," he said. "Ultimately, we could only prosecute the careless driving charge."

"We had worked extensively with the families to try to explain what we view as a deficit under New Mexico law.

We don't have the ability to prosecute involuntary manslaughter in the context of car crash cases. The facts of this case would have fit that closely, but we have no statutory or case law authority."

Ceballes said prosecutors talked with family members about taking the issue to the

state Legislature while it is in session this year.

"We need to draft a statute and have a legislator carry it for us," he said.

Although the criminal case in this incident is over, the family could pursue a civil case for which the burden of proof is less, he said.

In another traffic case before Parsons last week, a former

Ruidoso village water department employee was sentenced to five years in prison and was

ordered to pay restitution for causing a head-on collision with injuries March 8 on State Road 48. Two years of Cindy Vanderhyden's sentence was suspended by Parsons. The

43-year-old Vanderhyden pleaded guilty to driving while

under the influence, fourth

offense or subsequent, and to causing great bodily harm. The state dropped charges of careless driving, failure to maintain traffic lanes and wearing no seat belt.

A Carlsbad woman was seriously injured in the collision in front of the Wild West Ski Shop, according to police reports. Beverly Chaves was a passenger in a car traveling north when Vanderhyden pulled out of the Swiss Chalet Motel without headlights and into oncoming traffic, witnesses reported.

COUNTY: Fort Stanton consortium sought

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years, Stewart said. He has experience with the Texas Department of Corrections and has been a federal halfway house administrator.

State Rep. Dub Williams, a Republican from Glencoe, is leading a consortium of legislators from both sides of the aisle in the county's quest for a state Fort Stanton Commission.

Because state financial resources are projected to be

lean this year, Stewart recommended the only goal for Fort Stanton in the 2003 session should be approval of a formal commission to focus efforts to gain revenue and possible avenues of utilization for the preservation of the 1855 fort northeast of Ruidoso.

The commission will allow the state to have a single point of contact for the development of the property, he said, adding that the county doesn't want different groups going to the legislature asking for pro-

ject money.

Martinez said the county should send a letter to U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, R-NM, pointing out that \$5 million proposed for the purchase of Las Playas near Deming could be better used at the Fort.

Oscura resident Jerry Carroll said the government became interested in the Deming property after a private group offered \$3.5 million. The government shouldn't be competing with private enterprise, he said

THREAT: An independent audit is proposed

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medical center have been critical in some cases."

Gibson said the county would gain a large sum of money if the hospital was sold, "but the ones who would pay would be the residents."

Martinez asked how the commission knows that without seeing proposals from other entities, either to manage or buy the hospital. A privately owned hospital would pay gross receipts taxes and property taxes, he said.

Michelle Rebstock urged commissioners to obtain their own independent audit of the hospital, adding, "I don't think many health care organizations are here in the best interests of the taxpayer. I ask the commissioners to take a more active role in regulation of the

"... the citizens of the county are getting a hell of a deal."

James Gibson
L.C.M.C. administrator

hospital and oversight."

She questioned what happened to a commission discussion two years ago to require Presbyterian to pay fair market value for the lease of the hospital instead of \$1 a year.

"I heard later you were waiting for the attorney general to make them do it," she said.

Martinez, who previously had mentioned a separate audit, picked up on her suggestion, asking County Attorney

Alan Morel to research whether the commission could use revenue from a special annual tax levy dedicated to the hospital and the county's public health clinics to pay for an audit. The cost could run significantly higher than the \$20,000 for a regular county audit, auditor Dan Austin estimated.

Responding to Martinez, Gibson said while some pleasure was attached to the prospect of owning the hospital and not having to report to the commission, "There is no better organization I know of in my 30-plus years that provides for the highest quality care than the organization we have now. Granted, the governments of the county don't gain revenue, but the citizens of the county are getting a hell of a deal."

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Right-of-way incursions now require county's approval

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Attempting to gain better control over what happens in public rights of way, Lincoln County commissioners have approved a new law requiring prior county approval for incursions.

Individuals and entities must receive approval before construction of any access through or across platted townsites or dedicated county rights of way. The time period for notice and review was bumped up from five to 30 days, but a suggestion for requiring certified letters for a written record was rejected. Notification can be by publication in a newspaper or personally.

During a public hearing Tuesday, County Attorney Alan Morel said about three months ago, commissioners asked him to draft an ordinance to cover problems with people going into old subdivisions or townsites and improving or installing roads that weren't there in the past.

When people apply, "that's when it's going to get interesting," he said. "I'm not certain the county actually wants to require people to build a road to county specifications to get to a \$5,000 or \$10,000 lot at the back of a subdivision because the cost of the road will exceed the value of the lot. But we do want to make sure if they do cut a road in, they don't cut across other people's property or if they do cut a road, they put culverts in where necessary so they don't adversely impact the property of others or the county's rights of way."

He removed a phrase indicating the ordinance applied only where a road previously existed, because if someone has a two-track trail running

through a subdivision and wants to improve it, they should get a permit, the attorney said.

Oscura resident Jerry Carroll, who owns six blocks in that townsite, said most people in townsites own blocks because lots are very small.

"When I bought I didn't know any of this stuff would come up with street and alleyways that are not in existence," he said. "My well is right in the middle of an intersection. My goat shed is the middle of another intersection and the problem is I may want to change my access if I actually get around to building a home there instead of the shack I'm living in. I don't want to have to come before the commission to put a trail from one point to another point because I'm crossing two of my alleyways."

If a person owns all of the property involved, the county shouldn't require an application, he said. While he supported the intent of the ordinance and agreed the county needed it for clarification, Carroll said an exemption should be added for property owners acting on their own land and not impacting others.

Morel said the ordinance would only require him to give notice to himself and that publication is only one of two options for notice.

"I have no problem with this commission or this sheriff's department and the local people

here running things," Carroll said. "But what I see is this: Imagine your worst enemy having the type of control we're talking about and (there is) a misinterpretation. Now it's the letter of the law, and now we're going to have to do it this way."

Townsite statutes and county subdivision laws provide for vacation of roads or alleyways no longer or never used, Morel said. "You can actually protect yourself better by having those vacated," he said.

Robert Moeller of Nogal spoke in favor of the ordinance. His wife handed out photographs showing what occurred on a right of way recently next to his home.

Without an ordinance, people can show up one morning, hack down trees and other vegetation and put in a road, he said.

Morel said the new law can't be applied retroactively to situations that already have occurred. He pointed out the ordinance contains no appeal process and the road department, which will handle applications out of the Capitan yard, will bring disputes, damage or other problems to the commission to resolve.

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OUR OPINION

'Diversity' comes in many forms

The new horseracing commission gets a northward tilt

New Mexico's new governor, Bill Richardson, without question has added some ethnic diversity to his cabinet — attempting, as he has said, to let his administration reflect the state as it is.

That's meant nominations of at least three Native Americans (including Butch Blazer of Mescalero) to high positions, any number of Hispanics, some "gringos" and a few African Americans.

But when it comes to geographical diversity the governor seems to have lost his way, at least where the State Racing Commission is concerned.

Despite the fact that Ruidoso Downs and Sunland Park have the longest established horseracing presence in the

state (and the Downs has one of the richest single races in the world, the All American Futurity), the governor chose to look elsewhere for those who would govern racing. He selected people from Farmington, Belen and Rio Rancho — two of them — to fill the vacant slots, then picked a Taos resident to be the executive director.

We have no bone to pick with any of the new commissioners; they no doubt are good people, willing and able to serve the industry and the governor.

But we do have to wonder why, at least in this instance, Governor Richardson has chosen to look away from the heartland of racing, after promising that he "wouldn't forget" the people living south of Interstate 40.

Some words of wisdom from Pete and Ben

"Sudden power is apt to be insolent, sudden liberty, saucy; that behaves best which has grown gradually."



MOUNTAIN ASIDES
KEITH GREEN

So wrote Benjamin Franklin in *Poor Richard's Almanac* 250 years ago (in 1753), and it's as applicable today.

Of all people, State Sen. Pete Campos of Las Vegas, a Democrat, seems to have taken old Ben's remark to heart in a by-lined essay he faxed our way this week — probably in error, since he no longer represents Lincoln County.

(We've got two senators now, Democrat Tim Jennings and Republican Rod Adair, both of Roswell, representing us. That's probably just as well; it's hard to find much in common between northern New Mexico and us southerners, except perhaps for the shared line of demarcation, Interstate 40.)

Anyway, Senator Campos, who sits on the Legislative Finance Committee and the Finance Authority Oversight Committee, put some warning words out. I'm not certain whether they were warning Governor Bill to go easy, or the rest of us not to expect much, but here's what Campos said about state finances:

"A six percent raise for teachers costs about \$54 million, and that doesn't include any money to raise the salaries of everyone else who works at our schools.

"Cutting personal income taxes by an average of three percent across the board costs the state about \$32 million a year. Eliminating the gross receipts tax on food would cost the state more than \$58 million a year, and cutting the tax just on medical doctors and osteopaths' services would cost the state about \$32 million.

"New state revenue for the upcoming fiscal year is estimated to total just \$120 million, which

puts New Mexico in better shape than many states, but still leaves us unable to pay for all the worthwhile programs and initiatives that are being proposed. ... We cannot ... adopt the attitude that we're going to do it all and spend state resources irresponsibly because we're counting on the federal government to bail us out."

All of which rather flies in the face of a new governor whose plea on Tuesday was to "give me the tools" to make big changes in New Mexico — "We need to move now, not next summer, not next fall."

It sounds to me like Governor Bill is feeling like the king of the hill right now, riding a mandate toward a big-spending future, for which the money somehow will be found.

His spokesman, Billy Sparks, keeps talking about a mandate anyway, using that as an excuse for a wholesale turnover of the boards of state universities, a big jump in executive office staffing — and tax cuts.

I never thought I'd say it (being one for instant gratification when it comes to tax cuts), but Pete Campos makes a good case, along with old Ben, for making haste slowly.

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YOUR OPINION

Confronting terrorism at home and abroad

To the editor:

Homeland Security is wishful thinking. The uncomfortable truth is that this country will remain vulnerable to terrorists regardless of what we do. So what can we do?

That the terrorists hate us is obvious, and so are their reasons for hating us. Remove their reasons for hating us and you remove the threat of terrorism. But, presupposing those reasons have some validity, what are we doing to remove them? And the answer is nothing. Consequently the terrorist threat remains.

Their chief reason for hating us is because of our tacit support of Israel. We support Israel partly for strategic reasons and partly because of the Zionist lobby in this country. This support has been at the expense of the Palestinians, who have suffered long enough and have every right to a homeland of their own. We all know this, but how many more young Palestinian suicide bombers are there going to have to be, and how many more innocent Israelis killed, before those in a position to do something about it do something about it? Since the Israelis themselves seem to be caught in a hopeless cycle of retaliation, that means us.

As it is, the subject appears to be on the back burner. Instead of enlisting international support for a resolution of the Palestinian question, which is what we should be doing, we are trying to enlist allies for a war on Iraq, another Moslem country. Neither this nor the presence of our troops in Saudi Arabia, the site of Mecca, are likely to endear us to Moslems. Together with our apparent indifference to the plight of the Palestinians, these facts are practically an invitation to terrorists to strike again.

While Israel needs to remain strong

for reasons of her own security, one can argue that since the end of the Cold War she is no longer as important to us strategically as she once was. Hence there is less reason for our unconditional support, especially in view of the fact that the price of that support has now become too high, 9/11 being part of the price paid. Therefore, since the Israelis under their present leadership are not likely to resolve the Palestinian problem themselves and only appear to be making matters worse, it is high time our support became highly conditional. We need to harness all the weight of international opinion to force a resolution, not because we are afraid of what might happen if we don't, but simply because it is the right thing to do.

I am not suggesting that our failure to resolve the Palestinian question is the only reason for Islamic hatred of the West, and the U.S. in particular, for it has its roots in the colonial past and economic and cultural differences no doubt play a part too, but I am suggesting that if we do resolve the Palestinian question those other reasons will pale into insignificance and the threat of terrorism will simply fade away.

Postscript: On "60 Minutes" (Jan. 12) we were introduced to Amram Mitzna, who will be running against Sharon in their upcoming election. In forthright fashion he declared that there is no military solution to the Palestinian question, that the sooner they have their own homeland the better, and that the only solution is a political solution. Provided he wins, which appears to be by no means certain, we won't have to take the initiative ourselves after all. Far better, of course, that the Israelis solve their problems themselves. We need to support Mitzna in every possible way, and we also need to provide gener-

ous aid for the Palestinians to rebuild their shattered economy. If Sharon wins, everything I have said above holds true.

Peter Rogers
San Patricio

The power of the word

To the editor:

In your response to my Jan. 1 letter on language intolerance, Ms. (Laurel) Appel, thank you for reminding me again of the awesome power of the word. You are absolutely right. I misused the word "all" in reference to churchgoers, implying that every single one of you is intolerant of others. Not true. Many intelligent, caring people live in this town. You are one of them, and I apologize for unintentionally including (people) such as you under the rubric of racial prejudice. I shall go and "sin" no more. Really? Well, at least try not to. As you pointed out, we are all imperfect beings. End of debate.

Shaughn Marlowe
Ruidoso Downs

Holiday kindness

To the editor:

Neither my husband nor I are auto-mechanically inclined, and our vehicles are quite new and have not required much service. (But) my husband wrecked his vehicle, so we are temporarily sharing one vehicle.

On Christmas Eve, at approximately 5:40 p.m., our car had a flat tire. Desperate to find a way to get it fixed, as we were going out of town on Christmas Day, we called three places to find help.

At 6 p.m., Scott Schrader of Western Auto sold us a tire over the phone and then personally delivered the tire to our location. We were awaiting a tow truck (through AAA) to place the new tire on, but Mr. Schrader offered his assistance if the tow truck could not help.

As it turns out, he contacted the gentleman in the tow truck, who informed him the equipment they needed was broken. Mr. Schrader went back to Western Auto, turned his equipment on, came back to our location as the tow truck was arriving, took the tire back to his business, fixed it, and came back to put it on. Because of Mr. Schrader's kindness on Christmas Eve, we were able to leave town ... and reach our Christmas destination. Thank you, Mr. Schrader! You have earned our respect and our business (which at this rate may be quite a bit!).

The Raffins
Ruidoso

STREET TALK

QUESTION: Do you favor a rec center?
How would you propose paying for it?



"Absolutely. Lodgers' tax."
Carmen Johnston
Alto



"I think they need one to keep kids off the street. A lot of people come up here and there's not a lot for them to do. Donations and city funding."
Van Askew
Ruidoso



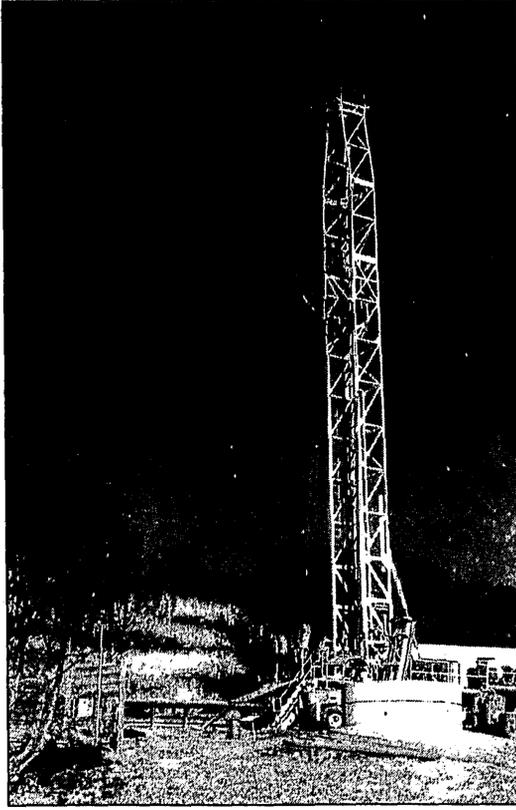
"Yes. If you're going to have anything you're going to have to work together as a community or it won't happen. If people want it, they wouldn't mind if the taxes are raised."
Sarah Lee Hodgkin
Ruidoso

SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

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WATER AT 1,450 FEET



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

The rig of United Drilling of Roswell sits atop a pilot hole ordered by the developers of Rainmakers subdivision. Spokesman John Underwood said water pumping 200 gallons a minute was hit at 1,450 feet in the San Andres Formation, as predicted by the company's consulting hydrologist, and now a regular well with casing will be put in place. The effort south of Sierra Blanca Airport Road is in response to a request by the State Engineer to prove the existence of a water source instead of working off scientific data, Underwood said.

Four locals among deputy manager candidates

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Three Ruidoso village department heads are among nine applicants selected for personal interviews for the new deputy manager's job.

Mike Runnels, director of planning and zoning, former lieutenant governor and district attorney; Cleatus Richards, acting village engineer and director of special projects; and Larry Grasmick, director of water and wastewater for the village, are on the list for interviews.

Another local candidate is William Dement, who lives in Alto and works as a deputy for the Lincoln County Sheriff's

Department. He is retired from the New York City Police Department.

Those coming for interviews from out of town are:

- Steve Barela of Grants, currently DWI director for Cibola County and formerly Capitan village manager.
- Art Gall of Artesia and former director of public works for that town.
- Thomas Ginter of Oklahoma City, former city manager for Coweta, Okla., and assistant city manager for Bethany, Okla.
- E. David Howard, city manager for Pratt, Kan., and former city manager for Monte Vista, Colo.
- Christopher Wahle of Taos. He is an

instructor for the University of New Mexico at Taos and for Northern New Mexico Community College in Espanola, and is former police chief of Taos Pueblo and of the Zuni Police Department.

"I will be interviewing through Jan. 30," Village Manager Lorri McKnight said Monday.

She received 30 applications for the job and narrowed down the list using a rating sheet. She and two other employees rated the applicants invited for interviews. The proposed salary would start at \$52,295, but could go as high as \$55,000 with substantial qualifications. The highest salary for a village department head now is \$47,000.

Buried liquid gas tanks concern village firefighters

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

When fire fighters worked their way back into burned areas after the Kokopelli Fire last year, they smelled the odor of gas near some homes and foundations.

"They didn't see any propane tanks, so they figured Zia Natural Gas hadn't shut off its service to the area," said Thomas Chavez, emergency services manager for the village of Ruidoso. "That wasn't the case. We found out later that Alto has regulations that propane gas tanks must be buried underground. The gas odor was coming from those service lines."

The fire fighters, who were scouting hot spots and smoldering embers to prevent a flare-

up, were placed in potential danger, Chavez said. Members of the Lincoln County Local Emergency

Planning Committee want to pinpoint the locations of all underground tanks in the county to avoid that exposure in the future, he said.

"We want to put together a map or put up signs, something so fire fighters will know the hazard," he said Wednesday. "It's a safety issue for them and for people who come back to their homes after a fire. These tanks just had a fire go over them, and who knows what kind of condition they're in or the condition of their lines."

Right now, committee members have no idea about the number of buried tanks in Alto and elsewhere.

Traffic counters provide data

Driven over a hose-like line at the entrance to a street lately? The device probably was put there as part of the Ruidoso Street Department's continuing effort to determine which streets receive the most traffic and how they should be ranked for maintenance and repair.

Two weeks ago, a counter was stretched across the road near the U.S. Post Office on Mechem Drive. Village road boss J.R. Baumann said Thursday although no discussion is underway about a light at the intersection, he decided to place the counter for his own records. "That intersection has been counted many times, but we thought we'd see if our figures are near theirs," he said.

The count will end Friday and will be available next week.

FUNERALS DEATHS

John Edward Provine

Memorial services for John Edward Provine, 76, were held at Graham's Mortuary Dec. 10. Burial was in the Provine family plot in Capitan Cemetery Dec. 29, with family members doing a service.

Mr. Provine died Thursday, Dec. 5, 2002, at La Posada, Mesilla Valley Hospice.

He was born July 3, 1926, in Capitan, to Helen and Robert Provine.

He graduated from Capitan High School in 1944. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1945.

Mr. Provine received a bachelor of science degree from New Mexico A&M in 1954. After graduation, he became a registered professional engineer and land surveyor in the State of New Mexico in 1963. He worked for the Bureau of Land Management from 1954-63 prior to working at White Sands Missile Range for the U.S. Army. He returned to BLM in 1971 and retired from civil service in 1980. He was proudest of his involvement in developing the Aguirre Springs Recreational Area with BLM in the 1970s.

He married Marion Galster in 1954. She preceded him in death, as did his mother and father; brothers Ray, Robert and Charles; and a sister, Helen.

Mr. Provine loved the outdoors and the beauty of nature, and was an avid gardener, hunter and fisherman.

Survivors include a sister,

Jane Coleman of Las Vegas, N.M.; daughters Cathy Provine and her companion, David Montgomery, Ann and her husband, Bruce Marks, Margaret and her husband, John Byrd, of Las Cruces; a son, Mike and his wife, Karen, of Albuquerque; grandchildren Shannon and her husband, Coye Balok, of Farmington, Stacie Salazar of Amarillo, Texas, Lindsey, Maddie, and Jacob Bird of Las Cruces; sisters-in-law Evelyn Provine of Las Cruces and Angelina Provine of Capitan; and a brother-in-law Charlie Farmer of Laurens, S.C.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Free legal info offered

Free legal information on matters of particular importance to seniors will be provided at the Ruidoso Senior Center (RSVP) during February. Attorneys from the Lawyer Referral for the Elderly Program will provide basic legal information regarding probate, transfer of death deeds, advance directives, Medicaid for nursing home care, among other topics. They will then be available to consult with those who have scheduled appointments in advance.

Attorneys will do a presentation at 10:45 a.m. on Feb. 26. To schedule an appointment with an attorney, persons 55 or older may call Sandee Jourdan at 257-4565.

The LERP was established in 1983 and is part of the State Bar of New Mexico Bar Foundation.

KFC gets remodeling

The Colonel's doors in Ruidoso will be closed Monday through Thursday, while the chicken restaurant's interior is remodeled — dining area and restrooms.

Ruidoso KFC owners Bob

and Connie Russell said the store at 331 Sudderth will reopen at 10:30 a.m. Friday.

Money owners sought

SANTA FE — Patrick Lyons, commissioner of public lands, is seeking state mineral lessees who may have money in suspense accounts at the State Land Office, dating back 20 or more years.

Nearly \$20,000 has been sitting unclaimed in suspense accounts for more than two decades. The money represents unrefunded "surface damage" fees posted on land explored for minerals.

More information is available from the State Land Office's Legal Division at (505) 827-5756.

'Business Day' near

SANTA FE — The Association of Commerce & Industry, Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, Economic Forum, New Mexico Chamber of Commerce Executives Association, Tourism Association of New Mexico, and many other business organizations will take part in "Business Day in Santa Fe," Monday and Tuesday.

The Economy and the Markets

War: Make or break?

BY SUNG WON SOHN
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

A decisive and quick war in our favor would reinforce the improving economic fundamentals.

Very expansionary monetary and fiscal policies are designed to support demand and avoid deflation.

Despite concerns about consumer debt, consumer finances are in reasonably good shape. Mortgage debt, three-fourths of total household debt, acts more like an investment with the long-term increase in housing values. In addition, home refinancing and equity loans will continue to provide liquidity and buying power.

In the corporate sector, profits, cash flow and leverage have improved. With inflation tame and geopolitical risks high, the Fed is unlikely to raise interest rates soon, stalling the recovery.

The biggest fly in the ointment, however, is the uncertainty of a war. A rule of thumb is that economic growth is shaved by 0.5 percent and consumer spending by 0.75 percent if the price of oil goes up by \$10 a barrel for a year.

In a similar situation, inflation is higher by 1.0 percent. If oil supplies are disrupted due to terrorist attacks, economic consequences would be worse since oil derivatives are used in everything from plastic toys to medicine, limiting production and jobs. Also, a messy war and higher price of oil would sap confidence, hurting spending; the economy could plunge into a deep recession.

Improving economic fundamentals should raise Treasury bond yields. In addition, the ballooning budget deficits, the dollar depreciation, which discourages foreign investment, and the proposed cut in the

dividend tax will boost Treasury yields.

Higher prices of energy and gold, the falling dollar and the rapid growth in money supply could produce an inflation scare in the future. For now, geopolitical uncertainties will keep the rate increase slow and gradual.

Even though Treasury yields are trending up, there are good investment opportunities. Lower rated Corporates will benefit from diminishing credit concerns, shrinking the spread over Treasuries. As pointed out earlier, corporate balance sheets and cash flow are improving. Even stronger bullish sentiment will return once corporations can count on stronger volume gains as well as pricing power.

In a rising rate environment, Mortgage Backed Securities will do well. Tax-free returns approaching 6 percent in high-quality Municipal bonds are very attractive.

Stocks: A failed rally?

Geopolitics, oil, valuation and the quality of earnings are holding back the stock market. Back in August, rising interest rates, the weakening economy and disappointing earnings prevented the rally from continuing. This time, economic fundamentals are improving and earnings are trending up.

Furthermore, confidence is improving as evidenced by investors' willingness to take more risks. As long as the geopolitical uncertainties continue, however, the market will remain choppy and volatile.

According to Thompson Financial, S&P 500 earnings are expected to rise 14 percent this year, up from 6 percent gain in 2002. In 2003, winners include materials (metals, chemicals, etc), information technology, energy and financials. Utilities, telecom services and consumer staples (food, drugs, personal care, etc.) would not fare as well.

These are not investment recommendations. Consult your financial advisors.



KEITH GREEN/STAFF

Condominiums under construction on Racquet Drive in the White Mountain Estates area added to permit values in 2002, but the "multi-family" category accounted for less than \$1.2 million of the \$45.6 million in permits issued.

Record year for building

Ruidoso-area building permits for 2002 set multiple highs, fueled by new single-family residences

BY KEITH GREEN
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Powered by 183 permits to build new single-family homes, the Ruidoso area's construction activity continued unabated in 2002, setting a record \$45,655,617 in value.

Increased activity in December made the difference, with \$3.16 million for 49 permits helping to edge the permit total ahead of the former record year of 2000 by just \$187,000. Slipping numbers in October and November had indicated that no more than a break-even year was likely.

But year-end 2002 numbers provided by the Village of Ruidoso planning department revealed that total activity topped a strong 2001 by 7.07 percent.

Planning Director Mike Runnels said the numbers indicate a "continued strong construction industry in Ruidoso."

Single-family residential construction, up almost 18 percent from 2001, topped \$30 million for the first time ever, at

\$30,394,660. The village issues construction permits to builders in Ruidoso and in the extraterritorial zone around it, including Alto Lakes and the sprawling Ranches of Sonterra subdivision on Sierra Blanca Airport Road.

Runnels commented that Sonterra and Alto Lakes have seen many instances of long-held building sites finally being built upon by owners who are near retirement.

The 18 single-family permits issued in December had an average value of more than \$200,000 — considerably more than the \$150,000-range average of recent months. The largest single permit issued during the month, at \$341,772, was to contractor Mike Pritchett for a residence at 157 Willie Horton Drive for Dan Fender of Ruidoso.

Permits also were issued for two new residences in Deer Park Woods and two in Ranches of Sonterra. Others were scattered throughout the area.

In other categories, residential alterations and additions topped \$6.8 million

for the year, little changed from 2001, while new commercial projects were sharply lower — down 26.6 percent from the prior year, at \$3.8 million. It was the lowest figure since 1999. The peak year was 1996, when the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts was permitted.

Runnels noted that the village's construction activity database may not in all cases reflect real dollars, since it includes some permits that might have been withdrawn before construction began. However, he said those instances are relatively rare and don't significantly impact comparative figures provided by the planning office.

Multi-family projects, such as condominiums, showed a comeback in 2002 compared with recent years. At \$1.14 million, the total was the largest since 1999, which topped \$2 million.

The village's annual activity record has been reported since 1981. During that period, 1988 was the lowest, when total permits issued rarely topped \$5 million.

Nation's home sales forecast at second-best ever in 2003

WASHINGTON — Both existing- and new-home sales will be somewhat slower in 2003 but should record their second-best showings ever, according to the National Association of Realtors.

David Lereah, NAR's chief economist, said the final numbers for 2002 are expected to shatter all-time records with

5.56 million existing-home sales and 979,000 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," 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. "It's our hope that whatever package is passed will achieve sufficient economic growth to avoid budget deficits and higher interest rates."

Housing starts were forecast to rise 5.6 percent to 1.69 million for 2002, and then slip to 1.67 million units this year, Lereah said.

Focus on Agriculture

Farmers have a stake in healthy forests

BY STEWART TRUELSEN
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

Saving our forests doesn't mean the same thing to everyone. To farmers, ranchers and most other rural residents, it means better forest management to restore healthy forests and rangeland and eliminate the potential for catastrophic wildfires.

To radical environmentalists, saving forests means stopping logging and thinning. Some go further than that. Earth Liberation Front (ELF) claimed credit for an arson attack last summer on a U.S. Forest Service research station in Irvine, Pa. The fire cost taxpayers more than a half million dollars and destroyed valuable forestry research. ELF was protesting timber sales in the Allegheny National Forest and "greed driven manipulation" of forests.

Much of the manipulation of forest policy, however, has come from environmental

groups. They've used lawsuits, the media and intimidation to hamper forest management. The results were all too apparent last year. Dense forests with disease problems and thick underbrush became a racetrack for wildfires.

Frequent surface fires where most large trees survive are not bad for forests, but these were stand replacement fires. They destroyed every tree, much wildlife, thousands of homes and killed 20 firefighters. Unfortunately, fires of this magnitude are getting worse.

Last year, the Bush administration unveiled its Healthy Forests Initiative, a series of new administrative steps to "reduce unnecessary red tape and needless delays" that thwart efforts to reduce the threat of these catastrophic fires. The administration says, "Federal land management procedures are so complex that they prevent timely action to address ecological crises on public lands."

The American Farm Bureau Federation wholeheartedly agrees. In comments about the Healthy Forests Initiative filed with USDA, Farm Bureau criticized the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Farm Bureau notes that the Forest Service says 40 percent of its managers' time is spent on compliance with procedural matters.

"A significant part of this 'analysis paralysis' is caused by the increasing demand for NEPA paperwork," says Farm Bureau. It believes NEPA is being used to stop federal projects that could have greater environmental benefit than taking no action at all, thus subverting the very purpose for which the act was intended.

Environmental groups and some newspaper editorial writers oppose the Healthy Forests Initiative. The New York Times sided with environmental groups in worrying that suspending NEPA could lead

to "widespread environmental degradation." But that's exactly what is happening now to millions of acres of land because of these wildfires.

One catastrophic fire can release as much energy as an atomic bomb. The air in nearby rural communities is harmful to breathe for weeks, and the land can take up to a century to recover.

Environmentalists loathe clear-cutting, one type of tree harvesting used selectively, but forestland that is clear-cut greens up within one to three years as the forest cycle begins again. Saving our forests doesn't mean blocking most attempts to harvest and thin trees on public lands and disparaging the timber industry. That's been tried for quite awhile now and it obviously doesn't work. The fires keep getting hotter.

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

La Casa de Buena Salud fulfilling Hondo's healthcare needs

BY JEANNETTE CHAVEZ
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Health and wellness

La Casa de Buena Salud, known today as La Casa Family Health Center, is a nonprofit organization providing health-care services to rural communities for the past 28 years. Four clinics are operating in south-east New Mexico, encompassing Portales, Clovis Roswell, and Hondo. All clinics are committed to providing the very best healthcare services to everyone and strive to be the leading family healthcare center. The mission of the clinic is to secure funding and provide the medically indigent popula-

More health news, 3B.

tions access to affordable but quality healthcare.

Over the past 28 years, La Casa Family Health Center has focused on prenatal care, disease prevention, and health awareness promotion. Each of the four facilities participates in medication assistance programs, Sharing the Care and Manufacturer's Indigent Program (MIP). Sharing the Care program is an agreement between Pfizer, National Governors Association and National Association of Community Health Centers to provide Pfizer's most advanced pharmaceutical products to the population.

Similarly, the MIP program provides medications to people who may not otherwise be able to afford prescrip-

tion drugs. Drug varieties and eligibility requirements vary for each program. In general, patients who are eligible for the programs include low-income and uninsured; Medicare and some Medicaid patients who do not have prescription drug coverage; and certain insured patients who do not have any prescription drug coverage. The cost to participate in the program includes a \$15 annual enrollment fee and a \$30 administrative fee for each 90-day supply of prescription drugs. Last year, La Casa Family Health Center dispensed over \$2 million in prescription medication through Sharing the Care and MIP programs!

In addition to providing assistance for patients to receive prescription drugs, La Casa is fully promoting women's healthcare. Our medical staff provide a unique range of women's health services.

With our special mix of providers you will get the services you need to stay healthy and educated. Women's health-care services at La Casa comprise of complete gynecological exams, family planning, annual pap smears, birth control methods, pregnancy testing and counseling, comprehensive prenatal care, and testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases.

La Casa Family Health Center in Hondo is nestled between south Highway 70 and the public school. One-hundred thirty students and public school employees have convenient access to the clinic. A school wellness pilot program allows students to be seen immediately by a physician assistant without the hassle of an appointment or a primary care referral. All students will be seen without regard to insurance status.

The clinic is privileged to have Katherine Mallion, as physician assistant and certified nurse practitioner on staff at La Casa Family Health Center in Hondo. Kathy received her certificate from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and has been a healthcare provider at La Casa for more than seven years.

You may visit the clinic in Hondo between 7:30 - 5 p.m., (closed 12 - 1 p.m.) Monday through Thursday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., (closed 12 - 1 p.m.). The staff at La Casa in Hondo welcomes new patients.

For more information about La Casa Family Health Center's programs or services, visit www.lacasahealth.com or contact Jeanette Chavez, director of marketing and public relations, 505-359-3764.

POLICE REPORTS

Ruidoso

Rugs stolen

Mountain Arts Gallery, 2530 Sudderth Drive, reported two decorative rugs stolen from the store — one valued at \$58 taken between Jan. 15 and 19, and the other, valued at \$94, taken between 10 a.m. and 4:40 p.m. Jan. 22.

Lights damaged

A resident in the 200 block of High Loop reported 17 plastic outdoor lights were damaged between Jan. 15 and 22. The lights were valued at \$60.

Truck hit by thief

Texas residents shopping at Action Ski, 360 Sudderth Drive Jan. 22 reported that four duffle bags with clothes, a Nikon 35 mm camera and a battery charger for a Nokia cellular phone were taken from the back of their pickup truck while they were inside the store between 7 and 7:20 p.m. The estimated value of the stolen goods was \$2,250.

DWI charged

Police arrested Philbert L. Goclanney, 28, of Ruidoso Jan. 22 in the 100 block of Mechem Drive, charging him with driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages.

Accident on ice

Just before 8 a.m. Jan. 21, a Jeep hit some ice in the 200

block of Wingfield Drive and then hit a dry spot and rolled over on its side — on the same patch of ice that caused an accident for a school bus last week, said Ruidoso police officer Corky Condon. The village Street Department arrived shortly after the accident to remove the ice.

Ruidoso Downs

Baby left in van

Visitors to Wal-Mart Jan. 21 heard a baby crying and followed the sound to an unlocked van with an Oklahoma license plate, where they found a small infant left alone in the vehicle, according to a dispatcher from the Ruidoso Downs Police Department. They took the infant to the service desk and called the police department. An officer arrived and had the dispatcher call the Children Youth and Families Department to come pick up the child. No charges were brought against the parents, the dispatcher said.

Unlocked vehicle hit

A CD case valued at \$15, CD player valued at \$30 and seven CDs were taken from an unlocked vehicle Jan. 16 while it was parked outside a residence in the 200 block of E. Harris.

Many shoplifters

On Jan. 16, Shawn Patton, 22, of Ruidoso, was arrested for criminal trespass after a previ-

ous shoplifting charge against him resulted in a no-trespass notice from Wal-Mart.

A 14-year-old female from Ruidoso Downs was arrested Jan. 18 for shoplifting \$11.91 of cosmetics and underwear from Wal-Mart and released to her mother. The case was turned over to the Juvenile Probation Office.

Ronald Wallace, 39, of Carrizozo, was given a non-traffic citation for shoplifting at Wal-Mart and issued a no-trespass notice Jan. 18. He had entered the store and received an exchange sticker from the greeter and put it on an item he wanted to exchange. Then he allegedly went to the hardware department and selected a Black and Decker Drill priced at \$89.96 and placed the exchange sticker on it. He then went to customer service where he requested a refund on the unpurchased drill, claiming it was a gift.

Elizabeth Demiter, 19, of Ruidoso, was given a non-traffic citation for shoplifting at Wal-Mart and issued a no-trespass notice: On Jan. 18, she allegedly removed a bottle of

eye drops priced at \$9.43 from its package and concealed it in her pant pocket, then removed a \$1 price sticker and placed it on a \$7 item, and placed the \$7 sticker on an \$11 item (Musical Potty Seat). She did not attempt to pay for the concealed item in her pant pocket.

Manuel Montano, 37, of Ruidoso Downs, entered Wal-Mart Jan. 19, went to the electronics department, selected a Panasonic telephone valued at \$142.38 from the rack and then attempted to get a refund on it. He was held without bond for a violation of probation and transported to Lincoln County Detention Center, according to police reports.

John Kloer, 37, of Fort Stanton, allegedly shoplifted two packages of pens priced at \$8.83 at Wal-Mart on Jan. 19 and was issued a non-traffic citation and a no-trespass notice.

Police arrested Dago Salcido, 24, of San Patricio, Jan. 19 after he allegedly shoplifted \$82.25 in jewelry at Wal-Mart. He was seen in Magistrate Court and turned over to Border Patrol.

School applicants considered

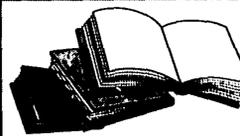
The Ruidoso Board of Education will meet in closed session at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, at the Ruidoso Schools Administration Building to discuss superintendent applicants. Present Superintendent Mike Gladden will leave at the end of the current term.

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Equipment windfall could help forest-clearing effort by village

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The village may add a new piece of equipment to its growing inventory of forest rehabilitation machinery.

Legal details must be worked out, but a flatbed trailer with grappling arm is being offered to the village by the Four Corners Sustainable Forests Program, a State Forestry collaboration among the state of New Mexico, Colorado, Utah and Arizona.

"This originated with the Fire Plan and comes through the Four Corners program," Ruidoso urban forester Rick Delaco explained this week. "The contractor that applied for and got the grant and the unit, defaulted."

Four Corners officials wanted to keep the machine in this area, he said.

"It's a valuable piece of equipment because it's one of

the transportation units," Delaco said.

Kim Costelnik program manager for the Four Corners program, approached the village with the offer, he said.

"We said, 'Sure,'" Delaco said. "All of the details are not worked out, but basically it would be available to use on public or private land. We would use it along public rights of way and I'm sure there would be other applications. This isn't 100 percent yet. There are some legal issues to work out."

The equipment probably will be assigned to the village solid waste department, he said.

Village manager Lorri McKnight delivered the news to village councilors last week. The equipment, which had some damage, is to be repaired before ownership is transferred, she said.

Delaco said the equipment would be used for picking up longer lengths of logs than a regular grappling truck could handle.

"I'm excited the village has a chance to acquire this," he said. "We have upcoming grants for tree removal in public rights of way and this would create a chance for that wood to be used by furniture makers, carvers and shavers rather than as fuel wood."

"This would not be used for removal of hazard trees. This is for disposal at the roadside."

McKnight said state rules encourage interagency and intergovernmental exchanges of equipment.

"It's easy for the state to give equipment to a municipality instead of going out for bids from private companies, especially knowing the progress we have going on here," she said. "It could be ours soon."

Light agenda for council session — so far

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

If the proposed agenda for the Ruidoso Village Council meeting doesn't swell with last minute items in the next few days, the session Tuesday should be short.

The consent agenda consists of two items, adoption of previous meeting minutes and a resolution amending the 2002-

2003 fiscal year budget.

No issues are listed under the mayor's reports; however, that also can change.

Reports from the village manager cover water conservation, the Community Forest Management Plan and the Neighborhood Fire Smart Program.

A review of the village's budget after the second quarter for 2002-2003 might be the most

interesting subject of the night. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m., in the administration building off Cree Meadows Drive.

Under regular items, the council will randomly select lodging vendors for annual audits as a check on the collection of lodgers tax for the village. Because it's the start of a new year, come board appointments also may be proposed.

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FRIDAY, JAN. 24, 2003

Sierra Blanca Tourney to feature top programs in state

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

This year's Sierra Blanca Wrestling Invitational promises to be a good one, if the teams that have signed to be at Ruidoso High School Saturday show up.

"This will be a really tough field, and we'll get a chance to see some teams in our district," said Ruidoso coach Brian Brown.

Among the teams to be represented Saturday beginning at about 9 a.m. in the main gym are District 4-1A/3A members New Mexico Military Institute and Cobre.

The Warriors easily out-did NMMI Jan. in a dual, but this will be the first time they've seen Cobre — a traditionally tough team in Class 1A/3A wrestling.

Another tough team in the state is Robertson — also scheduled to be

there Saturday. Other teams include Tucumcari, Roswell, Goddard and — hopefully — Carlsbad.

The tournament will be a traditional format, with teams being placed based on each individual's record and finish. The Warriors will likely be at full strength after being undermanned at the Rio Hondo Tournament in Roswell last week-end.

160-pounder Shawn Gurule and

heavyweight Ricky Phillips both had to sit out the tournament with injured fingers, but should be back Saturday — giving Ruidoso fewer forfeits and more points overall.

The Warriors were fourth in at the Rio Hondo, following Hobbs, Roswell and Lubbock, Texas.

The first matches are scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m., with the championship rounds tentatively set at 6 p.m. that evening.

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Ski Apache

New Snow Past Week: 4 in.
Weather at Report Time: Sunny
Road at Report Time: Cleared
Midway Depth: 42 in.
Surface Conditions: Powder and Packed Powder
Skiing Conditions: Excellent
Trails Open: All 55 trails
Lifts Open: All 11 lifts
Trails Groomed This Morning: Apache Bowl, Bear, Buckhorn, Bull Run, Capitan, Chair One Liftline, Chair Seven Liftline, Cliff, Elk Liftline, Elk Ridge, Game Trail, Gondola Liftline, Lincoln Liftline, Lower Deep Freeze, Moonshine, Oscars, Roys Run, SBT, Smokey Bear, Snow Park, The Face, Lower Mountain
Novice Slopes
Snowmaking Past 24 Hours: No
Forecast: Mostly Sunny
Suggested Runs: Black, Buckhorn, Blue, Geronimo, Green, Easy Street.

GO SPEED RACER

Ruidoso's Mike Shreve has made motorcycles his passion

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

When you're traveling down a paved track between 150 and 160 mph, with nothing between you and the pavement but two wheels and a high-horsepower engine, the need to focus on the race is pretty apparent.

One local racer was focused enough this season at the Arroyo Seco Motorplex near Deming to be named the New Mexico state champion as recognized by the Arroyo Seco Motorcyclist Association.

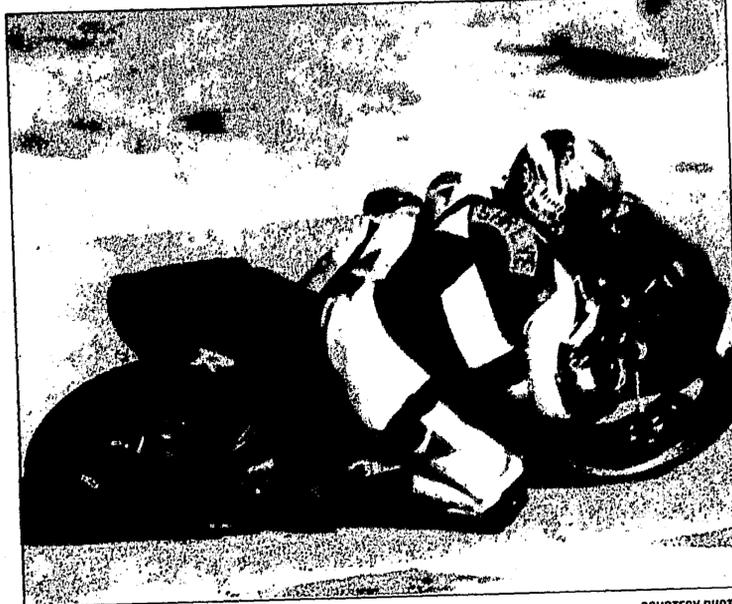
"I've been in racing all my life," said Ruidoso resident Mike Shreve. "My parents were into motorcycles, and now I'm living my dream."

That dream started about five years ago, when the 24-year-old Shreve — who had been riding on dirt bikes for most of his life — switched to road racing and actually began making money doing it.

It's not a whole lot of money, mind you. Shreve still has to support himself with a tree-cutting service he operates in Ruidoso. But the day when he can live entirely on his winnings as a racer might not be that far off.

"Hopefully, now that I'm number one, I can get picked up by a factory sponsor," Shreve said. "Right now, all the money I make goes back into racing. I'm really in this for the fun."

Currently, Shreve is sponsored by a business in El Paso, but he would need a sponsorship by Yamaha, Kawasaki, Honda or some other cycle manufacturer to get into the American Motorcycle



COURTESY PHOTO

Mike Shreve powers his bike around a turn at the Arroyo Seco Motorplex near Deming during the 2002 racing season. Shreve was named the New Mexico state champion after gaining the most points in various races held throughout the year, and will represent the state at a race of champions from throughout the country at Daytona, Fla., in March.

Association circuit.

Shreve — who rides a Yamaha R6 — already has a sponsorship from Joe Rocket for a new riding suit, and is hoping a national sponsorship will be available to give that suit some big-time exposure.

But to be included in the AMA, Shreve needs a bike whose horsepower, suspen-

sion and other attributes conform to the association's specifications.

"I'm fast enough, but I don't have the right kind of bike," Shreve said of the national circuit. "It's a money sport, that's for sure. It does take a lot of money to do this, but it should work out."

See SHREVE, page 2B

Hondo boys fall, Hondo girls victorious

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

It was a rough way to begin the District 8-1A season for the Hondo boys Tuesday, as the Gateway Christian Warriors blew into town and left with an 88-30 win.

"They've got new people, three or four guys we hadn't seen," said Hondo coach Eddie Chavez of the Warriors' lineup. "They're pretty well-rounded and a real good team."

To make matters worse, Hondo (1-12, 0-1 in district) had to go without team leader Eddi Valenzuela, who had missed the two previous games and still has two more to go.

In his stead, Steven Chavez — who scored 27 points against Corona in a 62-61 loss Saturday — did his best at the point, but only put up seven points, while Teka Salcido had nine.

"He's one of those that hates to lose," coach Chavez said of his son. "He gets everybody pumped up, but that's a lot of pressure as a sophomore."

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Carrizozo, Corona games rescheduled

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Corona/Carrizozo boys and girls basketball games scheduled for Tuesday were postponed a week due to illness on both teams.

Corona had been battling sickness for the past week, and were decimated come Tuesday evening. Coaches Tommy Mulkey of Corona and Mel Holland of Carrizozo each agreed to the postponement in order to give their teams a chance to recover.

The Cardinal/Grizzly games are scheduled for Jan. 28, again in Corona.

Despite the postponement, Corona still has to play a pair of games today at Temple Baptist beginning at 5 p.m., while the Carrizozo girls face Mescalero at 7 p.m.

Another loss for Capitan at Dexter's hands

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

What is it about the Capitan boys and Dexter?

"I don't know," said Capitan coach Royce Brown. "We always play them close, we just haven't got the job done."

The job remained unfinished Tuesday when the Demons went to Capitan and

left as 44-38 victors over the Tigers.

Of Capitan's four losses on the season, three belong to Dexter.

The game started out dead even, with the teams tied at 11-all after the first quarter, but then Capitan's free throw percentage began to betray them.

"We got to the line, we just didn't capitalize," Brown said.

"That was the difference right there."

The Tigers shot just 11-of-24 from the charity stripe for a 46 percent average — compared to the Demons' 9-of-13 performance in foul shots.

Seven more made foul shots by the Tigers (9-4), and they would have been victors.

"Our offense was stagnant at times, and they did press, but that didn't hurt us," Brown explained. "The kids played hard, it was just a matter of foul shots and fine tuning."

Bo Sparks led the Tigers with 11 points, while Sheldon Moor put in 10. Tim VandenBout led all scorers in the game, putting in 21 points

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Demons 44, Tigers 38	
Dexter	
Robby VandenBout	0 0-0 0
Jonathan Fernandez	2 0-0 4
Tim VandenBout	6 4-6 21
Lawrence VandenBout	0 0-0 0
Ismael Huerta	1 1-2 3
Destry McMaster	0 0-0 0
Anthony Banda	2 0-0 6
Mike Matta	2 4-4 8
Carlos Sosa	1 0-1 2
Emmanuel Regalado	0 0-0 0
Totals:	14 9-13 44
Capitan (9-4)	
Draw Haynes	0 0-2 0
Kurtis Lee	0 0-0 0
Stephen Silva	2 4-5 8
Bo Sparks	4 3-5 11
Sheldon Moor	4 1-2 10
Chance Huddleston	0 0-0 0
Elliott Taylor	0 0-0 0
Weston Richardson	0 0-0 0
Josh Osborn	1 0-0 2
Rusty Martin	1 2-4 4
J.D. Mitchell	1 1-6 3
Robbie Burchett	0 0-0 0
Josh Castañeda	0 0-0 0
Totals:	13 11-24 38
Dexter	11 18 4 11 — 44
Capitan	11 10 11 6 — 38
Three-point goals:	Dexter 7 (T. VandenBout 5, Banda 2), Dexter 1 (Moor). Total fouls: Dexter 16, Capitan 15.

AREA PREP



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Capitan forward Bo Sparks (10) puts up a shot as teammate Sheldon Moor (11) and Dexter players Anthony Banda (25) and Tim VandenBout look on. The Tigers dropped another decision to Dexter Tuesday and faced the Ruidoso JV on Thursday. They open the District 5-2A season with a game against Lordsburg on Saturday in Capitan.

Mescalero girls win, boys lose in spectacular fashion

BY KAREN BOELER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Mescalero girls (9-5) opened District 8-1A play Tuesday with a solid 65-44 win over Lake Arthur, while the boys were pounded 100-7.

The girls had an easy time, playing five in and five out every four minutes, and getting good practice for their next district game against Gateway Christian Jan. 28.

Sheriene Davis led the girls with 27 points, while Augusta Lang had 12 and Nicole Dolan eight.

Despite both boys teams playing shorthanded — Lake Arthur only had eight players while the Chiefs had seven — Lake Arthur ran roughshod over the Mescalero boys.

The girls will get one more non-district game in before returning to district action. They'll face Carrizozo at home Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Karen Boeler is sports editor for the Alamogordo Daily News, a sister paper to the Ruidoso News.

SHREVE: Living out a lifelong dream

FROM PAGE 1B

Even with all the national aspirations, this is something Shreve wants to do whether he has AMA certification or not, and is always casting about for local sponsors to keep him going.

Shreve has had a lot of support from his family in this endeavor, particularly from his mother, Frances, who tries to make it to the track at least every other week during the racing season, and followed her son to Daytona last February.

"Something was wrong with his bike, so he couldn't race," a disappointed Frances said. "But he wants to be there, the will to do it is 110 percent. I believe in him."

Because he is the state champion for New Mexico, he'll be headed back to Daytona, Fla., in March, then will return to Arroyo Seco for the 2003 season, which lasts until October.

"I love my parents' support," Shreve said. "If it weren't for them and the fans, I wouldn't be where I am today."

Still, he's flying around the asphalt at speeds approaching 160 mph. Doesn't that bother his mother a bit?

"When it comes to my mom, she kind of

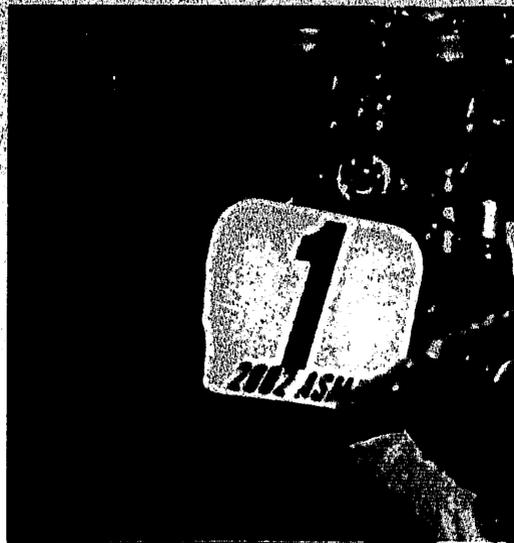
get hysterical," Shreve admitted. "She's the type to run out onto the track to make sure I'm safe, regardless of what's going on out there."

"But this track (Arroyo Seco) is much safer than any dirt track," he added. "I've had more broken bones on a dirt track because it's not as controlled an environment. But it's still pretty hairy when you crash."

Shreve got through the past year without any serious injuries. In fact, he probably faces greater danger when climbing trees to cut them down during the off season.

But there's no getting around the fact that it's a very stressful sport, and Shreve is realistic when it comes to his overall chances of making it on the national stage.

"I'll be going to school this spring — I've also wanted to be a teacher," Shreve said. "If I haven't made it in four or five years, I'll always have that to support me."



COURTESY PHOTO

Mike Shreve holds up the No. 1 sign he earned as the state points champion for the 2002 season at the Arroyo Seco Motorcyclist Association Awards in December. Shreve will wear the number in all of his races for the 2003 season.

If the next five years are like the last five for Shreve, he shouldn't have any worries about making motorcycle racing a full-time activity.

CAPTAN: District starts Saturday

FROM PAGE 1B

for Dexter.

The Capitan boys and girls both played Ruidoso Thursday, and they both begin District 5-2A play against Lordsburg on Saturday.

Actually, the Capitan boys will be playing the Ruidoso junior varsity, just as they did Dec. 14 — a game they won 68-54. This will be the first meeting between the Capitan and Ruidoso varsity girls.

"We just have to focus on it (the Ruidoso game)," Brown said. "You're out there to do your job, and Lordsburg will come later."

The Capitan girls are 6-7 after an overtime win over Class 1A power Tatum last Saturday, while the Lady Warriors are 4-9 after dropping a 59-45 decision to Socorro last Friday.

Lady Tiger coach Sherry

Gowen was confident going into Thursday's game against Ruidoso, and felt it would be a good tune-up for the Lordsburg game.

"If we run our press-breaker right and hit our spots, there's no press that can stop us," Gowen said of the Lady Warriors' pressing defense. "If we can stop (Beth) Robinson, we should be okay. She'll probably get her points, but her matchup with Bruiser (Capitan's Jessica Becker) should be a good one."

The Lordsburg girls are 6-10 heading into Saturday, while the boys team is 12-2 and looks like the team to beat in District 5-2A.

"Hopefully, we'll be motivated to see what we can do against this team," Brown said. "We have to take care of the ball and make good decisions. We'll definitely have to do well on defense to stop all their offensive threats."

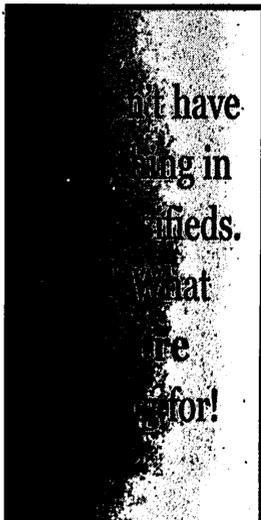
HONDO: Teams face Tatum today

FROM PAGE 1B

One positive was that all but one Eagle scored in the game.

"If you can get 80 percent of your kids in the books, that's good," Chavez said. "They can gain some confidence playing varsity ball and get that experience."

The Hondo girls won their game to improve to 1-0 in district and 5-9 overall. The boys took on the Hagerman junior varsity and the girls played the Hagerman varsity Thursday, and both face Tatum today.



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When your doctor finds Hepatitis C, take it seriously

A Ruidoso woman struggles with an often-hidden disease that affects many.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Feeling healthy and having marked a 10-year point since recovering from cancer, a Ruidoso resident looked forward to donating blood for the first time last July.

The woman, called Vance to preserve her privacy, wasn't prepared for the devastating news she received a few days after her unselfish gesture. A routine screening test on her blood showed she suffered from Hepatitis C, an often chronic, life-threatening and undiagnosed disease.

Having some medical background, she gathered information on the viral disease from several sources, but was disappointed to learn no support group meets locally. Compounding the situation, she soon found out that one of the side effects of the medication she must take is depression.

"Many people in this town have lived with this disease for years and have kept it a secret because of the stigma that somehow you got it by being unclean," she said. "You never hear of anyone willing to talk about it. The worst is the depression and no one to talk to."

She hopes to form a support group to help herself and others in the future, Vance said.

According to the National Center for Infectious Diseases, Hepatitis C can be contracted through many sources that involve blood transfer such as

Just what is Hepatitis C?

Hepatitis C is a liver disease caused by a viral infection. The National Center for Infectious Diseases reports that 80 percent of people with the condition show no symptoms. When symptoms occur, they include jaundice, fatigue, dark urine, abdominal pain, loss of appetite and nausea.

Long-term effects include chronic infection in 75 percent to 85 percent of sufferers, chronic liver disease in 70 percent of the chronically infected, and a 3 percent death rate from chronic liver disease. Hepatitis C is the leading indicator for a liver transplant.

Transmission occurs when blood or body fluids from an infected person enter the body of another. It is spread through sharing needles, through sharp needle exposure on the job or from an infected mother to her baby during birth. Recipients of blood clotting factors before 1987 are considered at high risk, as are injecting drug users. People who received transfusions before 1992 are considered an intermediate risk. Healthcare or public safety workers, and people having sex with multiple partners are considered at low risk.

According to the center, the number of new infections per year has declined from an average of 240,000 in the 1980s to about 25,000 in 2001. An estimated 3.9 million Americans have been infected with the virus. Of that number, 2.7 million are chronically infected. New Mexico has a significant number of reported cases, but based on limited data available from the epidemiology division of the state Health Department, Lincoln County doesn't account for an unusually high percentage of cases statewide.

Hepatitis C is not spread by sneezing, hugging, coughing, food or water, sharing utensils or drinking glasses or casual contact, according to information from the center. Persons with the condition should not be excluded from work, school, play, child-care or other settings.

Involvement with a support group may help patients cope with Hepatitis C, center officials say.

transfusions, sexual activity and exposure to infected blood when a person has open wounds. But the most common cause is injection drug use, which accounts for 60 percent of all new cases and is a major risk factor.

"After World War II and Vietnam, a high number of cases were diagnosed," Vance said. She works in a health-care-related field where scratches and bites are common. But she also could have been infected cleaning up blood left after outbursts by her former husband, she said.

"He refuses to be tested," she said. Knowing if he has the infection would help her deter-

mine how long she may have been affected, she said. "They can't tell you for sure where you got it. It's a mind-boggling disease."

Untreated, the infection can lead to cirrhosis of the liver and liver cancer, she said.

Her prescription drugs, Rebetrin, a capsule, and Peg-Intron, an injection, cost \$2,300 a month. Her co-pay runs \$715. She takes five capsules and one injection daily. Then, in the middle of finding out she had the disease, her employer changed insurance companies. She stayed with the old company and found out later, if she had applied for the new and been denied, the drug manu-

facturer would have given her the required medication.

"The medication, mainly the Peg-Intron, causes depression and irritability, and flu-like symptoms," she said. To combat the side effects, she takes an anti-depressant and other medication.

Before she realized she needed the antidepressant, she ended up in the hospital emergency room because of back pain related to stress and tension. Someone with Hepatitis C must check with a physician before adding any additional treatments, including herbal, she said, "Because everything is processed through the liver."

She was told not to consume alcohol, sugar, anything with caffeine, including chocolate, and no milk. Her diet has evolved into mostly vegetarian fare. She cannot share fingernail clippers or files, toothbrush and razor blades.

Because of the particular genotype of the virus Vance harbors in her body, her chances of a "cure" are low, ranging from 10 percent to 20 percent with her current medication.

Six distinct genotypes for Hepatitis C have been identified and genotype 1 - which Vance has - is the most common seen in the United States and the least likely to respond to current drug therapy. Even after a virus seemingly is knocked out, it often can reestablish.

Complicating her case is that since childhood, she has shown a positive tuberculosis reaction and her physician, Dr. Frederick French, has to keep a close check to ensure that condition doesn't flare up when

her immune system is down. A recent biopsy showed inflammation of the liver, she said, but "there is very little liver damage. I don't feel bad until I take all the medication."

Many people never will be tested for Hepatitis C, she said.

"If you don't ask for the test, you usually don't get it," Vance said. The cost can run as high as \$500.

Vance said she received information off the Internet from support groups in Seattle, Wash., and the drug manufacturer, Schering, also supplied a booklet and has a 24-hour nursing line to answer questions. A book, "Living with Hepatitis C," was helpful.

For now, Vance is continuing her drug therapy and is trying to control the side effects, which also can affect vision and cause "brain fog," she said. She told her co-workers about the disease and the drug side effect and asked their help in pointing out if she becomes too aggressive, she said.

"I want to enlighten the community and let them know how hard it is to continue to work and live with the disease," she said.

Vance can be reached at 430-4623. Information on the disease also is available at the public health office; call (505) 258-3252.

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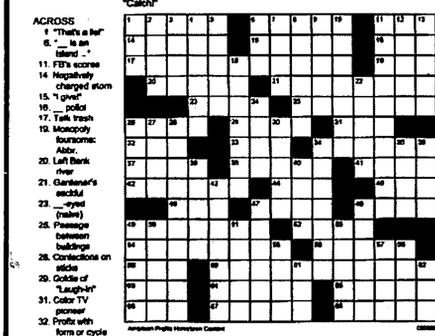
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"Catcher"



ACROSS

- "There's a bar"
- ... is an ...
11. FBI's acronym
- Negatively charged atom
- "I give"
17. Talk trash
18. Hoopcity
20. Left Bank river
21. Garden's ...
22. ... yard (fruits)
23. Passage between buildings
24. Connections on ...
25. Odds of "leopard"
31. Cable TV ...
32. Profile with form or cycle
33. He was thrice the champ
34. Inedible oranges
37. "I'll" ...
38. Pave over
41. Bid farewell
42. For no profit
44. Base counter
45. Sarcasm
46. "Hey what?"
47. Put an edge on
48. Clutter with
49. Methanol
52. Heavy lead
53. Popp out
54. Go wild

DOWN

1. "New"
2. Heavy lead
3. Popp out
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7. "New"
8. "The Jefferson"
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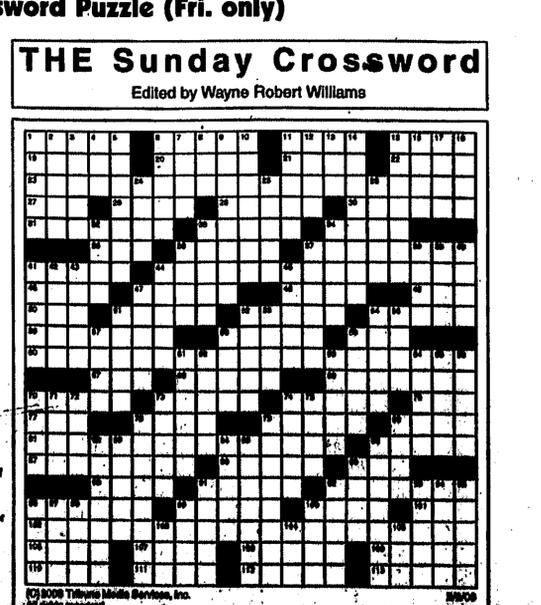
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- Shin's grant
- Pitcher's miscue
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- Olfactory stimulus
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- Turner of 'The Poetman Always Rings Twice'
- 100 Grand Bar?
- Linguistic suffix
- 70 ... as it
- Grace endears
- Denver basketball player
- Many eBay offerings
- 33 ... on
- Norm's "Cheese" wife on "Cheese"
- "Loose" My Religion group
- Rooney's dream?
- Togo ...
- "Hey what?"
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DOWN

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- "Bel ..."
- Runny cheese
- Formal document
- Coolest ...
- Delighted ...
- Member of a ...
- "The Naked ..."
- Welcome ...
- Hubbub
- Smith or Taylor
- Acutely ...
- Calciphysa
- Reagan's ...
- Neighbor of ...
- Archer or Meera
- Dillon or Diamond
- Of the Far East
- Promote
- Old Blutz model
- Feeling ...
- Designs of '73
- Light amber ...
- Shipping ...
- Knicker's ...
- Blending ...
- "Blatant ..."
- Playwright
- Blown up the ...
- Thelma's ...
- Physical ...
- Diner ...
- Old-time ...
- Search of ...
- NYC subway ...
- Blitz
- By what means

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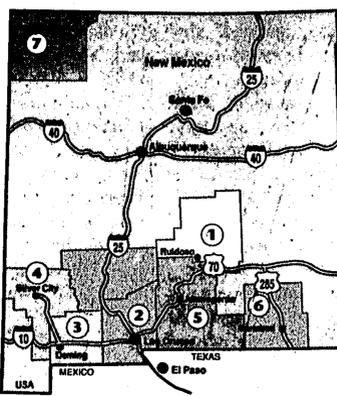
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ESTATE SALE Contents of House 700 Spruce Alamogordo Dishes, Furniture, Silver, Collectibles. Home of Mr. & Mrs. George Abbott 7:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Thurs, Fri, Sat Jan. 23, 24, 25 Sat 1/2 price day 7 to 3 p.m. Ross Bell Estate Sales, Las Cruces, NM 523-2089 Cell phone 644-5801

HUGE 5 Family Sale, All Must Go, Nice Stuff. Mattresses, bunk beds, appliances, living & dining room, antiques, & a whole lot more. Make this your 1st stop & save. 10a.m. - 3p.m. Fri. & Sat. 253 Carriizo Canyon Rd. in Affordable Storage.

MOVING SALE Saturday January 25th, 8a.m.-Noon, 104 Mastie Pl.

MOVING SALE, furniture, bedrooms, end-tables, bookcases, coffee table, bed linens, and household items. 102 Alto Alps Condos 336-1810

YARD SALE Saturday, 8:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Lots of the usual goodies, large lighted entertainment center, 217 Fir Drive 257-0772

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1997 PONTIAC Grand Am excellent condition, fully loaded, tinted windows, CD player, \$7,000 OBO, 257-8194

1999 CHRYSLER Sebring. Low mileage, excellent condition. \$12,500 Call 257-3032

1999 DODGE Stratus ES, automatic, 4 door, air, 12-disc CD changer, excellent condition, \$7500 257-6120 or (915)590-2975

'93 SUBARU, 4-door, front wheel drive, automatic, nice dependable car, \$2249. 430-9059 or 257-4080

1991 Ford Explorer Eddy Bauer edition, 4x4, runs great, automatic, Must Sell! \$2500. Call for more info 491-0620

1993 FORD Explorer 4X4, recently rebuilt transmission, air, excellent condition, price below NADA book, \$3,500 257-6120 or (915)590-2975

1995 CHEVY Z71 1/2 ton p/u, V8, extended cab, 4X4, bed liner, tan leather, excellent condition, 65K miles, \$11,500, 257-2510

'92 TRUCKER, 5-speed, all wheel drive, new-large wheels and tires and clutch. Come See it! \$3695 Call 430-9059 or 257-4080

'95 SUBARU Legacy, 4-door, all wheel drive, automatic, \$3495 Call 430-9059 or 257-4080

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'99 EXPLORER xls 4x4, 4dr. 116,000 miles \$9,800, day-257-3109, h-258-4877

'99 KIA Sportage, 62K miles, all wheel drive. Drive-it/you'll buy it! \$4695 Call 430-9059 or 257-4080

ALL WHEEL DRIVE. 1993 Ford Aerostar. Eddy Bauer. Eight passenger, front and rear air, loaded, excellent condition. \$3995. 257-4718

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RV \$1250.00 Older Winnebago, engine runs good, interior needs work. Call 257-4456

2001 40' Franklin 5th wheel 35lides, W/D, dishwasher, excellent condition, \$29,500, 653-4382

LEGAL NOTICE 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 #5398 2T (1)24,29

LEGAL NOTICE CFG ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS The local Federal Coordinating Committee is now

accepting applications for the Principal Combined Fund Organization (PCFO) for the 2002-2003 South-east New Mexico Combined Federal Campaign. This campaign covers a five county area: Otero County (PCFO) P.O. Box 14, Alamogordo, NM 88311. Applications will be accepted February 01-February 17, 2002. Federations, charitable organizations or combinations thereof, meeting CFR regulations may serve as the PCFO. For further information, please contact Cindy Clarke at 505-437-8400.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs must hold a public hearing to determine how the Mescalero Apache Tribe will spend \$6 million received as settlement for alleged B.I.A. mismanagement of the timber program at Mescalero. All interested parties are invited to attend. The meeting will convene at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 30, 2003 at the Mescalero Community Center Gymnasium #5396 2T (1)22,24

LEGAL NOTICE Public Notice In conjunction with FEMA and the New Mexico Department of Public Safety Hazard Mitigation Grant Program 2000, the Village of Ruidoso has submitted proposal for its Ruidoso Ecosystem Restoration Project. A draft Environmental Assessment of the vegetation management project is being made available for public review in the Village of Ruidoso Public Library located at 107 Kansas City Road and Village of Ruidoso Public Hall (Water Department) located at 313 Cree Meadows Drive, from January 22 to February 20, 2003. Public comments may be submitted in writing, no later than February 20, 2003. Mail comments to Rick Delgado, Urban Forester, Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 #5401 2T (1)24,31

LEGAL NOTICE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGIE JUANITA BACCHUS deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims to the undersigned personal representative at 701 County Road #104, Georgetown, TX 78626 or to the attorney for the representative, Charles E. Hawthorne at 900 Suddeth Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County, Dated: January 10, 2003.

/s/Robert E. Bacchus Personal Representative of the Estate of Margie Juanita Bacchus Deceased 701 County Road #104 Georgetown, NM 78626 ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Charles E. Hawthorne 900 Suddeth Drive Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 (505)257-1323 fax 257-1327 #5397 2T (1)24,31

LEGAL NOTICE PROCLAMATION OF A REGULAR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION WHEREAS, I, Tammie J. Maddox, County Clerk, in the County of Lincoln and State of New Mexico, have determined that a Regular School District Election, be held on February 4, 2003, pursuant to sections 1-22-1 through 1-22-19, NMSA 1978;

AND WHEREAS, under and by virtue of Article 22, School Election Law, provision is made for the holding of School District Elections throughout the State of New Mexico and in each County and each School District thereof;

NOW THEREFORE, It is hereby proclaimed and public notice given by the Lincoln County Clerk, in the County of Lincoln and State of New Mexico: On the 4th day of February, 2003, there will be held in the Ruidoso Municipal School District No. 03, Lincoln County, New Mexico, a regular school district election for the purpose of:

submitting the names of candidates for the three (3) positions to be filled on the Board, to the respective qualified electors of the District. The polls for said Election will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Election. At such Election, the following at-large positions on the Board shall be filled by the qualified electors of the District, to wit: Position 1: A (4) year term commencing March 1, 2003; Position 2: A (4) year term commencing March 1, 2003; and Position 3: A (4) year term commencing March 1, 2003

Candidates: Position 1: Susan Marie Luterman Position 2: Franklin D. Saylor Position 3: Bill G. Chance Strand W. McDougal Thomas F. Vigil Jacquelyn M. Branum

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Judges of Election and the Clerks of Election have been appointed in said School District and Public Notice is hereby given of the place designated where the said election is to be held: CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT: Consisting of all Lincoln County general election precincts that are wholly or partially within the Ruidoso Municipal School District No.03. POLLING PLACE: Ruidoso Convention Center 111 Sierra Blanca Drive Ruidoso, New Mexico

ABSENT VOTERS PRECINCT: Ruidoso voters who are absent from any precinct within Ruidoso Municipal School District No.03. POLLING PLACE: Office of the County Clerk Lincoln County Court-house Carrizozo, New Mexico

CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT: Presiding Judge: Sunny B. Hirschfeld Election Judge: Judy Shaw Election Judge: Frances M. Cummins Election Clerk: Calvin C. Cowden Election Clerk: G. Diane Bloodworth Election Clerk: Kathleen H. Jelsovsky Election Clerk: Edward J. Cavanaugh

DONE AT THE LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE THIS 15th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2003. WITH MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF LINCOLN COUNTY. /s/TAMMIE J. MADDOX LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK

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Y CONSIDERANDO QUE, cuanto debajo y por virtud de articulo 22, ley de eleccion de escuela provision esta hecho de tener elecciones de Distrito de Escuela por todo del Estado de Nuevo Mexico, y en cada Condado y en cada Distrito de Escuela de Estado; AHORA, POR LO TANTO, la Escribana de Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo Mexico proclama y por esta noticia publica: El 4 de febrero de 2003 se llevara a cabo una eleccion regular en el Distrito Escolar Municipio Num. 03 de Ruidoso, Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo Mexico con el fin de presentarse a todos los votantes respectivos habilitados del Distrito los nombres de los candidatos por las tres (3) posiciones que se llenaran en la Junta. Los Sitos de Votacion en dicha Eleccion permaneceran abiertos entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. el dia de la Eleccion.

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En dicha Eleccion, las siguientes posiciones en general de la Junta se llenaran por los votantes habilitados del distrito, es decir: Posicion 1: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de Marzo de 2003; Posicion 2: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de Marzo de 2003; y Posicion 3: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de Marzo de 2003.

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DEMÁS PROCLAMADO Y NOTICIA ESTA POR ESTO DADO, que los quezques de la eleccion y los escribanos de eleccion fueron apuntados en tal distrito de escuela y noticia publica y por esto se la dado el lugar designado donde tal eleccion sera detenido: PRECINCTO CONSOLIDADO UNO: Consistiendo de todos los precintos de eleccion general del Condado de Lincoln que estan enteramente o parcialmente dentro del Distrito Escolar Municipal de Ruidoso Num.03.

PARAJE DE VOTACION: Ruidoso Convention Center Ruidoso, Nuevo Mexico PRECINCTO DE VOTANTES AUSENTES: Para votantes que estan ausentes para cualquier precinto dentro del Distrito Escolar Municipal de Ruidoso Num.03. PARA JE DE VOTACION: Oficina de Escribano Condado de Lincoln Casa Corte del Condado de Lincoln Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico

PRECINCTO CONSOLIDADO: Juez Presidiendo: Sunny B. Hirschfeld Juez de Eleccion: Judy Shaw Juez de Eleccion: Frances M. Cummins Escribana de Eleccion: Calvin C. Cowden Escribana de Eleccion: G. Diane Bloodworth Escribana de Eleccion: Kathleen H. Jelsovsky Escribana de Eleccion: Edward J. Cavanaugh

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to Section 1-22-19, NMSA 1978, "qualified electors may also vote absentee in person at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, during the regular hours and days of business and days of business from 8:00 a.m., January 10, 2003, being the twenty-fifth day preceding the Election, until 5:00 p.m., January 31, 2003, being the Friday immediately prior to the Election.

The candidates for membership on the Board are as follows: Board Member District Position Position 2 (Remainder of a 4 Year Term) Candidates Luis A. Jimenez Position 3 (4 Year Term) Candidates Rita A. Dickinson Braulio Alvarado, Sr. Position 4 (4 Year Term) Candidates Corrine P. Prudencio Position 5 (4 Year Term) Candidates Godfrey K. Gomez

This notice is published in my capacity as Principal Filing Officer for this election. LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK By:/s/Tammie J. Maddox

LEGAL NOTICE AVISO DE ELECCION REGULAR DE JUNTA DE EDUCACION El 4 de febrero de 2003 se efectuara una eleccion regular en el Distrito Escolar Publico Numero 20 de Hondo, Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo Mexico con el fin de presentarse a todos los votantes habilitados del Distrito candidatos por eleccion para ser miembros en la Junta de Educacion. Los Distritos Electorales y Los Miembros del Consejo del Precincto por esta eleccion son los siguientes: Eleccion Num. del Precincto 3A, 12A, 12B y 12C Sitios De Votacion La Sala de Gimnasio de Hondo Valley School Hondo, Nuevo Mexico Los Miembros del Consejo del Precincto Billy L. Jones, Juez Principal Juan S. Montoya, Juez Elizabeth Montes, Juez Beverly Hammond, Escribana Eleccion Num. del Precincto En Ausencia Sitios De Votacion Oficina del (de la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico

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Posición del Distrito del Miembro de la Junta
Posición 4
 (Por un plazo de cuatro años)
Candidatos
 Corinne P. Prudencio

Posición del Distrito del Miembro de la Junta
Posición 5
 (Por un plazo de cuatro años)
Candidatos
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Bid Security, if bid greater than \$25,000, in the form of a surety bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of New Mexico in the amount of 5% of the total bid, or the equivalent in cash by means of a cashier's check or in a form satisfactory to the Owner, must accompany each bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

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 - Selection of Meeting Date
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Project No.: 02711.03

DATE: **FEBRUARY 13, 2003**

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5 Pepsi or RC

9 "Beggars can't be choosers," e.g.

14 Brainstorm

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16 Like notebook paper

17 Tire (out)

18 Director Preminger

19 Put ___ to (finish)

20 Author, 1899-1961

23 Shortage

24 Pro ___

25 Type size

27 Paul Simon's "Slip ___ Away"

32 Quatrain rhyme scheme

36 Big dachshund features

38 Put out, as a light

39 Author, 1340-1400

42 One year's record

43 College sports org., for short

44 Gardener's spring purchase

45 Sketch again

47 Showy bloom

49 Bryn ___ College

51 Mind twister

56 Author, 1903-87

61 Kind of situation

62 Dresden's river

63 "Holy smokes!"

DOWN

1 Exhausted, with "out"

2 Be crazy about

3 Hotelier Helmsley

4 Become narrower

5 One with suitable work?

6 Inauguration declaration

7 What 20-, 39- and 56-Across might travel in

8 Skunk cabbage has a strong one

9 He was Hawkeye Pierce on "M*A*S*H"

10 Small dent

11 From the top

12 Actress Rowlands

13 Small whirlpool

21 Gas station product

22 "___ in the bag"

26 Late San Francisco columnist Herb

28 Markers

29 Fascist leader, in Italy

30 Shrink's reply

31 Dweeb

32 Gel made from seaweed

33 Nota ___

34 Get-out-of-jail money

35 Way off

37 Fight reminder

40 Kitschy lawn figure

41 Bald

46 Pale

48 Caesar of comedy

50 Cigs

52 Lived

53 Impressionist Edgar

54 Fine Peruvian wool

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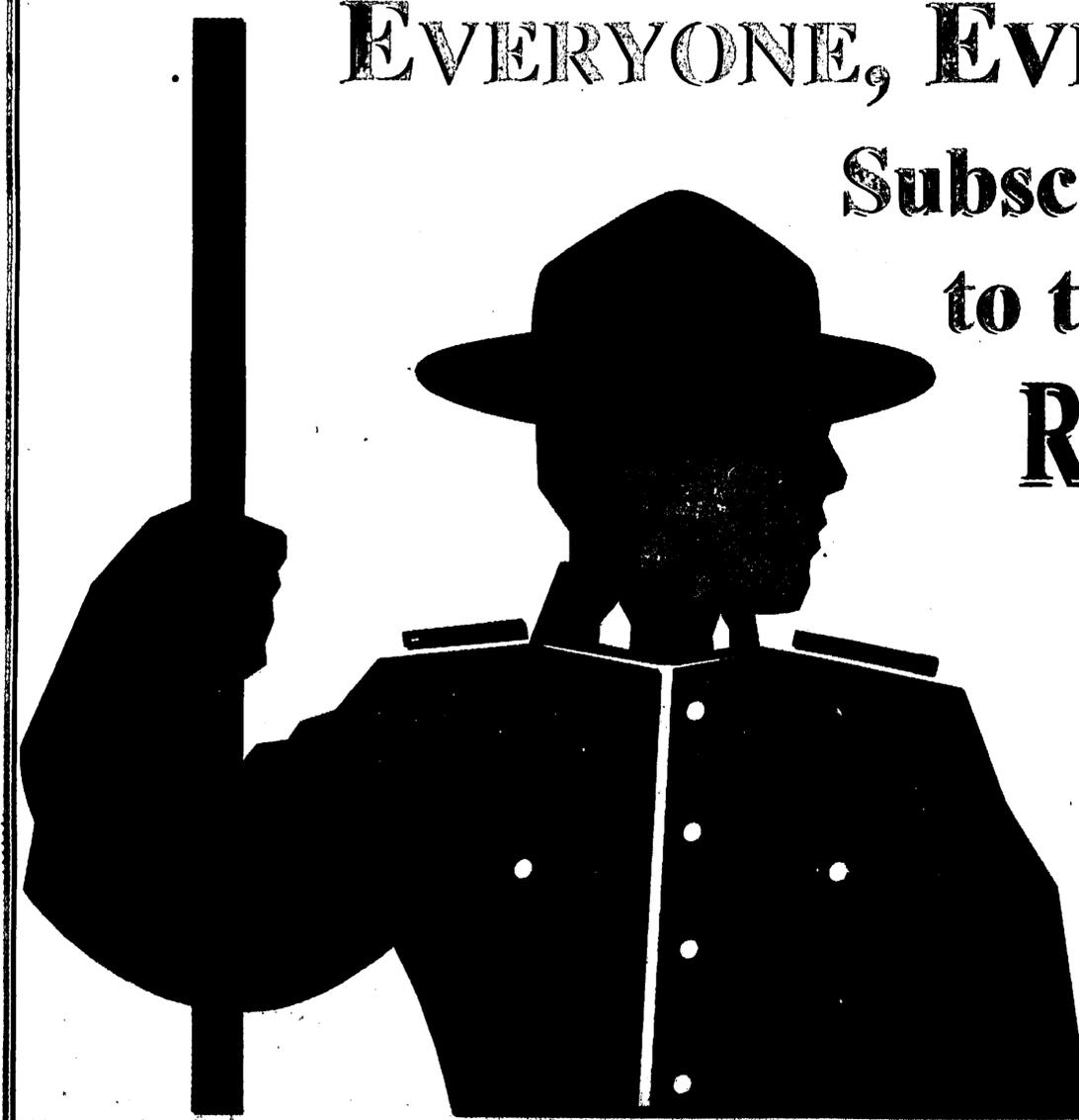
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Go figure

Artist finds people fascinating — to paint, at least

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Bold, strong colors and angular, abstract portraits and nudes fill Gioia Ferrari Phillips' canvases — perhaps more quickly than she'd like: She complains that she's always running out of canvas and paper.

Her paintings are in oil, charcoal, pastels and China marker,

with a few watercolors here and there — and although some are reminiscent of Cezanne, her recent tendency is more toward a broad-stroked realism.

"I'm too free to get too realistic," she said. "I like to work quickly and big."

Ferrari Phillips drew and painted as a child in Switzerland, but after someone gave her a set of chisels when

she was in her early 20s, she took some art classes and figure drawing classes and began carving in wood and stone.

"I found I could visualize things three-dimensionally, and did that for a long time ... When the last child left for school, then I went back to school at California Polytechnic and Questa College and took figure drawing classes.

"By doing paintings I could see the results faster, then I fell in love with colors," she said. "I love colors."

She exhibited her work in The Art Center in San Luis Obispo and other small galleries in California, but hasn't shown her work since moving to Ranches of Sonterra three years ago because she and her architect husband, Bill, have been finishing their new home — which includes her special domain: a north-facing studio.

Her first project in New Mexico is her Native American design for a Great Bear Hunt bear, but she's also working on



COURTESY GIOIA FERRARI PHILLIPS

This work combines Phillips' favorite artistic aspects: color and the human form. Phillips works in a variety of media, including oils, pastels and China markers.



COURTESY GIOIA FERRARI PHILLIPS

Phillips paints in several styles from Cezanne-esque forms to broad-stroked realism, although, she says, "I'm too free to get too realistic."

— See PHILLIPS, page 7C

Apache artists unite for new Hubbard Museum exhibit



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Douglas Miles represents the San Carlos tribe in the Hubbard Museum exhibit.

■ "We're Still Here with the Mountains" opens Saturday with a special dance performance.

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

For perhaps the first time anywhere, a major exhibition of Apache artists from four different tribes in New Mexico and Arizona will open Saturday and run through May 11 at the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

Make that six different tribes since guest curator of the exhibit, Mescalero artist Oliver Enjady, also comes from the Lipan and Chiricahua Apache tribes.

Enjady said the idea of this exhibit, which has about 20 sculptures and 60 paintings, has been long in brewing and began

when Ray Reed, founder of the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, came up with the idea of having an exhibit of Native American artists. Later he and artist Doug Miles discussed the need for people to know there are Apache artists — and that was one of the things that sparked the show. The first step, though, was when Enjady and Bob Haozous were the 2000 invitational artists at the Roswell Museum, he said.

He started contacting well-known artists on different reservations.

"The songs and stories of the people, in which we are to be guardians of the mountains, are still here with us, especially within us as artists," Enjady said of the exhibit's title, "We're Still Here with the Mountains."

"This is what we are trying to portray in the different mediums we work in."

See MUSEUM, page 2C



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Darren Vigil Gray, of the Jicarilla tribe, is displaying works as part of "We're Still Here with the Mountains."

Corraling the iguanas while visiting the Virgins



Dave Barry
DAVE'S WORLD
TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

In these times of international tension, real news professionals disregard their personal safety and head for the world's trouble spots. Thus it was that recently I traveled to the U.S. Virgin Islands, where I faced the very real danger that, as a journalist in the field, many of my expenses would be tax-deductible.

The Virgin Islands are located in the Caribbean, which gets its name from the Indian words "Cari," meaning "body of water," and "bean," meaning "that makes you really glad your computer has a spell checker." The Virgin Islands were discovered in 1493 by Christopher Columbus, who wisely elected to remain on the ship during the discovery process so as to avoid being turned into Purina Shark Chow by the people who already lived there.

Before sailing briskly away, Columbus named the islands "the Virgins" because he thought they looked like reclining women, which tells you how long HE had been on a non-coeducational ship.

Although the islands were originally claimed by Spain, over the years they belonged to Holland, France, England, Denmark, Poland, Wales, Nigeria and the New York Yankees farm organization, before they were finally purchased

by the U.S. government for \$25 million, which is coincidentally the exact amount that I spent down there on drinks with names like "Drambuie Kablooye."

This is pretty much how everybody passes the time in the Virgin Islands. You lie in the sun, listening to the soothing sounds of the wind and the surf and the precancerous lesions forming on your skin. The only remotely alarming thing I saw during my visit occurred at a small outdoor bar at a place called Sapphire Beach, where a wedding reception was going on, and the bride's bouquet was partially eaten by (I am not making this up) an iguana.

There are iguanas everywhere, roughly the size of squirrels, except that instead of being cute and furry, they look like cranky midget dinosaurs. They stand around all day, glaring and thinking, "If this were 25 million years ago, I would eat the whole BRIDE."

There is also plenty of marine life in the Virgin Islands, although due to poor planning it is located underwater. To see it, you put on rental snorkel equipment and paddle around over a coral reef, which looks like rock but is actually billions of tiny critters called "polyps" forming a living organism that eats, grows and, when it feels frisky,

messes around with another reef to produce a new little reeflet.

The underwater scenery is spectacular, and as I floated above it in the warm, clear water, I could not help but wonder: How many zillion other tourists have rented this particular snorkel mask? What was their level of nasal hygiene?

And so I paddled back to the beach, where my son, clearly thinking inheritance, talked me into windsurfing. This involves standing on a surfboard with a sail attached to it, and then, by shifting your weight and pointing the sail in a certain direction relative to the wind, falling into the water like a sack of gravel. I estimate that I got up on the surfboard, and immediately fell back off, 50 times, in the process traveling forward a total of 11 feet.

I was the source of much entertainment for the people on the beach. Even the reef was emitting billions of tiny but hearty polyp chuckles, which would be a good name for a rock band.

After I staggered back to the beach, a real windsurfer appeared, looking like a Greek god, but with a better body. He was zipping effortlessly across the waves, muscles rippling, and my wife was watching him, and I said, "I bet that guy couldn't handle the pres-

sure of producing a weekly newspaper column! Right? Honey? Right? Hello?"

So I decided to engage in a manly activity that I happen to be quite good at: building a sand castle. Not for ME, of course. It was for my daughter. The problem is that she, being 2, soon became bored and wandered off, leaving me to work alone, with my little blue pail and my little yellow shovel. I don't want to boast, but I made a very manly castle.

I'm sure that Pectorals, out puffing around on his little board, was intimidated, although he pretended not to notice. But my wife was clearly impressed, because later on she accompanied me to our room for an intimate — and sometimes, frankly, wild — evening of trying to get the sand out of our daughter's hair.

And that, in a nutshell, is the situation in the U.S. Virgin Islands. In my journalistic opinion, it's perfectly safe to travel there, as long as you take certain common-sense precautions, such as iguana-proofing your bouquet. Also, if you mess up my castle, you're dead.

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

'ROCK SPRAY'



COURTESY MINNIE TRAVIS

The 11th Annual Fall American Photography Competition, Exhibition and Sale presented by the Hubbard Museum of the American West and the Photographic Society of Lincoln County and sponsored by the First National Bank of Ruidoso closed on Sunday. At the close of the exhibit, the ballots were counted and the final award for People's Choice belongs to photographer Minnie Travis for her photograph titled "Rock Spray." Travis resides in El Paso, Texas, and is a retired teacher and member of the Photography Enthusiasts of El Paso (PEEP). She loves photography and is very honored to receive the People's Choice Award.

Hungarian orchestra to visit

■ The world-renowned symphony will be at the Spencer Jan. 31.

Mozart, Bartók, Rossini and Beethoven — music of the masters resonates through the acoustically divine Spencer Theater at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, as the 50-member Hungarian Symphony Orchestra performs a program of classical beauty, with Maestro Philippe de Chalender conducting.

Featured artist is award-winning pianist Makiko Hirata of Japan. Excellent seats are available for \$45 and \$48. Call Spencer Theater at (505) 336-4800 or go online at www.spencertheater.com. Excellent seats remain.

Hailed by critics for "spirit, wit, warmth and vitality," as well as for "mystic lyricism and indomitable spirit," the Hungarian Symphony Orchestra of Pécs is considered one of Europe's great orchestras. Maestro de Chalender leads the 50-member ensemble in performance of Mozart's most witty and heart-racing composition, "Eine Kleine Nachtmusic, K. 525," and his beautiful, richly atmospheric concerto, "A Major, K.488."

The night's spirited program also includes: Rossini's charming overture "An Italian Woman in Algiers," Bartók's rhythmic and folksy "Hungarian Pictures," and Beethoven's joyful Symphony No. 8 in F Major Opus 93.

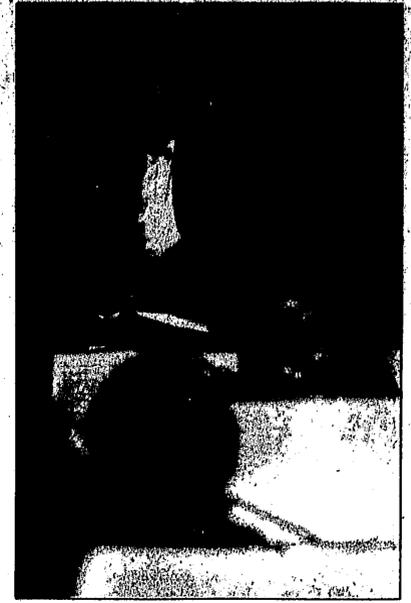
Each piece in this voluptuous program features solos with guest pianist Hirata. A native of Kanagawa, Japan, Hirata stud-

ied at Juilliard and the Manhattan School of Music. She has been touted by pianist Sara Buechner as "a rising young artist to watch — a pianist of equal parts fire and delicacy, with technique to burn and compelling dramatic presence..."

Hirata's professional career has extended throughout North and South America, Europe and Japan. She regularly performs with the Jupiter Symphony Orchestra in New York City and is currently an adjunct faculty member at New York University, where she earned her master's degree in performance in May of 2000.

The Hungarian Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1811 and performs an annual series in Pécs and Budapest and has toured extensively throughout Europe.

Maestro Philippe de Chalender has served as guest

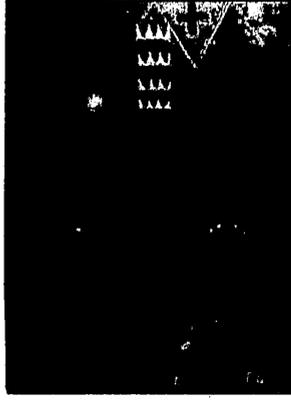


COURTESY SPENCER THEATER

Maestro Philippe de Chalender will lead the Hungarian Symphony Orchestra at the Spencer.

conductor for the orchestra's entire 2002-2003 United States national tour. Between 1993 and 2001, Chalender worked with Maestro James Conlon in the Opera and the Gurzenich Orchestra of Cologne, and the Metropolitan Opera of New York. In 1996 he was appointed as permanent assistant conductor of the Paris National Opera.

MUSEUM: Apache tribes join for show



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Mescalero's Oliver Enjady, in addition to acting as guest curator, has several pieces on exhibit as part of the show.

FROM PAGE 1C

The Mescalero, Warm Springs, San Carlos and Jicarillas tribes are represented by well-known artists Bob Haozous, Allan Houser, Doug Miles, Duke Sine, Darren Vigil Gray, Vincent Kaydazine, Jordan Torres and Enjady, offering a wide range of paintings and sculpture from traditional to contemporary styles and themes.

A special performance by the Mescalero Dancers will be at 2 p.m. Saturday. A select group of the 72 traditional dancers and singers will perform under the direction of Lucille Yuzous.

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Capitan - Highway 48. Les Earwood, Minister. Sunday Bible study: 10 a.m.;
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A team that never gave up

Hats off to the Ruidoso High School football team, the coaches and the student body. This is a banner year for the school and the village. To win the state championship is a once-in-a-lifetime achievement.

I watched as the preseason scrimmages were held and, to be honest, I did not see much hope for a successful year for the home team. But was I ever wrong. The Warriors started off with a fairly difficult non-district schedule, and every game saw improvement and growth. I saw the coaches make adjustments and changes which were positive. Whatever was lacking in size and athletic ability was made up for with hustle and desire.

Sure, there were mistakes on the field and on the sidelines as well. But something was happening to the team that is hard to measure by final scores and game statistics. These young men were learning how to play to win. The non-district games were a time of experimentation and the record didn't look too good. The district games came and victories over NMMI and Lovington were sweet, and then the game with Portales brought great disappointment.

But we made the playoffs and, in them, anything could happen. Something wonderful began to take place. Who would believe

the four-overtime win? Who would believe that we would make the finals against Portales? The Warriors had a wonderful opportunity to prove, that they had come a long way in this 2002 football season. And they did it.



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RUIDOSO PASTOR

With three-plus minutes to play and the score 22-12 in favor of Portales, the situation looked grim. But the culmination of what these young men and their coaches had been learning during this average football season suddenly came to reality.

You might be asking, "Was it X's and O's?" or "Did they finally remember their play assignments?" or "Did the coaches finally figure out Portales' defense?" The answer is to all these questions is no.

What did the 2002 Ruidoso football team and coaches learn in this season? Don't give up. Don't ever lose hope. And if there was a player on the team that exemplified the "Don't give up" spirit, it was Josh Adams. His never-say-die spirit was infectious, and every member of the team and staff never gave up.

Congratulations on the state championship and a wonderful reminder: Don't give up. Don't lose hope.

Remember, Jesus is our help for today and our hope for tomorrow.

HPV epidemic plagues young people

QUESTION: We've all become aware of the AIDS epidemic, but I recently heard that a college friend of mine who used to sleep around has been diagnosed with something called HPV. I'm not exactly sure what it is, but it sounded serious. Are you familiar with this disease?



Dr. James Dobson
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DR. DOBSON: Yes, I am — and I'm afraid it's very serious. You've heard that HIV is deadly because it leads to AIDS, but the human papilloma virus (HPV) causes far more deaths among women in the U.S. each year. Thousands of American women die from it. It causes genital warts, and in some patients, leads to cancer of the cervix. In fact, it is estimated that 90 percent of cervical cancer cases are caused by HPV, and the virus itself cannot be eradicated once it is in the system.

A medical investigation of this virus was conducted at the University of California at Berkeley in 1992. Averaging 21 years of age, all the young women coming to the campus health center for routine gynecological examinations for one year were tested for HPV. Would you believe that 47 percent of these female students were found to carry this virus?

Every one of them will suffer painful symptoms for the rest of their lives, and some will die of cervical and uterine cancer. The most disturbing news is

that HPV can be transmitted while the male is wearing a condom. The virus lurks around the genitalia that is not covered by the condom.

This is one of the reasons some of us object strenuously to the campaign to get young people to have "protected sex." It gives them a false sense of security.

There is no such thing as safe sex when it occurs promiscuously and outside the marital relationship. Abstinence before marriage is the only safe way to go.

QUESTION: You obviously have a great empathy for kids who are in the junior-high years — especially those who are rejected and ridiculed by their peers. Have you always felt that way about that age group, which many adults don't like to be around?

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

Years later, I was sitting in my car at a fast-food restaurant, eating a hamburger and french fries. Then I happened to look in the rearview mirror.

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

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

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

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

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Don't be naive about other people

QUESTION: I was always taught by my parents to look for the good in other people and to trust them because (they said) everyone is basically good and decent. But I've been cheated pretty badly recently by someone I trusted, and I'm beginning to wonder if they were wrong. What would you say? — A.L.



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ANSWER: I suspect this experience has already taught you that your parents were far too optimistic about human nature. Instead, they (and you) needed to be more realistic and cautious, realizing that people sometimes can be very selfish and greedy — and untrustworthy.

Why is this? The reason, the Bible says, is because there is something radically wrong with us — within our own hearts and minds. Just as a disease can weaken and even kill us physically, so we each have a spiritual "disease" that cripples and condemns us. The Bible calls this "disease" sin — and it affects everything we do.

Yes, we can be good and decent at times — but we also can be thoughtless or even evil. The Bible bluntly says,

"The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?" (Jeremiah 17:9). This is why we need God's forgiveness, and why we also need the power of His Holy Spirit to live as we should.

And God has made this possible, by sending His Son into the world to become the final sacrifice for our sins. When we receive Him into our lives, God forgives us, and He begins to change us from within. I pray you may face your own need of Christ's transforming power, and ask Him to come into your life today. You will never be the same.

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The killer and the M'Rose of Texas, part 2 of 3

Most Old West gunmen had vastly inflated reputations, usually inflated by the gunman himself. It made perfect sense, of course. If a fellow thought that you had knocked over 10 or 12 just like him, he would think twice about facing you in a violent encounter. For example, Doc Holiday killed one, possibly two men that we know of.

We also know for a fact that it was Doc himself who spread these lurid stories of him being such a dangerous killer. The Good Doctor needed every edge he could get. Frail and sickly, he was certainly no candidate for fisticuffs and, while he was very fast in getting his six-gun into action, he wasn't particularly accurate with it beyond a range of about six feet. Unless, of course, he was shooting at a barn... Then again, when you think about it, for a gambler, most of the time he wouldn't need to be accurate beyond say, the width of a gaming table.

At any rate, the point I am rather laboriously trying to make is that John Wesley Hardin was the exception to this rule of inflated reputations. John Wesley had no need to inflate his reputation. In his autobiography, he modestly admitted to eradicating some 27 men from the planet Earth. Most historians put the total closer to 40 and, considering some remarks that Hardin made in his book, there may have been even more...

He was the deadliest of them all, bar none.

Beulah's men

Beulah M'Rose and John Wesley Hardin had certain tastes in common. Namely, sex and alcohol. Hardin basked in her attention and admiration. Only 5 years old when Hardin had gone to prison, Beulah looked at him as an older, more exotic and dangerous man than any she had ever known. She was correct on all points.

Aside from the fact that they both tended to become surly when drinking, the only real problem with their relationship, as far as Beulah was concerned, was that pesky fellow over in Juarez whose money she and John Wesley had been spending - her husband, Martin M'Rose. Beulah

seems to have felt that, as long as Martin was incarcerated in Juarez (even when he got out of the Mexican jail, there were too many warrants waiting for him on the north side of the Rio Grande for him to return), it was her right to do as she pleased, which is exactly what she had been doing all along, anyway. After all, she felt that she had a certain claim to Martin's money, too, as she had helped him make it.

How she justified keeping all of it, if she even did, I have no idea.

Martin was not without friends, though. Before he and Beulah had relocated to El Paso, he had been a moderately successful rustler in the Lincoln County area of New Mexico and some of his friends from those days were in El Paso at about this time, too. Vic Queen and Tom Finnessey were both experienced rustlers and gunmen and neither was particularly intimidated by the name of John Wesley Hardin. Of course, it is easy to be courageous when your adversary is not present, a situation that was destined to change, and soon.

I must say that their loyalty to their friend Martin M'Rose was admirable, and Finnessey, Queen, and the others seem to have felt that, as long as Martin's hands were tied - legally, and for a while, literally - they should tend to his business. Therefore, they began sending threatening letters to John Wesley Hardin, the deadliest gunman who ever lived.

For me, the words "death wish" come right to mind.

Milton's dilemma

It was in May of 1895 that Hardin decided that he had had enough of these obnoxious missives being sent to him from across the river in Juarez and that he would settle the matter once and for all. With El Paso chief of police Jeff Milton and another man, possibly Hardin's cousin, Mannie Clements, the West's deadliest gunman went looking for trouble for the last time. And in a little cantina just across the Rio Grande, he found it.

Whether by chance or design, Hardin and his two companions "bumped into" five

of Martin's pals, who were in the company of - just to make it interesting - Beulah herself. Personally, I have always suspected that John Wesley and Beulah planned the whole thing to get Martin's friends to the same place at the same time. Despite his eroded skills as a gunman and possibly, as some thought, his eroded nerve, John Wesley Hardin found himself facing five men in an extremely tense situation.

Once, many years before, John Wesley and his cousin, Jim Taylor, had faced six pistoleros in Kansas. From horseback, in a chaotic, dusty, smoky, deadly melee, Taylor killed one and Hardin killed the other five. He really was the West's deadliest gun-fighter, a fact that had to have occurred to the five men facing him in that cantina now that he was physically in front of them.

As you can imagine, things were not exactly cordial. The more the two groups drank and eyed each other, the more volatile the situation became. It finally came to a head when Hardin, obviously trying to provoke a gunfight, stepped forward and slapped Vic Queen in the face.

Then, Hardin did something that completely unnerved El Paso Police Chief Jeff Milton. He pulled his pistol.

Now, you may well be thinking "OK. He pulled his pistol. So what?"

As I have stated many times in the past, "fast draw" is largely a concoction of Hollywood. Which is not to say that men in the Old West didn't practice getting their weapons into play as quickly as possible - it just wasn't like we see in the movies.

Jeff Milton was a noted lawman and gunman in his own right. He felt, with much justification, that he could hold his own with just about anyone in a gunfight. But after that spring night, he was forced to re-evaluate that assessment. I have added a few italics to draw your attention to certain phrases, but I'll let Milton himself tell it: "Hardin is the quickest man I ever saw in my life with a gun.



John Wesley Hardin was still quite deadly in his later years.

ing the gun from discharging. The only reason that Milton had enough time to do this was because Hardin was apparently savoring the looks on the faces of his opponents. It had been many years since he had struck such fear into anyone.

Also, time and prison had mellowed him, or at least made him a trifle more circumspect than the fire-eater he had once been. For whatever reason, and for the first time in his life, John Wesley Hardin hesitated before killing a man.

Even though Milton had averted a shootout, Hardin wasn't quite through. After slapping Queen, and while his two compadres covered the M'Rose crowd, Hardin walked over and slapped a man named

Lightfoot so hard that people in the street outside heard the slap. No one else moved. Unfortunately, Beulah's actions at the time were not recorded. In any case, it was John Wesley Hardin's last hurrah as a gunman. He would never have another opportunity to face an opponent.

Martin's revenge

In June, Martin M'Rose finally got himself released from the Juarez jail and proceeded to inform everyone who would listen - including the press - that Milton, Hardin, and others had been trying to extort \$1,000 from him. He never mentioned Beulah, which brings up the possibility that Martin may have been - unbelievably - still hoping for a possible reconciliation with the woman who had spent all of his money and then taken up with another man. Martin seems to have been a very forgiving kind of man, and if he was, it was what did him in. In any case, it is difficult not to lay Martin's ultimate fate at

Beulah's door.

On the night of June 30, 1895, George Scarborough strolled across the old railroad bridge that stretched from El Paso to Juarez linking the two cities. He was coming to meet with Martin M'Rose. On this particular night he was playing Cupid. Cupid from hell, that is.

Martin did not want to cross to the north side of the Rio Grande because of all those pesky, still-outstanding warrants for his arrest in the United States. He was, evidently, pining for Beulah, and it was that angle that Scarborough tried to work. Lawman Scarborough and Polish rustler M'Rose talked for quite some time with Scarborough trying to convince Martin that Beulah still loved him (assuming she ever did) and that she was waiting for him, contrite, on the other side of the Rio Grande.

Ah, yes. More proof that love really is blind. There was someone waiting for Martin in the darkness on the north side of the Rio Grande that night, but it sure wasn't Beulah, and Martin sure didn't get the reception he expected.

Next week: Beulah's body count

Sources: *The Death of Helen Beulah* by Dennis McCown, *The Life of John Wesley Hardin as Written by Himself; The Last Gunfighter* by Richard Marohn and *John Wesley Hardin: Dark Angel of Texas* by Leon Metz.



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Zozo Gallery remembers John West with new three-generation exhibit

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Zozo Gallery will launch a three-generation exhibit, "The John West Story," beginning Saturday, Feb. 1.

The front gallery will exhibit some 200 pieces of West's jewelry from the collection of his wife, Ann Buffington (all for sale), and for exhibit only, momentos, photographs and

paintings by his family members: watercolors by his daughter, Anita West, paintings, drawings and woodcuts by his father, Harold West, and his brother, Jerry West.

An opening reception will be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 1, and many members of the family of John West will be there, said Zozo Gallery owner Gary Eklund.

West, who died in 2000, lived with Buffington in Carrizozo.

THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Just Married

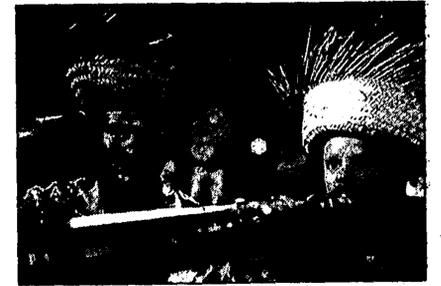
Comedy and Romance, 1 hr. 35 min.
Rated PG-13 for sexual content, some crude humor and a brief drug reference.
This is the story of two young newlyweds, a traffic reporter (Kutcher) and a writer (Murphy) from a wealthy family, finding that the perfect honeymoon in Venice is turning out to be the worst one imaginable... can the marriage, which many of their friends and family said was a bad idea because they are so young... survive the celebration?
Starring: Ashton Kutcher, Brittany Murphy, Christian Kane, Taran Killam, Monet Mazur
Directed by: Shawn Levy
Produced by: Robert Simmonds, Tracey Trench, Lauren Shuler Donner
Written by: Sam Harper
Showtimes: 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9:15 p.m.
*Friday and Saturday only

National Security

Comedy and Action/Adventure
Rated PG-13 for violence, language and some sensuality.
Earl Montgomery (Martin Lawrence) is a cocky L.A.P.D. cadet who would probably be a great cop if it weren't for his rebellious behavior. When his attitude gets him kicked out of the police academy, he can only find employment as a lowly security guard at "National Security." After Earl accuses uptight police officer Hank Rafferty (Steve Zahn) of harassment, Hank is stripped of his badge and ends up as a guard at National Security as well, where Earl's overzealous style of police work leads to the discovery of a sophisticated smuggling operation led by Nash (Eric Roberts) and a possible police cover-up. Now everyone wants Earl and Hank dead - though they just may kill each other first.
Starring: Martin Lawrence, Steve Zahn, Bill Duke, Colm Feore, Eric Roberts
Directed by: Dennis Dugan
Produced by: Bobby Newmyer, Jeff Silver, Robert Newmyer, Jeffrey Silver, Michael Green
Written by: Jay Scherick, David Ronn
Showtimes: 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.
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Gangs of New York

Drama and Crime/Gangster, 2 hrs. 44 min.
Rated R for intense strong violence, sexuality/nudity and language.
Set in New York City, 1840-1863, a young man named Amsterdam (Leonardo DiCaprio) seeks vengeance against Bill "The Butcher" Poole (Daniel Day-Lewis), the man who killed his father. Though he secures the help of pickpocket Jenny Everdeane, the task at hand may be more dangerous than Amsterdam ever imagined when he realizes that his father was murdered as a result of gang warfare between the powerful Manhattan gangs. Amid the crooked cops and corrupt politicians of the Tammany Hall era, political enforcer Bill Poole stands out as only one scoundrel in the crime-plagued Five Points section of lower Manhattan in the early 1860s.
Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Cameron Diaz, Daniel Day-Lewis, Liam Neeson, Henry Thomas
Directed by: Martin Scorsese
Produced by: Harvey Weinstein, Alberto Grimaldi, Martin Scorsese
Written by: Ken Lonergan, Steven Zaillian, Jay Cocks, Martin Scorsese, Kenneth Lonergan
Showtimes: Noon, 3 p.m., 6 p.m., 9 p.m.
*Friday and Saturday only



Martin Lawrence and Steve Zahn in Columbia's National Security.

Open mike night

The Ruidoso Roastery, 113 Rio St., will have open mike on Friday nights from 6 to 9:30 p.m. For more information, call 257-3676.

Women's retreat

High Mesa Healing Center will offer "A Women's Retreat" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 1 with time-tested practices to refocus and simplify life. Professional women in the community will share their expertise in a variety of field, including Qi Gong, meditation, stress reduction, angels and spirit guides, self-healing and self care. The fee is \$55. Dress for comfort and fun. For more

information, call High Mesa at 336-4808 or 336-7777.

Tibetan workshop

Instructor Ngakpa Pema Norbu, an ordained Western yogi of the Nyingma school of Tibetan Buddhism, will give a continuation of the previous workshop on *The Tibetan Book of Living and Dying* at High Mesa Healing Center in Alto, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call High Mesa at 336-4808 or 336-7777.

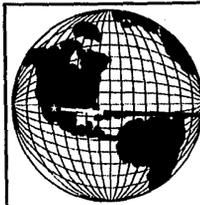
Local photography

The work of three Ruidoso photographers appear in the current issue of *New Mexico Magazine*.

Leland DeFord's photographs illustrate an article on chuckwagon cooking; Herb Brunell is the subject of a profile for the magazine's "Turning the Page" feature written by local writer Lyn Kidder, and Frederic Moras' portrait of Brunell illustrates the article.

"It was an interesting photo shoot," Moras said. "He posed in front of Brunell's Department Store, and every few seconds a car would pass and people would honk and wave. Herb must know everyone in Ruidoso."

Moras' photograph "Dogs Will Be Dogs" has been selected for an exhibition at the Stepping Stone Gallery in Huntington, N.Y.



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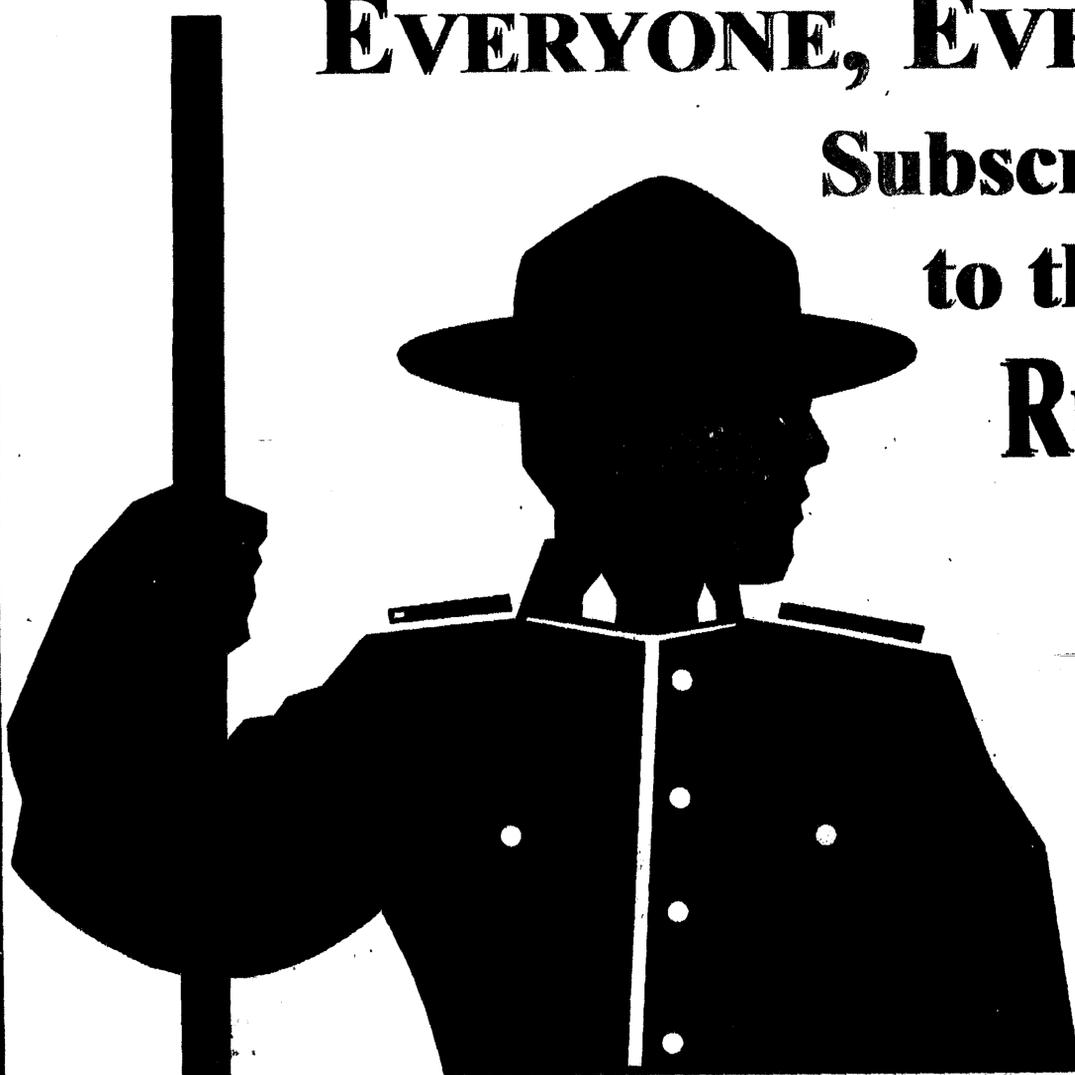
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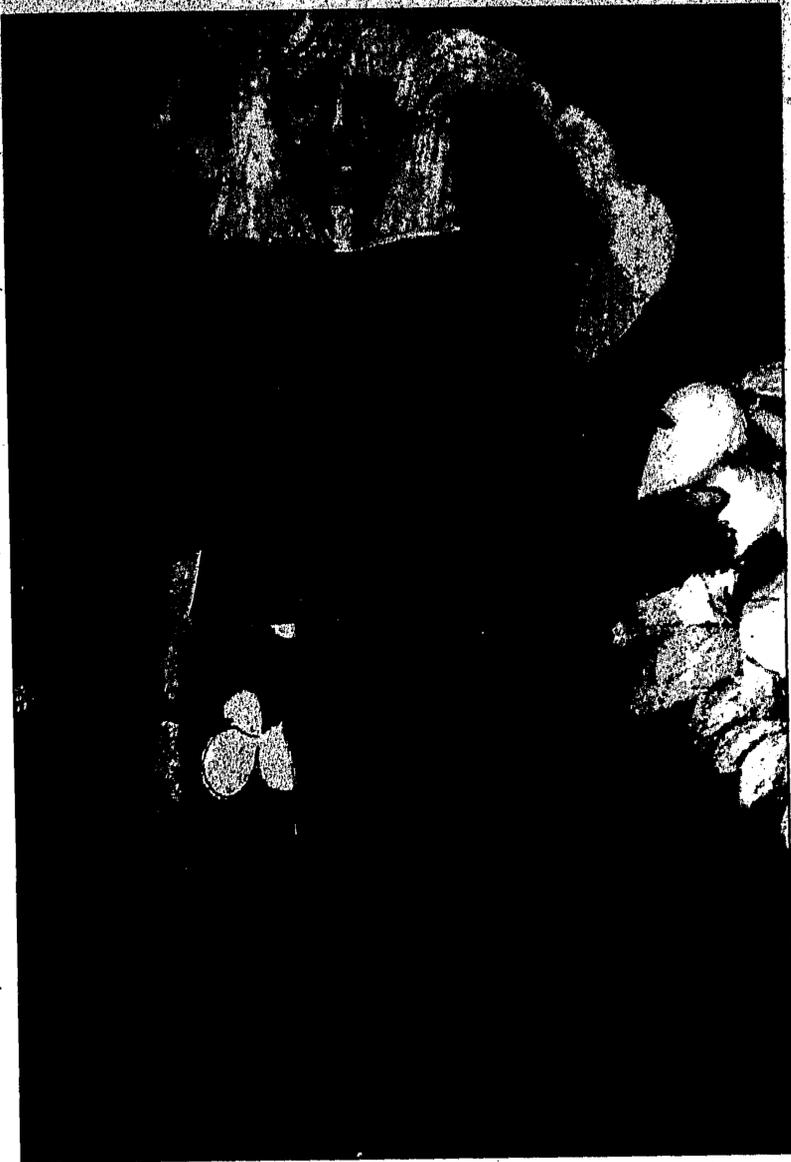
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COURTESY GIOIA FERRARI PHILLIPS

Gioia Ferrari Phillips' love of bright colors in her paintings is readily visible in the garb of this Janus-like woman.

PHILLIPS: Painter likes human form

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portraits of her daughter and several other people.

Some of the subjects of Ferrari Phillips' paintings are people close to her, but others are models from figure drawing classes.

"I like painting people," she said. "I particularly love doing nudes and used to take classes just so I could have models to draw from."

Ferrari Phillips passed on her artistic talent to her daughter, a fashion designer in Belen, and it was her daughter who introduced her and her husband to Lincoln County.

"We sold our too-big house in California and wanted to move somewhere where there's water — and to be near my daughter," she said. "She took us here in August and the river was running full, it was green and beautiful, and we fell in love with it."

She planted wildflowers everywhere and has been working at making the five acres into "a little paradise," since gardening is her other passion.

Although she doesn't paint landscapes, she's been so moved by the natural beauty around her that she said she may soon begin.

"Painting is what makes me happy. I'm doing what I'm supposed to be doing when I'm painting."



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Phillips is shown above at work in her studio. Below is one of her nudes, one of her favorite forms to draw.



COURTESY GIOIA FERRARI PHILLIPS

Journey up Chindwin River combines timeless setting, modern comfort

Hundreds of curious villagers, young and old, lined the sandy riverbank as our motor launch approached. Smiling and waving,

they greeted us like celebrities, their dark eyes alight with excitement and wonder. Throngs of children scrambled down to the water's edge, eager for a closer glimpse of our foreign faces and clothing.

We looked and were looked at. It felt odd; yet agreeable.

This was the inaugural, nine-day, 400-mile voyage aboard the luxury river cruiser Road to Mandalay up the Chindwin River into Myanmar's (formerly known as Burma) remote northwest corridor, a region seldom visited by tourists.

The Chindwin River, officially a tributary of the Ayeyarwady, is one of the great rivers of Asia. Rising in the hills of Assam and the Hnkawang Valley in Kachin State, the Chindwin passes successive mountain ranges, winding its way through western Myanmar, at times very close to the Indian border, and eventually flowing into the Ayeyarwady River north of Bagan.

Along the river, time stands still, a tableau of rural life unchanged by centuries. From the verdant banks rise small teak and thatched bamboo dwellings, homes to the excited small children who ran shrieking and waving from the water's edge as the ship passed by. Women walked along the steep, fragile banks balancing heavy water jars atop their heads with perfect grace. Locals washed clothes and bathed on the river's sandy shore. Farmers tended their fields utilizing ox and buffalo rather than tractors or machinery. Elegant monasteries, seemingly stranded from all civilization, loom above a lush canopy of treetops.

The river remains Myanmar's lifeline, the people and economy ever dependent on

its vital natural source. A bustling array of river craft included fishermen in tiny teak sail and fishing canoes, bamboo rafts with

small thatched huts precariously perched on deck and cargo, barges, and long, colorful cargo vessels. Diesel-converted steamer ferries of yesteryear, heir to the old

Irrawaddy Flotilla Company, many dating back 80 or 100 years to the British era, shuttled passengers, food, produce and even livestock to and fro.

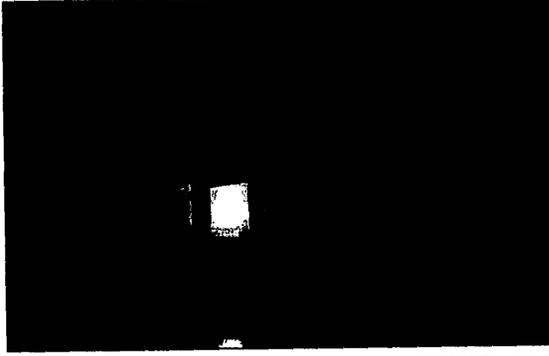
While Road to Mandalay's usual itinerary, along the Ayeyarwady between Mandalay and Bagan, offers passengers a memorable travel experience, it was the opportunity to explore the remote Chindwin region that brought us back for our second voyage aboard Road to Mandalay. In fact, among the 27 passengers on board, all but a handful were returning for a second — or even third — trip. One Australian passenger explained her reason for booking passage on this inaugural Chindwin, voyage saying, "There's an appeal in going to a place where you're not sure what's out there."

Like us, most passengers begin the trip with a visit to the capital city of Yangon and a stay at the historic colonial-era Strand Hotel built in 1901 along the bank of the Yangon River. An afternoon city tour included stops at the reclining Buddha at Chaukhtatgy Pagoda and a visit to the city's most impressive site, the Shwedagon Pagoda — "a beautiful, winking wonder" as Rudyard Kipling described it.

From Yangon, a short flight brought us to Mandalay for an overnight and a city sightseeing tour.

After three days in Myanmar, we ultimately joined Road to Mandalay in Monywa, traveling by motor coach from Mandalay.

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Sights along the Chindwin River in Myanmar often seem to be from another world.

operated Road to Mandalay began her sailing career as one of three sister ships built between 1964 and 1965 for cruises along the Rhine. In 1995, more than \$6 million was

spent on renovations, installing lavish teak paneling, air-conditioning, a pollution-free sewage system and elaborate Burmese décor.

Sleek and modern, Road to

Mandalay never failed to draw a crowd. As we traveled up river, people gathered along the shoreline, waving enthusiastically. We waved back.

The cruiser makes an ideal floating base from which to explore. Onboard she manages to combine the elegant luxury of a five-star hotel without ever losing the feeling of a classic river cruiser. Luxurious ensuite cabins are equipped with all the conveniences and indulgences; satellite television, video and telephone.

Our first afternoon aboard ship was spent lounging on the observation deck discovering an entirely new world along the river's edge.

Later, the ship anchored at Moptaw, where we watched the setting sun bathe the ship in an extraordinary golden light. We

were just beginning to sense the strength of Myanmar magic.

The feeling was intensified the next morning. Watching an early morning mist evaporate as we came down the river to Kani, we felt transported back in time to another, more peaceful, age.

To be continued...

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The screenshot shows the Ruidoso News website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for 'Find a Job', 'Classifieds', 'Subscribe', 'Feedback', 'Contact Us', and 'Print Ads'. Below this, there are several news snippets. One prominent article is titled 'Local News' with a sub-headline 'These crowd, surprise key 44th All American' and a brief text: 'There was a lot more in store for racing fans at Ruidoso Downs over the Labor Day weekend besides a little old horse race. Scott'. Another snippet mentions 'Free 7-Day trial of leading pain relief medication. Do you suffer from frequent and persistent tension headaches or migraines? Click here for more information and a FREE 7-Day trial.' There are also sections for 'In Sports' and 'Breaking News'. The website layout is clean and organized, typical of a local news portal.

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A butterfly IV is a tiny needle for chelation therapy to eliminate heavy metal accumulations from the body.

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Oriental medicine in Ruidoso...

beyond acupuncture

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Acupuncturist Janet La Rosa, a doctor of oriental medicine, may be best known for "needling" people and for herbal and vitamin supplementation for the past six years in Ruidoso.

Recently, though, she was approved by the New Mexico Pharmacy Board to prescribe natural hormone replacement therapy — and she administers chelation therapy to detoxify the body from accumulations of heavy metals.

Christie Howard, one of LaRosa's patients, gets it all.

She was in a car wreck in 1995, which shattered both knees and ankles and left her flat on her back for two months. That, her doctors believe, gave her osteoporosis. A family tragedy seven months later exacerbated her chronic pain from the accident and added emotional wounds to the physical ones.

Howard receives acupuncture for the pain in her knees and ankles and emotional trauma, chelation for asthma and allergies and to bolster her immune system, and vitamins and herbal supplements for everything.

"We treat the whole person — mental, emotional and physical," LaRosa said as she gently placed needles in Howard's back.

Describing the sensation, Howard said it felt like "heavy tingling" or a "dull humming feeling."

"Sometimes I'll feel energy in the ankle area, move down the foot," she said. "It's strange to have her working on my foot and feel it in my stomach or liver, almost like a little wake-up call."

LaRosa explained that Ch'i — the body's life force or life energy — follows the pathway of the meridians which affect specific organs, stimulating the immune system and promoting the body's ability to heal itself. That energy can be manipulated with the acupuncture needles to increase it — or, in some cases, such as high blood pressure, overactive gastric problems and migraine headaches — to decrease it.

The sensation of tingling is due to a histamine effect of the blood moving into specific areas of the body, starting to make new cells and clean up old, dead cells and endorphins.

Howard said her weekly acupuncture and chelation therapy sessions really work for her medical and emotional problems. The chelation therapy helps her sinus problems and asthma — immediately, she said.

Butterfly IVs are used for the chelation therapy, tiny needles that LaRosa says are "not 'ouch' needles and don't actually hurt at all."

The purpose of chelation is to remove toxins from the body accumulated over a lifetime — "from food, mercury fills, chemicals in drugs, fish in the ocean, lead gasoline, paints from our houses when we were babies.

"All those heavy metals stay in our bodies ... and that weakens our immune systems over time," she

said. "We begin to feel symptoms — aches and pains, fibromyalgia, arthritis, shortness of breath, asthma and allergies."

These are just the beginning signs that the body is unable to cope with this accumulation of toxins, LaRosa said. Later on, rheumatoid arthritis, coronary heart disease and cancer might develop.

Chelation acts like a magnet: The heavy metals stick to the chelation material, calcium EDTA, a vinegar molecule that pulls out the heavy metals so that they are eliminated in feces and urine.

But people are constantly re-exposed to heavy metals through daily living. So she prescribes daily oral chelation to supplement a series of intravenous chelation treatments. (Some of the ingredients of the oral chelation include garlic, MSM, red algae, red yeast, vitamin B6 and malic acid.)

"Lots of people are sick and not getting well with Western treatment and are wanting a much more natural approach, and they're getting great effects quickly," LaRosa said.

"Chelation has been around since the 1940s. It has been pushed aside by the pharmaceutical companies, but now the pharmaceuticals are not getting rave reviews and chelation is coming back in," she said.

"People are wanting to come back to a nice blend of both worlds, and that's what we need to have for effective treatments for our patients. There's no one cure-all for everybody and every body is different ... that's where the doctor needs to become sensitive to



Christie Howard models Janet LaRosa's acupuncture needles. She has been a patient of LaRosa's since about 2000.



Janet LaRosa, D.O.M., has been practicing acupuncture and Oriental medicine in Ruidoso for six years, and recently expanded her practice to include prescribing natural hormone replacement and chelation therapies.

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looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

JAN. 23, 1953

Extension agent named

Ralph Dunlap, new Lincoln County Extension agent, is a native New Mexican. Born in Melrose, he grew up on a ranch south of Lordsburg. After a semester of college, he enlisted in the Army Air Force in June 1945 and spent a year in Japan with the occupation forces...

He graduated from New Mexico A&M and has been employed since by the Extension Service. He and his family moved to Lincoln County, where he assumed extension agent duties, in December 1952.

JAN. 25, 1963

Four in school board race

Four candidates have filed up to Wednesday morning as candidates for Ruidoso Municipal School board trustees. Two are to be elected in voting Feb. 5 for terms of six years.

Incumbents are Mrs. Gerald Tully, Glencoe, and Dr. W. D. Horton, Ruidoso.

Others filing include George Gardenhire, Ruidoso skating rink operator, and Bill Leftwich, a Ruidoso Downs commercial artist.

JAN. 26, 1973

County appraiser named

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners appointed C. O. Rominger III of Ruidoso as Lincoln County Appraiser at a meeting Jan. 18... Rominger's duties will include keeping the just-completed county reappraisal current and up to date.

His background includes past ownership of the Sitzmark Chalet Motel in Ruidoso.

JAN. 27, 1983

The Silver Lining

BY DANIEL AGNEW STORM

Many of my friends have said recently that they have never seen such a muddy winter. ... (But) the grass-eating critters can be counted in with the ones who are happy over the mud, because the winter grass is turning green...

JAN. 28, 1993

Capitan superintendent out

A communications problem with the Capitan school board, staff and some members of the community apparently was one of the key elements leading to the board's unanimous decision last week not to renew the contract of Superintendent David Lock.

Lack of communication was mentioned by three board members interviewed this week.

Of proverbs, similes, witcracks and such 'picture talking'



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

"Worry is like a rocking chair — something to do but it doesn't get you anywhere."

This folk language paints a picture in the mind. There are four different forms of picture talk:

- "Honey catches more flies than vinegar." (Proverb)
- "Cool as a cucumber." (Simile)
- "Up a creek without a paddle." (Idiom)
- "If your brains were in a bird's head, that bird would fly backwards." (Witcrack or wisecrack)

Proverbs have been called the shortest art form. They use devices associated with poetry — rhythm, rhyme, and metaphor. Proverbs are an important part of the oral

tradition of most cultures and are often similar from one country to the next. In the Spanish language, we call this folk language *dichos* (sayings). Proverbs have been in language for hundreds of years. The Bible, classical mythology and ancient philosophy are all early written sources of traditional picture talk.

A simpler form of picture talk is the simile. In a simile, adjectives and adverbs are linked by "as," while nouns and verbs are linked by "like." Similes help us think metaphorically by using our imagination to create other comparisons.

Idioms have no fixed form. American English has lots of colorful idioms, which

originates with a specific group, then spreads to more general use.

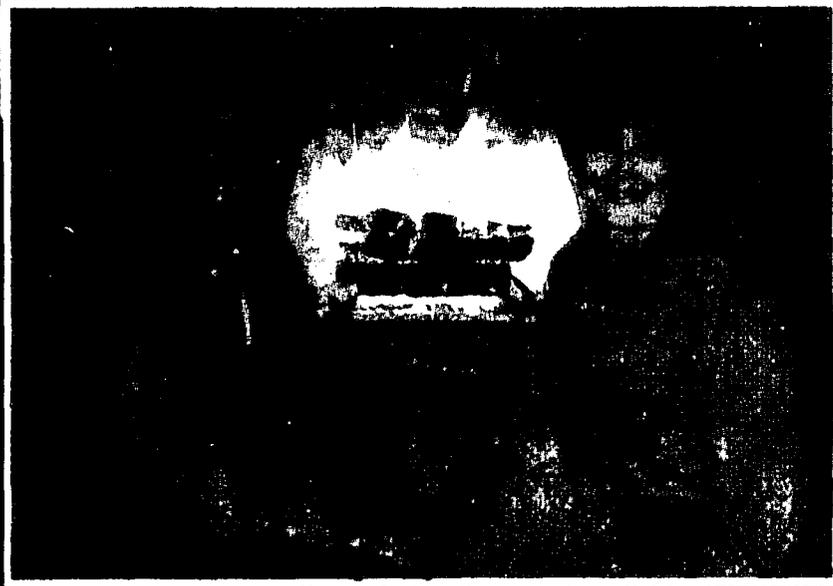
A witcrack is the funniest of picture talk. These tongue-in-cheek folk speech are irrelevant metaphors and some tend to be more "countrified."

Carrizozo Elementary teachers Rima Davis (3rd grade) and Anne Serna (4th grade) team up to involve students in Theme Days. The students participate in fun-filled cross-curriculum studies. The best introduction to picture talk is to draw and interpret proverbs, similes, idioms and witcracks. After one Theme Day, the picture talk results were displayed in the hallway.

Some of the picture talk included:

- She blew her stack. (She was mad.) — Sara McNatt
- I'm in a pretty pickle. (I am in big trouble.) — Carmen Tate
- The dead fish smelled to high heaven. (The smell is very bad.) — Jaime McCarthy
- He lost his marbles. (His mind is gone.) — Justin Vega
- My brother gets in my hair. (He gets on my nerves.) — Levi Corley
- It's raining cats and dogs. (It's raining really hard.) — Miranda Balderrama
- Money burns a hole in my pocket. (I spend money too fast.) — Catalena Vega
- Go fly a kite. (Go away.) — Marriah Ventura
- Hold your horses. (Be patient.) — Jordan Vinson
- I just had to blow off steam. (To get really mad.) — Marshall Ventura

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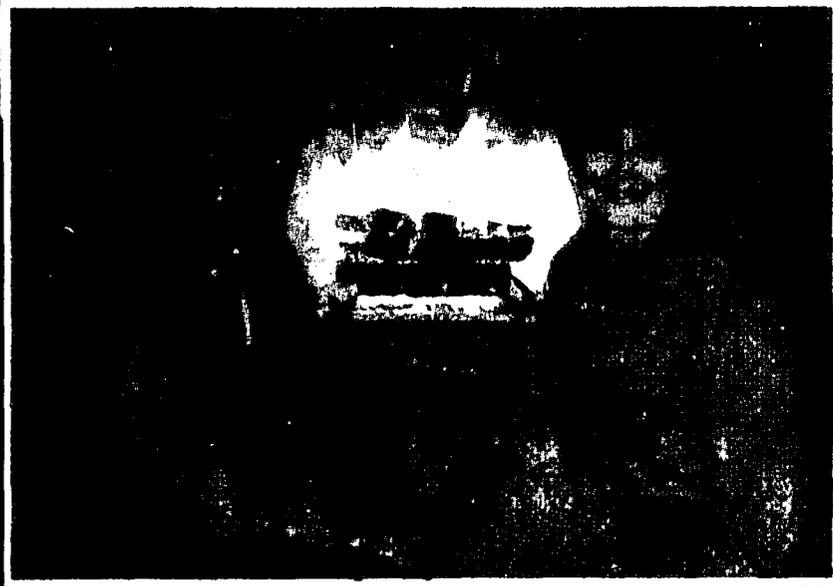
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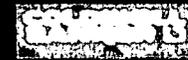
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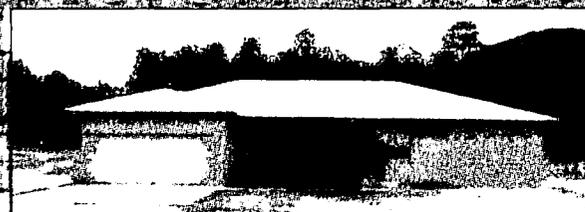
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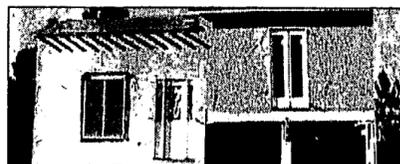
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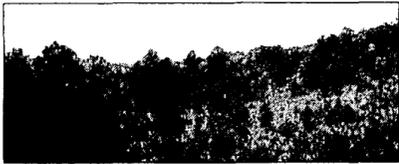
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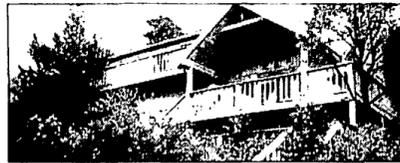
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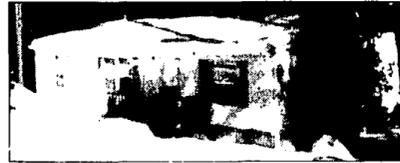
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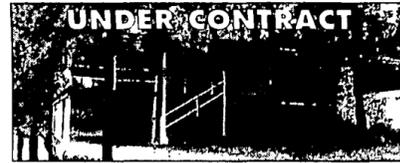
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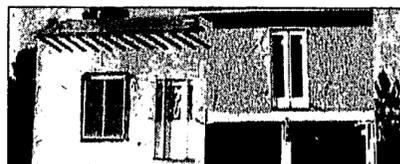
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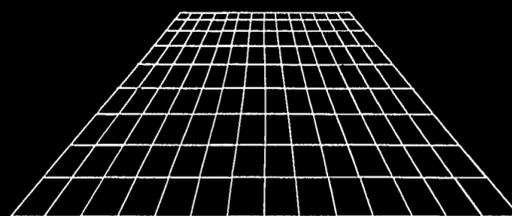
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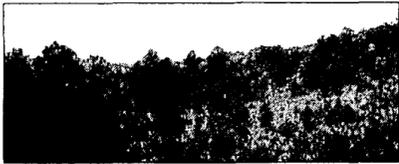
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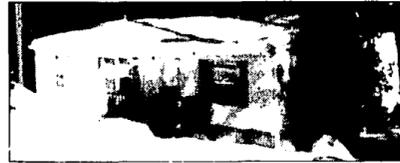
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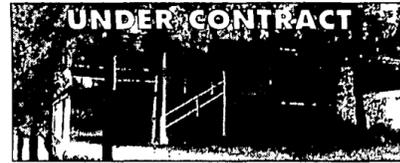
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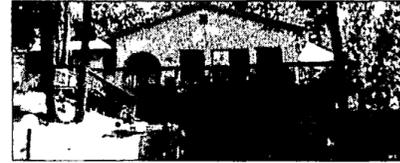
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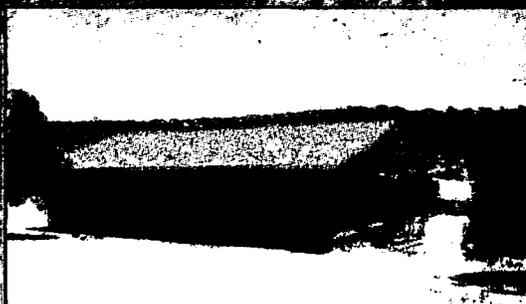
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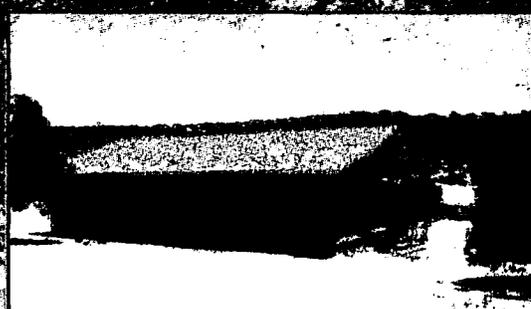
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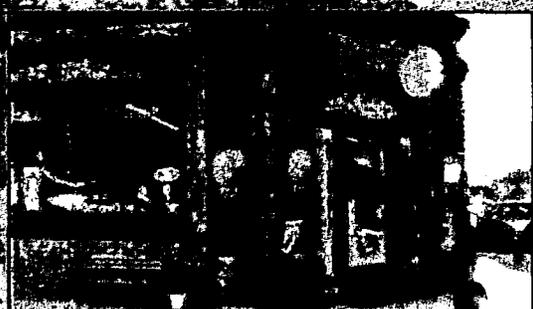
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