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Proposed Medicaid cuts debated

Stewart: Cuts will 'tweak' program

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

County manager Tom Stewart can sympathize with efforts by Gov. Bill Richardson to cut Medicaid spending in New Mexico by \$18.4 million.

From a county perspective, he knows the problems and criticisms that go with budget restraints. He knew the governor would have to propose some cuts because all he heard from state officials this past year was that "Medicaid spending was eating their lunch," he said Wednesday.

Richardson in his proposed budget to be considered by the state Legislature at its session starting Jan. 20, wants to reduce Medicaid payments to health care providers by 3.5 percent. Health industry officials have warned that the move could result in higher insurance premiums for the privately insured, more use of high cost emergency rooms by the indigent and that it could reduce overall access to health care.

But Stewart said a cut of 3.5 percent sounds more like "tweaking" the program than disabling it.

"It sounds like they needed to do some tweaking to manage the program," Stewart said. "The state is trying to be reasonable within budget constraints. The question is how can we make sure that no one slips through the cracks."

"Generally, Medicaid is the largest program and serves the poorest of our people. It covers children, pregnant women, low-income families, people with disabilities and those who are 65 or older."

Much of the money comes from the federal government as a \$3 to \$1 match of state and local dollars.

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Doctor: Needy would be hurt most

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

When Dr. Arlene Brown read about Medicaid-cost cutting recommendations in the newspaper, she was stunned.

She wondered what happened to the proposals put together by a special task force on which she served that came up with enough savings to cover the Medicaid deficit without requiring co-pays by patients, changes in eligibility or a reduction in health care provider reimbursements.

Although the Task Force on Medicaid Reform was appointed by former Gov. Gary Johnson, a Republican, Brown said the recommended steps

were nonpolitical. Secretary of Health Patricia Montoya sat in on many of the task force meetings as Gov. Bill Richardson's health advisor during his campaign.

A family physician in Ruidoso, former member of the county Health and Wellness Board and current chair of the New Mexico Medical Society's Liaison Committee to the state Health and Human Services Department, Brown said recommended cuts presented by Gov. Bill Richardson go against many of the previous task force's conclusions.

They are based on input from Richardson's own Health Care Coverage and Access Task Force and

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WINTER FUN



A breeze catches the hair of Ashleigh Carpenter, 4, of Ruidoso as she rests at the bottom of a flume slide in Two Rivers Park in Ruidoso.

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Rep. in hospital after chest pains

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

State Rep. Dub Williams was transported by ambulance Thursday to a hospital in Albuquerque for further tests following complaints of chest pains.

Lisa Williams, his daughter-in-law, said the 76-year-old Republican from Glencoe experienced some chest pains Wednesday and was admitted to the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso, where he was kept overnight.

He showed no other symptoms, but went to Albuquerque for further testing of his enzyme levels and to see his heart specialist, she said. An ambulance was used to ensure he was monitored on the trip, she said.

"We're all thinking positive and keeping him in our prayers," Williams said. "Years ago, he had open heart surgery and he has done very well."

Williams, in his fifth term, was first elected to the Legislature in 1994, when he beat Democrat H. John Underwood, now Ruidoso village attorney and a state lobbyist.

WATTS MISSING



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Undaunted by a power outage Wednesday, Avril Coakley, left, and Betty Ruger lit candles at Ruidoso Office Supply. Electricity was lost for a half hour along Sudderth Drive, Upper Canyon and the southern end of Mechem Drive, affecting about 3,500 customers of Texas-New Mexico Power. Company spokesman Jim Bassett said a pole was hit by a vehicle hard enough to slap two lines together, which blew a circuit

Remington behind housing project

BY MARTY RACINE
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The mystery contractor not named in Tuesday's meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission was revealed Thursday.

He is Glenn Remington, a local contractor whose name village officials would not divulge during a public hearing over their request to rezone village-owned property for an affordable housing project. Remington was to have been involved in another affordable housing project in the area that was never built.

"I am the builder," Remington, reached Thursday at a job site, confirmed. "There is a consultant," he continued, referring to Capital Housing of Santa Fe. "We don't really have a developer, yet."

Remington's identity had been in

question since Tuesday's presentation by Assistant Village Manager Cleatus R. Richards, who was advocating the rezoning of 26 acres in the Grindstone area from R-1 single-family residential to R-PUD, residential planned unit development, a move that could pave the way for a 220-unit housing project. The site is bordered roughly on three sides by single family homes.

Pressed by Commissioner Bill Hirschfeld to name the builder, Richards told the hearing, "I have not been given that full information."

The rezoning request was eventually tabled after seven residents of the Grindstone area argued, among other things, that the rezoning effort was being rushed past the public and the commission, and without adequate information from the village.

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HOUSING: Timeline delayed

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Remington was facing a deadline to secure a tax credit from the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority.

"You have to compete every January for tax credits, which is what finances the project," he said.

With the motion tabled until at least the next P&Z meeting, Remington continued, "We can't meet our Jan. 31 deadline for the Finance Authority's application process. We would have to have control of the land and proceed zoning at the time of our application. The raising of the matter the other day is going to set us back a year."

Remington said the setback merely delays the timeline. "We are proceeding with our deal," he said. "There's going to be more of those (tax credits) next January, so it will work out. It's not over. We're going to

proceed with our deal with the village. It's just going to set us back a full year."

Remington said he had project support from the beginning from the village.

"It was my brainchild. I went to the village, like, in April, and they're the ones that pointed me to that property. I would say all of the village councilors know about the project and know that I'm involved."

Remington said there had been confusion over the R-1 zoning.

"We thought we had the right zoning. Everybody thought it was already zoned the way we needed it. Nobody knew or even thought it was zoned R-1, and in November we found (it wasn't)."

"We put together a schedule. P&Z is something we overlooked. Those people didn't even know about the project. We just didn't stroke those people, if you know what I mean."

Candidate faces DWI charge

Carrizozo trustee hopeful LaFave was arrested in December

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A candidate for the Carrizozo Board of Trustees in the March municipal election was charged last month with driving under the influence of alcohol, third offense.

Records filed in Magistrate Court in Ruidoso show that Dave LaFave, who works in the Lincoln County Assessor's office, was stopped at 10:58 p.m. on Dec. 20, by Carrizozo Police Officer Archie Romero.

LaFave, 55, also was charged with driving with possession of an open container of alcohol in his vehicle, with

having an expired license plate, with failure to carry proof of financial responsibility and for failing to illuminate a license plate.

No court date had been set by Thursday.

According to Romero's report, LaFave was driving a blue Ford pickup truck when he was pulled over by the officer.

Romero wrote that he noticed "a strong odor of alcoholic beverage inside the vehicle." LaFave's eyes were bloodshot, he wrote.

The driver's performance in field sobriety tests was unsatisfactory, Romero said. Later,

two breath samples yielded readings of .11 blood alcohol concentration level and .10 BAC, according to the report. Those numbers exceed the state limit of .08 BAC, when drivers are considered legally drunk.

LaFave declined to comment, referring questions to his attorney Freda Howard McSwane, who was in court in Las Cruces Thursday. McSwane said she could not comment because she has not yet seen the police report.

"It's way too early to comment," she said. "We've filed a notice of discovery with prosecutor's office."

Vigil-Giron to question presidential candidates

Secretary of State Rebecca Vigil-Giron will serve on a four-member panel shooting questions at Democratic presidential candidates Sunday.

The New Mexico cabinet member is part of Iowa's Brown and Black Forum debate scheduled from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mountain Standard Time in Des Moines, Iowa. The debate will be televised nationally by MSNBC Cable Network.

The forum is a nonpartisan organization composed of Latino and black community leaders in Iowa. Vigil-Giron was chosen because she is the first Latino woman elected to a public office in the United States.

The other panel members are Willie Gary, chairman of Mexico Broadcast Cable Company, University of Texas political science professor Gregory G. Rocha, Ph.D. and L. Jean Fahym Ratcliffe, editor

of The Source Magazine.

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MEDICAID: Budget woes forcing cuts

FROM PAGE 1A

which means the total loss could be as high as \$74 million in the 2004-2005 fiscal year that starts July 1, according to figures from the state Human Services Department that runs the Medicaid program.

Locally, the sole community provider program used by the county-owned hospital in Ruidoso managed by Presbyterian Healthcare Services will be hit as well as private physicians treating indigent patients.

For the past two years, Stewart has voiced his own concern about the growth in the amount of money being requested by the local hospital from a special county tax levy to capture the three to one federal dollar match.

"You can't just keep going," he said. "At some point, we have to figure a way to do it right."

The county maintains a separate indi-

gent fund fueled by a one-eighth of a cent gross receipts tax.

"They are two separate programs," explained Dr. Arlene Brown, a local physician. "If someone is eligible for Medicaid, he or she is not eligible for the indigent fund. It specifically says if there is another payment source, they are not eligible for the indigent fund."

That fund would not be affected by the recommended cuts, but physicians won't see any help from that avenue either. They and some other health care providers were added to the eligibility list two years ago. But last year, the legislature altered wording in state law that excluded their participation in county indigent health care programs unless it occurred in a hospital and for an emergency. County officials have asked their legislative delegates to change the wording, but that may not be accomplished in January.

Each level of government has to man-

age its own budget and program, Stewart said.

"The state has to look at what it's doing just as the county does," he said. "The hope is that we get it right. It's hard to say what impacts (cuts in reimbursement) will have on any given family, because we will have to figure out ways to do it right. Lincoln County is in good shape because this is one of the priorities of its citizens."

"I don't see the reduction as denying anybody anything. The broader the guidelines, the better local governments and the state can adapt their programs."

But industry observers say health care providers will either stop seeing Medicaid patients, cut back on the services offered or leave the state. Premium rates of patient with private insurance may be increased to make up the reduction, they warn.

Officials with PHS were asked to comment, but did not respond.

REFORM: Doctors may leave

FROM PAGE 1A

Human Services Secretary Pamela Hyde.

"He's proposing co-pays on medication and office visits, as well as the 3.5 percent cut in reimbursements to providers," Brown said.

The recommendations hurt the people least able to help themselves, she said. "They are those people who are either disabled adults, the elderly, the blind or children." Expanded Medicaid in New Mexico includes women who are pregnant.

"In this state, Medicaid people live minimally above the federal poverty line," she said. "The people least able to do so are now being asked to pay co-pays in proportion to their income. For many, that may be the difference between getting care and not, or result in putting off seeing a physician until they end up with something critical in the emergency room, or not doing something to prevent a stroke, heart attack or amputation - life threatening complications."

Richardson's recommendations also mean that health care providers would be asked to further subsidize the Medicaid program by accepting cuts in reimbursements when they already are not reimbursed adequately, Brown said.

"When Medicaid fees were updated in 2000, that was the first time they were raised since 1970," the physician said. The reimbursement went up to 95 percent of Medicaid's 2000 levels.

"In the meantime, the cost of providing care, malpractice insurance, office expenses and supplies have gone up by about 11 percent per year," she said. "So they're looking at a 3.5 percent cut of year 2000

Medicaid reimbursement levels and those already were lower than the cost of doing business."

"It means that more physicians may refuse to take Medicaid patients and that more people will be at risk because they lack Medicare (coverage) care except in emergency room."

Some physicians may look at starting practices in other states with a more favorable system, because there are some counties in New Mexico where as much as 70 percent the population fall under Medicaid, she said.

"It's probably 25 percent to 30 percent in Lincoln County," Brown said. "If you just run the numbers, it becomes a financial impossibility to keep the doors open."

The task force on which she served was composed of 50 percent legislators and 50 percent citizens. Members looked at not only some of the options being proposed by Richardson, but at other ways of making Medicaid financially solvent, Brown said.

"We unanimously recommended reimbursements not be cut and co-pays should not be implemented because we recognized the problems," she said. "We came up with about \$150 million in terms of cost savings and efficiencies." They also recommended looking at a tax on tobacco and alcohol as a means of covering any deficit and of maintaining the state match for triple the amount of federal dollars, she said.

"Those proposals were done without cutting eligibility," Brown said. "I don't know what happened to the recommendations. I am totally stunned by the (Richardson) proposals."

Betina Gonzales McCracken with HSD said the work by the former Medicaid

Reform Task Force was considered. The chair of that committee also sat on Richardson's health care task force.

"Eligibility is not being cut," McCracken said. "The Medicaid budget still is growing by \$30 million in the executive budget. It's just not growing at the same pace."

A major cut would come from pharmacy fees on prescriptions, she said. Eligibility would be recertified every six months, instead of one year, to catch those people who have improved their circumstances.

No wants to see co-pays, she said. But using federal guidelines, probably only those participants at 185 percent to 200 percent above the poverty level will have to pay anything, McCracken said.

Richardson's steering committee put together recommendations on health care in general, she said. The aim is to maximize all Medicaid dollars and "try to get more children in New Mexico on Medicaid."

The governor and HSD staff want to be honest in their projections and to "get a handle" on Medicaid growth, she said. The current Medicaid budget stands at \$462.4 million in the state's general fund as the match for federal dollars.

"What the governor is proposing is a Medicaid cost containment package," she said. "Despite what most think, the budget is not being cut, but it will not be growing at the rate needed to continue all the programs as is. We're trying our hardest to make changes that do not affect eligibility, but will probably affect some of the benefits."

A spokesman for Secretary Montoya said several of the earlier task force's recommendations were implemented but that "things have changed drastically since then."

RUIDOSO SCHOOLS

Meeting Watch: Ruidoso Municipal Schools

Meeting: Ruidoso Board of Education, 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 13 in the Administration Office

The public is welcome.

Discussion:
• Draft calendar 2004-2005
• Draft summer school dates - summer 2004
• Enrollment update after 80th day

• Personnel report (information only)

Action items:
• Professional development day and student-free day Feb. 3
• Approve long-term sub rate
• First reading of District Code 1.15 - Code of Ethics and Conduct

• Budget adjustments
• Cash transfers
• Closed session - Personnel
Next regular meeting: 7 p.m., Feb. 10

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OUR OPINION

Tribal president to take office today

Mark Chino faces problems, opportunity as he renews a tradition

Tradition is a very big force on the Mescalero Apache Reservation, and that tradition will be emphasized at 10 a.m. today when new president Mark Chino takes office as tribal president.

The son of long-time tribal leader Wendell Chino, who died in 1998, Chino will take over from Sara Misquez, who was Wendell Chino's top aide for many years. He faces many problems, but there is opportunity too.

Chino's inauguration will return to a long-established tradition — a public event in the Mescalero Apache school cafeteria, with everybody invit-

ed, unlike the limited attendance at Misquez's inaugurations in the council chambers.

Sworn in with Chino will be vice president Ferris Palmer, new council members Alta May Branham, and former members Dorlynn Simmons, Berle Kanseah and Frederick Chino Sr.

The president-to-be captured 58.6 percent of the vote last November, 762 to 520.

We wish the new tribal leadership all success, and trust the return to an open inauguration indicates a willingness to be open with neighboring communities, as such things as regional infrastructure issues grow in importance.

An artist worth remembering is no longer with us

Sometimes, some people impress you, even if you've never met them. This particularly applies to writers and artists, whose personalities are projected in their work, whether in a long novel, or a vibrant painting that reveals something about an object or a scene that has eluded us in the past.



MOUNTAIN
ASIDES
KEITH GREEN

That idea struck home this week when we learned of the passing of a New Mexico artist named Harold Joe Waldrum. He was living in Truth or Consequences, working in a store-front that was the Rio Bravo Fine Arts Gallery.

We first saw his work some years ago in miniature in one of those up-scale art catalogs you seem able to find only in fancy hotel lobbies in Santa Fe.

It was so simple; a corner of a white church against an azure sky. It was something so stark and truthful that we can see it still.

About that time, we learned he was holed up in a ranch house in a ghost town called Brady in northeastern Socorro County, not far from the Alamo Navajo Reservation — painting constantly, and, some people said, standing in the nude before his easel.

I learned from his still-running Web site that a cloth-bound book of his work now is listed at \$100 a copy; the fancy, signed, including a print of one of those archi-

tectural paintings, is \$1,000.

I don't doubt that they're worth it, because I do believe that there is no artist's work in New Mexico today that hits home like Waldrum's oh-so-simple (but not really) paintings.

The *Desert Journal*, a prize-winning T or C weekly newspaper, in an obituary published on Dec. 25, reported that Waldrum died in an Albuquerque hospital on Dec. 13, at the age of 69.

A native Texan, he studied art in Kansas and lived in many places, among them New York, Taos, Tesuque, that ghost town in Socorro County, then T or C (for the past six years).

His paintings, many of them of Northern New Mexico churches, were the foundation of his fame — but even that had a multiple goal, the preservation of those churches.

We once went in search of Harold Joe Waldrum, and found his studio-gallery on Broadway in the retirement community snuggled up to Elephant Butte Lake.

The door was unlocked, but when we walked in there was no one in sight. We had a high old time being mesmerized by the paintings crowding the front gallery space, and wondered where the artist was.

We then heard a small noise from somewhere in the back of the building, and wondered whether we should push it further; but maybe Waldrum was back there painting in the nude!

Cowards we were, we slipped out quietly, never meeting the artist we believed to be the finest in the Land of Enchantment.

But we feel we know him.

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YOUR OPINION

Exhume ALL the Kid's relatives, real or not

To the editor:

I had the wonderful opportunity of attending the memorial service of Deputy James Bell at White Oaks last summer, where I met Bob Boze Bell, Sheriff Sullivan, Sheriff Graves, and Mayor Sederwall — all of whom are involved in the new investigation concerning past historical and criminal events that took place in New Mexico in 1881. I was attending the annual camp-out of the Billy the Kid Outlaw Gang at Ruidoso at the time.

I was absolutely impressed by all of these gentlemen. I love history and I love any time that it periodically gets attention, publicity, and even controversy. I am so impressed that Sheriff Sullivan, Sheriff Graves, and Mayor Sederwall want to find out what really happened.

These men have put their reputations, their careers, and, believe it or not their personal lives, on the line for the purpose of finding the truth. May I ask all the critics, "What's so wrong about finding the truth? Why should any of us oppose the truth, unless we fear the truth for some personal (or maybe financial) reason?" We need more Sullivans, Graves, and Sederwalls — and fewer critics. These men need our support and our appreciation for their time and personal sacrifices.

There is much opposition to exhuming Catherine Bonney, etc.

Exhumations take place often, and for various reasons. The chance of making exact identifications of those involved is extremely slim, but, in the interest of history, it must be done. This opportunity is now before us, and may never avail itself again.

The time is now. The opportunity is here with historical and legal reasons. We need to follow the trail of truth wherever it goes. We need to seize this opportunity NOW. We need to exhume whomever we need to exhume in order to find the truth. Why do so many oppose finding the truth? Why, why,

why?

Exhume at Silver City, exhumed at Ft. Sumner, exhumed in Arizona, and then exhumed at Hamilton, Texas. Let's exhumed them ALL — all of the principal characters, not some, or most, but all — and "Let the chips fall where they fall." I historically and personally want Brushy Bill Roberts exhumed, because I want the truth. But, I want ALL and only ALL exhumed, so that it is a full investigation. Digging up some or most, and not ALL, will taint and sabotage the investigation.

I love New Mexico and I travel there often and encourage others to do so, too. It's Billy the Kid Country and always will be. All of his exciting events happened there. I love history. THE TIME IS HERE. The courageous men are in place. Let's dig!

Jannay Valdez,
Billy the Kid Outlaw Museum
Canton, Texas

Wind no impediment

To the editor:

I want to express my heartfelt gratefulness and amazement of how the four fire departments handled the tremendous house fire in Spaghetti Flats.

It was 9 p.m. on the night of the super-high winds, yet these firefighters held the fire to the immediate vicinity of the home.

Susan Carter-Hoffer
Ruidoso Downs

P&Z tabling of plan was right

To the editor:

Having attended the public hearing on the rezoning from R1 to multifamily of 26 acres in the Grindstone area, I would like to commend the Planning

and Zoning Commissioners for their decision to table the item rather than giving in to the pressure placed on them by the Village Council to come to a decision on the matter prior to the next Council meeting on the 13th.

There was absolutely no information available as to the identity of the contractor, his financial status, impact on the area current homeowners, project scope, duration, number of market-competitive units vs. affordable-housing units, environmental water and infrastructure issues, etc. In short, there was a complete dearth of information.

Rezoning this area permits the construction of up to 220 multifamily units vs. 104 R1 units. Due to its location and prevailing winds, this area is recognized as a critical fire zone to the Village. Although purchased with taxpayer funds, no financial analysis as to the impact on the taxpayer was provided, such as comparing selling the lots as R1 property vs. the contemplated project.

Although in a different location from the previous affordable-housing project that collapsed as being economically unfeasible, why is this project different? Were added incentives promised? The Village Administrator indicated there was a need for affordable housing for Village employees, since many have problems finding suitable affordable housing. Perhaps the Village should be looking at paying a fair wage to their employees while directing efforts to secure high tech industry to the area.

Is this another "development at any cost regardless of the consequences to the infrastructure" mentality that seems to be so prevalent in this and past administrations?

Serufino "Steve" Carri
Ruidoso

STREET TALK

QUESTION: What's your New Year's resolution



"To start walking again."
Mary Dankert
Ruidoso Downs



"I made a New Year's resolution a long time ago not to make New Year's resolutions."
John Wallace
Ruidoso



"To learn more about ballroom dancing."
Sharla Frenzel
Ruidoso Downs

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Man sues for Cree Fire losses

■ The suit claims the Lincoln National Forest was responsible for \$1.7 million in property and land burned in the 2000 fire.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

An Albuquerque man, who claims he lost all the trees on his land and a recreational vehicle during the Cree Fire in May 2000, is suing the Lincoln National Forest and the U.S. Department of Agriculture for \$1,742,400 in damages.

Joe Williams, who identified himself in court papers as a real estate broker and developer, filed the suit in U.S. District Court on Dec. 30. He contended that employees of the U.S. Forest Service were negligent in conducting controlled burns in high-wind conditions, by allowing "known dangerous activities" in the forest and by not having programs for "clearing forest fire problems in a proper manner."

Williams, who does business under the name of Iliad Corporation, bought Lots 7 and 8, a total of 10 acres, in Lincoln Parks Ranchettes in the Eagle

Creek area.

He said he chose the land because it was between property he owns in Hobbs and Albuquerque and he planned to build a residence, office, and an RV and A-frame cabin rental business there. Eagle Creek Canyon Road was lined with expensive residences on large lots and the property was conveniently between the new airport and a performing arts theater, he wrote.

Using estimates of professional nurseries and real estate agents in the area, he claims a loss of \$1.7 million.

Although Williams noted that other causes of the fire alleged include careless campers or an amphetamine lab, he contended in the suit that regardless of the origin, "the fire started in the Lincoln National Forest and spread to my adjoining property."

Law enforcement officials charged one adult and several juveniles with starting the Cree Fire in 2000. They were partying in a cave and accidentally dropped a torch, officials claimed.

Forest service officials could not be reached for comment.

Village looks to ease runoff burden on small jobs

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso planners are looking for a way to reduce the burden on small projects from a mandate to retain all newly created water runoff on site.

The issue came up during a meeting Tuesday of the Planning and Zoning Commission when Wayland Burk asked for approval of a commercial site development plan to build a 2,040-square-foot office building at 1129 Mechem Drive.

One of the problems standing in the way of approval was how to retain on the property all of the run-off created by the new construction. Project engineer John Shaw said he designed a system to detain the water in ponds and then release it at a slower pace.

But Bill Brogan, assistant village attorney, said wording in the village code leaves little leeway because it is backed up by extensive case law.

Commissioners Bill

Hirschfeld and Mike Reveley said the council has changed wording before and they'd like to see some suggested new wording from Brogan. The attorney said he turned over his research on the subject to village attorney H. John Underwood, but he will review the information again.

"I'd like to see less restrictions on smaller projects," Hirschfeld said. "We've been looking at larger projects (such as condominiums clusters and runoff would be more significant)."

Brogan said developers need to think outside of traditional approaches.

"There are lots of solutions that other communities have developed," he said. "This is an unusual ordinance. It requires that (Shaw) and (surveyor T.C. Collins) and places like the Mormon Church (building on Mechem Drive) be creative."

Cisterns, planters, gravel drives instead of asphalt might be considered, he said.

"I'll take another look at it, but I need to tell you that you are treading on pretty soggy ground," Brogan told commissioners.

Shaw said he designed a pond to detain the water runoff on the Burk project in the Airport West Subdivision in Ruidoso, but at some point within the day of a rain, the system would release the water.

After listening to Brogan's interpretation of the code requirements, he said instead, he would not install pipes for release. The pond has double the holding capacity of a 100 year flood, he said.

The commission approved the site development plan, telling Shaw he must produce something in writing to show the state Transportation Department, which installed the drainage system on Mechem Drive when that highway was widened, doesn't object to extra runoff being added to the system.

Reveley said the project

should comply with the spirit of the requirement, "if he slows (the runoff) down and the developer gets an O.K. from the highway," because the state is the land owner that would be impacted by runoff.

"I guess downstream property owners won't complain then, since it's the highway department," Brogan said. But he added that, "Down stream property owners are the primary concern. Case law and ordinance are very consistent. I saw no exceptions."

Reveley said the alternative may force developers to build ponds all over town in every small office complex, which would be unsightly.

ON TOP OF THINGS



Michael Carpenter, 7, of Ruidoso, decides to try another way down the flume slide at Two Rivers Park in Ruidoso.

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

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Recent births at Lincoln County Medical Center:

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December 16, 2003, a daughter, Mariah Felisa Sanchez, to Tonita and Melvin Sanchez, 8 lb, 5.2 oz, 20 5/8"

December 16, 2003, a daughter, Princess Gabrielle Roque, to Yadira Yeverino, 5 lb, 9.8 oz, 18 5/8"

December 17, 2003, a daughter, Iridian Adeliza

Lucero Quezada, to Adriana and Juan Lucero, 6 lb, 11 oz, 20"

December 19, 2003, a daughter, Regan Grace Jameson, to Tricia and John Jameson, 8 lb, 2.1 oz, 21"

December 20, 2003, a daughter, Marisela Valdez, to Norma and Rafael Valdez, 7 lb, 9.6 oz, 20"

December 23, 2003, a daughter, Topanga Maritza Lopes, to Melissa and Michael Lopes, 7 lb, 10.4 oz, 19 1/2"

December 26, 2003, a son, Tristan Levi Silva, to Jaylynn Chapman and Garydon Silva, 8

lb, 1.9 oz, 22"

December 26, 2003, a son, Jace Dryver Durham, to Charni and Teddy Durham, 6 lb, 12.1 oz, 19 1/2"

December 29, 2003, a son, Jaden Tyler Avalos, to Elizabeth Palomino, 7 lb, 8.8 oz, 19 1/2"

December 30, 2003, a daughter, Ashleigh Grace Bond, to Andrea and Christopher Bond, 7 lb, 11 oz, 19 3/4"

December 30, 2003, a daughter, Karyme Aragon Gutierrez, to Maria and Ramiro Gutierrez, 7 lb, 12.8 oz, 22"

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10:00 AM

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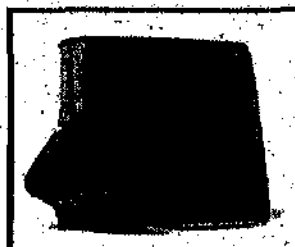
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Invest in your own business

Like any business person, we are always looking for investments that pay off big in our favor. There is one however that will always payoff for you, and it is to reinvest into your business or organization.

There are certain areas that you should always put money toward, in good years as well as bad ones — just not as much during the bad ones. Those areas are your building or facility, payroll, training and education and technology.



Chamber Chatter
BY BRAD TREPTOW

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
RUIDOSO VALLEY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Now with regard to your facility, you should set a portion of your profits toward remodeling and upgrading. Like anything else, things wear down over time, and your store is no different. Prioritize those areas that the customer sees first, such as lobbies, waiting rooms, foyers, entrances, store fronts and facades... Don't overlook areas such as employee break rooms, roofs, delivery docks, storage rooms, etc. These aspects will pay off for you in employee morale, and that is vital to any business's or organization's success.

Payroll is simple. Pay your employees what they're worth, plus some. Don't fall into the trap that you cannot give someone the raise they deserve because of a percentage or two of margin. Your employees act on your behalf, doing work for you that you can't always do. Set a portion of revenues aside for raises and look for non-traditional revenue streams that can remove the burden from your revenues. You expect to be compensated appropriately for your work, and so do your employees.

Also be sure to schedule training or educational seminars for you and your employees on a regular basis. Utilize the Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso campus for customized training as well as their credit and community curriculum classes. This also challenges your employees, and they will commit themselves to your business or organization.

Technology is a given. This industry changes quickly and you as a business owner or manager must stay on top of it. That can be technology that is specific to your business sector or in an overall capacity in hardware, software and devices.

The bottom line is to reinvest in your business. It will pay off handsomely in terms of employee morale, business value, and customer growth.

Next week's column: "Strengthen employee strengths."

Brad Treptow can be reached by e-mail at brad@ruidoso.net.

Economy and the Markets

The inflation cycle

BY MICHAEL SWANSON
WELLS FARGO & COMPANY

The current forecast calls for 2004 to have a stable inflation rate in the range between 1 and 2 percent for core inflation. The strong rate of productivity gains and the need to reabsorb more than 2 million workers back into the labor market plus new workers will keep wage costs from rising too quickly.

The Federal Reserve has indicated that it has achieved its long-term goal of price stability. Price stability for the Fed implies that people no longer factor changing prices into their economic outlooks when making economic decisions. However, there is a possibility that the Fed's effort to prevent deflation since the start of the recession 2001 could bring additional inflation pressure in 2005 and beyond.

For example, commodity prices continue to climb based on stronger global economic demand powered by the U.S. and the emerging China powerhouse. Energy costs, in particular, could be higher than expected through out 2004.

The current futures market, based on strong demand and relatively tight U.S. stocks, is calling for oil to stay above \$29 a barrel and natural gas to remain above \$5 per MMBtu through September 2004.

A weaker dollar caused by the twin deficits in the current account and federal budget will be a long-term structural factor promoting inflation beyond 2004. The dollar has not yet reached the bottom of its long-term trading range. A major risk for the 2004 outlook would be a rapid decline in the dollar, triggering an exit of foreign capital from the U.S.

In addition to energy and a weak dollar, service inflation has remained well above goods inflation throughout the recession and recovery, especially in the areas of education and health

care. Moreover, shelter costs, the largest component of the CPI, could start to see inflationary pressure in 2005 from two major sources. First, mortgages have bottomed and will rise in conjunction with 10 Treasury yields. WF Economics projects 10-year Treasuries will approach a 5 percent yield by the end of 2004.

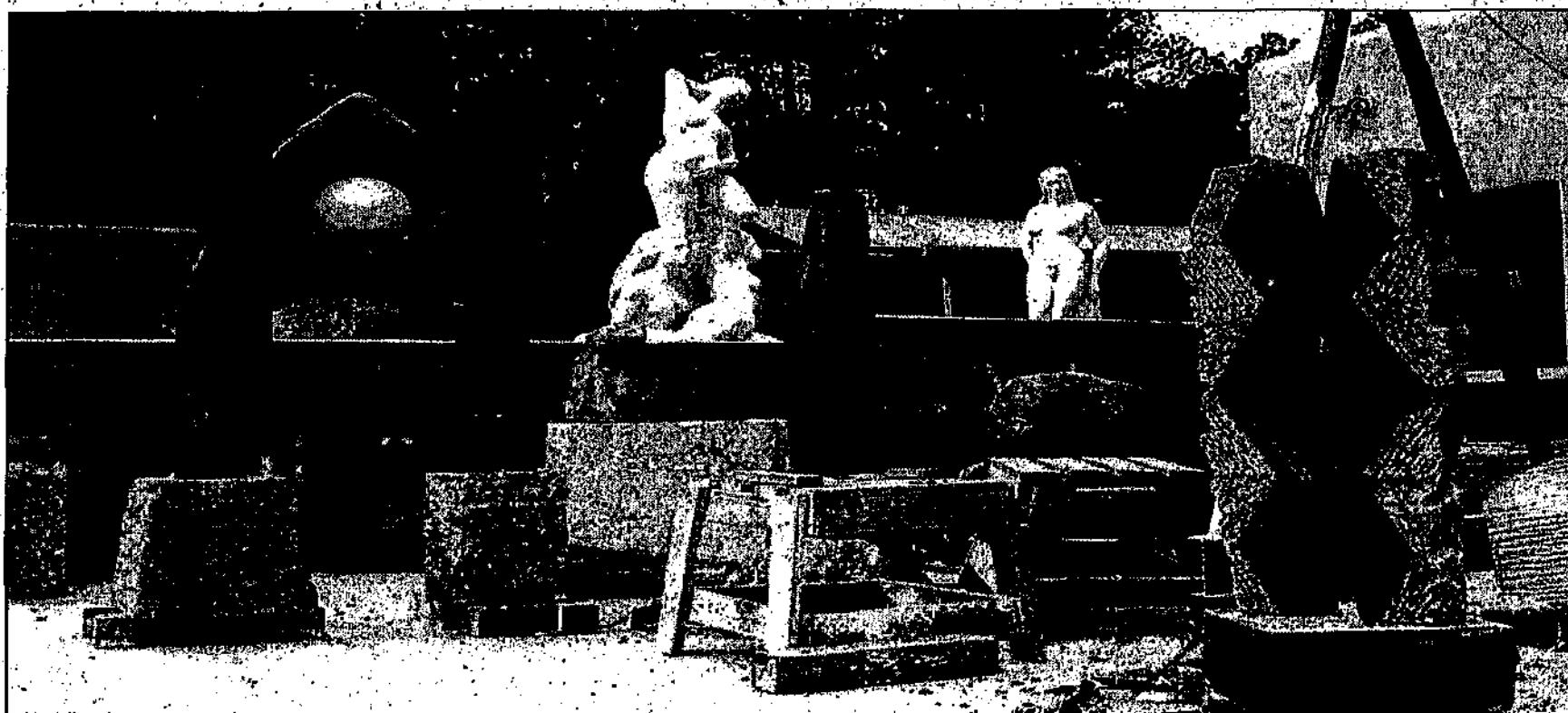
This would add approximately 70 basis points to today's current mortgage rates making home ownership more expensive, especially with the jump in home prices. This will make renting more attractive relative to owning. Second, growing employment will boost apartment demand, pushing apartment utilization up from the low 90 percent range towards the mid to upper 90s. Rising rents will start to boost core inflation through the calculated owners equivalent rent component, which is the single largest factor in the CPI. But given the lag between these factors and shelter inflation rate changes, higher shelter inflation will not show up until 2005, when it will have a major impact on overall core inflation.

Bonds: Play now, pay later

It is clear that the market has shrugged off the threat of inflation, for now, based on recent statistics and the Fed's assurances that no short-term rate increase is imminent. This belief has encouraged many financial players to continue their carry trade, milking the differential between the short and long term rates. However, the gains from this activity are very limited relative to the principal risk that will hit when the market finally starts to see rising short-term rates.

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BACK IN BUSINESS



KEITH GREEN/STAFF

Sculptor Candyce Garrett is back in business in Midtown, as this work area outside the building at 2101 Sudderth Drive revealed this week. She's shifted from realistic nudes (background) to abstract work in granite. Formerly in business here, as a sign painter/carver and sculptor, she's now involved only in sculpture. But she's taken on an apprentice sign-maker, retired Ruidoso school superintendent Mike Gladden, whose hobby has been woodworking for many years, she said.

New Chinese restaurant site approved by P&Z

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The owner of two Chinese restaurants in El Paso plans to open a buffet-style operation in Ruidoso.

Yun Ki Kim said Wednesday that construction could begin sometime this week on two lots where a former U-Haul Rental was situated next to a Texaco Service Station off Sudderth Drive. The business, which will include take-out orders, might be opened in two months, he said.

Kim, who has operated restaurants for 12 years in El

Paso, is optimistic that the reception locally will be good.

The Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission Tuesday approved an amended commercial site development plan for the restaurant on Lots 7A and 9A, Block 9 of Palmer Gateway Subdivision.

At slightly more than half an acre, the property is zoned community commercial. Kim plans to replat the two lots into one tract, according to information from the village planning department.

Kim wants to construct a 2,100-square-foot addition to an existing building with 15 parking spaces on the

Sudderth side of the lot and 17 spaces on the Service Road side.

The state Transportation Department approved two existing curb cuts on Sudderth.

Tim C. Collins, the surveyor and representative for Kim, told commission members that since the last session dealing with the restaurant, the occupancy of the building, but not its size, was reduced from 129 people to a maximum of 80.

That allowed him to reduce the number of parking spaces required for a better arrangement, less crowding and to comply with lane width rules.

He created another planter on the back side of the lot, showed the location of trees and removed one entrance from Service Road.

On a motion by commission member Bill Hirschfeld, the board approved the site plan unanimously.

The Great Wall, a sit-down Chinese restaurant with take out and a weekend buffet, operates at the other end of town on Sudderth near Main Road.

A buffet-style Oriental-style restaurant briefly operated last year at the former Tastee Freeze, now the All American Diner.

Ruidoso featured in magazine as a top retirement town

HOUSTON — Where to Retire magazine, the only magazine geared to helping people relocate in retirement, has selected Ruidoso, N.M., to profile as a top retirement town in its January/February issue.

According to Where to Retire editor Alan Fox, Ruidoso has many of the qualities and characteristics most sought after by today's retirees. "Retirees are lured to Ruidoso by two distinct aspects: it's a mountain wilderness with sophisticated

cultural offerings. Numerous art galleries and museums, horseback riding, golf, skiing and hiking, 300 days of sunshine a year and four distinct yet mild seasons appeal to many retirees," Fox said.

Each year nearly 380,000 people move across state lines to retire, Fox said. Generally healthier, better educated and more affluent than retirees who stay put, relocating retirees bring significant economic benefits to their new states and

hometowns.

Nationally, two dozen states and hundreds of towns seek to attract retirees as a source of economic development.

Where to Retire magazine was launched in 1992 with the goal of helping its readers find the ideal place to retire. Now published six times each year, the magazine covers the best retirement towns, regions and master-planned communities, and has a national circulation of 200,000.

Focus on Agriculture

U.S. consumers stand by beef, despite all

BY STEWART TRULSEN
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

The headline in a metropolitan daily newspaper was reassuring: "Beef — It's Still What's for Dinner."

Consumers are standing by beef despite the nation's first case of BSE, bovine spongiform encephalopathy. The plunge in cattle prices after the BSE announcement reflects more the loss of export business than it does any lack of consumer faith in beef.

Consumer confidence has been buoyed by the fact that this appears to be an isolated case, and one in which the animal predates the strict feeding rules implemented a number of years ago. Consumers also seem to be getting the information they need to make intelligent decisions.

The facts about the case are being carefully researched and presented by USDA in frequent briefings to

assist the news media, and so far the media have applied some restraint. There have been fewer scare headlines than anticipated, and anti-meat and animal rights activists that would try to further their agendas on this news haven't found much of a platform.

Government, industry groups and news media have been working together to give consumers the facts and relevant scientific opinions. What consumers generally are reading are reports like this one from the Washington Post. "No one thinks the Holstein found infected on a Washington state farm poses a significant health risk."

The chances are extremely low that meat from the animal carries the infectious misshapen protein that causes the disease (BSE)."

When an infected cow was found in Canada earlier in

2003, the price impact was even greater because Canada exports so much more of its beef than does the United States. But Canadians stood by their cattle industry. "Canadian consumers actually increased their per-capita consumption of beef when they learned there was virtually no risk associated with eating the muscle cuts," says American Farm Bureau senior economist Terry Frandl.

American consumers seem to be having a similar reaction. They are continuing to eat beef. An A.G. Edwards report suggests that if this holds true the loss in beef demand will be roughly 10 percent, primarily from the export market. The drop in prices would be 20 percent. This is considered a worse-case scenario by A.G. Edwards. The report goes on to say that if U.S. retailers lower consumer prices in tandem with the anticipated drop

in farm-level prices it could make a big difference. "If they do so quickly, the resulting consumer response might greatly mitigate the long-term price impact of this development."

This is not the way cattle producers wanted to start the year.

They will have to deal with the shocks in the cattle market the best they can, and there will be a ripple effect in rural America and throughout the food and agriculture industry. The BSE case further points out the financial risks in producing the food we eat and the uncertainties of marketing it. One thing that will make it easier on producers is a continued display of consumer confidence in beef.

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

State offering plant seedlings

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Orders for seedlings distributed by the state more than doubled this year and sales still are under way.

Jeff McCarthy with the Forestry Division of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, said since sales started Nov. 26, more than 71,000 were sold in about 370 orders.

"At this time last year, only about 175 orders had been placed," he said.

Forty-six different tree and shrub species for a total of 170,000 seedlings initially were offered for public purchase through the 2004 Conservation Seedling Program. Of that amount, about 75,000 still are available, representing 42 tree and plant species, she said.

To qualify for participation in the program, a person must own at least one acre of land in New Mexico and must agree to use the trees for conservation purposes. All proceeds are reinvested into the Tree Seedling Program.

Species available include the Afghanistan pine, Austrian pine, Arizona ash, Aspen, Black locust, Hackberry, Piñon, Native plum, Sand Cherry and many other species native to the state.

Bare root seedlings are sold in bundles of 25 with a minimum order of 50 plants

for \$96. Containerized seedlings of 1-year-old plants are sold in 10-cubic-inch containers in minimum lots of 49 of the same species for \$49.

Forty-cubic-inch containers of 2-year-old plants are sold in minimum lots of 20 of the same species for \$45. Styro-blocks (30 seedlings in a block) of 2-year-old plants are sold in minimum lots of 30 for the same species for \$60.

Tree seedlings may be picked up at one of several distribution points in New Mexico or can be shipped by United Parcel Post free of charge. Seedling will be available in March and April.

The closest pickups for Lincoln County residents will be at 1 p.m., March 9 at the Chaves County Extension Office, 200 East Chisum Street, Roswell, and at 1 p.m. March 11, at the Natural Resource Conservation Service office in Alamogordo at 2920 N. White Sands Blvd., next to the fairgrounds.

Secure on-line ordering is available and will accept Visa or MasterCard as a method of payment. Application forms can be downloaded for those who wish to pay by check. On-line ordering and information such as maps to pickup points are available at www.nmforestry.com, or call (505) 378-3353 or (505) 476-3333.

Workshop offers help for those grieving

BY SANDI BROWNE AND
KITTY JELSOVSKY CALLENDER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

In January of each year, we turn the page of our calendars and begin a new chapter of our lives.

We have the opportunity to change our story, but most of us continue in familiar pathways with the same job, relationships, and social group.

In contrast, individuals who have sustained a significant loss in the last year find their lives turned upside-down with change all around them. Little seems familiar and often they lack the energy to handle the new situation.

On Saturday, Jan. 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., a "New Chapter" workshop will be presented by Ruidoso Home Care and Hospice Foundation for individuals dealing with loss. The workshop is three hours in length and includes a light lunch. There is no charge, but reservations are required: Call 258-0028 to get more information and to register.

Each person expresses his or her unique reaction and coping

style when faced with loss. Some individuals let their emotions out and seek support while others use activity and cognitive skills to lessen their pain. "One size fits all" does not

apply to the process of mourning. However,

researchers have determined that, in general, grievers tend to fall into two categories called "instrumental" or "intuitive."

Instrumental grievers stochastically continue forward in their lives, taking action and showing little emotion. They are inclined to continue with tasks and projects, as they use their mind to figure out their new life. They are often perceived as lacking feeling, when in fact, they may be feeling very deeply, but not showing that part of themselves to the world.

As a result, the instrumental griever may not receive the social support of their community nor find suitable outlets for expression of their grief. They may also judge themselves for their lack of feeling.

Intuitive grievers are more inclined to turn to others as they submerge themselves in their feelings. They often are

overwhelmed with emotion and may feel unable to complete necessary tasks in their lives. They may try to stifle their feelings to bring comfort to family and friends who are concerned for them.

Neither approach is superior to the other, but is part of a unique expression of mourning. Difficulties occur when the natural approach is stifled. Whatever the grieving approach, there are techniques and tips that can assist the individual to move forward with greater ease into their new life.

When grief is no longer overwhelming and people want or need to move forward, what happens next? There are many options, many resources that

are available here and throughout Lincoln County and the state.

Presenters for the "New Chapter" include Sandi Browne, a licensed professional counselor, looking at grief from a psychological framework, and Kitty Jelsovsky Callender, who will share experiences from a survivor's viewpoint. Participants will determine their style of grieving and then be given techniques to work within that style.

Anyone dealing with loss that is impacting their life is encouraged to attend the "New Chapter" workshop.

Sandi Browne and Kitty Jelsovsky Callender are associated with Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice.

Health and Wellness

Ski Apache continues area student discount

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Ski Apache program that allows area students to ski or learn to ski (and snowboard) at a special price will begin at the end of this month.

Prices remain at \$2 for a half-day lift ticket for students only. Adults must pay the regular half-day ski area rate which is \$32. Equipment rental at participating ski shops will again be \$5. Schools have been given a complete list of ski shops for the program.

First-time skiers and snowboarders are required to take lessons the first two days of the program. Lessons are provided for both for a \$2 fee each session.

Ski dates for the program will be Jan. 27, Feb. 3, Feb. 10 and Feb. 17. Permission slips from participating schools must be in to Ron Wall, coordinator of the program, by Jan. 22.

For further information contact your local school or Ron Wall at 258-4910.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Woman's club meets

Sandra Smith will speak on "The Many Faces of Billy the Kid" during the meeting of the Ruidoso Woman's Club at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The clubhouse is on Evergreen Street behind Ruidoso Office Supply.

REDTT meeting

The Jan. 12 meeting of the Lincoln County Rural Economic Development Through Tourism Council will be at Rustic Roots Restaurant & Catering on School Road in

Capitan at 1 p.m. School Road is off Highway 380 in Capitan. Heading towards Carrizozo, it is the first dirt road on the right. Rustic Roots is about 2 to 3 miles down on the right. Lunch will be available.

Immediately following the regular meeting, Ken Sweetser will conduct a mini-grant workshop for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. All are urged to attend as there have been changes from previous mini-grant workshops.

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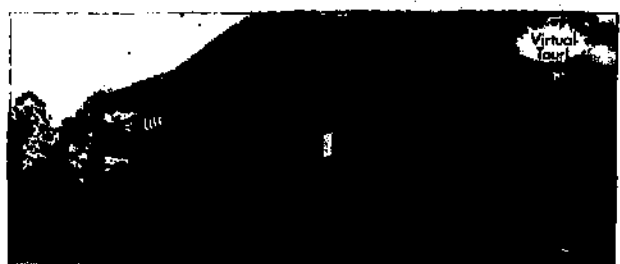
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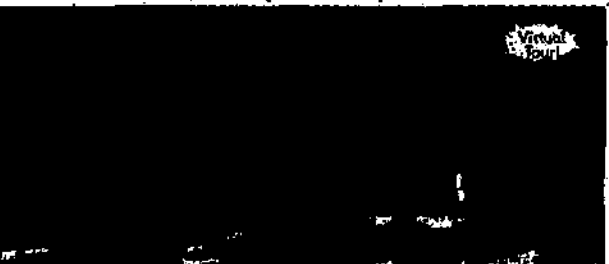
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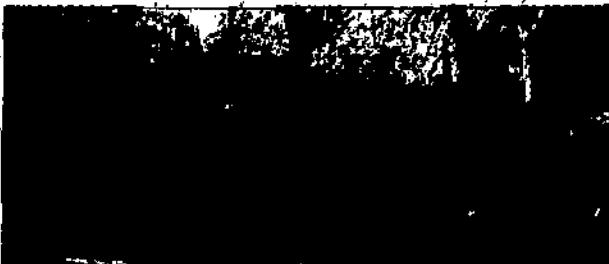
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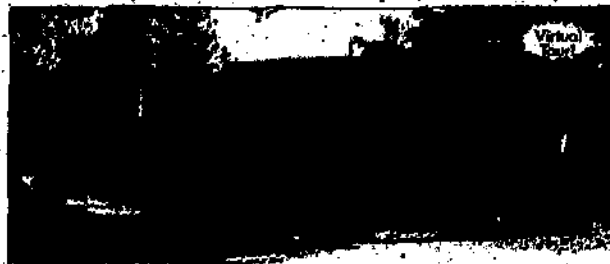
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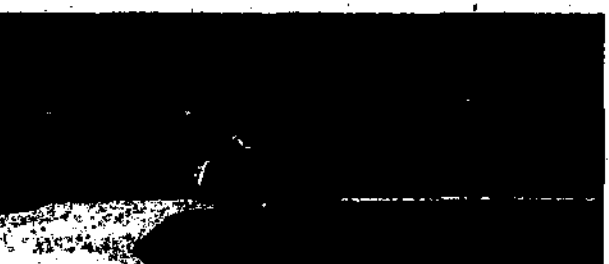
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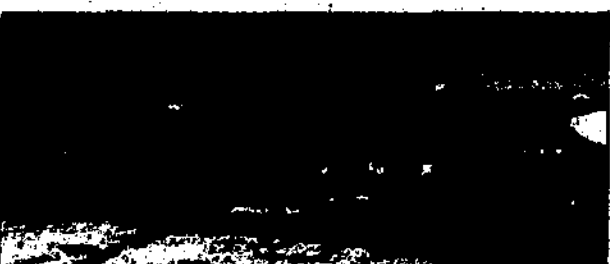
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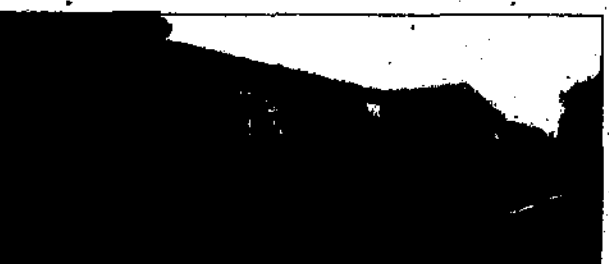
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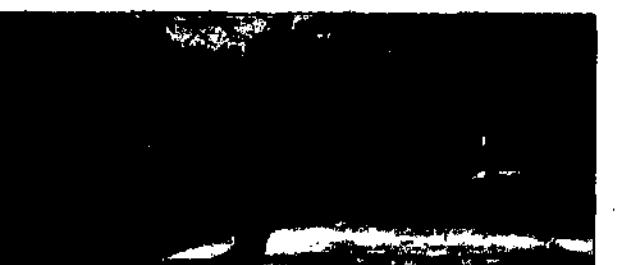
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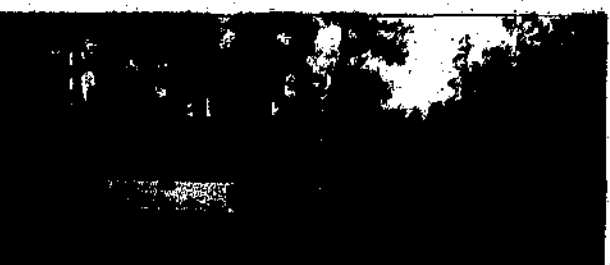


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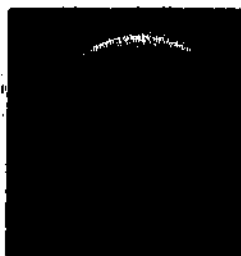
Tiger trifecta named to All-State

Despite the fact that the Captain Tigers were semifinalists in this year's Class 1A state football playoffs, and despite the fact that they boast both the offensive and defensive players of the year for District 4-1A, only three Captain players were named to this year's Associated Press All-State Team.

Seniors Weston Richardson and Sheldon Moor were named to the second team as receivers, while senior Andrew Armendariz made it as a second team defensive lineman.

The Tigers may not have impressed AP voters across the state, but they were appreciated within the confines of 4-1A, as 14 Tigers were named to the All-District team.

Additionally, Moor joined quarterback Stephan Silva as the district's offensive players of



Richardson



Moor



Armendariz

Capitan include Cory Nowell on offensive line, David Griego on offensive and defensive line, Richardson as receiver and defensive line, and Andrew Silva as linebacker on

the year, while Armendariz got the nod as the defensive player of the year.

Moor — who set a school single-game record with 188 receiving yards against Hagerman — made first team all-district as receiver, punter and secondary player. Silva, a record holder for rushing and passing with 420 yards against Faith Christian, was named as the first team quarterback and joined Moor in the first team secondary.

Armendariz is the first team running back and defensive lineman.

Other first team selections for

defense.

Andrew Silva — who set a single game rushing record with 288 yards against Carrizozo — was also named to the second team offense as a running back, joining teammate Drew Haynes in the backfield. Jesse Underdown was a pick as second team offensive and defensive lineman, while Armendariz surfaced as the second team kicker.

Other Tigers on second team include Jason Clark and Matt Neal as offensive linemen, Justin Smith and Matthew Davis in the secondary, and Ronnie Montes at linebacker.

Hondo girls steamroll Vaughn

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Hondo Lady Eagles have been rolling off late, winning their last two basketball games by a combined score of 114-28, but things are about to get a bit more challenging.

That suits coach Julie Montoya just fine. "This is all to get us ready for district," Montoya said after the Lady Eagles' 59-13 victory over Vaughn Monday. "We need to focus more on shoring up our weaknesses. We feel pretty good for district, but there's always room for improvement."

Josephine Gutierrez had 17 points to lead a Lady Eagle team that has two more games before starting District 8-1A play Jan. 20 at Gateway

Christian. Mercedes Lopez had 14 points, followed by Angelica Chavez with 11 and Lauren Richardson had 10.

The four players in double figures, as well as the fact that just about every Hondo player scored, is a good sign for Montoya.

"Everybody played, and that's always good to keep the team together," Montoya said. "We were getting much better looks at the basket, and we've got some good shooters."

Good shooting will be crucial for Hondo's next two games, in which they face the Artesia and Hagerman junior varsity squads, both on the road.

The Lady Eagles will be at Artesia this Monday at 5 p.m. and in Hagerman this Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

BOWDEN: In the running at Roswell

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ty, and whether you can be a consistent winner, regardless of what kind of talent you have," Bowden said. "This isn't an opportunity some might look forward to, it's going to be a tough row to hoe for anybody. This will be a battle, because the program has been down since they won the state

championship in 2000," he added.

Given that Bowden was asked to apply by the RISD athletic director, it's a safe bet to assume that the Warriors head coach isn't too disappointed with his situation at Ruidoso High.

"I'm pretty happy where I'm at," Bowden said.

WARRIORS: A star is Born

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game, this time on a flagrant elbow call with 3:31 left in the third quarter.

As in Ruidoso's game at Tularosa, Dustin Prelo came in off the bench to take Hooper's place, and brought more fire to the game to counter Socorro's determination.

Born had 15 points in the game, but the top scorer for Ruidoso was Patrick Valliant, who had 22 points. Crespino led Socorro with 13 points.

"If we can win these close ones, and start pulling ahead in the fourth quarter, that's gonna work to our advantage," Page said. "That's what we've seen in our last three games."

Notes: While the Socorro Warriors started the game dominating the rebounds, a revitalized Ruidoso team eventually took control of the boards and finished with a 43-35 advantage, led by Cody Small with eight... Small also joined Hooper with three blocks each, as Ruidoso had eight rejections in all... The Ruidoso JV won its game, 61-38, and was led by Prelo with 14 points, while Jason Kampsy had 12 and Kyle Snowden 10.

WRESTLING: Middleweights come through

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After Bruce Herrera got a minor decision at 189 to make it 34-23, Case Forrest was thrown for a pin at 215, giving the Coyotes a quick six points and bringing them to within five of Ruidoso with only the heavyweight match to be decided.

With his teams' hopes riding on his shoulders, Daniel Montes got a pin in the final match to give his team the dual win.

"It was pretty exciting all the way to the end," Brown said. "Points-wise we beat them, but we definitely beat them on the wrestling. They (Roswell) tried to do a lot of muscle stuff on us, and we were able to counter them really well."

The Warriors open the Carlsbad Invite today at 1 p.m. and continue Saturday at 8 a.m. They return next Tuesday for their first home match at 5:30 p.m. against Goddard and New Mexico Military Institute in the RHS auxiliary gym.

Changes in store for small schools next year

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Small schools in the area were already gearing up for changes in their districts next season, but new changes set forth by the New Mexico Activities Association at its regular board meeting Wednesday have supplanted those.

Under the new rules, the districts will be aligned based on enrollment, geography, district and divisional alignments and competition factors.

Under the current system, districts are aligned from the outside of the state inward and require an equal amount of teams in each district.

This makes for such far-flung districts as 7-1A, which includes Carrizozo, Corona, Mountainair and Albuquerque schools Temple Baptist and Bosque Prep.

Under the new alignment, 7-1A will see the two Albuquerque-based schools depart — Bosque Prep will be in Class 2A — and be replaced by Vaughn and Hondo.

The Eagles move over from District 8-1A, which will feature no apex teams for the 2004-05 season, as Mescalero is moving up in class

and will be in District 5-2A with Cloudcroft, Hatch, Lordsburg and Tularosa.

Capitan — which was formerly in District 5, will scoot over to District 7-2A with Dexter, Eunice and Loving.

These alignments refer to volleyball, basketball and track only. Arrangements for baseball, softball and cross country will remain the same.

The alignments also remain the same for football, as Capitan and Mescalero will be in District 4-1A, while Hondo will play six-man football in District 4. The Corona/Vaughn Wings are scheduled to move to District 2 with Mountainair, New Mexico School for the Deaf and Roy/Wagon Mound.

Changes are pending for classes 3A-5A, but won't take effect until the 2005-06 season to give schools a chance to reschedule their teams. One change which will take effect in 2004-05 will be the elimination of regional games in the larger classes and a return to quarterfinals at the state level.

A full report on the new alignments can be found at the NMAA's website at www.nmaa.org.

Local horse takes third in Shue Fly Stakes

SUNLAND PARK — Blackgold Chips, a two-year-old sorrel mare owned by Freda Draper and Elmer Criswell of Ruidoso Downs, captured third place in the \$216,287 Shue Fly Stakes Dec. 27.

The horse, ridden by Saul Ramirez and trained by Carl Draper, covered the 400-yard

race in a time of 19.391 and paid \$2.10 to show.

Ongoing Ta Fame took first with jockey G.R. Carter aboard, paying \$8.20 to win, \$5.00 to place and \$2.10 to show. Arbor Mist paid \$13.00 to place and \$2.10 to show after finishing second with Joe Badilla riding.

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DOWNS POLICE

Juveniles found drinking

Ruidoso Downs police arrested Ricardo A. Soto, 19, of Ruidoso Downs, Jan. 6, charging him with minor allowing self to be served intoxicating beverages after officers responded to a call about a loud party at Allison Trailer Park. Soto was observed attempting to leave the area, and the officer detected the odor of alcohol. At the same party, police arrested a 17-year-old male on the same charge, the report states.

Household assault

James Miller, 46, of Ruidoso Downs, was arrested Jan. 5 and charged with assault on a household member. Officers had been dispatched about a domestic incident in progress.

No free whiskey

Police arrested a 15-year-old Roswell male Jan. 5, charging him with shoplifting a bottle of Jack Daniels and a key chain from Wal-Mart. A 17-year-old Hondo male and a 16-year-old Hondo male were arrested at the same time for shoplifting a bottle of Jack Daniels each

and keychains.

Drug arrest

During a traffic stop, an officer discovered that Gonzales Gonzales, 20, of Ruidoso Downs, had drug paraphernalia in his possession, and arrested and charged him on Jan. 5.

No license to drive

Police arrested Jennifer Silva, 21, of Ruidoso Downs, after a routine traffic stop Jan. 5, charging her with driving with a suspended or revoked driver's license.

Underage drinking

Police arrested Anthony Randolph, 19, of Ruidoso Downs, Jan. 1, charging him with minor allowing self to be served intoxicating beverages and for possession of a controlled substance.

DWI arrest

Police arrested Rees Kevin McWright, 32, of Ruidoso Downs, on Dec. 28, charging him with second-

offense driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages.

Boots not made for walking

Police arrested Incento Pena-Lopez, 32, of Albuquerque, Dec. 16, charging him with shoplifting a pair of boots, valued at \$24.92, from Wal-Mart. He was booked and turned over to the U.S. Border Patrol after seeing a judge.

Perfume pilfering impeded

Two Mesquero females, ages 15 and 16, were arrested Dec. 15 at Wal-Mart for shoplifting a bottle of perfume (each) priced at \$6.96. They were turned over to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and taken to their parents.

Shoplifting bust

Johnny Medina, 23, of Ruidoso Downs, was arrested for shoplifting two Happy plug-ins at Wal-Mart valued at \$59.94 on Dec. 14.

Washers foil robber

The manager of Inspiration Heights

Apartments, 110 Sierra Lane, reported on Jan. 4 that someone had tried to break into the coin machines on several of the washers.

Windows broken

A caller on Jan. 4 reported that the windows had been broken out of his vehicle in the 300 block of DiPaolo Drive.

Wind damage

The heavy wind Jan. 3 blew a piece of skirting from across the street and struck a vehicle parked in the 300 block of Allison Lane.

Car windows shattered

The back windows of a vehicle were broken out about midnight on Dec. 25, 2003, in the 500 block of Harris Lane, according to police reports.

Good kitty

A cat alerted a resident in the 200 block of Spring Road about an attempted break-in the afternoon of Jan. 1. The

resident had put the cat outside and then noticed it coming in through a window. The window was broken and the screen torn down, the report states.

Stables struck

On Jan. 4, an officer took a report on the theft of an air compressor valued at \$200-300 at Cowboys Riding Stables, 942 North Lane. On Dec. 27, a saddle valued at \$1,600 was reported stolen from the riding stables.

Burglary items found

Investigation continues on a burglary in the 100 block of East Second Street that was reported Dec. 28. Some clothes taken from the residence were found later in the day in the area of Cowboys Trailer Park.

Third-offense DWI

Ruidoso Downs police arrested Eddie B. Chavez, 46, of San Patricio on Dec. 24, charging him with aggravated, third-offense driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Rape reported

A 40-year-old Albuquerque woman reported a kidnapping and criminal sexual penetration between 11:30 and 12:16 p.m. Dec. 30. The 40- to 50-year-old white male was described as about 170 pounds, light-complected with a 24-hour beard growth, wearing glasses, a blue and green striped short-sleeved shirt, green denim jeans, brown shoes and no socks. He was driving a white Ford pickup with a gray interior, and a camper shell with a veteran's sticker on the glass.

Child search delayed

Ruidoso police arrested Adrian M. White, 23, of Ruidoso, Jan. 6, charging him with obstructing an officer when he was looking for a missing 16-year-old female in the 100 block of Apache Hills Drive. The child was located hiding in a pile of clothes in a bedroom. A Juvenile Probation Office referral was made on her and she was released to her parents.

Car scraped

A vehicle parked at High Sierra Condominiums, 504 Excalibur Road, was damaged by being scraped with a sharp instrument between 10 a.m. Jan.

2 and noon Jan. 3.

Refrigerator running?

A refrigerator was reported stolen from a residence in the Camelot Subdivision some time prior to Dec. 10. The GE refrigerator, valued at \$450, was inside the residence, the doors were locked and there was no sign of forced entry, the report states.

Window broken

A window was broken out of a residence in the 100 block of Roswell Street sometime before Dec. 16. The report did not state if anything was missing.

Burglar strikes car

A burglar broke into a vehicle parked in the 100 block of Bogie Lane between 5 p.m. Dec. 16 and 7:30 a.m. Dec. 17, police report. The side window had been left open about 6 inches, allowing the burglar access to the contents of the vehicle. Taken were a silver Motorola cell phone valued at \$129 and 15 credit cards.

Wallet taken

A wallet containing \$250 in cash was stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked at the Camelot Apartments, 206 Crown Drive, between 6 p.m.

Dec. 16 and 2 p.m. Dec. 17. The owner found the empty wallet on Dec. 18.

Unlocked car burgled

Another vehicle owner left the doors unlocked in the 100 block of Course View Drive between 3 a.m. and 3:30 a.m. Dec. 17, allowing an opportunist to take a Radio Shack radar detector valued at \$150, a Motorola power cord valued at \$20 and an adapter for a cigarette lighter valued at \$10.

Items taken

An unlocked vehicle was broken into in the 100 block of Sarah Lane between 9:30 p.m. Dec. 16 and 10 a.m. Dec. 17. Taken were a black leather CD holder valued at \$100, \$200 in CDs, \$50 of smoking pipes and a phone car charger valued at \$21.95.

Radar detector stolen

A vehicle parked in the 100 block of Course View Drive was broken into between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. Dec. 17, and an Emerson radar detector was stolen.

Tires flattened

Two tires were slashed or had holes punched in them on

the vehicle of a resident and employee of Holiday House, 310 Sudderth Drive, between 6 p.m. Dec. 28 and 9 a.m. Dec. 29, according to police reports.

Radar sign torched

A radar sign in Flume Canyon, at the entrance to Black Forest Estates area, was set afire by what police believe was a Molotov cocktail thrown at it from a moving vehicle between 10:10 and 10:19 p.m. Dec. 30.

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Western Motor Company To Sell 75 Used Vehicles This Friday, Jan. 9; Saturday, Jan. 10 & Monday, Jan. 12

RUIDOSO, NM - Fleet Liquidators Of America has been retained by Western Motor Company to present a unique "Prior Bank Asset \$59 Down Payment SuperSale" this Friday, Jan. 9th; Saturday, Jan. 10th and Monday, Jan. 12th.

Todd Monet of Western Motor Company said "The reason for the \$59 SuperSale is that a record number of lease returns, rental returns and prior bank asset vehicles have flooded the New Mexico market in the past year. We're absolutely swamped with quality preowned vehicles and have retained Fleet Liquidators to help reduce this inventory immediately."

Management at Western Motor Company has decided to sell their used vehicle inventory direct to the public by means of a \$59 Down Payment SuperSale. During this event, any used car, truck, van and SUV will be available for just a \$59 down payment then start making payments plus tax, title and fees,* with approved credit.

According to Mr. Monet, customers pay the \$59 down payment on one of over \$2 million worth of lease returns, rental returns, and other used vehicles, that will be on the Western Motor

Company lot. "Vehicles will be clearly marked, so just pick your vehicle and pick your payment plan. Select any used vehicle in stock and pay a \$59 down payment.* Remember, this is not a lease."

Mr. Monet said, "This \$59 SuperSale is about making it simple and affordable for customers to get the used vehicle of their choice."

A large selection of models will be available, including Pontiacs, Buicks, GMC Trucks, Isuzus, Chevys, Fords and more, all for just a \$59 down payment* then start making payments.

Mr. Monet stated that this is the "absolute best opportunity for anyone seeking a quality used vehicle to get the best deal ever! Customers may never see savings like this again."

Western Motor Company will have finance representatives on hand to answer questions and help customers obtain the best terms. Transactions will be accepted. Customers should bring their title and/or payment books to expedite delivery.

"This really is a win-win situation for everyone involved," Mr. Monet said. "Customers get a great deal on a quality used vehicle, and we are able to drastically reduce our inventory."

After 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 12th, Western Motor Company will return to normal operations. Western Motor Company is located at 109 E. Hwy 70, in Ruidoso.

*RIGHTS RESERVED TO END OF SALE WHEN EVERY VEHICLE DISPOSED. VEHICLES/BANKS/LENDING INSTITUTIONS AND CREDIT UNIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. ALL VEHICLES PLUS TAX, TITLE AND \$179 PROCESSING FEE. All offers with approved credit. **Example: Sale Price \$3174 \$79/mo for 48 mos. @ 10.0% APR, \$59 down plus tax, title and \$179 processing fee. Total amount financed \$3,115 plus tax. Total of payments \$3792 plus tax. Additional down payment may be required for credit approval. Subject to credit approval and prior sale.

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Why not begin taking better care of your soul this week as you worship in your local church or synagogue? After all... you're worth it!

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School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m. and
7 p.m.; Wednesday services: 7 p.m.

First Assembly of God
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Brunkel, Pastor. Sunday morning worship: 10:45
a.m.; Children's Church in the New Castle-During
Sunday services 10:45am. Sunday evening praise: 6
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BAPTIST
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
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
Tinnie. 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,
Sunday evening - 6:30pm.

The J-J Country Church Interdenominational,
Hwy. 70 W 505-257-6899 Rev. Charles W. Clay,
Sunday 10 am Worship, Tuesday 6:30 pm Worship,
Sunday e-mail: helpandhope@zianet.com

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Baha'i Faith Meeting in members' homes. 257-
2987 or 258-5595

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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: 9:30 a.m. (English), 11:00
a.m. (English); Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 5
to 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass, St. Jude Thaddeus, San
Patricio: 8 a.m.

St. Theresa Catholic Church Chaves. Sunday
Mass: 6 p.m.

St. Joseph's Apache Mission Mescalero. Father
Larry Gosselin, OFM. Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Bent. Father Larry
Gosselin. Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 8
a.m.

CHRISTIAN
Christian Community Church 127 Rio Comer
W/Eagle, Mid-town. 9-11 Sunday Services/Praise &
Worship. For more information call: 378-7076

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Holl
and Gavilan Canyon Road, Rev. James M. Smith,
Pastor. Sunday School, K-12/Adult: 9:30 a.m.;
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Gateway Church of Christ 415 Sudderth, Ruidoso.
257-4381. Jimmy Sportsman, Minister. Sunday
Morning worship: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Bible Class:
11:00 a.m.; Mid-Week Service: Wed. 6:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LDS
Church of Jesus Christ LDS Ruidoso Branch,
North on Hwy. 48, between Ruidoso and Capitlan.
Branch President Les Nielson. 336-4359, Sunday
schedule: Sacrament starts at 10 a.m.; Sunday
School: Priesthood and Relief Society.

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. Fr Ron Thomson, Team Leader.
Sunday Eucharist Rite I: 8:00 a.m.; Rite II - 10:30 a.m.,
nursery available for the 10:30 service; Sunday School:
10:30; Youth Group (UDOK, CIA): 1:30-3:30;
Wednesday: Daughters of King at noon; Eucharist &
healing: 5:30 p.m.; Choir practice: 7:00 p.m.

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School: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall-1102 Gavilan Canyon
Rd., 336-4147, 257-3871. Sunday: Public Talk-
10:00 a.m.; Watchtower Study-10:30 a.m.; Monday:
Book Study-7:30 p.m.; Thursday: Theo. Ministry
School-7:30 p.m.; Services Meeting-8:20 p.m.

Congregacion Hispana de los Testigos de Jehova
1102 Gavilan Canyon Rd., 336-4147, 378-7095.
Dom. Reunion Publica-1:00 p.m.; Estudio de la
Atalaya-1:30 p.m.; Mart. Escuela del Ministerio
Tecnico-7:00 p.m.; Reunion de Servicio-7:50
p.m.; Juev. Estudio de Libro-7:00 p.m.

LUTHERAN
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
1120 Hull Road, 258-4191, 257-5296. Kevin L.
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
Communally United Methodist Church Junction
Road, behind Wells Fargo Bank. Bob Sawyer, Pastor.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 8:30
a.m., 10:55 a.m.

PENTECOSTAL
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http://www.11doctrinesofchrist.com

The Apostles of Lincoln County, UPC Rimax
Center, 1009 Mechem Dr. Unit #1. Pastor, Art Dunn.
Sunday afternoon, 4:30 PM. Adult, children's & youth
classes. Wednesday evening, 7:00 PM. Bible Study.

PRESBYTERIAN
First Presbyterian Church 101 Sutter Drive (Nob
Bill), Ruidoso, 257-2220. Rev. Cathy Caud Anderson.
Sunday school 9:45 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. Pollack fel-
lowship 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.

Nogah Presbyterian Church Reverend Bill Schering.
Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.

REFORMED CHURCH
Mescalero Reformed Mescalero, Bob Schut, 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. Thurs: Kids Club (grades 1-5) 3:30.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Ruidoso Seventh Day Adventist 207 Parkway, Agua
Fria, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4161. Pastor
Robertson 505-439-0760; Assoc. Pastor Wilburn
Morford 622-1206. Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30
a.m.; Church service: 11 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer
meeting 7 p.m.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
Sacramento Mountains Unitarian Universalist
Church, meets at Ruidoso Valley Chamber of
Commerce 720 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso: 2nd & 4th
Sundays: 9:45 a.m. Potluck Brunch: 10:30am.
Services: 11:00 a.m. Children's program. Call 258-
1881. www.unusm.com

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
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 Rik's Synch, 682-
2999. Monday: Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m. at
Scholarship'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. Rymell Rick's @ rymellrick.com

Calvary Chapel 127 Vision, next to Cable Co., 257-
5915. Pastor John Marshall. Sunday worship 9:30
a.m.; Wednesday: Mid-week bible study 7:00 p.m.

Casa de Oracion Comunal Cristiana, Ruidoso
304 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345 (505) 257-
6078. Pastor: Carlos & Gabby Carreon. Martes -
Oracion 6:00 pm; Jueves - Servicio Conecta 6:00 pm;
Sabado - Kid-in-Revival 11:00 am; Domingo

Servicio General 11:00 am. *All Services are
Bilingual* - Translators Available -
Christ Church in the Downs Ruidoso Downs, 378-
8464. Al and Mary Lee, Pastors. Sunday: 8:30 Sun
a.m., 10:45 am, Children's ministries concurrent with
late Sunday Services. Sat. outreach at 1pm, at
church. Thursday: 7 p.m.

Cornerstone Church-Cornerstone Square, 613
Sudderth Drive, 257-9265. John & Joy Wyatt,
Pastors. Sunday School, 9:45. Church, 10:30 a.m.;
6:30 p.m. with Children's Church Sun. Eve.
Handicap Services 11 a.m. Wed. Leadership Class 6
p.m. & Prayer 7 pm, Wed. Bible Study Adult 7 p.m.
Thurs. and Youth, Thurs. 7 p.m.

Cowboy Church Noon Sundays at the Glencoe
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Grace Harvest Church Gavilan Canyon Rd., 336-
4213. Sun. morning prayer 8:30 a.m.; Sunday school
9 a.m.; service 10 am

Iglesia Bautista "Vida Eterna" Pastor Rev. Ramon
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88346, 361 E. Hwy. 70, (505) 378-8108. Email:
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Miracle Life Ministry Center Ron Rice &
Catherine Callahan, Ministers Available 24 hours for
healing prayer. 354-0255 e-mail miraclelife@rui-
doso-online.com

Peace Chapel Interdenominational (ULC)
Alto North, 336-7075. Jeanne Price, Pastor.
Morning chapel: 6:50 a.m. (Sept. - June); Sun.
Services: 11 a.m.

RaceTrack Chapel
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CARRIZOZO CHURCHES

BAPTIST

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.

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

CATHOLIC

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

EPISCOPAL

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

FOUR SQUARE

Capitan Four Square Church Highway 48, Capitan. Harold W. Perry, Pastor. Sunday

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

BAPTIST

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

CATHOLIC

Sanita Rita Catholic Church
648-2853. Father Dave Bergs, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass:
10:30 a.m.; Tuesday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

EPISCOPAL

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

METHODIST

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

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

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School board members recognized this month

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

School board members exemplify local citizen control and decision-making in education. They volunteer hundreds of hours and an immeasurable amount of energy to ensure that our schools are providing the best education possible for the community's children.

Carrizozo School District is taking this opportunity to show its appreciation during "School Board Appreciation Month" in January.

School board members are residents whose decisions affect the community's children — what they learn, who teaches them and what kinds of facilities house their classrooms.

Carrizozo's school board is one of 89 in the state of New Mexico. Members take their responsibility seriously. They give their time to attend meetings, conferences and institutes where they broaden their knowledge about

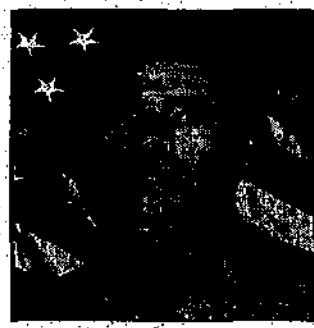
education.

Steve Harkey, board president, has served in that capacity for seven years.

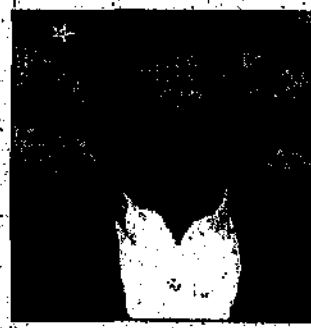
"At the time I began running for a position on the board, there were a lot of things going on that I thought needed to be changed," Harkey said. "It took three tries for me to be elected but I know we've made a difference. We've been able to bring in \$6-7 million dollars in state and local aid for school improvements."

Jim Grider, in his third year on the board, came with eight years of school board experience in Sierra County.

"When you live in a community, you have to put back into the community. Somebody has to do it and sometimes there isn't anybody who wants to, so I became somebody," Grider explains. In describing the changes he's seen in his term Grider said, "I have appreciated the professionalism and management skills Mr. (Sergio) Castañon has brought to the school as



Harkey



Grider



Crenshaw



Zamora



Ferguson

the Superintendent. It's been good for the school and for the students."

LeeRoy Zamora is a long time board member with over 12 years service. LeeRoy has put one son through the school and has a daughter in high school now. "I wanted to be on the board because I thought I could help the school district. I love it." The only surprise in the job for LeeRoy was that it wasn't as hard as he thought it would be.

Lisa Crenshaw is one of the newest

board members. Crenshaw, board secretary, won her seat in the last election and took the position formerly held by Lisa Shivers. Her daughter, Kaitlyn, is a freshman at Carrizozo High School.

Matt Ferguson took office last August after being appointed by the board to finish out the term in a position held by the resigning Eldon Offut. "I grew up in this school and I will always be part of it and the community. I wanted to contribute in making a

difference," Ferguson said. His wife, Becca, is the second grade teacher and they have two children, Joel and Sarah, who are elementary students.

In January, residents can join others from throughout the district, state and nation to salute the men and women who provide grassroots governance of public schools. It's an opportunity to make a special effort to tell all school board members that their hard work has been noticed and is very much appreciated.

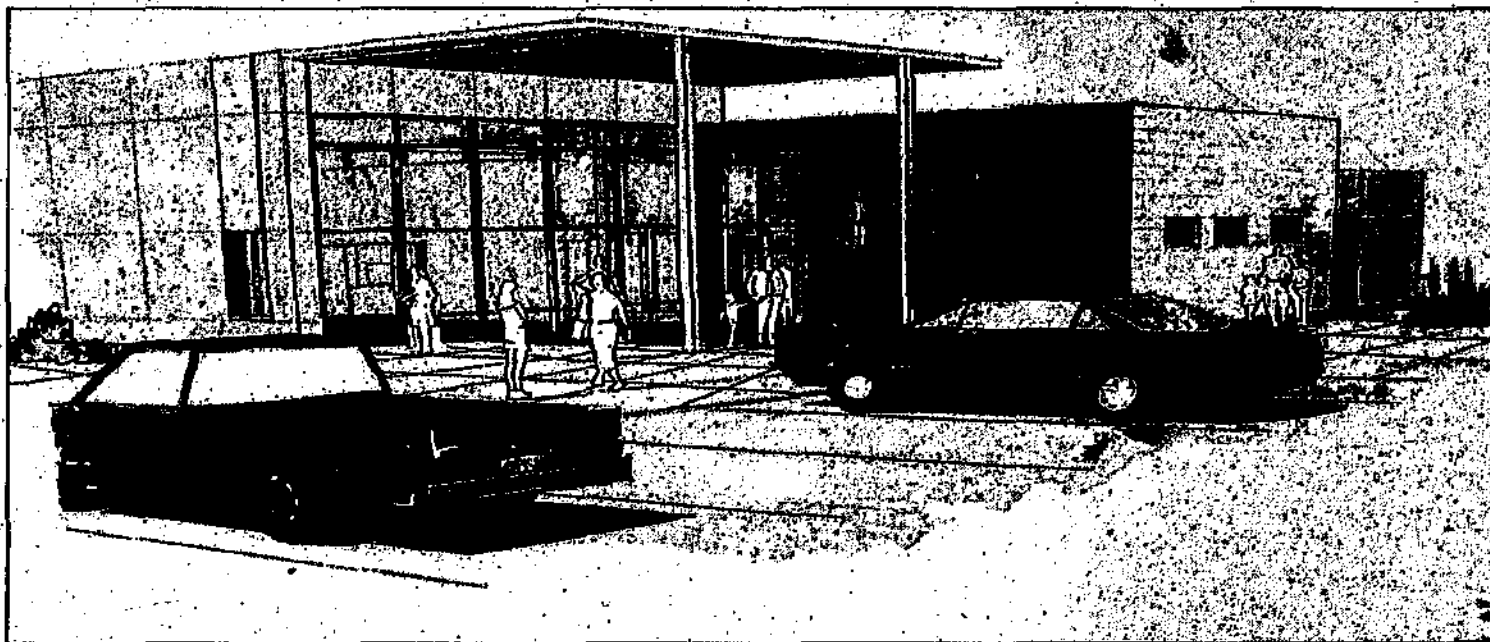


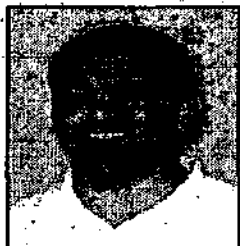
PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Cory Collins' architectural designs, including the one here showing the proposed Carrizozo Town Hall, are featured in the Carrizozo Schools administration board room during the month of January.

Carrizozo board room art gets real

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Cory Collins, Albuquerque, is a 1993 graduate of Carrizozo High School. He is also the featured artist for January in the Carrizozo Schools administration board room.



Collins

Collins' art takes a far step from the oils and photography that have been featured to date. Polly Chavez, organizer of the monthly art shows, proudly remembers Collins as one of her young art students when he was in elementary

school.

After receiving a bachelor of arts and a master's degree in architecture from the University of New Mexico, Collins went to work 4 1/2 years as an intern architect for the Albuquerque firm of Dekker/Perich/Sabatini. He is currently one of the primaries on the new Carrizozo Town Hall project.

The son of Annie Serna of Carrizozo and Paul Collins of Alamogordo, he has always been a doodler and sketcher. "In my junior year of high school, my English teacher gave us a career evaluation to determine fields of work we might want to pursue. I was good at art and fairly good at math so architecture seemed a logical direction."

Collins and his wife of four years, Heidi,

enjoy traveling and see movies when there is free time. Collins also still pays basketball as hobby and likes to read.

When in the creation segment of schematic design, Collins uses the ideas and desires of the customer and with his knowledge of materials and design to arrive at the first conceptual drawings.

In the case of Carrizozo's new city hall, Collins intertwined the traditional materials and colors used in southwestern design and bumped that up to a more contemporary look. The idea behind was to create something that had long lasting popular look as well as the use of materials with a longer life span.

Collins' conceptual drawings of the new city hall can be seen in the board room through the month of January.

The day the willow trees gave my secret away

The topic of most embarrassing moments is not an uncommon one in print or in conversations. For some reason, people who call themselves your friends love for you to relive any moment in time that made you feel really uneasy, awkward or with that timeless wish to be able to crawl in a hole.

First, let me say it has occurred to me often that perhaps I need new friends. A few of them actually started and participated in a poll to vote whether they thought I'd ever been embarrassed or not. Somehow my image has taken on a cast iron sheen that makes some think I'm tougher than I really am.

Of course out of 21 votes only one person who yet remains anonymous voted "yes," that they thought I'd been embarrassed. Who needs 21 friends anyway, except perhaps someone running for a political office?

The question right after the "if" then becomes "why" or "what

happened." They wait like rabid dogs for the details of the moment that goes down in history to haunt you. So today I'll set the record straight.

I was about 8 years old when the first very embarrassing moment in my life happened. A friend and I had gone riding in the mountain meadows on the ranch in Colorado where I grew up. It was a hot summer day and the beaver ponds in the creek looked invitingly cool. The idea occurred to us both about the same time. We tied up our horses, stripped down to our underwear, waded in chest deep and splashed away until it was time to go home.

Riding horses with wet underwear under your jeans is a chafing idea. So I decided to abandon the wet item by tossing it deep into the willows where I was sure it wouldn't be found in my lifetime. I donned my jeans and we rode on home.

Not two days later my dad,

with me along, took a group of guests trout fishing along that same creek. Fate was not kind to me nor was his overactive, ornery sense of humor. He spotted the discarded undies almost immediately, poked them out of the willows with the end of his fishing pole, and paraded them in public like a flag waving in the breeze.

"Are these yours Julie?" he asked, knowing darn well they were. He was grinning from ear to ear at his discovery and my embarrassment. You just didn't show folks your undies *anytime*, and this was just over the line!

I wavered between extreme embarrassment and fear of what was to come next when he remembered he'd specifically

told us not to go swimming without permission or supervision.

Fortunately for me I didn't die of embarrassment although it seemed to be possible at the time. My dad only scolded me that time in lieu of tanning my backside for disobeying, and I've often wondered if I got off light because he so enjoyed the moment. No one in my family has ever forgotten the event and it still comes up from time to time at family gatherings.

Was that the only time for the blood to rush to my face in sheer embarrassment? Well of course not, but it only takes once to prove the poll wrong.

Julie can be reached for comment at jcarter@tularosa.net



County Views
BY JULIE CARTER

County to offer diabetes cooking class next month

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Lincoln County Cooperative Extension Service and the New Mexico Department of Health Diabetes and Control Program are sponsoring a free diabetes cooking school.

Classes will be from 5:30-8:30 pm Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 22 in the Home Ec Room of Ruidoso High School.

Kitchen Creations diabetes cooking school instructor is Carolyn Felder, MS, RD, LD, CTM. The class will offer up to

date information on:

- Hands-on food preparation and sampling of healthy foods
- Recipe books
- Resource notebook

Registration and all materials are free to participants. Deadline to register is Jan. 30 and class is limited to 20 participants. To register, please call the Lincoln County Home Economist Marsha Palmer at 648-2311.

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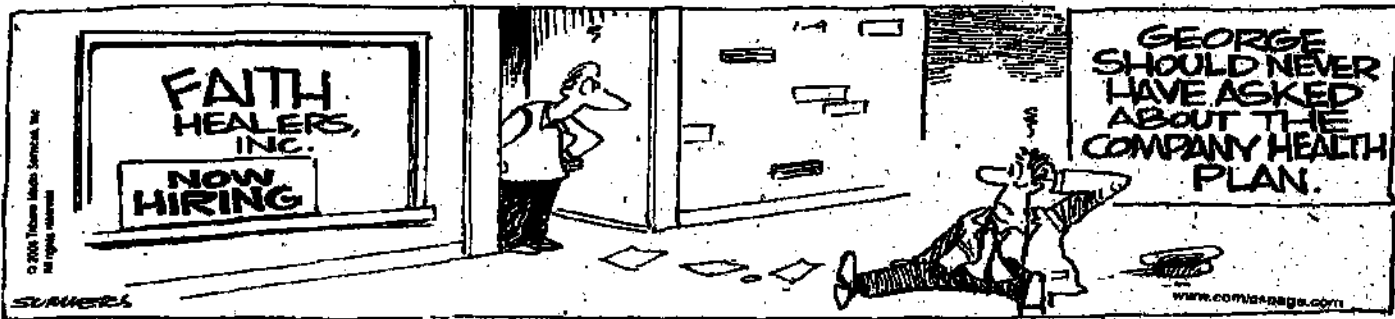
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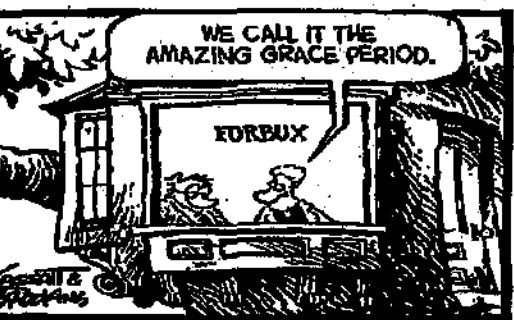
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5 "Heartland" autobiographer
9 One-way lift
13 Proceeded in line
18 Gael's school
19 Wind with a wide range
20 River of Leads
21 State bordering Arizona
22 Same feel it's bad luck
25 Put to beddy-bye
26 Astronomy Muse
27 Sr. income sources
28 Mandolin's cousin
30 Do a brewery
32 John Deere equipment
33 Law and Order
35 Spanish socialist José
37 Ltd. counterpart
38 A bit cracked
42 Liberals
45 Clinton cabinet member
48 Narrow inlet
49 Fiat holder
52 Spelling contest
53 Strips on the Atkins diet
54 Where one is when solving this puzzle?
57 Bit of folk wisdom
61 Campus party item
62 Poison producer
63 Element No. 5
68 Alcohol-based solvent
69 It's awl done
70 Use the cell phone?
72 False god
75 Panelist Francis
77 One may pick-fox for it
78 Aviation first name
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126 Dowhill racer
127 Low-fat
128 Like some punk
129 Babe in the woods?
130 Glimpse
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Gov. Richardson submits tougher DWI law package

BY WALTER RUBEK
SANTA FE BUREAU CHIEF

SANTA FE — Adults who provide alcohol to underage drinkers would be held criminally responsible for acts committed by the juvenile while intoxicated, under a package of new laws proposed Tuesday by Gov. Bill Richardson.



Richardson

Under current state law, the maximum charge for serving alcohol to a juvenile is contributing to the delinquency of a minor, a fourth-degree felony, explained Bob Schwartz, Richardson's policy chief on criminal justice. Under Richardson's proposal, if the intoxicated teen were involved in a fatal or near-fatal accident, that same adult could instead be facing a first-degree felony and a maximum of 24 years in prison.

"This is a brand new measure in New Mexico, and it will make it probably the nation's toughest version of this type of law," Schwartz said. "You know that you are giving alcohol to a child,

and if as a direct result of that minor becoming intoxicated they kill or injure themselves or anybody else — they killed them, you gave them the alcohol, that makes you a murderer as well."

The proposal would also increase penalties for DWI convictions, especially those involving children; allow the state to seize vehicles of repeat DWI offenders; make it a separate offense to refuse a DWI test and create a DWI czar who would be responsible for coordinating statewide efforts.

Richardson described it as "the most far-reaching and unprecedented legislation to fight DWI that New Mexico has ever seen."

This is the second time in the last several months that Richardson has introduced a proposal to increase penalties and impose mandatory sentences for certain offenses. In October, his proposal to toughen crimes for sexual offenders passed easily in the special session.

In both cases, he has been critical of the state's judges.

"You've heard these stories about these judges who have let these criminals go. This seems to be endemic in many of our laws in New Mexico — sex offender,

Proposed changes to laws

The package of laws proposed by Gov. Bill Richardson would:

- Create a DWI czar to coordinate all state policy on the issue.
- Increase penalties for DWI accidents resulting in death or injury.
- Make it illegal to knowingly allow a child to be transported by a drunk driver, and increase penalties if there are children in the car at the time of a DWI accident or arrest.
- Create a new law holding adults who provide alcohol to underage drinkers liable for criminal acts committed by the juvenile.
- Allow the state to seize vehicles of repeat DWI offenders or those arrested for DWI while driving on a suspended or revoked license.
- Create a separate offense for refusal to submit to a blood or breath test.

DWI, domestic violence," Richardson said. "We're going to change that."

Under Richardson's proposal, anybody who causes death or injury or endangers a child while driving drunk will have a mandatory sentence of two years for each previous DWI conviction tacked onto the original sentence.

Vehicular homicide would increase from a third-degree felony with a standard sentence of six years to a second-degree felony with a standard sentence

of 15 years.

The proposal would also make it illegal to refuse a blood-alcohol test. Under current law, refusal is an aggravating factor to the original DWI charge. Schwartz called it a loophole in the law that "experienced drunk drivers" used to try to avoid DWI charges.

"People have taken advantage of the law, they've played games with the law," Public Safety Secretary John Denko added.

This would make it a separate crime, punishable by up to 180 days on the first offense.

Richardson acknowledged that the increased and mandatory sentences would have an impact on the prison population, but said he would not be building new prisons. Schwartz said the state was in the process of taking a profile of who is in the system now to see if there are some nonviolent, low-level offenders who could be moved.

The vehicle seizure provision is similar to ones passed in Albuquerque and in Dona Ana County. It would allow vehicles to be seized after a second conviction or if the person arrested for DWI is driving on a revoked license.

Richardson agreed that many of his proposals have been defeated by past legislatures, but said there is a new climate now.

"The problem has become acute," he said. "I just hate New Mexico being, year after year, one of the worst in terms of statistics. I'm just not going to stand for it."

Sen. Kent Cravens, R-Albuquerque, said he and others in the Legislature have been trying to get tougher DWI penalties passed for 10 years, and predicted it wouldn't be easy to get Richardson's package through this year.

"I've been here before and it doesn't get any easier," Cravens said. "There will be people who oppose what the governor's trying to do here and what this Legislature needs to do. We need to knock 'em down."

Richardson said the extensiveness of the package may make it difficult to get passed, but said he believed he needed to act immediately.

"We've got a 30-day session and it's going to be jam-packed. But this is our No. 1 priority, and this will be the number-one effort that the governor's staff will have in the session," he said.

Border Patrol finds 147 pounds of pot

BY KEVIN BUEY
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

DEMING — U.S. Border Patrol agents early Monday apprehended three Mexican nationals carrying 147 pounds of marijuana in an uninhabited area of Luna County.

The men were arrested 30 miles west of Columbus, USBP Spokesman Doug Mosier said. The drugs had a street value of \$118,240, he said.

Using tracking skills, Mosier said, agents located the three in outlying areas of the county.

"Agents discovered footprints left by the subjects and followed them north," Mosier

said. "The footprints took them about 60 yards and they found two backpacks, two burlap backpacks, on the ground. ... Tracks were followed another 20 yards, where one man was found flat on the ground trying to blend with the brush. Fifteen

yards further, two more men were found lying on the ground. A third backpack was also found."

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

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Among the reasons we listed for giving Todd our votes are: "for making our days (& nights) pass quickly with laughter," he "always finds ways to keep things interesting," his "diet stick-to-it-iveness plus good features, notable 'Fastest Native American on Earth' piece," he's the "hardest-working clown in town" and "Good sports editor and is also fun to work with."

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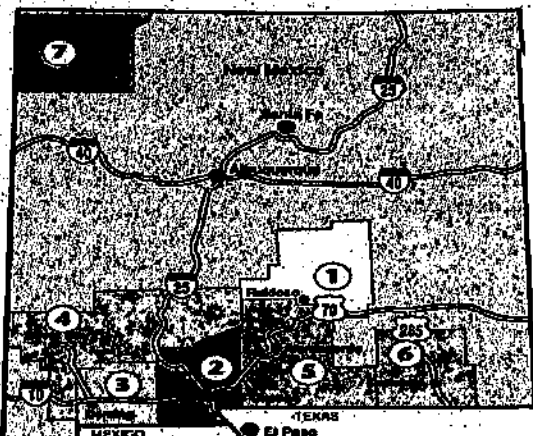
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You are also notified that a hearing on the petition is scheduled for March 15, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. at the Lincoln County Court House in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

The name of the Petitioner's attorney is Richard A. Hawthorne, P.A., whose address is 1221 Mechem, Suite 2, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico this 19th day of December, 2003.

Jan Perry
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LEGAL NOTICE**

**SECOND NOTICE of
ELECTION**

Notice of Supervisor Election for the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District (73-20-49 NMSA 1978). To all registered voters situated within the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District, counties of Lincoln and Chaves, State of New Mexico.

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of February, 2004 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. polls will be open to elect two supervisors of the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District, in accordance with the New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation District Act.

Polling location will be:

Upper Hondo SWCD Office, 516 Smokey Bear Blvd, Capitan, NM

The positions to be filled are position # 3 currently being filled by Stan Thomas and position # 4 currently being filled by Jim Cooper. Both positions may only be filled by resident owners of land within the district. Write in candidates must file declarations of candidacy on January 13, 2004 at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eligible voters within the district shall obtain and cast their ballots at the polling place on the day of the election; OR Eligible voters who will be absent on the day of the referendum may request an absentee ballot application by mail, by phone, and in person. Absentee ballot applications will be available between January 4, 2004 and January 14, 2004 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at:

The above address (516 Smokey Bear Blvd, Capitan) C/O Sue Stearns, same address. To request an absentee ballot application by phone call 505-354-2220 or 648-2941.

Completed absentee ballots must be received at the address above not later than 5:00 PM, February 3, 2004. Voters are asked to bring proof of residency to the polling location. This can be a voter registration card, utility bill, or other documentation of district residency. If you have any questions regarding this election please call Sue Stearns at 354-2220 or 648-2941.

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Notice of Supervisor Election for the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District (73-20-49 NMSA 1978).

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Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of February, 2004 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. polls will be open to elect two supervisors of the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District, in accordance with the New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation District Act.

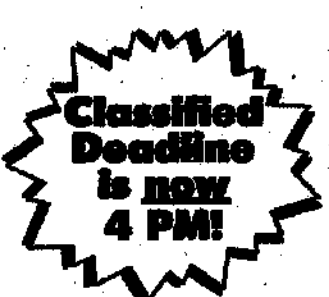
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NRCS/Carrizozo District Office, 409 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, New Mexico

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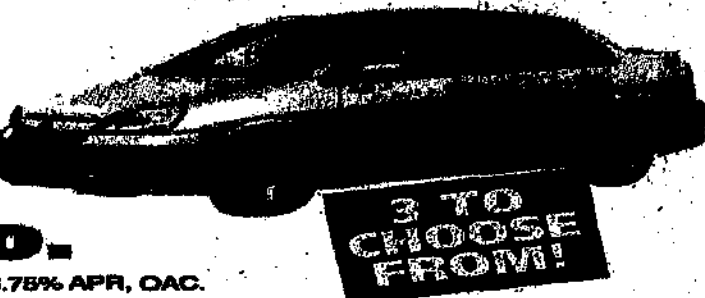
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COURTESY

Timberon artist Michael Chesley Johnson works in pastel en plein air and has created such works as "Winter's Hold-out," a scene from the Zuni Mountains near Gallup and Ramah.

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Hubbard debuts 'Artist's Corner'

Museum officials are featuring works from local artists beginning this week.

SANDY SUGGITT
STAFF WRITER

"The Artist's Corner," a new venue for local and regional artists, will open today at the Hubbard Museum of the American West with an exhibit of the work of Timberron pastel artist Michael Chesley Johnson (see story, page 6).

Vagons were moved out and a special, intimate corner was set up at the museum for six-week exhibits of work of artists from Lincoln County, New Mexico and West Texas, explained Cheryl Knobel, assistant curator.

The Hubbard Museum wanted to get involved in shows of art work. We have our collections ... but we've never had a space for local artists and we've got so many wonderful artists."

Knobel said that in an exchange of ideas with Greg Shuman when he came aboard the exhibits director about a year ago, she mentioned that her photographs were displayed in a museum showcase. Why can't the Hubbard Museum have something like that for local artists, she asked.

Greg was from the Dr Pepper Museum in Dallas, Texas) and he said it was successful there. He presented it to the museum.

The rest is history. Knobel has just about filled all the six-week slots for the current season with Denise Dorn, Roy Brown, Ann Johnston and Dee Wescott scheduled and other artists pending.

Knobel said she has a very extensive list of artists, drawn from the Lincoln County Fair, the Governor's Gallery Show, various local and regional arts publications, El Paso artist directory and contributors to museum fundraisers.

"We wanted to really do local local first," she said. "It's not by invitation. We look at a portfolio and bio and we'll look for a sort of jury. We want to start the program with people who are available to call on."

The public outreach part of the exhibit includes having the artist give a gallery talk at the beginning of each show, and doing educational activity — such as the pastel workshop Michael Chesley Johnson will lead in February.

Shuman, who also worked at the



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

The Artist's Corner at the Hubbard Museum of the American West opens today with "Landscapes in Pastel," an exhibit of paintings by Michael Chesley Johnson from Timberron. Cheryl Knobel, assistant curator, and Greg Shuman, exhibits director, posed for a photo before the exhibit was hung this week.

Explora Science Center and Children's Museum of Albuquerque, said a similar system was set up there for local artists, and it worked well for everyone.

"You can see what's out there and available in the region and the artists we're featuring gives our visitors something interesting to look at," he said.

The gallery talks are usually for museum members and their guests on the Thursday when each show opens, Knobel said. All paintings are for sale and the museum takes a 25-percent commission.

Artists interested in having exhibits in The Artist's Corner are urged to contact Knobel at 378-4142.

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Saturday, Jan. 10

Arts and crafts expo

The 13th annual Eastern New Mexico Arts and Crafts Expo in the Roswell Civic Center is from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., free admission. Artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will fill the building with original art, limited-edition prints and handcrafted items.

Tibetan medicine workshop

Fundamentals of Tibetan medicine at High Mesa Healing Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Class will break for lunch. This continues on Sunday and is the first in a series of classes. Ngakpa Pema Norbu, an ordained yogi of the Nyingma tradition of Tibetan Buddhism, will describe the basic foundations and lead some basic healing meditation practices. There is a suggested donation of \$30, but no one will be turned away due to lack of funds. For directions to High Mesa, call Barbara Mader at 336-7777 or e-mail mader@trailnet.com.

Hands-on healing

Hands-on Healing Day and "Get Touched" at High Mesa Healing Center: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. On the second Saturday of each month the doors open to the community to experience various energy workers and their modalities. Many of the introductory sessions take place in the home-built yurt. Books and Beyond carries a wide variety of subjects including Native American traditions, personal growth, astrology and tarot, alternative healing and more. Zoe de Negri will be available for Tarot readings by appointment. Walk the labyrinth, meet other like-minded individuals, enjoy the peaceful surroundings. Donations appreciated. For directions to High Mesa, call Barbara Mader at 336-7777 or e-mail mader@trailnet.com.

Lakota Sioux Sweat Lodge

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Dinner theater

Dinner theater show at Mountain Annie's: "The Originals" present "Have Your Cake and Eat It Too!" by Glenn and Suzanne Zoch with music by Charles Clary Jan. 10, with a buffet at 7 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m. Reservations are required (call 257-7982).

Sunday, Jan. 11

Tibetan medicine workshop

Fundamentals of Tibetan medicine at High Mesa Healing Center, noon-5 p.m. (see Saturday, Jan. 10). For directions to High Mesa, call Barbara Mader at 336-7777 or e-mail mader@trailnet.com.

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Wednesday, Jan. 14

Class begins

First class of Clara Farah's "Do You Have What You Want?" The class is 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesdays through Feb. 18, fee \$100, Ruidoso Instruction Center. To register, call 257-2120.

Thursday, Jan. 15

'42' tournament

Ruidoso Downs Senior Center 42 tournament will be 1-4 p.m.

Meditation group

A 2 p.m. guided-image meditation group is beginning at High Mesa Healing Center. After the meditation we will send light and healing to Mother Earth and any person or pet that may need it. Susanne O'Malley will lead the Thursday meditations. Donations appreciated. For directions to High Mesa, call Barbara Mader at 336-7777 or e-mail mader@trailnet.com.

Coming soon

Bereavement counseling

A free bereavement counseling/resource workshop sponsored by Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation will be 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Texas-New Mexico Power Company building, 1100 Mechem Drive. A light lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Kitty Jelsovsky Callender before Jan. 14. For those who have recently suffered a loss through death, divorce or just a "parting of the ways" who are starting a new chapter in their life, Jelsovsky and Sandi Browne will facilitate the workshop.

Garrett benefit dance

Ann Garrett Benefit dance from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17 at the Ruidoso Convention Center, with salsa, country western, rock and roll music performed by Chamuco, Kiko, Gus, DJ Pete, Bronson and Mike. Tickets are \$10 donations and monies are to benefit Ann Garrett, who works at Foxworth-Galbraith and has cancer.

Angus church concert

Platinum award-winning Desert Reign will perform at the Angus Church of the Nazarene, at the junction of Highways 37 and 48 at the entrance to the Nazarene Campground at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 18. For more information, contact Pastor Rick Hutchison at the church office, 336-8032.

Social workers luncheon

Social Workers Luncheon at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth Drive, noon-1 p.m. Jan. 22. Diane Harmon, LISW, RN will present "Introduction to Concepts in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing." One Continuing Education Unit has been applied for in social work. Lunch is provided. Please RSVP by Jan. 19 at 257-0491.

Workshop offered

Clara Farah's "Do You Have What You Want?" class is 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 14 through Feb. 18, fee \$100, Ruidoso Instruction Center. To register, call 257-2120. Do you have what you want? Are you happy with who you are? What are the dreams you have never explored? The class uses personality assessments, value-clarification exercises, mission-statement designs and contemporary readings to help students visualize their future selves. Suggested readings available by calling Farah at (505) 653-4983.

Writer honored

Local writer Lyn Kidder recently received three awards for both published and unpublished work.

"Paris Bones," a travel article about the catacombs of Paris, won first prize in the Local Lifestyle category in a contest sponsored by the North American Travel Journalists Association, a professional organization of writers, photographers and editors in the travel industry. "Paris Bones" was published in the *Toronto Star* and the *Waterbury Republican*.

An article on the monthly Navajo rug auction in Crownpoint won first prize for nonfiction in the Southwest Writer's competition and honorable mention in the national *Writer's Digest Writing Competition*. The article "Captain Jack, Ultimate Ski Bum," a profile of the Telluride, Colo., personality, was awarded honorable mention in the Feature Article category.

Kidder's article on Tom and Gail Histen, owners of Capitan's Greenhouse Cafe, is featured in the current issue of

the AAA publication *New Mexico Journey*, with photographs by Frederic Morad.

Call for artists

The sixth annual premier MasterWorks of New Mexico juried art show at Expo New Mexico (State Fairgrounds), Albuquerque in the Hispanic Arts Center opens with a preview reception and awards ceremony from 5-8 p.m. April 2; an open house for artists and public from noon to 4 p.m. April 17, and the show will hang through April 30.

Four separately juried shows are open to any artist residing in New Mexico, and co-sponsored by the Pastel Society of New Mexico, the New Mexico Watercolor Society, the Rio Grande Arts Association and "Miniature Arts Bardean."

Jurors for the Pastel, Watercolor and Oils and Acrylics shows are architect/urban planner Steve Borbas; artist/teacher Robert Kuester, artist/gallery owner/teacher Lee Rommel, and artist Colin Poole. Southwest artist Morris Rippel is the judge. Slides for these shows are to be received by Jan. 30, 2004. An artist may enter one or all shows. Jury notification will be mailed by Feb. 27, and juried works should be received by March 27. For a prospectus and information, contact Lynda Burch at (505) 856-0195 (watercolors), Ben Nurry at (505) 275-1468 (pastels), or Pat Thompson at (505) 291-1618 (oils, acrylics).

Jurors for the Miniature Show are curator of Jonson Gallery, UNM Chip Ware, director of Art in the Schools Sara Otto-Diniz, and artist/photographer George Hight. Painter/sculptor Betty Sabo is

the judge. Actual works (no slides) are to be received by March 27, 2004. For a prospectus and information, contact Barbara Lohbeck at (505) 260-9977 or Bardean@aol.com.

Sheriff's Posse art contest


The ninth annual Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse art contest is underway with a \$150 prize awarded to the New Mexico artist whose work is selected as the posse's 2004 Pony Express Trail Ride poster. Subject matter should be Western, preferably reflecting the Pony Express or Lincoln County history. Submission deadline is March 1. For contest details and an information packet about the posse, please contact the LCSP Poster Contest Committee by mail at P.O. Box 192, by e-mail at rlurie@pvtnetworks.net, or by phone at (505) 653-4116.

DAR meeting schedule

Sierra Blanca Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution meet on the second Thursday of each month September through May. Meetings are held at various locations and at various times. Visitors, both DAR members and non-members, are welcome. Please call Nena Stratton at 378-4799 for meeting details.

Late book amnesty

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at you aren't artistic. You need to
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Check out the ENMU-Ruidoso
struction Center 2004 Spring
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work the computer; send and receive
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programs such as PowerPoint, Outlook
Access, Front Page and Publisher.

I would like to close with a quote
from Pablo Picasso:

"Art washes from the soul the dust
of everyday life."

THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

The Last Samurai

Action/Adventure, 2 hrs. 24 min.
Rated R for strong violence and
battle sequences.

Set in the late 1870s, this epic film
depicts the beginnings of the
modernization of Japan, as the
island nation evolved past a feudal
society, as symbolized by the
eradication of the samurai way of
life. We see all this happen from
the point of view of an alcoholic
Civil War veteran turned
Winchester guns' spokesman,
Captain Woodrow Algren (Cruise),
who arrives in Japan to train the
troops of the emperor, Meiji, as
part of a break away from the
long-held tradition of relying on
employed samurai warriors to
protect territories, as the emper-
or's new army prepares to wipe
out the remaining samurai war-
riors. When Algren is injured in
combat and captured by the
samurai, he learns about their
warrior honor code from their
leader, Katsumoto, which forces
him to decide which side of the
conflict he actually wants to be on.
Starring: Tom Cruise, Ken
Watanabe, Billy Connolly, Koyuki,
Tony Goldwyn

Directed by: Edward Zwick
Produced by: Tom Cruise, Paula
Wagner, Edward Zwick, Marshall
Herskovitz, Scott Kroopf, Tom
Engelman, Ted Field, Richard
Solomon, Charles Mulyehill,
Vincent Ward
Showtimes: 11:45 a.m., 3
p.m., 6:15 p.m., 9:25 p.m.
*Saturday and Sunday only
**Friday only

Cheaper by the Dozen

Comedy and Kids/Family
Rated PG for language and some
thematic elements.

When Tom Baker (Martin) gets a
job offer to coach football at
Northwestern University in
Chicago, he and his wife, Mary
(Hunt), move to the big city, which
is a big change for them and their
12 children, who range from
preschool-age twins Kyle and
Nigel all the way up to 22-year-old
Anne (Perabo) who has already
left home. With the recent publica-
tion of her long-in-the-works
book, Mary feels demands outside
the home taking away as much



COURTESY

Tom Cruise in Warner Bros. The Last Samurai.

time as Tom's new job does, so
the two are forced to try to find
new ways of parenting their mas-
sive tribe, but they find their par-
enting styles aren't always com-
pletely compatible.

Starring: Steve Martin, Bonnie
Hunt, Hilary Duff, Piper Perabo,
Tom Welling

Directed by: Shawn Levy
Produced by: Robert Simonds,
Ben Myron, Chris Columbus,
Michael Barnathan

Showtimes: Noon*, 2:10 p.m.,
4:50 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:45 p.m.
*Saturday and Sunday only
**Friday only

Lord of the Rings: Return of the King

Action/Adventure, Science Fiction/
Fantasy and Drama, 3 hrs. 30 min.
Rated PG-13 for intense epic bat-
tle sequences and frightening
images.

The third of the trilogy. As the
shadow of Mordor grows across
the land, Aragorn is revealed as
the hidden heir to the ancient
kings. Gandolf miraculously
returns and defeats the evil wiz-
ard, Saruman. Sam leaves his
master for the dead after a battle
with the giant spider, Shelob; but
Frodo is still alive—in the hands of
the Orcs. And while the armies of
the Dark Lord are massing—and
the one ring comes ever closer to
the Cracks of Doom.

Starring: Elijah Wood, Sean Astin,

Ian McKellen, Viggo Mortensen,
John Rhys-Davies

Directed by: Peter Jackson
Produced by: Fran Walsh, Barrie
M. Osborne, Peter Jackson, Tim
Sanders

Showtimes: 1 p.m., 8 p.m.
*Saturday and Sunday only

Mona Lisa Smile

Drama, Historical, 2 hrs. 05 min.
Rated PG-13 for sexual content
and thematic issues.

1953 America was a time ripe for
change for women and when
Katherine Ann Willis (Julia
Roberts) arrives to teach Art
History at Wellesley College, she
finds the institution drowning in
outdated mores. While the nation
struggles with the fears that
accompany a shifting political cul-
ture, the powers that be at
Wellesley seem to want to re-
corset the women who had been
the backbone of the World War II
workforce just a few years earlier.
A passionate educator, Katherine
takes on the establishment and in
doing so, deeply affects her stu-
dents who in turn lead her to alter
the course of her life forever.

Starring: Julia Roberts, Julia
Stiles, Kirsten Dunst, Juliet
Stevenson, Maggie Gyllenhaal

Directed by: Mike Newell
Produced by: Elaine Goldsmith,
Elaine Goldsmith-Thomas, Paul
Schiff, Deborah Schindler
Showtimes: 5 p.m.



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Worth a thousand words

"Three Rivers Shadows" was painted near the Three Rivers Campground north of Carrizozo.



COURTESY MICHAEL CHESLEY JOHNSON

Michael Chesley Johnson went from writing scenes to painting them

BY SANDY SUGGITT
VAMONOS EDITOR

Equally drawn to both writing and painting, pastel artist Michael Chesley Johnson first opted for writing — as the less expensive route, “pen and paper vs. canvas, paints and brushes.”

Now he does both, painting landscapes, teaching pastel workshops and writing for *The Pastel Journal*.

The first artist to be chosen for the Hubbard Museum of the American West's new venue for local artists, “The Artist's Corner,” Johnson's Southwest landscapes in pastel will be on display through Feb. 22. (His work is also represented by McMahon Fine Art in Ruidoso, Benson Fine Art in San Patricio and Sueños Fine Art in Cloudcroft, and The Ago Gallery in Ouray, Colo.)

Coming from a family of scientists, Johnson started out as a biochemistry major, but soon switched to English, receiving a bachelor's degree on scholarship from the University of Georgia, then immediately working on his master's degree in a five-year, summer-only program on scholarship at Middlebury College in Vermont.

During the winters, while writing poetry, doing graphic design and painting in oils and acrylics, he worked a variety of odd jobs: sandwich cook, wheel chair-pusher in a hospital, bartender, restaurant manager and nursery worker.

Johnson and his wife, Trina, came to New Mexico after 20 years in Vermont working in the restaurant and computer businesses. During that time, he wrote and

published fantasy and science fiction stories and continued to paint.

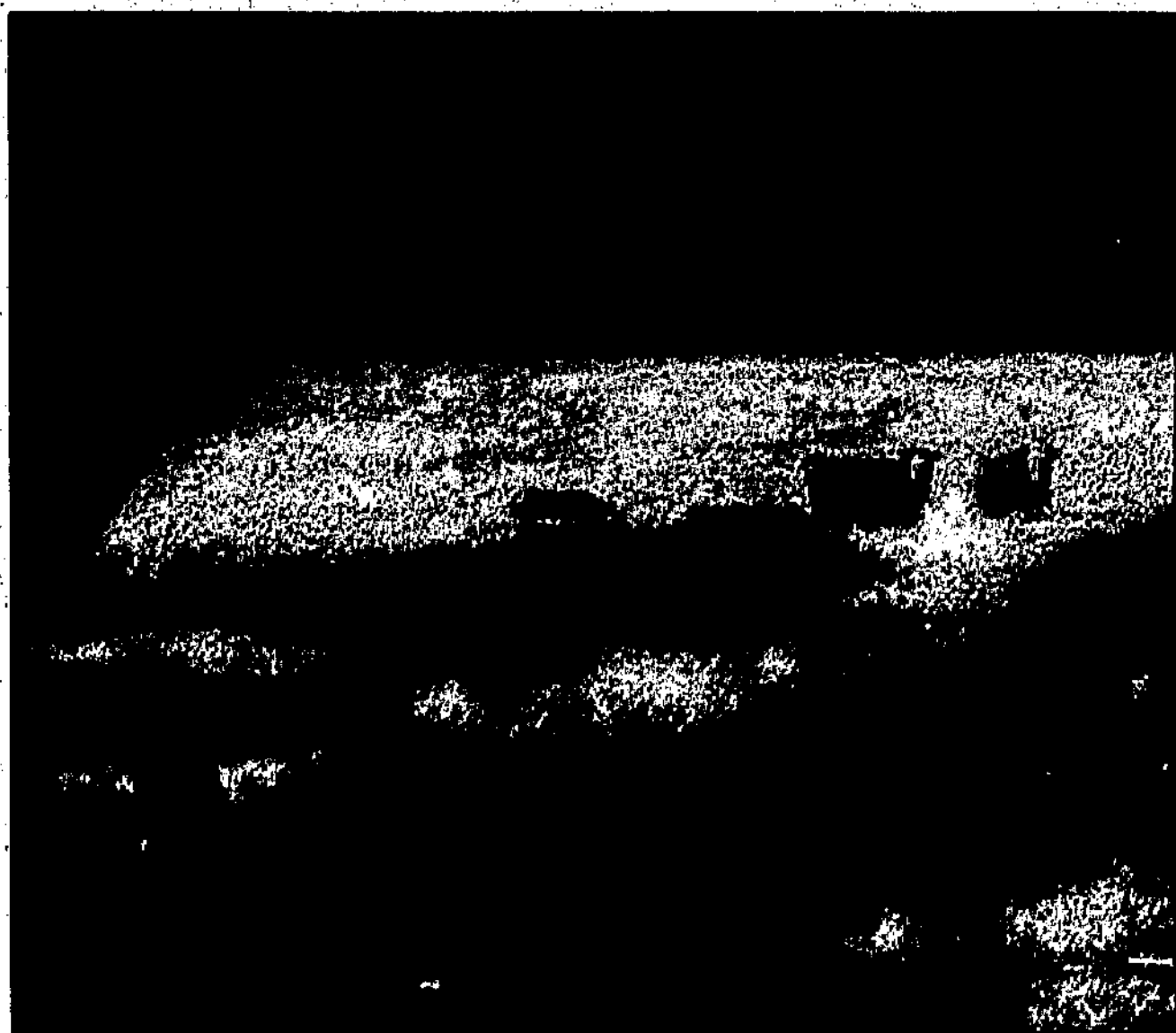
“It was time to follow some dreams,” he said of the move west in 1999. Through the *Caretakers Gazette*, they got a two-year position in Grants in 1999 at a gentleman's ranch, taking care of six goats, a dozen chickens, two cats, a dog and a cockatiel, while he wrote and painted.

Then he took his first pastel workshop in Ramah with Jane Schoenfeld of Santa Fe.

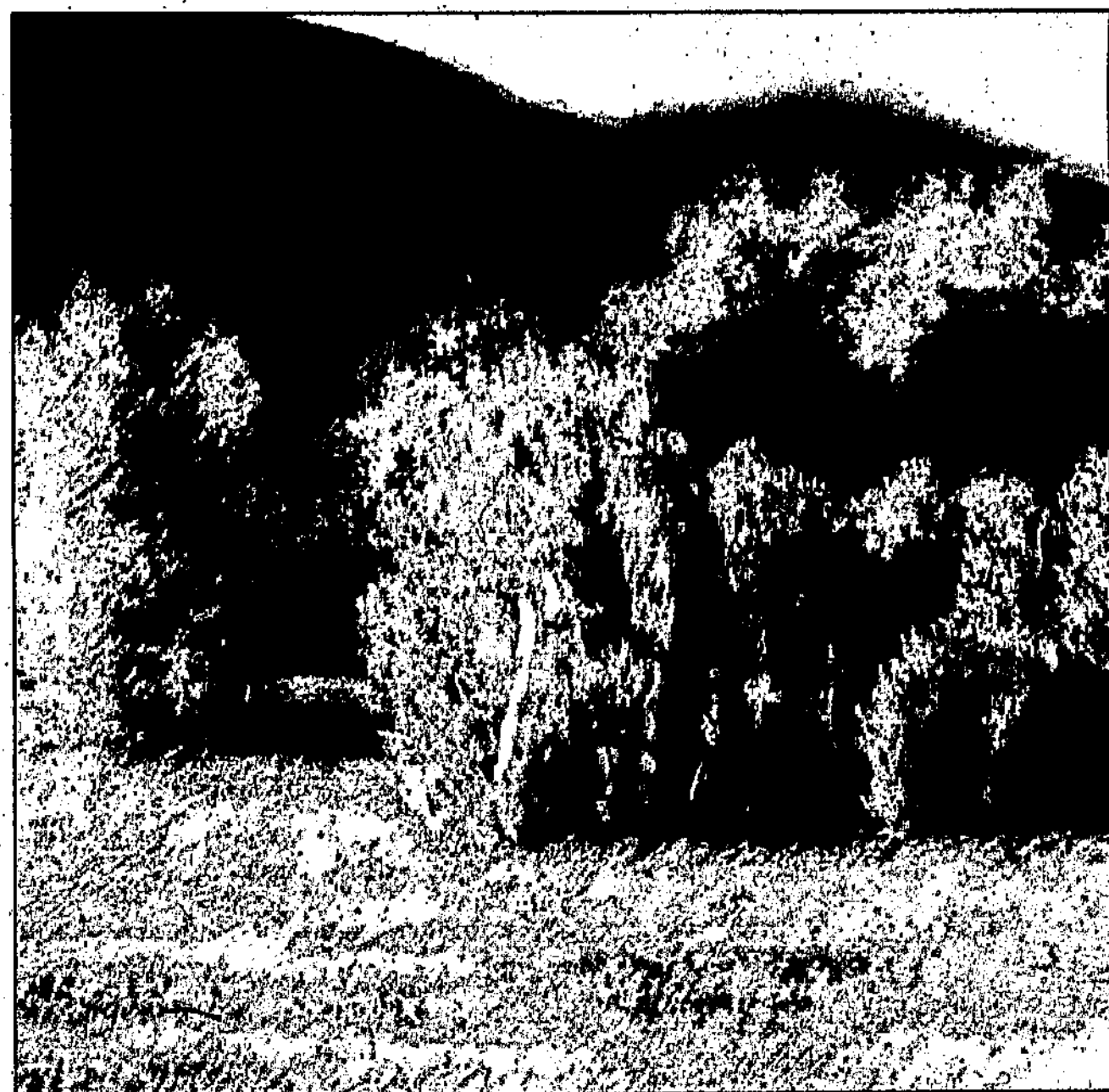
“I fell in love with it and I haven't turned back since that became my focus,” he said. “I left the writing to paint.”

He didn't entirely leave the writing, but he changed its direction, and began writing interviews of artists for

En plein air: Artist Michael Chesley Johnson prefers to paint outdoors. His works include, "Circle Cross Girls," right, on Timberon Road near the Circle Cross Ranch, about 15 miles south of Sunspot, and "Carissa Springs," below right, in Timberon.



PHOTOS COURTESY MICHAEL CHESLEY JOHNSON



The *Pastel Journal* in 1998, eventually becoming a contributing editor. And he continued taking ongoing pastel workshops. One with Deborah Christensen from Albuquerque "really pushed me into doing pastel professionally because she was so good," he said. He became active in the El Morro Area Arts Council and began showing his work in Grants and Ramah.

After a one-year project back East, he and his wife moved to Timberon in 2002 — he to pursue pastel painting and she to pursue Mola quilting and mosaic arts.

"I was invited to sit in on a workshop in Cloudcroft Ann Templeton was teaching," he said. "We had lunch and struck up a friendship."

She found out he wrote for *The Pastel Journal* and Johnson wrote a story on her that appeared in the fall

2002 issue, later taking a workshop with her at Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, and one with Bob Rohn from the Dallas, Texas, area. Johnson's story on Rohn appeared in *American Artist* in November 2003. In Sedona, Ariz., recently, he took another workshop with Templeton and one with Albert Handell.

A member of the Pastel Society of America, the Vermont Pastel Society, the Pastel Society of New Mexico, the Otero Arts Council and the Alamogordo Artists Alliance, Johnson has exhibited his work in New Mexico and Vermont. After 25 years of painting, graphic design and Web design and the last five years of working intensively with pastels, he teaches variable-length pastel-immersion workshops at his home in Timberon, one-day workshops in Cloudcroft and has a schedule of

workshops in Ruidoso Downs, Roswell, Alamogordo, Massachusetts, Maine, Michigan and Colorado (visit his Web site at www.MichaelChesleyJohnson.com or call 987-2235).

Coming up Feb. 7 is a one-day introduction to pastels for beginning or intermediate students at the Hubbard Museum (contact Elizabeth Becker at 378-4142).

Johnson's dual talents for painting and writing enable him to articulate the processes of pastel painting and he enjoys working with students of all levels.

"I can't paint all day and I can't write all day," he said. "It's a good mix. I enjoy doing the painting and taking a break and doing the writing on the side and Web design. I specialize in Web design for artists and writers — because they're very picky."

Just another election in Mesilla, N.M.

Post Tense

by Drew Gomber
Historian, The Hubbard Museum of the American West



We are used to ugly political elections here in the 21st Century. The 20th Century, with its progressively nasty back-stabbing, taunts, and accusations of financial malfeasance, along with moral corruption, has kept the politicians on their toes, and sadly, the public interested. More and more, especially with the sexual stuff, which should be the least important, (if any importance at all should be attached to it), the public has been fascinated by the private lives of politicians.

It could be worse, though. In 1871, in Mesilla, N.M. Territory, the Republicans and Democrats clashed. That time, there was considerably more trouble than just the usual mud-slinging.

There were multiple homicides.

The political race was between Territorial incumbent Col. J. Francisco Chaves and Democrat Jose Gallegos. Popular and charismatic, Gallegos was the former holder of the position of Territorial Delegate for which the two men vied.

At first, Gallegos's supporters had suggested a joint rally on the morning of Sunday, August 27, 1871, but the foolishness of that idea occurred to both parties, both of whom were acutely aware of how passionate their supporters were. It was decided that the Gallegos supporters would have their rally on the plaza and the supporters of Chaves would have their rally at the house of Judge John Lemon nearby, who was the candidate for Doña Ana County Probate Judge. As it turned out, the rallies were a tad too close together.

There was a good deal of free (and probably cheap) whiskey flowing at both rallies and after a number of rousing speeches, all to the background music of a brass band supplied by the Gallegos faction, both factions had pretty much whipped themselves into a political frenzy. There were a number of loud arguments, and even a few scuffles before both rallies disbanded about noon.

The fact that things were so orderly had much to do with the fact that the 8th Cavalry, under the command of Col. Thomas C. Devin, had been called in to keep order. Devin had made sure his men were visible to one and all.

The shot heard round the Plaza

Things were quiet for while – too quiet, as the movies are fond of saying – until Gallegos supporters, with their brass band playing "Marching Through Georgia," began parading around the Plaza. The Chaves supporters were also parading there and the inevitable happened when the two groups collided head-on.

As groups of men began shoving, cursing and scuffling, a pistol shot reverberated from somewhere in the ranks of the Chaves supporters. (Later, there were two schools of thought, one being that the shot was simply the start of the riot, the other that the shot was a preconceived signal to begin fighting).

Whatever the case, all hell broke loose.

From somewhere, a fusillade of gunshots roared and pandemonium ensued for something like 10 or 15 minutes. Many unarmed men fought to get through the crowd to get home to their guns. Women and children were trampled as the mob scrambled for their lives, and there were a number of fairly miraculous escapes. One of them was the Democratic candidate for the position of Probate Clerk, Dan Freitze, who had four bullets pass through his clothing without so much as grazing him. Others were not so lucky. Pedro Garcia was shot in the back as he held the door for Democratic Sheriff's candidate Mariano Barela. A young boy, mentally retarded, who lived with Barela and was trying to escape with him, was fatally shot at the same time. Barela was not hit, although it is safe to assume that the bullets that struck both the boy and Garcia were meant for Barela. Another prominent citizen, Manuel Nevarres, was hit twice in the foot.

John Lemon, apparently one of the targets of what must have been a planned assassination, lay dying in the street. Someone had struck him with a heavy object on the head and fractured his skull. Even town Doctor Black was hit in the hand, incapacitating him, while he was tending one of the wounded. In minutes, there had been five killed and somewhere between 30 and 50 citizens had been wounded.

The Cavalry

When a rider was dispatched to Fort Selden for help, both Mesilla and Las Cruces (just a few miles away) waited with bated breath. It had been a horrific day and no one seemed to know who was in charge. There was no law, no order.

As soon as Colonel Devin got the news, he and his men saddled up and headed for Mesilla. About 10 that night, the cavalrymen thundered through Las Cruces, not even slowing down, their horses "glistening with foam in the moonlight." When they arrived in Mesilla, the square was deserted. Devin bivouacked his men at the nearby acequia.

The next day, which passed without further disturbance, Devin rode out. This time however, he left a force of 20 men in Mesilla and 15 in Las Cruces to insure the peace.

Causes

Then, everyone began wondering what had started the fracas in the first place. It seems that it was a man named Apolinio Barela who fired that first shot in the air, and the proverbial horse apples hit the fan.

It was later ascertained that John Lemon and Gallegos man I.M. (or I.N. or I.P. — take your pick) Kelley were involved in an argument that became so heated that Kelley picked up a pick handle and fractured Lemon's skull with it — fatally. Kelley would never be brought to trial because within seconds he lay dead in the street with about six bullet holes in him. And that isn't counting the knife wound right through his heart...

The knife wielder was Lemon pal Felicitio Arroyas, but he would never be brought to justice either, and for the same reason. An unidentified gunman shot him right through the heart.

For the next few weeks, numerous different versions of the fight seemed to come to light about every 10 or 15 minutes, or so it seemed to the authorities. Another story claimed that Kelley had not hit Lemon over the head until after the latter had been perforated by bullets numerous times. Whatever the case, they both sure came up dead.

Several facts were inarguable, though: in the end, about 500 rounds were discharged and nine people — including a deputy sheriff — had been killed.

As one might imagine, this little fracas created national headlines. Elections had been vicious before, but this...

And so it goes...

But this was New Mexico in 1871 and no one saw any reason that the election shouldn't continue as planned. In fact, the Las Cruces newspaper The Borderer later described the election when the actual voting finally took place as "one of the most peaceful in the town's history." Clearly they were talking about the visitors coming to the polls, not the festivities that preceded the election!

Gallegos, who had been the Democratic Candidate for Territorial Legislator, was the winner. But there was much bitterness. Apolinio Barela, like some sort of southwestern Moses, led about 20 families away from trouble in Mesilla (they had all been Chaves supporters) south down to Ascencion, Mexico, from which place they never returned.

As the story goes, the Gallegos supporters lined the road as Barela and his followers departed, taunting them with a Spanish language song that roughly translated "The Republicans are going to Asce..."

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GOMBER: Gunslinging replaces mudslinging in Mesilla

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because the Democrats won the election." It was sung to the tune of, once a gain, "Marching Through Georgia." It's some sort of miracle that there wasn't another riot...

It tells us a lot that in October, District Judge D.B. Johnson of the 2nd Congressional District, came to Mesilla for the purpose of conducting an investigation into the causes of the riot, but rather quickly decided that this was one investigation best left alone. No one really seems to know what happened, but it appears that person or persons unknown went out of their way to scare hell out of him. Johnson was in Mesilla barely three

days before scurrying back to his own bailiwick without benefit of explanation. No official action was ever taken where the riot was concerned.

Which was just as well. Most local people felt that justice had already been served. I mean, when you think about it, it really was... both of the original antagonists had been left extraordinarily dead after the riot, and their killers were also dead.

The only reminder that remained was the knife that had killed Kelley. It was displayed around town, complete with the dried blood of its victim, for quite some time, a supposed symbol of frontier justice.

Epilogue

And that, as they say, was that. Mesilla went back to being the sleepy, quaint, picturesque little village that it is to this day. It *did* have another brush or two with history, though. Ten years after the riot that left nine dead in the plaza, a young man, popular in the extreme wherever he went, thanks to his winning ways, was tried in a little adobe courthouse that is still there, on that plaza.

There was much public sympathy for the young fellow. Virtually everyone who came into contact with him liked him, and he had so many friends that it was feared a mob would break him out of jail, not to lynch him, but to free him.

No such mob materialized, and the young man was tried for murder, found guilty, and sentenced to death. He was transported up to Lincoln County for an execution that, as we now know, would never take place. In Lincoln, the young fellow somehow got hold of a pistol, killed one of his jailors, and then killed the other one with the jailor's own shotgun.

And by most accounts, when he left Lincoln that day, Billy the Kid was singing.

Sources: *Politics in Territorial New Mexico* by Jon Wallace; *State Archives*, Santa Fe, NM.

Exciting or not, this is the best sport, bar none

Dave's World

by Dave Barry
Tribune Media Services

I discovered the perfect sport. You don't have to be in great shape to play it. You barely have to stand.



You're thinking: golf. Wrong. Compared to the sport I'm talking about, golf is brutal, sometimes forcing you to physically walk 15 feet from

your cart to your ball. Whereas the sport I'm talking about involves almost no walking, and in fact little movement of any kind, except for signaling the bartender. The most strenuous part of this sport is pronouncing its name: "petanque."

It's a French word, roughly pronounced "pay-TONK," but you have to get really nasal on the "TONK." The only people who can say it correctly are the French, who lift weights with their sinuses.

Petanque was invented in 1907 near Marseille, at a bar. As far as I can tell, it is never played far from a bar. It's sort of like bocce, except it's played with steel balls,

called "boules." You keep your feet together and throw your ball underhand, palm down, using a motion that I can only describe as "French." The object is to get your balls closer than your opponents' balls to another little ball, called the "point" ball. When a team has scored 13 points, it's time to go to the bar.

I saw petanque played in November on Miami Beach, near the pool bar of the Hotel Riu, which hosted the first-ever U.S. Open Petanque Tournament, sponsored by Barton & Guestier, which sells (surprise!) wine. The tournament was organized by Philippe Boets, who is the president of Petanque America (www.petanqueamerica.com) although he lives in France and is, personally, Belgian.

Boets has tried for years to promote petanque in America but has been hampered by two factors: (1) Americans have, inexplicably, failed to catch Petanque Fever, and (2) the French, being French, don't care. Nevertheless, Boets has a positive, upbeat attitude. I interviewed him at the bar.

"How does a player qualify to compete in the U.S. Open?" I asked.

"You pay 15 bucks," he said.

Boets noted that this is an excellent time for Americans to take up petanque, because you immediately have a shot at becoming one of the top players in the nation. You could brag about this, and people would be

very impressed. ("You play WHAT? Is there something wrong with your sinuses?")

There were 40 teams in the U.S. Open, consisting of 80 players, representing a wide range of ages and genders. They played on the beach, watched by an appreciative crowd that ranged, at times, up to five spectators. Before play began, the competitors were briefed by the head official, Louis Toulon.

"If le small ball touch le wood, is no good," he said. "We try to have two games this morning before lunch."

After the briefing, Boets pulled Toulon aside and asked him about a petanque situation that Boets swore had come up recently when he was playing.

"What happens if a dog runs away with the point ball?" Boets asked.

Toulon thought about it. "What you do," he said, "is you shoot the dog."

Probably he was kidding.

Also on hand at the U.S. Open was Marco Foyot (www.marcofoyot-officiel.com). He's a large, shaggy, surfer-dude-looking Frenchman who has won many petanque honors, including the world championship. He is called "the Michael Jordan of petanque," primarily by himself. In fact, as far as I could tell, the only thing he can say in English is: "I am the Michael Jordan of petanque."

He was amazed to witness a petanque tournament on Miami Beach. At one point, he made a sweeping arm gesture encompassing the players, the ocean, the Miami Beach police cruiser parked there in case of, I know, a riot by the five spectators, and "C'est le Planet Mars!" (For the record, true of Miami Beach even when they're playing petanque.)

I hung around with Marco for a while, acting as his extremely incompetent interpreter. When tourists would come up and ask what was going on, he invariably instructed me to inform them that he was the world petanque champion. I am pretty sure the alien beings were to land and encounter Marco, the single thing he would most want them to know about the planet Earth is that he is its petanque champion.

After a while Marco gave me a little petanque lesson, and for the record: He's really, really good at it. Wherever you are right now, reading this article, Marco could throw a steel ball underhand from wherever he is and hit you on the head. We both realized that if we had played an actual game, he would have creamed me.

So we went to the bar.

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Before leaving for a 28-day sailing voyage one friend commented "Better you than me, I'd go batty with all that time on my hands." But for us, the "down" time provides the perfect opportunity to get caught up on our reading. Truth is, we're bookworms of the most gluttonous sort.

Airports, with a bookstore or newsstand on nearly every concourse corner, are great places to discover new titles, authors and magazines. Booksellers in foreign airports often provide an excellent selection of the region's best authors and stunning photographic books.

Ship's libraries are also treasure troves of riveting tales of great sea voyages and legendary expeditions, especially when your own cruise is exploring the very same territory.

For the New Year we were inspired to compose a list of books we enjoy. (We invite you to do the same. E-mail us, if you wish, your choices.) Most of the books listed are set in places we've visited, others highlight places we still hope to see.

Putting this list together was an extremely pleasant process of rummaging through memory and then assorted boxes and bookshelves. As we pulled the books out, it felt like we were rediscovering old friends. Our hope is that you'll discover a few new ones.

1) "Dark Star Safari: Overland from Cairo to Cape Town," by Paul Theroux. Nonfiction. In this title, Theroux sets off for Cape Town from Cairo - the hard way. Traveling across bush and desert, down rivers and across lakes, and through country after country, he visits

some of the most beautiful and dangerous landscapes on earth. It is a journey of discovery and of rediscovery - of the unknown and the unexpected - charting places unknown and those known as a young teacher 40 years before.

2) "McCarthy's Bar: A Journey of Discovery in Ireland," by Pete McCarthy. Nonfiction. Pete McCarthy's first book is a hilarious, informed and intelligent account (and No. 1 bestseller) of the author's journey around the rural Irish heartland in search of his Irish roots.

3) "The Last Flight Out: True Tales of Adventure, Travel and Fishing," by Randy Wayne White. Nonfiction. In this collection of travel essays, you'll join White as he dives the Bad Blue Hole on the desolate Cat Island in the Bahamas; searches for the perfect hot pepper in Colombia; and goes raccoon hunting in Pioneer, Ohio. From a jungle survival school in Panama to a week at a professional wrestler's training camp, White leaves the reader mesmerized by the potential of undiscovered places and the promise of endless adventure in unfamiliar territory.

4) "The Kappillan of Malta," by Nicholas Monsarrat. Fiction. A grand story-telling novel set in the siege of Malta 1940-1942. Father Salvatore was a simple, lumbering priest, a 'kappillan' serving the poor of Valetta, when war came out of the blue skies to pound the island to dust. Now amid the catacombs discovered by a chance bomb, he cared for the flood of homeless, starving, frightened people who sought shelter from the death that fell unceasingly from the sky. His story, and the story of Malta, is told in superbly graphic pictures of six days during the siege.

5) "I Married Adventure: The Lives of Martin and Osa Johnson," by Osa

Johnson. Nonfiction. Osa Johnson's travel adventures and explorations come across as vibrantly today as they did when they were written in 1940. Even richer now with the added perspective of history. From 1917 to 1937 she and Martin were visiting and filming cannibals in the New Hebrides, orangutans in Borneo, and the rich gamut of wildlife available on safari in Kenya and the Congo. Osa led a life the likes of which won't be seen again, and she tells a good story, too.

6) "A Fortune-Teller Told Me: Earthbound Travels in The Far East," by Tiziano Terzani. Nonfiction. Warned by a Hong Kong fortune-teller not to risk flying for an entire year, Terzani, an entertaining teller of tales, travels by foot, boat, bus, car, and train from the Far East to Europe, and back.

7) "The Adventures of Goodnight & Loving," by Leslie Thomas. Fiction. Inspired by the legendary tale of two Texas cowboys, Charles Goodnight and Oliver Loving. A midlife crisis moves the novel's main character, staid Englishman John Goodnight, into flight - around the world and through many adventures. Funny, warm, and a very good read by one of Britain's most popular novelists.

8) "Tales of A Female Nomad: Living at Large in the World," by Rita Golden Gelman. Nonfiction. At the age of forty-eight, on the verge of a divorce, Gelman left an elegant life in L.A. to follow her dream of connecting with people in cultures all over the world. In 1986 she sold her possessions and became a nomad, living in a Zapotec village in Mexico, sleeping with sea lions on the Galapagos Islands, and residing everywhere from thatched huts to regal palaces. Gelman's example is a reminder to dust off forgotten dreams and rediscover the joy, the

exuberance, and the hidden spirit that exists in all of us.

9) "Sitka," by Louis L'Amour. Fiction. A sweeping novel of the Alaska frontier in the early 1880s. An adventurer, a sailor, and a man who braved any risk, Jean LaBarge finds in Alaska a challenge he would live and die for on the rugged coast of the Alaska Territory.

10) "Lost Horizon: The Classic Tale of Shangri-La," by James Hilton. Fiction. Following a plane crash, Conway, a British consul, his deputy, a missionary and an American financier find themselves in the enigmatic snow-capped mountains of uncharted Tibet. Here they discover Shangri-La, a seemingly perfect hidden community where they are welcomed.

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'Rain' in Spencer forecast

While Ruidosoans think snow, the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts will be welcoming the "Rain" later this month.

The musical "Singin' in the Rain" takes the stage Jan. 24 for performances at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are available for both shows and are \$36 and \$39 for the matinee, and \$42 and

\$45 for the evening show.

The musical is based on the original 1952 motion picture, which was a spoof of early post-silent-picture Hollywood. The stage version stars more than 30 singers and dancers from the production company Candlewood and Mainstage Artists. Call 336-4800 for more information.



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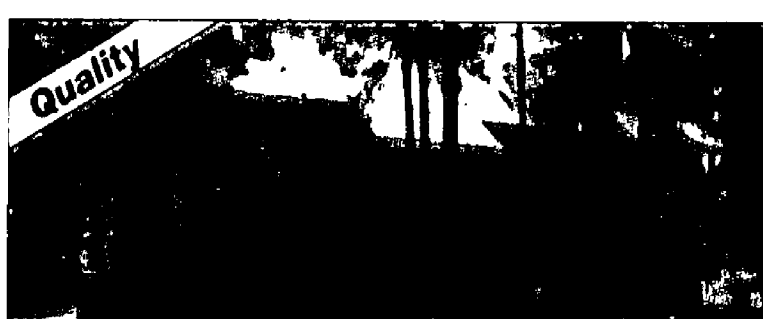
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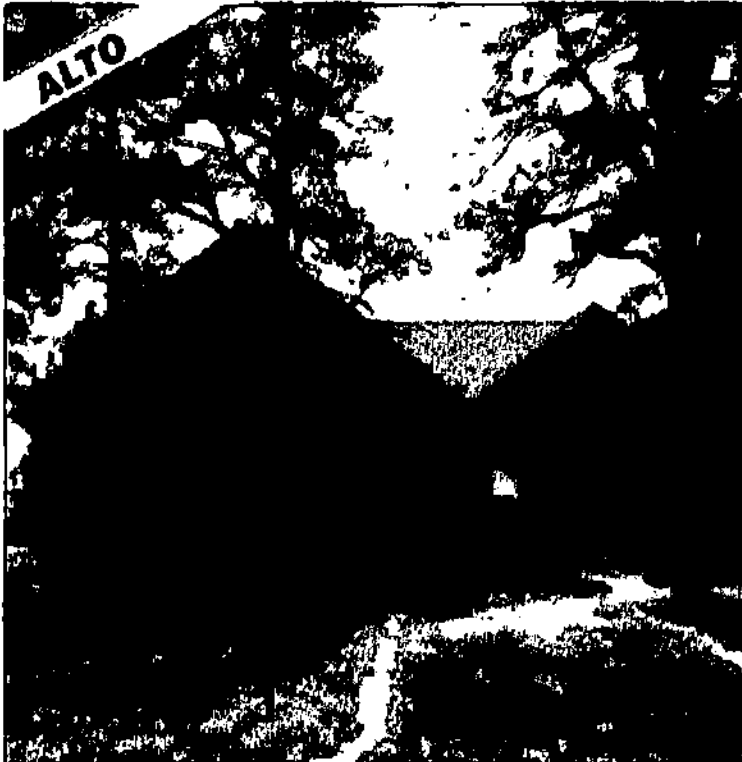
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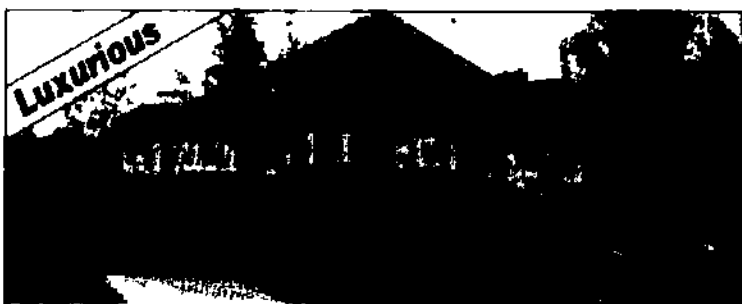
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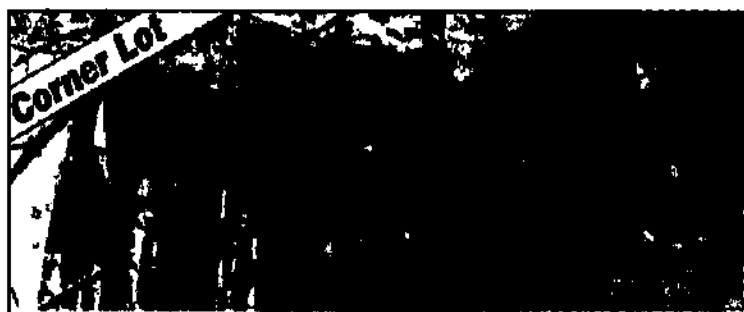
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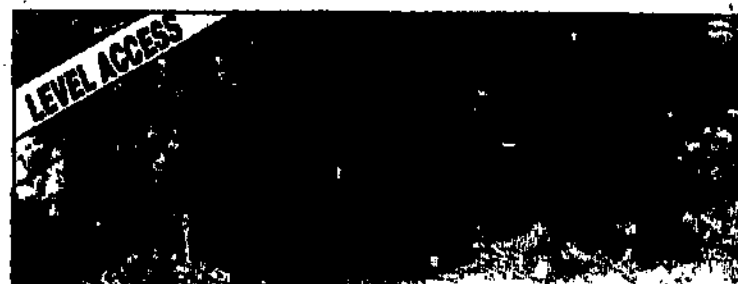
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Value and views are both yours in this spacious 5 Br. 3 Ba contemporary beauty. Upstairs den, 2 car garage, and additional workshop make this a spacious plan you'll love. Check out the \$ per sq. ft. \$275,000. #98356



GREAT VIEW HOME ON .99 ACRES!
You'll love the location of this unique home in Indian Hills. Nicely remodeled. New windows too. Large decks, lofty ceilings, dog run, and workshop too. \$216,500. #99430



QUALITY, PRESTIGIOUS CUSTOM-BUILT HOME
You'll love this one-level stucco beauty on a picture-perfect lot. Tile roof and professional landscaping complete this wonderful home. Great patios. 2 fireplaces and Sierra Blanca view, too! \$419,500. #98862



SIERRA BLANCA VIEW!
Charming 1 level, stucco, 4 bedroom home. Corner lot, water well. Covered patio for entertaining & sunroom too! A must see!! \$234,000. #99222



CHARMING HOME WITH EXCEPTIONAL PLAN!
On a great corner lot in the heart of town is this wonderful 3 br. home with easy, level access. Lots of storage. Great deck! RV parking... just an exceptional setup! Must see. \$249,500. #10358



GREAT 3 BR. IN THE DOWNS
You'll love the fantastic view of Ruidoso Downs from this home. 3 baths are a bonus. Proximity to track is an excellent feature for horse enthusiasts, but you don't have to be one to love this house! \$118,500. #10095



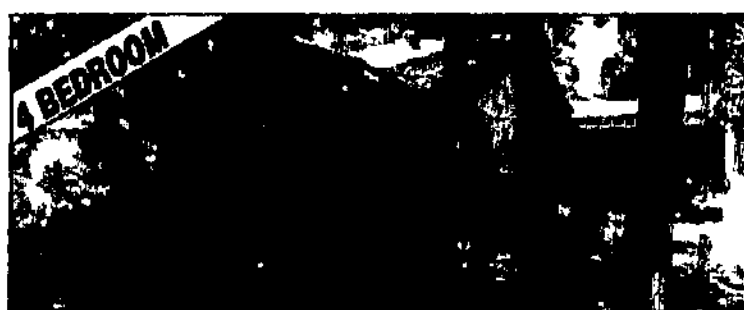
THESE UNITS SELL FAST!!!
Charming 2 br. condo at Pepper Tree Place. Yes!... it has a Sierra Blanca view from the great deck. Garage too! Fireplace has gas logs. Perfect for the price! \$122,000. #10440



CHARMING STUCCO WITH COURTYARD UNDER \$300,000
New Mexico living made easy and stylish. This 3200 sq. ft. beauty features an appealing courtyard, 3 fireplaces and a rustic ambiance that defines New Mexico chic. \$299,999. #94151



SECLUSION IN THE HEART OF TOWN!
Great views from this one level with spacious living and dining area! Situated on approx. 1 ac. featuring an English brick and beamed kitchen. 3 bay windows for watching the deer. Large deck and carport too! \$169,500. #99924



CHARMING ONE LEVEL ON CORNER LOT!
Practicality and charm are yours in this 4 Br. home located in a nice neighborhood close to town. Living room w/ fireplace insert, and den w/ wet bar. Convenient one level. Carport too! \$168,500. #99683



GREAT CONDO IN WHITE MOUNTAIN
This 2 Br. condo is located in a really scenic area close to The Links golf course, and walking path surrounding it. Furnished and under \$100K! Close to dining and shopping... won't last long! \$98,500. #10079



OUTSTANDING SIERRA BLANCA VIEW HOME
This well-arranged 4 br. home is situated on a great corner lot, and has 2 master suites. Wonderful decks. Living and den areas. Partially fenced. A very appealing home! \$395,000. #99821

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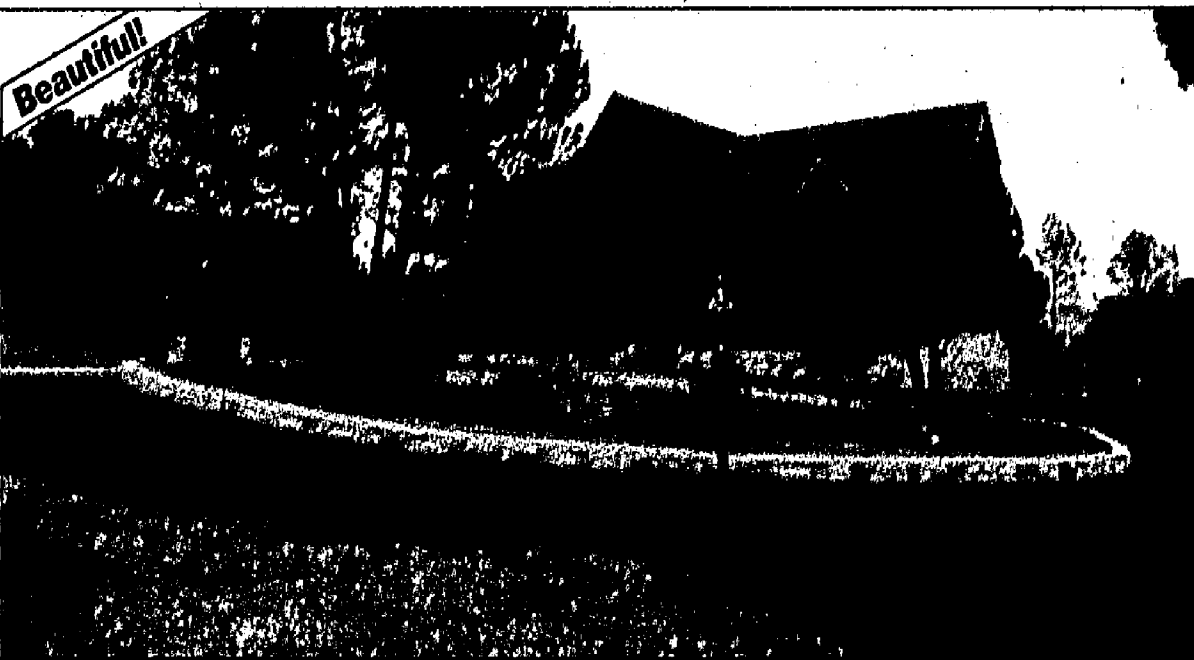
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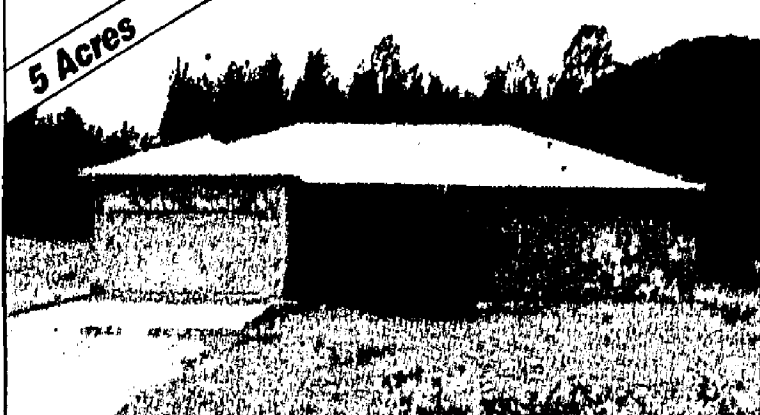
SPECTACULAR HOMES WITH ACREAGE

ELEGANT MOUNTAIN HOME ON 61 ACRES

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EXCEPTIONAL STUCCO HOME ON ACREAGE

This attractive one-level home on approx. 5.13 acres in Shangri-la has it all... a serene setting and a great floor plan! 4th bedroom can be a study. Lusciously large master suite is the perfect retreat after a long day. This home is a must see! \$389,000. #97590



SPECTACULAR CUSTOM HOME IN SONTERRA!

Over 5000 sq. ft. of luxury and style. 3 fireplaces, big views, and fully furnished too! Upscaled kitchen of course! 3 car garage. On over 5 acres! \$799,950. #99380

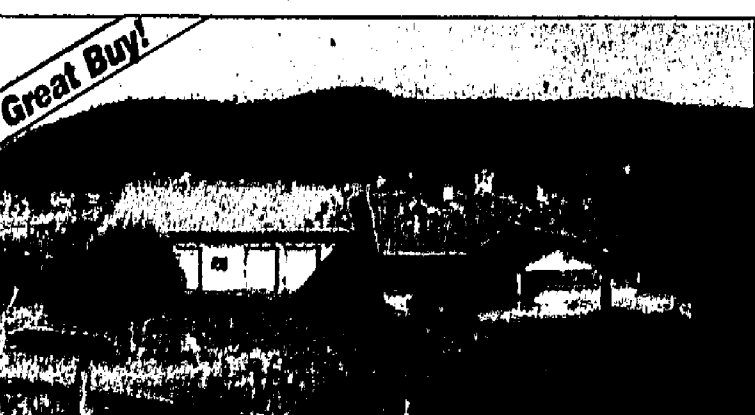
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SECLUSION, COUNTRY CHARM AND ACREAGE TOO!

This horse property is ready to go. Approx. 17.25 acres w/ great views. Old West style barn, w/ pipe runs, tack room, and 3-bay workshop. Fenced! Nice home too. \$495,000. #93526

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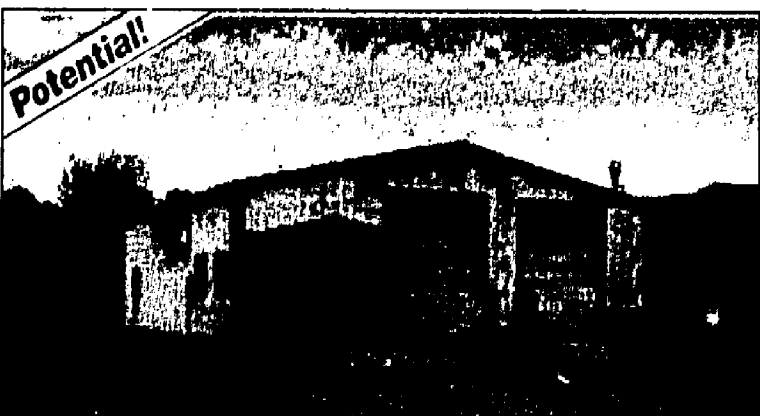


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This sprawling Rancho Ruidoso home has beautiful mountain views, and is only 30 minutes to track! Has great facilities to breed, foal, and raise your winners! Apartment for guests or help. Adjacent acreage available too! \$675,000. #92024

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Real estate... Approx. 2.24 acres w/ approx 569 ft. Hwy frontage. Approx 2,500 sq. ft. of space. Office, shop, grease pit, two 16 ft. overhead doors & storage. Excellent for any purpose commercial location. \$225,000. #93288

1.53 Acres



1.53 ACRES COMMERCIAL IN THE HEART OF TOWN

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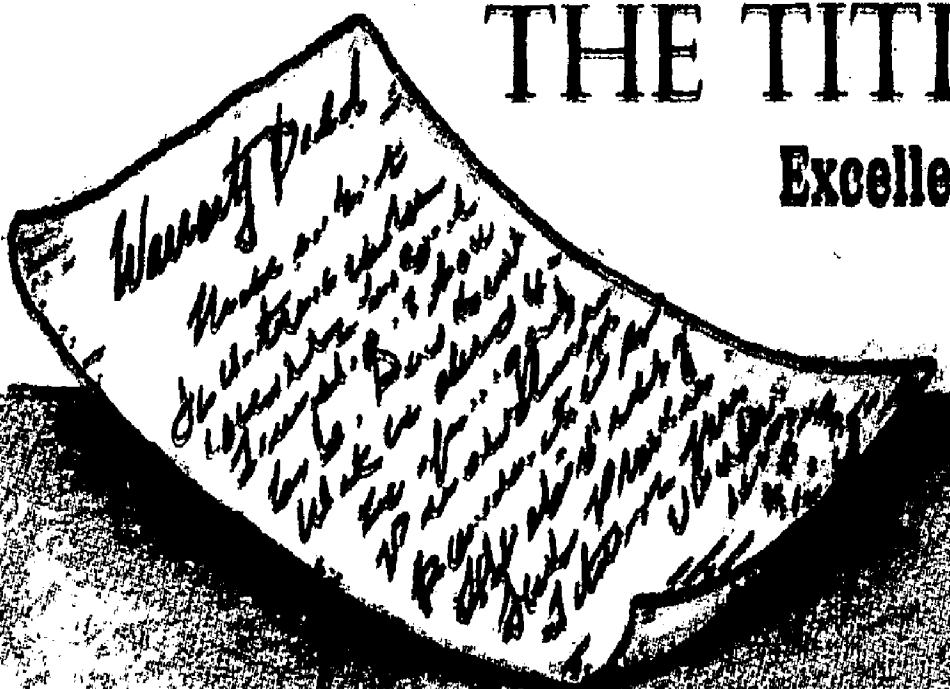
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