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SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Even the children had fun at the Mountain of Blues Festival this year. The festival was held at the Ruidoso Convention Center for the first time.

Martinez balks at sheriff's bill

■ Sheriff Sullivan charged the commissioner for copies of department records.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A \$126 bill arrived with accident reports requested by Lincoln County Commissioner Leo Martinez as backup to Sheriff Tom Sullivan's contention his deputies are working traffic cases.

The subject of whether deputies handle accidents or call on the New Mexico State Police to cover them came up during a commission meeting last month. Sullivan submitted statistics, but Martinez wanted actual reports. He received his copies this week, but said he won't pay the bill. He insists his request fell within the oversight of his job as commissioner.

County manager Tom Stewart said he passed along the commissioner's response to Sullivan.

"I don't think what the commissioner requested was anything out of the ordinary, but the sheriff put

a lot of people on it and felt he had to charge for the work," Stewart said.

In a letter to Martinez dated June 16, records coordinator D'rese J. Artheche of the sheriff's office, said the cost of responding to his Public Information request was based on a \$2 process fee for each of the 63 reports.

The sheriff said Wednesday that on the request form dated May 29 and signed by Martinez, the commissioner agreed to pay applicable fees. But Martinez said he didn't sign the request form. Someone else printed his name on the signature line.

Martinez originally requested "a bunch of records," but modified that request when the county attorney wrote him about the substantial undertaking, Sullivan

said. "There would have been several thousand copies for all he requested," the sheriff said. "We wrote that he was welcome to inspect those records at anytime and we

would provide an employee to help, if he came by. He refused that. Then decided he only wanted copies of accident reports and we provided those. But the county has a policy for what we charge. So we gave those to him yesterday. Apparently, he's upset about getting the bill.

Tom Sullivan
Lincoln County sheriff

"For whatever reason, he has such a problem with the sheriff's office. He needs to get over it."

we submitted (statistical) information that was not accurate. He has been critical of everything I do. For whatever reason, he has such a problem with the sheriff's office. He needs to get over it. Yet he's the

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Job code changes irk chief

Council to determine status of police chief, village clerk

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A possible change in village employee classifications would make the police chief and village clerk at-will employees not protected by the 1993 merit system.

The Ruidoso village attorney's recommendation to add statutory appointees — such as police chief and village clerk — to the village code concerning unclassified employees will be discussed and possibly voted on at the regular council meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday in village hall on Cree Meadows Drive.

Assistant village attorney Chay Rennick said that these positions are at-will positions according to state law, "which means that they are subject to appointment and approval by the mayor and council," he said.

Chief of Police Lanny Maddox has a contract dated June 1994 as a classified employee and, according to the current municipal code, may only be terminated for cause. Maddox said village attorney John Underwood wrote the ordinance in 1993 that established a merit system and established the police chief and village clerk as department directors, not managers, "to protect the chief," Maddox said.

"Now he's trying to change that so it doesn't apply to me. I was hired as a classified, protected employee who can only be fired with cause or the abolishment of the position."

Human Relations Department Director Debbie Rogge told the Ruidoso News she spoke to an attorney who specializes in municipal liabilities.

"What we have in the personnel manual, right now is perfectly legal," Rogge said. "The law does not prohibit those positions from being classified employees."

Village Clerk Irma Nava, who has been in her position for eight years, said each municipality chooses the way it categorizes those positions, and other municipalities use systems similar to Ruidoso's current one.

"If I had a choice, I would like to keep it as it currently is," Nava said.

Maddox has been police chief for nine years and is due to retire in one year.

"My personal opinion on the reason for this action is that it's personal retaliation on the part of the mayor for his unsuccessful attempt to terminate me 14 months ago," he said. "It certainly will affect my livelihood, my career, my retirement and my ability to fairly and impartially enforce the law."

Other items on the agenda include:

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Billy the Kid investigation sounds familiar to ex-judge

Parsons recalls failed lawsuit to bring Bonney back home

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The latest debate over the criminal career of Billy the Kid, his death and his lineage rings some bells for former 12th Judicial District Judge Richard A. Parsons.

He remembers back in the 1960s shortly after he arrived in the area, when

attorney C.C. Chase Jr. filed a lawsuit to move the body of the Kid, also known as William Bonney, from Fort Sumner in DeBaca County back to the historic settlement of Lincoln.

Sheriff Tom Sullivan and Capitan Mayor Steve Sederwall currently are working under a grant to attempt to answer lingering questions about the killing of two deputies during the Kid's

jail break in Lincoln and about the Kid's death, possibly, at the hand of then Sheriff Pat Garrett.

Parsons said he served as assistant district attorney for the county until April 1963 and that Chase at one time was district attorney in the 3rd Judicial District, which then included the counties of Lincoln, Otero and Doña Ana.

"He located a distant relative of Bonney, who wanted the body brought back to Lincoln County," Parsons said.

A check of 12th Judicial District Court

records in Lincoln County came up empty, but Parsons said the lawsuit might have been filed in Santa Fe or DeBaca County.

"I remember they responded saying a flood occurred years ago and the headstones were washed away and they could only approximate where various bodies were," Parsons said. "The DeBaca County Commissioners contested the exhumation and the judge ruled against it because nobody was there to speak for the others whose graves might be disturbed."

Lifeguards say battery occurred at pool

BY SANDY SUGGITT
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Two lifeguards at the Ruidoso swimming pool filed battery charges against the husband of the Parks and Recreation Department supervisor.

Joseph Blaney, husband of Ellen Bizzell-Blaney, is charged with two cases of battery, and according to Police Chief Lanny Maddox, the Ruidoso Police Department is investigating other allegations in the case.

Blaney allegedly "intentionally touched and rubbed the shoulders of and refused to stop when told to stop by the victim, and repeated this the following day," and (in the other criminal complaint) "applied force in a rude manner ... pinched or poked the leg of the victim with a trash grabber pole and refused to stop when told to by the victim."

The two 19-year-old female lifeguards told police that between June 3 and 9 and in the past, Blaney made sexual comments, hugged and kissed them on the back of the neck when his wife was working at the pool, even after they told him to stop, according to police reports.

The victims told police that previous lifeguards had left the job due to Blaney's behavior. One victim said Blaney's behavior was worse this year and she was afraid for her safety and the safety of other lifeguards and the general public.

"According to the girls, the behavior has escalated over the past couple of years," said Ruidoso Police Detective Doug Babcock, who is investigating the case.

One of the lifeguards told police she reported the situation to Rifle Salas, director of the Parks and Rec Department, "and nothing was done,"

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BILL ON BUSINESS



COURTESY PHOTO

Gov. Bill Richardson was in town June 12 to speak at the Association of Commerce and Industry, the statewide chamber of commerce's semi-annual board meeting and retreat in Ruidoso.

Rains don't lessen forest fire danger; county keeps limits

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

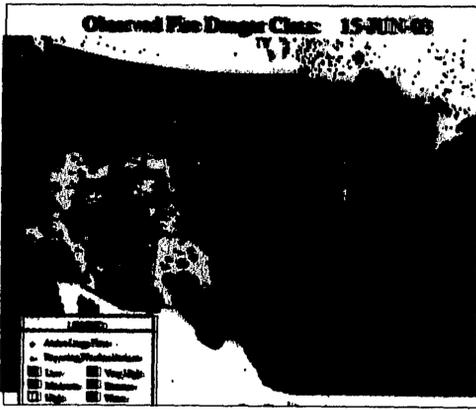
The last three days of rain doesn't signal the start of the summer monsoon season and didn't deliver enough moisture to change the opinion of local experts that the fire danger remains very high.

Although the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho, downgraded the danger to moderate, a representative with the U.S. Forest Service didn't budge off a higher rating Tuesday at the Lincoln County Commission meeting.

Commissioners took his advice and renewed for the next 30 days a resolution declaring a continuing state of fire danger emergency. That resolution keeps in place restrictions on open fires, disposal of cigarettes and use of fireworks.

Commissioner Earl Hobbs said he's received some pressure from business owners who contend the restrictions against camp fires in most areas discourage people from visiting the county and surrounding forest.

"There is political pressure



A map detailing forest fire danger nationwide shows much of the Southwest in the high to extreme category.

not to approve the resolution, but I think it is the right thing to do," he said.

Chairman Rex Wilson pointed out that two developed campgrounds allow campfires.

John Kennedy, assistant fire manager with the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest, said his agency evaluates trends and doesn't flip over a new warning sign from day to day as rain falls or the sun dries out the forest.

"We have eight criteria and evaluate those," which include triggers to move into different levels of restrictions and in some

cases, forest closure, he said. "Our criteria now still is saying very high to extreme danger of fire."

His agency looks at blocks of five to nine days, Kennedy said. He explained that while the early part of the week was rainy, the latter part and weekend is predicted to be dry.

"The rains yesterday and today should help with greening up, but this is not our monsoon," Kennedy said. Commissioner Maury St. John said her area in upper Cedar Creek was thoroughly saturated over the previous few days and the timing probably would be good to allow homeowners to burn the slash they cleared from their land as a fire fuel reduction effort.

Kennedy said burn permits

from the state, which cover air quality issues, are good for 12 months, and during that time, windows of opportunity for burns do occur. Outside of municipal limits, the ultimate decision when to burn is up to the property owner, who accepts the liability and risk, but Forest Service staff can view the site and offer advice, he said.

"We can strongly suggest when not to burn," Kennedy said. County manager Tom

Stewart said he uses "common sense" in issuing county burn permits for specific incidents. Staff reviews the property. To date, one permit has been issued since restrictions went into effect several months ago.

The fire emergency resolution must be in place for 20 days before the commission can rule not to allow fireworks, he said. At a special meeting July 2 dealing with electrical work at the county fairground in Capitan, commissioners can take another

look at weather conditions and the resolution, he said.

Kennedy also explained how his agency rates the potential volatility of fuel, which is judged based on the material being totally saturated — something not occurring with current rains. In conditions of low humidity, pine needles and grass once hit by the sun will dry out in one hour, sticks and twigs up to 1 inch thick would take 10 hours and wood larger than 6 inches would take 1,000 hours, he said.

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- Gas franchise agreement
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- Discussion and possible action on village's Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan 2004-2008
- Adoption of a resolution amending the village's personnel policy ordinance.

SHERIFF: Martinez resents billing

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only commissioner in my years as sheriff who has never come to the office to discuss anything." Martinez said his major goal always was to obtain copies of the traffic reports and he had no problem restricting the request to those items. "Alan (Morel, county attorney) passed that along and (Undersheriff Ricky Virden) said that would be no problem and Alan said (the sheriff's office) won't charge you for that," Martinez said. "So when I got the thing yesterday, I saw the bill

and got a kick of it. "It should be no big deal, one elected official to another. They shouldn't be charging. We both represent the public. I think the sheriff is a little sensitive when anybody asks him questions. ... When a department uses one-third of the county general fund, commissioners should be able to ask questions without being intimidated." Martinez said he did visit with Sullivan at his office on another matter involving a municipal natural gas company, but that generally, "I have no reason to go there."

POOL: Complaints unaddressed, guards say

FROM PAGE 1A

and then to Debbie Rogge, human relations director for the village, who told her "to stay at work and keep the pool open," police reports state. Rogge told the *Ruidoso News* she did tell her to keep the pool open but she sent a police officer so that the lifeguards would feel safe, adding that they had not complained before June 9. In an interview for a story that appeared June 11, Salas said that the only reason the pool was closed for two days (June 8 and 9) was a shortage of personnel, and he denied rumors that employees had gone on strike or that there were other significant problems. Village Manager Lorri McKnight said Salas "did ask Mr. Blaney to no longer be at the pool" and the lifeguards met with her and Rogge June 11. "That was the first that we had ever heard of the incident," McKnight said. She said the

pool was closed for one day only, Monday, June 9, and that the Village of Ruidoso is conducting a sexual harassment investigation. "We have done everything we can to make a safe environ-

ment for those girls to be in," McKnight said. "That's our obligation." Blaney has been summoned to Judge William Butts' Magistrate Court July 15, Maddox said.

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OUR OPINION

Timing is everything, but not in the valley

U.S. 70 widening opponents finally get their wish list

Sometimes, state news releases come at odd times — like this week's announcement that from now on motorists caught speeding along U.S. 70 through the valleys of the Rio Ruidoso and Rio Hondo would be subject to double fines.

The state Highway and Transportation Department, ramrodding a \$130 million widening of the route to four lanes between Ruidoso Downs and Riverside, this week noted that the route had been designated a "safety corridor" in legislation approved in 2002.

Drivers running the construction obstacle course these days have little chance to get up to

illegal speed, but there are many segments posted with "double fine" warnings — seemingly about 10 yards before a reduced speed sign.

That safety corridor designation carries with it a mandate for more inspections of semi-trucks and tractor trailers, as well as increased law enforcement presence for speed and seat-belt enforcement — all aimed at reducing traffic accidents that in 2002 saw 12 fatalities.

Interestingly, all these elements were sought by Hondo Valley residents opposing the four-lane project. Now they've got them, along with highway work that will continue for another two or three years.

Question: Are you a Ford guy or a Chevy guy?

Once upon a time, if you were a young male in the good old USA, and going to a new town, among the first questions you would be required to answer — unless it was immediately obvious — was what kind of car you preferred.



MOUNTAIN ASIDES
KEITH GREEN

Typically, the question went, "Are you a Ford guy or a Chevy guy?" I think that's because Fords and Chevrolets were what

packed up that Ford and traveled Route 66 to Los Angeles, so dad could get a job in a plant that made steel barges which he later learned were bolted together to make temporary docks on the beaches of Normandy. (His framed Army-Navy "E" award hung on a wall for years.)

When I came of age and hankered for my own car, the only thing in reach was a 1949 Frazer that I could buy, as is, for \$75. I soon realized it wasn't much of a car, but better than a Henry J. (Willys, which made those WW II Jeeps, was part of the same family.)

Later, deep in the East with the Marines, I had lots of fun with a 1952 Studebaker sedan, the model that when they first were introduced, people said they couldn't tell which was the front. I liked it, but it was a mechanical nightmare and I felt awfully lucky when I was able to get a good trade-in on a '52 Lincoln (hah, a Ford product), which ran quite well until I tried to use it like a Jeep in the Four Corners country one Saturday afternoon. It never was the same again.

Other cars at other times: An AMC Rambler, a little green sedan we called "the beetle." A couple of pretty neat baby Buicks. One of those Japanese cars with a rotary engine — so silent and fast that it scared me away after just a year.

Then, joy of joys, a couple of Ford Thunderbirds — jewels of motordom — and an Explorer and a Ranger and even a Focus.

You no doubt have figured it out: I'm a Ford man, and not just because this happens to be the 100th anniversary of Henry Ford's affordable creation.

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MY COMMENTARY

Want to do lunch with the new News guy?

BY DAVE PRICE
RUIDOSO NEWS GENERAL MANAGER

On my first day on the job as general manager of the Ruidoso News, I was informed the editorial staff was down to just two digital cameras, one of the department's three having recently kicked the bucket. Later that day, I decided it would be wise to have my picture taken to accompany a story announcing my arrival.



Price

Immediately after that picture was snapped, the News was down to one working digital camera. A true, if depressing, story.

Despite the havoc my arrival has wreaked on the news staff's photo equipment budget, I am very happy to be here. As was reported last week, I come to New Mexico from Oregon, where I spent the past two years in the MBA program at Oregon State. Perhaps the greatest thing about graduating is that I can return to a world where desks come in two pieces, rather than one. School may have been good for my mind, but it nearly killed my back.

Paving still unattended

To the editor:

Another dry season seems to have come and gone as afternoon rains begin at last.

And with the change of season, another optimum street repair opportunity is lost. I've been living here year-around for six years now and can only wonder why the driest, warmest, least-populated times of year are not used to full advantage by the Ruidoso Street Department for re-paving and repairs?

I also have to wonder why the village councilors, manager and administrators, who must surely drive some of the same streets that I do, seemingly tolerate the sad state of our thoroughfares? Cree Meadows Drive has had some of the worst axle-benders of late. How do people at Village Hall manage to miss them on their way to and from work each day?

And as a final question, why is it that when utility companies destroy existing paving they are not required to repair the damage immediately after their work is completed? A taxpaying resident wants to know!

J.L. Schuller
Ruidoso

Unsung rescuers

To the editor:

During the recent rescue of the 14-year-old who was injured in the Fort Stanton Cave, there were a number of local rescuers who seemed to have been missed during all the interviews and recognition that contributed greatly to

Before escaping the real world for the relative comfort of the classroom, I'd spent five years on the Oregon coast working as publisher of *The News Guard*, a newspaper serving Lincoln City — situated within Lincoln County, as it happens. Lincoln City is a community whose economy is driven by tourism and buffeted by stark seasonality. The community grapples with growth and development in a political climate often defined by natural resource concerns.

Before heading to the Northwest, I worked for four years as publisher of *The Payson Roundup*, serving Payson, Ariz. Payson, situated in the ponderosa pine forest in the mountains northeast of Phoenix, is a community whose economy is driven by tourism and buffeted by stark seasonality. The community grapples with growth and development in a political climate often defined by natural resource concerns.

I'm starting to sense a pattern here.

Last weekend I visited one of the sites where volunteers were conducting opinion surveys about the future of Ruidoso. It's exciting to see the effort at this stage. In recent years, I participated in a similar process in Oregon. There, it seemed to me that many residents were hesitant to get involved out of frustration that the plan-

ning might just prove to be busywork, and that no good would ever come of it.

It took many months — until policies were implemented or construction began, on projects first conceived during those early public input exercises — for the community to earnestly buy in to the idea. Given the strong support already apparent in Ruidoso, the future seems bright indeed for the comprehensive planning process.

Anyone up for lunch? I'm hungry for information about my new home. And, I'm almost always just plain hungry. Given this, it makes sense to launch a lunch program whereby any reader with a brown-bag lunch can come by the office here at 104 Park Avenue and talk over concerns about the paper's service or coverage, issues of the day, the prospects for Kansas Jayhawks basketball, or anything else that might be on your mind.

We'll set aside noon to 1 p.m. every Wednesday for the program, which my wife, Niki, insists I dub "Nosh with the News." You bring your lunch and the Coca-Cola will be on me. Depending on turnout, we may meet in a conference room or move to a circle of chairs in the old pressroom. In other words, attire is casual.

YOUR OPINION

the success of the mission.

Approximately one hour after the initial page for EMS to respond for the injured Boy Scout, an initial rescue team of local EMS and Volunteer Fire Department personnel entered the cave to make an initial size up, evaluation and begin treatment of the patient. EMS was assisted by members of the Fort Stanton Volunteer Fire Department throughout the rescue and was in the cave with EMS staff for approximately 14 hours. These firefighters conducted themselves professionally and assisted with all tasks ... assigned during the rescue. Without

their assistance the rescue would have taken considerably longer and may have jeopardized the safety of others in the cave. Ruidoso/Lincoln County EMS appreciates their assistance, above and beyond their normal firefighting duties, which assisted in making this rescue in a dangerous environment over an extended period a success. They were a vital part of all the volunteers and other rescuers from around the State who arrived and were greatly appreciated.

Thank you for a job well done.

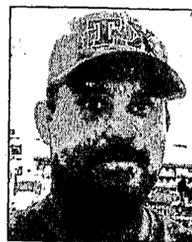
Jim Stover, director
Emergency Medical Services

STREET TALK

QUESTION: How dangerous do you think the intersection of Highways 380 and 54 is?



"It's very dangerous with just the blinker light; you've got big commercial trucks coming both ways and you don't know if they're going to stop."
Ron Fox
Nogal



"Very, because a lot of people aren't careful. Luis Mesillas, Ruidoso
Luis Mesillas
Ruidoso



"It could use a stoplight."
Mike Self
Ruidoso

SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

County considers auditing LCMC

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The decision is up to the county manager after commissioners didn't act.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A request to hire an independent auditor to scrutinize the financial statements of the Lincoln County Medical Center will be answered by county manager Tom Stewart.

County commissioners decided Tuesday to take no action on the issues cited in a letter signed by Louin Robinson, Tony Seno, Dr. W.R. Seidel and Serafino Carri.

Stewart said he can respond to three questions that covered handling of depreciation by Presbyterian Healthcare Services, the company that manages the county-owned hospital in Ruidoso, and about an intercompany receivable that ballooned in two years from \$2.48 million to \$5.1 million at the same time the annual amount of interest earned on

the money decreased.

PHCS receives no tax benefits from the depreciation because as a non-profit entity, it pays no state and federal taxes, Stewart said. The receivable fund grew rapidly because of a change to using the central business office for all entities. Unfortunately, interest rates dropped concurrently, he said.

Commissioner Leo Martinez wanted to go on record as supporting an independent audit because "there are a lot of questions unanswered, including how they determine the amount to be claimed for the sole community provider (reimbursement for indigent health care)."

He said the county manager isn't satisfied with the accounting for that \$3 in federal money for every \$1 from the county reimbursement.

A new state law governing indigent health care reimbursement requires a detailed accounting by hospitals for sole community provider reimburse-

ment and will take care of that issue, Stewart said.

Commissioner Earl Hobbs said while he agrees with sending the four men a response letter, "I want to state that I continue to be confused and I'm concerned about the intercompany receivables with PHCS and LCMC. I've asked (hospital administrator) James Gibson and (others) and I still don't understand."

"I continue to be concerned about that."

In other action, the commission:

- Vacated Davis Drive in Shangri-La subdivision on a recommendation from the county road review committee presented by chairman Duane Williams. He said he talked to the only adjoining property owner who did not attend a session on the request. Milton Mallard of Eagle Ridge Ltd. plans to develop a subdivision, but didn't object to the action requested by Susan Betti and Lana Emerson.

• Approved awarding a bid to Ruidoso Paving for \$87,667 to resurface Schlarb Road and a portion of Gavilan Canyon Road.

• Awarded a contract for mental health consultation at the county jail in Carrizozo to The Counseling Center of Alamogordo, which also has an office in Ruidoso.

• Approved \$5,000 in lodgers tax money for a promotional brochure on the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium requested by the Hubbard Museum of the American West, and \$1,200 for Arts in the Orchard advertising requested by the Lincoln County Rural Tourism Council.

• Appointed Bonnie Richardson to the county/Ruidoso Downs Extraterritorial Commission; appointed Bill Schwettmann and Don Russell to the Lincoln County Water Research and Conservation Committee; and appointed Earl Hobbs to the Chaves County Community Action Program.

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WEDDINGS ENGAGEMENT

Hemphill-Tixier

Ronnie and Terri Hemphill of Ruidoso have announced the marriage of their daughter, Amy Nichole Hemphill, to Tanner Michael Tixier, son of Mike and Debbie Tixier of Albuquerque.

The couple was married June 8 at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, Nev, with Les Carter officiating.



Tanner and Amy Tixier

Amy graduated from Ruidoso High School in 1999, attended the University of New Mexico and is in the Army Reserves. She is employed at UNM Hospital in Albuquerque.

Tanner graduated from Clovis High School in 1998, is attending UNM and works with the Albuquerque Police Department.

After a honeymoon in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, the couple will reside in Albuquerque.

Williams-Crooks

Neale and Karen (Parsons) Williams of Ruidoso have announced the marriage of their daughter, Shirryn, to Toby Crooks, son of Jack and Zoann Crooks of Las Cruces.

The couple was married Jan. 18, 2003, and will celebrate with a ceremony July 5 in Ruidoso.



Toby and Shirryn Crooks

Shirryn and Toby reside in Pasadena, Calif., where he works for the County of Los Angeles as an engineer and she plans to teach in the field of elementary education.

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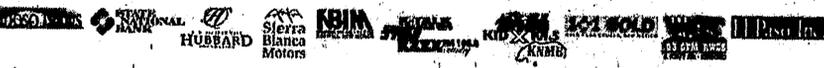
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Chamber banquet features noted speaker

Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce members will hold their annual banquet on Thursday, at Alto Lakes Country Club. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m.

This year's banquet will feature Bob Boze Bell as guest speaker.

Bell has more than 31 years' experience as an author, nationally recognized cartoonist, humorist, publisher, artist and radio host.

His speech is titled, "Everything I Learned About Business I Learned From Billy the Kid, Wyatt Earp and Geronimo (although it was a chicken fried steak that changed my life)."

Tickets are on sale now at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce for \$22.50 each. Corporate tables can be reserved for \$160. To reserve tickets or for more information, contact the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce at 257-7395.

Housing action urged

WASHINGTON - National Association of Realtors President Cathy Whatley, testifying on behalf of 900,000 Realtors Monday before the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, called for strong national housing policies that will help thousands of families locked out of the American dream of homeownership.

Outlining NAR's agenda designed to boost homeownership opportunities for all Americans, Whatley specifically urged Congress to pass the American Dream Downpayment Act (H.R. 1276/S. 811), which would provide \$200 million in assistance to 40,000 first-time homebuyers every year.

She also urged Congress to take action on the Renewing The Dream Tax Credit Act (H.R. 839/S. 875), which would provide tax credit for developers and investors who construct or renovate homes in distressed neighborhoods.

Markets and the Economy

Tools for fighting deflation

BY SUNG WON SOHN
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

The Federal Reserve will cut the interest rate again at the FOMC meeting scheduled for June 24-25. The key is to watch the real interest rate - the dif-



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ference between the nominal interest rate and the inflation rate - which drives the economy. During the Great Depression, for example, short-term interest rates went from 5 percent in 1929 to 0.5 percent in 1932; prices fell even faster and the real rate shot up to 15 percent, from 3.5 percent during the period; monetary policy tightened significantly, contributing to the depression.

Production fell by 50 percent and joblessness skyrocketed. In 1933, President Roosevelt devalued the dollar and the central bank pumped money into the economy. Inflation came back and the real interest rate became negative, reviving the economy. Both production and employment began to rise.

What option does the Federal Reserve have to prevent the real interest rate from rising? The central bank could set an inflation target - say, at 2 percent - hoping to boost inflation expectations. The nominal federal funds rate could be cut, but the rate is not too far away from zero, limiting this option.

The officials could sell the dollar in the foreign-exchange markets, increasing the supply of money; but this would reduce the supplies of foreign currencies exporting deflation. Chairman Greenspan could also purchase Treasury notes and bonds, reducing long-term interest rates, or increase lending through the Discount Window to boost liquidity.

If push comes to shove, the "Door Knob Policy" could be adopted, lending money directly to almost any institution with little or no collateral. Most likely, the central bank won't have to go this far to prevent deflation. About 60 percent of the CPI and 85 percent of the GDP comes from services.

Deflation is a remote possibility. Deflation is like SARS; we need to be about 10,000 miles away from it.

Since the Federal Reserve

expressed concerns about deflation at the May 6 FOMC meeting, Treasury bond yields have plunged, taking other rates, including mortgage rates, along with it.

Because the central bank is working to prevent deflation, buying Treasury bonds by borrowing short-term is a no-lose situation for the time being. Facing prepayments, holders of mortgage-backed securities have been buying Treasuries to offset losses.

Trying to prevent their currencies from appreciating too much against the dollar, foreign central banks, including the Bank of Japan, have been buying the dollar and investing the proceeds in Treasury securities. At some point, the economy will gain momentum - thanks to ample liquidity, the tax cuts and the dollar depreciation - and deflation will become less of a concern. Adding ballooning budget deficits to the equation, a sharp snap back in Treasury yields in the future is not out of the question.

The recent surge in stocks has been driven by liquidity and falling bond yields, not so much based on earnings. Technology, the star performer so far, is a good example; there aren't enough earnings to support the lofty prices. Once interest rates stop falling, stock prices could suffer. In the meantime, stocks could overshoot, based on optimism on interest rates.

Eventually, earnings from economic growth and unit volume gains will be the key in sustaining stock prices. Our economic scenario supports moderate increase in volumes. Equities are not cheap. Financial stocks also have benefited from the Fed's concern about deflation. Net interest margins remain wide. With a healthier economy, the delinquency rates for both consumer and business loans have rolled over. Furthermore, commercial and industrial loan demand has turned the corner. The combination of attractive margins, improving credit quality and rising loan demand bode well for financial stocks.

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Ford marks centennial

■ The auto manufacturer marks its beginnings with limited, dressed-up, all black models.

DEARBORN, Mich. - Ford Motor Company on June 16 marked its 100th year of building automobiles.

As part of the year-long celebration, Ford has launched a special-edition Centennial Package on key Ford vehicles.

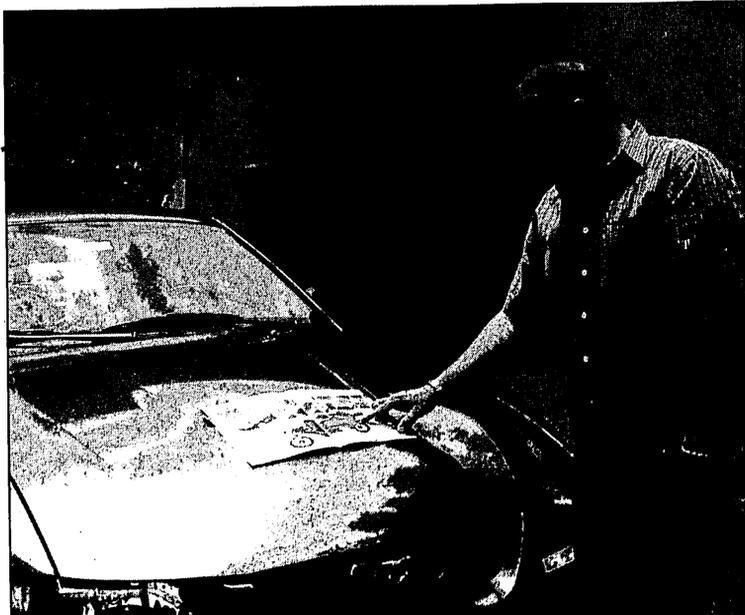
The special-edition vehicles will be offered in "any color you want as long as it's black."

As the legend goes, when Henry Ford's production machine was rolling at full speed at his Highland Park, Mich., assembly plant, and the Model T was breaking production records every day, the vehicle was offered in "any color so long as it is black," as Henry Ford himself would say.

Black paint dried faster than other colors, allowing Henry Ford and his team to produce cars more quickly and efficiently. This, in turn, helped drive down the price and made the automobile within reach of the middle-class consumer for the first time. From an original price of \$850, the Model T price dropped to well below \$300 by the early 1920s. That was a value hard to beat.

Ford's color palate has grown significantly since the early years, the cars, trucks and SUVs each with their own palate. Ford is the best-selling brand of vehicles in America, thanks in part to key vehicles such as F-Series trucks, Explorer, Taurus, Focus and Mustang. The special 2003 Centennial Package will be offered on these five vehicles.

"They were a natural choice to represent the centennial for us," said Steve Lyons, Ford Division president. "Like the Model T, they are hallmark products for Ford, the vehicles at the foundation of the brand. They say a lot about who we are and what we do."



KEITH GREEN/STAFF

Sales Consultant David L. Sanchez shows off Ford's all-black package brochure, on the hood of one of the classics, the Mustang.

In fact, all five vehicles have helped shape Ford Motor Company, and, in their own way, the automobile business:

- Ford Explorer, when launched in 1990, helped define and establish the SUV segment. It is now the best-selling SUV ever.

- Ford Taurus redefined the sedan segment when it was launched in 1985. It is still one of the top 10 selling vehicles in the United States.

- In 1964 when the Mustang was launched, a love affair began that is still alive today. Few cars have as strong a following as Mustang, the segment sales leader for 17 straight years.

- Since the F-Series was introduced as the Ford F-1 in 1948, the truck

has served as the workhorse for America. It has been the best-selling vehicle in the United States for the past 25 years - and is the best selling vehicle of all time.

- Focus is Ford's Model T for the 21st century, a vehicle that puts driving dynamics and outstanding packaging in reach of most new-car buyers. Focus is currently the best-selling car in the world.

Ford started it all with borrowed money — \$28,000

Ask the question, "Who invented the automobile?" and a high percentage of the answers will be, "Henry Ford." This popular misconception is a tribute to the man who made the automobile possible for millions.

Although it is generally conceded that the automobile was conceived and born in Europe, a number of American and European experimenters worked on the idea at approximately the same time in the late 1800s.

Full credit can be given to Henry Ford, however, for building the automobile millions could afford. His guiding philosophy was: "I will build a motor car for the great multitude ... it will be so low in price that no man ... will be unable to own one."

Thanks to Henry Ford's vision and zeal, the Ford Motor Company was born.

The Ford Motor Company was launched in a small converted wagon factory in Detroit June 16, 1903. Its assets consisted of tools, appliances, machinery, plans, specifications, blueprints, patents, a few models and \$28,000 in cash supplied by 12 investors.

Focus on Agriculture

Prairie dogs as pets can be dangerous

BY STEWART TRULSEN
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

Dozens of people are learning the hard way what farmers and ranchers have known all along - prairie dogs are pests, not pets. These unfortunate people, mostly in the Midwest, contracted monkeypox from handling prairie dogs that got the disease from an exotic African rodent in a pet store.

One Chicago area teenager had more than 400 lesions on his body. He said he itched all over and it hurt to swallow water and even to breathe because his lymph nodes were so swollen. He got the disease from his pet prairie dog. Monkeypox is similar to chickenpox but has never before been found in this country.

Prairie dogs are officially considered a pest in some Western states, and several years ago Farm Bureau

suggested the rodents be renamed "prairie rats" because they are not members of the canine family and shouldn't be confused with dogs, man's best friend. Prairie dogs are more like the rural cousin of the urban rat and every bit as destructive and capable of spreading disease to humans and other animals.

One Colorado state senator describes prairie dogs as "more destructive than a hazardous waste incinerator." Ranchers know too well how they can strip vegetation and pock mark the land with their burrows. Many a horse has broken a leg by stepping in a prairie dog hole. But environmentalists see prairie dogs as integral to their plans to cord off vast areas of the Great Plains and they usually fight attempts to control them.

Lately, environmentalists have battled developers over

prairie dog habitat. Homeowners don't want them in their lawns anymore than ranchers want them. That doesn't mean prairie dogs are going to go away.

In Colorado, prairie dog habitat is found on hundreds of thousands of acres of farm and ranch land. In some cases, landowners are receiving small compensation for putting up with them. Even in metropolitan areas prairie dogs move into almost any available open space.

Environmentalists and others are involved in vacuuming prairie dogs out of their holes or trapping them for relocation. This is like saving mosquitoes so we don't run out. Catching prairie dogs led to young ones being sold as pets.

One little girl has a web site for her prairie dogs. She lost one that escaped the home and died after being bitten by another animal. Prairie dogs

also are said to be escaping from the new Desert Dome at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo. One can only imagine what could happen if a monkeypox-infected pet got into the native prairie dog population. That's undoubtedly one of the reasons the federal government has recently banned the sale of prairie dogs as pets.

Prairie dogs are very good at spreading disease. Before the West was settled, nature managed prairie dog populations by periodically wiping them out with disease. The population would then restore itself.

We have enough concerns already with the spread of SARS and West Nile Virus. It's time to get real about prairie dogs. They are pests, not pets.

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

FUNERALS DEATHS

Ruth Shannon

Graveside services for Ruth Davis Shannon, 69, of Brooksmith, Texas, and a former resident of Capitan, will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at Eastlawn Memorial Park in Early, Texas, with the Rev. John Paul Carter of Fort Worth, Texas, officiating.

Mrs. Shannon died Tuesday, June 17, 2003, in Fort Worth.

She was born Dec. 10, 1933, in Dallas, Texas.

She was married to A.E. Davis Jr. in Brownwood, Texas, and to Larry Cent Shannon in 1984 in Capitan, both of whom preceded her in death.

She was a rancher and a Baptist.

Survivors include daughters B.B. Berry of Brooksmith, Texas, and Beth Mazurek and her husband, Joey, of Brooksmith; a son, Eddie Davis and his wife, Audrey, of Capitan; a step-daughter, Carma Ryan and her husband, Martin, of Springfield, Va.; a step-son, Robert Shannon and his wife, Amy, of Ft. Worth; 10 grandchildren; sisters and brothers Judy Shaw and her husband, John, of Ruidoso, Ellis Huddleston and his wife, Billie, of Las Cruces, Leora Kemp of DeSoto, Texas, Margaret Kerby and her husband, Tommy, of Lewisville, Texas, Howard Kemp of Ft. Worth, Sam Kemp and his wife, Betty, of Middleburg, Fla.; an uncle, Harley Ruth, of San Antonio, Texas; several nieces and nephews; and many brothers and sisters from the Backner's Home for Children.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

SUMMER FUN



PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Kids cool off during an afternoon at the Carrizozo pool. Pool officials say 50-75 kids a day have been enjoying the water. Pool hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Multiple charges

Ruidoso police arrested James L. Steward June 17 on Highway 70 at Cliff Drive, charging him with concealing his identification, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, tampering with evidence, possession of one ounce or less of marijuana, having an open container in a vehicle and forgery.

Officers had stopped a vehicle for speeding and Steward gave and later signed his brother's name. The officers were advised of the false identification when dispatch reported that the brother had called to report a fight in Mescalero, and later a Bureau of Indian Affairs officer came to the police department and positively identified Steward. A traffic citation was issued to the driver of the vehicle and a

17-year-old female was arrested and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol.

Household battery

Police arrested Karin J. Nowak, 61, of Ruidoso, June 18, charging her with battery against a household member.

Store window broken

Walgreen's reported a \$500 plate glass window was broken

on the west side of the building between 11 p.m. June 15 and 7 a.m. June 16. A rock was found near the site.

Toothbrush in gun case

A gun case with drug paraphernalia and a toothbrush was found at Diamond Shamrock, 1902 Sudderth Drive about 7:46 a.m. June 18. The gun case was turned over to police and entered into evidence for destruction.

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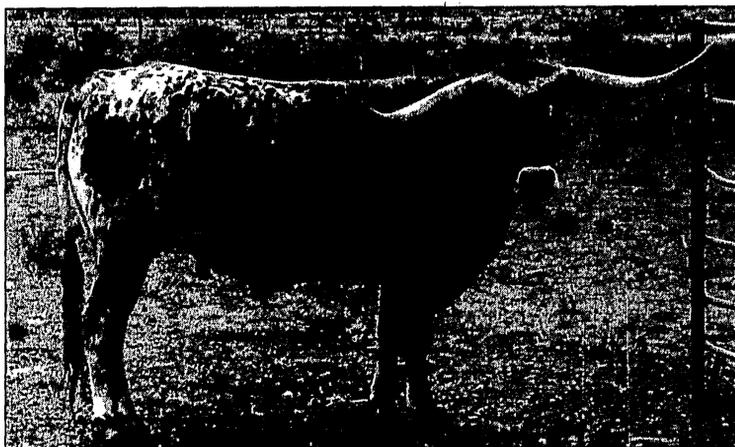


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Cisco Kid, an almost-3-year-old Longhorn steer, stands briefly for a photo in the gate of the Lollar's corrals.

No bull

'Zozo champion steer started out as family pet

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Dean and Nancy Lollar never dreamed they would be in the Longhorn cattle business when they retired to their acreage just west of Carrizozo. Nancy quickly filled the place with an assortment of animals but nothing larger than the dogs that had arrived with them.

Today the corrals and pasture house two Longhorn cows, a calf, and the repeatedly crowned champion steer, Cisco Kid.

It all began as somewhat of a joke for Nancy's 50th birthday. Her family decided, since Mom so loves the animals, to buy her a gift of a longhorn calf for the "ranch life" in New Mexico.

They named Richard and Tiger Mossman in Bosque, who raise and show Longhorn cattle. Selecting 6-month-old Cisco Kid, they brought him home to Carrizozo and his life as Nancy's pet began. The Lollars had no idea at the time they had a show-quality animal on their hands.

At the encouragement of the Mossmans and others who know the Longhorns business, they decided to enter Cisco in a Longhorn competition. This was all about having fun and meeting people for the Lollars. They learned as they went along, and truly were new and green to the whole scenario.

Because of Cisco, the Lollars had to tackle the livestock laws and get a brand, a process with which they were quite unfamiliar. A phone call made it seem a complicated process, so they drove to Albuquerque, parked themselves in the offices of the New Mexico Brand Board, and ultimately came home with a jaw brand that is read as "rocking rafter." The

ranch is now called the "Rocking Rafter Ranch."

Cisco hasn't disappointed them. His two years in the spotlight have landed him numerous titles, including his most recent, Champion Trophy Steer for Color at the Texas Longhorn World Show. Held in Fort Worth, Texas, June 5-7, Cisco topped a herd of 35 entrants in his age division which allows up to 5-year-old steers to compete.

The Texas Longhorn World Show is an invitation-only competition. The invitation is earned by placing in other qualifying competitions. This year's expo had 720 longhorn cattle entered in different divisions.

The four-foot trophy from Fort Worth is just the latest jewel in Cisco's crown. He has also won a grand and reserve champion at a Tucson, Ariz., show the past two years, and was the 2002 Junior Champion at the New Mexico State Fair.

Cisco's horns at last measurement several months ago were 51 inches tip to tip. Conceivably, he will top out at 70 to 80 inches at full maturity.

Not halter broke as his "class" shows in a free range style, herded in the arena by men on horses, he still is docile and eats feed out of Nancy's hand. After all, he is her baby, she says.

The Lollars are hooked. They love the show circuit and Cisco is up next at a field day in Estancia and then the New Mexico State Fair in September.

"This will always be about fun and meeting new friends," says Dean Lollar. "We have met some of the best people we know doing this and we love more fun than we ever dreamed. That is what is the most important."

Cowbelles name man of year

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Rick Richardson was named CowBelle Man of the Year for 2003 at the mid-year meeting of the New Mexico State CowBelles, held in Ruidoso earlier this week.

Richardson, a lifelong resident of New Mexico, grew up on a ranch on Indian Divide near Nogal. He is the oldest of the two sons of Phil and Helen (Bunty) Richardson. His young years included 4-H involvement as well as high school football.

He graduated in 1976 from Capitan High School and went on to attend NMSU. He earned a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Science degrees in agriculture.

Richardson spent the semester of school working for the NMSU Cooperative Extension Service in Lincoln County. It set the stage for him to take full-time employment with the extension agency after receiving his college degrees. Richardson has been an extension agency employee for 20 years and is currently the Doña Ana County extension program director.

The nomination for the award

came from the Mesilla Valley CowBelles, in part because of his assistance with the group's "Kids, Kows, and More" program. His guidance and assistance with the program is credited for the success that it is today.

The beef industry has benefited by Richardson's dedication over the years. He was an instructor for the Douglas County Beef Camp in Castle Rock, Colo., an assistant steer superintendent at the New Mexico State Fair and a the superintendent for the beef heifer show at the Southern New Mexico State Fair.

In 2002 Richardson was instrumental in starting the Dona Ana 4-H and FFA Expo. Until that time, Dona Ana 4-H and FFA youth had no local county fair in which to compete. The first one was held in August. The three-day event was a huge success. Every exhibitor that participated received at least a refund on their individual entry fees, with a premium being paid to each placing on both livestock and indoor exhibits.

Richardson is a member of the Las Cruces Lions Club, the N.M.

Cattle Growers Association, and an instructor at the Suzanne Jones New Mexico 4-H Horse School. He was a guest instructor at a horse school in Germany and holds an honorary New Mexico State FFA degree.

Rick and his wife of 15 years, Janelda, reside in Las Cruces. They have two children, Makayla 6 and Lawrence 2.



PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Rick Richardson holds his CowBelle Man of the Year 2003 award.

Board gets look at new 'Zozo preschool

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

ASA Architects were on hand at Tuesday's Carrizozo school board meeting to show a Power Point presentation of the new preschool and industrial arts building.

The presentation showed the floor plans, 3-D room views and a computerized rendition of the finished building. The project is to be built on the 150-foot-by-300-foot school-owned lot just north of the current school campus.

The design was engineered for efficiency for parking as well as student drop off. The plans are set to go out to bid no later than mid-August and the contract award given late the same month or early September. ASA assured the board they are looking at a 9-10 month construction period.

Superintendent Sergio Castañon reported on the law conference attended by himself, principal Steve Barron, and school board president Steve Harkey. Points that were emphasized were:

- Parents' rights to know teacher's qualifications.
- Schools' requirements to show adequate yearly progress.

Accountability for quality of test scores to fall heavily on the administration as well as school board members.

In the principal's report, Barron announced that the New Mexico State Fair has the 6th grade class, to be on special exhibit during this year's fair. He also said the summer reading/math program ended up with a total of 44 students partaking in the remedial classes.

In other business the board:

- Approved the hiring of Mandy Baca as social studies teacher for mid-school, Spanish I and II, and coach.

- Approved Wes Corley to teach the technology classes and handle the technical computer issues in the schools.
- Accepted Lisa Shivers' resignation.
- Approved the base coarse bid from Carrizozo Ready Mix.
- Approved the Incentive to Excellence School schedule for 2003-2004.
- Approved the technology plan for 2003-2004 school year.
- Approved an application for a waiver for Bryan Wetzel to teach two high school math classes.

Eldon Offut announced his intention to present the board with a letter of resignation at next month's regular meeting. Offut explained his job requirements have taken more of his time than before and he felt he would not be available to fulfill the time demands needed as a school board member. Offut's term ends February 2005. The board will name someone to the position in the interim.

The next regular meeting will be July 15 at 6 p.m.

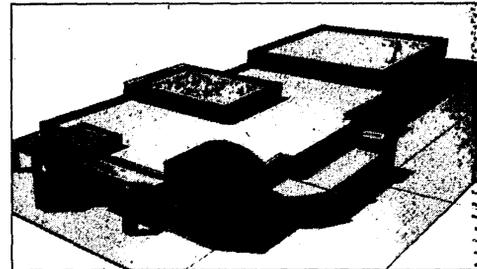


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An artist's rendering of the proposed new preschool.

Keeping livestock count is easy as 1, 2, - um, hold on

There is a part of the cowboy job that is one forever has been taken for granted. No one mentions it until you do it wrong. Counting livestock! Be it sheep, goats, hogs, or cattle the ability to accurately count their numbers is a true skill that not everyone has perfected.

The boss says it is easy. You just go one, two, three and so on. He is very sarcastic and he is very wrong! It is very important, there is no doubt. It can mean the difference between life and death if you end up in the trees having trouble having her calf.

"Can you count?" is not a question asked when you hire on to an outfit. You are supposed to be able to count along with the riding, roping, doctoring sick cattle or the usual mechanic work on a windmill. Accordingly, you may be recognized as a good cowboy and a fine hand with a horse but the only notice you will get as a counter is if you are lousy at it.

I hate counting cattle. I think it's the starting over so many times I really hate. Always

trying to end up with the question I know is the right answer to the question "How many did you get?" I try to answer that question with a question. "How many should I have?"

Everyone has their own counting system. The old timers tell you they count by twos, fours, or even sevens. One man I was told about just added as they passed by him: three, eight, 12, 17. That was during the days before calculators and his mind was still number literate. When there are multiple hundreds you'll see the veteran counter tie

a knot in his rope or bridle rein marking each hundred. If he is standing on the ground, he may drop a rock to a clear spot at his feet to mark each hundred count.

When you get the old-timers talking and actually thinking about counting, they all have a tale of some phenomenal counter they knew. You will hear of a brand inspector who could count cattle down the fence and accurately keep straight the count on three different brands.

Then there is the man at the stockyards in Sonora. He has been counting truckloads of cattle for three decades sitting on a seat he made to fit an alley fence post. The story goes he can count an alley full as it passes by him by putting his hand out in front of him and counting as they pass his hand. The boss said his count was wrong only twice in 30 years. I can be wrong twice in 30 seconds!

Counting cows after the feed pickup has passed by is routine as long as all the cows cooperate. Trying not to drive off in a hole, into a tree, or run over a huddle of baby calves while you count from the moving pickup is the challenge: You better have your peripheral vision tuned in to catch the ones who circle around behind you.

Counting yearling calves in a pasture can be like trying to count flies in the barn in August. Not one stays put long enough to be tallied. About the time you are 20 head from the end of a 400 head count, a jet flies over, breaks the sound barrier and the whole herd scatters like quail.

Now when the boss asks me that dreaded question, "How many did you get?" I answer just as sincerely as I can. "All of them."



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Gunfighter talk Saturday

Historian Drew Gomber to elaborate on museum's exhibition

Drew Gomber, historian for The Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs, will speak about the outlaws and lawmen of the Old West on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the museum.

Gomber, who is also a columnist for the *Ruidoso News* and has written for a number of other publications that include *True West Magazine*, *Range Magazine* and *The Tombstone Epitaph*, is considered to be an expert on Billy the Kid, the Lincoln County War and the subject of western outlaws and lawmen in general.

His topic, "Gunfighter ... the Exhibit", will detail the museum's current exhibition, "Gunfighter ... Historic Insight into the Lawmen and Outlaws of the American West." Working together, Gomber and Hubbard Museum director of marketing and development

Garret show is set for Saturday

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Lincoln County Historical Society is reminding readers of a free presentation at White Oaks Saturday at 2 p.m. Ron Grimes, a Carlsbad Chautauqua performer, will be presenting "Patrick Floyd Garrett: From Buffalo Hunter to Man Hunter" at the White Oaks schoolhouse.

Dressed in authentic 1880s attire, Grimes bears a striking resemblance to the famous New Mexico lawman. Grimes has also spent a lifetime studying Garrett. As a result, he claims to feel a certain understanding and kinship of the man.

The performance is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For further information contact Van Shamblin at 648-4565.

John Jeffers envisioned and developed the exhibit.

"I had seen these photographs for years, but when we enlarged the picture of John Wesley Hardin to life size," Gomber said, "I could feel the hair on the back of my neck stand on end. The effect was stunning. For the first time, I felt as though I were standing face-to-face with him."

The exhibit, scheduled to run through Oct. 26, features a large number of the famous - and infamous - denizens of the Old West who, in one way or the other, made their living with a gun. Wild Bill Hickok,

the Earps, Hardin, Doc Holliday and dozens of other lawmen and outlaws are profiled in this one-of-a-kind exhibit. A couple of women - stage robber Pearl Hart and the legendary Belle Starr - also are profiled.

Hubbard Museum exhibits director Greg Shuman has contributed a unique interactive aspect, where, with the flick of a switch, one can view a particular western outlaw dead - then alive.

Gomber's talk is by reservation only and seating is limited. For more information, call (505) 378-4142.

A definition of quality

BY CAROLINE ELLIS
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

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

We hear the word "quality" a lot in our society, but what does it mean to the team of healthcare providers that is Lincoln County Medical Center?

It means that when a LCMC healthcare employee has provided a service, the customer leaves feeling that they received care and attention meeting or exceeding their expectations.

How do we accomplish this? LCMC has a highly trained and motivated team of employees, and through continuing education and training can boast some of the highest customer satisfaction ratings within the Presbyterian HealthCare System.

Whether you talk with a member of administration,

nursing staff, or to one of the housekeepers, it is a consensus that quality to them means providing prompt, personalized care to LCMC customers.

LCMC healthcare providers are always striving to improve the processes of service or care provided to the community that they serve, and monitor closely the results of customer surveys to ensure that their needs and expectations have been met.

Quality is also seen in the pride LCMC employees have for how the building looks. You can find nurses painting patient rooms to make each one individual, with a personal touch.

Being a small rural hospital really gives LCMC healthcare providers a "family" mentality towards each other, our customers and the community as a whole. This makes continuous quality improvement to consistently meet customer expectations a very important part of LCMC's foundation.

Caroline Ellis, RN, is the medical/surgical unit manager for the Lincoln County Medical Center.

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Immigrant smuggling rises along with temperature

BY KEVIN BUEY
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

DEMING - Alien smuggling is big business.

That's not news to folks who live in Southern New Mexico border areas, or other areas along the U.S.-Mexico border. It is not news to law enforcement agencies.

"It's a continuous thing" says Doug Mosier, a U.S.

Border Patrol spokesman, in El Paso, after discovery of a 19-year-old Guatemalan woman's body in the desert in late May. "It's a 24-hour job. Our anti-smuggling unit is working day and night, working around the clock, to gather more intelligence and infiltrate these groups that are doing these ill-fated deeds."

Deming-based USBP agents don't pass a week this

time of year when they do not report at least one passenger vehicle in which two, three, four or more undocumented immigrants are riding.

The immigrants are processed and returned to Mexico. The Luna County Sheriff's Office impounds the vehicles, which are usually sold at auction if a registered owner other than the driver is not found.

The LCSO, Deming Police and New Mexico State Police also encounter illegal immigrants in traffic stops and at roadblocks for sobriety and safety checkpoints.

Luna County Undersheriff Raymond Cobos says at this time of year, his department's contacts average about three to six per week. During colder months, the number drops to one per five days or so.

The calendar is of particular concern to agencies now, especially in cases in which people are walking across the desert or are hidden in closed

"If somebody dies, (the smugglers) write it off as the cost of doing business."

Rick Moody
Border Patrol agent

vehicles.

"We're approaching the peak of the hot summer season," says Mosier, "so we are concerned about immigrant smuggling from that aspect, as well. They are not just crossing the desert, but are in 18-wheelers, in trains. It is big business, probably the second biggest enterprise in Mexico (to drugs)."

"We are working with the Mexican government to reduce these deaths and find ways to prevent these deaths."

The big business of smuggling, Deming Patrol Agent in Charge Rick Moody says, is "every day, all day long," in Deming.

"The Deming corridor," he says, "is a major corridor for

alien smuggling as well as drug smuggling. Everyone we apprehend is interior-bound."

Most of the apprehensions, he says, are people being smuggled or people trying to reach a designated address or area for smuggling.

"There are staging locations," he says of ever-changing sites, "that are established by these complex alien-smuggling organizations, that are tied in with major organizations in Phoenix, El Paso, Albuquerque, moving hundreds if not thousands of people."

Smugglers, Moody says, use whatever means available, from passenger cars, pickup trucks, vans and motor homes to 18-wheelers,

as seen recently in Victoria, Texas.

"We've apprehended every form of conveyance that they use," Moody says, adding, "trains on which illegals ride in unsecured boxcars to the list. Designated meeting places change. A lot of people, for a price, are willing to open up their homes, make a buck here and there."

Smugglers and their organizations, Moody says, are making millions of dollars a year, sometimes thousands of tens of thousands of dollars from one person who might have come a long way to reach the U.S.

"If somebody dies," Moody says, "they write it off as the cost of doing business."

"A lot of the smugglers may have contacts here, whether guides or drivers, but a lot are from Palomas."

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

STATE BRIEFS

Holloman crew returns

ALAMOGORDO - About 10 members of the 49th Materiel Maintenance Group basic expeditionary airfield resource base returned from a five month deployment in Iraq Tuesday to a crowd of family and friends.

Staff Sgt. Gregory Batz said he's happy to see his family and new home. His wife and four children moved from an Air Force base in Alaska three and a half months ago, while he was deployed.

"I was gone longer than we've been at Holloman," he said.

Otero bans burning

ALAMOGORDO - Otero County commissioners, on June 13, passed a burn ban because of the drought and Sacramento Mountains' high fire danger.

The commission is charged with protecting citizens' health, safety and welfare. State statutes, however, mandate emergency bans are effective for just 30 days, and must be redeclared. The current ban is effective through the July 4 holiday.

The commission resolution cited recent actions in Alamogordo and Cloudford. Fireworks are permanently banned on the Lincoln Nation Forest.

The county ban includes open flames, fires, campfires (except in designated areas), as well as burning rubbish, shrubbery "or other material of any kind, except by permit."

Drug net busts 8 more

FARMINGTON - The

Region 2 Narcotics Task Force announced Wednesday that eight more arrests have been made in an operation that has already yielded more than 100 people suspected of trafficking, distribution or facilitating the use of drugs.

The arrests are the result of a long-term investigation, involving undercover agents with local, state and federal police.

Task Force Director Doug McKim said the recent arrests bring the total number of suspects placed into police custody to more than 100, however 16 or 17 people are still being sought.

While there are only a few fugitives still being pursued in connection with the massive multi-agency drug bust, McKim said he didn't know if narcotics agents will ever officially complete the operation.

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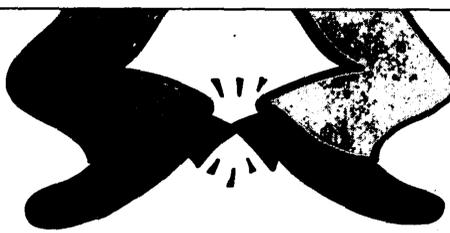
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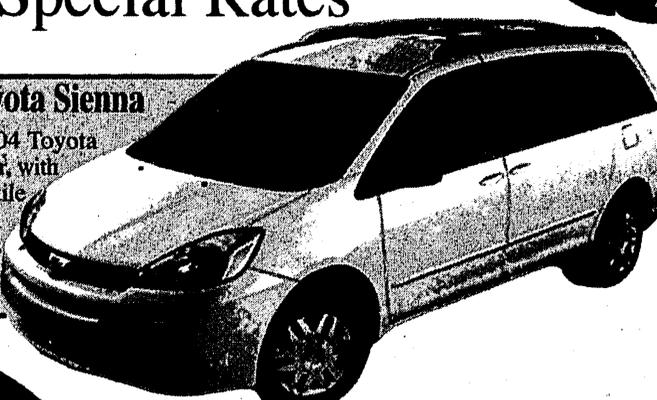


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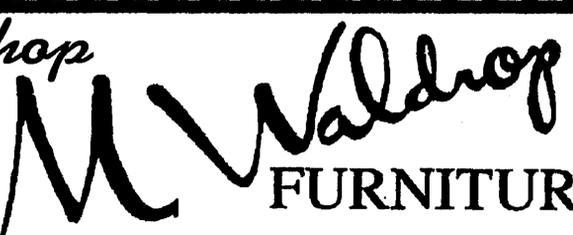
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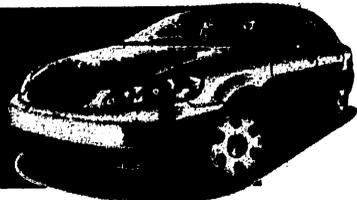
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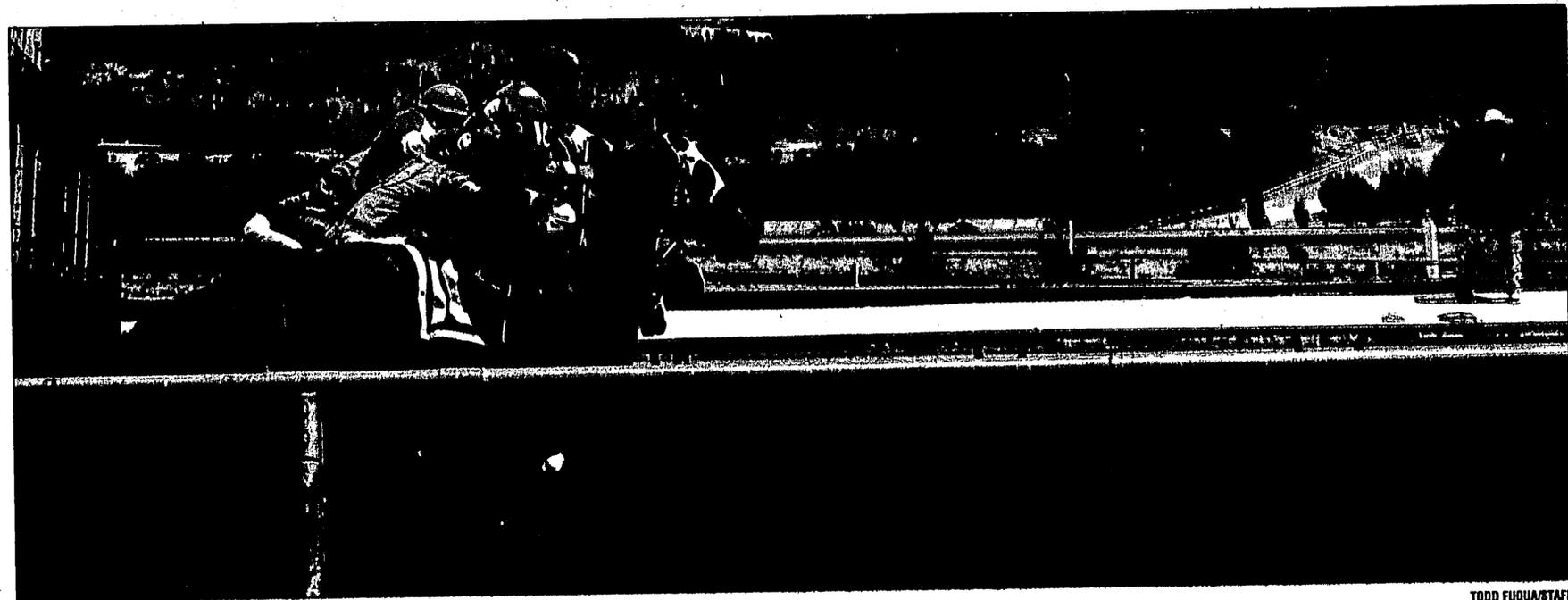
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LET'S GET IT STARTED



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Les Nichols, far right, lets loose a field of 10 quarter horses during a race day at Ruidoso Downs. Nichols and the starting crew at the track have a hand in every race that occurs.

For Nichols and the gate crew at Ruidoso Downs, work is just another day at the races

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Go to the Ruidoso Downs Race track on any given day, and you'll see the end result of hard work of several different individuals — trainers, groomsmen, jockeys, even the maintenance crews driving the water trucks and tractors.

But one crew of track employees may not command too much attention, even if every spectator at the track can't help but see them at work.

They're the gate crew in charge of putting the horses at the start and getting them off in good shape, and they're led by a man named Les Nichols.

Nichols is a man who's been around horses all his life ("I've got pictures of me in the saddle before I could walk," he says), and found his way into the position of head starter and stall manager at Ruidoso Downs after many years in California and Texas.

"I started a long time in California doing this, and had about a 25-year break of shoeing horses," Nichols said. "This job is more of a headache, but better for my back."

Nichols' career highlights how closely related the sports of rodeo and horseracing are, as he grew up on a ranch in

California and began as a rodeo hand early on. He eventually moved into shoeing horses at various tracks in California and Texas before moving to Ruidoso Downs in 2001.

He shoed horses until this year, when usual head starter Albert Dominguez was sidelined by cancer. Dominguez is

still at the track — in fact, his son Tony is on the starting crew this year — and Albert will likely be OK to start at Sunland Park next year.

But until then, the responsibility at the Downs falls to Nichols.

He was approached by track manager Rick Baugh to take over the job, and Nichols'

decision to accept was strongly influenced by the caliber of the starting crew already in place.

"The crew is the most important thing," Nichols said. "If you don't have experienced hands, you're kind of shooting in the wind trying to get them relaxed and ready to go."

Teamwork is the key

Usually, about the only time the fans in the stands at the Downs get a

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TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Les Nichols, yellow shirt, and the rest of the gate crew watch the field pass by during a 7 1/2 furlong Thoroughbred race. The crew has to work fast to get the gate — and themselves — out of the way before the steeds and their riders speed down the home stretch.

Things to consider when betting on non-starting horses



Dale Wood
"The Ole Radio Man"

My love of the race horse and my desire for others to enjoy the sport of horse racing led me to become a teacher of handicapping and controlled wagering.

When you can narrow a field of horses down to five and from those have the winner 85 to ninety 90 of the time, you have learned to handicap. Then you have to learn how to wager to win. This is the hardest part.

Ruidoso Downs Race Track runs three of the top futurity races in the world, the Ruidoso Quarter Horse Futurity, the Rainbow and the All American. Each requires timed trials and draws many first time starters.

When selecting possible contenders in races for non-starters, here are some things to consider.

Breeding

With quarter horses there are usually two or three sires, or get of those sires, that dominate the winning

percentages. With Thoroughbreds this is less of a dominating factor. The main reason for this is that breeding by a Thoroughbred sire is limited each year to about 40 to 60 mares and only natural breeding is allowed. With quarter horse sires there is little if any limit and many top sires will breed (natural — embryo — or artificial) to as many as 200 to 300 mares in one breeding season.

First Down Dash, Chicks Beduino, Strawfly Special and Royal Quick Dash have dominated the winners and earners for several years. Be it QH or TB, the percentages of winners is about 25 percent.

Published Works

If a horse is a non-starter he should have at least three good works and it's best if one of them is a bullet work (fastest work that day at that distance). I prefer works out of the gate and if possible in company.

In another column we will focus on works. What is a good work? Compared to what? We'll spend some time on that because it is important to selection of a contender, especially for non-starters and horses with a lay off of 21 days or more.

Fastest Qualifiers From Trial Races

They will win a high percentage of the races they qualify for but at odds that do not justify a straight wager. We will cover using horses with low post time odds in future columns.

Off Track Training Tracks

Don't overlook Training Tracks or Training Centers. Three common to this area are Squaw Creek Downs, Texas, The Lazy E in Oklahoma and Frontera near Sunland Park. You will see several winners that show training track races. Look for them.

Here's something to always keep in mind. The favorites win 30 percent of the time and we might pick eight winners on a 10-race card and still lose money because of the low return on investment. Why would you bet on the favorites when you lose money? Why not go with the horses that are winning 70 percent of the time, and up, at odds that shows a profit.

You may eat your bettin' money — but never bet your eatin' money.

Join us at our seminar race days one hour before post time at the east end of the grandstand on the ground level. We will be happy to answer any of your questions. Hear our prediction show "The Winners Circle" at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. on KRUI 1490AM, KWMM 105-1FM and KNMB 96.7FM. Hourly updates and the results at 8 p.m. on KRUI.

side line

Sierra Blanca Little League Results

Wednesday, June 18
Major Division Playoffs
Blue Jays 4, Diamondbacks 3
Minor Division Championship
Mariners 13, Diamondbacks 2

Sports on Tap

Friday, June 20
Horse Racing
Thoroughbred and quarter horse claiming, maiden and allowance racing at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.
Softball
Cool Pines Tournament at Eagle Creek Complex, TBA

Saturday, June 21
Horse Racing
Aspen Cup at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.
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Sunday, June 22
Horse Racing
Free Spirits Handicap at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.
Softball
Cool Pines Tournament at Eagle Creek Complex, TBA

On Deck

Warrior Tennis Camp
The Ruidoso High School tennis team will be hosting a camp for ages 5-18 at Schoolhouse Park June 23-27. Sponsored by the Ruidoso High tennis boosters and the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation department, the camp will be administered by members of the RHS tennis team. The camp runs from 8:30-11:30 a.m. each day, and costs \$30 per student. Family rates are available. Call RHS tennis coach Celeste Franklin at 937-1305 for registration information.

Parks and Rec Program
The Ruidoso Parks and Recreation tennis program conducted by tennis pro Barry Chase will run as scheduled June 23-26 at a site to be determined. The camp is scheduled to run from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. for students from 4-5 years old all the way through high school. There is a minimum of four students per class and a maximum of eight. Cost is \$28 for students ages 4-7 years old and \$40 for all other ages. For more information, contact Chase at 937-0190.



STARTERS: Working hard

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close-up look at what the starting crew does at the gate is at the start of a 7 1/2 furlong race, when the gate is set up right next to the paddock. But that brief glimpse is an excellent example of why an experienced team of starters is so critical to a smooth start.

A 7 1/2 furlong race takes the Thoroughbreds all the way around the track, meaning the crew has to let the horses go, then work to get the gate out of the way before the horses come back around for the homestretch drive to the finish line. By the time the horses do come around, the crew is standing mere feet from the steeds as they thunder past.

While a 7 1/2 furlong or mile long race may tax the starting crew somewhat more than a quarter horse 400-yard dash or a 6 furlong race starting on the far end of the track, there's still a lot of work to be done before the horses are let loose from the blue gate.

"Some of the young horses, it's all new to them," Nichols said. "The young horses, you're putting a lot of mental stress on them. You have to try to relax them, show them that that big blue monster isn't going to eat them up."

Horses aren't humans, and are by nature unpredictable. That makes any gate loading procedure somewhat dicey. If a horse is spooked by any little thing, it may rear up and try

to jump the unopened gate, sometimes throwing the jockey or even falling down in the narrow space.

If that happens, usually the track steward will rule that horse has been scratched, all the horses have to be taken out of the gate, and the whole procedure starts over again.

Because there are so many unpredictable factors involved, Nichols is happy if everything can go smoothly, regardless of how much time it takes to load the horses in the gate.

"Sometimes, it looks like a rodeo," Nichols said. "There's so many variables when you're working with livestock. As long as everything is going right, I don't worry about load times."

Given the amount of uncertainty when working with sometimes volatile creatures like race horses, it truly is amazing to watch this gate crew at work. Of course, that all comes with practice.

The crew generally has practice workouts each morning from Thursday through Monday, training themselves as well as the horses.

"Most of our work is done in the morning, schooling the horses," Nichols said. "That's where we do all the training, getting the horses used to things."

For all the work involved in the job, Nichols has a pretty simple view of the whole thing.

"Basically, it's just starting the horses," he said.

LITTLE CHAMPS



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The Mariners took the Minor Division Little League crown Wednesday. They are, back row, l-r: coach Kyle Flack, Christopher Ramos, Tyler Coleman, Brendan Flack, Kayle Frierson, coach Stever Frierson; front: Brandon Bury, Julian Lopez, Jared Tally-Lewis, Zach Porter, Jordan Frierson, Claudia Morales and Saiben Gabaldon.

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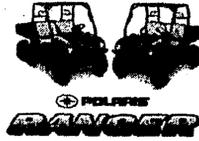
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Place: City Hall Hubbard Room
Address: 122 Downs Drive
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- 1) An activity identified as principally benefiting persons of low and moderate income;
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All counties and incorporated municipalities under 50,000 populations are eligible to apply. Applicants may apply for funding assistance under categories including Community Infrastructure, Housing, Public Service Capital Outlay, Economic Development, Emergency, Planning and Colonias.

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La fecha: el Jueves, el 26 de junio de 2003
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 El lugar: Ayuntamiento Hubbard Room
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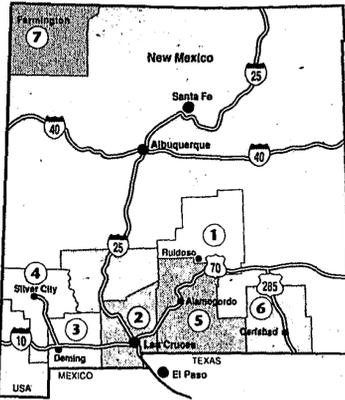
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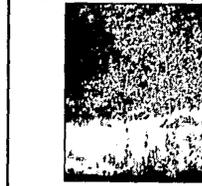
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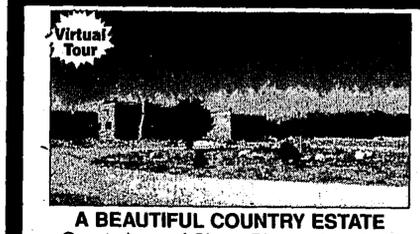
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THE ATTIC COMPLEX - 1031 Mechem, 600 sq. ft. open upstairs office with views of Sierra Blanca, bathroom, and separate sink work area, window air conditioning - \$450.00 plus \$100 for utilities - minimum 1 year lease. Call Donna at Casas de Ruidoso, inc. - 257-7577

114 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY FOR SALE

SUPER OPPORTUNITY. Land and building for sale, approximately 5044 square feet on Mechem Drive on approximately 1 acre with plenty of room to add more buildings. Partially leased. Please call for more information. \$420,000

GREAT CAPITAN LOCATION. Heavily constructed 40x50 metal building just east of the Shell station on Smokey Bear Blvd. Commercial zoning with RV hookup in back. Land and building. Reduced to \$64,900.

Tall Pines Realty 1-800-257-7786 Tallpines@zianet.com 2704 Sudderth Drive www.ruidoso.net/tallpines

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BILLY THE KID CASINO & RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SEASONAL FULL-TIME, SEASONAL PART-TIME AND YEAR ROUND FULL-TIME POSITIONS

FOOD & BEVERAGE Cook(s) Host(s) - Hostess(es) Waiter(s) - Waitress(es) Dock/Receiving Personnel Bartender(s) Dishwasher(s) Bus Person(s)

SECURITY/EMI Security Officer(s)

CASINO OPERATIONS Change Booth Cashiers Vault Auditor(s)

TRACK MAINTENANCE Landscaping / Laborer Custodian(s) - Day & Night

TRACK OPERATIONS Pari-Mutuel Tellers Program Sellers Parking Attendants Ticket Salespeople

DEADLINE: Positions are being filled immediately. INFORMATION: For information regarding job qualifications, please call 505-378-4431.

HOW TO APPLY: Applications are available at the Receptionist Desk located on the 2nd floor of the Executive Offices.

REQUIREMENTS: Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino positions require licensing by the New Mexico Racing Commission (NMRC) and/or the New Mexico Gaming Control Board (NMGCB), which will entail a background/criminal record investigation. All employees hired are subject to mandatory random drug screenings during employment.

Pay: Competitive Wages - Salary/Hourly Pay varies depending upon position applying for and experience relating to that position.

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116 STORAGE RENT

AA STORAGE Vacancy Most All Sizes Storage Units Very Secure and Private! On premise Manager Compare Rates On Hwy 70 Across from Ford Co. 378-7030

151 VACATION RENTALS

1 BD / 1 1/2 bath vacation rental in Alto. \$500. per day. 210-408-0120

164 RV SITES RENT

CAPITAN LARGE RV lots, scenic views. \$150. month. 354-0421 Ruidoso middle of town, \$80/weekly. 257-5388 or 491-5652

180 OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT

EXCELLENT LOCATION 3 to choose from starting at \$425. Call Wayland @ 258-5833 or 430-8412

OFFICE BLDG. LEASE 1206 Mechem Drive, easy access & parking. 8 offices, reception area, kitchenette, two rest rooms & storage. Call Pat or Robert 258-4030

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\$250 - \$500 a week. Will train to work at home helping the US Government file HUD/FHA Mortgage refunds. No experience necessary. Call 1-800-778-0353.

A LOVING, caring person to look after 9 month old boy. Hours are daytime and two week ends a month. 258-1111



Cattle Baron & Farley's are currently accepting applications for all positions. Great wages and the best tip potential around. Insurance and 401(k) plan available. Apply in person for an interview between 2p.m.-5p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 11a.m.-3p.m. Sat. & Sun. Applications accepted at any time during business hours. Apply at 657 Sudderth or 1200 Mechem. No phone call please. Cattle Baron Restaurants, Inc. is an EOE.

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ADVERTISING MANAGER The Alamogordo (NM) Daily News seeks an advertising manager to lead its retail and classified advertising departments, a staff of eight. A college degree preferred. Should have five years of newspaper sales experience and at least one year of effective management experience. Must have energy, creativity, enthusiasm and the ability to lead and train. Needs to be organized, goal-oriented and possess a positive attitude. Excellent benefits at this six-day-a-week Gannett newspaper with a circulation of 7,500 daily and 8,500 Sunday. EOE. Please send resume and letter of interest to Publisher, Alamogordo Daily News, 518 24 St., Alamogordo, NM, 88310. Or fax to 505-437-7795.

AMERILINK BROADBAND Services is looking for cable installers. No experience necessary will train, must have some hand tools. If interested please fax letter of interest to (602) 943-7482

APPLICATIONS ARE being accepted for Desk Clerk. References requested. Apply in person SUPER 8 MOTEL. No applications on file.

ATTN: STUDENTS GREAT PAY! Cust. Svc/Sales, PT/FT Scholarships available. Call 9-5 627-7116 www.workforstudents.com

CAMP SIERRA BLANCA

IMMEDIATE FULL TIME INSTRUCTOR/MENTORS \$8.32/HR MAINTENANCE MGR - SALARY DOE NIGHT WATCHMEN \$7.21/HR Some Overtime will be required.

CSB is looking for highly motivated, committed, career-minded individual to join our team. We are a juvenile, residential facility serving young men ages 14-18. In addition, we are an accredited high school offering diplomas and GED's as well as college courses. Other program highlights include ranching, auto repair shop, woodworking shop, ropes challenge course, wilderness class, and canine assist training program. Please apply if you meet the following requirements: possess a high school diploma/GED, are able to pass a drug screen test and criminal background check and are looking for a career and a future, not just a paycheck. We provide training, full benefit package, career advancement, and competitive wages. Please apply in person at the facility located in Ft. Stanton or call 354-3219. EOE

CASE MANAGER Professional needed to provide case management services to mental health clients in our Ruidoso office. Bachelor's Degree and 1-2 years experience in the mental health field required. The counseling Center offers a challenging multidisciplinary team-working environment with competitive salaries and excellent fringe benefits. Send resume and letter of interest to The Counseling Center, ATTN: Human Resources, 1900 E. 10th Street, Alamogordo, NM 88310. Position open until filled. EOE

CASHIER NEEDED Call TR's Market. For interview / Appointment 336-7819

CIRCULATION DIRECTOR The Alamogordo (NM) Daily News seeks a circulation manager to guide a staff of four and manage a group of contract carriers. Newspaper circulation experience preferred. Must have high school diploma, college degree preferred. The right person will increase subscriptions and improve customer service at this six-day-a-week Gannett newspaper with a circulation of 7,500 daily and 8,500 Sunday. Must be excellent motivator and be willing to work unusual hours. Must have computer skills and an active interest in marketing. EOE. Please send resume and letter of interest to Publisher, Alamogordo Daily News, 518 24 St., Alamogordo, NM, 88310. Or fax to 505-437-7795.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY Experienced chef needed for new restaurant located in Alamogordo. Fine dining experience needed. Call Lorraine at 505-439-1464 or 915-526-3595

IMMEDIATE OPENING for an experienced TIRE MAN. Must be capable of changing and repairing tires on pick-ups, trucks and equipment. Additional duties will be assisting maintenance department and various crews on the US 70 Hondo Valley job site. Apply at front office Sierra Blanca Constructors 2823 Ruidoso Hwy, (MP 286.7). Fax resume and references to 505-653-4629 or mail PO Box 650, Hondo, NM 88336. E.O.E

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DATA CHECK, LLC now hiring- immediate need for Telephone collectors/ Medical, delinquencies, and NSF collections. Competitive pay! Pay rate negotiable with experience in collections or telephone sales! Full time positions. Apply in person @ 2904 Sudderth Dr. EOE

DIAMOND SHAMROCK is now hiring. Both Stores, Apply in Person 1901 Sudderth., Ruidoso.

DIRECTOR OF Nursing needed at the Ruidoso Care Center. Minimum qualifications include: (Current NM RN license, three to five years' management experience, and familiarity with geriatrics. Applicant must be goal oriented, have good communication skills, and possess a take-charge attitude. Contact Andrea Reed or Patty Bednorz at (505) 257-9071 for more information on job duties and benefits. EOE

DRIVER- COVENANT TRANSPORT- Teams, Teams, Teams. We need teams for the long haul. Owner Operators. Experienced Drivers, Solos, Teams and Graduate Students. Call 1-888-MORE-PAY (1-888-667-3729) DRIVERS - FLATBED 32c-50c CPM. 5 western states. Dedicated runs in Las Vegas, Southern California, Albuquerque. O/O average \$1.00 per mile. Excellent home time. Expressway, 1-800-835-9471.

DRIVERS: DRIVEN TO SUCCESS. CFI now hiring Company Owner Operators "Singles Teams" Loads with miles available immediately! Ask about our spouse-training program. Call 1-800-CFI-DRIVE. www.cfidrive.com

DRIVERS: ARE you ready for a move? Become part of the driving force that moves America with North American Van Lines, a world leader in relocation, transportation distribution and logistics services. Logistics Division: We currently have openings in our Logistics Division. To be part of our 48-state operation, candidates must possess a minimum of 6 months over-the-road tractor-trailer driving experience and a Class A CDL. Tractor lease/purchase program available. www.navi.com. 800-348-2147. Dept. NMS. EOE

FRONT DESK Help Needed: Help needed for Weekend nights please contact Devonna at High Sierra Condominiums. 257-6913

HELP WANTED - Full Time Cashier. Great Benefits. Apply in Person at 418 Sudderth.

HELP WANTED, El Camino Nueva Restaurant, Busers, WaitStaff, & cooks. Apply in Person. 2 PM to 5 PM. 1025 Mechem.

HOUSEKEEPER WANTED. Whispering Pine Cabins requires a dependable housekeeper to work flexible hours. Excellent pay & bonus package. Call 257-4311

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LOCAL REAL Estate Company looking for qualified real state agents. Call Gary at 258-2550 or 937-0307.

LOG CABIN Restaurant is now hiring experienced cooks. Please apply in person, 1074 Mechem. Between 6:30 - 2:00.

200 HELP WANTED

Mescalero Tribal Human Services is accepting applications for Night Monitor/Security Guard, if interested, submit application (resume) to Mescalero Tribal Human Service, P O Box 228, Mescalero, NM 88340, Attn: Executive Director. Offer of employment is contingent upon background check. Resumes will be accepted until June 23, 2003. Salary: Depending upon experience

PERSON NEEDED as Service helper @ Ruidoso Lincoln Ford Mercury. Washing vehicles, cleaning service dept are main job responsibilities. We pay a \$300 signing bonus. Contact Ron 378-4400

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Minimum requirements: 1. State Department of Education Licensure. 2. State of New Mexico license, as appropriate. Complete Request for Proposal information available at REC IX office. Proposal submission deadline is Friday, July 11, 2003. Only fully qualified candidates need inquire. For additional information, please call (505) 257-2368 Fred Romero or Teresa Barnett. REC IX is an equal opportunity employer.

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THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: EACH AND EVERY DEFENDANT NAMED IN THE CAPTION OF THIS CAUSE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above styled and numbered cause of action has commenced and is now pending in the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

The general object of the action is Plaintiff's foreclosure of a Notice of Assessment of Lien against fractional interests in residential units owned by the Defendants at High Sierra Condominiums in Ruidoso, New Mexico, as more particularly described in the Complaint on file.

You are further notified that unless you file an answer or responsive pleading to the Complaint, on or before July 17, 2003, judgment will be entered against you by default and Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Plaintiff is represented by:

Lee Griffin LEE GRIFFIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 1096 Mechem Drive, Suite 102 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345

WITNESS my hand and seal this, May day of 30th 2003.

JAN PERRY PERRY CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

BY: DEPUTY COURT CLERK #5628 (1T) (6)25

COUNTY OF LINCOLN RFP # 03-04-001

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ices, potential for expansion to other communities, and frequency of services at outlying facilities will be part of the evaluation. The successful proposal may demonstrate an outstanding record of performance in similar facilities; offer a detailed plan of transition which considers current employees; present a solid plan for staffing; offer a financial benefit to the taxpayers of Lincoln County in the form of a lease/management agreement to operate the clinics; and provide a solid future prognosis of cost to individual patients. Proposals will be received by Lincoln County, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301 for RFP # 03-04-001 until Friday, August 8, 2003, 2:00 p.m. local prevailing time.

There will be a mandatory pre-proposal conference on July 11, 2003 in the Lincoln County Commission Chambers in Carrizozo, New Mexico at 9:00 am.

Copies of the Request for Proposal can be obtained in person at the Office of the County Manager, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, NM 88301 or will be

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mailed upon written or telephonic request to Jane Williams, at 505-648-2385.

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive all formalities.

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All cost incurred by the proposer in the preparation, transmittal or presentation, of any proposal or material submitted in response to this request for proposal will be borne solely by the proposer.

DATED this 17th Day of June 2003

COUNTY OF LINCOLN
s/By: Chairman, Board of Commissioners

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NOTICE OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Regional Housing Authority of Region VI, New Mexico, Inc. will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. at Region VI Housing Authority Board Room, 226 N. Main St., in Roswell, New Mexico to consider and act upon the general business of the Authority. A copy of the meeting agenda may be obtained after June 23rd at the Office of the Authority or by calling (505)622-0881, Ext. 212, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. However, the agenda is subject to change.

Comments from the audience members are welcome at the above meeting, but must be limited to 20 minutes total - 5 minutes per individual.

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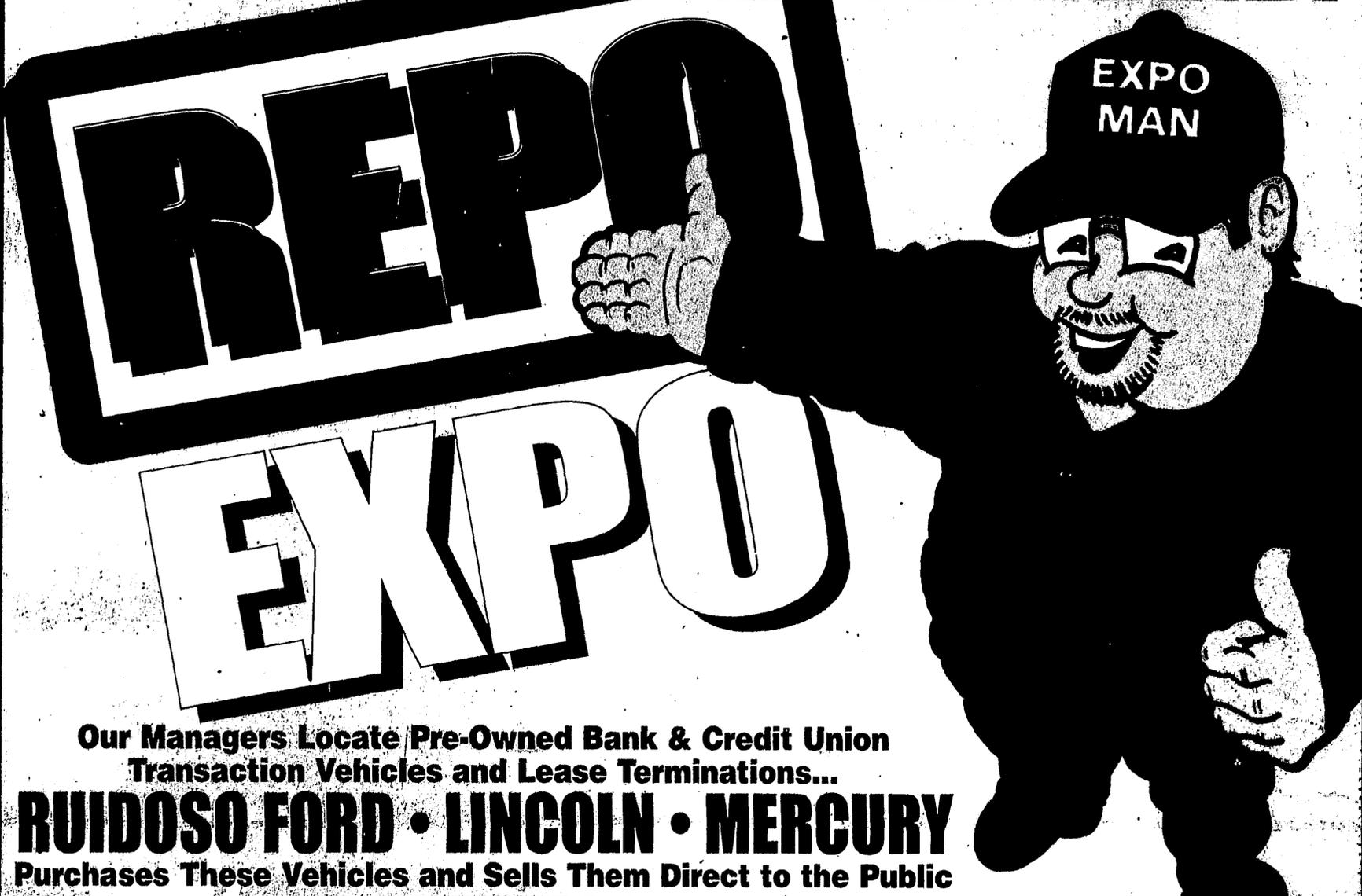
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For this native artist, the WRITING is on the WALL

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

"My real love is for somebody to give me a wall and say, 'What do you see?'" said Arlene Edwards, an artist who discovered that, for her, bigger is better.

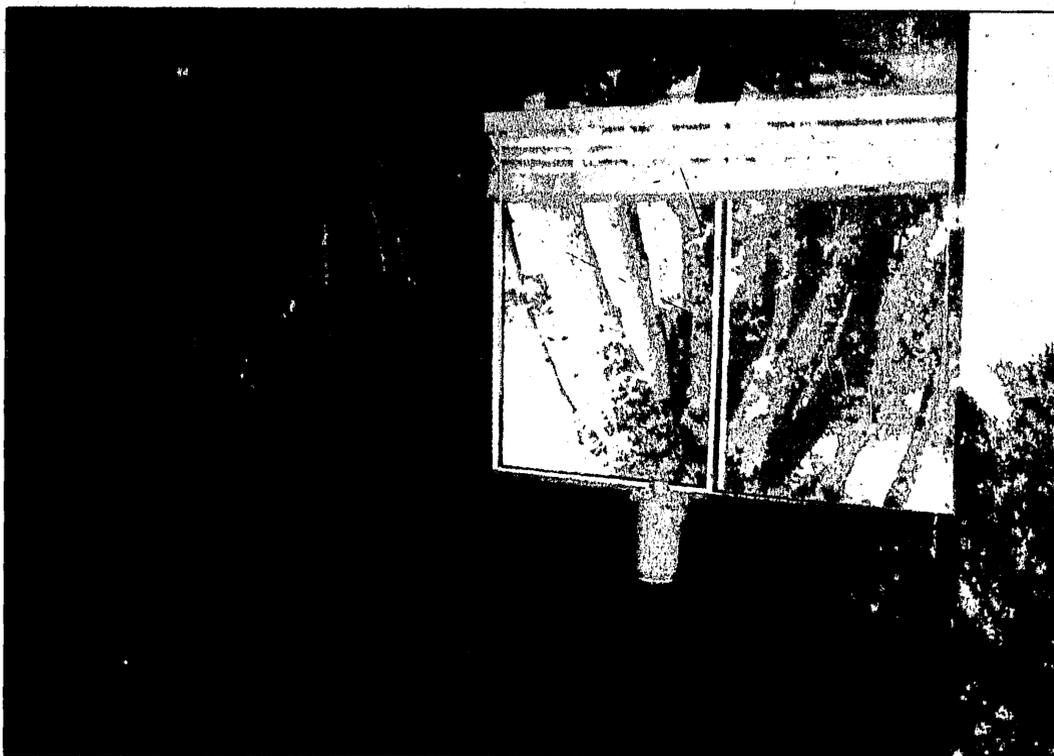
Although she lives in Albuquerque, she spends weekends in the Ruidoso house she was born and raised in, redecorating it and working on commissions for people in the area. She spends the rest of the time in Albuquerque painting murals and sculpting.

"My dad made the fireplace from

river rock," she said, walking through the house on Gavilan Canyon Road. "These are the original hardwood floors ... This wall is made from the sideboards of my grandfather's Model A truck — one of the first in the valley."

Her father now lives on a ranch in the Hondo Valley founded by her great-great-grandfather. Her mother, raised in Arabela, became ill when Edwards was in high school, so she had to begin home-schooling so she could care for her mother and her five younger brothers.

The only art class she took was from Katherine Travis, an art teacher at



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

The mural by Arlene Edwards in this bedroom connects the outside with the inside, expanding the sense of space and nature in the room. Below right: Even this painting by Arlene Edwards gives the illusion of space opening to the viewer.

Ruidoso High School (now deceased). Edwards then married and raised her own family, as well as her brothers, foregoing a full art scholarship at the Colorado School of Art.

Twenty years later, her second husband, Wayne, asked her if there was anything she had really wanted to do.

"I always wondered where my painting would have gone," she answered. "Once you are an artist you always look through the eyes of an artist. After 20 years, it was amazing how it came back, almost as if I never put down my brushes."

Seven years ago she made a commitment to paint every day, forcing herself to work with subjects and lighting that didn't come easily for her. She began working on larger and larger canvases and found she was more comfortable the bigger they got. Three years ago, she painted her first mural — in the master bedroom of her Ruidoso home — and when local people started seeing her work and asking about it, she began promoting herself as a muralist.

Since then, her largest mural is a landscape in a law office in Albuquerque measuring 12 feet by 36 feet.

Painting on such a large scale requires an entirely different technique from that of painting pictures, she said. It requires the capacity to stand a foot from the painting and know what the wall is going to look like, regardless of the size.

"I don't even draw — I never have. I just know what I want to paint and I

put paint on my brush and paint," she said.

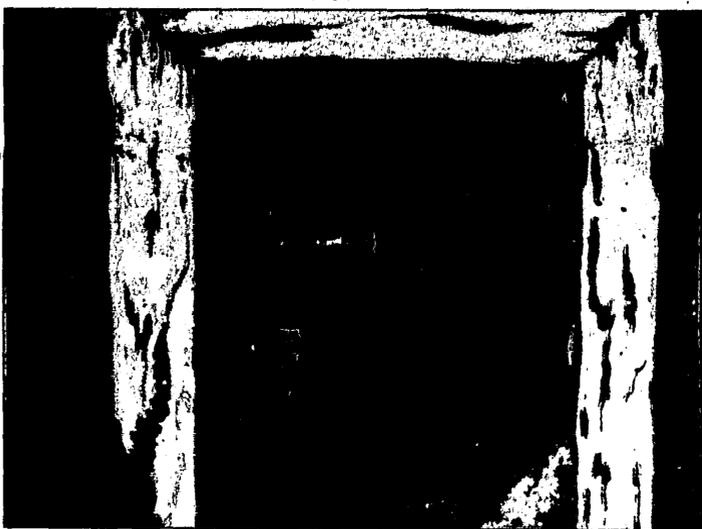
Edwards paints fast: The mural in her bedroom took her two days to paint, and the 36-foot mural at the law firm took her three days. This speed comes in handy when she's painting a mural in someone's home or office and

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SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Muralist Arlene Edwards stands in front of a mural she painted on the front of a windowless building next to her house on Gavilan Canyon Road.



The Moldovan women's refugee team gets the gold medal

Every now and then, you stumble across a story that is so wonderful you say to yourself: "If this story were made into a movie, Roger Ebert would deliberately expose himself to mutating radiation so he could grow additional thumbs and point them up."

Today I want to tell you such a story. It was brought to my attention by alert reader C. Erik Enockson, and it has what Aristotle called the Four Essential Elements of Drama: (1) despair, (2) intrigue, (3) Canadians, and (4) snorkeling.

When you read this story, you're going to think I made it up. But I ask you: Have I ever lied to you? OK, yes, many times. But as far as I can tell, this story — which was reported by The National Post, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. and The Moscow Times — really, truly happened.

It began in Moldova, a small Eastern European nation that once was part of the Soviet Union. I found a Moldovan Internet site (www.moldova.4pla.net/index.php) that provides these enticing facts for potential visitors:

— "In the Republic of Moldova live about 4.3 million people. This is more than in such countries as Ireland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and Albania etc."

— "In spite of economic and political problems, there are many interesting places in Moldova . . . There were estimated for about 1,400 densely located tourist objectives."

— "There are about 25 hotels and motels in Moldova offering from one to five star services . . . The hotel prices are similar to those in developed countries, but the quality of services doesn't correspond all the time to the international standards . . . Nevertheless many travelers enjoy their visits and some of them even would like to stay in the country for their whole life."

I bet they would! And if I ever decide to visit an Eastern European nation with more residents than Albania PLUS 1,400 densely located tourist objectives, Moldova will be on my short list. Because the Moldovans are a dynamic and fascinating people, united by a sincere and heartfelt desire to get the hell out of Moldova. At least this appears to be true of the 12 women who joined together last year to form the Moldovan national women's underwater hockey team.

Yes, underwater hockey is a real sport. The players wear fins, masks and snorkels, and they use little hockey sticks to push a weighted puck around the bottom of a swimming pool. At least that's what they CLAIM

they're doing down there; they could also be building a life-size replica of Keanu Reeves out of Legos. There's no way for the spectators to tell.

So anyway, last July, the world championships of women's underwater hockey were held in Calgary, and there was a team entered from Moldova. Now, a suspicious person might have suspected that the Moldovan team was not sincerely interested in underwater hockey, because of certain clues:

CLUE: People in former Soviet republics have been known to form fake sports teams in order to get into other countries and then seek refugee status. For example, in 2000, two "teams" from Kazakhstan attempted to enter a U.S. field-hockey tournament; one of the "players" was 63 years old.

CLUE: In 2000, Moldova sent a team to the men's underwater hockey world championships in Australia; some members of that team reportedly did not know how to put their fins on. The Moldovans lost two games, 30-0 and 23-0, after which the entire team applied for, and got, refugee status.

Nevertheless, Canada allowed the Moldovan women's underwater hockey team to come to the championships. Unlike the Moldovan men's team, which at least got into the pool, the

entire women's team skipped the opening ceremony and applied directly for refugee status. This is probably just as well: According to an anonymous source who was interviewed by the CBC on camera wearing a diving mask for disguise (I am still not making this up) and identified only as "Deep Trout," some members of the Moldovan team "couldn't even swim."

But my point is: Wouldn't this story make a GREAT movie? I see Tommy Lee Jones in the role of a suspicious Canadian immigration official, doggedly tracking Halle Berry as a Moldovan underwater hockey player who is struggling, against all odds, to overcome a really small bathing suit. I see Adam Sandler as the puck. Keanu Reeves would play himself.

One final note: The underwater-hockey people want their sport to be in the Olympics, and are concerned that this Moldovan scandal will hurt their chances. I hope it does not. I believe underwater hockey would make a very exciting Olympic sport, for both players and spectators, with the addition of one key element. Sharks.

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Art Loop 2003: Not just going in circles

County-wide tour welcomes new, old artists

BY SANDY SUGGITT

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

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In just three weeks, Art Loop signs will pop up all over Lincoln County from Ruidoso Downs through the Hondo Valley and over to Lincoln, Capitan, Nogal and Carrizozo — and with them some of the finest work in the area.

The "loop" includes paintings of award-winning artists Dee Wescott and Ann Templeton, jewelry, glass, ceramics, leather, hand-woven clothing, photography, sculpture, fine art quilts, handpainted china and paper filigree art.

Art Loop president Susan Weir-Ancker said one of the changes this year is the inclusion of photographers Dave G. Houser and Jan Butchofsky-Houser, with one-of-a-kind textured, signed photographs and photographs on paper weights.

"We always like to demonstrate and they'll have a computer hands-on where people can manipulate images on the computer and see images they've photographed," Weir-Ancker said.

Also new this year is Madeleine Sabo, with her drawings and paintings as well as her wood-turnings, and art quiltist Darcy Holmes, whose rich, textured quilts are like paintings that tell stories.

Ronda and Randy Dougherty were in the Art Loop several years ago and are back in a different medium, Weir-Ancker said. When at Earthly Greens in Lincoln, they

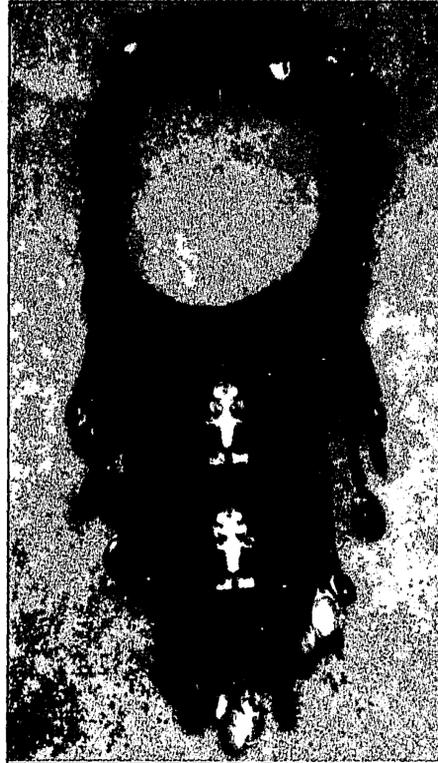
made pottery, but now the two and their son, Craig, are working in glass and metals, glass blowing and making freestanding sculptures and multimedia wall-hanging dolls.

Back again are sculptor Pam Topper, Barbara Culler with jewelry and framed quilling, and Karen Pritchett and Todd Shelby, who've created more sculptures in their yard and always change their functional pottery as well. Gay Speirbhain's back with a lot of new folk art paintings and sculptures, Zoë de Negri has a new line of jewelry, and Judy Benson's now adding "critters" to her line of needle-woven neck pieces. Bill Kerr has begun collaborating with potter Ivy Heymann and is painting on her teapots and cups as well as on fine Bavarian china and other pieces.

Maggie Doyle has moved her hand-woven clothing operation to 3rd Street in Capitan, and Jake Wolfheart is still on Smokey Bear Boulevard making a wide assortment of leather accessories.

Weir-Ancker is doing different things this year, too: torso pots with drawings, textures and carvings, as well as her cups, bowls and plates.

The Art Loop is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 12 and 13, and brochures — with a map — are available at the chambers of commerce in Ruidoso, Capitan and Carrizozo, and at the libraries in Ruidoso and Capitan. Art Loop samples are on display at the Capitan Public Library.



Peru needle weaving with pre-Colombian frog motif, 6 inches by 12 inches, by Judy Benson.

COURTESY JUDY BENSON

Get in the Loop: Previewing the people and works of Lincoln County Art Loop 2003

BY SANDY SUGGITT

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

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This is the first in a series of four articles looking at the artists in this year's Art Loop.

Judy Benson of San Patricio weaves neck pieces with purl cotton and other fibers on a hand-made loom, incorporating beads and found objects to create intricately designed jewelry. Recently, she's taken to creating soft-sculpture "critters," and a buffalo took a blue ribbon at the Fiber Arts Festival in Albuquerque and another from the Kokopelli Doll Club.

"The next day, a man came along and bought it," Benson said.

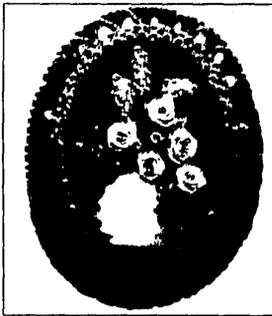
She makes the jewelry and "critters" during slow times at Benson Fine Art Gallery, which she operates with her husband, Peter, after moving to San Patricio from a gallery in Adobe Plaza in 1998.

"Neck pieces take a long time to make," she said. It takes a couple of weeks to complete one working a little bit every day.

She got her start by taking a weekend workshop with Helen Banes, who developed the needle-weaving technique as applied to neck pieces. She sold her creations through three retail stores of the Illinois Artisans Program, a juried state arts program, and "Somewhere along the way, I learned to coil baskets and began at times to incorporate the two techniques," she said.

Another extremely time-consuming kind of work is the quilling, or paper filigree, that Carrizozo's Barbara Culler does, hand-shaping paper forms into crosses, pictures, jewelry and eggs. Now she's doing some larger pieces, vases of flowers and as accents for her pen-and-ink and pastel work.

Culler did her first bit of



COURTESY BARBARA CULLER

Quilled pin/pendant, gold beads around framing, quilled paper flowers in vase made of glue, 2 inches by 1 1/2 inches, by Barbara Culler.

quilling about nine years ago, after seeing the pattern for a filigreed egg that she'd seen 20 years earlier. She made the egg, and by the time she was finished, she was in love with the paper filigree look and the art, and continued making different items, joining an international quilling group and eventually one in this country.

She'll be set up to give demonstrations during the Art Loop, and the studio will be open for visitors to try it if they wish to. (Culler also sells quilling supplies and gives classes.)

"A lot of pieces go into one piece," she said. "I can do a flower, but by the time I've cut and made the pieces, it can run into 10 steps just to make one teeny weeny flower. It has a lot of wonderful tradition behind it, but you're not stuck to tradition."

She's kept to the traditional look, but also adds bits of pearls or seashells or jewelry, and although crosses are her favorite, she also does quilled decorations on boxes, hollowed-out duck and ostrich eggs (it takes her at least a week to do an egg) and jewelry.

Zoë de Negri has been making jewelry since the 1960s, after receiving a degree at the University of Lagos in Nigeria and attending the Cooper Square Crafts School to

learn metal crafting techniques. Bloomingdale's became one of her regular buyers in the 1970s, and, after six years in New York City, she opened a studio in Minneapolis and built up her business and training others. She moved near Taos in 1989, to Cloudcroft two years later and now lives in the Ruidoso area, at milemarker 13 on Highway 48, handcrafting her sterling earrings, pins, pendants, necklaces and bracelets embellished with semiprecious stones.

"I've been focusing more on the traditional meanings of stones this year," she said. "A lot of amethyst; I like the color and it goes with so many things, looks good with silver and has spiritual properties."

De Negri incorporates a lot

of turquoise in her jewelry and this year carnelian is showing up in more pieces, as well as bright red jade.

"It's fun to work with the colors and the energies of the stones," she said. "I work better if I just let it happen, get the stones and the metal out and see what they want to do with each other rather than thinking or drawing about it. I don't always know what's going to happen until it's done."

Carrizozo's Bill Kerr has been hand-painting intricate designs on porcelain and china since 1981 when he told his sister he could do it better than she — and proved it one summer. With a master's degree in art from the University of North Texas,



COURTESY BILL KERR

Bavarian china coffee pot with cup and saucer, 12 inches high, hand-painted by Bill Kerr.

Kerr did abstract painting and taught art for many years in Texas.

"Once I started doing porcelain, I put away every other medium I had ever worked with," he said. "I enjoy experimenting with new designs and ideas."

Right now he's adapting Chinese-style brush painting with china painting — "and it ain't easy," he said.

As well as his exquisite floral designs, Kerr will have some pieces with persimmon and grape designs in the Chinese style and bamboo. He

also has some pieces painted with Southwestern designs.

A collaboration with Ivy Heymann of White Oaks Pottery has resulted in a line of teapots and cups in other pieces made by Heymann and painted by Kerr. He'll also have some tiled trivets, tile-top tables, built by his son and painted by him.

Kerr continues to teach and lecture on the art of porcelain painting and gives demonstrations.



COURTESY ZOE DE NEGRI

Abstract pin, twining technique set with amethysts, tourmaline and iolite, 4 inches by 2 inches, by Zoë de Negri.

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 First Assembly of God
 El Paso Road, Ruidoso. Rev. Stacy & Alicia Brankel, Pastor. Sunday morning worship: 10:45 a.m.; Children's Church in the New Castle-During Sunday services 10:30am-Sunday evening praise: 6 p.m.; Undercover Youth Night-Mondays @ 7:00 - 8:30pm Music - Fellowship - FunAges 12-20 Everyone is welcomed! - Ladies Bible Study-Tuesday Nights @ 7:00pm every 1st and 3rd week. Wed. family night: 7 p.m.
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 Alto Baptist Church 1212 Mechem Sunday, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday 6 p.m. 336-1979.
 First Baptist Church
 270 Country Club Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345. (505) 257-2081. Tim Gilliland, Pastor. Contemporary Services, Saturday 7:00 p.m. & Sunday 11:00 a.m.; Traditional Service Sunday 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School all ages 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday Activities for all ages, 6:30 p.m.;
 First Baptist Church
 Ruidoso Downs. Randy Widener, Pastor. Sunday: Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; Worship hour 8 & 11 a.m.; Eve. worship: 6:00 p.m.; Wed. Prayer meeting 6:30 p.m.
 First Baptist Church
 Timmie, Bill Jones, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
 Mescalero Baptist Mission
 Mescalero, Sunday: Sunday school 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.; 7:15 p.m.; Training union 6:30 p.m. Wednesday services 6:30 p.m.
 Ruidoso Baptist Church 126 Church Drive, Palmer Gateway. Wayne Joyce, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.;

Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.
 Mountain Baptist Church-Location Park behind the Smokey Bear Monument on the northeast side. Times of Service: Sunday school, 10:00am, Sunday Morning - 11:00am, Sunday evening - 6:00pm, Wednesday evening, 6:30pm.
 The Fellowship of Help and Hope, SBC 127 Rio St. 505-257-6899 Pastor, Charles W. Clary, Worship, 6:30 pm Tuesday, Bible Study, KRIV 7:30 AM, Sunday e-mail: HELP AND HOPE @ ZIANET.COM
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CATHOLIC
 St. Eleanor Catholic Church Ruidoso, 257-2330. Reverend Al Galvan. Sacrament of Penance: Sat. 5:00 p.m. or by appointment, Sat. Mass: 6 p.m. (Bilingual); Sun. Mass: 10 a.m. (English), 11:30 a.m. (English); Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 5 to 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass, St. Jude Thaddeus, San Patricia: 8 a.m.
 St. Theresa Catholic Church Corona. Sunday Mass: 6 p.m.
 St. Joseph Apache Mission Mescalero. Father Paul Boienhagen. Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.
 Our Lady of Guadalupe Bent. Father Paul Boienhagen. Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.
CHRISTIAN
 Christian Community Church 127 Rio Corner W/Eagle, Mid-town. 9-11 Sunday Services/Praise & Worship. For more information call: 378-7076
 Crosspoint Christian Fellowship A Christ Centered Church 1007 Mechem, Suite 5, Phone: 258-1740. Steve Kreins, Pastor. Pre-service prayer 9 a.m.; Sunday worship service 10 a.m.; Children's Church 10 a.m. Small group meetings, including youth group, at various times and locations.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Hull and Gavilan Canyon Road. Rev. James M. Smith, Pastor. Sunday School, K-12/Adult: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.; Chancel Choir: Wednesday 7 p.m.
CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Gateway Church of Christ 415 Sudderth, Ruidoso. 257-4381. Jimmy Sportsman, Minister. Sunday Bible study, 9:30 a.m.; Sun. worship: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. Bible study: 7 p.m.
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 Church of Jesus Christ LDS Mescalero Branch, 671-4630 Wayne King, President, 505-434-0622. Sunday Sacrament meeting 10 a.m.; Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m.; Priesthood Relief Soc. & Young Women, 12:10 a.m.
EPISCOPAL
 Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso. Father John W. Penn, Rector. Sunday Eucharist: 8 & 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Daughters of King: noon; Eucharist & healing: 5:30 p.m.; Choir practice: 7 p.m.
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 Congregation Hispana de los Testigos de Jehova 106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 336-7076. Dom. Reunion Public 10:00 a.m.; Estudio de la Atalaya 10:50 p.m. Mart. Escuela del Ministerio Teocratico 7 p.m.; Reunion de servicio 7:50 p.m.; Mier Estudio de libro 7:00 p.m.
LUTHERAN
 Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church 112Q Hull Road, 258-4191, 257-5296. Kevin I. Krohn, Pastor. Sunday: Worship 8:30 a.m. (May-Oct.), 10:30 a.m.; Sun. School & Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Thurs. Eve. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., call for location.
METHODIST
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 Nazareth Church of the Nazarene Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Ron Rodes Pastor. Sat. Alternative Worship, 6:30 pm. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Tuesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Worship, 6:30 p.m.
PRESBYTERIAN
 First Presbyterian Church 101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220, rev. Kenneth Davis, interim pastor. Sunday Church school 9:45 a.m.; worship 11 a.m. Potluck fellowship after worship the third Sunday of every month.
 Mountain Ministry Parish Community United Presbyterian Church Ancho, Reverend Scott King. Sunday worship: 9 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.
 Corona Presbyterian Church Reverend Scott King. Sunday Church School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
 Nogal Presbyterian Church Reverend Bill Sebring. Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.
REFORMED CHURCH
 Mescalero Reformed Mescalero. Bob Schuit, Pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:30 a.m.; worship 10:30 a.m. Mon.: junior high youth 6:30 p.m. Wed.: high school meeting 7 p.m. Thur.: Kids Club (grades 1-5) 3:30.
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 Ruidoso Seventh Day Adventist 207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4161. Pastor Earl Robertson 505-439-0760; Assoc. Pastor Wilburn Morrow 622-1206. Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m.; Church service: 11 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.
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 Abundant Life Family Church 2810 Sudderth Drive, Suite 210, 257-1188. Mark Gentry, pastor. Sunday worship 10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible study 7 p.m.
 American Missionary Fellowship Rick Smith, 682-

2999. Monday: Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m. at Schlotzsky's Deli. Tuesday: Ruidoso men's Bible study noon at Pizza Hut, Mechem Drive. Wednesday: (Sept. through May) Capitan Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups 6:30 p.m. at Christ Community Fellowship. E-mail: RickS@americanmissionary.org
 Calvary Chapel 127 Vision, next to Cable Co., 257-5915 Pastor John Marshall. Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Mid-week bible study 7 p.m.
 Centro Cristiano Casa de Oracion 139 El Paso Rd., Ruidoso, 257-2324. Pastor Carlos Carreon. Reunion General Jueves 7:00 p.m.; Domingo 10:00 a.m.; Club Amistad Sabado 11:00 a.m. (mitos).
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 Trinity Southern Baptist Church (south on Highway 48) Mt. Capitan Rd. 354-2044. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Worship: 11 a.m.; AWANA-Sunday 4-6 p.m.
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CATHOLIC
 Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 Capitan, 354-9102. Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.; Monday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.
CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Capitan - Highway 48, Les Earwood, Minister. Sunday Bible study: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.
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Capitan Foursquare Church Highway 48, Capitan. Harold W. Perry, Pastor. Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.
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 Capitan United Methodist Church
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 Christ Community-Fellowship Capitan, Highway 380 West, 354-2458. Ed Vinson, Pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.
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 First Baptist Church
 Hayden Smith, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.; Church training: 6:30 p.m. Sunday
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 Santa Rita Catholic Church
 648-2853. Father Dave Bergs, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 11 a.m.; Tuesday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.
CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Monsoons in paradise

Monsoon! The word has a terrifying connotation for folks who live in the tropics. The images of torrential downpours and devastating floods crash through our minds.

However, for those of us who live in the mountains of New Mexico, the word "monsoon" brings an image of light and lovely afternoon and evening showers accompanied by rolling thunder attending the brilliant flashes of lightning.

Not being a meteorologist, I may be wrong, but it seems to me that the monsoon showers are ahead of schedule this year. Usually, we can expect them about the first of July, but here we are receiving these blessed showers in the middle of June. And we need them so desperately to nourish the earth and to set aside the dangers of forest fire. While lightning strikes could enhance the fire danger, perhaps the rains will keep damage to a minimum.

I love the climate in our beloved Ruidoso. The cool, crisp evenings and the pleasant, temperate afternoons give us the best of everything in summer weather. We do not experience the coastal humidity of Hawaii or San Diego. But, personally, I can do without that. And I don't need the ocean, when we

have an ocean of blue sky with the decorative, billowing sails of clouds that show promise of the life giving showers.

Perhaps, you think that I am a Chamber of Commerce "shill" who is promoting Ruidoso. No, I am just an appreciative resident who grew up in the hot, mesquite-covered hills of West Texas and lived in the burning, concrete jungles of Austin and the DFW metroplex.



Claryfications
By CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

What a blessing it is to be delivered from the artificial climate of asphalt and the tangled maze of traffic. Almost every morning, I awake, roll over, kiss my bride, and say, "What do you know, another lousy day in paradise."

I hope that all the residents and tourists alike are grateful for our wonderful village. I really believe that an "attitude of gratitude" in all our hearts would bring about a desire to take care of this mountain wonderland where we are privileged to live and visit. It helps me to know that we can all take care of our paradise and have hope that the generations that come after will get to enjoy it as well. And, don't forget that Jesus is our help for today and our hope for tomorrow.

Recognizing 'marriage killers' that can affect young couples

QUESTION: Would you identify some of the major "marriage killers" that are most responsible for the high divorce rate that plagues today's families?

DR. DOBSON: Any one of the following "dragons" can rip a relationship to shreds if given an opportunity to do so.

- Overcommitment and physical exhaustion: This condition is especially insidious for young couples who are trying to get started in a profession or in school. Do not try to go to college, work full-time, have a baby, manage a toddler, fix up a house and start a business at the same time. It sounds ridiculous, but many young couples do just that - and are then surprised when their marriages fall apart. The only time they see each other is when they are worn out!

- Excessive credit and conflict over how money will be spent: Pay cash for consumable items or don't buy. Don't spend more on a house or a car than you can afford, leaving too little income for dating, short trips, baby sitters, etc. Allocate your funds with wisdom.

- Selfishness: There are two kinds of people in the world: the givers and the takers. A marriage between two givers can be a beautiful thing. Friction is inevitable for a giver and a taker. But two takers can claw each other to pieces within a period of weeks.

- Unhealthy relationships with in-laws: If either the husband or wife has not been fully emancipated from the parents, it is best not to live near them. Autonomy is difficult for some mothers and fathers to grant.

- Unrealistic expectations: Some couples come into marriage anticipating rose-covered cottages, walks down primrose lanes and unmitigated joy.

There is no way a marriage between two imperfect human beings can deliver on that expectation. The late counselor Jean Lush believed, and I agree, that this romantic illusion is particularly characteristic of American women who expect more from their husbands than they are capable of providing.



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Space invaders: My concern is for those who violate the "breathing room" needed by their partners, quickly suffocating them and destroying the attraction between them. Jealousy is one way the phenomenon manifests itself. Another is a poor self-concept, which leads the insecure spouse to build a cage around the other. It often suffocates the relationship. Love must be free and it must be confident.

- Sexual frustration and its partner, the greener grass of infidelity: It is a deadly combination!

- Business collapse: Failure in work does bad things, to men especially. Their agitation over financial reverses sometimes sublimates to anger within the family.

- Business success: It is almost as risky to succeed wildly as it is to fail miserably in business. King Solomon wrote: "Give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread" (Proverbs 30:8). It's true.

- Getting married too young: Girls who marry between 14 and 17 years of age are more than twice as likely to divorce as those who marry at 18 or 19 years of age. Those who marry at 18 or 19 are 1-1/2 times more likely to divorce as those who marry in their 20s.

The pressures of adolescence and the stresses of early married life do not mix well. Finish the first before taking on the second.

- Alcohol and substance abuse: These are notorious killers, not only of marriages but also of the people who indulge excessively. It has been said that upward of a third of all Americans and Canadians are close family members of an alcoholic.

- Pornography, gambling and other addictions: It should be obvious to everyone that the human personality is flawed. During an introductory stage, people think they can tamper with various enticements, such as pornography, gambling, hard drugs, etc., without being hurt. Indeed, many do walk away unaffected. For some, however, there is a weakness and vulnerability that is unknown until too late. Such people then become addicted to something that tears at the fabric of the family. This warning may seem foolish and even prudish to my readers, but I've made a 20-year study of those who wreck their lives. Their problems often begin in experimentation with a known vice and ultimately end in death ... or the death of a marriage.

These are a few of the common marriage killers. But in truth, the list is virtually limitless. If you are going to beat the odds and maintain an intimate, long-term marriage, you must take the task seriously.

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

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Self-forgiveness is key to freedom

QUESTION: I believe God has forgiven me now that I've become a Christian, but I just can't forgive myself. I deeply hurt lots of people by the way I used to behave. Is it possible somehow to forgive myself and put all those things out of my mind? - G.C.

ANSWER: Perhaps you will always have moments of regret for what you've done. But regret isn't the same thing as guilt, and it's important to keep them separate.

The key is to realize that God really has forgiven all your sins - totally and completely. Let me illustrate it this way. Imagine for a moment that you

wrote down every sin you had ever committed. Then imagine something else: that you were standing by the side of the road as Jesus passed by on His way to the cross - and as He did, He reached out and took your list. What would have happened to it? It would have been nailed to the cross with Jesus.

And that is what happened! Jesus was without sin - but He took upon Himself every sin you and I ever committed, and He died in our place. We were guilty - but all our guilt was transferred to Him. And that is why the Bible flatly says, "He forgave us all our sins...nailing it to the cross" (Colossians 2:13-14).

Yes, regrets may still cling to us; all his life the Apostle Paul regretted his hostility toward Christians before his conversion. He even said he didn't deserve to be an apostle because of it. But then he added, "by the grace of God I am what I am" (1 Corinthians 15:10). Thank God every day for His grace to you, and don't be bound by the chains of guilt any longer. Jesus has freed you!

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

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Fellowship to be held here next week

Gateway Church of Christ in Ruidoso will hold its 14th annual Mountain Family Fellowship at the Ruidoso Convention Center June 26-29.

This year's event, titled "Our Journey Together," could see up to 800 out-of-town guests, as well as hundreds of locals, according to a press release from the church.

Praise and worship will be led by Ken Young and the group Hallal from Midland, Texas. Speakers will include locals Jimmy Sportsman

and John Duncan, as well as Mike Cope from Abilene, Texas.

Singing, Bible classes, a prayer room and refreshments will all be part of the event. The Vine Christian book store will be on hand, selling books and gifts. T-shirts and tapes of sermons will also be available.

All Ruidoso residents are invited to attend, especially on Thursday evening, according to the press release. For information call 257-4381 or log on to www.mountainfamilyfellowship.org.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Donations needed

Hispanic church Comunidad Cristiana needs donations for a new building. Tables, chairs, desks, paint and cash will all be accepted and will be tax deductible. Call Carlos Carreon at 378-1113 or 257-6075 for information.

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Blues band to play house concert

Albuquerque band to perform at farm between Capitan and Lincoln

Albuquerque blues band Tony Rio & Voodoo Chili will perform at a house concert sponsored by the Artists Collaborative Theatre, with a potluck at 5 p.m. and the concert at 6 p.m. June 28. This will be a backyard concert at the Sullivan family farm, located on the river between Capitan and Lincoln.

Admission is a minimum donation of \$10 per adult (at the gate); additional contributions to support the Artists Collaborative Theatre are appreciated.

A house concert is like a private party at your neighbor's house, with live music as the center of attention. Musicians who play house concerts are accomplished, professional artists who typically tour nationally and internationally. Some play with big-time bands on occasion, or they are major-league artists who enjoy the intimacy of a small venue.

"The cool thing about a house concert is that you're right there in the immediate presence of the artist," says ACT's concert promoter, Pamela Cromwell. "It's like a com-

mand performance."

As house concerts have become popular all over the country, there is now something of a house-concert circuit that many professional musicians follow. ACT has begun sponsoring house concerts as a means of bringing great live music to the Ruidoso area and to raise awareness of the non-profit performing arts group. Ruidoso has become part of a New Mexico mini-circuit that includes Albuquerque and Alamogordo. The three concert groups help each other by sharing information, artist reviews and bookings.

Described as a "blues maven" with a "soulful" vocal and guitar style, Rio and his band received awards from New Mexico Mic Line for their first CD. Their new release "Ilovetheblues!" is a solid 10-track smoldering groove with Jon Edwards on drums and Dean Cannon on bass.

The Sullivan farm is on Highway 380, just east of the Fort Stanton Road turn-off, between mile markers 92 and 93; signs will mark the driveway. An RSVP is appreciated: e-mail pamelac@zianet.com or call 378-2274.

Young leads eclectic mix at Spencer show June 28

The guitarist and singer has been playing for 30 years.

Singer, songwriter, guitarist Gregg Young, the leader of the roof-raising 2nd Street Band, brings the highly charged "Pink Cadillac Tour" to the Spencer Theater Saturday, June 28, at 8 p.m.

The group performs a blend of progressive jazz, Blues, R&B, Rock 'n' Roll, Caribbean, Reggae, and Swing. Many of the selections at the Spencer concert will be from Young's highly touted "A Band for All Reasons" CD, as well as from an upcoming release "Positively, Positive" with a few traditional, patriotic tunes in the mix.

"The combination and chemistry you get with this band is great," says Young. "You won't easily find this type of synthesis anywhere else."

Packing concert halls since the early 1990s, the group has long been revered as one of the most eclectic jazz bands in the Los Angeles area, but now its reputation is sizzling, thanks to critical recognition of last year's release, "A Band for All Reasons." The CD was considered for six Grammy Awards.

Though the nominations ultimately weren't conferred, just being considered in six major categories was sensational, Young said.

"That was an incredible boost for us," he said. "Just to see my name, the name of the band, included on a list with the more established, major names was just incredible. It's taken our work to a new level."

The Spencer show will showcase a diverse repertoire of songs: "Pink Cadillac," "I Like Summertime," "Lean On Me" and many others.

"I am the quarterback," Young says of his role in concert. "We play to the audience. If I see a predominance of older people, younger people, cowboy hats, etc., then I know in what direction we should go to make sure they feel effervescent and happy."

The 2nd Street Band is a pool of 40 top musicians Young founded and has led for the past 13 years. He has selected for the Spencer appearance:

vocal "Diva" Andrea Palm, Kirkwood Coakley on bass and vocals, his brother "T" Coakley on keyboards and vocals, and Casey Jones on drums and vocals.

Originally from San Francisco, Young has enjoyed a sensational 30-year musical experience that includes shows with Jimi Hendrix, Bob Dylan, Steve Miller, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Linda Ronstadt, Steppenwolf, Iron Butterfly, Eric Burden, War, Jose Feliciano and others, and he includes Carlos Santana, Bo Diddley and Sly Stone to be both friends and mentors.

Following the band's Spencer performance, the group will appear at halls in California throughout July and August. A full listing of their concert line-up can be found at www.greggyoung.com.

Excellent seats are available for \$25 and \$28. Call the Spencer Theater Box Office at (505) 336-4800, toll free at (888) 818-7872, or go online at www.spencertheater.com.

El Paso group plays Saturday

At 8 p.m. June 21, Maestro Gurer Aykal leads the 69 musicians of the El Paso Symphony Orchestra in an eclectic program that includes the hard-hitting big band Latin beat music of Leonard Bernstein's "West Side Story," Neil Diamond's "The Jazz Singer" and classical compositions by Rossini, de Falla, Rimsky-Korsakov and Elgar's "Nimrod" in special tribute to the late Jackie Spencer-Morgan. Excellent seats remain for \$42 and \$45.

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THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

The Hulk
Action/Adventure, Drama and Sci-Fi/Fantasy, 2 hrs. 18 min. Rated PG-13 for sci-fi action violence, some disturbing images and brief partial nudity.

In this adaptation of the long-running Marvel comic "The Incredible Hulk," research scientist Dr. Bruce Banner's (Eric Bana) failed experiments cause him to mutate into a monstrously powerful and savage green-skinned behemoth whenever he loses control of his emotions. Jennifer Connelly plays his love interest Betty Ross, Nick Nolte plays Bruce's dangerous father, and Sam Elliott plays Betty's father, the tough-as-nails General Thaddeus "Thunderbolt" Ross.
Starring: Eric Bana, Jennifer Connelly, Nick Nolte, Sam Elliott, Josh Lucas
Directed by: Ang Lee
Produced by: Avi Arad, Gale Anne Hurd, Larry J. Franco, James Schamus
Written by: David Hayter, James Schamus, Michael France, John Turman, Michael Tolkkin
Showtimes: 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:45 p.m.

Finding Nemo
Comedy, Kids/Family and Animation, 1 hr. 41 min. Rated G for General Audiences.

The Academy Award-winning creators of TOY STORY, A BUG'S LIFE, and MONSTERS, INC. dive into a whole new world with this underwater adventure. The film follows the comedic and eventful journeys of two fish - Marlin and his son Nemo - who become separated in the Great Barrier Reef when Nemo is unexpectedly taken far from home and thrust into a fish tank in a dentist's office overlooking Sydney harbor. Buoyed by the companionship of a friendly-but-forgetful fish named Dory, the overly cautious father embarks on a dangerous trek and finds himself the unlikely hero of an epic journey to rescue his son - who hatches a few daring plans of his own to return safely home.
Starring: Alexander Gould, Erica Beck, Albert Brooks, Ellen DeGeneres, Geoffrey Rush
Directed by: Andrew Stanton
Produced by: Graham Walters
Written by: Andrew Stanton, Bob Peterson, David Reynolds
Showtimes: 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:15 p.m.

Hollywood Homicide
Action/Adventure and Comedy, 1 hr. 51 min. Rated PG-13 for violence, sexual situations and language.

Two LAPD homicide detectives who moonlight in other fields, Joe Gaviilan (Ford) (a real estate agent) and K.C. Calden (Hartnett) (a yoga instructor and wannabe actor), investigate the

slaying of a rap group on stage that is possibly orchestrated by Sartain (Washington), a notorious rap label boss who is rumored to have arranged the death of rap artists in the past who wanted to get out of their contracts, and whose head of security is himself a former LAPD officer.

Starring: Harrison Ford, Josh Hartnett, Keith David, Lolita Davidovich, Bruce Greenwood
Directed by: Ron Shelton
Produced by: Lou Pitt, Ron Shelton
Written by: Ron Shelton, Robert Souza
Showtimes: 4:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m.

2 Fast 2 Furious
Crime/Gangster and Action/Adventure, 1 hr. 40 min. Rated PG-13 for street racing, violence, language and some sensuality.

Former cop Brian O'Conner (Walker) teams up with his ex-con pal Roman Pearce (Gibson) to transport a shipment of "dirty" money for shady Miami-based import-export dealer Carter Verone (Hauser), while actually working with undercover agent Monica Clemente (Mendes) to bring Verone down.
Starring: Paul Walker, Tyrese Gibson, Eva Mendes, Tyrese, Cole Hauser
Directed by: John Singleton
Produced by: Neal H Moritz
Written by: Michael Brandt, Derek Haas
Showtimes: 1:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m.



The Hulk is approached on the streets of San Francisco in Universal's *The Hulk*.

MURAL: Making art larger than life

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doesn't want to tie up the space too long.

"I translate what people want into life-size art," she said. "It's a matter of tricking the eye into believing in depth - something that doesn't exist on a flat surface."

She is also a sculptor, and worked with Dave McGary as a consultant and director of operations for 10 years. Her introduction to this work was on a piece McGary was having problems designing called later "Long Soldier." Edwards acted as his sculpting assistant, and went on to work on other sculptures with him. She, McGary and Tony Tidwell created the monument now in Santa Fe, "Founding of Santa Fe," and her signature is on it.

Now she's working on a series of bronze cradle boards, and sculpts "little casitas" from

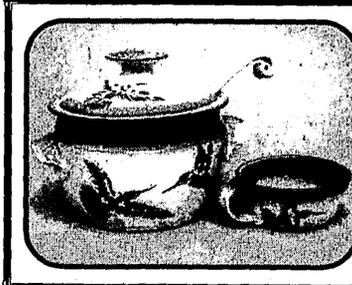
the old firebricks her father used for the face of the house, which were falling down. These unique, one-of-a-kind, signed little houses have porches, doors and shutters made from wood from her father's ranch in the Hondo Valley, and she sculpts the foregrounds directly from the old bricks.

Researching the traditional New Mexico casitas, Edwards discovered that the chile ristras hung in doorways were originally signs that residents

had extra food or a place for travelers to stay, she said.

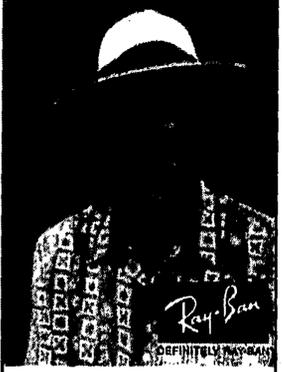
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John Wesley Hardin: Death in The Acme Saloon

Saloons were big business in the Old West, as you may have guessed. At the height of its boom, Tombstone, Ariz., contained no less than 66 saloons, which is something when you consider that they were contained in an area of approximately six square blocks!

These saloons were an absolute necessity on the frontier, at least as far as the male population was concerned. In those days, saloons were strictly a man's domain — "Gunsmoke's" Miss Kitty notwithstanding — and they were designed to entertain males. Consequently, you can guess the role that women played — be it upstairs or out back or in an adjacent building or whatever — and that it was not respectable, enjoyable (at least for the ladies) and certainly not healthy.

But that was the frontier. A woman's lot — never an easy one — was an absolute nightmare in that place and time. Talk about a lack of career choices! A woman on the frontier had precious few options open to her to make a living in the first place. Many were married, and frequently worked themselves to death raising families, crops, etc. Of course, there were always exceptions — entrepreneurial women such as Nellie Cashman, who opened restaurants across the frontier, and Lottie Deno, a very successful professional woman gambler. After that, the only real profession open was that of a "soiled dove" — which was a gentle euphemism for prostitute.

At any rate, the point I am belaboring here with my concern over the horrid lot of the ladies in those days, is that

saloons were filled with men and there wasn't a town around that didn't have one — an absolute necessity as far as most men were concerned.



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Gunfighters

When one studies the history of the Old West, it is difficult not to take note of the fact that a good deal of the violence that took place was in, and around, saloons. When I first started to write this story, I intended to tell of just one

momentous shootout in a western saloon, but the more I thought about it, an awful lot of gunmen met their ends in saloons. Hm... Hm... Hm...

Recently, I wrote about Buckskin Frank Leslie, who was a bartender and actually killed a man — who was foolish enough to pick a fight with him — while still wearing his bartender's apron. Dallas Stoudenmire died on a saloon floor in El Paso. Mannen Clements, cousin of John Wesley Hardin and a dangerous man in his own right, his son, "Mannie" Clements, and, in fact, Hardin himself all died in saloons. The list goes on and on, but it is the death of Hardin that I will speak of today.

"Texas, Dark Angel"

Most of the old gunmen had inflated reputations, usually by the gunmen themselves — it was good for business if a man thought that you had put away a dozen or so just like him. He would think twice about provoking you.

Most, that is, but not all. John Wesley Hardin was the exception. He killed his first man at the age of 15 — a fellow foolish enough to bring a club to a gunfight — and most historians place his 40th victim as

going down on Hardin's 21st birthday. John Wesley himself, in his autobiography, admitted to 27 homicides. In the opinion of this writer, he was the single most dangerous man America ever produced, whether for good or bad is still under debate, with most people thinking he was bad. I'm not so sure, but that is quite another story.

It is not my purpose to pass judgment on Hardin — or anyone else for that matter — it is folly to try to judge 19th century people using 21st century values. But the record is pretty clear that he was the most feared gunman in the West. Mothers in Texas would actually tell their delinquent children that they should "Be good or Wes Hardin will getcha."

For years many, many people have tried to analyze John Wesley Hardin and the reasons that drew him to the life he led. The consensus seems to be that he was simply a product of Reconstruction, the frontier, an uncontrollable temper, and a marked skill with firearms. Quite a combination.

In 1877, after he had been at large for nine years, Hardin was captured in Pensacola, Fla., and taken back to Texas. In the Lone Star State, he was tried for a killing that seems to have been a relatively clear-cut case of self-defense, but the victim was a deputy sheriff. John Wesley was sentenced to 25 years in the dreaded Rusk Prison at Huntsville, Texas. He was 24.

After repeated escape attempts, followed by floggings, Hardin finally settled down in prison and began to read — voraciously and incessantly. For a time, he thought about becoming a minister, like his father, but ultimately settled on the law, undoubtedly feeling that it would serve him in more practical ways.

He remained in prison for 16 years. During that period,

Hardin made many plans with his wife Jane, who struggled faithfully on the outside to raise their three children. On Nov. 6, 1892, Jane Bowen Hardin died. Essentially, she had worked herself to death. At the age of 36, she appeared to be about 70. Her last words were "Good Lord guard and protect my dear children for they have no mother or father to care for them now."

Times change

All of John Wesley Hardin's hopes and dreams had been wrapped up with Jane and the children. Her death was devastating to him and he never really recovered emotionally, as much of his later behavior shows. In February of 1894, just 16 months after the death of his beloved Jane, John Wesley Hardin was released into a world that was poised to plunge into the 20th century. He walked out of Rusk Prison into a place that had changed drastically in his absence. Telephones were commonplace, the Indian Wars were over, there were vehicles powered by engines to replace the horse, and there were even stories of flying machines.

After a few false starts as an attorney and even a brief marriage to a 15-year-old girl, Hardin headed for El Paso to ply his lawyer's trade. It was one of the few still-wild places left on the frontier and it was where he was destined to have his final adventure.

Hardin's first job in El Paso was to prosecute a Pecos man named Bud Frazer. John Wesley was hired by his relative-by-marriage Jim Miller, who also happened to be the West's premier assassin.

Miller's odious reputation traveled well ahead of him. Despite the fact that he attended church services regularly (giving him the nickname "Deacon Jim" which offset his

other nickname, "Killin' Jim"), Miller may have killed as many as 50 men — all from ambush. Miller, unlike Hardin, never saw any reason to give his victims a chance.

A young woman who knew Hardin toward the end of his life made the following interesting, and true, statement after his death. The difference between John Wesley Hardin and Jim Miller was that "Hardin is gone now and can't defend himself, but as bad as he was, he never took a shot-in-the-back advantage of anyone. Always he sent a warning — but watch out when he did."

For that reason, I suspect that Hardin took Miller's case simply because Miller was married to a relative. As gunmen went, the two men were exactly opposite in approach. Hardin's men "went down looking at him," while Miller's victims never had that opportunity to defend themselves.

The Miller case proceeded to limbo, which was just as well, because Miller himself ended his relationship with Frazer some time later. He accomplished this by blowing the latter's head off while Frazer played cards with his back to the door of a saloon. Killin' Jim simply stood out on the sidewalk and rested the barrels of his shotgun across the batwing doors. Frazer, like all the others, never had a chance.

But this is a story about the death of John Wesley Hardin — not Jim Miller, who was eventually lynched.

Bad night at the Acme

At about 11 p.m., on the night of Aug. 19, 1895, John Wesley Hardin was standing at the bar of the Acme Saloon, rolling dice with a local grocer by the name of Henry Brown. The day had been what had at this point in his life, become "the usual" for him. He had arisen late and then spent the

day wandering from saloon to saloon and card game to dice game to card game to saloon and so on.

A telegram was delivered to him on the afternoon of that day, his last, at the Acme Saloon, by a local boy who ran errands for Western Union. Hardin tipped the boy a dime and, glancing at the whiskey glass in his other hand, admonished the youngster: "Son, don't ever do this." Perhaps he was thinking of his own children. The boy thanked him and left, remembering years later that despite Hardin's deadly reputation, the local children had "only" received kindnesses from him. Hardin tarried at the Acme for a while and then ambled on down the street. He was destined to enter the Acme once more, as fate would have it, later that night.

When he finally returned, the place was almost empty. Business had been slow and the bartender was lounging lazily behind the bar. Henry Brown was drinking a beer and Hardin began rolling dice with him to pass the time. John Wesley Hardin's back was to the door when John Selman came through it, his six-gun in his hand.

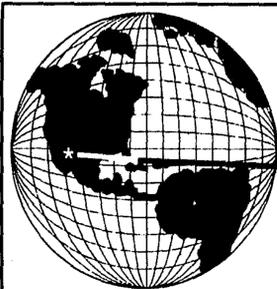
Next week: Death in the Acme Saloon

NOTE: The Acme Saloon, along with life-size photographs of Hardin, Selman, and numerous others has been re-created at the Hubbard Museum of the American West as part of its "Gunfighter" exhibit, currently on display.

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

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On the Go with Hank & Ellen
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ter river. Touted as one of the finest scenic rides in the country by National Geographic Traveler magazine, the scenery was indeed spectacular. However, the trip is not for the faint of heart. At some points the train seemed to cling to the mountainside. Journey's end for the narrow-gauge railroad from Durango came at Silverton, a

of the Old West. We chuckled upon noticing a bar room sign telling patrons to "check your guns at the door." It wasn't difficult to imagine the days when the town bustled with gun-slingers and rough-and-tumble miners seeking their fortunes. While we opted to take the train for the return trip to Durango, not all passengers do: Some stay overnight or get off at Needleton or at Elk Park to hike the backwoods trails of the San Juan National Forest. Although the train follows the same set of tracks, seeing the scenery from the opposite direction made it feel like we were seeing it for the first time.



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small town spread across a flat valley. Nestled at 9,300 feet beneath 13,000-foot peaks, it's one of Colorado's most atmospheric mountain towns, with wide, dirt-paved streets leading off towards the hills to either side of the one main road. The train makes a two-hour stop in Silverton, allowing passengers time to wander the streets of the once booming town. At its peak, 5,000 residents called the town home. Today, some 700 hearty souls reside in the remote mountain community. Despite the souvenir shops and trendy cafes, the picturesque town has managed to maintain the look and feel

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McMahon gallery opens one-man show

McMahon Fine Art opens a one-man show of the paintings of Eric Michaels of Trinidad, Colo., with a reception from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, when he will be available to talk about his work with visitors. The subject matter of his paintings spans four continents and both hemispheres. His work has been exhibited at the Royal Watercolour Society in London, and he has been a regular exhibitor in the Artists of America Show in Denver, Colo., and the Great American Artists Exhibition in Cincinnati. He has been featured in *Southwest Art*,

American Artist, *International Artist* and *Art of the West*. His paintings hang in private, corporate, museum and state collections, including the Albuquerque Museum of Fine Art, the Haggin Museum in Stockton, California, the A.R. Mitchell Museum, the Institute of American Indian Arts, the Americana Museum, the State Collection of the Governor's Gallery in Santa Fe, and other places. Michaels is a signature member of the Oil Painters of America, National Watercolor Society and the Pastel Society of America.



COURTESY

Eric Michaels' paintings will be on display at McMahon's starting Saturday.

Sierra Dove to hold creativity conference

■ The class is aimed at helping K-8 teachers build curriculums.

Sierra Dove Global Association will present a two-day creativity conference called Creativity Counts: Creative Curriculum Building for Grades K-8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 18 and 19 at the new Ruidoso High School Performing Arts Center.

Education credits are available for those registered through Eastern New Mexico University (call 257-2120 to register for college credit), and CEU's will be granted to social workers and occupational therapists who attend.

The event features an impressive array of educators, writers, visual, and performing artists.

Professional and local talent will showcase music, song, dance, poetry, storytelling, drama and the visual arts. The conference will show how creativity and play can broaden and strengthen the learning experience in the classroom.

Pre-registration is \$100, or \$120 at the door. For more information, a schedule and bios of presenters, call Julia Price at 336-1037 or (888) 888-0650.

Participants may pre-register through the 888 number using Visa or MasterCard, or checks can be sent to Sierra Dove Global Association, P.O. Box 1279, Alto, NM 88312.

Sierra Dove Global Association is an educational non-profit organization. Visit the Web site at www.sierradove.com.



Gunfighter talk

Drew Gomber, historian for The Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs, will be speaking about the outlaws and lawmen of the Old West on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the museum. Gomber, who is also a columnist for the Ruidoso News and has written for a number of other publications that include *True West Magazine*, *Range Magazine* and *The Tombstone Epitaph*, is considered to be one of the foremost experts on Billy the Kid, the Lincoln County War and the subject of western outlaws and lawmen in general. His topic, "Gunfighter... the Exhibit," will detail the museum's current entertaining exhibition, "Gunfighter ... Historic Insight into the Lawmen and Outlaws of the American West." Gomber's talk is by reservation only and seating is limited. For more information, call (505) 378-4142.

Yard sale this weekend

A preview party for the First Christian Church community yard sale will be from 6-8 p.m. today in the Santa's Helpers building on Mechem Drive between KIDX Radio and the Log Cabin Restaurant, and at First Christian Church on Hull Road. Admission is \$5 and includes a hot dog, chips, and soft drink as well as early shopping. The big yard sale is from 8

a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at both locations. Call 258-4250 for information.

Poker run

A motorcycle poker run at the Casino Apache Travel Center will be from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. Registration is at the Tribal store in Mescalero. For information, call 464-4100.

Concert in the park

Mariachis will perform at School House Park from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, as part of the Ruidoso Arts Commission's Concert-in-the-Park series. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket. In case of rain, the concert will move to the Ruidoso Senior Center.

Denim games

Denim Day Games at the Spencer Theater sponsored by the Guild of the Spencer Theater are from noon-4 p.m. June 25. The price of \$32 includes welcome drinks, gourmet lunch, dessert and door prizes. For more information, call 336-1047 or 336-8447.

Disability workshop

The Hubbard Museum of the American West will sponsor a day-long workshop June 27 with members of VSA arts of New Mexico and Texas, focusing on disability and access awareness, discussion and hands-on activi-

ties. Call Elizabeth Becker at 378-4142 for more information.

Blooming in June

From 9 a.m.-4 p.m. June 28 is the Blooming in June Arts and Crafts Fair at the Ruidoso First Presbyterian Church (next to Nob Hill Early Childhood Center). For information, call 336-1225 or 257-2220.

Wescott honored

Dee Wescott, Glencoe multimedia painter, has recently been elected to signature membership of the prestigious American Watercolor Society. She is one of six signature members from New Mexico, out of 500 international signature members.

At the awards dinner in New York May 2, she also received the Nicholas Reale Award with her painting, "Bus Stop," which will travel to six museums in the United States over the next year. This is her third time to be included in AWS exhibitions, along with three awards. Other paintings will be included in national shows in Las Vegas, Houston, Alabama and Taos this year.

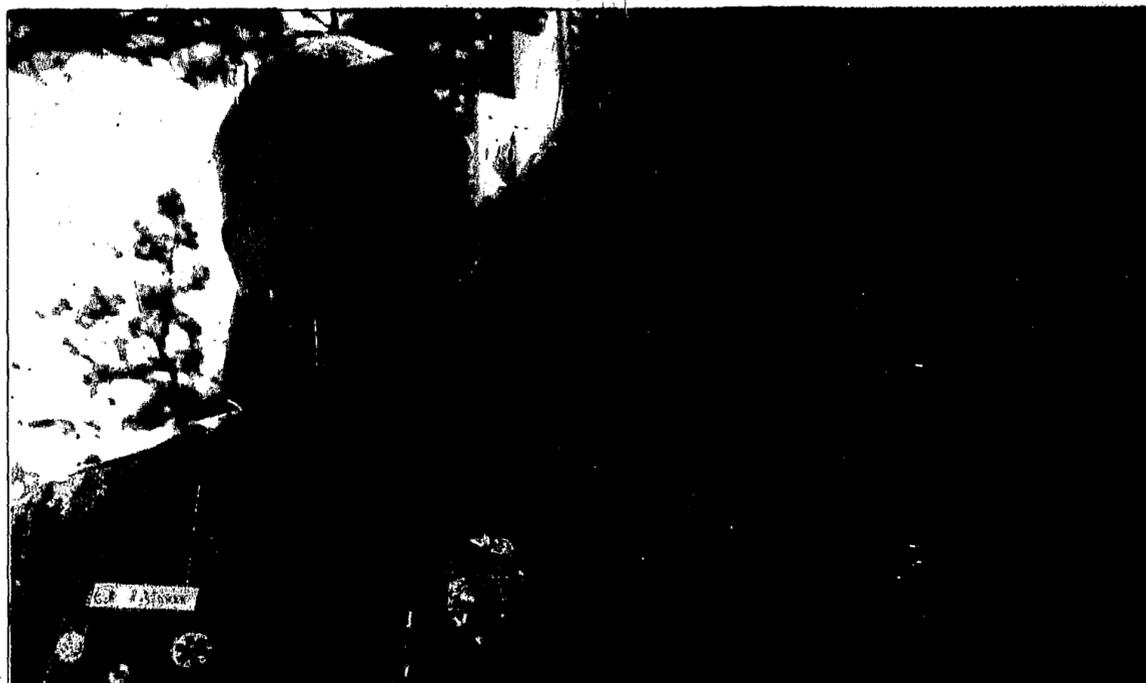
Kiwanis fundraiser

The Kiwanis Club of Ruidoso's fourth annual pancake breakfast fundraiser for community service projects and scholarships will be from 8 a.m.-noon July 5. The homemade-pancake breakfast is \$5 for adults

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HOME & FAMILY



James Mason joined the Ruidoso Police Department, then transferred to the fire service because he was interested in community education.

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Ruidoso's fire department spokesman got his job in a

TRIAL BY FIRE

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

When a blaze broke out in the Alto area north of Ruidoso in March 2002, James Mason found himself thrust into the spotlight as the official media liaison.

Receiving his literal baptism in flames, Mason ended up coordinating the news for what became the Kokopelli Fire, a wind-driven, tree-charring monster that consumed 29 homes in less than a day.

Today, hoping there is no next big fire, but preparing for that day, Mason is concentrating his efforts on fire prevention and educational programs in Lincoln County schools and on a new Neighborhood Fire Smart program that could protect blocks of property at a time.

Mason was born in Albuquerque, where his uncles were involved in emergency services, but his interest wasn't really piqued until he joined the U.S. Navy right out of high school to ensure his college tuition. He was trained in flight deck fire fighting as part of a team and was responsible for launching and recovery of an assigned airplane.

Discharged in 1987 after four years, he attended the University of New Mexico, starting out in engineering and meeting his future wife, Mary. Three years into college, his father announced if his son didn't take over the family business, Clocks Inc., he would sell it. Mason obliged.

"I grew up around clock making and repair," he said. "I earned money in high school there."

He ran the business until 1998, but by then, the couple decided they wanted a different pace of life and a small-town atmosphere. Having a vacation home in Ruidoso, they found the choice easy.

Mason was hired by the Ruidoso Police Department and stayed two years before transferring to the fire department, where he saw a different set of

opportunities that included community education.

While his wife signed on as a kindergarten teacher at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center, Mason presents fire prevention programs at a variety of schools under the National Fire Prevention Administration's "Risk Watch" curriculum. He helps with fire drills, reviews how to use smoke detectors and fire extinguishers, teaches how to drop and roll and gives children a first-hand experience with a fire using the "The Smoke House" from the Hobbs Fire Department, a chamber that fills with a harmless "smoke" to teach children how to escape.

Shortly after the Cree Fire in May 2000, he started in an unofficial capacity as public information officer for the department in a series of smaller fires. After Kokopelli, the title became official.

"The worst thing is having numerous people out there, some with incomplete information or who are uninformed, giving conflicting information to the media," Mason said. "Keeping a consistent message is important. My information was pooled from field and incident commanders and dozens of other people to create a consistent picture."

"Someone in the field may know what's going on where he's sitting, but may not have the whole picture."

Overall, Mason loves his job as fire prevention/public information officer, and in his off-hours, as commander of the police department reserve unit.

"If you're willing to work with the media, they'll be good to you," he said. "I try to get them all the information I can. I'm loving what I do at this point. I'm very comfortable with it. I also enjoy the fire prevention aspect, education and inspections."

After devastating nightclub fires in Chicago and Connecticut, Gov. Bill Richardson mandated the fire and safety inspections of all places of assembly in New Mexico to be completed within 60 days.

"We're about 30 days into that,"

Mason said, adding that even before the club fires, he and Lt. Justin Shaw were working with Ruidoso Fire Chief Virgil Reynolds on improving the inspection process.

His involvement in the Neighborhood Fire Smart program grew out of a cluster of recommendations from a Forest Health Task Force appointed by Mayor Leon Eggleston, Mason said.

"We were looking for ways we could help residents pool their efforts and help the village better manage its resources (to reduce wild fire hazards)," Mason said.

Instead of sending grappling trucks all over the village picking up piles of pine needles and yard debris here and there, a truck could drive to one neighborhood after a project weekend and pick up mounds of needles in close proximity, he said.

"And it wouldn't have to go back there for a year," he added. "It also helps create defensible space, but expands from one yard and one home to six or a dozen."

That dozen may connect to another couple of dozen, creating defensible zones without heavy fuel for a wild fire, he said.

Working together also could improve neighborhood camaraderie, which may positively affect other aspects of community life, Mason said. Getting neighbors together allows him to disseminate information to more people in a shorter time period and helps them see the larger picture, he said.

"They realize they're a part of the puzzle," he said. "What you do for your home can help your neighbor."

He's working with two neighborhoods in Upper Canyon that will be showcased as examples of the program, Mason said. The program primarily has an educational and coordination look, he said.

"This is a long-term program," he said. "I hope it will snowball and more neighborhoods will sign on. If you do it now, you avoid enforcement later" of new village codes adopted to govern landscaping, fuel reduction and fire retardant construction material.

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

JUNE 19, 1953

Ranchmen seek help

Work has begun at the Nogal Mesa Ranchmen's Camp Meeting site on the new kitchen and storage room.

Gill and LaMoynne Peters are in charge, and wish to notify the stockmen in the county that any and all who can donate a day's work would be more than welcome. Someone will be working on the grounds on any day but Sunday.

Just bring a lunch, wear sturdy gloves and working duds, and spend the day. 'Tis guaranteed it will produce a good night's sleep.

JUNE 21, 1963

GOP names chairman

George Sisneros of Tinnie was elected Lincoln County Republican chairman at a county convention in Capitan last week.

Other officers elected are Mark Hernandez of Ruidoso, secretary, and Max Oliver, Ruidoso Downs, treasurer.

Elected members of the state central committee are A. H. Shier, outgoing county chairman; Oliver; W. G. Shreengost of Lincoln; and Lucio Zamora of Hondo.

JUNE 22, 1973

The Silver Lining

BY DAN STORM
The 20th birthday of The Church of the Holy Mount was celebrated this past Sunday, by a gathering of members and friends of the church from miles around. Among these was the beloved Mrs. Crump, of South Texas and Ruidoso, who built the church.

The church is in an inspiring location, looking up as it does to the White Mountain, which is a "Holy Mount" to the Apache Indians.

JUNE 23, 1983

Horsemen set strike

The New Mexico Horsemen's Association Wednesday gave notice that members will not ride in any New Mexico horse race except paid-up stakes after Monday, July 11, if racetrack managements do not contribute close to \$200,000 in uncashed pari-mutuel tickets to this year's purses.

JUNE 24, 1993

Whitworth giving clinic

The winningest professional golfer in history will be at the Cree Meadows Country Club on June 29. Kathy Whitworth, of Jal, winner of more professional events than any other man or woman in history, will be in a clinic/demonstration on Tuesday, June 29.

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James Mason
Public information officer

Researching our county fair's history is a continuing project



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

The "New Mexico Agricultural, Mineral and Industrial Exposition" - that is how New Mexico's State Fair originated in 1881. Now the name has been changed to "Expo New Mexico, Home of the State Fair."

According to the American Heritage Dictionary, a "fair" is described as:

1. A gathering held at a specific time and place for the buying and selling of goods; a market.
2. A regional event usually held annually, consisting of displays of farm and home products, various competitions and entertainment.
3. A large exhibition presented jointly by a number of (nations), each of

which maintain a public building containing educational, artistic, and trade exhibits.

4. An event, usually for the benefit of a charity or public institution and sale of goods; a bazaar; a church fair.

As many of you know, when I grow up I will be a historian. This year's fair book provided some information to add to my collection of county history. According to the article, "50 Years of the Fair," The Lincoln County Fair was started at a meeting of the Capitan Chamber of Commerce in early 1953. Vic Lamb of the *Ruidoso News* was present at that at that meeting and wrote an enthusiastic article about the upcoming event. It was decided to name it "Achievement Day" and hold it in September on the Saturday before the New Mexico State Fair. Youth would exhibit, with only ribbons given. In 1953, '54, and '55 Achievement Day was a one-day event, including afternoon games.

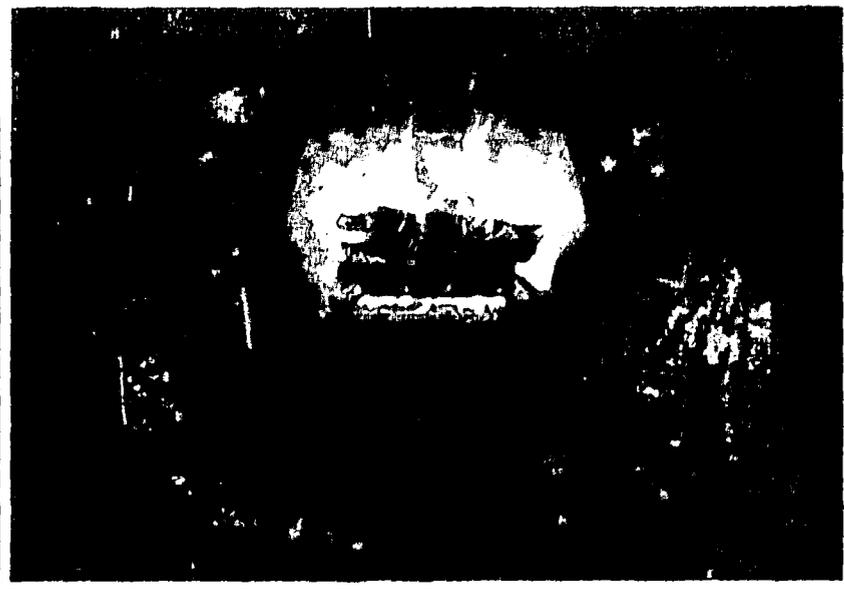
On March 11, 1956, the founders of Achievement Day met and renamed the event The Lincoln County Fair. A fair board was formed. The Smokey Bear Stampede was organized to raise money for the Fair. The Fair was incorporated in 1960, followed by the addition of the Junior Livestock Sale. Extra days were added to accommodate the increased

events. In 1969 the fair building burned to the ground just before the Stampede. Money was borrowed for a new Fair building and animal barn. In a nutshell, this is a brief history of that first fair in Capitan.

I have been conducting a historical research of early Carrizozo and "fair days." I will share my findings with Art, Craft & Such column readers. Apparently there were several buildings, including the school facilities that were used for fair activities in Carrizozo, the county's seat. Perhaps several years of non-activity caused a change of fair location to the neighboring town of Capitan. Stay tuned...

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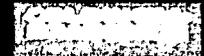
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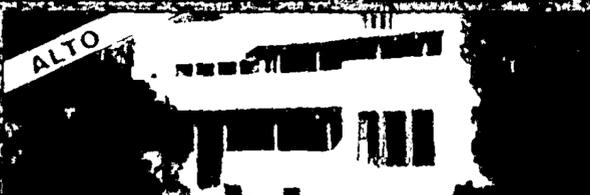
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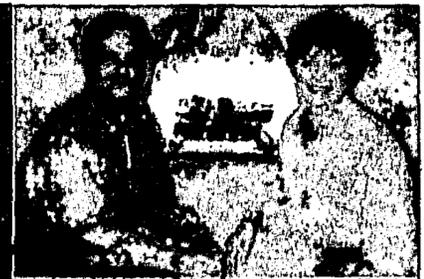
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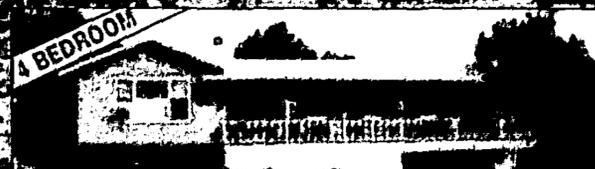
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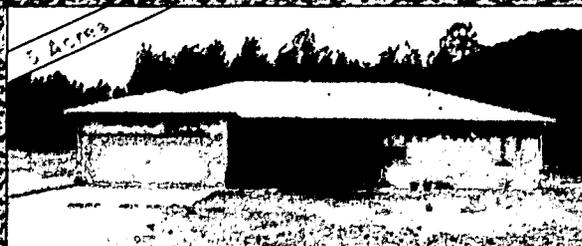
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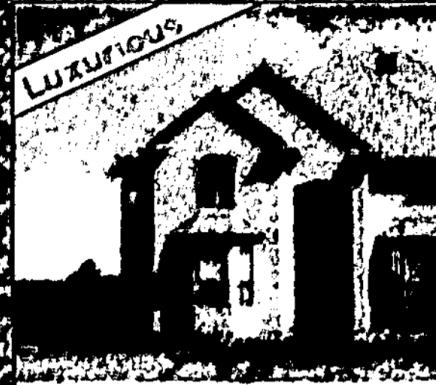
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